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Sincerely,

Larry Pimentel President and CEO Azamara Club Cruises

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DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

SILKEN ARTISTRY OF ANTONIA RUSKOVIC

Come have fun with one of Croatia's most beloved artists. Antonia Ruskovic Radonic is a youthful multimedia painter who is fluent in English. Her work has a bright, but philosophical bent and resonates with the contemporary and folkloric beauty of Dubrovnik's Konavle Valley. Nestled in the village of Gruda, at the very southernmost tip of Croatia, Antonia's gallery showcases her painting and embroidery work, much of which incorporates the region's prized silk fabric.

Here, silk worms are raised along with each generation, the women passing the traditions and techniques through the ages. Featured everywhere from folk costumes throughout Croatia to Antonia's contemporary creative work, this luxurious textile is truly part of the fabric of daily life in the Konavle Valley. Enjoy local brandy, sweet liqueurs and homemade red and white wines as Antonia discusses watercolor, her international exhibitions and memories of raising silk worms.









HAIFA, ISRAEL

THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST WITH PROFESSOR BARAM

Discuss the significance of events in the Middle East with an esteemed scholar. Dr. Amatzia Baram, one of the world's foremost experts on Iraq, is professor emeritus of the University of Haifa in Israel. With a resume boasting teaching positions at Oxford University's St. Antony's College, the National Defense College in Israel and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Dr. Baram speaks and writes extensively on geopolitical issues today.

Relax in the Doctor's specially appointed apartment with him and his wife Bonnie during a formatted discussion of politics, relationships and cultural understanding. The apartment is filled with handmade furniture, a cozy home where everything resonates with cultural stories. Its warmth is the perfect backdrop for fostering an understanding of sometimes complex and always fascinating cultural differences and similarities in a region of intricate ideals and values.

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DRUZE CULINARY WORKSHOP

Learn about Druze faith, culture and cuisine during a culinary workshop in a villager's home. Monotheistic and mystical, the Druze are a diaspora community, an ethnic and religious minority in Israel with branches in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, as well. Arabicspeaking, they derive their beliefs from Shia Islam, establishing their creeds in the 11th century and continuing to live throughout the Middle East in close-knit communities that integrate easily with the surrounding cultures.

Visit a local Haifa family to discover an intimate home life and learn to cook a traditional Druze meal. Full of fresh produce and delectable herbs, Druze cuisine is flavorful and rustic. Meals are usually vegetarian, cooked with olive oil or clarified butter, although meat — particularly lamb — is prepared on special occasions. As the meal cooks, sit down with family members and get to know each other with conversations about tradition, daily practices and community.



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TRADITIONAL KOTOR CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Sense the spirit of Kotor. Begin the day with a walk through Old Town to see the 12th century Cathedral of St. Tryphon and other Romanesque churches. Nearly destroyed during a 1979 earthquake, Kotor's Old Town is now one of the best preserved medieval districts in the Adriatic. During this resurrection, Vlasta Mandic and her a cappella group became modern-day folk heroes performing Montenegrin songs as the town rebuilt. Today, Vlasta continues to keep her culture strong with a traditional cookbook, *Bokeska Kuzina*.

After a stop at a local market to buy produce and other groceries, it's time to meet Vlasta in her home, where she welcomes everyone with a glass of homemade brandy and demonstrates the preparation of gnocchi with meat sauce, a traditional Kotor meal. Using local sweet and savory spices, Vlasta highlights ingredients, techniques and a Montenegrin approach to cuisine for a delicious meal everyone enjoys together.



KUSADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY

TASTE OF TURKISH COUNTRY LIFE

Cherish the authentic country life of Turkey's Aegean coast. Travel through the verdant countryside surrounding Kusadasi to the home and culinary workshop of a local family. Built as a labor of love, the home is a hidden treasure trove full of marvelous Turkish antiques, knickknacks and cultural artifacts. Here in this private paradise, the family relishes the atmosphere and lifestyle of the region and is proud to share it with guests.

Upon arrival, meet the hosts and share fresh lemonade with them during a conversation about the locality's history and traditions. Relax on an open-air terrace set against mountains as the family's bountiful garden unfolds next to the home. Once refreshed, join the family indoors in a specially outfitted kitchen to learn the mouthwatering secrets of Turkish cuisine and practice regional techniques used to create local delicacies. Once the meal is ready, enjoy the day's hearty creations as a group.





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LUCCA FAMILY VILLA

Discover the timeless elegance of Lucca and Villa Bernardini. Tucked into the Tuscan hills, the town of Lucca is ensconced by high, ancient walls that frame a tree-lined promenade. A walking tour of the town's Renaissance-era architecture and piazzas highlights the exquisite beauty and strong heritage of the area. After the tour, explore cobbled lanes and hospitable shops independently before journeying to Villa Bernardini.

Built as a hunting retreat in the 1700s by Count Cosimo Bernardini — he has a piazza named for him in town — the villa is a striking edifice with immaculate lawns and productive gardens. Meet a descendant of the Count, an effervescent host who leads a tour of the grounds, stables and gardens. A traditional Tuscan brunch comprises locally grown treats while the master of the house regales guests with tales of the family dating back to the 14th century.

NESSEBAR, BULGARIA

CREATIVE LITHOGRAPHY

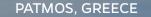
Delve into the history and creativity of lithography. A historic technique that still impresses with its artistic relevance, lithography is a method of printing from stone surfaces. Only limited ateliers still exist in Europe — and Bulgaria is home to four of them. Journey to Burgas, a coastal town on the Black Sea with a charming creative ambience.

Upon arrival at the lithography studio, meet a local lithography artist and Georgi Velkov, the umdrucker or the operator of the lithographic press. During a tour of the studio, watch as your hosts work limestone plates with exceptional precision to create amazing works of art. After Georgi demonstrates the transfer process, enjoy the chance to create transfers with his guidance, using a specialized press machine. Cap off the day with a leisurely stroll through the park or a refreshing drink on the beach promenade.









DAILY LIFE AT THE MONASTERY OF EVANGELISMOS

Enter the stillness of the convent of Evangelismos with an added trip to a local Greek home. The Monastery of Evangelismos is the abode of over 40 nuns who pray, garden, paint, keep bees, make liqueur and embroider from a dazzling white cloister on a dramatic ledge overlooking the Bay of Kypos. Once a 17th century chapel built upon a sacred hermitage, the convent resonates with serenity.

Dress is modest — women in pants wear lent wraps — but the art and flora within and around the convent are astounding. See icons and art, meet the sisters and tour the gardens before a trip to Chora. In this charming village, visit the House of Simandiris, a family home in classical Greek island style to view furnishings and decor. Over eight generations of the Simandiris family have collected antiques of all sorts and ornamented the house with them. Close this wonderful day with snacks at a local taverna.

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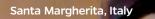
ROSES, SPAIN

IN THE KITCHEN AT SÓDEMAR

Take home the secrets of one of Spain's greatest chefs. Discover the acclaimed Restaurant Sódemar in Roses on Spain's beautiful Costa Brava. A historic fishing village, the town charms with stunning panoramic views of the Bay of Roses and the Pyrenees Mountains. Here, Chef Albert Walther, a hotelier and master culinary artist, runs Sódemar and welcomes guests to witness his unique cooking style.

Sample local, homemade vermouth and Garnatxa, a red wine, before a demonstration of four different ways to prepare wild fish — salted, grilled, baked and Donostiarra or in the style of Basque San Sebastián. Snack on delicious tapas or small, savory plates, such as shrimp, crayfish, anchovies and ham during the demonstration. Lunch is paired with excellent red or white wines, including Malveïna and Vinya Selva de Mar, from the renowned surrounding region of Girona.















SANTA MARGHERITA, ITALY

VILLA ESEDRA OLIVE OIL TASTING

Indulge in the delights of Ligurian olive oil. Journey from the elegant piazzetta in Portofino across the beautiful coastal roads of The Paradise Gulf on the Ligurian coast to the town of Sestri Levante. This wonderful resort town is home to the Villa Esedra, a private estate farm that shimmers with rare semi-circular dome architecture over the Tigullio Gulf. The farm is tucked into rolling hills that shelter a vast olive grove, one of Liguria's largest.

Upon arrival at the Villa, meet the owner who leads a tour of the farm, the grove and an ancient oil mill on the property where the deliciously fruity Celso olive oil is produced. This range of oils complements Mediterranean cuisine perfectly. Sample the oils with bread and local wine to see just how tantalizing they can be when enjoyed so simply. Afterwards, stroll the picturesque town of Portofino independently.



SORRENTO, ITALY

DON ALFONSO WINE CELLAR AND COOKING CLASS

Prepare a mouthwatering meal under instruction of a world-renowned chef. Venture through the Sorrentine hills to the Hotel Ristorante Don Alfonso 1890. Run by the laccarino family, this beautiful Neapolitan hotel is home to a Michelin-starred farm-to-table restaurant — the laccorinos also own the adjacent organic farm, Le Peracciole. A member of the family provides a warm welcome and introduces an expert sommelier, who leads a tour of the restaurant's amazing wine cellar, a Pre-Roman tunnel with over twenty-five thousand wines and a cheese-aging room.

After a sample of the wines, learn the laccarino's culinary secrets. The lesson, presented in a colorfully tiled, state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, affords a sneak peek at the restaurant's upcoming dishes. Savor this delicious meal during a relaxing lunch before winding down the day with an independent stroll through Sorrento.







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SORRENTO, ITALY

MOZZARELLA FROM FARM TO TABLE

Get a taste of Italian farm life at an acclaimed Campania farm and dairy. This region of Italy is known for the milky, salty — and utterly beloved — tang of mozzarella cheese. Water buffalo have grazed these lands for over 300 years. Campania's mountainous interior and the Amalfi Coast offer grassy patches in between that are the perfect grounds for these majestic animals to thrive. See these magnificent coastal panoramas on a scenic drive to Pontecagnano.

A cheesemaker greets guests and leads a tour of the farm and dairy, including photo opportunities of the herd of over 600 buffalo. Watch a demonstration of techniques from centuries ago as these delectable spheres of cheese form in skilled hands. After the tour, mingle with the owners of the dairy in their private villa. Sample signature cheeses and other products made from the farm's milk while sharing stories of Pontecagnano and beyond.



TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS

MOJO WORKSHOP AT BODEGAS MONJE

Indulge in the delicious wines of Tenerife and learn to make three beloved Canarian mojo sauces. Journey from Santa Cruz to El Sauzal, a small town in the northeast of the island. As vineyards and exotic plants rise up from the fertile landscape, Bodegas Monje welcomes guests with the scents of plowed ground and grapes in various stages of wine-making. Meet Felipe Monjes, fifth-generation owner of the vineyard as he rhapsodizes about bodega life and shares conversation before a trip to the kitchen.

There, learn to make traditional mojo pepper sauces using ingredients like peppers, garlic, paprika, cumin and more. These sauces adorn most traditional dishes in Tenerife, particularly one known as wrinkled potatoes. Sample wines Felipe passes around and snack on chorizo sausages and almogrote, a local cheese spread while making these delectable sauces. When finished, drizzle the mojo over the potatoes and enjoy.



Tenerife, Canary Islands





VALENCIA, SPAIN

BARRACA LIFESTYLE AND CUISINE

Plumb the earthy lifestyle of the barracas for a sense of peace and adventure. These historic dwellings, unique to Valencia and nearby, are the traditional homes of laborers and farmers. Breathe in the fresh air on a short walk to the Barraca Museum to view a collection of farmer's tools from long ago in a farmhouse typical to the Albufera region.

From there, journey to La Barraca de Toni Montoliu to tour the ethnological museum and grounds, including a visit with farm animals. In the garden, select seasonal fruits and vegetables and watch the barraca's cook prepare locally authentic paella Valenciana. Featuring saffron, rosemary and snails, this version of the comfort food is the original paella, served the same way since the 1700s. Sample tasty Valencian peanuts and chufa or tigernuts, a prized local snack, while the meal cooks. Once the paella is ready, sit down and enjoy this delicious specialty in the warmth of the barraca.

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VENICE, ITALY

CULINARY ARTS LESSON WITH COUNTESS LELIA PASSI

Discover the aristocratic kitchen traditions of Venice. The rich hospitality of Countess Lelia Passi imbues the day's culinary adventures with warmth and traditional flavor. The Countess, whose family origins date back to the 10th century, is an accomplished, self-taught cook and caterer. She entertains in style both gracious and grand in her apartment in the 16th century Palazzo Tiepolo on the Grand Canal.

Learn her classic culinary techniques as she shares her wisdom of the cuisine of Venice, Naples and Sicily in her expansive, fully-equipped kitchen. With her trusted assistants and using only the freshest and finest ingredients from the local market, the Countess prepares specialties from around Italy. Discover her secrets and tips and get inspired by her unbridled creativity and genuine enthusiasm for great cuisine. After the lesson, relax at an elegantly appointed table to share the meal over wine and lively conversation for a memorable dining experience in a warm, inviting atmosphere.



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NORTHERN AND WESTERN EUROPE

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Leith (Edinburgh), Scotland

Flåm, Norway

Lübeck, Germany

Tallinn, Estonia













AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

AT HOME IN HISTORIC EDAM

Enjoy warm Dutch hospitality and small-town charms in Edam, best known for the popular cheese that bears its name. A guided walk in the historic center showcases the town's evolution, including a delightful mix of tidy brick houses and businesses, swing bridges and tree-lined canals as well as a grander, Louis XIV-style town hall. After wandering the quaintness of the town, meet a local family who welcomes guests with traditional Dutch hospitality and refreshments.

Sit down over strong coffee and freshly baked apple pie while the young couple of the house point out the highlights of their lovely 16th century home. Decorated with distinctive Dutch elements like a painted ceiling and rare delft-blue tiles, this cozy abode is the perfect place to get to know the locals and share conversation about everything from history and architecture to baking and decorating.

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LEITH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH MANSE CUISINE

Savor the warmth of traditional Scottish cuisine. Chef Jenny Thomson, a Fife local, shares the wealth and comfort of Scotland's rich produce and dairy heritage, renowned throughout the United Kingdom. Journey across the Forth Road Bridge, a dramatic suspension bridge over the Firth of Forth, to Fife. A coastal region of great beauty, the land around Fife is home to classic Scottish signatures like castles, stone palaces and dramatic farmland expanses.

There, visit the home of Jenny Thomson, trained at the world-famous Leiths School of Food and Wine in London. In the welcoming kitchen of her 18th century manse — the Scottish vernacular for an incredible family estate — watch as Jenny demonstrates her kitchen techniques during the preparation of a delicious, local seasonal meal. Afterwards, retire to the manse's dining room to enjoy the day's creations.







FLÅM, NORWAY

LI MOUNTAIN FARM AND OTTERNES

Travel to the Li Mountain Farm in Aurland to discover the joys of Norwegian farm life. Farming in this part of Norway is relatively new. Until about 2,000 years ago, natives hunted and fished only. Now, Aurland is known for its fine goat herds and their delicious, creamy cheese. Meet the farmers who live at Li and enjoy a few snacks while relaxing in the beautiful orchard. Afterwards, walk natural historic paths to the hamlet of Otternes with one of the farm hosts guiding the way.

In Otternes, a collective farmyard turned outdoor museum, tuck into a lunch of Norwegian specialties in a peaceful picnic area. This land was originally settled in approximately 300 A.D. before buildings were constructed over a thousand years later. Today, exhibits of rural crafts and lifestyle artifacts highlight the rustic charms of the former collective. Soak up the placid outdoor ambience of this gorgeous fjord region.



LÜBECK, GERMANY

LÜBECK BAY FISHING HIDEAWAY

Calling all serious fishermen! Discover the backwater charm of northern Germany's secret fishing holes. A local captain and an accompanying musician whisk a private cutter or small, single-masted boat through the tranquil waters of Lübeck Bay, a small basin of the Baltic Sea at the mouth of the River Trave. While the musician plays rousing traditional German sea shanties into the expanse of the great outdoors, the captain spins classically humorous, if occasionally incredible, yarns of fishing days gone before.

Once at the captain's secret hideaway, take note of his expertise and instruction during an hour or so of fishing. This could be the big one — or take a note from the captain and tell everyone at home it was! Back at the pier, the captain rolls out a smoker for another round of northern German fishing tradition. Learn how to smoke the fish and then dig in for a delightful culinary treat.

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TALLINN, ESTONIA

CHOCOLATERIE WORKSHOP

Delight in the heavenly riches of Tallinn's chocolates. Stroll through the medieval streets of the quaint Lower Old Town past Town Hall Square and the 13th century Church of The Holy Spirit. Nearby is the renowned Chocolaterie de Pierre, a café and home to incredible chocolate indulgences, including cakes and truffles. Once there, you'll meet Master Pastry Chef Eha, whose twenty years of candy and baking experience inform the day's delicious chocolate workshop.

With ingredients and toppings that defy the imagination everything from dried exotic fruits to truffles to live flowers — this hands-on fun is a chocoholic's dream. Assistants in folkloric dress help make sure the techniques come out just perfectly. Saunter around Old Town independently while the chocolates set and return to find them wrapped for a gorgeous presentation to sample immediately or save for later.



ASIA

Bangkok, Thailand

Yangon, Myanmar





BANGKOK, THAILAND

PRASART MUSEUM

Slip into the luxurious world of incredible treasures and unknown wealth at the Prasart Museum. In a city of glistening temples and shrines, the Prasart Museum stands out as a magnificent jewel all its own. Privately owned by a former real estate tycoon who wanted to staunch the flow of Thailand's cultural riches to other countries, the sanctuary drips with gorgeous relics.

Mythical and spiritual statues, shrines, spirit houses and royal artifacts share space with multi-colored benjarong ceramics, celadon ware, gold furniture, decor and more from centuries of Thailand's history. Gathered from different subcultures across the country, the collection is enhanced by replicas of important Thai architecture. The collection as a whole spans multiple teak buildings on beautiful grounds. After a guided tour, wander the lush gardens, an oasis of palms, flowers and incense, before light refreshments and a chance to talk with Mr. Prasart Vongsakul.







Bangkok, Thailand

YANGON, MYANMAR

MONASTERIES AND MEDITATION

Relax into the blissful atmosphere of monastic meditation. Journeying to two separate monasteries in Myanmar, the inherent beauty of nature and humanity sparkle with a resonant peace that remains long after the excursion. At Ka Lay Wa Monastery, monks and nuns study Buddhist scriptures and gain both a traditional and monastic education. Covered with traditional ancient pagodas and stupas or decorated architecture to house relics, this holy learning center is a verdant paradise of hills and trees.

Watch in wonder as over a thousand monks eat their last meal of the day in total silence before traveling to Mahasi Monastery. Here, local and foreign meditators practice vipassana meditation, intended to provide insight into the true nature of reality. Observe the serenity of this ancient practice and discuss or clarify questions or ideas with the monks to enhance a state of mindful peace and awareness.



YANGON, MYANMAR

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

Learn about the healing practices of Myanmar's traditional medicine doctors. Steeped in a culture of plant medicine, these holistic practitioners seek to balance the body with varied practices from herbs and thermoregulation to astrology and alchemy. Stroll the stalls of Kon Zay Dan Street, a bustling and welcoming downtown lane where locals sell traditional medicine ingredients.

A friendly, knowledgeable guide shares the secrets to these herbs, plants and organic elements, including surprising resources like insect organs or seashells. The street brims with other local specialties, too — namely, tea leaf salad and thanaka, a yellow paste worn by many in Myanmar. After browsing and shopping the stalls, visit the office of a well-respected local practitioner to learn about techniques for detecting imbalance and administering healing with the possibility of receiving an individual health consultation or analysis.





NIGHTS AND COOL PLACES

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AMALFI, ITALY

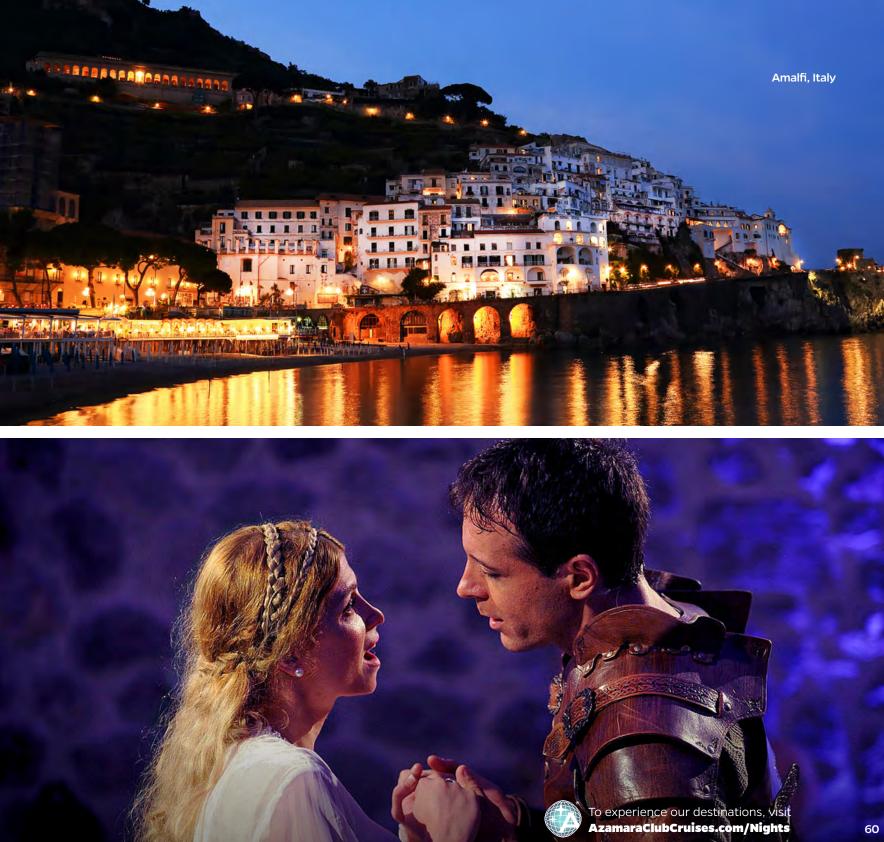
MARINE REPUBLIC OF AMALFI -MUSEUM AND MUSICAL

Dive into the maritime history of the Marine Republic of Amalfi during this fascinating museum trip that ends with a musical. A refreshing walk to Amalfi's historic shipyard, the Arsenale begins an evening of enrichment and excitement. The Arsenale welcomes visitors through a gorgeous stone vault that opened to the beach during the height of Amalfi's power when the duchy competed with Venice, Pisa and Genoa for control of Mediterranean trading routes.

Now, the vault leads to The Museum of The Compass and The Maritime Duchy of Amalfi. See exhibits of colorful costumes, beautiful statues, old currency and a detailed history of the compass. A boisterous musical illustrates Amalfi's rise to power with singing and dancing. After the show, walk back to the ship or remain in town for independent exploration.

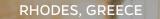
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OLD TOWN RHODES

Explore the winding charms of Old Rhodes. An enchanting place of many gates and nameless curlicue lanes, Europe's oldest inhabited medieval town is a welcoming, bustling center of shops, boutiques, galleries, workshops and cafes. The town stays lively in the evening as locals relax in the balmy weather, a far cry from the 14th, 15th and 16th century days when the Knights of St. John ran a strict Christian military order bent on baptism and conquest.

Riding horses over the still-cobbled lanes, these soldier-missionaries stayed Ottoman attacks in 1480 before finally falling siege in 1522. Their quarters, buildings, monuments and relics remain along the walk to Romeo Restaurant. Housed in a 500-year-old building, the Romeo offers a warm ambience and the traditional melodies of a live Greek band for the perfect climax to this lovely evening.

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SANTORINI, GREECE

PAINTING AND SCULPTURE AT AK ART FOUNDATION

Encounter the soul of Santorini during a beautiful evening of artistic exploration. Native painter Christophoros Asimis creates gloriously gentle acrylics that capture the powerful, authentic magic of his hometown. His perspective reveals a private Santorini, untouched by globalization — yet his work graces private collections around the world. Traveling to the gallery, marvel at the majesty of the island's colorful caldera, a collapsed volcanic chamber, the rim of which is now the home to charming villages.

Upon arrival at the AK Art Foundation, a sleek, post-modern take on Greek island architecture, view the art of Asimis and Eleni Kalaitou, a sculptor and jeweler who explores the connection between humanity and nature. Journey next to Firá, a city of labyrinthine streets and white-washed homes, for independent shopping and wandering before closing the day with a gorgeous cable car ride down the caldera.

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SORRENTO, ITALY

SUNSET & CHAMPAGNE OVERLOOKING CAPRI

Live la dolce vita at a gorgeous hotel with sunset views of the illustrious Isle of Capri. A scenic journey through the hills of Sorrento — a magical escapade by itself — leads to Termini. This hamlet is the largest in the Massa Lubresne region, a captivating spit of land between the Amalfi Coast and the Sorrentine Peninsula. Here, embark on an evening of quintessentially Italian leisure at the Hotel Relais Blu, a luxury villa featuring antique and modern decor and incredible views.

Admire the azure expanse of the Gulf of Naples and Salerno ahead of the hotel's breezy terrace. Sip an apéritif and gaze at the majesty of the Isle of Capri in the distance. Just beyond the Gulf of Naples, floating in the Tyrrhenian Sea, this magnificent cliff has been a playground since Roman times. As the golden sun sets over the water, Capri's glory is astonishing. Spend the twilight wandering Sorrento independently.



VENICE, ITALY

DOGE'S PALACE AFTER HOURS

Experience the extravagant majesty of the Doge's Palace after hours. One of the most important landmarks in Venice, the Doge's Palace secures one side of the venerable Piazza San Marco and attracts over one million visitors annually. During this private evening tour of its hallowed rooms and apartments, the palace's massive Venetian Gothic architecture welcomes exploration.

Enjoy tales of Venice's doges, crowned lords of historic Italy's city-states, as told by a knowledgeable guide. Admire the lagoon, courtyard, decor and Bridge of Sighs connecting the Palace to a former prison. Afterwards, stroll through the refreshing night air to sip a cocktail in the Piazza San Marco. Called the drawing room of Europe, this square hosts the magnificent Basilica di San Marco with its beautiful campanile or bell tower, a clock tower and public art. Watch as locals mix and mingle and relish some independent time before returning by pontoon.





NORTHERN AND WESTERN EUROPE

Lisbon, Portugal



Lisbon, Portugal



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LISBON, PORTUGAL

MORGADO LUSITANO EQUESTRIAN SHOW

Enter the enticing world of Portuguese equestrianism. The Morgado Lusitano is one of Portugal's pre-eminent equestrian centers in a nation esteemed for its magnificent horses. Lusitano horses are powerful animals with a gorgeous, graceful high step. During this evening, highly skilled riders exhibit the precise dances of classical dressage, a school of carefully taught movements where horses demonstrate their natural, exceptional agility.

At the Quinta da Portela, the farm of the Morgado Lusitano, relax with locally sourced appetizers. After a photo break along the tranquil Tagus River, watch in wonder as the effortless harmony between horse and rider unfolds during a performance of the demanding Portuguese School of Equestrian Art. See these breathtaking pairs execute nearly every competitive and classical movement during this marvelously elegant show. This is timeless Portuguese culture at its finest.



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BANGKOK, THAILAND

NIGHT CRUISE WITH LOI KRATHONG RITUAL

Cruise under the stars and city lights of Bangkok before participating in a time-honored water ceremony. A charming traditional wooden river barge flows down the glimmering Chao Phraya River past temples and skyscrapers for an evening of glittering views and leisurely relaxation.

Sip a cocktail while floating past the city and set a few personal intentions for the Loi Krathong ceremony. Originating in the 13th century, this ancient water prayer is usually celebrated under a full moon, considered an auspicious time for letting go and allowing closure. Decorated baskets are deployed into the river and left to float where they may. Their natural course symbolizes the importance of releasing the past, accepting the present and flowing with life's abundant offerings of joy. Admire the peaceful tides and gentle, yet powerful culture along this wonderful waterway to understand why locals call it. The River of Kings.

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AN EVENING OF KANDYAN CULTURE

Relish the heady customs of Sri Lanka's Kandyan culture at the Galle Face Hotel. A marvelous mix of Sri Lankan and British design, the hotel reflects its 19th century appellation of the Grand Old Lady of Ceylon. Within its golden-hued halls, soak up the extraordinary vibration of Sri Lankan culture with an astounding Kandyan dance performance. Once a natural extension of tribal living, these dances declined in popularity during British rule. During this evening, dancers animate beloved stories of shamans, kings and animals once more.

Kandyan dance is performed to percussion only. As the drum exclusive to the dance — a geta beraya — beats its prelude, cymbals, hand drums and toms played with cane sticks accompany costumed dancers. While the performers entertain, savor generous pours of arrack. This tangy spirit, banned in parts of the country, is tapped at dawn from coconut flowers and is a sweet pairing with the mystique of the dance.



HONG KONG, CHINA

NIGHT OUT IN HONG KONG

Luxuriate in the cosmopolitan glitz of Kowloon's nightlife with cocktails and a light show. An invigorating journey through Hong Kong's urban panorama winds up at One Peking, a highend shopping and social district with an utterly gorgeous view of Victoria Harbour. The harbor, critical to Hong Kong first as a British colony and still as a worldwide trading center, dazzles with skyscrapers on each side. During the day, its water is a radiant deep blue, despite hundreds of years of commercial traffic, but at night, the sky demands precedence.

Gaze in amazement from an exquisite vantage point 30 stories high while sipping cocktails with Kowloon's most sophisticated locals. The climax of the evening is the Symphony of Lights, a nightly spectacular of lights, fireworks and music emblematic of five nationalistic themes — the growth, energy and heritage of Hong Kong, its partnerships and, in a grand finale, a celebration of culture and people.





OSAKA, JAPAN

THE ART OF RAKUGO STORY TELLING

Get swept up in the enchantment of rakugo, Japan's traditional art of storytelling. Invented by Buddhist monks seeking an audience for their sermons, this vibrant art form is performed by one highly skilled storyteller, the rakugoka. Staying seated, the rakugoka plays multiple characters using only a small cloth, paper fan and a broad range of voices to illuminate comically complicated tales. Watch one of Japan's most renowned storytellers embody national archetypes from samurai to geisha in a Noh theatre.

This traditional stage is built after the Kagura style, a Shinto construction method using Japanese cypress. During intermissions, wander the theatre and indulge in up to two cocktails before returning for another round of raucous storytelling. When the performance concludes, the rakugoka shares conversation and invites questions. Enjoy this playful encounter with authentic ancient culture living still today.



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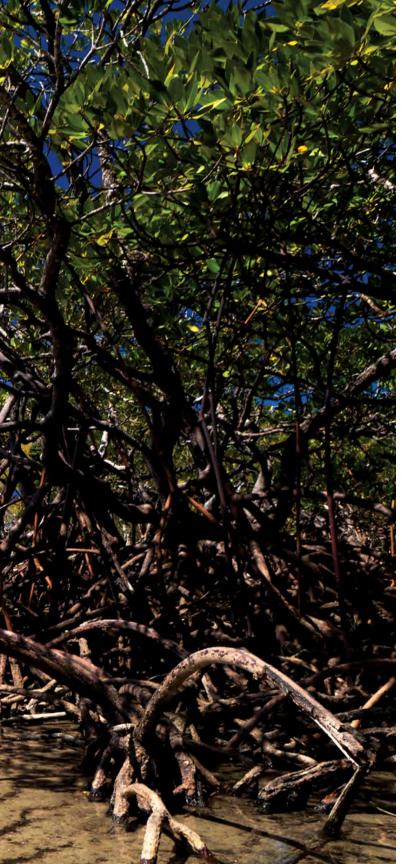


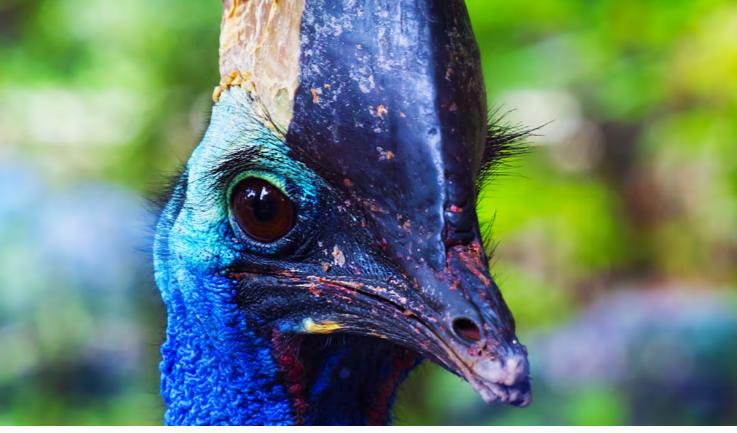
PORT DOUGLAS, AUSTRALIA

CROCODILE WATCH RIVER CRUISE

Keep a lookout for crocs! A leisurely float along the lush mangrove channels of Dickson Inlet is the perfect evening opportunity to spot crocodiles and other Australian wildlife like kites, sea eagles, osprey and more. Starting at the gorgeous Reef Marina, step aboard the Lady Douglas, a traditional paddleboat that skims the water at an idyllic pace. After a complimentary cocktail and snacks, listen to gentle music float through the air and follow the boat crew's spotlights. Crocodiles are almost certain to be found!

These sharp-toothed aquatic reptiles are nearly 55 million years old and have the strongest bite of any animal presently in existence. Listen as the crew shares its expertise or points out different vocalizations and behavior to gain keen insight into these powerful animals. Relax and unwind as the cheerful lights of the city of Port Douglas twinkle in the distance and the sounds and rhythms of the inlet burble below.







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BARCELONA, SPAIN

FLAMENCO IN THE HEART OF OLD BARCELONA

Beguile the senses at a traditional flamenco show at Casa Llotja de Mar. An architectural gem and the site of Barcelona's first opera, this incredible theatre was built during the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. Medieval Catalonians considered its halls emblematic of local commitment to continually progressive culture, an ambition clearly realized today. From a gorgeous Neoclassical chamber of massive arches and vaulted ceilings, watch as fiery flamenco dancers perform across multiple stages for an engrossing immersion in this rich historic entertainment.

Flamenco is a dance of stirring sentiment with music and moves that interpret age-old stories of love, woe and adventure through music, clapping, twirling and foot-stomping. During this evening's renditions, discover the drama and pleasure of this authentic, beloved cultural touchstone.

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CHANIA, CRETE, GREECE

FESTIVITIES ON THE CHANIA HARBORFRONT

Luxuriate in the charm and beauty of Chania's magnificent harbor. From a graceful, open courtyard with views of a gorgeous Turkish mosque, experience the fun of this blended culture. Turkish, Cretan and Venetian influences captivate the imagination during a performance of a traditional Greek wedding.

Watch as the loving couple enter in a horse-drawn buggy and act out the theater of music, family, vows and dancing. Don't be surprised if the bride and groom look for guests to join in the frivolity.

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Chania, Crete, Greece

GIBRALTAR, UNITED KINGDOM

ROYAL GIBRALTAR REGIMENT BAND

Journey into a timeless cavern to hear the heart-rending sounds of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment Band. The gateway to the Mediterranean is best known for Barbary macaques, a colony of apes unique to Europe and the glorious Rock of Gibraltar. This evening is the perfect opportunity to spot both. Pass through the Upper Rock area to St. Michael's Cave, one of more than 150 limestone caves carved over thousands of years into this magnificent area.

Step inside the cavernous space for a fantastic look at the giant stalactites and stalagmites that line the way to this one-of-a-kind auditorium within a cave. Sit back and prepare to be amazed as the world-renowned Royal Gibraltar Regiment Band performs a special set that thrums with cultural pride. Drums and horns resound with emotion as musicians in bright regalia share an astonishing performance.

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KUSADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY

EPHESUS - BACK TO ROMAN TIMES

Succumb to the exceptional glory of a 12-piece string orchestra at the Odeon in Ephesus. This outdoor amphitheater is a marvelous treasure of antiquity. Originally constructed in the 2nd century by a wealthy Ephesian husband and wife, the venue served as both a home for Senate meetings and a concert hall for performances of all types.

Semi-circular seating for 1500 surrounds a stage area where columns and a multi-storied building are lost to time. This evening is a more intimate affair than those raucous Roman gatherings. As dusk turns to night, a peaceful mood settles. An orchestra of twelve including violin, viola, cello and harp — proffers its haunting sounds into the acoustic shell of this great archeological wonder. Submit to a timeless rhapsody as the ecstatic movements of Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Brahms and others saturate the night.

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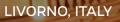




Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey







THREE TENORS SING ITALIAN OPERA FAVORITES

Spend an evening in operatic grandeur at the famous Teatro Goldoni. Opera shimmers at the pinnacle of Italian culture. During the 19th century, masters of these dramatic compositions created worldrenowned music that still erupts with passion and brilliance. A pianist and trio of tenors, accomplished male singers with high vocal ranges, perform works by the likes of Rossini, Bellini, Verdi, Puccini and others of their ilk. Listen as the dynamic strains of long-beloved songs soar through the Teatro.

The theatre itself dates to the 18th century. A wonder of curved interior architecture and metallic rose-gold finishes, the theatre was originally owned by a series of intermarried members of two historic patrician families. Its design allows a fantastic experience of these august opera favorites during a showcase of talent that radiates with Italian sophistication.

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MALAGA, SPAIN

HORSES & BULLS AT HISTORIC LA MALAGUETA

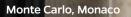
Invoke the traditions of los toreros, brave bullfighters, at La Malagueta, the great bullring. Despite an illustrious history of charging bulls dating back to 1876, the night's entertainment departs from its usual ferocity for a display of astonishing grace and harmonious animal exhibition. Horses, bulls and oxen from the finca or farm estate of the Torrestrella family, one of Spain's most esteemed breeders, prance and stride across the expanse of this gorgeous Neo-Mudéjar or Moorish Revival arena.

Watch in awe as Andalusian horses, some of the world's most esteemed for their elegance, strength and gait, perform dressage, a competitive equestrian art and the ultimate expression of care and discipline between the horse and trainer. As the animals parade, discover an endless appreciation for the rich connection between man and beast in one of Spain's most deeply embedded traditions.

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MONTE CARLO, MONACO

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Discover the depths of the aquatic world during a private, after-hours visit to The Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. Perched high on the Rock of Monaco overlooking the sea, this Museum's magnificent location is matched by its treasures of art and science.

Founded by Prince Albert I and directed by Jacques Cousteau for years, its colorful aquariums, natural history collections and panoramic views unfold in the twilight hours. Enjoy delectable desserts and wine as musicians and artists entertain.

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PALMA DE MAJORCA, SPAIN

CASTILLO DE BELLVER

Imagine the enigmatic lives of Gothic royalty at Castillo de Bellver with an evening of castle exploration and traditional folk dancing. Originally constructed in the 14th century for King James II of Aragon and Majorca, Castillo de Bellver is one of Europe's few circular castles with rounded rooms and round towers over a moat. A gala welcome greets guests as the Mayor of Majorca delivers a hearty hello and the regal Horse Police of Palma de Majorca parade in celebration.

Admire the abundance of antiques throughout the castle, remnants of a dramatic saga and history as a royal home, military prison, political refuge and now museum. In the courtyard outdoors, local musicians and dancers entertain. Watch as costumed dancers perform the Ball de Bot, a traditional series of set dances. These dances span from the slow bolero to the regional variations of the well-known fandango. Revel in the fanfare of Majorca's historic traditions.











PAPHOS, CYPRUS

A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OF ANCIENT TALES

Listen closely as grand myths and poems unwind to a crescendo of dueling instruments at Paphos Castle. Built along a harbor by Byzantine forces, this castle pulses with history — by the 1600s, it had already imprisoned thousands, been razed by earthquake and rebuilt multiple times by newly conquering rulers.

Now, its imposing architecture hosts open-air festivities like this evening of storytelling and music. Learn the melodic tragedy of Kinyras, the king of Cyprus, grandson of Aphrodite and inventor of musical instruments who dared to challenge Apollo to a lyre-playing contest. As the measures of a piano, violin, flute and the historic violoncello rise through the Castle, a distinctive voice reads the poetry of the great Greek lyricist Sappho, one of the few known female poets of the ancient world. The night reaches its theatrical climax with an electrifying duel between instruments that fills ears and hearts alike with extravagant emotion.

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SORRENTO, ITALY

TRADITIONS OF OLD NAPLES

Join in the revelry at a bespoke Festival of Piedigrotta at Agrumeto Gardens. Piedigrotta festivals became popular in late 19th and early 20th century Naples as an annual community celebration. The festivals gave rise to a song-writing competition that is a cherished tradition in the hearts of Neopolitans. More than just a neighborhood contest, these competitions fostered some of the world's greatest canzoni napoletane or Neopolitan songs, the sound that belongs to Italy in the popular imagination.

At Agrumeto Gardens, singers, musicians and actors bring old Naples to life with lively impersonations of merchants and townspeople, including an acrobatic pizza maker. Stroll the promenades of this garden paradise and experience the carnival atmosphere of olden days with songs, caricature drawings, card games and more.











TAORMINA, ITALY

FLAVORS OF SICILY AT CASTELLO DI SAN MARCO

Live like royalty as the rousing sounds of a Sicilian opera singer fill the air at Castello di San Marco. This Baroque castle, a princely home on the Ionian Sea dates back to the late 17th century and opens its doors for an evening of stately entertainment. Amidst the arched passages and cobbled pathways, explore this wonderful castle's grounds, including pergolas and beautiful foliage.

Soon, the sound of Sicily overtakes the castle. Known for its robust character, Sicilian music is a grand testament to the singular culture of this little Italian island. Listen as an acclaimed tenor sings grand operatic favorites accompanied by local singers of equal repute. The harmony of the singers in this elegant setting makes for a show of breathtaking power and a night of golden memories to last a lifetime.

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TAORMINA, ITALY

CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Rejoice in the splendor of an organ and choir performance at St. John's Co-Cathedral. This unbelievably gorgeous cathedral dazzles behind a simple facade. Known as one of Europe's greatest examples of Baroque architecture — and home to the only signed painting of the master Caravaggio — the church was built in the late 1500s by the Knights of Malta. The Knights evolved into a multi-national society on par with nation-states and developed orders based on language and origin. Each order, called a langue, is honored with a flamboyantly decorated chapel within the Cathedral complex.

See ornate limestone carvings of the life of St. John created in situ by artist and Knight Mattia Preti plus other extravagant medieval art. From classical bench seating, hear the powerful tones of the church's organ during a concert by a 12-piece chamber choir with four soloists. Performing work by Mozart, Handel, Puccini and others, the organist and choir resound with the fervor of the Knights' dedication to religion, art and conquest.

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VENICE, ITALY

VENETIA ANTIQUA ENSEMBLE AT TEATRO LA FENICE

Experience the rapture of world-renowned Venetian orchestral music in the famed Teatro La Fenice. This exceptional evening of first-class entertainment introduces the esteemed Venetia Antiqua Ensemble, the city's proud orchestra, a 21-element synthesis of international performers, including a heart-rending soprano singer. Dedicated to preserving the integrity of Baroque musical traditions, the Ensemble's sounds harken back to the tender days of the 1700s when the Venetian upper class flocked to hear the beauty of Italian compositions.

Enjoy this marvelous evening from upper tier box seats at the Teatro La Fenice or Phoenix Theatre, a monumental institution in its own right. In 1637, the hall became the first public opera house in the region to perform for the wealthy instead of an exclusively royal audience. Rebuilt after multiple fires, the Teatro is lovingly restored to its original splendor for a night of unforgettable harmony.

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AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

ORGAN CONCERT IN MONNICKENDAM

Step into a Rembrandt painting during this surreal evening of beautiful music and art. At the edge of the historic city center in Monnickendam, the Grote Kerk or Big Church transforms into the scene of *The Night Watch*, a riveting painting by Rembrandt van Rijn and one of the most famous works of art in the world. A painting that has inspired artists, writers and composers over the centuries, this gorgeous work is known for its massive size, contrast between light and dark and sense of movement during a time of staid military portraits.

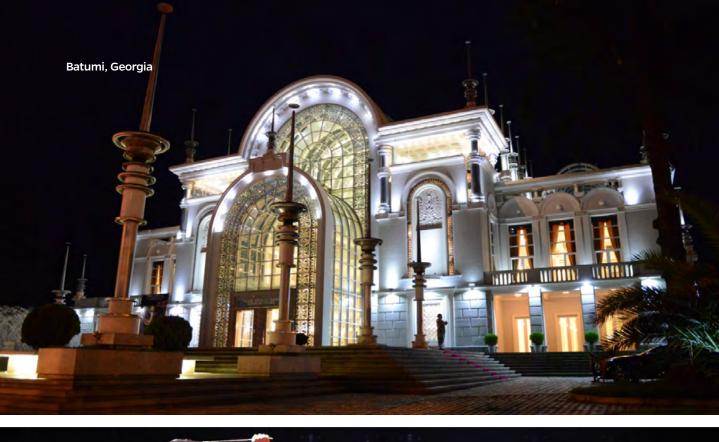
Actors in full costume and character replicate the action of this monumental painting, showing Captain Frans Banning Cocq, Mayor of Amsterdam, with his band of civil guards. Moody renditions of classic songs played on organs resonate throughout the Grote Kerk and add to the pervasive and exciting sense of drama.

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BATUMI, GEORGIA

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LEGENDS OF DANCE AT THE BATUMI STATE MUSICAL CENTER

Invigorate the senses at the State Musical Center of Batumi, a showcase of modern Georgian architecture. Upon arrival, admire the sparkling fountain and views of the sea and city below. Then, step inside to an elegant interior of marble floors and soaring ceilings to take a seat for a performance by the legendary Georgian National Dance Company.

See authentic Georgian culture through remarkably complex dances performed in traditional attire. The footwork is as impressive as the theater.

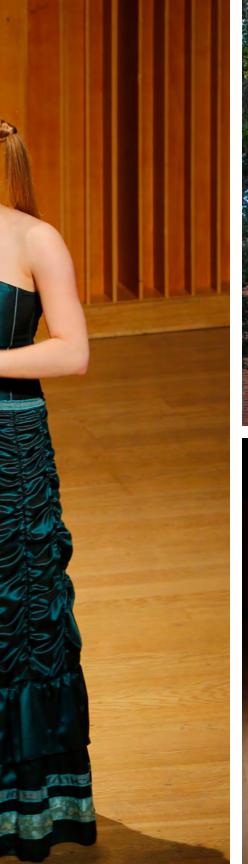


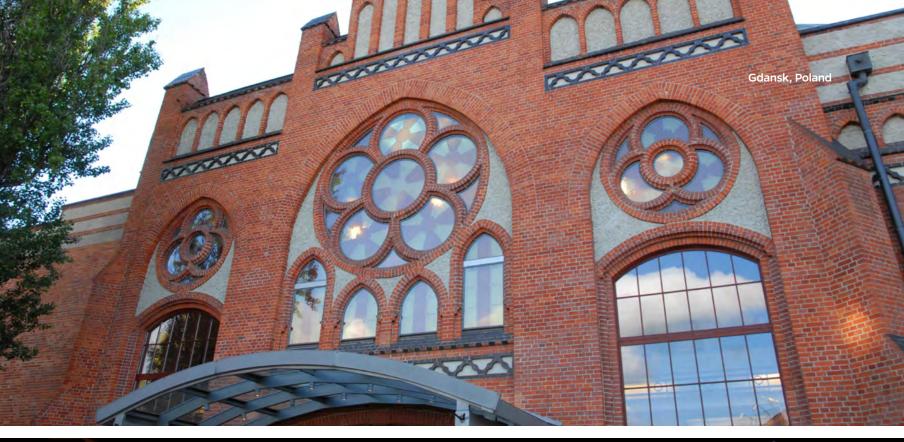
GDANSK, POLAND

CLASSICAL CONCERT AT THE POLISH BALTIC PHILHARMONIC

Discover true rapture during an evening of classical Polish music in the Polish Baltic Philharmonic concert hall. An establishment of great global standing, classical music lovers from all over the world visit this exceptional symphonic chamber to hear its heart-rending performances. Home to a recording studio and plastic arts gallery, too, the Philharmonic hosts a variety of concerts, recitals and soirees throughout the year.

During this fabulous night out, listen to a special performance by Polish concert pianist Rafal Lewandowski and violinist Natalia Walewska. The two play the haunting strains of Fryderyk Chopin, a Polish composer and pianist best known as the darling of the Romantic Era. Hear the work of international composers, as well, including Edvard Grieg, Fritz Kreisler and others throughout this remarkable evening in a cherished musical institution.







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LEITH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND

AN EVENING AT HOPETOUN HOUSE AND ESTATE

Head to Hopetoun, a commanding Scottish estate for music and fireworks. The house, built at the early turn of the 18th century and largely expanded about a quarter-century later, opens onto a placid lake and overlooks impeccable, verdant grounds and gardens.

During this enchanting night, undertake an exploration of the home. Its apartments and old-time stables were constructed by the finest masons and glaziers — artisan stone and glass builders — available at the time. Inhale the crisp Scottish air in the 18th century Englishstyle gardens with breathtaking views of Forth Bridge. A Scottish band complemented by a local jazz trio plays bagpipes and other instruments for a rousing bit of fun under the Scottish evening stars. Look skyward for a fireworks finale that blooms overhead for a spectacular ending to an evening of genteel relaxation and grand entertainment.

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LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

BEATLE-MANIA AT THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Live it up during a rollicking musical gala at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. The largest cathedral in Britain and one of the world's greatest examples of Gothic Revival architecture, this gorgeous arched church blesses music lovers with incredible acoustics. The evening begins with sublime renditions of classical songs on a grandiose organ with 10,268 pipes. An intermission allows ample time to admire the awesome surroundings. With a 300-foot tower, the United Kingdom's third-heaviest bourdon bell and astounding stained glass, the Anglican Cathedral is a powerfully contemplative and beautiful setting.

After intermission, cut loose to the Cavern Club Beatles, a cover band that genuinely embodies the supreme Liverpudlian rock-n-roll act of all time. There's no better place to hear these energetic favorites than in the hometown of John, Paul, George and Ringo — unless it's the acoustic heaven of their hometown's Anglican Church.









MADEIRA (FUNCHAL), PORTUGAL

MADEIRA TRADITIONS

Soak up the music, dance and cuisine of Portugal at Pestana Casino Park Hotel. With panoramic views overlooking the harbor below, this private celebration surges with authentic culture.

Sample traditional Madeiran wines, fruit drinks and a dessert buffet with honey cake, sweet cheese pastries and more. A lively musical duo plays historic local favorites while a troupe in colorful costumes performs national folk dances. At the climax of the evening, a fireworks show lights up the night.

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REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

Hear the expressive tones of two of Iceland's most prolific musicians at Harpa Concert Hall. Home to the Iceland Symphony Orchestra and Icelandic Opera, this stunning glass arena was designed by renowned artist Olafur Eliasson and inspired by crystallized basalt.

Begin this magical evening relaxing in the comfortable Aurora Borealis chamber. There, listen to Diddú and Gissur Páll, beloved classical singers who embody Iceland's fire-and-ice spirit.





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RED CARPET EXCLUSIVE AT THE MIKHAILOVSKY

Walk the red carpet and see a beautiful ballet at Mikhailovsky Theater. A fanfare from the Russia Horn Capella Orchestra trumpets its welcome in honor of this glamorous night.

The exquisite Mikhailovsky Theater is one of the oldest opera and ballet houses in Russia. Resplendent in red and gold with a mirrored ceiling and sparkling chandeliers, the theater is nearing 200 seasons. Lean back in the comfort of elegant seating for a beautiful ballet by professional Russian dancers. Colorful costumes and stage sets add to the romance of this unforgettable evening.

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BANGKOK, THAILAND

DISCOVERING BANGKOK'S ANCIENT CITY

Celebrate an enactment of the Festival of Lights, known as Loi Krathong. Journey to Dusit Maha Prasat Throne Hall, where green and gold cruciform palaces, temples, shrines and stupas adorn a lush 200-acre site. Built under the order of Rama I in 1782, these illustrious grounds, known to Westerners as the Grand Palace, are the official residence of the King who uses it now for special events only. Dramatic lighting welcomes visitors to a world of exotic culture and ritual as the Loi Krathong ceremony unfolds. Krathong, lotus-shaped baskets, are released with intention along flowing water.

Symbolic of the release of worn-out emotions and behaviors, the ceremony is a healing, rejuvenating time of celebration that resonates deeply throughout Thai culture. Marvel at the ornate beauty of regional dances, watch crafts demonstrations by local artisans and enjoy light refreshments for an evening of sweet release and sweeter memories.







COCHIN, INDIA

THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF KERALA

Revel in the exotic beauty of Kerala with a cultural celebration like no other. A decorated elephant greets guests at the acclaimed luxury hotel Vivanta by Taj-Malabar. Stylish and serene on Willingdon Island, this palatial hotel offers a magnificent view of Cochin's harbor.

Stroll green lawns, relax on magnificent terraces and wander an assembled marketplace including tea and toddy shops, a potter, a cane weaver and more. Submit to the ornate decorations of a mehndi artist creating delicate henna tattoos or ask an astrologer for guiding advice. Kathakali performers in elaborate costumes and make-up dance while traditional martial artists known as Kalaripayattu exhibit their ancient art of defense and dance with spears, daggers and swords. Discover the mystical and exciting culture of this beautiful region of southwest India during an unforgettable evening.



HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

A MAGICAL EVENING AT BINH QUOI VILLAGE

Discover the wealth of Vietnamese culture at Binh Quoi Village. This vibrant garden setting of coconut palms, gentle creeks and colorful lanterns sets the scene for immersion in historic and traditional lifestyles and arts. Watch musicians, dancers and performers put on a fantastic show including special instruments unique to Vietnam, like the coconut fiddle, moon lute, a variety of zithers and the unusual k'ni, a fiddle that incorporates a disk held in the mouth.

Admire national costuming and experience joyful folk dances in this expressive village, a distillation of local life in the Mekong Delta region. Located just outside the city center on the Saigon River, large portions of this region remain unexplored, but at Binh Quoi Village, visitors are transported to a land that has been inhabited since prehistory and a cultural milieu that is wholly unique within Asia.

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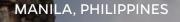
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FILIPINO MUSIC CELEBRATION AT FORT SANTIAGO

Get ready for fun during this authentic community festival at Fort Santiago. Barrio fiestas are a beloved Filipino custom throughout neighborhoods and towns, a mix of honoring patron saints, celebrating the change of seasons or simply enjoying time together in the balmy night air. At Fort Santiago, the evening's barrio fiesta takes on even greater proportions. The fort is one of Manila's most important historical sites, an imposing triangular work of masonry with religious and cultural reliefs adorning the walls and gates.

Ceremonial dances of the Spanish-influenced northern part of the country and striking tribal dances of the Muslim south whirl through the evening as traditional songs and melodies waft through the air. Once the pomp and circumstance winds down, the night kicks up a notch and everyone steps to the beat with '70s dance tunes. The everyday street fair graduates to a whole new level with this night of fanfare.

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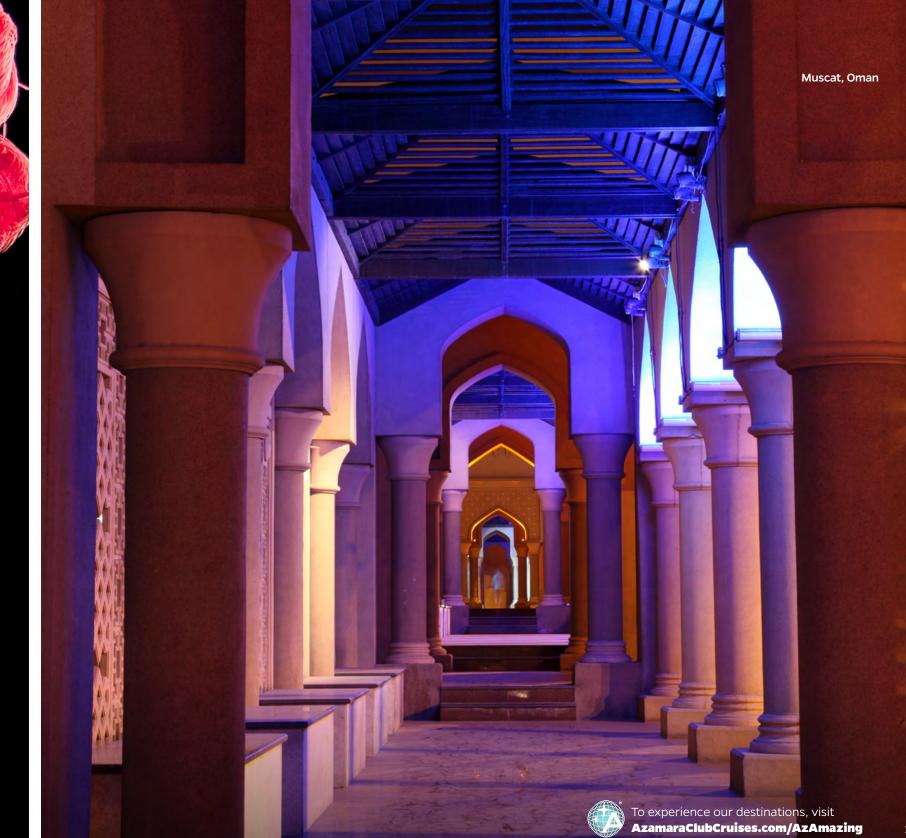


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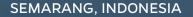
EXOTIC TALES AND ARAB TRADITIONS

Unravel the mysteries of *One Thousand and One Nights* at Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort. Ancient Arab customs shine in the golden glow of this impeccably outfitted resort on the Sea of Oman. Constructed in the Dhofari tradition, a truly Arabian style unique to southern Oman, Barr Al Jissah Resort gleams with opulent tile, lit palm trees and expansive minaret and crenellated silhouettes. Music and dance by authentic local performers fill the evening. Gaze in wonder as belly dancers shimmy across the floor dangerously close to fire dancers who spin and twirl at a mesmerizing pace.

Step outdoors into the perfumed night to relax in an outdoor amphitheater amidst the soothing sand-hued mountains. The bilingual Master of Ceremonies keeps the laughs coming as old tales enchant and music, dancing, acrobatics and other drama unfold in this unbelievably beautiful setting.







ANCIENT JAVA NIGHT CELEBRATION

Enter the world of old Indonesia at Lawang Sewu. Once ruled by the Netherlands, Indonesia still sparkles with historic development and architecture reminiscent of its colonial days. A quick journey through the 18th century quarter Kota Lama, known colloquially as Little Netherlands, highlights the signature frames and roofing, large windows and colored glass of the area. Upon arrival at Lawang Sewu, known as the Thousand Doors Building, the colonial influence of Europe falls to the background and a festive evening of traditional Javanese entertainment unfolds.

Listen happily as a local group of musicians play keroncong melodies, unique to Indonesia. This authentic genre includes the instrument kroncong, a ukulele-like instrument with flutes, violins, cello and singing. Despite its genuine Javanese authenticity — or perhaps because of it — this very music was a rollicking hit with the Dutch of days gone by, too.



YANGON, MYANMAR

BURMESE FESTIVAL AT THE PEOPLE'S PARK

Get in the spirit of Myanmar with a traditional Burmese festival. In a nation that loves its festivals, this night is one to remember. Rarely does a month go by without a gathering in this region. Locals celebrate nat, the spirits that imbue great human beings, animals, plants and mountains. Other festivals celebrate the end of the rainy season, a full moon, a rice harvest or the beginning and end of the Buddhist season of repentance and forbearance.

On this evening, journey to the Myanmar Festival Compound in Yangon to relish the fun and gratitude of the local community. Watch as trained elephants dance to enticing music. Masterful magicians perform well-practiced tricks for a smile or two. Mingle with the locals along rows of charming booths where craftspeople offer traditionally crowd-pleasing goods that embody the joy and revelry of the culture.



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POLO AT LION CASTLE

Cheer on a polo match at the elite Lion Castle Polo Estate. One of Barbados' most prestigious clubs, this sporting domain centers around a world-class polo field and clubhouse on twenty manicured acres. During this exclusive evening, the spirited sounds of the Royal Barbados Police Band set a mood of lively tradition and dignity. Feel the band's signature Caribbean ebullience as it peals out its welcome against the prismatic cast of the sun's last rays. Once evening has settled, the elegance of the Clubhouse emerges and an exhilarating polo match begins on the lawn.

Known as the sport of kings for centuries, the stately game of polo requires incredible athletic proficiency and equestrian skill. As these fine sportsmen jockey on horseback to land their goals, the only care that may arise is which team to applaud.



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DARWIN, AUSTRALIA

AN EVENING AT CROCOSAURUS COVE

Meet the world's largest captive reptile collection, including nearly 200 saltwater crocodiles. The can't-miss moment of the night is the Cage of Death. As a handful of the ship's brave officers drop into a protected tank, giant crocodiles — some of the largest in captivity — approach for a little nose-to-nose time. View the fearsome muscularity of these razor-toothed beasts from above and below as they swim with terrifying confidence through a massive aquarium.

The excitement continues with a ceremonial demonstration by representatives of the Larrakia people. The traditional owners of the town of Darwin, the Larrakia share their aboriginal connection with the nearby sea and rivers. As the ceremony winds down, take the chance to hold some of the smaller reptiles that make their home at this incredible adventure center.







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