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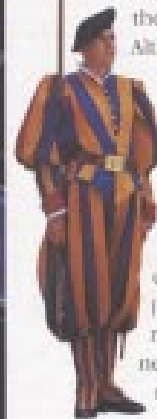
Join us as we journey to Italy, meet new friends and make endless discoveries under the warm, blue skies of the Mediterranean.

Immerse yourself in the colour, culture and history of this ancient land as we discover the glory of Rome, the art and architecture of Florence, the shaded courtyards of hilltop mediaeval towns and the idyllic landscapes of the lakes which have inspired artists, writers and poets over the centuries.

THE VATICAN

A sovereign state since 1929, the Vatican is ruled over by the world's only absolute monarch, the Pope.

Although at only 106 acres it is the world's smallest state, it boasts its own post office, currency, judicial system, radio station, newspaper and more than 500 citizens. The



first church on the site was built in AD 324, over St Peter's tomb; the present structure was inaugurated in 1626.

THE HOLIDAY *Italy* COLLECTION

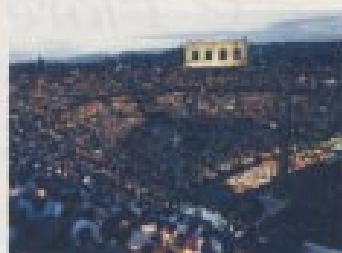
ITALIAN FOOD

The culinary specialities of the Italian diet are as varied as the landscape itself. Delicacies to seek out include Tuscan olive oil or cartucci biscuits; Parma ham, Parmesan cheese or balsamic vinegar of Emilia-Romagna; seafood, risotto and Tiramisu from the northeast; or the northwest's fontina and gorgonzola cheeses, focaccia bread and sweet zabaglione. Further south, seafood and olive oil again feature, along with mozzarella, ricotta and provolone cheese, cassata ice cream and cannoli, filled with ricotta cheese and fruit. And as for the wines...



VERONA OPERA FESTIVAL

Passion and high drama truly come alive each year in the Verona arena as opera lovers from all over the world gather to enjoy this lavish and unique spectacle. We have included tickets to performances on some of our tours - please see pages 24 and 24/25. In addition, a wider range of tours to Verona can be found in the Special Interest section at the end of this brochure.



THE WORK OF TRAJAN

The emperor Trajan began an ambitious building programme in AD107 when he commissioned a forum to celebrate his conquest in Dacia, part of present-day Romania. His plans included a huge basilica, two libraries and 150 shops, a very early example of today's shopping centres. Spiralling up the 40 metre high column dedicated to Trajan are minutely detailed reliefs, portraying the Dacian campaigns. They begin with the Romans preparing for war and end with the Dacians being ousted from their homeland.



GONDOLAS

These slim, flat-based crafts have been plying their trade in Venice since the 11th century, and today are as much a part of the city as St Mark's Square. Since an official decree in 1562, they have all been black, to stop ostentatious demonstrations of wealth that were being played out in the decoration of the boats.

However, the origins behind the gondoliers' distinctive striped top and straw hat are lost in the mists of time!



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Italy's Mediaeval Cities
On excursions to the mediaeval towns and cities of Italy, entry is barred to much traffic, which means that a good deal of walking on foot is required along narrow, cobblestoned streets.

Pompeii, Paestum & Herculaneum

7 nights from £795

- ◆ Accompanied by a specialist tour leader
- ◆ Visit fascinating archaeological sites
- ◆ Choice of 3 or 4-star hotels

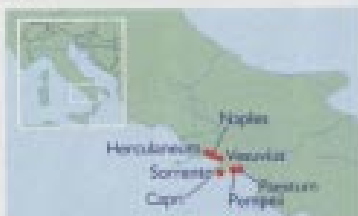
The Romans knew how to relax and did so in great style, choosing the magnificent natural beauty of the Bay of Naples, with Vesuvius as its stunning backdrop. The most famous sites are those at Pompeii and Herculaneum and our tour also includes Cumae, Paestum and Pozzuoli.

Day 1

London/Sorrento

We depart for Naples and on arrival transfer by coach to Sorrento, a lovely resort set amidst orange and lemon groves high above the Bay of Naples. Surrounded on three sides by dramatic scenery, Sorrento makes an excellent base for exploring the delights of the region. We are pleased to offer a choice of 3 or 4-star hotel - please see the price panel for individual departure dates.

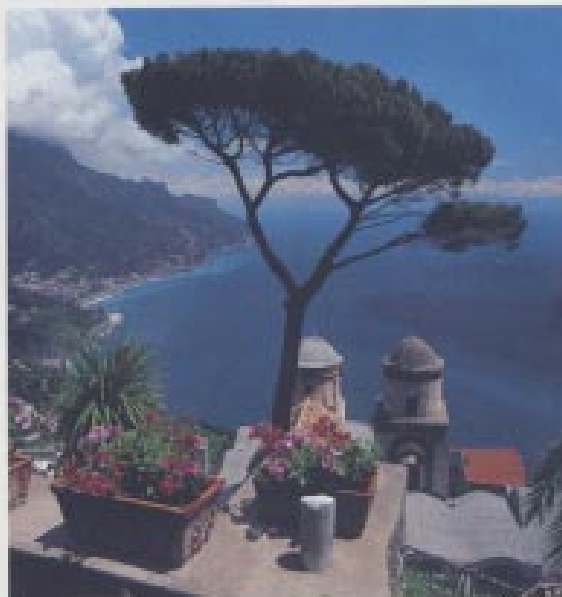
4-star: Hotel Aristocrati, Hotel CapriMare or Hotel Royal (March, April & October); Hotel de la Ville (April - October); 7 nights Asil Board. The hotels are well located in the centre of Sorrento.



3-star: Hotel Villa Marie (March, April & October); 7 nights Asil Board. This family run hotel is situated in the centre of Sorrento and offers a restaurant and lounge.

Day 2 Vesuvius

This morning we drive to Mount Vesuvius. Its most famous eruption in AD 79 engulfed the surrounding villages and cities. There will be the opportunity to take the rewarding walk to the top of the



Scenery on the Amalfi Coast

crater, from where the views over the Bay of Naples are magnificent.

Day 3 Pompeii

One casualty of the eruption, Pompeii, was enveloped in ash and pumice and remained so until 18th century archaeological excavations removed the layers of debris, revealing all the details of Roman life in 1st century Italy. Our excursion to Pompeii, via the Circumvesuviana Railway, will give us a glimpse into this fascinating civilisation. We will see brilliant mosaics, beautifully frescoed villas such as the House of the Vetii, baths, the Grand Theatre, whose 5,000 spectators gathered to witness gladiatorial combat, a wine shop and bakeries, whose ovens

still contain petrified loaves of bread!

Day 4

Amalfi Drive & Paestum

Enjoying the splendid coastal scenery on the famous Amalfi Drive, we pass the enchanting resorts of Positano and Ravello, both clinging to the cliffs of the Sorrento Peninsula, en route to Paestum. Founded by the Greeks, who called it the City of Posidon, in the 7th century BC, Paestum expressed its power in the building of three massive Doric temples - the Temple of Hera, the exceptionally well-preserved Temple of Neptune, and the Temple of Ceres, the largest and most complete at the site. Excavations



View of Sorrento



The magnificent Temple of Neptune

have also revealed parts of the city and a museum displays many of the findings, including sculpture and tomb paintings.

Day 5

Oplontis & Herculaneum

Today we visit the splendid Imperial Villa at Oplontis with its ancient wall paintings, before continuing to Herculaneum. Engulfed in mud after Vesuvius' eruption, it is considered one of the most evocative archaeological sites. Herculaneum has been painstakingly excavated, revealing some luxurious buildings protected by the mud.

Day 6 Capri

Captivated by Capri's beauty, the Roman Emperor Tiberius built a number of palaces here, including the magnificent Villa Jovis which we will visit. There will also be some free time for independent exploration of this enchanting island.

Day 7 Solfatara, Pozzuoli & Cumae

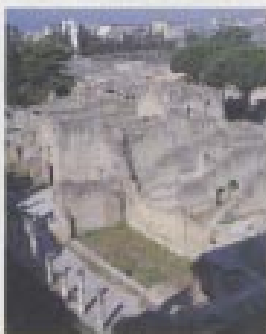
Today we explore the other side of the Bay of Naples. Here we discover the Roman port of Pozzuoli, whose ash-covered amphitheatre was unearthed in excavations during the 19th century, and Solfatara, a volcanic crater resembling a moonscape. In the afternoon we continue to Cumae where we see the ruined acropolis temples, amphitheatre and the Cave of the Cumaean Sibyl.

Day 8 Naples/London

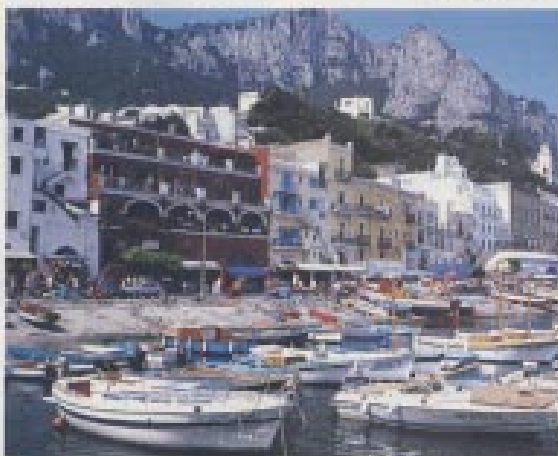
We return to Naples and visit the Museum of National Antiquities which displays an outstanding collection of artefacts excavated from the numerous sites. We continue to the airport for the homeward flight.



The Forum at Pompeii



The ruins of Herculaneum



We have included an excursion to Capri

Study Weekend in London

For 1999 Page & Moy will be organising a study weekend entitled Classical Antiquity in the Bay of Naples, which may be of interest to those planning to join the tour, or anyone who has already travelled to this area. The itinerary will include an excellent programme of talks as well as a visit to the British Museum. Please write to William Goodacre at Page & Moy for further details.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- Scheduled flights from Gatwick or Heathrow
- Transfers between airport & hotel
- 7 nights' half board accommodation
- Excursions to Vesuvius, Pompeii, Amalfi Drive & Positano, Oplontis & Herculaneum, Capri, Solfatara, Pozzuoli & Cumae visit to Museum of National Antiquities
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday travel insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of an experienced tour escort and specialist tour leader

HOLIDAY DETAILS

4-STAR HOTELS

HOLIDAY NUMBER Z101

Departure Dates Prices Per Person

6, 13, 20, 27 March £625

HOLIDAY NUMBER T104

10, 17, 24 April

1, 8, 15, 24 May

12, 21 June

31 July

18, 25 September

2, 9, 16, 23 October

£895

3-STAR HOTELS

HOLIDAY NUMBER Z101

Departure Dates Prices Per Person

26 March

HOLIDAY NUMBER T104

4, 11, 23 April

1, 8, 15, 22 October

£795

£695

Prices are based on the stated occupancy of two or double booked rooms with private bath or shower and/or

Supplements Per Person

Breakfast £12 per night

Holiday Insurance - please see page 136

Your Journey

6, 13, 20, 27 March Scheduled flights from Heathrow by British Airways, Boeing 777

between London Gatwick and Naples, departing at 09:00h and arriving back at 16:00h

All other dates: Scheduled flights from Heathrow by British Airways, Boeing 777/747, between London Heathrow and Naples via Rome, departing at 22:00h and arriving back at 19:00h

Please see pages 179 - 181 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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Sardinia

7 nights from £519

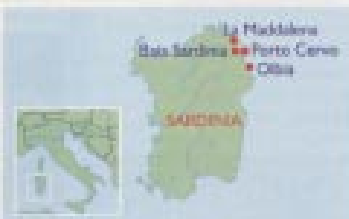
- ◆ 4-star hotel including half board
- ◆ Includes an excursion to the exclusive Costa Smeralda

Rugged landscapes and lush woodlands... magnificent bays and turquoise-coloured waters... prestigious resorts and pretty villages - these are the hallmarks of northern Sardinia, a captivating place enveloped by the wonderful aromatic fragrances of myrtle, rosemary, juniper and oleanander.

Day 1 London/ Baia Sardinia

We fly from London to Olbia and transfer to our accommodation a few kilometres from the beautiful coastal resort of Baia Sardinia on the northern shore of the island. Located in a wide, sweeping bay and facing the lovely archipelago of La Maddalena, Baia Sardinia is close to the luxurious resort of Porto Cervo and boasts a silky, sandy beach and stunning clear waters.

Accommodation: Hotel Pulcinna (4-star), 7 nights half board. Owned and managed by the Tali family, this very comfortable hotel is built in traditional Sardinian style - part clad in melior sandstone and painted in pink and ochre. Beautifully decorated throughout, the hotel offers an attractive lounge area, a small bar, a

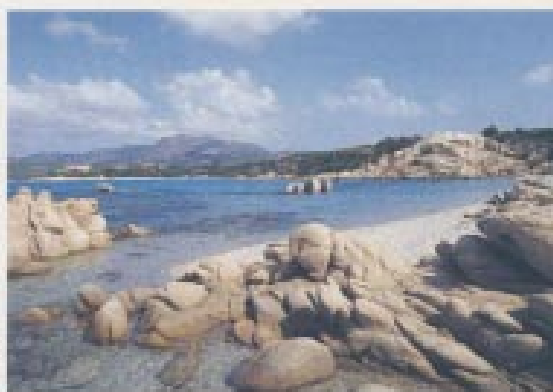


porcelain terrace garden, and an outdoor swimming pool. Home-cooked meals, including traditional Sardinian cuisine, are served in the restaurant.

On some departures, accommodation is also available, at a supplement, at the centrally situated 4-star Club hotel. This hotel offers excellent facilities and is positioned right on the beach at Baia Sardinia itself.

Days 2 to 7 Baia Sardinia

This unspoilt area of Sardinia awaits our discovery - there's plenty of time to explore its



We have included an excursion along the Costa Smeralda.

beautiful landscapes punctuated by fantastically shaped granite rock formations which were the inspiration for the sculptor Henry Moore; shop for traditional Sardinian ceramics, gold jewellery and silverware, and relax on golden beaches lapped by sparkling translucent waters. And why not try the local Gallura cuisine? Pasta dishes abound, including Li Pulidghini - ravioli filled with ricotta cheese - and the area is famous for its delicious pastries and excellent Moscato wine.

During your stay we have included a half day excursion along the **Costa Smeralda**, a beautiful part of Sardinia bought by Prince Karim Aga Khan and developed into an exclusive coastal resort. We see the sophisticated village of Porto Cervo, a haven for the rich and famous and lined with opulent designer shops and luxury hotels. Renowned for its extensive sporting facilities, Porto Cervo is the focus for national and international sailing regattas and tennis tournaments attracting top players.

We are also offering two optional excursions:

La Maddalena Our full day excursion takes us to the islands and archipelago of La Maddalena, situated off the north-west coast of Sardinia. This unspoilt area of natural beauty has ancient origins, still evident in the language, traditions, culture and cuisine of its inhabitants and in the architecture of its towns and villages. The area is also steeped in maritime history - enterprising Phoenicians once sailed the surrounding seas and established trade routes between east and west whilst the Romans navigated the waters in magnificent littered vessels. Napoleon even came here in an attempt to defeat the fleet of Admiral Lord Nelson, but his military might was not enough and his campaign was thwarted.

Island tour We enjoy a full day exploration of the Sardinian heartland, a scenic mosaic of lush landscapes swathed in vividly coloured flowers, exotic bird and wildlife, and remote, pretty villages clinging to hillsides or dotted about the countryside. We may also catch a glimpse of the rural lifestyle of the local inhabitants - peasant shepherds at work in the fields, villagers celebrating their festivals and Saint's Days in spectacular, Baroque style, and country women wearing traditional costume colourfully decorated with brocade and embroidered motifs.

Day 8 Baia Sardinia/London

We leave for Olbia airport and our homeward flight.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Scheduled Flights from London
- ◆ Transfers between airport & hotel
- ◆ 7 nights half board accommodation
- ◆ Excursion to the Costa Smeralda
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of an experienced tour leader

HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER 1679

Departs Saturdays Price Per Person

15, 22, 29 May £549

5, 12, 19, 26 June

28 August £509

4, 11, 18, 25 September

2 October £519

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of two or double booked rooms with private shower and WC.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £12 per night

Room with balcony/terrace £2 per night

Accommodation at the Club hotel

£17 per night

Holiday Insurance - please see page 176

Your Journey

Scheduled Flights from London by

British Airways, BA, between London

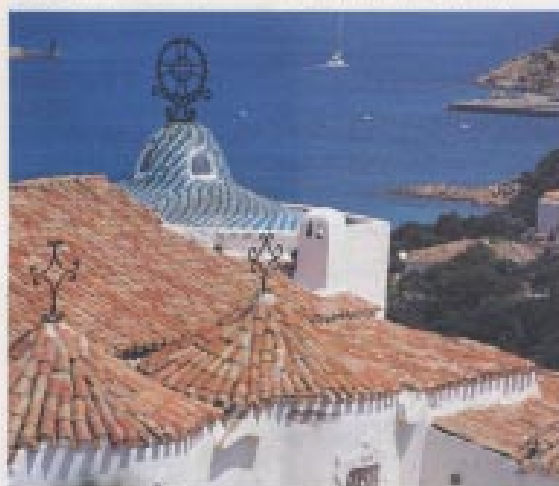
Gatwick and Olbia, departing at 14:00 and

arriving back at 12:00.

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flights not included in the holiday price

and our price policy. ITA



See us on the sea front views of Sardinia.

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LAS VEGAS

The name, Las Vegas, actually means The Meadows in Spanish - a far cry from the neon lights, gambling rooms and razzmatazz associated with the city today. The place never closes - there are numerous casinos, 24-hour restaurants, some bizarre museums and glamorous floorshows where the stars of showbusiness entertain. Las Vegas is also renowned for its shotgun wedding chapels - more than 35 are located in the metropolitan area, including *The Little White Chapel* which has a 24-hour drive through.

Global Encounters

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THE SUMMER PALACE, BEIJING

Traditionally a royal summer residence, the Summer Palace covers 700 acres and is known to the Chinese as



the Park of Nurtured Harmony. At great expense it was enlarged and embellished by Emperor Qianlong during the 18th century and, according to historians, the Empress Dowager Xi Ci squandered the naval budget to purchase a two-tiered marble boat which

sits on the lakeside. The whole complex is divided into four sections - the court reception, the palace residences, the temple area and beautiful landscaped gardens.



SILK WEAVING IN MALAYSIA

The craft of silk weaving has changed little over the centuries. Traditionally, weaving has been carried out by women in their own homes. Handwood looms, built of the hardest Malay timber, are usually placed on the verandah of the house and the weaver works at the loom between domestic tasks. A variety of cloth is produced - from the traditional, ceremonial Malay dress material to sarong lengths, known as *Kepala*, which have a distinctive centre panel. More ambitious weavers produce *Kain Songket*, a traditional royal cloth with silver and gold thread running through and the most gifted weave *Kain Songket Penub* which is covered throughout in gold thread.

COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL TO THE AIRPORT

On all of the holidays in this section we invite you to be our guest from door to door. Providing you live within a 100 mile drive of a featured airport, we will arrange for a taxi to pick you up from your home and take you there. On your return a taxi will be waiting to whisk you home too! If you live further than 100 miles away, you will have the choice of either standard class rail travel, National Express coaching or airport car parking - with our compliments. Please note we can arrange only one taxi per booking form.



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VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

The thunderous Victoria Falls, undoubtedly one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world, drop between 90 and 107 metres into the great chasm of the Zambesi Gorge - it is estimated that an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water flow over the edge per minute. Hitting the bottom, the vast sheets of water form magnificent fast-flowing rapids which continue downstream. The name of the falls has changed many times and at one point were known as the Shongwe Falls, a title given by the Tokaleya people. On 16 November 1855 the explorer David Livingstone, accompanied by members of the Makaloto tribe, travelled to the falls in a dugout canoe and ascribed them with their current title in honour of Queen Victoria.





See visit the spectacular Grand Canyon

The Golden West



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Los Angeles ♦ San Francisco ♦ Las Vegas
Yosemite National Park ♦ Grand Canyon
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Let us introduce you to the contrasts of Western USA - the great, cosmopolitan cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the scenic splendour of Yosemite National Park and the Grand Canyon, the Old West of the Gold Rush, the fortune-seeking '49'ers and the early pioneers. We will ensure you have the finest holiday since the West was won.



Day 1 UK/San Francisco

We leave the UK for San Francisco and on arrival transfer to our hotel which is conveniently located close to a cable car line.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 2 nights.

Days 2 & 3 San Francisco

Enjoy two free days to relax and to join our optional sightseeing tours of the city with its almost vertical hills, dangling cable cars and the famous Golden Gate Bridge. Perhaps take a boat trip around the bay, visit the intriguing island of Alcatraz and enjoy a delicious seafood meal in one of the restaurants along Fisherman's Wharf.

Day 4 Sonoma

This morning we travel to the Napa Valley and explore California's wine country. We later

spend time in Sacramento's interesting old town before continuing along the famous Route 49 Gold Rush Trail, littered with old gold-mining towns, to Sonoma where we stay overnight.

Accommodation: Sonoma Town House, 1 night.

Day 5 Yosemite National Park

Today we explore Yosemite National Park, a natural wonderland of granite peaks and domes, rising sheer above broad green meadows, tumbling waterfalls and rushing streams amidst pine-covered hillsides - it's a spectacular sight. We then continue to the town of Fresno.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn, 1 night.

Day 6 Las Vegas

Our journey to Las Vegas, the gambling mecca of America, takes us via Calico Ghost Town, an eerie reminder of how the West was won.

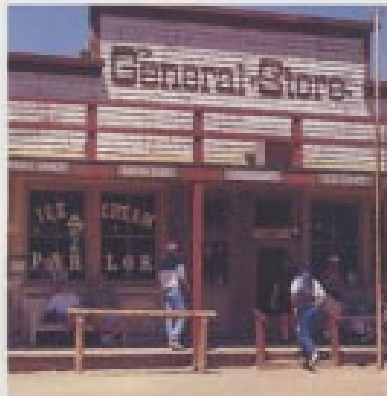
Accommodation: MGM Hotel & Casino, 2 nights.



See Los Angeles at sunset



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Capture the essence of the 'Wild West'

Day 7 Las Vegas

Relax under the warm desert sun or perhaps have a flutter at the tables. The city never closes - there are numerous casinos, 24-hour restaurants and bars, and glittering floorshows with glamorous big name stars.

Day 8 Grand Canyon/Flagstaff

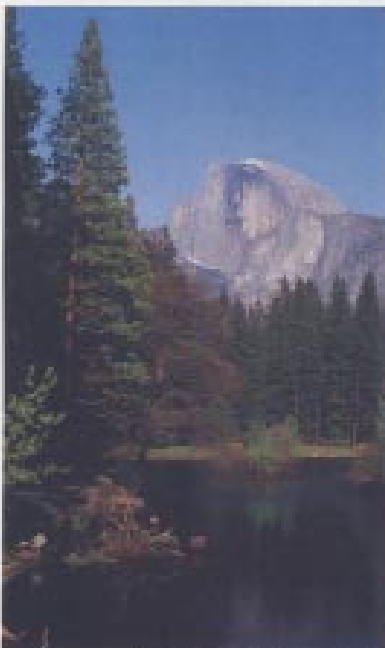
Leaving Las Vegas behind, we continue by coach to the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. This vast chasm, carved by the waters of the Colorado River, is over one mile deep and an average of nine miles wide. It is a breathtaking sight, with sandstone pinnacles, layers of multi-coloured rock and stark promontories. We will also be offering the chance of a flight over the Grand Canyon. We resume our journey and continue to the town of Flagstaff.

Accommodation: Days inn / night

Day 9 Scottsdale

Today's drive takes us via Montezuma's Castle, an intriguing Indian cliff dwelling carved from the rock over 700 years ago, and Sedona in the magical setting of Oak Creek Canyon. We continue to Arizona's Valley of the Sun and later arrive in the fine resort of Scottsdale.

Accommodation: Days inn or similar / night



We spend time exploring Mount Hood National Park



Enjoy your view in San Francisco

Day 10 Los Angeles

Today we travel westwards across the Mojave desert to the vibrant city of Los Angeles and glamorous Hollywood.

Accommodation: Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, 7 nights. This delightful hotel is situated in the heart of Hollywood, opposite Mann's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard.

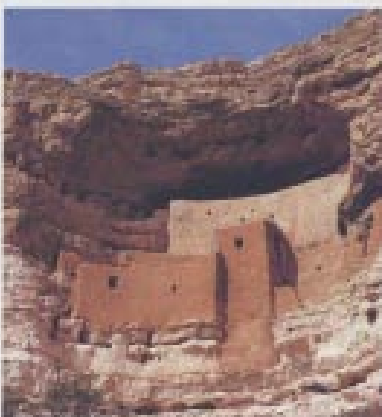
Days 11 & 12 Los Angeles

A city of contrasts, Los Angeles is characterised by tall skyscrapers, busy freeways, wide, tree-lined boulevards and luxurious suburbs.

Explore independently or join our optional excursions - a city sightseeing tour with a visit to Universal Studios where you can learn the secrets of film-making; or a trip to San Diego close to the Mexican border.

Days 13 & 14 Los Angeles/UK

At leisure until we transfer to the airport for the homeward flight, arriving in the UK on day 14.



We see Montezuma Castle, a 14th century Indian cliff dwelling

HAWAII ADD ON

Why not extend your holiday and travel on to Hawaii? Enjoy a five night stop based at the Outrigger Village Hotel close to Waikiki Beach. Prices from £349 per person. Please contact our Reservations staff for further details quoting Holiday Number 0443.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Free taxi between your home & airport - see page 133
- ✦ Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- ✦ Transfer between airports & hotels
- ✦ 12 nights' accommodation excluding meals
- ✦ Excursions and sightseeing, as described
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of an experienced tour leader

HOLIDAY DETAILS

| HOLIDAY NUMBER | 0442 |
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| Departs Thursdays | Prices Per Person |
| 15, 29 April | £945 |
| 13, 27 May | £995 |
| 30, 24 June | £1075 |
| 7, 29 September | £1095 |
| 7, 21 October | £1045 |
| 4 November | £965 |

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of two or double booked rooms with private bath or shower and tv.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £27 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 178 for details
Motorway flights £25

Your Journey

London Heathrow Scheduled flights by British Airways (non-stop) to San Francisco, to San Francisco (departing at 13:15) and arriving back from Los Angeles at 12:00.

Manchester (at a supplement) Scheduled flights by Continental Airlines (non-stop) to San Francisco via New York, departing at 11:00 and arriving back from Los Angeles via New York at 07:00.

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USA

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A Japanese Adventure

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A Land of Contrasts

including

Tokyo ♦ Mount Fuji ♦ Kyoto

From its thousand year old temples and shrines to its ultra-modern technology, Japan is a country of dramatic contrasts. This exciting new tour will offer you a chance to experience both the ancient and modern. We stay in Kyoto, the historic centre and Tokyo, the nation's busy capital and we will enjoy a journey on the bullet train, one of the world's fastest trains. Anticipate a memorable holiday in a memorable country.



Day 1 London/Osaka

We depart from London on the overnight flight to Osaka.

Day 2 Kyoto

On arrival in Osaka we meet the local guide and transfer to the city of Kyoto, founded in AD 794 and once the capital of the country.

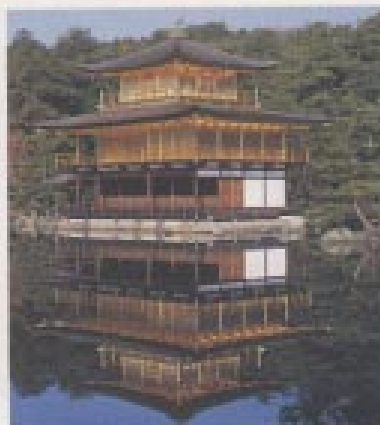
Accommodation: ASA Hotel Kyoto, 3 nights bed and breakfast

Day 3 Nara & Kyoto

Our included excursion takes us to Nara, the City of Temples. Here we visit the Todaiji Temple, built in AD 743 and considered the most important temple in Japan. The main hall, the Daibutsuden, is the largest wooden building in the world and houses the Great Buddha of Nara, a massive bronze statue completed in AD 752. We also visit the Kasuga Taisha Shrine, set in a deer park. This is the holiest Shinto shrine



Beautiful Mount Fuji and Japan's famous Bullet Train



Enjoy our visit to the impressive Horyu-ji Temple, Kyoto

whose dazzling lacquered pavilions create a quintessential Japanese landscape.

After our included lunch, we return to Kyoto, regarded as the 'heart of Japan' and its cultural and historic centre. Our sightseeing tour includes the Nijo Castle, an impressive fortified castle with exquisitely decorated pavilions set in beautiful gardens, and Kinkakuji Temple which dates from the 14th century. Covered in gold leaf, the temple is a spectacular sight and is built above the clear waters of a pretty lake.

Day 4 Kyoto

The day is free for you to sightsee independently – perhaps explore the atmospheric old quarter of the city or stroll around some of the beautiful and peaceful Zen gardens.

Alternatively, join our optional excursion to Hiroshima, travelling by bullet train. Here we visit the Peace Memorial Park and the shrine island of Miyajima, dominated by the splendid Itsukushima Torii gate whose red painted columns and crossbeams have become a symbol of the country.

Day 5 Tokyo

We leave Kyoto on the famous Shinkansen bullet train and travel to Mishima where we transfer to a local train for the journey to the slopes of Mount Fuji, a beautifully shaped volcanic cone. We linger here to admire the magnificent view of this, the highest mountain in Japan, then continue to the beautiful town of Hakone which nestles between the mountain and the coast. After an included lunch we enjoy a romantic cruise on Lake Ashi before completing our journey to Tokyo, capital of Japan and one of the world's largest cities.

Accommodation: Le Meridien Pacific Hotel, 2 nights bed and breakfast



Admire famous temples in the heart of Tokyo's historic district



Day 6 Tokyo

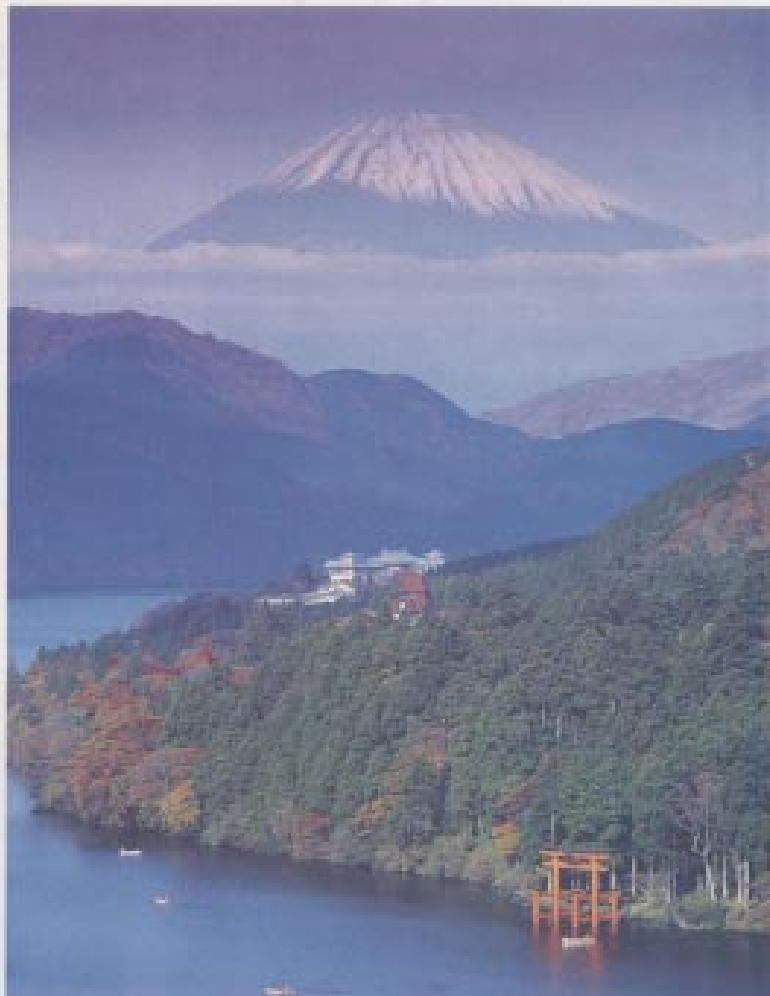
Our morning sightseeing tour of Tokyo includes a visit to the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the Emperor who inspired Japan's transformation into a major world power during the 19th century. We also see the Imperial Palace, the residence of the reigning Emperor of Japan and Asakusa Kannon Temple, located in the heart of the city's fascinating historical district and Tokyo's oldest and most revered temple.

Day 7 Tokyo

The day is at leisure for you to explore the Japanese capital. The city boasts an excellent rail network, with signs in English, and our local guide will be able to help you make the most of your day.

Day 8 Tokyo/London

We transfer to the airport for our homeward flight.



By rail between and around during holiday



We stay for three nights in the exciting city of Tokyo

ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Free taxi between your home & airport - see page 133
- ✦ Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- ✦ Transfers between airports & hotels
- ✦ 6 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation plus 2 lunches
- ✦ Excursions as described
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of an experienced local guide

HOLIDAY DETAILS

| HOLIDAY NUMBER | 3722 |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Departs: Wednesday | Price Per Person |
| 20 January-24 February | £1225 |
| HOLIDAY NUMBER | 3772 |
| 19, 26 May | £1245 |
| 2, 9, 16 June | £1235 |

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double booked rooms with private bath or shower and sea.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £30 per night (£30 May departures)
Holiday Insurance - please see page 138
Departure taxes paid locally 2040 Yen (£10 approximately)

Your Airway

Scheduled flights via morning to Japan Airlines, Boeing 747, between London Heathrow and Osaka, departing at 17:00h and arriving back from Tokyo at 13:00h.

Please see pages 179 - 181 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

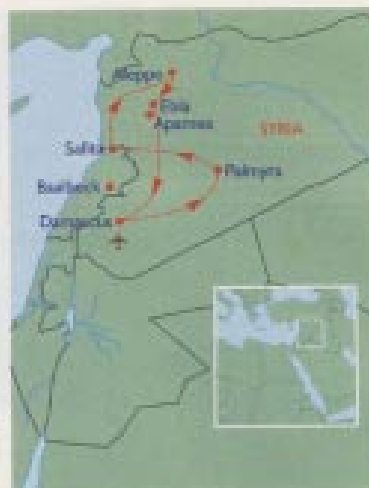
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The beautifully decorated Great Mosque, Damascus



Day 1 London/Damascus

We fly to Damascus and on arrival meet the tour leader and transfer into the city and our accommodation.

Accommodation: *Rivoli Tower Hotel* (4-star), 3 nights Full Board.

Day 2: Damascus

We spend the day exploring Damascus which claims to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. Its strategic location has been the focus of dispute by warring competitors over the centuries. It became a prominent military base during Roman occupation, adopted Christianity by the end of the 4th century, established itself as the seat of the Islamic Umayyad caliphate during the 7th and 8th centuries, was occupied by the Turks in the 11th century and later ruled by the Mameluks and the Mongols. The city's importance began to decline during the 16th century and it eventually became a small provincial city in a massive empire. We see the legacy of this colourful history during our visit to the National Museum and as we walk around the old city which is surrounded by walls and ramparts. We see the citadel, built on the site of a Roman fort, stroll through the Christian Quarter, unchanged for centuries, and visit the graceful *Tekkiye Mosque*, built in 1594 by one of Ottoman Turkey's prestigious architects. We also see *Saladin's Tomb*, a walnut cenotaph decorated with motifs and set in a beautiful garden.

Day 3 Baalbeck

We venture north into Lebanon today to the city of Baalbeck, a major centre of worship by the Romans and where some of the most ornate and opulent temples of the Empire were built.

Day 4 Palmyra

We leave Damascus today and drive to one of the best preserved Crusader Castles, the fragile and atmospheric *Château des Chevaliers*, high in the mountains and built during the 12th and 13th centuries. We tour this impressive stronghold, seeing the numerous towers, the inner fortress, the vaulted hall, Long Room, Pillars Room, and the Tower of the Daughter of the King. We continue to the city of Palmyra, where we stay overnight.

Accommodation: *Palmyra Cham Hotel* (3-star), 1 night Full Board.

Syria

The Road to Damascus

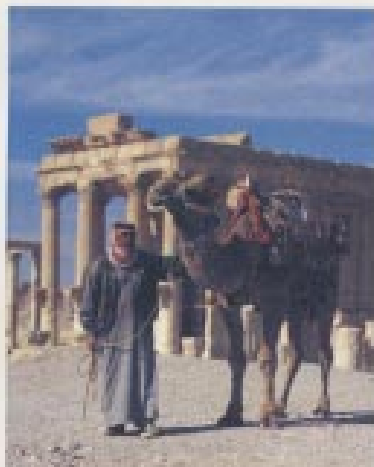


8 nights from £1045
 Damascus ♦ Palmyra ♦ Safita
 Aleppo ♦ Apamea ♦ Ebla
 plus Baalbeck in the Lebanon
 Full board throughout

The Mesopotamian Desert, magnificent architecture and spectacular archaeological sites - this is Syria, the most ancient of places and home to numerous civilisations. Our rewarding tour includes stays in quintessential Arab cities teeming with the life and sounds of the Middle East and discovers the unfolding history of this fascinating place plus a visit to the fabulous site of Baalbeck in the Lebanon.



Apam Palace, Baalbeck



Discover the culture of the Middle East

Day 5 Safita

We spend the entire day in Palmyra, one of the greatest cities in the ancient world. Spectacularly sited amidst an oasis and surrounded by date, pomegranate and olive groves, the city of the power-mad Queen of Zosobia came to prominence through its role as a trading post. Here we see the splendid archaeological ruins including the magnificent Temple of Bel, the Great Colonnade, the Theatre and the Agora and visit the excellent museum which displays fine statues from the city. We later journey to the hill town of Safita.

Accommodation: Safita Charm Hotel (4-star), 1 night full board

Day 6 Aleppo

We leave Safita and begin our journey to Aleppo, stopping en route at the impressive Saladin Castle, a huge Crusader fortress built on a mountain top and eventually captured by Saladin. We later arrive in Aleppo, Syria's second largest city.

Accommodation: Hotel Amir Palace or Planet Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board

Day 7 Aleppo

This morning we visit Aleppo's impressive citadel, whose monumental site withstood many changes until the siege by Tamerlane in 1400, then walk through the unique covered souks and khazns which provide a timeless picture of Middle Eastern life. In the afternoon we visit the



We visit Aleppo's impressive Citadel

ruins of the great Church of St Simeon, a harmonious combination of beautiful Roman and Byzantine architectural styles.

Day 8 Ebla & Damascus

Today we journey to Ebla, an important Bronze Age site. Royal archives on 15,000 tablets of stone were discovered here in 1977. We continue to Apamea, a prosperous Roman city dating from the 2nd century AD and renowned for its colonnaded street surrounded by a rural landscape overlooking the Orontes Valley. We later return to Damascus where we spend our final night.

Accommodation: Jordan Tower Hotel (4-star), 1 night full board.

Day 9 Damascus/London

We transfer to the airport for our flight.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- Free taxi between your home & airport - see page 113
- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between airport & hotels
- 2 nights' full board accommodation
- Excursions as described
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a local tour leader and Page & May escort.

HOLIDAY DETAILS

| HOLIDAY NUMBER | M024 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Departs: Fridays | Prices Per Person |
| 26 March | £1045 |
| 9, 30 April 31 May | £1095 |
| 24 September; 8, 22 October | £1095 |

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double booked rooms, with private bath or shower and WC.

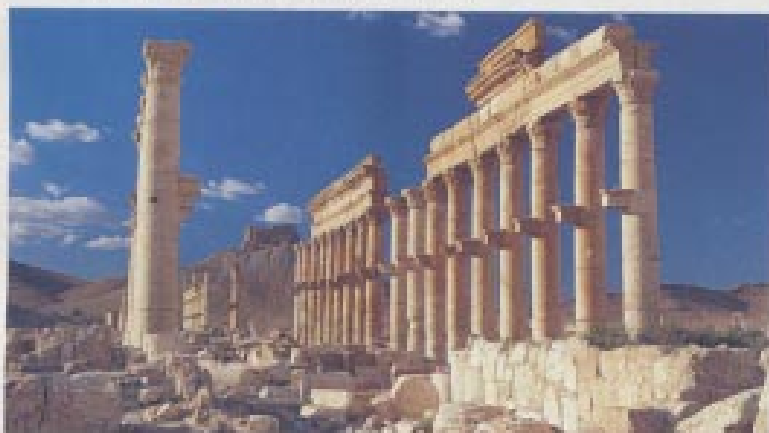
Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £29 per night
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 118
 Departure taxes paid locally 200 (Syria) Pounds (23 approximately)

Your Journey

Scheduled flights under operating by British Mediterranean on behalf of British Airways, Airbus A320, between London Heathrow and Damascus, departing at 23:00h and arriving back at 13:00h.

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We spend a day amongst the magnificent ruins of Palmyra

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Special Interest



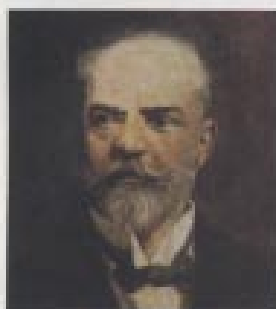
Whatever your interest we make every effort to plan a trip which suits you perfectly. Those with a penchant for archaeology and ancient history will be delighted with our tours to Greece and Turkey... some of the finest art and architecture can be found on our tours to St Petersburg, Sicily and Rome... and the opera-going fraternity can delight in our opera tours.



ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Alexander the Great, the son of Philip II of Macedonia and pupil of Aristotle, was born in 356BC and became ruler in 336BC. Although only in his early twenties, he showed considerable skill in devising military strategies and embarked upon a series of battles and campaigns to conquer neighbouring lands. By 325BC he had destroyed Thebes, defeated King Darius of Persia, founded the port of Alexandria, conquered Tyre and Sidon, occupied Babylon, Susa and Persepolis and invaded India. After thirteen years of rule Alexander died in Babylon at the age of 33 and his vast empire was divided amongst his generals.

THE HOLIDAY COLLECTION



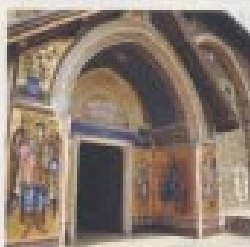
DVORAK

Antonin Leopold Dvorak was born in the Bohemian village of Nelahozeves on 8 September 1841. His father was an inn-keeper and butcher and his mother a servant in the household of Prince Lobkowitz at nearby Nelahozeves Castle. Dvorak was destined to follow in his

father's footsteps but encouragement from his music teacher to learn to play piano, organ and viola meant his life progressed in a very different direction. After completing his apprenticeship to the butcher's trade, he moved to Prague to study German and to continue his music studies. His attendance at the Institute for Church Music in the city heralded the beginning of a long and distinguished career as musician and composer.

KYKKO MONASTERY, CYPRUS

Founded in 1080 by Byzantine Emperor Alexios Komnenos and expanded during the 19th century, Kykko is the most famous of the Cypriot monasteries. Located 1,200 metres above sea level, Kykko is named after the



hill upon which it is built and houses some magnificent mosaics and icons, most significantly an icon of the Virgin Mary said to have been painted by St Luke. Enclosed in tortoiseshell and mother-of-pearl, the icon is believed to have miraculous rain-making

powers and has survived the four occasions the monastery has burnt down. Other artefacts include beautiful ecclesiastical vessels, gold and silver ornaments, and embroidered vestments which are displayed in the treasury.

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THE MEDIAEVAL CLOISTERS OF MONREALE CATHEDRAL

Began in c1174 by William II, Monreale Cathedral is celebrated as a masterpiece of Norman architecture with remarkable mosaic and marble decoration. One of its most spectacular features is the serene 12th century cloister whose south walk is part of an abbey built for Cluniac



Monreale Cathedral cloisters (detail)

Benedictines. Each of the stunning twin columns is uniquely decorated and capped with a magnificently sculptured capital which features motifs of animals, plants or mythical beasts. Some of the capitals tell us about the people who built the cathedral. One, for instance, is signed by the stonemason and another depicts William II offering the cathedral to the Madonna.



IZNIK WARE

The mosques of the Ottoman Empire were decorated with beautiful tiles, rich in colour and ornamentation. The design was invariably floral and the main colours used were blue, green, orange and white. This distinctive style was known as Iznik, named after the town where the tiles and other ceramic ware were produced. The finest glazed tiles were made primarily for the mosques and royal palaces of Istanbul and these can still be seen in all their vibrant colour and beauty.



Elegant Hermitage, St Petersburg

VALUE FOR MONEY

Each of our special interest tours are carefully planned with most excursions included in the price. All admission charges and gratuities are taken care of too. So these holidays certainly represent excellent value for money.

Additionally, most of the tours are accompanied by both a specialist tour leader and either a Page & Moy tour escort or a local escort who will ensure the smooth running of the tour. Specialist tour leaders have been carefully selected for their excellent academic knowledge and for their ability to communicate their love for their subject.

St Petersburg

6 nights from £899

- ◆ Visits splendid Imperial Palaces and the renowned Hermitage Museum
- ◆ Stay in a 4-star hotel
- ◆ Flights from Manchester available

St Petersburg, home to one of the world's greatest art collections, boasts a wealth of elegant Imperial architecture. On this appealing six night tour we enjoy the artistic and cultural delights of the city and venture into the surrounding countryside to visit royal and aristocratic palaces.

Day 1

London/St Petersburg

We fly to St Petersburg and on arrival transfer into the city and our 4-star hotel where we stay for six nights' full board accommodation.

Day 2

St Petersburg & Menshikov Palace

We begin the day with a panoramic sightseeing tour of St Petersburg, a beautiful city of Baroque palaces, picturesque canals, splendid avenues, elaborate cathedrals and excellent museums and art galleries. Founded by Peter the Great, the city was created from a wasteland of marshes and islands in the early 18th century and remained the capital of Russia for two hundred years. Our sightseeing tour introduces us to the major sights and the lesser known gems,

including St Isaac's Cathedral, The Smolny Institute and the Sretka from which we will enjoy lovely views across the River Neva.

After lunch we will visit Menshikov Palace, begun in 1716 by the architect Fontana and considered the most splendid of all the palaces in Peter the Great's vibrant new city and we end the day at the Russia Museum which houses a fine display of artefacts and icons.

Day 3

Pavlovsk & Pushkin

This morning we venture into the countryside surrounding St Petersburg and visit Pavlovsk, built in the late 18th century by the Scottish architect, Charles Cameron as the Imperial residence for Catherine the Great's son. We then continue to Pushkin, home of the Imperial family and the summer resort of Russian



The main facade of Pushkin Palace © J. Woodhead

aristocracy up to the early years of the 20th century. Here we visit the Imperial Catherine Palace built in flamboyant Baroque style for Empress Elizabeth who named it after her mother, Catherine I, second wife of Peter the Great. Lunch today is included.

Day 4 The Hermitage

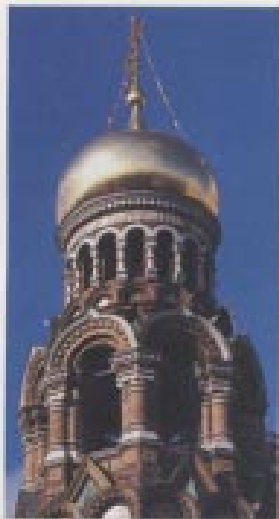
We spend the day in one of the world's greatest art galleries, the Hermitage which is part of the beautiful Winter Palace built in Russian Baroque style during the reign of Empress Elizabeth in the mid 18th century. The Hermitage



One of the beautiful pavilions at Peterhof



Scenes from St Petersburg



Museum, founded by Catherine the Great, houses some two million works of art, including paintings by the great masters, objects from ancient civilisations and delicate ornaments created by Fabergé.

Day 5 St Petersburg

This morning we visit one of the great monuments in St Petersburg, the Alexander Nevsky Monastery founded by Peter the Great on the site where Alexander Nevsky won victory over the Swedes and Teutonic Knights in 1241. The monastery complex includes the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Church of the Annunciation and several cemeteries where many illustrious Russians are buried including Dostoyevsky and Tchaikovsky.

We proceed to the Peter and Paul



We visit the magnificent Hermitage Museum.

Fortress, built on Isaac Island to protect the mainland from invasion. The most important architectural feature of the fortress is the St Peter and St Paul Cathedral whose golden spire differs from the traditional onion domes of other Russian churches.

The afternoon is free or perhaps join the tour leader for a return visit to the Hermitage (optional).

Day 6 St Petersburg

The day is free for independent sightseeing.

Day 7 St Petersburg/London

This morning we take the hydrofoil to the magnificent coastal palace of Peterhof. A grand avenue of terraces and pools leads to the Summer Palace. Look for Peter the Great. We see sumptuous interiors and verdant parkland creatively designed with terraces, waterfalls, fountains and pavilions where Peter would retreat from affairs of state and lavishly entertain friends.

We return to the city where the remainder of the day is free before transferring to the airport for the late afternoon flight to London.

Performances at the Mariinsky

During your stay in St Petersburg you may wish to attend a performance at the Mariinsky Theatre (formerly the Kirov). We are able to secure tickets at a cost of £37 per ticket and will send performance details eight weeks before departure to enable you to select the performance of your choice. If you wish to book please indicate on the Special Request box on the booking form. Please note that this is not available on departures between 12 July and 13 September inclusive.



The spectacular gardens of Peterhof.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Scheduled flights from Gatwick
- ✦ Transfers between airport & hotel
- ✦ 8 nights' half board accommodation plus 2 breakfasts
- ✦ Excursions as described
- ✦ All entrance fees and gratuities
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of a local tour escort and a specialist tour leader

HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER T372

Departure Dates Prices Per Person

| 26 April | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 3, 10, 17, 24, 29, 31 May | |
| 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28 June | £429 |
| 12, 19, 26 July | |
| 9, 23 August | |
| 11, 13, 20, 27 September | £379 |
| 4, 9 October | £329 |

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and air.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £14 per night

Ticket for performance at Mariinsky £37

Visa £25

Flights from Manchester £30

Holiday Insurance - please see page 178

Your Journey

Scheduled flights to St Petersburg:

Gatwick: by R-4000 Airbus, leaving 15.7,

departing at 09.00 and arriving back at 17.30.

Manchester (via Amsterdam) (as a

supplement by KLM LH Airlines, Fokker

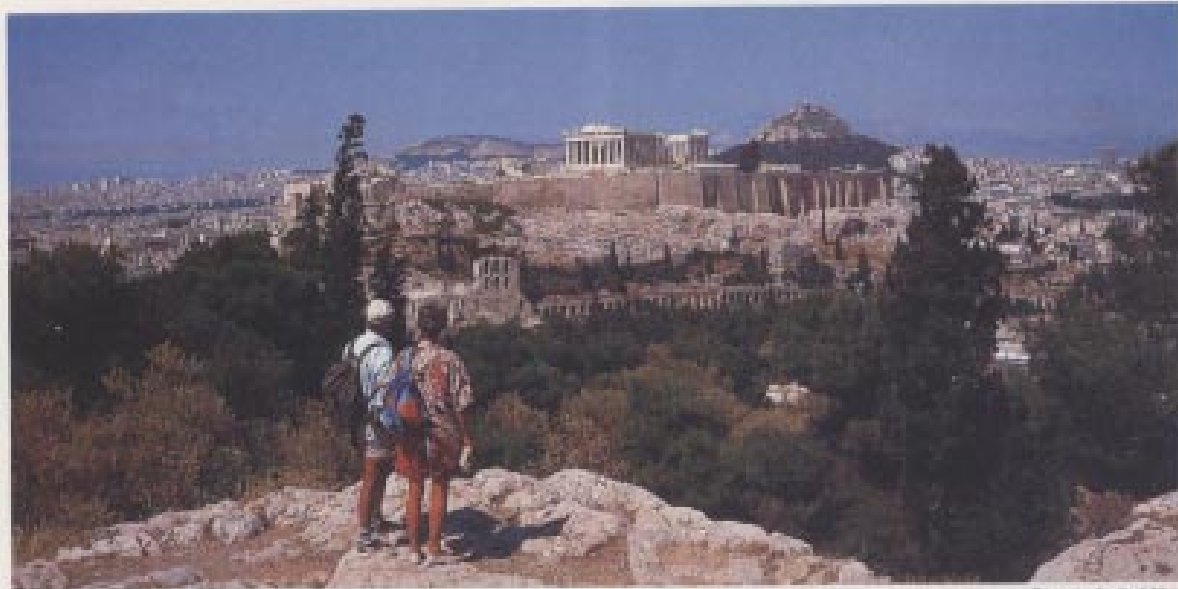
100/Boeing 737, departing at 06.25 and

arriving back at 19.00.

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items not included in the holiday price

and our price policy. **WUS**



The spectacular city of Athens

The Treasures of Ancient Greece

9 nights from £995

- ◆ Exploration of ancient Greek sites
- ◆ Specialist tour leader

The treasures of the ancient world await our discovery on this rewarding tour through Greece and the Peloponnese peninsula. We see magnificent archaeological sites including the Acropolis at Athens and journey to world-famous places - Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games; and Delphi, where pilgrims once travelled to consult the oracle.



The Byzantine Monastery of Our Lady

Day 1 London/Athens

We fly to Athens and on arrival transfer to our A class hotel where we stay overnight on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 2 Corinth, Mycenae, Tiryns & Drepanon

This morning we travel to Corinth where we visit the museum and see the Fountain of Peirene and the earliest Doric Temple on the mainland. We continue to Mycenae, where Heinrich Schliemann discovered Agamemnon's tomb in 1876 together with a hoard of treasures. Here we see the Treasury of Atreus before moving on to Tiryns with its huge citadel encircled by 25-foot-thick "Cyclopean" walls.

Our journey continues to the coastal resort of Drepanon where our night's half board accommodation is reserved in a B class hotel.

Day 3 Epidaurus, Bassae & Olympia

Our day begins in Epidaurus the ancient centre of worship to Asclepius, god of medicine. Here we visit the sanctuary, museum and theatre which seated 14,000 people. We then continue through the lovely countryside of Arcadia to the 5th century BC Temple of

Apollo at Bassae, remote and severe in its dramatic mountain setting. We finally arrive in Olympia where two night's half board accommodation will be spent in an A class hotel.

Day 4 Olympia

The whole day is devoted to Olympia. Here, in this most evocative of settings deep in a



We spend a whole day in Olympia

green valley, the first Games were held in 776BC and continued until AD 393. We see the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Hera, the stadium and museum.

Day 5 Delphi & Itea

This morning we drive across the plain to Patros, visiting a winery en route (if time permits). We then cross by ferry to Arionon, breaking for lunch at Nafpaktos before continuing to Delphi and Itea. Two nights will be spent on a half board basis in Itea at a B class hotel.

Day 6 Delphi

We spend the day in Delphi, starting at the Kasikian Spring where pilgrims would wash their hands in the water flowing from the cliff before seeking the wisdom of the Oracle. We then see the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, situated on a narrow ledge between cliff and gorge, and the Temple of Apollo dating from the 4th century BC. Here pilgrims would hear the voice of Apollo.



We visit the archaeological site in Corinth.

speaking to them through the aged priestess known as the Pitia. We also visit the museum and see the celebrated bronze statue of the character.

Day 7 Athens
Briefly leaving the ancient world behind, we visit the Byzantine Monastery of Otto Loukas overlooking the slopes of

Mt. Hellon. This was the rallying point for Greeks in 1790 as they gathered to rid themselves of the yoke of the Ottoman Empire. Passing through Thessalonica we go to Creta to see the Sanctuary of Demeter and her daughter Persephone.

We continue to Athens where we stay for three nights bed and breakfast in an A class hotel.

Day 8 Athens
The morning is devoted to a visit to the Acropolis, crowned by the Parthenon, the pride of Periclean Athens. Here we visit the Acropolis Museum and the Temple of Athena Nike. In the afternoon we drive to the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. This magically sited temple, dating from the 5th century BC, sits at the end of a promontory, its dazzling white columns still acting as a landmark to passing ships as it has done for the past 2,500 years.

Day 9 Athens & Vravrona
Today we visit the wonderful National Archaeological Museum in Athens where the finds from the sites we have seen will help us review our tour through Ancient Greece. In the afternoon we continue to the Sanctuary of Artemis at Vravrona.

Day 10 Athens/London
We drive to Athens airport for the return flight.

ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- ◆ Transfers between airport & hotels
- ◆ 7 nights accommodation - 4 nights bed and breakfast, 3 nights half board
- ◆ Excursions as described
- ◆ All entrance fees and gratuities
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of a specialist tour leader and a local escort

HOLIDAY DETAILS

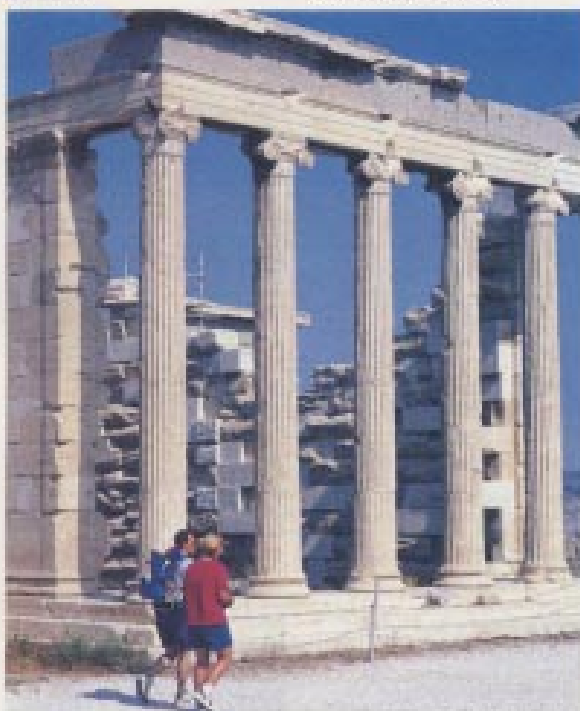
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| Departure dates | Prices Per Person |
| 24 March | |
| 7 April | |
| 21 April | |
| 5, 26 May | €995 |
| 21 August | |
| 22 September | |
| 6, 20 October | |

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and air.

Supplements Per Person
Single rooms - £16 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 178

Your Journey
Scheduled flights from Heathrow by Olympic Airways, Airbus A330, between London Heathrow and Athens, departing at 11.30h and arriving back at 13.05h.

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The Temple of Athena Nike in Athens.

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