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Destinations Where Your Money Goes a Long Way

Globetrotters may not want to admit it, but money dictates most of our travel decisions. Everyone would love to stay at a 5-star resort in a tropical paradise for two weeks, but our bank accounts rarely allow such indulgences. So how do you get around the monetary restrictions of travel without resorting to visiting only budget destinations? By knowing the destinations where your money will go a long way.

By Aren Bergstrom

Exchange rates are always fluctuating, but if you pay attention to upward trends, you can take advantage of a high exchange rate with the Canadian dollar and get more for your money in incredible destinations around the world. To help you figure out which countries have the most advantageous exchange rates for Canadian travellers, we did some research and came up with the following six destinations where your money will go a long way. We took into account exchange rate trends and the

average cost of travel when compiling this list, understanding that certain countries will always be affordable regardless of the exchange rate.

As well, all exchange rates were calculated at time of writing, so prices may have fluctuated a bit in the meantime.

If you heed our advice, you'll be able to explore stunning destinations while saving on the cost of your trip. Taking an unforgettable vacation for an affordable price is simply a smart thing to do.

New Zealand

The countries Downunder are comparable to Canada and the United States in a lot of ways. Australia and New Zealand are immigrant nations with governmental roots in Britain, have citizens that speak English, and boast gorgeous landscapes with a wide variety of geographies, much like Canada and the US.

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Enjoying Iceland's famous Blue Lagoon.

Endless Possibilities in Iceland

For the past decade, this Nordic nation in the North Atlantic has announced itself as one of the most popular destinations in Europe. Although geographically small, Iceland seems massive as it's bursting with natural wonders and experiences. If you stick to the centres of Reykjavik and Akureyri, you'll find a huge variety of cultural activities and festivals to keep you engaged. Art galleries can be found around seemingly every corner and music emanates out of most every bar; you'll also marvel at the wide variety of culinary options available in the cutting-edge restaurants. But Iceland's urban centres are just the tip of the iceberg.

The natural scenery offers the true magic of this Nordic nation. In winter, Iceland transforms into one of the most breathtaking landscapes in the Northern Hemisphere. In summer, the country reveals a bountiful greenery that forces you to question the accuracy of its very name.

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Hiking in Patagonia

There are few landscapes as breathtaking as Patagonia. Located on the southern tip of South America and spreading across the border between Chile and Argentina, Patagonia is a massive, empty world of mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. It's also a hiker's paradise. Travellers who love the outdoors will find Patagonia a godsend of ideal hiking conditions. It has a dry, temperate climate, a varied geography, and long stretches of land with no other people in sight. Oh, and in case you didn't believe us when we said it the first time: Patagonia is impossibly gorgeous.

Travellers can explore Patagonia in both Chile and Argentina, and there's no real advantage between choosing the one nation over the other, although the Chilean side is the more popular of the two. The ideal itinerary includes both sides of Patagonia and takes visitors alongside the iconic rock towers of Torres del Paine in Chile as well as Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina. However, regardless of which nation you choose, you'll be treated to a breathtaking journey through nature. Travellers who dream of escaping to temperate climates full of majestic landscapes will find no better destination than Patagonia.

Torres del Paine and Chilean Patagonia

The city of Punta Arenas is the gateway to Patagonia on the Chilean side. Located near the southern tip of the continent on the

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Traditional Maori greetings in New Zealand.

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The Gala evening was attended by over 350 senior travel people, and Suppliers received a variety of recognition awards which were determined by votes from travel agents. As shown on the back page of this magazine, Goway received two top awards (and was highly ranked in three other categories).

Pictured (photo credit Baxter Publishing) are Bruce accepting his award from President of Baxter Media, David McClung (centre), and (right) Rodney Hurd the creator of Travel CUTS and a lifelong friend of Bruce's. Rod's speech included some interesting reflections about Bruce.

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An independent writer, director, and film critic, Aren has travelled across Asia, Europe, and South America. His favourite travel experience was visiting the major cities of Japan's largest island, Honshu, but his love for food, drink, and film will take him anywhere that boasts great art and culture.

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Riding the gondola in Queenstown.

The money even has similar value. However, in recent years, Canada has had a favourable exchange rate with New Zealand, with 1 CAD valued at around 1.16 NZD and on the upward climb for the foreseeable future.

New Zealand is not a budget country, but it can be more affordable if you take advantage of the current exchange rates. Considering that you'll likely be spending a long time in the country if you travel on a vacation here, the small bonus gained from the exchange rate will compound over time and likely end up saving you a lot more money than you'd expect. Since most every traveller wants to venture along Milford Sound, gaze upon the Pohutu Geyser, and cruise the Bay of Islands, knowing that you can save a bit of money while fulfilling the journey of a lifetime is even more reason to take that New Zealand vacation sooner rather than later.

Egypt



A camel ride to the pyramids transports you back in time.

After a few years of dwindling tourist numbers, Egypt has roared back into the limelight and has regained its position as one of the most popular destinations in Africa and the Middle East. The country has even landed on CNN's recent list of the safest countries in the world, which should put to rest any notion of it being an unsafe travel destination.

Beyond the tourism resurgence and the country's safety, one of the most attractive aspects about travelling to Egypt right now is the strength of the Canadian dollar against the Egyptian pound. One CAD gets you 13 EGP, which is double the exchange rate from five years ago. Again, inflation has a part to play in this favourable exchange rate, but it's still a very advantageous ratio for a country that many people place on their bucket lists. Considering that a mid-range meal in a restaurant will set you back around 300 EGP for two people, you're looking at a lot of savings.

Flights to Egypt and pre-arranged tours to the pyramids or cruises along the Nile will be listed in Canadian and US dollars, but most expenses within the country will be in Egyptian pounds, giving you more buying power when you experience the local flavour of the country. This means that whether you're bartering for rugs or pottery in Khan el-Khalili Souk in Cairo or dining on ful medames in a small restaurant, you'll get more for your money.

Hungary

Eastern Europe has long been affordable for travellers used to the pricey attractions of Paris or London. The major expense is the airplane ticket, and after that, everything from hotels to restaurants to tourist attractions are around half the cost of the same things in Western Europe. If you



The Hungarian Parliament Building.

want to stay in a 4-star hotel in the heart of Budapest, do it! You'll still be saving around 50 percent of the cost if you were staying in the same chain in Vienna or Berlin.

Furthermore, the Canadian dollar has held steady with an advantageous exchange rate of 1 CAD to 212 Hungarian forint, which makes your trip even more affordable. Some things are exceptionally affordable in Hungary, such as beer, which will put you back around 400 HUF for a pint in a bar or restaurant. Meals are a little more expensive, as a three course meal at a mid-range restaurant will cost you around 8,000 HUF for two people, but that's still a fraction of what you'd be paying in Paris, where you'd likely be charged around 100 EUR if you're having wine with your meal.

The affordability of a Hungarian vacation may make you think that it's less appealing than its western counterparts, but don't let the price fool you. Hungary is home to many treasures, from the historical wonders of the Austro-Hungarian Empire that you'll find in Budapest to the natural beauty of the Danube River. And the food is great to boot, as there are few dishes as satisfying as a bowl of Hungarian goulash. Take advantage of the strong exchange rate and see Hungary the next time you're in Europe.

Argentina



Niagara Falls has nothing on mighty Iguazu Falls.

Argentina is not a discount destination by any means, but you can take the sting out of a vacation to Buenos Aires over Patagonia by taking advantage of the strong value of the Canadian dollar in respect to the Argentine peso in recent years. The exchange rate is 1 CAD to 27ARS. Part of the strength of the Canadian dollar in Argentina has been the high rate of inflation for the Argentine peso, but the value of the dollar is still noticeable in Argentina. In fact, over the past five years, the value of the Canadian dollar against the Argentine peso has quadrupled, which means that your money will go a long way in Argentina, even in expensive areas of Buenos Aires.

Of course, it's important to understand that many tourist experiences are valued against the US dollar in Argentina, meaning that the price is inflated in order to keep costs stable and tourism profitable.

For instance, if you're heading to a popular tango show in the evening in Buenos Aires, the price will be determined in US dollars. This means that certain experiences in Argentina are more expensive than you're led to believe from looking at exchange rates and cost of living.

That being said, Argentina remains significantly more affordable than Europe and has many of the same cultural attractions. As well, there is no VAT (Value Added Tax) on hotel rooms to foreign tourists, which encourages travel. Take advantage of the



Bicycles are still a serious form of transportation in Vietnam.

strong Canadian dollar to head to Buenos Aires to admire the Art Deco architecture, marvel at the millions of gallons of water pouring off Iguazu Falls, or hike through the glacial landscapes of Patagonia. There's a lot to love about Argentina and the strong value for your money makes the destination only more appealing.

Vietnam

Perhaps including Vietnam on this list of nations with favourable exchange rates is a cheat because the country is such a famous budget destination. But there's no denying that the Canadian dollar will go a long way in Vietnam. One CAD garners about 17,700 VND, which can pay for half of your meal at a street food stall or most of your pint of beer. Let's even assume you're not backpacking and staying in hostels that'll cost you little more than the price of a modest meal in most countries, and that you're wanting 4-star comforts and fine dining each night. You'll still find Vietnam affordable and your dollar going a long way.

A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant will run you back around 400,000 VND, which comes out to 22 CAD for two people. If you're going truly fine dining, double the cost and you're still only spending about the price of one entrée at a premium restaurant in Canada or the US. The value of the Canadian dollar in Vietnam lets you indulge yourself and extend your vacation, which is important as there's a lot to see in this deceptively-small country.

Spend at least half a week in Hanoi and take an overnight trip to Ha Long Bay and a day trip to Tam Coc or Sapa before heading down to Hue, Danang, and Hoi An. After a couple days of exploring imperial cities and enjoying the famous sands of China Beach, continue south, stopping off in the eclectic mountain city of Dalat to uncover one of the country's hidden gems. End your time in Ho Chi Minh City, where you can stay in 5-star hotels and dine on wonderful Vietnamese cuisine while experiencing the famous bustle of the city. At the end of this

comprehensive vacation, your bank account will come out of the trip stunningly robust and largely intact. There is simply so much to do here and the strong exchange rate empowers you to see as much of the country as your time affords.

Tanzania

Tanzania is ground zero for great safari experiences. As the home of the Serengeti and Mt. Kilimanjaro, it can lay claim to the two most popular and iconic natural landmarks on the whole African continent. However, with this popularity comes a cost and an undeniable fact: safaris are expensive. There's no way around the high costs of staying in game lodges and heading on game drives to see the Great Migration or cheetahs racing after prey. Even if you could save money on a safari, the magical experience would likely be diminished.

However, if you want to extend your safari with a stay in Dar es Salaam or on Zanzibar Island, the favourable exchange rate between Canadian dollars and Tanzanian shillings will come in handy. One CAD gets you around 1,730 TZS, which you'll use if you're bartering in markets, eating at local restaurants, or paying for a boat ride around the ports of Stone Town. At the game lodges, US dollars are the expected currency for booking costs and even tips, but in the bustling locales of the nation, the TZS is what you need. A Tanzanian safari will always be pricey, but a vacation to the cities or coastline of Tanzania can be surprisingly affordable, especially with the favourable exchange rate.

These are by no means the only nations where the Canadian dollar goes a long way, but they are six incredible countries that would be attractive destinations even without the favourable exchange rates. That you can get more for your money in these six countries simply sweetens the deal. The next time your heading on vacation, consider these six nations where your money will go a long way. You'll take it easy on your bank account and still end up having an unforgettable journey.



Wildebeest herds during the Great Migration.

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Choosing Your Perfect Long-Stay Destination Downunder

Bonding with the furry neighbours is one of the many pleasures of staying on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

By Christian Baines

Looking to get away for a month or more and ready to take the adventure further? How about barbecues on an Aussie beach, or sipping wine, overlooking the green hills of New Zealand? A Goway long stay offers maximum flexibility with accommodation typically within 3 and 4 star self-catered apartments. You'll have the support of a local rep, return transfers to the airport, and excursions to take the hassle out of planning. But which long stay destination is right for you?

The Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

'Holiday homes' are a big deal in New Zealand, and there's no spot more popular for them than Mount Maunganui in the town of Tauranga. When you see the spectacular view over the bay, you'll understand why. The white sand beaches that stretch around the bay attract surfers, swimmers, kayakers, and 'beach bums' of every description. If you do feel the need to indulge your touristy side, the famed mud pools and geysers of Rotorua are little more than an hour's drive away. *One month from CA \$3,446.*

The Cook Islands

Rarotonga's small size makes it easy to get around and explore in depth, but the relative lack of obvious 'tourist attractions' forces you to disconnect, adjust to local time, and immerse yourself in Cook Islands culture. You might find yourself zipping around on a motor scooter before you know it. The road system is mostly all one ring, so there's no risk of getting lost. If you do want to get out there, glorious Aitutaki is just a short flight away. *27 days from CA \$2,561.*

The Gold Coast, Australia

If you're sticking around, the Gold Coast is best enjoyed in one of its less densely developed, more 'local' towns like Coolangatta. Part of the so-called 'twin cities', Coolangatta sits right on the border with New South Wales. It puts a wide range of friendly local clubs, top notch restaurants, pristine national parks, and glorious white beaches at your fingertips, far from the often chaotic glamour of Surfers Paradise – still easily reached by car when it's time to enjoy the kitsch of it all. *One month from CA \$2,217.*



The Gold Coast, Queensland, NSW border.

The Sunshine Coast, Australia

The Gold Coast has a more laid back cousin to the north of Brisbane. Everything about the Sunshine Coast is just that little bit quieter and smaller, including the cities, the tourist attractions, and the beaches. Aussies flock to the Sunshine Coast for a more relaxed Southeast Queensland stay, and many choose to retire here. From the Glasshouse Mountains to Fraser Island, there's something for everyone to see, taste, and experience on the Sunshine Coast. *One month from CA \$2,237.*

New South Wales Central Coast, Australia

Queensland doesn't have the monopoly on gorgeous Aussie beach destinations. Not far north of Sydney, the Central Coast of New South Wales has a vibrant surfing and coastal culture that's an essential part of the state's identity. You'll notice a distinct absence of manmade tourist attractions, which allows the area's beautiful waterways to take centre stage. It's the perfect place to experience a taste of New South Wales beyond the big city sights and non-stop pace of Sydney. *One month from CA \$,2461.*



Mantra Ettalong Beach pool.



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The magnificent Uluru/Ayers Rock turns deep shades of red, orange, and even purple during sunrise and sunset.

Experiencing Australia means going beyond the city breaks. Sure, you can easily spend a week in the big east coast cities without getting bored. But to see the real highlights of this vast country, you need to 'get out there' and discover the diverse landscapes, wildlife, and experiences Australia has to offer. Fortunately, Australia was made to discover, and reaching some of those remote wonders is easier than most Globetrotters think.

South Australia

South Australia is devoted to good living in a relaxed environment that makes the most of the outdoors. It isn't called the WOW state – Wine, Outback, and Wilderness – for nothing. Part of this is its abundance of great wine-making regions, including perhaps Australia's most famous wine region, the Barossa Valley. Over 150 wineries dot the valley, producing a wide variety of wines including its famous Shiraz. The area is also a prime destination for foodies, built over a century of German settlement in the region.

One part of South Australia less settled by humans is Kangaroo Island. A treasure trove of Australia's south coast, this is a place where the wildlife includes 250 species of birds, a large population of seals and sea lions, and of course familiar Australian natives such as echidnas, wallabies, reptiles, and namesake kangaroos. It also features some of the most striking geological formations in the country.

Equally striking are the rocks of Coober Pedy, an opal mining town with a long,

of Baird Bay. Those feeling particularly brave can take the plunge and go cage diving in Southern Ocean waters with South Australia's Great White Sharks.

Consider a self drive from Adelaide to explore the scenic Flinders Ranges National Park and Wilpena Pound. With pricing starting at CA \$833 you will gain a true appreciation of the vast Australian Outback.

Northern Territory

When you think of iconic images of Australia's outback, there's a good chance you're picturing the Northern Territory. Uluru coming ablaze with the light of the setting sun? Only in the Northern Territory. Living examples of Aboriginal culture and life going back tens of thousands of years? Also a very 'Territory' image. This is a destination made to discover.

Visiting Uluru is one of those transformative Australian experiences. More than just a 'bucket list', it's a chance to visit and respectfully interact with land that the Indigenous

the Lost City, and the Garden of Eden. Kings Canyon and Uluru pair perfectly with the Outback getaway town of Alice Springs, home to cultural and adventure experiences alike, making for the ultimate Central Australian roundtrip tour.

The northern parts of the Northern Territory offer a very different style of discovery. The tropical rainforests of Kakadu make up one of the most beautiful regions in the country, where Aboriginal heritage dates back tens of thousands of years, and the wildlife dates back millions. Seeing crocodiles leap from the waters of the Adelaide River is an experience you'll never forget. But don't worry, there are safe spots for swimming in this idyllic wilderness too.

One of the best places in Australia to explore Aboriginal culture is in Arnhem Land. Occupying the land from Kakadu out to the Gulf of Carpentaria, the region is a living treasure trove of Indigenous heritage largely unspoiled by development. That includes tourism, as special permits must be obtained to travel in this area. A visit here teaches you

wonders, deserving of a spot on any Australia itinerary. But be sure to head inland on Cape Tribulation and experience all tropical North Queensland has to offer. With rainforest walks and wellness focused accommodations, this is a great spot to unwind after a busy few days exploring the Reef.

One doesn't have to travel to far north Queensland to visit the Great Barrier Reef. The Whitsunday Islands occupy one of the most desirable pieces of coastline in the entire country, with idyllic blue waters never straying far from 26 degrees Celsius. This is also the home of Whitehaven Beach, a natural treasure widely regarded as the most beautiful in the country and one of the most beautiful in the world. An ideal location close to the southern parts of the reef is a major benefit too.

Southeast Queensland is one of Australia's favourite destinations to stay and play. Set out from the capital city, Brisbane, and visit Tangalooma Island Resort, where you can feed wild dolphins, snorkel artificial shipwrecks reefs, or enjoy a 4WD ride or sand-toboggan down massive sand dunes. Fraser Island, the



Clockwise from top left: Discover Aboriginal Rock Art in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory; Snorkelling Queensland's Great Barrier Reef; Strolling on Queensland's incomparable Whitehaven Beach; Exploring the Outback by 4X4; Cuddle Koalas in Southern Queensland; Stay in an Underground Hotel in Coober Pedy, South Australia; Enjoy fine wines in South Australia; Cage dive with Great Whites in South Australia; see jumping crocodiles in the Northern Territory.

fascinating history and a unique approach to architecture. Escaping the extreme heat of South Australia's outback desert, many of Coober Pedy's structures are hollowed out underground, offering visitors a fascinating insight into life in one of the harshest climates on earth.

South Australia's outback is also a place of incredible beauty, particularly around the Flinders Ranges. Here, you can visit cattle stations, and take in sweeping views over Wilpena Pound, a vast natural amphitheatre that puts the awesome scale of Australia's outback into perspective.

The wild adventures to be had in South Australia aren't confined to the inland. On the Eyre Peninsula, based around the town of Port Lincoln, you can experience both the outback and wildlife of the state. Visit the beautiful salt pan of Lake Gairdner, and see the sea lions

people hold sacred. (Out of respect for the local Anangu people, it is discouraged to climb the rock, but there are many other ways to experience this Outback icon.) You can embark on walks around the base, and visit Kata Tjuta, an equally impressive rock formation with its own spiritual mysteries to uncover. If you want to splash out on something special, consider dining under the stars in the desert while Uluru provides the ultimate natural backdrop.

Another awesome example of the Northern Territory's beauty is Kings Canyon. Despite the fame it gained in The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, we don't recommend tackling the canyon's hikes in heels. Instead, strap on your most comfortable and sturdy walking shoes and embark on whichever of the walks suits your fitness level best. See the local highlights known as the Amphitheatre,

about the Aboriginal connection to the land, the crucial bush skills and cuisine that have sustained people here for thousands of years, and of course you'll see the rock paintings telling the story of ancient life here. If you're looking to go off that well beaten Aussie track, this is the place to do it.

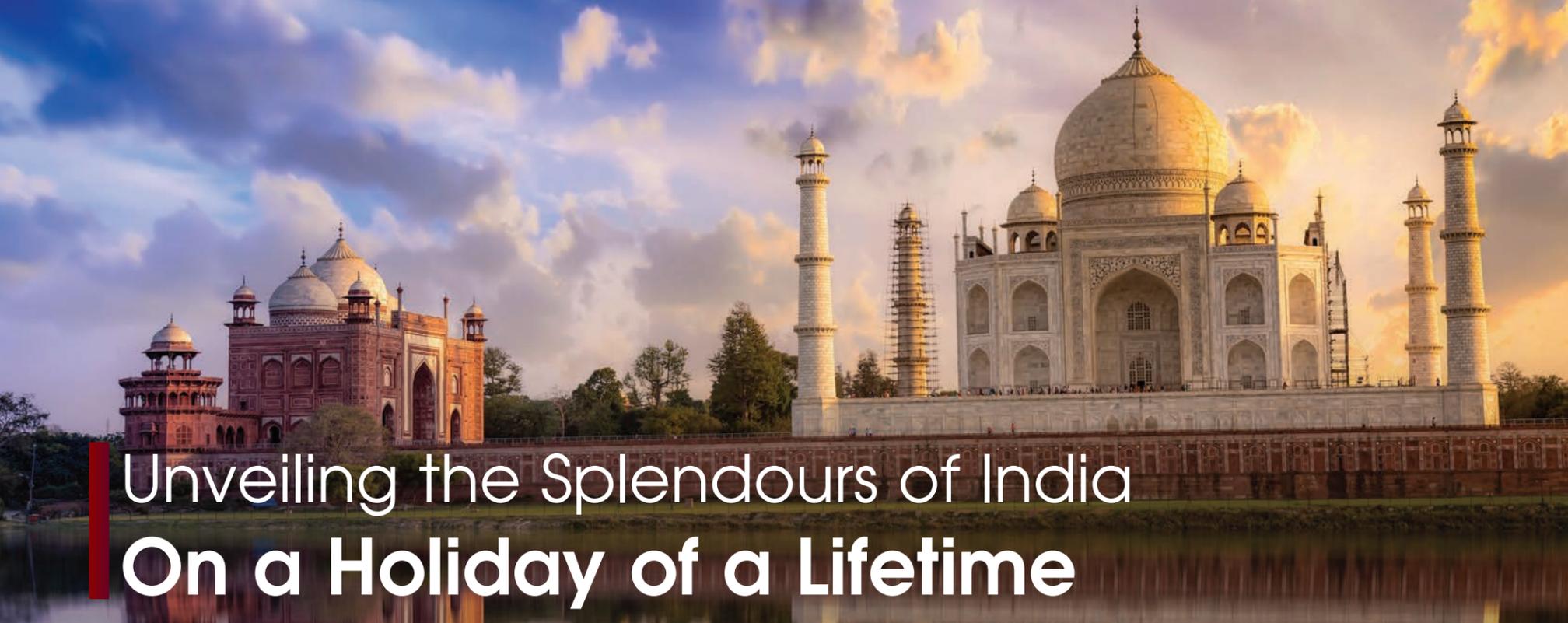
Discover the best of Australia's Red Centre. See the sun set and rise over Uluru/Ayers Rock, visit the 36 rock domes of Kata Tjuta/The Olgas, and travel to spectacular Kings Canyon then visit Alice Springs with pricing from CA \$1,064.

Queensland

Occupying half of Australia's east coast, The Sunshine State, as Queensland is known, offers a wide variety of climates and attractions for visitors and residents alike to enjoy. It's famous of course for the Great Barrier Reef, one of the natural world's undisputed

world's largest sand island, is another favourite offshore destination, known for its endless kilometers of beaches, unique wilderness landscapes, and the most pristine lakes in the world. Fun fact! The freshwater beneath the dunes of Fraser Island could fill Sydney Harbour to overflowing. You'll find it at the northern tip of the Sunshine Coast, which offers a more relaxed style of Queensland getaway. Simply name the coastal town of your choice, pick up your apartment keys and flop for a few days, weeks, or even a month or more. The beaches and laid back lifestyle make a long stay here an alluring prospect.

Goway's Queensland Splendour travel idea allows you to sample Queensland's diverse landscape and vibrant local life. Surf the beaches of the Sunshine Coast, hike the sand dunes of Fraser Island, and dive into the Great Barrier Reef with prices starting at CA \$1,463.



Unveiling the Splendours of India On a Holiday of a Lifetime

Few world wonders compare to the majesty of the Taj Mahal.

Most Globetrotters want to visit India, even if some find the country a bit too adventurous for comfort. That famous sensory overload must be embraced alongside the thrill of seeing the country's incredible monuments, the excitement of tracking wild tigers, the friendliness of the people, and the endless parade of colour and sound. India is also an immense country where one destination is nothing like the next. For first timers, most of the highlights can be found in Northern India, and most of them are covered by Goway's Splendours of India Holiday of a Lifetime. Even if you're on or planning a different itinerary, here are some destinations and experiences you should consider adding to your India adventure.



The Gateway of India greets visitors along the waterfront of Mumbai.

Modernity of Mumbai

India is filled with historic monuments and sights that you absolutely should see, but this is also a country with its eye on the future. Mumbai, India's largest city, is the centre of its commerce and media sectors, including Bollywood, the world's largest film industry. It's also a nice introduction to India for first timers, since the modern conveniences are never far away. The landmarks and sights are similarly rooted in India's more recent history, such as Mani Bhavan, the house where Gandhi stayed during his time in Mumbai. Dominating them all is the Gateway of India, an eye-popping welcome to all who approach the subcontinent by sea.

Palatial Splendours of Udaipur

Of all India's states, Rajasthan embodies India at its most colourful. Udaipur is one of the 'big three' cities that most visitors to Rajasthan usually visit, and it contains the state's most famous and impressive palace. Known simply as City Palace, it was finally completed in 1725, after 177 years of construction. Besides its spectacular façade, the palace preserves exquisite interiors and artwork that paint a vivid picture of Rajasthan's historic wealth and power. It also contains a museum filled with royal artifacts. There's even a vintage car museum! Udaipur is also famous for its lakes, which reflect the gentle sandy colours of the city.

Vivid Colour in Jodhpur and Jaipur

The electric blue colour of Jodhpur stands out from the desert landscape in a way that's surreally and inescapably beautiful. Take in the view from Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest in India, and you'll see the great spread of Jodhpur's blue houses. A rickshaw ride through the old city is probably the best way to appreciate its charms up close.

Jaipur is called The Pink City, and nowhere is this clearer than in the façade of the awesome Palace of Winds. Like an intricate and beautiful beehive in the middle of Jaipur, this structure was built in the late 18th century specifically for the women of the royal palace. Its perhaps dubious purpose was to sequester them away from public view, while its undulating architecture was designed to maximise airflow and keep its

inhabitants cool. The City Palace continues Jaipur's prevailing colour theme, but it's the impressive Amber Fort that attracts the most visitors, offering spectacular views over the Rajasthan countryside. Jaipur was also a major centre of science and knowledge, as is embodied at the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Many visitors remember Jaipur as their favourite city in India, particularly after catching a glimpse of the Pink City at sunset, when the afternoon light matches its buildings and sky to the name.

Tracking the True King of the Jungle



The Bengal Tiger is the alpha predator of India's jungles.

Tracking India's Bengal Tigers is a safari experience unlike any other on the planet. Tigers of course aren't the only animals to be found in Ranthambore National Park. That's probably just as well, because these beautiful beasts are famously elusive. Actually spotting one, even in a densely populated and well protected area like Ranthambore is no sure thing. That's part of what makes seeing a wild tiger a thrill without peer in the animal kingdom. Even if you don't see any tigers, keep your eyes peeled for leopards, sloths, bears, deer, rhinos, buffalo, monkeys, wolves, elephants, Asiatic lions, and more beautiful bird species than you can hope to count. Hopefully you'll catch a glimpse of those famous stripes as well. Tiger conservation is a priority in India, where Indira Gandhi's 1971 initiative Project Tiger was established to stabilise and protect tiger populations. It's also extremely difficult to embark on a tiger safari without extensive planning and red tape, so joining an organised tour that handles this for you can be tremendously beneficial.

The World's Most Famous Monument to Love

Well, you weren't going all the way India just to skip it, were you? Taking 22 years to build, the Taj Mahal was commissioned by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as a tomb for his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The vast complex includes a mosque and guest house, and takes about a half day to see properly. From here, you can also see the Agra Fort, the largest and most imposing structure in Agra, and another essential stop. One of the most special places in Agra however, is Sheroes Hangout, a café run by local

women who have survived abuse. Besides the obvious social contribution, the vibe is relaxed and the menu is pretty impressive too, even if you're vegetarian.

Varanasi

If India has a true spiritual heart, it's the Holy City of Varanasi. Pilgrims cleanse their sins in the Ganges (not the best idea for foreigners, but faith is faith), while smoky incense, bells, and the chants of the faithful fill the air. The spirit of Buddha himself looms large here, as it's said to be the location of his first sermon after gaining enlightenment. Varanasi's legacy as India's spiritual centre goes back millennia, and it was the country's centre of religious activity up until the 9th century AD. The back streets are also fun to explore on your own. Just don't miss sunset at the city's Ghats, where you'll see the Aarti ceremony, a Hindu tradition of light offered up to one or more deities. You might even see a cremation ceremony. In Hindu belief, cremation on the funeral pyres by the river means bypassing rebirth and going straight to heaven.

Delhi

Delhi hits all five senses like no other city. There's more to it than urban chaos, however. The city offers awe-inspiring monuments, and a surprising amount of well-maintained green space alongside the ramshackle charms of 'Old Delhi.' The city's most splendid structures include the Red Fort, and the Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques. The Raj Ghat memorial is dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, while Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar round out a classic Delhi sightseeing route. There's no experience more 'Delhi' however than a rickshaw ride through the old city, where the sights, sounds, and smells of an area like Chandni Chowk are on full display.

The above destinations make up the Splendours of India Holiday of a Lifetime. This 17-day trip is designed to keep cultural immersion and fun at the forefront of your trip while avoiding some of the pitfalls, all

under the watchful eye of an expert Tour Director who can take care of the little things, leaving you free to enjoy this mystifying, sometimes maddening, and often addictive country. As a Holiday of a Lifetime, it carries Goway's exclusive Promise of Something Special, a small extra addition to make the trip just that much more memorable.

You'll quickly discover so many different sides to India, it's no wonder people come away with such diverse emotions and opinions about the place. A swirling mass of people and sensations? Yes, it is. An ancient land filled with tradition and wonder? It's that too. A modern country focused on its future? Correct. A trip that will change you as a Globetrotter? Every single time.

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Varanasi sits on the banks of the Ganges and is one of the most significant religious sites on Earth.



See the Cook Islands Before the Rest of the World Does

With its landscape of beaches, mountains, and water, the Cook Islands is as close as you can get to earthly paradise.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic Ocean, marking the first trans-oceanic flight. This achievement in aviation made travellers confident about flying in airplanes and led to the growth of airline travel. In the nearly hundreds years since Lindbergh took that flight, airline travel has become commonplace and most of the world is easily accessible. The destinations that remain unspoiled and isolated from the rest of the world are few and far between. The Cook Islands is one of those rare destinations.

Many people couldn't point to the Cook Islands on a map. Located to the northeast of New Zealand in the South Pacific Ocean, the Cooks consist of 15 iconic island paradises that lie genuinely off the beaten track. They offer the rare beaches where you can put your towel on the sand without risk of it touching another person's towel. Travellers that have ventured here often speak about the lifelong connection they make on a first trip to the islands. That sort of connection transcends Instagram likes and passport stamps. It hews closer to love. Many of these travellers come back year after year.

The Cook Islands has all the natural beauty you'd expect of an island paradise and none of the excess. There are no brand-name hotels, fast food chains, buildings taller than

a coconut tree—even stoplights. Most paradises that fit this bill would be hard to get to or uncomfortable to stay in. Luckily, the Cook Islands is neither. It sits in the same time-zone as Hawaii and lies about the same distance to the south of the equator that Hawaii is north. Every Saturday evening, Air New Zealand operates a nonstop flight from Los Angeles to Rarotonga, so the nation is accessible.

The accommodations in the Cook Islands are made for all kinds of travellers. There are beachside bungalows, budget hostels, and luxurious resorts with private bars and beaches. You'll find spas and fine dining restaurants and cocktail bars that offer the sort of indulgences you expect on a tropical holiday. Travellers can spend their days in all-inclusive resorts, cooling off with cocktails from a swim-up bar, or they can easily explore the islands and meet the friendly people that welcome visitors with open arms.

Although vacations to popular destinations can often be stressful as merchants hound tourists to buy things and visitors have to jostle alongside other tourists to see landmarks and secure spots on buses, the Cook Islands is free of these problems. Visitors to the Cooks can leave their worries back home as they attune themselves to the

peaceful rhythms of the islands. Whether relaxing on white-sand beaches, swimming through crystal-clear lagoons, or enjoying a night under the stars, a stay in the Cooks is carefree. It's almost impossible not to be at peace with the world during a vacation here.



Locals get around on scooters in the Cook Islands.

The Cooks also reward people who are curious about the lives of others. In the Cook Islands, it's easy to observe other people, ask questions, and learn about their ways of life. Locals are friendly and easy to meet. There aren't many people on the islands and the locals are happy to share their culture with visitors. In fact, they love when visitors take to the island culture, adjusting to the Kia Orana spirit.

It doesn't take long for travellers to see how much Cook Islanders love their islands. In the Cooks, land is inherited and impos-

sible to sell; you can only lease it. Respect for ancestors, the earth, and the sea is paramount and central to the deep spiritual and cultural connection that guides life here. This connection to the land explains why gardens are so gorgeous, lawns are so well-kept, and the culture emphasizes environmental conservation at every turn.

In fact, the conservation of Cook Islanders has made international headlines in recent years. The Cook Islands recently declared half its ocean territory (which is twice the size of California) a marine-protected area. As well, more than half of the islands in the Cooks are fossil fuel-free, using solar power to generate electricity.

The pristine nature of the islands is important not only for the Cook Islanders, but for the visitors who are lucky enough to visit the nation and experience its breathtaking beauty for themselves. Experience this carefree and gorgeous nation for yourself. But remember to hurry. This best-kept secret of the South Pacific won't stay a secret for long. See the Cook Islands before the rest of the world does.

Goway's 15-day "Live Like a Local": Cook Islands includes Airfare with prices from CA \$2,669 per person.



90 Years a Legend: The Ghan Is Australia's Icon

The Ghan rail journey is the ultimate way to get across the Australian Outback.

Next year marks 90 legendary years of The Ghan, a journey renowned for its rich place in Australian history and for its connection to the awe-inspiring Outback.

This incredible rail adventure through the heart of the nation traces the footsteps of explorers, pioneers, jackaroos, and royalty, all of whom have travelled aboard over the last nine decades.

Choose this milestone year to book your next Ghan adventure, taking you from South Australia's verdant vineyards and rugged coastline through to the Northern Territory's Red Centre and onto Darwin's tropical surrounds.

All inclusive, you'll enjoy hospitality that's second-to-none. You'll dine on regional cuisine

that reflects the areas the train travels through and you can slake your thirst in the Outback Explorer Lounge.

And while there's plenty of time to take in the passing landscape, you'll get the opportunity to immerse yourself beyond the tracks with our included Off Train Excursions.

Cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge and view Aboriginal art that's thousands of years old or visit an authentic Outback station to bear witness to extraordinary teamwork between man and horse.

In Alice Springs, the choice is yours. Marvel at the towering rock face at Simpsons Gap or visit the Alice Springs Desert Park where you'll

watch an impressive bird of prey show. Take to the back of a camel for a different look at the MacDonnell Ranges or hit the dirt tracks on a mountain bike.

The Ghanniversary celebrations reach their peak throughout June, July, and August 2019. Join us for an array of special events and festivities over these 90 days of celebration.

During this time The Ghan will also double up with the introduction of a second service operating Adelaide-Darwin (departing Wednesdays) and a four-day Darwin-Adelaide Expedition (departing Saturdays).

More Platinum accommodations will be added to The Ghan from June 2019 with three

additional Platinum Service carriages introduced to the fleet mid-year, and a further three due to join the tracks later in the year.

Goway has all the information you need to know.



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EUROPE

Classic Italy & Cruise the Greek Isles

See three essential Italian cities, Rome, Florence, and sparkling Venice, before embarking on a cruise down the Adriatic Coast to the Greek Islands. Visit Corfu, Santorini, Mykonos, the Bay of Kotor, and Dubrovnik.

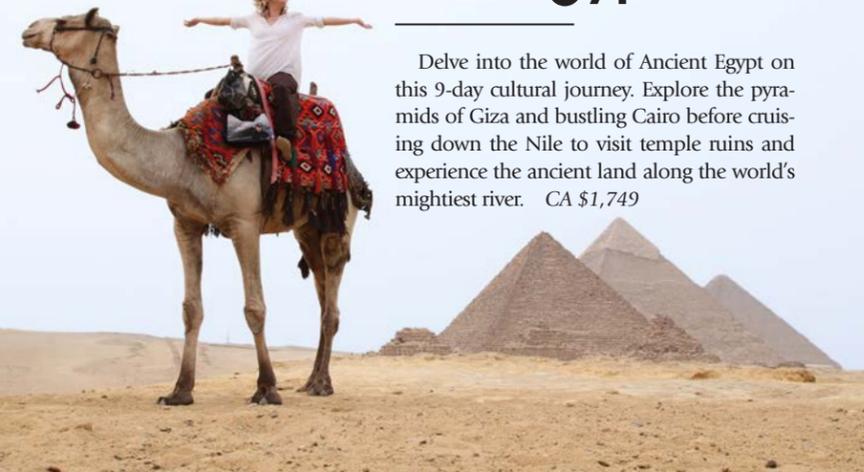
CA \$6,599



AFRICA

Classic Egypt

Delve into the world of Ancient Egypt on this 9-day cultural journey. Explore the pyramids of Giza and bustling Cairo before cruising down the Nile to visit temple ruins and experience the ancient land along the world's mightiest river. CA \$1,749



IDYLLIC ISLANDS

Moorea & Bora Bora Vacation

Don't be forced to choose between the Islands of Tahiti. Experience two different flavours of paradise on this air-inclusive vacation, spending 5 nights on Moorea before flying on for an overwater bungalow stay on Bora Bora. CA \$5,239



DOWNUNDER

New Zealand Reflections

See the very best of New Zealand on this 7-day trip, including Auckland and Waitomo Caves, the powerful geysers and bubbling mud pools of Rotorua, and Milford Sound, the magnificent centrepiece of Fjordland National Park.

CA \$1,489



ASIA

China Odyssey

Experience the ancient wonders of China including the Forbidden City, Great Wall, and Terracotta Army, before taking in the beauty and majesty of the Yangtze River region. Finally, this trip takes you into the future... or at least, the space age skyline of Shanghai.

CA \$4,229



DOWNUNDER

Australia Golden Triangle

This taste of Australia combines culture-loving Melbourne and beautiful Sydney with the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. Over 9 days, experience the Little Penguin Parade, Great Barrier Reef Cruise, Sydney Opera House, and much more.

CA \$1,771

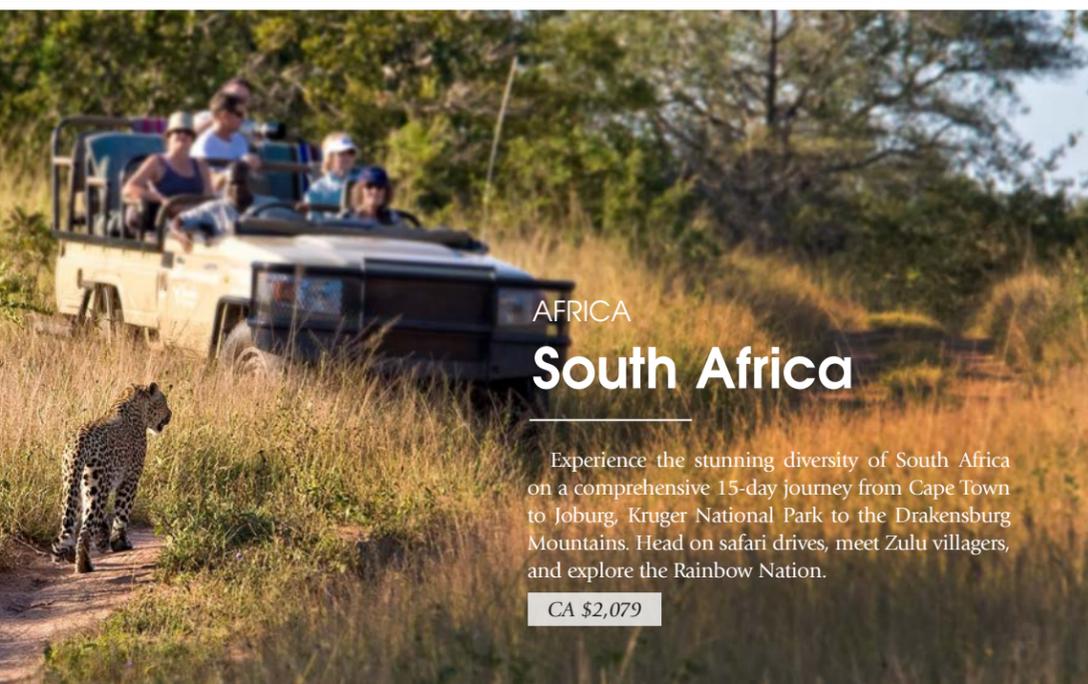


AFRICA

South Africa

Experience the stunning diversity of South Africa on a comprehensive 15-day journey from Cape Town to Joburg, Kruger National Park to the Drakensburg Mountains. Head on safari drives, meet Zulu villagers, and explore the Rainbow Nation.

CA \$2,079



SOUTH AMERICA

Wonders of Peru

Journey into the past as you explore the history of the Inca Empire and experience the charms of Cusco. Join a small group to uncover archaeological treasures and visit the lost citadel of Machu Picchu on this budget-friendly 7-day getaway.

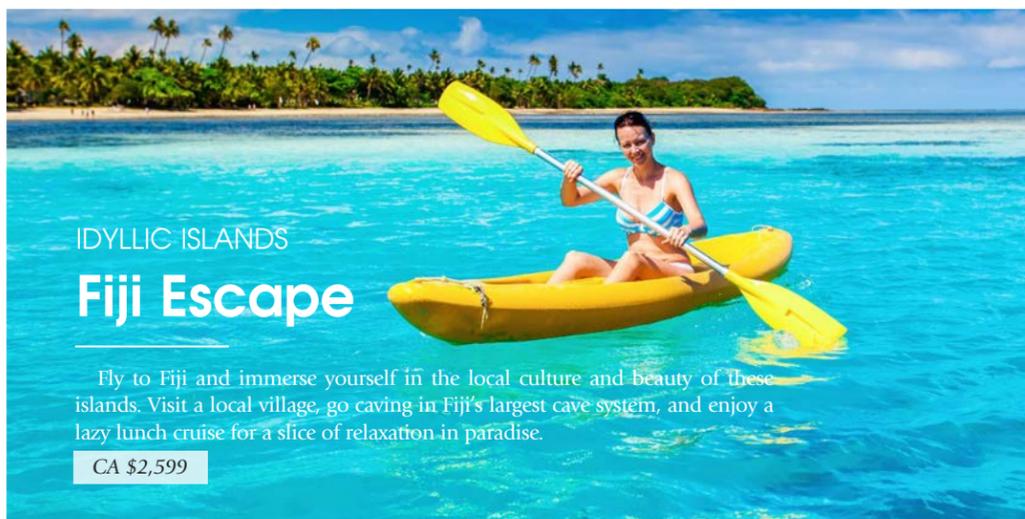
CA \$1,299



CENTRAL AMERICA

Mexico Long Stay

Escape to the beach for 21 days of bliss along the untouched Oaxaca Emerald Coast. Staying in an oceanfront villa or condo in Puerto Escondido, you'll have fully-equipped accommodations and access to the bountiful waters of the Pacific Ocean. CA \$1,383



IDYLLIC ISLANDS

Fiji Escape

Fly to Fiji and immerse yourself in the local culture and beauty of these islands. Visit a local village, go caving in Fiji's largest cave system, and enjoy a lazy lunch cruise for a slice of relaxation in paradise.

CA \$2,599

DOWNUNDER

Classic Australia

From awesome Outback deserts to the tropics of the Great Barrier Reef, take an Aussie adventure that shows just how diverse the land Downunder really is. This itinerary also including Kakadu National Park, plus Sydney and Melbourne.

CA \$3,805

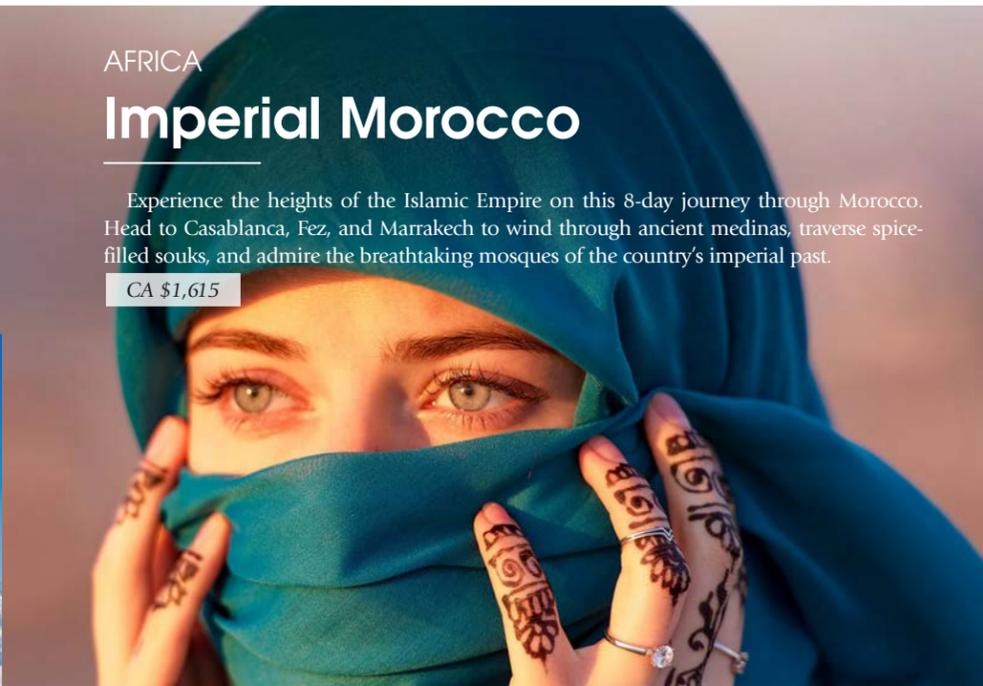


AFRICA

Imperial Morocco

Experience the heights of the Islamic Empire on this 8-day journey through Morocco. Head to Casablanca, Fez, and Marrakech to wind through ancient medinas, traverse spice-filled souks, and admire the breathtaking mosques of the country's imperial past.

CA \$1,615

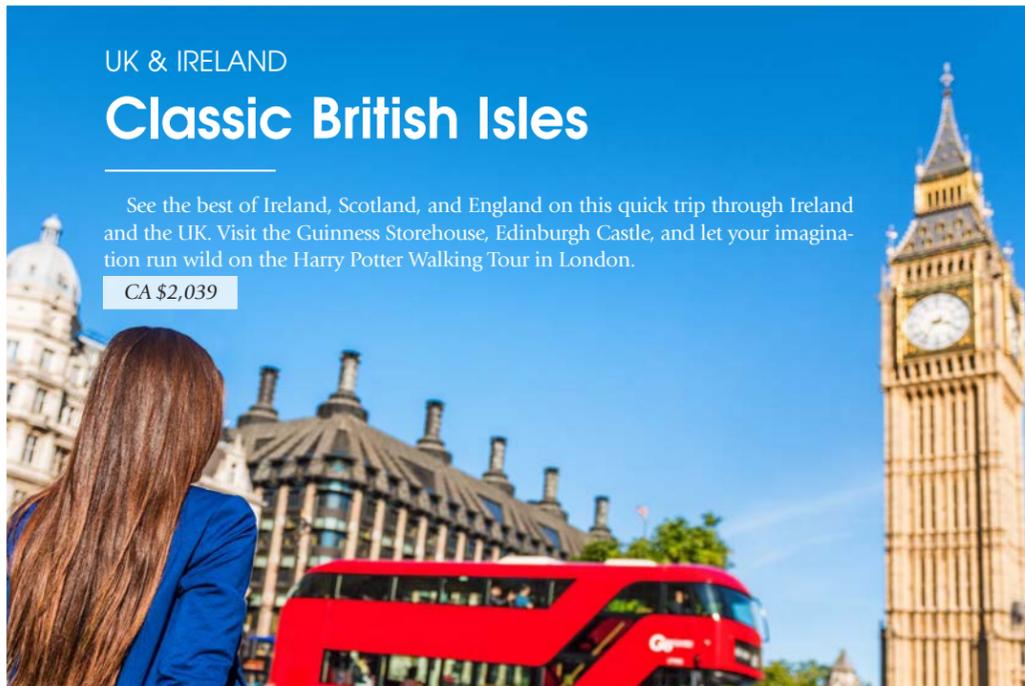


UK & IRELAND

Classic British Isles

See the best of Ireland, Scotland, and England on this quick trip through Ireland and the UK. Visit the Guinness Storehouse, Edinburgh Castle, and let your imagination run wild on the Harry Potter Walking Tour in London.

CA \$2,039



ASIA

Classic Mekong

Sail Southeast Asia's greatest waterway from Ho Chi Minh City to the ancient ruins of Angkor near Siem Reap. Visit local villages and temples, and keep an eye out for river dolphins as you sail the mighty Mekong River. CA \$3,379

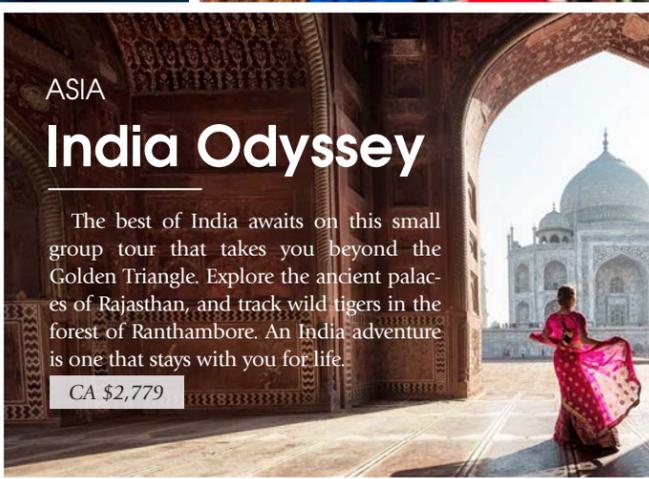


ASIA

India Odyssey

The best of India awaits on this small group tour that takes you beyond the Golden Triangle. Explore the ancient palaces of Rajasthan, and track wild tigers in the forest of Ranthambore. An India adventure is one that stays with you for life.

CA \$2,779



EUROPE

Memories of D-Day

From its war history to looming, ancient monasteries, Normandy is a treasure trove of French history. Begin in the City of Lights, Paris, before visiting the landing sites of D-Day, Mont Saint-Michel, and immersing yourself in Normandy.

CA \$5,880

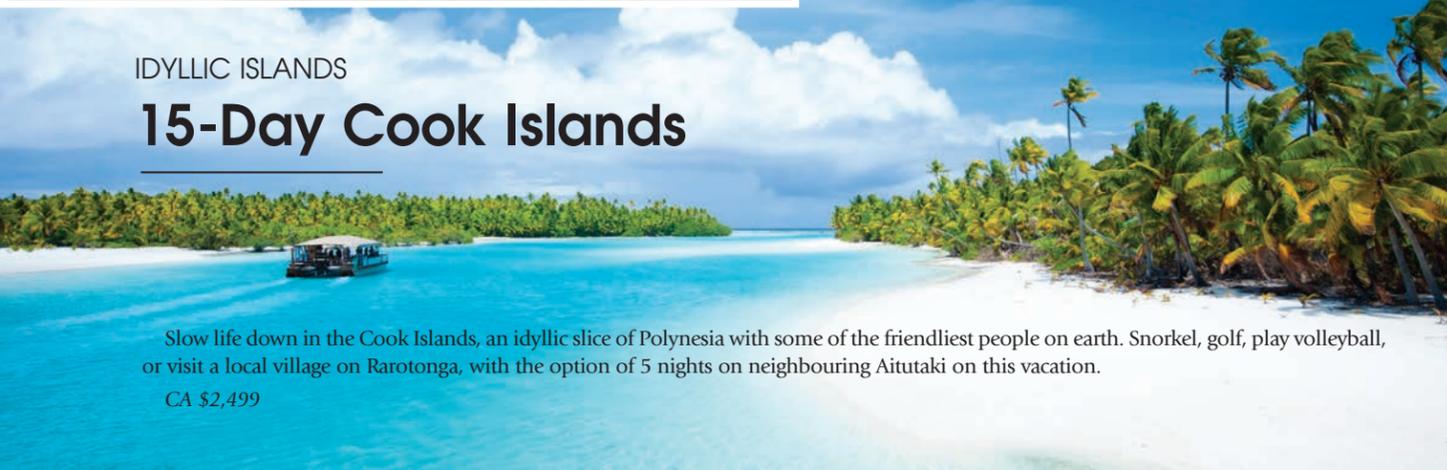


IDYLLIC ISLANDS

15-Day Cook Islands

Slow life down in the Cook Islands, an idyllic slice of Polynesia with some of the friendliest people on earth. Snorkel, golf, play volleyball, or visit a local village on Rarotonga, with the option of 5 nights on neighbouring Aitutaki on this vacation.

CA \$2,499





Hong Kong: Asia's World City

Hong Kong remains one of the most dynamic cities in the world, with an unbeatable food scene and an unforgettable harbour.

Even if you've never been to Hong Kong, you're probably aware of its appeal. Known as "Asia's World City," Hong Kong is one of the most bustling and vibrant cities on the planet. You can find anything you're looking for here, from historical highlights to breathtaking views to incredible dishes from most every international cuisine you can think of. Whether you're a foodie, a shopper, or a culture vulture, you'll never run out of things to do in Hong Kong.

Although technically a part of China, Hong Kong has always made its own way in the world. It was a British colony until 1997 and to this day remains a bridge city between East and West. It's also noticeably diverse, especially when compared to mainland China. Although the majority of citizens are ethnic Chinese, you'll find plenty of Filipino, Indonesian, and European folks living and working within its borders. A huge benefit of this diversity is that most people speak English and the public transit is accommodating to tourists, making Hong Kong one of the easiest foreign cities to navigate.

Just as Hong Kong has cultural diversity, it's also home to stunning visual contrasts.

Towering skyscrapers define Hong Kong in the popular imagination, but the city began as a series of farming and fishing villages that now live in the shadow of the modern towers. In the second-half of the 20th century, Hong Kong became a banking city and it continues to be a significant centre in the world of finance.

There are a lot of memorable views within Hong Kong's narrow borders, not least of which are views of the skyline. For the best vantage point, ascend Victoria Peak or head onto the harbour. Victoria Peak is the tallest hill in the city and its most popular landmark. You can ride the tram up to its peak and reach Sky Terrace 428, a viewing platform that offers 360° views of the city. The terrace is named after its height, as it stands 428m above sea level. You can gaze through the viewfinders or simply enjoy the views of the lush mountains or over-1,300 skyscrapers comprising the city skyline. To see Hong Kong from the water, simply join a harbour cruise or ride the Star Ferry across the harbour, connecting to either Kowloon or Hong Kong Island. Travellers should also consider visiting Aberdeen Fishing Village, which

is a remarkable series of floating boats and platforms in the harbour that house around 6,000 people.

Aside from the remarkable sights of skyscrapers and floating villages, Hong Kong is best known for its food and shopping. In fact, you likely won't find a better food city anywhere else in the world. If you love Cantonese or Sichuan cuisine, you're in for a treat, but even if you favour French or Indian food, chances are you'll find the best duck confit or chana masala of your life in Hong Kong. Head to Kowloon City or Lan Kwai Fong to find excellent restaurants where you can feast on culinary favourites and drink San Miguel, the most popular local beer.

The shopping in Hong Kong is as good as the food. Not only is the city home to world-class designers and massive malls, but there's no sales tax, making it especially appealing to travellers coming from expensive home countries. Head to the Temple Street Night Market to experience a traditional market atmosphere and pick up some souvenirs. The city's many malls and bespoke tailors will also accommodate you when it comes to brand-name electronics and stylish clothing.

At the end of all your eating, shopping, and sightseeing in Hong Kong, you'll have barely scratched the surface of its never-ending highlights. It's truly a world within a city and a place with something new to discover around every corner.

Goway's 4 day Vibrant Hong Kong city stop-over gives a brief highlight of this exciting city with prices starting from CA \$662 based on moderate accommodation, touring, and transfers. Ask about our deluxe option including private excursions.



Hong Kong is a shopper's paradise.



Galapagos: A New Adventure on Every Island

You can hang out with the Giant Tortoises on Santa Cruz Island.

While travelling aboard the HMS Beagle in 1835, Charles Darwin came across a series of 19 volcanic islands straddling the equator in the Pacific Ocean. Known as the Galapagos, these islands were home to a startling variety of animals spread across the diverse geographies of each island. This stunning biodiversity within such a small archipelago helped him formulate the Theory of Evolution and inspired his writing *On the Origin of the Species*, the foundational text of modern biology.

The time of Charles Darwin may have come and gone, but the Galapagos Islands remain the same fascinating destination boasting untold biological and geographic diversity that it was when he first set foot there. Each new island brings with it new ge-



Both marine and land iguanas call the islands home.

ographies, climates, and animals to discover.

On an expedition cruise to the Galapagos, a traveller can spend a morning venturing over volcanic rocks and through prickly-pear cactus groves and an afternoon swimming through coral gardens in the company of sea lions. One island stop brings with it the chance to see Giant Tortoises roaming through grassy highlands and another showcases the world's only tropical penguins, who populate the shoreline and waddle up to visitors, undeterred from human contact. No other destination in the world offers such a chance for a new adventure each day.

Goway showcases the diversity of the Galapagos Islands and shepherds travellers through the islands aboard a wide array of cruise ships. Of these ships, the well-equipped and eco-friendly M/V Galapagos Legend, M/Y Coral I, and M/Y Coral II provide attractive bases on a journey through the islands, taking travellers on carefully-planned itineraries that show off new environments and animals at each stop.

The M/V Galapagos Legend is the largest of the vessels, offering an elegant journey for a maximum of 100 passengers. It is perfect for families travelling together, couples on

a nature getaway, and solo travellers wanting to experience the islands in the company of likeminded voyagers. The massive panoramic windows offer stunning views of the islands at all times of day, while the sun terrace lets passengers enjoy the stunning climate and cool ocean breeze. There is even a large auditorium on-board that accommodates meetings and conferences for travel groups. The ship's 56 cabins come with private bathrooms and single, twin, and double accommodations. Passengers can relax at day's end in one of the Jacuzzis, cool off in the on-board pool, the only of its kind in the Galapagos, and enjoy a speciality BBQ night with a blend of the finest seafood and selected meat cuts in the outdoor restaurant and bar. There's even a fitness room for staying healthy while on-board and a kid's corner to accommodate families travelling with children.

While the M/V Galapagos Legend offers a large space with ample amenities, the M/Y Coral I and M/Y Coral II offer a more intimate experience. The small crew-to-passenger ratio ensures personalized service that is perfect for families and friends travelling together. Both vessels offer cozy outdoor sun

terraces that allow passengers to enjoy the scenery in between destinations and Jacuzzis that help travellers melt away their worries after days spent hiking and snorkelling. The interiors conjure the inviting atmosphere of private yachts, while the restaurants whip up delicious Ecuadorian and international food, as well as host barbeques on the top decks. The Coral I carries a maximum of 36 passengers in 19 single, twin, and double cabins, while the Coral II accommodates a maximum of 20 passengers in 12 cabins.

Journeying aboard the M/V Galapagos Legend, M/Y Coral I, or M/Y Coral II, travellers experience the world-famous adventure of the islands. Professional naturalists take passengers on two excursions each day, introducing them to fascinating history and science at each stop and taking advantage of the islands' status as conservation icons. Each morning and afternoon, travellers hike across the islands to see the famous Giant Tortoises roaming through the grass, marine iguanas crowded together on slippery rocks at water's edge, or blue-footed boobies and frigatebirds waddling across the beaches.

These day trips also showcase the crystal-clear waters of the Pacific. Travellers can swim alongside playful sea lions, sunbath on beaches next to penguins, and dare to snorkel next to stingrays and reef sharks. Those aboard the M/V Galapagos Legend can even ride in a glass-bottom boat to see the world beneath the waves without getting their feet wet. At the end of each day, passengers return to the vessels to enjoy delicious meals, socialize in the shared common areas, and receive briefings on what to expect on their next adventure.

A journey through the Galapagos Islands offers a new adventure each day. They're a whole world to explore. Don't miss out. Head on your Galapagos adventure today.

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Breathtaking Hikes through Patagonia in Chile and Argentina

Guanacos and other animals live in the barren landscapes in the shadow of the Towers of Torres del Paine in Chilean Patagonia.

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Strait of Magellan, Punta Arenas is not large, but it does serve as a good base before and after treks through the wondrous landscape of South America. From Punta Arenas, travellers journey northwest to Torres del Paine National Park and the heart of Chilean Patagonia.

Along the trip north, travellers can stop at Cueva del Milodon, a prehistoric cave to the southeast of the park. The cave is named after the Mylodon, a giant ground sloth that lived on the continent over 5,000 years ago. Beyond the prehistoric nature of the cave, you can see a life-size replica of a Mylodon as well the massive rock configuration known as the Devil's Chair, which overhangs the road leading to the entrance to the cave. After stopping at the Cueva del Milodon, travellers reach Torres del Paine, the most popular area in all of Patagonia.

The Andes Mountains soar into the sky along its eastern flank while picturesque grasslands stretch out to the west. In between is a landscape of glaciers, lakes, rock gardens, and many popular hiking routes. There are several routes that travellers can take throughout the reaches of Torres del Paine. The W trek is the most popular, as it encompasses a diverse array of landscapes, from the glaciers of Lago Grey to the water-



Trekking to see the Horns of Paine in Patagonia.

falls of Valle Frances to the park's definitive attractions, the Towers. The route is named after the shape it takes through the region and is designed to have the toughest sections of the route near the end of your journey, when your bag will be lightest.

The W hike begins either on the banks of Lago Grey or along the Cuernos Trail. If you begin at Lago Grey, you'll hike along the shoreline of the lake and spot breathtaking views of Glacier Grey, whose brilliant blue ice and snow clashes with the greyness of the landscape. As you journey along the edge of the South Patagonian Ice Field, you might spot some of the local animals, such as Patagonian foxes, caracaras, and the llama-like guanacos. Afterwards, head to the Cuernos Trail to journey upwards through the Valle Frances and spot the waterfalls and glaciers that define the region, as well as the ice-capped peaks of Los Cuernos.

On the final and most difficult leg of the W, hikers journey through a landscape of beech forests and babbling brooks into the Ascencio Valley. After climbing the steep moraine of Mirador Las Torres, overcoming the mass of boulders left behind by the glacial movements of ages past, the Towers break into view against a backdrop of blue sky. The Towers are the park's centrepieces. They're a collection of three monoliths that reach almost 2,900m high and are surrounded by a barren landscape of rocks and an impossibly-still glacial lake. They're the definitive icons of Patagonia. You'll hike around the base of the Towers and backtrack down the moraine to reach your camp, where you'll connect to your next destination.

All told, the W takes around four to five days to hike, although it can be extended into a week-long trek known as the W Circuit, which heads counter-clockwise from the Towers to Paso John Gardner. It's an excellent route to see the main highlights of Torres del Paine.



Perito Moreno Glacier is one of the very few glaciers that continues to advance at a regular pace.

Mountains and Glaciers in Argentine Patagonia

If the Towers define Chilean Patagonia, Mt. Fitz Roy and Perito Moreno Glacier define Argentine Patagonia. In Argentina, most travellers base themselves in El Calafate on the southern banks of Lago Argentino. The town is the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park, which is home to several well-marked trails that showcase the many glaciers on this side of Patagonia.

While the multi-day W trek is the best way of seeing Chilean Patagonia, Argentine Patagonia more easily accommodates day trips based out of El Calafate and other spots such as the village of El Chalten. You can arrange for morning and afternoon hikes along the lake and up to the face of glaciers. In general, you can follow your fancy. That being said, it's essential that travellers head on a full-day hike to Perito Moreno Glacier while staying in El Calafate.

Perito Moreno Glacier is the world's third-largest reserve of fresh water and the most important site in Argentine Patagonia. The glacier sits on the edge of Lago Argentino and is the rare glacier that's advancing, while most of the world's glaciers are retreating due to climate change. The glacier is 30km long and 5km wide, making it a massive sheet of ice. If you stand at the terminus of the glacier on Lago Argentino, the glacier looks like a giant ice river flowing onto the lake. While hiking up to the glacier's face or alongside its flow, you'll hopefully spot ice chunks calve from the glacier and plunge into the waters below.

Aside from Perito Moreno Glacier, Mt. Fitz Roy is the most impressive site in Argentine Patagonia. Located to the northwest of El Chalten, Mt. Fitz Roy is a towering peak reaching 3,405m in height. The border between Chile and Argentina technically passes over the summit, although the majority of the mountain lies on the Argentine side. You can hike up to the mountain's base and enjoy stunning views of its jagged peaks and snow-capped lesser summits.

Beyond Perito Moreno Glacier and Mt. Fitz Roy, there are several other hiking routes in Argentine Patagonia, although some are

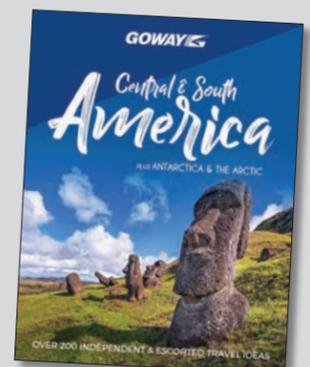
not as frequented as others. The Tronador route takes hikers through a landscape of forests and steep rocks in the north end of Argentine Patagonia while the Huemal Circuit is a 4-day trek around Huemal Mountain near El Chalten. It's widely regarded as one of the most difficult treks in Patagonia, so only embark on it if you are an experienced hiker.

Patagonia has a lot of wonders to explore. There are more sites to behold within its borders than the Towers of Torres del Paine and Perito Moreno Glacier on the banks of Lago Argentino, but even a trip visiting only these landmarks is a journey well spent. You'll find no better hiking spot in the entire world.

Take in the Best of Patagonia, 11 days from CA \$7,028 or focus on just Torres del Paine with the Best of Torres staying in Eco Dome suites 4 to 6 days from CA \$2,376.

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Torres Del Paine Luxury Explorer

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Charles Bridge in Prague is lovely at sunset.

An Ideal City Break: Four Great City Stops in Central Europe

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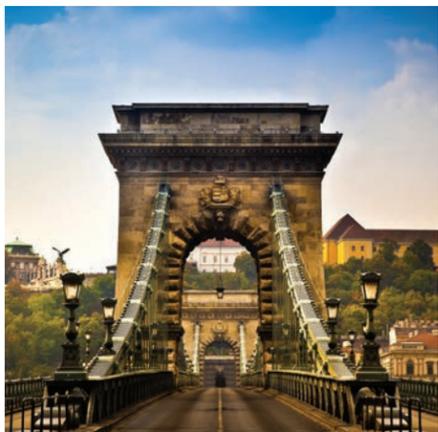
Divided into 'Buda' on the hilly side of the Danube, and 'Pest' which contains the city's core, Budapest sits at the crossroads between Germanic, Slavic, and Balkan Europe, maintaining a Hungarian identity all its own. From its grand architecture to the joys of its thermal spas and ruin pubs, Budapest is one of Europe's must-sees.

You'll want at least two days to see the best of Budapest, one on each side of the river, but focus on Pest if you only have time for one side. This is where you can tour Hungary's magnificent Parliament Building, St Stephen's Cathedral, the Hungarian State Opera, Dohany Synagogue, Heroes' Square, and City Park, which contains Vajdahunyad Castle, the Budapest Zoo and Botanical Garden, and the grand Széchenyi Thermal Baths.

Hilltop Buda offers magnificent views over the city, Chain Bridge, and Danube, particularly from Fisherman's Bastion, a highlight in its own right. Behind it sits the beautiful Matthias Church, while a short walk takes you to Hospital in the Rock, a small museum preserving a disaster-ready Cold War Budapest. Buda Castle's main attractions are the Budapest History Museum and Hungarian National Gallery, so either museum hop or just take some time to wander the attractive grounds. Don't miss the view from the Citadel either, home to Budapest's liberty monument.

After either day of sightseeing, you'll want to finish with a refreshing spa break at a thermal bath like Széchenyi, Lukacs, or Gellert, then dive into the nightlife of the Jewish Quarter, where long-abandoned apartments have been converted into the city's famously eclectic ruin pubs.

4 Days – Moderate Accommodation, City sightseeing including a Danube tour and Folklore evening tour, return private transfers from the airport from CA \$833.



The Chain Bridge over the Danube is one of Budapest's most striking sights.

Krakow is Poland's most beautiful and popular city. It has a convenient location near the borders of Czechia and Slovakia and makes for an easy stopover between Prague and Budapest. The city is centred on the largest medieval town square in Europe, in the middle of which you'll find the Cloth Hall. In one corner of the square you'll find the twin-towered St. Mary's Basilica, a 14th-century Gothic church featuring an impressive wooden-carved altarpiece that is one of Poland's most prized national treasures. In and around the square, you'll find several restaurants and bars that are worth visiting.

The other centrepiece within the city is Wawel Castle, which overlooks the Vistula River from the heights of Wawel Hill. You'll find a museum with a Leonardo da Vinci exhibit within the castle. The walk up to the castle makes for a nice and picturesque stroll. For the coolest sites in town, head to the Jewish Quarter, where you'll find remnants of the city's Jewish community as well as the hippest bars and restaurants.

Outside of Krakow, you'll find two essential landmarks. To the west lies Oswiecim, the lovely Polish town that was home to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where over a million Jews lost their lives during the Holocaust. Visiting the remains of the concentration camp is by no means an uplifting experience, but it's an essential act of remembrance. The other nearby landmark is the Wieliczka Salt Mine, which used to be one of the largest salt mines in Europe. Visitors can delve hundreds of meters below the surface to tour corridors and see its impressive sites, including St. Kinga's Chapel, an entire church sanctuary carved out of the salt.

At time of printing we don't offer a stand alone product. However you will find Krakow as a part of the following two tours: 14 Day Best of Russia, Baltic States and Warsaw and Goway's 13 Day Baltic Jewels.



Krakow's Main Square is one of Europe's most charming city centres.

Even surrounded by worthy rivals, the city of Mucha and Kafka is still Central Europe's most romantic. Untouched by the World War II bombing that devastated other cities, Prague has shaken off decades of Communist grime to retake its rightful place as a destination everyone should experience once in their lifetime.

Give the city at least two sightseeing days on your itinerary, preferably more. Devote one to the Old Town and Jewish Museum (which is actually a half dozen moving sites), and the other to Prague Castle and its hill-top surrounds. Understand that Prague isn't just another European 'cobblestone streets' postcard city. The whole town is possessed with an oddball, Gothic beauty that makes you feel like you've stepped inside some dark, yet lovely fairy tale. Whether it's watching the figures of the Astronomical Clock, studying the statues of Charles Bridge, or just admiring the unusual art pieces that dot the city, Prague feels like another world, one you may never want to leave.

Prague however is not a city stuck in fantasy or the past. A walk down Wenceslas Square followed by a tour of the Museum of Communism paints a vivid picture of what the city has shaken off. Architectural icons such as Frank Gehry's Dancing House, and modern art collections such as the Museum Kampa show a Czechia whose passion for all things strange and beautiful remains as fierce as ever.

It's also a superb home base for day trips to towns like picture-perfect Cesky Krumlov, and the former silver mining town of Kutna Hora, home to the famous Sedlec Ossuary.

5 Days – Moderate Accommodation, return private transfers from the airport and sightseeing visiting Kutna Hora, Terezin, and Cesky Krumlov from CA \$876.



You'll find stunning churches, shops, and restaurants in Prague's Old Town.

In the 2018 edition of CNN Travel's "World's Most Livable Cities," Vienna finally unseated Melbourne at the top of the list. It doesn't take long walking the streets of Vienna to realize just why this is the case.

Awash with gorgeous palaces, world-class museums, picturesque parks, and a first-rate café culture, Vienna is a charming city to explore. The grand palaces of the Habsburg Emperors remain the city's most treasured landmarks. Foremost among them is the Schonbrunn Palace, their 18th-century summer palace. Its opulent state rooms, rococo design, and enormous gardens demonstrate the lavish imperial style. The Baroque Hofburg is the other most famous palace and houses the President of Austria. You'll find several museums in and around the Hofburg, including the Albertina, the Natural History Museum, and the Art History Museum. Head southeast of the Hofburg to find the Schloss Belvedere, home to the paintings of Gustav Klimt, one of Austria's most celebrated painters.

Of course, Austria is about more than museums and imperial palaces. It also played host to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig von Beethoven, whose impacts continue to loom largely over the city. You can experience their legacy at the landmarks dedicated to their lives and work, such as the Mozart Museum, where Mozart composed *The Marriage of Figaro*, and the House of Music, which details the city's enormous musical history. You can even watch productions of their greatest operas at the Vienna State Opera, one of the world's most famous opera houses.

4 Days – Deluxe Accommodation, return private transfers, Historical City Tour with Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna Walking tour including a horse and carriage ride from CA \$1,815.



Vienna was home to Beethoven and Mozart and is known as the "City of Music."



Snowbird Getaways in Southern Europe

Village harbour in Malta.

While your friends and family fly south to the usual resorts to beat the cold, this winter could be your opportunity to do things a little differently, making your escape across the Atlantic. But isn't it still winter there? Well, yes. But here's the trick. European winters are often much milder than those in many parts of North America. In some parts of southern Europe, the weather can actually feel more like spring. That means thin crowds and pleasantly mild conditions for sightseeing as well as enjoying these picturesque destinations alongside the locals. And what picturesque destinations might they be? Here are three top picks Goway has selected for its long-stay range in Europe 2018 -19.



The Algarve, Southern Portugal.

The Algarve, Portugal

If Lisbon is Portugal's beating heart, The Algarve is its glamour strip. Dolled up with gorgeous beaches and year-round mild weather, the region is a treasure trove of Portuguese culture wrapped up in a series of resort towns on the country's south coast. Enjoying its moment as Europe's star attraction, Portugal still offers one of the continent's most diverse, culturally rich, and affordable destinations. Adjust your daily schedule to match the Portuguese, and discover the pleasure of self-prepared tapas-style lunches and dinners, in between visits to historic castle towns and delightful fishing villages. The country's excellent rail system makes day trips a breeze.

Who's it for: The Algarve will please just about anyone, including beach bums, culture vultures, foodies, and party animals. Golfers also take note. The region is famous for its links.



Relaxing at a cafe on the Costa Del Sol.

Costa Del Sol, Spain

Break out the sangria! The Costa Del Sol has been luring visitors to Spain's southern coast for some time. This well-developed 150 kilometre stretch of coast spreads between Malaga and Gibraltar, with Granada, Cordoba, and even Seville within day tripping distance. All are part of Andalusia, one of Spain's most culturally dynamic regions where centuries of Moorish, Christian, and Jewish influences all come together. Europeans crowd the coast for their summer vacation, but if you're here to escape the winter, you'll enjoy much milder temperatures,

lighter crowds, and lower prices. The winter might not offer ideal 'beach weather,' but it's still very mild, and is by far the best time to take a cultural vacation in Andalusia.

Who's it for: Culture vultures and lovers of Spanish and Moorish culture will be in heaven, particularly with lighter winter crowds. It's also an ideal base for a no-rush adventure through Southern Spain.

Malta

If this island nation in the middle of the Mediterranean hasn't pinged your bucket list yet, consider the following. Centuries of history at the literal crossroads between Africa, Europe, and the Middle East, with a rich influx of culture from each of those regions. Idyllic weather year-round, with relatively light tourist crowds. English is one of the island's two official languages, or try learning some Maltese, a language more closely related to Arabic than anything European. Malta's tiny size also makes seeing different regions and exploring its fascinating history a breeze.

Who's it for: Globetrotters who want to experience a unique corner of Europe not yet on the mainstream tourist trail. History buffs will find plenty to discover.

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Malta

Malta Seashells Resort

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Endless Possibilities in Iceland

Seeing the Northern Lights dance over the stark landscape of Iceland will change you.

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In Iceland, Globetrotters can hike across glaciers, snorkel through stunningly-clear Nordic waters, and spot puffins living on the edge of cliffs. In winter, the night sky often comes alive with the colours of the Northern Lights. Travellers who venture to the Vatnajökull Glacier may even be lucky enough to book a tour of the breathtaking ice caves that occasionally form beneath the glacier.

For nature lovers, Akureyri and the Lake Myvatn area is your ideal basecamp. To the north of Akureyri, you'll find Husavik, the "whale-watching capital of Iceland," where you can head onto the water to see these gentle giants breaching the waves. Travellers can also rest and rejuvenate their bodies with a dip in the Myvatn Nature Baths.

Geothermal waters are not limited to North Iceland. You'll find refreshing hot

springs and geothermal pools all across the island nation. Beyond the relaxing benefits of taking a dip in a hot spring, Iceland's mineral-rich waters are known to be therapeutic. No wonder Icelanders are addicted to the spa! The most famous waters in the country are the Blue Lagoon, a famous azure hot spring to the southwest of the capital, Reykjavik. When heading to Iceland, you ab-



Meet Puffins in Iceland.

solutely have to make time for a visit to the Blue Lagoon, ideally right after you arrive or before you leave, as it's nearby the international airport and will recharge and relax you before and after long flights.

There are spas throughout the country, including many new additions in recent years. Krauma Spa has opened in Reykholt in West Iceland, an easy drive from Reykjavik, while the Husavik GeoSea Baths recently opened in the late summer of 2018. Other spas like Icelandair Hotel Natura, Laugar Spa, Hilton Reykjavik Nordica, Laugarvatn Fontana, and the Aqua Spa Akureyri are exceptional locales to experience the natural benefits of Iceland's geothermal waters.

Iceland's tourism infrastructure is expanding in more ways than spas. Much of this has focused on Reykjavik, but other towns and rural communities have reaped the benefits of this growth in infrastructure as well. In particular, Iceland has opened up new and unique hotels to accommodate the large numbers of visitors heading to the country's shores. New hotels like the Icelandair Hotel Myvatn and the Reykjavik Konsulate Hotel have just opened up, and more hotels, like the Iceland Parliament Hotel, are scheduled to open in 2019. Other accommodations like the Wilderness Center offer a great opportunity to engage in Icelandic traditions and experience the landscape as the locals do. If you want to be one of the many visitors who head to Iceland in increasing numbers, consider heading to the country in winter, when the tourism climate is more peaceful and there are fewer visitors to travel alongside.

There are several ways to explore Iceland. Many travellers take advantage of the nation's great position as a stopover destination and enjoy a short stay in Reykjavik or Akureyri. They tour nearby natural icons



Iceland has many waterfalls.

during the day before soaking up the culture and comfort of the towns in the evening. Others head on more comprehensive group tours to the highlights of Iceland, following a circuit around the island to see its most popular sites and share the trip with fellow adventurers. Alternatively, many people head on self-drive tours of the nation, renting a car and discovering its many natural wonders and cultural highlights on their own. This allows travellers to have the peace of mind of pre-booked accommodations but the freedom of determining their own route and pace.

There are many ways to explore the natural and cultural wonders of Iceland. It's a nation with a gorgeous landscape and endless possibilities to discover.

Enjoy a Reykjavik stopover en-route to or from Europe or as part of your Iceland vacation. 3 day Reykjavik Stopover from CA \$511. Iceland's North: Arctic Powers & Northern Lights: Akureyri to Akureyri for 4 days from CA \$2,708 or do Iceland Complete by a self drive 10 days from CA \$3,722 or circumnavigate by cruise ship 10 days from CA \$4,246.



Jerusalem: Your Cultural Getaway for 2019

The Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem.

Many international travellers think of Israel as a nation of spiritual sights, where the histories of the world's three great monotheistic religions come together to create a cultural landscape like no other. Diverse, spiritual, and always controversial, Israel offers a trip that believers and non-believers alike will never forget. Still, art and creativity are cornerstones of today's Israel. Cities like Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa all showcase the country's creative innovations.

The Holy City, sacred to three religions, Jerusalem normally tops the 'to do' list for most visitors to Israel. Regardless of personal belief, there's something especially moving about seeing men praying at the Western Wall, stepping in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, admiring the gilded Dome of the Rock, or walking the paths of Gethsemane.

Eventually however, you'll want to escape the ever-present crowds of the Old City. A good place to start is at the Terra Sancta Museum. This stunning collection invites you to step back into biblical times, surrounded by the items and artifacts of the era. There's a lot to explore, including the brand new archeology wing, where the inaugural exhibition, titled *The House of Herod: Life and Power in the Age of the New Testament* displays more than 300 artifacts from the years of Herod the Great, through to the 6th century AD.

The Israel Museum, located just to the west of the Old City, is a great place to continue your history lesson, before you segue into the culture of today's Israel. This is one of the world's finest collections of Holy Land artifacts, but it also contains an extensive showcase of Israeli and international art, both traditional and contemporary. Special exhibitions are hosted throughout the year, such as the *I to Eye* exhibit, which invited guests to explore the ever-changing nature of human connectivity in mid-2018. No matter what's on offer, a visit here is a chance to frame biblical history in the context of today.

Famously 'prickly on the outside, but warm and sweet within,' Israelis enjoy art that asks tough questions and pushes boundaries. Israel has always been a place of politics as well as pilgrimage, and nowhere is this better highlighted than at the aptly named Museum on the Seam. A self-professed socio-political contemporary art museum, this is one for Globetrotters who like their art charged with new and challenging ideas. Pushing buttons and provoking thought is the whole point at MOTS, which has been hailed by *The New York Times* as one of the leading art venues around the world.

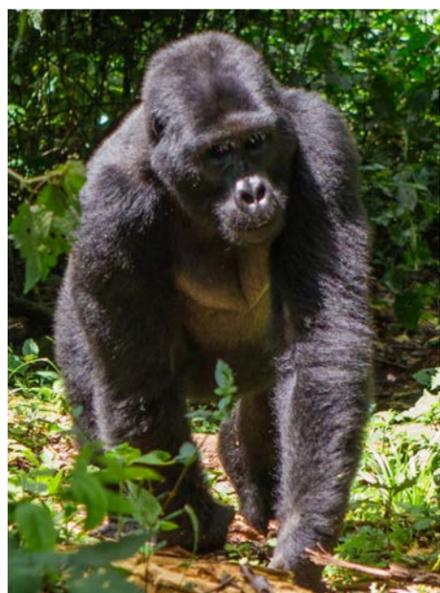
Jerusalem's devotion to contemporary culture isn't confined to its museums. The city, along with neighbouring Tel Aviv (which is also rapidly emerging as a major foodie destination) boasts a year-round calendar of performances across all genres and forms. In the late summer, the Mekudeshet multidisciplinary arts festival takes over venues right throughout Jerusalem. Mekudeshet is a platform for challenging and often powerful performance pieces such as *Kulna* (an Arabic word meaning All of Us), a concert bringing together Jewish, Arab, and North African music, with the participation of high profile soloists from the region and the Jerusalem Orchestra East & West. The concert's statement is simple: "One day, this is how every night will sound in the Middle East." After sold-out crowds in 2017, *Kulna* returned to Mekudeshet in 2018. Other creations embodied themes and titles such as *Dissolving Boundaries*, *Running in Jerusalem*, *Sacred Music*, and *One Night in Atlantis*, which invited participants to don a swimsuit and participate in the installation.

Goway offers several packages to Israel including our popular 8-day Holy Land Tour from CA \$2,163.

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Oriental Market in Old Jerusalem.



Mountain Gorilla in Bwindi National Park.

Big Game and the Mighty Nile

Murchison Falls National Park provides a dramatic backdrop for robust wildlife viewing. Big game in Murchison includes elephants, lions, leopards, and buffalo, along with giraffes, waterbucks, warthogs, and more. The park is bisected by the Victoria Nile, where resident crocodiles and hippos and other visiting wildlife can be found when exploring the area, including the base of the falls, by boat.

Birders' Paradise

Uganda is Africa's richest birding destination, and twitchers from around the world flock to Uganda hoping to spot some of the country's 1,072 species, including several found nowhere else on earth. Watch for the prehistoric-looking shoebill and the grey crowned crane, Uganda's national bird.



Uganda has stunning natural landscapes.

Meet the Big Five and More In Uganda

As home to more than half the world's population of endangered mountain gorillas, Uganda tops the bucket lists of travel enthusiasts seeking to come face to face with a majestic silverback in the wild. In addition to the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of gorilla tracking, a diverse range of nature, wildlife, and cultural activities await in the "Pearl of Africa."

Primates Galore

Tracking mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is a must for nature enthusiasts. There is no feeling quite like locating a gorilla family and peering through the misty, lush undergrowth to observe them from just meters away. Those hoping to catch sight of chimpanzees should visit Kibale National Park, home to 13 primate species.

Look Up!

The tree climbing lions of Queen Elizabeth National Park are a sight to behold. Visit the park's Ishasha section, where these big cats laze away the day from above.

Tribal Immersion!

The culture of Uganda is defined by its colorful communities and more than 50 distinct tribes. Visit their villages to learn about crafts such as basket weaving or beekeeping, or experience the infectious spirit of traditional song and dance during performances.

Goway's 10-day Essential Uganda safari showcases some of Uganda's top experiences, with prices starting at CA \$7,143. Murchison Falls National Park can be incorporated as an add-on, with prices from CA \$2,816.



Zambia: Africa's Greatest Wildlife Adventure

You'll see plenty of elephants on a Zambian safari.

Zambia is one of Africa's most under-appreciated countries. Bridging the gap between favourite Southern African safari destinations like Botswana, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, and the famed parks and reserves of Tanzania, you'd think this beautiful country would be among everyone's 'must sees.'

That's part of the appeal. A Zambia safari isn't so much about checking off attractions or even animals from a 'must see' list. It's about full immersion in the wilderness with an expert guide. Elephants, hippos, buffalo, and zebra are all plentiful in national parks such as South Luangwa, along with healthy numbers of lions, leopards, and hyenas. While game drives here are excellent, the more personalised approach to guiding you'll typically find in Zambia opens opportunities for more intimate experiences such as walking safaris. This gives you the chance to see some of the animals up close (without compromising your safety of course) with minimal impact on their environment. A night-time game drive is another excellent way to gain a different perspective on Zambia's wildlife.

Of course, visiting Zambia does allow you to tick one big ticket attraction off your bucket list in the form of Victoria Falls. The town of Livingstone shares Falls tourism with Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, and a

wealth of activities are offered on the Zambian side including sunset cruises and white water rafting. If the waters are low enough, the Zambian side also offers access to the infamous Devil's Pool, where particularly brave Globetrotters can paddle mere steps from the edge.

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Braving the Devil's Pool over Victoria Falls.

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1. Visiting Iceland's Blue Lagoon is a recommendation to recharge and relax before or after your flight. True or False?
2. Patagonia is impossibly gorgeous. Which two countries in South America does it straddle?
3. Which one of the following won't find the Algarve, Portugal an ideal long stay getaway in winter: a) Beach Bums b) Culture Vultures c) Foodies d) Skiers
4. Moorish, Christian, and Jewish influences in the Costa Del Sol in the Andalusia region of Spain enhance a winter snowbird escape. True or False?
5. Malta, a bucket list destination for Globetrotters and snowbirds, is located in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. True or false?
6. Budapest, one of Europe's must sees, is divided into two distinct areas, Buda and Pest. True or False?
7. In which of the following cities will you find the largest medieval town square?
a) Budapest b) Krakow c) Prague d) Vienna
8. Which of these cities in Europe was untouched by World War II bombings?
a) Prague b) Berlin c) Dresden
9. This European city unseated Melbourne, Australia in CNN's 2018 edition of "World's most liveable cities."
a) Prague b) Zurich c) Vienna d) Budapest
10. How many islands make up the Cook Islands?
11. In what town in South Australia is it advisable to stay in an underground hotel?

All questions relate to articles in this edition of *Globetrotting Magazine*. We invite you to complete the interactive version of this quiz online at www.goglobetrotting.com. All correct entries will be eligible to win a \$250 Goway Travel Voucher

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1 What Country am I ?



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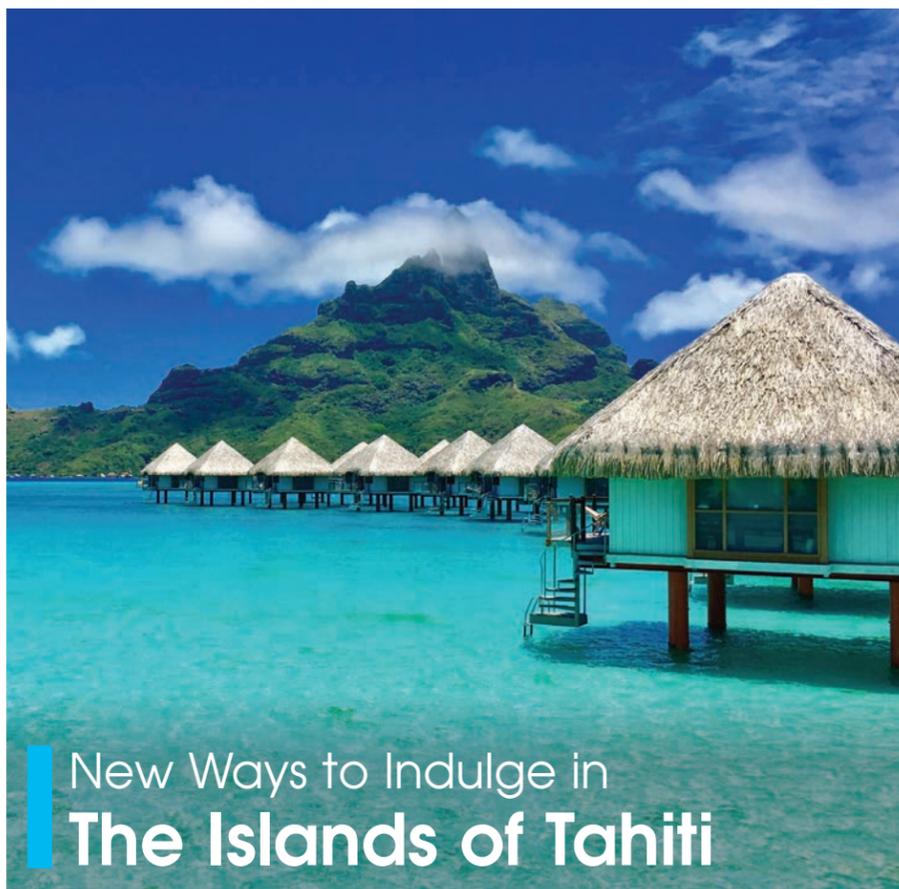


In our last edition the mystery photograph on left was Cartagena in Colombia. The mystery country was Singapore.

LAST ISSUE WINNERS

\$250 Goway Travel Voucher winners

- **D. Holmberg** of Aniak identified the "Where in the World" photograph.
- **A. Olson** of Abbotsford identified "What Country Am I?"
- **C. Grace** of Merrimack correctly completed the Globetrotting Knowledge Quiz.



New Ways to Indulge in The Islands of Tahiti

A stay in an overwater bungalow is one of many highlights of a trip to The Islands of Tahiti.



The 5-Star Conrad Bora Bora is one of the newest luxury resorts in the Islands of Tahiti.

The Islands of Tahiti are synonymous with luxury. Not just the kind created by an immaculate 5-star resort, but the kind that comes in the form of an idyllic climate, warm, inviting lagoons, soft white sands, and gentle, sweet breezes.

Goway is giving travellers more luxury options than ever to enjoy the glorious Islands of Tahiti, with an expanded line of resorts, cruises, and premium experiences in the South Pacific.

Demand for The Islands of Tahiti is growing all the time, and 2017 saw the opening of new resorts and cruise lines. These include the Conrad Bora Bora, a fully-renovated resort with villas, suites, and the only two-story bungalows in Tahiti, and the InterContinental Thalasso Bora Bora, which has enhanced its luxury experience by adding four two-bedroom Overwater Brando Suites, as well as Overwater Pool Villas that boast private plunge pools on split-level decks.

While some travellers may assume these high end options are beyond their price range, such accommodation isn't just for the super-rich. Subject to availability, some resorts allow guests to upgrade their accommodation style and suite during their stay, allowing those on less extravagant budgets to enjoy a taste of the top tier for a night or two without breaking the bank. There are also some great deals to be had in low season, typically from November to April

Choosing between The Islands of Tahiti can be difficult. Sure, iconic Bora Bora and almost as famous Moorea are honeymoon favourites. But there's also the garden island of Huahine, vanilla scented Taha'a, and of course the name-sake island, Tahiti. A cruise can be a convenient, economical, and oh so splendid way to see the variety The Islands of Tahiti have to offer. Goway offers a range of cruise options through The Islands of Tahiti, including the Haumana Cruise, which sails between Bora Bora and Le Taha'a and carries a maximum of 24 passengers, ensuring an exclusive travel experience through the French Polynesian islands.

Just as enticing as these new in-destination options is the news that Air Tahiti Nui, the flagship carrier to French Polynesia, has unveiled their new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft, ready to whisk passengers across the Pacific to Tahiti in unprecedented comfort. Beyond the airplane's sleek new design, Air Tahiti Nui has also introduced a new Premium Economy Class with just 32 seats, offering an even more

comfortable flying experience with extra leg room and relaxation space.

The airline also provides a new Business Class, with 30 full-flat seats perfect for overnight flights from Los Angeles. Air Tahiti Nui will begin phasing out their current Airbus A340-300 fleet in November 2018 and complete their transition in September 2019, which coincides with their 20th anniversary.

"Air Tahiti Nui's new fleet will give more choice to our clients travelling to French Polynesia," says Richelle Emefe, Goway Islands General Manager. "It will also complement the 5-star resort products that Goway already offers in the islands, such as The Brando Resort, The Four Seasons, InterContinental, and the St. Regis."

There truly has never been a better time to enjoy a luxury vacation to The Islands of Tahiti.



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