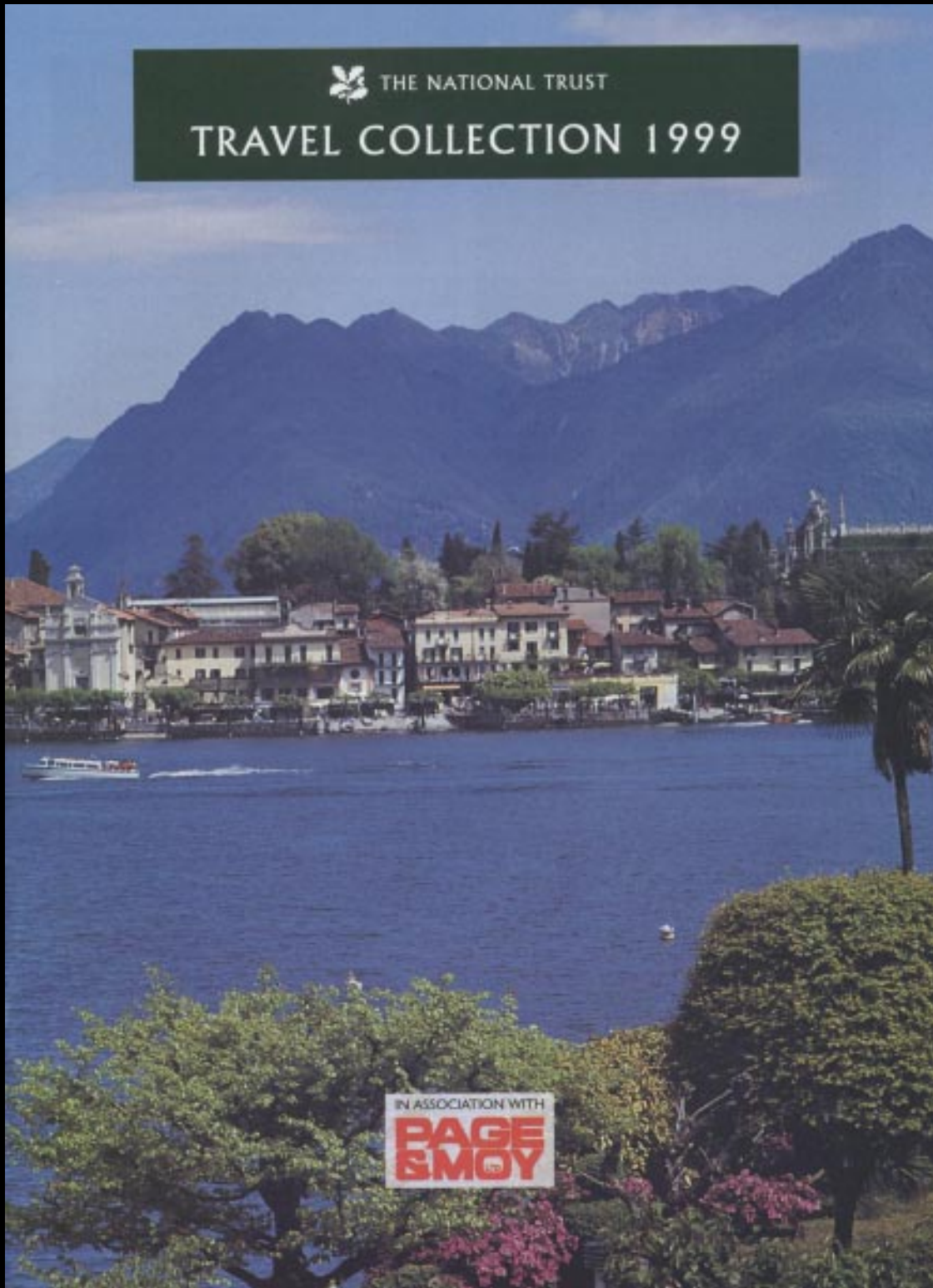


# The National Trust Holiday Collection 1999

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### Dear Supporter,

I am very pleased to be able to introduce you to the fifth edition of The National Trust Travel Collection. The itineraries included have once again been carefully selected from Page & Moy's portfolio of special and general interest tours in appeal to the interests of Trust members and its supporters.

For each booking made through this Collection, the tour operator Page & Moy, makes a financial contribution to the work of the Trust.

There are a number of new holidays for 1999 including a nine night tour to Urbino, Ravenna & Venice and a seven night tour to the unspoilt scenery of Portugal's Douro Valley. Firm favourites, including Pompeii, Paestum & Herculaneum and the Canadian Rockies are featured again. These tours can also be found in other Page & Moy brochures but by booking through this Collection, you can be assured that your holiday is helping the Trust with its work.

In 1998 we were again very pleased with the success of our two National Trust Cruises and in particular to have the Director General, Martin Drury, on board one cruise as a guest speaker. This year we have two cruises - one in June on board the Black Prince, visiting the Northern Isles and the Norwegian Fjords, and the second in August on board the Ocean Majesty visiting St Petersburg and the Baltic Cities. Now for this year we also have a river cruise sailing the Rhine to Strasbourg and like our sea cruises there will be guest speakers on board and special shore excursions available.

I would also like to draw your attention to the holidays featured in the Great Houses and Gardens section of the brochure. These holidays include many special and private visits and are exclusive to National Trust supporters.

Thank you for your support and for contributing to the valuable work of The National Trust.

Inga Grimsey  
Managing Director  
The National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd



Ermitage, St Petersburg



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### IT'S EASY TO BOOK

These holidays should be booked directly through our office in Leicester. Simply call our knowledgeable reservations staff on the number below. They will be happy to offer advice and to make a provisional reservation. For further details of how to book, please see page 51.

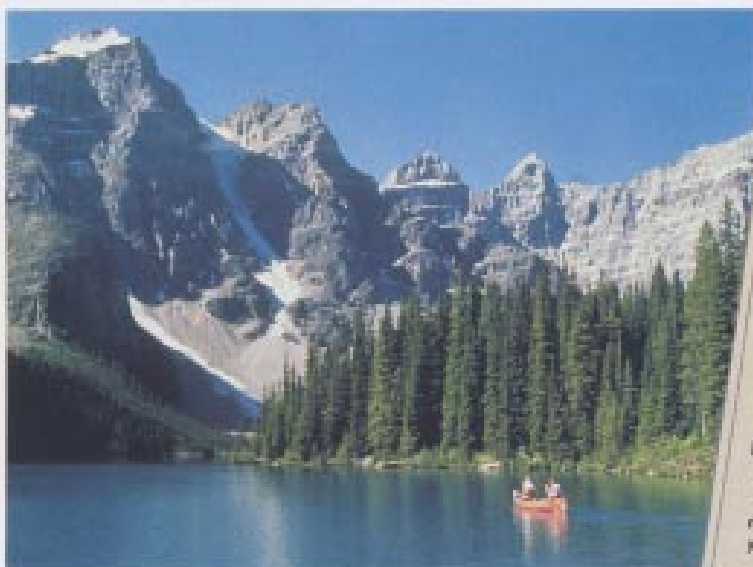
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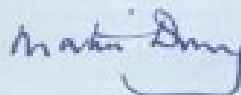
SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

I would like to thank the many thousands of members and supporters who have chosen to book a holiday through The National Trust Travel Collection in the past four years. This has helped to raise over £400,000 for The National Trust.

In 1998 travellers enjoyed the landscapes, art and architecture of Italy and the great cities of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Those who decided to holiday closer to home joined in the Great Houses and Gardens tours, offered exclusively through The National Trust Travel Collection. In 1999 we introduce some new destinations into our brochure, including the Douro Valley in Portugal, a botany tour in Crete and an exploration of Romanesque France. We believe these tours will appeal to our members and supporters.

I was delighted to join 400 Trust supporters on the fourth National Trust cruise on the Black Prince in August 1998. Building on the enormous enthusiasm there has been for these cruises, we are again offering a June cruise on the Black Prince in 1999, a September cruise to the Baltic Cities and St Petersburg on the Ocean Majesty, together with our River Rhine cruise. Details of all these cruises are given in the brochure.

Your support of the Trust through this travel programme in 1999 will as always, be both valuable to the Trust and greatly appreciated.



Martin Drury  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
THE NATIONAL TRUST



Florence, part of the Italian Renaissance

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## MORE THAN JUST A HOLIDAY

Our holidays are planned to give you a real insight into the history and culture of the area you are visiting as well as seeing the major sights. The majority of tours stay in two or three centres and offer both included and optional excursions to local places of interest.

On a practical note, please be aware that this can mean a good deal of walking, often over steep or uneven ground, as coach access is not possible to many historic towns and cities.

## REGIONAL DEPARTURES

We offer departures from regional airports whenever possible but availability of suitable flights is unfortunately fairly limited.

However, we are pleased to offer connecting flights to London from a variety of airports at specially reduced fares. We have also negotiated a special fare of just £10 return for travel to your departure point with National Express coaches. You will find further details on page 53.

## COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL TO THE AIRPORT

On holidays to South Africa, Jordan, the USA, Canada, China, Australia & New Zealand we invite you to be our guest from door to door. Providing you live within a 100 mile drive of your airport of departure, we will arrange for a taxi to pick you up from your home and take you to the airport. 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. Just look out for this logo in the brochure. Please note that we can arrange only one taxi per booking form.





## South Africa - the Western Cape

9 nights from £1395



- ◆ Stay in historic Cape Town
- ◆ Regional flights available

Our new itinerary visits the vineyards and wineries, historic Dutch colonial manor houses and the best gardens of the Cape and discovers the history and traditions of this beautiful land. We drive through lush landscapes to the winelands and past seascapes of one of the most beautiful areas of the world.

### Days 1 & 2

#### UK/Cape Town

Depart from your chosen airport to Amsterdam to connect with the overnight flight to Cape Town. On arrival we transfer to our hotel. **Accommodation:** Courtyard Hotel, 4 nights half board, 1 night bed and breakfast. This modern hotel is built around a 16th century Cape Dutch house. The Wild Fig restaurant is one of the best in Cape Town.

### Day 3 Cape Peninsula

Our full day tour will take us past some of the most spectacular coastline in the country. We visit Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet and part of a flourishing nature reserve. We also visit the beautiful Signal Gardens, the private home of John and Lady Sarah Agnew. The garden is made up of a series of terraces, constantly changing with seasonal displays of colour. Lunch today is included and dinner will be taken in a local restaurant in Cape Town.

### Day 4 The Winelands

We begin with a visit to one of the region's most beautiful private gardens, Oude Nekke in the Jonkershoek Valley. The house and



Typical Cape Dutch architecture

garden have been painstakingly restored, especially the water garden and magnificent array of roses. We take tea with the owner, Mrs van der Spuy, and visit her historic Cape Dutch house.

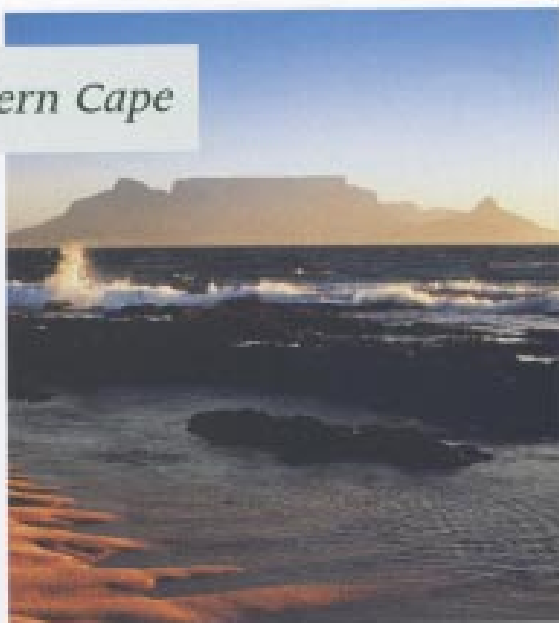
We then drive to Stellenbosch, the oldest town in South Africa, where there will some free time. This university town is known for its oak lined streets filled with Cape Dutch, Georgian and Victorian buildings. We will have a wine tasting at Vergelegen wine estate before our return to the hotel for dinner in the Wild Fig restaurant.

### Day 5 Garden Visits

Our first visit is to Sandy Overstone's garden at Stellenbosch. This beautiful garden will be opened specially for us and features a herb garden and a formal walled garden designed by David Hicks. We later visit the Andre's Gardens in Claremont, created in the Victorian era, before spending the afternoon at the famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. On the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, they are spread over 528 hectares and contain over 9,000 species, mainly indigenous. Lunch today is included, dinner is independent.

### Day 6 Fernkloof & Hermanus

Today we go to an area of great natural beauty at Fernkloof where an astonishing number of native species grow in a relatively small area. We will be able to spend some time in the company of a warden before going to the attractive resort of Hermanus. There will be some free time here perhaps you'll catch a glimpse of the migrating whales that pass the shores. Dinner will be taken in a Cape Town restaurant.



Cape Town lies in the shadow of Table Mountain

### Day 7 Vergelegen & Navarre

We follow the stunning shoreline of False Bay to Vergelegen, one of the most beautiful and historic wine estates in the Western Cape, where we will enjoy lunch and a tasting. We spend the afternoon in a private garden in Navarre on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, before our return for dinner in the Wild Fig restaurant.

### Day 8 Cape Town

We spend the morning exploring the historic city. We visit the Company's Gardens in the heart of the city and the oldest in South Africa, founded as a vegetable garden in 1652. Today they are glorified with a magnificent collection of species. We shall also visit the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest surviving building in the city. After an included lunch in the waterfront area the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing.

This evening we enjoy a typical treat, a south African barbecue at the Komootop winery.

### Regional departures

Flights to Amsterdam are available from Aberdeen, Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heathrow, Humberside, Leeds/Bradford, London City, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Sheffield, Stansted, Southampton and Teesside. Please ask our Reservations staff for details of timings.

### Days 9 & 10 Cape Town/UK

We make a visit to the Zeevacht wine estate for lunch and a tasting before returning to the airport for the homeward flight, arriving back in the UK on day 10.

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Free taxi between your home and airport - see page 7
- ◆ Scheduled flights from regional airports
- ◆ Transfers between airports & hotel
- ◆ 7 nights' accommodation - 4 half board, 3 bed and breakfast plus 4 lunches
- ◆ Excursions and wine tastings as described
- ◆ All entrance fees and gratuities
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of an experienced tour escort and local representative

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER	1582
Departs Friday	Price Per Person
17 September	
8, 22 October	£1395
12, 26 November	

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 £23 per night. Holiday Insurance - please see page 54

#### Your Journey

Scheduled flights from London by KLM, Boeing 747, between Amsterdam and Cape Town via Johannesburg, departing at 23:15h and arriving back at 05:55h. Flights to Amsterdam are available from 10 regional airports as detailed above.

Please see pages 51-53 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. SAF

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South Africa

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## Lake Garda & the Verona Opera Festival

7 nights from £545

- ◆ Includes tickets to two or three performances as indicated
- ◆ Full day excursion to Venice

The Verona Opera Festival continues to win the hearts of opera lovers year after year and we are delighted to offer a choice of holidays staying on the shores of lovely Lake Garda. The scenic beauty of the region is the perfect complement to the drama that unfolds on the stage of the ancient arena.



We are offering a choice of three resorts on Lake Garda.

### RIVA DEL GARDA

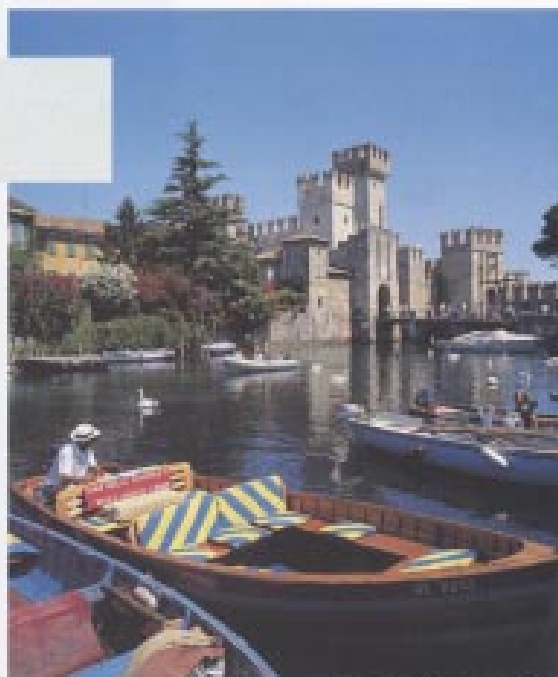
A pretty resort on the north shore of the lake, set in a dramatic position at the foot of the Dolomite Mountains.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Centrale (3-star), 7 nights half board. The hotel overlooks Riva's main square and the delightful harbour. It is well appointed and offers a good restaurant, terrace and bar.

### SIRMIONE

Without doubt this is the most sophisticated resort on the lake, characterised by its fascinating medieval castle.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Flaminio (4-star), 7 nights bed and breakfast. The Flaminio is in the historic central area and overlooks the lake. There is a lounge, fine restaurant and a large sun terrace opening out directly on to the lake.



Scenic view of our resorts on Lake Garda

### DESENZANO DEL GARDA

This is a charming little town at the southern end of the lake. The railway station is on the main line into Verona and offers excellent opportunities for independent sightseeing.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Aurora (3-star), 7 nights half board. This family run hotel enjoys a good location and the Vignati family offer a warm welcome. It has attractive public rooms, a lift, small terrace and solarium.

Whichever resort you choose, your itinerary will be as follows:

### Day 1 UK/Lake Garda

Fly to either Milan or Verona (see your journey for details) where your tour leader and coach will be waiting to transfer you to Lake Garda and your chosen resort.

### Days 2 to 7 Lake Garda

You are free to enjoy the beautiful scenery for which Lake Garda and the surrounding region is so well known. We have included a full day excursion to the beautiful city of Venice, where beautiful palaces, exquisite churches and bustling markets vie for space along the canals. You will also have the



View of the amphitheatre of Verona



### TICKET DETAILS

**Ticket Upgrades** - Your holiday includes tickets for seats in the steps. However, it should be possible to upgrade at the following supplements:

#### Numbered steps

£40 Sunday - Thursday;

£45 Friday/Saturday

#### Poltrone numerate

£45 Sunday - Thursday;

£55 Friday/Saturday

Poltrone numerate - numbered seats in the centre of the Arena

Numbered steps - numbered seats in the first section of the steps

Steps - unnumbered places on the steps of the Arena where the acoustics are still superb (early arrival advisable to ensure the best view)

**Please note** that these prices are per person, per performance. However, if you wish to upgrade, you must do this for all performances. It is not possible to upgrade for single performances. We can only request upgraded seats if there are two or multiples of two in your party. If your third opera performance is optional and you choose to book this whilst in insect, ticket upgrades may not be available.



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chance to join an optional excursion to the historic town of Mantua, birthplace of the poet Virgil, setting for Verdi's *Rigoletto* and the place where Shakespeare sent Romeo to seek refuge after his exile from Verona.

A range of other excursion opportunities will also be available during your stay.

On opera evenings your tour leader will take you by coach to Verona. Please note that it is not possible to park close to the arena and it will be necessary to make the twenty minute walk to the centre.

Guests staying on a half board basis will have lunch instead of dinner on opera evenings.

#### Day 8 Lake Garda/UK

Transfer to the airport for your homeward flight.



Performance at the Arena di Verona

### THE OPERAS

#### Aida

Verdi's spectacular and dramatic tale of *Aida* and Radames' tragic love is a Verona classic.

#### Carmen

Bizet's tragic tale set in Seville translates beautifully to the bull-ring like ambience of Verona's arena.

#### Madama Butterfly

Puccini's masterpiece tells the tragic story of a young Japanese girl who is heartlessly betrayed by her American bridegroom.

The opera never fails to move the audience as the story unfolds from the happy wedding to her violent suicide.

#### The Merry Widow

This is a first for Verona - Lehar's sparkling and tuneful operetta is one of the most popular ever written.

#### Tosca

Puccini's masterly and theatrical opera is a story of power, jealousy, love and cruelty, and is one of his best loved scores.



Verona Arena and surrounding city

### DEPARTURE DATES, PERFORMANCE DETAILS AND PRICES PER PERSON

Dep Date	Hotel	Hot No	H. B/Fy	Aida	Carmen	M. Widow	Tosca	Price
22 June	Sirmione	T003	-	25/6	-	-	26/6	1765
23 June	Desenzano	T004	-	25/6	-	-	26/6	1545
24 June	Riva	T002	-	25/6	-	-	26/6	1575
29 June	Sirmione	T003	-	4/7	2/7	-	3/7	1795
30 June	Desenzano	T004	-	4/7	2/7	-	-	1605
1 July	Riva	T002	-	4/7	2/7	-	-	1645
6 July	Sirmione	T003	-	-	11/7	10/7	9/7	1865
7 July	Desenzano	T004	-	-	11/7	(10/7)	9/7	1855
8 July	Riva	T002	-	-	11/7	(10/7)	9/7	1845
13 July	Sirmione	T003	-	18/7	16/7	14/7	-	1965
14 July	Desenzano	T004	-	18/7	16/7	-	(17/7)	1855
15 July	Riva	T002	-	18/7	16/7	-	(17/7)	1845
20 July	Sirmione	T003	-	25/7	23/7	-	24/7	1845
21 July	Desenzano	T004	-	25/7	23/7	-	(24/7)	1655
22 July	Riva	T002	-	25/7	23/7	-	(24/7)	1645
27 July	Sirmione	T003	30/7	1/8	-	31/7	-	1840
28 July	Desenzano	T004	30/7	1/8	-	(31/7)	-	1655
29 July	Riva	T002	(30/7)	1/8	3/8	-	-	1675
3 August	Sirmione	T003	4/8	8/8	6/8	-	-	1885
4 August	Desenzano	T004	-	8/8	6/8	(9/8)	-	1655
5 August	Riva	T002	(7/8)	8/8	6/8	-	-	1675
10 August	Sirmione	T003	13/8	15/8	14/8	-	-	1865
11 August	Desenzano	T004	(13/8)	15/8	14/8	-	-	1655
12 August	Riva	T002	(13/8)	15/8	14/8	-	-	1675
17 August	Sirmione	T003	-	18/8	20/8	14/8	-	1965
18 August	Desenzano	T004	(21/8)	22/8	20/8	-	-	1655
19 August	Riva	T002	(21/8)	22/8	20/8	-	-	1675
24 August	Sirmione	T003	25/8	24/8	26/8	-	-	1865
25 August	Desenzano	T004	(28/8)	24/8	26/8	-	-	1655
26 August	Riva	T002	28/8	24/8	-	(27/8)	-	1675

#### Extra nights at the opera

Most departures staying in the Hotels Centrale and Astoria have two operas included in the price, with the option to buy tickets for the third (shown in brackets) should you wish. This may be pre-booked before departure, or through your tour leader once in resort.

#### Short breaks

We are pleased to offer a range of shorter tours to the Verona Opera Festival. You can choose from 4 or 5 night departures staying in Verona itself or 5 nights in Desenzano or Peschiera, both on Lake Garda. The Verona based holidays are independent, stay in 3 or 4 star hotels within walking distance of the Arena itself and include tickets to two or three operas, depending on the date. If you choose to stay by the lake, you will be accompanied by a tour leader, two operas are included and there will be the chance to join optional excursions to Venice and Mantua. For further details please call our Reservations staff.

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Scheduled flights from Heathrow or Gatwick
- ✦ Transfer between airport & hotel
- ✦ 7 night accommodation as described
- ✦ Excursion to Venice
- ✦ Tickets for performances as detailed
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of an experienced tour leader

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms, with private bath or shower and etc. A limited number of single rooms is available on request and at both the Hotel Centrale and Hotel Astoria.

#### Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £12 per night (Florence)  
Lake facing room per night: £2 (Cortina), £25 (Florence)

Extra opera performance: £25

Holiday Insurance - please see page 50

#### Your Journey

Florence: Scheduled flights, twin seater by British Airways, Boeing 737, between London Gatwick and Verona departing at 10:30h and arriving back at 14:00h, Geneva & Astoria: Scheduled flights twin seater by Alitalia, Airbus A320, between London Heathrow and Milan, departing at 12:00h and arriving back at 15:00h.

Please see pages 51 - 52 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. ITA



## Albi, Carcassonne & the Dordogne

7 nights from £399

- ◆ Superb value two-centre holiday
- ◆ Wide choice of included and optional excursions

Just like their acclaimed wines, the beautiful landscapes, mediaeval towns and mellow villages we visit on this tour are of the finest vintage. From impregnable hill-top fortresses, built as protection against the Albigensian crusades, to golden stone houses, clinging to the banks of the Dordogne, this is France at its most appealing.

### Day 1 London/Albi

Depart London for Toulouse and on arrival transfer to Albi.  
**Accommodation:** Grand Hotel d'Orléans (3-star), 2 nights bed and breakfast, 3 nights half board.  
This delightful, family-run hotel, situated a short distance from the old quarter and cathedral, offers a restaurant serving fine local cuisine and air-conditioned rooms with satellite TV.

### Days 2 to 5 Albi

During your stay in Albi we have included a walking tour of this attractive town, through the mediaeval streets of the old quarter, where we see the magnificent Gothic Ste Cecile Cathedral, built during the 13th century. You may wish to visit the Toulouse Lautrec Museum (entrance payable locally).

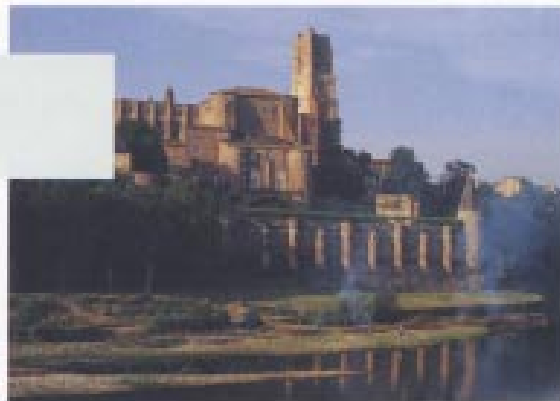


The imposing fortified city of Carcassonne

We also enjoy a full day excursion to **Carcassonne**. The largest fortress in Europe was built to protect Toulouse from invasion. You will see La Cité and take in the commanding view from the twin, crenellated walls. The return



La Roque Gageac in the heart of the Dordogne Valley



View of the honey city of Albi

journey will take us via the pretty riverside town of Castres.

Two optional excursions will also be available:

**Ville-Bastides** (full day) Visit two of the fortified villages built during the troubled times of the Albigensian crusades, when French Christians from the north fought against those from the south. Sightseeing includes the remarkably sited town of Najac and Cordes a superb mediaeval walled town.

**Gallic and the Gorges de l'Aveyron** (full day) We will be offering a visit to a local Gallic vineyard for a tasting, and a scenic drive exploring the fabulous Gorges de l'Aveyron.

### Day 6 Payrac

We leave Albi for a scenic day's drive across country to the Gorge du Lot and St-Cirq-Lapopie, a beautiful village of ancient houses, perched high above the river, and Cahors, famous for its red wine and 13th century cathedral. In the afternoon we travel to Rocamadour, a spectacularly sited town on the ancient pilgrim route. Before continuing to Payrac.

**Accommodation:** *Wentzler de la Patis* or similar (3-star), 2 nights half board.

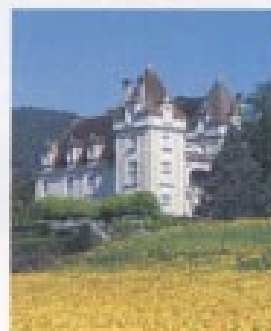
### Day 7

#### Dordogne Valley

A panoramic tour of the Dordogne Valley is included today, passing the honey-coloured riverside cliffs and visiting photogenic villages such as La Roque-Cogzac, where many of the stone houses are cut from the rock face itself. We will also see the bustling market town of Sarlat with its beautifully restored ancient houses and there will be time for an optional boat trip on the river.

### Day 8 Payrac/London

This morning we transfer to Toulouse airport to join the homeward flight to Gatwick.



The beautiful scenery of the Dordogne

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Scheduled Flights from Gatwick
- ◆ Transfers between airport and hotels
- ◆ 7 nights' accommodation - 5 half board, 2 bed and breakfast
- ◆ Walking tour of Albi, sightseeing tour of Carcassonne, visit to Castres, Cordes and Rocamadour, tour of the Dordogne Valley
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of an experienced tour leader

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER	PRICE
Departure Dates	Prices Per Person
22, 29 April	£429
6, 13, 20, 27 May	
3, 10, 20, 27 June	£409
2, 7, 12 July	
12, 19, 26 August	£469
9, 16, 23, 30 September	£409
7, 14, 21 October	£409
2, 4 November	£399

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

#### Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £12 per night  
Holiday Insurance - please see page 53

#### Your Journey

Scheduled Flights (over operated) by Air France on behalf of British Airways, Flighter 320 between London Gatwick and Toulouse, departing at 14:00 and arriving back at 13:00.

Please see pages 52 - 53 for details of terms not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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## The Van Dyck Exhibition Antwerp

3 nights from £445

- ◆ Includes visits to places associated with Van Dyck
- ◆ Specialist tour leader

Staying in the delightful city of Antwerp, we see the many places associated with Van Dyck, enjoy visits to the museums, art galleries and churches which house his works of art and see the magnificent exhibition devoted to over eighty of his paintings.



### Day 1 UK/Antwerp

We fly to Brussels and transfer to Antwerp and our hotel. This evening the tour leader will give a talk on the life and work of Van Dyck.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Carlton (4 star), 1 night half board, 2 nights bed and breakfast



City and lovely Ghent

### Day 2 Antwerp

We begin our sightseeing tour in the historic quarter, visiting the magnificent 14th century cathedral where Van Dyck was baptised. Here we see two major works by Rubens, *Descent from the Cross* and *The Rising of the Cross*. We continue to St Paul's Church, its magnificent interior adorned by more than fifty works of art including Van Dyck's *The Beating of the Cross*, and visit the Baroque St Carolus Borromeus Church. We also see Rubens' house where we view several of his paintings including a portrait of Van Dyck as a boy and Van Dyck's landscape sketches of the English countryside.

The day ends at the Plantin Moretus Museum, the most famous printing works in Europe and an important centre of learning in the 17th century. Here we may also visit the exhibition of Van Dyck's engravings which, owing to their delicate condition, are rarely publicly displayed. Although Van Dyck was a gifted engraver, this skill is often overlooked.

### Day 3 Antwerp

We visit the Royal Museum of Fine Arts to see the Van Dyck Exhibition, the largest ever seen, with more than eighty works. Afterwards there will be time to view the permanent collection including works by Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Van der Weyden, Titian, Rubens and Raphael. The remainder of the day is free.

### Day 4 Ghent/UK

We drive to Ghent this morning to visit St Bavo's Cathedral to view Van Dyck's great masterpiece *The*



Antwerp and its splendid cathedral

*Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*, the pinnacle of Flemish art. There will be some free time to explore the old centre of Ghent before returning to Brussels.

### Regional flights

Scheduled flights direct to Brussels are also available from Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, Manchester and Newcastle. Alternatively you can travel by Eurostar from London Waterloo International direct to Brussels - please ask our Reservations staff for details.

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Scheduled flights from Glasgow
- ◆ Transfer between airport & hotel
- ◆ 3 nights' accommodation - 1 half board, 2 bed and breakfast
- ◆ Excursions as described
- ◆ All entrance fees and gratuities
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of a tour escort and specialist tour leader: Christopher Small (AV, 254); Michael Wright (124, 97); Dr Thomas Bury (166, 17); Sophie Blackmore (167); 265, 167, 48 to be added

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

**HOLIDAY NUMBER** T462

Departs Friday	Price Per Person
28 May	
4, 11, 18, 25 June	£445
2, 9, 16, 30 July	
6 August	

**Prices** are based on the shared occupancy of two or double booked rooms with private bath or shower en suite.

#### Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £20 per night  
 Flight from Birmingham £20  
 Manchester, Bristol & Leeds/Bradford £20  
 Newcastle, Old Edinburgh & Glasgow £20  
 (May & June), £70 July & August  
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 50

#### Your Journey

Scheduled flights from Gatwick by Cathay Pacific, Boeing 777, between Glasgow and Brussels departing at 09:00h and arriving back at 20:00h.

Please see pages 52 - 53 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. **BEL**



An English Farmer and the Artist by Sir Anthony Van Dyck - Bridgeman Art Library



## The Treasures of Jordan

7 nights from £929

Discover the ancient kingdom of Jordan

Petra ♦ Amman ♦ Crusader Castles  
Mount Nebo ♦ Wadi Rum



As we journey through this ancient land we will make intriguing discoveries - Roman cities, Crusader castles, Byzantine monuments and the enigmatic rose-red city of Petra - and venture into the desert to see spectacular landscapes, lush oases and Wadi Rum, with its associations with Lawrence of Arabia.

### Day 1 London/Amman

We fly to Amman and on arrival take the short journey into the city. Accommodation: Ambassador Hotel, 2 nights half board

### Day 2 Amman

Our half-day sightseeing tour reveals the rich heritage of this ancient city. We see the magnificent Roman amphitheatre cut into the hillside, the ruins of the walled Citadel and the Archaeological Museum which houses a fine collection of artefacts.

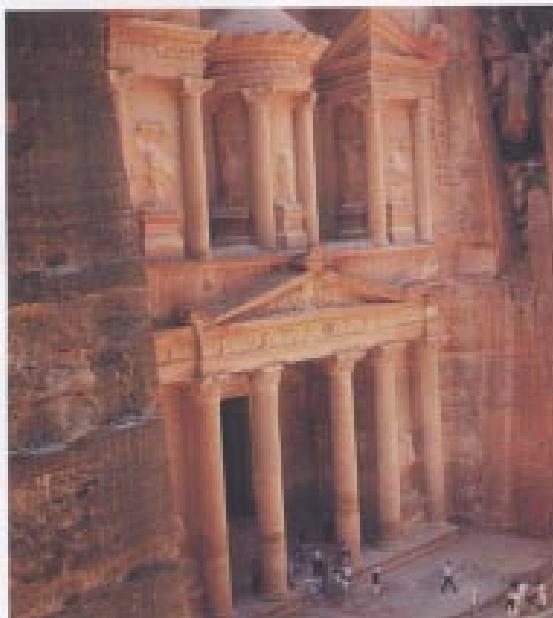
### Day 3 Pella & Um Qais

We venture through the fertile Jordan Valley to the excavations at

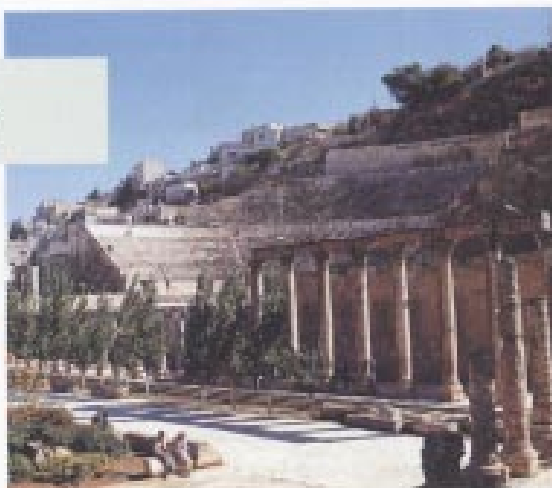
Pella, one of the great cities of the Decapolis, then continue to Um Qais, site of Gadara, where we see the Western Theatre, mausoleum, baths and colonnaded street, once the hub of the city's commercial centre.

### Day 4 The King's Highway to Petra

Today we take the picturesque journey along the King's Highway which snakes its way south through spectacular countryside and past ancient towns and oases. We reach Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land then move on to Madaba.



Rock cut wall to magnificent Petra



The Roman Theatre at Amman

famous for its 6th century map of Palestine. We stop for lunch that included at the hilltop town of Kerak, the site of a Crusader castle built in 1136, then continue to Shobak where we see another Crusader fortress located on a high spur above a desolate plateau. We later arrive in Petra, located on the edge of the Wadi Araba, an area of steep, rugged hills.

Accommodation: The Prince Hotel, 2 nights half board

### Day 5 Petra

We spend the entire day in Petra, an ancient city built by the Nabataeans over 2000 years ago. Either ride on horseback or walk on the paved pathway to the entrance of the Sig, then continue on foot or by horse-drawn carriage through the spectacular gorge which winds its way through towering walls of rock 200 feet high. As we emerge out of the darkness we encounter the magnificent Treasury building carved out of the solid rock. We then explore the archaeological site and discover the world of the Nabataeans whose vast wealth was gained from their control of the trade routes between Arabia and the Roman Empire. We will have the opportunity to climb to the summit of El Deir and Mount Sela to appreciate the spectacular views of the surrounding landscapes.

### Day 6 Wadi Rum & Amman

The morning is free for you to relax and explore independently. Later, we venture into the desert by jeep to Wadi Rum, an oasis blessed with bizarre rock formations rising sheer from the desert floor and famous for its associations with the British Colonel T. E. Lawrence. We continue north to Amman where we stay for the two nights.

Accommodation: Ambassador Hotel, 2 nights half board

### Day 7 Amman

The day is at leisure for you to spend as you wish. Alternatively, join our optional excursion to Irbid, one of the most complete archaeological sites in Jordan. In the afternoon we visit the Castle at Ajlun, built by one of Saladin's generals in 1184 as a protection against the crusaders and a good example of Islamic military construction.

### Day 8 Amman/London

Early this morning we leave for the airport to join our homeward flight.

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- Free taxi between your hotel & airport - see page 3
- Scheduled flights from Manchester
- Transfers between airports & hotels
- 7 nights half board accommodation
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a local tour leader and Page & Mapcart

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER: M923

Departs Thursdays Price Per Person

28 March £929

15, 29 April; 13 May

23 September; 7, 21 October £949

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 £12 per night

Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

#### Your Journey

Scheduled flights from Manchester by British Mediterranean Airways on behalf of British Airways, Airbus A320, between London Heathrow and Amman, departing at 14:00 and arriving back at 12:00.

Please see pages 52 - 53 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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## Highlights of China



17 nights from £1639  
 Beijing ♦ Shanghai ♦ Great Wall of China  
 Terracotta Army ♦ Guilin  
 Canton ♦ Hong Kong

From the mystery of Beijing's once Forbidden City to the fascinating Terracotta Army, China remains one of the most rewarding and enigmatic destinations for today's traveller. Marvel at the monumental Great Wall and stand in awe of the warriors of the Terracotta Army at Xian. Our momentous tour concludes with a two night stay in bustling Hong Kong.

### Your Accommodation

All the hotels featured in the tour are of a high 3 or 4-star standard and offer comfortable accommodation with air conditioning. Most have health clubs and swimming pools. Televisions, direct dial telephones and minibar are provided in all rooms.

### Day 1 London/Beijing

We depart from London on an overnight flight to Beijing.

### Day 2 Beijing

On arrival we transfer to our hotel and in the afternoon enjoy a city sightseeing tour, visiting the Temple of Heaven, built entirely from wood in the early 15th century, and Tian an Men Square, the largest public forum in the world.  
**Accommodation:** Tianan Dynasty Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board.

### Day 3 Ming Tombs & Great Wall

Today we enjoy a full day sightseeing in the Beijing area including a visit to the Ming Tombs, resting place of thirteen emperors. Continuing

to Badaling, north of Beijing, we see before us what must be the highlight of our holiday - the mighty Great Wall. We will have the opportunity to walk along part of it.

Lunch today is included and this evening look forward to a special vegetarian meal.

### Day 4 Summer Palace

A morning visit is included to the world famous zoo to see the panda enclosure, where successful breeding programmes have been established. We then take a tour of the Summer Palace, famous for its carved marble boat. After lunch (included) there will be free time to take advantage of the excellent shopping facilities - perhaps look out for bargains in Silk Street.

This evening we enjoy a Peking Duck banquet at a local restaurant.



We spend our final two nights in Hong Kong

### Day 5 Xian

Our morning sightseeing tour takes in the courtyards, palaces and pavilions of the Forbidden City, so-called because for over 600 years only the emperor, his family and his ministers were allowed within the complex.

In the afternoon we join our flight to Xian and in the evening sample a Dumpling banquet, traditional Xian cuisine favoured by the Emperors of the Tang Dynasty.  
**Accommodation:** Xian Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board.

### Day 6 Terracotta Army

A special day is in store as we visit the Terracotta Warriors of the Qin army. These life-sized infantrymen, archers and horses symbolically guard the tomb of the first Qin emperor

who, many years before his death, conscripted many thousands of the population to build a firing tomb and memorial. We continue to the Wild Goose Pagoda, built to house sacred Buddhist texts brought back from India.

This evening we attend a show at the Tang Dynasty Theatre which gives us an insight into the music, dance and culture of this magnificent period in China's history.

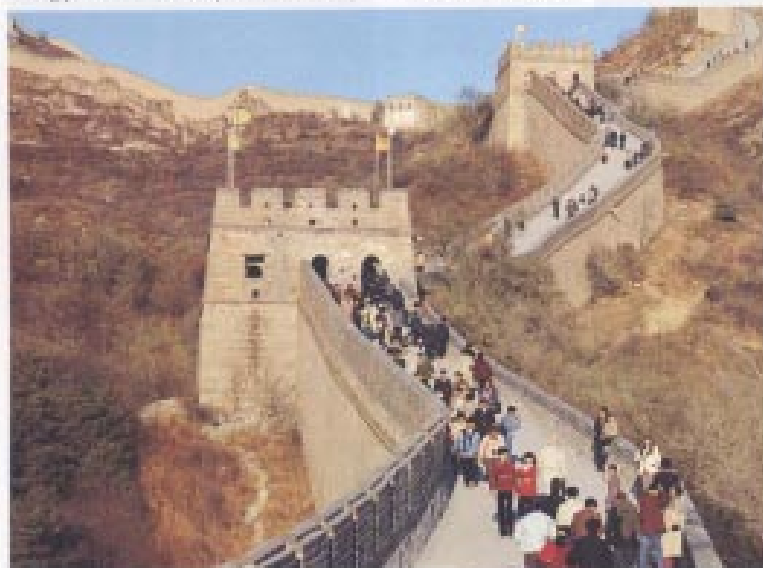
### Day 7 Shanghai

This morning we visit the Provincial Museum which displays rare artefacts, works of art, traditional paintings, huge bronzes cast 3,000 years ago and the amazing Forest of Steles. This is a library of inscribed stone slabs carved in the 9th century which documents the history of Chinese culture and calligraphy.

In the afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight to the bustling city of Shanghai.  
**Accommodation:** Regal East Asia Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board.

### Day 8 Shanghai

Our full day city sightseeing tour takes in the riverfront promenade, called the Bund, the 19th century Jade Buddha Temple which houses two precious jade statues, and the beautiful Yu Yuan Garden, a wonderful blend of landscaped garden and classical Chinese architecture.



We will have the opportunity to walk along the Great Wall

Located in the heart of the bustling old city, the garden is a very peaceful place, ideal for relaxation.

Look forward this evening to a spectacular Shanghai Acrobatic Show.

#### Day 9 Suzhou

This morning we visit the delightful kindergarten at the Children's Palace and after lunch we journey by train to Suzhou, famous for its traditional Chinese architecture, wonderful gardens and pretty canals.

**Accommodation:** Suzhou Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board.

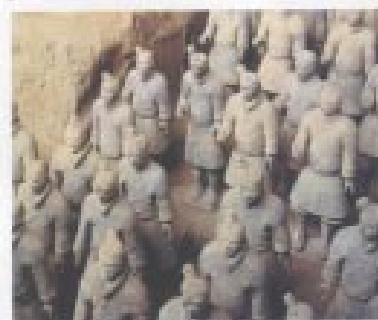
#### Day 10 Suzhou

Today we visit Tongli Village, the Garden of the Humble Administrator, built by a Ming Dynasty mandarin, and the Silk Museum where we learn the secrets of silk manufacture.

#### Day 11 Wuxi

This morning we travel to the city of West along the Grand Canal, a great feat of engineering begun 2,400 years ago, linking the city and farming areas of the south with the royal palaces in the north. In the afternoon we visit the Jichang Garden.

**Accommodation:** Grand Hotel (4-star), 1 night full board.



Look forward to seeing the Chongqing Terracotta Army

#### Day 12 Guilin

We transfer today to Shanghai to join the flight to the city of Guilin, located in the midst of magnificent landscapes and enjoying a subtropical climate.

**Accommodation:** Gaishan Hotel (4-star), 2 nights full board.

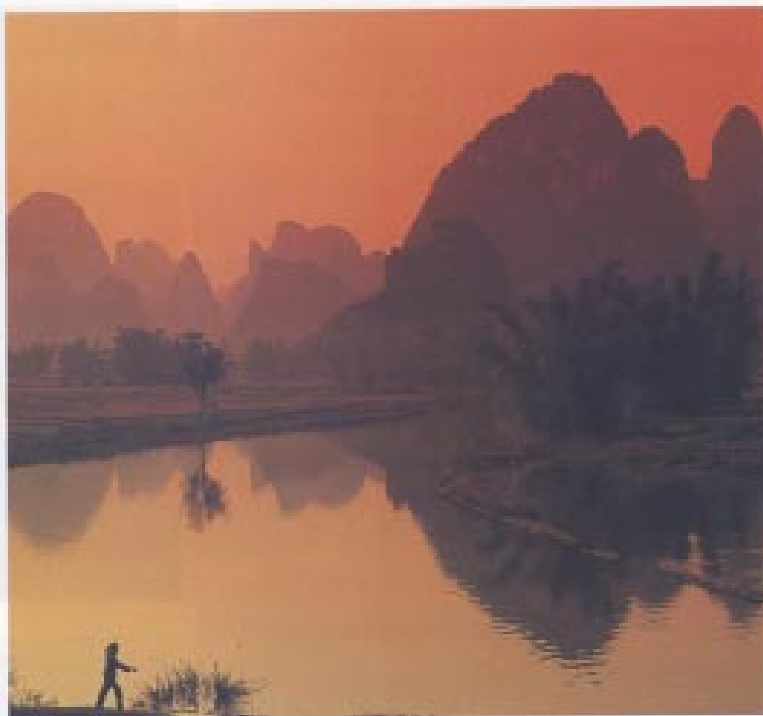
#### Day 13 Guilin

Our included boat trip on the romantic Li River reveals the fascinating lifestyles of local villagers and the spectacular scenery of steep, unusually shaped hills, exotic fruit orchards and verdant landscapes. During our cruise we visit the Reed Flute Cave, situated at the foot of the Gaoping Hill. The cave is a huge, fantastic cavern eroded out of the Karst formation and lined throughout its 500m length with stalactites and stalagmites. Very beautiful, the cave is renowned as the art gallery of nature.

#### Day 14 Guangzhou

This morning we travel to the airport for the flight to the capital of Canton, Guangzhou, where we take a sightseeing tour which includes the Chen Family Temple and the Qingfeng free market. This evening we enjoy a Cantonese farewell banquet.

**Accommodation:** Landmark Hotel (4-star), 1 night full board.



The mysterious landscapes of Guilin

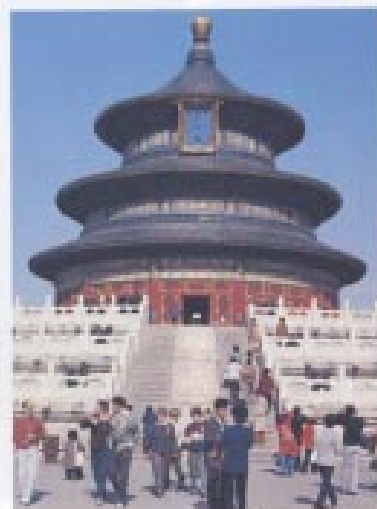
#### Day 15 Hong Kong

We leave Canton behind as we journey by train to Hong Kong. On arrival transfer to our hotel on Hong Kong Island.

**Accommodation:** South Pacific Hotel (Superior 3-star), 2 nights bed and breakfast. The hotel is within walking distance of the Causeway Bay area, the island's main shopping district.

#### Day 16 Hong Kong

A sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island is included this morning. We will take in the marvellous view from Victoria Peak, browse for bargains at Stanley Market, visit Repulse Bay and see the floating community in Aberdeen Harbour. We take a Dimsum lunch at the Jumbo floating restaurant in Aberdeen which gives us a chance to sample typical Hong Kong cuisine.



The Temple of Heaven, Beijing

#### Days 17 & 18 Hong Kong/London

The day is free for you to continue your exploration of this fascinating place. In the evening we transfer to the airport to join our overnight flight, arriving in London in the early hours of day 18.

#### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Free taxi between your home & airport - see page 3
- ✦ Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- ✦ Transfers between airports & hotels
- ✦ 15 night accommodation - 13 full board, 2 bed and breakfast plus one lunch
- ✦ All excursions as described
- ✦ Cultural Tang Dynasty Show
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of an experienced tour leader

#### HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER	3132
Departs Wednesday	Price Per Person
10 March	£1639
21 April	£1749
12 May	£1769
23 June/23 July	£1869
22 September/13 October	£1829
27 October	£1769

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 £22 per night  
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 54  
 Departure taxes paid locally 150 Yuan (£14 approximately)  
 Visa: £10

#### Your Journey

Scheduled flights from London by British Airways, Boeing 747, between London Heathrow and Beijing, departing at 00:00 and arriving back from Hong Kong at 05:00.

Please see pages 51 - 53 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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