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Smithsonian



Curating the world

through travel to enrich and transform lives



This is the story of Smithsonian Journeys.

From the Smithsonian was born an idea to bring the world's cultures and natural sciences alive in experience-rich travel. Inspired by the Smithsonian mission, the "increase and diffusion of knowledge," Smithsonian Journeys fosters the power that comes through travel—unlocking knowledge and cultural awareness—to better understand the world.

When you join our community of curious travelers, you will engage with the world through the Smithsonian lens, enjoying a memorable, immersive, and transformative experience. And, importantly, your participation benefits the work of the Smithsonian, helping to make the world a better place by preserving and celebrating what we cherish from our common past, present, and future.

Why choose Smithsonian Journeys?

Smithsonian heritage and community

Powered by more than 170 years of prestige and trust in the Smithsonian, our trips mirror the reputation, varied collections, research, and community of the Institution. On any given trip, you'll travel with intellectually curious, worldly, and adventurous life-long learners, and forge lasting friendships with others who share your passion for deeper learning and exploration.

A quality experience

With more than 350 departures on all seven continents, Smithsonian Journeys has been renowned for almost 50 years for superior service, special access, and the personal touch of Smithsonian Journeys Experts, travel directors, and other staff. Plus, you'll always find the ideal ships and distinctive properties that reflect the culture of your destination.

Educational emphasis

Travelers return again and again due to the fun and engaged learning at the core of every Smithsonian Journeys tour and cruise. You'll revel in the meaningful enrichment and insider perspectives brought by insightful, world-class, and charismatic Smithsonian Journeys Experts and local guides.



We love Smithsonian Journeys because we find ourselves with intelligent, informed, and fun people, and we always learn a lot.
— Carol and Robert B.



Providing in-depth understanding and a sense of wonder

Our Experts

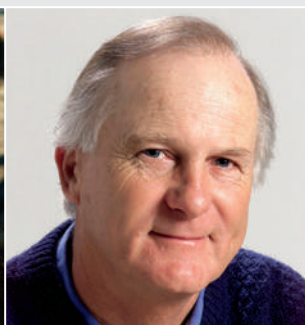
Among the experts who accompany you on your journey are scholars from around the world—with in-depth understanding of history, culture, politics, the natural world, or the fine arts—who have been selected by Smithsonian Journeys for their special knowledge and ability to connect with people. You may also find by your side a Smithsonian scientist who has spent a lifetime studying and interpreting biology, ecology, geology, astronomy, or another discipline. Our travelers continue to tell us that our experts are a major reason they come back to Smithsonian Journeys again and again. Meet some of our experts and read about the tours they will lead in the pages that follow. And go online to read more about them . . . and the accolades shared by our travelers.



Tim Blanning is an expert in modern European history with special focus on political and cultural history of Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries, with additional interest in music and art history. He is the author of many books on these subjects and holds the position of professor emeritus at the University of Cambridge. Tim will accompany the November 2018 departure of *Holiday Markets: Featuring a Rhine River Cruise*, two departures in 2019 of *A Danube River Cruise*, and a September 2019 departure of *Old World Europe*.



Elaine Ruffolo is an art historian who has been based in Florence since 1990. Considered a true insider in Florence, she is a highly popular and well-respected expert who has led more than 100 Smithsonian Journeys tours in Italy. In addition to teaching art and architectural history within its historical context, her special interests include the history of patronage and the economy of Italian Renaissance city-states. In 2019 she will serve as Smithsonian Journeys Expert for *The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci*, with co-leader Ross King.



Don Wilson is curator emeritus of mammals at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and was the director of Smithsonian's Biodiversity Program for ten years. Named by the museum as a senior scientist, he is the author of more than 240 scientific publications and 25 books, including the highly acclaimed series *Handbook of Mammals of the World*. Don will lead two safaris—*African Safari* and *Southern African Adventure*—plus departures of *Journey Through New Zealand* and *Machu Picchu and the Galápagos*.



David Clapp is a respected naturalist and teacher with expertise in conservation and habitat management, as well as ornithology, geology, evolution, and cultural history. Smithsonian Journeys travelers have enjoyed his in-depth knowledge and charismatic personality for more than 30 years. Try to catch him on one of his last trips—the January departure of *Wonders of the Galápagos*—as he has recently decided to retire from a full schedule. We extend our sincere appreciation to David and wish him well.

Cassandra was such a wonderful leader in every way. Her lectures and knowledge of history, literature, and music added immeasurably to the quality of our trip. On top of that, it was so delightful to travel with her! – Betty G.



Cassandra Potts Hannahs is a historian with special expertise in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Norman studies. With a Ph.D. in medieval history, she has taught courses on a wide variety of subjects, from the Roman Empire to the Reformation, and served as an expert on more than 50 Smithsonian Journeys tours in Britain, Ireland, and France. A former history professor, Fulbright scholar, and recipient of several grants, Cassandra has also spent considerable time living in France and the U.K. to pursue her research on Viking settlements and the Norman Conquest. Her broader interests include medieval art, architecture, and archaeology. In 2019, Cassandra will serve as an expert on many journeys, including *A Celtic Cruise*, *France Through the Ages*, *Southern France*, *London*, *Highlights of Britain*, *Scotland's Treasures*, and *Dublin*, our new one-week stay.

Q. What keeps you interested in traveling as a Smithsonian Journeys Expert?

A. The whole process—before, during and after! I love the preparation of crafting a series of lectures to help our travelers get the most out of their experience. Of course, it's also great fun being on these tours too, even ones I've done over and over, because each group creates its own chemistry and makes the journey unique. I tend to specialize in small-group tours where we can really get to know each other. And that's a big part of the pleasure too since "Smithsonians" are a self-selected group, focused on learning and keen to share their questions and insights with each other. Traveling with them is invigorating. It reminds me of teaching honors courses, where the students are willing to work harder to learn more, and their ideas and insights are flying fast and furious. And finally, after the tours there's always a flurry of emails as we exchange photos, articles, book recommendations and favorite moments. These tours create communities that stay

in touch for years as we continue to trade stories and let each other know what we're reading now and where we're going next. And we often meet again. For example, on my upcoming *Highlights of Britain* tour, five of the twenty-two people on it have been on previous Smithsonian Journeys trips with me. I'm really looking forward to seeing and traveling with them again.

Q. What do you love about being a historian on these tours?

A. There are many different types of Smithsonian Journeys trips. The ones I join generally focus on the history and culture of a region, so my job is to be on hand to help interpret specific sites and also to propose broader themes that help tie the tour together. In Ireland, for example, we explore how the medieval past was reinterpreted in the 19th century to inspire a new national consciousness that helped inspire their movement for independence. In France the big question is how the different regions we visit were gradually, and often reluctantly, assembled into the whole. Identifying these unifying themes helps people at the end of the tour remember and understand the significance of what we saw at the beginning, since we're talking the whole time about how it all fits together. So, to answer your question directly, it's incredibly refreshing for me as a historian to step back and consider the big picture this way.

Q. What do you look forward to on *A Celtic Cruise*, especially given that it commemorates the 75th anniversary of D-Day?

A. Normandy has a special place in my heart because I lived there for over a year while doing research for a book, and I've returned many times over the decades. One thing that I've found fascinating about the World War II experience in Normandy is how the sites of memory have evolved. New museums and exhibits about D-Day continue to open, like those at the Airborne Museum, which we'll be visiting. At the same time, it has been moving to see how appreciation for Operation Overlord has only deepened in the past generation. The last time I was there, it took my breath away to go inside the church at Saint-Mère Eglise and find American paratroopers depicted in the stained-glass windows. I look forward to showing that to our travelers. I'm also excited to visit the newly refurbished D-Day Museum at Portsmouth and headquarters of the Allied Command at Southwick House, especially with General Eisenhower's grandson on the trip.

See more bios and interviews with Smithsonian Journeys Experts at SmithsonianJourneys.org/Experts



Find your perfect journey

With Smithsonian Journeys you can be certain to find a trip that matches your aspirations and interests. All of our programming reflects exactly what you expect—a unique blend of cultural insights, exceptional quality, intellectual camaraderie, and personal attention.

So how do you choose the right journey? The easiest way to narrow your search is to use our online Trip Finder, which features simple steps to filter our journeys by travel style, interest, activity level, destination, dates, and trip duration. You can discover your perfect journey in just seconds!

Go to SmithsonianJourneys.org to learn more about our array of amazing journeys.



Classic Land Journeys

Spin the globe and chances are you'll land on a destination featured on one of our many classic journeys—exciting forays into the history, culture, and natural world of a single country or region. Meticulously planned to include iconic sites and hidden gems, these 10 to 23-day programs are comprehensive but never rushed. See the highlights up close with an intimate group of new-found friends—generally 16 to 24 travelers. (Most classic land journeys include airfare for even more value!)



Small-Ship Cruises—Ocean and River

Unpack once and wake up to a brand-new world every day on an ocean or river voyage aboard a fleet of ideal ships that accommodate 26 to 220 guests (with only a few that are larger). You'll enjoy exceptional itineraries to popular destinations worldwide as well as unique voyages. (While some cruises exclusively host Smithsonian Journeys guests, others are shared with leading cultural institutions.)



Cultural Stay Journeys

Settle in and explore in depth! Choose a one-week "Stay" in a European cultural capital or a smaller city set amid magnificent landscapes. Whichever you choose, you'll enjoy an insightful experience, meet with local people, and stay in delightful centrally located accommodations. Or for a more in-depth and personalized living experience, choose an immersive three-week "Living In" stay in Aix-en-Provence or Florence.



Active Journeys—New!

Be engaged, energized, and inspired in an entirely new way! Join us to experience the world up close while hiking, biking, kayaking, rafting, or trekking. In association with MT Sobek, top adventure travel specialists for almost 50 years, we're providing the best in Active Journeys. (See pages 54–59.)



Special Interest Tours

Pursue your passion in depth! Join travelers who share your interest in topics ranging from art to astronomy, and from British mystery writers to cars. Take a course at Oxford, learn about Leonardo da Vinci, view art and science (and CERN) in Switzerland, or commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.



Train Journeys

There's a magical quality to traveling by train. Time seems to stand still as you watch the landscape unfold from the comfort of your train car. Whether you are a true train buff or simply enjoy the "romance of the rails" or the ease and comfort of train travel, you will find many fascinating worldwide train trips that will fulfill your dreams.



Family Journeys

Eager to introduce kids or teens to a different culture or the natural world? Relax and enjoy a memorable time exploring the world together with your family. Let us handle all the details on thoughtfully planned itineraries with inspiring guides who bring new insights to everyone. (See pages 98–103.)



Around-the-World Journeys

For the ultimate trip of a lifetime, join our spectacular Around-the-World by Private Jet Journey, accompanied by a world-class team of experts. You'll visit an incredible array of far-flung destinations in one itinerary, made possible by the convenience of a Boeing 757 private jet custom-fitted for just 80 guests. (See pages 52–53.)



Tailor-Made Journeys

Every Tailor-Made Journey is custom-built just for you. A country specialist will work with you to design your perfect itinerary from start to finish. Whether you're celebrating a milestone moment or traveling just for fun as a couple, solo, or with a group of friends, the when and where are up to you! (See page 104.)



At home in the world

By land or sea, let the journey begin

Distinctive Properties

Whether you're enjoying the cultural treasures of Europe or the wildlife of a safari adventure in Africa, your accommodations enhance your overall experience and are often integral to a memorable trip. Traveling with Smithsonian Journeys, you can be assured of distinctive properties that feature the character and ambiance of the local culture plus the quality service that meets the high standards you expect.

Experience the royal lifestyle of maharajas on *Mystical India* when staying at the Jai Mahal Palace in Jaipur, a heritage hotel. On *Tanzania's Great Migration* you'll take in commanding panoramic views and world-class style at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. During our two tours featuring the *paradores* and *pousadas* of Spain and Portugal, you'll be completely immersed in the history of the Iberian Peninsula during stays in a palace, convent, castle, and town hall! Families will be delighted with a one-week stay at a charming 14th-century Tuscan villa outside of Florence on our *Treasures of Tuscany: A Family Journey*.

Travelers on our new *Walks and Cuisine of Provence*, an Active Journeys trip, will enjoy lodgings at a former seminary, a family-run château, and a 17th-century farmhouse. And on our popular *Machu Picchu and the Galápagos* journey, you'll stay near the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, which provides exceptional access to the site. Closer to home, in the American West, the Arizona Inn becomes your oasis in the heart of Tucson on *Astronomy in Arizona*, while our Yellowstone family journey features a ranch stay.

And during our one-week stays in Europe you'll find that the character and ambiance of the local culture, plus high standards and a central location, are all well blended for the ideal home away from home! On *Palermo and Taormina: A Stay in Sicily*, dreamy water views are the norm at the Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay. And in London, you'll feel like a local in no time by staying in posh Kensington at the Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt.



Parador in Ronda, Spain



Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur, India



Château de Mazan, Provence



Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, Tanzania



Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay, Taormina, Sicily

Learn more about our cruises on European rivers on page 14 and in the U.S. on page 85!

Ideal Small Ships

With the mindset of explorers and the goal of fresh experiences, Smithsonian Journeys travelers ply the waters of the oceans, rivers, lakes, and canals around the world. Unpack once and enjoy an informal, relaxed ambiance aboard our ideal small ships—accommodating just 26 to 220 guests—where casual clothes and attitudes, mixed with curious travelers and engaging conversation, combine for an exceptional experience.

You'll easily become acquainted with fellow travelers and your Smithsonian Journeys Expert in the ship's lounges and dining rooms—and get to know members from other leading cultural institutions who may share the ship with our group. Yet you'll also feel free to slip off to read a book or, depending on the ship, enjoy a soothing spa treatment. Plus, our ships feature excellent cuisine that can be savored in refined dining rooms or al fresco on deck, and staff members are known for their friendly and efficient demeanor.

Cruising the ocean, you'll often find yourself aboard the elegant French Ponant fleet—either the sister ships *Le Boréal*, *Le Soléal*, *Le Lyrial*, and *L'Austral* or the new generation of luxury expedition ships, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville*, *Le Lapérouse*, and *Le Dumont-d'Urville*. Each ship reflects a chic décor with all-suite cabins, upscale amenities, and sophisticated security. You'll enjoy various lounges for conversation, a theater for presentations and evening entertainment, and French cuisine with a regional flair, prepared by expert chefs and served in two stylish dining rooms. You'll also find a full complement of upscale services, from 24-hour room service to an open bar throughout the cruise. Plus, the new expedition ships feature a stunning underwater observation lounge!

With Smithsonian Journeys, you can also enjoy sailing aboard an iconic tall ship such as *Sea Cloud II* or explore the natural history of the Amazon or Galápagos up close on small, sophisticated expedition ships.





Our Smithsonian tour was amazing. It was educational and fun. All the experts and guides were exceptional and truly gave us insight into our destination. – Gail M.

Europe

Holland to Croatia

Waterways of Holland and Belgium

A River Cruise from Amsterdam to Antwerp

Aboard the 168-guest *Amadeus Silver III*



9 days from \$3,290

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

No Single Supplement—Limited Availability

Special air rates & services available

Sells out quickly! Book now!

April 8–16, April 15–23, April 22–30, 2019*

Our popular cruise of Holland and Belgium showcases magnificent art and architecture, spellbinding gardens, and enchanting medieval villages. Observe windmills, fields of flowers, and other cultural traditions of the Low Countries as you cruise along delightful canals and rivers from Amsterdam to Antwerp and enjoy a choice of included excursions.

Highlights Include

Amsterdam: Take a private cruise along Amsterdam's historic canals, lined with 16th- and 17th-century gabled row houses, which have been designated a World Heritage site. Then choose from three excursions, including a trip to the world-renowned Keukenhof Gardens, where more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers are expected to be in bloom; an active bicycle trip in rural Waterland, an area of historical villages and wetland north of the city; or a more leisurely day featuring a guided tour of the Old Masters at the Rijksmuseum balanced with time at leisure.

Giethoorn: Glide along the canals of Giethoorn, regarded as the most picturesque village in Holland with its abundance of interlacing canals, and explore the town of Kampen.

The Hague and Delft: Cruising south, choose from two compelling day excursions. In The Hague, explore sites associated with the seat of Dutch government, including the Parliament Building and the Peace Palace, then visit the Mauritshuis Museum, which showcases a fine collection of paintings by Vermeer and other Dutch Masters. Or choose to travel to the charming town of Delft, where you'll stroll through Market Square with its historic and cultural highlights. After your walk, learn about the history and production of Delft porcelain at the renowned Royal Delft Porcelain Factory.

Zeeland Coast: Come to understand the country's continuous battle with the sea at the educational Delta Expo, then visit one of the storm surge barriers.

Bruges and Antwerp: The World Heritage site of Bruges features treasured 15th-century architecture, picturesque canals, and arched footbridges. Following a walking tour, choose from three excursions that focus on Flemish art, Belgian chocolate, or Belgian beer. Your cruise concludes in Antwerp with a walking tour of this medieval city.

*Space reserved for 70 Smithsonian Journeys guests. * The April 15 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about Amadeus Silver III on page 14 and on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Stephen Clancy (April 8), **Valerie Hedquist** (April 15), and **Henry Luttkhuizen** (April 22)—all highly respected art historians.



Tulip field



Self Portrait
Vincent Van Gogh



Canal in Bruges





Amadeus Silver

Sail into the heart of your destination

European River Cruising

Cruise Europe's legendary rivers and sail into the heart of your destination, giving you more time to explore and learn! Our deluxe riverboats provide the best of all worlds—they're small enough to dock in renowned towns and cities, yet large enough to provide upscale amenities and fascinating shore excursions. Return each day to a sophisticated home away from home and enjoy a convivial ambiance with other life-long learners.

With Smithsonian Journeys, you'll often find yourself aboard the deluxe Amadeus river fleet. Accommodating just 130–160 guests, these riverboats are stylishly appointed with all the modern amenities. Meals are served in a single unassigned seating in the elegant restaurant, showcasing continental cuisine, with complimentary wine and beer served during lunch and dinner. Guests can enjoy a panoramic deck lounge and bar, a library, complimentary Wi-Fi, salon, and fitness studio with spa services.

You'll find a similar ambiance and amenities aboard the *Elbe Princesse* and the *Amalia Rodrigues*. See our European river cruise itineraries on the following pages and find all the ship details online at SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships.

Holiday Markets

Featuring a Rhine River Cruise Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver III*



12 days from \$3,290

No Single Supplement—Limited Availability

Special air rates & services available

Nov. 27–Dec. 8, Dec. 1–12*, 2018

Welcome the start of the holiday season during a delightful river cruise as towns along the Rhine and Main open their cheerful *Christkindlmarkets* (Christmas markets) with holiday food specialties, hot mulled wine, and beautifully crafted holiday decorations. Personalize your cruise with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call and visit four World Heritage sites.

Highlights Include

Seven-Night River Cruise: In Cologne, explore the Old Town and Cathedral Square. Visit Koblenz, once a Roman outpost, then sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge. Continue along the Main River to gaze upon half-timbered houses in Miltenberg and discover towns like Würzburg and Rothenburg, located along the Romantic Road. Stop in colorful Bamberg, known for its medieval

and baroque buildings; in Nuremberg with its Hauptmarkt and St. Lorenz Church; and in Regensburg, a World Heritage site.

Bavaria's Capital: Enjoy a three-night hotel stay in Munich where highlights include tours of Nymphenburg Palace and the Old Town and a day at leisure.

*Space reserved for 55 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The December departure will run in reverse. Learn more about the Amadeus Silver III on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Tim Blanning (Nov.)—historian with expertise in modern Europe. **Carol Reynolds** (Dec.)—expert in European arts, culture, and music history.

A Danube River Cruise

From the Czech Republic and Germany to Bulgaria

Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Star*



15 days from \$5,490
Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability
Special air rates & services available

June 17–July 1, June 26–July 11, Sept. 3–17, 2019

The fabled Danube River flows through the heartland of Central and Eastern Europe—an evocative landscape of ancient capitals, lovely villages, and magnificent churches, palaces, and castles. Join us for this unique itinerary that showcases nine countries and many World Heritage sites, plus features a choice of specialty excursions in many cities.

Highlights Include

Czech Republic: Begin your journey in Prague, the capital of Old World Europe. Your three-night hotel stay features tours of Charles Bridge and the historic district; a choice of excursions, including Lobkowicz Palace, the Jewish Quarter, or Prague’s architectural treasures; and some time at leisure.

Germany: Travel to Passau, located at the confluence of three rivers—the Danube, Inn, and Ilz—and board your ship. Here, you’ll visit the magnificent St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the Old Town Hall, and other sites.

Austria and the Wachau Valley: Sail through the beautiful Wachau Valley, a World Heritage site, stopping at lovely Dürnstein and the Benedictine abbey at Melk. In Vienna, tour the lavish Imperial Apartments of the Hofburg Palace, the incredible Schönbrunn Palace, or Klosterneuburg Monastery, plus enjoy an evening focused on the Viennese waltz.

Slovakia: Discover Bratislava, Slovakia’s capital and largest city. View St. Michael’s Gate and the Primate’s Palace during a walking tour, bike along the storied Slovak-Austrian border, or explore venues associated with renowned composers.

Hungary: Cruise into the heart of Budapest, one of Europe’s most striking capitals, nestled along the banks of the Danube. Visit the Grand Market, join a tour through the old Jewish Quarter, or explore both the Buda and the Pest sections of the city. In Pécs, you’ll see Ottoman mosques and enjoy a wine tasting.

Croatia: Visit the small village of Kopacevo and the culturally significant towns of Osijek and Vukovar.

Serbia: In Belgrade, a choice of excursions features the Nikola Tesla Museum, a culinary tour, or a city highlights tour with a stop at Kalemegdan Park.

Romania: Follow the Danube along the Serbian-Romanian border and sail through the Iron Gate Gorge, a remarkable passage just 530 feet wide.

Bulgaria: A stop in Vidin showcases a 17th-century church and a 19th-century synagogue. Conclude with a two-night hotel stay in Sofia, where you’ll learn about its history and culture during a panoramic tour featuring the Royal Palace and Battenberg Square.

Space reserved for 90 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

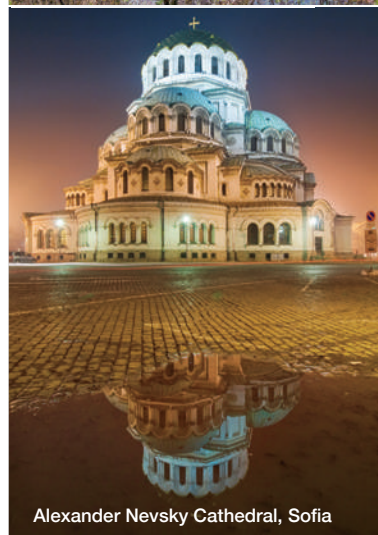
**The June 26 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about the Amadeus Star on page 14 and on our website.*



Astronomical clock, Prague



Danube River landscape



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Sofia

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Tim Blanning (June 17/ Sept.)—historian with expertise in modern Europe, especially politics, culture, and music.

Alexander Motyl (June 26)—expert in political science of Eastern Europe.

Great European Journey

A River Cruise and Train Trip from Holland to Switzerland

Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver II* and Featuring Three Historic Swiss Railways



CRUISE



TRAIN

11 days from \$3,995

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June 16–26, 2019

Reminiscent of the 19th-century “Grand Tour,” this unique and popular journey features the heart of Western Europe—with both river cruising and train travel. In Amsterdam, board your deluxe riverboat for a five-night cruise through Holland, Germany, and France, and then enjoy panoramic vistas of the Swiss Alps from the windows of historic trains.

Highlights Include

Holland: Take a private cruise along Amsterdam’s legendary canals, with their 16th- and 17th-century gabled row houses, designated a World Heritage site.

Germany and the Rhine River: Visit Cologne’s Old Town and historic cathedral, Germany’s finest example of High Gothic architecture. Cruise through the most scenic section of the Rhine River Valley, a World Heritage site where each bend in the river features a medieval castle and tranquil village. Travel to a vineyard renowned for its Riesling where you’ll enjoy a private wine tasting. And in Heidelberg, visit the magnificent 13th-century castle perched above the river.

France: Arrive in Alsace, a region whose ownership has moved between Germany and France for generations. In lovely Strasbourg visit the Old City, a World Heritage site featuring medieval houses and covered bridges spanning picturesque canals.

The Swiss Alps and Legendary Railways: Cross the rolling Swiss countryside to Bern, the historic capital and a World Heritage site. Travel through the spectacular Bernese Oberland to the snowcapped mountain peaks of

the Alps, and the towering Jungfrau. Enjoy two nights each in Lucerne and Zermatt, dramatically set beneath the iconic Matterhorn. Explore these charming towns and experience the soaring majesty of the Swiss Alps from three legendary railways: the *Gornergrat Bahn*, the *Glacier Express*, and the *Pilatus Railway*, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway.

Space reserved for 90 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about *Amadeus Silver II* on page 14 and on our website.



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Charles Ingrao—art historian with expertise in modern Europe.



The Matterhorn and *Gornergrat Bahn*



Amadeus Silver II, Cologne



Elbe River landscape



Rabelo along the Douro River, Porto

Elbe River Cruise

From Berlin to Prague

Aboard the 80-guest *Elbe Princesse*



CRUISE

12 days from \$5,690

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7
Special air rates & services available

May 11–22, 2019

This river voyage showcases medieval towns, World Heritage sites, and stunning countryside of the Czech Republic's Bohemia and Germany's "Saxon Switzerland."

Highlights Include

Berlin and Potsdam: See Berlin's historical highlights and contemporary architecture during a city tour and canal boat ride. In nearby Potsdam take a morning tour of grand Cecilienhof Palace and Sanssouci Gardens. Enjoy the afternoons at leisure to visit museums.

Wittenberg: Learn about native son Martin Luther, whose 95 Theses gave birth to the Reformation, during a special walking tour. Then continue to the Luther House and the university where he taught or change your pace and enjoy a brewery tour and tasting.

Meissen and Dresden: After cruising to Meissen, visit the world-famous porcelain factory or enjoy a bicycle ride along the popular Elbe Cycle Route. Take a panoramic city tour and walking tour of lovely Dresden or a tour with a culinary focus.

Prague: Discover the Old Town during a walking tour and the next morning visit either Prague Castle or the Jewish Quarter. Enjoy your afternoons at leisure.

Elbe Princesse: This river ship features a sleek, contemporary décor, modern amenities, a spacious sun deck, and advanced double paddlewheel technology to navigate low water. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 35 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Aneta Georgievska-Shine—art historian with expertise in European history, politics, and languages.

Portrait of Portugal

Cruising the Douro River

Aboard the 132-guest *Amalia Rodrigues*



CRUISE



LAND

12 days from \$4,490

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7 / No single Supplement—
Limited Availability / Special air rates & services available

July 15–26, Oct. 1–12*, 2019

Portugal is renowned for the Age of Discovery, Old World towns and centers of learning, *rabelo* (sail boats) loaded with casks of port plying the Douro, and distinctive blue *azulejos* (tiles). Encounter all this and much more during our land and river cruise program featuring seven nights aboard an intimate riverboat.

Highlights Include

Lisbon to Coimbra: Explore the treasures of Lisbon, including the Jeronimos Monastery, Tower of Belém, and Monument to the Discoveries, and enjoy a performance of traditional *fado* music. Then travel to the ancient town of Sintra and fishing villages of Cascais and Estoril. In Coimbra, gaze upon the spectacular university library and tour the fortress-like cathedral.

Cruising the Douro: In Porto, discover city sites during a walking tour or tram tour, and savor a taste of the area's port wine. Visit the town of Guimarães or take a hike along the river. Cruise along the meandering Douro River to Pinhao, stopping off at traditional towns and vineyards along the famous wine trail. Plus, spend a day exploring the glories of Spain's Salamanca.

Amalia Rodrigues: A gracious staff welcomes you to this upscale riverboat that features panoramic views from cabins and public spaces. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The October departure will be aboard the *Gil Eanes*.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Ana Afzali (July)—historian and **Stephen Clancy** (Oct.)—art historian, both with expertise in Portugal.



Bamberg



Lyon

Voyage Through Europe

Featuring the Danube, Main, and Rhine Rivers

Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver II*



16 days from \$5,490

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability
Special air rates & services available

Oct. 9–24, 2019

Explore the cultural landscapes of five countries situated along three legendary rivers on this cruise, featuring a choice of excursions and many World Heritage sites.

Highlights Include

Hungary: Board your riverboat in Budapest and explore the city's highlights, Jewish heritage, or cuisine.

Slovakia: Choose a tour featuring Bratislava's musical heritage, medieval architecture, or Castle Hill.

Austria: Arriving in elegant Vienna, tour Hofburg Palace, Schönbrunn Palace, or Klosterneuburg Monastery. In Dürnstein, enjoy a walking tour, a bicycle ride along the river, or a tour and tasting at a local winery. Cruise along the beautiful Wachau Valley and stop at the Benedictine abbey at Melk.

Germany: Continue along the Danube to lovely Passau and Regensburg, and stop in Nuremberg, known for its associations with World War II. Then cruise the Main River and stop in Bavarian Bamberg and the medieval towns of Würzburg and Miltenberg. Gaze upon hilltop castles as you sail through the breathtaking Rhine Gorge and enjoy walking tours in Koblenz and Cologne.

Holland: Enjoy time in canal-laced Amsterdam, where you can take a tour of the Rijksmuseum, a walking tour of the Herengracht canal district, or a picturesque bicycle ride north of the city.

Space reserved for 68 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Silver II on page 14 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Carol Reynolds—expert in European arts, culture, and music history.

A River Cruise of Provence

Cruising the Saône and Rhône Rivers

Aboard the 130-guest *Amadeus Provence*



9 days from \$3,995

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

May 8–16, May 15–23, 2019

Discover the sun-drenched region of Provence during our cruise along the Saône and Rhône Rivers. Explore the Burgundy and Beaujolais wine regions in the spring when poppies, iris, and flowering trees herald the new season.

Highlights Include

Beaune, Beaujolais, Lyon: In the idyllic Burgundy countryside, enjoy a tour of the Château de Rully, a private estate dating to the 12th century. Explore the World Heritage site of Beaune, longtime capital of Burgundy wines, and see the 15th-century Hôtel Dieu. You'll also visit Mâcon and Beaujolais, situated along the banks of the Saône River. Later, walk the tree-lined streets of the restored Vieux Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon's long-standing silk industry.

Vienne: Take a walking tour of charming Vienne, and see important landmarks, including the Roman theater. Plus, savor a wine and chocolate tasting with a local expert.

Orange, Avignon, Arles: In this quintessential Provençal region, explore significant Roman remains and World Heritage sites. See exquisitely built ancient sites such as the Pont du Gard aqueduct, and a Roman theater and Triumphal Arch in Orange. Cruising to Avignon, stroll through the imposing Palais des Papes, once home to medieval popes, and witness the Pont d'Avignon, the only bridge to span the Rhône during the Middle Ages. You'll also see the Roman amphitheater and Romanesque Cathédrale de St. Trophime in Arles.

*Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The May 15 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about Amadeus Provence on page 14 and on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Ursula Rehn Wolfman (May 8)—expert in the arts of Europe.

D-Day

Join us to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and Operation Overlord—a monumental military campaign that changed the course of history during World War II. Choose from five different itineraries (featured on pages 19–21), from a cruise featuring two days of exclusive programming in Normandy, a special interest tour focused entirely on the Allied invasion, and three other trips that devote a day or two to this important event.



Arromanches



A Celtic Cruise

From Glasgow to Normandy and Portsmouth

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Boréal*



11 days from \$6,895

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 28–June 7, 2019

Trace the strands of Celtic, Viking, and Norman civilizations and discover evocative legends, historic sites, and breathtaking landscapes as you cruise from Scotland to Normandy. Plus, commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day during visits in Normandy and Portsmouth.

Highlights Include

Scotland: Experience the dramatic landscapes and histories of the Highlands at Glencoe and Glenfinnan. Go ashore at the Isle of Iona, birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, to visit the serene restored monastery and see the churchyard's intricate Celtic crosses. At the nearby Isle of Mull, highlights include the town of Tobermory, with its vividly painted houses, and 13th-century Duart Castle. Aboard ship, attend talks about Sir Winston Churchill by **Allen Packwood**, director of the Churchill Archives Center at Cambridge.

Wales: Sail to northern Wales, a cradle of Celtic culture, where people maintain old traditions and Welsh remains the mother tongue. Explore the imposing 13th-century Caernarfon Castle and Bodnant Garden, a fine example of 19th-century Victorian landscape artistry.

Ireland: Enjoy a city tour of Dublin, stroll through the quadrangles of Trinity College, and view the Celtic heritage found in the 9th-century *Book of Kells*. Enjoy time to explore on your own, then attend a performance of traditional Irish music and dance aboard ship.

England's Isles of Scilly: Stop at the sub-tropical 19th-century Tresco Abbey Garden, often compared to London's Royal Botanic Garden.

France and D-Day Commemoration: Spend two in-depth days along the coast of Normandy. First, stop at Pointe du Hoc, where heroic U.S. Rangers scaled the 100-foot cliffs to capture German gun emplacements. Then continue to Utah Beach and Sainte-Mère-Eglise, the first French village to be liberated by American forces. Gain further insight from **Dwight David Eisenhower II**, historian and grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, when you walk the shores of Omaha Beach and visit the American Military Cemetery and Arromanches.

England: Cruise across the Channel for Portsmouth and tour the newly refurbished D-Day Museum, then continue to Southwick House, the top-secret Allied naval headquarters.

Space reserved for 100 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Boréal on page 11 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Cassandra Potts Hannahs—historian with expertise in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Norman studies.



HMS Belfast, London

NEW

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day



SPECIALTY

9 days from \$7,995
Sold out! Join our waitlist!
May 31–June 8, 2019

Exclusive tours, poignant excursions, and insightful lectures provide in-depth insight into your understanding and appreciation of the monumental military feat of Operation Overlord. Plus, you'll attend the special 75th anniversary ceremonies on June 6, when dignitaries, officials, and the public gather to pay homage to the brave soldiers who changed the course of history.

Highlights Include

England: Learn about “behind the scenes” preparations necessary to stage the largest amphibian landing in history. In London, visit Winston Churchill's underground Cabinet War Rooms and step aboard the HMS *Belfast*, the most significant surviving Royal Navy warship of World War II. You'll also travel to Bletchley Park where a curator explains the story behind the Enigma codebreakers and to Portsmouth to tour the newly refurbished D-Day Museum.

France: After crossing the Channel by ferry, stand atop the dramatic bluffs of Pointe du Hoc and visit the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, where paratroopers dropped from the sky in a hail of gunfire. Walk along Utah and Omaha beaches with an expert historian for an in-depth perspective on the historic coastal landings and air invasion. Stop at Arromanches, where the prefabricated concrete harbors (or mulberries) still dot the water. During your four days in Normandy, you'll also tour museums that offer deeper understanding of the Battle for Normandy.

Limited to four groups of 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Please note that two departures feature five-star hotels that may extend travel time to sites.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Military historians with expertise in World War II, with special emphasis on the Normandy campaign, will lead each group.



Les Braves Memorial, Omaha Beach

Normandy

A One-Week Stay in France

Featuring the 75th Anniversary of D-Day



STAY



SPECIALTY

9 days from \$4,490
No Single Supplement—Limited
Availability / Special air rates &
services available
Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 4–12, Aug. 31–Sept. 8, Oct. 5–13, 2019

Normandy is remembered for major military efforts, from the Norman Conquest to the D-Day invasion of World War II. It is also renowned as a center of Impressionism and for its charming towns and fine cuisine. Join us for a one-week stay in Honfleur to trace the many themes of this fascinating region. You'll stay at the Mercure Honfleur Hotel, located in the historic district.

Highlights Include

Battle of Normandy: Spend two solemn days along the beaches where World War II's Operation Overlord took place. Stirring sites include Omaha Beach, the museum at Arromanches, and Pointe du Hoc. On another day, explore the Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, the Caen Memorial Museum, Utah Beach, and Sainte-Mère-Église.

Cultural Excursions: During a walking tour of Honfleur, see why artists flocked to this charming seaside town. You'll also stop in Bayeux to view the historic tapestry depicting the Norman conquest of 1066.

Mont St. Michel: Discover this breathtaking tidal island with its iconic abbey and historic church (founded in 709), which is one of the most remarkable sites in France and a World Heritage site.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Kim Munholland (May/Aug.)—historian with expertise in modern France and Europe.



Mont St. Michel



Carcassonne

A Cruise from Lisbon to London

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Champlain*



CRUISE

10 days from \$5,195
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Sells out quickly! Book now!

April 20–29, May 5–14, 2019*

Experience some of the rich highlights of England, France, Spain, and Portugal—four nations that have had a major impact on European and world history.

Highlights Include

Portugal: Explore charming Porto, located at the mouth of the Douro River, which is renowned for its port wine.

Spain: Walk in the footsteps of pilgrims on St. James Way in Santiago de Compostela and visit the impressive cathedral, a World Heritage site. Then delve into the dynamic city of Bilbao, with its Gothic Old City and sophisticated contemporary aesthetic, reflected in the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum.

France: Enjoy a leisurely day cruising along the French coast. Visit Normandy's historic D-Day beaches with **Dwight David Eisenhower II**, historian and grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Stop at the nearby World Heritage site of Mont St. Michel, one of the most iconic sites of France, for a walking tour of this fortress island and a visit to the impressive abbey.

England: Cross the English Channel and sail up the historic River Thames for London, possible only by small ship.

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*The May departure will be aboard Le Boréal. Learn more about both ships on page 11 and on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Joanne Ferraro (April)—expert in European history with special expertise in the cross-cultural and global connections of the Mediterranean. **Dianne Konz** (May)—expert in the arts, literature, and culture of Iberia.

France Through the Ages



LAND

15 days from \$5,797
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 22–May 6, May 17–31, Sept. 13–27, 2019

Discover the essence of France—its rich history, culture, and scenic beauty—on this popular tour, featuring many World Heritage sites. From the medieval villages of the Dordogne to the D-Day beaches of Normandy, appreciate much of what France offers in one amazing experience.

Highlights Include

Southern Treasures: In the fortified town of Carcassonne, view the longest medieval city walls in Europe. Stroll through the market town of Albi, known for the artist Toulouse-Lautrec. Travel to the breathtaking Dordogne region, where you'll tour the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux IV, visit medieval Sarlat and the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, and cruise by cliffside castles along the Dordogne River.

Loire River Valley: Experience this legendary landscape of spectacular châteaux, including the romantic Château de Chenonceau, a Renaissance masterpiece that spans the River Cher; the Château Clos Luce, where Leonardo da Vinci spent his final years; and the World Heritage site of Fontevraud Abbey.

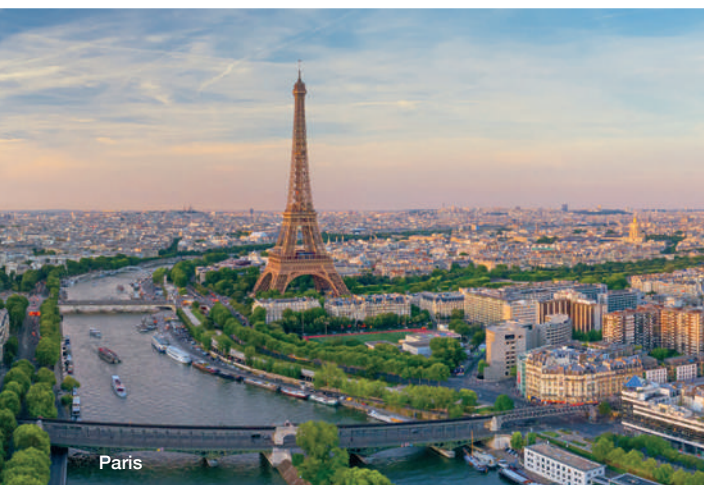
Normandy: Gain insight into the extraordinary events of D-Day while visiting Utah Beach, Sainte-Mère-Église, Pointe du Hoc, the American cemetery which overlooks Omaha Beach, and the Caen Memorial Museum. You'll also stop in Bayeux to see the renowned Bayeux Tapestry and ascend cobblestone streets to the pilgrimage site of Mont St. Michel, Normandy's famed medieval abbey.

Along the Seine: Stroll through Monet's gardens at Giverny then conclude in Paris with a highlights tour.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Stephen Clancy (April) and **Janetta Benton** (May)—art historians and **Kim Munholland** (Sept.)—historian, all with expertise in France.



Paris



Village of Collioure

Paris

A One-Week Stay in France



9 days from \$4,590
Special air rates & services available
April 28–May 6, Sept. 15–23, 2019

Paris is the center of French history, culture, and art. During a one-week stay in this European capital, enjoy a balanced program of scheduled activities, talks by experts, and time at leisure to follow your own interests. You'll stay in the well-located Les Jardins du Marais.

Highlights Include

Cultural Insights: Gain a deeper appreciation of the city's neighborhoods through a walking tour of Le Marais (one of the oldest neighborhoods in Paris) and a Seine River cruise. Gaze upon powerful art at the Rodin and Picasso Museums and savor the flavors of France during a special culinary tour.

Day Excursions: Go beyond Paris to the Palace of Versailles and the Burgundian town of Dijon on special day excursions.

Flexible Schedule and Museum Pass: Pack your time full of activities or enjoy a more leisurely pace—it's your choice! Talks given by experts provide background knowledge for afternoon explorations—either solo or with new travel friends. Your two-day museum pass provides free and expedited entry to more than 60 city museums so that you can choose your schedule and follow your passion! Plus, you'll get around easily with Metro passes, and your travel director is always available to advise you on other activities.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Isabelle Pepin (April) and Madeline Diaz (Sept.)—both art historians living in Paris.

Southern France

Languedoc, the Pyrénées, and Provence



13 days from \$5,297
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees
*April 22–May 4, Aug. 26–Sept. 7,
Sept. 16–28, 2019*

Come with us to “le Midi” (southern France), for a magical journey featuring evocative landscapes, Roman monuments, medieval villages, and celebrated art.

Highlights Include

Languedoc: Explore the fortified town of Carcassonne and the 11th-century Abbaye de Fontfroide. In the rose-colored market town of Albi (Midi-Pyrénées), visit a museum devoted to the artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Later, travelling along the coast, stop at Collioure, the “City of Painters,” and take a cruise on the grand 17th-century Canal du Midi, a World Heritage site.

The Pyrénées: Dip into Spain, in the shadow of the Pyrénées, to learn about Salvador Dalí and Catalan culture. In Figueres, birthplace of the surrealist artist, visit the museum designed to exhibit his work.

Provence: Take a walking tour of the Roman monuments in Arles and see the famous Pont du Gard. Trace the footsteps of six popes at the medieval Palais des Papes in Avignon. Enjoy the striking villages of Roussillon and Isle-sur-la-Sorgue; Saint-Remy-de-Provence, where Vincent van Gogh painted; and Aix-en-Provence, birthplace to Paul Cézanne.

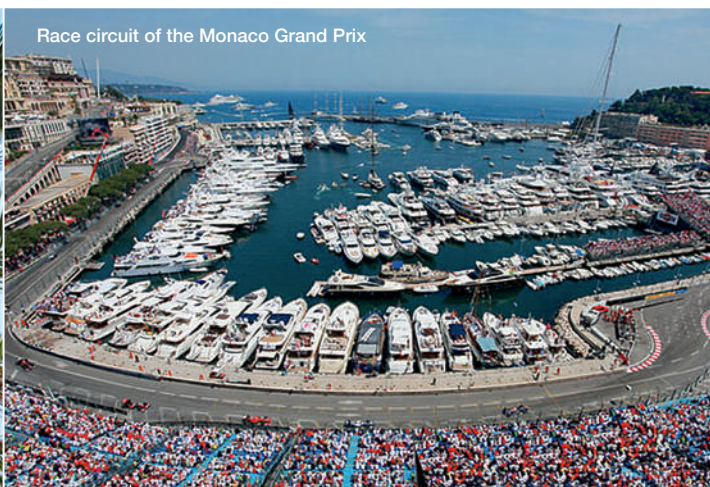
Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Cassandra Potts Hannahs (April)—expert in early European history, **Stephen Clancy** (Aug.)—art historian, and **Ross King** (Sept.)—noted author, all with expertise in France.



Cannes



Race circuit of the Monaco Grand Prix

NEW

Smithsonian at the Cannes Film Festival



9 days from \$5,995

May 19–27, 2019

The Cannes Film Festival is an annual international event—one of the most prestigious in the world—that celebrates the best in film. Through a special accreditation granted by the Festival, Smithsonian Journeys takes you into a world reserved only for film professionals. Plus, you'll stay at the centrally located MONTAIGNE HÔTEL.

Highlights Include

Special Festival Pass: With your Festival pass, join industry professionals to watch films from the “Official Competition.” You'll also view films by young directors in the *Un Certain Regard* competition, watch directors introduce their “Short Films,” and enjoy hearing from an actor, director, or producer about a newly restored Cannes Classic.

Restricted Access Areas: Visit the Film Market where the business of film is conducted and tour the International Village along the waterfront, possible only through your special pass.

Private Reception: Experience the festivity of a private reception exclusively for Smithsonian Journeys travelers at the waterfront American Pavilion.

Morning Briefings: Attend briefings with your Smithsonian Journeys Expert to discuss the previous day's films and hear suggestions for other screenings.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Marta Lamperova—head of the production department at FAMU, Europe's top film school, and formerly a production manager, producer, and managing director for various film production companies.

French and Italian Cars

Featuring the Monaco Grand Prix



Full details to be announced in late 2018

May 20–27, 2019—Register your interest online

Some of the world's most legendary cars—Lamborghini, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Fiat—have been designed and built in the shadow of the Alps. Travel from Milan and Turin to the French Riviera and Monaco to explore this great tradition at prestigious design firms and exquisite private collections. It all culminates with a day at the Monaco Grand Prix, a true once-in-a-lifetime experience and a highlight for any car lover!

Highlights Include

Formula I Grand Prix de Monaco: Experience one of the most exciting and prestigious races in the world, an event steeped in glamour and legend. The longest-running and most difficult of Formula I races, it's a supreme test of driving skills, technical excellence, and courage. Spend the day in Monaco and watch the race from reserved grandstand seats with up-close views of the cars.

Car Collections and Museums: Explore stunning collections of rare cars, prototypes, and other unique pieces at the award-winning Collezione Loprosto and Centro Storico FIAT. Trace the evolution of the automobile at important museums in Turin, including a curator-led tour of the Alfa Romeo Museum and Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile.

Designers and Factories: Dive into car culture with special visits to Zagato and Pininfarina, which have designed cutting-edge auto bodies for some of the world's most sophisticated sports cars.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Jonathan Stein—associate publisher of *Hagerty's Magazine* who has led many Smithsonian Journeys specialty tours for car buffs.

Living In...

Immersive three-week stays
in Aix-en-Provence and Florence

A memorable opportunity awaits solo travelers, couples, and friends eager to live the famously relaxed and graceful lifestyles of Provence or Tuscany while learning about the culture, history, and language. Fulfill your dream of living abroad during a three-week immersion program where you can customize your stay with scheduled activities and personal interests.

Each departure is limited to 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Program features

- Local experts who share their knowledge of art, history, and culture and join you on select excursions.
- An engaging and resourceful resident director who handles logistics and helps you plan your free time.
- The opportunity to personalize your experience with special enrichment tracks (at an additional cost):
Language Lessons: An immersive course tailored to your skill level.
Cuisine: Interactive cooking demonstrations, classes, and shopping excursions.
Art and Architecture: Additional site visits of artistic and architectural significance.



Living in France

A Three-Week Stay in Aix-en-Provence



23 days from \$4,690
Special air rates & services available
May 1–23, Sept. 4–26, 2019

Live in vibrant, historic Aix-en-Provence, a charming small city that boasts a 600-year-old university and numerous art and cooking schools.

Highlights Include

Excursions, Day Trips, Presentations: Learn about the region's history as you explore greater Provence during day trips to Avignon and the Pont du Gard, Marseille, and the Luberon Valley. Plus, enjoy a wine tasting and attend sessions on history and art.

Apart/Hotel: Stay in an apartment at the Adagio Aix-en-Provence Centre, located near the shops along Cours Mirabeau. Apartments offer satellite TV, Internet access, and a well-equipped kitchenette, plus a 24-hour reception desk and other services.

Living in Italy

A Three-Week Stay in Florence



23 days from \$5,390
Special air rates & services available
May 17–June 8, Sept. 6–28, 2019

Offering endless opportunities to explore Italy's arts, history, and culture, Florence is also small enough that you can feel at home within a very short time.

Highlights Include

Excursions, Day Trips, Presentations: Enjoy a walking tour of Florence and tours of the Uffizi and Accademia. Take day trips to Chianti, Lucca, Siena, Colle di Val d'Elsa, and Cortona. Plus, attend sessions on art and contemporary Italy.

Apart/Hotel: Reside in newly renovated, spacious accommodations at the Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli, located in the heart of the city's historic center. Apartments feature all modern amenities, including Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and a well-equipped kitchenette, plus a friendly, helpful staff.



St. Peter's Basilica, The Vatican, Rome



Positano, the Amalfi Coast



Highlights of Italy



16 days from \$5,774

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*April 13–28, April 22–May 7, May 2–17, May 20–June 4,
Sept. 9–24, Oct. 14–29, 2019*

Experience the best of Italy's famed cities—Rome, Florence, and Venice—on this popular tour. From the dramatic landscapes of the Amalfi Coast to the captivating St. Mark's Square in Venice, our comprehensive journey showcases ancient sites, priceless art, and smaller towns off the beaten path.

Highlights Include

Amalfi Coast and Pompeii: View the stunning Amalfi Coast from the sea, explore some of the magical hill towns, and enjoy the breathtaking drive high above the azure Mediterranean. Spend time in Pompeii to witness the remains of everyday life from A.D. 79, when ash from Mt. Vesuvius entirely covered the town. En route to Rome, stop at the Benedictine abbey of Montecassino, lovingly rebuilt following its destruction in World War II.

Rome: Capture the essence of ancient Rome with a tour of the Colosseum, currently being restored to new glory, and the Forum. Step inside the Borghese Gallery to view masterpieces by Bernini, Titian, Caravaggio, and other major artists. Plus, a day at the Vatican showcases St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums, featuring works by Michelangelo and Raphael.

Umbria and Tuscany: Discover the arts, churches, and unique ambiance and history of these regions. Visit the scenic town and cathedral of Orvieto and view Giotto's priceless frescoes in the basilica at Assisi. See how the traditions of hand-painted Majolica ceramics continue today in Deruta. Stop in San Gimignano, famous for its medieval watchtowers that once guarded the town, many of which still pierce the sky. Walk along the medieval streets of ochre-colored Siena to explore the fan-shaped Campo and visit the Duomo with art by Michelangelo and Donatello.

Florence: Take a walking tour of the crown jewel of Tuscany. See Michelangelo's *David* and other sculptures at the Galleria dell'Accademia and visit the revered Duomo with its stupendous dome by Brunelleschi. Enjoy time to explore more of the city's treasures on your own.

Venice: Tour St. Mark's Square, then explore the museums and canals of this magical city at leisure.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

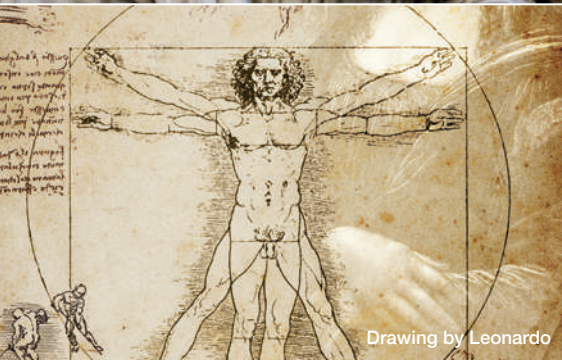
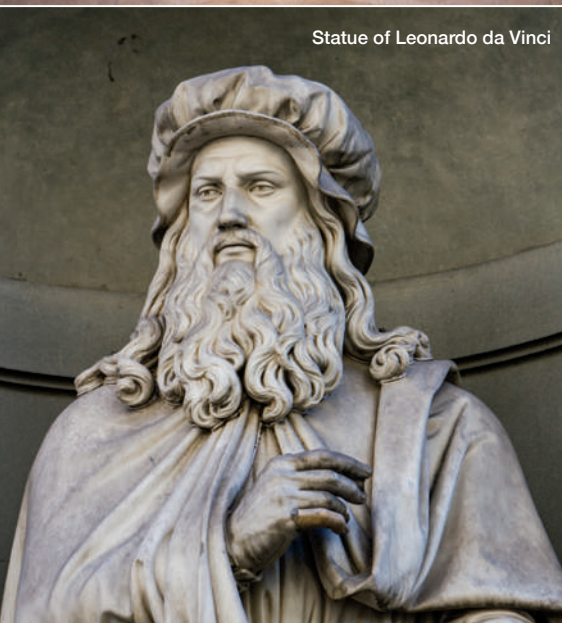
Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Ross King (April 13)—best-selling author on Italian and French art and history. **Valerie Hedquist** (April 22)—art historian with expertise in European art. **Marta Staudinger** (May 2)—artist and art historian with special expertise in the Italian Renaissance. **Allan Langdale** (May 20/Sept.)—art and architectural historian with expertise in Italy. **Trudy Harrington Becker** and **Andrew Becker** (Oct.)—experts in Roman history and Roman literature and culture, respectively.

The Last Supper



Statue of Leonardo da Vinci



Drawing by Leonardo



The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci

Celebrating 500 Years



8 days from \$4,995

March 23–30, Nov. 9–16, 2019

Leonardo da Vinci was the essence of a Renaissance Man. In addition to the arts, he excelled in science, engineering, anatomy, writing, and many other disciplines. In 2019, the 500th anniversary of his death, join us to celebrate his genius and explore his life and work.

Highlights Include

Florence: Begin your journey where Leonardo spent his early life and some later years. During an in-depth tour of the Uffizi Gallery, you'll focus on 16th-century masterpieces with particular attention to works by Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael. Plus, you'll have a rare look at the *Leicester Codex*, one of Leonardo's important scientific journals. Explore the apartments and inner chambers of the Palazzo Vecchio, replete with Renaissance art, and learn about the legend of Leonardo's fresco *The Battle of Anghiari*. At the Bargello, the National Sculpture Museum of Florence, view masterpieces by Leonardo's precursors and contemporaries, including Donatello, Verrocchio, and Michelangelo. By special arrangement, see the original sculptures of Orsanmichele, which inspired and influenced the master. And during an exclusive visit to the Galileo Museum, meet the museum director and enjoy a workshop focusing on science and inventions during the time of Leonardo.

Anchiano: Traveling into the Tuscan countryside, explore the small village where Leonardo spent his early youth, and visit the birthplace museum and the house where he was born.

Milan: Learn about Leonardo's life, projects, and patrons in this northern city. At Santa Maria delle Grazie you'll view his masterpiece *The Last Supper* and hear about the 20-year restoration process that was completed in 1999. Delve into his scientific mind through a curator-led tour of the Museum of Science and Technology, featuring models of his inventions. And at the Castello Sforzesco, walk in the footsteps where he lived and worked and view his famous frescoed wall and ceiling in the Sala delle Asse. You'll admire art by Leonardo's contemporaries and followers at the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana and the Brera Art Gallery, and meet the museum director. Plus, enjoy a day in the countryside at the Certosa di Pavia. Raise a glass to the genius at the newly restored La Vigna di Leonardo, a vineyard that was a gift to the artist from his patron while completing *The Last Supper*.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Both departures will be accompanied by **Elaine Ruffolo**—highly respected art historian in Florence and **Ross King**—best-selling author on Italian art and history.



Portofino



Trulli rooftops, Alberobello

Northern Italy



LAND

15 days from \$5,874

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*April 24–May 8, May 15–29, Aug. 28–Sept. 11,
Sept. 25–Oct. 9, 2019*

Come experience the diverse landscapes, culture, arts, and history of Italy's northern regions.

Highlights Include

Italian Lake District: Enjoy a delightful three-night stay in Stresa, situated along beautiful Lake Maggiore and nestled amid the lower Alps. From here, cruise to Isola Bella to tour the stunning 17th-century palazzo and extravagant gardens and, later, visit lovely Lake Orta.

Italian Riviera: En route to the Riviera, stop in Barolo for lunch and sample the “king of wines.” From the resort town of Santa Margherita, visit charming Portofino and take a full-day boat excursion along the rugged coastline of the Cinque Terre, a World Heritage site, to explore some of its pastel-colored villages.

Florence and Tuscany: Travel to Florence where you'll stay in a restored 14th-century Franciscan convent and discover Renaissance treasures at the Accademia and Duomo. In Siena, explore the fan-shaped Piazza del Campo and striking cathedral.

Alpine Tyrol: Journey to Bolzano, gateway to the Dolomites, where highlights include breathtaking mountains and the archaeology museum (home to Ötzi the Iceman). Plus, stop in lovely Verona, renowned for its Roman arena and setting for three Shakespeare plays.

Venice: Enjoy a walking tour of St. Mark's Square and time at leisure.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Allan Langdale (April/Sept.)—expert in the art and architecture of Italy. **Pedar Foss** (May)—expert in classical art and archaeology. **Luca Zavagno** (Aug.)—historian with expertise in Byzantine studies.

Southern Italy and Sicily



LAND

15 days from \$5,774

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*April 11–25, April 27–May 11,
Sept. 11–25, 2019*

Explore Italy's southernmost regions, where each area reflects a unique history, architecture, and cuisine.

Highlights Include

Sicily: In lovely Taormina, visit the Greek theater and 13th-century cathedral and enjoy four days at a boutique hotel overlooking the Ionian Sea. Take an excursion to Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, participate in a private cannoli-making lesson, and venture to Mt. Etna for lunch at a family-run farm.

Apulia and Basilicata: Travel to Apulia and the town of Lecce to view the town's distinctive baroque architecture and savor a wine tasting and dinner in the gardens of a palazzo. View some of Alberobello's famous 400 *trulli* (conical houses, designated a World Heritage site), and visit an artisan's workshop. In Basilicata's Matera, walk amid ancient troglodyte churches and *sassi* cave houses (a World Heritage site), and experience a renovated cave dwelling during an overnight stay.

Amalfi Coast: During a four-night stay in Sorrento, take a breathtaking drive along the winding Amalfi Coast, high above the Tyrrhenian Sea. In fascinating Pompeii, which faced destruction in A.D. 79, view remains of homes and shops and learn about ongoing archaeological work. And on the isle of Capri, a resort town since Roman times, tour the terraced Gardens of Augustus. You'll also enjoy a hands-on Neapolitan cooking lesson.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Allan Langdale (April 11)—art and architectural historian with expertise in Sicily. **Allen Fromherz** (April 27)—historian with expertise in the Mediterranean region.

Fountain by Bernini, Piazza Navona



NEW

Rome

A One-Week Stay in Italy



9 days from \$4,690
Special air rates & services available
April 24–May 2, Sept. 4–12, 2019

Immerse yourself in two millennia of civilization during our new one-week stay. Here, the glories of imperial Rome, the religiosity of the Vatican, and the zenith of Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture all serve as a backdrop to modern Roman lifestyles. Enjoy accommodations at the beautifully restored historic Rose Garden Palace Hotel.

Highlights Include

Imperial Rome: Discover Rome's ancient legacy during tours of the Forum, the Colosseum, and the Pantheon.

The Vatican: Tour the Vatican Museum galleries, Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel with its renowned frescoes by Michelangelo. Then feel the overwhelming space and power of St. Peter's Basilica, a dazzling display of the Renaissance and Baroque.

Galleries and Villas: At the opulent Borghese Gallery, view masterpieces by Bernini, Titian, and Caravaggio, and at the Villa Farnesina, enter a Renaissance gem that features outstanding frescoes by Raphael.

Off-the-beaten Path: Explore everyday Rome during neighborhood walks in the Monti Quarter, stopping at a studio specializing in mosaics, and in Trastevere, a charming medieval neighborhood across the Tiber.

Day Excursion: Traveling to Ostia Antica, gain insight into the everyday life of Rome's ancient port town as you walk through the archaeological park and explore a veritable city frozen in time.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Paul Tegmeyer (April)—highly respected art historian living in Rome.



Sorrento

Sorrento

A One-Week Stay in Italy



9 days from \$4,240
Special air rates & services available
Sells out quickly! Book now!

April 17–25, May 1–9, Sept. 18–26, Oct. 2–10, 2019

From sunny Sorrento, experience Italy's southern Campania region—renowned for the Amalfi Coast, World Heritage archaeological sites, sophisticated resorts, and distinctive cuisine—during your one-week stay at the centrally located Hotel Plaza Sorrento.

Highlights Include

The Amalfi Coast: Drive along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast with its dramatic hairpin curves and spectacular views. Visit Positano, a town built along sheer seaside cliffs, then take a private boat to the charming town of Amalfi with its lovely Cathedral of Saint Andrea.

Archaeological Sites: Travel to Paestum to see three of the most well-preserved Greek temples in the world. Later, spend a day exploring the ancient Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, both destroyed by the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79.

Naples: Gaze upon the stunning art and artifacts of everyday life discovered at Pompeii and Herculaneum, now housed at the Museo Archeologico Nazionale, plus see other cultural highlights in Naples.

Capri: Explore the enchanting Isle of Capri, a sophisticated resort area since Roman times.

Regional Cuisine: Visit a farm that produces Italy's famed olive oil and buffalo mozzarella, savor Neapolitan pizza, and sip traditional limoncello at leisure.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Gillian Hovell (April/Sept.)—historian and field archaeologist specializing in ancient history. **Luca Zavagno** (May)—historian with expertise in Byzantine studies. **Glenn Bugh** (Oct.)—historian with expertise in Classical and Byzantine studies.



Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore

Palermo and Taormina

A Stay in Sicily



10 days from \$4,690

Special air rates & services available

April 24–May 3, May 8–17, Sept. 11–20, 2019

At the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Sicily reflects a fascinating blend of cultural influences—from the Greeks, Romans, Moors, and Normans to later civilizations. Explore this fascinating island from two locations, staying in the upscale hotels of the Mercure Palermo Excelsior City in Palermo and the Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay in Taormina a Mare.

Highlights Include

Palermo and Environs: Stand in wonder before stunning Byzantine mosaics in Palermo's Palatine Chapel and Monreale's cathedral. Venture to the medieval hilltown of Erice where you'll see the Castle of Venus and panoramic sea views. Discover the picturesque fishing village of Cefalù, home to one of Italy's most important Romanesque cathedrals.

Taormina and Environs: En route to Taormina, explore the Greek temples of Agrigento and the Roman Villa of Casale at Piazza Armerina. During your stay along Taormina's beach, ascend to the upper village by cable car to visit the famed Greek theater. In the ancient Greek town of Syracuse, once a strong rival of Athens, tour the Old Town of Ortygia and the extensive archaeological park, featuring a Greek theater with perfect acoustics.

History and Cuisine: Gain insight into Sicily as a crossroads of cultures and learn about prize-winning virgin olive oil during lunch at a family farm.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Allan Langdale (May)—art and architectural historian, film maker, photographer, and travel writer with expertise in Sicily.

Italy's Lake District

A One-Week Stay in Stresa

Lake Maggiore, Lake Como, and Lake Orta



9 days from \$4,590

Special air rates & services available

Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 7–15, June 11–19, Sept. 17–25, 2019

Italy's breathtaking Lake District has inspired painters, writers, and poets. Immerse yourself in this lovely region during a one-week stay in Stresa at the Hotel La Palma, featuring views of Lake Maggiore and Alpine mountains.

Highlights Include

Lake Maggiore: Take a private boat to Isola Madre to tour its impressive English-style gardens, then visit Isola dei Pescatori and Isola Bella with its baroque villa, outstanding art collection, and exquisite gardens. During your stay in Stresa, enjoy a regional cooking class and presentations on the area's gardens, arts, and contemporary life, plus a day at leisure.

Lake Orta: Stroll along lovely streets in Orta San Giulio, then cruise to the enchanting Isola San Giulio.

Lake Como: Discover charming Bellagio with its villas and pastel houses and admire sweeping vistas during a private boat ride to the town of Como.

Milan: See world-famous treasures, including the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, a World Heritage site and home to Leonardo's *The Last Supper*; the museum at the legendary opera house, La Scala; and the exquisite Duomo, a Gothic masterpiece.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Nancy and Gary Radke (May)—experts in Italian cuisine and Renaissance art history, respectively. **Allan Langdale** (June)—art and architectural historian with expertise in Italy. **John Paoletti** (Sept.)—art historian with expertise in the Italian Renaissance and 20th-century art.



The Prince's Palace, Monaco



Cruising the Rivas of Italy, France, and Spain

From Rome to Barcelona

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Bougainville*



9 days from \$4,895
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 29–June 6, 2019

Cruise the sparkling waters and legendary coastlines of the Mediterranean as you explore its history and culture.

Highlights Include

Corsica: Enjoy a walking tour of Bonifacio, which reflects a French character with strong Italian imprint.

Florence or Pisa and Lucca: In Florence, admire art treasures at the Accademia and at the famous Duomo and Baptistery. Or, choose to visit the beautifully preserved medieval cities of Lucca and Pisa.

Cinque Terre and Portofino: Explore this picturesque area and World Heritage site by private boat, visit the villages of Vernazza and Riomaggiore, and spend a leisurely evening in Portofino.

Monaco and Nice: Capture the essence of the Côte d'Azur during a walking tour of Monaco and the Old Town of Nice plus a visit to the Chagall Museum.

Aix-en-Provence and Marseille: Drive to Aix to explore the heart of France's sun-drenched Provençal region, then enjoy a panoramic tour of the Old Port of Marseille.

Carcassonne: Tour this well-preserved walled town and travel to the Cistercian Abbaye de Fontfroide.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about *Le Bougainville* on page 11 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Joanne Ferraro—historian with expertise in medieval Europe and cross-cultural connections.

Voyage from Rome to Malta

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Bougainville*



9 days from \$4,495
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Sells out quickly! Book now!

June 20–28, Sept. 26–Oct. 4, 2019

For thousands of years, waves of civilizations have left their imprint on the Mediterranean. Explore a multitude of World Heritage sites in southern Italy, Sicily, and Malta—considered the crossroads of this complex history.

Highlights Include

Southern Italy: Take in stunning panoramic views from the Amalfi Coast, with its cliff-side villages that seem to plunge to the sea. Enjoy time in Sorrento and on the Isle of Capri, which has drawn visitors since Roman times. Plus, explore many of the highlights of Pompeii, excavated 17 centuries after Mt. Vesuvius buried it in an eruption.

Sicily: In Taormina, visit the well-preserved Greek theater, with its backdrop of breathtaking views of Mt. Etna and the sea. In Syracuse, explore the historic quarter of Ortygia and the impressive Greek and Roman sites of the Archaeology Zone. Finally, walk through Agrigento's exceptional Valley of the Temples and fine archaeology museum.

Malta: Trace the steps of the Knights of St. John during a walking tour of Valletta. Visit the 16th-century St. John's Co-Cathedral, home to Caravaggio's *The Beheading of St. John*. Later, enjoy a tour of a private palazzo.

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Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Valerie Hedquist (June)—art historian with expertise in southern Italy and Sicily. **Al Leonard** (Sept.)—archaeologist with expertise in cross-cultural connections of the Mediterranean region.



Plaza de España, Seville



Cruising the Iberian Peninsula

NEW

Soak up the rich history of the Iberian Peninsula as you follow in the wake of ancient Spanish and Portuguese mariners on a choice of two extraordinary voyages. Join us in the spring aboard the tall sailing ship *Sea Cloud II* or in the autumn aboard the elegant yacht *Le Lyrial*. Learn more about the special shore excursions and other events showcased on each cruise on our website.

Sailing the Coast of Iberia

Aboard the 94-guest *Sea Cloud II*



14 days from \$8,990

May 16–29, 2019

Highlights Include

Spain: During a private evening opening, stroll through Granada's incomparable Alhambra Palace and gardens when it is beautifully illuminated. View artwork by native son Picasso in Málaga and enjoy the highlights of Seville. Later, experience the grandeur of the great pilgrimage cathedral at Santiago de Compostela and the cutting-edge design of Frank Gehry's iconic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Gibraltar: Visit St. Michael's Cave and the Great Siege Tunnels and enjoy views from the top of the Rock.

Portugal: In Lisbon, reflect on Portugal's seafaring past at the Tower of Belém and Discoveries Monument, and visit Jeronimos Monastery and the superb art collections of the Gulbenkian Museum. Explore Porto during a walking tour of the charming Old Town.

Cultural Enhancements: Enjoy the rhythms of flamenco and *fado*, and sample outstanding wines and distinctive regional cuisines.

Sea Cloud II: Embark on a sailing experience like none other aboard one of the most elegant and luxurious tall ships in service. During full days at sea, enjoy the thrill of watching the skilled crew set its 23 sails to catch the winds. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Al Leonard—archaeologist with expertise in cross-cultural connections in the Mediterranean region.

A Cruise of Spain and Portugal

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Lyrial*



9 days from approximately \$4,595

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Sept. 29–Oct. 7, Oct. 13–21, 2019

Highlights Include

Spain's Balearic Island and Valencia: In Palma de Mallorca, visit the Carthusian Monastery and home of Frederic Chopin, and enjoy a piano recital. In Valencia, known as the "City of Arts and Sciences," take a panoramic tour featuring the Gothic masterpiece of the Silk Exchange, a World Heritage site.

Granada: Explore the Alhambra Palace and magnificent Generalife Gardens, a World Heritage site and masterpiece of medieval Moorish art and architecture.

Gibraltar: Look out from the top of the Rock, the 1,400-foot-high limestone promontory guarding the strait that separates Europe and Africa.

Seville: In this lively capital, visit the Plaza de España, the legendary Alcazar, and the immense late Gothic cathedral.

Portugal's Algarve: In the scenic port town of Lagos, admire the baroque Church of St. Anthony.

Le Lyrial: Enjoy the sleek design of this elegant yacht. You'll find luxurious comfort and a full complement of upscale amenities as well as two lounges, a theater that hosts presentations and entertainment, and two restaurants. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 50 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Roger Crowley (Oct.)—historian with expertise in the Mediterranean, especially Spain and Portugal.

Barcelona

A One-Week Stay in Spain



9 days from \$4,090
Special air rates & services available
May 18–26, Sept. 14–22, 2019

Become immersed in the essence of Barcelona, a Catalan jewel with stunning artistic and architectural wonders. Settle into the centrally located Renaissance Barcelona Hotel, savor traditional cuisine, and enjoy the lively ambiance of this cosmopolitan coastal city.

Highlights Include

History, Art, and Culture: Stroll through one of the most complete Gothic Quarters in Europe; tour Palau de la Música Catalana, a Modernist concert hall and World Heritage site; and visit the El Born district, site of medieval jousting and trade guilds.

Antoni Gaudí: Come to understand this architect's unique vision of Modernisme during a day of visits to Casa Batlló, La Sagrada Família, and Parque Güell (together designated a World Heritage site).

Early Picasso: Explore sites connected to Picasso's early life and tour the Picasso Museum, a showcase for his formative art work.

Day Excursions: Travel to medieval Girona, then continue to Figueres and the museum devoted to surrealist artist Salvador Dalí. Journey to the Benedictine monastery at Montserrat and sample famous sparkling cava in the Penedès wine region.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Ana Afzali (May)—historian and **Marta Staudinger** (Sept.)—art historian, both with expertise in Spain.

Spain's Andalusia

A One-Week Stay in Antequera



9 days from \$3,990
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability
Special air rates & services available
May 9–17, Oct. 3–11, 2019

Explore the influence of Moorish, Christian, and Jewish cultures in Andalusia—as reflected in its art and architecture, cuisine, and culture—during this new one-week stay in Antequera. Located in the heart of Andalusia, this lovely white hill town and the Parador de Antequera are ideal for exploring the region.

Highlights Include

Antequera: Take delight in this classic medieval town, where you'll also find the largest megalithic tomb in Europe, a 14th-century fortress that watches over the city, and more than 30 churches and cathedrals.

Day Excursions: Gaze at the elaborate Moorish design of Granada's Alhambra, a palace with ornate buildings, courtyards, and gardens. In Seville, admire the tile work at the Plaza de España and visit the immense Gothic cathedral and Alcázar. Explore the smaller towns of Ronda, dramatically perched on the El Tajo gorge, and Córdoba, with its grand Le Mezquita (mosque) later transformed into a cathedral. And in Málaga, take in the art of native son Pablo Picasso at the Museo Picasso.

Cultural Traditions: Admire the passionate music and dance of flamenco and savor the region's culinary specialties, including a wine tasting.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

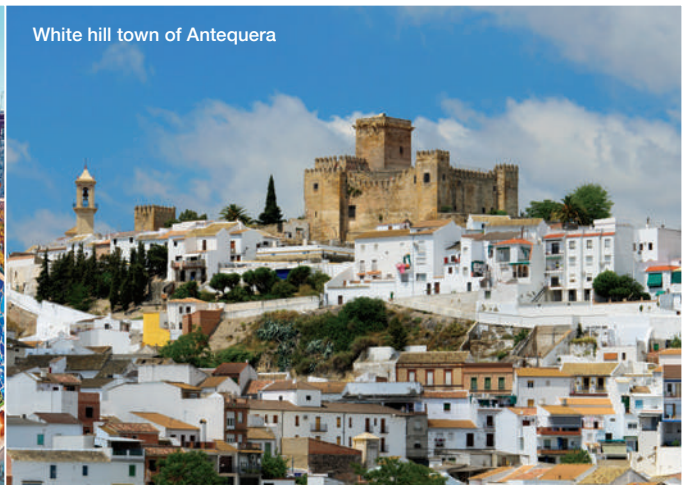
Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Stephen Clancy (May)—art historian and **Allen Fromherz** (Oct.)—historian, both with expertise in the Mediterranean region.

Parque Güell, designed by Antoni Gaudí



White hill town of Antequera





Architectural detail, the Alhambra, Granada



The Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao

Treasures of Southern Spain and Portugal

Featuring Historic *Paradores* and *Pousadas*



LAND

15 days from \$5,278

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 18–April 1, April 18–May 2, May 2–16,

May 16–30, Sept. 14–28, 2019

Explore the fascinating cultural history that is etched across the landscapes of the Iberian Peninsula.

Highlights Include

Paradores and Pousadas: Experience Iberia's history up close as you spend eight nights in distinctive inns, including a medieval monastery, a Moorish castle, a stately Renaissance palace, and a medieval town hall.

Lisbon and Evora: Delight in Portugal's lively capital with visits to Belém Tower and the Jeronimos Monastery, plus travel to Evora and the National Palace in Queluz.

Merida, Seville, Cordoba: Crossing into Spain, explore Merida's impressive Roman sites, Seville's large Gothic cathedral and ornate Moorish Alcazar, and Cordoba's rich multicultural legacy as reflected in the magnificent mosque.

Ronda and Granada: Stroll Ronda's medieval streets and enjoy time at your *parador*, perched on a bluff overlooking a plunging gorge. In Granada, take in the legendary Alhambra palace, the epitome of Moorish architecture and gardens and a World Heritage site.

Toledo and Madrid: Explore the city of El Greco with its Gothic cathedral and exquisite synagogue. In Madrid take a city tour featuring Plaza Mayor and the opulent Royal Palace and enjoy a day at leisure.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Dianne Konz (March)—expert in the arts, literature, and culture of Iberia. **Steven Wolf** (April/Sept.)—expert in the art and architectural history of Iberia and Italy. **Janet Duncan Jones** (May 2)—expert in classics and classical archaeology. **Francisco García-Serrano** (May 16)—historian with expertise in medieval Iberia.

Across Northern Spain and Portugal

Featuring Historic *Paradores* and *Pousadas*



LAND

17 days from \$5,978

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 9–25, May 3–19, June 14–30,

Sept. 22–Oct. 8, 2019

Discover a landscape of fortified cities, rugged Atlantic coastline, and the commanding Pyrenees Mountains.

Highlights Include

Paradores and Pousadas: Stay at distinctive inns, including a former palace, a hospital for pilgrims, and historic pilgrimage lodgings in the Pyrenees.

Lisbon and Porto: Discover the treasures of Lisbon, the rococo-style Queluz Palace, plus Obidos and seaside Nazare. In Porto, a World Heritage site, enjoy a short cruise on the Douro River and a winery tour and tasting.

Santiago de Compostela: Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims who arrived at the magnificent cathedral, the end point of the Way of St. James and now a World Heritage site.

León and Bilbao: In León, visit the medieval cathedral and Gaudí's Casa Botines. In Bilbao, see the cathedral and Old City and tour the Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Gehry, and the Fine Arts Museum.

The Basque Country and the Pyrenees: Stop in poignant Gernika, then enjoy mountain scenery as you travel through the Pyrenees to Pamplona and Bielsa.

Barcelona: Pay homage to Antoni Gaudí and his surreal architecture, designated a World Heritage site, and stroll through the Gothic Quarter and Las Ramblas.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Marta Staudinger (April) and **Lawrence Butler** (May)—art historians with expertise in Spain. **Francisco García-Serrano** (June)—historian with expertise in medieval Iberia. **Dianne Konz** (Sept.)—expert in the arts, literature, and culture of Iberia.



Merton College



Architectural detail, Oxford University



Dining hall, Merton College



Oxford Tutors

Historians, authors, and heritage professionals from the Oxford community will serve as Smithsonian faculty.

Smithsonian at Oxford

Featuring New Courses of Study for 2019



SPECIALTY



STAY

8 days from \$4,995

Book early! Course capacity is limited!

July 6–13, 2019

Join us at Oxford University and immerse yourself in the intellectual and cultural environment of one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the world. Given the popularity of this program, and enthusiastic requests for new courses, we once again return to Oxford. At Merton College you'll study a subject in depth with others who share a deep and unbridled love of learning.

Highlights Include

Courses of Study: Stimulate your mind in pursuit of knowledge! Choose from five course subjects and spend your mornings learning from an Oxford tutor. Course selections include *The Archaeology of Britain*, *The Age of Winston Churchill*, *Medieval Castles*, *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire*, and *The Legendary History of the British Isles*.

Excursions: Explore highlights of Oxford, including the connection between James Smithson (founding donor of the Smithsonian Institution) and the university, which he attended as a student. Plus, take an excursion tailored to your specific course. For example, *The Archaeology of Britain* includes a tour of the Staffordshire Hoard in Birmingham, the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found.

Lifestyle: Stay at historic Merton College, featuring the university's oldest quadrangle, and sample life as an Oxford student. Live in a dormitory room (with en suite bathroom), dine in the college hall (including High Table, a privileged tradition), and use Merton's common rooms and gardens. Explore the charming town of Oxford, take tea at local eateries, and enjoy Evensong at Christ Church College.

Optional London Extension: Add a four-day extension that includes guided excursions related to the Oxford courses, plus accommodations, meals, and transfers.

Course capacity is limited. Book early to ensure your preferred choice. Limited to 80 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

NEW

Smithsonian at St. Andrews, Scotland



8 days from \$4,995

Aug. 3–10, 2019

As the oldest university in Scotland, St. Andrews holds centuries of history within its walls. The renowned university's alumni include notable politicians, Nobel Prize winners, and public figures like Prince William and Catherine, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. As you walk these storied halls, attend bespoke courses taught by St. Andrews faculty, lodge in student accommodations, and explore the charming town of St. Andrews.

Highlights Include

Courses of Study: Choose from two courses taught by St. Andrews faculty members—*Scottish Castles* or *Scottish Crime Writing: From Gothic Horror to Tartan Noir*.

Excursions: Combine classroom learning with engaging excursions that bring your subject to life. Everyone will make a day trip to Edinburgh, a favorite setting for Scottish crime writers and renowned for its castle. Those enrolled in *Scottish Castles* will also explore the remains of St. Andrews Castle and Falkland Palace. *Scottish Crime Writing* dives into the settings of historic and contemporary crime writers, from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Ian Rankin.

Lifestyle: Perched on the east coast of Fife, St. Andrews reflects a combination of history and contemporary charm. Castle ruins and a rugged coastline abut a lively Scottish town where shops and dining are only a short walk away.

Optional Glasgow Extension: Join an optional three-day extension to Glasgow to explore the life and works of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the renowned Scottish architect and designer whose work influenced the Scottish Secessionism and Art Nouveau movements.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

St. Andrews Tutors

Members of the St. Andrews faculty will serve as Smithsonian Journeys Experts.

Classic Mystery Lover's England



9 days from \$5,995

Oct. 18–26, 2019

Back by popular demand, our one-of-a-kind British mystery tour features peaceful Devon, academic Oxford, and cosmopolitan London, all of which have served as settings for stories by mystery and detective writers. Gain insight into the lives and works of famous detective novelists from our expert and, by special arrangement, from contemporary authors.

Highlights Include

Exclusive Meetings: Enjoy insider meetings with contemporary mystery writers who offer a glimpse into their work and lives, including crime novelist Andrew Taylor. Plus, attend an exclusive reception featuring a discussion with a London-based mystery writer.

Devon and Dartmoor: Experience the landscapes and sites associated with Agatha Christie, including her beloved holiday home Greenway. Then set off through mysterious Dartmoor, with its enormous granite tors, wild ponies, mist, and rain, which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used for inspiration.

The Cotswolds and Oxford: Step into a Dick Francis mystery during an excursion focused on horse racing. Discover the ancient towers and hidden quads of Oxford, a mystery lover's paradise given the abundance of crime writers who have used it as a setting, including Dorothy Sayers, P.D. James, and Colin Dexter.

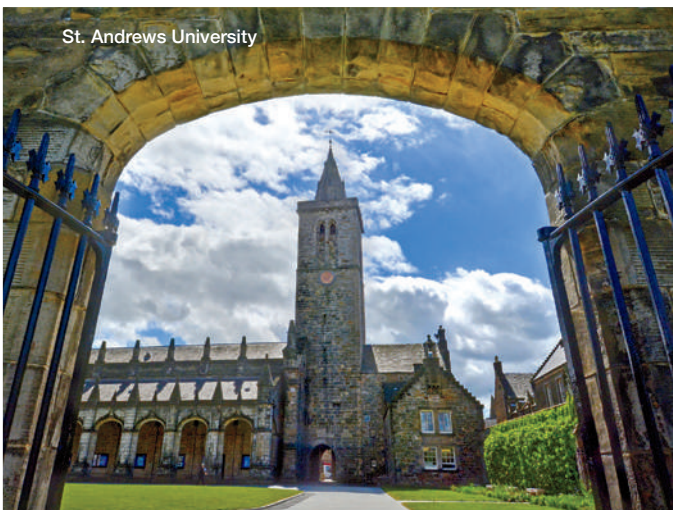
London: Conclude in cosmopolitan London, where you'll explore the legal district at the Inns of Court, featured as a favorite backdrop in the works of James and Sayers.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Rosalind Hutchinson—local expert in English history, architecture, and literature.

St. Andrews University



Coastal landscape, Devon



London

A One-Week Stay in England



9 days from \$4,390
Special air rates & services available

July 4–12, Aug. 1–9, 2019

Delve into the historic yet dynamic city of London during our one-week stay. You'll feel like a Londoner in no time as you explore the city in depth and get around by the Tube and London bus system. Enjoy your stay at the elegant Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt Hotel, located in posh Kensington.

Highlights Include

History and the Arts: Take special tours that highlight the art, architecture, and history of England and its capital, including the British Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, Shakespeare's Globe, Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Plus, take a walking tour of "The City," London's oldest, most historic neighborhood.

Government: Trace the course of British government during visits to Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace and the Houses of Parliament, plus a walking tour of the Inns of Court.

Oxford and the Cotswolds: Journey through the rolling countryside and quintessential villages of the Cotswolds, and visit the iconic university town of Oxford, including a look at one of its storied colleges.

British Traditions: Savor an afternoon tea with fellow travelers and pub fare for lunches on your own.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Vanessa Harding (July)—historian with expertise in London. **Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (Aug.)—historian with expertise in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Saxon studies.

Highlights of Britain

England, Scotland, and Wales



14 days from \$6,196
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

June 15–28, July 13–26, Aug. 3–16,
Sept. 14–27, 2019*

Join us for an insightful tour that showcases the history, culture, and natural beauty of England, Scotland, and Wales.

Highlights Include

Edinburgh: In medieval Old Town, explore Edinburgh Castle, perched high atop a promontory, and walk down the Royal Mile to visit Holyrood Palace. Plus, you'll view the urban design of the Georgian-style New Town as well. *A special highlight of the August departure features the famed Royal Military Tattoo.

England's Lake District: Delve into the beloved landscape of lakes, woodlands, and small villages where Dove Cottage, Hawkshead, and Lake Windermere evoke English literary associations.

Northern Wales: Understand how the brute appearance of medieval Caernarfon Castle symbolizes the "land of castles" and view the natural beauty of both Snowdonia National Park and Bodnant Garden.

Bath to London: Explore the Roman baths, abbey, and Georgian-style Assembly Room in Bath and Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon. Take an excursion through the quintessential landscape of the Cotswolds, then conclude your journey with a stop at the Neolithic monument of Stonehenge and a city tour of cosmopolitan London.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Katherine Forsyth (June)—expert in Celtic language, literature, and culture. **Janetta Benton** (July)—art historian with expertise in medieval and Renaissance art and architecture. **Miriam Davis** (Aug.) and **Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (Sept.)—historians with expertise in the U.K.



Thames River, London



The Roman baths, Bath, England

Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords

A Cruise from Glasgow to Bergen

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Champlain*



9 days from \$4,995

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 19–27, May 21–29*, 2019

Voyage in the wake of Viking seafarers and experience the rugged beauty of remote islands and dramatic coastlines forever linked by their heritage. Cruise into ports in Scotland's rarely visited Orkney and Shetland Islands and through some of Norway's magnificent fjords, visit World Heritage sites, and enjoy plentiful sea birds and spring flowers.

Highlights Include

Scottish Highlands: Cruise from Glasgow to Fort William, then drive through the breathtaking landscape to legendary Glencoe as well as Glenfinnan Monument, where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied Jacobite Highlanders against King George II. Sail to the lovely Kyle of Lochalsh to tour dramatic Eilean Donan Castle, then continue to the Inner Hebrides and the Isle of Skye, where you'll experience the beautifully rugged landscape.

Orkney Islands: In the remote Orkney Islands, a hub of Neolithic civilization, visit the settlement of Skara Brae, see the ceremonial Stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar, and gain further insight from archaeologist and site director **Nick Card**. Plus, explore the Viking town of Kirkwall.

Shetland Islands: Farther north, explore the crossroads where Scotland meets Scandinavia and legacies linger in archaeology, dialect, and traditional music. At Jarlshof, see late Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, Iron Age broch, Norse longhouses, and more.

Viking Homelands: Crossing the North Sea, enjoy the vistas once known by Vikings as they plied the waters on their longships. View dramatic mountains, sheer cliffs, and sparkling waterfalls during a day cruising through Norway's famous fjords, including Sognefjord. Plus, take a thrilling ride through this landscape aboard the *Flam Railway*.

Norway's Bergen: Continue to Bergen, founded on an old Viking settlement and later part of the Hanseatic League's trading empire. Enjoy a walking tour of Bryggen, a World Heritage site, and visit the home of composer Edvard Grieg.

Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The May 21 departure will be aboard *Le Boréal* and run in reverse. Learn more about both ships on page 11 and on our website.



Eilean Donan Castle, Scottish Highlands



Sognefjord, Norway



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Colleen Batey (May 19) and **Gillian Hovell** (May 21)—both field archaeologists with expertise in the northern British Isles and Viking sites, respectively.

Edinburgh Castle



Cliffs of Moher

Scotland's Treasures

Featuring the Royal Military Tattoo*



LAND

12 days from \$5,978

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

June 15–26, July 27–Aug. 7*, Aug. 8–19*,

Aug. 24–Sept. 4, 2019

Discover Scotland's enduring appeal as you enjoy the stunning natural beauty of the Highlands, learn about the legacy of its clans, and explore historic treasures of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Highlights Include

Glasgow and Edinburgh: View Glasgow's unique 19th- and 20th-century architecture, visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and other museums, and take a private curator-led tour of Pollok House. Enjoy two days in the stately city of Edinburgh with tours of Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. *The July and August departures also feature the famed Royal Military Tattoo.

Lower Highlands: Savor the enchanting landscape of Loch Lomond, learn about the history of Glenfinnan Monument, and make a full-day excursion to the Isle of Skye, known for its strong Gaelic influence.

Northern Highlands: Explore the ruins of Urquhart Castle, located on the shores of Loch Ness. Learn more about Scottish history at Culloden Moor and Dunrobin Castle and Gardens, and gain insight into Scottish traditions as you watch falconry and sheepdog demonstrations and visit a whisky distillery.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Cassandra Potts Hannahs (June) and **Neil McGuigan** (July)—historians with expertise in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Saxon studies. **Katherine Forsyth** (Aug. 8)—expert in Celtic language, literature, and culture. **Rab Houston** (Aug. 24)—expert in modern history of Scotland and England.

The Emerald Isle



LAND

13 days from \$5,672

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 19–31, June 16–28, July 14–26,

Aug. 18–30, Sept. 8–20, 2019

Journey from lively Dublin to the Aran Islands and Ring of Kerry and discover a country steeped in history and boasting a rich tapestry of cultural traditions and ethereal landscapes.

Highlights Include

Dublin: Enjoy a day in Dublin, where highlights include tours of St. Patrick's Cathedral and the library at Trinity College with its legendary medieval *Book of Kells*.

Cultural Insights: Hear about Irish culture firsthand from a native of the Aran Islands who shares stories of their oral tradition and during a dinner at a local family-run B&B near Killarney.

Magnificent Landscapes: Take in breathtaking scenery as you travel through Connemara, view the dramatic Cliffs of Moher stretching for five miles along the fabled coastline of County Clare, and pass through the Burren, the rocky landscape of craggy gray karst limestone formations. You'll also take a full-day excursion to the Ring of Kerry with its stunning mountain and coastal scenery, a 1,000-year-old ring fort, and mysterious monument stones.

Castles and Abbeys: Learn about Ireland's history during visits to the early monastic site of Clonmacnoise, Kylemore Abbey, Muckross House (an Elizabethan-style manor house), the Kerry Folklife Centre, Blarney Castle, and the legendary Rock of Cashel and Kilkenny Castle.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Hilary Lennon (May/Aug./Sept.) and **Christopher Griffin** (July)—both experts in Irish literature and humanities. **Jennifer Paxton** (June)—historian with expertise in the Middle Ages and monastic studies.



NEW

Dublin

A One-Week Stay in Ireland



9 days from \$4,590
Special air rates & services available

May 4–12, July 13–21, 2019

Explore ancient history and new traditions during our new cultural stay in bustling, youthful Dublin. From archaeological sites and museums to food and whiskey tastings, you'll discover the essence of the Emerald Isle through its capital city. Enjoy accommodations at the O'Callaghan Davenport Hotel, just steps from cultural sites and restaurants.

Highlights Include

Dublin: Stroll through the quads of world-renowned Trinity College and see the breathtaking library and *Book of Kells*. Learn about 18th-century Dublin and the people who lived here as you admire the Georgian architecture during a walking tour. And at Kilmainham Gaol, hear about the Easter Rising, the pivotal insurrection of 1916.

History and Archaeology: View collection highlights of Dublin's National Museum of History and Archaeology. Take an excursion to the Boyne Valley, Ireland's ancient capital and a World Heritage site, with its Neolithic monuments of Newgrange, Knowth, and Dowth. Plus, visit the early medieval monastery of Glendalough.

Great Homes and Gardens: Discover the art and architecture of Russborough House, one of Ireland's finest great houses with its immense landscape and garden maze. Enjoy a walking tour of the many gardens of Powerscourt Estate, renowned as one of Ireland's top gardens.

Cuisine: Meet food artisans and learn about the country's newest culinary delights and trends, plus enjoy a tour and tasting at a boutique whiskey distillery.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Cassandra Potts Hannah (May)—historian with expertise in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Saxon studies. **Hillary Lennon** (July)—expert in Irish literature and humanities.

County Mayo

A One-Week Stay in Northwest Ireland



9 days from \$4,390
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability
Special air rates & services available

June 11–19, Sept. 17–25, 2019

Experience the essence of Irish culture in Westport, County Mayo, where you'll view Ireland through the eyes of its people. During this charming stay program, enjoy day trips to iconic landscapes and historic sites, always returning to your intimate small town and the comfortable Westport Plaza Hotel.

Highlights Include

Irish Traditions: In Westport, visit the National Museum of Ireland—Country Life and historic Westport House. Enjoy a local dance and music performance, watch craftspeople at work, and join local residents at the nearby pub.

County Sligo: Visit Lissadell House, where an expert will talk about the poet William Butler Yeats, and view Ireland's largest cemetery of megalithic tombs.

Achill Island: Experience this remote island that has inspired artists and writers like Graham Greene. Travel along the Atlantic Coastal drive and witness more than 100 abandoned cottages in the deserted village of Slievemore, which was ravaged by the Great Famine.

Connemara: Explore one of Ireland's most scenic regions known for its "savage" beauty. Stop at the National Famine Monument as you travel to Glen Keen farm to watch a sheep dog demonstration and later tour the impressive Kylemore Abbey and garden.

Galway: Visit the Galway City Museum, then enjoy time to explore this colorful city, often referred to as the "most Irish" of Ireland's cities.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Hilary Lennon (June) and **Christopher Griffin** (Sept.)—both experts in Irish literature and humanities.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Main square, Kraków

Old World Europe

Poland, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic



16 days from \$5,497

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*April 20–May 5, May 14–29, Aug. 31–Sept. 15,
Sept. 28–Oct. 13, 2019*

Discover four distinctly different and fascinating nations in Central and Eastern Europe, featuring many World Heritage sites.

Highlights Include

Poland: Tour the Old Town areas of Warsaw and Kraków and the Wieliczka Salt Mine, and attend a private piano recital. Plus, spend time at Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Hungary: In Budapest, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, explore both the Buda and Pest sides of the Danube, attend a curator-led tour of the art museum, and indulge in some time at leisure.

Austria: Travel past medieval castles and along the Danube River for Vienna. Here, follow in the footsteps of imperial Habsburgs with tours of the opera house and Schönbrunn Palace and a concert of classical music. You'll also take an excursion to the Vienna Woods, once a royal hunting ground, and visit the spa town of Baden, once the summer residence of Habsburg monarchs.

The Czech Republic: Immerse yourself in medieval Prague. Explore the Hradčany castle district and the Jewish area of Josefov, plus enjoy a private tour of the Lobkowicz Museum (devoted to music), time at leisure, and a festive farewell dinner.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Laurie Koloski (April) and **Tim Blanning** (Sept.)—historians with expertise in modern Europe. **Alexander Motyl** (May)—expert in political science. **Carol Reynolds** (Aug.)—expert in music history and the arts.

Kraków

A One-Week Stay in Poland



9 days from \$4,090

Special air rates & services available

May 31–June 8, Sept. 13–21, 2019

Considered one of Europe's most enchanting cities, Kraków is a major center for Poland's cultural and academic life. Explore the city's history as well as many important sites nearby during this one-week stay at the Hotel Unicus Palace, situated in the historic center.

Highlights Include

Kraków: Highlights of your city tour include the Old Town (a World Heritage site), Wawel Castle courtyard and royal cathedral, Market Square, the Gothic Basilica of the Virgin Mary, and the 16th-century Renaissance Cloth Hall.

Wieliczka Salt Mine: Walk amid extensive sparkling salt carvings and underground lakes (442 feet below ground) in Europe's oldest salt mine, a World Heritage site.

Ojców National Park: Explore the park's unusual rock formations, plus the Renaissance Pieskowa Skala castle.

World War II Sites or Nowa Huta: Visit Auschwitz and Birkenau to commemorate the many lives lost here during World War II. Or choose to spend the day at a model communist community that transformed from a center of political propaganda to a place of revolution.

Warsaw: Take the train to this capital city where you'll visit the Chopin Memorial, the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial, Madame Curie's house, the Royal Castle, and St. Anne's Church in delightful Old Town.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Hugh Agnew (May)—historian with expertise in Central and Eastern Europe. **Ursula Rehn Wolfman** (Sept.)—expert in the arts of Europe.

NEW

NEW

Berlin

A One-Week Stay in Germany



9 days from \$4,690
Special air rates & services available

June 12–20, Sept. 11–19, 2019

Join us in Berlin in 2019 for a city-wide celebration of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. You'll experience this European cultural capital fully transformed since reunification. Masterful contemporary architecture and a strong new visual identity are balanced with carefully preserved art treasures and the best of its cultural legacy, along with iconic sites that reflect its turbulent history. Stay at the Hilton Berlin, ideally located in the Mitte district in the city center on Berlin's most beautiful square.

Highlights Include

Political Berlin: Take a city tour featuring many of Berlin's historic sites and visit the last standing section of the Berlin Wall. In the Schoeneberg neighborhood, see a poignant exhibit about the Jewish residents who lost their lives during the Holocaust as well as the site where President Kennedy made his famous 1963 speech. Plus, view the impressive architecture—both old and new—of the Reichstag during a guided tour.

Art and Music: Explore the Old Masters collection of the Gemäldegalerie, the jewel of the Kulturforum museum complex. Tour the imposing Pergamon Museum, showcasing magnificent collections of Greek, Roman, and Islamic treasures. Enjoy an evening musical performance and a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Berlin Philharmonic Konzerthaus.

Local Insight: Join discussions with local experts about wartime Berlin and the Cold War and learn about the city's musical legacy.

Potsdam: Travel to nearby Potsdam, a royal seat of Prussia during the 17th century. Tour the Rococo palace of Sanssouci and Schloss Cecilienhof, site of the decisive Potsdam Conference at the end of World War II.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Carol Reynolds (June)—expert in European arts, culture, and music history.

Art Meets Science in Switzerland

Featuring a Rare Visit to the Supercollider at CERN



9 days from \$8,395

May 24–June 1, Sept. 20–28, 2019

Art and science enthusiasts will delight in this new journey to Switzerland. As you travel to Zurich, Bern, and Geneva, follow in the footsteps of Albert Einstein, behold the magnificent Jungfrau, and view the art of Paul Klee. A special highlight features a behind-the-scenes look at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

Highlights Include

Science: Follow Albert Einstein's career as student and professor in Zurich, then in Bern visit his flat and office (Swiss Patent Office) as well as the Einstein Museum. Take a private tour of the Sphinx Observatory, perched on a shockingly steep precipice in the Alps.

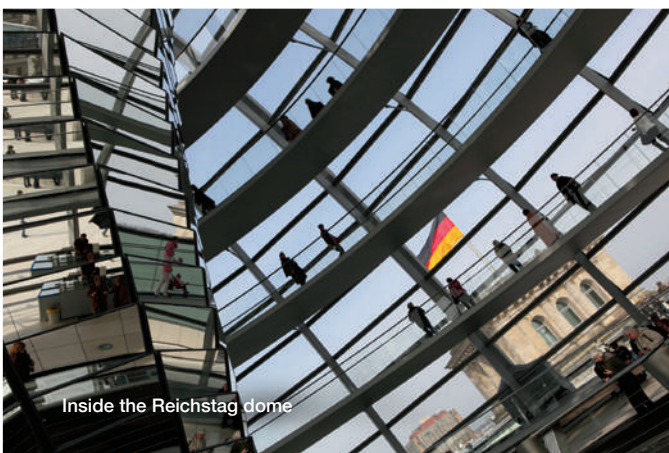
CERN: Located just outside Geneva, CERN is home to the world's most powerful particle accelerator—the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). In 2019 a scheduled shutdown allows the rare opportunity to descend five stories into the heart of ATLAS, largest of the LHC's four detectors, for an up-close look at this sophisticated scientific equipment.

Arts and Culture: View one of Switzerland's most important art collections and works by Paul Klee in Zurich and Bern. Take in stunning Alpine panoramas from the windows of a cog railway as you ascend the Bernese Alps to the "Top of Europe." Enjoy a relaxing day in the Swiss countryside with a private wine tasting and savor meals at Michelin-starred restaurants and a traditional raclette lunch in Gruyere.

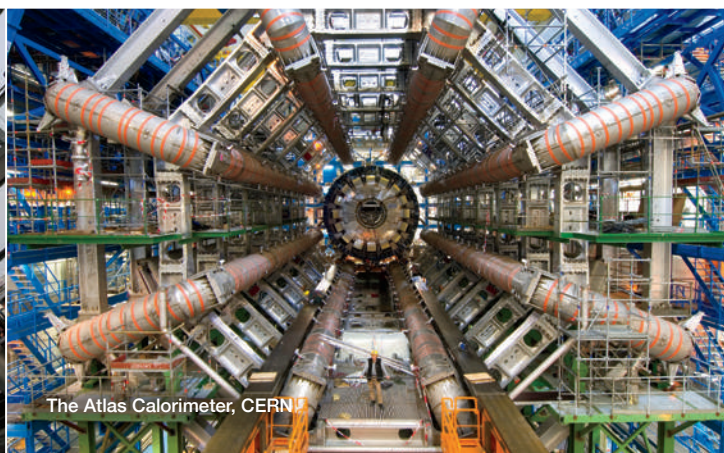
Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Michelle Thaller (May)—astrophysicist and deputy director of Science for Communications at NASA.



Inside the Reichstag dome



The ATLAS Calorimeter, CERN

The town of Thun



The Swiss Alps

A One-Week Stay in Thun



9 days from \$4,590
Special air rates & services available
July 17–25, Aug. 28–Sept. 5, 2019

Tucked into the cultural and geographic heart of Europe, Switzerland showcases breathtaking mountains, crystalline lakes, and crisp Alpine air. Explore the Bernese Oberland by train, boat, and on foot as you enjoy the hospitality of the Hotel Freienhof, ideally located overlooking Lake Thun.

Highlights Include

Thun: Enjoy a stay in a traditional Swiss town with views of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau mountains. From here, take local trains to many of your outings.

Charming Cities: Visit Lucerne with its charming covered bridges and idyllic lake. Take a walking tour of the bustling Swiss capital of Bern and visit the historical museum with its special museum devoted to Albert Einstein.

The Alps: Board a mountain lift from Kandersteg to beautiful Lake Oeschinen and enjoy magnificent views of the Bernese Alps. Travel via train, cable car, and hiking to Winteregg for spectacular views of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau mountains. See Truemmelsbach Falls or ride one of the longest aerial cableways to the Schilthorn, followed by a gondola ride down to the valley.

Train Travel: After a stop in the wood-carving center of Brienz, an antique steam train takes you to the top of the Rothorn in the Valais Alps. Ride an Alpine train or hike along the flower trail at Allmendhubel for spectacular mountain views, continuing to the car-free mountain village of Murrën, accessible only by train and cable car.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Ursula Rehn Wolfman (July)—expert in the arts of Europe. **Diana Toman** (Aug.)—expert in German and comparative literature.



Main square, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Pearls of Croatia and Slovenia



15 days from \$5,484
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees
April 22–May 6, May 16–30, Sept. 5–19, 2019

Situated along the exquisite Adriatic Sea and at the crossroads of Europe and the Balkans, Croatia and Slovenia showcase charming towns that reflect a blend of cultures, plus pristine parklands and coastlines, and many World Heritage sites.

Highlights Include

Lake Bled and Ljubljana: Discover the fairy-tale setting of Slovenia's Lake Bled as you tour the castle and take a cruise on the scenic lake. Then spend a day strolling the charming heart of Ljubljana, the nation's capital.

Zagreb and Environs: Your visit to Croatia's capital features the Old Town, Art Nouveau architecture from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Later, explore Plitvice Lakes National Park with its string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes and dazzling waterfalls.

Istrian Peninsula: Highlights include Opatija, once a resort of Habsburg princes; Pula, with its Roman amphitheater; and Rovinj, a charming Venetian port.

Dalmatian Coast: Delight in the many treasures along this legendary coastline. In seaside Split, explore the city's core, comprised of the massive remains of Roman emperor Diocletian's palace. On the island of Hvar, see the lingering influence of the Venetians in its 17th-century squares. And in Dubrovnik, walk along the medieval city walls, visit many of the treasures in the Old City, and enjoy time at leisure in the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Carol Reynolds (May)—expert in music history and the arts. **Thomas Bremer** (Sept.)—historian with expertise in the Dalmatian Coast.



Dubrovnik, Croatia



The town of Poros

NEW

Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

Featuring Croatia and Slovenia

Aboard the 34-guest *Queen Eleganza*



CRUISE

12 days from \$6,990

June 12–23, 2019

Take a leisurely seven-night cruise of the Adriatic—showcasing Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula and Dalmatian Coast—aboard an intimate yacht, and enjoy two days exploring neighboring Slovenia.

Highlights Include

Slovenia: Begin your journey in the capital of Ljubljana with a walking tour of the historic center. Take in the idyllic views of Lake Bled during an afternoon gondola ride. Then, driving south, explore the Skocjan karst caves, a World Heritage site, before arriving at seaside Piran.

Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula: Enjoy a walking tour of seaside Rovinj, then cruise to Velika Brijun Island, a national park. A walking tour of Pula showcases its well-preserved Roman ruins, especially the immense arena.

Dalmatian Coast: Continue your voyage along this pristine coastline. From the small town of Zadar, travel inland to visit Plitvice Lakes National Park. In Split, walk through the immense retirement palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian, spread out along the waterfront. Then enjoy cruising to delightful Hvar and Korčula Islands and lovely Dubrovnik.

Queen Eleganza: Launched in 2018, this intimate yacht features a casual ambiance and the ability to call at small islands. Find more details on our website.

Exclusive charter for Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Aneta Georgievsk-Shine—art historian with expertise in European history, politics, and languages.

Athens and Poros

A Stay in Greece



STAY

10 days from \$3,990

No Single Supplement—Limited Availability

Special air rates & services available

April 25–May 4, Sept. 5–14, 2019

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of Greece during this special program featuring two nights in Athens and a six-night stay on the quiet island of Poros at the New Aegli Hotel, located on the beach.

Highlights Include

Athens: Ascend the steps of the mighty Acropolis to view the Parthenon, then see many of its artifacts in the Acropolis Museum. You’ll also take a panoramic tour of the city that includes the university area.

Poros Town: Travel by hydrofoil to the island of Poros where you’ll feel the essence of quiet Greek life. Explore the lovely main town during a walking tour, visit the archaeological museum, and get to know the residents.

Epidaurus and Mycenae: Take two full-day excursions to visit these World Heritage sites. Epidaurus was renowned for its Greek theater and Mycenae was the most powerful kingdom in Greece, and according to legend, the seat of Agamemnon’s kingdom.

Hydra: Cruise to this nearby Saronic Island—noted for its distinctive architecture, rugged terrain, and lack of cars—for a day of exploration.

Corinth Canal: Returning to Athens by land, stop off to see the famous Corinth Canal.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Veronica Kalas (both dates)—art historian and field archaeologist with expertise in the ancient era through Byzantine period.

Sacred site of Delphi, Greece



Goddess, Corfu, Greece



Main street of Dubrovnik, Croatia

A Cruise from the Adriatic to the Aegean

From Venice to Athens

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Lyrial*



9 days from approximately \$4,395
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Sells out quickly! Book now!

Sept. 15–23, 2019

Cruise along the dazzling, island-studded Adriatic coastline on a voyage that showcases five countries, six World Heritage sites, and the cultural influence of Greek, Roman, Venetian, Byzantine, and Slavic civilizations.

Highlights Include

Croatia: From Venice, cruise along the Dalmatian Coast for historic ports such as Split and Hvar. Enjoy a walking tour of Split's historic center, which encompasses the immense retirement palace built by Roman Emperor Diocletian. On the island of Hvar, see the lingering influence of the Venetians in its 17th-century squares. Tour the charming island city of Korčula with its priceless collection of medieval manuscripts and works by Tintoretto. And in exquisite Dubrovnik, see the most famous landmarks of this iconic 15th-century walled city, a World Heritage site. Plus, meet with local residents and watch a folk music performance aboard ship.

Montenegro and Albania: Sail into the spectacular Bay of Kotor, deeply carved into the Montenegrin mountains, and admire the Venetian baroque Old Town of Kotor. Then travel to Butrint to see a splendid 3rd-century B.C. amphitheater, which accommodated 1,500 people, and buildings erected later by Roman Emperor Augustus, now designated a World Heritage site.

Greece: Arriving at the Ionian island of Corfu, take a walking tour of its Old Town, whose cosmopolitan influences are reflected in elegant French boulevards, Georgian mansions, a Greek temple, and a Venetian citadel. Stop along the Gulf of Corinth to ascend the trail to the ancient site of Delphi, home to the mythical Oracle and considered by the Greeks to be the center of the world. Then, en route to Piraeus, cruise through the dramatic Corinth Canal, a thrilling highlight for sea captains and travelers alike, since this ultra-narrow passage cuts through the rocky Isthmus of Corinth and is navigable only by small ships.

Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Lyrial on page 11 and on our website.



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Dennis Romano—historian with expertise in Renaissance Italy and early modern Europe.

A Cruise to Ancient Greece

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Bougainville*



9 days from approximately \$4,795
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Sept. 5–13, Sept. 12–20, 2019

Discover gems of the Greek islands on this exceptional Aegean odyssey that also features the Peloponnese and Meteora. You'll discover the cradle of Western civilization and the Classical world, see important World Heritage sites, and gaze upon breathtaking landscapes when the weather is mild and the sites are less crowded.

Highlights Include

Meteora: An extraordinary enigma of Orthodox monasteries, this breathtaking World Heritage site seems almost suspended in air due to its location perched atop sandstone pillars. Visit an active monastery where early Christian traditions have continued uninterrupted for hundreds of years.

Delos and Mykonos: Mystical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, Delos is a paramount religious sanctuary of the ancient Greek world. Walking along the Sacred Way to the Sanctuary of Apollo, you'll see an archaeological site with early temples, a theater, and the legendary Terrace of the Lions. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore nearby Mykonos, which epitomizes the beauty of the Greek Isles.

Pátmos: Visit the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. John, built in 1088 and still inhabited by monks who preserve it as a place of religious study.

Rhodes: In Rhodes Town, a World Heritage site, trace the history of the Knights of St. John who erected the 14th-century Palace of the Grand Masters. Also travel to Lindos for some time at leisure or ascend the stairs to the clifftop acropolis for breathtaking views.

Santorini: Be on deck to enter the spectacular harbor of Santorini, a natural caldera. Tour the phenomenal Bronze-age ruins of Akrotiri, recently reopened to visitors, where streets reveal the sophisticated culture of its Minoan inhabitants. You'll also see the treasures of the Museum of Prehistoric Thera in Fira.

Epidauros and Mycenae: Sail to the Peloponnese, known for its treasured antiquities and World Heritage sites. Here, you'll visit the ancient citadel of Mycenae, the classical stage of Homer's *The Iliad*. Continue to Epidauros and its Sanctuary of Asklepios, a masterpiece of classical Greek architecture with its 14,000-seat theater known for nearly perfect acoustics.

Cultural Traditions: Meet local residents who discuss contemporary life on these ancient islands.

Limited to 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Read more about Le Bougainville on page 11 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Bella Vivante (Sept. 5)—highly respected expert in the classics.
Al Leonard (Sept. 12)—archaeologist with expertise in the cross-cultural connections of the Mediterranean region.



Meteora



Santorini





Puffins



Godafoss Waterfall



Iceland Voyage

A Circumnavigation Cruise

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Champlain*



9 days from approximately \$6,495

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
and airfare from select East Coast gateways
Sells out quickly! Pre-register now*

July 24–Aug. 1, July 31–Aug. 8, 2019

Once remote and difficult to visit, Iceland has emerged as a top travel destination due to its breathtaking landscapes and geologic formations, myriad bird life, and friendly hospitality. This unique cruise, which circumnavigates the island, offers an exceptional opportunity to experience Iceland unlike most visitors. You'll go off the beaten path to places of immense beauty and interest by boat, as the Vikings did when they first arrived.

Highlights Include

Reykjavik: Learn about Iceland's heritage at the National Museum, where nearly 3,000 objects trace its history from an early Viking settlement. Plus, a city tour showcases the capital's lively, cosmopolitan ambiance.

West Fjords: This peninsula is one of Iceland's most dramatically beautiful areas, yet one of its least visited due to its remote location. Take in breathtaking landscapes, including the mountainous fjord of Djup, and tour the Osvör Maritime Museum, which illustrates the climatic and geographic challenges faced by residents.

Northern Wonders: In Siglufjörður, visit museums devoted to the herring industry (one of the country's most important industries) and to the country's musical heritage. Spend a day near cerulean Lake Myvatn, where volcanic activity—both past and current—is seen in a steaming geothermal field, unique craters, and surreal lava formations, while another highlight is legendary Godafoss, “waterfall of the gods.” You'll also cross the Arctic Circle on an afternoon cruise to Grimsey Island, a birdwatcher's paradise.

Stunning East Coast: Meet local people and learn about Icelandic culture in Seydisfjörður. Then enjoy a full-day excursion to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, where a small private boat offers an up-close view of dramatic icebergs as well as the scenic backdrop of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier.

Southern Islands: At Heimaey Island witness one of Iceland's largest puffin colonies nesting amid tall cliffs and see “Fire Mountain” or Mount Eldfell with its still-warm lava fields. Cruise past Surtsey Island to view this fragile, young island, designated a World Heritage site.

**Best booking availability before December. Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Champlain on page 11 and on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Katryn Wiese (July 24)—expert in geology and oceanography.

Elisabeth Ward (July 31)—expert in Icelandic and Viking studies.



The Northern Lights of Iceland



Reynisfjara, near Vik

Northern Lights of Iceland



7 days from \$8,995
Feb. 27–March 5, 2019

Iceland is one of the most ideal places to view the aurora borealis. During our unique tour, learn about the science behind the captivating shapes and colors of the Northern Lights. Enjoy hotel stays at two of Iceland's top properties in the southwest region and take special aurora outings to view one of nature's most amazing phenomena.* Plus, explore Iceland's breathtaking beauty and geologic features.

Highlights Include

Thingvellir National Park: While staying at the remote and stunning ION hotel, a perfect spot for viewing the Northern Lights, visit the rift valley celebrated as the home of the Althing, the world's first democratic assembly. You'll witness the geothermal pools at Geysir and Iceland's most famous waterfall—Gullfoss.

Langjokull Glacier: Discover Iceland's second largest glacier, plus the volcanic crater lake of Kerid and the natural hot springs at the Secret Lagoon.

Thorsmork or Skogafoss: Select an iconic landscape to explore while staying at the Hotel Rangá, an excellent location for viewing the evening skies.

Reykjavik: Visit the Northern Lights Center and National Museum and enjoy a soak at the nearby Blue Lagoon.

**Note: Viewing conditions based on weather and not guaranteed. Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Jim Zimbelman—planetary geologist and former chairman of the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Adventure in Iceland



11 days from \$5,897
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees
May 21–31, July 4–14, July 25–Aug. 4,
Aug. 31–Sept. 10, Sept. 24–Oct. 4, 2019

Join us for this exceptional and popular highlights tour of Iceland, showcasing its powerful landscapes of waterfalls, geologic features, and myriad sea birds. You'll journey to both the southern and northern regions and take delight in its natural wonders, gracious hospitality, and relaxed pace.

Highlights Include

Dramatic Waterfalls: Feel the power of a variety of waterfalls, each unique and breathtaking, including popular Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, and Skogafoss in the south and Godafoss, the “waterfall of the gods,” and jaw-dropping Dettifoss in the north.

Other Geologic Wonders: Gaze upon bizarre rock formations and a vast lava field on the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. In the north travel to lovely Lake Myvatn and the phenomenal national park with its bubbling mud flats, lava fields, and lunar-like volcanic craters. And near southern Vik, walk along the black-sand beach at Reynisfjara, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves.

Cultural Treasures: Learn about the Icelandic saga writers, stroll through small fishing villages, and explore Skogar's folk museum and coastal Vik. At Thingvellir National Park witness the spot where the world's oldest Parliament met. Later, enjoy sophisticated Reykjavik.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Brent Garry (May), **Scott Burns** (July 4), **Pat Dickerson** (July 25), and **Jim Reynolds** (Aug.)—all highly respected geologists.



Harbor at Gdańsk, Poland



Medieval Tallinn, Estonia



Palace and fountains of Peterhof, Russia

Cruising the Baltic Sea

From Copenhagen to Stockholm

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Dumont-d'Urville*



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June 23–July 2, July 29–Aug. 7, 2019*

Discover the rich history and culture of the Baltic States, including the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg, on this spectacular six-country Baltic Sea program. You'll also gain special insight into the region's modern history through talks by **Lech Walesa**, former president of Poland, and **Sergei Khrushchev**, author, scholar, and son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Highlights Include

"White Nights of Summer": Beginning in Copenhagen, cruise for eight nights in Scandinavia during near-constant daylight.

Gdańsk: Explore the many cultural sites of Poland's historic city, from a walking tour featuring a medieval guildhall and Renaissance and baroque mansions to the historic Lenin Shipyard and its Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers.

Tallinn: Revel in the medieval charms of Estonia's Tallinn, a World Heritage site that has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years. See historic churches and Toompea Castle and visit the medieval Town Hall, the only intact Gothic-style hall in northern Europe.

St. Petersburg: Spend two days exploring the treasures of Russia's St. Petersburg, including visits to the world-acclaimed State Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and the impressive baroque cathedral devoted to these saints. Outside the city, tour the World Heritage sites of Catherine the Great's rococo palace at Pushkin (including the extraordinary Amber Room), and the Grand Palace of Peterhof with its exceptional gardens and fountains.

Helsinki: Discover Finland's stunning architecture and modern design aesthetic as reflected in Temppeliaukio Church during a morning tour, then explore lively Market Square at leisure.

Visby: Call at the Baltic island of Gotland, one of Sweden's richest historical regions with more than 90 medieval churches. Visit the well-preserved walled city of Visby, evocative of the Viking era, the Baltic hub of the Hanseatic League, and a World Heritage site.

Stockholm: Cruise through the scenic Stockholm archipelago as your voyage concludes in Sweden's capital.

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The July departure will run in reverse. Learn more about Le Dumont-d'Urville on page 11 and on our website.*



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Glenn Kranking (June)—historian, with expertise in Scandinavian studies and Nordic explorers. **Nadia Kizenko** (July)—historian with expertise in the Russian empire and Eastern Europe.



Geirangerfjord, Norway



St. Isaac's Cathedral, St. Petersburg, Russia

Scandinavian Journey

Featuring Norway and Denmark



16 days from \$6,684

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 14–29, July 11–26, Aug. 25–Sept. 9, 2019

Travel on and off the beaten path amid the spectacular landscapes and cosmopolitan cities of Norway and Denmark, and experience the Midnight Sun as it illuminates long summer days.

Highlights Include

Denmark: Stroll the historic streets of Copenhagen, see City Hall Square, and behold the dazzling crown jewels at Rosenborg Palace. Journey to nearby Elsinore to visit Kronborg Castle, setting for Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, and tour the house museum and bird sanctuary at the home of Karen Blixen, known as author Isak Dinesen (*Out of Africa*).

Norway's Fjords: Marvel at breathtaking fjords with soaring snowcapped mountains, lush forests, and deep crystalline waters. Highlights include a cruise through the dramatic Geirangerfjord, a World Heritage site, and a thrilling ride on the *Flam Railway*.

Bergen and Oslo: Tour the 14th-century merchants' quarter of Bryggen, a World Heritage site. Gain insight into modern life when you meet a family at a nearby orchard and visit a salmon farm. Learn more about Norway's history and contemporary culture at Oslo's Viking Ship Museum and National Gallery.

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Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Tereje Leiren (May/July)—expert in Scandinavian studies with special interest in history and culture. **Ann-Charlotte Gavel Adams** (Aug.)—expert in Scandinavian studies with special interest in culture and literature.



14 days from \$5,298

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 7–20, July 30–Aug. 12,

Sept. 24–Oct. 7, 2019

Explore the vibrant cultural capitals and rich heritage of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, plus the imperial riches of Russia's St. Petersburg on this exciting tour.

Highlights Include

Lithuania: In the capital of Vilnius explore the well-preserved Old Town, a World Heritage site. You'll see Cathedral Square, Gedimino Tower, Vilnius University, and the President's Palace, plus visit the KGB Museum. Travel beyond Vilnius to the medieval castle at Trakai.

Latvia: Riga, the largest of the Baltic capitals, showcases lovingly restored architecture, including magnificent St. Mary's Cathedral, and a lively arts scene. Outside Riga you'll visit Gauja National Park, the ruins of Turaida Castle, and the baroque palace of Rundale.

Estonia: See layers of Tallinn's tumultuous history during a city tour of its well-preserved Old Town. Plus, travel beyond this capital to Rocca al Mare, an outdoor museum that depicts country life from the past.

Russia: Explore many of St. Petersburg's exquisite treasures, including St. Isaac's Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, and the world-renowned Hermitage Museum. Enjoy lunch with a local family and take an excursion to the Grand Royal Palace and gardens at Peterhof.

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Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Bertrand Patenaude (May)—expert in modern European and Russian history. **Denis Crnković** (July)—expert in Russian and Eastern European studies and comparative literature. **Pamela Kachurin** (Sept.)—art historian specializing in Russian and Soviet art and architecture.



Sculpture at the Snow Hotel, Kirkenes



Polar bear in Svalbard

NEW

Arctic Explorer by Private Train

A Russian Train Journey Aboard the *Golden Eagle*
A Holiday Program in Search of the Northern Lights



13 days from \$14,795
Dec. 28, 2019–Jan. 9, 2020

Celebrate winter and the polar night on this unique trip showcasing Russian treasures and a private train journey to the Arctic Circle.

Highlights Include

St. Petersburg: Gaze upon the gems of the Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Plus, go beyond the city to see Catherine's Palace.

Crossing the Arctic Circle: Board your train and journey north during the polar night to the port city of Murmansk and tour the first nuclear-powered icebreaker. Continue by coach to Kirkenes for a two-night stay. Here, visit the Snow Hotel, enjoy chilled vodka, see reindeer and huskies, and in the evenings, set off in search of the Northern Lights!

Golden Ring: Travel by train to the Golden Ring towns of Vladimir and Suzdal. You'll visit important religious sites, attend a choral concert by monks, and feel the excitement of a sleigh ride on a traditional *troika*.

Moscow: Conclude your journey with visits to Novodevichy Convent, the Kremlin's Armory Museum, and Red Square.

Golden Eagle: Comfortable for adventurous travel, this modern private train features a choice of cabin levels (each with private en suite bathroom/shower). Dine on traditional Russian and European cuisine and enjoy a lecture in the bar/lounge car. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

An expert in Russian studies will accompany this journey.

NEW

An Arctic Cruise to Norway's Svalbard

Aboard the 220-guest *L'Austral*



11 days from \$7,295
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
June 14–24, 2019

Under the Midnight Sun, only 600 miles from the North Pole, lies Norway's Svalbard archipelago. Join us on this new cruise along the west coast of Spitsbergen to experience a strikingly beautiful wilderness known only to the adventurous few and learn about the environmental challenges to the Arctic.

Highlights Include

Spitsbergen: Following an overnight stay in Paris, arrive in Longyearbyen, home to the world's northernmost seed vault. Embark your ship and enter a world where nature is in its purest form. Enjoy Zodiac excursions that bring you up close to geological formations and to the shore for wildlife observation. Hear the sound of calving ice crashing into the sea from southern Samarin Glacier and northern Monaco and Kings Glaciers. Along the southern coast, stop at former mining settlements and in the north visit a former whaling station and the research town of Ny-Alesund, one of the world's northernmost year-round communities.

Wildlife: Watch for the majestic polar bear in its native habitat (one of the very few places in the world). View herds of walrus hauled out on scoured granite beaches, bearded and ring seals lazing about, and some of the world's largest whales. You may also spot Arctic fox scurrying across the snow and iconic reindeer grazing the tundra. And you're sure to see teeming bird colonies nesting amid the sea cliffs.

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Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Patty Hostiuck—highly respected naturalist with expertise in polar regions.

Expedition to Antarctica

Aboard the 200-guest *Le Boréal*



14 days from \$9,995
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
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Jan. 5–18, Jan. 26–Feb. 8, 2019 & Jan. 28–Feb. 10, 2020*

Experience the White Continent of Antarctica in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, vast rocky promontories, and turquoise glaciers—during the lingering light of the austral summer. And discover firsthand how a diverse array of marine wildlife flourishes in this seemingly harsh environment.

Highlights Include

Cruising Antarctica: From Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost city, cruise through the Beagle Channel and cross the legendary Drake Passage en route to the outer shores and islands of the Antarctic Peninsula, the Earth's last frontier. Here, below the 60th parallel, explore some of the world's most pristine wilderness, where towering mountains of ice and lava have created precipitous coastlines and islands and constantly changing patterns of ice stretch as far as the eye can see.

Wildlife: Observe the antics of chinstrap penguins on Half Moon Island. In Paradise Bay, named by 19th-century whalers who sought shelter in its coves, and other fascinating stops along your route, watch for breaching fin, humpback, and minke whales; crabeater and Leopard seals; Gentoo penguins; and countless seabirds. Explore Brown Bluff's reddish-brown cliffs and marvel at a flourishing colony of Adélie penguins who may approach you for an up-close encounter.

Zodiac and Land Excursions: Embark on sturdy Zodiacs with expert naturalists for unforgettable excursions amid ice floes. During shore excursions, explore rocky landscapes and diverse wildlife habitats. Walk along the black-sand beaches of Deception Island's Telefon Bay and learn how volcanic activity played a pivotal role in Antarctica's natural history. Visit Port Lockroy, originally constructed as an intelligence post for British espionage during World War II and later converted into a whaling station and scientific base.

Buenos Aires: In Argentina's colorful capital, explore the city's many diverse neighborhoods, including the La Boca District, Monserrat, Palermo, Puerto Madero, and San Telmo, plus Recoleta Cemetery.

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Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Katryn Wiese (Jan. 5) and **Peter Bobrowsky** (Jan. 26)—both highly respected geologists.



Ice mountain



Zodiac excursion



Banyon Temple, Angkor Wat



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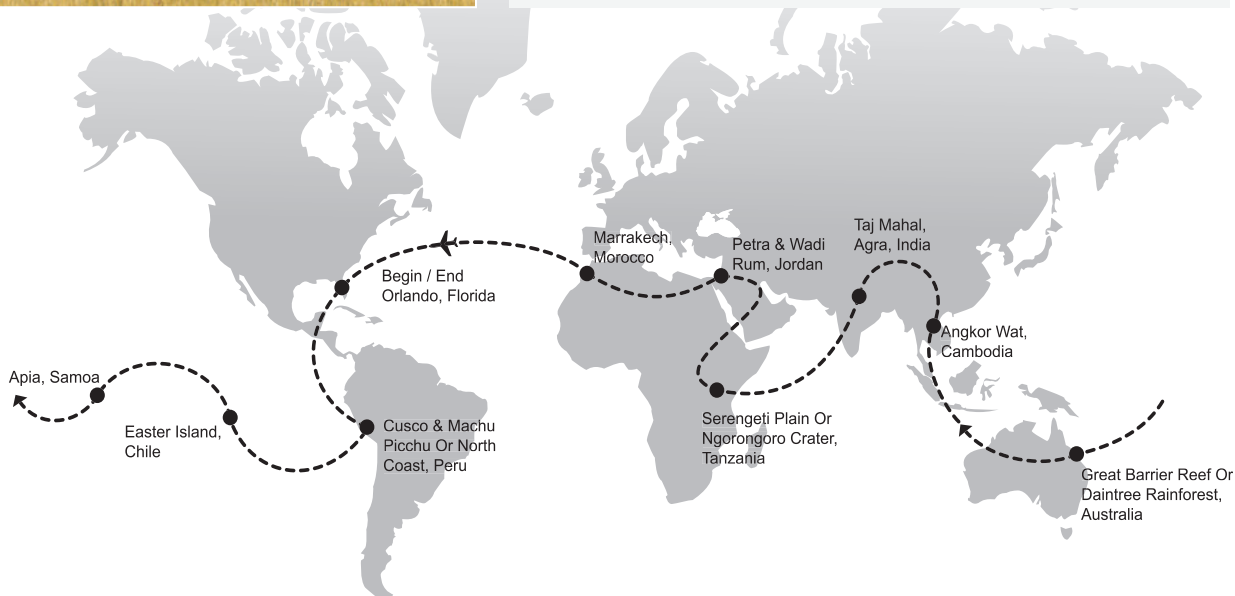
Jan. 24–Feb. 16, Sept. 29–Oct. 22, 2019

Join our incredible around-the-world journey and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and culture of each destination, creating transformative moments along the way! Our engaging and knowledgeable experts and staff share their insights while you travel in the comfort of a custom-configured Boeing 757 for just 80 guests. Enjoy “experience-rich” days filled with iconic sites, remote places, and unforgettable activities that allow you to learn firsthand about the people, customs, and natural world of each country—all in one trip!

Highlights Include Climb the terraced steps of the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. Feel the protective gaze of the *moai* statues of Easter Island. Bask in the radiant beauty of tropical Samoa. Immerse yourself in the underwater splendor of the Great Barrier Reef. Welcome the sun among Angkor Wat’s beautiful temples. Watch the play of light on the magnificent, beloved Taj Mahal. Experience the thrill of the Serengeti Plain alive with one of the world’s greatest concentrations of wildlife. Step into the well-preserved ancient world of Jordan’s “Lost City” of Petra. Explore the colorful *souks* and treasures of Berber kings in the celebrated *medina* of Marrakech.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Patty Hostiuck (Jan.)—highly respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation who has accompanied Smithsonian Journeys travelers on more than 100 journeys across the world. **Peter Bobrowsky** (Sept.)—archaeologist and geologist with worldwide expertise who will bring insight into the crucial link between landscapes and societies.



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Hiking Scotland's Hebrides and Highlands

10 days from \$5,595

May 9–18, July 18–27, 2019

Embrace mountain hikes and leisurely coastal walks in the Hebrides and Highlands amid landscapes that evoke poignant stories and clan history. Each day brings new discoveries as you experience the country's rugged beauty upclose, meet the people, and learn about its traditions and culture. *(Daily hikes of 2 to 7 miles)*

Highlights Include

The Hebrides: On the Isle of Lewis and Harris, a coastal walk links the Callanish Standing Stones with a broch house and the Blackhouse village. Among other hikes, travel a historic coast-to-coast trail from the rocky east to the sandy western beaches. Along the way, meet a local weaver of Harris tweed and learn about the island's cultural history. On the Isle of Skye, hike through a glen that splits the Red and Black Cuillin Mountains.

The Highlands: Take in the romantic Eilean Donan Castle and sip some Scotch in the Highlands. In the Cairngorm Mountains, hike trails that take you through ancient pinewood forests and offer views of castles and wildlife. You'll also discover historic sites, a sculpture trail, and an outdoor folk museum.

Accommodations: Enjoy stays in upscale historic properties and a family-run boutique hotel, each featuring a lovely location.



Walks and Cuisine of Tuscany

9 days from \$5,695

May 17–25, Sept. 6–14, 2019

Hiking through Tuscany's iconic landscapes should be on every walker's life list. Join us for a unique walking tour featuring the hill towns of San Gimignano, Volterra, Monteriggioni, and Siena and the surrounding vineyards of Chianti, Vernaccia, and Brunello. Enjoy a delightful balance of daily walks that incorporate historic sites, churches, and museums with stops at vineyards and wine cellars, farms, and other traditional culinary purveyors. And of course, you'll sample a variety of wines, cheeses, pressed oils, and local honey along the way and enjoy a full immersion into the flavors of Tuscan cuisine during gourmet meals that showcase local specialties. Walks take you into the countryside, along ridge tops for panoramic views, and through medieval hill towns with cobblestone streets and ancient piazzas. You're certain to step back in time during stays in superbly appointed historic properties—in the center of ancient fortified hill towns and in the countryside—that reflect a well-preserved medieval reality. *(Daily walks of 3 to 6 miles)*

Hiking the Emerald Isle

11 days from \$5,795

July 6–16, Aug. 10–20, 2019

Blend vigorous tramps with insightful cultural visits as you experience the dramatic west coast of Ireland, where the traditional Irish language is still spoken. Take iconic hikes along the Dingle Way (one of the most beautiful walks in the world), the Gap of Dunloe, the Aran Isles, and Connemara. With your small group you'll walk along pristine beaches, dramatic coastal cliffs, and rugged mountainous areas. During each hike you'll explore iconic sites or go off the beaten path. Stop at a prehistoric fort, historic abbey and castle, ancient crumbling cottages, and quaint fishing villages. Spend some time with a goat farmer and sample local spirits at a distillery. And at night, warm Irish hospitality, lively music, a tasty pint, and genuine Irish *craic* await you at local pubs. Your overnight stays range from delightful hotels in Dublin and Galway to a 19th-century country house and a rustic B&B. *(Daily hikes of 3 to 7 miles)*



Rafting Cataract Canyon on the Colorado River

5 days from \$3,495

July 9–13, Aug. 20–24, 2019

Take an exciting 100-mile white water rafting trip on the Colorado River, through Cataract Canyon, upstream from the Grand Canyon. Gaze in awe at the dramatic scenery of Canyonlands National Park en route to the put-in place for your rafting adventure. Then for three and a half days, ride the oar boat with our expert raft guides as you make your way down the mighty Colorado through the cavernous landscape. Ideal for rafting novices, this trip also includes stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, and hiking. Plus, enjoy a traditional swim in the warm waters at the confluence of the Colorado and Green Rivers. Learn about the region's geologic history, flora and fauna, and early Native American presence from your guides, who also provide delicious dinners and help set up your deluxe tent camping each night. (*Daily river rafting of 3 hours, Class II to IV rapids*)

Walks and Cuisine of Provence

9 days from \$5,795

May 3–11, Sept. 13–21, 2019

Become immersed in the delightful landscapes of Provence during leisurely walks that showcase the historic sites and culinary highlights of the Rhône River and Luberon Valley. During a walking tour of Avignon, climb up to the city's gardens and explore the gourmand highlight of Market Les Halles; later, tour the immense Palais des Papes. Continue to the region renowned as the unrivaled king of the Rhône Valley wines—Châteauneuf du Pape, Gigondas, and Beaumes de Venise. Here, take walks between villages and develop your palate as you learn about and sample superb red wines, explore local markets, and meet with a truffle expert. In the Luberon region, take a breathtaking trail from the monastery of Sénanque to Gordes and go off the beaten path to small villages, stopping to sample local olive oils and cheeses. Accommodations include boutique properties that include a former seminary, a family-run château, and a 17th-century farmhouse. (*Daily walks of 2 to 3 miles*)

Six reasons to choose an active journey

1. Blend Physical and Cultural Goals

Enjoy leisurely walks along peaceful roads of Provence or Tuscany, landscapes that evoke the paintings of Cézanne or Leonardo, making stops along the way at historic sites, lively markets, and producers of fine wine, olive oils, and cheeses.

2. Active Engagement with Diverse Landscapes

Experience the landscapes of New Zealand up close, kayaking alongside dolphins, rafting the white water of Buller Gorge, and hiking through the awe-inspiring wilderness of the Queen Charlotte Track.

3. Personal Discovery

Discover inner tranquility and Buddhist traditions in Japan's spiritual heartland as you hike for three days along a scenic pilgrimage trail—as other followers have for 1,200 years in their quest to pray at the island's 88 Buddhist temples.

4. Meet the People of Your Destination

Chat with a weaver of Harris tweed and sip a dram of whisky in the Highlands or enjoy the warm hospitality of lively music, a tasty pint, and genuine Irish *craic* after a day's hike. (And with only 18 group members, it's easy to relax and enjoy the conversation!)

5. Off the Beaten Path

Unlike the majority of visitors to Machu Picchu, arrive via a six-day inn-to-inn hike in the Andes, along high altitude mountain passes that the ancient Incas once traveled. (And you'll also enjoy luxurious comforts of intimate mountain lodges along the way!)

6. Challenge Yourself

Climb that mountain! Enjoy breathtaking views of iconic snowcapped peaks, dramatic glaciers, and pristine lakes in Patagonia's Torres del Paine and Los Glaciares national parks or take an 11-day trek to summit Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro.





Active

Hiking New Zealand's South Island

15 days from \$8,195

Dec. 2–16, 2018 & Jan. 8–22, Feb. 17–March 3, 2019

New Zealand's stunning beauty and diversity is legendary—and with its variety of forests, rugged mountains, and dramatic fjords, rivers, lakes, and glaciers, it's an active traveler's dream. Explore the gems of the South Island—from the Queen Charlotte Track and Franz Josef Glacier in the north to Doubtful Sound in the south—for a true adventure featuring wilderness hiking, sea kayaking, and white water rafting! We've got it all covered for the most amazing journey of a lifetime! (*Hikes of 4 to 9 miles*)

Highlights Include

Hiking: Hike for two days on the Queen Charlotte Track and take wilderness hikes in Arthur's Pass National Park, the Southern Alps, and the Southern Lakes District, learning about the many ecosystems and bird species along the way.

Sea Kayaking and White Water Rafting: Slip into your sea kayak for a day of paddling, getting up close to seal colonies in Abel Tasman National Park. Plus, choose to go kayaking during a day of cruising Doubtful Sound. Don a wet suit for a morning of exhilarating white water rafting (Class III/IV rapids) through Buller Gorge.

Accommodations: Hike into an isolated lodge, stay at a working sheep farm, spend a night aboard a ship in Doubtful Sound, and enjoy stays at upscale and rustic hotels featuring spas and heated pools.



Southeast Asia on Foot and Bike

16 days from \$6,295

Oct. 12–27, Nov. 16–Dec. 1, 2018 & Jan. 4–19, 2019

Those seeking an in-depth understanding of the cultures and arts of Southeast Asia plus an exhilarating adventure will love this journey. In Laos, you'll bike through Luang Prabang and hike in the countryside. In Vietnam, explore Hanoi and Hué by bike, go kayaking in Ha Long Bay, and take a walking tour of Hoi An. And in Cambodia, you'll explore Siem Reap and Angkor Wat by foot and bike. This immersive experience features meetings with local people and artists and participating in cultural traditions. (*Cycling of 7 to 24 miles, hikes of 4 to 8 miles*)

Hiking Pilgrimage Trails in Japan

11 days from \$7,595

Oct. 10–20, 2018 & April 17–27, 2019

Be immersed in Japanese culture during this unique hiking trip. Experience Buddhist traditions on Shikoku Island, Japan's spiritual heartland as you hike for three days along a scenic pilgrimage trail—as other followers have for 1,200 years in their quest to pray at the island's 88 Buddhist temples. Visit iconic sites and temples here and in the ancient capitals of Osaka, Nara, and Kyoto; stay in temple lodgings and a traditional *ryokan*; explore off the beaten path; and participate in a traditional tea ceremony. (*Hikes of 3 to 10 miles*)

Hiking Through Patagonia

15 days from \$6,995

Oct. 14–28, Nov. 4–18, 2018 & Jan. 6–20, Feb. 10–24, 2019

Join us for an exciting hiking trip in world-renowned Patagonia, with a week in Chile and five days in Argentina. Hiking the dramatic mountainous landscapes of Torres del Paine and Los Glaciares National Parks, you'll witness breathtaking views of snowcapped peaks, pristine glacial lakes, and dramatic glaciers and learn about the region's natural wonders. At night enjoy the comforts of a traditional *estancia*, modern lodging in the parks, and an upscale mountain lodge. (*Daily hikes of 5 to 14 miles dependent on group abilities*)



Our small group got along famously. We were a diverse lot in ages and backgrounds, but we all went for the same reasons—to explore the country up close and intimately—and we had a great time together! – Bill G.

Active

Inn-to-Inn Hiking to Machu Picchu

12 days from \$5,995

Oct. 12–23, 2018 & April 16–27, July 28–Aug. 8, 2019

The mystical ruins and misty peaks of Machu Picchu have lured humankind for centuries. Challenge yourself on this special journey featuring a six-day inn-to-inn trek in the Andes following the Salkantay route, where you'll end each day in the comfort of intimate mountain lodges. Our journey, designed to dodge the crowds, takes you on in-depth visits to Machu Picchu and Cusco and on awesome hikes amid alpine glacial lakes, cloud forests, ancient Inca sites, and breathtaking mountain views. *(Hikes of 4 to 10 miles, altitudes 6,000 to 15,340 feet)*

Challenging

Climbing Kilimanjaro

11 days from \$6,595

Jan. 10–20, June 22–July 2, 2019

For the true challenge of a lifetime, join us to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro! Our trek to the “roof of Africa” in Tanzania follows a less traveled route that offers spectacular beauty and maximum acclimatization time. MT Sobek was the first U.S. company to lead commercial treks up Kilimanjaro nearly 40 years ago, and the highly experienced guides and this well-paced itinerary have resulted in the highest summit success rate in the business—nearly 98%! Learn more about this challenging trek online! *(Hikes of 5 to 14 hours, altitude up to 19,340 feet)*



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2. Call one of our travel specialists. You don't need to be a top athlete for our Active Journeys! If you have questions about a trip's activity level, call our Active Journeys specialists to discuss the trip details. Many of our trips offer vehicle support throughout the day and multiple activity options. Our specialists can provide you with in-depth trip information so that you can choose the best trip for you.

3. Once booked, you'll receive in-depth information for trip preparation, from reading and packing lists to a detailed itinerary and information on what to expect while on tour.

4. And while on tour, you are in expert hands. Our local guides are the best in the business! This is their backyard, so they can find the best trail, introduce you to people, help you develop your hiking or kayaking technique, and ensure your journey is the trip of a lifetime.

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Smithsonian Journeys trips have truly enriched my life. – Anne S.

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May 22–June 1, 2019

Experience the timeless splendors of Japan in the spring as you cruise the full length of the tranquil Inland Sea of Japan and along the coast to Matsue. Then stop in the port of Ulsan, South Korea, for a special visit to historic Gyeongju, the “museum without walls.”

Highlights Include

Kyoto: Discover an ethereal setting of grand imperial castles, serene Zen gardens, and graceful Shinto shrines, which reflect Japanese culture in its purest form. Highlights include Nijo Castle and the temples of Kinkaku-ji and Ryoan-ji, all World Heritage sites.

Himeji: From the hilltop grounds, admire the impressive Himeji Castle Complex, the finest surviving example of medieval Japanese architecture from the Shogun period and a World Heritage site.

Hiroshima and Miyajima: Witness the compelling Peace Memorial Park, a tranquil space filled with memorials to those who lost their lives at the end of World War II. In Miyajima, tour the impressive 6th-century Itsukushima Shrine and its stunning Torii gate, both of which appear to float on water.

Hagi: Visit the old samurai quarter, the evocative 17th-century Toko-ji Temple of Japanese Zen Buddhism, and the Hagi Uragami Museum.

Matsue: Travel through Matsue, the “City of Water,” to the Adachi Museum of Art, featuring a collection of Japanese modern art and perfectly landscaped gardens.

Gyeongju, South Korea: Explore the cradle of the 8th-century Silla Kingdom, a World Heritage site, and see the glorious Bulguksa Temple, Royal Burial Mounds, and the Gyeongju National Museum.

Moji: From this port city, cross the strait to visit the beautiful Akama Shrine as well as the Karato Ichiba Fish Market.

Uno: Discover the picturesque town of Kurashiki, known for its willow-lined canals and 17th-century mercantile buildings (with distinctive black-and-white designs), and visit beautiful Korakuen Garden, one of Japan’s most famous gardens.

Space reserved for 100 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Soléal on page 11 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Paula Swart—art historian with expertise in Asian art, culture, and history.



Himeji Castle, Kyoto



Torii gate, Miyajima



Eternal Japan



13 days from \$6,757 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 1–13, April 17–29, April 27–May 9, May 13–25, Aug. 28–Sept. 9, Sept. 16–28, 2019

Join us to discover the essence of Japan. From Tokyo to Mt. Fuji, Kanazawa, and Kyoto, you'll explore a land of sublime art, unsurpassed natural beauty, and fascinating traditions, plus bustling commerce and modernity. Throughout your trip, meet local people, stay in a genuine *ryokan* (inn), and experience age-old cultural traditions, including a ritualized tea ceremony and a sake tasting.

Highlights Include

Tokyo: See the highlights of this cosmopolitan city, including the Shinto Meiji Shrine, a peaceful enclave of temples and gardens; the important Edo-Tokyo Museum; the Imperial Palace garden; and Tokyo's oldest temple, Buddhist Asakusa Kannon.

Mt. Fuji: Delight in breathtaking Mt. Fuji and take a relaxing cruise on nearby Ashi Lake.

Japanese Alps: Go off the beaten path to lovely Takayama, one of the country's most attractive towns with its 16th-century castle and old buildings. Later, visit the World Heritage site of Shirakawago Gassho-Zukuri Village, a vibrant community whose residents work to preserve its unique traditional architecture.

Kanazawa: Tour the breathtaking Kenrokuen Garden, a national landmark with origins dating to 1676. Also see Ishikawa Gate, the only remaining section of the town's original castle; a museum celebrating the art and craft of gold leaf technology; the Higashi Chayagai tea house and geisha area; and Nagamachi Samurai district, where the ruling family's samurai warriors lived.

Kyoto and Nara: Enjoy two days exploring Kyoto's many temples, shrines, gardens, and well-preserved architecture. Highlights include visits to Kinkaku-ji (the lakeside where Temple of the Golden Pavilion) and lavish Nijo Castle,

the shogun asserted control over the city and its people. You'll also see the Gion District, where geishas gather, as well as other neighborhoods. During a day trip to nearby Nara, Japan's ancient capital, take a walking tour that features Todai-ji Temple, the Kasuga Taisha Shrine, and the Nara National Museum.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Lee Makela (April 1) and **Robert Foster** (April 27) –historians with expertise in Asian studies. **Carol Morland** (April 17) –art historian with expertise in the Japanese Edo period. **Jonathan Hall** (May/Aug./Sept.) –expert in Japanese film, culture, literature, and history.



Mount Fuji



Decorative gate, Nijo Castle



Pavillon in Hué



Ha Long Bay

Discovering Vietnam



16 days from \$4,787
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees
Jan. 11–27, Feb. 15–March 3, 2019

With its breathtaking beauty and enduring traditions, Vietnam provides endless rewards for the thoughtful traveler. Discover both the ancient and modern worlds of Vietnam on this popular and magical journey.

Highlights Include

Royal Cities: Experience the grandeur of the imperial capital of Hué and the fascinating ancient traditions of village life in Hoi An, both World Heritage sites. Tour the acclaimed Cham Museum in Da Nang. Plus, take a cruise along Hué's Perfume River and visit peaceful Thien Mu Pagoda, a Buddhist monastery, and the palatial Tomb of Minh Mang.

Ha Long Bay: Enjoy a boat ride through this breathtaking waterway, a World Heritage site comprising 3,000 islands and a karst landscape of limestone cliffs.

Mekong River: Spend two days on the Mekong, where boats take you along small tributaries and inlets to the bustling floating market at Cai Rang and to other traditional villages.

Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City: Take in-depth tours of the political and cultural capital of Hanoi and spirited and cosmopolitan Ho Chi Minh City.

Cultural Experiences: Savor local cuisine during a private cooking lesson, visit a farming settlement, and have lunch in the home of a local historian.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Dana Sachs (Jan.)—former journalist and author of numerous books and a documentary on Vietnam.



15 days from approximately \$6,795
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings and airfare from Los Angeles

Nov. 5–19, 2019

Discover the mystique of ancient traditions and many World Heritage sites as you cruise along Vietnam's coast, then spend three nights at Cambodia's Angkor Wat.

Highlights Include

Hanoi and Ha Long Bay: Visit the ancient Temple of Literature and the more modern Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Hoa Lo Prison (the infamous "Hanoi Hilton"), and cruise mist-shrouded Ha Long Bay.

Hué and Hoi An: Tour the highlights of Hué, an imperial city that is one of Vietnam's most alluring destinations. Then drive along the breathtaking mountainous Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. Explore this ancient trading post, where more than 800 period buildings remain intact.

Ho Chi Minh City: Old Saigon reflects the vibrant convergence of French and Vietnamese cultures. See the 19th-century European-style Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral, then visit Reunification Hall, the War Remnants Museum, and other sites that offer a unique perspective on the Vietnam War.

Angkor Wat: Fly to Siem Reap for two days of exploring Angkor Wat, known for its Khmer architecture, sacred temples, and World Heritage sites. Enjoy time at Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm, and Banteay Srei.

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Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Paula Swart—art historian with expertise in Asian art, culture, and history.



Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat



Punakha Dzong, Bhutan

NEW

Singapore, Thailand, and Angkor Wat

Featuring the *Eastern & Oriental Express*



14 days from \$7,990
Special air rates & services available
Feb. 6–19, Nov. 1–14, 2019

Take an exotic journey to the East, traveling through breathtaking landscapes that showcase ancient histories, diverse cultures, and many World Heritage sites.

Highlights Include

Singapore: Explore this modern city-state on a tour that showcases the diverse neighborhoods of Kampong Glam, Chinatown, Little India, and more.

Aboard the *Eastern & Oriental Express*: Take a two-night journey on this opulent train. (Find more details on our website.) Stop to explore the royal Malaysian town of Kuala Kangsar, boat down the River Kwai, and learn about the Thailand-Burma Railway.

Bangkok: Visit the Grand Palace with its Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the famous Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, and Siam's ancient capital of Ayutthaya. Enjoy a leisurely cruise along the Chao Phraya River and watch a captivating Thai dance performance.

Angkor Wat: Fly to Cambodia's Siem Reap for a three-night stay to discover the City of Temples, including Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm, and the recently restored temple of Thommanon. Traditional performances and a visit with local artisans complement your stay.

Accommodations: Enjoy stays in top hotels, including the Bangkok Peninsula and Singapore Shangri-La.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Kathryn Selig Brown (Feb.)—scholar in Buddhist and Hindu art and culture. **Sandra Cate** (Nov.)—anthropologist and folklorist.

Himalayan Kingdoms

Nepal and Bhutan



15 days from \$6,574
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees
April 16–30, Sept. 24–Oct. 8, Oct. 11–25, 2019

Thought provoking and inspiring, a journey to the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan can be spiritual and life changing. Travel to the “top of the world” to feel the rarified atmosphere and ambiance of breathtaking mountains and meet the people of these devout lands.

Highlights Include

Nepal: Explore ancient temples and palaces of legendary Kathmandu and other notable Buddhist sites, such as Swayambhunath, Patan Durbar Square, Boudhanath, and Kopan Monastery. Watch the sun rise over the Himalayan peaks from mountain-top Nagarkot and stop at Nepal's holiest Hindu shrine.

Cultural Enrichment: Dine in the homes of local families and attend a cultural performance in Bhutan. Plus, stop at Dochula Pass, amid the Himalayan peaks, to follow the sacred tradition of raising prayer flags.

Bhutan: In Thimphu, view cultural treasures and visit the Tashichho Dzong monastery and Memorial Chorten, one of Bhutan's best-loved religious landmarks. Elsewhere, explore the attractive fortress monastery in Punakha and raft down the Mo Chu River. Your journey concludes with a pilgrimage hike to Paro Taktsang, the sacred “Tiger's Nest” monastery and temple complex.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Preston Scott (April)—expert in the cultures and traditions of Nepal and Bhutan. **Bob Shepherd** (Sept.)—expert in contemporary Asian society and political science. **Wayne Ranney** (Oct.)—highly respected geologist with expertise in the natural and earth sciences.



Taktsang Monastery, Bhutan



Amber Fort, Jaipur

NEW

Bhutan and India's Sacred Ganges

Featuring a four-night cruise aboard the 56-guest *Ganges Voyager*



13 days from \$9,990

March 5–17, 2019

From sublime landscapes of the Himalayas to the sacred river valleys far below, join us in Bhutan and India to explore a tapestry of varied religious beliefs and deeply felt history and cultural traditions that still infuse modern life.

Highlights Include

Bhutan: Discover iconic Buddhist sites in and around Thimphu and Paro over four exciting days in Bhutan, a country that continues to limit outside visitors. See the beloved religious Memorial Chorten, important Dzong sites (fortress monasteries), and museum collections of cultural heritage; meet local dignitaries; and watch classic Bhutanese folk dances. Your sojourn concludes with a hike up to the famous “Tiger’s Nest” or Taktsang Monastery, which clings dramatically to a 10,000-foot cliff.

India’s Sacred Rivers: Cruise for four nights along the Hooghly River, a distributary of the larger “Mother Ganges” considered sacred to Hindus, which originates in the Himalayas and flows to the Bay of Bengal. Visit important religious sites along its shores, in an area of India rarely seen by visitors. And in Kolkata, India’s oldest port and former capital of the British Raj, discover a city known for its literary, artistic, and revolutionary heritage.

Ganges Voyager: Launched in 2015, this elegant riverboat features sublime comfort and a blend of traditional Indian and British décor. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Linda Hess—scholar of South Asian religious studies, as well as oral and musical traditions.

Journey Through India’s Rajasthan

Featuring the *Palace on Wheels*



13 days from \$11,450

Feb. 9–21, 2019

Rajasthan is a tapestry of sensory richness, complex history, and multicultural arts and traditions. For most travelers, its essence remains in their memory for a lifetime. Join us for this exotic journey, traveling through royal Rajasthan aboard the distinctive *Palace on Wheels*.

Highlights Include

Breathtaking Sites: Experience the ethereal beauty of Agra’s Taj Mahal and visit spectacular Agra Fort. A day in Delhi showcases many of its important treasures.

Princely Capitals: Admire regal cities built by maharajas. In the “pink city” of Jaipur, tour the Amber Fort, City Palace Museum, and an 18th-century observatory. In magical Udaipur, the “city of lakes,” discover the vast riches of the City Palace and enjoy a cruise on scenic Lake Pichola. Traveling to the “Golden City” of Jaisalmer, tour its hilltop citadel and palace and experience the Thar Desert by camel. And in the “blue city” of Jodhpur, explore Mehrangarh Fort, home to royal palaces.

Wildlife: During game drives, look for the elusive Bengal tiger at Ranthambore National Park and gaze upon exotic birds in Keoladeo Ghana National Park.

Palace on Wheels: Travel for five nights aboard this renovated classic train, designed to re-create the splendor of the maharajas—and sure to enthrall train enthusiasts. Find more details on our website.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

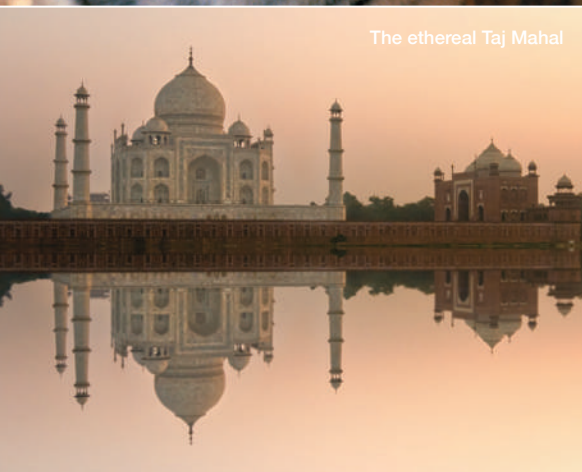
Jonathan GoldbergBelle—expert in South Asian literature, philosophy, and religion.



Traditional stepwell



The majestic Bengal tiger



The ethereal Taj Mahal



Mystical India

The Golden Triangle and Varanasi

With an Optional Extension to Nepal



17 days from \$5,587

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Jan. 10–26, Feb. 14–March 2, March 14–30, 2019

Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India is a land rich in contrasts. Explore northern India's multifaceted culture, history, and traditions as you travel through the classic Golden Triangle and east to Varanasi.

Highlights Include

Delhi: Feel the magical spell of India as you tour both Old and New Delhi over two days. Highlights include the Tomb of Humayun, Qutb Minar, India's largest mosque, a Sikh temple, the National Museum, and a pedicab ride of Chandni Chowk market.

Jaipur: Marvel at magnificent art collections at the City Palace Museum, visit the ancient open-air observatory of Jantar Mantar, and tour the Amber Fort, considered the pinnacle of Rajput architecture. Plus, stop to admire the stunning Hawa Mahal or "Palace of the Winds," an elaborate pink sandstone facade.

Ranthambore National Park: Search for the elusive Bengal tiger, as well as langur monkey and exotic birds during three game drives through this park, once the hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. En route to Agra, stop in Abhaneri to see the ancient Chand Boari stepwell, where 3,500 steps descend 13 stories before reaching water.

Agra: Stand in awe at the ethereal Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife. You'll also tour the imposing Agra Fort, a vast complex that served for generations as the seat of Mughal power.

Spiritual Sites: Experience the spiritual mystique of the Hindu pilgrims who frequent the Ganges River in Varanasi. Gain enlightenment when visiting temples and stupas in nearby Sarnath, one of Buddhism's four holiest sites.

Cultural Experiences: Learn about the ancient discipline of yoga at a private demonstration, watch craftsmen work at traditional block printing, enjoy a cooking lesson plus a private dinner in the home of a Rajasthan family. Set out on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople who have maintained their traditional culture and attend a folk dance performance.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Rita Sodha (Jan./Feb.)—art historian and studio artist, living in India. **Minhazz Majumdar** (March)—writer and curator of art, living in India.

Classic China Featuring Tibet

And a three-night Yangtze River Cruise



19 days from \$7,387

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 3–21, May 2–20, May 9–27, Sept. 12–30, 2019

Immerse yourself in the cultural landscapes of China! Our comprehensive journey features highlights of Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, and Shanghai, plus a Yangtze River cruise. And during three days in the Himalayas you'll get an insider's look at Tibet's Buddhist culture.

Highlights Include

Beijing: Explore legendary sites such as the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Great Wall—all World Heritage sites. You'll also view the collections of the National Museum of China and take a pedicab ride through Beijing's *hutongs* (older neighborhoods).

Xi'an: Witness the extraordinary Terra-Cotta Warriors and walk along the city's ancient walls. Explore the treasures of the impressive history museum, and, at the Great Mosque, reflect on the eastern terminus of the Silk Road.

Lhasa, Tibet: See evidence of traditional Buddhism at the 17th-century Potala Palace (a World Heritage site), the vast Sera Monastery, and at Jokhang, Tibet's holiest temple. You'll also enjoy a specially arranged meeting with a Tibetan family in their home and visit Norbulingka.

Chongqing: Stroll through the local zoo, home to beloved pandas, and go beyond the city to the ancient Dazu Rock Carvings, a World Heritage site.

Yangtze River Cruise: Gaze upon panoramic views showcasing spectacular gorges that evoke scenes from

ancient Chinese scroll paintings during a three-night cruise on the legendary Yangtze. Plus, tour the immense Three Gorges Dam Project, one of the largest feats of modern engineering worldwide.

Shanghai: Discover the treasures of dynamic Shanghai during visits to the Shanghai Museum, with its renowned art collections, and the peaceful gardens of Yu Yuan.

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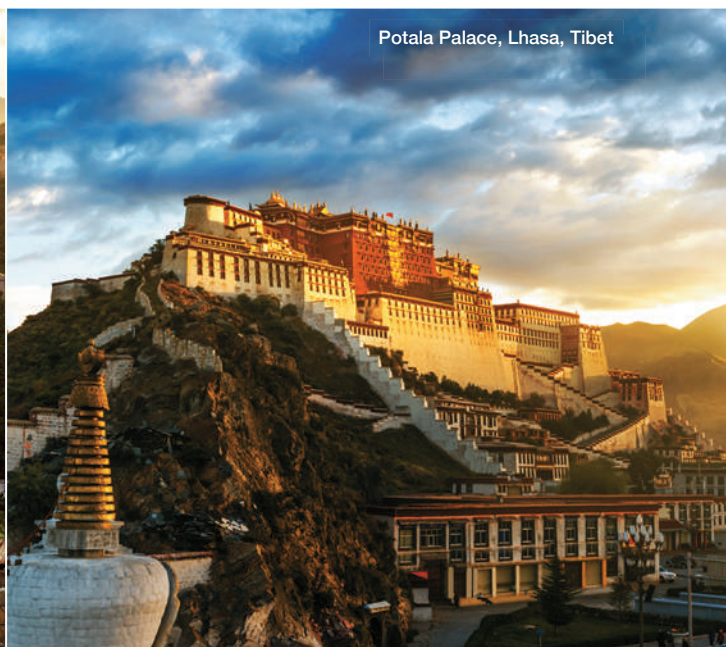


Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Bob Shepherd (April)—expert in international development and contemporary Chinese society and political science. **Virginia Bower** (May 2)—expert in Chinese art and archaeology. **Kenneth Hammond** (May 9) and **Ed McCord** (Sept.)—historians with expertise in China and Asian studies.



China's Great Wall



Potala Palace, Lhasa, Tibet

The Silk Road: A Journey to Central Asia

Featuring the Five “Stans” of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan



16 days from \$7,595

April 20–May 5, May 11–26, 2019

Central Asia is the exotic heart of the Silk Road, ancient caravan routes used for the silk and spice trade between East and West. Experience the past and present of five Central Asian countries as you explore legendary cities, visit religious sites and museums, attend cultural programs, and meet local experts.

Highlights Include

Turkmenistan: Beginning in Ashgabat, visit the National Museum of History and Ethnography, plus tour the ancient site of nearby Nisa with an archaeologist.

Uzbekistan: Explore the legendary cities of Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand, and Tashkent, with their noble squares and breathtaking architecture. Highlights feature religious sites, including madrassahs and important mosques such as the 20th-century Tillya Sheikh Mosque, home to the oldest Koran in the world, and Bibi Khanum Mosque, built by Tamerlane to be the largest mosque in the world. You'll meet with the scientific advisor of the Ark Citadel, artists at a renowned ceramics studio, and other local experts. Tour one of the ancient world's most advanced observatories, drive across the Red Sands Desert, and enjoy performances of traditional music and dance.

Tajikistan: Traveling to Khujand, a former religious center and important Silk Road stop, visit several medieval monuments (including the 10th-century Timurlalik Fortress), the Historical Museum of Sogdiana, and the exciting Panshanbe Bazaar.

Kyrgyzstan: In the capital of Bishkek, tour the central square, the National History Museum, and the State Museum of Fine Arts, and meet with a Kyrgyz resident who participated in the 2010 revolution. In a nearby village, enjoy lunch with a family in their home and watch a demonstration of Kyrgyz horse games. Later, delight in a Kyrgyz Manas folk performance.

Kazakhstan: Highlights in Almaty include the Zenkov Cathedral, the delightful Museum of Musical Instruments, and the State Central Museum. Outside the city, see the Small Almaty Gorge and visit a traditional Kazakh falcon farm.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

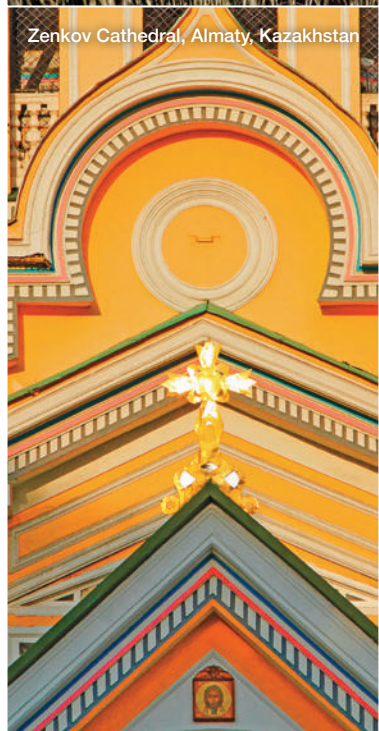
Laura Kennedy (May)—former diplomat and expert in Central Asia.



Ceramics in Uzbekistan



Falconer in Kazakhstan



Zenkov Cathedral, Almaty, Kazakhstan



Archers, Naadam Festival, Mongolia



Wind Spirit

The Trans-Siberian Express

A Private Train Journey from Mongolia to Moscow

Featuring the Naadam Festival

Aboard the *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express*



TRAIN

14 days from \$16,995

July 9–22, 2019

Join us for an adventure of a lifetime! Attend Mongolia's incomparable Naadam Festival, then board the legendary *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express* for one of the most epic train journeys on Earth, traveling nearly 4,000 miles through five time zones and across two continents. You'll learn about diverse cultures as you meet with local people and attend a variety of traditional performances.

Highlights Include

Ulaanbaatar: Observe Mongolian cultural traditions during the Naadam Festival, a centuries-old celebration featuring colorful pageantry and athletic competitions. After two days, board your train for Russia.

Lake Baikal: Learn about the unique cultural identities of the indigenous Buryat people and a group of "Old Believers" in Ulan Ude. Admire the magnificent scenery of Lake Baikal, a World Heritage site. Gain insight into the people who settled in Irkutsk, the "capital" of Siberia, during a visit to the Decembrist House Museum.

Siberia to the Urals: See historic trains at the open-air Trans-Siberian Museum in Novosibirsk. Crossing from Asia to Europe, visit Yekaterinburg and the site where Russia's last tsar and family were executed.

The Volga and Moscow: Tour the Kazan Kremlin, a World Heritage site, and learn about the cultural history of Tatars, Cossacks, and Russians. See major landmarks of the Russian capital during a panoramic tour.

Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about the Golden Eagle on page 50 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Hugh Shapiro—historian with expertise in East Asia.

Voyage to French Polynesia

Featuring Tahiti and Bora Bora

Aboard the 148-guest *Wind Spirit*



CRUISE

11 days from \$6,995

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings and airfare from Los Angeles

Feb. 5–15, 2019 & Jan. 28–Feb. 7, 2020

Escape winter and bask in the legendary warmth and pristine beauty of Tahiti and five other evocative South Pacific islands. During your voyage aboard a four-masted sailing ship, learn about the history, mythology, and flora and fauna of the Society Islands during excursions and active adventures.

Highlights Include

Tahiti: Hear about the sacred Arahurahu Marae and the life and work of Paul Gauguin.

Bora Bora: Rise early for the approach to this pristine island—the essence of the mystique and beauty of the South Seas—and snorkel among tropical fish.

Other Islands: Discover Huahine's deep blue bay, coral atoll, dazzling white-sand beaches, and ancient stone temples. Visit a vanilla plantation on Taha'a, plus enjoy a traditional Polynesian barbecue on a private *motu* (small reef island). Stop at Raiatea, a cradle of early Polynesian culture and favorite destination of Captain Cook. Tour the tropical paradise of Moorea, which inspired authors such as James Michener.

Wind Spirit: Experience French Polynesia from aboard a small sleek four-masted sailing yacht! This award-winning ship features spacious teak decks, upscale amenities, two elegant restaurants, complimentary beverages and gratuities, plus kayaks and snorkeling gear. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Lindsay Whaley (Feb.)—expert in the languages and cultures of French Polynesia.



South Island landscape with lupines

NEW

New Zealand by Sea

Featuring Auckland and a 7-day cruise

Aboard the 184-guest *Le Lapérouse*



CRUISE

12 days from approximately \$5,995
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Feb. 18–March 1, 2020

New Zealand is a country of breathtaking natural beauty, astonishing flora and fauna, and towns and villages reflecting distinctive personalities. Join us to circumnavigate the South Island by ship, just as early Polynesians and explorers once did, and explore Auckland and Rotorua on the North Island.

Highlights Include

Fiordland National Park: Cruise the breathtaking landscapes of this World Heritage site—including Milford Sound and Dusky and Doubtful Sounds—over two exciting days. Enjoy Zodiac rides that feature panoramic vistas and up-close looks of plunging fjords, mystical waterfalls, lush forests, and glacier-grooved cliffs.

South Island Flora and Fauna: From Dunedin to Oban and Stewart Island, see amazing birdlife such as the northern royal albatross (the largest seabird in the world), the flightless kiwi, and rare species of penguin, as well as bottlenose dolphins, sea lions, whales, and other marine wildlife. View the famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes of Punakaiki, uniquely formed by 30 million years of rock fragmentation.

Cultural Sites: Tour charming Christchurch, “the most English city outside of England,” and the country’s capital city of Wellington, a historic site for the Maori people.

Auckland and Rotorua: Enjoy two days exploring the “City of Sails,” featuring the Auckland War Memorial Museum, with its superb collections of military history and Maori treasures. And in Rotorua, meet with Maori residents and learn about their culture firsthand.

Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Find more details about Le Lapérouse on page 11 and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

An expert on New Zealand will accompany this cruise.

Journey Through New Zealand

From Auckland to Queenstown



LAND

16 days from \$7,974
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*Feb. 14–March 1, March 21–April 5,
April 18–May 3, 2019*

Take an unforgettable journey through New Zealand’s North and South Islands where you’ll gaze in awe at magnificent landscapes and meet the “Kiwi” people.

Highlights Include

Breathtaking Landscapes: A full-day excursion to renowned Fiordland National Park features a cruise of serene Doubtful Sound, noted for its mountain peaks and waterfalls. Take an exciting rail journey to the Southern Alps and Arthur’s Pass. And in Westland National Park, encounter the spectacular Franz Josef Glacier, walk through the Glacial Valley, and see rare kiwi birds at a wildlife center. On the North Island, witness geysers and hot springs at the Te Puia Thermal Reserve.

Cultural Enrichment: Cruise Auckland’s glittering harbor and see prized cultural artifacts at the Auckland Museum. In Rotorua, gain insight into the indigenous Maori at the Maori Cultural Center, where you’ll meet elders and enjoy a *hongi* feast and performance, plus visit Rainbow Springs National Park. Savor private wine tastings at celebrated Hawke’s Bay and the acclaimed Church Road Vineyard. Learn about sheep farming at a private farm, visit Wellington’s acclaimed Te Papa National Museum, and discover the English heritage of Christchurch as you tour the Botanic Gardens and Cathedral Square. Conclude your trip with a day at leisure in Queenstown, situated on Lake Wakatipu.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Scott Burns (Feb.) and **Wayne Ranney** (March)—highly respected geologists. **Don Wilson** (April)—senior scientist and curator emeritus of mammals at Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History.

Splendors of Australia and New Zealand



22 days from \$10,184 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Jan. 16–Feb. 6, Feb. 18–March 11, March 11–April 1, March 25–April 15, April 6–27, 2019

Venture “Down Under” for an exploration of some of the world’s most stunningly diverse landscapes—from colorful coral reefs and lush forests to stark deserts and dramatic fjords!

Highlights Include

Great Barrier Reef: Learn about this World Heritage site from a marine biologist and see the reef up close as you swim, snorkel, or view it from a glass-bottomed boat. You’ll also take a thrilling journey aboard the historic Kuranda Railway and travel through the rain forest canopy on the world’s longest gondola cableway.

The Australian Outback: Watch the sun set over Ayers Rock at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Relax around a campfire and look for the Southern Cross as you savor a traditional “bush” dinner. Learn about the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a “Dreamtime” tour.

Sydney: Enjoy two fascinating days exploring Sydney, where highlights include tours of the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Royal Botanic Gardens, and Featherdale Wildlife Park (home to koalas, kangaroos, and wallabies), plus a luncheon cruise around Sydney Harbour.

New Zealand’s South Island: Venture to the Southern Alps and Mt. Cook to experience the mountainscape and visit the Hillary Gallery, which commemorates Sir Edmund’s achievements, including the first ascent of Mt. Cook’s south face. Look in awe upon breathtaking Milford Sound, a World Heritage site, during an afternoon cruise through the fjords. Plus, savor a wine tasting and enjoy independent time in Queenstown.

The North Island: In Rotorua, meet with a group of Maori people and enjoy a traditional *hangi* dinner and cultural performance. Plus, observe famed geothermal features such as geysers and thermal hot springs at a nearby park. Conclude your spectacular journey with a two-night stay in Auckland, the “City of Sails,” where a half-day city tour features the War Memorial Museum, Auckland Harbour, and the America’s Cup Village.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Grant Nel (Jan.)—respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.

Sydney skyline





Boat cruises on the river with animals on either side were exciting, quiet, peaceful, and truly spiritual, all at once! Plus, the tour seemed so intimate and personal. A totally fabulous experience! – Bill C.

Africa

South Africa to Morocco

African Safari

South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Victoria Falls



14 days from \$8,284 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 24–April 6, May 5–18, June 12–25, July 10–23, Aug. 18–31, 2019

Our exceptional *African Safari* is truly the trip of a lifetime! Enjoy thrilling game drives in search of the “Big Five,” marvel at magnificent Victoria Falls, and discover Lower Zambezi National Park by guided canoe and sunset river cruises. Plus, stays in deluxe lodges add to your safari experience.

Highlights Include

Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve: During three days at this World Heritage site, experience the thundering falls with its 300-foot-deep gorge. Look for hippo, elephant, crocodile, and the elusive rhino in the surrounding jungle and from the deck of a “sundowner” dinner cruise boat on the Zambezi River. And, on an exhilarating tour of the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge, learn about its construction from atop the catwalks.

Botswana’s Chobe National Park: With 7,000 square miles of protected land, this park features an exceptional array of wildlife. During your three-day stay, take early morning game drives and boat safaris that provide abundant opportunities to view the wildlife, including the world’s largest elephant population (120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, and wildebeest, and some of the park’s 450 species of birds.

Zambia: From your 14-room luxury lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River, enjoy two days of game viewing in Lower Zambezi National Park, along with guided canoe trips, bushwalks, boat safaris, and sunset river cruises. The park is known for its elephant herds and large lion prides, plus buffalo, antelope, impala, zebra, and leopard.

South Africa: Learn about the history of South Africa during a special tour of Johannesburg’s Soweto. You’ll see the former home of Archbishop Desmond Tutu,

visit Nelson Mandela’s home and the Hector Pieterse Museum (a monument to the Soweto Uprising), and meet a local Sowetan who shares stories of contemporary life in this township.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Grant Nel (March/May)—respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation. **Robyn Keene-Young** (July)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa. **Don Wilson** (Aug.)—senior scientist and curator emeritus of mammals at Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History.



Rhino on the savanna



Lone cheetah

Treasures of South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana

Featuring *Rovos Rail*



16 days from \$8,690 / Special air rates & services available

Jan. 29–Feb. 13, Sept. 3–18, Sept. 17–Oct. 2, 2019

Discover the rich natural and cultural heritage of southern Africa as you explore three of the continent's most fascinating countries: South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. Our extraordinary adventure features the cultural and political heritage of South Africa, a rail journey aboard the legendary *Rovos Rail*, safaris in three important parks, and a stay at dramatic Victoria Falls.

Highlights Include

South Africa: A comprehensive overview of Cape Town includes views from Table Mountain and Cape Point, a visit to Boulders Beach to see African penguins, and a tour of Robben Island prison where Nelson Mandela and other political dissidents made strides in attaining equal rights. In Soweto township, visit many of the sites associated with important leaders in the anti-apartheid movement.

Safari Adventures: Experience the thrill of up-close encounters with animals in the wild—lion, elephant, leopard, Cape buffalo, rhino, zebra, giraffe, hippo, and more—during safaris at three important parks. Spot the “Big Five” on game drives during a three-night stay at South Africa’s Thornybush Nature Reserve. Stop at Zimbabwe’s Hwange National Park to watch animals gather at The Hide’s water hole. Plus, see the renowned elephant herds at Botswana’s Chobe National Park.

Rovos Rail: Savor the romance of the Golden Age of train travel during a three-night rail journey from Pretoria to Victoria Falls. Ride in vintage carriages that have been restored to mint condition and take in sweeping landscapes and wildlife from the observation car or lounge. Find more details on our website.

Victoria Falls: Feel the awesome power of Victoria Falls, a World Heritage site and one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. These immense falls plunge into the basalt gorges below creating a mist that can be seen for 50 miles. Enjoy a two-night stay at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Robert Schrire (Jan.)—director of the Institute for the Study of Public Policy and emeritus professor at the University of Cape Town. **Robyn Keene-Young** (Sept. 3)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa. **Tiiu Lukk** (Sept. 17)—journalist with expertise in southern Africa.



Watching wildlife from *Rovos Rail*



Dramatic Victoria Falls

Southern African Adventure

Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe
Featuring a Chobe River Safari Aboard the 26-guest
Zambezi Queen



17 days from \$9,995
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Feb. 5–21, Feb. 26–March 14, 2019

Discover the dramatic diversity of southern Africa during this special journey to South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. Look for the “Big Five” in a private game reserve and during a unique private river safari. You’ll also gaze in awe upon breathtaking Victoria Falls and spend five days exploring the cultural and political history of South Africa.

Highlights Include

Chobe National Park and River Cruise: Embark on a special three-night cruise of the Chobe River and, from the unique vantage of your deluxe riverboat, enjoy extraordinary game viewing that is distinctly different from a land safari. With local guides aboard small boats, observe elephant, rhino, hippo, crocodile, Cape buffalo, and a vast array of birds. Later, enjoy a morning game drive in Chobe National Park, renowned for its immense elephant population, plus lion, cheetah, leopard, zebra, impala, hyena, and wildebeest.

Victoria Falls: Walk the trail along the edge of thundering Victoria Falls, a World Heritage site and one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.

MalaMala Private Game Reserve: Renowned particularly for the quality of its leopard viewing, MalaMala is South Africa’s largest private “Big Five” game reserve. Enjoy exciting game drives to observe the wildlife, including nearly 150 species of mammals and more than 500 species of birds.

South Africa’s Cultural and Political History: In Johannesburg, Soweto, and Pretoria, visit sites associated with Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu and the anti-apartheid movement. Near Cape Town, tour the prison on Robben Island where Mandela and other political prisoners made strides in attaining equal rights. A comprehensive overview of the “Garden City” of Cape Town features views from Table Mountain and Cape Point, Boulder Beach with its African penguins, and the renowned botanical gardens. You’ll also enjoy a day devoted to the extraordinary Cape Winelands, plus dinner in a private home showcasing traditional Cape Malay cuisine.

Zambezi Queen: This environmentally friendly riverboat, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows throughout public areas and all cabins, was designed specifically for wildlife viewing along the Chobe River. The ship also prides itself on impeccable, friendly service and superb cuisine. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 22 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Don Wilson (Feb. 5)—senior scientist and curator emeritus of mammals at Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History.
Robyn Keene-Young (Feb. 26)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa.



Elephants along the Chobe River



Zambezi Queen





A herd of wildebeest during the Great Migration

Tanzania's Great Migration



12 days from \$8,295

Includes \$500 early booking savings

Feb. 8–19, March 12–23, 2019 & Feb. 7–18,

Feb. 23–March 5, March 10–21, 2020

One of the most spectacular moments in nature is to observe thousands of large mammals on the grasslands of the Serengeti during the Great Migration. In the winter, more than a million wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and Cape buffalo are attracted to the Serengeti by rains that replenish the savannas with fresh grasses. These herds are also followed by lion, leopard, and cheetah. Join us on safari in February or March—prime time to view this amazing once-in-a-lifetime spectacle—and enjoy daily game drives and a privately chartered flight, which provides the best way to witness this phenomenal event.

Highlights Include

Tanzania by Air: Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Great Rift Valley and experience the thrill of the African plains from the air. The privately chartered flight also saves time in getting from the Serengeti to Arusha.

The “Big Five” and Other Game: Experience the breathtaking sight of splinter herds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra crowding the grasslands during the Great Migration. Watch for the “Big Five”—lion, elephant, rhino, Cape buffalo, and leopard—plus hundreds of bird species, troops of baboon, giraffe, and other wildlife.

Renowned Game Parks: Take spectacular game drives in four of Tanzania's finest game parks. A highlight is the Great Migration in Serengeti National Park, a World Heritage site. At Ngorongoro Conservation Area, another World Heritage site, descend 2,000 feet to the crater floor to view a remarkable sanctuary for hundreds of mammal and bird species, then return to your lodge perched on the crater rim. You'll also explore the natural wonders of Lake Manyara and Tarangire National Parks.

Anthropology: Listen to an expert illuminate the prehistory of humans at Oldupai Gorge, the most famous archaeological site in East Africa, where Mary and Louis Leakey made important discoveries.

Safari Comfort: Stay in the deluxe Serena Lodges and a comfortable tented camp, which puts you where the largest concentration of wildlife flourishes—often seen up close at your lodges.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Classic Tanzania Safari

Announcing our **NEW 13-day safari in Tanzania**—featuring the same parks and many of the same lodges as Tanzania's Great Migration! For details go online at SmithsonianJourneys.org/TanzaniaSafari

*July 16–28, Oct. 8–20,
Oct. 29–Nov. 10, 2019*



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Robyn Keene-Young (Feb. 8)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa. **Tiiu Lukk** (March 12)—journalist with expertise in southern Africa.



Traditional architecture



Sand dunes of the Sahara



Splendors of Morocco

From Imperial Cities to the Sahara



14 days from \$5,679

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Nov. 23–Dec. 6, 2018 & March 1–14, March 26–April 8,

April 12–25, Sept. 20–Oct. 3, Oct. 4–17, 2019

Morocco is a land of dramatic contrasts—vast deserts and snowcapped mountains, ancient ruins and sacred mosques, and imposing fortresses and spirited markets. Here, one can see the influence of Phoenicians, Romans, Berbers, Jews, Arabs, and the Portuguese and French.

Highlights Include

Ancient Imperial Capitals and World Heritage Sites: One of Morocco's four ancient imperial cities, Rabat is the present-day capital. Here, discover the fortified Kasbah of the Oudaia, Andalusian Gardens, and the necropolis of Chellah. In Meknes, Morocco's youngest imperial city and a World Heritage site, visit the Bab el Mansour gateway and other sites, then travel to the nearby Roman ruins of Volubilis, known for its intricate mosaics. Spend two days in Fez, Morocco's oldest imperial city. In its medina, a World Heritage site, view the artisans' quarters and madrassahs (religious schools). You'll also visit the royal gates, the Museum of Fez, and the old Jewish quarter with its 17th-century synagogue and home of the 12th-century Jewish scholar Maimonides.

Atlas Mountains and Sahara Desert: Cross the fertile plains to the Atlas Mountains, with its diverse terrain and Berber villages, and the Sahara Desert. Watch the sun set on the breathtaking sand dunes of Merzouga from atop a camel and stay at a kasbah-style hotel at the edge of the Sahara. Journey to the spectacular Todra Gorge and travel along the "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs," an ancient caravan route known for its fortified villages such as the captivating Ait ben-Haddou, a World Heritage site.

Marrakech and Casablanca: In the imperial city of Marrakech, see the Koutoubia Mosque and in the main square of Djemaa el-Fna, a World Heritage site, watch snake charmers, entertainers, and vendors vie for attention. Other highlights include the Majorelle Garden and the Berber Museum. In the commercial center of Casablanca, a city tour features the harbor area and magnificent Hassan II Mosque.

Cultural Experiences: Meet with a family in Fez and with a local imam in Marrakech who discusses the Muslim faith. Enjoy dinner at a family-run *riad*, watch artisans make pottery, and attend a concert of enchanting Arabic music.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Chloé Capel (Nov.)—field archaeologist, **Lawrence Butler** (March 1)—art historian, **Joseph Snyder** (April)—expert in international affairs, and **Wil Rollman** (Sept.)—historian, all with expertise in northern Africa.



Smithsonian offers a level of quality and professionalism that makes travel pure pleasure. And the educational programs add so much more to the travel experience.

– Catherine M.

The Americas

The Amazon to the U.S.A.

Amazon River Cruise

Round-trip from Lima

Aboard the 36-guest *Zafiro*



9 days from \$5,295

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

March 2–10, March 9–17, 2019 & Jan. 18–26,

Feb. 15–23, 2020

Exploring the mysterious Amazon River Basin—one of Earth's most exotic natural realms and our planet's largest rain forest ecosystem—is an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience. Witness a spectacular variety of lush flora and extraordinary fauna during daily expeditions by excursion boat and nature walks. As you experience this enthralling world of verdant tropical waterways and rain forests, learn about the relationship the local villagers have with their environment as well as the critical global issues of biodiversity and sustainability.

Highlights Include

Lima and Iquitos: Tour the historic center of Peru's capital city, a World Heritage site, and meander through the largest traditional market in the Peruvian Amazon in Iquitos.

River Exploration: In an authentic atmosphere of exploration, cruise past the confluence of the Río Ucayali and Río Marañón—the legendary inception of the Amazon River—where the primeval calls of birds and wildlife echo across the rain forest. Far removed from civilization, cross into the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, the largest wetlands refuge in the world. Here, cruise along sinuous tributaries and serpentine blackwater rivers and see rare indigenous wildlife as well as the *Victoria amazonica* waterlilies, which can grow nine feet in diameter.

Tropical Wildlife: Gain up-close views of gray and pink Amazon River dolphins, red howler and squirrel monkeys, monk sakis, sloths, and other animals. Walk through forests where the number of butterfly species climbs into the thousands, and see colorful large-billed toucans, blue-and-gold and scarlet macaws, kites, hawks, jabiru storks, and the distinctive hoatzin.

River Villages: Visit villages along the shore, accompanied by your local guides. You'll learn about the *riberños* people who live here and about their special relationship with the environment, meet a local shaman who explains indigenous medicinal plants, and watch preparations of a traditional meal.

Zafiro: Launched in 2015, this deluxe small riverboat is ideal for traveling on the Amazon, given its modern comforts (including air-conditioned cabins), spacious public areas, and superb service. The delightful top deck features a lounge with floor-to-ceiling windows, which serves as a hub for lectures, while the outdoor bar is ideal for stargazing. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Squirrel monkey



Zafiro



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Dennis Wille Sáenz (2019 departures)—highly respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.

Machu Picchu and the Galápagos



LAND

16 days from \$8,593

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Monthly Departures

South America is home to many unique and amazing sites, and this popular tour features two of its most important cultural and natural treasures—the World Heritage sites of Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands. Journey first to Cusco and the Sacred Valley to learn about ancient Inca culture and ascend into the Andes where you'll experience the enigmatic site of Machu Picchu. Then immerse yourself in the fascinating world of the Galápagos Islands for three magical days and explore the unique wildlife that Charles Darwin encountered during the early 1800s.

Highlights Include

Cusco and the Sacred Valley: Venture to the World Heritage site of Cusco, where you'll visit the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, as well as Sacsayhuaman and meet a local family during a traditional meal. Come to understand the Inca culture, both past and present, during excursions to Pisac, Chinchero, and Ollantaytambo.

Machu Picchu: Explore the stunning “Lost City of the Incas” as your small group moves nimbly throughout the site. By staying overnight nearby at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, you'll experience Machu Picchu without the crowds—allowing you to feel its true spirit.

The Galápagos Islands: Witness Darwin's theories of natural selection in a fascinating landscape during an exciting three-night stay on Santa Cruz Island. Here, you'll settle into a beautiful hotel in the lush highlands and visit a family to see and learn about the giant Galápagos tortoises. Explore other islands, including North Seymour and Santa Fé, during excursions on a privately chartered yacht.

Active Adventure: Experience the natural wonders of the Galápagos while swimming and snorkeling and during nature walks and boat rides.

Wildlife: In addition to giant Galápagos tortoises, observe sea lions and iguana, reefs teeming with colorful fish, and sea birds, such as Blue-footed and Red-footed Boobies, and Nazca Boobies, and Frigate birds.

Limited to 19 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Scott Burns (Jan. 12) and **Patrick Abbott** (April 13)—highly respected geologists. **Jim Reynolds** (May 4/June 1)—expert in natural and earth sciences. **Matthew Sayre** (May 18)—anthropologist and archaeologist who specializes in the ancient cultures of the Andes. **Regina Harrison** (July 13)—expert in the language of the Incas and Latin American literature. **Don Wilson** (Sept. 28)—senior scientist and curator of mammals at Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. **Pat Dickerson** (Oct. 26)—geologist and archaeologist.



The legendary Machu Picchu



Seals and Sally Lightfoot crabs





Galápagos land tortoise



Uros people, Lake Titicaca

Wonders of the Galápagos Islands

A Voyage Aboard the 90-guest *Santa Cruz II*



CRUISE

9 days from \$4,995

Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

Jan. 14–22, Feb. 11–19, 2019 & Jan. 23–31, 2020

The Galápagos Islands comprise a mysterious landscape of wonder, beauty, and the most unusual wildlife found anywhere on Earth. Wake up to new vistas each day, cruising to five of the Galápagos Islands, and learn about this fascinating World Heritage site.

Highlights Include

Unique Wildlife: Watch the antics of Blue-footed Boobies and observe the beauty of Nazca Boobies, flamingos, and Frigate birds. And during nature walks, swimming, or snorkeling, get up close to sea lions, seals, Sally Lightfoot crabs, iguana, penguins, and giant land tortoises.

Featured Islands: Enjoy a day in the Western Galápagos Islands, a rarely visited area. Cruising through the Bolivar Channel to Isabela, you'll snorkel along the cliffs and watch the shores for diverse birdlife, then continue to Fernandina, which features one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in the archipelago. Learn about efforts to protect the rare giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz, then call at Floreana, one of the first islands to be settled by whalers and buccaneers, as well as Baltra Island.

Santa Cruz II: Sail for four nights aboard this newly refurbished ship, an ideal size that allows for a choice of excursions and also offers an intimate experience. Find more details on our website.

Quito: Take a tour of the Old City and an excursion to the equatorial milestone marker.

Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

David Clapp (Jan. 14) and **Jim Reynolds** (Feb.)—highly respected conservationists with expertise in evolution and geology, respectively.

*See our family
cruise on page 101*

Legendary Peru

World of the Inca and Machu Picchu



LAND

11 days from \$4,987

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 11–21, April 29–May 9,

May 27–June 6, Sept. 16–26, 2019

A land of archaeological, cultural, and natural treasures, Peru offers a memorable travel experience. The Inca Empire was a highly developed civilization and at one time comprised some six million people. During this journey you'll view spectacular sites and artifacts that bear silent testimony to this culture and learn about contemporary Peruvian culture from local people.

Highlights Include

Machu Picchu: Stay overnight near this World Heritage site (in Aguas Calientes) and view it with the early morning sun bathing the stones—the ideal time to explore, before the crowds appear.

Sacred Valley: Observe a native ceremony and weaving demonstration and spend an afternoon at Ollantaytambo.

Cusco: Enjoy a traditional meal in the home of a local family, visit the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, and see the massive Inca ruins of Sacsayhuaman.

Lake Titicaca: Travel through the rugged altiplano with its snowcapped Andean peaks. Stop at the Llama and Alpaca Research Center, then continue to Lake Titicaca, at 12,500 feet above sea level, and meet with the top-hatted Uros people who live on islands made of reeds.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Abigail Levine (March) and **Bill Sapp** (April)—experts in archaeology and anthropology with a focus on Inca sites. **Regina Harrison** (Sept.)—expert in the language of the Incas and Latin American literature.



The biodiversity of flora, Panama



Panama Canal lock

A Cruise of Panama and Costa Rica

From Puerto Caldera to Colón Featuring a Panama Canal Transit and Visit to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Aboard the 180-guest *Le Champlain*



CRUISE

9 days from \$4,995
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Feb. 2–10, 2019 & Feb. 5–13, 2020

Join us for a spectacular cruise featuring the rain forests of Costa Rica and a full daylight transit of the historic Panama Canal. As you journey through its waterways and mighty locks, which opened more than a hundred years ago, come to understand the worldwide impact of this amazing engineering feat. Get up close to spectacular flora and fauna at important national parks. Plus, enjoy an exclusive in-depth visit to the highly respected Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), where scholars and scientists take you beyond the visual world to the science of ecology, biology, botany, and more.

Highlights Include

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute: Visit STRI's Punta Culebra Nature Center to view the Institute's work firsthand. Here, STRI scientists will discuss the latest investigations in tropical ecology and evolution.

Panama Canal: Make a full daylight transit of the Panama Canal, one of the greatest man-made wonders worldwide. Also visit the Aqua Clara Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal Expansion (flight times permitting).

Costa Rica: Discover the magnificent flora and fauna of Manuel Antonio National Park and Curú National Wildlife Refuge. And in San José visit the National Museum and National Theater.

Active Adventure: Go snorkeling or walk the beach at Panama's Isla Cébaco.

San Blas Islands: In these pristine remote islands, meet the indigenous Guna people, renowned for their colorful *mola* art work.

Space reserved for 70 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Champlain on page 11 and on our website.



Oak Tiger butterfly



Le Champlain



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Howard Topoff and Carol Simon (Feb. 2)—biologists specializing in animal behavior, ecology, and evolutionary biology.

Patagonian Explorer

Argentina and Chile by Land and Sea

Featuring a four-night cruise aboard the 210-guest *Stella Australis*



17 days from \$8,569 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Jan. 12–28, Feb. 13–March 1, March 9–25, 2019

Follow in the footsteps of intrepid explorers as you travel to the southernmost tip of South America. From the bustling cities of Buenos Aires and Santiago to the dramatic vistas of Torres del Paine and the Patagonian Channels, explore by land and sea and gain insight into the natural and cultural elements of this breathtaking region.

Highlights Include

Buenos Aires: Capture the essence of Argentina's cultural capital during visits to well-known neighborhoods, including La Boca, San Telmo, and Palermo, plus the Colón Opera House and a premier tango house.

Cruise of the Patagonian Channels: From Ushuaia, sail for four nights aboard the expedition ship *Stella Australis*. Cruise the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle and Murray Channels. Watch for sea lions and Antarctic fur seals as you cruise to Cape Horn National Park and take a guided walk at the sheltered Wulaia Bay. Plus, observe an immense colony of more than 120,000 Magellanic penguins at Magdalena Island.

Torres del Paine National Park: Enjoy two days exploring this World Biosphere Reserve, renowned for its mountain peaks, glaciers, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers, and thunderous waterfalls.

Chile's Lake District: Experience the sprawling Petrohué Waterfalls and Osorno Volcano at Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park, Chile's oldest national park.

Santiago: Conclude your journey in the sophisticated Chilean capital, discover the old port city of Valparaíso, and attend a private winery tour and tasting. Plus, enjoy

meeting gracious Santiago families when you are dinner guests in their homes.

Stella Australis: Cruise for four nights aboard this 210-guest expedition ship, constructed in 2010. The ship features comfortable cabins with panoramic views, an indoor and outdoor lounge, all-inclusive bar, and a dining room featuring flavorful cuisine. An expert expedition team takes guests out on Zodiac excursions and provides insight into Patagonia. Find more details on our website.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Patrick Abbott (Feb.)—highly respected geologist.

Patty Hostiuck (March)—highly respected naturalist.



Cormorants along the Beagle Channel



Stella Australis



Hummingbird



Sea Cloud

Costa Rica's Natural Treasures



11 days from \$4,081

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Jan. 7–17, Jan. 17–27, Feb. 11–21, 2019

Nestled between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, Costa Rica possesses a wealth of natural beauty and a variety of wildlife that belies its diminutive size. Discover its pristine landscapes, exotic flora and fauna, and unique environments of cloud and rain forests.

Highlights Include

Monteverde Biological Reserve: During nature walks in this unique cloud forest, be amazed by hundreds of species of plants, mammals, and birds, plus visit a hummingbird gallery and butterfly garden.

Palo Verde National Park: Explore this important park, comprising both an extraordinary wetland and one of the world's last tropical dry forests.

Volcanoes: Gain insight into geology at Poas and Arenal volcanoes.

Adventure: Discover the forest canopy from hanging bridges and enjoy a "float safari" featuring plentiful wildlife sightings along the river. Plus, engage in optional active adventures at a resort overlooking the Pacific.

Cultural Experiences: Learn about Costa Rica's coffee industry (one of its largest exports) and impressive educational system during special visits, plus enjoy a private cooking class.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Dennis Wille Sáenz (all departures)—highly respected naturalist from Costa Rica with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.

Hamilton's Caribbean

A Cruise from Barbados to Antigua

Aboard the 60-guest *Sea Cloud*



8 days from \$8,995

Jan. 29–Feb. 5, 2019

Thanks to the award-winning musical *Hamilton*, Americans have been captivated by the story of one of our most influential Founding Fathers, born in the British West Indies. Gain insight into Alexander Hamilton's life during a voyage aboard the tall ship *Sea Cloud*, plus enjoy modern pleasures such as swimming and snorkeling.

Highlights Include

Nevis: Learn about Alexander Hamilton's Caribbean roots at his childhood home and stroll through a spectacular botanic garden.

St. Kitts and St. Eustatius: Trace the history of these two small Caribbean islands, which influenced the course of the American Revolution.

St. Barthélemy: Relax on exquisite white-sand beaches and snorkel in clear blue waters.

Iles des Saintes: Step ashore at 17th-century Fort Napoleon, which now features exotic gardens.

St. Lucia: Soak in mineral-rich mud baths fed by Soufrière Volcano or tour the lush botanical gardens.

Sea Cloud: Sailing aboard a tall ship is seafaring at its finest! You'll find historic detail and upscale modern amenities aboard this four-masted barque, which once belonged to heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for to 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Ralph Nurnberger—expert in American history and foreign policy.



Independence

Seeing America's waterways through the Smithsonian lens

Experience our national treasures from aboard small ships

By popular demand, Smithsonian Journeys has expanded its cruise offerings of America's scenic waterways! You can now choose from seven exceptional voyages featuring in-depth insight into various regions of the U.S., including two new cruises! *Springtime in the South* features charming southern cities and the natural wonders of the Intracoastal Waterway while *Cruising New England's Islands* showcases the region's maritime and whaling history and delightful island beauty of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island.

Cruise aboard a fleet of upscale small ships—*Independence*, *American Star*, *American Pride*, and *Pearl Mist* and the paddle wheeler *Queen of the Mississippi*—that accommodate just 100–210 guests and take you into historic towns and gracious ports where larger vessels can't visit. Relax and enjoy informal conversation with your Smithsonian Journeys Expert and fellow travelers on deck, in the lounges, and at meals and attend presentations that bring additional insight to fascinating shore excursions. Our ships are stylishly appointed with modern amenities, spacious all-suite cabins with large opening picture windows (and many with private balconies), library, complimentary Wi-Fi, and more. Meals are prepared by executive chefs who feature locally sourced ingredients and regional menus, all served in a single unassigned seating in casual restaurants, with complimentary wine and beer. Learn more about U.S. cruising on the following pages and find ship details online at SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships.

Springtime in the South

A Cruise from Charleston to Jacksonville Aboard the 100-guest *Independence*



9 days from \$5,695 / Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

March 22–30, April 5–13, 2019

Savor the splendors of the South on this charming voyage that blends history and architecture with the glorious scenery and wildlife of the Intracoastal Waterway. Explore the historic gems of Charleston and Savannah and see how the vivid and varied culture of the Low Country have evolved from colonial beginnings to modern day. You'll also discover white-sand beaches, wooded barrier islands, and vast stretches of golden marshes that are home to a wide variety of birds, dolphins, manatees, and wild horses.

Highlights Include

South Carolina: Enjoy tours of the architectural treasures of Charleston and Beaufort, lined with cobblestone streets and antebellum houses. View the scenic beaches and abundant wildlife of Hilton Head, then in Savannah tour the historic district showcasing 19th-century wealth and opulence and learn what plantation life was like.

Georgia: Cruising Georgia's coast, along the barrier islands, arrive at Jekyll Island to visit "Millionaire's Village," a National Historic Landmark with extravagant homes and winter cottages built more than a century ago. St. Simons features 18th-century battlefields and sprawling antebellum plantations.

Florida: Discover Amelia Island's natural beauty, with its miles of quartz beaches and rolling sand dunes, then disembark in Jacksonville.

Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about the Independence above and on our website.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Alan Gallay (both departures)—historian with expertise in American studies.

Voyage on the Mississippi

A River Cruise from New Orleans to Memphis

Aboard the 150-guest *Queen of the Mississippi*



9 days from \$5,395

Includes up to \$550 savings when booked by Dec. 7

May 17–25, Nov. 8–16*, 2019

Journey to the heart and soul of the American South aboard a traditional paddle wheeler as you voyage from spirited New Orleans to antebellum Natchez and lively Memphis. Explore the complex history of this region—from its vast plantations and antebellum homes to major Civil War sites and the thought-provoking National Civil Rights Museum—and learn about the Mississippi River's enormous influence on American history and culture.

Highlights Include

New Orleans: Begin your voyage with a walking tour of the lively, historic French Quarter, then cruise upriver.

Historic Towns and Plantations: Tour the iconic plantation of Oak Alley, with its classic Greek Revival antebellum home, a National Historic Landmark. Stop at St. Francisville, called one of the most beautiful small towns in America. Visit both the Myrtles Plantation and Rosedown Plantation, noted for Federal-Greek Revival architecture and extensive gardens. Continue to Natchez, called the “Golden City of the South.” This important 19th-century port reflected the prosperity of the time with more than 500 stately antebellum homes. At Frogmore Plantation, walk through the house of Natchez planters and learn about the life, customs, and music of the enslaved people who lived there.

Civil War Sites: Sail north for Vicksburg, the “Gibraltar of the Confederacy.” During a tour of the Vicksburg National Military Park, and the USS *Cairo*, examine the maneuvers of Major General Ulysses S. Grant and how they led to the Union's control of the Mississippi River.

Memphis: Explore Memphis during a city tour, which includes the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, a Smithsonian Affiliate. Here, you'll view the robust collections that trace the culture of slavery, African-American history, and the American Civil Rights Movement as you commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated at the motel 50 years ago.

Mississippi Paddle Wheeler: Feel the spirit and tradition of cruising this historic river, savor the finest in southern cuisine, and listen to traditional music throughout your voyage. Find more details about both ships on our website.

*Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The November departure is aboard the 185-guest America.*

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

A. Wilson Greene (Nov.)—military historian, executive director of two Civil War historical sites, and former National Park Service historian.



The paddle wheeler *America*



Oak Alley





Pulling the Dory by Winslow Homer, Farnsworth Art Museum



Portland Head Lighthouse

Art Along the Coast of Maine

A Round-trip Cruise from Portland

Aboard the 100-guest *Independence*



9 days from \$5,495

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

June 28–July 6, July 19–27, 2019

Discover the unique and enduring appeal of Maine's magnificent coastline—a delight to visitors and an inspiration to many American artists. Join our art historian on this popular cruise, which showcases evocative seascapes, charming towns, and art by Maine's most famous painters—the Wyeths, Winslow Homer, and Thomas Cole.

Highlights Include

Picturesque Ports: Cruise through protected waters to experience some of Maine's most picturesque ports, including Bar Harbor, Rockland, Castine, Boothbay Harbor, Bath, and Camden, considered the "tall ship capital of Maine."

The Arts: Take an exclusive tour of the Portland Museum of Art with its superb paintings by Winslow Homer, Rockwell Kent, and Frederic Church among others. At the Farnsworth Art Museum, learn about the Wyeth family of artists—N.C., Andrew, and James—one of America's most important artist families, as you visit the renowned Wyeth Center and the Olson House, where Andrew painted many works.

History: Gain further insight into the area's rich seafaring history at the Penobscot Marine Museum, with its paintings, scrimshaw, models, and 19th-century sea captain's home. And in Bath, you'll tour the Maine Maritime Museum, located on the site of a 19th-century shipyard. In Castine, visit the historical society and take a walking tour featuring beautiful Federal and Greek revival homes, including the former summer homes of literary figures Mary McCarthy, Robert Lowell, and Elizabeth Hardwick. You'll also stop at Bar Harbor's Abbe Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, which showcases the history and cultures of the Wabanaki, Maine's Native people.

Parks and Gardens: Travel through the natural beauty of Acadia National Park, made famous by Thomas Cole and Frederic Church. Enjoy a scenic tour of Camden Hills State Park, high atop Mount Battie, and visit the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor.

Space reserved for 35 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about the Independence on page 85 and on our website.



Painter in Camden



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Janice Simon (both departures)—art historian with expertise in American artists, especially of New England.



Nantucket



The Breakers, Newport

NEW

Cruising New England's Islands

Featuring Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island

Aboard the 100-guest *American Star*



9 days from \$5,595 / Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

June 21–29, Jul 5–13, Aug. 16–24, 2019

Explore the rich maritime and social history of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during this exciting new island voyage. As you cruise to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island—and in and out of ports such as New Bedford and Newport—you'll learn about the early working history of this important seafaring region as well as their contemporary communities.

Highlights Include

New Bedford: Once known as the whaling capital of the world, New Bedford showcases an authentic seaport village, large fishing fleet, and working waterfront. Gain an in-depth understanding of the region's whaling history and modern fishing industry at the Whaling Museum and during a harbor tour.

Nantucket: Anchor in the sound for beautiful island views, then set off on a tour that highlights lighthouses and cranberry bogs, its early history as an important whaling center, and its contemporary community.

Martha's Vineyard: Once a hub of whaling fleets and merchant ships, this island is now a popular New England vacation spot. See lighthouses and gingerbread cottages during your tour of the historic towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and Vineyard Haven, and enjoy time at leisure in Edgartown.

Block Island: This island is adored for its easy-going attitude, splendid nature trails, and breathtaking views. Enjoy all this along with an up-close look at Mohegan Bluffs, which rise 200 feet above the ocean and stretch for three miles, and the famous Southeast Lighthouse.

Newport: Cruise to Narragansett Bay and Newport, the yachting capital of the U.S., where your ship docks at Fort Adams, once used to protect the harbor and town. Enjoy a tour of Newport's opulent 19th-century mansions, stopping at the Breakers to visit this 74-room Italian Renaissance-style palazzo owned by the Vanderbilt family.

Bristol: Learn about the nautical beauty and challenges of yachting at the Herreshoff Marine Museum, home to a collection of fine yachts and the America's Cup Hall of Fame. Conclude your visit by strolling the gardens and home of Blithewold Mansion.

Limited to 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about America Star on page 85 and on our website.



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Ralph Nurnberger (June)—historian with expertise in American studies.

Great Lakes Grand Voyage

From Chicago to Toronto

Aboard the 210-guest *Pearl Mist*



13 days from \$9,095

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

June 11–23, July 3–15, July 25–Aug. 6, 2019

The Great Lakes region is one of the most magnificent and historic inland waterways of the world. Join us on this popular cruise, now featuring new itinerary highlights showcasing the sites and natural beauty of Canada's Georgian Bay!

Highlights Include

Lake Michigan: Following a night at a deluxe Chicago hotel, spend a day exploring the city's architectural highlights. Then sail across Lake Michigan to Muskegon to explore the historic district and tour a World War II battleship. Continue to Holland, home to early Dutch immigrants as reflected in the local heritage and Dutch windmill. Wake up at picturesque Mackinac Island, a town preserved in the Victorian era with no automobiles. Choose to visit this national historic landmark on a horse and carriage tour that stops at Fort Mackinac and the famous Grand Hotel or paddle a kayak around the harbor.

Lake Huron and Georgian Bay: Cruise to northern Lake Huron and Sault Sainte Marie to explore Canadian heritage sites. On Manitoulin Island, learn about the traditions and culture of the Ojibwe people at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation. Near Midland, follow in the steps of early Europeans as you explore the 17th-century French Jesuit Mission, then stroll the decks of the SS *Keewatin*, a 20th-century Great Lakes steamship. Enjoy a day of cruising Georgian Bay and Lake Huron en route to Windsor.

Lake Erie: Crossing the strait to Detroit, visit the Henry Ford Museum with its extensive automobile collection and Greenfield Village with its many historical exhibits of early American life. During a day of cruising Lake Erie, attend presentations by your Smithsonian Journeys Expert and relax aboard ship.

Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario: Feel the power of spectacular Niagara Falls during a boat ride near Horseshoe Falls. Later, in the Niagara Wine Region, savor a tasting at one of the many wineries. Enjoy a farewell dinner as your ship cruises Lake Ontario for Toronto.

Pearl Mist: This intimate ship easily navigates the region's canals, locks, and tranquil bays of the Great Lakes. Featuring cabins with modern amenities, the ship also offers a choice of dining options, a lounge and observation deck, and salon and spa. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Bill Fox (June)—archaeologist and anthropologist with expertise in the Great Lakes. **Robert Desh** (July 3)—expert in maritime history and the Great Lakes.



Lighthouse, Holland, Michigan



Mackinac Island



Pearl Mist





Fall foliage, New York City's Central Park

Art Along the Hudson

A Fall Foliage Cruise Round-trip from New York City

Aboard the 100-guest *American Star*



9 days from \$6,590

Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7

Oct. 11–19, 2019

Experience the blazing fall colors of the Hudson River Valley, often the subject of paintings by Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, and Jasper Cropsey, during this popular and unique cruise. From New York City to Albany, you'll tour museums featuring superior collections of fine art, plus historic homes of artists and political figures.

Highlights Include

New York City: View the extensive American art collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, including spectacular paintings by Hudson River School artists—the ideal introduction to this cruise.

Lower Hudson: Cruise up the Hudson to Tarrytown and Kykuit, the palatial estate that was home to three generations of the Rockefeller family. Take an in-depth tour of the house, featuring superb art and antiques, lush gardens and grounds, and panoramic view of the Palisades. Other highlights include a stop at the nearby Union Church of Pocantico Hills, with its exquisite windows designed by Matisse and Chagall, and a tour of the Gothic Revival mansion of Lyndhurst.

Mid-Hudson: Tour the United States Military Academy at West Point, founded in 1802, including the imposing Cadet Chapel with its impressive church organ. At Storm King Art Center, an impressive outdoor sculpture park, view nearly 100 artworks by prominent modern artists. Across the Hudson is historic Hyde Park and the home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Walk through rooms filled with history, including the room where he gave his famous fireside chats, and visit the Presidential Library and visitors center. At Vassar College, view impressive art collections that feature many Hudson River School painters, then enjoy an afternoon of cruising the Hudson amid the brilliant fall foliage.

Upper Hudson: Arriving in Albany, tour the history and 19th-century art collections at the Albany Institute of History and Art, as well as the more modern art at the Empire State Plaza. Then step into the private world of Frederic Church, a founder of the Hudson River School. Tour his Moorish-style home, Olana, which offers special insight into this important painter, plus magnificent views across the river of the Catskills.

Entire ship reserved for Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about American Star on page 85 and on our website.



Window by Marc Chagall,
Union Church of Pocantico Hills



Interior of Olana



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Jason LaFountain—art historian with expertise in the Hudson River School.

Alaska's Glaciers and the Inside Passage

A Cruise from Juneau to Vancouver

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Soléal*



8 days from approximately \$3,995
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
Sells out quickly! Book now!

July 6–13, July 13–20, 2019*

Join us for an adventure of a lifetime as you experience the magnificent natural wonders and mosaic of cultural traditions of Alaska during our popular small-ship cruise featuring southeast Alaska and the Inside Passage.

Highlights Include

Dramatic Landscapes: Venture through narrow straits and into the heart of Tracy Arm and Endicott Arm, where sheer cliffs rise thousands of feet. Listen to the thunder of large ice calving into the water at South Sawyer Glacier and Dawes Glacier and see their iconic icebergs up close on naturalist-led expeditions. Explore hidden treasures, including the secluded Inian Islands and tiny Elfin Cove in the north and other scenic coastlines farther south near Vancouver.

Wildlife: As nature unfolds before you, take delight in watching hundreds of harbor seals basking on icebergs, a pod of whales feeding off the ship's bow, and Steller sea lions and sea otters in the water. Look to the sky to see bald eagles soaring overhead, plus myriad other birdlife, including guillemots and Arctic terns. You may even spot brown bears hunting for fish on nearby banks.

Cultural Experiences: Sitka is laden with the art and history of its Tlingit culture and 19th-century Russian fur-trading era. Converse with Tlingit artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, where trails are lined with intricately carved totem poles. Marvel at priceless Russian Orthodox icons in the onion-domed St. Michael's Cathedral. And get up close to eagles, hawks, and falcons at the Alaska Raptor Center. In Ketchikan, visit a recreated Native Alaskan village with totem poles and clan houses at Potlatch Totem Park, where you'll watch a master carver during an exclusive demonstration.

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. *The July 13 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about Le Soléal on page 11 and on our website.*

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Kirt Kempter (July 6) and **Peter Bobrowsky** (July 13)—both popular and highly respected geologists.



Getting close to a glacier



Clan house totems, Ketchikan





Bald eagles in Alaska



The Grand Tetons

Alaska's Natural Wonders



11 days from \$6,395

June 4–14, July 2–12, Aug. 20–30, 2019

Experience the natural wonders of Alaska from three of our national parks—featuring plentiful wildlife, majestic snow-covered mountains, and dramatic glistening glaciers—and gain a better understanding of the Alaskan way of life.

Highlights Include

Denali National Park: Traveling into the park to Eielson Visitor Center, listen to your expert ranger talk about the forests, alpine tundra, and snow-covered Mt. Denali and wildlife such as grizzly bear, moose, and caribou, which you'll likely see along the road. Plus, enjoy an easy walk through the tundra.

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park: Journey by coach to remote Chitina, then board a plane for a scenic flight to Wrangell-St. Elias, the largest park in the U.S. and a World Heritage site. Take a half-day hike out to icefields, cascading waterfalls, and deep canyons and spend time exploring Kennecott, once a bustling copper mine.

Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park: An exciting day cruise features up-close views of this park's glaciers and pristine fjords, along with plenty of marine wildlife such as whales, harbor seals, and sea lions, memorable puffins and other bird species, as well as bears, mountain goats, and moose along the shore.

Anchorage: Learn more about the Alaskan experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Anchorage Museum with its Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, and the Wildlife Conservation Center, plus a tour of the historic downtown.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Howard Topoff and Carol Simon (June)—experts in animal behavior, ecology, and evolutionary biology.
Patty Hostiuck (July) and **Patrick Abbott** (Aug.)—highly respected naturalist and geologist, respectively.

Yellowstone and Grand Teton Adventure



7 days from \$4,845

Aug. 11–17, 2019

Yellowstone National Park, the cornerstone of America's national park system, was established in 1872 while nearby Grand Teton National Park was added later in 1929.

Discover the wonders of Wyoming's historic Yellowstone and the dramatic Grand Tetons on this popular tour. You will enjoy leisurely walks or more strenuous hikes, learn about geology, and observe plentiful wildlife, including wolves, coyotes, grizzly and black bears, moose, bison, elk, and much more.

Highlights Include

Yellowstone National Park: Marvel at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where two staggered falls spill water twice the height of Niagara. Make stops at Lamar Valley and Hayden Valley, two of the best places in the park to view wildlife. Witness geysers, hot pools, and mud pots at various geyser basins.

Grand Teton National Park: Enjoy a float trip along the Snake River through the heart of the park, offering spectacular panoramas and prime wildlife viewing. The day continues with a visit to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, perched on a knoll overlooking the National Elk Refuge just outside of Jackson.

Accommodations: Stay at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, one of the newest full-service hotels in the park, and the Rustic Inn, a boutique hotel near Jackson's lively town square.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert
Jack Noll—expert naturalist.



Glacier National Park



Mother bear with cubs



Bull elk

The Northern Rockies

Featuring Glacier, Banff, and Jasper National Parks



11 days from \$4,991

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

June 19–29, July 10–20, Aug. 28–Sept. 7, 2019

Discover some of the most spectacular landscapes of the Northern Rocky Mountains during our journey to Glacier, Banff, and Jasper National Parks. Within these three World Heritage site parks, you'll enjoy leisurely hikes and drives that showcase magnificent vistas of snowcapped mountain peaks, glaciers, lakes, and lush forests, plus plentiful wildlife sightings.

Highlights Include

Glacier National Park: Drive along the fabled Going-to-the-Sun Road, famous for breathtaking views of deep valleys, craggy mountains, and wildlife. Hike along St. Mary Lake, which showcases the divide between the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains. And in the nearby resort town of Whitefish, Montana, you'll go hiking, visit a nature center, and enjoy vistas from the mountain summit.

Banff National Park: During your drive to Banff, enjoy striking scenery that showcases forests, lakes, and high plains. Arriving at your hotel at Lake Louise, take a hike along this emerald lake, often called the "Jewel of the Canadian Rockies." Journey to the Columbia Icefield for a once-in-a-lifetime "ice coach" tour of Athabasca Glacier, the most visited glacier in North America. Other highlights include a gondola ride to the top of 8,000-foot Sulphur Mountain, overlooking the town of Banff, and a drive along Tunnel Mountain Road where you'll see the Hoodoos and Bow Falls.

Jasper National Park: Explore the geological marvel of Maligne Canyon and enjoy a cruise on cerulean Maligne Lake, the largest glacially formed lake in the Canadian Rockies. Later, drive along the Columbia Icefields Parkway, which parallels the Continental Divide and features dramatic landscapes and wildlife such as bear, moose, elk, and mountain goat. You'll also stop at the Glacier Skywalk, a transparent-bottomed observation deck suspended nearly 1,000 feet above the valley floor, providing an exhilarating experience.



Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Wayne Ranney (July) and Kirt Kempter (Aug.)—popular and highly respected geologists.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Upper Antelope Canyon

Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon



10 days from \$3,895

April 24–May 3, Sept. 18–27, 2019

Enjoy an overview of the natural wonders of three iconic national parks in Arizona and Utah, all in one exciting tour!

Highlights Include

Sedona: Travel through the beautiful desert landscape from Phoenix to Sedona, known for its towering red sandstone formations. Explore this dazzling landscape during an exciting off-road jeep excursion.

Grand Canyon National Park: Considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world, this World Heritage site stretches nearly 300 miles through the Arizona desert. Witness truly awe-inspiring vistas of banded layers of rock that rise to plateaus and bluffs thousands of feet overhead, while the mighty Colorado River rushes below. Gaze in wonder as you walk through the sinuous red slot canyon of Upper Antelope Canyon, and later, see the Grand Canyon up close during a float trip on the Colorado River. Learn about the canyon's cultural history and geological significance during almost three days here.

Bryce Canyon National Park: Gaze in awe at a stunning array of hoodoos, the legendary rock formations dramatically sculpted by erosion. Learn about the park's unusual geology at the Visitor Center and enjoy the day to explore as you wish.

Zion National Park: Spend a day exploring the diverse landscapes of this wondrous park, including deserts, forests, rivers, canyons, buttes, and natural arches. Take a guided hike to observe the sandstone cliffs ranging in color from cream to pink and rusty red, then enjoy ample free time to explore as you wish.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Howard Topoff and **Carol Simon** (April)—biologists specializing in animal behavior, ecology, and evolutionary biology. **Patty Hostiuck** (Sept.)—highly respected naturalist.

Railroading the Rockies

A Colorado Rail and Park Adventure



7 days from \$4,695

July 21–27, 2019

Gaze upon the breathtaking scenery of the Rocky Mountains from the windows of historic trains, travel to 19th-century mining towns, and learn about the region's fascinating and colorful rail history.

Highlights Include

Georgetown Loop: Depart from Denver en route to a spectacular stretch of three-foot narrow gauge railroad that brings you deep into scenic Clear Creek Valley.

Royal Gorge Route Railway: Follow the winding, tumbling Arkansas River and view the granite cliffs of Colorado's Royal Gorge from aboard this train.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison: Follow the Gunnison River, once part of the famed "Narrow Gauge Circle," and view the breathtaking scenery of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad: Ride this train for an unforgettable journey through the mountains to historic Durango.

Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad: Visit the Engine Terminal of Chama, New Mexico, and ride this historic train, which served the silver mines of the San Juans.

National Historic Landmarks: Between 1961 and 2012, U.S. Secretaries of the Interior designated the *Durango & Silverton* and the *Cumbres & Toltec* railways, and the Georgetown-Silver Plume and Silverton historic districts, as National Historic Landmarks in recognition of their nationwide significance.

Limited to 26 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Peter Hansen—nationally known scholar of railroads and the American experience and consultant to Smithsonian museums.



Durango Silverton train

Railroading the Alleghenies

Featuring Fall Foliage in West Virginia and Maryland



8 days from \$5,595

Oct. 14–21, 2019

TRAIN

The Allegheny Mountains, which extend 400 miles across four states, once impeded trade and settlement until railroads changed the landscape. Join us in the autumn to experience some of the important railways, built for lumbering, coal, and passengers, which altered the region's history.

Highlights Include

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad: The *B&O* began the nation's first scheduled passenger trains in 1830. Trace its history at Baltimore's B&O Railroad Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and tour some of the city's historic railroad stations.

Cass Scenic Railroad: The Cass Railroad required special trains and switchbacks for logging this mountainous region. See a large concentration of Shay gear-driven steam locomotives and ride one of the historic trains to the top of Bald Knob, third highest peak in West Virginia. From here, enjoy panoramic views of the fall foliage. In the Greenbrier River Valley, ride a train powered by a rare Climax locomotive built in 1910.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park: Ride on the *Western Maryland Scenic Railroad* starting from Cumberland. You'll also see the recently restored *Chesapeake & Ohio 2-6+6-2 no. 1309*—the largest steam locomotive operating in the eastern U.S.

Union Station: Conclude your journey in Washington, D.C. with an insider's visit of Union Station.

Accommodations: Stay at a range of lodgings, including the Homestead Resort, an inn, and a boutique hotel.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Railroading in New England

A Fall Foliage Adventure



6 days from \$4,895

Sept. 19–24, 2019

TRAIN

This unique tour of New England showcases two special themes: the region's historic train lines and its breathtaking fall foliage. Learn how historic railways brought urban Americans to the shores and mountains of Maine and New Hampshire as you experience spectacular autumnal views of New England.

Highlights Include

Boston and Beyond: Begin your trip in the historic city of Boston, then journey farther into New England by train from Boston's North Station.

Maine and New Hampshire: Experience the unique two-foot gauge railroads that were essential to Maine's lumber industry for half a century. In New Hampshire's Mt. Washington Valley, ride a former *Boston & Maine* railroad line, tracing the route of late 19th-century summer resort travelers to the White Mountains.

Mountain Summit: Aboard the *Conway Scenic Railroad*, descend from the top of Crawford Notch to the historic town of North Conway, providing incredible views of the famous New England foliage. Journey on a cog railway to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington and enjoy the stunning vistas.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Frank Ackerman—rail historian and former director of the Nevada State Railroad Museum.

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Historic train in the White Mountains



Cass Scenic Railroad

Astronomy and Natural Wonders of Hawaii



9 days from \$5,995

Oct. 30–Nov. 7, 2019

Explore the wonders of the Universe and marvel at Earth's immense geological forces and undersea world during this unique tour of Hawaii and Maui.

Highlights Include

Astronomy: Learn about distant planets, star clusters, and galaxies in a location of unmatched clarity for sky viewing. On the summit of Hawaii's Mauna Kea, enjoy special access at the Submillimeter Array, run by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, plus stargaze through a powerful telescope. Later, trace the history of Hawaiian celestial navigation at the Imiloa Astronomy Center. On Maui, visit another important observatory at the summit of Haleakala. Plus, take a stargazing cruise on a new moon evening with an astronomer.

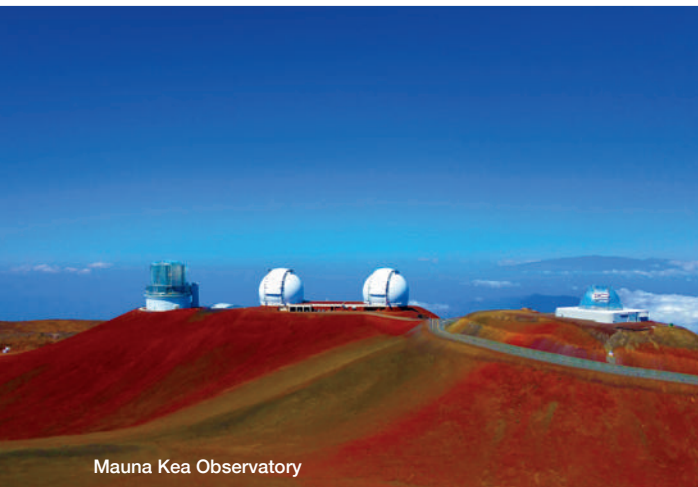
Geology and Natural History: Spend a day with a resident geologist on the Big Island exploring Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and learn about its ongoing volcanic activity. Plus, take a walk in the northern backcountry, known for its waterfalls and breathtaking views. And on Maui, explore the moon-like crater, endemic plants, and native birds at Haleakala National Park.

Marine Biology: Join a marine biologist on a private tour of the Maui Ocean Center. You'll also see green sea turtles along a black-sand beach on Hawaii.

Limited to 22 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Richard Wainscoat—astronomer at the University of Hawaii who works with the Pan-STARRS telescope atop Haleakala.



Mauna Kea Observatory

Astronomy in Arizona

Featuring Smithsonian's Whipple Observatory



4 days from \$3,295

Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 5–9, 2019

Few places on Earth offer better opportunities to study astronomy than the ultra-clear skies of southern Arizona. Join us on a spectacular intergalactic journey and discover for yourself an infinite array of celestial phenomena during hands-on telescope viewing, in-depth lectures, and tours of some of the world's great centers for astronomical research.

Highlights Include

Smithsonian's Whipple Observatory: Gain special insight during an exclusive visit high atop Mt. Hopkins. Enjoy a VIP visit to see the massive 6.5 Meter Mirror Telescope (MMT) and other powerful optical telescopes.

University of Arizona Steward Observatory Mirror Lab: Tour this incredible scientific production facility, which is producing the most advanced giant telescope mirrors in the world.

Active Star Gazing: Visit Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter, part of the University of Arizona Steward Observatory, where you'll view planets, stars, and galaxies through the center's 32-inch Shulman telescope and smaller telescopes. Learn how to photograph stars and planets and use sky charts to view the night sky.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

David Aguilar—astronomer, author, and former director of public affairs and science information at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.



The MMT at Smithsonian's Whipple Observatory



SPECIALTY

U.S. Cultural Treasures

Springtime at the Metropolitan Opera

5 days from \$3,595 / March 6–10, 2019

Immerse yourself in the magical world of opera at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City! Experience four spectacular performances, featuring Orchestra Prime seating, and enjoy in-depth lectures by opera expert **Arthur Kaplan**. Attend three star-studded opera performances by Giuseppe Verdi. *Rigoletto* features baritone Roberto Frontali in the title role and soprano Nadine Sierra. In what should be a highlight of the season, soprano Anna Netrebko sings her first Met *Aida* while mezzo-soprano Anita Rachvelishvili is Amneris. And baritone Ambrogio Maestri returns to his larger-than-life portrayal of the title role in *Falstaff*. Plus, attend Richard Wagner's *Das Rheingold* featuring bass-baritone Greer Grimsley in the role of Wotan. Go backstage at the Met to learn how the sets, costumes, and props are managed for the company's rotating repertory. Accommodations are at the Empire Hotel, located just steps from Lincoln Center. *Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

The Smithsonian Craft Show

5 days from \$3,595 / April 8–12, 2019

The Smithsonian Craft Show is the most prestigious juried show and sale of American fine craft in the country. Each year, 120 premier artists representing all facets of contemporary design are selected from more than 1,000 artists in a nationwide competition. Gain special access to meet the artists and be among the first to see and buy fine crafts at the show's exclusive Preview Night. At the Smithsonian American Art Museum, enjoy a tour of the Renwick Gallery led by a curator and a tour of the Luce Foundation Center accompanied by an artist. Explore the city's burgeoning art scene as you meet prominent gallery owners, see craft artists at work in their studios, and visit the home of a private collector. Plus, enjoy specially arranged meetings with Craft Show artists during this exclusive tour. *Limited to 25 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

Smithsonian at Chautauqua

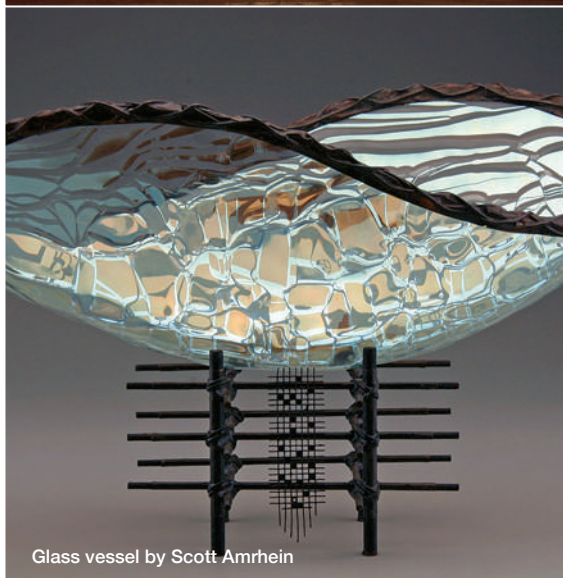
Moments that Changed the World

8 days from \$3,795 / June 22–29, 2019

Nestled along a sparkling lake in southwestern New York, Chautauqua is a unique community that evokes the friendliness and charm of a bygone era. With an astonishing array of programs clustered around specific "theme weeks," the Chautauqua Institution is a center for educational pursuits and a renowned summertime destination. Join us for a thought-provoking week, where you'll attend the Main Stage lecture series and listen to five eminent historians discuss various little-known events in world history that created a major impact on the world of today. Daily in-depth presentations by your Smithsonian Journeys Expert will expand on similar themes. Immerse yourself in Chautauqua's opera, theater, and music performances with our selected event tickets, plus choose from other activities every day! Stay at the historic Hotel Athenaeum, featuring all meals, comfortable accommodations, and sweeping views of Lake Chautauqua. *Limited to 35 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



Lincoln Center Opera House



Glass vessel by Scott Amrhein



Hotel Athenaeum, Chautauqua

Family Journeys

Tuscany to Yellowstone





FAMILY

Go Together! Grow Together!

Experience a journey that lasts a lifetime

Join us with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime! We'll take the stress out of trip planning so that you can relax and maximize your time exploring the world together. Our thoughtfully planned itineraries are tailored to be multigenerational, feature visits to iconic sites and experiential activities, and minimize packing and unpacking! Plus, everyone will gain insights from a Smithsonian Journeys Expert (on our cruises) and from various local experts (who join you for special presentations on land programs).

Enjoy making pasta with a traditional *nonna* (grandmother) in Tuscany, learn about biodiversity and evolution of the species in the Galápagos Islands, or get up close to Shakespeare's stage at the Globe Theatre. Opportunities to meet locals and learn about different foods, customs, and cultures are plentiful on these fun-filled journeys! These offerings are designed for adults with kids ages 8 and older. (Child price is usually based on sharing a room with two adults.)

Treasures of Tuscany

8 days from \$3,550 (adult); \$3,395 (child)

June 21–28, July 12–19, 2019

Step back in time during a week-long stay at a 14th-century Tuscan villa, situated in a small medieval town outside Florence. From here, open the eyes of your children or grandchildren to the art, history, and culture of medieval and Renaissance Italy.

Highlights Include

Your Villa Stay: Enjoy the Old World ambiance and modern amenities of the charming 14th-century Villa Casagrande, located in the medieval town of Figline Valdarno. Here, you'll find spacious guest rooms, two restaurants, a lovely courtyard and gardens, plus a refreshing indoor pool and spa. The ambiance is historic yet comfortable so the entire family will feel at home.

Day Excursions: Venture to Florence to see art masterpieces at the Accademia and Uffizi, learn about the city's history during visits to the Duomo and Church of Santa Croce, and soak up the ambiance of this World Heritage site. In Monteriggioni, walk along the city's defensive walls and try on medieval armor and costumes. Learn about the vibrant history of Siena during a walking tour featuring the famous Campo and the cathedral. And in the fortified hill town of San Gimignano, view the remaining 13 watchtowers that reflect the prosperity and defenses of powerful families.

Cultural Enrichment: Immerse your family in Italian culture by learning some language skills and enjoy a hands-on studio art program that provides better understanding for the masterpieces you'll see! Participate in culinary sessions using ancient Tuscan techniques to make craft pasta, pizza, and ice cream. And on another day, visit a local farm to learn about the region's food and wine production.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Enjoying a walk in Tuscany



The Villa Casagrande

I trusted Smithsonian to make it a good, safe, meaningful experience. It was that and more. – Sally B.

Cruising the Rhine A Family Voyage

From Basel to Amsterdam

Aboard the 168-guest *Amadeus Silver III*



9 days from \$3,890 (adult), \$2,890 (child)
Special air rates & services available
Includes \$250 savings when booked by Dec. 7
July 1–9, 2019

Create family memories on our special Rhine River cruise! With your children or grandchildren, listen to Rhine River legends as you scan the hillsides for fairy-tale castles, learn about the Middle Ages as you explore the university town of Heidelberg, and take on the Dutch way of life with your kids during a bicycle trip outside Amsterdam. Our cruise offers a selection of family and adult excursions, plus two Youth Directors provide onboard programming for young people while adults attend special lectures and more!

Highlights Include

France: In Strasbourg, choose to take a cruise along the canals of the Petite France district, featuring 16th- and 17th-century timber-framed houses that sheltered fishermen, millers, and tanners. You may also choose to join a culinary tour showcasing Alsatian cuisine.

Germany: While cruising in Germany, enjoy a choice of family-focused excursions. For example, from Breisach, travel to the fabled Black Forest where a family program features a walk plus a swim in Lake Titisee. In Heidelberg, visit the castle, then hike up the famous “Philosopher’s Way” for spectacular views of the castle and the Old Town. Your family trip to Oberwesel features a walk along the city’s well-preserved fortification walls and towers. (Or adults can choose an excursion to sample the local wine.) Cruise through the Rhine Gorge, then dock in Koblenz and experience dinner together in a medieval castle. And in Cologne, tour the Old Town and visit the magnificent Gothic cathedral.

The Netherlands: Introduce your kids to the Dutch Masters in Amsterdam’s newly refurbished Rijksmuseum or learn about occupied Holland and the Frank family during World War II at the Anne Frank House. Alternatively, experience the traditional Dutch way of life during a family bike ride. Later, take a scenic canal cruise showcasing the city’s architecture and waterways.

Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Silver III on page 14 and on our website. Child price based on sharing cabin with one adult.

Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Carol Reynolds—expert in music history and the arts of Germany.



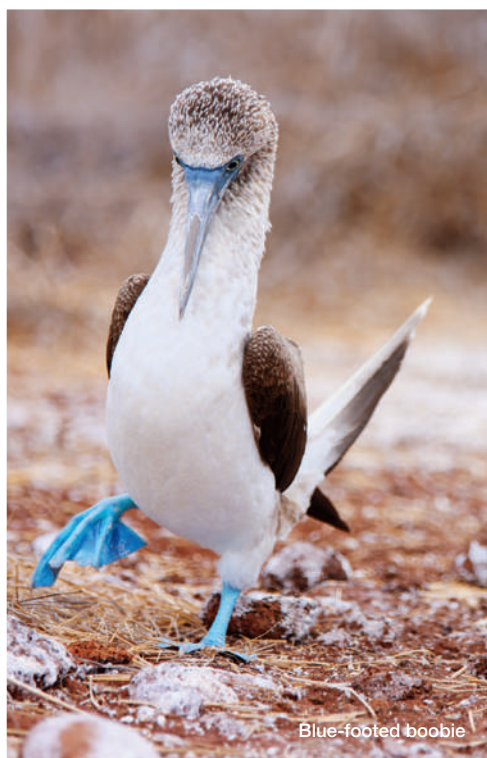
Timber-framed houses, Strasbourg

Biking by canals and windmills





Seal pup on the beach



Blue-footed boobie

Galápagos Islands Voyage

Aboard the 90-guest *Santa Cruz II*



FAMILY



CRUISE

9 days from approximately
\$6,995 (adult), \$6,495 (child)
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings
July 25–Aug. 2, 2019

With your family, learn about Darwin, geology, and unique wildlife—and enjoy active adventures—as you visit six of the Galápagos Islands.

Highlights Include

Active Adventure: Throughout your voyage, enjoy the adventures of snorkeling and swimming, glass-bottom boat rides, and kayaking in crystal clear waters, plus take long nature walks along the beaches. You'll also join others for evening stargazing and learn how explorers navigated by the night sky.

San Cristobal: Make a wet landing by Zodiac and wade to shore along a shallow reef. You'll explore Punta Pitt, home to hundreds of barking sea lions, plus Blue-footed, Red-footed, and Nazca boobies, since this is the only site in the island where all three species congregate.

Santa Fé and South Plaza Islands: Pristine white beaches, prickly pear cacti, droves of sea lions, and prehistoric looking endemic iguanas make Santa Fé an essential stop for explorers of all ages! On South Plaza, watch as gray and yellow land iguanas wait for sweet pear fruit to drop from the cactus grove among a landscape of crimson succulents.

Santa Cruz Island: At the Charles Darwin Research Station, learn about efforts to protect rare giant tortoises. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to go for a nature walk along sparkling white beaches or swim or snorkel in the clear blue waters of secluded Tortuga Bay.

Española Island: Watch the famous Punta Suarez blowhole spray nearly 100 feet high and see the island's red and green marine iguanas up close. This island is known for its unique sea bird colonies, including the Galápagos albatross, endemic mockingbirds, yellow warblers, and Darwin's finches. You'll also swim, snorkel, or sea kayak off Gardner's Bay's white coral beach. From a Zodiac near Eden Islet, watch Frigate birds flit about and reef sharks glide smoothly along the ocean floor.

North Seymour: Enjoy a final nature walk with more opportunities to watch Blue-footed boobies dive into the ocean for prey.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Santa Cruz II on page 81 and on our website.



Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Brent Garry—geologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center with expertise in volcanology.

The Great Geysir



Icelandic horses

Iceland Explorer

A Family Journey



7 days from \$4,950 (adult), \$4,450 (child)

June 28–July 4, 2019

Journey to Iceland, where you can stir your children's imagination for Viking sea voyages and introduce them to fun aspects of geology during this family adventure. With a four-night stay at a centrally located hotel in Reykjavik you'll have plenty of time (and daylight!) to explore this bustling city when your day excursions are over! Plus, enjoy a one-night stay in Hella, an ideal spot for discovering the south shore.

Highlights Include

History and Culture: At Viking World, learn about the early settlers of this dramatic island and see an exact replica of an old Viking ship, the *Gokstad*. Also, learn about the first Parliament while visiting Thingvellir National Park.

Wildlife: Experience the world of whales and seabirds in their natural habitat during a whale-watching cruise near Reykjavik. Commonly sighted are white-beaked dolphins, harbour porpoises, minke whales, and humpback whales.

Dramatic Geological Sites: Discover the wonder, beauty, and science behind major geological sites. You'll stand in awe before powerful waterfalls such as Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, and Skogafoss; watch geysers spout 100 feet in the air; and witness the site where two tectonic plates collided. See the stone arch Dyrholaey and the black-sand beach of Reynihverfi. And to cap it all off, you'll take an excursion into Langjokull Ice Cave, located high on Europe's second largest glacier, where you'll see colors of blue you never knew existed and learn how glaciers can help explain history. Plus, experience the hot springs of Deildartunguhver as well as the Blue Lagoon!

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

This was a dream come true for a family that loves exploring the outdoors together! We especially loved all the geology! Many thanks to Smithsonian! – John S.



Puffins



Skogafoss Waterfall



Enjoyable ranch activities



Having fun in London

Yellowstone and the Tetons

A Family Journey

Featuring a Montana Ranch Stay



7 days from \$4,795 (adult), \$4,075 (child)
June 29–July 5, 2019

Travel with us to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks to introduce your family to some of America's most dramatic scenery and learn about important ecological issues. Plus, enjoy an action-packed stay at a Montana ranch!

Highlights Include

Yellowstone National Park: Watch for bear, moose, elk, bison, bald eagles, and elusive wolf packs in the wildlife-rich Hayden Valley. Marvel at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where two staggered falls spill water twice the height of Niagara. Witness geysers, hot pools, and mud pots at the geyser basins at Norris and Old Faithful. Plus, spend two nights right next to Old Faithful.

Grand Teton National Park: Enjoy a white water rafting trip along the Snake River through the heart of the park, offering spectacular panoramas and prime wildlife viewing. Take a boat ride across Jenny Lake, just one of a string of jewel-like lakes that dot the landscape. Ride the exciting Jackson Hole aerial tram to the top of Rendezvous Peak for great views and hiking. And you'll stay in lively Jackson for two nights.

Ranch Stay: At the 320 Ranch, a 110-year-old homestead turned Montana guest ranch, you'll enjoy a two-night stay. Here, beginners can take horseback riding lessons while advanced riders head out for the hills. Or you can go hiking in scenic alpine meadows, learn how to fly-fish, or just relax at the ranch.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

This was a wonderful experience for myself and my daughter. We tend to forget what a treasure our national parks provide for us. I am truly grateful for this opportunity. – Mary B.

Exploring London and Paris

A Family Journey



10 days from \$5,590 (adult), \$4,590 (child)
June 28–July 7, 2019

London and Paris are ideal destinations for a summer learning vacation with grandchildren and children. Explore the history, arts, and culture of each city and take the exciting Eurostar train below the English Channel for an easy transfer.

Highlights Include

London: Hear stories about Britain's monarchs during a special visit to the Tower of London with a Beefeater. Gaze upon English Gothic architecture and the tombs of kings and queens, poets, and other important figures at Westminster Abbey, and watch the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham Palace. Introduce young travelers to Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre, experience Harry Potter's "hometown" during a themed walking tour, and participate in a distinctive program at the National Theatre. You'll also enjoy a scenic cruise along the Thames that concludes at the iconic London Eye with a breathtaking view over London.

Paris: A specially designed scavenger hunt at the Louvre engages children with historic works of art, while a visit to the Musée d'Orsay (housed in a 19th-century train station) features works by more modern masters. View the magnificent stained glass windows and high arches of Notre Dame Cathedral and ascend the Eiffel Tower. You'll enjoy special walking tours of the Latin Quarter and Montmartre and a cruise along the Seine River, and participate in a cooking class. Plus travel to Louis XIV's château of Versailles and stroll the Hall of Mirrors!

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

This trip was the most amazing way for a grandmother and granddaughter to celebrate a 10th birthday!

– Barbara S.



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Our trip was amazing! The country specialist planned a perfect itinerary.

— Melissa G., traveled to Tanzania

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Smithsonian Journeys 2019 Planning Calendar

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TOUR / CRUISE TITLE				PG#	TOUR	DAYS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
EUROPE	Waterways of Holland and Belgium	13	C	9						●								
	A River Cruise of Provence	18	C	9							●							
	A Danube River Cruise	15	C	15								●			●			
	Holiday Markets: Featuring a Rhine River Cruise	14	C	12													★	★
	Great European Journey: From Holland to Switzerland	16	C/T	11								●						
	Elbe River Cruise: From Berlin to Prague	17	C	12							●							
	Voyage Through Europe: Budapest to Amsterdam	18	C	16												●		
	Portrait of Portugal: Featuring a Douro River Cruise	17	C/L	12									●			●		
	NEW Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day	20	SP	9							●							
	NEW A Celtic Cruise: Glasgow to Normandy & Portsmouth	19	C/SP	11							●							
	Normandy: A One-Week Stay	21	ST/SP	9							●			●		●		
	A Cruise from Lisbon to London	20	C	10						●	●							
	France Through the Ages	21	L	15						●	●				●			
	Paris: A One-Week Stay	22	ST	9						●					●	●		
	Southern France	22	L	13						●				●	●			
	Smithsonian at the Cannes Film Festival	23	SP	9							●							
	Cruising the Rivas of Italy, France, and Spain	30	C	9							●							
	Living in France: A Three-Week Stay in Provence	24	ST	23							●				●			
	Living in Italy: A Three-Week Stay in Florence	24	ST	23							●				●			
	Highlights of Italy	25	L	16						●	●				●	●		
	NEW French and Italian Cars: The Monaco Grand Prix	23	SP	9							●							
	NEW The Genius of Leonardo da Vinci	26	SP	8				●										
	Italy's Lake District: A One-Week Stay	29	ST	9							●	●			●			
	NEW Rome: A One-Week Stay	28	ST	9						●					●	●		
	Sorrento: A One-Week Stay	28	ST	9						●	●				●	●		
	Palermo and Taormina: A Stay in Sicily	29	ST	10						●	●				●			
	Northern Italy	27	L	15						●	●			●	●			
	Southern Italy and Sicily	27	L	15						●					●			
	Voyage from Rome to Malta	30	C	9								●			●			
	NEW Sailing the Coast of Iberia Aboard <i>Sea Cloud II</i>	31	C	14							●							
	A Cruise of Spain and Portugal	31	C	9											●	●		
	Barcelona: A One-Week Stay	32	ST	9							●				●			
	NEW Spain's Andalusia: A One-Week Stay Antequera	32	ST	9							●					●		
	Treasures of Southern Spain and Portugal	33	L	15				●		●	●				●			
	Across Northern Spain and Portugal	33	L	17						●	●	●			●			
	Smithsonian at Oxford	34	SP/ST	8									●					
	NEW Smithsonian at Scotland's St. Andrews	35	SP/ST	8									●					
	Classic Mystery Lover's England	35	SP	9												●		
	London: A One-Week Stay	36	ST	9									●	●				
	Highlights of Britain	36	L	14								●	●	●	●			
	Scotland's Treasures	38	L	12							●	●	●	●				
	The Emerald Isle / Ireland	38	L	13							●	●	●	●	●			
	NEW Dublin: A One-Week Stay	39	ST	9							●		●					
	County Mayo / A One-Week Stay in Ireland	39	ST	9								●			●			
	Old World Europe / From Poland to the Czech Republic	40	L	16						●	●			●	●			
	Kraków: A One-Week Stay	40	ST	9							●				●			
	NEW Berlin: A One-Week Stay	41	ST	9								●			●			
	The Swiss Alps: A One-Week Stay in Thun	42	ST	9								●	●	●	●			
	NEW Art Meets Science in Switzerland: A Visit to CERN	41	SP	9							●				●			
	Pearls of Croatia and Slovenia	42	L	15					●	●					●			
	NEW Cruising the Dalmatian Coast	43	C	12								●						
	A Cruise from the Adriatic to the Aegean	44	C	9											●			
	A Cruise to Ancient Greece	45	C	9											●			
	Athens and Poros: A Stay in Greece	43	ST	10					●						●			
	Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords	37	C	9							●							
	Scandinavian Journey: Norway and Denmark	49	L	16							●		●	●				
	Cruising the Baltic Sea	48	C	10								●	●					
	Iceland Voyage: A Circumnavigation Cruise	46	C	9									●					
	Northern Lights of Iceland	47	SP	7				●										
	Adventure in Iceland	47	L	11							●		●	●	●			
	St. Petersburg and the Baltics	49	L	14							●		●		●			
POLAR	NEW Arctic Explorer by Private Train	50	TR/SP	13														●
	NEW An Arctic Cruise to Norway's Svalbard	50	C	11								●						
	Expedition to Antarctica	51	C	14	●	●	●											

TOUR TYPE: L-Land; ST-Stay; SP-Specialty; C-Cruise; T-Train; F-Family; A-Air ★-2020 Departure ■-2019 Departure ●-2018 Departure W-Website

	TOUR / CRUISE TITLE	PG#	TOUR	DAYS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ASIA & PACIFIC	A Cruise of Japan	61	C	11					●							
	Eternal Japan	62	L	13				●	●			●	●			
	Classic China Featuring Tibet & Yangtze River Cruise	67	L/C	19				●	●				●			
	The Silk Road: A Journey to Central Asia	68	L	16				●	●							
	The Trans-Siberian Express: From Mongolia to Moscow	69	T	14							●					
	Discovering Vietnam	63	L	16	●	●										
	A Cruise Along Vietnam's Coast	63	C	15											●	
	NEW Singapore, Thailand, and Angkor Wat: E&O Express	64	T/L	14		●									●	
	Mystical India	66	L	17	●	●	●									
	Journey Through India's Rajasthan: <i>Palace on Wheels</i>	65	T/L	13		●										
	NEW Bhutan and India's Sacred Rivers	65	L/C	13			●									
	Himalayan Kingdoms: Nepal and Bhutan	64	L	15				●					●	●		
	Voyage to French Polynesia: Tahiti and Bora Bora	69	C	11	■	●										
AFRICA	Journey Through New Zealand	70	L	16		●	●	●								
	NEW New Zealand by Sea	70	C	12		■										
	Splendors of Australia and New Zealand	71	L	22	●	●	●	●								
	African Safari	73	L	14			●		●	●	●	●				
	South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana: <i>Rovos Rail</i>	74	T/L	16	●								●			
THE AMERICAS	Tanzania's Great Migration	76	L	12		■	■	■								
	Southern African Adventure: Chobe River Cruise	75	L/C	17		●										
	Splendors of Morocco	77	L	14			●	●					●	●	★	
	Amazon River Cruise	79	C	9	■	■	■									
	Machu Picchu and the Galápagos	80	L	16	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Wonders of the Galápagos Islands	81	C	9	■	■	■									
	Legendary Peru	81	L	11			●	●	●				●		★	
	A Cruise of Panama and Costa Rica	82	C	9		■	■									
	Patagonian Explorer: Argentina & Chile by Land & Sea	83	L/C	17	●	●	●									
	Costa Rica's Natural Treasures	84	L	11	●	●										
THE U.S. & CANADA	Hamilton's Caribbean: Aboard <i>Sea Cloud</i>	84	C	8	●											
	NEW Springtime in the South	85	C	9			●	●								
	Voyage on the Mississippi	86	C	9					●							●
	Art Along the Coast of Maine	87	C	9						●	●					
	NEW Cruising New England's Islands	88	C	9						●	●	●				
	Great Lakes Grand Voyage: Chicago to Toronto	89	C	9						●	●					
	Art Along the Hudson	90	C	9										●		
	Alaska's Glaciers and the Inside Passage	91	C	8							●					
	Alaska's Natural Wonders	92	L	11						●	●	●				
	Yellowstone and the Grand Teton Adventure	92	L	7							●					
	The Northern Rockies: Glacier, Banff, Jasper	93	L	11						●	●	●				
	Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon	94	L	10				●					●			
	Railroading the Rockies	94	T	7							●					
	Railroading in New England	95	T	6									●			
	Railroading the Alleghanies	95	T	8										●		
	Astronomy in Hawaii	96	SP	9											●	
FAMILY	Astronomy in Arizona	96	SP	4					●							
	Springtime at the Metropolitan Opera	97	SP	5			●									
	NEW The Smithsonian Craft Show	97	SP	5				●								
	Smithsonian at Chautauqua	97	SP/ST	8								●				
	Treasures of Tuscany	99	F	8						●	●					
	Cruising the Rhine River: A Family Voyage	100	F/C	9							●					
	Galápagos Cruise for Families	101	F/C	9							●					
	Exploring London and Paris	103	F	10						●						
	Iceland Explorer	102	F	7						●						
	Yellowstone and the Tetons	103	F	7						●						
	Around the World by Private Jet	52	A	24	●								●			
	Smithsonian Active Journeys	54-59			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	★	★	★

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What people are saying about the Smithsonian Journeys experience.



We loved being in one city for a week, getting a real feel for it, being able to see a number of its sights, and having the opportunity to walk around in the evenings.

– Ronald P., *Barcelona: A One-Week Stay in Spain*



This safari was a lifetime experience that we will always treasure. It was fun, relaxing, elegant, and educational. Our expert, guides, and hotel staff were so wonderful!

– Carmen and Tony C., *African Safari*



The Danube River cruise ranked at the top of my "best trip" list!

– Janet J., *Danube River Cruise*



We have been on five incredible "Journeys" with the Smithsonian, including Iceland and the Galápagos Islands. The "best" one always seems to be the last one! It's an outstanding opportunity to have a unique, educational, and fun experience and we highly recommend it!

– Polly D.



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