

VMFA Member Travel Programs for 2025

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VMFA Member Travel

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Member Travel Program brings together museum members at every level who share a desire for cultural enrichment and social engagement, as well as a spirit of discovery. The program was created more than thirty years ago to offer domestic and international excursions tailored to this unique community, drawn together by their membership in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. We hope to increase the presence of VMFA in the lives of our members beyond the physical confines of our museum through experience with the origins of our collections, exposure to the cultures that gave life to these artistic expressions, and personal interactions with the dedicated museum staff who bring VMFA's treasures to the public. The VMFA Member Travel Program is designed to develop and strengthen the relationship between members and the museum. Our distinctive combination of cultural enrichment, fellowship and exceptional amenities distinguish the VMFA Member Travel Program from other commercially available tour offerings.

If you are not already a member of VMFA and wish to participate in a Member Travel program, you may join the museum online using our website at:

About Membership - Membership (vmfa.museum)

For more details, check the Member Travel Website at: Member Travel - Membership (vmfa.museum)

Note: Information above is correct as of 4.26.2024. Availability, details, and pricing are subject to change.

EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE

January 10-24, 2025 or October 17-31, 2025

15 days for \$6,197 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$5,495 air, land, & cruise inclusive plus \$702 airline taxes and departure fees)
Single supplement: \$1,395

Land only: \$4,795

Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this 15-day journey reveals a storied land's treasures. Visit the acclaimed Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids of Giza with their Great Sphinx, and historic Old Cairo. Embark on a Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubia, exploring the outstanding temples at Philae, New Kalabsha, Wadi el-Seboua, Amada, and Abu Simbel. Return to Aswan for a classic Nile voyage, visiting Kom Ombo's unusual temple and Edfu's Temple of Horus. Explore the temple complexes in Luxor. With three final nights in Cairo, tour the infamous Khan el-Khalili bazaar, Memphis's open-air museum, and splendid Sakkara. Discover fabled Petra, ancient Jerash, and Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension.



COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE January 20-30, 2025

11 days for \$4,981 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$4,595 air & land inclusive plus \$386 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single supplement: \$1,395; Land only: \$4,095

In this small Central American democracy, set out on an exploration to discover staggering biodiversity. A photographer's dream, take excursions to Irazú and Arenal Volcanos; in Carrizal, admire wondrous orchids at family-owned Botanical Orchid Garden. Encounter the splendor of the Ecocentro Danaus Biological Reserve, including some of the preserve's 150 species of birds. Experience the rainforest from the canopy level on Arenal's hanging bridges Sky Walk. Continuing to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, visit a nonprofit handicrafts cooperative dedicated to enhancing the economic and social well-being of local women artists. Spend three final nights at a beautiful Guanacaste beachfront resort and take an extraordinary Tempisque River float safari. Discover more ecological wonders with a 4-day/3-night Tortuguero National Park pre-tour option.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Odysseys Unlimited at 888-370-6765.

NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

February 13-28, 2025

16 days from \$8,774 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$8,295 air & land inclusive plus \$479 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single supplement: \$1,495; Land only: \$6,795

Your 16-day journey traverses New Zealand from north to south, through lively cities and pristine fjords. Cruise Auckland's glittering harbor and visit the prized Auckland Museum. Discover Rotorua's geothermal wonders and experience indigenous Maori culture at a traditional *hangi* dinner. In Hawke's Bay, enjoy a tasting at the acclaimed Mission Estate Winery, then take an Art Deco tour in seaside Napier. Watch sheepdogs at work on a farm. Reaching Wellington, ride the historic cable car and visit the celebrated National Museum. After touring Christchurch, embark on a breathtaking TranzAlpine train journey. Encounter spectacular Franz Josef Glacier on a glacial valley walk and see rare kiwi birds at a wildlife center. On a full-day excursion to Fiordland National Park, cruise through stunning Doubtful Sound. Conclude with a full day in scenic Queenstown.



JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM February 22-March 8, 2025

15 days for \$5,597 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$4,995 air & land inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single supplement: \$1,495; Land only: \$3,995

Encounter Vietnam's natural beauty, abiding tradition, and profoundly hospitable people on this 15-day journey. Begin with French-accented Hanoi touring historic sites and sampling local cuisine. On a full-day Ha Long Bay excursion, explore this stunning waterscape by boat. In Da Nang, tour the acclaimed Cham Museum and Hoi An's charming Old Town, a UNESCO site. Enjoy a cooking lesson and see a farming settlement's daily life. In Hue, explore the vast Imperial Citadel, take a cyclo ride, and cruise on the Perfume River. Experience river life in the storied Mekong Delta, journeying by boat to a floating market and exploring by sampan. A three-night stay in vibrant Saigon concludes the journey. Discover Angkor Wat's amazing temples and Phnom Penh with an optional 5-day/3-night post-tour extension.

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SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

March 26-April 9, 2025

15 days for \$6,274 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$5,595 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,395

Land only: \$5,095

Delight in a special exploration of Italy's southern climes, from Sicily and the Amalfi Coast to Apulia, the alluring "boot heel," enjoying Italian hospitality, outstanding cuisine, and unique hotels. Experience Sicily's cultural heritage with four nights in Taormina. Encounter archaeological wonders in Agrigento's remarkable "Valley of the Temples." After a visit to Mt. Etna, enjoy lunch and Sicilian wines at a family-run farm. Traveling to the mainland, tour Matera's ancient cave dwellings and Alberobello's white-washed houses, both UNESCO sites. Discover Lecce, the "Florence of the South." With four final nights in Sorrento, highlights include evocative Pompeii, a Neapolitan cuisine cooking lesson, and a hydrofoil cruise to the storied Isle of Capri. Explore Rome independently with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.



PARADORES AND POUSADAS

April 3-17, 2025

15 days for \$5,874 from Washington, D.C. (\$5,195 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,395

Land Only: \$4,795

Feel the spell of Iberia's rich Roman and Moorish past – and the pull of its vibrant contemporary life – on this journey through the southern Iberian Peninsula. Begin with Lisbon's highlights, including iconic Belém Tower, and the lovely National Palace of Queluz. Travel through the picturesque Alentejo region to one of Portugal's finest *pousadas* in Evora, a UNESCO site replete with Roman and Moorish relics. Crossing into Spain, encounter Mérida's outstanding Roman ruins; experience Seville's renowned Catédral; The Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba; the extraordinary Alhambra in Granada; and beautiful hilltop Toledo. Conclude with three final nights in Madrid, including the Royal Palace and the world-renowned Prado, or extend your tour with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension in Barcelona.

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LEGENDARY TÜRKIYE

April 11-25, 2025

15 days from \$5,492 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$4,895 air & land inclusive plus \$597 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,395

Land Only: \$4,095

Fascinating sights, scents, and sounds reign in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. With its ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and dramatic Turquoise Coast, Türkiye offers an unparalleled experience. The journey begins with four nights in magnificent Istanbul, where highlights include the Spice Market, the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sofia, Topkapi Palace, and a private Bosphorus cruise. After experiencing haunting Gallipoli, ferry across the Dardanelles to storied Troy. Discover Pergamum, one of Türkiye's most spectacular ancient sites, and explore magnificently preserved Ephesus. Travel to the beautiful port city of Fethiye for two nights. Visit the ghost town of Kayakoy and relax on an idyllic privately chartered day cruise along the tranquil Turquoise Coast. In Antalya, tour the acclaimed Archaeological Museum, then encounter Perge's outstanding Grecian ruins. Discover Konya and the unique Cappadocia region with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension.



AFRICA'S WILDLIFE May 4-17, 2025

14 days from \$9,484 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$8,295 air, land & safari inclusive plus \$1,189 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$795 Land Only: \$7,995

This adventure begins in Johannesburg, with visits to the Soweto district to the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela's home and museum; and the moving Hector Pieterson Memorial and Museum. Experience unparalleled diversity through some of Southern Africa's great wildlife sanctuaries in Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia. Spending three nights near Zimbabwe's spectacular Victoria Falls, experience this natural wonder and embark on a "Sundowner" Zambezi cruise. Next is Botswana's Chobe National Park, boasting one of Africa's largest concentrations of wildlife, for a three-night stay featuring sensational boat safaris and game drives. After a privately chartered flight to Zambia, enjoy a tour highlight: unparalleled wildlife viewing at South Luangwa National Park, an untouched region of eastern Zambia along the meandering Luangwa River, with a three-night stay at the award-winning Mfuwe Lodge. Discover Cape Town, South Africa's sparkling "Mother City," including the Cape Peninsula and Winelands, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

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POTRAIT OF ITALY May 11-26, 2025

16 days for \$6,474 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$5,795 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,095; Land Only: \$5,195

From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to treasured Venice, this tour showcases priceless art, ancient sites, and contemporary life. Begin on the Amalfi Coast, experiencing this stunning region by sea and by land and visiting Pompeii's exquisite ruins. Continuing to the Eternal City for a three-night stay, tour the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter's Square, and the Sistine Chapel. Spend three nights in Italy's "green heart" of Umbria, enjoying a cooking demonstration in Orvieto and a visit to beloved Assisi. Journeying to alluring Tuscany, tour splendid Siena. Discover Florence, living monument to the Renaissance, and encounter classic Tuscany in the hill town of San Gimignano. Sample a local winery's offerings before concluding your tour in wondrous Venice. Savor more time in Venice with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.



BRITISH & EMERALD ISLES JOURNEY MAY 11-26, 2025

14-day roundtrip cruise from London, from \$12,396 plus air, depending on choice of cabin

On this journey aboard the exclusively chartered small ship *World Traveller*, experience the best of the British Isles and Ireland. Immerse yourself in incredible destinations—from the dazzling metropolis of London to the windswept archaeological sites of the Scottish isles, from the warm gregariousness of Dublin to the breathtaking natural beauty of the Lake District. Visits include Osborne House, Queen Victoria's summer residence; lovely Tresco Abbey Garden; Wordsworth's home in Grasmere; the Titanic Museum in Belfast; the ancient Calanais Standing Stones; the town of Whitby, whose abbey was inspiration for Bram Stoker's "Dracula;" Guernsey Island where Hitler stockpiled armaments during WWII; and many more! Learn from distinguished guest speaker Allen Packwood, OBE, WWII and Winston Churchill expert. Enhance your experience with a London pre-tour extension.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088.

NATIONAL PARKS & LODGES OF THE OLD WEST MAY 16-24, 2025

9 days for \$5,695 Double occupancy, land only; Single \$7,595 Post Trip extension in Jackson, Wyoming \$1,295; Single \$1,895

Join us on an immersive adventure through the heart of America's most captivating landscapes, traversing the wildlife-rich terrain of Custer State Park, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton National Parks. Each engaging day is its own journey, highlighted by exploration of iconic monuments, leisurely hikes, educational discussions, and authentic Old West charm. Included are visits to Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, the Buffalo Bill Center in Cody, Wyoming with five museums including the Whitney Museum of Western Art, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton National Parks. Explore Jackson, Wyoming with a post-tour extension, including the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Orbridge Travel at 866-639-0079.



ALPINE SPLENDOR June 19-July 2, 2025

14 days for \$7,792 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$6,995 air & land inclusive plus \$797 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,095

Land only: \$6,395

As your small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snowcapped summits, the region's history – and beauty – enchant one and all. This captivating 14-day Swiss and Austrian exploration begins with lovely Lucerne, its namesake lake, and a cogwheel train ride up Mt. Pilatus. Take the legendary Glacier Express to Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps, and ride the Gornergratbahn, renowned for its panoramic views, to Gornergrat's summit to admire the majestic Matterhorn. With three nights in lakeside Lugano, see Bellinzona's iconic Castelgrande, a UNESCO site, and lunch alfresco at a grotto restaurant. Enjoy a leisurely Lake Lugano cruise and a tour and tasting at a local winery. A three-night stay in Salzburg, attending a classical music concert and visits to the impressive Hohensalzburg Fortress and the Nazis' Eagle's Nest retreat, concludes the journey. Savor Austria's capital, Vienna, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

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CANADIAN MARITIMES

July 13-24, 2025

12 days for \$6,947 total price from Washington, D.C (\$6,695 air & land inclusive plus \$252 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,395

Land Only: \$5,995

From fishing villages to port cities, outstanding scenery and a wealth of history draw travelers seeking places of beauty and significance to the photogenic Canadian Maritime provinces. Our 12-day exploration begins with a scenic day along Novia Scotia's South Shore and iconic Peggy's Point Lighthouse. Encounter the region's colonial history at Lunenburg, a UNESCO site; and at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site in the picturesque Annapolis Valley. In the Bay of Fundy, take a whale-watching cruise, and enjoy dinner aboard a lobster boat in Shediac. Continuing on to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, tour the island, including L.M. Montgomery's Green Gables farm. On beautiful Cape Breton Island, visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, drive the world-famous Cabot Trail, and see the 18th-century Fortress of Louisbourg. Enjoy extended time exploring a diverse mix of historic and contemporary sights in Nova Scotia's capital city of Halifax with a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.



ALASKA'S UNTAMED WILDERNESS

August 14-24, 2025

11 days for \$8,397 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$8,195 air & land inclusive plus \$202 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,695

Land Only: \$7,095

Awe-inspiring natural beauty and outdoor adventure await as your small group explores Alaska's varied landscaped and noteworthy cities. Setting out by deluxe railcar, encounter Denali National Park's stunning wilderness during a three-night stay. Hike through the park's tundra and visit an Iditarod sled dog kennel. After a scenic flight deep into remote Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, America's largest national park, take a singular excursion to Root Glacier and explore the once-booming copper mining town of Kennicott. Tour Anchorage's historic downtown, then visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, home to bears, moose, elk, lynx, and more. In scenic Seward, embark on a cruise to explore rugged Kenai Fjords National Park. The adventure concludes back in Anchorage with a dynamic Native Games demonstration at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and time for independent exploration.

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JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN

August 18-31, 2025

14 days for \$7,671 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$6,995 land & air inclusive plus \$676 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,695

Land Only: \$6,495

On this tour, travel from city to country and back, enjoying Great Britain's timeless hospitality. During a three-night stay in stately Edinburgh, enjoy the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, visit Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile, and Holyrood. Traveling to England's beloved Lake District, spend two nights in a hotel on the shores of Lake Windermer and visit William Wordsworth's grammar school. In North Wales, touring includes historic Bodnant Garden, Conwy Castle, and a scenic train ride through Snowdonia National Park. Returning to England, discover Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. Experience the postcard-perfect Cotswolds region and spend two nights in storied Bath. After stops at enigmatic Stonehenge and Windsor Castle, encounter London's celebrated landmarks during a two-night stay. Enjoy this world capital independently with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.



BULGARIA & ROMANIA DISCOVERY

September 4-20, 2025

17 days for \$6,292 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$5,595 air & land inclusive plus \$697 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$995

Land Only: \$4,995

Discover Bulgaria, with its mix of East and West, rugged mountains and Black Sea coast; and Romania, home of crenellated castles and fabled Transylvania. This exceptional 17-day small group tour begins in historic Sofia. Visit the Boyana Church and Rila Monastery, both UNESCO sites. Experience a folkloric performance and a cooking class. After discovering culturally rich Plovdiv with its charming old town, take in the Black Sea resort of Varna. Witness history at more UNESCO sites: Nessebar, the Madara Rock Horseman, and Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari. Bucharest sightseeing includes the Palace of Parliament, the Choral Temple, and the Great Synagogue. Explore lovely Sighisoara in Romania's storied Transylvania region. Enjoy a private organ concert. In Brasov, visit legendary Bran Castle, once believed to be Count Dracula's lair. Encounter UNESCO's Transylvania historic site of medieval villages. Returning to Bucharest, stop at exquisite Peles Castle and Snagov Monastery, Vlad the Impaler's reputed burial site.

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VANCOUVER TO TORONTO BY RAIL September 18-24, 2025

7 days: 3 nights in luxury hotels; 4 nights Prestige Class aboard The Canadian

Double \$7,495; Single \$12,995 plus air

Vancouver pre-trip Double \$1,295; Single \$1,795 Toronto post-trip Double: \$1,499; Single \$1,999

This five-star easy-paced journey features hotel stays at historic rail properties bookending four amazing days and nights in Prestige Class aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*. This nostalgic rail experience harkens the golden age of train travel. Prestige Class provides an elegantly appointed cabin with private en suite bathroom, priority boarding, private concierge service with in-cabin cocktails and canapés, turndown service, and privileged access to the dome-roofed viewing car with complimentary snacks and beverages. Begin your journey in Vancouver at the Fairmont Hotel, located across the street from the Vancouver Art Gallery. The next day, enjoy a tour of Vancouver before embarking on the *Canadian* for four relaxing days and nights on board, enjoying spectacular scenery, excellent cuisine, and lectures from experts about the region, Conclude in Toronto with an overnight stay at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Enhance this once in a lifetime experience with an optional three-day pre-trip extension in Vancouver, and a two-day extension in Toronto including a visit to Niagara Falls.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Orbridge Travel at 866-639-0079.



ESSENTIAL FRANCE September 27-October 11, 2025

15 days for \$6,997 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$6,395 air & land inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,895

Land Only: \$5,895

Explore regional gems and cosmopolitan cities in this alluring discovery of France. This tour travels from Provence to Lyon, Burgundy to Paris, basking in the history and art, culture and cuisine that marks these cherished spots. The journey begins in Aix-en-Provence, "City of Fountains," where we admire the city's rich architectural heritage. Then continue on to Arles and Roman-influenced Nimes, home to Maison Carree – Jefferson's model for the state capitol of Virginia. Then on to Avignon for a Provençal cooking class. Next visit Les Beaux to see Carrieres de Lumiere - a multimedia art exhibit. In Lyon, explore ruins of the Gallo-Roman theater and view jaw-dropping street art. Embark on a cruise over pristine Lake Annecy, before making your way to the Burgundy wine region; then travel to historic Dijon, known for its rich history and culture. Here, we tour the Burgundian capital and have time to explore on our own. Lastly, spend two wonderful nights exploring Paris.

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ALONG CENTRAL ASIA'S SILK ROAD

September 29-October 15, 2025

17 days from \$7,994 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$7,195 air & land inclusive plus \$799 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,495

Land Only: \$6,695

Traveling the ancient Silk Road, encounter a mélange of culture and religion, art and architecture. On this exciting 17-day small group journey, relish the unfamiliar – embracing the humanity shared with Central Asia's welcoming people. Discover Kyrgyzstan's delightful capital, Bishkek, experiencing traditional Kyrgyz culture at a yurt-making demonstration and admire the Bronze Age Tamgaly Petroglyphs. Spend a day touring Kazakhstan's Russian-accented Almaty and attend an exciting falconry demonstration. Highlights of Uzbekistan's fascinating capital, Tashkent, include its treasured 7th-century Quran and Chorsu Bazaar. Touring of Khiva uncovers this Uzbek city's storied past and a traditional folklore performance. In ancient Bukhara, watch skilled silk weavers work and savor a traditional meal in a Sufi miniaturist's home. Visit a century-old ceramics workshop. Legendary Samarkand then reveals its treasures, including regal Registan Square and Tamerlane's mausoleum. Sample a historic winery's offerings. Returning to Tashkent, visit a renowned ceramicist's studio.



MYSTICAL INDIA October 12-28, 2025

17 days for \$6,287 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$5,395 air & land inclusive plus \$892 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,495

Land Only: \$4,795

Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. Staying at excellent hotels, your small group travels the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. The 17-day exploration begins with Old and New Delhi's important sights. Discovery of the "pink city" of Jaipur includes the stunning Hawa Mahal palace, Amber Fort, and a home-hosted dinner with a Rajasthan family. Search for the elusive Bengal tiger on game drives in Ranthambore National Park, then meet Meena tribespeople in Gadoli. In ancient Agra, encounter the aweinspiring Taj Mahal and take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson. Experience life along the sacred Ganges in Hinduism's holiest city, Varanasi, and visit nearby Sarnath, one of Buddhism's holiest sites. Absorb the beauty of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal on an optional 6-day/4-night post-tour extension that includes extensive sightseeing.

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PATAGONIA & CHILEAN FJORDS October 22- November 2, 2025

11-day cruise from \$7,095 plus air, depending on choice of cabin

From sweeping pampas grasslands to magnificent glacier-studded fjords and the legendary Tierra del Fuego archipelago, experience the extremes and contrasts of Patagonia, with its breathtaking scenery and incredible wildlife. Go ashore at majestic Cape Horn to stand at the "edge of the world" overlooking the legendary Drake Passage; traverse the low-lying tundra for unmatched panoramic views. Among hidden islands and narrow channels, experience some of the world's best viewing of subantarctic woodlands and marine wildlife — Andean condors, humpback whales, Peale's dolphins, and rare Chilean dolphins. Cruise aboard the expedition ship *Ventus Australis*, specifically designed to navigate these beautiful waterways. During your journey, an onboard team of expert naturalists will enrich your expedition with their in-depth knowledge of the region's history, natural wonders and wildlife. Extend your adventure with the Easter Island Pre-Tour Extension Option and/or the Buenos Aires and Iguazú Falls Post-Tour Extension Option.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088.



ITALY'S CLASSIC CITIES October 23-November 7, 2025

16 days for \$6,974 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$6,295 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,795

Land Only: \$5,795

Savor art, history, culture, and cuisine in this captivating 16-day small group journey to a collection of Italy's classic cities: cosmopolitan Milan; Verona, "little Rome;" Bologna, with its medieval charm and culinary delights; Renaissance-tinged Florence, and the Eternal City of Rome. Add in a pleasing combination of guided touring and ample free time-and it's magnifico! We begin in Milan where we explore the marvelous Milan Cathedral, (the Duomo) the world's third largest La Scala Opera house. Next, we visit the Lake District and enjoy a stunning cruise on Like Como in the foothills of the snowcapped Alps. On to Verona, with its rich Shakespearean connections, where we visit Juliet's House, the 13th-century home of the Del Capello family said to be the inspiration for the renowned play. Ending the tour in historic Rome, we visit the famed Borghese Gallery and have ample free time to explore the city independently.

For more information, or to register for this trip, please contact Odysseys Unlimited at 888-370-6765.

MOROCCAN DISCOVERY

October 26-November 8, 2025

14 days for \$6,879 total price from Washington, D.C. (\$6,195 air & land inclusive plus \$684 airline taxes and departure fees)

Single Supplement: \$1,795

Land Only: \$5,695

On this one-of-a-kind 14-day small group journey, you open your eyes, and heart, to a truly special land, an age-old culture, and genuinely hospitable people. Begin by touring the Moroccan capital, seaside Rabat, and enjoy lunch in a private home. See imperial Meknes and Volubilis' Roman ruins, two of the itinerary's five featured UNESCO sites. Next is exploration of Fez with its fascinating *medina*, and dinner in a family-run *riad*. After crossing the Middle Atlas Mountains, reach Erfoud and experience a tour highlight: a sunset camel ride along the Sahara's breathtaking dunes. En route to Ouarzazate, encounter the spectacular, snow-topped High Atlas, including dramatic Todra Gorge. Traverse the fabled "Route of a Thousand *Kasbahs*" and visit scenic Ait ben-Haddou village. In alluring Marrakech, tour the *medina* and the city's heart, Djemaa el Fna Square. The final destination is storied Casablanca, where a highlight is touring the magnificent Hassan II Mosque.



CHRISTKINDLMÄRKTE along the DANUBE RIVER

December 8-16, 2025

9 days from approximately \$3,495 plus air

Celebrate the enduring magic of the Yuletide season on an enchanting 7-night river cruise to Europe's most beloved Christmas markets. Discover magnificent settings where cobblestoned streets strung with colorful lights meet festive market stalls of handcrafted ornaments, fine wooden toys, and irresistible holiday treats. This unique itinerary brings the old-world charm of the holidays to life in a vivid celebration of history and culture. Be inspired by some of Europe's most noteworthy landmarks—Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the 900-year-old Abbey of Melk in the legendary Wachau Valley, and the glamorous imperial monuments of Hapsburg Vienna. Enhance your expedition with the Vienna Pre-Program and Bavaria Post-Program options.

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