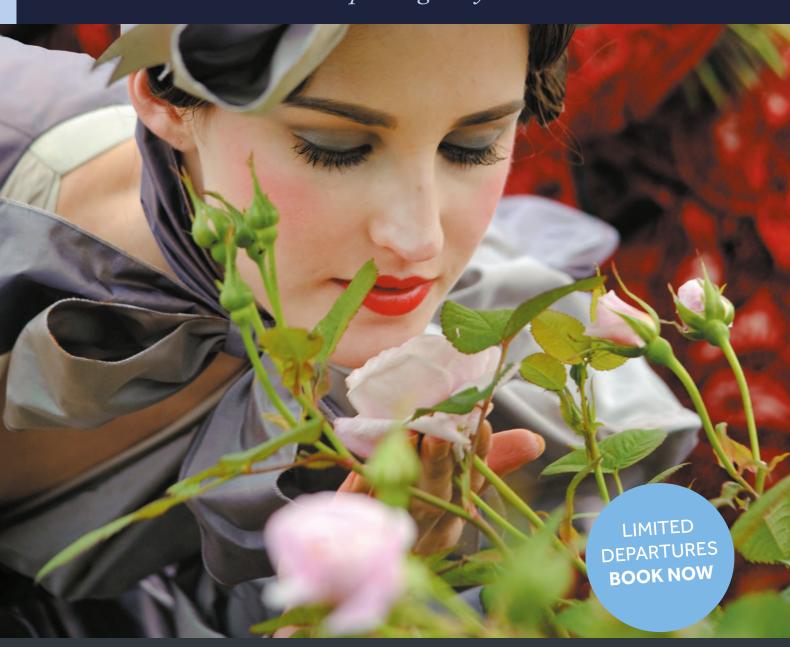
THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW COLLECTION 2020

A selection of escorted journeys featuring The Chelsea Flower Show departing May 2020





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CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & SPRINGTIME IN THE ALPS

Amsterdam – London | 18 days, 2 departures Departs Wednesday 6 May 2020 and Thursday 7 May 2020

DAY 1 ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam! On arrival, complimentary transfers are provided to your hotel, departing the airport at 09.00, 11.30 and 14.30. Later we board our canal boat and dine as we gently glide along the canals, past traditional Dutch-gabled houses built right on the water's edge and under picturesque bridges. (DW)

Hotel: Grand Hotel Amrath/Hilton Hotel Amsterdam – 2 nights

DAY 2 KEUKENHOF

It's off to Keukenhof Gardens to view this amazing spectacle. After plenty of time to meander through the fields of flowers return to Amsterdam for some free time. (B)

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM – MAASTRICHT

For those early risers join our trip to Aalsmeer Flower Auction. The size is so tremendous that it will overwhelm the eyes and the senses as millions of brilliant flowers are sold worldwide. Later head to the pretty town of Maastricht on the Dutch/Belgian border. Enjoy guided sightseeing of this city, where

the European Union was created in 1993. This evening is at your leisure. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Maastricht

DAY 4

MAASTRICHT - ROTHENBURG

This morning travel to Rothenburg, the most well preserved town on part of the "Romantic Road". On our orientation, we plunge into the 16th century, walking through the narrow cobbled streets lined with high gabled houses to the market square dominated by its Renaissance town hall. Dinner tonight is in an old town restaurant. (B, DW)

Hotel: Hotel Altes Brauhaus Rothenburg ob der Tauber

DAY 5 ROTHENBURG – MUNICH

Continue on the "Romantic Road", meandering through river valleys and rolling countryside before heading for the Bavarian capital of Munich. On arrival your orientation shows the Olympic Stadium, University, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz. (B, DW)

Hotel: Hilton Munich City, Munich - 2 nights

DAY 6 NEUSCHWANSTEIN EXCURSION

Enjoy the scenery as you travel into the heart of Bavaria to the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside. This was King Ludwig II's favourite castle. Visit the exuberantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room before returning to Munich via the Alpine Road. (B)

DAY 7 MUNICH – THE DOLOMITES

Travel to Innsbruck in Austria, set in a valley surrounded by snow-capped mountains. See the lovely Golden Roof of the Emperor Maximilian and the Royal Palace. Continue through the Italian Alps and some of the most spectacular scenery Europe has to offer before arriving in the stunning town of Bolzano. (B, DW)

Hotel: Parkhotel Laurin Bolzano

DAY 8 THE DOLOMITES – ITALIAN LAKES

Descending the Dolomites, drive to the walled medieval town of Soave, a middle age wine village situated in the region of Veneto in Italy at the foot of an impressive castle. On an orientation tour of the town, see the churches and palaces of different architectures, like the Palazzo di Giustizia, the 14th century law court and the residence of the Captains of Serenissima. Continue through picturesque scenery to the much loved Italian Lakes District, where we head to our lakeside hotel for our two night stay. (B, DW)

Hotel: Grand Hotel Simplon Baveno - 2 nights

DAY 9 ITALIAN LAKES

The Italian Lakes District, a favourite haunt for artists and travellers where a full day is set aside to relax and enjoy. Take a cruise to Isola Bella, the largest and most famous island, renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens. There is a guided tour of this privately owned palace with free time to admire the gardens. (B)

DAY 10 ITALIAN LAKES – SWISS ALPS

Travel across the border into Switzerland and ascend the Swiss Alps where we stay for the next two nights. (B)

Hotel: Lindner Beau Rivage Grand Hotel/ Metropol Hotel Interlaken – 2 nights

DAY 11 SWISS ALPS

Marvel at the dramatic glacial views as you travel along Grindelwald Valley, and follow the sparkling Lutschine River to Lauterbrunnen at the head of the "Valley of Waterfalls". See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 metres. Perhaps take a cog- wheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau Mountain? (B)

DAY 12 SWISS ALPS – DIJON

Visit Chillon Castle today, set on a rocky inlet, immortalised by Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon". Later travel to Montreux for a

lunch stop before continuing to Burgundy and to historic Dijon. Enjoy a walking tour through the medieval streets where you are sure to appreciate the wealth and elegance of the city's architectural heritage. (B, DW) Hotel: Mercure Dijon Centre Clemenceau

DAY 13 DIJON – PARIS

Travel through the countryside before arriving at the Château de Versailles, one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th century French art. Visit the Château and the extensive gardens which in Louis XIV's view were just as important as the Château itself. In glittering Paris tonight, perhaps see one of the world famous cabaret shows for an evening of glamour? (B)

Hotel: Concorde Montparnasse – 2 nights

DAY 14 PARIS & MONET'S GARDEN

Travel first to Giverny to visit the charming house and gardens of the former home of the greatest impressionist painter, Claude Monet, and inspiration for his famous water lily paintings. Return to Paris where this afternoon is at leisure. This evening, a highlight dinner in true French style, up the Eiffel Tower. (B, DW)

DAY 15 PARIS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS

After crossing the channel this morning from Calais, continue to Sissinghurst, one of the best known and admired gardens in the world. Explore the amazing series of garden spaces and climb the tower for a fabulous view. Then to your luxury spa hotel in the picturesque Kent countryside. (B, DW) Hotel: The Spa Hotel Tunbridge Wells

DAY 16 ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS – LONDON

Garden Wisley was gifted to the Royal Horticultural Society in 1903 and since



INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Visit the renowned gardens at Keukenhof

Explore the famous Chelsea Flower Show

Visit Monet's Garden, Sissinghurst and Wisley Gardens

Explore Versailles Châteaux and gardens

Cruise to Isola Bella and visit Borromeo Palace & Garden

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle

Savour a highlight dinner up the sparkling Eiffel Tower

Enjoy a Thames River dinner cruise

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

17 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners with wine

then it has evolved into a world class garden. Explore the beautiful Bowes-Lyon Rose Garden, picturesque orchard and the huge cathedral like glass house. Continue to London, the rest of the day and evening is at your leisure. (B)

Hotel: The Grosvenor Hotel, London - 2 nights

DAY 17 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

A transfer in the morning takes you to the famous Chelsea Flower Show! The Chelsea Flower Show will bring together the very best show gardens, flowers and gardening from around the world. You will be able to see magnificent floral displays and model gardens plus extensive displays of show gardens, courtyard gardens, city and roof gardens with areas to learn about plants and growing flowers. This afternoon a transfer back to your hotel is provided. This evening we dine on a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise, a perfect way to complete our memorable holiday! (B, DW)

DAY 18 FAREWELL LONDON

After breakfast bid your Travel Director farewell and transfer to the airport to meet your ongoing flight. (B)

ESCORTED JOURNEY PRICE

\$7,995

per person twin share

\$2,799 per person single supplement

Prepaid Gratuities option: For your Travel Director and Driver \$305 pp



THE GARDENS OF ENGLAND & WALES

With The Chelsea Flower Show | 15 days, 2 departures Starts Thursday 21 May 2020 and Friday 22 May 2020

DAY 1 ARRIVE LONDON

Welcome to London! On arrival you are transferred to your trip hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Drink and trip briefing at your hotel.

Hotel: Amba Marble Arch London – 4 nights

DAY 2 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

A transfer in the morning takes you to the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show! Enjoy the extensive displays of show gardens and magnificent floral displays before a transfer in the afternoon back to your hotel. Later, enjoy a glass of champagne and a bird's eye view of London from the London Eye before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, DW)

DAY 3 LONDON SIGHTSEEING

On your guided sightseeing this morning see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square. Witness the pomp and pageantry of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (if operating) before

enjoying lunch in a typical English pub. This afternoon you are free to enjoy London at your own pace. (B, LW)

DAY 4

KEW GARDENS & HAMPTON COURT PALACE

This morning visit the famous Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. Explore inside the vast Victorian glasshouses and see the indoor galleries. This afternoon, discover the wonders of majestic Hampton Court Palace, home to the Kings and Queens of Britain since the time of Henry VIII. Discover the magnificent State Apartments and explore the riverside gardens. (B)

DAY 5 LONDON – WISLEY GARDENS – CORNWALL

Travel to the gardens of Wisley today, renowned as the flagship garden of the Royal Agricultural Society. Then continue to the county of Cornwall. (B, D)

Hotel: The Alverton Hotel Truro/The Carlyon Bay Hotel St Austell – 2 nights

DAY 6 LOST GARDEN OF HELIGAN & THE CORNISH COAST

We visit Heligan, one of the most mysterious estates in England. Unveiled in 1992 from under decades of overgrowth, the Lost Gardens were restored on a shoestring budget and hailed by The Times as "the garden restoration of the century". Today the mysterious gardens and estate offer over 200 acres for exploration! This afternoon is then free for you to relax at our beautiful hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7 ST AUSTELL – CHELTENHAM

Our journey takes us through the English countryside to Bath. Visit the 18th Century Pump Room and the ancient Baths, then enjoy some free time to browse the quaint streets. Continue to Hidcote Manor Gardens, one of the greatest arts and crafts gardens in England. Then it's on to the town of Cheltenham where we have a two night stay. (B, D)

Hotel: Queens Hotel MGallery by Sofitel/ DoubleTree by Hilton Cheltenham – 2 nights

DAY 8 COTSWOLDS EXCURSION

Full day sightseeing of the Cotswolds begins in Burford, where there's time to visit one of the small tea houses before heading south to Bibury described as the 'prettiest village in Britain' for an included lunch. Later we return to Cheltenham. (B, LW)

DAY 9 CHELTENHAM – POWIS CASTLE – LLANDUDNO

Today we travel to the David Austin Nursery for roses where we enjoy morning tea followed by a tour of the gardens. Next, visit Powis Castle gardens with its spectacular terraces and stunning vistas. (B, D) Hotel: Llandudno Bay/Belmont, Llandudno – 2 nights

DAY 10 BODNANT GARDEN EXCURSION

The day starts with a visit to Bodnant Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens in the UK. Later visit the village of Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon, Yr Wyddfa, at 3,560 feet the highest peak in Wales including a fabulous trip onboard the Snowdon Mountain Railway. (B)

DAY 11 LLANDUDNO – LAKE DISTRICT

Farewell Wales and continue north to the English Lake District where you see some of the most beautiful countryside in the world. Admire the Topiary Gardens, the finest, oldest and most extensive garden in the world at Levens Hall. Then continue to our traditional hotel set on the shores of Lake Windermere. (B, D)

Hotel: Lakeside Hotel & Spa/Low Wood Bay Hotel, Windemere – 2 nights

DAY 12 LAKE DISTRICT EXPERIENCE

A day devoted to this scenic wonderland, beginning with a visit to Hill Top, the home

of Beatrix Potter and where she spent much of her life. We then visit the picturesque village of Hawkeshead, famous for its whitewashed cottages and cobbled lanes. Then there is free time to relax in your tranquil surroundings. Perhaps take a cruise on Lake Windermere? (B)

DAY 13 LAKE DISTRICT – CHATSWORTH – NOTTINGHAM

Head into the rolling Derbyshire countryside to the Chatsworth Estate, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Visiting the house, we see the elegant interiors and admire the art collection of 16 generations of the Cavendish family. Our guided walking tour of the gardens provides an insight into the principle historic features of the garden before an included lunch. Later continue to the historic city of Nottingham. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Nottingham City Centre

DAY 14 BLENHEIM PALACE – BAMPTON VILLAGE – LONDON

This morning explore the magnificent house and gardens of Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Continue to the village of Bampton to see the street where many scenes from the "Downtown Abbey" TV series were filmed. Later, return to London for a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise! (B, DW)

Hotel: Amba Marble Arch, London

DAY 15 FAREWELL LONDON

After breakfast your trip comes to an end with a transfer to London Heathrow Airport for your onward flight. (B)



INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Enjoy a Thames River Dinner Cruise

Explore the famous Chelsea Flower Show

Sip champagne as you enjoy a bird's eye view from the London eye

Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew

Discover the wonders of Hampton Court Palace

Visit the Gardens of Wisley and the Lost Garden of Heligan

Explore the Bodnant Gardens in Wales

Embark on the Snowden Mountain Railway Excursion

Visit Hilltop, the home of Beatrix Potter

Visit Blenheim Palace

Enjoy morning tea at the David Austin Nursery for roses

Explore Chatsworth House and Gardens

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

14 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners, 2 Dinners with Wine, 1 Lunch, 2 Lunches with Wine



ESCORTED JOURNEY PRICE

\$7,479

per person twin share

\$2,220 per person single supplement

Prepaid Gratuities option: For your Travel Director and Driver \$225 pp



EUROPEAN AFFAIR

With The Chelsea Flower Show | London - Paris | 9 Days, Departing 22 May 2020

DAY 1 ARRIVE LONDON

Welcome to London! On arrival you are transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore London. This evening join your Travel Director for a Welcome Drink and trip briefing at the hotel.

Hotel: Amba Marble Arch Hotel, London – 2 nights

DAY 2 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Enjoy a full day to experience the famous Chelsea Flower Show – the 'mecca' of all garden shows. A transfer in the morning takes you to the famous show! The Chelsea Flower Show will bring together the very best show gardens, flowers and gardening from around the world. You will see

magnificent floral displays, model gardens, English garden tools and a host of garden structures and artifacts. This afternoon a transfer back to your hotel is provided. This evening we dine on a spectacular Thames River Dinner Cruise. (B, DW)

DAY 3 LONDON – AMSTERDAM

Cross to Dover for the channel crossing to Calais, and transfer to Amsterdam. Later we board our canal boat and dine as we gently glide along the canals, past traditional Dutch-gabled houses built right on the water's edge and under picturesque bridges. (B, DW)

Hotel: Moevenpick City Centre/Westcord Fashion Hotel, Amsterdam – 2 nights

DAY 4

AALSMEER FLOWER AUCTION AND VOLENDAM

Start your day at the famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction, the world's largest flower auction, where you experience the bustle of the auction floor, and witness the incredible number of flowers sold every day. Later visit a typical Dutch windmill and the picturesque village of Volendam. Volendam is renowned for its wooden houses, traditional fishing boats and old harbour. (B)

DAY 5 AMSTERDAM – BRUGES

Continue to medieval Bruges in Belgium. Stroll along the cobbled streets lined with high gabled houses from the Golden Age of the 16th century. Visit the market square dominated by the 272ft Belfry of the Market



Hall. Then explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel. Afterwards enjoy a relaxing canal cruise before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, DW)

Hotel: Radisson Blu/De Tuilerieen Hotel -Bruges

DAY 6 BRUGES – PARIS

Depart Bruges for glittering Paris. Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to see the imposing facades of the Louvre and Garnier's Opera House. See the obelisk in the Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe and see the Eiffel Tower, built for the World's Exhibition of 1889. (B)

 $Hotel: Hyatt\ Regency\ Etoile, Paris-3\ nights$

DAY 7 LOIRE VALLEY EXCURSION

Take a day trip from Paris to visit two of the most famous Châteaux of the Loire Valley: beautiful Chenonceau Castle, and, perhaps most magnificent of them all, the Château de Chambord. You'll witness the glamour and grandeur of French royalty and aristocracy, and gain insights into "castle life" in these Renaissance riverside castles. (B)

DAY 8 VERSAILLES AND GIVERNY

Taking in two of Europe's most celebrated gardens; we have a full day to explore Versailles and Giverny. France's royal history is revealed at King Louis XIV's majestic palace of Versailles which, along with its magnificent garden, became the quintessential model for palaces in Europe.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Explore the famous Chelsea Flower Show

Enjoy a Thames River Dinner Cruise

Experience the famous Aalsmeer Flower Auction

Visit a typical Dutch windmill & village of Volendam

Enjoy a relaxing canal cruise in Bruges

Visit two famous Châteaux of the Loire Valley

Experience the magnificent palace and gardens of Versailles

Visit Monet's garden in Giverney

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

8 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners with Wine

Visiting the luxurious Grand Apartments, the chandelier-lit Hall of Mirrors and the Chapel of Versailles, you get a glimpse into the lives of 17th century French nobility. Then we head to Giverny to view the gardens that inspired many of Impressionist Claude Monet's most famous masterpieces, seeing the Japanese Bridge which crosses the illustrious water-lily pond – as painted in Monet's magnum opus 'Nympheas'. (B)

DAY 9 FAREWELL PARIS

Your memorable journey comes to an end as you bid your Travel Director farewell. Transfers arrive at Charles De Gaulle Airport today at 08:30, 11:00 & 18:00. (B)

MEAL KEY: (B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (LW) = Lunch with wine, (D) = Dinner, (DW) = Dinner with wine.



ESCORTED JOURNEY PRICE

\$4,395

per person twin share

\$1,965 per person single supplement

Prepaid Gratuities option: For your Travel Director and Driver **\$140** pp



INCLUDED ON ALL DEPARTURES

- Accommodation in premium hotels in the best locations
- Escorted by an expert Travel Director throughout
- Business class legroom onboard your 40 seater luxury air conditioned coach*
- Included airport transfer service on first and last day of trip (selected times)
- Hotel and restaurant tips included
- Concierge service and luggage handling throughout



PASSENGER CONDITIONS:

TIPS & TAXES & PORTERAGE: Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and porterage. All tips are included for services on trip provided by dining-room waiters, chambermaids and porters at hotels.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares, airport taxes and charges imposed by third parties, passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Travel Director, coach drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, optional experiences and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details

DEPOSIT: A deposit of AUD\$200 per person is required within 5 days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Required to your travel agent no later than 70 days prior to departure.

PRICE: The advertised price is in Australian dollars. No surcharges in regards to cost or currency fluctuations will be made once deposit is received. This guarantee excludes fuel surcharges and does not apply to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies. No discounts are applicable with these escorted journeys.

DISCOUNTS: Past Guest & 2nd Trip Discount apply only. No other discounts are available on these trips. Refer our 2019/2020 brochure for conditions of these.

CANCELLATION FEES: The following scale of charges apply when cancellation is notified:

NO OF DAYS PRIOR TO CANCELLATION FEE – TOUR COMMENCEMENT: A % OF TOTAL TRIP PRICE:

55%

More than 70 days Loss of deposit Between 69 & 30 days 38.5%

Between 29 & 8 days

Between 7 days to departure 100% of fare

AMENDMENTS: A fee of \$50 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

REFUNDS: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any trips, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

ITINERARY CHANGES & TRIP CANCELLATION: Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trips require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Insight Vacations reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

HOTELS: The hotels listed in the itinerary are confirmed, although subject to change for reasons beyond our control.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS: Please note that single accommodation is usually limited. Occupying a single accommodation of the commodation of the commo

room either by choice or circumstance is subject to the applicable supplement. $% \label{eq:condition}%$

TRIP MEMBERSHIP: Any person aged 8 years or more is eligible, though if under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Travel Director may, at his or her discretion, require any person to withdraw from any trip if he or she deems the person's acts or conduct offensive or a nuisance to other passengers, and we shall have no further liability.

PORTERAGE: For one suitcase is included in the trip price and at arrival or departure from each trip hotel. Due to limited coach capacity this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30kg (66lbs) and dimensions not exceeding 77.5cm (30.5in) x 56cm (22in) x 32cm (12.5in). Charges will be levied in the event these limits are exceeded and our promise to transport you as indicated may be invalidated. Note: Airlines may restrict check-in baggage to 20kg per person. For any trip visiting The Netherlands, regulations restrict the weight of luggage handled by porters to 23kg.

DOCUMENTATION: Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from Australia, documentation will be received by your travel agent.

HOLIDAYS & CHANGES: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by Insight Vacations to minimise inconvenience to our passengers. If, howeveryoufeelyourenjoymentmightbediminished by such minor limitations please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled highlight dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice. Pre or post accommodation is subject to availability. If not available, an alternative may be offered.

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS: These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by your Travel Agent and Insight Vacations. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. Insight is not responsible for the costs of any other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellations or re-scheduling of any trip departure. For further information about Insight Vacations please refer to Insight's brochure. These conditions must be carefully studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to.

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*Local coaches will be used in London and for transfers and may not be 40 seater coaches. IV342545486



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