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We believe travel has the power to enhance our lives in extraordinary ways, and we're excited to showcase this selection of educational travel opportunities with Orbridge for 2025.

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We hope to see you on tour soon.



Kathy Hart
WolfTreks Travel Director
NC State Alumni Association

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Discover Southeast Alaska

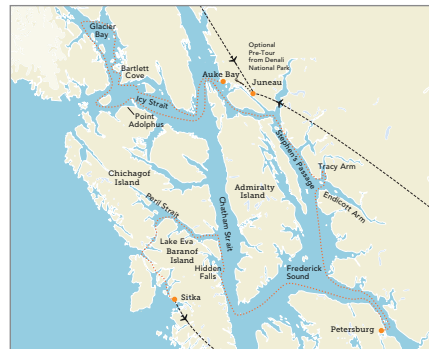
AUGUST 1-8, 2025

Denali National Park Pre-Tour: July 27 - August 1, 2025

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel during this expedition cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage. Alongside expert naturalists and knowledgeable on-board crew, navigate narrow channels and waterways inaccessible by larger vessels. While exploring some of nature's more secluded landscapes, encounter Alaska's abundant wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions.

Program Highlights

- Dive into the rich history and diverse cultures of Alaska, from the captivating exhibits of the Alaska State Museum in Juneau to engaging encounters in the charming town of Petersburg.
- Experience nature's grandeur as you witness glaciers calving, whales breaching and sea otters playing.
- Discover Glacier Bay National Park, an icy sanctuary of untouched landscapes and dynamic wildlife.
- Uncover Petersburg's fishing heritage amidst the lush scenery of historical Petersburg Creek Trail.
- Trace the footsteps of explorers through numerous guided hikes and skiff excursions.



8-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in Juneau, AK – Embarkation (D)
- Day 2:** Icy Strait (B,L,D)
- Day 3:** Glacier Bay National Park (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Petersburg | Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Eastern Baranof Island | Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Lake Eva (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Sitka – Disembarkation | Depart Sitka (B)

Optional 6-Day Denali Pre-Tour



What's Included

- 7 nights aboard the *Chichagof Dream*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners—including a special Captain's Farewell Dinner, and complimentary wine and beer at dinner
- An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two naturalists plus an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions and wildlife viewing where humpback whales, orcas, brown bears, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, sea otters, arctic terns, bald eagles and other populations are frequently spotted
- All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, airport transfer drivers and drivers/guides on included land excursions
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$5,695** | Single from: **\$10,995**

DENALI PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$3,845** | Single: **\$5,145**

—includes \$350 per person internal airfare—



Southwest National Parks

MAY 14-22, 2025

Denver to Moab Aboard Rocky Mountaineer Pre-Tour: May 10-14, 2025

Journey with us into the awe-inspiring realm of the American Southwest, unveiling the mesmerizing geological marvels tucked within our treasured national parks. Traverse the timeless landscapes of the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion, where the intricate dance of uplift and erosion has etched an extraordinary tapestry across the Southwest plateau.

Program Highlights

- Connect with nature. Immerse yourself in the otherworldly surroundings of the Southwest's natural wonders. Each day offers active exploration and time for serene contemplation amidst the vastness of the parks.
- Choose your own adventure. While in Grand Canyon National Park opt for independent touring or join an optional once-in-a-lifetime flightseeing excursion to tour the park by helicopter.
- Gain perspective and insight. An Orbridge Expedition Leader and local guides seamlessly enrich the learning experience throughout the tour, each providing geological, historical, and cultural interpretations at every location.
- Explore at leisure. Zion National Park is a masterpiece of nature. Take advantage of a full day to discover its marvelous sandstone cliffs and diverse array of ecosystems.
- Fuel your inspiration. Admire the radiant colors displayed on the walls of Antelope Canyon. Experience the tranquility of rafting down the Colorado River. Stand in awe before the magnificent hoodoos at Bryce Canyon. Capture these indelible moments to cherish for a lifetime.



9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in Phoenix, AZ | Scottsdale (D)
- Day 2:** Scottsdale | Sedona | Grand Canyon National Park (B)
- Day 3:** Grand Canyon National Park (B)
- Day 4:** Grand Canyon National Park | Page | Lake Powell (B,D)
- Day 5:** Lake Powell | Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Bryce Canyon National Park | Zion National Park (B)
- Day 7:** Zion National Park (B,D)
- Day 8:** Zion National Park / Las Vegas, NV (B,R)
- Day 9:** Depart Las Vegas (B)

Optional 5-Day Denver to Moab Pre-Tour



What's Included

- 8 nights accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners (including a welcome dinner) plus a special farewell reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader as well as expert local guides
- Admission and park fees throughout
- All activities as described in the 9-day itinerary, unless noted otherwise
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers and porters
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO: **\$5,395** | Single: **\$6,995**

DENVER TO MOAB PRE-TOUR

PPDO from: **\$4,295** | Single from: **\$5,795**

DATES, RATES & ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



The Wolves & Wildlife of Yellowstone

JANUARY 25-31, 2025

Embark upon a thrilling wintertime expedition to Yellowstone National Park for a unique opportunity to witness packs of wolves in their pristine natural habitat. Visiting Yellowstone in winter is an experience that transcends words.

Program Highlights

- Venture into the heart of Yellowstone National Park to scout for wildlife aboard custom-outfitted safari vans. These heated vehicles feature oversized windows and a rooftop hatch for premium viewing from every seat.
- Prepare for incredible photography opportunities. Yellowstone is a prime location for spotting majestic wolves from a respectable distance.
- Delight in a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge, a sanctuary to one of the largest elk herds in North America.
- Keep binoculars close at hand as you explore this Serengeti of North America, home to the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states. Resident bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, and other wildlife live among seven large predator species.
- Experience awe-inspiring geothermal features at Mammoth Hot Springs, including Old Faithful—a true icon of Yellowstone’s marvels—as well as mud pots and fumaroles.
- Gain a deep understanding of the wolves’ revival story as well as the vast flora and fauna that exist in this complex ecosystem from knowledgeable naturalists and who will accompany you throughout this journey.



7-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in Jackson, WY (D)
- Day 2:** Jackson | Grand Teton National Park | National Elk Refuge | Jackson (B,L)
- Day 3:** Jackson | Old Faithful (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Old Faithful | Mammoth Hot Springs | Lamar Valley, WY | Gardiner, MT (B,L,R,D)
- Day 5:** Gardiner | Lamar Valley, WY | Cooke City, MT | Gardiner, MT (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Gardiner | Lamar Valley, WY | Paradise Valley, MT | Bozeman (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Depart Bozeman (B)



What's Included

- 6 nights accommodations
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners (including special welcome and farewell dinners) plus a wine and cheese reception
- A fully guided program with 2 expert Orbridge Expedition Leaders who are professional naturalists
- All unique excursions and activities listed in the 7-day itinerary including transportation
- All in-field lectures and presentations
- Use of in-field gear, including high-quality binoculars and spotting scopes, Yaktrax, snowshoes and adjustable hiking poles
- Hot beverages, water and snacks throughout touring
- Admission and park fees throughout
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders, hotel housekeeping staff, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO: **\$5,995** | Single: **\$8,395**



Polar Bears of Churchill

OCTOBER 21-26, 2025

Churchill, Canada, is known as the polar bear capital of the world—for good reason. Each fall, about 1,000 of these fascinating creatures congregate around this seaport town while they wait for wintertime's sea ice to form over the Hudson Bay. Join us on an unforgettable adventure to be part of this extraordinary annual phenomenon—with the special opportunity to observe, photograph and learn about these magnificent *Lords of the North*.

Program Highlights

- Enjoy a private reception and three-course welcome dinner at Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo including a presentation on polar bears.
- Venture out into the stark landscape aboard a custom-designed wildlife viewing vehicle, stopping to admire the scenery as you search for arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan and arctic fox.
- Visit Churchill's Itsanitaq Museum for an exploration of indigenous ways of life while viewing remarkable examples of Inuit craftsmanship.
- Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler, then bundle up for an exciting dog sled experience.
- Gain insight into Churchill's unique ecosystem at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre.



6-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (R,D)
- Day 2:** Winnipeg | Flight to Churchill | Churchill Exploration (B,L,D)
- Day 3:** Churchill Exploration | Itsanitaq Museum (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Churchill | Churchill Exploration | Dog Sledding (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Churchill | Northern Studies Centre | Flight to Winnipeg (B,L,R)
- Day 6:** Winnipeg | Depart for U.S. (B)



What's Included

- 5 nights in ideally situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches (2 are picnic-style) and 4 dinners including a special private welcome reception and three-course dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- All excursion transportation and entry fees
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO: **\$8,830** | Single: **\$12,830**

—includes \$835 per person internal airfare—



Toronto to Vancouver by Rail

JUNE 17-23, 2025

Niagara Falls & Toronto Pre-Tour: June 15-17, 2025

Victoria Post-Tour: June 23-25, 2025

This five-star journey features hotel stays at luxurious, historic rail properties bookending four amazing days and nights in Prestige Class aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*.

Program Highlights

- Unwind and unplug. Enjoy the serenity of traveling by rail with time to truly disconnect from the outside world.
- Relax in comfort. Your private Prestige Class stateroom provides 50% more living space compared to other cabin categories.
- Embrace the countryside. Crossing five provinces, admire the diverse and picturesque landscapes each creating a colorful changing tapestry day after day.
- Indulge on board. Three-course lunches and dinners are prepared by onboard chefs using a selection of local and regional ingredients.
- Enjoy the atmosphere. Whether joining an onboard lecture or presentation, gathering for a wine tasting, playing board or card games, or simply watching the outside panoramas pass by, each day offers a variety of optional activities aimed to define the leisurely pace of the journey.



7-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (R)
- Day 2:** Toronto | Board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* | Hornepayne (B,L,D)
- Day 3:** Winnipeg, Manitoba (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | Edmonton, Alberta (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Jasper | Kamloops, British Columbia (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Vancouver (B,R)
- Day 7:** Vancouver | Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional 3-Day Niagara Falls & Toronto Pre-Tour

Optional 3-Day Victoria Post-Tour





What's Included

- 1 night at Fairmont Royal York in Toronto and 1 night at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, both famous, luxury Canadian Railway hotels
- 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners (snacks and bar orders are included while aboard *The Canadian*)
- Special welcome and farewell receptions
- Admission to all activities and tours as described in the 7-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- Onboard concierge services
- Private motor coach transportation for the sightseeing tour
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, drivers, porters, VIA Rail attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO: **\$7,495** | Single: **\$12,995**

NIAGARA FALLS & TORONTO PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,295** | Single: **\$1,795**

VICTORIA POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,295** | Single: **\$1,795**



Aegean Sea Odyssey: Greek Isles & Historic Türkiye

APRIL 7-15, 2025

Athens Pre-Tour: April 5-8, 2025

Istanbul Post-Tour: April 15-17, 2025

Embark upon a captivating journey cruising the Aegean Sea, weaving through a tapestry of enchanting destinations and cultural coastal gems of Greece and Türkiye. As you cruise through the serene waters, the luxurious *Le Dumont-d'Urville* becomes your private retreat, seamlessly blending sophistication with the spirit of adventure.



Program Highlights

- Bask in seven nights deluxe accommodations during an exclusive Orbridge cruise on board *Le Dumont-d'Urville*—an ultra-modern, environmentally friendly luxury ship.
- Walk among rare sights, including excavations of the Bronze Age in Akrotiri, considered one of the most well-planned and advanced cities of its time.
- Embrace the region's dynamic history during guided tours of Delos, Rhodes and Ephesus.
- Choose to join a variety of optional excursions including a winery tour and tasting in Santorini, a tour of the Acropolis of Lindos in Rhodes, and a tour of Assos in Çanakkale.
- Encounter layers of archaeological intrigue at Troy—the legendary city immortalized in the epic poems of Homer's *Iliad*.

9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Athens, Greece | Lavrio – Embarkation (R,D)
- Day 3:** Delos | Mykonos (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Santorini (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Rhodes (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Kuşadası, Türkiye (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Turkish Coast Cruising (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Çanakkale (B,L,R,D)
- Day 9:** Istanbul – Disembarkation | Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional 4-Day Athens Pre-Tour

Optional 3-Day Istanbul Post-Tour



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What's Included

- 7 nights aboard luxurious *Le Dumont-d'Urville*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners (served with wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages) plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Unlimited select complimentary beverages available 24/7 on board the ship, including in the comfort of your stateroom
- Private tours and special small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of a team of Orbridge Travel Directors and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Directors, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$7,045** | Single from: **\$11,645**

—includes \$450 per person port fee—

ATHENS PRE-TOUR

PPDO from: **\$1,195** | Single from: **\$1,695**

ISTANBUL POST-TOUR

PPDO from: **\$1,495** | Single: **\$2,195**

DATES, RATES & ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Cruise the Majestic Nordic Fjords

JUNE 27 - JULY 6, 2025

Oslo to Bergen Pre-Tour: June 24-28, 2025

Stockholm Post-Tour: July 6-8, 2025

Seize this opportunity to experience the magnitude of Norway's breathtaking fjords in unparalleled luxury and style. Cruising aboard state-of-the-art *Le Lapérouse*, ignite your inner explorer with visits to incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites, immersive hiking and kayaking adventures, and enriching cultural and historical excursions.

Program Highlights

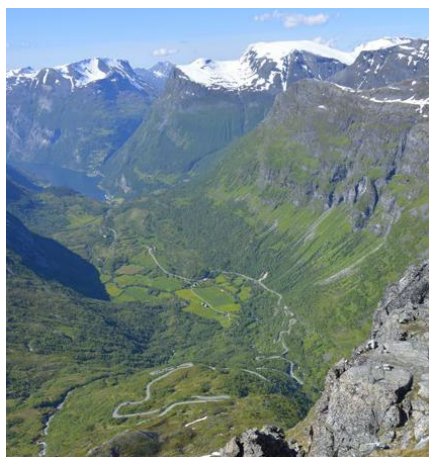
- In the tradition of great French explorers, discover the essence of Norway during guided excursions and hikes.
- Trace the paths of Vikings at centuries-old sites, including Nordfjordeid and Stavanger.
- On board indulge in delectable gourmet French and international cuisine crafted from local sourced ingredients.
- Among the vessel's unique features is the Blue Eye Lounge, an innovative and immersive underwater observation area featuring large, curved windows that provide views of the subaquatic environment. This multi-sensory experience provides the opportunity to feel the ocean's vibrations through the seats and listen for marine sounds using the hydrophone headsets.
- Take advantage of opportunities to kayak, revive by the pool or book a massage or spa treatment (*additional fees apply*).



10-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Bergen, Norway – Embarkation (R,D)
- Day 3:** Geiranger (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Olden (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Nordfjordeid (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Stavanger (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Sandnes (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Arendal (B,L,D)
- Day 9:** Gothenburg, Sweden (B,L,R,D)
- Day 10:** Oslo – Disembarkation | Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional 5-Day Oslo to Bergen Pre-Tour
Optional 3-Day Stockholm Post-Tour



What's Included

- 8 nights aboard luxurious *Le Lapérouse*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners (served with wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages) plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Unlimited select complimentary beverages available 24/7 on board the ship, including in the comfort of your stateroom
- Private tours and special small-group excursions as noted in the 10-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of a team of Orbridge Expedition Leaders and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Expedition Leaders, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$7,445** | Single from: **\$13,645**

—includes \$450 per person port fee—

OSLO TO BERGEN PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,695** | Single: **\$3,595**

STOCKHOLM POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,895** | Single: **\$2,795**



Flavors of Northern Italy

MAY 2-10, 2025

Cinque Terre Pre-Tour: April 29 - May 3, 2025

Venice Post-Tour: May 10-13, 2025

Embark upon a cultural and gastronomic journey to the enchanting region of Northern Italy—an area renowned for spectacular landscapes, world-class wine, and a rich heritage. This meticulously crafted itinerary offers the unique opportunity to *live like a local*, featuring guided tours, private artisan visits and tastings, and the ability to deeply connect with the beauty of Northern Italy’s culture, cuisine and gracious hospitality.

Program Highlights

- With your small group (maximum 20 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at a historic country farmhouse—a tranquil haven amidst a wine and olive oil-producing estate.
- Join a hands-on culinary experience with a skilled chef to learn the art of crafting traditional Italian recipes passed down through generations.
- Cruise around scenic Lago d’Iseo with free time to discover its various island hamlets.
- Wander through Verona’s timeless streets, visit Juliet’s House, and be mesmerized by the grandeur of the Verona Arena.
- In the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions, visit family-owned and operated vineyards, meeting the esteemed vintners and partaking in exclusive tastings and presentations.
- Delight in a special excursion near Modena for a tasting of aged balsamic vinegar during a convivial meal with the property’s owner and his family.



9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Verona, Italy | Province of Brescia (Selva Capuzza) (D)
- Day 3:** Sulzano | Lago d’Iseo | Franciacorta (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Selva Capuzza (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Verona | Valpolicella (B,D)
- Day 6:** Vallagarina | Malcesine (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Modena (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Roncà | Soave | Sirmione (B,L,D)
- Day 9:** Verona | Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional 5-Day Cinque Terre Pre-Tour

Optional 4-Day Venice Post-Tour



What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$5,395** | Single from: **\$5,095**

CINQUE TERRE PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,595** | Single: **\$3,395**

VENICE POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,295** | Single: **\$2,995**



Northern Adriatic: A Nautical Voyage

JULY 28 - AUGUST 5, 2025

Dubrovnik Pre-Tour: July 26-29, 2025

Prosecco Post-Tour: August 5-7, 2025

Embark upon an unforgettable journey cruising the captivating northern Adriatic, weaving through a tapestry of enchanting destinations that span Croatia, Montenegro and the cultural gems of Northern Italy. On board your five-star vessel, enter a world where the delicate balance between modern luxury and responsible travel is seamlessly achieved.



Program Highlights

- Traverse the charming streets of Kotor, Montenegro, where the past whispers through its ancient walls.
- Journey to the sun-drenched, fishing-village-turned-posh-“Croatian-Riviera” city of Hvar, a haven of natural beauty and vibrant energy.
- Lose yourself in the labyrinthine lanes of Split, where the juxtaposition of old and new captivates the senses.
- Embrace the medieval architecture, historic charm and artistic treasures along the Dalmatian coast.
- On board savor a gourmet culinary experience that reflects the richness of the destinations you explore, with menus featuring local seafood, wine, olive oil, cured meats and aromatic herbs.

9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
 - Day 2:** Arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia – Embarkation (R,D)
 - Day 3:** Kotor, Montenegro (B,L,D)
 - Day 4:** Hvar, Croatia (B,L,D)
 - Day 5:** Split (B,L,D)
 - Day 6:** Brijuni Islands (B,L,D)
 - Day 7:** Ravenna, Italy (B,L,D)
 - Day 8:** Bologna (B,L,R,D)
 - Day 9:** Venice – Disembarkation | Depart for U.S. (B)
- Optional 4-Day Dubrovnik Pre-Tour*
Optional 3-Day Prosecco Post-Tour



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What's Included

- 7 nights aboard luxurious *Le Bougainville*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners (served with wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverages) plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Unlimited select complimentary beverages available 24/7 on board the ship, including in the comfort of your stateroom
- Private tours and special small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of a team of Orbridge Travel Directors and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to ship crew, Orbridge Travel Directors, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$7,045** | Single from: **\$11,645**

—includes \$450 per person port fee—

DUBROVNIK PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,195** | Single: **\$2,595**

PROSECCO POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,195** | Single: **\$2,495**



Antarctica Discovery

JANUARY 18-29, 2025

Buenos Aires Pre-Tour: January 16-19, 2025

Iguazú Falls Post-Tour: January 29 - February 1, 2025

Embark on an unforgettable odyssey, where discovery and adventure converge on the vast canvas of the White Continent. Immerse yourself in stark and surprising landscapes that define this breathtaking region.

Program Highlights

- Cruise in elegance and comfort. *Ocean Victory* boasts a delicate balance between modern refinement and responsible travel. From the vessel's energy-efficient systems to its minimized carbon footprint, every detail has been meticulously crafted to ensure a minimal impact on the environments we explore.
- Get lost in luxury. The ship's five-star amenities include two hot tubs, spa, gym, spacious lounges, and outdoor bar.
- Dine in style. Savor exquisite cuisine in elegant dining spaces, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, in both the Panorama and Beagle Restaurants.
- Explore at leisure. *Ocean Victory* is well-equipped with Zodiac boats and a fleet of kayaks, allowing you to discover remote coastlines and wildlife-rich areas up close. Expert guides, scientists, and lecturers enrich the learning experience throughout the tour.
- Choose your own adventure. Join the optional Polar Camping excursion on land: with specialized performance gear and expert guidance, sleep unsheltered in a cozy bivy sack for the utmost connection to nature. Kayaking enthusiasts can join the optional Sea Kayaking outing: a one-time opportunity to explore the outstanding grandeur and magical beauty of the polar expanse by kayak. (Participants must have prior kayaking experience.) *Optional activities must be booked on board the ship. Each have limited availability, are weather permitting, and extra fees apply.*



12-Day Itinerary

[†]Travel time from/to U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.[†]
- Day 2:** Arrive in Ushuaia, Argentina (R)
- Day 3:** Ushuaia – Embarkation (B,D)
- Day 4:** Drake Passage (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Drake Passage (B,L,D)
- Days 6-9:** South Shetland Islands | Antarctic Peninsula (B,L,D daily)
- Day 10:** Drake Passage (B,L,D)
- Day 11:** Drake Passage (B,L,D)
- Day 12:** Ushuaia – Disembarkation | Depart for U.S. (B)

*Optional 4-Day Buenos Aires Pre-Tour
Optional 4-Day Iguazú Falls Post-Tour*



What's Included

- 1 night luxury hotel accommodations (including breakfast) in Ushuaia prior to embarkation
- 9 nights aboard *Ocean Victory* including all onboard meals (with select wines and beers at lunch and dinner)
- 24-hour self-service coffee and tea facilities onboard
- All scheduled landings and excursions listed in the itinerary (subject to weather and ice conditions)
- An insulated waterproof/windproof expedition parka, which is yours to keep
- A pair of insulated rubber boots for shore landings for duration of the cruise (to be returned prior to disembarkation)
- Access to a photographic trip log (shared with guests after the voyage via an online link)
- All shipboard gratuities
- All luggage portorage
- All port fees
- Transfers from the hotel to the ship on embarkation day
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$10,995** | Single from: **\$16,995**

BUENOS AIRES PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,895** | Single: **\$2,295**

IGUAZÚ FALLS POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,595** | Single: **\$3,995**

DATES, RATES & ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



The Galapagos Islands – Northern Itinerary

JUNE 21-28, 2025
Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour: June 18-21, 2025
Machu Picchu Post-Tour: June 27 - July 3, 2025

Nestled in the Pacific Ocean, the Galapagos Islands are a haven for explorers, nature enthusiasts, and those seeking a profound connection with the natural world. Join us on an expedition voyage through these enchanting islands to witness firsthand the stunning display of nature’s endless wonders.

Program Highlights

- Visit must-see highlights of Quito during a full-day, guided city tour, including Old Town Quito, the colorful San Francisco Market, La Compañía de Jesús (the “Golden Church”), and Casa del Alabado Archaeological Museum.
- Experience unparalleled opportunities for immersive, up-close encounters with a myriad of wildlife. Walk among curious creatures on shore, snorkel beside sea lions and turtles in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve, and witness genuine interactions between species in the wild.
- Benefit from knowledgeable naturalist guides who will provide insight on the origins of the unique flora and fauna endemic to the Galapagos Islands.
- Choose from a variety of water activities, as *Isabela II* is well-equipped with snorkel gear and ocean kayaks. Guides will also lead numerous outings by panga and glass-bottom boat.
- Enjoy exclusive access to many island locations. *Isabela II* has sailing privileges other vessels do not, so no other boats will be in sight during many moorings and shore landings.
- Observe with excitement the diverse avian wildlife: flightless cormorants, Galapagos albatross, Nazca, red- and blue-footed boobies, and Darwin’s finches.



8-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route | Arrive in Quito, Ecuador
- Day 2:** Quito (B,L,R)
- Day 3:** Quito | Flight to Baltra | Santa Cruz: Highlands | Puerto Ayora – Embarkation (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Santiago: Puerto Egas | Chinese Hat Islet (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Genovesa: Prince Philip’s Steps | Darwin Bay (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Santa Fe | South Plaza (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Baltra – Disembarkation | Flight to Quito, Ecuador (B,L)
- Day 8:** Quito | Depart for U.S. (B)

Optional 4-Day Mashpi Lodge Pre-Tour
Optional 6-Day Machu Picchu Post-Tour



What's Included

- 2 nights at 5-star Casa Gangotena in Quito (or similar) prior to embarkation
- 4 nights aboard *Isabela II* featuring exploration by panga and glass-bottom boat, naturalist-led hikes and excursions, and evening lectures
- 1 night at Wyndham Quito Airport (or similar) after disembarkation
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners plus a special welcome reception in Quito
- A guided city tour of Quito
- All excursions and presentations
- Complimentary use of shorty wetsuits, snorkeling equipment and ocean kayaks
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee and transit card
- Internal round-trip airfare between Quito and the islands as noted in the itinerary
- Gratuities to local guides, hotel porters and drivers in Quito
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$5,795** | Single: **\$9,995**

MASHPI LODGE PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,995** | Single: **\$2,895**

MACHU PICCHU POST-TOUR

PPDO from: **\$5,190** | Single from: **\$7,190**

—includes \$1,195 per person internal airfare—



Mysteries of Peru and Machu Picchu

APRIL 9-17, 2025

Amazon Post-Tour: April 17-21, 2025

From the Sacred Valley of the Inca to the magical heights of Machu Picchu to the natural wonders of the Ballestas Islands, join us as we uncover this culturally rich region of the Peruvian Andes. This extraordinary journey reveals Peru's enduring charm, centuries-old traditions, and enigmatic mysteries.



Program Highlights

- Savor authentic flavors, textures, and aromas of Peruvian cuisine during a tasting tour in Lima where every bite tells a story of tradition and passion.
- Discover the ancient wonders of Cusco, dubbed the “Archaeological Capital of South America.”
- Interact with the rich and complex history of the Inca period at the fascinating site of Sacsayhuaman.
- Board the *Vistadome* train to reach Machu Picchu's untouched stone citadel.
- Take flight over the Nazca Lines—a thrilling opportunity to view the mysterious soil carvings from above.
- Cruise the Ballestas Islands, observing from water the Paracas Candelabra—a prehistoric hillside geoglyph of origins unknown.

9-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S. | Arrive in Lima, Peru (D)
 - Day 2:** Lima (B,L)
 - Day 3:** Lima | Flight to Cusco | Sacred Valley (B,L)
 - Day 4:** Sacred Valley | Machu Picchu | Sacred Valley | Cusco (B,L)
 - Day 5:** Cusco (B,L)
 - Day 6:** Cusco | Flight to Lima | Paracas (B,L)
 - Day 7:** Paracas | Ica | Paracas (B,D)
 - Day 8:** Paracas | Ballestas Islands (B)
 - Day 9:** Paracas | Lima | Depart for U.S. (B)
- Optional 5-Day Amazon Post-Tour*



What's Included

- 8 nights premium accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners including a special welcome dinner
- All small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary including entrance fees
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides and drivers
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$5,495** | Single from: **\$6,995**

AMAZON POST-TOUR

PPDO from: **\$2,495** | Single from: **\$3,695**



African Expedition by Private Train

AUGUST 5-19, 2025

Cape Town Pre-Tour: August 2-6, 2025

Explore the diverse sights of four African countries during this private train expedition—an exclusive journey guiding you through historically notable cities, inspiring scenery, and legendary national parks. Uncover a tapestry of cultural wonders, untamed dynamic landscapes and thrilling wildlife encounters throughout this soul-stirring expedition.



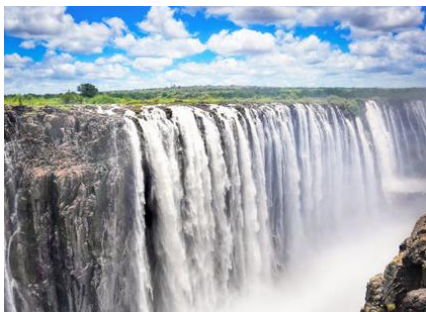
Program Highlights

- Journey through stunning landscapes aboard a private train—your haven on the rails featuring well-appointed sleeping compartments, fine dining and inviting social spaces.
- Visit notable landmarks including the Nelson Mandela Statue, Casa de Ferro, Cecil Rhodes' Grave and the ruins of Great Zimbabwe.
- Participate in riveting game drives through reserves and national parks alongside knowledgeable guides with opportunities to observe the Big Five (rhino, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and lion).
- Experience the thundering beauty of Victoria Falls where a spectrum of dancing colors create mesmerizing photo opportunities.
- Explore the Zambezi River by boat—a unique chance to see elephants and hippos up close.

16-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Day 3:** Pretoria (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Full Day Aboard Train (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Kingdom of Eswatini (B,D)
- Day 6:** Maputo, Mozambique (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Kruger National Park (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Drakensberg Mountains (B,D)
- Day 9:** Makalali Game Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 10:** Full Day Aboard Train (B,L,D)
- Day 11:** Great Zimbabwe (B,D)
- Day 12:** Bulawayo | Matobo National Park (B,D)
- Day 13:** Hwange National Park | Victoria Falls (B,L)
- Day 14:** Victoria Falls (B,D)
- Day 15:** Victoria Falls | Depart for U.S. (B)
- Day 16:** Arrive in U.S.

Optional 5-Day Cape Town Pre-Tour



What's Included

- 9 nights aboard the private train plus 4 nights deluxe hotel/ lodge accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 11 dinners including a special farewell dinner
- All excursions described in the itinerary including admission and park fees
- Expert naturalist guides throughout including an Orbridge Travel Director Team
- Access to onboard physician
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned buses
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Directors, onboard guides, drivers, porters, attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$11,995** | Single from: **\$18,995**

CAPE TOWN PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,995** | Single: **\$3,995**

DATES, RATES & ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley

MARCH 2-14, 2025

Alexandria Pre-Tour: February 27 - March 3, 2025

Jordan Post-Tour: March 14-20, 2025

Join us for a historical and cultural immersion into Egypt's ancient treasures and timeless wonders. This unhurried journey reveals Egypt's monumental historical events, staggering technological achievements, and compelling human stories.

Program Highlights

- Stand in awe before the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Great Sphinx, each an ancient marvel illustrating the enduring legacy of an incredible civilization.
- Delve deep into the annals of history at the Grand Egyptian Museum, where treasures from Egypt's rich past come to life.
- Witness the grandeur of the Karnak Temple Complex—one of the largest religious buildings in the world, which includes contributions from approximately 30 pharaohs over thousands of years.
- Mid-journey, embark upon your private dahabiya—a traditional Egyptian sailing vessel—for four relaxing days and nights along the Nile River.
- Be captivated by the intricate carvings inside the unique temple of Kom Ombo.
- Visit Elephantine Island—the only ongoing excavation site open to tourists—to view its sacred temples and traditional Nubian villages.
- During an optional excursion (additional fee), visit the temples of Abu Simbel carved into a massive rock cliff, which were relocated and perfectly reconstructed after building the High Dam in the early 1960s.



13-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
 - Day 2:** Arrive in Cairo, Egypt
 - Day 3:** Cairo | Giza (B,L,D)
 - Day 4:** Cairo (B,L)
 - Day 5:** Cairo | Flight to Luxor (B,L)
 - Day 6:** Luxor | Esna – Embarkation | Nile River (B,L,D)
 - Day 7:** Edfu | Nile (B,L,D)
 - Day 8:** Edfu | Nile | Kom Ombo (B,L,D)
 - Day 9:** Kom Ombo | Nile (B,L,D)
 - Day 10:** Nile – Disembarkation | Aswan (B,L)
 - Day 11:** Aswan (B,D)
 - Day 12:** Aswan | Optional Abu Simbel Excursion | Flight to Cairo (B,L,D)
 - Day 13:** Cairo | Depart for U.S. (B)
- Optional 5-Day Alexandria Pre-Tour*
Optional 7-Day Jordan Post-Tour



What's Included

- 7 nights luxury hotel accommodations
- 4 nights aboard a stately dahabiya
- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 7 dinners
- All excursions listed on the 13-day itinerary including admission to sites and venues
- Excursion transportation
- Internal airfare from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan to Cairo
- Gratuities to hotels, drivers, dahabiya staff, porters and guides
- Group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$6,995** | Single: **\$11,495**

ALEXANDRIA PRE-TOUR

PPDO: **\$1,995** | Single: **\$2,995**

JORDAN POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$4,995** | Single: **\$6,895**



Kenya Safari: The Big 5

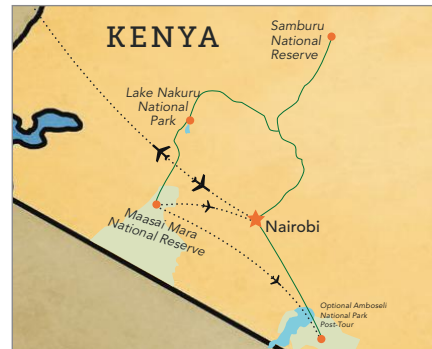
JULY 23 - AUGUST 2, 2025

Amboseli Post-Tour: August 1-4, 2025

Venture with us into the heart of Kenya's wilderness during this 11-day epic journey. Alongside expert guides, gain unparalleled access to Kenya's national parks, reserves, and conservancies with opportunities to witness The Big 5 and a plethora of other wildlife in their natural environment. This adventure promises unforgettable exploration of Kenya's iconic landscapes, captivating cultural interactions, and exhilarating animal encounters.

Program Highlights

- Explore extraordinary national parks and reserves in Kenya accompanied by expert naturalist guides who will enrich your experience through their knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm.
- Visit conservation organizations that play pivotal roles in rescuing and rehabilitating at-risk wildlife, protecting endangered species, educating the youth and preserving the ecosystems and biodiversity of the region.
- Participate in up to 12 game drives aboard safari-outfitted 4x4 vehicles, featuring opportunities to observe the "Big 5" (endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and lion).
- Engage with local communities for a deeper understanding of their rich cultures and vibrant traditions.
- Retreat to luxurious lodges and tented camps, each uniquely beautiful and authentic in décor.
- Soar above Maasai Mara National Reserve during an optional hot air balloon sunrise safari (additional fee).



11-Day Itinerary

- Day 1:** En Route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya
- Day 3:** Nairobi (B,L,D)
- Day 4:** Nairobi | Samburu National Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 5:** Samburu National Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 6:** Samburu National Reserve | Lake Nakuru National Park (B,L,D)
- Day 7:** Lake Nakuru National Park | Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 8:** Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 9:** Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
- Day 10:** Maasai Mara National Reserve | Flight to Nairobi | Depart for U.S. (B,L)
- Day 11:** En Route | Arrive in U.S.
Optional 4-Day Amboseli Post-Tour



What's Included

- 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners including a special farewell dinner
- Expert naturalist guides throughout
- Daily game drives in open-air vehicles with filtered water provided
- Maasai Mara National Reserve visitation fees, which are paid directly to the Narok County Government in support of tourism and conservation efforts of the Maasai Mara ecosystem and wildlife
- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi
- All main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges and park fees
- Temporary membership in AMREF Flying Doctors air ambulance service
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

SPECIAL RATES

PPDO from: **\$7,195** | Single from: **\$9,695**

AMBOSELI POST-TOUR

PPDO: **\$2,895** | Single: **\$3,895**



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TOUR NAME: _____

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Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Pre-Tour Category (if applicable / choose one): Classic Double Deluxe Double Classic Single Deluxe Single

Post-Tour Category (if applicable / choose one): Classic Double Deluxe Double Classic Single Deluxe Single

DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$2,500/person for *Antarctica Discovery and African Expedition by Private Train*; \$850/person for all other programs) +

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = \$ _____ **TOTAL DEPOSIT**

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

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