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*Smithsonian Journeys connects us with interesting people around the world, in a deep meaningful way that we will never forget.*

- Donna and Doug P.



Smithsonian



# Curating the world through travel to enrich and transform lives

## The Smithsonian Difference

Traveling with Smithsonian Journeys is a life-changing experience. Built upon the values and passion of the Smithsonian, our journeys are designed with the same quest to increase and diffuse knowledge to all. You'll engage with the world through the Smithsonian lens, enjoying an immersive and transformative experience that you will not forget.

Our collection of diverse tours and cruises has grown to more than 350 departures on all seven continents. And like the Smithsonian Institution, our tours enrich our guests' lives and satisfy their curiosity about the world. Importantly, your participation benefits the work of Smithsonian's nineteen museums, national zoo, and nine research centers, helping to make the world a better place by preserving and celebrating what we cherish from our common past, present, and future.

### **Bring Your Destination to Life**

Our knowledgeable and charismatic Smithsonian Journeys Experts, dedicated Travel Directors, and other staff will enrich your experience in a unique and personal way, bringing an insider's perspective to every itinerary.

### **Behind-the-Scenes Access**

From people to places, our connections provide you with behind-the-scenes access to iconic sites, knowledgeable guides, local experts, and exclusive events all over the world, adding even more meaning and authenticity to your travel experience.

### **Travel with New Friends**

On any given trip, you'll be sure to forge lasting friendships with travelers who share your passion for learning and exploration. Our journeys are welcoming for solo travelers, couples, family, and friends. Plus, our arrangements deliver an intimate journey so you'll never feel herded or rushed.

### **We Know Where to Take You**

From unique lodgings in far-flung regions and charming hotels in well-traveled places to the ideal cruise ship, train, or cultural stay experience, you'll always travel in comfort and style and enjoy authentic cuisine that reflects the local culture.

### **We've Got Everything Covered**

When you travel with us, there is no need for exhaustive planning or worrying about travel logistics. Our first-rate staff manages every aspect of your trip to ensure the highest quality and provide you with comfortable, stress-free travel.

### **Discover Real Value**

Once you add up the extras that we include—experts, enrichment, meals, excursions, transfers, little luxuries, and even airfare inclusive pricing on many tours—you'll know you're getting more than you pay for. That's what we call real value!



*The trip presented new and exciting concepts, ideas, and possibilities. A great learning experience.*

- Carol T.





# 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.

*Ros is a walking, talking British history encyclopedia! So much wit and charm and unending knowledge! Yet with all these attributes, an engaging personality!*

*Smithsonian has a winner in her! The English should have made her a DAME!*

- Dorothy C.

See more accolades at [SmithsonianJourneys.org/Experts](http://SmithsonianJourneys.org/Experts)



**Rosalind Hutchinson** is a true local expert, a teacher of other experts, and a recipient of the prestigious Member of the British Empire (MBE), an honor awarded by the Queen of England for special services and accomplishments. Ros interweaves layers of knowledge and understanding about English history, architecture, and literature for a memorable well-rounded experience. She will accompany *Classic Mystery Lover's England* (page 37).



**Ed Smith** has traveled along the Amazon River many times as a Smithsonian Journeys Expert—and as a scientist for Smithsonian. Ed has been a biologist at the National Zoo for nearly 30 years, working on tropical ecology and conservation issues as well as interpretation. In the Amazonia department, he studies and cares for hundreds of species of plants and animals—just a fraction of what is seen during the *Amazon Voyage* cruise. Join Ed on the Amazon River this summer (page 83).



**Geeta Mehta** is an expert in architecture, urban design, and Japanese art history. She has lived in Japan with her family for more than 20 years. Some of her books have featured Japanese architecture, gardens, lifestyle, houses, and style. Her experience of working in India, China, Korea, and several countries in Europe, Africa, and South America enables her to bring a global perspective to her teaching and speaking engagements. Geeta will lead three departures of *Eternal Japan* (page 74).



**Frederick Stonehouse** is a historian with special expertise in maritime history, specifically the Great Lakes, and is a consultant for many maritime projects. The award-winning historian, who has written more than 30 books on maritime history, will serve as our Expert on the October departure of *Great Lakes Grand Voyage* (page 88).

**Q. How do you infuse your cruises with your expertise?**

**A.** I try to bring all of my skills and experience into play, especially my varied maritime experiences on the Great Lakes. My academic background (teaching, writing, and researching) couples solidly with knowledge gained from sailing and from searching for and exploring shipwrecks. Time as an elected city commissioner and mayor pro tem in Marquette, one of Michigan’s premier ports, as well as appointed service in statewide organizations, provide a wealth of knowledge of how both federal and state government decisions and policies impact the Lakes. I draw on this experience to help tell the historic and contemporary story of the Great Lakes to our travelers. In simple terms, I don’t “talk the walk,” but rather “walk it.”

**Q. What sort of topics do you like to include in your presentations?**

**A.** I begin with a formal presentation broadly explaining the Great Lakes, including overviews of how they were formed, geology, environmental and water resource topics, invasive species, economic development, navigation, culture, and Native American interplay. Then I introduce additional topics, including early exploration, military history (the French and Indian War, War of 1812, and the impact of the Civil War and World War II on the Great Lakes), U.S. Life-Saving Service, navigational technology, maritime disasters such as the wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and cruising the Lakes—past, present, and future. Key to all of these topics is their interconnection, as all are part of the complex matrix of today’s Great Lakes. It is my role to explain those connections to our travelers in an engaging and exciting way. Over the years I have found the best learning experience on a cruise is combining formal lectures, informal deck talks as we pass points of special interest, and one-on-one discussions with participants. I literally become a walking resource for our travelers, which I enjoy.



Born in Austria and educated in Europe and the U.S., **Ursula Rehn Wolfmann** is an expert in the arts—specifically the relationship between the visual arts, music, and literature. She will serve as our Expert on a new departure of *A River Cruise of Provence* (page 16) and *Smithsonian at Chautauqua* (page 92).

**Q. What kinds of insights do you hope to convey to our travelers?**

**A.** I would like our travelers to understand the importance of the interrelationship

between different artistic forms. Rather than looking at each of the disciplines—art, music, and literature—as separate entities, my presentations focus on how they draw inspiration and develop in conjunction with each other. I also like to convey the importance and influence of landscapes, regions, and cities on regional artists, composers, and authors. Travel experiences across many countries, cultures, and eras enhance not only our understanding of the specific regions, but also emphasizes the importance of artistic creations moving beyond their own countries. Music above all makes this possible, since it reaches beyond language. In many ways the Chautauqua program replicates an aim of Smithsonian Journeys in that it emphasizes the importance of cross-cultural exchanges, which foster—particularly through music in this case—global understanding.

# A smooth on-site experience

## Our Tour Directors

**Our Tour Directors** are noted for being the tops in their field. They are masters of handling all the details so that you can enjoy a smooth, stress-free travel experience. But our Tour Directors go way beyond that! They share their love and special on-the-ground insights of the destination they know so well, resulting in a more connected experience.

**They infuse your trip** with a personal touch and cultural insights, provide recommendations for memorable restaurants and things to do during your leisure time, and of course, handle the logistics with creativity so everything is seamless (especially if there are challenges)! *Meet a few of our Tour Directors here . . . through the words of our travelers.*



## In the words of our travelers

*Efrain is a jewel. He was every bit as instrumental to the success of this tour as the Smithsonian Journeys Expert. He was at all times impeccably organized, patient, and unflappable, attentive and communicative, caring, and warm-hearted. (I need a nap just thinking about the maze of logistics he managed.)* Join Efrain Vidalon Sevilla in Peru.

*Loved Charlotta! She had so much knowledge, and made all our transitions so easy and comfortable. Her calm demeanor and lovely personality were highly appreciated. Sometimes travel can be stressful, and she really took the pain out of the logistics.* Join Charlotta Adolfsson in France or South Africa (on our trip aboard *Rovos Rail*).

*If I could rate Oka's performance higher than excellent I would! She was always available and helpful in every aspect. I really enjoyed her energetic personality, her terrific understanding of Japan, and her attention to detail. She made our trip most memorable and it exceeded our expectations.* Travel with Oka San in Japan.

*Sergey was simply excellent! He was very available for issues or questions, accompanied the daily tours, and always had wonderful jokes and stories as well as local historical content. He was also very precise about our security and process.* Meet Sergey Pukhanov on many of our European river cruises aboard the Amadeus river fleet.

# Find the perfect journey

## Our New Trip Finder and Activity Levels

With such a wide-ranging and diverse collection of travel options, how do you choose the right journey? We're making it easier to do so! Our new website **Trip Finder** (page 111) provides easy steps to filter tours and cruises by destination, dates, trip duration, tour style, and special interest. You can narrow your search to exactly what you want and discover your perfect journey in just seconds.

Another filter is the **new Activity Level Rating**, which provides a better understanding of each tour's activity requirements. More detailed information can also be found within the "Tour Details" tab on the individual web tour page. (These brief descriptions summarize the ease or rigors of trip activities, as well as altitude, internal flights, train travel, and length of walks, hikes, and treks.)



**EASY**

Leisurely journeys such as *Smithsonian at Chautauqua*.



**MODERATE**

Most Cultural Stays, River Cruises, some Land Journeys, U.S. Train Tours.



**MODERATE / ACTIVE**

Longer Land Journeys, Wildlife Safaris, Ocean Cruises, International Train Journeys, U.S. National Parks Tours.



**ACTIVE**

Introducing our new Active Journeys! Learn more on pages 104-107.



**CHALLENGING**

Truly challenging such as *Climbing Kilimanjaro*. Learn more on page 107.



See our website for full details about activity levels—and select the "Tour Details" tab on any tour page to find information specific to that tour or cruise. What else can we do to provide more assistance? Call us with specific questions!

# An exciting range of travel styles

Unlock your world and transform the ordinary into the extraordinary with an exciting range of travel styles. You have myriad interests and look to us for unique itineraries that match your aspirations. With Smithsonian Journeys, you'll enjoy a unique blend of cultural insights, exceptional quality, intellectual camaraderie, and personal attention.

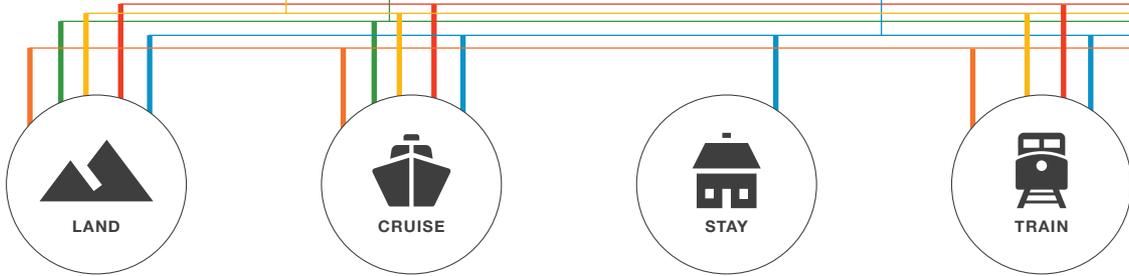
## THE U.S. & CANADA



## THE AMERICAS



## EUROPE



**Classic Land Journeys**  
Spin the globe and chances are you'll land on a destination featured on one of our many classic tours—exciting forays into the history, culture, and natural world of either a single country or region. Meticulously planned to include visits to iconic sites and hidden gems, these 10- to 23-day programs are comprehensive but never rushed. And since they're geared for small groups (generally 16 to 24 travelers), you'll see the highlights up close alongside an intimate group of newfound friends. And most include airfare for even more value.

**Small-Ship Cruises**  
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 just 34 to 220 guests (with only a few that are larger). Some cruises exclusively host Smithsonian Journeys guests, while others are shared with leading cultural institutions. Our cruises feature exceptional itineraries to popular destinations worldwide as well as unique voyages, such as a cruise along Norway's coast (page 51) or a bike and barge cruise in Holland and Belgium (page 21).

**Cultural Stays**  
Settle in and explore in depth! Choose a one-week "Stay" from various European destinations—from cosmopolitan Barcelona, London, or Copenhagen to smaller cities set amid magnificent landscapes, such as Switzerland's Interlaken. Whichever you choose, you'll enjoy the destination and its environs, meet with local people, and stay in delightful centrally located accommodations. Or choose an immersive three-week "Living In" stay in Aix-en-Provence or Florence (page 26) and select in-depth themes to personalize your program, including language lessons, the arts, and cuisine.

**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, we offer many fascinating trips to fulfill your dreams. Join us to experience the engineering feats of the Alpine *Glacier Express* or the American *Durango Silverton*, the romance of Africa's *Rovos Rail* or India's *Palace on Wheels*, or an adventure on the *Golden Eagle* as you cross Russia's Siberia or the Arctic Circle.

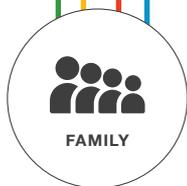
*I'm a single traveler and after three tours with Smithsonian Journeys I have come to know these certainties: I'm safe; it's well organized; it's fun and I learn.*

- MaryAnn O.



AFRICA

ASIA & THE PACIFIC



### Special Interest Tours

Pursue your passion in depth! Join travelers who share your interest in topics ranging from art to aviation or astronomy, and from British mystery writers to cars. Take a course at Oxford, witness the famous *Palio* horse race in Siena, watch the skies for the Northern Lights, or learn about the Battle of Britain. And new this year is a *Smithsonian Photo Journey in Santa Fe* (page 102), for people interested in expanding their photography skills while traveling.

### Family Journeys

Eager to introduce your grandchildren or children to a different culture or the wonders of the natural world? We offer a selection of multigenerational adventures (pages 56–61) that feature thoughtfully planned itineraries and inspiring guides who bring new insights to everyone. We'll handle all the details so that you and your family can relax and enjoy a memorable time exploring the world and growing together.

### Around the World Journeys

For the ultimate trip of a lifetime, join one of our spectacular private jet journeys. You'll visit an incredible array of far-flung destinations in one itinerary (pages 54–55), made possible by the convenience of a Boeing 757 private jet custom-fitted for just 80 guests. And naturally, a world-class team of experts accompanies you.



### Active Journeys—New!

Be engaged, energized, and inspired in an entirely new way! *Smithsonian Active Journeys* is a new collection of 11 tours that feature walking, hiking, rafting, or trekking while experiencing the world. In association with Mountain Travel Sobek, top adventure travel specialists for almost 50 years, we are providing the best in active journeys. And as always, you'll have an experience that showcases cultural insights, insider's access, and smooth logistics, plus ideal accommodations. For details see pages 104–107 and go online!



Want a custom journey? Check out our Tailor-Made Journeys option on page 108!

# At home in the world

By land or sea, let the journey begin

## Ideal 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. In Tanzania (*Tanzania Safari* and *Great Migration* tours), you'll take in commanding panoramic views and world-class style at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. And 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 an upscale 14th-century Tuscan villa outside of Florence on our new *Treasures of Tuscany: A Family Journey*. Closer to home, in the American West, you'll stay at an oasis in the desert

at the Arizona Inn (*Astronomy in Arizona*) and a ranch on two other tours! The location of your accommodations is important as well. Guests on our popular *Northern Lights of Iceland* tour watch the night sky from two top hotels, one of which features its own observatory. And in Peru, you'll stay at the Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, situated at the ancient Inca citadel of Machu Picchu (*Machu Picchu and the Galápagos*), providing exceptional access to the site from early morning to late afternoon.

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 *Italy's Lake District*, dreamy water views are the norm at the Hotel La Palma, which overlooks Lake Maggiore. During our cultural stay in London you'll feel like a local in no time at the Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt Hotel, located in posh Kensington. Originally a home of the Vanderbilt family, this property features elegant historic public rooms and contemporary décor and amenities in the guest rooms.



Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge



Villa Casagrande, Tuscany



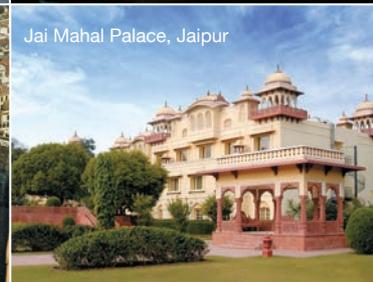
ION Hotel, Iceland



Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, London



Parador in Ronda, Spain



Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur

Turn the page to learn more about a choice of nine fascinating European river cruises aboard our deluxe riverboats. Find other ship details with their appropriate cruise programs later in this catalog. And of course, you'll find more expansive information at [SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships](http://SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships).

## Distinctive 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. Ranging from exquisite, all-suite, small ships on the world's oceans and rivers to comfortable expedition vessels, most of our ships accommodate just 34 to 220 guests. Onboard, you'll unpack once and enjoy an informal, relaxed ambiance. 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 during gatherings in the ship's lounges and dining rooms. Yet you'll also feel free to slip off to read a book, or depending on your ship, enjoy a soothing spa treatment. Plus, our ships feature excellent cuisine taken in refined dining rooms or al fresco on deck, and staff members are known for their friendly and efficient demeanor.

Aboard an ocean cruise you'll often find yourself on a ship from the elegant French Ponant fleet, featuring the sister ships *Le Boréal*, *Le Soléal*, *Le Lyrial*, and *L'Austral*, plus the new expedition ship *Le Lapérouse*. Among the new generation of small ships, each reflects a sleek design and chic décor with upscale amenities and sophisticated security. With a capacity of 220 guests, you won't get lost in the

crowd, but rather find an easygoing, intimate experience. You'll also get to know members from other leading cultural institutions who share the ship with us. Each ship features two lounges for conversation (and piano music at night), and a theater that hosts daytime presentations and pleasant evening entertainment. Expert chefs offer French cuisine with a regional flair, served in two stylish dining rooms and 24-hour room service. Plus, you'll also find a full complement of upscale amenities and services and an open bar throughout the cruise.

Smithsonian Journeys also features a broad variety of sailing, expedition, and river ships, each ideal for showcasing a specific destination. For example, there is no better way to explore coastal Norway than on the newly refurbished expedition ship *Spitsbergen*, featuring comfortable accommodations, a knowledgeable and friendly crew and expedition team, and captains who have made their careers navigating the coast. Our *Amazon River Cruise* means exploring the natural history of the Amazon up close while traveling in comfort aboard the new, state-of-the-art riverboat *Zafiro*. And travelers who desire a more physically active river cruise will be interested in our new barge and bike canal cruise in Holland and Belgium aboard the new *Magnifique III*. You'll enjoy daily bicycle rides through the lovely Lowlands, then return to the comforts and intimacy of a new, yet traditional river barge.



*L'Austral*



*Le Boréal*



*Zafiro*



Aboard *Spitsbergen*



Typical cabin, *Le Boréal*

# Europe

*The Danube to the Douro*



The Prague astronomical clock

# A Danube River Cruise

From the Czech Republic and Germany to Bulgaria

Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver*



16 days from \$5,090

No Single Supplement—Limited Availability

Special air rates & services available

*June 10–24, June 19–July 4, \* Sept. 9–23, 2018*

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 eight countries and many World Heritage sites, plus features a choice of specialty excursions in many cities.

## Highlights Include

**Czech Republic:** Enjoy three days in Prague, the capital of Old World Europe. Your stay features tours of Charles Bridge and the historic district; a choice of excursions, including Lobkowitz 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 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, a masterpiece of Austrian baroque architecture. 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 National Theater 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 Great Market Hall, 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.

**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. Then, follow the Danube along the Serbian-Romanian border and sail through the Iron Gate Gorge, a remarkable passage just 530 feet wide.

**Romania:** Enjoy a visit to the Museum of Iron Gates Region and a panoramic city tour of Drobeta-Turnu Severin.

**Bulgaria:** A stop in Vidin showcases a 17th-century church and a 19th-century synagogue. Conclude 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 55–90 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*The June 19 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about Amadeus Silver on page 16 and on our website.*



Prague



Danube River landscape



Budapest

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Bertrand Patenaude** (June 10) and **Tim Blanning** (June 19)—historians with expertise in modern Europe. **Joseph Snyder** (Sept.)—expert in international affairs and former diplomat with the the U.S. Department of State.



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 *Gil Eanes* and the *Elbe Princesse*. And aboard the new 40-guest *Magnifique III*, you'll enjoy an active and intimate bike and barge cruise! See our European river cruise itineraries on the following pages and find all the ship details online at [SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships](http://SmithsonianJourneys.org/ships).

## A River Cruise of Provence

Autumn on the Saône and Rhône Rivers Aboard the 130-guest *Amadeus Provence*



9 days from approximately \$3,795  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability

*Oct. 31–Nov. 8, 2018—New Departure! Book Now!*

Explore the sun-drenched region of Provence during our cruise along the Saône and Rhône Rivers. Explore the Burgundy and Beaujolais wine regions in the autumn, when the grapes have been harvested and work has begun for the new vintage.

### Highlights Include

**Lyon, Beaune, Beaujolais:** Enjoy walking tours of Lyon and Beaune, both World Heritage sites, and see Beaune's 15th-century Hôtel Dieu and Château de Rully. In Beaujolais, savor a private wine tasting and take a vineyard tour at the exquisite Château Montmelas.

**Vienne and Tournon:** Take a walking tour of charming Vienne, including the Roman theater. Cruise farther down the Rhône to Tournon, one of France's oldest medieval cities, and visit Tain-l'Hermitage, home to many wineries.

**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 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Provence on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Ursula Wolfmann**—expert in the arts of Europe.



Canal in Bruges



Rabelo along the Douro River, Porto

## Waterways of Holland and Belgium

A River Cruise from Antwerp to Amsterdam

Aboard a 160-guest *Amadeus* ship



CRUISE

Spring 2019—Register your interest online  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available  
Full details to be announced soon!

Join us for our newly updated cruise of Holland and Belgium, which showcases magnificent art and architecture, spellbinding gardens, and enchanting medieval villages.

### Highlights Include

**Antwerp and Bruges:** Your cruise begins with a walking tour of lovely Antwerp. Then step into another century as you walk along the picturesque canals and footbridges of medieval Bruges, a World Heritage site, and learn about the region's art, chocolate, or beer.

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

**The Hague and Delft:** Explore sites associated with Dutch government, then view fine paintings by the Dutch Masters at the Mauritshuis Museum. In charming Delft, stroll through the historic Market Square and choose to visit the renowned Royal Delft Porcelain Factory.

**Giethoorn:** Take a canal cruise of one of Holland's most picturesque villages and visit the town of Kampen.

**Amsterdam:** Enjoy a private cruise along these historic canals, designated a World Heritage site. Then choose a visit to Keukenhof Gardens, world-renowned for its millions of blooming spring flowers; a bicycle trip in rural Waterland; or a tour of the Rijksmuseum with time at leisure.

*Space reserved for 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about the Amadeus ships on page 16 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

An expert in the art history of the Lowlands will accompany this cruise.

## Portrait of Portugal

Cruising the Douro River

Aboard the 132-guest *Gil Eanes*



CRUISE

LAND

12 days from \$4,090 / No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available

*Oct. 11–22, 2018*

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 new land and river cruise program featuring seven nights aboard the intimate *Gil Eanes*.

### Highlights Include

**Lisbon to Coimbra:** Explore the treasures of Lisbon, including the Jeronimos Monastery, Tower of Belem, 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 and stop in lovely medieval Obidos with its colorful bougainvillea. And in Coimbra gaze upon the sumptuous university library and fortress-like cathedral.

**Cruising the Douro:** In Porto, discover sites on a city walking tour or take a tram tour, and savor a taste of the area's port wine. Visit the town of Guimarães, Portugal's birthplace, 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.

***Gil Eanes:*** A gracious staff welcomes you to this fine upscale riverboat, completed in 2015. Enjoy panoramic views from cabins, restaurant, lounge, and bar, as well as the expansive sun deck. Find more details on our website.

*Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Charles Ingrao**—historian with expertise in the history and culture of Portugal.

# 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



11 days from \$4,595  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings / Book now!

June 12–22, 2018

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

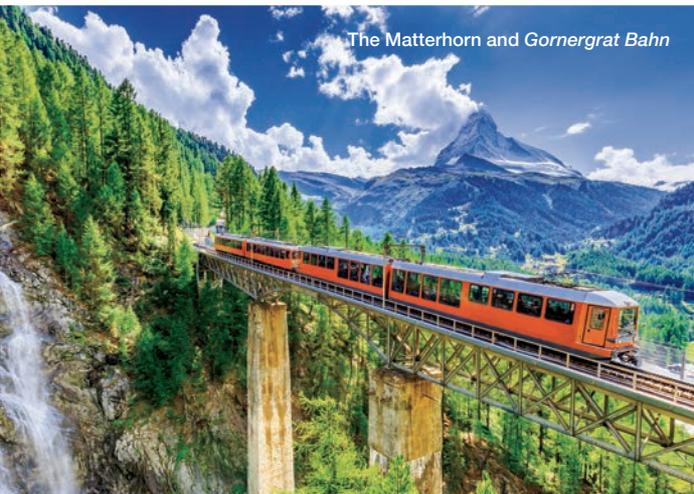
the Alps, stopping in Interlaken to admire the towering Jungfrau. Enjoy two nights each in Lucerne and Zermatt, dramatically set beneath the iconic Matterhorn. Explore these charming towns and experience the soaring majesty of the Swiss Alps from three legendary railways: the *Gornergrat Bahn*, the *Glacier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

*Space reserved for 100 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Silver II on page 16 and on our website.*

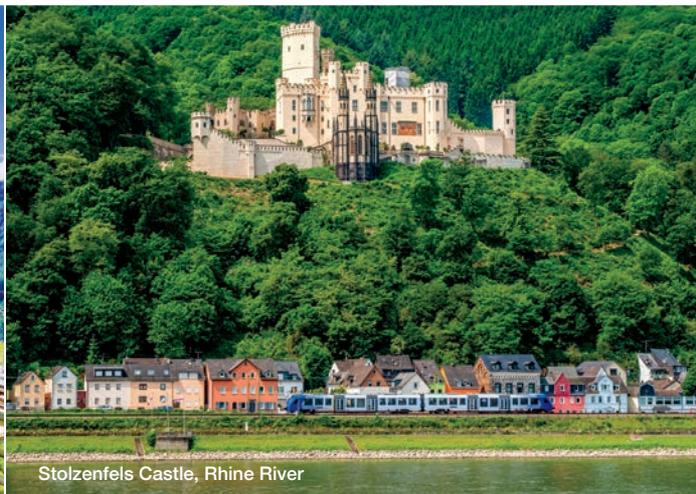


### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Janetta Benton**—art historian with expertise in medieval art and architecture.



The Matterhorn and *Gornergrat Bahn*



Stolzenfels Castle, Rhine River



Munich holiday market



Ceiling of Melk Abbey, along the Danube

## Holiday Markets

A River Cruise along the Rhine and Main  
Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver*



12 days from \$3,290  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available  
*Nov. 27–Dec. 8, Dec. 1–12, \* 2018*

Enjoy the start of the holiday season on a delightful river cruise as towns along the Rhine and Main open their cheerful *Christkindlmarkts* (Christmas markets). Personalize your cruise with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call and visit four World Heritage sites.

### Highlights Include

**Your River Cruise:** In Cologne, explore the Old Town and Cathedral Square. Then visit Koblenz, once a Roman outpost, and sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge, passing romantic Lorelei Rock. 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 and adorned in their holiday best. Stop in colorful Bamberg, known for its medieval and baroque buildings, and in Nuremberg to visit the Hauptmarkt and St. Lorenz Church.

**Bavaria's Capital:** Settle into a deluxe hotel in Munich for three nights. From here, visit King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle and enjoy a day at leisure in Munich.

**Christkindlmarkts:** Welcome the winter season as you explore traditional holiday markets in Cologne, Koblenz, Rothenburg, Würzburg, and Nuremberg to name a few. Their colorful stalls feature holiday food specialties, hot mulled wine, and beautifully crafted holiday decorations.

*Space reserved for 55 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*The December 1 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about the Amadeus Silver on page 16 and 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.

## Voyage Through Europe

Featuring the Danube, Main, and Rhine Rivers  
Aboard the 160-guest *Amadeus Silver II*



16 days from \$4,990  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available  
*Oct. 13–28, 2018*

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:** Given Bratislava's associations with famous composers, choose a tour featuring the city's musical heritage, its 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 charming, 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 35 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Silver II on page 16 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Thomas Emmert**—historian with expertise in Central and Eastern Europe.



Sanssouci Gardens



Albrechtsburg Castle, Meissen



Elbe Princess



## Elbe River Cruise

From Prague to Berlin

Aboard the 80-guest *Elbe Princess*



12 days from \$4,990

Special air rates & services available

June 5–16, 2018

Journey through Central Europe's legendary Elbe River Valley and discover stunning countryside, medieval towns, many World Heritage sites, and other timeless treasures from Prague to Berlin. You'll enjoy a choice of excursions at many sites as you cruise the Elbe aboard our elegant ship, which features a delightful ambiance plus an advanced propulsion system for navigating shallow rivers.

### Highlights Include

**Prague:** Explore the historic and cultural highlights of Prague's Old Town. The next morning visit Prague Castle with its Royal Palace, St. Vitus Cathedral, and Golden Lane, or the historic Jewish Quarter with its National Jewish Museum and remarkable religious treasures. Enjoy your afternoons at leisure to explore independently. Cruising the Elbe River, stop at Litomerice, one of the oldest towns in Bohemia.

**Dresden and Meissen:** Spend a day in the breathtaking Saxon Alps, viewing the river from hill-top Königstein Fortress. In Dresden, known for its stunning restored period architecture, take a panoramic city tour that includes a walking tour of the city center or a culinary tour featuring various regional Saxon specialties. After cruising to Meissen, visit the world-famous porcelain factory or enjoy a more active excursion—a bicycle ride along the popular Elbe Cycle Route.

**Wittenberg:** Follow the path of native son Martin Luther, whose 95 Theses gave birth to the Reformation. See the city church where he preached, then continue walking to the Luther House and the university where he taught. Or visit a few of the historic highlights, then change your pace to learn about German beer during a brewery tour and tasting.

**Potsdam and Berlin:** During a morning tour of Potsdam explore the grand Cecilienhof Palace, site of the World War II Potsdam Conference of 1945, and Sanssouci Gardens. In Berlin, see the city's historical highlights and contemporary architecture during a panoramic tour and canal boat ride. Your afternoons are at leisure to visit museums.

**Elbe Princess:** Built in 2016, this river ship features a sleek, contemporary décor, modern amenities, a spacious sun deck, and an advanced double paddlewheel technology that navigates low water. Find more details on our website.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

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

# A Bike and Barge Cruise Through Holland and Belgium

From Bruges to Amsterdam

Aboard the 40-guest *Magnifique III*



9 days from \$4,995

Sept. 21–29, 2018

Travelers seeking a more active journey will be delighted to discover the Low Countries on this new bike and barge canal cruise. During daily bike tours (averaging two to three hours of easy cycling on flat terrain), you'll pedal along canal-side paths, stopping to explore medieval villages, windmills, and farmland. (You can also take a break and admire the passing scenery from the deck of your barge.) Plus, enjoy in-depth cultural excursions featuring art and architecture, history, and culture.

## Highlights Include

***Magnifique III*:** Become part of the cultural landscape of the Lowlands by traveling aboard a traditional yet upscale barge. This newly constructed vessel lends itself to a friendly ambiance with a small group of travelers and a helpful Dutch captain and crew. Enjoy delightful meals served family style, a sun deck (with whirlpool), and comfortable, en-suite cabins. Traditional upright touring bikes with 7–8 gears make cycling a pleasure. Find more details on our website.

**Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp:** Explore the World Heritage site of Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals, and see Michelangelo's celebrated *Madonna and Child* and other important art. Cycle past canals and small villages to Ghent for a walking tour followed by a choice of excursions. In Antwerp you'll visit the Rubens House, showcasing some of the artist's famous work.

**Off-the-Beaten Path:** Enjoy stops that feature memorable treasures, such as amazing Van Dyck paintings in Dendermonde, a unique museum devoted to 16th-century maps and globes in Sint-Niklaas, and a meeting with silver experts in Schoonhoven.

**Cultural Traditions:** Along the way, savor local beer at a brewery, attend a chamber music performance, and learn about the region's textile production. You can also sample cheeses in Gouda or explore the World Heritage site of Kinderdijk, famous for its impressive large windmills.

**Amsterdam:** Enjoy time in this city of historic canals, which has been designated a World Heritage site. Following a lunch of traditional specialties, admire the impressive collections of the Rijksmuseum.

*Entire barge reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Paula Swart—art historian with expertise in Dutch and Belgian art.



*Magnifique III*



Biking amid windmills



Comfortable cruiser bike



# France Through the Ages



15 days from \$5,497 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
Lower prices for 2018

April 9–23, Sept. 14–28, Oct. 5–19, 2018

Discover the essence of France—its rich history, culture, and scenic beauty—on this popular tour, featuring many World Heritage sites. From the southern regions of Languedoc and the Dordogne to the northern reaches of Normandy and Paris, appreciate much of what France offers in one amazing experience.

## Highlights Include

**Southern Treasures:** Explore the fortified town of Carcassonne, featuring the longest medieval city walls in Europe. Stroll through the market town of Albi and see works by Toulouse-Lautrec in the city museum. In the breathtaking Dordogne region, known for its rugged countryside and delightful villages, tour the International Center for Cave Art at Lascaux IV, visit charming Sarlat and the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, and view cliffside castles during a leisurely cruise along the Dordogne River.

**Loire River Valley:** Discover this legendary landscape of spectacular châteaux. During two days in this lovely region, you'll take in 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, original burial site of King Henry II of England, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and their son Richard the Lionheart.

**Normandy:** Ascend cobblestone streets to the pilgrimage site of Mont St. Michel, Normandy's famed medieval abbey. Stop in Bayeux to see the city's highlight—the Tapestry Museum, home to the 1,000-year-old Bayeux Tapestry depicting the exploits of William the Conqueror.

Commemorate World War II during visits to a variety of sites, including Pointe du Hoc, Utah Beach, Ste-Mère-Eglise, the American cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach, and the Caen Memorial Museum.

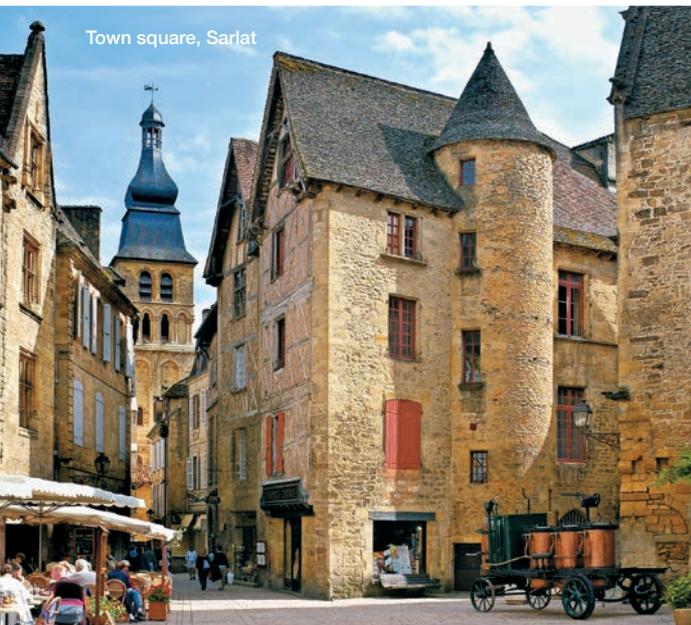
**Along the Seine:** Stroll through Monet's gardens at Giverny, which inspired many of his masterpieces, then conclude in Paris with a highlights tour.

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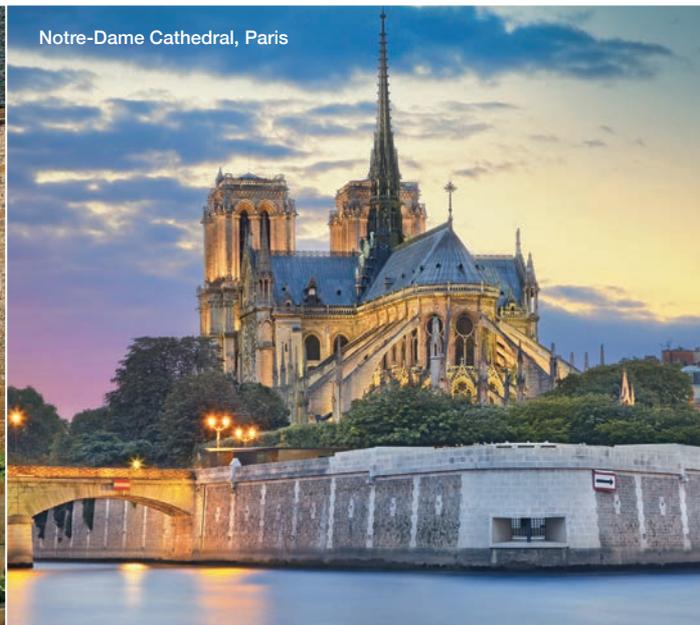


## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (April)—expert in early European history. **Bill Keylor** (Sept.)—historian and author with expertise in France.



Town square, Sarlat



Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris



Tuileries Garden and the Louvre, Paris



Town of Épernay, Champagne region

NEW

## Paris

A One-Week Stay in France



9 days from \$4,290  
Special air rates & services available  
*April 15–23, Sept. 16–24, 2018*

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 Hotel l'Echiquier Opéra Paris.

### 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. See powerful sculpture at the Rodin Museum 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

**Bill Keylor** (April)—historian and author with expertise in France. **Mary O'Neill** (Sept.)—expert in art history.

## France's Champagne Region

A One-Week Stay in Reims



9 days from \$4,090  
Special air rates & services available  
*Oct. 2–10, 2018*

History buffs and oenophiles are certain to enjoy our new journey to the Champagne region in northeastern France. Stay in charming Reims at the centrally located Mercure Reims Centre Cathédrale Hotel. From here, explore charming villages, lush landscapes of vineyards renowned for their Champagne, and monuments and memorials to soldiers who fought so valiantly in the Great War.

### Highlights Include

**Champagne Region:** This region is recognized as the sole producer of the sparkling wine officially called Champagne. Learn about its history as you walk in the footsteps of the 17th-century monk Dom Perignon. Plus, enjoy tours and tastings at Taittinger, one of the oldest and most prestigious wine houses, Champagne Mercier in Épernay, and Champagne Alain Suisse near Hautvillers.

**The Great War:** Some of the most significant battles of World War I were fought in this region. During this anniversary year of the armistice, gain insight into Verdun and La Somme as you witness the trenches where soldiers fought and lived, view monuments and memorials to American and other Allied soldiers, and visit museums that speak to the Great War.

**Cities and Villages:** Explore the history and World Heritage sites of Reims, where generations of French kings were crowned, and discover Troyes and Hautvillers, one of the region's prettiest villages.

*Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Stephanie Jeanjean**—art historian with expertise in the art and culture of France.



Port area of Honfleur



The medieval walled town of Carcassonne

## Normandy

A One-Week Stay in France



9 days from \$4,090  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available  
*Sept. 24–Oct. 2, Oct. 8–16, 2018*

Normandy is renowned as a center of Impressionism and for its charming towns and fine cuisine. It's also remembered for major military efforts, from the Norman Conquest to the D-Day invasion of World War II. 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

**Cradle of Impressionism:** During a walking tour of Honfleur, see why artists flocked to this charming seaside town. In Giverny, explore the beloved home, studio, and gardens of Claude Monet and visit the Musée des Impressionnismes. And in Rouen, see the cathedral often painted by Monet, plus other important sites.

**Battle of Normandy:** Spend a solemn day along the beaches where World War II's Operation Overlord took place. Stirring sites include Omaha Beach, the museum at Arromanches, Pointe du Hoc, the Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, and the Caen Memorial Museum. 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 Experts

**Kim Munholland** (Sept.)—historian and **Stephen Clancy** (Oct.)—art historian, both with expertise in France.

## Cruising the Rivieras of Italy, France, and Spain

From Rome to Barcelona

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Lyréal*



9 days from \$4,795  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
Sells out quickly! Book now!  
*Sept. 26–Oct. 4, 2018*

Cruise the sparkling waters and evocative coastlines of the Italian, French, and Spanish Rivieras and explore the history and culture of the Mediterranean.

### Highlights Include

**Corsica:** Enjoy a walking tour of Bonifacio, located on the southern tip of the island, 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 St. Tropez:** Capture the essence of the Côte d'Azur during a walking tour of Monaco and evening at leisure in St. Tropez.

**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 Lyréal on page 13 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Dennis Romano**—historian with expertise in Europe.

# Southern France

Languedoc, the Pyrénées, and Provence



13 days from \$5,097

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 23–May 5, Sept. 3–15, Sept. 24–Oct. 6, 2018

Come with us to “le Midi”—from Languedoc and the Pyrénées to Provence—for a magical journey featuring evocative landscapes, Roman monuments, medieval villages, celebrated art, and world-famous cuisine and wine.

## Highlights Include

**Languedoc:** Walk along ramparts dating to the Romans at Carcassonne, a medieval town boasting the longest city walls in Europe. View the art of Toulouse-Lautrec in the rose-colored market town of Albi, his hometown (Midi-Pyrénées). Plus, stop at the 11th-century monastic complex Abbaye de Fontfroide, the best-preserved Cistercian monument in France and a key site in Languedoc.

**In the Shadow of the Pyrénées:** From your base in Perpignan, dip into Spain to learn about surrealist artist Salvador Dalí and Catalan culture. In Figueres, Dalí's birthplace, visit the acclaimed museum devoted to his work. Back in France, travel to the charming coastal town of Collioure, the “City of Painters,” immortalized by Dérain, Matisse, and Picasso. You'll also enjoy a relaxing half-day cruise along the grand tree-lined 17th-century Canal du Midi, one of the waterways connecting the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, and now a World Heritage site.

**Provence:** Arriving in this picturesque region, witness the famous Pont du Gard, the striking three-tiered Roman aqueduct that brought water to Nîmes for centuries. Tour Avignon's historic city center, including the immense medieval Palais des Papes, where seven popes once lived. In Arles, see more of Roman Gaul during a walking tour of its ancient monuments, all World Heritage sites, and imagine the subjects seen by Van Gogh. Continue to

the quintessential town of Aix-en-Provence—known for its beautiful tree-lined main boulevard, elegant Roman fountains, and as the birthplace of Cézanne—where you'll enjoy a walking tour, time at leisure, and a three-night stay. From here, visit picturesque Provençal villages such as Saint-Remy-de-Provence, where Van Gogh once painted; the striking ochre-colored village of Roussillon; and charming Isle-sur-la-Sorgue.

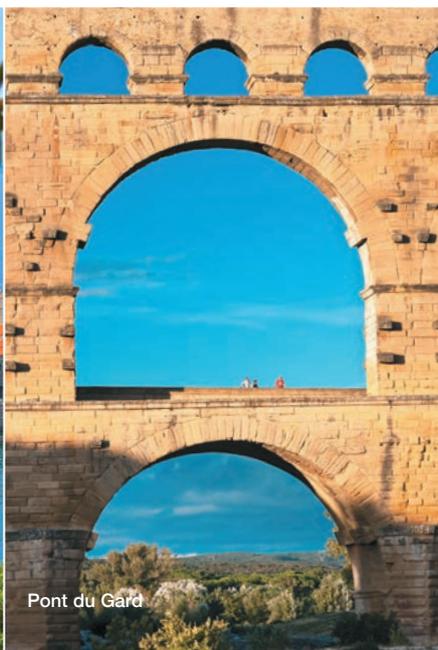
*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (April)—expert in early European history. **Stephen Clancy** (Sept. 3)—art historian with expertise in French art.



Collioure



Pont du Gard



Sunflowers

# 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:** Additional site visits of artistic significance.



# Living in France

A Three-Week Stay in Aix-en-Provence



23 days from \$4,290  
 Special air rates & services available  
*April 20–May 12, Aug. 24–Sept. 15,  
 Sept. 14–Oct. 6, Oct. 5–27, 2018*

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.

**Apartment/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.

Café near Palazzo Vecchio, Florence





Historic area, Aix-en-Provence

## Living in Italy

A Three-Week Stay in Florence



23 days from \$4,990  
Special air rates & services available

April 27–May 19, Sept. 7–29,  
Oct. 12–Nov. 3, 2018

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. Go beyond Florence on day trips to Chianti, Lucca, Siena, Colle di Val d’Elsa, and Cortona. Plus, attend sessions on art and contemporary Italy.

**Apartment/Hotel:** Reside in modern, spacious accommodations at PopArtment, located just outside 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.



Pageantry at *Il Palio*

NEW

## Smithsonian at *Il Palio di Siena*



7 days from \$5,495

June 28–July 4, 2018

Daily life in Siena revolves around its shell-shaped, cobblestone Campo, the main piazza that hosts a historic barebacked horse race dating to the 12th century. Travelers venture from all over the world to witness this race, *il Palio*, with its traditional colorful pageantry. During this exclusive program, become part of this quintessentially Italian celebration.

### Highlights Include

**Insider Understanding:** Learn about Siena’s history and art during a walking tour of the cathedral and baptistery, and the Palazzo Pubblico, situated on the Campo. Enter a *contrada* (neighborhood) parish church and museum, where an expert provides insight into the history, meaning, and significance of *il Palio*. Then join your adopted *contrada* for an al fresco party and dinner. Hear stories about loyalty, devotion, and past victories, and enjoy the festivities as celebrations continue across the city until late in the evening.

**Race Day:** Watch the pageantry of horses parading through the city with elegant Renaissance-costumed *contrada* members, who beat their drums and display their prowess at flag throwing. From a privately reserved terrace overlooking the Campo, watch the drama unfold as the race takes place at breakneck speed and the winning *contrada* takes the *Palio* banner. Watch the victory celebrations as you dine near the Campo this evening.

**Florence:** Enjoy your final day in Florence, which features a tour of the Accademia and time for leisure.

*Limited to 25 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Maria Elena Torchio**—local expert in Siena’s history and culture with insider knowledge of her native city and the *Palio*.



St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican



The Duomo, Florence



## Highlights of Italy



LAND

16 days from \$5,574

Includes airfare, taxes &amp; all fees

May 3–18, May 21–June 5,

Sept. 10–25, Oct. 8–23, Oct. 22–Nov. 6, 2018

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 and explore the museums and canals of this magical city at leisure.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Valerie Hedquist** (May 3/Sept.) and **Janetta Benton** (May 21)—art historians with expertise in European art. **Ross King** (Oct. 8)—best-selling author on Italian and French art and history. **Trudy Harrington Becker** and **Andrew Becker** (Oct. 22)—experts in Roman history and Roman literature and culture, respectively.



Portofino



Garden on Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore

## Northern Italy



LAND

15 days from \$5,474

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*April 25–May 9, May 16–30, Aug. 29–Sept. 12,  
Sept. 19–Oct. 3, Oct. 10–24, 2018*

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 the Borromean island of 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

**Gary and Nancy Radke** (April)—art and architectural historians. **Ross King** (May)—best-selling author on Italian and French art and history. **Allan Langdale** (Aug.)—architectural historian, and **Sara James** (Sept.) and **Valerie Hedquist** (Oct.)—art historians.

## Italy's Lake District

A One-Week Stay in Stresa

Lake Maggiore, Lake Como, and Lake Orta



STAY

9 days from \$3,990

Special air rates & services available

*April 30–May 8, June 23–July 1,  
Aug. 25–Sept. 2, Oct. 22–30, 2018*

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 and its Romanesque basilica.

**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

**Sara James** (April)—art historian, **Luca Zavagno** (June)—historian, and **David Guinee** (Aug.)—classicist, all with expertise in Italy.



Fresco at Herculaneum



The Greek theater in Taormina

## Sorrento

A One-Week Stay in Italy



9 days from \$3,890

Special air rates & services available

Oct. 9–17, Nov. 5–13, 2018

In 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 the famous buffalo mozzarella, savor Neapolitan pizza, and sip traditional limoncello at leisure.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**David Gariff** (Oct.)—art historian and **Pedar Foss** (Nov.)—expert in classical art and archaeology.

## Palermo and Taormina

A Stay in Sicily



10 days from \$4,390

Special air rates & services available

April 25–May 4, May 23–June 1, Oct. 3–12, 2018

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 in Palermo and the Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace in Taormina a Mare.

### Highlights Include

**Palermo and Environs:** Stand in wonder before stunning mosaics in Palermo's Palatine Chapel and Monreale's cathedral. Venture to the historic 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, take the cable car to visit the upper village and 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 Experts

**Allan Langdale** (April/Oct.)—art and architectural historian with expertise in Sicily. **Luca Zavagno** (May)—historian with expertise in Byzantine studies.



Trulli in Alberobello



Harbor at Valletta, Malta

## Southern Italy and Sicily



15 days from \$5,774  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
Oct. 6–20, Oct. 26–Nov. 9, 2018

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 Expert

**Rebecca Schindler** (Oct. 6)—expert in classics and classical archaeology.

## Voyage from Rome to Malta

Aboard the 180-guest *Le Lapérouse*



9 days from \$4,595  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
Sells out quickly! Book now!

Sept. 20–28, 2018

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*, and enjoy a tour of a private palazzo.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about *Le Lapérouse* on page 13 and on our website.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

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



Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao



Parque Güell, designed by Antoni Gaudí

## A Cruise from London to Lisbon

Aboard the 184-guest *Le Lapérouse*



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

*Sept. 4–13, 2018*

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

**England:** Sail down the historic River Thames from London, possible only by small ship, then cross the English Channel.

**France:** Visit Normandy's historic D-Day beaches with **Dwight David Eisenhower II**, author 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, where you'll take a walking tour of this fortress island and visit the impressive abbey. Enjoy a leisurely day cruising along the French coast.

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

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

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Lapérouse on page 13 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Al Leonard**—archaeologist and classicist specializing in trade in ancient cultures.

## Barcelona

A One-Week Stay in Spain



9 days from \$3,790  
Special air rates & services available

*May 17–25, Sept. 6–14, Sept. 27–Oct. 5, 2018*

Discover the essence of Barcelona, a Catalan jewel that showcases stunning artistic and architectural wonders. Settle into the centrally located Renaissance Barcelona Hotel, savor traditional Catalan 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 Moderniste 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

**Michael Ryan** (May)—historian with expertise in medieval and early modern periods. **Marta Staudinger** (Sept. 6) and **Aneta Georgievska-Shine** (Sept. 27)—both art historians with expertise in Spain.

# A Cruise of Spain and Portugal

From Barcelona to Lisbon Aboard the 220-guest *Le Lyrial*



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

Oct. 3–11, 2018

Trace the cultural highlights of Iberia's historic trade routes on this popular cruise of Spain and Portugal. The Moorish, Jewish, and Christian cultures that flourished here led to great leaps in the sciences and arts. This blossoming of knowledge became the impetus behind the Golden Age of Discovery when ships sailed from these shores to the New World.

## Highlights Include

**Spain's Balearic Islands:** Enjoy a full day in Palma de Mallorca, where you'll visit the famous Carthusian Monastery and former residence of composer Frédéric Chopin and enjoy a piano recital of classical music.

**Valencia:** Founded as a Roman colony, Valencia is known today as the "City of Arts and Sciences" for its many museums, impressive architecture, and cultural abundance. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring a visit to the World Heritage-designated Silk Exchange, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture.

**Granada:** The magnificent Alhambra is a priceless architectural legacy of the Nasrid Dynasty monarchs who ruled the last Muslim kingdom in Spain for 250 years. Explore this World Heritage site, a masterpiece of medieval Moorish art and architecture, along with the magnificent Generalife Gardens.

**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:** Cruise up the Guadalquivir River to Andalusia's lively capital, where you'll visit the Plaza de España, with its pretty tile work and flowers; the legendary *Alcazar*, the distinctive 14th-century, Mudéjar-style former residence

of Moroccan and Spanish rulers and now a World Heritage site; and the immense late Gothic cathedral, Europe's second-largest Christian house of worship.

**Portugal's Algarve Region:** Walk along the ramparts of the 12th-century Moorish castle in Silves and visit the cathedral, a unique fusion of Romanesque, Gothic, and baroque architecture. In the scenic port town of Lagos, once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa, admire the baroque Church of St. Anthony.

*Space reserved for 50 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*Best booking availability before mid-March. Learn more about Le Lyrial on page 13 and on our website.*



## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Brian Catlos**—historian with expertise in medieval studies.



Evocative gardens at the Alhambra, Granada



Plaza de España, Seville



Town square, Ronda



Monument to the Discoveries, Lisbon

## Treasures of Southern Spain and Portugal

Featuring Historic *Paradores* and *Pousadas*



15 days from \$5,278

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 3–17, May 17–31, Sept. 15–29,

Sept. 29–Oct. 13, Oct. 13–27, 2018

Explore the exciting history of explorers and invaders 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 historic 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 Belem 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

Allan Langdale (May 3/May17), Lawrence Butler (Sept. 15), and Rafael Chacón (Sept. 29)—art historians. Dianne Konz (Oct.)—expert in Spanish literature and culture.

## Across Northern Spain and Portugal

Featuring Historic *Paradores* and *Pousadas*



17 days from \$5,778

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 13–29, May 4–20, June 8–24,

Sept. 21–Oct. 7, Oct. 5–21, 2018

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

Dianne Konz (April)—expert in literature and culture, Marta Staudinger (May)—art historian, and Francisco García-Serrano (June), Allen Fromherz (Sept.), and Ruth MacKay (Oct.)—historians.



Architectural detail, Oxford University



Dining hall, Merton College

## Smithsonian at Oxford

New September 2018 Departure Just Announced!



SPECIALTY



STAY

8 days from \$4,995

Book early! Course capacity is limited!

*June 30–July 7, 2018–Sold Out!*

*Sept. 15–22, 2018*

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! For the new September departure, choose from two course subjects and spend your mornings learning from an Oxford tutor. Course selections include *The Country House in English Society* and *“Tragical-Comical” Shakespeare*.

**Excursions:** Tour the Ashmolean Museum and Christ Church Picture Gallery in Oxford. Plus, take an additional excursion tailored to your specific course. Those enrolled in *The Country House in English Society* will visit Buscot Park, a neoclassical-style country house built for Edward Loveden Townsend in the late 18th century. Students in *“Tragical-Comical” Shakespeare* will take a field trip to Stratford-upon-Avon that includes a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Company.

**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.*

Merton College



### Oxford Tutors

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

# Highlights of Britain

England, Scotland, and Wales



14 days from \$5,996  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

June 4–17, July 16–29, Sept. 10–23, 2018

Join us for a new, insightful tour that showcases England, Scotland, and Wales. You'll explore medieval Edinburgh, Roman Bath, and cosmopolitan London, the literary landscapes of the Lake District and the River Avon, the fierce natural beauty of Wales, the quintessential rolling green hills of the Cotswolds, plus the mystery of Stonehenge.

## 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, Scottish home to the monarchs. The afternoons are at leisure, allowing you to follow your own interests found in the many museums, galleries, and historic houses.

**England's Lake District:** Delve into the beloved landscape of lakes, woodlands, and small towns and villages where Dove Cottage, Hill Top, and Ambleside evoke English literary names from William Wordsworth to Beatrix Potter. Plus, enjoy an afternoon cruise on Lake Windermere.

**Northern Wales:** Understand how the brute appearance of 13th-century Caernarfon Castle symbolizes the "land of castles." Travel through the rugged beauty of mountains, moorlands, and lakes in Snowdonia's National Park and explore Bodnant Garden, a National Trust property.

**Southern England:** Trace England's early history in Bath as you explore the site where ancient Romans first "took the waters" at England's only hot springs. You'll also visit Bath Abbey and see the city's stately Georgian-style architecture, Assembly Room, and Royal Crescent. In the 800-year-old market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, learn

more about one of literature's iconic figures as you visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Take an excursion through the Cotswolds, a landscape of gently rolling hills dotted with villages of honey-colored limestone, looking much as it did 300 years ago. Then travel south to see the 4,500-year-old Neolithic monument of Stonehenge. Conclude your journey in cosmopolitan London, where a panoramic city tour showcases some of its most important highlights.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (June/July) and  
**Miriam Davis** (Sept.)—historians with expertise in early British history.



Hot springs, Bath



The Lake District



Oxford Street, London



Wild pony in Dartmoor

## London

A One-Week Stay in England



9 days from \$3,990  
Special air rates & services available

*July 5–13, Aug. 23–31, 2018*

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

**Janetta Benton** (July)—art historian with expertise in medieval and Renaissance art and architecture.

**Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (Aug.)—expert in English history and culture.

## Classic Mystery Lover's England

NEW



9 days from \$5,995

*Oct. 19–27, 2018*

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 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

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



World War II Hawker



D-type Jaguar at the Goodwood Revival

## The Battle of Britain

Featuring the Farnborough Air Show



9 days from \$6,795

July 13–21, 2018—Almost Sold Out!

The Battle of Britain was a decisive turning point in World War II and proved the strength of air power in military operations. From London and Cambridge, visit important airfields, aviation museums, and military sites, and attend the world-renowned Farnborough Air Show.

### Highlights Include

**London:** Delve into the Battle of Britain during a city tour that includes the Churchill War Rooms.

**Imperial War Museum Duxford:** Get an up-close look at hundreds of iconic aircraft at the best-preserved World War II airfield in the U.K. You'll also view the Battle of Britain exhibition, the newly re-opened American Air Museum, and the reconstructed 1940 Operations Room.

**RAF Museum:** See more than 100 period aircraft and special exhibitions celebrating the centenary of the Royal Air Force.

**Other Aviation Museums and Air Fields:** Visit the London Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar, which protected southeast England. Other highlights include the RAF Bentley Priory and the RAF Uxbridge.

**Bletchley Park:** Tour Bletchley Park, where the famous Enigma code was cracked.

**Farnborough Air Show:** Experience this celebration of aviation—which occurs only once every two years—from grandstand seating.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Paul Sanders**—military historian with expertise in World War II and the Battle of Britain.

## British Cars and the Goodwood Revival



9 days from \$6,895

Sept. 3–11, 2018

England is home to luxury cars and screaming-fast sports cars, as well as some of racing's most famous names such as Stirling Moss and Graham Hill. Back by popular demand, this grand survey of English motorsport traces the English motorcar from its historic roots to modern forms. You'll also visit some of the world's finest automobile collections and walk the floors of operating car manufacturers.

### Highlights Include

**Goodwood Revival:** Experience the exhilaration of racing at its best at this historic racing circuit, where you'll enjoy a thrilling revival that draws racing fans worldwide.

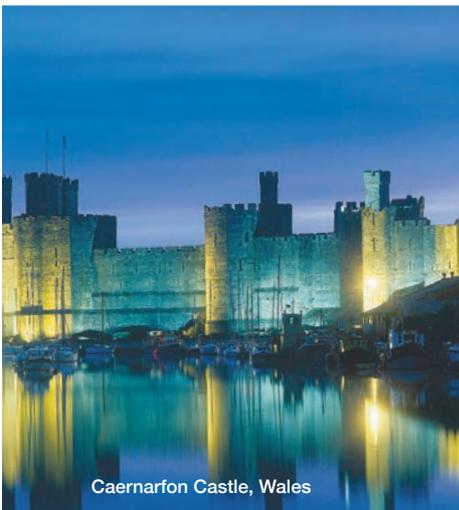
**Public and Private Car Collections:** Visit spectacular automobile collections, including the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon, home to the largest collection of classic and vintage British cars in the world. At the Coventry Transport Museum, marvel at collections that represent the history of innovation, design, and technology of English motor cars and see the specialized Jaguar Heritage Gallery.

**Factory Visits:** Walk the floors of some of the world's most famous car factories, including Aston Martin and Jaguar. And at the Morgan Motor Company, see some of the most beautiful, hand-finished automobiles in the world.

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.



Caernarfon Castle, Wales



Tobermory, Isle of Mull



Omaha Beach Memorial, Normandy

## A Celtic Cruise

From Scotland to France Aboard the 220-guest *Le Boréal*



CRUISE

10 days from \$6,395 / Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
Sells out quickly! Book now!

May 24–June 2, 2018

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

### Highlights Include

**Scotland's Highlands:** Travel to the Highlands and experience the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, then board the legendary *Jacobite Train* for a ride to Mallaig, visiting Glenfinnan Monument along the way. Cruise to Kyle of Lochalsh and tour the beautiful 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle.

**Scotland's Inner Hebrides:** Continue cruising to Armadale on the Isle of Skye to explore the museum, castle ruins, and gardens at Armadale of Clan Donald fame. Go ashore at the Isle of Iona 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 Gardens, 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.

**France's Normandy:** Walk the D-Day beaches where Allied forces landed and visit the American Military Cemetery, Omaha Beach, and Pointe du Hoc. **Dwight David Eisenhower II**, historian and grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, accompanies you on this special excursion. Plus, see the Arramanches 360° Theater or the impressive Bayeux Tapestry, a stunning visual chronicle of the Norman conquest of 1066.

*Space reserved for 70 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Boréal on page 13 and on our website.*



### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Bob Smolik**—former diplomat and political advisor offering analysis of Scotland's economics, politics, and society.



Eilean Donan Castle, Scottish Highlands



Edinburgh Castle

## Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords

A Cruise from Glasgow to Bergen  
Aboard the 220-guest *Le Boréal*



CRUISE

9 days from approximately \$5,295  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
Sells out quickly! Pre-register now!

*May 19–27, \* May 21–29, 2019*

Voyage amid the rugged beauty of remote islands and dramatic coastlines forever linked by Viking seafarers and visit World Heritage sites in both Scotland and Norway.

### Highlights Include

**Scottish Highlands:** Learn about Scottish history as you cruise from Glasgow to the Highlands, then witness beautiful landscapes from legendary Glencoe to the Isle of Skye. Ride the historic *Jacobite Train* stopping at Glenfinnan Monument, and tour the Scottish castles of Eilean Donan and Dunvegan.

**Orkney and Shetland Islands:** In the Orkney Islands visit the settlement of Skara Brae, the ceremonial Stones of Stenness, and the Ring of Brodgar, while site director Nick Card provides insight. In the Shetlands, explore Jarlshof and see late Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, Iron Age broch, and Norse longhouses.

**Norway:** Cross the North Sea to the Viking homelands. Spend a day cruising through Norway’s famous fjords and take a thrilling ride through breathtaking landscapes aboard the Flam Railway. In Bergen, enjoy a walking tour of Bryggen, a World Heritage site, and visit the home of composer Edvard Grieg.

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*The May 19 departure will be aboard Le Champlain and run in reverse. Learn more about both ships on page 13 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Colleen Batey** (May 19) and **Gillian Hovell** (May 21)  
—both archaeologists.

## Scotland’s Treasures

Featuring the Royal Military Tattoo\*



LAND

12 days from \$5,578  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

*June 9–20, Aug. 6–17, \* Sept. 1–12, 2018*

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 August departure also features 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

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

Cliffs of Moher



Traditional Irish cottage



## The Emerald Isle



LAND

13 days from \$5,372  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 17–29, June 14–26, July 12–24,  
Aug. 12–24, Sept. 6–18, 2018

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 when a native of the Aran Islands 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 and the craggy karst formations of the Burren, and take a full-day excursion to the Ring of Kerry.

**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

**Cassandra Potts Hannahs** (May)—expert in Celtic, Viking, and Anglo-Saxon studies. **Miriam Davis** (June)—historian and archaeologist with expertise in the Middle Ages. **Jennifer Paxton** (July)—historian with expertise in the Middle Ages and monastic studies. **Katherine Forsyth** (Aug.)—expert in Celtic language, literature, and culture. **Christopher Griffin** (Sept.)—expert in Irish literature and humanities.

## County Mayo

A One-Week Stay in Northwest Ireland



STAY

9 days from \$3,990  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available

May 29–June 6, Sept. 18–26, 2018

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 the rugged beauty that inspired writers and artists and the Deserted Village at Slievemore, with nearly 100 abandoned cottages.

**Connemara:** Travel through this dramatic landscape, visit Glen Keen farm to watch a sheep dog demonstration, and tour the impressive Kylemore Abbey and garden.

**Galway:** Explore colorful Galway, often referred to as the “most Irish” of Ireland’s cities.

*Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

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



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Old Town, Warsaw



Prague and the Vltava River

# Old World Europe

Poland, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic



17 days from \$5,597  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
Aug. 28–Sept. 13, Sept. 11–27, 2018

Discover five distinctly different and fascinating nations in Central and Eastern Europe, featuring many World Heritage sites. Throughout your journey, you'll enjoy visits to historic sites, attend concerts of classical music, and savor traditional cuisine.

### Highlights Include

**Poland:** Spend time in both Warsaw and Kraków over five days in Poland. In Warsaw, explore the Old Town, Royal Castle, and the area of the former Jewish Ghetto, plus enjoy a private piano recital. Spend time in Kraków, a major center of Polish culture with a 1,000-year-old history. You'll also see the artistic wonders of the Wieliczka Salt Mine and spend time at Auschwitz and Birkenau to remember those who lost their lives there.

**Hungary:** Budapest is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Over the course of two days, tour the treasures of both the Buda and Pest sides, which stretch along the banks of the Danube. Highlights include the Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, and Dohany Street Synagogue. Plus, enjoy a curator-led visit of the art museum and time at leisure.

**Austria:** Travel through a landscape of forests and castles along the scenic Danube River. Follow in the footsteps of imperial Habsburgs as you explore Vienna's many treasures, including the ornate opera house, one of the city's most beloved sites. Spend time at the imperial summer palace of Schönbrunn, an important architectural, cultural, and historical monument. Plus, visit the bucolic Vienna Woods, a medieval Cistercian abbey, and the spa town of Baden. You'll also enjoy a classical music concert while in Vienna.

**Slovakia:** Enjoy a walking tour of the historic castle area of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, and dine in the restaurant of a local family.

**The Czech Republic:** Discover the acclaimed museums and cultural treasures of Prague.

In the Hradcany castle district, explore the 9th-century Prague Castle, Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, and Golden Lane. A special private tour showcases the Lobkowitz Museum, housing fine art and rare musical manuscripts. You'll also visit several of the once thriving synagogues of Josefov, Prague's historic Jewish area, and enjoy time to explore the city at leisure.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**John Micgiel** (Aug.) and **Christopher Brennan** (Sept.)—historians with expertise in Central and Eastern Europe.

Neuschwanstein Castle



Main Square, Kraków



## Highlights of Germany



15 days from \$5,792  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
May 9–23, June 1–15, Aug. 1–15,  
Oct. 3–17, 2018

From the legendary Rhine and the beautiful Black Forest to artistic Dresden and cosmopolitan Berlin, explore Germany's scenic beauty, arts, and history.

### Highlights Include

**Rhine River Cruise:** Witness the landscapes of German tradition, history, and castles during a full-day cruise of the Rhine River Valley, a World Heritage site.

**Heidelberg and the Black Forest:** Tour this medieval university town, then continue through a storied woodland whose pastoral beauty and natural spring waters have drawn visitors for centuries.

**Bavaria:** Journey through the Bavarian Alps to Neuschwanstein, Ludwig II's 19th-century Romanesque revival castle. In Munich, a highlights tour features the baroque Nymphenburg Palace and the delightful carillon in Marienplatz. Time in Dachau and Nuremberg focuses on a somber period of modern history.

**Saxony:** Explore Dresden's beautifully restored historic center, including the beloved Semper Opera House, and view treasures of the castle's Historic Green Vault. Plus, visit the Royal Porcelain Factory in nearby Meissen.

**Berlin:** See major sites associated with the capital's partition and reunification, tour the Neues Museum, and enjoy time to explore Berlin at leisure. You'll also travel to Potsdam to visit the grand palace of Sanssouci, considered the "German Versailles."

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Tim Blanning** (May/Oct.), **Christopher Brennan** (June), and **Alexander Motyl** (Aug.)—all historians with expertise in European politics and culture.

## Kraków

A One-Week Stay in Poland



9 days from \$3,490  
Special air rates & services available  
June 1–9, Aug. 31–Sept. 8, 2018

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, ideally 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.

**Zakopane:** Enjoy a day trip to the foothills of the Tatra Mountains to explore this charming resort town.

**World War II Sites or Ojców National Park:** Visit Auschwitz and Birkenau to commemorate the many lives lost here during World War II. Or choose to spend the day at a scenic national park and tour Pieskowa Skala Castle, the pearl of the Polish Renaissance.

**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

**Aneta Georgievska-Shine** (June)—art historian with expertise in the Renaissance and Baroque eras.  
**Hugh Agnew** (Aug.)—historian with expertise in Central and Eastern Europe.



Astronomical clock, Prague



Copenhagen's City Hall Square

NEW

## Prague

A One-Week Stay in the Czech Republic



9 days from \$3,990

Special air rates & services available

Sept. 21–29, 2018

The magical cityscape of Prague, a World Heritage site along the Vltava River, features a fascinating history, eight centuries of superb architecture, and a special focus on classical music. Delve into the essence of Prague during this one-week stay as you reside at the newly opened Hotel Cosmopolitan, located in the Old Town.

### Highlights Include

**Prague's Iconic Sites:** Visit Prague Castle, including Strahov Monastery and St. Vitus Cathedral, as well as Charles Bridge and Old Town Square. Walk along the hallowed lanes of the Jewish Quarter, home to many synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery. You'll also devote a morning to the city's Art Nouveau architecture and artist Alphonse Mucha.

**In the Footsteps of Mozart:** Enjoy a private concert and tour at the neo-classical Estates Theater, where Mozart conducted the world premiere of *Don Giovanni* in 1787. Then visit the baroque St. Nicholas Church, where Mozart played the ornate organ, featuring more than 4,000 pipes.

**Day Excursions:** Discover Český Krumlov, a World Heritage site renowned for its charm, and travel to Dresden, Germany, to explore this beautifully restored city.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Hugh Agnew**—historian with expertise in Central and Eastern Europe.

## Copenhagen

A One-Week Stay in Denmark



9 days from \$4,290

Special air rates & services available

July 12–20, Aug. 16–24, 2018

Timeless yet trendy, Copenhagen is the place to go to see fairy-tale castles and Viking history, plus the sleek, modern Nordic aesthetic. At the centrally located Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, you'll find the clean lines and 1960s decor of Danish architect Arne Jacobsen. And during your stay, city tours and day excursions will bring insight into Danish history and contemporary culture.

### Highlights Include

**Copenhagen:** At Renaissance-style Rosenborg Castle, admire the Crown Jewels and other stunning heirlooms of the royal family, and at Christiansborg Palace tour the home of the Danish parliament. You'll also see the city's other treasures during a leisurely canal cruise and enjoy time at Tivoli Gardens, a city icon since 1843.

**Day Excursions:** Trace a thousand years of history as you visit the Viking Ship Museum, the Roskilde Cathedral, and Frederiksborg Castle, which houses the Museum of National History. Another day trip features Elsinore and Kronborg Castle, legendary home of Hamlet; the residence of Karen Blixen (author Isak Dinesen); and the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art.

**Contemporary Vibe:** Learn about the city's architecture, urban development, and concept of a "green city" at the Danish Architecture Center, then take a walking tour showcasing some of the city's modern buildings. Enjoy time at leisure to experience the active cultural scene.

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

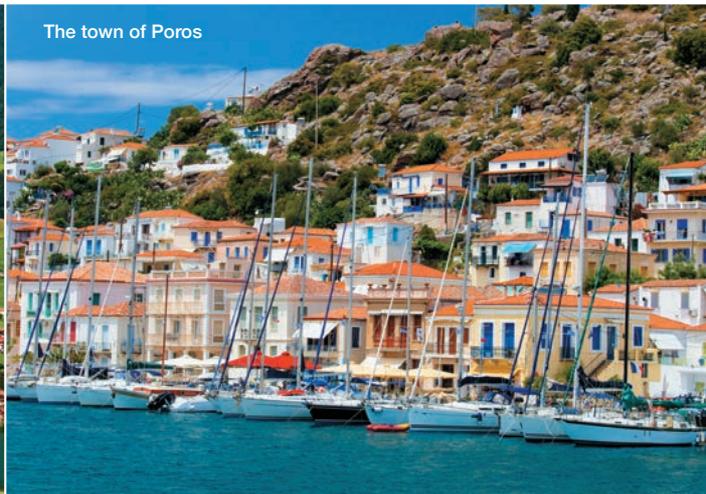
### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Glenn Kranking** (both dates)—historian with expertise in the Scandinavian and Baltic region.

Scenic Interlaken



The town of Poros



NEW

## The Swiss Alps

A One-Week Stay in Interlaken



9 days from \$4,190  
Special air rates & services available  
*July 11–19, Aug. 29–Sept. 6, Sept. 19–27, 2018*

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 Art Nouveau Hotel Carlton-Europe.

### Highlights Include

**Interlaken:** 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 enjoy a lake cruise on a 19th-century paddle steamer. 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:** Take a mountain lift from Kandersteg to beautiful Lake Oeschinen and enjoy magnificent views of the Bernese Alps. From Grindelwald, located at the base of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau mountains, travel through the lush mountain pass of Grosse Scheidegg and hike through the Rosenloui Glacier Gorge.

**Train Travel:** Stop in the wood-carving center of Brienz, then take an antique steam train 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

**Stephanie Jeanjean** (July) and **Carol Reynolds** (Sept.)—experts in Swiss art, culture, and traditions.

## Athens and Poros

A Stay in Greece



10 days from \$3,590  
No Single Supplement—Limited Availability  
Special air rates & services available  
*May 17–26, Sept. 13–22, 2018*

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 to 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 residents during a special event.

**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 Experts

**Stephanie Larson** (May)—highly respected classicist and **David Price Williams** (Sept.)—archaeologist and classicist.

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

*June 27–July 5, 2018*

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 50 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Le Lyrial on page 13 and on our website.*



## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Glenn Bugh**—classicist with expertise in Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, and Balkan history.

## Pearls of Croatia and Slovenia



15 days from \$5,484  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
May 17–31, Sept. 20–Oct. 4, 2018

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, which is surrounded by the Julian Alps and deep forests. Tour the medieval castle perched on its shore and enjoy a boat ride around the scenic lake. A morning walking tour of Ljubljana reveals the charming heart of this friendly, mid-sized European capital with romantic bridges, historic city center, and abundant parkland, while an afternoon at leisure allows you to follow individual interests.

**Zagreb and Environs:** Your visit to Croatia's capital features the Old Town, Art Nouveau architecture from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the colorful Dolac open-air market. Later, explore Plitvice Lakes National Park, a World Heritage natural site famous for its string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes and dazzling waterfalls.

**Istrian Peninsula:** This peninsula reflects the many cultural roots of the region. Highlights include Pula, with its well-preserved Roman amphitheater; Rovinj, a charming Venetian port; and Opatija, once a resort of Habsburg princes.

**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 of Hvar Town and nearby Stari Grad, one of Croatia's oldest cities. Conclude your journey with two days in Dubrovnik, where you'll walk along the city's medieval walls and visit many of the gems of the Old City, including the baroque cathedral and the treasury. Enjoy a day to explore the "Pearl of the Adriatic" at leisure and cap it off with a farewell dinner in the home of a local family.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

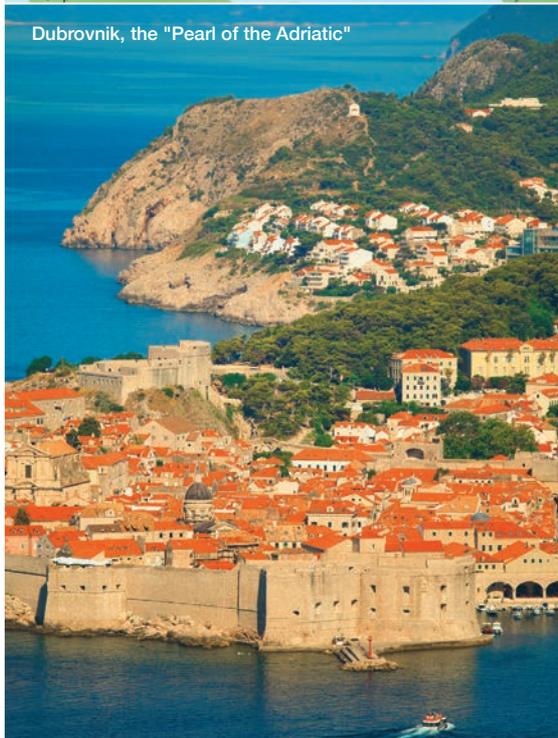
**Aneta Georgievska-Shine** (May)—art historian with expertise in the Renaissance and Baroque eras.



Slovenia's Lake Bled



Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic"





Puffins



Hallgrímskirkja Church, Reykjavik



## Adventure in Iceland



11 days from \$5,597

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

July 5–15, July 24–Aug. 3, Aug. 9–19,

Sept. 6–16, Sept. 13–23, Oct. 16–26, 2018

Once remote and difficult to visit, Iceland has emerged as a top travel destination. 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 Iceland's many waterfalls, each one unique and breathtaking. You'll see popular Gullfoss, Skogafoss, and Seljalandsfoss in the south and Godafoss, the "waterfall of the gods," and jaw-dropping Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, in the north.

**The Snaefellsnes Peninsula:** Walk along the shell-sand beach at the abandoned fishing village of Budir, surrounded by a vast lava field. Explore the caves and bizarre basalt rock formations near Arnarstapi, site of thousands of nesting cliff birds.

**Akureyri and Lake Myvatn:** Discover the many natural wonders of the north when you travel to lovely Lake Myvatn and its environs. The national parks feature bubbling mud flats, bizarre lava formations, and lunar-like volcanic craters. From Husavik, embark on a bird-watching cruise to Puffin Island to see thousands of seabirds (seasonal), including puffins, black guillemots, and Arctic terns.

**Vik and Reykjavik:** At Thingvellir National Park witness the spot where the world's oldest Parliament met and walk along the rift valley where the fissure between the geological plates of North America and Europe is most evident. Along the coast, observe the black-sand beach at Reynisfjara, lined with columnar basalt-filled caves. Visit the Skogar Folk Museum, stop in lovely Vik, and learn about renowned Icelandic saga writers. Plus, take a city tour of Reykjavik and enjoy a day at leisure to explore this sophisticated capital city or join an optional tour to the Blue Lagoon and spa.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Wayne Ranney (July 5), Scott Burns (July 24), Jim Reynolds (Aug.), Pat Dickerson (Sept. 6), Patrick Abbott (Sept. 13), and Peter Bobrowsky (Oct.)—all highly respected geologists.



The Northern Lights of Iceland



Waterfall of the Gods, Godafoss

## Northern Lights of Iceland



7 days from \$8,495

March 12–18, Oct. 22–28, 2018

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 Experts

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

**David Aguilar** (Oct.)—naturalist, astronomer, and former director of Science Information at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

## Iceland Voyage

A Circumnavigation Cruise

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Soléal*



9 days from \$6,395

Includes airfare from select gateways

July 9–17, 2018—Almost sold out! Book now!

July 24–Aug. 1, 2019\*—Pre-register now!

Our unique cruise that circumnavigates the “land of fire and ice” is 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 Icelandic history and culture, from the early Vikings to the present, at the National Museum.

**West Fjords:** Take in breathtaking landscapes of mountainous fjords and tour a museum showcasing the area’s cultural and maritime history.

**Northern Wonders:** In Siglufjörður, learn about the important herring industry at an award-winning museum, then cruise to the Arctic Circle and Grimsey Island, a bird-watcher’s paradise. Later, visit legendary Godafoss and the Lake Myvatn area with its amazing geologic features.

**Stunning East Coast:** Meet local people and learn about Icelandic culture in Seydisfjörður. Then enjoy a full-day excursion to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon with its many icebergs and scenic backdrop of Vatnajokull Glacier.

**Southern Islands:** Witness one of Iceland’s largest puffin colonies nesting at Heimaey Island and see Mount Eldfell with its still-warm lava fields. Cruise past Surtsey Island, a fragile young island and World Heritage site.

*Space reserved for 70 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \* The 2019 departure will be aboard Le Champlain and feature a slightly different route. Learn more about both ships on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Kirt Kempter** (July 9)—highly respected geologist.



Medieval castle at Trakai, Lithuania



Harbor at Gdansk, Poland

## St. Petersburg and the Baltics



14 days from \$4,998  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
May 12–25, July 31–Aug. 13,  
Sept. 22–Oct. 5, 2018

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.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Nadia Kizenko** (May)—historian with expertise in the Russian empire and Eastern Europe. **Pamela Kachurin** (July)—art historian specializing in Russian art and architecture. **Charles Ingrao** (Sept.)—historian with expertise in modern Central Europe.

## Cruising the Baltic Sea

From Copenhagen to Stockholm

Aboard the 220-guest *Le Soléal*



10 days from \$6,495  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
June 14–23, 2018—Almost Sold Out!  
July 29–Aug. 7, 2019\*—Pre-register now!

Cruise the Baltic Sea for eight nights during near-constant daylight on this popular six-country voyage. Special highlights include insightful presentations by **Lech Walesa**, former president of Poland and Solidarity leader, and **Sergei Khrushchev**, author, scholar, and son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

### Highlights Include

**Gdańsk:** Explore the many cultural sites of Poland's capital, from a walking tour showcasing its impressive architecture to the Lenin Shipyard.

**Tallinn:** Revel in the medieval charms of Estonia's Tallinn, a World Heritage site that has remained virtually unchanged for 600 years.

**St. Petersburg:** Spend two days exploring the treasures of Russia's St. Petersburg, including visits to the world-acclaimed Hermitage Museum and the palaces of Pushkin and Peterhof, both World Heritage sites.

**Helsinki:** Discover Finland's stunning architecture and modern design aesthetic.

**Visby and Stockholm:** Walk through the well-preserved walled city of Sweden's Visby, a Baltic hub of the commercial and defensive Hanseatic League and now a World Heritage site. Then cruise through Stockholm's scenic archipelago.

Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \* The 2019 departure will run in reverse. Learn more about *Le Soléal* on page 13 and on our website.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Glenn Kranking** (June)—historian with special expertise in Scandinavian studies and Nordic explorers.



Traditional village along Norwegian fjord



Norwegian fjord

NEW

## Scandinavian Journey

Featuring Norway and Denmark



16 days from \$6,484  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
May 15–30, July 5–20, Aug. 9–24, 2018

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.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**David Clapp** (May)—naturalist with special expertise in birds and geology. **Terje Leiren** (July/Aug.)—expert in Scandinavian studies with special interest in history and culture.

## A Cruise of Coastal Norway

Aboard the 249-guest *Spitsbergen*



9 days from \$3,560  
Sept. 12–20, 2018—Almost Sold Out! Book Now!

There is no more authentic way to experience Norway’s coast than on this new cruise that features a ship, captain, and crew who call this region their home and intimately know the area and local people.

### Highlights Include

**Norway’s Coast:** Beginning from picturesque Bergen, the “gateway to the fjords,” travel along Norway’s coast, stopping at 34 ports, including Trondheim, Bodø, Tromsø, and Honningsvåg. You’ll pass the Arctic Circle to arrive at the North Cape (the northernmost point on the European continent) and Kirkenes. Along the way, enjoy the stunning, changing landscape showcasing diverse wildlife, welcoming towns, and fresh local food. Sail into the beautiful Hjørundfjord and learn about Viking heritage and the lifestyle of the northern Sami people.

**Active or Leisurely Activities:** Enjoy cultural excursions planned exclusively for Smithsonian Journeys travelers. Then personalize your time by choosing from a diverse selection of optional excursions that appeal to your interests. With optional hikes you can enjoy the landscape with a knowledgeable expedition team. Or select more leisurely optional cultural excursions that provide insight into the uniqueness of Norwegian coastal living. Or simply relax and enjoy the scenery, comforts, and social opportunities provided on the ship.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about the *Spitsbergen* on page 52 and on our website.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Ann-Charlotte Gavel Adams**—expert in Scandinavian studies.



Kizhi Island

## Waterways of Russia

A Cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow

Aboard the 109-guest *Volga Dream*



CRUISE

12 days from \$5,995  
Includes early booking savings  
Aug. 26–Sept. 6, 2018

Discover the essence of Russia, from the cosmopolitan cities of St. Petersburg and Moscow to the countryside immortalized by artists and writers.

### Highlights Include

**St. Petersburg:** Enjoy two full days in the majestic city built by Peter the Great, including a specially reserved entrance to the Hermitage Museum. A city tour features visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Plus, you'll travel to the World Heritage site of Peter the Great's summer palace at Peterhof.

**Russian Heartland:** Cruising along scenic rivers, lakes, and canals, explore an evocative landscape of sublime golden-domed churches and quaint medieval villages that are seemingly untouched by the 21st century. After visiting the village of Svirstoy, stop at Kizhi Island to behold the magnificent Cathedral of the Transfiguration, a World Heritage site. You'll also visit important churches and monasteries in Goritsy, Yaroslavl, and Uglich.

**Moscow:** Enter the imposing Kremlin, the "Citadel of the Tsars" to visit the Archangel Cathedral and Assumption Cathedral. You'll also see Red Square and admire the multicolored grandeur of the 16th-century St. Basil's Cathedral during a panoramic city tour.

**Volga Dream:** This deluxe riverboat that plies the Russian waterways was meticulously designed to meet Western standards and features elegant appointments, impeccable service, and exceptional food and wine. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

#### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

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

Sculpture at the Snow Hotel, Kirkenes



NEW

## Arctic Explorer by Private Train

A Russian Train Journey Aboard the *Golden Eagle*

A Holiday Program in Search of the Northern Lights



TRAIN



SPECIALTY

13 days from \$13,995  
Dec. 28, 2018–Jan. 9, 2019

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Moscow's Red Square, then set off by private train to cross the Arctic Circle for Kirkenes, Norway, during the polar night.

### Highlights Include

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

**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*. Returning to Moscow, enjoy New Year's Eve in Red Square.

**Crossing the Arctic Circle:** Journey north during the polar night to the port city of Murmansk where you'll visit the first nuclear-powered icebreaker. Continue by coach to Kirkenes for a two-night stay. Here you'll visit the Snow Hotel, enjoy chilled vodka, visit farms with reindeer and huskies, and in the evenings, set off in search of the Northern Lights!

**St. Petersburg:** Enjoy special visits to the Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Plus, go beyond the city to see Catherine's Palace.

**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 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

#### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Sharon Hudgins**—award-winning author with expertise in Russia.

# Expedition to Antarctica

Aboard the 200-guest *Le Boréal*



14 days from approximately \$9,995  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
Sells out quickly! Pre-register now!

*Jan. 5–18, Jan. 26–Feb. 8, 2019*

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.

*Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*The January 26 departure is aboard L'Austral. Learn more about both ships on page 13 and on our website.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Peter Bobrowsky** (Jan. 26)—highly respected geologist.



Ice mountain



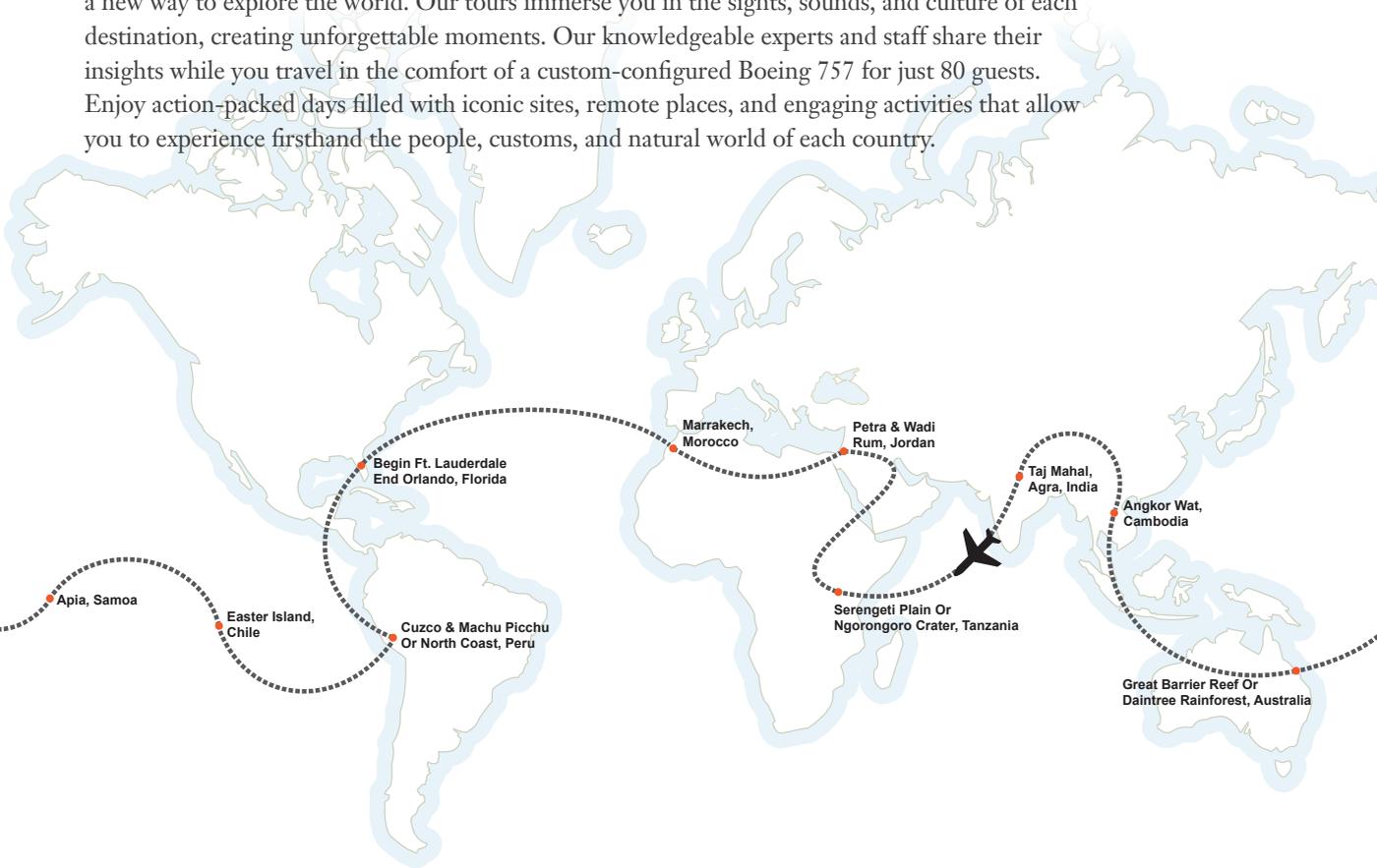
Zodiac excursion



# Around the World

*by Private Jet*

Join us for one of our incredible around-the-world journeys and discover a new way to explore the world. Our tours immerse you in the sights, sounds, and culture of each destination, creating unforgettable moments. Our knowledgeable experts and staff share their insights while you travel in the comfort of a custom-configured Boeing 757 for just 80 guests. Enjoy action-packed days filled with iconic sites, remote places, and engaging activities that allow you to experience firsthand the people, customs, and natural world of each country.



## Around the World

A Classic Journey by Private Jet



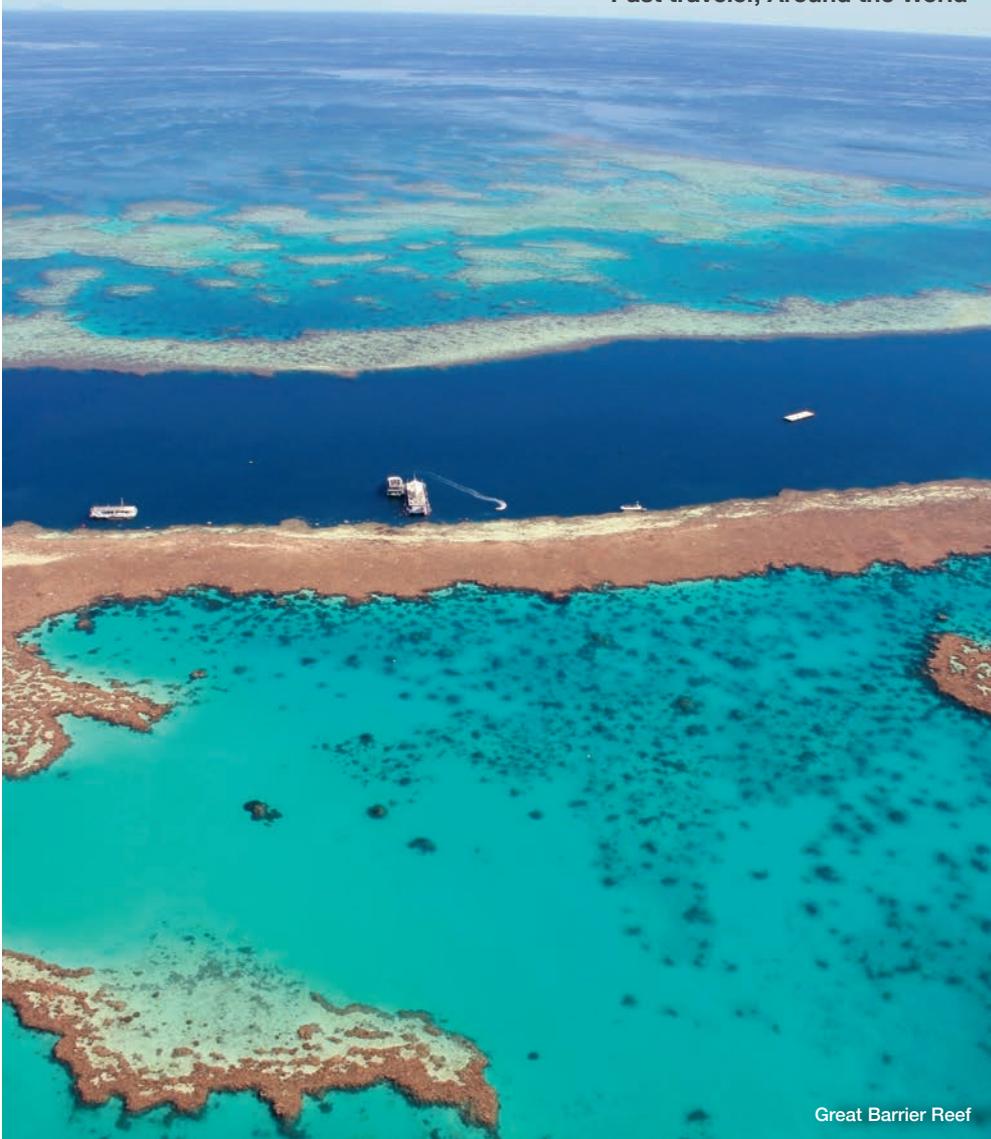
24 days from \$82,950 / Sept. 27–Oct. 20, 2018  
 24 days from \$85,950 / Jan. 24–Feb. 16, Sept. 29–Oct. 22, 2019

Our classic private jet journey offers a life list of destinations to some of the world’s most iconic places. During this breathtaking trip around the world, explore cultural and natural treasures that have inspired and captured the imagination of humankind for centuries! Smithsonian Journeys Expert Grant Nel will accompany the 2018 departure.

**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 an African landscape 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. \*Please see our website regarding the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning.

*Whatever your expectations are, multiply them a thousand-fold!  
This was truly a trip of a lifetime!*

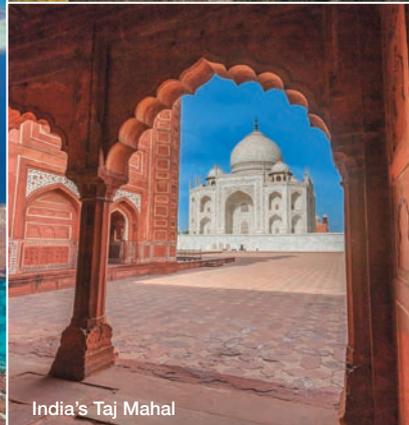
**—Past traveler, Around the World**



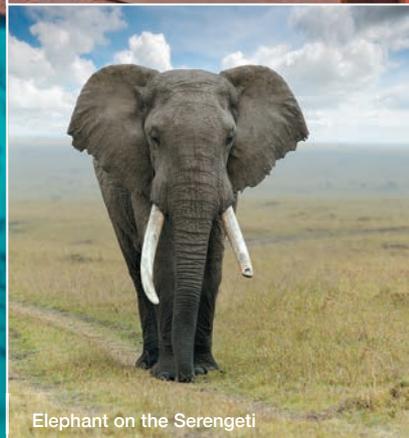
Great Barrier Reef



Moai on Easter Island



India's Taj Mahal



Elephant on the Serengeti

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Grant Nel**—highly respected naturalist with expertise in conservation who travels the globe and continuously studies the Earth's most diverse wildlife.

“In addition to explaining much about the natural world that we will see, I also try to convey the importance of biodiversity to our planet and our own species. Something that is very close to the Smithsonian ethos. Because the wonders of the natural world are what fascinates me, while the dangers the planet is facing in biodiversity loss is what drives me, I hope to convey a message about and provide insights into a broader definition of “conservation.” Conservation is not just about preserving certain endangered species, but also about protecting diverse cultures and learning about communities that have to co-exist with nature in a sustainable manner. It has been shown time and again that loss of biodiversity culminates in the loss of culture and nowhere is this more evident than in places like Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Angkor Wat (Cambodia). This global journey explores one ancient culture after another, most of them sharing similar fates, but also introduces us to the modern inheritors of those cultures who do not want to repeat the mistakes of their ancestors. We can, and should, learn from this.”



# Family Journeys

*Tuscany to Yellowstone*



Mother and daughter in Florence

NEW

The hill town of Monteriggioni



# Treasures of Tuscany: A Family Journey



8 days from \$3,175 (adult); \$2,975 (child)

June 23-30, July 14-21, 2018

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 life, art, history, and culture of medieval and Renaissance Italy. Accompanied by various local experts throughout the week, you'll take day excursions to important Tuscan towns and enjoy hands-on activities that immerse you in Italian culture.

## Highlights Include

**Your Villa Stay:** Enjoy the Old World ambiance and modern amenities of the upscale 14th-century Villa Casagrande, located in the medieval town of Figline Valdarno. Here, you'll find spacious guest rooms, two restaurants featuring traditional Italian fare, a lovely courtyard and gardens, plus a refreshing pool and spa. The ambiance is historic yet comfortable so the entire family will feel at home.

**Day Excursions:** Venture to Florence, where you'll view art masterpieces at the Accademia and Uffizi, watch a master craftsman work on fine leather, and learn about the city's history as you visit the Duomo and Church of Santa Croce. At the castle in Monteriggioni, walk along the defensive walls and try on medieval armor and costumes to better understand the medieval era. Learn about the vibrant history of Siena during a walking tour that features the Piazza del Campo and the cathedral. And in the fortified hill town of San Gimignano, view the remaining 13 watchtowers (from the original 76), which reflect the power, prosperity, and defenses of the city's families.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Immerse your family in Italian culture. Learn some of the language so the kids can enjoy using phrases during the week ahead, and enjoy a hands-on studio art program, which provides better understanding for the art work you'll see! Spend a day in town learning about Italian culinary specialties. Enjoy making craft pasta and ice cream using ancient Tuscan techniques, and later join Nonna Paola, who teaches you how to make traditional pizza. Another day you'll visit a local farm to learn about the region's food and wine production.

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Enjoying gelato in Florence



The Villa Casagrande



# Cruising the Rhine: A Family Journey

From Amsterdam to Basel

Aboard the 168-guest *Amadeus Silver III*



9 days from \$3,390 (adult), \$2,390 (child)  
Special air rates & services available

July 11-19, 2018

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

*Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Amadeus Silver III on page 16 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Carol Reynolds—expert in music history and the arts of Germany.

*I trusted Smithsonian to make it a good, safe, meaningful experience. It was that and more.*

- Judith B.



Timber-framed houses, Strasbourg



Biking by canals and windmills





FAMILY

## Go Together! Grow Together!

Join us for a multigenerational family program and we'll take the stress out of planning memorable experiences—so that you can maximize your time exploring the world together. Our thoughtfully planned itineraries are very inclusive and feature visits to iconic sites and experiential activities. Plus, the entire family will gain insight from a Smithsonian Journeys Expert on our cruises and from various local experts who join you for special presentations throughout the week on land programs. These offerings are designed for adults with kids ages 8 and older. (Child price based on sharing a room with two adults.)

### Discover Ireland

9 days from \$4,800 (adult), \$2,850 (child) / *June 29–July 7, 2018*

Join us in the Emerald Isle, always a popular destination for families. Explore Dublin's vibrant Viking past, visit the historic Rock of Cashel, kiss the Blarney Stone, and stop in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. You'll also cruise along the Cliffs of Moher and sleep like royalty when you spend two nights at an Irish castle (and visit others as well)! Plus, learn about the Gaelic language and see demonstrations of Irish dancing, sheep dogs in action, and falconry.

### Exploring London and Paris

10 days from \$5,725 (adult), \$4,700 (child) / *June 23–July 2, June 30–July 9, 2018*

London and Paris are ideal destinations for a summer learning vacation with grandchildren and children. Enjoy a special tour of the Tower of London with a Beefeater, learn about Shakespeare at the Globe Theatre, and hear stories about Britain's royalty at Westminster Abbey. Then ride the "Chunnel" train to Paris and take specially designed art tours of the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay. You'll also visit Notre-Dame, take an excursion to Versailles, and enjoy an evening tour to the Eiffel Tower for views of the city.

### Discover Japan

11 days from \$4,700 (adult), \$4,175 (child) / *July 7–17, 2018*

Discover modern Tokyo and traditional Kyoto with your family. In Tokyo, spend a day focusing on the popular topic of *anime*. You'll meet a Japanese family in their home, check out a fish market, and learn to make sushi. Take a nature hike in the forests of Mt. Fuji and enjoy a stay at a traditional *ryokan* (inn). Then ride the bullet train to Kyoto. Here, learn about traditional drawing and indigo dyeing techniques as well as kimono dressing or Taiko drumming. You'll also explore stunning temples and imperial palaces.



Dromoland Castle



Paris



Bullet train to Kyoto



Seal pup



Ice cave exploration

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NEW

## Galápagos Islands Voyage

A Family Journey

Aboard the 90-guest *Santa Cruz II*



9 days from \$6,995 Special savings available for children and groups

June 14–22, 2018

Give your family an adventure that will provide memories to last a lifetime. With your family, learn about Darwin, geology, and unique wildlife—and enjoy snorkeling, swimming, and nature walks—as you visit six of the Galápagos Islands.

### Highlights Include

**Unique Wildlife:** Watch the antics of Blue-footed Boobies and observe the beauty of Nazca Boobies, flamingos, and Frigate birds. Get up close to sea lions and seals, Sally Lightfoot crabs, iguana, penguins, and giant land tortoises in their native habitat.

**Family Adventure:** Cruise from Baltra Island to San Cristobal, where you'll encounter sea lion colonies and dozens of bird species and reptiles. See prickly pear cacti during a nature walk on Santa Fé. At the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island, learn about efforts to protect rare giant tortoises, plus go for a nature walk along white-sand beaches or swim or snorkel in the clear blue waters of Tortuga Bay. Cruise to Española Island (the southernmost island), where you'll see the famous Punta Suarez blowhole spray water nearly 100 feet high. You'll also swim, snorkel, or sea kayak off Gardner's Bay's picturesque white coral beach. And on North Seymour, watch Blue-footed Boobies dive into the ocean for prey.

*Space reserved for 36 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about Santa Cruz II on page 80 and on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**David Clapp**—respected naturalist and teacher with expertise in birds, evolution, geology and more.

## Iceland Explorer

A Family Journey



7 days from \$4,755 (adult), \$4,100 (child)

June 30–July 6, July 28–Aug. 3, 2018

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 new 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, you'll enjoy a one-night stay in Hella, an ideal spot for discovering the south shore.

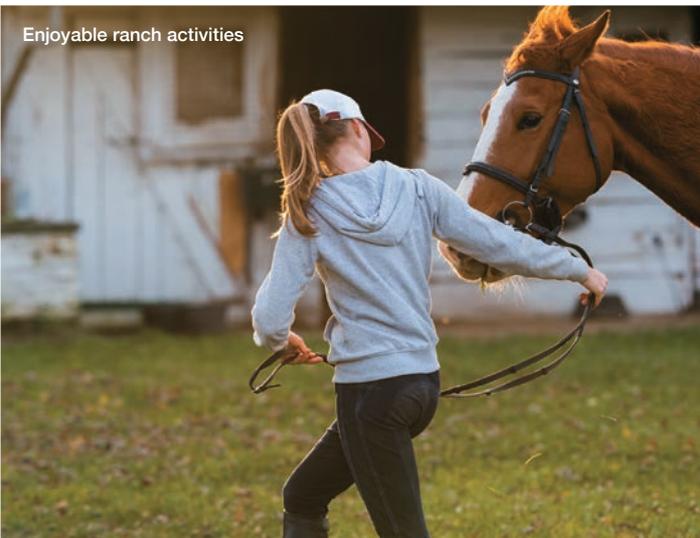
### Highlights Include

**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.*



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## Exploring Costa Rica

A Family Journey



9 days from \$3,780 (adult), \$2,725 (child)

June 29–July 7, Dec. 25, 2018–Jan. 2, 2019

Join us in Costa Rica for our newly updated family adventure. This diminutive country is renowned for its vast richness of flora and fauna; its dedication to biodiversity, sustainability, and conservation; and for its opportunities for exciting adventures. You and your family will travel the breadth of Costa Rica, from the Pacific to the Atlantic and enjoy a wealth of varied experiences.

### Highlights Include

**Wildlife Reserves:** Learn about the challenges of wildlife preservation at Tortuguero, famous for the nesting areas of the green turtles. Visit the beach nesting area (turtle viewing not guaranteed), as well as the information center, and watch for wildlife during boat rides through the canals. On the west coast area of Guanacaste, you'll be welcomed at two wildlife preserves, one for the endangered puma and the other for monkeys and other injured animals. Both focus on wildlife rehabilitation and release needs as well as visitor education. You'll also have the opportunity for volunteer work here, should you choose.

**Cultural Experiences:** Meet the staff at two privately owned farms devoted to the production of chocolate and pineapples. You'll tour the farms and learn about the relationship between cultural heritage and the country's agriculture and economy.

**Active Adventures:** In Arenal Volcano National Park, enjoy hiking along the base of the volcano where the forest is in the process of regeneration. You'll also see the rain forest up close from sky walk bridges, then enjoy a zip line adventure as well! Take a boat ride through the Tamarindo Mangrove to spot howler monkeys, crocodiles, herons, and kingfishers. Plus enjoy a day at leisure at your beach resort and enjoy optional activities such as surf lessons!

Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

## Yellowstone and the Tetons

A Family Journey

Featuring a Montana Ranch Stay



7 days from \$4,575 (adult), \$3,890 (child)

July 8–14, 2018

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 try other ranch activities.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

# Africa

*South Africa to Morocco*



Grey crowned crane

# African Safari

South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Victoria Falls



14 days from \$7,954 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 29–May 12, Sept. 30–Oct. 13, Oct. 28–Nov. 10, 2018

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:** Known for its diverse terrain, Chobe National Park embraces 7,000 square miles of protected land and 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 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.

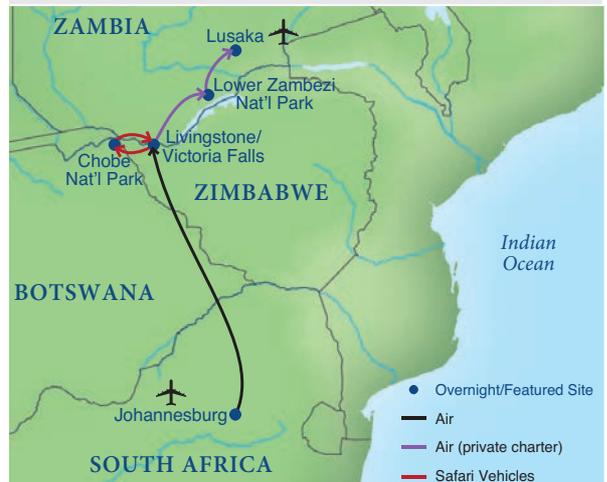
**Zambia:** From your 14-room luxury lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River, enjoy two days of game viewing in Lower Zambezi National Park, along with guided canoe trips, bushwalks, boat safaris, and sunset river cruises. The park is known for its elephant herds and large lion prides, plus buffalo, 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** (April/Oct.)—respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation. **Tiiu Lukk** (Sept.)—journalist with expertise in southern Africa.



# Africa's Grand Safari

A Private Plane Expedition to South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe



15 days from \$29,950

June 5–19, 2018

To experience Africa in the tradition of the Grand Safari is to experience the Africa of your dreams—a world of stunning physical beauty, wildlife of astonishing abundance and diversity, and ample time to savor each day's new discoveries. Our private air safari explores six uniquely different ecosystems in four countries, and, freed from the hassles of commercial air travel and long drives, you'll be completely immersed in the majesty and magic that is southern Africa.

## Highlights Include

**South Africa:** In Cape Town, South Africa's most dynamic city, take in the view from Table Mountain and marvel at the scenic wonders of the Cape Peninsula. Plus, spend two days at Sabi Sand Reserve, an unspoiled landscape that is home to one of Africa's highest big game populations, and enjoy a stay at the Londolozi luxury camp.

**Namibia:** Experience the stark beauty of Namibia, where you'll explore the largest sand dunes in the world—the gigantic, brick-red dunes of the Sossusvlei—as the sun catches the ochre sand against an impossibly blue sky. Then fly north to Etosha National Park, where watering holes draw a vast array of wildlife, including lion, zebra, wildebeest, and springbok.

**Botswana:** Learn about the biodiversity in Botswana as you explore Moremi Game Reserve from the Sanctuary Chief's Camp, located on an island in the Okavango Delta. Enjoy ample opportunities to view the "Big Five"—elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard—plus Africa's superb birdlife, during game drives and by dugout canoes.

**Zimbabwe:** Spend two magical days at breathtaking Victoria Falls, where you'll follow in the footsteps of explorer David Livingstone, hike to the falls, and enjoy a cruise on the Zambezi River.

**Aircraft:** Enjoy the comfort, safety, and flexibility of traveling aboard eight-passenger Pilatus PC-12 turbo prop planes, which land on small private airstrips in some of the continent's most extraordinary places.

*Limited to 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Grant Nel**—highly respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.



Pilatus PC-12 turbo prop plane



Victoria Falls



Elephants along the Chobe River



A herd of zebra during the Great Migration

## Southern African Adventure

Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe

Featuring the *Zambezi Queen*



17 days from approximately \$10,395  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings

*Feb. 5–21, Feb. 26–March 14, 2019*

Travel the breadth of four southern African countries on a unique and thrilling safari adventure that features a private river safari aboard the five-star *Zambezi Queen*.

### Highlights Include

**Zambezi Queen:** Embark on a special three-night river safari in northern Namibia, where you'll enjoy excursions with local guides on small boats on the Chobe River, ideal for game viewing, bird watching, and fishing. Find more details on our website.

**Victoria Falls:** Walk the trail near thundering Victoria Falls, a World Heritage site.

**Chobe National Park and MalaMala Private Game Reserve:** Go on exciting game drives in parks renowned for their wildlife populations—Botswana's Chobe National Game Park with its immense elephant herds and South Africa's MalaMala Private Game Reserve with its famous leopard viewing.

**South Africa:** Explore the country's cultural history at a relaxed pace with three nights in Johannesburg, where you'll visit Soweto and Pretoria, including Nelson Mandela's house and the Apartheid Museum. During four nights in Cape Town, highlights include breathtaking landscapes and gardens, the Stellenbosch Wine Route, and Robben Island.

*Limited to 22 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Robyn Keene-Young** (Feb. 26)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa.

## Tanzania's Great Migration



12 days from approximately \$8,595  
Includes \$500 early booking savings

*Feb. 8–19, Feb. 24–March 7, March 12–23, 2019*

Take a once-in-a-lifetime safari in the very midst of the annual Great Migration—when herds of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and Cape Buffalo move through the vast grasslands of Tanzania followed by lion, leopard, and cheetah. You'll enjoy daily game drives and a privately chartered flight, which provide the best way to witness this phenomenal spectacle.

### Highlights Include

**Renowned Game Parks:** Visit four of Tanzania's finest game parks—Lake Manyara, Tarangire, and the World Heritage sites of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater—for spectacular game drives.

**Tanzania by Air:** Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Great Rift Valley and experience the thrill of the African plains from above during a privately chartered flight from the Serengeti to Arusha.

**The Big Five:** See lion, elephant, rhino, Cape Buffalo, and leopard, in addition to splinter herds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra crowding the grasslands during the Great Migration.

**Anthropology:** Listen as an expert curator illuminates the prehistory of humans at Oldupai Gorge, where the Leakey family made important discoveries.

**Safari Comfort:** Stay in deluxe Serena safari lodges and a unique tented camp for a full safari experience.

*Limited to 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Robyn Keene-Young** (Feb. 8)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa. **Francisco Dallmeier** (Feb. 24)—director of the Smithsonian Center for Conservation and Sustainability. **Grant Nel** (March)—highly respected naturalist.

# Treasures of South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana

Featuring *Rovos Rail*



16 days from \$8,590 / Special air rates & services available

Sept. 11–26, Oct. 2–17, 2018

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 an excursion to the incomparable 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.

**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 impeccably appointed, and take in sweeping landscapes and wildlife from the observation car or lounge. Find more details on our website.

**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 and take a boat safari on the Chobe River during your two-night stay.

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

Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

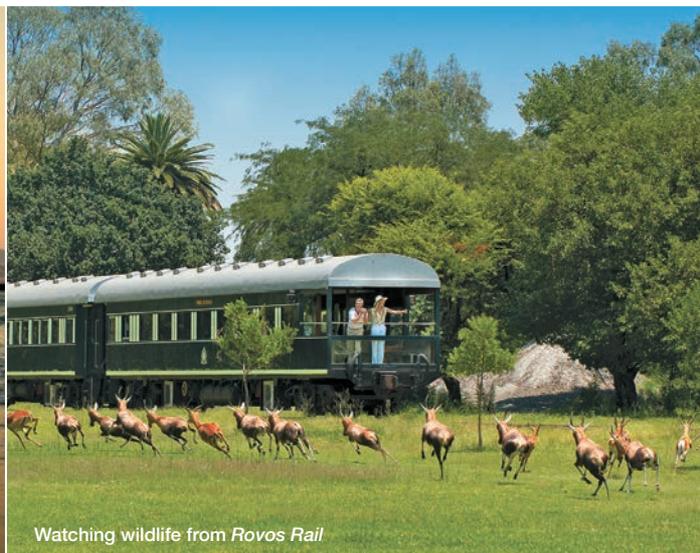


## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Robyn Keene-Young** (both dates)—travel and nature writer on southern Africa.



Cape Town's Table Mountain



Watching wildlife from Rovos Rail



Wildlife in Ngorongoro Crater



Sand dunes at sunset

## Tanzania Safari

The Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Zanzibar



15 days from \$8,697

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

July 21–Aug. 4, Aug. 22–Sept. 5,

Sept. 26–Oct. 10, Oct. 24–Nov. 7, 2018

Journey from the depths of Ngorongoro Crater and the vast plains of the Serengeti to exotic Zanzibar. You'll discover the breadth of Tanzania's riches, including abundant wildlife, varied cultures, and valued traditions.

### Highlights Include

**Ngorongoro Crater:** Descend to the floor of the crater, a World Heritage site that represents Africa in a microcosm: grasslands, swamps, lakes, forests, and some 25,000 mammals, including elephant, black rhinoceros, lion, hippo, and zebra. Plus, visit a local Maasai village to learn about their traditional lifestyle.

**Serengeti National Park:** Take exciting game drives in search of Africa's "Big Five," plus wildebeest, zebra, and Thomson's gazelle.

**Arusha and Tarangire National Parks:** Venture out in search of leopard, zebra, giraffe, and elephants in these two spectacular parks.

**Zanzibar:** Learn about Zanzibar's reputation as the "Spice Island" and discover Stone Town, an ancient town that is Tanzania's capital and a World Heritage site.

*Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**David Clapp** (July/Oct.)—highly respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.

**Don Wilson** (Sept.)—senior scientist and curator emeritus of mammals at Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

## Splendors of Morocco

From Imperial Cities to the Sahara



14 days from \$5,679

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Sept. 21–Oct. 4, Nov. 23–Dec. 6, 2018

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:

Journey to fabled Fez, Meknes, and Marrakech, as well as uninhabited Ait ben-Haddou and Volubilis. Tour Casablanca with its magnificent Hassan II Mosque, and explore Rabat, an ancient imperial city and Morocco's present-day capital.

**High Atlas Mountains:** Follow the "Route of a Thousand Kasbahs," a traditional caravan route, and experience the spectacular Todra Gorge.

**Sahara Desert:** Watch the sun set on endless sand dunes from atop a camel and stay at a kasbah-style hotel at the edge of the Sahara.

**Cultural Experiences:** Meet with a family in Fez and with a local imam 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

**Wayne Ranney** (Sept.)—geologist and naturalist and  
**Chloé Capel** (Nov.)—field archaeologist.

# Asia & the Pacific

*New Zealand to the Silk Road*



Maori designed fence

# New Zealand by Sea

A Cruise from Auckland to Milford Sound

Aboard the 114-guest *Caledonian Sky*



14 days from \$7,990  
Includes \$2,000 early booking savings (per cabin)  
Nov. 29–Dec. 12, 2018

New Zealand is a country of breathtaking natural beauty, with its magnificent glacial fjords, dramatic mountains, and rolling hills, plus astonishingly diverse and unique bird species. Towns and villages reflect distinctive personalities such as Rotorua's strong Maori presence and the English ambiance of Christchurch and Wellington. Join us to experience New Zealand's fascinating coastlines by ship, just as early Polynesians and explorers once did.

## Highlights Include

**Auckland and Rotorua:** Learn about the indigenous Maori and Polynesian cultures at the Auckland Museum. Then visit a Maori village in Rotorua, where you'll attend a special ceremony, meet elders, observe cultural traditions, and savor a *hangi* feast. Plus, visit the nearby Wai-O-Tapu geothermal park.

**Wellington:** In the nation's capital, see colorful Victorian houses perched on steep hills overlooking one of the world's loveliest harbors. Visit the botanical garden and waterfront museum to learn how the Maori navigated the Pacific to arrive here.

**Marlborough Sounds:** Sail across Cook Strait to the South Island and anchor at Ship Cove, where Captain Cook arrived aboard the Endeavour in 1770. Explore islands and inlets by Zodiac and look for wildlife that Cook described in his journals.

**Christchurch:** At the Canterbury Museum, see exhibits that trace the city's role in Antarctic expeditions. Plus, visit the Ohinetani Gardens and view the city's innovative architecture, a creative response to the damage of the 2011 earthquake.

**Otago Peninsula and Stewart Island:** Witness the magnificent northern royal albatross (the largest seabird in the world) on Otago Peninsula. In the seldom-visited wilderness of Stewart Island, search for rare bird species accompanied by expert naturalist guides.

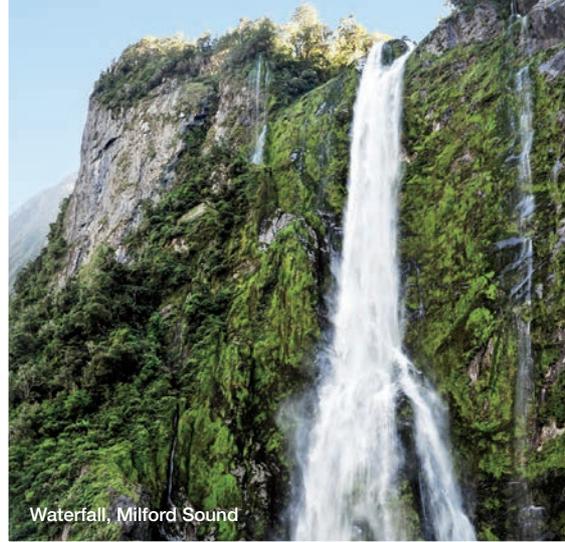
**Fiordland National Park:** Take in the breathtaking landscapes of Milford Sound and Doubtful and Dusky Sounds over two exciting days. You'll be mesmerized by plunging fjords, deep lakes, mist-shrouded mountains, cascading waterfalls, and vast beech forests. Later, bid farewell to New Zealand in vibrant Queenstown.

**Caledonian Sky:** This premier expedition ship, featuring a fleet of Zodiac landing craft, was refurbished in 2012. All cabins have an ocean view and sitting area with sofa, and many suites have private balconies. The ship features two lounges with bar service, library, gym, spacious sun deck, and salon. Chefs prepare Western-style international cuisine, served in a single open seating. Find more details on our website.

Space reserved for 30 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

## Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Neville Peat**—expert in New Zealand's history, geography, and nature.



Waterfall, Milford Sound



Kea bird

Caledonian Sky



# Splendors of Australia and New Zealand



22 days from \$9,484 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 21–April 11, April 11–May 2, Sept. 29–Oct. 20, Oct. 24–Nov. 14, 2018

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, where you’ll experience the mountainscape and visit the Hillary Gallery, commemorating 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 harbor, and the America’s Cup Village.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**David Clapp** (March)—highly respected naturalist with expertise in biodiversity and conservation.

**George Losey** (April)—expert in oceanography with a focus on marine biology of the East Pacific.



School of Moorish Idol fish



Queenstown



Wind Spirit

## Journey Through New Zealand

From Auckland to Queenstown



LAND

16 days from \$7,674

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 22–April 6, April 26–May 11,

Oct. 4–19, Nov. 1–16, 2018

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 *hangi* feast and performance, plus visit Rainbow Springs National Park. Savor private wine tastings at celebrated Hawke’s Bay and the award-winning Gibbston Valley 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

**Don Wilson** (March)—senior scientist and curator emeritas of mammals at Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History. **William Leeman** (April)—highly respected geologist.

## Voyage to French Polynesia

Featuring Tahiti and Bora Bora

Aboard the 148-guest *Wind Spirit*



CRUISE

11 days from approximately \$6,995

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

Feb. 5–15, 2019

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, you’ll 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:** Sail aboard a small sleek four-masted sailing yacht (Windstar Cruises). 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.

Limited to 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Lindsay Whaley**—expert in the languages and cultures of French Polynesia.



The elusive Bengal tiger



Amber Fort, Jaipur

## Mystical India

The Golden Triangle and Varanasi  
With an Optional Extension to Nepal



17 days from \$5,387  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 11–27, Oct. 21–Nov. 6,  
Nov. 29–Dec. 15, 2018

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

### Highlights Include

**Delhi:** Tour both Old and New Delhi and ride a pedicab through colorful Chandni Chowk market.

**Jaipur:** Explore the historic Amber Fort, the royal palace with its magnificent art collections, and an ancient observatory.

**Ranthambore National Park:** Search for the elusive Bengal tiger, langur monkey, and exotic birds.

**Agra:** Stand in awe at the majestic Taj Mahal and tour the imposing Agra Fort.

**Varanasi:** Witness the powerful spiritual rituals along the Ganges River.

**Cultural Experiences:** Learn about the ancient discipline of yoga at a private demonstration, watch craftsmen work at traditional block printing, enjoy a cooking lesson, and meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Minhazz Majumdar** (March)—writer and curator of art, living in India. **Cathleen Cummings** (Oct.) and **Allan Langdale** (Nov.)—art historians with expertise in Indian art.

## Journey Through India’s Rajasthan

Featuring the *Palace on Wheels* Train



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 a myriad of 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.



Monks at Angkor Wat



Pavilion in Huế

## Singapore, Thailand, and Angkor Wat

NEW

Featuring the *Eastern & Oriental Express*



14 days from \$7,890  
Special air rates & services available  
*Oct. 22–Nov. 4, Nov. 2–15, 2018*  
& *Feb. 7–20, 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 Hotels.

*Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Sandra Cate** (Oct.)—anthropologist and folklorist and **Bryce Beemer** (Nov.)—historian, both with expertise in Southeast Asia.

## Discovering Vietnam



16 days from \$4,597  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
*Oct. 25–Nov. 9, Nov. 29–Dec. 14, 2018*

With its breathtaking beauty and enduring traditions, Vietnam provides endless rewards for the thoughtful traveler. Join us for this popular and magical journey.

### Highlights Include

**Royal Cities:** Experience the grandeur of the imperial capital of Huế 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 Huế’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 Experts

**Paula Swart** (Oct.)—art historian with expertise in Asian art, culture, and history. **James Anderson** (Nov.)—historian with expertise in Vietnam.

# Eternal Japan



13 days from \$6,257 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

May 14–26, Aug. 29–Sept. 10, Sept. 17–29,  
Oct. 1–13, Oct. 22–Nov. 3, 2018

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 historic Imperial Palace, home of the emperor and his family; 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 Temple of the Golden Pavilion) and lavish Nijo Castle, where 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

**Jonathan Hall** (May)—expert in Japanese film, culture, literature, and history. **Geeta Mehta** (Aug./Sept./Oct. 22)—art historian with expertise in Japanese architecture. **Lee Makela** (Oct. 1)—historian with expertise in urban architecture, garden design, and popular culture.



Decorative gate, Nijo Castle



Traditional Buddha, Nara

# Classic China Featuring Tibet

And a Yangtze River Cruise



19 days from \$7,187  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 4–22, Sept. 13–Oct. 1, 2018

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 located nearby.

**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.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Barry Till** (April)—art historian with expertise in Asian art. **Robert Foster** (Sept.)—historian with expertise in China and Central Asian studies.

## ALSO AVAILABLE

### Imperial China and the Yangtze

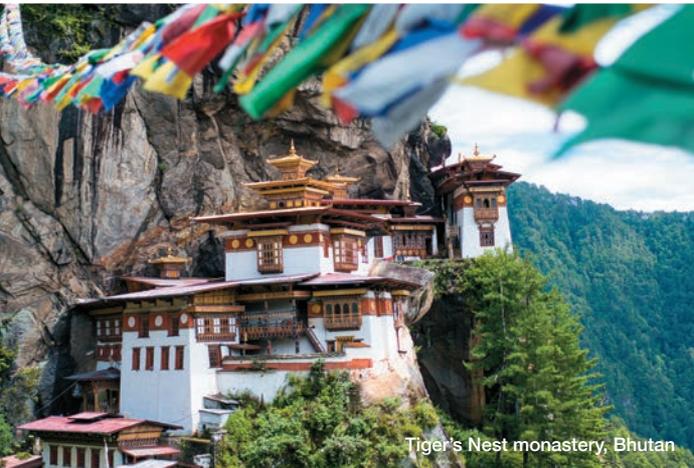
Beijing • Xi'an • Chongqing • Yangtze Cruise •  
Shanghai • Hong Kong optional extension

14 days from \$5,384 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 24–May 7, May 9–22, Sept. 12–25, 2018

The Forbidden City, Beijing





Tiger's Nest monastery, Bhutan



The Golden Eagle, Lake Baikal

## Himalayan Kingdoms

Nepal and Bhutan



15 days from \$5,972  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

April 27–May 11, Sept. 4–18, Oct. 9–23,  
Oct. 26–Nov. 9, 2018

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

**Ken Hammond** (Sept.)—historian with expertise in Asia. **Preston Scott** (both Oct. dates)—expert in the cultures and traditions of Nepal and Bhutan.

## The Trans-Siberian Express

A Private Train Journey from Mongolia to Moscow  
Featuring the Naadam Festival

Aboard the *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express*



14 days from \$16,795

July 9–22, 2018

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 52 and on our website.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Sharon Hudgins**—award-winning author with expertise in Russia, the Far East, and Siberia.

# The Silk Road: A Journey to Central Asia

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



16 days from \$7,495

Sept. 1–16, Oct. 20–Nov. 4, 2018

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

**Hugh Neighbour** (Sept.)—former diplomat with the U.S. Department of State, with expertise in Asia.

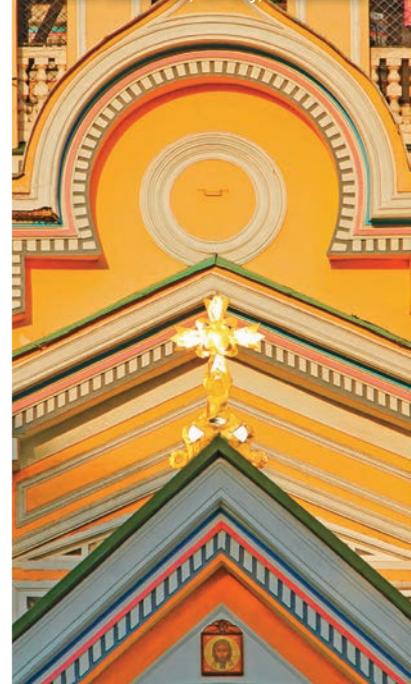


Ceramics in Uzbekistan

Sher Dor Madrassah, Samarkand



Zenkov Cathedral, Almaty, Kazakhstan



# The Americas

*The Galápagos to Patagonia*



Seal and Sally Lightfoot crab, the Galápagos Islands

# Machu Picchu and the Galápagos



16 days from \$8,593  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

Monthly Departures March through Nov. 2018

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 Cuzco 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

**Cuzco and the Sacred Valley:** Venture to the World Heritage site of Cuzco where you'll visit the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art and 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. Plus, 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 the Charles Darwin Research Station 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 aquatic and migratory birds, such as Blue-footed and Nazca Boobies, flamingos, and Frigate birds.

Limited to 19 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Matthew Sayre** (May 5), **Anita Cook** (July 21), and **Robyn Cutright** (Aug. 4)—experts in archaeology and anthropology with a focus on Incas sites. **David Scott Palmer** (June 16)—expert in international relations and Latin American studies. **Jim Reynolds** (July 14)—expert in natural and earth sciences. **Regina Harrison** (Sept. 15)—expert in the language of the Incas and Latin American literature. **Pat Dickerson** (Oct. 20)—geologist and archaeologist.



Llama at Machu Picchu



Red Frigate bird



Blue-footed Boobie



Announcing our new Galápagos cruise for families. See page 60.

## Wonders of the Galápagos Islands

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



9 days from approximately \$4,995  
Includes \$1,000 early booking savings  
*Jan. 14–22, Feb. 11–19, 2019*

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, including rarely visited western islands. You'll learn about this fascinating World Heritage site, made famous by Charles Darwin, from a highly qualified and diverse team of experts.

### Highlights Include

**Unique Wildlife:** Watch the antics of Blue-footed Boobies and observe the beauty of Nazca Boobies, flamingos, and Frigate birds. Get up close to sea lions, seals, Sally Lightfoot crabs, iguana, penguins, and giant land tortoises in their native habitat.

**Featured Islands:** Enjoy a day in an area that is rarely visited: the Western Galápagos Islands. Cruise through the Bolivar Channel, offering stunning views of the volcanic peaks of Isabela and Fernandina Islands. Your time at seahorse-shaped Isabela features snorkeling along the cliffs and searching the northern shores for wildlife. Then continue to the moon-like landscapes of Fernandina, which showcases one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in the archipelago. On Santa Cruz, learn about efforts to protect the rare giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station, plus enjoy the sparkling white-sand beaches. You'll also 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, outfitted with a fleet of Zodiacs and snorkeling gear. This vessel is the ideal size for an expedition to the Galápagos—large enough to provide a choice of excursions but also offering an intimate experience. Find more details on our website.

**Quito:** Spend three days in Quito, featuring a tour of the Old City, and take an excursion to the equatorial milestone marker.

*Space reserved for 25 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



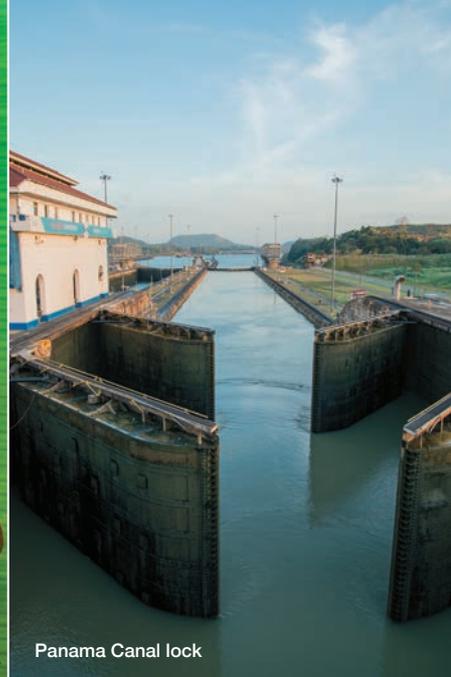
*Santa Cruz II*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**David Clapp** (Jan.) and **John Kricher** (Feb.)—both highly respected naturalists with expertise in ecology, evolution, and birds.



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 184-guest *Le Champlain*



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

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,\* 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).

**Treasures of 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:** Meet the indigenous Guna people in these remote islands.

***Le Champlain*:** This new state-of-the-art, all-suite yacht of the Ponant fleet features upscale amenities in cabins and public spaces. You'll enjoy viewing the canal from a choice of indoor and outdoor lounges and savoring international and regional cuisine. Find more details on our website.

*Space reserved for 70 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



Oak Tiger butterfly



*Le Champlain*



### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**James Karr**—former deputy director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and expert in natural history, tropical ecology, and environmental studies, engineering, and policy.



Sea Cloud



Hummingbird

## Hamilton’s Caribbean

A Cruise from Barbados to Antigua  
Aboard the 60-guest *Sea Cloud*



CRUISE

8 days from \$8,995 / Includes \$1,000 early booking savings before June 1

Jan. 29–Feb. 5, 2019

Thanks to the popular 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.

Limited to 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Ralph Nurberger**—expert in American history and foreign policy.

## Costa Rica’s Natural Treasures



LAND

11–12 days from \$3,881  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 19–30, Oct. 29–Nov. 9, 2018

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 and learn about 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 Volcano and during night viewing at Arenal Volcano.

**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 Experts

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

# Amazon River Cruise

Round-trip from Lima

Aboard the 38-guest *Zafiro*



10 days from \$5,345

March 23–April 1, April 27–May 6, May 18–27,

June 15–24, Aug. 17–26, Oct. 26–Nov. 5, Dec. 21–30, 2018

The Peruvian Amazon River basin is an enthralling world of verdant tropical waterways and rain forests. Join one of our small-ship adventures and navigate more than 500 miles of the Amazon River, where you'll witness an exciting variety of animals and birds and come to understand traditional village life.

## Highlights Include

**Pacaya-Samiria Reserve:** Awake to the ever-changing panorama of jungle life in this special area, the best chance for rare wildlife sightings.

**Tropical Wildlife:** Gain up-close views of gray and pink Amazon River dolphins, red howler and squirrel monkeys, monk sakis, sloths, and other animals. You'll also see colorful parrots, toucans, blue-and-gold and scarlet macaws, and the distinctive hoatzin.

**Active Adventure:** Take exciting daily expeditions by excursion boat or kayak and enjoy nature walks that take you into the rain forest.

**River Villages:** Visit small villages along the shore, accompanied by your local guides. You'll learn about the lives of the Ribereño and Bora Indian people and their medicinal plants and folklore, stop at a school, or join a soccer game.

**Zafiro:** This riverboat is ideal for traveling on the river given its modern comforts, 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 20 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Squirrel monkey



On excursion on the Amazon



The Zafiro

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Greg Shriver** (March) and **Pepper Trail** (Oct.)—ecologists with expertise in avian ecology and conservation. **Nina Zitani** (April/May)—entomologist with expertise in biodiversity conservation. **Jesus Rivas** (June)—biologist and ecologist with expertise in conservation. **Ed Smith** (Aug.)—biologist in the Amazonian department at Smithsonian's National Zoo.



The legendary Machu Picchu



Guanaco at Torres del Paine National Park

## Legendary Peru

World of the Inca and Machu Picchu



11 days from \$4,949  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
*Sept. 19–29, Oct. 22–Nov. 1, 2018*

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.

**Cuzco:** 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

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

## Chile's Patagonian Frontier

With an Optional Extension to Easter Island



15 days from \$6,897  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
*Feb. 26–March 12, Nov. 26–Dec. 10, 2018*

Experience South America's last great frontier as you explore Chile's majestic landscapes and national parks. Plus, visit sophisticated Santiago and have the option of a four-day extension to mysterious Easter Island.

### Highlights Include

**Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park:** During a full-day excursion to this stunning park, set mostly in the Andes, see Petrohué Waterfalls and Osorno Volcano.

**Punta Arenas:** Experience life on a working *estancia* (ranch) as you visit with the cowboys who work there, watch sheepdog and sheep-shearing demonstrations, and enjoy a traditional *asado* (barbecue) lunch.

**Cruising Patagonia:** Witness the stunning Patagonian scenery of mountains and glaciers during a day cruise. Another day cruise takes you through the Strait of Magellan and stops at Magdalena Island, home to more than 120,000 Magellanic penguins.

**Torres del Paine National Park:** Spend two full days exploring this pristine park, with its glaciers, mountain peaks, turquoise lakes, and rushing rivers and waterfalls.

**Santiago:** Savor Chile's capital during a city tour, winery tour and tasting, and visit to bohemian Bellavista.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Jeff Cole** (both dates)—historian with expertise in South American studies.

# Patagonian Explorer

Argentina and Chile by Land and Sea



17 days from \$7,769 / Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

March 10–26, Oct. 16–Nov. 1, Nov. 25–Dec. 11, 2018

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 three 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 Wulaila 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.

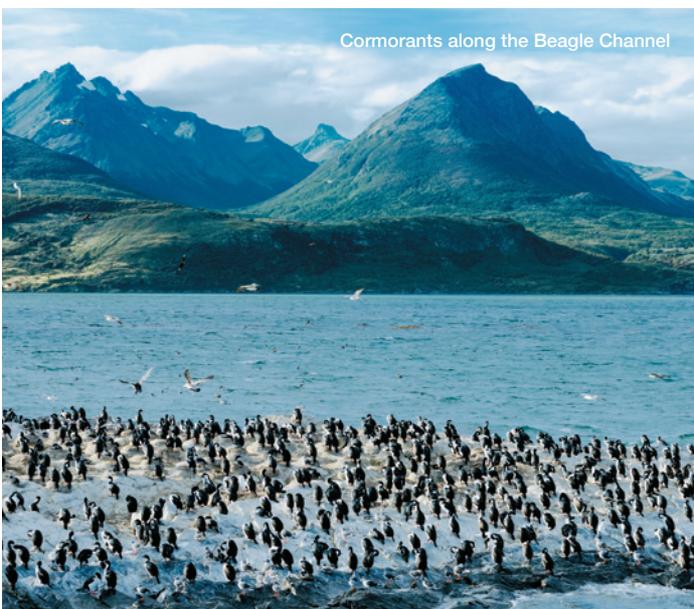
**Santiago:** Conclude your journey in the sophisticated Chilean capital, discover the old port city of Valparaíso, and attend a private winery tour and tasting. Plus, enjoy meeting gracious Santiago families when you are dinner guests in their homes.

**Stella Australis:** Cruise for three 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

**Francisco Dallmeier** (March)—conservation biologist and director of the Smithsonian Center for Conservation and Sustainability. **Jeff Cole** (Oct.)—historian with expertise in South American studies.



Cormorants along the Beagle Channel



Stella Australis

# The U.S. & Canada

*Washington, D.C. to Alaska*



The Smithsonian Castle

NEW

# Celebrate Smithsonian

A Behind-the-Scenes Gala Event



4 days from \$3,695

Sept. 5–8, 2018

Join us to celebrate Smithsonian at a gala event offering an insider's look into your national museum. This year, our exclusive one-time only program reflects on Smithsonian's mission of the increase and diffusion of knowledge. We'll usher you behind the scenes so that you can learn more about the Institution's many research initiatives, curatorial efforts, and educational programs. Along the way, you'll meet top curators and researchers, whose conviviality and passion create a uniquely immersive experience.

## Highlights Include

**National Museum of American History:** Be one of the first to see the newly renovated Hall of Musical Instruments. Enjoy a special welcome by curator Kenneth Slowik. As artistic director of the Smithsonian Chamber Music Society Players, he will tell you about our rare instrument collection and direct a private recital in the new performance space. Afterward, enjoy a gala welcome reception and dinner at the museum.

**Smithsonian Animal Conservation Initiatives:** Go behind the scenes to learn about Smithsonian's focus on animal conservation. Travel to the Conservation Biology Institute, a large research facility in Front Royal, Virginia, or to the National Zoo to meet with biologists or veterinarians, learn about their fascinating work, and tour the facilities in small groups.

**Exclusive Presentation:** Attend a presentation by Jim Zimbleman, geologist, Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, followed by dinner at the hotel.

**Museum Support Center:** Enjoy insider access at this important Smithsonian campus, which provides state-of-the-art resources and facilities for the proper conservation, storage, research, and study of museum collections. Accompanied by Smithsonian staff, tour the Cultural Resources Center, home to the extensive collections and research of the National Museum of the American Indian. You'll also visit the Smithsonian's vast greenhouse complex, a research and collections facility for the Natural History Museum's department of botany, which includes our renowned orchid collection.

**National Museum of Natural History:** Delight in a gala farewell reception in the Hall of Gems and Minerals, where nearly 3,500 gems, minerals, rocks, and meteorites from our unparalleled collections are on display, including the iconic Hope Diamond. Afterward, enjoy a special dinner in the museum followed by a presentation by geologist Jeffrey Post, curator in charge of the Division of Gems and Minerals.

**The Hay-Adams Hotel:** Stay in this elegant historic landmark hotel, located near the White House and Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery.

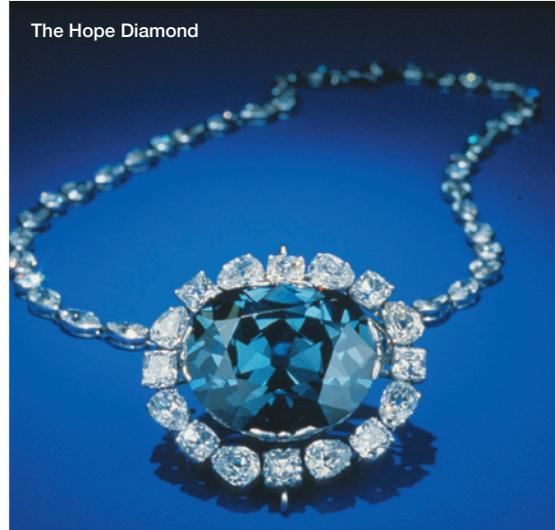
*Limited to 70–90 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



Performing on a historic cello



Panda at the National Zoo



The Hope Diamond

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

Top Smithsonian scholars will be featured throughout this event. Check our website for more details.

# Great Lakes Grand Voyage

From Chicago to Toronto

Featuring All Five Great Lakes

Aboard the 202-guest *Victory I*



11 days from \$6,499

June 20–30, Oct. 6–16, 2018

The Great Lakes region is one of the world's most magnificent and historic inland waterways. Given popular demand, you can once again join us to explore all five of the scenic Great Lakes.

## Highlights Include

**Lake Michigan:** Following an overnight at a deluxe Chicago hotel, spend a day exploring the art and architecture of this vibrant city. Then enjoy a full day of sailing Lake Michigan en route to picturesque Mackinac Island, a national historic landmark located between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Learn about the island's rich history (preserved in the Victorian Era with no automobiles), during a horse and carriage tour with stops at Fort Mackinac and the famous Grand Hotel.

**Lake Superior:** Transit the Soo Locks to enter Lake Superior, stopping at the Visitor Center to learn about the impressive locks that allow safe passage to nearly 10,000 ships annually. You'll also visit the *Valley Camp*, a Great Lakes freighter that has become a fascinating ship museum.

**Lake Huron:** Cross Lake Huron to the rugged beauty of Georgian Bay. On Manitoulin Island, home of the Ojibwe people, learn about their traditions at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, a state-of-the-art heritage museum and art gallery. The next day, relax aboard ship as you cruise Lake Huron.

**Lake Erie:** Travel to Detroit where you'll visit the Henry Ford Museum, featuring an extensive automobile collection and other items of historical significance. Then cruise Lake Erie to the vibrant city of Cleveland, where highlights include the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

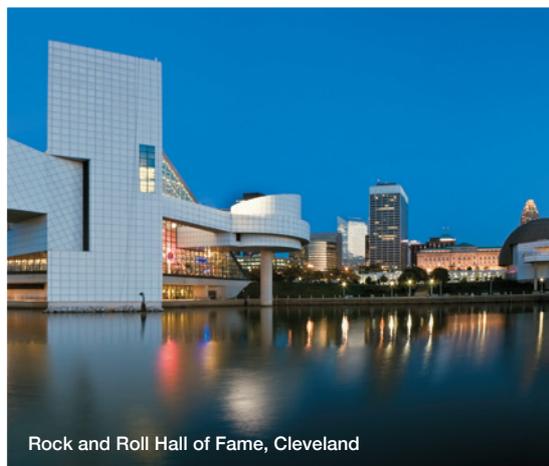
**Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario:** Take an exciting up-close boat ride into the misty spray of Horseshoe Falls to experience the power of the spectacular Niagara Falls. Continue to the Niagara Wine Region and savor a tasting at one of the many wineries, then enjoy a farewell dinner as your ship cruises Lake Ontario for Toronto.

**Victory I:** 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 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Robert Desh** (June) and **Frederick Stonehouse** (Oct.)—historians with expertise in American maritime history, specifically the Great Lakes.



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland



Mackinac Island



Victory I





Queen of the Mississippi



Columbia River

## Voyage on the Mississippi

A River Cruise from Memphis to New Orleans  
Aboard the 185-guest paddle wheeler *America*



9 days from \$4,415  
Includes \$745 early booking savings  
*April 27–May 5, Oct. 29–Nov. 6, 2018*

Journey to the heart and soul of the American South aboard a traditional paddle wheeler. From lively Memphis to antebellum Natchez and spirited New Orleans, learn about the region's complex history and its enormous influence on American history and culture.

### Highlights Include

**Memphis:** Enjoy a specially arranged tour of Memphis, including a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate.

**Civil War Sites:** Sail south and explore the Civil War museum at Helena and national military park at Vicksburg.

**Historic Towns and Cities:** Tour legendary towns such as Natchez, the “Golden City of the South” with its 500 stately antebellum homes; St. Francisville, one of the most beautiful small towns in America; and the state capital of Baton Rouge.

**Oak Alley:** Step ashore to visit this iconic plantation, a classic Greek revival antebellum home that has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

**Mississippi Paddle Wheeler:** Feel the spirit and tradition of cruising this historic river, savor the finest in southern cuisine, and listen to traditional music all the way to New Orleans. Find more details on our website.

*Space reserved for 25 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**A. Wilson Greene** (both dates)—military historian, executive director of two Civil War historical sites, and former National Park Service historian.

## In the Wake of Lewis and Clark

A Cruise of the Columbia and Snake Rivers  
Aboard the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*



7 days from \$4,390  
Includes early booking savings  
*Oct. 11–17, 2018*

Enjoy the autumn colors and clear blue skies of Oregon and Washington as you cruise one of America's great waterways—the Columbia, Snake, and Palouse Rivers—from Astoria to Clarkston. Along the way, explore the region's history and culture and savor award-winning wines and locally sourced farm to table cuisine.

### Highlights Include

**History and Culture:** Reflect on Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery as you walk through the full-scale reconstructed Fort Clatsop and follow their footsteps at several of their campsites. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation, and the Maryhill Museum, with its extensive collections of Native American arts and work by French sculptor Auguste Rodin.

**Northwest Beauty:** Admire dramatic landscapes, including Mt. Hood, Multnomah Falls, and the Columbia River Gorge near Portland and the more easterly Palouse River and Falls. Learn about the geologic causes that created this varied landscape at the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center.

**Adventure:** Discover natural treasures up close by kayak and small boat, and by hikes and bicycle rides. Plus, take a jet-boat ride into spectacular Hells Canyon.

*Space reserved for 60 Smithsonian Journeys guests. Learn more about this ship on our website.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Harry Fritz**—historian with expertise in the Lewis and Clark expedition.



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 \$4,660

Includes \$200 early booking savings

Oct. 12–20, 2018

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. Cross the Hudson for 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 have time at the Presidential Library and new 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.

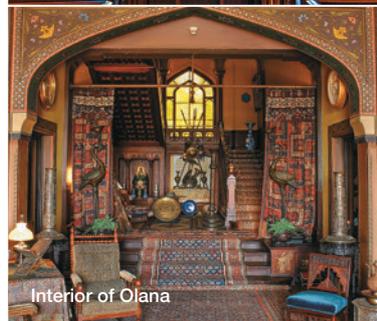
**Upper Hudson:** Arriving in Albany, tour the history and 19th-century art collections at the Albany Institute of History and Art, as well as the more modern art at the Empire State Plaza. Then step into the private world of Frederic Church, a founder of the Hudson River School. Tour his Moorish-style home, Olana, which offers special insight into this important painter, plus magnificent views across the river of the Catskills.

**American Star:** This intimate ship features a delightful décor and ambiance and spacious cabins with modern amenities (many with balconies). The ship offers a shaded sun deck for viewing the fall foliage, dining room large enough to accommodate all guests at one seating, and an indoor lounge and library. Find more details on our website.

*Entire ship reserved for Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



Window by Chagall,  
Union Church of Pocantico Hills



Interior of Olana



Legend:  
● Port of Call  
■ Featured Site  
— Ship

Albany  
Catskill  
Hudson River  
Olana  
Wilderstein  
Hyde Park  
Kingston  
Poughkeepsie/Vassar College  
West Point  
Yonkers  
Kykuit/Lyndhurst  
New York City

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Jason LaFountain**—art historian with expertise in the Hudson River School.



*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 \$4,795  
Includes \$200 early booking savings

July 27–Aug. 4, 2018

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.

**The *Independence*:** This casual, comfortable ship is ideal for cruising the inlets and seaways of coastal Maine. Spacious state rooms (most featuring private balconies), as well as lounges with large windows, and ample deck space provide ideal viewing of the passing scenery. The dining room features regional cuisine, and complimentary Wi-Fi and evening cocktail hour are also offered. Find more details on our website.

*Space reserved for 35 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*



Bar Harbor floats



*Independence*



● Port of Call  
— Ship

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Janice Simon**—art historian with expertise in American artists, especially of New England.



## Smithsonian at Chautauqua

The Arts and Global Understanding

Featuring The Silkroad Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma



8 days from \$3,695

Aug. 4–11, 2018

*Sold Out! Register interest for the waitlist*

Join us for an exciting week along sparkling Lake Chautauqua for performances, lectures, and workshops led and influenced by the Silkroad Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma. Examine the role of art, particularly music, in a cultural context and in cross-cultural collaborations and global understanding.

### Highlights Include

**Setting:** For 140 summers, people have come to this community in southwestern New York to experience the arts, attend lectures and lively discussions, and enjoy the beauty and activities of this Old World resort setting.

**Engaging Discussions:** Your Smithsonian Journeys Expert will discuss the symbiotic relationship between the visual arts, literature, and music and their influences on our global village. You'll also attend the Main Stage scholar series, including programs featuring the Silkroad Ensemble, where global thought leaders will talk about the influences of music and the arts in shaping our world.

**Performances:** Attend a performance by renowned cellist and Silkroad Ensemble artistic director Yo-Yo Ma, an opera performance, theater production of Bertolt Brecht's *Galileo*, and other music performances.

**Historic Hotel:** Stay at the Hotel Athenaeum, situated in a central location and within walking distance to all activities. Your stay also includes all meals.

*Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Ursula Wolfman—art and music historian.

## The Arts of Chicago



6 days from \$3,490

Sept. 2–7, 2018

Journey to cosmopolitan Chicago to explore one of America's treasured cities of art and architecture.

### Highlights Include

**Architectural Masterpieces:** During a coach tour of "the Loop," see many of the city's architectural masterpieces. Then stroll amid neo-Gothic buildings in the Hyde Park area on the University of Chicago campus. Enjoy a private tour of the Chicago Symphony Center, designed by Daniel Burnham, and Millennium Park with the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Music Pavilion.

**Architecturally Themed River Cruise:** Learn about many of Chicago's architectural masterpieces, such as the Tribune Tower, Wrigley Building, and Marina City, during a leisurely river cruise.

**Museums:** Tour the renowned Art Institute of Chicago, with its Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, European Old Masters, American works, and the modern wing designed by Renzo Piano. Later, visit the DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate.

**Adler Planetarium:** See one of the most complete collections of astronomical artifacts at this important science museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate.

*Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

Jason LaFountain—expert in art history and architecture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



Gallery at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art



Toronto skyline

NEW

## Masterpieces of American Art

Featuring Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art



5 days from \$2,995  
*April 10–14, 2018*

Celebrate the genius of American art at two stellar museums as you travel to Arkansas and Missouri with an art historian.

### Highlights Include

**Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art:** Journey to Bentonville, Arkansas, home of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the first major museum dedicated to American art to open in nearly 50 years. Its spectacular galleries, nestled in the scenic Ozarks, feature a breathtaking collection of American masterworks, including iconic images by Asher B. Durand, Norman Rockwell, and Andy Warhol.

**Nelson Atkins Museum of Art:** Take an in-depth tour of this collection of American masterpieces featuring artists such as Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, and Frederic Remington.

**Thomas Hart Benton:** Visit acclaimed Missourian artist Thomas Hart Benton's studio and residence, preserved nearly unchanged from his time there.

**Eureka Springs:** Enjoy an excursion to this charming town, known as a haven for artists and writers.

*Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

#### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Jason LaFountain**—art historian with special expertise in American art.

## Cultural Capitals of Eastern Canada

Plus Niagara Falls



12 days from \$4,192  
Includes airfare, taxes & all fees  
*June 10–21, Sept. 9–20, Oct. 21–Nov. 1, 2018*

Delve into the history, culture, and natural beauty of four vibrant Canadian urban centers on this exciting new program.

### Highlights Include

**Toronto:** Take a panoramic tour of Toronto, one of Canada's most multicultural cities, then enjoy a new perspective from the top of the CN Tower. Experience the power of Niagara Falls from a cruise boat that gets up close to Horseshoe Falls.

**Ottawa:** Enjoy a cruise of the picturesque Thousand Islands, gateway to the St. Lawrence River. In Ottawa, take in the iconic sites of Parliament Hill, home to Canada's federal legislature and Gothic Revival architecture, as well as Rideau Canal, Byward Market, and Rockcliffe Park.

**Montréal:** Visit Old Montréal, where cobblestone streets and the historic Notre-Dame Basilica are nestled next to the redeveloped Old Port. Spend time viewing the art collections of the acclaimed Museum of Fine Arts and the stunning gardens of its world-class botanical garden, a National Historic Site. Plus, enjoy a day at leisure here.

**Québec City:** Tour Old Québec, a European gem and World Heritage site, and visit the Basilica of Notre-Dame, plus the 17th-century star-shaped fortification (La Citadelle), and the adjacent Battlefields Park. Top off your stay by taking a cable car to the top of Montmorency Falls.

*Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

#### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Hugh Neighbour** (June)—former diplomat with expertise in Canadian history and culture.



Glacier National Park



Black bear near Banff



Bull elk in Jasper National Park

# The Northern Rockies

Featuring Glacier, Banff, and Jasper National Parks



11 days from \$4,791

Includes airfare, taxes & all fees

June 19–29, July 7–17, Aug. 28–Sept. 7, 2018

Discover some of the most spectacular landscapes of the Northern Rocky Mountains during our new 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

**Kirt Kempter** (June) and **Patty Hostiuick** (Aug.)—popular and highly respected geologist and naturalist, respectively.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.



Mount Denali

## Alaska's Natural Wonders



11 days from \$6,195

June 5–15, July 17–27, Aug. 14–24, 2018

Experience the natural wonders of Alaska on our new journey featuring three important national parks. From Denali to Wrangell-St. Elias and Kenai Fjords, feel the excitement of seeing bountiful wildlife, majestic snow-covered mountains, and dramatic glistening glaciers. Plus, gain a better understanding of the Alaskan way of life from insightful visits in Anchorage and along your journey.

### Highlights Include

**Denali National Park:** Enjoy Alaska's dramatic scenery from a train window as you travel from Anchorage to Denali. The centerpiece of this six-million-acre preserve is Mount Denali, America's tallest peak. Traveling deep into the park (to Eielson Visitor Center), your expert ranger talks about all that you'll encounter: the landscape of forests, alpine tundra, and snow-covered mountains and wildlife such as grizzly bear, moose, and caribou that 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 prop plane for the half-hour scenic flight to this isolated park. At 13.2 million acres, Wrangell-St. Elias is the largest park in the U.S. and a World Heritage site. Settle deep within the rugged wilderness, home to some of North America's highest mountains and largest collection of glaciers. You'll don crampons for a half-day hike out to icefields, cascading waterfalls, and deep canyons and spend time exploring Kennecott, once a bustling copper mining camp.

**Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park:** Travel through the Chugach National Forest en route to Seward. From here, an exciting day cruise of Kenai Fjords National Park features up-close views of glaciers and pristine fjords, along with plenty of marine wildlife such as whales, harbor seals, and sea lions, as well as bears, mountain goats, and moose along the shore, and memorable puffins and other species of birds.

**Anchorage:** Learn more about the Alaskan experience in Anchorage during visits to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Anchorage Museum with its Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, and the Wildlife Conservation Center, plus a city tour featuring the historic downtown area.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Kennecott mines



### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Howard Topoff and Carol Simon** (June)—experts in animal behavior, ecology, and evolutionary biology.

# Alaska's Glaciers and the Inside Passage

A Cruise from Vancouver to Juneau  
Aboard the 212-guest *Star Legend*



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

June 28–July 5, July 5–12, \* 2018

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 Wrangell Island and other 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.

**Star Legend:** This newly refurbished, upscale all-suite yacht (Windstar fleet) offers the best of both worlds—small enough that it can alter course for better wildlife observation and tuck into tiny coves, yet large enough to offer the amenities of a larger ship. Find more details on our website.

*Space reserved for 40 Smithsonian Journeys guests. \*The July 5 departure will run in reverse.*

## Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Scott Burns** (June)—respected geologist and scientist and  
**Patty Hostiuck** (July)—respected naturalist.



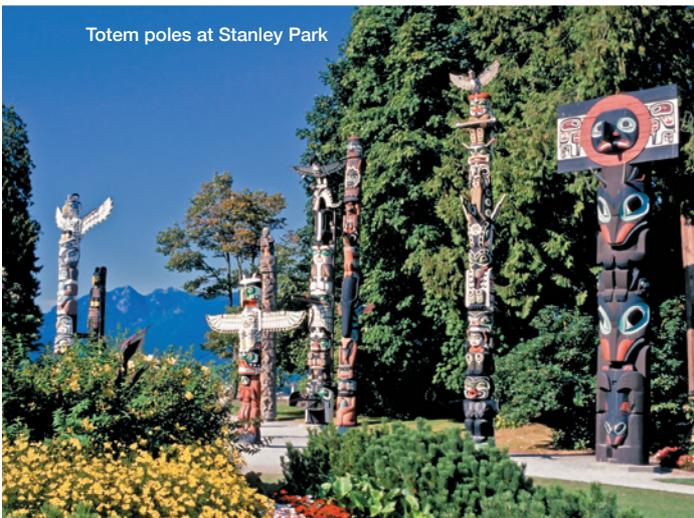
Hubbard Glacier, Tracy Arm



Star Legend



Totem poles at Stanley Park



NEW

## Vancouver and Victoria

Gems of Western Canada



7 days from \$4,995

June 6–12, 2018

Cosmopolitan Vancouver and charming Victoria are dynamic Pacific Coast cities replete with multicultural history, arts, and scenic wonders.

### Highlights Include

**Vancouver:** Enjoy curator-led tours of the Museum of Anthropology, home to an impressive collection of works by the First Nations people, as well as the Art Gallery of Vancouver. A special guest lecture about the history of Vancouver complements a tour of Gastown, the city's oldest neighborhood, dating to 1867. Plus, you'll visit the important cultural district of Granville Island to enjoy a culinary tour of the Public Market. Later, learn about the influence of the Chinese during a tour of Chinatown, which includes the Dr. Sun Yat-sen classical garden, the first garden of its kind built outside China. You'll also explore the unique urban refuge of Stanley Park, with its famous totem poles, and dense forest, and take a gondola ride to the top of Grouse Mountain.

**Victoria:** Trace the cultural history of this charming city during a walking tour of Old Victoria and the Inner Harbor, then gain further insight during a visit to the Royal British Columbia Museum. Enjoy more of the island's natural beauty when you journey beyond the city to Butchart Gardens, world-renowned for its floral and landscape displays.

*Limited to 28 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Martin Magne**—former director of the Archaeology and History Branch for Parks Canada.



Mount Rushmore, South Dakota

NEW

## The Great American West

National Parks and Monuments

of South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming



7 days from \$4,145

Aug. 2–8, 2018

Explore the stunning landscapes, treasured landmarks, and rich history of the American West during gentle hikes through national parks of South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming.

### Highlights Include

**The Black Hills:** See two of America's important national landmarks in South Dakota. The iconic Mount Rushmore features portraits of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt, while the Crazy Horse Memorial showcases the image of the Lakota leader carved into a mountain as a memorial honoring all North American Indians. Spend time exploring Custer State Park, a wildlife reserve with a large herd of bison and other plains animals.

**Devils Tower and Ranch Stay:** Trace the western route of many pioneers as you head to the volcanic monolith of Devils Tower and then enjoy a barbecue and lodging at a historic ranch in Wyoming.

**Montana's Little Bighorn Battlefield:** A Crow Indian guide joins you to recount the events of a turbulent period that includes stories about General George Armstrong Custer and Indian Chief Sitting Bull.

**Yellowstone National Park:** Drive over the famed Beartooth Pass into Wyoming to the northern entrance of America's first national park. Enjoy two days exploring Yellowstone, including Lamar Valley, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and Old Faithful.

*Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Harry Fritz**—expert in American history.



The Grand Canyon



Delicate Arch

NEW

## Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon

Featuring Tucson and Sedona



12 days from \$3,995  
April 21–May 2, Oct. 6–17, 2018

Explore three iconic national parks in Arizona and Utah, plus important southwest museums, all in one exciting tour!

### Highlights Include

**Tucson, Phoenix, and Sedona:** Learn about the region's natural history at Tucson's Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and visit one of the finest Spanish colonial missions in the southwest at nearby Mission San Xavier del Bac. In Phoenix, view the important collections of the Heard Museum of Native Cultures and Art. And in Sedona, experience stunning landscapes of red sandstone formations during an exciting off-road jeep excursion.

**Grand Canyon National Park:** Experience the vistas of this awe-inspiring World Heritage site and explore Antelope Canyon; learn about the park's geology; and get up close during a float trip on the Colorado River.

**Bryce Canyon National Park:** Choose a hike that features either panoramic or up-close views of the colorful red hoodoos, the legendary rock formations dramatically sculpted by erosion.

**Zion National Park:** Walk among sandstone cliffs ranging in color from cream to pink and rusty red, and experience some of the park's deserts, forests, rivers, canyons, and red-rock bluffs.

Limited to 24 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

#### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**Kirt Kempter** (Oct.)—respected and popular geologist.

## National Parks of the Southwest



7 days from \$3,995  
May 5–11, Sept. 22–28, 2018

Enjoy gentle hikes through four distinctly different parklands in Utah and Colorado, renowned for their unique and breathtaking landscapes and rich history.

### Highlights Include

**Arches National Park:** This small jewel of the national park system contains the world's largest concentration of natural sandstone arches and other unusual rock formations. See over 20 arches during your walks, including the famous Delicate Arch.

**Canyonlands National Park:** Hike through the renowned canyons carved out by the Colorado and Green Rivers. Some walks provide spectacular vistas while others follow trails into canyons, over slickrock, and through the bizarre rock world of the Needles District.

**Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park:** Stand in awe at some of the most definitive images of the American West—red mesas and immense free-standing rock formations—which lie within the Navajo Nation. Learn about this wilderness and the history of the Navajo from your local Navajo guide.

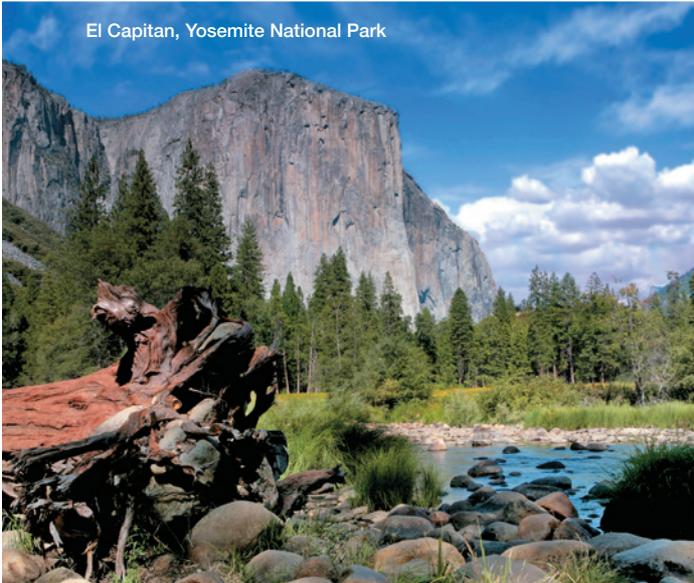
**Mesa Verde National Park:** Learn about the lives of the ancestral Puebloan people who lived here for more than 700 years and visit some of the most notable archaeological sites.

Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

#### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**John Ninnemann** (May) and **Owen Sivitz** (Sept.)—expert naturalists.

El Capitan, Yosemite National Park



The Grand Tetons



## Treasures of Yosemite



6 days from \$3,995

June 10–15, 2018

Yosemite National Park is home to some of the most magnificent scenery in the American West. During leisurely hikes, discover the towering cliffs, expansive vistas, and cascading waterfalls that comprise this World Heritage site, located in northern California.

### Highlights Include

**Classic Sites:** Travel into the heart of Yosemite to witness the classic features of El Capitan, Half Dome, and Sentinel Peak. For many, Half Dome is the park's signature landmark, with walls etched by vertical joints and the trails of past glaciers. Others find it to be Bridalveil Falls and Yosemite Falls.

**John Muir and Ansel Adams:** Learn about the legacies of the important naturalist and photographer and their roles in preserving California's Sierra Nevada. Plus, hear about new conservation efforts to protect the park's majestic character and visit the Pioneer History Center.

**Yosemite's High Country:** Drive over Tioga Pass Road and take easy hikes with incredible views of the valley below or explore Hetch Hetchy Valley. Depending on weather, highlights could include Mono Lake, Tuolumne Meadows, Tenaya Lake, and Olmsted Point.

**Accommodations:** Stay at Big Trees Lodge and Yosemite Valley Lodge, both located within the park. Plus, enjoy a tour of the historic Ahwahnee Hotel followed by a festive farewell dinner in the dining room.

*Limited to 18 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

**Smithsonian Journeys Expert**

**Kurt Westenbarger**—expert naturalist.

## Yellowstone and Grand Teton Adventure



7 days from \$4,545

Sept. 5–11, 2018

Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872, is the cornerstone of America's national park system. Discover the wonders of Wyoming's historic Yellowstone and the nearby Grand Tetons on this popular tour. Enjoy leisurely walks or more strenuous hikes, learn about geology, and observe plentiful wildlife, including wolves, coyotes, grizzly and black bears, moose, bison, and 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—and Hayden Valley, one of the best places in the park to view wildlife. Witness geysers, hot pools, and mud pots at the limestone terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs and the geyser basins at Norris and Old Faithful.

**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. Sail across Jenny Lake, just one of a string of jewel-like lakes set within this landscape.

**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**

**Hobie Hare**—expert naturalist.

# Train Journeys in the U.S.

## Railroading the Rockies

From Denver to Santa Fe



7 days from \$4,395

July 22–27, 2018

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 Golden 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 Silverton.

**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.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Durango Silverton train



## Railroading in California

From the Sierra Nevada to Napa Valley



7 days from \$5,295

Aug. 18–25, 2018

From historic railways that supported the logging industry to the metropolitan transport that moves today's residents of San Francisco around the Bay Area, California has known more than 150 years of train history. Join us for a unique journey to ride the rails from the Sierra Nevada to Napa Valley.

### Highlights Include

**Sierra Railway:** Journey to Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to ride the historic *Sierra Railway*, featured in many Hollywood films.

**Altamont Corridor Express:** Travel by train over Altamont Pass and through Niles Canyon on the route used until 1970 by the original *California Zephyr*.

**San Francisco Cable Cars:** Ride these world-famous icons and learn about their history.

**Napa Valley Wine Train:** Enjoy lunch aboard this acclaimed restaurant on wheels.

**Skunk Train:** View the coastal redwoods as you travel to Northspur, midpoint of the *California Western* railroad aboard this famous train.

**New SMART Trains:** Ride the the Sonoma–Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), which opened in August 2017.

**California State Railroad Museum:** Learn about the rich and colorful history of California's railroads and the resulting economic development during a visit to this highly recognized museum in Sacramento, a Smithsonian Affiliate.

Limited to 34 Smithsonian Journeys guests.

Napa Valley Wine Train



## Railroading in New England

A Fall Foliage Adventure



6 days from \$4,895

Sept. 20–25, 2018

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*, ascend 18 miles to reach Crawford Notch, which provides 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 Rail Expert

All rail journeys in the U.S. accompanied by **Frank Ackerman**, rail historian and former director of the Nevada State Railroad Museum.

## Railroading the Alleghenies

Featuring Fall Foliage in West Virginia and Maryland



8 days from \$5,295

Oct. 8–15, 2018

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.*



Historic train in the White Mountains



Cass Scenic Railroad



Santa Fe still life



Old chapel, Taos



Historic Santuario de Chimayo

## Smithsonian Photo Journey Focus on Santa Fe



6 days from \$3,795

May 13–18, Aug. 26–31, 2018

The distinctive light and red-hued landscapes of Santa Fe, Taos, and Abiquiu once brought artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams to this region. Photographers, artists, authors, and general visitors alike continue to be drawn here not only for the special light, but also for the cultural richness, lively arts scene, and ideal climate.

Join Smithsonian Journeys and the highly respected Santa Fe Photographic Workshops (SFW) for an amazing week in Santa Fe featuring a fascinating balance of cultural immersion and photographic mentoring. Spend your mornings on the SFW campus for photography presentations, then explore your environs in the company of a skilled photography instructor. Our photography expert is accompanied by an assistant to ensure everyone receives some individual instruction. You'll also gain insights into the history and culture of Santa Fe through special visits and talks by local experts. Plus, you'll enjoy accommodations in the centrally located Santa Fe Historic Plaza Hotel, just two blocks from the plaza!

Our new Smithsonian Photo Journey is designed for people with a special interest in photographing their travels—and in expanding their photography skills. Join us to explore the many faces of the region in depth—and see it more intimately—as you frame your images.

### Highlights Include

**Photography:** Geared to all skill levels and all types of cameras (DSLR, point and shoot, and smartphones), our photo journey features daily photography sessions (and optional image review sessions) to improve your technical abilities and creative eye.

**Santa Fe:** Learn about the city's rich history, vibrant arts scene, and unique architecture through guest lectures. You'll also enjoy curator-led museum tours, private visits to galleries and artists' studios, and walking tours!

**Taos and Abiquiu:** Photograph the dramatic landscapes north of Santa Fe that inspired Ansel Adams and visit the villages of Chimayo and Taos. Plus, make a pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch, Georgia O'Keeffe's home.

**Cowboy Culture:** Learn about the past and present realities of cowboy life in the American West by visiting a ranch where you'll meet the owners and staff. Then, further explore the ranch with your camera in hand.

*Limited to 22 Smithsonian Journeys guests.*

### Smithsonian Journeys Experts

**Carlan Tapp** (May) and **Jennifer Spelman** (Aug.)—top photographers and instructors, plus experts in the local heritage and culture of the Santa Fe region.

# Astronomy and Natural Wonders of Hawaii



9 days from \$5,995

Nov. 3–11, 2018

Explore the wonders of the Universe and marvel at Earth's immense geological forces and undersea world during this new, unique tour of Hawaii and Maui. Learn from experts about the powerful telescopes that astronomers use to view the skies above, walk atop solidified magma, stroll along a black-sand beach, and see a variety of marine species living among coral reefs.

## 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 stragazing 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.

# Astronomy in Arizona

Featuring Smithsonian's Whipple Observatory



5 days from \$3,195

May 14–18, 2018

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.

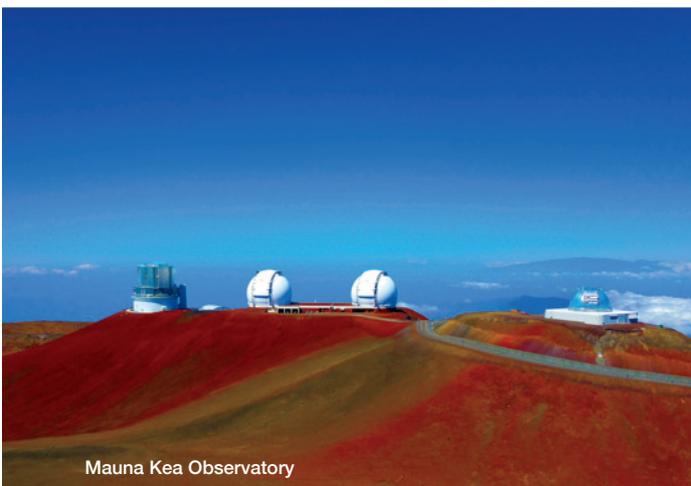
**University of Arizona Steward Observatory Mirror Lab:** Tour this incredible scientific production facility, which is producing the most advanced giant telescope mirrors in the world.

**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.

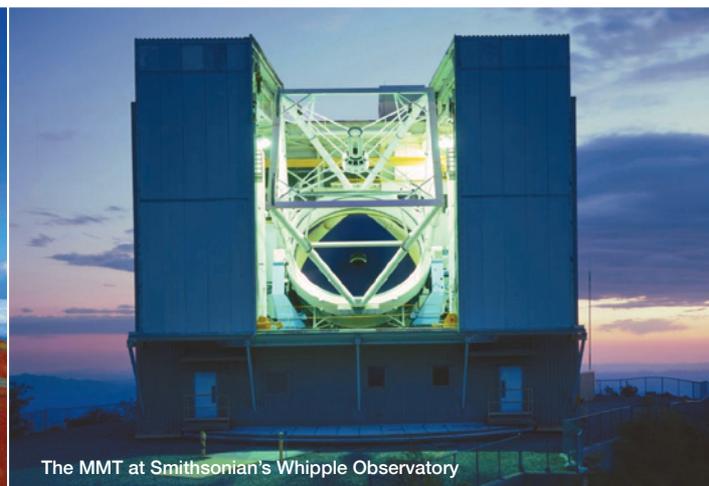
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### Smithsonian Journeys Expert

**David Aguilar**—astronomer, author, and former director of public affairs and science information at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.



Mauna Kea Observatory



The MMT at Smithsonian's Whipple Observatory

# Active Journeys

*Scotland to Kilimanjaro*





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Our collection features a variety of ways to experience the world more actively. Walk amid the vineyards and hillsides of Tuscany and savor gourmet meals. Hike the dramatically beautiful and rugged coastlines of Scotland's Hebrides and Highlands, stopping to meet the people who create Harris tweed and fine Scotch whisky. Take the long-awaited rafting trip in the American West as you raft and hike along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Or challenge yourself with a high-altitude trek in the Andes as you hike from inn to inn and experience Machu Picchu.

### Hiking Scotland's Hebrides and Highlands

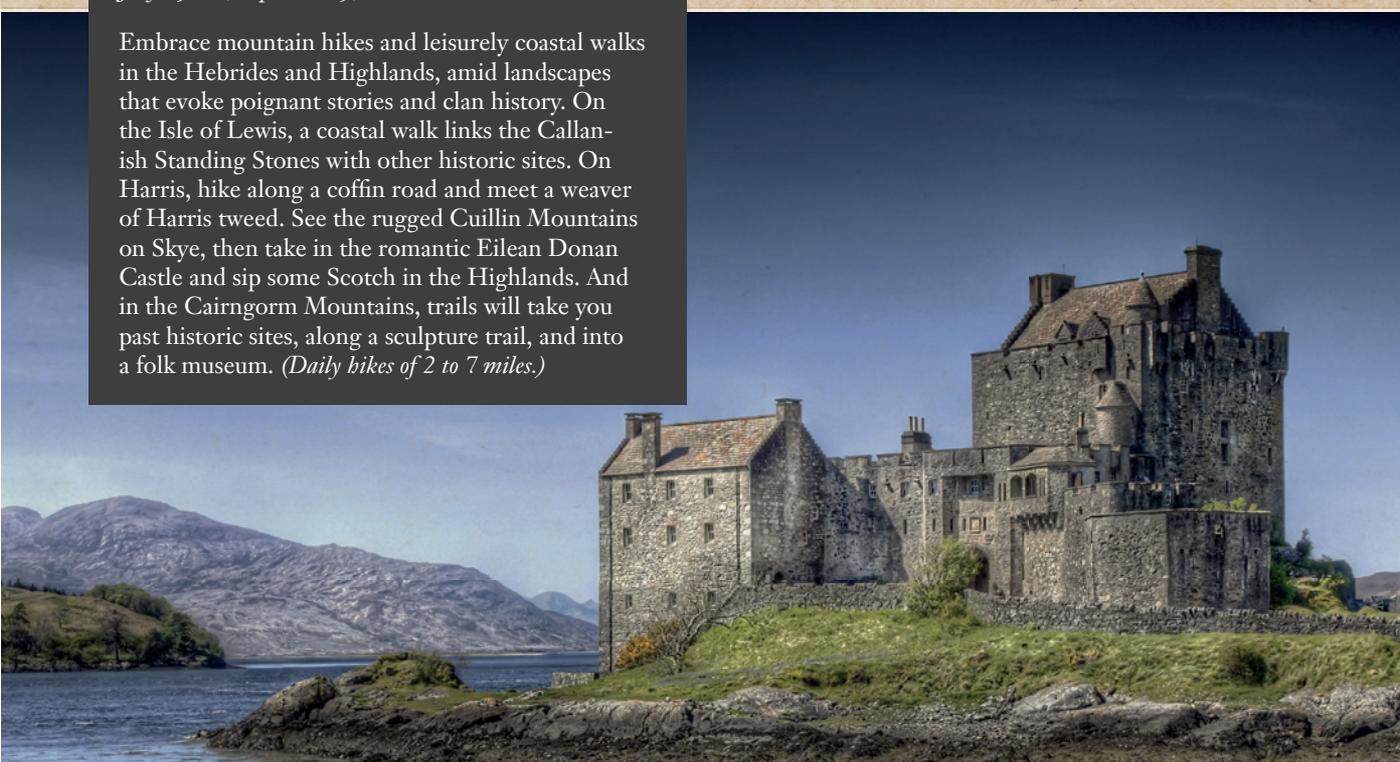
10 days from \$4,995

July 19–28, Sept. 20–29, 2018

Embrace mountain hikes and leisurely coastal walks in the Hebrides and Highlands, amid landscapes that evoke poignant stories and clan history. On the Isle of Lewis, a coastal walk links the Callanish Standing Stones with other historic sites. On Harris, hike along a coffin road and meet a weaver of Harris tweed. See the rugged Cuillin Mountains on Skye, then take in the romantic Eilean Donan Castle and sip some Scotch in the Highlands. And in the Cairngorm Mountains, trails will take you past historic sites, along a sculpture trail, and into a folk museum. *(Daily hikes of 2 to 7 miles.)*

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## Experience the world more actively

### Hiking the Emerald Isle

11 days from \$5,595  
July 14–24, Aug. 11–21, 2018

Blend vigorous tramps with insightful cultural visits as you experience the dramatic west coast of Ireland. Take iconic hikes along the Gap of Dunloe, the Dingle Way (one of the most beautiful walks in the world), the Aran Islands, and Connemara. Along the way, you'll explore both iconic and off-the-beaten path sites, including a prehistoric fort, local abbeys, historic castles, ancient crumbling cottages, and quaint fishing villages. At night, warm Irish hospitality, lively music, a tasty pint, and genuine Irish *craic* await you at local pubs. (*Daily hikes of 3 to 7 miles.*)

### Walks and Cuisine of Tuscany

9 days from \$5,495  
Sept. 9–17, Sept. 23–Oct. 1, 2018

Hiking Tuscany's iconic hill towns should be on every hiker's life list. Join us for a unique walking tour featuring San Gimignano, Volterra, Monteriggioni, and Siena and the surrounding vineyards of Chianti, Vernaccia, and Brunello. During our daily routes you'll explore churches, cathedrals, and abbeys, and of course, delight in tasting a variety of wines, cheeses, pressed oils, and local honey. And throughout your trip, savor meals comprised of local specialties and stay in hotels reflecting Tuscan charm. (*Daily walks of 3 to 6 miles.*)



### Rafting the Middle Fork of the Salmon River

8 days from \$3,395  
Aug. 17–24, Sept. 12–19, 2018

Take one of the top whitewater rafting trips in the world, covering more than 100 rapids over 100 miles with expert raft guides. Each day you can ride the oar boat or get wet with a team of paddlers—each an exhilarating experience. Go hiking and swimming, relax in natural hot springs, and even try the art of fly fishing. Learn about Idaho's cultural and geologic history from your experts, who also provide delicious dinners and set up your deluxe tent camping each night. (*Daily river rafting 6 to 7 hours, Class II/III rapids.*)

### Hiking the Grand Canyon

9 days from \$4,995  
Sept. 5–13, Oct. 23–31, 2018

Experience this iconic American wonder by hiking along some of its famous rim trails (South Kaibab and Bright Angel), then descend into the canyon and go off the beaten path to explore Havasu Canyon and the dramatic blue-green waterfalls hidden deep within. Learn about the area's geology and Native American history from your expert guides and enjoy hikes, swimming holes, and starry nights. You'll spend three nights in both a park lodge overlooking the canyon and a deluxe campsite in Havasu Canyon. (*Daily hikes of 6 to 10 miles.*)



## 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 many glorious rivers, fjords, mountains, lakes, gorges, and glaciers, it's an active traveler's dream. Traverse the South Island—from Blenheim and the Queen Charlotte Track in the north to Doubtful Sound in the south—for a true adventure featuring wilderness hiking, sea kayaking, white-water rafting (Class III/IV rapids), an overnight fjord cruise, and jetboat ride! We've got it all covered for the most amazing journey! (*Hikes of 4 to 7 miles.*)

## Inn-to-Inn Hiking to Machu Picchu

12 days from \$6,295

*Aug. 21–Sept. 1, Oct. 12–23, 2018*

The mystical ruins and misty peaks of Machu Picchu have lured humankind for centuries. Challenge yourself on this special journey featuring a four-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 Cuzco and on awesome hikes amid sparkling glaciers, azure lakes, cloud forests, ancient Inca sites, and breathtaking mountain views. (*Hikes of 4 to 10 miles, altitudes 6,000 to 12,800 feet.*)

## Take the challenge

### Hiking Through Patagonia

15 days from \$6,995

*Oct. 14–28, Nov. 4–18, 2018*

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 iconic 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*, cozy cabins, and a mountain lodge. (*Daily hikes of 5 to 14 miles dependent on group abilities.*)

### Hiking Pilgrimage Trails in Japan

11 days from \$7,595

*Sept. 26–Oct. 6, Oct. 10–20, 2018*

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 the 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 5 to 10 miles.*)

### Southeast Asia on Foot and Bike

16 days from \$6,295

*Oct. 12–27, Nov. 16–Dec. 1, 2018*

Those seeking an in-depth understanding of the culture and arts of Southeast Asia plus a challenging 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, bikes of 4 to 8 miles.*)

### Climbing Kilimanjaro

12 days from \$6,595

*Jan. 10–20, 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. MTS 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!





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TOUR / CRUISE TITLE		PG#	TOUR	DAYS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RIVER CRUISES	A River Cruise of Provence	16	C	9										●		
	Waterways of Holland and Belgium	17	C	9					★							
	Bike and Barge/ Holland and Belgium	21	C/SP	9									●			
	A Danube River Cruise	15	C	16							●		●			
	Great European Journey: From Holland to Switzerland	18	C/T	11							●					
	Holiday Markets Rhine and Main River Cruise	19	C	12											●	●
	Portrait of Portugal: Featuring a Douro River Cruise	17	C/L	12											●	
	Voyage Through Europe: From Budapest to Amsterdam	19	C	16											●	
	Elbe River Cruise: From Prague to Berlin	20	C	12							●					
	Smithsonian at Oxford	35	SP/ST	8										●		
	London: A One-Week Stay	37	ST	9								●	●			
	Classic Mystery Lover's England	37	SP	9											●	
	The Battle of Britain: Farnborough Air Show	38	SP	9								●				
	British Cars and the Goodwood Festival	38	SP	9										●		
	Highlights of Britain	36	L	14								●		●		
	Scotland's Treasures	40	L	12								●		●		
	The Emerald Isle / Ireland	41	L	13						●	●	●	●	●		
	County Mayo / Ireland: A One-Week Stay	41	ST	9						●				●		
	Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords	40	C	9						●						
	A Celtic Cruise: From Glasgow to Honfleur	39	C	10						●						
Normandy: A One-Week Stay	24	ST	9										●	●		
France's Champagne Region: A One-Week Stay	23	ST	9											●		
Paris: A One-Week Stay	23	ST	9										●			
France Through the Ages	22	L	15						●				●	●		
Southern France	25	L	13						●				●			
Living in France: A Three-Week Stay in Provence	26	ST	23						●			●	●	●		
Living in Italy: A Three-Week Stay in Florence	27	ST	23						●			●	●	●		
Highlights of Italy	28	L	16						●	●			●	●		
Northern Italy	29	L	15						●	●			●	●		
Smithsonian at <i>Il Palio di Siena</i>	27	SP	7							●						
Italy's Lake District: A One-Week Stay	29	ST	9						●		●		●			
Sorrento: A One-Week Stay	30	ST	9										●	●		
Palermo and Taromina: A Stay in Sicily	30	ST	10						●	●			●			
Southern Italy and Sicily	31	L	15										●	●		
Voyage from Rome to Malta	31	C	9										●			
Cruising the Rivas of Italy, France, and Spain	24	C	9										●			
A Cruise from Lisbon to London	32	C	10										●			
Barcelona: A One-Week Stay	32	ST	9						●				●			
A Cruise of Spain and Portugal	33	C	9											●		
Treasures of Southern Spain and Portugal	34	L	15						●				●	●		
Across Northern Spain and Portugal	34	L	17					●	●	●			●	●		
Highlights of Germany	43	L	15						●	●		●		●		
Old World Europe / From Poland to the Czech Republic	42	L	17						●			●	●			
Krakow: A One-Week Stay	43	ST	9							●						
Prague: A One-Week Stay	44	ST	9										●			
Copenhagen: A One-Week Stay	44	ST	9										●			
The Swiss Alps: A One-Week Stay in Interlaken	45	ST/T	9								●	●	●			
Pearls of Croatia and Slovenia	47	L	15						●				●			
A Cruise of the Adriatic and the Aegean	46	C	9							●						
Athens and Poros: A Stay in Greece	45	ST	10						●				●			
Cruising the Baltic Sea	50	C	10							●	★					
St. Petersburg and the Baltics	50	L	14						●		●		●			
Waterways of Russia	52	C	12									●				
Scandinavian Journey: Norway and Denmark	51	L	16						●		●	●				
Iceland Voyage: A Circumnavigation Cruise	49	C	9							●	★					
Northern Lights of Iceland	49	SP	7				●							●		
Adventure in Iceland	48	L	11								●	●	●	●		
Arctic Explorer by Private Train	52	T/SP	13												●	
An Arctic Cruise of Svalbard	W	C	13							●						
Expedition to Antarctica	53	C	14	★												
A Cruise of Coastal Norway	51	C	9										●			
Around the World by Private Jet	54	A	24		★								●	★		

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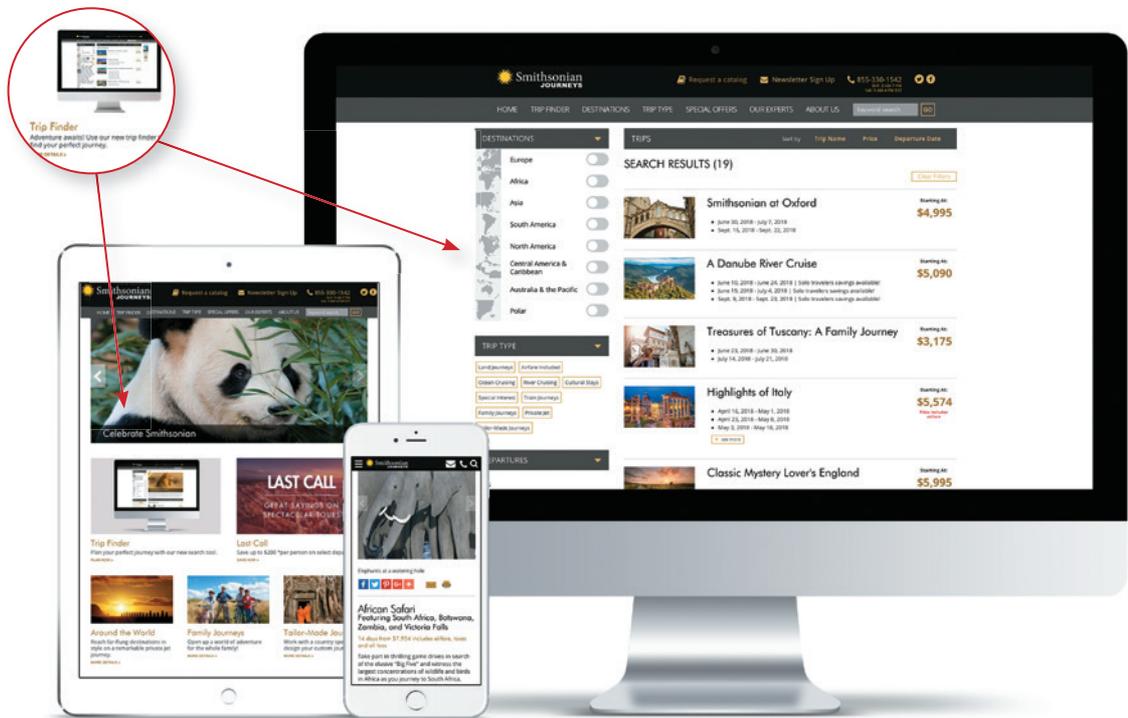
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FAMILY	Cruising the Rhine River: A Family Journey	58	F/C	9							●					
	A Family Holiday Cruise to Antarctica	W	F/C	17												●
	Galapagos Islands Voyage for Families	60	F/C	9						●						
	Iceland Explorer	60	F	7						●	●					
	Discover Ireland	59	F	9						●						
	Exploring London and Paris	59	F	10						●						
	Treasures of Tuscany	57	F	8						●	●					
	Discover Japan	59	F	11							●					
	Yellowstone and the Tetons	61	F	7							●					
	Exploring Costa Rica	61	F	9							●					
AFRICA	Tanzania's Great Migration	65	L	12		★	★									
	South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana: <i>Rovos Rail</i>	66	T/L	16									●	●		
	Southern African Adventure: Chobe River Cruise	65	L/C	17		★										
	Africa's Grand Safari: A Private Air Expedition	64	L/A	15							●					
	African Safari	63	L	14				●				●	●	●		
	Tanzania Safari	67	L	15							●	●	●	●		
	Splendors of Morocco	67	L	14			●	●					●		●	
ASIA & PACIFIC	Eternal Japan	74	L	13								●	●	●		
	Classic China Featuring Tibet & Yangtze River Cruise	75	L/C	19				●					●			
	Imperial China and the Yangtze	W	L/C	14				●	●				●			
	Discovering Vietnam	73	L	16										●	●	
	Mystical India	72	L	17			●							●	●	
	Journey Through India's Rajasthan: Palace on Wheels	72	T/L	13		★										
	Himalayan Kingdoms: Nepal and Bhutan	76	L	15				●					●	●		
	The Silk Road: A Journey to Central Asia	77	L	16				●					●	●		
	The Trans-Siberian Express: From Mongolia to Moscow	76	T	14								●				
	Voyage to French Polynesia	71	C	11		★										
	Singapore, Thailand, and Angkor Wat	73	L/T	14		★								●	●	
	New Zealand by Sea	69	C	14											●	●
	Journey Through New Zealand	71	L	16			●	●						●	●	
Splendors of Australia and New Zealand	70	L	22			●	●					●	●			
THE AMERICAS	A Cruise of Panama and Costa Rica (Canal Transit)	81	C	9		★										
	Machu Picchu and the Galápagos	79	L	16			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
	Legendary Peru	84	L	11									●	●		
	Wonders of the Galápagos Islands	80	C	9	★	★										
	Amazon River Cruise	83	C	10			●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
	Patagonian Explorer: Argentina & Chile by Land & Sea	85	L/C	17			●							●	●	
	Chile's Patagonian Frontier	84	L	15		●									●	
	Costa Rica's Natural Treasures	82	L	12			●							●		
	Hamilton's Caribbean	82	C	8	★											
	Great Lakes Grand Voyage	88	C	11							●				●	
THE U.S. & CANADA	Art Along the Hudson	90	C	9										●		
	Art Along the Coast of Maine	91	C	9							●					
	Voyage on the Mississippi	89	C	9				●						●		
	In the Wake of Lewis and Clark	89	C	7										●		
	Vancouver and Victoria	97	L	7						●						
	Cultural Capitals of Eastern Canada	93	L	12						●			●	●		
	Spotlight on New York Theater	W	SP	5					●							
	The Arts of Chicago	92	ST	6									●			
	Masterpieces of American Art (Arkansas/Kansas)	93	SP	5				●								
	Celebrate Smithsonian	87	SP	4									●			
	Smithsonian at Chautauqua	92	SP	8									●			
	The Northern Rockies	94	L	11						●	●	●				
	Alaska's Natural Wonders	95	L	11						●	●	●				
	Alaska's Glaciers and the Inside Passage	96	C	8						●	●					
	National Parks of the Southwest	98	L	7					●				●			
	Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon	98	L	12				●						●		
	Yellowstone and Grand Teton Adventure	99	L	7									●			
	The Great American West	97	L	7								●				
	Treasures of Yosemite	99	L	6						●						
	Astronomy in Arizona	103	SP	5					●							
Astronomy and Natural Wonders of Hawaii	103	SP	9											●		
Railroading the Rockies	100	T	7							●						
Railroading in California	100	T	7								●					
Railroading in New England	101	T	6									●				
Railroading the Alleghenies	101	T	8										●			
Smithsonian Photo Journey / Santa Fe	102	SP	6					●			●					

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