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2023

BOUTIQUE  
GROUP  
JOURNEYS



# Experience the true spirit of Europe and beyond on an expert-led boutique journey.

For 60 years, A&K has excelled at bringing our guests up close to the people and places that make a destination unique. Today, when so many of us are eager to travel and explore again, I invite you to experience A&K's hallmark blend of firsthand authenticity and travel know-how on a 2023 Connections Boutique Group Journey.

Whether you travel on a land journey or a river cruise, A&K connects you to off-the-beaten-path locales and vibrant local cultures in ways that only a company with our heritage and reputation can make possible. Discover picturesque Luxembourg on an all-new journey featuring a stay in a countryside castle, taste oysters fresh from the sea in Croatia and try your hand at playing an alphorn in Switzerland.

No matter which journey you choose, travel with a Resident Tour Director® who leads your group of just 24 guests from start to finish, and enjoy expertly chosen boutique hotels that reflect the character of your destination.

Discover a brand-new destination or visit a familiar locale with new eyes — whatever inspires you to travel, Connections journeys reveal the places you want to experience in unforgettable boutique style.



*Geoffrey Kent*

Geoffrey Kent  
Founder, Co-Chairman & CEO | Abercrombie & Kent

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# From our earliest journeys up to the present day, we've set the standard for authentic and immersive travel.

## Our Unmatched Legacy of Service, Expertise and Authenticity

Abercrombie & Kent is the world's premier experiential travel company, with an unrivaled legacy of creating memorable adventures in the world's most compelling destinations. Our on-site experts work tirelessly to design authentic boutique experiences you won't find anywhere else, orchestrating every aspect of your journey down to the last detail.

Each Connections Boutique Group Journey combines the best of A&K expertise and style with handpicked boutique hotels and beyond-the-guidebook access to daily life, all of which come together to create a true lifelong connection to each destination you visit, every time you travel with us.

## We Stake Our Reputation on Every Journey

A&K's service and reputation are tested every day against the most discerning audience: our guests. And time and again, we pass the test, creating seamless travel experiences in nearly any destination. Sixty years in the making and backed by thousands of journeys and countless miles, our reputation rests on one singular goal: deliver the best-possible travel experience to every guest, every time.



With numerous A&K offices in Europe — part of a global network of more than 55 — our local presence is unmatched by any other travel company.





## Our deep-rooted local access takes you places no one else can, with an authenticity no one else can match.

### The Difference Local Access Makes

For A&K, having our own local staff is only the beginning. We build lasting one-on-one relationships with the people who know your destination best, from craftspeople and chefs to experts in local art and history. What does this mean for you as an A&K Connections guest? It means you experience each stop on your journey from a truly local perspective. We don't just bring you to the beautiful hamlet of Oropos — you delve into the rich secrets of Greek cuisine with a local family and share lunch with them at their table. You learn about the Battle of the Bulge not through a dry lecture but by touring the battle site in a vintage World War II Jeep.

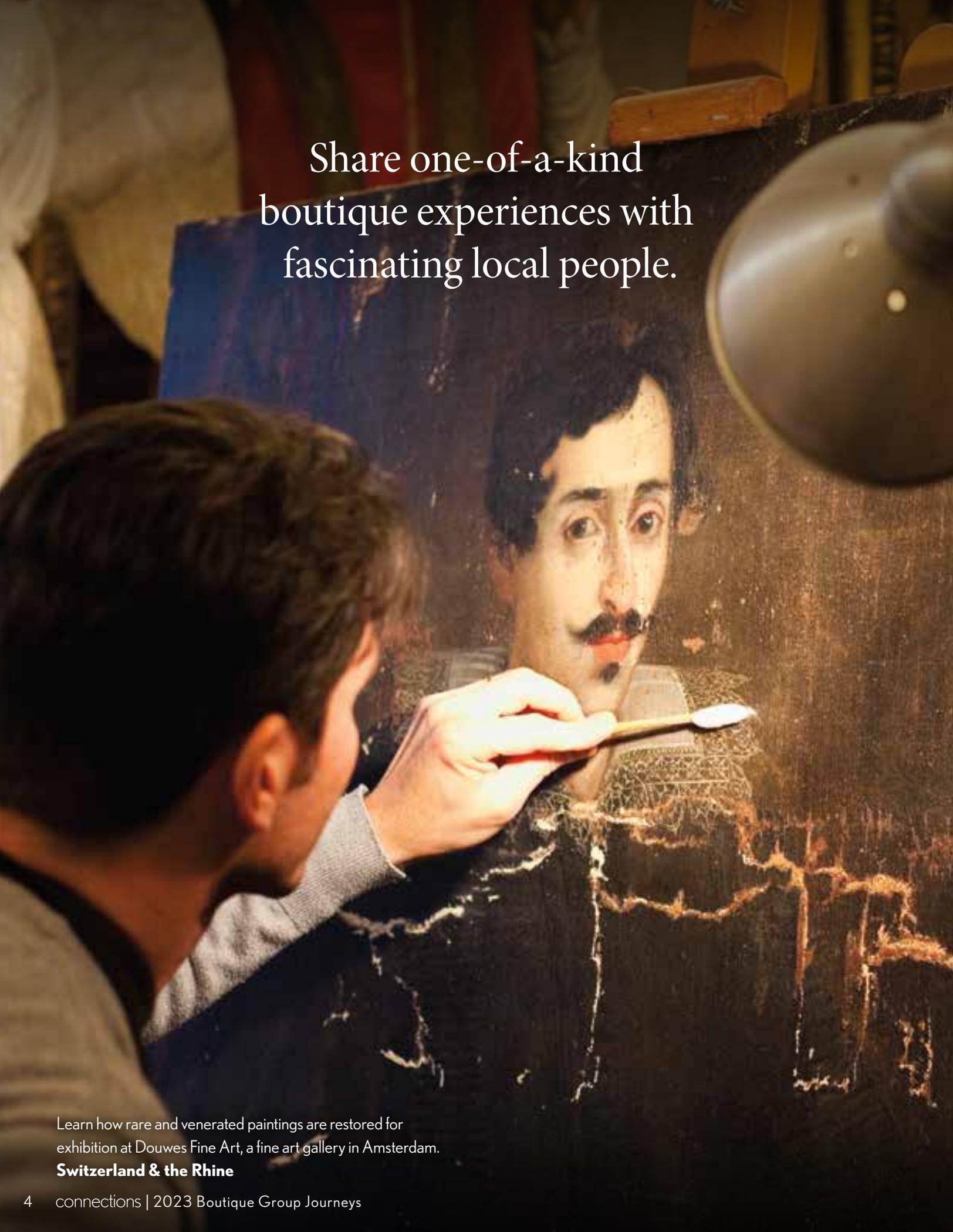
### Resident Tour Directors With Deep Local Ties

If there's one thing A&K guests consistently value most about their journeys, it is their Resident Tour Director — more than 95 percent of our guests rate them as "Excellent." Year-round experts, our Resident Tour Directors have lived for decades, sometimes even their entire lives, in the places you visit and possess the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local themselves. Overseeing your entire journey, they accompany you every day, sharing their unique understanding of daily life as well as your destination's culture, history and cuisine. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of a place, connecting you to the people and places you encounter in a way you'll never forget.



“Our Tour Director made our Iceland trip extraordinary! His knowledge and expertise were vast and he shared his love of Iceland and made us love it as well!”

— Nancy; Los Angeles, CA



Share one-of-a-kind  
boutique experiences with  
fascinating local people.

Learn how rare and venerated paintings are restored for  
exhibition at Douwes Fine Art, a fine art gallery in Amsterdam.

**Switzerland & the Rhine**

## Immersive Travel at Its Finest

Connections Boutique Group Journeys reveal the distinct culture of a place, connecting you to it and its people in unexpected and unforgettable ways. Experience authentic local interactions at every turn, perhaps joining a lamplighter on his rounds on **Poland: Witness to History**, or learning about the Balkan Wars with a visit to a local who lived through them on **Croatia: Jewel of the Coast**.

## Authentic Meals in Every Destination

Sampling delicious new food can be just as exciting as seeing the destination. We choose vibrant restaurants favored more by the locals than by tourists and arrange memorable dining opportunities that range from dinner at a local Polish home in medieval Krakow to a tasting and lunch at an organic buffalo mozzarella farm in Campania, Italy. Every journey also includes festive welcome and farewell dinners, a wonderful way to connect with the new friends you've made.

## Intimate Groups of No More Than 24 Guests

Travel with no more than 24 guests, which allows for more intimate access to places and experiences that larger groups can't manage. Whether by land or by river, travelling in these privileged small groups also brings added opportunities to get to know your Resident Tour Director as well as your fellow guests in a relaxed, casual atmosphere.

## Connections European River Cruise Journeys

Discover the charm of the Old World on a small-group boutique river cruise experience that only A&K can bring to life. Every journey offers a comprehensive itinerary that reveals your destination on and off the water, including vital cultural hubs before or after your cruise, featuring the same carefully chosen boutique accommodations as our land journeys. Throughout, explore alongside local experts on enriching excursions that are exclusive to Connections guests. When dining on board, your Connections group sits at specially reserved tables, joined by your Resident Tour Director, and going ashore, your small group dines at local restaurants — something no one else on your cruise does.

“A fabulous experience, with history, a great museum, excellent hotels and good variety, and our guide made it wonderful for all guests. He was just a gem!”

— William; Webster, NY



Visit a Berber village and experience warm Moroccan hospitality at its best.

**Morocco: Imperial Cities**



Browse the food markets of Parma with a local culinary expert.

**Italy's Jewels:  
Cinque Terre & the North**



Enjoy dinner at an intimate Spanish palace, followed by a private flamenco show.

**Spain: Seven Cities**



Our experts handpick  
exceptional boutique hotels that  
complement your journey.

**Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik**  
Dubrovnik, Croatia

### One-of-a-Kind Heritage and Authentic Local Character

On your Connections Boutique Group Journey, unwind in intimate boutique hotels that sometimes began as private mansions, government residences or religious centers, and that feature a special heritage that lives on in every guest room and public space. With its own unique story, every hotel provides a palpable sense of place that feels like the destination of which they are a part. The Vintage House is set amongst the ancient vineyards of the Douro Valley, while Hotel Husafell, with its contemporary, eco-friendly design, showcases the beautiful Icelandic wilderness.

### Easy Access to the Most Desirable Neighborhoods

Perhaps the most important feature of a great hotel is its location, and that's why the experts who create Connections Boutique Group Journeys choose properties that put the heart of a neighborhood right at your doorstep. Stay at Catalonia Ronda in Spain for views of the historic bullring from a rooftop infinity pool, or at ROMEO Hotel, set in the heart of Naples and only steps from San Carlo Theater and the world-famous Spaccanapoli — crammed with boutique shops, bars, galleries, street musicians and fruit vendors.

### Just the Right Size for Comfort and Convenience

Because their clients travel in larger groups of 40 or more, other tour companies must accommodate their clients in high-rise chain hotels with no sense of intimacy. Our boutique hotels typically have around 100 rooms (many have far fewer), ensuring you don't return from a day's sightseeing having to reach your room through a crowd of other guests.



**Vedema Resort**  
Santorini, Greece

## Upgrade Your Accommodations

Talk to an A&K Travel Consultant or your travel professional about elevating your experience with a higher room or cabin category.



**The Vintage House**  
Douro Valley, Portugal

**Grand Hotel Portovenere**  
Portovenere, Italy



# Wherever you travel, we deliver peace of mind from start to finish.

## A Reassuring Local Presence From the Moment You Arrive

The A&K difference becomes clear as soon as you arrive and meet your representative, who assists with your luggage and escorts you privately to your hotel — on a Connections Boutique Group Journey, you don't share a vehicle on arrival transfers, even with other A&K guests.

## Private Transfers and Gratuities Included

Private arrival and departure transfers are always included with your journey, regardless of when you choose to arrive or depart. Likewise, all of your gratuities are included, save for your Resident Tour Director, which is at your sole discretion.

## Departure Dates and Prices Are Always Guaranteed

Book your journey with confidence, knowing we won't cancel. A&K Connections Boutique Group Journeys are guaranteed to depart with a minimum of two guests.\* And if the price you pay for your journey drops after you book, we'll refund the difference.

## Stay Connected on Us

Don't wait for your trip to end to share photos and stories with the folks back home — enjoy complimentary Internet access during hotel stays, along with ship-wide Wi-Fi available free to Connections guests on each of our European River Cruise Journeys.

## Health and Safety Practices to Facilitate Your Journey

A&K requires full COVID-19 vaccination for all guests travelling on 2023 Connections Boutique Group Journeys. This policy enables us to deliver your travel experience as seamlessly as possible. We also keep you up to date on local health and safety regulations to help ensure your wellbeing while you travel.



## Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- ▶ English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- ▶ Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- ▶ Internet Access
- ▶ Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- ▶ Private Arrival and Departure Transfers
- ▶ Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- ▶ 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- ▶ Guaranteed Departures With Just Two Guests\*

\*Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers Departures Are Guaranteed to Operate With Four Guests





# Add to your journey — or make it completely your own.

Create the Comprehensive Travel Experience You're Looking For  
A&K can craft an end-to-end adventure around your Connections Boutique Group Journey, adding anything from upgraded accommodations to completely customized pre- or post-tour itineraries, all with the goal of making your journey a one-of-a-kind trip of a lifetime. Whatever your tastes, A&K can connect you to each destination in ways no one else can.

## Travel on a Journey Made Just for You

Are you looking for a made-to-order journey that aligns exactly with your interests from start to finish? Our experts can create a Luxury Tailor Made Journey around all the things you like to see and do when travelling, allowing you to experience the destination the way you want. Contact A&K or your travel professional, and discover the world of possibilities available with Luxury Tailor Made Travel.



# When it comes to flying, let an A&K Air Concierge handle the details.

## Count on Our Air Experts to Always Go the Extra Mile

Thanks to our long-established partnerships with the world's premier carriers — not to mention decades of experience — booking your air with A&K affords you a multitude of benefits. Your Air Concierge always knows the best flights that work with your itinerary's start and end times, and in the event a flight is delayed or canceled, we're there 24/7 to assist you and make sure you enjoy your journey as planned. We offer special fares where available, as well as the freedom to earn mileage points as your carrier allows and to cancel your reservation up to a day before departure (fees may apply).

Contact us or your travel professional to learn more about the benefits of booking your flights through A&K.

# Book with peace of mind thanks to our Guest Protection Program with Cancel for Any Reason coverage.

## Help Protect Your Travel Investment With Guest Protection

Purchase A&K's Guest Protection Program, which offers coverage should you have to cancel your trip on short notice, if a medical emergency arises while travelling, or your baggage is lost or damaged. Administered by Aon Affinity, with insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, the Guest Protection Program provides coverage for trip and baggage delays as well as emergency medical evacuation and offers convenient online claims filing.

For the utmost in flexibility, upgrade your Guest Protection Program benefits to include Cancel for Any Reason, which if purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit, allows you to cancel your journey up to two days before departure and be reimbursed — no matter the reason. Additional terms apply.

For more information on A&K's Guest Protection Program (including your state-specific terms, conditions and exclusions), visit [abercrombiekent.com/gpp](http://abercrombiekent.com/gpp).

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# A rewards program made to order for passionate travellers.

Welcome to Marco Polo Club®

Marco Polo Club extends complimentary membership to guests who travel on three or more journeys with Abercrombie & Kent, USA. Among the club's benefits is a five-percent discount on almost any new booking made within nine months of returning from an A&K journey — a savings that members can pass on to any immediate family travelling with them. As an added benefit, solo travellers are entitled to a 50-percent savings on most single supplements booked at any time.

Marco Polo Club members also enjoy recognition in other ways, with a place on the priority wait list for sold-out journeys, a members-only onboard reception on A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises<sup>SM</sup> and a variety of exclusive communications and events. To learn more about A&K's Marco Polo Club, visit [akmarcopolo.com](http://akmarcopolo.com).



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MARCO POLO  
— CLUB —

Experience the finest in authentic boutique travel.

To book your journey, contact an A&K Travel Consultant today by calling **800 323 7308** Monday through Friday (9–5 CT), or speak to your travel professional.

Find more information online at [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com).

# A&K Philanthropy partners with local communities to empower lasting change.

## Building on a Legacy of Partnership

Established in 1982, A&K Philanthropy (AKP) is dedicated to giving back to the vibrant environments and communities we are so privileged to explore. As part of our ongoing mission, AKP partners with local communities to improve education, conservation, health care and enterprise with over 45 projects spanning seven continents — a philanthropic commitment unequalled in the travel industry.

## Experience an AKP Project Firsthand

A number of our small-group journeys offer opportunities to visit an AKP partner community, affording a wealth of moving experiences you won't find anywhere else. Whether it's celebrating a newly opened maternity ward or serving lunch to local schoolchildren, many of our guests experience their journeys' most impactful moments during these visits.

## Sharing Genuine Perspectives

AKP employs a team of dedicated Philanthropy Coordinators stationed throughout the world, allowing for deeper, more meaningful cultural exchanges. AKP Coordinators facilitate the face-to-face interactions that reveal the true fabric of these communities, from speaking with a local teacher in a Kenyan village to witnessing the impact of clean water wells in rural Cambodia.

“In just the past few years, travellers introduced to our AKP-supported projects during their journeys helped improve the lives of more than 125,000 men, women and children worldwide through donations to over 45 programs in 24 countries. That's the impact that travel can make.”

— Geoffrey Kent, Founder, Co-Chairman & CEO, Abercrombie & Kent





With more than 45 projects worldwide, these are just a few of the AKP visits you can experience firsthand.

#### EDUCATION

##### Children of the Rainbow School

In Peru's Sacred Valley, visit a special school providing an oasis of education, nutrition, medical care and hope to the region's least-privileged children.

#### CONSERVATION

##### Save the Albatross

Learn about a campaign to protect Antarctica's albatross species, 15 of which are threatened with extinction by deep-sea fishing hooks.



#### HEALTH CARE

##### Cambodia Clean Water Project

See how clean wells are turning the tides of waterborne illness and fostering a healthier future for local families in rural Cambodian villages.

#### ENTERPRISE

##### Sishemo Bead Studio

Visit Nakatindi Village in Zambia to see how a small group of local women support their families and community through traditional glass bead making.



For a complete list of AKP projects and visit opportunities, or to make a tax-free donation, please visit [akphilanthropy.org](http://akphilanthropy.org).

Stay in the heart of Palermo's historic city center



## Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast

11 days from \$7,595 | Limited to 24 guests

Experience the glories of Southern Italy on a panoramic journey revealing authentic cuisine and culture as well as the slow pace of rural life. Discover Sicily's ancient ruins, exotic landscapes and the rocky shores of breathtaking Capri.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Step back in time to explore Sicily's incredible Greek and Roman remains, as well as the mountain-carved city of Matera
- ▶ Savor the flavors of Italy with a private buffalo mozzarella tasting and a visit to a Puglian olive oil producer
- ▶ Take an A&K-exclusive guided tour of Palazzo Francavilla with the owner, and savor refreshing aperitifs
- ▶ Visit Roman Herculaneum – a town once submerged by mud and lava – and drive the stunning Amalfi Coast Road to Positano
- ▶ Stop in Corleone for an introduction to the Sicilian Mafia, an aspect of life in the region for years



### DAY 1: Arrive Palermo, Italy

Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's lively capital, and transfer to your hotel located in the city's historic center. Sicily has a long history of stubborn independence from the political forces of mainland Italy, and today remains an autonomous region with its own distinct history and culture. Join your Resident Tour Director tonight for a welcome dinner.

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa | Meals: D



**DAY 2: Palermo** | Treasures of Norman Architecture  
Journey to the hillside town of Monreale and enter its extravagant cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dating from 1170, it is perhaps the finest surviving example of Norman architecture anywhere in the world, and its mosaic-lined walls are breathtaking to behold. Return to ancient Palermo for a guided tour, seeing the Cathedral and the ninth-century Norman Royal Palace with its glittering, mosaic-laden chapel. Still in use today as the headquarters of Sicily's Parliament, the palace is the oldest royal residence in all of Europe. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure exploring more of this unique port city. In the early evening, enjoy an A&K-exclusive visit to the beautiful Palazzo Francavilla for a private tour and aperitifs with the owner.  
**Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa | Meals: B**

**DAY 3: Agrigento** | The Dark History of Cosa Nostra  
Today, travel across Sicily's rugged, mountainous countryside to the south coast. Stop in the small village of Corleone, birthplace of several Mafia bosses (including fictional characters in *The Godfather*). The Mafia — or, as its members call it, Cosa Nostra (literally, "our thing") — has vexed Sicily for well over a century, thriving in this land so famously resistant to official authority. Learn more about this troubled aspect of Sicilian history from a local expert. Proceeding to coastal Agrigento, discover the ancient Valley of the Temples, which includes the Temple of Concord, a superb example

of classical sacred architecture. Explore the ruins before checking in to your hotel in nearby Favara.

**Alba Palace | Meals: B L D**



Savor the nuances of fine Italian olive oils with a private tasting hosted by a local producer in the charming enclave of Locorotondo.

**DAY 4: Piazza Armerina** | Ancient Villa  
Journey east to Piazza Armerina, a graceful countryside town, where you visit the incomparable Villa Romana del Casale. A prime example of a luxurious Roman villa, this UNESCO World Heritage Site houses breathtaking mosaics originally laid in the fourth century. Continue to the east coast of Sicily and up to the 6,000-foot-plus heights of smoldering Mount Etna, taking in panoramic views of the landscape and coast. Later, arrive in charming Taormina, which has allured visitors since the 19th century with its sweeping beaches and rolling hillsides. Gather for a special dinner and cooking class, and savor *arancini*, a delicious Sicilian specialty of deep-fried stuffed rice balls. **NH Collection Taormina | Meals: B L D**

Take in sweeping Amalfi Coast vistas from Positano's soaring cliffside perch



Explore the ancient ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples

**DAY 5: Taormina** | Majestic Vantage Point

Today, a local expert introduces you to the town's spectacular Greek amphitheater, set high above the sea. Still in use as an arts venue today, its permanent "show" is its extraordinary view of Mount Etna, rising in the far distance beyond the stage. Later, relax or catch up on shopping with time at leisure. NH Collection Taormina | Meals: B

**DAY 6: Matera** | In the Mountainous Città Sotterranea

Rise early for the journey to Messina, where you board a ferry to cross the strait separating Sicily from the "toe" of the Italian mainland. Disembark in Villa San Giovanni in Calabria, and drive into Basilicata and to Matera, the ancient Città Sotterranea (Underground City) carved right into the Appenine Mountains. Thought to be one of the oldest cities in the world, Matera is a jumble of stone dwellings built alongside (and, in some cases, on top of) each other, linked by narrow, jagged lanes. Settle in to your hotel in the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Palazzo Viceconte | Meals: B D

**DAY 7: Alberobello** | The Trulli Houses of Apulia

Journey into Puglia to nearby Locorotondo, one of Italy's most beautiful towns, for a walking tour. Meet an olive oil producer for a private tasting followed by a lunch featuring local products. Later, visit Alberobello and its rows of fantastic trulli houses, conical limestone dwellings unique to this province of Bari. Palazzo Viceconte | Meals: B L



**DAY 8: Paestum** | Making Mozzarella

This morning, depart for the sparkling Amalfi Coast area. Stop en route in Paestum, an ancient Greek city known for its well-preserved temples; see them after a tour and lunch at a nearby mozzarella-making farm. Arrive in Naples, and check in to your hotel by the harbor. This evening, enjoy an iconic Neapolitan specialty at a traditional pizzeria.

ROMEO Hotel | Meals: B L D

**DAY 9: Positano** | Coastal Glories

Enjoy a morning tour of Herculaneum, an ancient Roman settlement that was destroyed by the spectacular lava flows of nearby Vesuvius in AD 79. Drive to the Amalfi Coast and the cliffside village of Positano; explore Positano and take boats to the whitewashed fishing town of Praiano for lunch at leisure before returning to Naples. ROMEO Hotel | Meals: B

**DAY 10: Capri** | Mediterranean Idyll

Cruise by boat across the deep blue Gulf of Naples to the sun-kissed island of Capri. Visit Anacapri and charming Capri town, where cool cafés, designer boutiques and grand villas have lured everyone from emperors to celebrities. Tonight, cap off your journey with a special farewell dinner.

ROMEO Hotel | Meals: B D

**DAY 11: Depart Naples**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**NH Collection Taormina**

Modern boutique hotel situated in the historic city center near dining and shopping with a chic poolside bar and gorgeous views of Naxos Bay.



**Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa**

Ideally located hotel set in a former convent with a lovely courtyard.



**Alba Palace**

Boutique property in a reclaimed 19th-century palace.



**Palazzo Viceconte**

Elegant boutique hotel set in a palatial 17th-century building.



**ROMEO Hotel**

See Mount Vesuvius from this modern boutique hotel in Naples.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 5-15, May 19-29, Jun 9-19	\$7,595	\$2,695
Jul 7-17, Sep 1-11, Sep 8-18, Sep 15-25, Sep 29-Oct 9, Oct 13-23, Oct 20-30	\$7,795	\$2,895

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.  
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.



Soak in the intoxicating splendor of Venice's enchanting Grand Canal

# Italy's Jewels: Cinque Terre & the North

10 days from \$7,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Experience all the charm and magic of Italy's elegant northern provinces, from exquisite food and wine to unique landscapes and cultures to some of the country's most distinguished cities.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Immerse yourself in the vibrant colors and rugged cliffs of the Cinque Terre while exploring its famed villages
- ▶ Explore beautiful Lake Como on a private boat cruise, surrounded by charming villas and steep, wooded hills
- ▶ Savor delicious meats, cheeses and Italian classics, taking part in a foodie tour in Parma and a pesto cooking class
- ▶ Go behind the scenes on a private tour of La Scala and its workshops
- ▶ Discover Turin, once the royal capital of Italy, and its renowned Egyptian Museum



### DAY 1: Arrive Milan, Italy

Transfer to Stresa. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for cocktails and a welcome dinner.  
Hotel La Palma | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Como | Charming Village of Bellagio

Drive to beautiful Lake Como and cruise its sparkling waters. Your private boat will take your group to the village of Bellagio and past the many luxurious villas that dot the lakeshore. Later, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, followed by a walking tour of Como and an atmospheric funicular

ride. Return to Stresa for an evening at leisure.  
**Hotel La Palma | Meals: B L**

**DAY 3: Milan |** Prestigious La Scala Opera House  
 Travel to nearby Milan, Italy's wealthiest city and the heart of its fashion industry. Go backstage on an exclusive tour of the famous La Scala opera house, where some of the greatest singers in the world have performed for over 200 years.  
**Sina Villa Matilde | Meals: B D**



Enjoy a Connections-exclusive *bàcari* tour in Venice, led by an A&K insider, sampling regional wines and popular Italian bar treats.

**DAY 4: Turin |** Wine Tasting in Piedmont  
 Tour Piedmont's famous wine country, enjoying lunch and a wine tasting. In the afternoon, explore the fascinating city of Turin. After Italy was unified as a nation in 1861, Turin was named the capital of the fledgling state. Visit the Egyptian Museum, the oldest of its kind in the world and second only to Cairo in importance.  
**Sina Villa Matilde | Meals: B L**

**DAY 5: Rapallo |** Culinary Secrets of Liguria  
 Descend to the sunbathed Ligurian coast and the small port of Rapallo. Join an expert to learn the art of making traditional local pesto, then savor a delicious picnic lunch.  
**Grand Hotel Portovenere | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 6: Cinque Terre |** Beauty Along the Coast  
 Discover the extraordinary beauty of the Cinque Terre ("Five Lands"), exploring these scenic villages built along the steep coastal cliffs of Liguria on the Italian Riviera.  
**Grand Hotel Portovenere | Meals: B L**

**DAY 7: Parma |** A Taste of Italy  
 Cross the Appenines this morning to the region of Emilia-Romagna, aptly known as the breadbasket of Italy. In the city of Parma, embark on a food-focused walking tour that introduces you to the bounty of produce and products available here. Spend the afternoon shopping in the many markets and specialty stores, or just sit in a café and watch the world pass by.  
**Sina Maria Luigia | Meals: B D**

**DAY 8: Verona |** Spectacular Roman Remnants  
 Leave Parma today for Verona, once an important Roman settlement, and still prominent today. On a walking tour, see the old Roman Forum area, the Roman arena and the remains of the original Roman walls. Stand beneath the balcony reputed to belong to Juliet, Shakespeare's most tragic heroine. Continue to Venice, where our local A&K staff will guide you

on an exclusive stroll encompassing some of the characteristic *bàcari* (wine bars) of the city.  
**Hotel L'Orologio Venice | Meals: B**

**DAY 9: Venice |** Palaces & Canals  
 This morning, explore the wonders of Venice with a local expert. Stroll the Rialto Market, tour the Doge's Palace and enter St. Mark's Basilica. Later, gather for a festive farewell dinner.  
**Hotel L'Orologio Venice | Meals: B D**

**DAY 10: Depart Venice**  
 After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.  
**Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



### Grand Hotel Portovenere

Monastery-turned-waterfront property situated on the Gulf of Poets and overlooking the romantic fishing village of Portovenere.



### Sina Villa Matilde

Charming, historic villa preserved in its original form for three centuries.



### Hotel La Palma

Romantic lakeside hotel surrounded by Stresa's natural beauty.



### Sina Maria Luigia

Elegant hotel in the heart of Parma, steps from Palazzo della Pilotta.



### Hotel L'Orologio Venice

A 42-room boutique hotel on the Grand Canal, near the Rialto Bridge.

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# Switzerland & the Italian Lakes

11 days from \$9,795 | Limited to 24 guests

Take in some of Europe's most scenic vistas on this journey combining the beautiful Swiss Alps with Italy's glorious Lakes District. Soak up the stunning scenery and natural landscapes of the region, along with unique cities.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Arrive in Zermatt in style on the Glacier Express, which affords first-class seating, unique glass ceilings and views of Switzerland's beautiful mountain scenery
- ▶ Gain private access to Bern's landmark Zytglogge bell tower for an intimate guided visit
- ▶ Savor famously smooth Swiss chocolate during a tasting workshop at an independent producer
- ▶ Take a private boat tour of Lake Maggiore, and enjoy a special farewell dinner on beautiful Isola Bella



### DAY 1: Arrive Zurich, Switzerland

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and one with a well-deserved reputation for offering a quality of life on par with any other in the world. You are met and transferred to your hotel, where you meet your fellow guests this evening for dinner. The Storchen | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Zurich | Breathtaking Views & Scenic Paths

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Zurich this morning, taking in its alluring mix of modern and Old World architecture while strolling its wide, pedestrian-friendly avenues. Zurich is known for its churches, and your walk incorporates



Ride the Gornergrat Railway for views of Zermatt's iconic Matterhorn

several noteworthy ones, including the Fraumünster, with its Marc Chagall-designed stained glass windows, and the Grossmünster, supposedly founded by Charlemagne and later to play a key part in establishing the Reformation in Switzerland. After lunch at a local beer cellar, gather for a sweet finish with a visit to an independent chocolate producer. Learn about the fascinating history and production of Swiss chocolate at the last manufacturer who still begins from the raw cacao beans. **The Storchen | Meals: B L**



Learn the history of Switzerland's iconic alphorn at a private demonstration, and take a turn at playing one yourself.

#### DAY 3: **Lucerne** | Peaks of the Alps

This morning, travel to Lucerne, on the shores of its beautiful lake, and stroll the streets of this medieval jewel. The city's most famous landmark is the Chapel Bridge, the oldest covered wooden bridge in Europe. Its interior is decorated with vivid paintings, many of which date back to the 17th century and

depict events from the city's history. You also visit Corn Market Square and the nearby Old Town Hall, built in 1602. There is time for at leisure for lunch or further exploration, Continue to Alpnachstad and board the cogwheel train for a ride on the world's steepest railway to the top of Mt. Pilatus. Descend via a cable car and alpine gondola. Continue to your hotel in Bern, named for the bears that may still be seen in the European wilderness. **Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & Spa | Meals: B D**

#### DAY 4: **Bern** | Capital City

This morning, discover the charms of Switzerland's intimate capital, strolling delightful old streets and stepping inside the Zytglogge for a private, guided visit of this legendary medieval clock tower. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, free to explore on your own or relax at your elegant hotel. **Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & Spa | Meals: B**

#### DAY 5: **Interlaken** | Play the Alphorn

Travel to the pretty mountain village of Habkern and partake in two Swiss traditions. Enjoy a special class with a yodel teacher and a lesson in the history of the famous alphorn. In former days, these massive horns were used by herdsmen on the mountain slopes to communicate with people in the valleys below; today, they are played and enjoyed as musical instruments, and your lesson includes the opportunity to play one yourself. After lunch, visit scenic Interlaken and cruise beautiful Lake Thun, surrounded by the glory of

Stay on the shores of Lake Maggiore as you explore Italy's glittering Lakes District



Look for the brilliant white peacocks in the gardens of Isola Bella

the Alps. Return to Bern for an evening at leisure. **Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & Spa** | Meals: B L

**DAY 6: Zermatt** | All Aboard the Glacier Express  
Begin your day with a drive to Andermatt, stopping in the scenic village of Fluelen for lunch on the edge of Lake Lucerne. Then, board the famous Glacier Express and settle into your first-class carriage as you traverse the majestic scenery, arriving in the mountain town of Zermatt — one of the most popular waypoints for adventurers exploring the Alps. Cap your evening off with a Swiss fondue dinner. **Schlosshotel Zermatt** | Meals: B L D



Go behind the scenes with a private visit inside Bern's famed Zytglogge, discovering the clock tower's fascinating history and a rewarding view from the top.

**DAY 7: Zermatt** | The Mighty Matterhorn  
This morning, ride the Gornergrat Railway to a height of 10,135 feet for spectacular views over the Alps, the Gorner Glacier and the Matterhorn. One of the world's most



renowned peaks, the Matterhorn has a pyramid-shaped summit with four distinct faces, making it an endlessly fascinating sight. It is also a formidable technical challenge for mountaineers — the first successful summit in 1865 cost the lives of four climbers. **Schlosshotel Zermatt | Meals: B**

**DAY 8: Stresa, Italy | Shores of Lake Maggiore**  
 A short train ride takes you out of Zermatt today. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the spectacular Simplon Pass before arriving in the Italian Lakes District and the beautiful resort town of Stresa, nestled on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Ernest Hemingway set portions of his World War I novel *A Farewell to Arms* here, although he didn't actually visit in person until 1948. Settle in to your lakeside hotel before a fine dinner. **Hotel La Palma | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 9: Stresa | Picturesque Island**  
 Drive to Orta San Giulio, a charming medieval town resting upon a shimmering lake. The town occupies a promontory commanding wide views over the lake and farther shore, and its shaded streets are made for wandering. Take a boat to the nearby island of San Giulio to see its Benedictine monastery and church. Legend claims the island was once infested by serpents and monsters that terrorized local villages, until patron saint Julius of Novara arrived with a great storm at his back and banished them forever. Return to Stresa in the afternoon. **Hotel La Palma | Meals: B**

**DAY 10: Stresa | Lush, Alpine Lake Maggiore**  
 This morning, relax and enjoy the amenities at your hotel, stroll the local market in Stresa or just sit in a café and watch the world go by. Later, board a private boat for a tour of Lake Maggiore and its islands, renowned for their impressive gardens. On beautiful Isola Bella, enjoy a special farewell dinner with your fellow guests as the sun sets over the surrounding mountains. **Hotel La Palma | Meals: B D**

**DAY 11: Depart Milan**  
 Transfer this morning to Milan Malpensa Airport for your onward travel. **Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



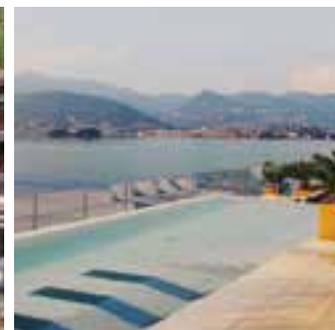
**The Storchen**  
 A 66-room boutique treasure located on the bank of the Limmat River and encapsulating Zurich's charm.



**Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & Spa**  
 Classic 19th-century luxury hotel nestled in the heart of Switzerland's culturally rich capital city.



**Schlosshotel Zermatt**  
 A lovely 49-room hotel centrally located in Zermatt, just paces from the train station and main street.



**Hotel La Palma**  
 Romantic lakeside hotel surrounded by Stresa's natural beauty, featuring a gourmet restaurant and sky bar.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 25–Jun 4, Jun 15–25, Jul 6–16, Sep 7–17, Sep 14–24, Sep 21–Oct 1, Oct 5–15	\$9,795	\$2,995

**Journey Details**  
 Minimum age is 10 years.  
 First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.  
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

See [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for up-to-date availability and pricing information.



# Croatia: Jewel of the Coast

9 days from \$5,795 | Limited to 24 guests

Discover the glimmering Adriatic coast with ancient cities, private tours and unforgettable meetings with locals. Connect to Croatian food and culture, savoring fresh oysters and a private tour of the Mestrovic Gallery.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cap off a morning of exploration in Zagreb as you join a local at a private restaurant inside her home for lunch
- ▶ Explore stunning Montenegro and the fjord of Boka Kotorska, the muse of painters, poets and travellers alike
- ▶ Meet a local fisherman and sample his harvest of Croatia's juicy oysters, plucked from the salty waters of the Adriatic
- ▶ Learn about the Balkan Wars during a talk in Dubrovnik with a local who shares her experiences of the conflict

### DAY 1: Arrive Zagreb, Croatia

On arrival, transfer to your historic Art Deco hotel, set within a gracious building dating back to 1925. Gather for a welcome dinner tonight. **Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Meals: D**

### DAY 2: Zagreb | The Stately Capital

Zagreb is Croatia's capital and largest city, its history stretching back to Roman times. This morning, take an extensive walking tour of the city to see the train station building and downtown promenade parks. Continue to one of the loveliest parts of Zagreb, including St. Mark's Square and the Cathedral. Ride a funicular built in 1889 to reach the charming Upper Town quarter from Lower Town. Visit Ban Jelacic Square, which





divides the old and new regions of the city. Its two prominent landmarks — the clock at the west end of the square and the statue of Count Josip Jelacic on horseback — have passed into the Zagreb lexicon, with locals often making plans to meet each other “under the clock” or “under the horse’s tail.” Afterward, enjoy a delicious lunch at a local resident’s apartment restaurant. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore the capital. **Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Meals: B L**



At a privately arranged tasting, sample one of the unique tastes of Croatia: maraschino, a liqueur made from the bitter marasca cherry.

#### DAY 3: **Zadar** | Along the Scenic Adriatic

Drive to the coastal city of Zadar, the oldest city in Croatia and one of the most scenic along the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy lunch and a maraschino liqueur tasting — unlike its namesake cherry, maraschino has a more sour flavor, and is a key ingredient in the Hemingway daiquiri, one of the legendary author’s favorite drinks. Then, take a short walking tour that introduces you to St. Donat’s Church and the Sea

Organ, an art installation designed by local architect Nikola Basic, which converts the movement of the waves into music. Continue to Split, where you check in to your boutique hotel in the heart of the city. **Cornaro Hotel | Meals: B L D**

#### DAY 4: **Split** | The Emperor’s Palace

Begin the day with a private tour of the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery with its curator, marveling at the 86 bronze, marble and wood sculptures within. Anyone familiar with Chicago’s Grant Park knows Mestrovic’s bronze masterpieces, *The Bowman* and *The Spearman*. Set off on a walking tour of Split, starting with the palace of the Emperor Diocletian. This massive complex takes up around half of Split’s Old Town and has been immaculately preserved and restored, giving visitors a palpable sense of life in the days of the Roman Empire. Visitors who find its basement oddly familiar may recognize it as the location for Daenerys’ throne room on the hit TV series *Game of Thrones*. Other noteworthy sites within the palace are Peristil Square, where the emperor gave speeches, and his mausoleum, now a church. Afterward, explore more of captivating Split at your leisure. **Cornaro Hotel | Meals: B**

#### DAY 5: **Brac** | Rustic Village Visit

Board a ferry to Brac, a Dalmatian island famous for its stone, used in Split’s Diocletian’s Palace and the White House in Washington, D.C. Visit Skrip, the oldest village on the island, and the Museum of Brac. While short on people (with a

Delve into the rich history of Kotor's fortified old town



A striking bronze sculpture of Ruza Klein, the first wife of Ivan Mestrovic

population of barely 200), its location provides jaw-dropping views of the coast and mainland. Stop at a traditional restaurant for lunch, sampling local specialties of lamb, cheese, olives and wine before returning by ferry to Split. **Cornaro Hotel | Meals: B L**

#### **DAY 6: Dubrovnik | The Culinary Road**

Set out for Dubrovnik, stopping at Ston, world-renowned for its oysters. Meet a village fisherman and sample one of these tasty delights paired with a local wine for a true taste of Croatia. Complete a superb lunch at a nearby seafood restaurant before continuing on to Dubrovnik. During the Middle Ages, Dubrovnik was a center of maritime trade, its wealth and skill in diplomacy enabling it to become the only Adriatic city-state to rival Venice. Centuries later, the city emerged from the chaos of the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s with refurbished monuments and a welcoming, forward-looking spirit that has made it one of the most visited on the continent. With its jumble of old buildings topped with brilliant terra cotta tile roofs, Dubrovnik looks like no other city in Europe and is doubly familiar to *Game of Thrones* viewers as the city of King's Landing. Cap off your day with dinner in the Old Town, accompanied by a traditional *klapa* (a cappella choir) performance arranged just for you.

**Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik | Meals: B L D**

#### **DAY 7: Kotor, Montenegro | Seaside Charms**

Spend the day in marvelous Montenegro, which was finally established as a fully independent state in 2006 following the



dissolution of Yugoslavia. With its rugged mountains that sweep down to the glittering blue Adriatic Sea, Montenegro features dynamic topography dotted with picturesque villages and fortified towns. Drive around the eastern edge of Boka Kotorska, Europe’s southernmost fjord, where precipitous mountains rise from azure waters. Reach the coastal city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site surrounded by fortifications that date back to the era when the region lay under Venetian rule. Enjoy a walking tour of the town, including its 12th-century cathedral and Maritime Museum, followed by lunch and exploration at leisure. Take a boat ride back across the bay, past the Baroque Church of Our Lady of the Rocks. From the water, admire the famous church, built on an artificial island fashioned by a bulwark of rocks and the remains of old shipwrecks. Local legend has it that the island was created over centuries by fishermen dropping rocks into the sea, a tale reenacted every year on July 22, when locals sail to the island to attend church and deposit more stones along the shore. Afterward, drive back to Dubrovnik.

**Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik | Meals: B**

**DAY 8: Dubrovnik | The City Museum**

Enjoy a morning tour of Dubrovnik. Proclaimed a “city museum” by UNESCO, the Old Town is surrounded by impressive stone walls and towers that make it one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Mingle with local traders and craftspeople in its markets. Then, reflect during an A&K-exclusive experience as a

survivor of the Balkan War shares memories of the conflict that secured Croatia’s independence from the former Yugoslavia, a struggle that cost more than 20,000 lives. Spend the afternoon at leisure, followed by a memorable farewell dinner.

**Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik | Meals: B D**

**DAY 9: Depart Dubrovnik**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Esplanade Zagreb Hotel**

A glamorously restored 1925 Art Deco gem opened for Orient Express passengers, with a Champagne bar and one of Croatia’s finest restaurants.



**Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik**

Perched on a cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea, this contemporary luxury hotel features a spa, pool and beach access.



**Cornaro Hotel**

A stylish design by a leading Croatian architectural firm defines this modern boutique hotel within Split’s city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 6-14, May 13-21, May 20-28	\$5,795	\$1,695
Jun 10-18, Jun 24-Jul 2, Jul 8-16, Sep 2-10, Sep 9-17, Sep 16-24, Sep 23-Oct 1	\$5,995	\$1,895
Oct 7-15, Oct 14-22	\$5,795	\$1,695

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
 First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.  
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8.  
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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## Greece: Athens & the Aegean

10 days from \$7,595 | Limited to 24 guests

Discover an unmatched blend of ancient history and modern wonders in Greece, savoring the relaxed pace of island living and the lively bustle of Athens alike, and indulging in the rich variety of Mediterranean cuisine.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

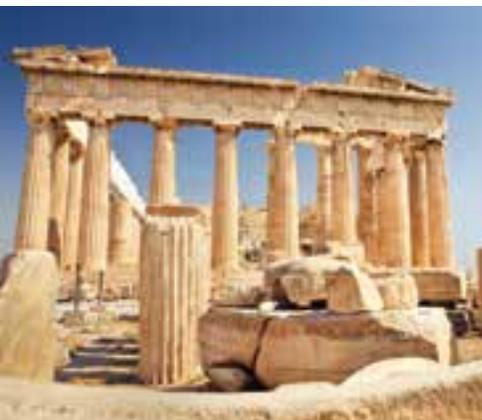
- ▶ Learn the secrets to great Greek cuisine at a private in-home cooking class in Oropos
- ▶ Visit some of the most renowned wonders of the ancient world, including the Acropolis, Parthenon and Palace of Knossos
- ▶ Pay an exclusive visit to an organic cosmetics producer to learn about traditional Greek products
- ▶ Stroll through the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri (reputed to be Atlantis), admiring its beautiful frescos
- ▶ Admire the majestic Temple of Poseidon, built during the Golden Age of Ancient Athens

#### DAY 1: Arrive Athens, Greece

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. **NEW Hotel | Meals: D**

#### DAY 2: Athens | Temple of Athena

Visit the Acropolis Museum, marveling at artifacts Athenians used in everyday life, as well as finds from the slopes of the Acropolis. Next, stroll the Plaka, filled with flower shops, taverns and charming boutiques. Enjoy lunch at leisure. In



the evening, explore the Acropolis, one of the greatest icons of the ancient world, followed by dinner. **NEW Hotel | Meals: B D**

**DAY 3: Oropos | Hands-On Culinary Experience**

Depart for the ancient town of Oropos, where you meet a local family in their home for an exclusive hands-on culinary experience. After lunch, explore the fifth-century ruins of the Amphiareion of Oropos before returning to Athens.

**NEW Hotel | Meals: B L**



Learn the art of Greek cuisine with a hands-on lesson offered by a local family in their very own home.

**DAYS 4-6: Crete | Minoan Treasures**

In the morning, fly to the island of Crete for three days of exploration and discovery. Check in to your seaside accommodations in Agios Nikolaos, a coastal town that blends bustling city life with local art and a leisurely attitude. This afternoon, embark on a private cruise to the island of Spinalonga, a protective outpost for the Cretan mainland built in 1579, where you wander the streets of this former fortress community. The next morning, visit the Palace of Knossos, Crete's most famous historic attraction, then enjoy lunch at a winery. Afterward, explore the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, known for the best collection of Minoan art in the world. Discover eastern Crete the following day with a visit to the Byzantine church of Panagia Kera, a 13th-century structure with impressive fresco decorations. Explore the village of Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving, and visit an organic cosmetics producer and olive oil maker.

**St. Nicolas Bay | Meals: B D (Day 4); B L (Day 5); B (Day 6)**

**DAY 7: Santorini | Mythical Atlantis**

Voyage to Santorini by high-speed catamaran. Travel north to Thera to enjoy lunch. Check in to your hotel, then continue to Akrotiri, a Minoan Bronze Age settlement preserved in volcanic ash from the ancient eruption of the island. The site has been suggested as a possible inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis. Explore the beautiful village of Oia and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. **Vedema Resort | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Santorini | Island Living**

Start your day with the Museum of Prehistoric Thera, home to the island's finest collection of artifacts from the fourth and fifth centuries. Then, embark on an exploration of the life and sites of Santorini before enjoying time at leisure at your resort. **Vedema Resort | Meals: B L**

**DAY 9: Athens | Breathtaking City Views**

Fly to Athens and visit the Temple of Poseidon, travelling along the shores of Cape Sounion. Take in the gorgeous vistas over the Aegean Sea as you imagine life for the ancient Greeks who constructed the imposing temple. Travel to your waterfront resort, where you settle in and enjoy some time at leisure. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner in the hotel's restaurant overlooking the sea.

**Cape Sounio | Meals: B D**

**DAY 10: Depart Athens**

Transfer to Athens Airport and board your onward flight.

**Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**NEW Hotel**  
Boutique hotel designed by Fernando and Humberto Campana, located in the heart of the ancient capital.



**St. Nicolas Bay**  
Intimate, seaside hotel with views of the Gulf of Mirabello Bay and the fishing village of Agios Nikolaos.



**Vedema Resort**  
An all-suite, five-star resort on the cliffs of Santorini with views of vineyards and the Aegean Sea.



**Cape Sounio**  
Fronting the Aegean, this boutique resort is set amid an archaeological site and two private beaches.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 17-26	\$7,595	\$2,495
Jun 7-16, Jun 14-23, Sep 6-15, Sep 20-29	\$7,995	\$2,895
Oct 4-13, Oct 11-20	\$7,595	\$2,495

**Internal Air:** Economy Class from \$525  
Athens/Heraklion; Santorini/Athens

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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# Spain: Seven Cities

10 days from \$6,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Experience the best of Spain on a wide-ranging journey of cultural, historical and culinary discovery, contrasting the sun-dappled and atmospheric Andalusia region with the vibrant cities of Barcelona and Madrid.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Explore the historic Alhambra, an architectural masterpiece overlooking the ancient city of Granada
- ▶ Mingle with locals as you explore La Boqueria in Barcelona, a food paradise boasting a spectacle of top-quality Catalan staples
- ▶ Experience an authentic bodega and privately sample sherry in the famed region of Jerez
- ▶ Ride in a horse-drawn carriage to a restaurant in Seville for authentic tapas, an integral and delightful aspect of Spanish culture
- ▶ Journey to a private palace in Seville, where local flamenco dancers and singers perform just for you

### DAY 1: Arrive Barcelona, Spain

Upon arrival, you are met by your A&K representative and escorted to your hotel. Get to know your fellow guests at tonight's welcome dinner. **Grand Hotel Central | Meals: D**

### DAY 2: Barcelona | Heart of Catalonia

Embark on a walking tour of culture-rich Barcelona. Let your inner foodie run wild on a stroll through La Boqueria — one of the finest food markets in Europe, where fresh





Marvel at the imposing grandeur of the Alhambra

goods have traded hands for hundreds of years. Peruse the vast array of produce, meats, seafood and sweet treats, and perhaps stop by one of its many eateries to sample something on the spot. Explore the narrow cobblestone streets and wide plazas of the Gothic Quarter and the fantastic Palau de la Música Catalana concert hall. You also experience a tasting of Spanish olive oil, an essential component of the local cuisine. Enjoy more of this captivating city with an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps stroll Las Ramblas, the pedestrian-friendly avenue that draws equal amounts of visitors and locals, and browse the inviting shops and cafés. As with other cities in Spain, Barcelona truly comes alive at night, and this evening is a perfect opportunity to experience it firsthand, as taverns and tapas bars spill over with spirited conversation.

**Grand Hotel Central | Meals: B**

#### DAY 3: **Barcelona** | Gaudí's Extravagant Vision

Discover more of vibrant Barcelona, focusing today on the city's one-of-a-kind architecture. Visit the wild Sagrada Família Basilica, the most-visited monument in Spain, begun by Gaudí in 1883 and still unfinished today; it is currently scheduled to be completed in 2026, the centenary of its architect's death. Drive past Casa Milà on your way to hilltop Montjuïc with its sculptural gardens and castle, a place with a checkered and often bloody history until it was designated a museum by Francisco Franco. Immerse yourself in the most notable creations of Antoni Gaudí, possibly the most

famous Spanish architect of modern times. Gaudí was the premier proponent of Modernisme, a distinctly Spanish take on Art Nouveau, and his free-flowing, extravagantly detailed structures are unmistakable. After lunch, fly to Granada, an ancient Moorish capital. **Villa Oniria | Meals: B L**



Discover a private palace in Seville, where the owners welcome you for dinner and where we've also arranged for a fiery flamenco performance.

#### DAY 4: **Granada & Ronda** | Awe-Inspiring Alhambra

Begin your day with a visit to the ancient palace and glorious gardens of the Alhambra, an incredible example of Moorish influence and Islamic architecture. Occupying over 1.5 million square feet, this sprawling complex served as the seat of power for the Islamic emirs throughout the 14th century, later becoming a royal palace for Ferdinand and Isabella. Explore Granada at leisure before departing for cliff-top Ronda, where you check in to your boutique hotel opposite the bullring. Enjoy a short walking tour that introduces you to the rich history of Ronda, followed by dinner. The city is

Ride by horse-drawn carriage through vibrant Seville



Browse the colorful, food-laden stalls of La Boqueria

known for bullfighting, and its Plaza de Toros is the oldest bullring in Spain. Ernest Hemingway did much to popularize both this controversial sport and Ronda itself, and a *paseo* (scenic walkway) bearing his name begins near the plaza; another, dedicated to fellow aficionado Orson Welles, is located nearby. Catalonia Ronda | Meals: B D

**DAY 5: Gibraltar, United Kingdom** | Last Outpost  
Travel west to the Rock of Gibraltar, technically an overseas territory of Great Britain, and a symbolic bridge linking Europe and Africa. Visit St. Michael's Cave and observe Gibraltar's Barbary macaques, the only wild monkeys in Europe. Return to Ronda with time to relax and explore one of Andalusia's most beautiful *pueblos blancos* (white villages). Catalonia Ronda | Meals: B

**DAY 6: Seville** | Sherry in Jerez  
Travel through the mountains to Jerez, home of golden sherry, a distinctive fortified wine eagerly consumed the world over. Only wine from grapes grown in this region can properly be called sherry, and aficionados have many varieties to choose from, ranging from light-bodied *fino* to robust *oloroso*. Sample some of these for yourself during a visit to a bodega. Continue to Seville, later departing in style on a horse-drawn carriage ride for an authentic culinary adventure. Prepare for an evening tapas feast to remember, savoring delicious tapas from two of the city's traditional restaurants. Hotel Colón Gran Meliá | Meals: B L D



**DAY 7: Seville** | Sunny Santa Cruz

Explore the sites in this uniquely lovely city: the Royal Palace of the Alcázar, the enormous Gothic cathedral and, of course, the Santa Cruz district, with its sun-drenched avenues, venerable architecture and shaded squares. The afternoon is at leisure to venture out on your own. Tonight, stroll to a resplendent palace nearby, where the owners take you on a tour and host your private dinner. Then, enjoy a performance of flamenco dancing and singing on the patio of this historic home. **Hotel Colón Gran Meliá** | Meals: B D

**DAY 8: Córdoba** | Streets of Flowers

Set out for Córdoba to visit the Mezquita, the cathedral and former great mosque of the city, and an extraordinary fusion of European and Moorish styles that encapsulates much of Spanish history in a single structure. Continue for a stroll down the famous Street of Flowers, a picturesque lane in the city's Old Town, where potted flowers dot the walls of the charming old houses. In the afternoon, board your high-speed AVE train to Madrid. **NH Collection Madrid Palacio de Tepa** | Meals: B L

**DAY 9: Madrid** | Masterful Art & Architecture

View the Prado Museum's extensive collection, featuring some of the greatest Spanish masters, including El Greco, Velázquez and Goya. Then, visit the Royal Palace, followed by a short walk to the Plaza Mayor and the marvelous iron-and-glass San Miguel Market, where locals have been

hawking and buying since the early 19th century. Later, join your Resident Tour Director for a farewell dinner.

**NH Collection Madrid Palacio de Tepa** | Meals: B D

**DAY 10: Depart Madrid**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Meals: B

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Grand Hotel Central**

Calm, sophisticated luxury boutique hotel nestled in the bustling heart of Barcelona, steps from the architecturally rich Gothic Quarter.



**Villa Oniria**

Contemporary luxury hotel set in a historic Granada manor house.



**Catalonia Ronda**

Stunning hotel boasting a rooftop infinity pool overlooking a bullring.



**Hotel Colón Gran Meliá**

In Seville's city center, find plush comfort and rooftop skyline views.



**NH Collection Madrid Palacio de Tepa**

Charming boutique hotel occupying a former 19th-century palace.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 29-Jun 7, Jun 12-21	\$6,795	\$1,995
Jun 26-Jul 5, Jul 10-19, Jul 31-Aug 9, Aug 21-30	\$6,495	\$1,795
Sep 4-13, Sep 25-Oct 4, Oct 23-Nov 1	\$6,795	\$1,995

**Internal Air:** Economy Class from \$185  
Barcelona/Granada

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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Immerse yourself in the rich history of charming Porto



## Portrait of Portugal

9 days from \$5,995 | Limited to 24 guests

Explore the charms and rural traditions of Portugal, from the bustling capital of Lisbon to the idyllic Douro Valley and charismatic Porto, experiencing wonderful cultural and culinary heritage unique to each place.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Enjoy a cooking class with a viscountess in the old kitchens of her family estate, and savor the results for lunch
- ▶ Sit down to a private dinner and *fado* performance in Lisbon, experiencing the iconic and expressive folk genre firsthand
- ▶ Dine at a fantastic seafood restaurant in Nazaré, one of Portugal's most picturesque traditional fishing villages, before exploring the coastal town from a funicular
- ▶ Ply the scenic Douro River on a private cruise, admiring the dramatic landscape of steep hills and vineyards
- ▶ Savor a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting among the picture-perfect Douro landscape



### DAY 1: Arrive Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for drinks and a welcome dinner.

Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Lisbon | Sights, Sounds & Flavors of Portugal

Enjoy a tour of Lisbon with an expert local guide. See the Belém Tower and visit the Jeronimos Monastery. Later, attend a hands-on workshop at the National Tile Museum,

where you are introduced to this ancient Portuguese craft. This evening, experience a private dinner and performance of *fado*, the characteristic and emotional folk music of the nation. **Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: B D**

**DAY 3: Lisbon | Explore the Vibrant Pena Palace**  
This morning, travel just outside Lisbon to the village of Sintra. In this town of palaces, enjoy a guided tour of the Pena Palace, decorated with vivid colors and evocative stone carvings. Return to Lisbon, where the afternoon and evening are at leisure for you to explore. **Bairro Alto Hotel | Meals: B**



Meet a viscountess in her home, then learn to cook in the old kitchens using the original wood-burning stoves.

**DAY 4: Nazaré | Wave Watcher's Paradise**  
Depart Lisbon for Alcobaca Monastery. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was founded by Portugal's first king in 1153 and became one of the most important monasteries in the country. Continue to nearby Nazaré, a picturesque coastal village that is also home to some of the world's largest surf. Savor a seafood lunch, then take a funicular to the old neighborhood of Sitio atop the cliffs. Later, arrive in Coimbra and check in to your hotel. **Quinta das Lágrimas | Meals: B L**

**DAY 5: Coimbra | Stunning University & Library**  
Join a local expert for a tour that introduces you to the University of Coimbra, the oldest in Portugal, and its Johannine Library. Built between 1717 and 1728, this library contains over 50,000 volumes and was constructed on the ruins of a medieval prison. Then, enjoy lunch at leisure and time to explore. Continue to your hotel in the Douro Valley. **The Vintage House | Meals: B D**

**DAY 6: Douro Valley | Views from the River**  
Drive along the beautiful Douro Valley, a place of lush, rolling hills terraced by rows of grapevines. Then, take to the water as the locals have for centuries on a traditional *rabelo* boat. Embark on a scenic cruise down the Douro Valley, admiring its vineyards and whitewashed estates. Cap off your cruise with a winery visit, picnic lunch, tour and tasting. Then, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **The Vintage House | Meals: B L**

**DAY 7: Douro Valley | A Visit with a Viscountess**  
Meet a local viscountess to learn about the history of her family and their estate. Enter the old kitchens, where you learn to cook using the original wood-burning stoves. Indulge in the hearty lunch that you helped prepare, and

then journey to Porto, Portugal's second-largest city, for time at leisure. **Catalonia Porto | Meals: B L**

**DAY 8: Porto | Charming, Historic Waterfront**  
This morning, explore the Cais da Ribeira, the quayside of the fascinating Ribeira district. See some of the city's most beautiful monuments, including the São Francisco Church, the Romanesque Cathedral and the opulent 19th-century Palácio da Bolsa, which once functioned as a major stock exchange. The afternoon is yours to further explore. Afterward, savor a farewell dinner at one of the city's famous port lodges. **Catalonia Porto | Meals: B D**

**DAY 9: Depart Porto**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight. **Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



**The Vintage House**  
Overlooking the Douro River, this boutique hotel occupies a former winery dating to the 19th century.



**Quinta das Lágrimas**  
Steeped in medieval legend, this charming hotel rests within an exquisite 18th-century palace.



**Catalonia Porto**  
Set in an 18th-century building, this contemporary hotel is situated in the heart of the city.



**Bairro Alto Hotel**  
Boutique hotel nestled in the heart of captivating Lisbon, balancing classic and contemporary elements.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 17-25, Jun 21-29, Jul 12-20, Sep 6-14, Sep 27-Oct 5	\$5,995	\$2,195

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.  
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.



# Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers

8 days from \$8,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Take in this stunning island nation on an unforgettable journey that spans volcanic landscapes, thermal swimming pools and glacial rivers, ancient Viking sites and cosmopolitan Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Pay a private visit to a local family farm and savor the delicious Icelandic foods produced there
- ▶ Discover Iceland's breathtaking Nordic landscape – everything from lava caves and hot springs to waterfalls and fjords – and walk inside one of Europe's largest glaciers
- ▶ Visit a family-run greenhouse and sit down to a lunch of freshly prepared tomato-themed dishes
- ▶ Unwind with a relaxing soak in the bubbling thermal pools of the Blue Lagoon
- ▶ Cruise Reykjavik Harbour to spot myriad whale species



### DAY 1: Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland

Arrive in Reykjavik and transfer to your modern boutique hotel in the city center. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre* | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Reykjavik | True Cosmopolitan Capital

Spend the day exploring both the contemporary and traditional sides of this cultured coastal capital. Start with a visit to the National Museum of Iceland, which tells the story of Iceland's founding through some 2,000 objects, including a medieval ship of the type used to settle the



Explore the waterfalls and rocky peaks of South Iceland

island. You then visit Hallgrímskirkja church, the city's most prominent landmark. Pause to take in the exterior of the Harpa, a cutting-edge performance center built in 2011. This award-winning structure features a striking colored-glass façade designed to evoke Iceland's basalt landscape. Proceed to the Blue Lagoon for lunch and to experience its invigorating waters. The lagoon is fed by natural runoff from a clean geothermal powerplant, emerging rich in silica that lends the water its unmistakable blue hue. The water is also high in salts and algae, giving it therapeutic benefits sworn to by visitors from all corners of the world. Relax and enjoy the soothing pools amid beautiful volcanic landscapes. Continue to the Reykjanes peninsula at the southwestern end of Iceland, a stark volcanic landscape of black lava fields and smoldering, sulfurous craters. Nearby Krysuvíkurbjarg, which you visit next, is a series of cliffs known for harboring a range of birdlife as well as an area strong in Icelandic folk tradition. Following your visit, transfer to your hotel.  
**Landhotel | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 3: **Thorsmork** | Forces of Nature

After breakfast, embark on a Super Jeep tour through Thorsmork ("Valley of Thor"), a vast nature reserve of snowy peaks, jade-green slopes and glacial rivers trickling through dark volcanic earth. In a land already known for scenic beauty, Thorsmork is a gem among gems, a paradise for trekkers and photographers. Explore today with a skilled

driver-guide, who leads you along the trails and rivers while discussing the reserve's history, geology and wildlife. After working up an appetite in the great outdoors, stop in the midst of the wild for an al fresco barbecue lunch, taking in the fresh air and striking beauty of this rugged natural setting.  
**Landhotel | Meals: B L D**



Take to the sea for an opportunity to spot some of Iceland's numerous seagoing species, which include minke whales, blue whales, orcas and several varieties of dolphins and porpoises.

### DAY 4: **South Iceland** | A Stunning Coastal Drive

Along with the Amalfi Coast and Ireland's Ring of Kerry, the shore of southern Iceland offers one of the most scenic drives in all of Europe. Enjoy a morning's drive along this enticing coastline, stopping to explore waterfalls and black-sand beaches. Iceland is one of the world's most seismologically active places; learn how this has shaped the island with a visit to the Lava Center, where state-of-the-art exhibits reveal the fascinating facts behind earthquakes, volcanos and other natural forces. By contrast, the Skogar Folk Museum tells a

Marvel over the impressive plumes of Strokkur geyser



Soak in the restorative waters of the world-renowned Blue Lagoon

more human story, depicting life in Iceland from the Viking era and beyond. **Landhotel** | Meals: B L

**DAY 5: Golden Circle** | Saga Sites

Thingvellir National Park is that rare locale that is significant both as a scenic wonder and a cultural treasure: a UNESCO World Heritage Site where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament more than 1,000 years ago. It's also one of the few places you can straddle two continents at once, as the conjunction of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates is exposed here. After exploring the park, continue to Fridheimar, a geothermally heated organic greenhouse, for a tour and freshly prepared lunch. Next, visit the regularly erupting Strokkur geyser and stunning Gullfoss, where milky green glacial water plummets down Iceland's most famous waterfall. Your adventure continues at Deildartunguhver, the highest-flow hot spring in Europe, which provides heat to villages and towns up to 40 miles away. Relax in thermal baths fed by the hot spring's invigorating waters, then enjoy a dinner of fresh, local, farm-produced ingredients overlooking this powerful natural wonder. **Hotel Husafell** | Meals: B L D

**DAY 6: Husafell & West Iceland** | Langjokull Ice Cap

Enjoy a visit to the magnificent lava tube Vidgelmir Cave. The lava tube was formed around the year 900 and is the largest volcanic cave in Iceland. Don a helmet and headlamp to explore the otherworldly interior, taking in the amazing



colors and formations that lay hidden in darkness for centuries. Following your cave visit, gather at a local bistro for lunch. Then, ride in a specially equipped eight-wheeled truck on the colossal Langjokull ice cap — Europe’s second-largest glacier — which, at its highest point, sits 4,760 feet above sea level. Descend into man-made tunnels carved deep into the glacier, exploring stages of glacial formation, blue-hued dens and even a chapel. **Hotel Husafell** | Meals: B L D

**DAY 7: Hvalfjörður & West Iceland** | Family Traditions Today, enjoy stops at Hraunfossar and fabled Barnafoss waterfall. Then, visit a local family farm in Hvalfjörður, a beautiful fjord in West Iceland. Due to the fjord’s depth, the U.S. Navy was able to keep their warships hidden here during World War II. Experience Icelandic life firsthand at a local farm that has been in the same family since 1887 and where three generations now live together. You also taste delicious food and drink produced by the farmers, some of which are prize winners, such as smoked blueberry-cured mutton, smoked lamb and home-brewed dandelion wine. In the afternoon, return to Reykjavik to embark on a thrilling whale-watching boat ride. About 20 species, such as blue whales, fin whales, minke and humpbacks, each with its own characteristics and behaviors, visit Icelandic waters throughout the year. Marvel as these magnificent giants surface, sometimes within a few yards of your vessel, affording you an unforgettable, up-close wildlife encounter.

Afterward, head to the city center, where you enjoy dinner at a restaurant specializing in traditional Icelandic cuisine.

**Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre** | Meals: B L D

**DAY 8: Depart Reykjavik**

Enjoy breakfast before your flight home. Meals: B

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Landhotel**

Icelandic hotel sporting vibrant guest rooms, nestled within a magnificent, remote countryside.



**Hotel Husafell**

Near Langjokull Glacier, a modern, eco-friendly 48-room hotel set in nature with geothermal baths.



**Canopy by Hilton Reykjavik City Centre**

Once a historic furniture factory, now a chic hotel in an excellent central location and boasting a contemporary art collection.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jun 23-30, Jul 5-12, Jul 26-Aug 2, Aug 23-30, Sep 5-12, Sep 16-23, Sep 26-Oct 3	\$8,495	\$1,895

**Journey Details**

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 7. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 4 guests.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.

Explore Luxembourg City's grand duchy roots



## Netherlands, Belgium & Luxembourg: Benelux Gems

10 days from \$7,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Venture off the beaten path to explore some of Europe's hidden gems as you take in the tranquil landscapes of the Lowlands, explore pivotal moments from the Battles of Waterloo and the Bulge, and unearth the legacy of Charlemagne's former capital, Aachen.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Savor the sights and flavors of Flanders with a private lacemaking demonstration in Bruges, followed by lunch at a Belgian *brasserie*
- ▶ Experience château living as you stay in a charming Luxembourg castle hotel
- ▶ Glimpse the former grandeur of the Dutch elite at Amsterdam's 17th-century Willet-Holthuysen House
- ▶ Delve into the glories of the reign of Charlemagne during an expert-led tour of Aachen
- ▶ Explore pivotal sites from the Battle of the Bulge as you ride aboard a vintage U.S. Army Willys Jeep



#### DAY 1: Arrive Amsterdam, Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your boutique hotel set alongside the city's iconic canals. This evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

Pulitzer Amsterdam | Meals: D

#### DAY 2: Amsterdam | Heritage of the Dutch Capital

This morning, join a local expert as you cruise Amsterdam's historic canals, revealing the waterways that form the nexus of this historic city. Continue on foot through the city center,



pausing at the Willet-Holthuysen House, a sumptuous townhouse built for the mayor of Amsterdam around 1685. The on-site museum preserves the canal house's impressive art collection, interiors and garden, affording a glimpse into the lifestyles of the city's wealthy and powerful elite. Afterward, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure for your own explorations. **Pulitzer Amsterdam | Meals: B**



Gain insider insight into the Battle of the Bulge as you ride aboard the U.S. Army's trusted workhorse of World War II, an authentic Willys Jeep.

**DAY 3: Liège, Belgium | Pastoral Flavors**

Depart this morning for historic Utrecht, pausing at a local dairy farm for a tour and a tasting of Holland's world-renowned cheeses. After lunch in Utrecht's charming old town center, continue to your hotel in Liège, Belgium.

**Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 4: Aachen, Germany | Glories of Charlemagne**

Cross the border to nearby Aachen, Germany's westernmost

city. Once a Roman settlement, Charlemagne chose this city as his capital, and it remained the seat of the Holy Roman Empire for centuries. Tour the impressive cathedral and see Charlemagne's original Palatine Chapel within. After lunch at leisure, embark on an e-bike ride through the countryside outside Maastricht, pausing in the ancient cellars of Château Neercanne to savor a wine tasting and view the Maastricht Treaty, the founding document of the European Union. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège | Meals: B**

**DAY 5: Bastogne | Battle of the Bulge**

Delve into a pivotal chapter of World War II history as you pause at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial. This site marks the final resting place of nearly 8,000 American servicemen, many having fallen during the Battle of the Bulge nearby. At the Bastogne War Museum, explore this history through scenography, witness testimonial and multimedia installations. Then, join a local guide to tour nearby battle sites aboard an authentic U.S. Army Willys Jeep. Continue to Luxembourg, where you check into your castle hotel. At dinner, discover why the geographically diminutive state of Luxembourg is a giant on the global gastronomic scene. **Château d'Urspelt | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 6: Luxembourg City, Luxembourg | Vianden Castle**

Today, explore the capital of one of Europe's smallest



Savor a wine tasting at Château Neercanne

states, Luxembourg City. Perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the confluence of two rivers, Luxembourg City juxtaposes its cosmopolitan lifestyle alongside fairytale castles, meandering casements and the trappings of its venerable grand duchy roots. Visit one of the largest castles west of the Rhine, magnificent Vianden Castle. With origins dating to the 10th century, the Romanesque castle was one of Europe's grandest, most luxurious feudal residences of the Middle Ages. Château d'Urspelt | Meals: B



Indulge your sweet tooth as you become an honorary chocolatier and discover why Belgium's decadent pralines are coveted the world over.

#### DAY 7: Ghent, Belgium | Legacy of the Middle Ages

This morning, cross the idyllic countryside back to Belgium, pausing in Dinant's Maison Leffe Museum for a tasting of the local beer that's been brewed here since the 13th century. After lunch, continue to Ghent. Filled with cathedrals and museums, Ghent traces its roots to Roman times. It's now the capital of the province of East Flanders and one of Europe's

Travel back in time amid Ghent's medieval architecture



largest inland ports. Here, a local expert reveals the town's pedestrianized city center lined with medieval architecture, pausing to take in the storybook grandeur of Gravensteen Castle. Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B L

**DAY 8: Brussels | Battle of Waterloo**

Drive to Brussels for an introduction to Belgium's busy capital, where medieval architecture mingles with shimmering high-rises. Throughout its tumultuous history, Brussels has been occupied by the Romans, Vikings, Spanish, French, Austrians and English. Today, Brussels is home to both the European Union and NATO. Explore this culinary enclave known for its fine chocolates, double-fried *frites* and distinctive beers. Delve into a hands-on workshop devoted to the artistry of fine Belgian chocolates. Here, learn how Flemish butter and cream become more than the sum of their parts using time-honored, slow-food techniques. After time for lunch at leisure, return to Ghent via Waterloo for views over the battlefield where, on June 18, 1815, British and Prussian forces defeated Napoleon Bonaparte, marking the end of an era of French domination in Europe.

Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B

**DAY 9: Bruges | A Taste of Flanders**

Drive to Bruges, the West Flanders capital known for its canals, cobbled streets and medieval buildings. Here, observe the traditional craft of lacemaking at a private demonstration, followed by lunch at a traditional restaurant.

Cap off your day with time at leisure to explore Bruges before returning to the hotel in Ghent. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner.

Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B L D

**DAY 10: Depart Brussels**

Today, you are transferred to the airport for your departure.

Meals: B

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Pulitzer Amsterdam**

Nestled into an intricate maze of canal houses, this contemporary hotel exudes Dutch elegance.



**Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège**

Set in the historic heart of Liège, this contemporary luxury hotel blends elements of old and new.



**Château d'Urspelt**

Secluded in the Luxembourg countryside, this castle hotel affords an authentic taste of château living.



**Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof**

This peaceful property occupies the former mansion of Baron Reylof.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 24-Jun 2, Jun 7-16, Jul 5-14, Sep 6-15, Sep 13-22, Sep 20-29	\$7,495	\$2,195

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
 First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.  
 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.  
 Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.

Explore Warsaw's architectural splendors as well as its historic Ghetto



## Poland: Witness to History

9 days from \$4,695 | Limited to 24 guests

Discover the rich history and culture of this fascinating center of Europe, from its political and religious heritage to the struggles of World War II. End your journey inside Poland's oldest mine, where you explore among salt caverns.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Immerse yourself in Warsaw's history, from its early glories to the Warsaw Uprising of World War II
- ▶ Descend into the stunning Bochnia Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ▶ Reflect on a dark chapter of the past at Auschwitz
- ▶ Join one of Europe's last city lamplighters as he illuminates the authentic gas lanterns in Wroclaw's medieval center
- ▶ Learn to cook pierogi, and then enjoy dinner with a show of folk music and dance, on an exclusive A&K experience



### DAY 1: Arrive Warsaw, Poland

Arrive in Warsaw, the capital of Poland, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. **Mamaison Hotel Le Regina Warsaw | Meals: D**

### DAY 2: Warsaw | Baroque Highlights

This morning, set out for a guided tour of Warsaw's highlights, including the 14th-century St. John's Archcathedral and the Royal Castle. After lunch, visit Wilanow Palace and Gardens, the former Polish royal residence. Explore the city at your leisure this afternoon. **Mamaison Hotel Le Regina Warsaw | Meals: B L**

**DAY 3: Warsaw** | History of Resistance

This morning, see the remnants of the city’s infamous Ghetto and visit POLIN Museum, a profound cultural institution that celebrates the 1,000-year history of Polish Jews. Enjoy lunch and an afternoon on your own. Tonight, revel in a private piano performance with a glass of sparkling wine at Szuster Palace. **Mamaison Hotel Le Regina Warsaw** | Meals: B D

**DAY 4: Wroclaw** | Heart of Silesia

Drive to Wroclaw, stopping for coffee en route. Once there, enjoy lunch in the city’s historic center before setting out on a guided walking tour of Wroclaw’s picturesque Old Town, viewing Market Square, Salt Square, the Shambles, and St. Elizabeth & Mary Magdalene churches. Afterward, check in to your hotel. **Hotel Monopol Wroclaw** | Meals: B L

**DAY 5: Wroclaw** | Lamplighting on Cathedral Island

After a relaxing morning at leisure, continue to explore charming Wroclaw, visiting White Stork Synagogue, the only temple in the city to survive World War II. Then, view a giant cyclical panorama painting of the Battle of Raclawice before embarking on a cruise of the Oder River through the historic city center and around the ancient Cathedral Island. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant. Later, join a city lamplighter, one of only two official lamplighters left in Europe, as he illuminates over 100 gas lanterns. **Hotel Monopol Wroclaw** | Meals: B D

**DAY 6: Czestochowa** | Icon of the Madonna

Drive to Czestochowa, where you visit the monastery of Jasna Gora, home of the *Black Madonna*, a painting that has drawn countless reverent visitors over the centuries. After lunch, proceed to Krakow and check in to your hotel. This evening, join a hands-on class in pierogi cooking, followed by dinner and a performance of folk music and dancing exclusively for your group. **Hotel Copernicus** | Meals: B L D



Spend a special evening at Szuster Palace, sipping sparkling wine and enjoying a private piano concert featuring the works of Chopin, Warsaw's native son and Poland's greatest composer.

**DAY 7: Auschwitz** | Echoes of the Holocaust

Visit the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, preserved as a memorial for the 1.5 million people of 28 nationalities who perished here. Explore the stone buildings of Auschwitz with your specialist guide, who brings to life the everyday horrors experienced by those who were brought here. Return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure. **Hotel Copernicus** | Meals: B

**DAY 8: Krakow** | Stunning Salt Caverns

This morning, set out on a walking tour of Krakow’s historic Old Town, where you visit St. Mary’s Church with its famous 15th-century Baroque altar, and enjoy time for lunch at leisure. Then, discover the historic Remuh Synagogue before descending into the Bochnia Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore its network of chambers and lakes, carved out over the centuries. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner. **Hotel Copernicus** | Meals: B D

**DAY 9: Depart Krakow**

Transfer to the airport for your onward travel. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Mamaison Hotel Le Regina Warsaw**

Boutique hotel housed inside the historic Mokrowsky Palace and ideally located in the heart of the colorful capital, among the city’s iconic sights.



**Hotel Copernicus**

Five-star opulence on Krakow’s oldest street, formerly a church residence and today featuring authentic historical detail alongside modern luxuries.



**Hotel Monopol Wroclaw**

Contemporary luxury hotel set in a historic building and featuring individually designed suites, set in the picturesque heart of the city.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 26–Jun 3, Jun 9–17, Jun 23–Jul 1	\$4,895	\$1,595
Jul 7–15, Jul 21–29, Aug 4–12, Aug 18–26	\$4,695	\$1,395
Sep 1–9, Sep 8–16	\$4,895	\$1,595

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.  
First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.  
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 8.  
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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Set eyes on the turquoise waters of spectacular Peyto Lake



## North America: Canadian Rockies

8 days from \$7,295 | Limited to 24 guests

Discover Canada's breathtaking natural wonderland on an expertly led itinerary that reveals misty forests and flowery meadows, rapid rivers and vibrant lakes, and astonishing wildlife – all wrapped up in the stunning Canadian Rockies.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Discover Alberta's bright blue lakes, endless mountains and wildlife, experiencing epic hikes, floats and adventurous drives
- ▶ Take part in a hands-on lesson with a professional photographer at Moraine Lake, one of the most picturesque in the Canadian Rockies
- ▶ Feed your adrenaline as you traverse the massive Athabasca Glacier in a specially designed Ice Explorer
- ▶ Hike the vibrantly colored Emerald Lake region with one of the country's best naturalist guides



#### DAY 1: Arrive Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Arrive in Calgary, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner. Fairmont Palliser Hotel | Meals: D

#### DAY 2: Lake Louise | Pristine Waters

Drive through the Bow Valley to Johnston Canyon, witnessing its sheer walls, waterfalls, tunnels and pools. Stroll the interpretive walkway before heading to glacially fed Moraine Lake in Banff National Park, where you experience an A&K-exclusive hands-on lesson in wildlife and landscape

photography from a professional. Try your new skills on one of the most beautiful lakes in the Canadian Rockies. Finish the day at your historic resort set on Lake Louise.

**Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 3: Lake Louise | Flora & Fauna**

Travel through serene Yoho National Park, pausing to explore Takakkaw Falls before proceeding to Emerald Lake, vibrantly colored by glacial sediment. Meet with your expert guide, who reveals the geological and natural forces behind this scenic lake and describes the breathtaking natural surroundings and habits of the endangered grizzly bear. After lunch, weather permitting, view the Spiral Tunnel and Kicking Horse Natural Bridge.

**Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Meals: B L**



Join a professional photographer for an enriching hands-on lesson in the art of wildlife and landscape photography, right out in the field.

**DAY 4: Jasper | Through the Ice Fields**

Travel to the scenic Icefields Parkway for a full day of adventure. Set along the backbone of the Canadian Rockies and named after the area's sprawling ice fields, the parkway represents one of the world's great drives. See Crowfoot Glacier and stop at the massive Athabasca Glacier (7,000 feet) for an exciting ride across its surface on a specially designed vehicle. You also visit Sunwapta Falls, enjoying a barbecue lunch in a stunning, remote setting before continuing to Jasper National Park.

**Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 5: Jasper | Canyon Skyscrapers**

Cruise along the mile-high Maligne Lake to the famous Spirit Island, a tiny islet surrounded by the towering snow-capped Rockies. You may opt to join your fellow guests for a hike with your Resident Tour Director® through the Maligne Canyon, taking in its impressive 200-foot-tall limestone walls. **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Meals: B D**

**DAY 6: Banff | Canada's Stunning First National Park**

Today, stop for photos of Athabasca Falls and Peyto Lake as you return along the Icefields Parkway to Banff National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site established in 1885 as Canada's first national park. Arrive at your extraordinary hotel, which is styled after a Scottish Baronial castle and known as the "Castle in the Rockies."

**Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Meals: B L**

**DAY 7: Banff | Nestled in Nature**

Bordered on all sides by wilderness, Banff is a national park resort community surrounded by spectacular nature, home to roaming deer, elk and other wildlife. Begin with a relaxing and memorable float trip down the majestic Bow River. This evening, gather with fellow guests to attend a farewell dinner.

**Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Meals: B D**

**DAY 8: Depart Banff**

This morning, drive to Calgary International Airport, where your journey concludes. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**  
Premium rooms overlook stunning Lake Louise within Alberta's Banff National Park.



**Fairmont Palliser Hotel**  
A historic landmark in downtown Calgary, known for welcoming royalty for over a century.



**Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**  
Set on Lac Beauvert and surrounded by the majesty of Alberta's Jasper National Park.



**Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**  
A national historic site styled after a Scottish castle, complete with alpine views in Banff National Park.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jun 24-Jul 1, Jul 22-29, Aug 12-19, Aug 19-26, Aug 26-Sep 2, Sep 2-9, Sep 9-16	\$7,295	\$3,295

**Journey Details**

This journey contains some active elements. Minimum age is 10 years. First group event: welcome reception at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1. Last group event: Calgary International Airport arrival at 10:00 a.m. on Day 8. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.

Walk the Djemaa el-Fna in Marrakech, busy with vendors and artists



## Morocco: Imperial Cities

8 days from \$4,995 | Limited to 24 guests

Explore exotic Morocco, dining in an authentic riad, navigating the lively medina of Marrakech and meeting the Berber people in a village beneath the peaks of the Atlas Mountains.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

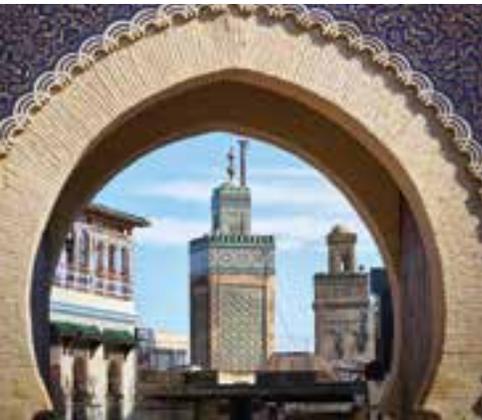
- ▶ Explore Fez el-Bali, Morocco's cultural heart, on a guided walk through its winding alleyways and myriad *souks*
- ▶ Tread the ancient Roman paths at Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to marvel at soaring arches and vivid, well-preserved 2,000-year-old mosaics
- ▶ Savor the cuisine and sights of the beautiful "Red City" of Marrakech
- ▶ Experience authentic Berber hospitality with a visit to a village at the foot of the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains

### DAY 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco

Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your hotel. Gather tonight for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Le Casablanca Hotel | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Casablanca | Fez via Meknes

Explore the towering Hassan II Mosque, a wildly intricate building that holds 25,000 worshippers. Soaring above the ocean, its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Proceed to a winery outside Meknes for lunch at a restaurant offering views of the region's sunbathed



vineyards and olive groves. Next, head to the city of Meknes. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Morocco's imperial cities, it was built in the 17th century by the powerful sultan Moulay Ismail. Continue to Fez, arriving at day's end at your boutique hotel set on a scenic hilltop. **Hotel Sahrai | Meals: B L**



Witness bakers, craftspeople and shopkeepers at work in the heart of Fez el-Bali, a bustling labyrinth hawking everything from colorful carpets and fresh herbs to fish, olives and sweet dates.

### DAY 3: Fez | The Medieval City

Step back in time into remarkably untouched Fez el-Bali ("Old Fez"), the cultural heart of Morocco. Wander among the 9,000 lanes, alleys and *souks* that shape its old quarter, where locals conduct their day-to-day business. Later, discover Fez el-Jadid ("New Fez"), home to the *mellah*, the old Jewish quarter, with its wrought iron-decorated windows and carved wood balconies. Tonight, dine at a traditional Moroccan *riad* (mansion with interior garden) with a female professor who leads a fascinating discussion on the role of women in modern Morocco. **Hotel Sahrai | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 4: Rabat | Roman Ruins of Volubilis

After breakfast, drive to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to Morocco's largest and most impressive Roman ruins, with excellently preserved mosaics. Continue to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and view the 12th-century Moorish Hassan Tower. Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum, dedicated to the founder of modern Morocco, and visit Oudayas Kasbah; its gate is considered among the most beautiful in the Moorish world. **Story Rabat | Meals: B L**

### DAY 5: Marrakech | The "Red City"

Drive to Marrakech, arriving in the afternoon. Considered the "Pearl of the South," Marrakech was once the capital of an empire that stretched from Spain to Senegal and is known as the "Red City" for the distinctive hues of its brick buildings. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B**

### DAY 6: Marrakech | Palaces & Performers

Discover Marrakech's exotic medina, the old walled section of the city. Explore the Dar El Bacha Palace or the Dar Si Said Museum of Moroccan Arts. Continue to El Badi Palace and view the 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque, a landmark Islamic religious structure in Marrakech. Stroll through Djemaa el-Fna square, where dancers, mime artists and street musicians perform. **Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 7: Marrakech | Atlas Mountains

Today, choose to remain in Marrakech or enjoy a full-day excursion to the High Atlas Mountains. Admire majestic views of snow-capped peaks as you hike to a picturesque village and spend time with local Berbers in their homes. Learn about daily life while savoring traditional Berber bread and mint tea. Afterward, have lunch before returning to Marrakech. Tonight, attend a special farewell dinner.

**Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 8: Depart Marrakech

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



#### Hotel Sahrai

Boutique 50-room hotel on a hilltop between the New Town and medina, with fantastic views of Fez.



#### Hôtel & Ryads Barrière Le Naoura

A cool, tranquil hotel just steps from the gates of the medina, blending Marrakech flair with French luxury.



#### Le Casablanca Hotel

Stylish, comfortable hotel in a quiet residential area, featuring Art Deco-influenced decor.



#### Story Rabat

Intimate property in Rabat's embassy district featuring lush, meticulously landscaped gardens.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Feb 11-18, Apr 22-29, May 13-20, May 27-Jun 3, Aug 19-26, Sep 9-16, Sep 30-Oct 7, Oct 13-20, Oct 20-27, Nov 10-17, Dec 16-23	\$4,995	\$1,795

#### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 8:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Long drives should be expected on this itinerary. This is the only way to experience the magical scenery that this exotic country has to offer.

Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.

# Embark on the finest small-group boutique river cruise experience in Europe.

## Expertly Crafted Itinerary on River and Land

Take advantage of the same authentic ambience of our land journeys on a boutique river cruise along Europe's most iconic waterways. Each unique river cruise journey is a complete itinerary that reveals the heart of your destination on land as well as on the water. Explore fascinating cities such as Zurich, Vienna, Prague and Amsterdam before or after your cruise, staying at smaller boutique hotels offering close proximity to delectable food and intriguing culture.

## A Small Group of No More than 24 Guests

While your river ship carries a complement of around 150 passengers, your touring and meals are enjoyed in a group of no more than 24 Connections guests, making for a far more personal, boutique-style experience. Your Resident Tour Director serves as your concierge on board and leads your Connections-exclusive excursions, where you experience your destination in a relaxed, intimate ambience. Whenever you disembark, travel as a group, not as a crowd, and explore together as like-minded travellers.

## Authentic, Exclusive Shore Excursions

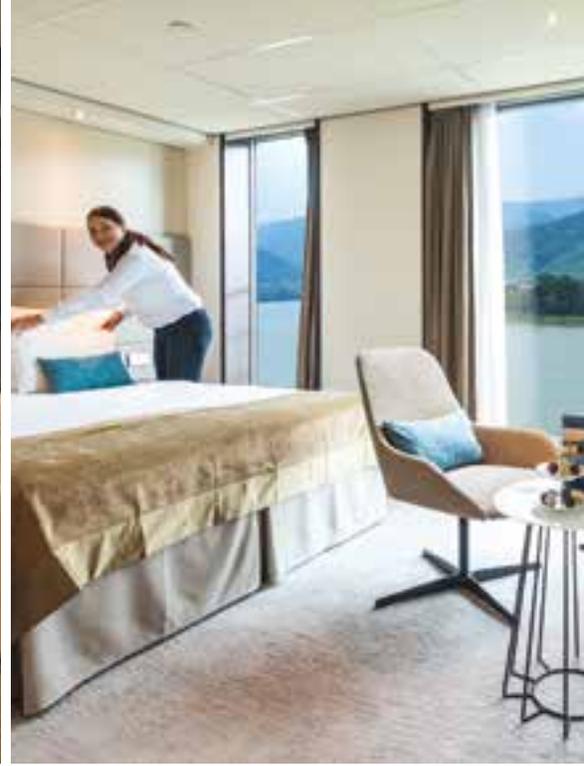
Every trip ashore on your journey is an invitation-only affair — just you, your fellow Connections guests, and your Resident Tour Director and local guide. Set out by private vehicle on visits to local neighborhoods and markets or meet one-on-one with remarkable artisans, musicians and culinary experts who lend an incomparable firsthand perspective of the local people and culture.

“An excellent journey with wonderful guides and an excellent tour director whose knowledge, wit and personality were second to none.”

— Theresa; Loomis, CA









## Relax aboard spacious, stylish river ships steeped in legendary Old World hospitality.

### Preferred Cabins and Suites With Balconies

On every Connections boutique river cruise journey, A&K offers only the cabins and suites most preferred by our guests, including those with full walk-out balconies or French balconies, all of which offer unrestricted views through wide glass panoramas.

### Relaxing Atmosphere and Modern Amenities

Each vessel selected for Connections cruises features a welcoming, casual atmosphere and cutting-edge amenities you might expect from a fine hotel. Enjoy massage facilities and a fitness room on board, along with a sun deck for relaxation as well as a lounge, library and included Internet access.

### Delicious – and Private – Meals on Board

Prepared fresh on board by a master chef and their team, every course features delicacies that take inspiration from the places you visit. Local wine, beer and soft drinks are included with both lunch and dinner, and you always dine with your Connections group at tables reserved exclusively for you. Enhance your culinary adventure with meals ashore at carefully selected local restaurants — something unique to your small group.

### Service That Goes the Extra Mile

While cruising Europe, your needs are attended to by a seasoned crew that works on the river year in and year out, making them experts at anticipating requests before you even have to make them. Drawing on years of experience, the crew transforms your river ship into an inviting home away from home.



“An outstanding journey to a part of the world I never expected to visit. It exceeded expectations. Our tour director was knowledgeable, professional, patient and funny. Bravo!”

— Patrick; Wells, ME

Take in the beauty of Holland's tulips and iconic windmills



## Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom

9 days from \$6,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Discover Holland and Belgium in flower-filled springtime, exploring amid vibrant blossoms and iconic windmills. Meet fascinating local people along the way who share the history, cuisine and crafts that make these countries truly unique.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cruise through Holland's and Belgium's finest cities and towns, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing led by your Resident Tour Director
- ▶ Indulge in a full afternoon at stunning Keukenhof Gardens, where you enjoy lunch surrounded by flowering bulbs
- ▶ Sample local cuisine during culinary experiences ashore, from a lunch of *moules-frites* to a tasting of Edam cheese
- ▶ Marvel at a family tulip farm on a private visit
- ▶ Visit the Watersnoodmuseum, which vividly recounts stories of the people who lived through a terrible flood
- ▶ Enter an esteemed diamond-cutting workshop to learn more about this fascinating practice

#### DAY 1: Arrive Amsterdam, Holland

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Later, gather for a welcome dinner.

Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam | Meals: D

#### DAY 2: Amsterdam | Atmospheric Canals

This morning, set out on a private canal cruise and guided walking tour that reveals the history and architecture of this



fascinating city. Later, board your river ship with priority embarkation and time to unwind in your premium cabin or suite. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner, then cruise out of Amsterdam. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B D**

**DAY 3: Arnhem | Market Garden Battle Site**  
Arrive in Arnhem for an excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum, home to the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection. Then, visit the Hartenstein Airborne Museum and nearby war cemetery. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**



Go behind the scenes at the Royal Delft workshops as master craftspeople carry on an artistic tradition passed down through generations.

**DAY 4: Zeeland | Holding Back the Sea**  
Embark on today's remarkable excursion, seeing the Watersnoodmuseum and stopping in the charming village of Veere. Later, enjoy a private, pre-dinner cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, followed by an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 5: Bruges & Ghent, Belgium | Historic City Centers**  
Dock in Ghent, Belgium, and take an excursion to medieval Bruges, where you savor a delicious lunch of *moules-frites* (mussels and fries). Return to bustling Ghent for a walking tour and view Van Eyck's *The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 6: Antwerp | Home of Rubens**  
Explore the lively city of Antwerp, the most populous in Belgium. Visit Rubenshuis, former residence of Peter Paul Rubens, with its beautiful gardens, and then stop at a private workshop that demonstrates the art of diamond cutting. Tonight, enjoy a gala dinner aboard the ship. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 7: Delft & Keukenhof | Floral Glories**  
Disembark for a full day that begins in Delft, where you pay a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain factory. Enjoy lunch and a full afternoon at Keukenhof Gardens. Open only in spring, its breathtaking floral displays epitomize the striking beauty of Holland. Discover extravagant gardens of tulips and other blooms ablaze with rainbow colors — a spectacular and unforgettable experience. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Amsterdam | Visiting a Tulip Grower**  
Back in Amsterdam, disembark to drive past tulip fields en route to a private flower grower. Meet the family who runs this farm and enjoy lunch ashore. Then, pay a visit to the Museum Mill, which can pump up to 16,000 gallons of water every minute. Climb to the ridge for a peek inside, admiring the gears and other fascinating mechanisms at work. Afterward, savor a cheese tasting near Edam. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 9: Depart Amsterdam**  
After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. **Meals: B**

## BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



**Aboard Ship**  
Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design make for a superb, stylish cruising experience.



**Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam**  
Newly reopened after extensive renovations, this distinctive hotel puts a modern twist on its storied history.

## DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	B-4 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	B-1 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	A-1 Mozart-Deck French Balcony	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck Walk-Out Balcony
Apr 7-15 ('Amadeus Star') Single Supplement	\$6,495 \$1,695	\$6,895 \$2,395	\$7,095 \$2,895	\$7,595 \$4,995
Apr 14-22 ('Amadeus Star') Apr 19-27 ('Amadeus Imperial') Apr 30-May 8 ('Amadeus Cara') Single Supplement	\$6,895	\$7,295	\$7,495	\$7,995
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### Journey Details

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Contact A&K or go online for up-to-date availability and pricing information.

View the Chain Bridge over the beautiful Danube



# Prague & the Blue Danube

11 days from \$8,295 | Limited to 24 guests

Cruise the Danube for seven nights, sampling the history and culture of five countries. Visit a centuries-old castle, tour an underground bunker from World War II and attend an electrifying concert for a magical evening in Vienna.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cruise the Danube, with 11 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing, including a two-night stay in historic Prague
- ▶ Sit down to eight meals ashore, including a private garden party lunch at a private home in Budapest
- ▶ Take a private cooking class in Salzburg, accompanied by lunch and a hands-on strudel-making lesson
- ▶ Enjoy premier seating during a *Sound of Vienna* concert in the famous Kursalon
- ▶ Privately tour a World War II art bunker in Nuremberg



### DAY 1: Arrive Budapest, Hungary

Arrive in Budapest, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. In 1872, the three Hungarian settlements of Obuda, Pest and Buda merged as one, and the illustrious capital of Budapest was born. Following its unification, Budapest underwent rapid growth and expanded its political sphere, setting the stage for the city's golden age. Tonight, join fellow guests and your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. **Prestige Hotel Budapest | Meals: D**

### DAY 2: Budapest | Evening City Cruise

Join your intimate group on a tour of the city's Jewish heritage,



visiting the Great Synagogue and the Hungarian Jewish Museum. Enjoy time for lunch at leisure, and then meet your ship for priority embarkation. This evening, cruise through Budapest, passing under the illuminated Chain Bridge, while a local band performs traditional music on board. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B D**



Look forward to dinner at a local restaurant ashore, followed by a concert of classical masterpieces in Vienna's acclaimed Kursalon.

### DAY 3: **Budapest** | Two Cities in One

See Buda's cobbled streets and Pest's 19th-century buildings. Throughout the course of your tour, admire Matthias Church; Fisherman's Bastion, oddly more decorative than defensive; St. Stephen's Basilica, which stands just as tall as the Parliament Building to symbolize the balance of church and state; and the Parliament Building itself, whose undulating Grand Stairway enchants with flowing crimson carpets and brilliant gold leaf. Enjoy a garden lunch ashore at a Buda villa, and then explore Baroque Godollo Castle and its gardens. During the reign of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the palace became a favorite

summer residence of the royal family. Afterward, rejoin your ship at Esztergom. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 4: **Bratislava, Slovakia & Vienna, Austria**

Arrive in Bratislava and visit its old quarter. In intimate company, visit the 18th-century Primate's Palace and view St. Martin's Cathedral. Back on board, enjoy a private cocktail party and an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner while cruising to Vienna. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 5: **Vienna** | Opulent Schönbrunn Palace

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna, an imperial masterpiece and the capital of Austria. Later, visit Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburgs. After leisure time, experience a fantastic dinner ashore, and enjoy preferred seating at a *Sound of Vienna* concert in the Kursalon.

**Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

### DAY 6: **Dürnstein & Melk** | Treasure Along the Danube

Take a walking tour of Dürnstein, followed by a wine tasting and private lunch ashore at a restaurant in the Wachau Valley. Visit Melk Abbey, then enjoy a guided tour of Schloss Artstetten, home of the descendants of Emperor Franz Josef. Among the famous castle owners interred here are Emperor Franz I, the father-in-law of Napoleon Bonaparte; Duke Maximilian, an established opponent of the Nazi political party and among the first Austrians to be deported to the concentration camp at Dachau; and Archduke Franz

See the stunning city of Cesky Krumlov and its Old Town



Take in the gilded majesty of Melk Abbey's High Altar

Ferdinand, whose startling assassination ignited World War I. Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D

**DAY 7: Salzburg** | Beauty and History

Discover Salzburg during a walking tour and private cooking class, which includes lunch and a hands-on strudel-making lesson. Visit St. Michael's Basilica in Mondsee, which served as the backdrop for the iconic wedding scene in *The Sound of Music*. This evening, your captain hosts a gala dinner on board. Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D



Step ashore for an astonishing excursion to a Nuremberg art bunker, gaining local insight into a collection of masterworks that narrowly escaped the ravages of World War II.

**DAY 8: Nuremberg & Regensburg, Germany**

In Nuremberg, visit the Altstadt (old town). See the Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice, and have lunch ashore. Later, privately tour a World War II art bunker, an A&K exclusive. Back on board your ship in Regensburg, enjoy a Bavarian-themed evening. Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D



**DAY 9: Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic | Radiant City**  
 Disembark in Passau and drive to Cesky Krumlov, where you visit the city's Old Town and stunning 13th-century castle. Tucked away in the hills of the southern Czech Republic, Cesky Krumlov delights with its medieval detailing and pastoral countryside. Though occupied by German forces during World War II, the town managed to avoid any serious conflict and remains remarkably well preserved. After lunch, continue to Prague for an evening at leisure. **BoHo Hotel | Meals: B L**

**DAY 10: Prague | Bohemia's Historic Capital**  
 Explore Prague's Old Town and its Jewish Quarter, birthplace

of Franz Kafka. An integral part of the city's cultural history, the Bohemian Jewish novelist spent many years in the Old Town, where cobblestone streets, enchanting spires and cozy pubs create a fairy-tale atmosphere. As a proper send-off, there is even a memorial dedicated to Kafka on Dusni Street — a peculiar bronze sculpture depicting the writer riding on the shoulders of a headless figure. Take in the Town Hall's iconic astronomical clock, the Jewish Museum and the Jewish Cemetery. Following an afternoon at leisure, gather for a farewell dinner. **BoHo Hotel | Meals: B D**

**DAY 11: Depart Prague**

Today, transfer to Prague Airport for your flight home.  
**Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Aboard Ship**

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design make for a superb, stylish cruising experience.



**Prestige Hotel Budapest**

Family-owned Hungarian hotel only steps from the radiant Chain Bridge.



**BoHo Hotel**

Iconic boutique hotel occupying a former factory building.

**DATES & PRICING**

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May 19-29† ('Amadeus Star')	\$8,295	\$8,895	\$9,295	\$9,995
Jun 13-23 ('Amadeus Silver II')				
Jul 8-18*, Aug 6-16 ('Amadeus Silver III')				
Sep 3-13* ('Amadeus Star')				
Oct 6-16** ('Amadeus Silver III')				
Single Supplement	\$1,995	\$2,795	\$3,595	\$5,795

\*Itinerary runs in reverse. Contact A&K for details. †Religious observances may impact sightseeing.

**Journey Details**

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Walk the charming streets of historic Lucerne, surrounded by Alpine beauty



## Switzerland & the Rhine

11 days from \$9,795 | Limited to 24 guests

Cruise the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel as you experience the world's largest flower auction, take in the majesty of the Swiss Alps, and sample local beer, wine, cheese and chocolate for an authentic taste of Europe.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cruise the Rhine through four countries, experiencing 11 days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your Resident Tour Director
- ▶ Explore the heritage of New England's founding fathers with special access to Leiden's American Pilgrim Museum
- ▶ Ascend Mount Pilatus for lunch amid the 360-degree views of the Swiss Alps
- ▶ Sample local food and wine during five specially planned meals ashore, as well as cheese tasting in Holland, wine tastings in Rudesheim and Strasbourg, and more



#### DAY 1: Arrive Amsterdam, Holland

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner.

Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam | Meals: D

#### DAY 2: Amsterdam | Canal Cruise and Rijksmuseum

Stop at the Douwes Fine Art gallery, seven generations in the same family, to learn how old-master paintings are restored for exhibition. Next, visit the famous Rijksmuseum to see



some of the highlights of its extensive collection of Dutch masters, including Rembrandt, Vermeer and Rubens. After lunch at leisure, take a private canal cruise in Amsterdam, the best way to see this city famously linked by 165 canals spanning more than 30 miles. Finally, enjoy priority boarding onto your river ship. After settling in to your premium cabin or suite, gather for a welcome cocktail and dinner aboard. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B D**



Taste local wine, cheese and beer while meeting those who produce them during enriching, immersive excursions along the storied Rhine River.

#### DAY 3: **Leiden** | Pilgrim Museum

This morning, transfer by coach to the university town of Leiden, where you enjoy a private (before-hours) visit to the American Pilgrim Museum. Afterwards, spend some time at leisure to explore Leiden at your own pace. Rejoin the ship in Utrecht for lunch as your cruise continues. This evening, enjoy a private cocktail party. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

#### DAY 4: **Cologne, Germany** | Gothic Cathedral

Arrive this morning in Cologne, where you disembark to explore the major sites on a walking tour, including the Gothic cathedral, an edifice so massive its construction spanned centuries; it was only officially completed in 1880. Following your sightseeing, return to the ship for lunch and some time at leisure. Late this afternoon, regroup for visit to a 100-year-old brewery, where you enjoy a beer tasting and light snacks. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

#### DAY 5: **Cochem** | Hilltop Fortress

Arrive in Cochem on the Moselle River, a tributary of the Rhine, this afternoon. Disembark to visit the neo-Gothic castle, including its famous Witches Tower, the only part of the original Gothic structure still standing. Tonight, sit down to a private Chef's Highlights dinner aboard the ship. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

#### DAY 6: **Koblenz & Rudesheim** | Scenic Gorge

Cruise to Koblenz, where you rejoin the Rhine River. Koblenz's history dates back to Roman times, when Julius Caesar built nearby the first bridge to span the Rhine. Take a guided walking tour of the city this morning. Then, cruise the lovely Rhine Gorge, one of the most scenic stretches in all of Europe. Its magical mix of rocky, winding riverbanks, quaint riverside towns and castles perched high on the cliffside helped to earn it a spot on UNESCO's list of World



Enjoy beautiful views of Strasbourg on a walking tour



Heritage Sites. Arrive later in Rudesheim, known throughout the region for its excellent wines. Join your Resident Tour Director for a wine tasting and dinner ashore at a local restaurant. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 7: Heidelberg | Charming University Town**  
Set out on a full-day excursion to Heidelberg, seeing the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Abandoned in the 18th century, the crumbling fortress nevertheless remained a source of inspiration for later Romantic painters and poets, who seized on it as a symbol of faded glory. After lunch, proceed to the Altstadt (old town) for time at leisure; the Market Square is an excellent place to soak up local life. Tonight, attend a captain's gala dinner aboard your vessel. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Strasbourg, France | Alsatian Capital**  
The capital of France's Alsace region, Strasbourg has been a focal point of French-German conflict for centuries, bearing the combined stamp of both nations as a result. Experience this for yourself on a walking tour of the old town that includes a specially arranged tasting at the Cave des Hospices, the city's oldest wine cellar. Cruise to Basel, Switzerland's third-largest city. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 9: Lucerne, Switzerland | Lakeside Panoramas**  
Disembark and drive to Mount Pilatus, journeying to the top via cog railway for lunch, accompanied by amazing, postcard-worthy mountaintop views. After a cable-car



descent, take a walking tour of Lucerne. Since the mid-19th century, this beautiful city has been the most visited in Switzerland, and today, it strikes an ideal balance between timeless historic beauty and modern development. The city's most famous landmark is the Chapel Bridge, the oldest covered wooden bridge in Europe. View its interior, decorated with vivid paintings, many of which date back to the 17th century and depict events from the city's history. Also visit the Lion Monument, a rock relief commemorating the Swiss Guard. Continue to Zurich and check in to your hotel. **The Storchen | Meals: B L**

**DAY 10: Zurich | Chocolatier Experience**  
Switzerland is synonymous with chocolate, and no visit to

Zurich is complete without a stop at a Swiss chocolatier's workshop, where you enjoy some delectable treats. After time at leisure for lunch, gather for a guided walking tour of the city, taking in its alluring mix of modern and Old World architecture while strolling its pedestrian-friendly avenues. Zurich is known for its churches, and your walk incorporates several noteworthy ones, including the Fraumünster, with its Marc Chagall-designed stained glass windows, and the Grossmünster, supposedly founded by Charlemagne and later playing a key part in establishing the Reformation in Switzerland. Tonight, attend a farewell dinner.

**The Storchen | Meals: B D**

**DAY 11: Depart Zurich**

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight.  
**Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Aboard Ship**

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design make for a superb, stylish cruising experience.



**Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam**

A historic hotel with a modern twist.



**The Storchen**

A 66-room boutique treasure located on the bank of the Limmat River.

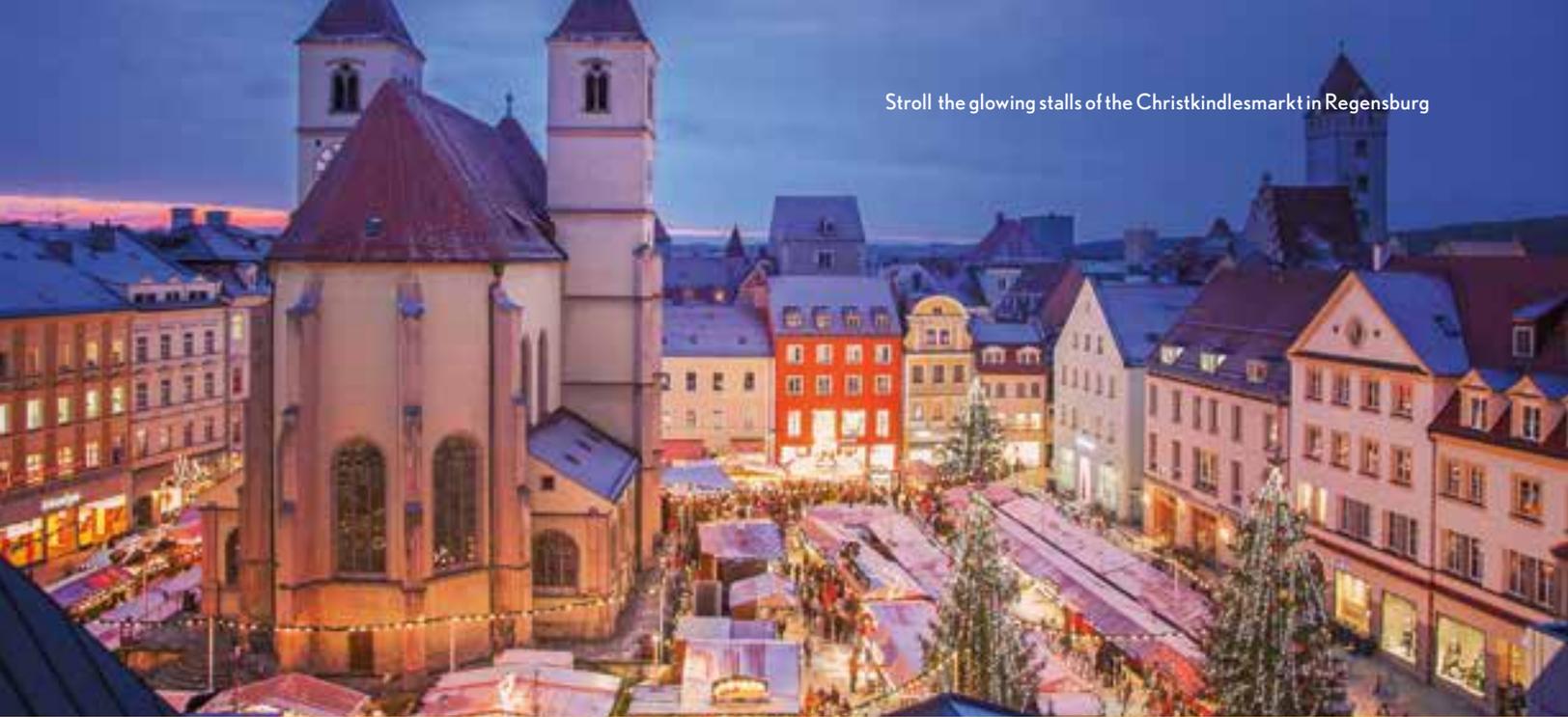
**DATES & PRICING**

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Jun 1-11 ('Amadeus Queen')	\$9,795	\$10,195	\$10,495	\$11,295
Jul 2-12 ('Amadeus Cara')				
Aug 19-29, Sep 2-12 ('Amadeus Imperial')				
Oct 3-13 ('Amadeus Cara')				
Single Supplement	\$3,195	\$4,095	\$4,895	\$7,295

**Journey Details**

High or low water levels may impact sailing and require changes to the itinerary. Minimum age is 12 years. First event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1. Last event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.

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Stroll the glowing stalls of the Christkindlesmarkt in Regensburg

# Christmas Markets Along the Danube

9 days from \$6,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Embark on a festive Danube River cruise, staying in handpicked boutique hotels in the heart of Vienna and Munich, and visiting Christkindlesmarkts, historic Melk Abbey and the Imperial Treasury in Vienna.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Cruise the Danube River, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing in your private small-group vehicle, escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- ▶ Visit the finest Christmas markets (Christkindlesmarkts) in southern Germany and Austria in the intimate company of your small group
- ▶ Hear an onboard Advent concert to kindle the Christmas spirit
- ▶ Set out on unforgettable excursions designed by A&K, including the Imperial Treasury in Vienna with its glittering jewels



### DAY 1: Arrive Vienna, Austria

Arrive in Vienna, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your dedicated Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. *Sans Souci Wien* | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Vienna | Handcrafted Porcelain

This morning, visit the Belvedere, seeing the stately palace complex, tranquil gardens and a Christmas market. View works by Austrian painter Gustav Klimt. Then, enjoy lunch at a Viennese café before a privately guided tour of the

Augarten Porcelain Factory. Transfer to your vessel, with priority embarkation. After settling in to your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail, dinner and a festive holiday concert. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**



Marvel at some of the world's finest handcrafted porcelain on a private guided tour of the Augarten Porcelain Factory and Museum in Vienna.

**DAY 3: Vienna | A City's Christmas Best**

Your walking tour in Vienna visits St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Imperial Treasury at Hofburg Palace. Take a private Viennese waltz lesson. After lunch, visit Schönbrunn Palace and its Christmas markets. Tonight, visit the main Christmas market at the Rathausplatz. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 4: Melk | Palatial Abbey**

Arrive in Melk, where you visit the Benedictine abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Originally constructed as a palace, the abbey boasts soaring gilded towers, an elaborately frescoed church and a vast library of medieval manuscripts. Pause for lunch ashore at a local restaurant in the scenic Wachau Valley. Later, enjoy a private predinner cocktail party in the Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 5: Passau, Germany | Historic Christkindlesmarkt**

Arrive in Passau. Take a guided city walk, visiting the Christkindlesmarkt and St. Stephen's Cathedral for a private tour of its famed organ. Linger over an authentic Bavarian lunch with a glass of wine at a charming restaurant. Then, explore the historic center at leisure. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 6: Regensburg | Walking Tour & Market Visit**

Walk through Regensburg and visit one of its oldest breweries for a tasting. Tour St. Emmeram's Palace and stroll

its Christmas market. Join the captain for a gala dinner back on board. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 7: Nuremberg | Heart of the Old City**

Transfer to Nuremberg and see its 900-year-old ramparts, Imperial Castle and Palace of Justice. Privately visit a World War II art bunker, an A&K exclusive. Explore the Christkindlesmarkt in the old city, with time to shop or savor homemade gingerbread. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Munich | Bavarian Capital**

Disembark in Nuremberg and drive to Munich, famous for its beer halls and beer gardens. Take a guided walking tour of its old town. Visit the Frauenkirche cathedral and Marienplatz, with its bustling Christmas market. **Platzl Hotel | Meals: B D**

**DAY 9: Depart Munich**

Transfer to Munich Airport for your departure. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Aboard Ship**

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design make for a superb, stylish cruising experience.



**Sans Souci Wien**

Charismatic hotel situated in the cultural heart of Vienna.



**Platzl Hotel**

Cozy, family-owned property featuring a traditional sausage house.

**DATES & PRICING**

**Guaranteed Departure Dates**

Dec 5-13 ('Amadeus Queen')  
Single Supplement

B-4 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	B-1 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	A-1 Mozart-Deck French Balcony	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck Walk-Out Balcony
\$6,495 \$1,295	\$6,895 \$1,795	\$7,195 \$2,195	\$7,695 \$3,695

**Journey Details**

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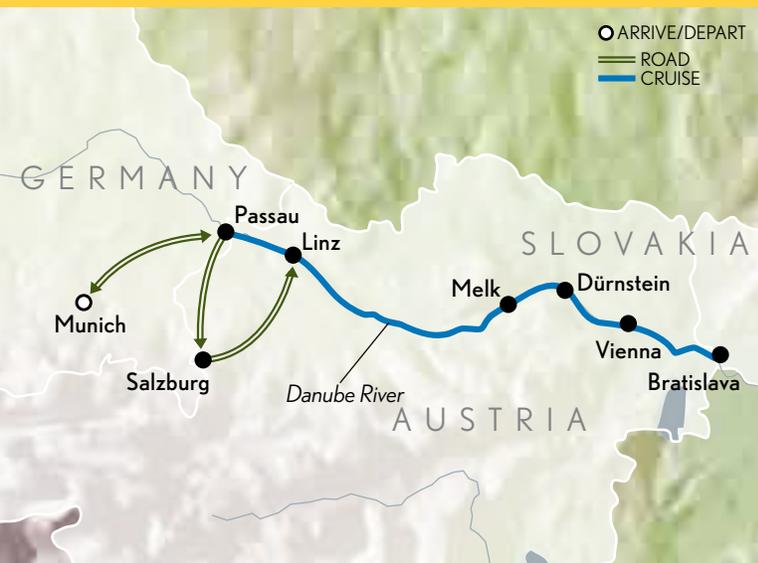
Experience the many charms of Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart



## Christmas Along the Danube

9 days from \$7,295 | Limited to 24 guests

Cruise the romantic Danube in celebration of the holidays, awakening in festive Vienna on Christmas morning and experiencing local traditions. Visit holiday markets and revel in an organ concert at the superb Abbey of St. Florian.



### A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Celebrate Christmas on the Danube River, experiencing nine days of exclusive Connections sightseeing escorted by your own Resident Tour Director
- ▶ Explore Munich from your centrally located, family-owned boutique hotel
- ▶ Travel in intimate company on Connections-exclusive shore excursions, including visits to local Christmas markets and an organ concert at the Abbey of St. Florian
- ▶ Sit down to five meals ashore, just for Connections guests, coupled with the chance to bake a Linzer torte in Austria
- ▶ Awaken Christmas morning in magical Vienna for a small-group tour of the city bedecked in its Christmas finery



#### DAY 1: Arrive Munich, Germany

Arrive in Munich, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director for a welcome dinner. **Platzl Hotel | Meals: D**

#### DAY 2: Munich | Christmas Crafts

Tour Munich's Old Town and visit the Frauenkirche with your small group. Shop for crafts in the Christmas market. Then, transfer to your riverboat in Passau for priority

embarkation. After settling into your premium cabin or suite with an open-air French or walk-out balcony, enjoy a welcome cocktail, followed by dinner. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B D**



Learn the secrets of making the famed Linzer torte during a hands-on class at a *patisserie* in Linz, and sample the mouthwatering results on an A&K-exclusive experience.

**DAY 3: Salzburg, Austria | Mozart's Home**

Join your Resident Tour Director for a full-day excursion to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart. Stroll the city's historic center, enjoy lunch and explore the Christmas market in Domplatz (Cathedral Square). Also, visit the church of Mondsee, and later attend an exclusive Chef's Highlights dinner on board your vessel. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 4: Melk & Dürnstein | Charming Christmas Eve** Disembark by small group to visit the Wachau Valley, with a guided visit to the Benedictine abbey of Melk and a tasting of *glühwein* (mulled wine) in Dürnstein. A special holiday celebration aboard your ship ends this festive day. Later, you may choose to attend mass in the village.

**Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 5: Vienna | Enchanted Christmas Morning**

Arrive in Vienna this morning to visit Schönbrunn Palace with your small group. Enjoy a strudel-baking demonstration, explore the magnificent building and stroll the Palace Market. After lunch aboard, drive along the Ringstrasse. See the State Opera and Hundertwasser House. Visit the Imperial Treasury at Hofburg Palace, and stroll through Vienna's Christmas market. This evening, mark Christmas with a special A&K-exclusive dinner and concert ashore at the famous Kursalon.

**Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 6: Bratislava, Slovakia | Historic Old Town**

See Bratislava's castle district and Old Town. Visit the Church of St. Elizabeth, known as the Blue Church, and view the

historic fortress of the city's Castle District. Enjoy a private cocktail party in the ship's Amadeus Club, hosted by your Resident Tour Director, followed by a gala dinner.

**Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 7: Linz, Austria | Half-Timbered Houses**

In Linz, take a privately guided tour of the Abbey of St. Florian, where you pause for a moving organ concert. Then, indulge in an exclusive Linzer torte baking class at a top local *patisserie*. **Aboard Ship | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 8: Munich, Germany | Bavarian Panorama**

Disembark and drive to Munich, visiting the historic town of Landshut en route. Check in to your boutique hotel, with time to unwind. Gather for a farewell dinner. **Platzl Hotel | Meals: B L D**

**DAY 9: Depart Munich**

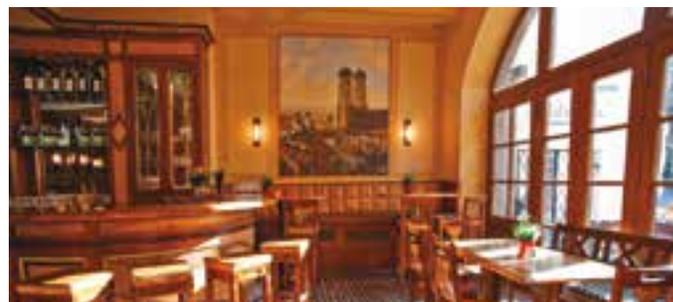
After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. **Meals: B**

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Aboard Ship**

Spacious cabins and suites — all with French or walk-out balconies — and an open, modern design make for a superb, stylish cruising experience.



**Platzl Hotel**

Cozy, family-owned property featuring a traditional sausage house.

**DATES & PRICING**

**Guaranteed Departure Dates**

Dec 21-29 ('Amadeus Queen')  
Single Supplement

B-4 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	B-1 Strauss-Deck French Balcony	A-1 Mozart-Deck French Balcony	Amadeus Suite Mozart-Deck Walk-Out Balcony
\$7,295 \$1,695	\$7,695 \$2,295	\$7,995 \$2,595	\$8,495 \$4,395

**Journey Details**

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# 'Amadeus Imperial'

Launched in 2020, exquisite 'Amadeus Imperial' is a proud addition to the Amadeus fleet. Conveying the serene ambience and refreshing vitality of a day on the river, the ship features a sun deck, river terrace, lowerable panoramic windows along the width of the cabins, and suites equipped with an added outdoor balcony.

## 'Amadeus Imperial' at a Glance

- 72 cabins and 12 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Approximately 44 crew members
- Amenities include a hairdresser, fitness room, massage room, sun deck, wine bar and shuffleboard

## SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

## GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

## FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

The vessel features a fitness facility and massage room, hairdresser, restaurant, and panoramic bar.

## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, the ship was designed and built in Europe for quality control.



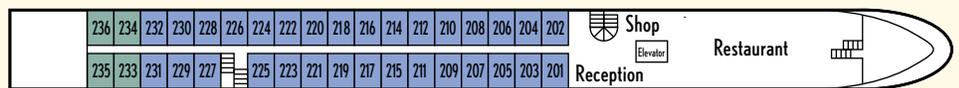
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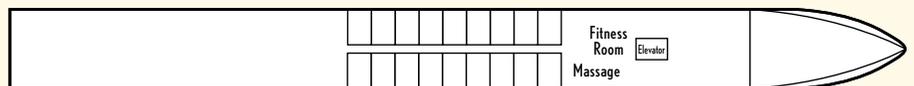
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STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Interior of a spacious Amadeus Suite



Cabin with a French balcony

# 'Amadeus Star'

Launched in 2019, 'Amadeus Star' sparkles with the same contemporary style and inviting comfort that has distinguished its sister vessels. With panoramic windows, walk-out balconies in every suite and a full slate of amenities, 'Amadeus Star' makes an ideal vessel for discovering Europe's best.

## 'Amadeus Star' at a Glance

- 70 cabins and 12 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Approximately 45 crew members
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room, fitness room and shuffleboard

### SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

### GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you, as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

### FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

### AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

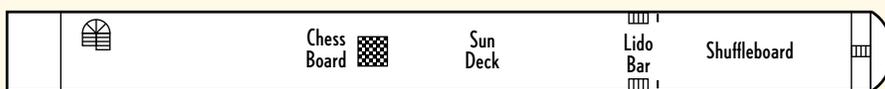
The vessel features a fitness facility, massage room, hairdresser, lounge and panoramic al fresco bar.

### CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, the ship was designed and built in Europe for quality control.



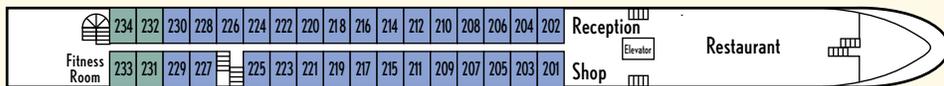
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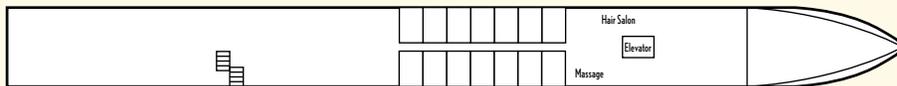
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MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Interior of a spacious Amadeus Suite



Cabin with a French balcony

# 'Amadeus Queen'

Launched in 2018, this contemporary vessel builds on the design successes of the award-winning Amadeus Silver ships, boasting panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in every suite, drop-down windows in premium A&K cabins and an enclosed swimming pool deck with an innovative retractable roof.

## 'Amadeus Queen' at a Glance

- 69 cabins and 12 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Approximately 45 crew members
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room, fitness room, shuffleboard and retractable-roof pool deck

## SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

## GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

## FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine, prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to the regions on your route.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

The vessel features a fitness facility, massage room, hairdresser, lounge, panoramic fresco bar and retractable-roof pool deck.

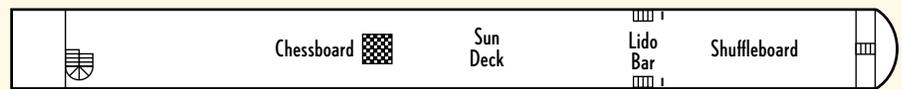
## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, the ship was designed and built in Europe for quality control.



Pool deck with panoramic views

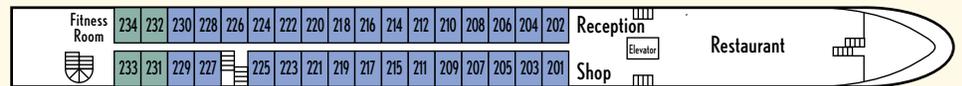
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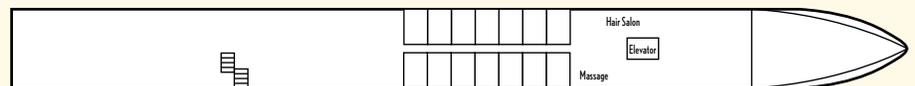
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HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Interior of a spacious Amadeus Suite



Cabin with a French balcony

# 'Amadeus Silver II' and 'Amadeus Silver III'

These two sleek river ships were inspired by their award-winning sister ship, 'Amadeus Silver.' Innovative and designed for sustainable travel, these vessels feature panoramic windows in all public areas, walk-out balconies in suites, and windows in A&K-selected cabins that transform into open-air French balconies.

## 'Amadeus Silver II' and 'Amadeus Silver III' at a Glance

- 72 cabins and 12 suites
- Launched in 2015 and 2016
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 44 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include hairdresser, massage room, fitness room and walking track

### SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

With Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins of 188 square feet and suites of 284 square feet, accommodations aboard offer space and comfort.

### GO ASHORE IN A PRIVATE GROUP

Your dedicated Resident Tour Director joins you as you disembark with a small group of no more than 24 Connections guests on private shore excursions, each led by an expert local guide.

### FINE CUISINE WITH SELECT WINES

Enjoy fine cuisine prepared by your onboard chef and served with house wines and select vintages relevant to regions on your route.

### AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

Both vessels feature a fitness facility, massage room, sun deck, lounge, panoramic bar and a hairdresser.

### CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

As with the entire privately owned Amadeus fleet, both ships were designed and built in Europe for quality control.



Elegant Panorama Bar

## Deck Plan



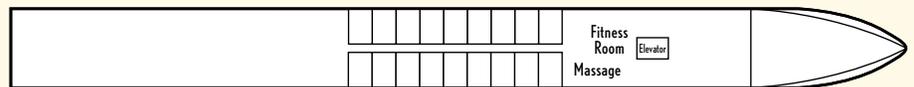
SUN-DECK



MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

- Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony
- A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony
- B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Amadeus Suite on the Mozart Deck



Cabin with a French balcony

# 'Amadeus Cara'

Experience Europe at its finest on board newly launched 'Amadeus Cara,' enjoying its spacious, stylish design and easygoing charm.

## 'Amadeus Cara' at a Glance

- Launched in 2022
- 72 cabins and 10 suites
- All meals included on board, with house wine and beer at lunch and dinner
- Approximately 46 crew members
- Floor-to-ceiling windows in public areas
- Amenities include a hairdresser, massage room and panoramic bar

## PANORAMIC VIEWS

Floor-to-ceiling windows in the lounge and a French balcony in Strauss- and Mozart-Deck cabins promise great views around every river bend.

## PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSIONS

Disembark for private shore excursions with your small group of no more than 24 Connections guests and your dedicated Resident Tour Director, who also serves as your onboard concierge. Experience Europe at its most authentic, led by expert local guides. Enjoy opportunities to explore on your own as well, on foot or by complimentary bicycle.

## SUPERB DINING AND FINE WINES

As you cruise Europe's great rivers, enjoy fine cuisine prepared by an onboard chef, paired with house wines chosen from the region you are exploring.

## AMENITIES WORTHY OF A HOTEL

The vessel features a fitness facility, massage room, lounge, panoramic bar, sun deck and hairdresser.

## CRUISE WITH CONFIDENCE

The vessel was designed and built in European shipyards for quality control.



## Deck Plan



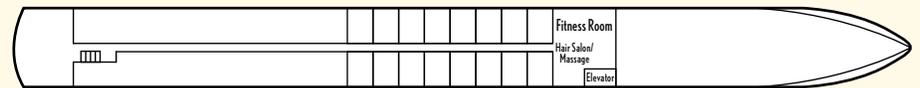
SUN-DECK



MOZART-DECK



STRAUSS-DECK



HAYDN-DECK

■ Amadeus Suite (284 sq. ft.), walk-out balcony

■ A-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony

■ B-1 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony

■ B-4 (188 sq. ft.), French balcony



Elegant dining room



Cabin with a French balcony

# Terms & Conditions

These Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC ("A&K") Terms and Conditions apply to group journeys including Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family, Wings Over the World, Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys, departing between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023; Luxury Expedition Cruises departing between March 1, 2023, and February 28, 2024; and all related Group Extensions and bookings of the above programs for future years until updated.

For all other terms and conditions, please refer to [abercrombiekent.com/terms](http://abercrombiekent.com/terms).

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All group journeys excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises and related extensions, Private Jet, Wings Over the World, and Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons unless noted on the itinerary. Guaranteed departures will operate except only in cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

## A&K PRICE ASSURANCE

A&K will honor any lower advertised price on [abercrombiekent.com](http://abercrombiekent.com) for the same program, travel date and accommodation classification for all small group and Signature journeys available through A&K excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent, international and internal air and extra services. Travel professional or guest must contact A&K for a price adjustment prior to travel. A&K reserves the right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

All guests must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and present proof of vaccination during travel on Small Group Journeys and Luxury Expedition Cruises. A&K accepts approved vaccines per the World Health Organization list. Guests must also comply with all vaccination requirements for country entry and any local regulations, which are subject to change. A&K reserves the right to change, modify or amend the A&K COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for future bookings at any time and without prior notice.

## INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary; airport transfers to/from hotel/ship in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be shared and included on start and end dates only); services of A&K Resident Tour Director or appropriate guide on Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at all designated welcome and farewell dinners and with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruise Journeys; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person; complimentary Internet access (where available on cruises and at land accommodations; service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes; and gratuities throughout, except to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides.

**Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo, Family and Wings Over the World Journeys Additional Inclusions Excluding Climb Kilimanjaro:** A&K's Travelling Bell Boy Service is provided; however, because of security regulations, this service may be limited at airports, rail stations and points of embarkation for cruises. A&K's Traveller's Valet includes laundry service for eight (8) pieces per person once during journey (excludes Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions). Dry cleaning is not included. A&K's Breakfast in Bed service is included on select days up to two times per journey (limitations may apply for safari journeys).

## Luxury Expedition Cruises Additional Inclusions:

Complimentary select bar drinks, beer, house wine, soft drinks, coffee drinks, juices and bottled water (excluding premium wines, spirits and Champagnes) while on board; complimentary local beer and wine for included meals on shore; complimentary room service on board; all shore excursions and lecture program while on board; A&K's Traveller's Valet laundry service for eight (8) pieces per person once during cruises fewer than 12 nights and twice on cruises 12 nights or longer on board only (dry cleaning excluded); services of the A&K Expedition Team and local guides; gratuities for the ship's crew and A&K Expedition Team and Pre- and Post-Tour guides; a complimentary expedition parka and backpack and use of waterproof boots, pants and trekking poles provided on board for all polar cruises.

## Africa Journeys Additional Inclusions:

Safari duffel on journeys in East and Southern Africa. Medical evacuation service, when available, including air transportation to medical care facilities, is included within Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For Climb Kilimanjaro program participants, medical evacuation is included from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro to Nairobi. Hospitalization and medical expenses are the sole responsibility of the guest.

## NOT INCLUDED IN JOURNEYS

A&K's Guest Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; room service (except on board Luxury Expedition Cruises); beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; sightseeing not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses such as laundry (except for A&K's Traveller's Valet as noted), communication charges, Internet

access for all trains; and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

## HOTEL CHECK-IN

Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it requires an additional room night to be confirmed. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Requests for early check-in based on hotel availability cannot be guaranteed and are at the sole discretion of the hotel.

## ROOM UPGRADES/SPECIAL REQUESTS

Upgrades are typically available on request at individual hotels for an additional cost. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that reasonable efforts will be made to secure special requests; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

## ITINERARIES

A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing and featured experts, and substitute accommodations, including vessels, aircraft and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Due to the nature of Luxury Expedition Cruises, itineraries are for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, wildlife, ice, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain on board.

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typically not included and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on an available alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airlines (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K. A&K shall not be liable and does not assume responsibility for, or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

## BAGGAGE

A&K provides portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/domestic or charter flights, your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply.

Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

## PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Quoted journey prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions are only available to guests booked on related group journeys. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect the published program price.

## CHILD POLICY

The minimum age is 10 years old unless noted on the itinerary. Minimum age is seven years old for Luxury Expedition Cruise Journeys, 12 years old for Connections European River Cruise Journeys and varies for Family Journeys. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on Family Journeys to accommodate a family. Note that some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult. The parent or guardian travelling alone with a child is recommended to carry documentation that proves their relationship to the child (e.g., birth certificate) and evidence that they have permission to travel with the child (e.g., consent letter). Guests travelling with children who are not related are recommended to carry documentation which provides evidence they have permission to travel with the child. Guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents required for travel with children. A&K cannot be held responsible should the guest, child or any member of the travelling party be denied entry to a country due to noncompliance with a country's requirements.

## ACTIVE ELEMENTS & CONDUCT

The suppliers of some activities on journeys may require a minimum age or minimum/maximum height or weight to participate. Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the journeys as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior notice if any participant has any

physical or other condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any journey and/or could create a hazard to himself or herself or to other members of the group. Specific journeys have conditions that may require a guest produce a doctor's certificate to A&K prior to travel. A&K will make reasonable efforts to accommodate a disability-related request for accommodation. However, if A&K, in its sole discretion, is unable to properly accommodate the need of the person(s) concerned or believes that health and safety may be compromised, A&K reserves the right to refuse participation. The guest represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the guest's own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour. Due to ship restrictions, women who will be six (6) months or more pregnant at any time during the cruise are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises.

## A&K'S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM

Travel insurance is not included in the price of the journey and is recommended. You may purchase A&K's Guest Protection Program administered by AON (which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or stolen or damaged luggage) or A&K's Guest Protection Program with Cancel for Any Reason Coverage for an additional fee. Coverage takes effect the day A&K receives payment for the plan. The Guest Protection Program is available up to final payment for your journey; however, the plan must be purchased within 14 days of the date your initial trip deposit is received by A&K in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Additional terms apply. The Cancel for Any Reason Program is only available for purchase within 14 days of the date your initial trip deposit is received by A&K (additional terms apply). CFAR provides reimbursement of up to 75% of non-refundable cancellation charges but is not available on select journeys or to New York residents. The cost of coverage is calculated based on the total cost of your travel arrangements. For more information, visit [affinitytravelcert.com/abk](http://affinitytravelcert.com/abk). Insurance coverages are subject to the terms, limitations and exclusions in the plan, including an exclusion for pre-existing conditions.

## Special Requirement for Select Luxury Expedition Cruises:

Due to the remote locations, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$100,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for all polar cruises and other select Luxury Expedition Cruises as specified at time of booking. This minimum amount is included in A&K's Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for higher coverage on request. If you do not purchase A&K's Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage. Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides for covering the cost associated with emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective policy; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents required for their travel. A valid passport is required for U.S. and Canadian citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Many destinations also require a visa for U.S. and Canadian citizens; this will be indicated in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey. You may be refused boarding or disembarked from a plane, vessel or train without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations. A&K shall not be responsible should any guest be denied entry to a country due to noncompliance with these requirements.

## RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Any payments made to A&K constitute your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein and in your Pre-Travel Documentation. A&K accepts all major credit cards.

Deposit per Person Required at Time of Booking	
Luxury Small Group, Marco Polo and Family Journeys	\$1,000
Connections and Connections European River Cruise Journeys	\$500
Luxury Expedition Cruises	\$2,500
Wings Over the World Journeys	25% of program price

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. For all Luxury Expedition Cruise, Connections European River Cruise and Select Journeys indicated below, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. For Wings Over the World Journeys that include European destinations, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. For all other Wings Over the World Journeys, final payment is due 180

days prior to departure. An additional nonrefundable permit fee is required at time of booking for journeys including Uganda and Rwanda.

**Select Journeys:** Australia & New Zealand: The Lands Down Under; Brazil: The Amazon, Pantanal & Iguazu Falls; Chile: From the Andes to the Atacama Desert; Cruising the Mekong; Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; Easter Island & the Tapati Festival; Family Costa Rica; Family Galapagos; Finland & Sweden: Adventure Across Lapland; Galapagos Wildlife Adventure; India Wildlife Safari; Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Khan Legacy; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Namibia: Dunes & Desert Safari; Patagonia: The Last Wilderness; Peru: Machu Picchu & the Amazon; Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley; Pharaohs & Pyramids; South Africa Safari in Style; South Korea & Japan: Cultural Legacies; Splendors of Chile, Argentina & Brazil; Splendors of Morocco; Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India; and Wonders of the Galapagos & Machu Picchu.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES**

Cancellations will be effective on the date of receipt by A&K whether by phone, email or fax. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

**CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON**

**Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Family Journeys, Connections Land Journeys, and related Group Extensions (except Select Journeys as listed above)**

91 days prior to departure or more	\$500
90-61 days prior to departure	20% of program price
60-31 days prior to departure	50% of program price
30 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

**Connections European River Cruise Journeys, Select Journeys listed above and related Group Extensions**

121 days prior to departure or more	\$500
120-91 days prior to departure	20% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

**Luxury Expedition Cruises and related Group Extensions**

121 days prior to departure or more	\$1,500
120-91 days prior to departure	25% of program price
90-61 days prior to departure	50% of program price
60 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

**Wings Over the World Journeys (journeys that include European destinations)**

181 days prior to departure or more	10% of program price
180-121 days prior to departure	25% of program price
120-91 days prior to departure	50% of program price
90 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

**Wings Over the World Journeys (journeys that do not include European destinations)**

211 days prior to departure or more	10% of program price
210-181 days prior to departure	25% of program price
180-121 days prior to departure	50% of program price
120 days prior to departure or less	100% of program price

The guest agrees the sums referenced in the cancellation provisions above are not a penalty and represent a reasonable effort on behalf of A&K to establish its loss prospectively and represent liquidated damages. These include amongst other costs but not limited to fees charged by hotels and travel suppliers to A&K for cancelled bookings.

**Partial Room Cancellation:** If a guest cancels or leaves a journey and a roommate remains, an additional supplement may apply to the price for the remaining guest.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR**  
All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

**CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES**  
Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K journeys are subject to specific cancellation

penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

**COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Guest must provide required health documentation for travel and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by A&K staff during their journey. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to travel or continue on the journey. Guest voluntarily assumes all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of the travelling party require testing or quarantine, become infected with COVID-19 or experience travel interruptions or delays. Guest is required to follow the legal and regulatory requirements regarding COVID-19 testing and quarantine per individual country regulations. The testing procedures and results are solely subject to the control of local governments. A&K has no control and no authority to overrule, change or amend local government policies as they relate to testing or providing private quarantine facilities. A&K will assist all guests where COVID-19 testing is required; however, A&K is merely acting as a facilitator in order to assist guests who require a COVID-19 test. All COVID-19 testing is carried out by third party testing facilities with no association or affiliation to A&K, and A&K is not liable or responsible for any results, issues, delays or problems encountered during the testing process or the performance or non-performance of the testing facilities.

**FORCE MAJEURE**

Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond A&K's control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither A&K, nor its suppliers, could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war or threat of war; riot; civil strife; terrorist activity (actual or threatened); industrial dispute; technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment; outages or power failures; natural or nuclear disaster; fire, flood, drought or adverse weather conditions; pandemics, epidemics or outbreaks of illness; and ice conditions in oceans and level of water in rivers.

In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the journey as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause, A&K may in its sole and absolute discretion:

- (i) offer the guest(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or
- (ii) if alternative travel arrangements or products are not offered by A&K, A&K will provide a travel credit to the guest equal to the value of the trip less any sums A&K is not able to recover from any supplier.

A&K cannot assume responsibility for any other travel related costs included but not limited to air, insurance, visas and other travel arrangements, etc.

**CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

A&K will not accept any liability for any claims and will not provide refunds except as may be specifically allowed herein.

**A&K MOBILE APP**

Abercrombie & Kent may provide information for your journey via a web platform and an A&K mobile app (the "App"). The use of the App is not part of your holiday package experience and is merely intended to offer an interactive option to view your itinerary and other related information. Once downloaded, you are subject to the privacy policy and terms of use as found in the App. You are responsible if you provide access or use of the App to any members of your travelling party.

**PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL**

A&K reserves the right to take photographs and video of guests during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use, re-use, publish, and republish their image, identity likeness, name, voice, interview, statements, video clips and sound recordings, and/or photographic portraits or pictures in which guest(s) may be included (an "Image"), for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with A&K, guests acknowledge that A&K is the owner of the photographs and video and agree to allow their Image to be used in such photographs and videos, which may thereafter, be used by A&K. Guests who prefer that their images not be used must (1) identify themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their Journey; and (2) notify their A&K Travel Consultant by email, not later than thirty (30) days following the end of the guest's journey. In the event the guest fails to comply with both obligations, the guest shall not be exempt from this section. If such written notice is not timely provided, the guests, individually and on behalf of any minor child travelling with them, have granted unrestricted rights and permission for A&K to use the Images.

**LIMITS ON A&K'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Neither A&K nor its parent company, affiliates or subsidiaries, nor any of their respective employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, representatives, agents and assigns (collectively the "A&K Parties"), owns or operates any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip with the exception of a limited number of vehicles. A&K purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated A&K companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, the A&K Parties are not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, the A&K Parties are not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind,

overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury, or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Guest assumes all such risks associated with participating in these trips.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, scuba diving, snorkeling, boating, hot air ballooning, helicopter flights, ziplining, high altitude treks, climbing, quad biking, parasailing, parachuting, kayaking, whitewater rafting, jet boat rides, snowmobiling, primate tracking and any other activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risk of serious illness, injury or death ("Activities"), then you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release the A&K Parties from any liability whatsoever related thereto.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities; you release the A&K Parties, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against the A&K Parties for, property damage, cancellation of any Activities for any reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury, or death arising out of your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of the A&K Parties and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold the A&K Parties harmless with respect to any claim made against the A&K Parties by anyone else which (a) related to your participation in any trip or any Activities, or (b) which would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made the claim directly yourself. Upon receipt of notice of the assertion of a claim, the A&K Parties reserve the right to approve, or withdraw approval of, counsel, in its sole discretion.

**TRAVEL ADVISORIES/WARNINGS**

It is the responsibility of the guest to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U.S. State Department or their respective government agencies. In the event of an active State Department or government agency Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the guest still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory, the guest assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

**ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause, to any A&K brochure, or to any information regarding any A&K journey, service or package, or to any A&K-related trip, activity, service or package, shall be settled in the first instance by binding arbitration before one (1) arbitrator in Chicago, Illinois. Any party or their representative may appear for the arbitration by telephone or video conference. Each party shall bear its own fees, costs and expenses and an equal share of any arbitrator and administrative fees; however, the prevailing party shall be entitled to full recovery of all such costs and fees. Disputes shall be arbitrated on an individual basis, with there being no right or authority for any disputes to be arbitrated on a class action basis or in a purported representative capacity on behalf of the general public, other travel suppliers or other entities similarly situated.

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**AMENDMENTS**

A&K reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in its published materials and to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time as the result of any material changes to legislation or regulation. All amended Terms and Conditions shall automatically be effective upon being posted by A&K to the website abercrombiekent.com. Accordingly, guests should check the website abercrombiekent.com prior to travel in order to ensure they are aware of any changes.

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JOURNEY	PAGE #	PRICED FROM	# OF DAYS	DEPARTURE MONTHS												
				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>Land Journeys</b>																
Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast	14	\$7,595	11					●	●	●		●	●			
Italy's Jewels: Cinque Terre & the North	18	\$7,495	10						●	●		●	●			
Switzerland & the Italian Lakes	20	\$9,795	11					●	●	●		●	●			
Croatia: Jewel of the Coast	24	\$5,795	9					●	●	●		●	●			
Greece: Athens & the Aegean	28	\$7,595	10					●	●			●	●			
Spain: Seven Cities	30	\$6,495	10					●	●	●	●	●	●			
Portrait of Portugal	34	\$5,995	9					●	●	●		●	●			
Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers	36	\$8,495	8						●	●	●	●				
<b>NEW!</b> Netherlands, Belgium & Luxembourg: Benelux Gems	40	\$7,495	10					●	●	●		●				
Poland: Witness to History	44	\$4,695	9						●	●	●	●				
North America: Canadian Rockies	46	\$7,295	8						●	●	●	●				
Morocco: Imperial Cities	48	\$4,995	8		●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>River Cruise Journeys</b>																
Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom	54	\$6,495	9				●									
Prague & the Blue Danube	56	\$8,295	11					●	●	●		●	●			
Switzerland & the Rhine	60	\$9,795	11						●	●	●	●	●			
Christmas Markets Along the Danube	64	\$6,495	9													●
Christmas Along the Danube	66	\$7,295	9													●

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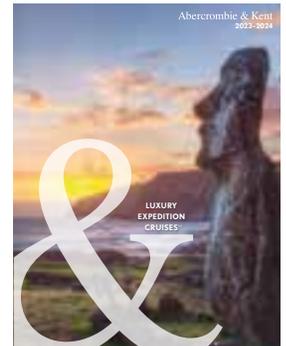
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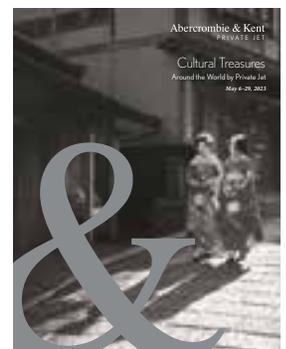
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