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EUROPE
(From East to West)

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After decades of traveling the world, I have been to many places more than once. But there are still some places left to explore. It is one of life's greatest joys to be able to see the world's most amazing sights and meet inspiring people, who share their stories and

traditions. The Lakani World Tours team is committed to making your travel dreams come true, helping you to visit new and exciting destinations in the style that suits you best. Our experienced team of experts know just how to make your trip special.

This catalog featuring EUROPE is bursting with a collection of itineraries for the independent traveler in 2024. Each Pre-Designed journey is priced for a minimum of two people traveling together. Included are splendid accommodations, comprehensive sightseeing with a private English-speaking guide, private vehicle, entrance fees, some meals and all transfers. The travel dates and your traveling companions are totally up to you.

If you see something that is similar, but not exactly what you are looking for, then let us help you plan your CUSTOM-MADE vacation. Perhaps you want a more in-depth look at the region, adding more time as well as destinations. Or maybe you want to stay in different hotels or combine a couple of itineraries together. There are suggestions throughout the brochure to extend your exploration of the area. And, we have countless more ideas if you choose to take advantage of the many years that we have been designing worldwide itineraries.

Lakani World Tours include extraordinary encounters on every trip. So, whether we customize an existing itinerary for you, or create a tailor-made tour from scratch, you can be sure that your travel experience will be all that you dreamed of and more. Within this brochure you will find existing tours to all parts of Europe. However, your choices are not limited to this publication, you will find many more itineraries online at www.Lakani.com

Let us help you to discover the world the Lakani way. You'll return inspired and enriched by the culture, history, people and natural wonders you encounter on your unforgettable vacation.

Best traveling wishes.

Heidi Lakani
Heidi Lakani

P.S. If you wish to travel with a small group in the company of a Lakani Tour Manager, please ask about Lakani Small Group Journeys or Private Jet Tours.



THE LAKANI PROMISE

The Lakani World Tours logo is intentional in its design. The four directional points represents our experience in travel to the far corners of the world, as well as the four fundamental principles which guide each program we create.



QUALITY & VALUE

Every detail matters

Every Lakani World Tours program includes the best sightseeing and services that the area has to offer. While we recognize that quality does not come cheaply, we provide value through our experience and strong relationships with proven suppliers.



INTEGRITY

Worthy of your trust

The Lakani team provides honest answers, objective advice and strong commitments. We also offer the usual industry assurances and safeguards: we are a registered California Seller of Travel. Naturally, references are available.



EXPERIENCE & INNOVATION

Uniquely crafted vacations with cultural enrichment

The Lakani team of seasoned industry veterans draws from their experience and their never ending quest to uncover new and unusual sights, activities and lodging to share with travelers.



SERVICE

Your wish is our command

We believe that attitude is everything. Service begins the first time you call us and continues throughout your entire journey. The Lakani Travel Specialists and its team of expert Tour Managers consistently endeavor to anticipate the desires and expectations of every Lakani traveler.



EXPLORE THE WORLD THE LAKANI WAY: THE LUXURY OF CHOICE

The Lakani World Tours team understands that not all travelers desire the same experience. So, we have put our knowledge into creating Travel Experiences that offer ways of journeying that appeal to guests of all interests.



Pre-Designed Private Travel offers a collection of trips that are ready for you to purchase just as they are to fit in with your time schedule – or you can customize them to suit you and your traveling companion (s) for an additional cost. These tours include breakfast daily, private transfers with VIP Meet & Greet service and sightseeing throughout, and the services of an experienced English-speaking local guide.

Custom Made Journey Ideas offer you suggestions for areas you may wish to travel to on your own, with companions, or family members. Every itinerary we craft includes Lakani approved accommodations, experienced local guides, transfers, and sightseeing. Breakfast is always included, but other meals may be dictated by the destination or route.



Small Group Tours are created particularly for those destinations where travelers enjoy having a Tour Manager for more comfort and security, or simply because they want to meet other like-minded travelers. These tours are for 8 to 14 guests and include private transfers with VIP meet and greet, all meals and Dine by Choice where possible, all sightseeing, and special encounters with locals. These departures are set dates and are ideal for single travelers too.

Lakani Private Jet Journeys are designed for those travelers who wish to include a collection of destinations all on one trip. They may be unusual places that are harder to reach along with some well-loved destinations that deserve another visit. The chartered jet has a hand-picked crew who serve chef-prepared meals and fine wines and beverages. Often times we are using private landing strips with red-carpet arrival service. The small group size of 10 –15 guests are accompanied by a professional Lakani Tour Manager as well as an Operations Director to insure exceptional personal attention. Accommodations are of the highest caliber, and are mostly in suites. Private transfers and VIP meet and greet are included, as well as exclusive venues and performances. Dine by Choice is also offered, including Michelin-star restaurants.



Lakani has the world's countries covered with these travel experiences.
Where do you want to travel next?



CAPTIVATING & INSPIRING



From fairytale castles to enchanting palaces and gardens; ancient Greek and Roman ruins to contemporary architectural masterpieces; medieval to modern art; and traditional culture to present day nouveau cuisine and organic wines. The rich history, splendid landscapes, remarkable monuments, and friendly people of Europe continue to captivate and inspire. See marvelous natural wonders like the ice caves of Iceland, Norway's spectacular fjords, the magnificent Swiss Alps, the Cliffs of Mohr in Ireland, Plitvice Lakes in Croatia, Cappadocia in Turkey, and Italy's Amalfi Coast, just to name a few. Take a dip in the crystal blue Adriatic, tour the Berner Oberland on the cog railway, learn how to make cheese, pasta, or paella, participate in wine and olive oil tasting, or perhaps go truffle hunting. There are a multitude of activities to enhance your experience while traveling with Lakani.



Explore Europe's capitals where you'll find incredible museums and art galleries that may inspire you to pick up a paintbrush, historic churches, and palaces whose stories will capture your imagination, and a wide variety of dining, shops, and parks. Pack your walking shoes, because many attractions are easily accessible by foot from your hotel, and we include guided walking tours throughout Europe. But don't forget your finer apparel for evenings at the opera, theatre, or fine dining. Venture into the countryside to visit ancient castles, pristine lakes, stunning waterfalls, picturesque national parks, medieval hilltop villages, and uncover the history and culture of the land. Choose from Azerbaijan to Portugal, Scandinavia to Cyprus. Lakani covers all of Europe – East to West, North to South – and we are committed to making your vacation all that you expect and more.

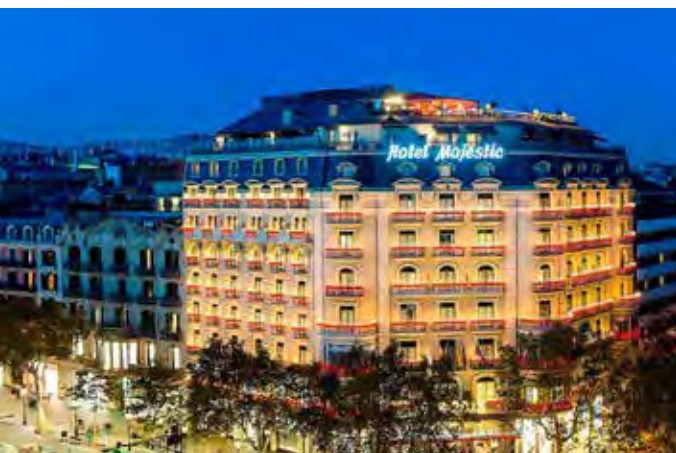
Enriching Encounters

Engage in the culture of the people introduced to you by Lakani World Tours. Learn how to play an Alphorn or make cheese in Switzerland. Spend the morning with a chef, shopping in the local market for ingredients and then cooking up the specialty of the region, such as paella in Spain. Join a female winemaker in the vineyards of Georgia and gain insight into her wine production and enjoy a tasting. Visit the famous Pasteis de Belem shop in Lisbon for the delicious historic pastries that have been made there since the 1830's with the ancient secret recipe from the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mosteiro dos Jeronimos (monastery). Participate in a real truffle hunting experience in Istria. Interact with locals throughout Europe and you will be amazed at how meaningful those encounters become and how long the memories will stay with you.

Extraordinary Guides

Wherever you travel, your guides are key to making your journey the most rewarding and memorable experience. All Lakani guests benefit from experienced guides who have been vetted throughout many years of working in the region. Guides are chosen for their historical and cultural knowledge and experience, as well as their ability to connect with guests and their attention to service. Lakani matches guides to guests. Whether you are traveling as a family with children, with a group of like-minded friends, or on a celebratory trip with your special someone, your guide will make sure that your vacation is all that you expect and more.





SUMPTUOUS SURROUNDINGS TO SUIT YOUR JOURNEY

Lakani standards are high when it comes to your ultimate comfort and enjoyable experience. You can be sure that the Lakani team has inspected each property in the Lakani Hotels of Choice collection. At the end of the day, relax in elegance, and yet be immersed in the locale. Whether you are in the heart of the city in Paris, overlooking the beautiful Danube and city sights in Budapest, or in full view of the Parthenon in Athens, you may be assured that Lakani includes the best accommodations suited to your interests. Indulge in suites, or villas, or immerse yourself in the ambiance of the destination.

Location, Location, Location! In Ireland, stay at the gracious and discreet Merrion Hotel in the city center with easy access to every place you want to visit. The dramatic views of Mt. Etna is right outside the front door of your elegant hillside Belmond Grand Timeo Hotel. Enjoy the views of the UNESCO heritage city and the Douro River from every room at the Yeatman Hotel in the historic port cellar district. The Victoria Jungfrau Hotel In the heart of Switzerland has unobstructed views of one of the main summits of the Bernese Alps.

Wherever you travel, Lakani has the perfect accommodation to suit your style and interests.



AUTHENTICALLY LOOKING AFTER EVERY GUEST

The Lakani team has collectively hundreds of years' experience. Each member has been working in the deluxe arena of international travel throughout their career. Destinations have been thoroughly vetted in person. The select lodging, transportation companies and local guides have been working with the Lakani team for decades. You can be assured that we are in constant communication so that your journey runs as smoothly as you can imagine. These last couple of years have shown us all that the relationships that we maintain overseas are even more important. With the constant changing of protocols throughout the world, we must be vigilant in terms of open and closing times, testing, masking, and vaccination requirements, and overall consistent sanitation. You can rely on Lakani to update you, not only before you travel, but also along the way.

RETURN GUESTS ARE TESTAMENT TO LAKANI'S SUCCESS

Lakani World Tours appreciates the kind comments from so many happy travelers. Additionally, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Travel Advisors and their clients who return again and again for unforgettable vacation experiences. It is one of the reasons why we are always researching and creating new, interesting, and rewarding itineraries.



HERE ARE SOME OF THE TESTIMONIES WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE:

All of the guides were very knowledgeable and courteous, the sightseeing was beautiful and transportation was well coordinated and the hotel accommodations were best ever. – A. Meyers

The trip was fantastic. Thanks for all who made it work to our specific needs and requests. Hotels were beautiful and often more than expected and our guide was amazing! – C. Brachs

Our trip couldn't have been more perfect. Our guides were well versed, friendly and took time to understand our preferences, and added so much more to the trip. – Mr. and Mrs. M. Henry

*This was our fourth trip with Lakani, and we hope to take that many more with you. Nothing but perfection from the time we called the office until our return home. The wonderful and fond memories we have of our trips are all in the category of "Once in a Lifetime".
– Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter*

MEANINGFUL TRAVEL

Lakani firmly believes in supporting and giving back to local communities with whom we connect. Whether they are traditional artisans or modern artists and craftspeople, we are committed to helping them become successful and financially independent. Wherever you travel throughout the world, you are contributing to the people whose lives depend on working in tourism. Lakani goes one step further in making sure that we give back to the people who open their homes and hearts to show us their special part of the world. For every finalized booking, Lakani World Tours donates to a local non-profit charitable organization.

Voluntourism is becoming more relevant and widespread. If you would like to volunteer in some way to help a community while on tour, Lakani World Tours can make this a reality. This may be as simple as providing and serving breakfast to school children, to a more substantial commitment of assisting with home-building or repairs. The options are many and depend on the destination and your own interests.



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Best Time to Visit:

JUN – SEP



Greenland is the world's largest island, a destination for travelers with a love of nature and a sense of adventure. A visit to Greenland is a fascinating and rewarding experience never to be forgotten for those prepared for the adventure. Accommodations are basic but comfortable and weather can be unpredictable.

Gigantic glaciers slide down from the Greenland ice-cap, breaking into majestic icebergs that float away down the still waters of the fjords. Deep valleys and sheltered inlets are covered with the varied and vividly colored vegetation of the Arctic.

Greenland can be a destination itself, or as flights are most often routed through Copenhagen or Reykjavik, combined with Denmark or Iceland, or other countries in northern Europe.

Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – based on your time, interests and budget. Recommended destinations include:

Southern Greenland - This area is considered the island's garden spot with lush valleys in the summer. Visit **Narsarsuaq**, the gateway to southern Greenland, where Viking sagas come to life in the ruins, fjords and villages. Take a fjord cruise to see the blue icebergs that are prominent here in the south. Experience the modern town of Narsaq mixing modern living with ancient traditions. In **Qaqortoq**, the biggest town in the south, there is a lively atmosphere and the only central square in the country with a fountain. Travel by boat to **Igaliku**, the oldest sheep farming settlement in Greenland, rolling valleys surrounded by tall mountain peaks provide a beautiful setting.

Nuuk - The capital region surrounds this city, the northernmost capital in the world. The heart of the nation, Nuuk, is a center of culture and modern living mixed with old traditions reflecting history. See expressions of the Inuit culture at the Nuuk Art Museum, learn more about the history at the Greenland National Museum, enjoy the natural scenery, perhaps sight a whale from shore and learn about local cuisine focused very much on the natural bounty.

North Greenland - As the location of the UNESCO World Heritage site, **Ilulissat** Icefjord, Ilulissat and **Disko Bay** are probably the most well-known locations in north Greenland, but the thousands of miles of coastline are home to small communities based on hunting and fishing. The Icefjord is a sculpture gallery and the sounds of icebergs cracking and rumbling can be heard all over town even when out of sight. Summer whale watching can be spectacular here with the iceberg backdrop; dog sledding a favorite past time in winter.

2024 Prices

Starts: Reykjavik

Ends: Reykjavik

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$13,500 Low Season (OCT–APR)**\$15,950** High Season (MAY – SEPT)

Call for pricing for a 3-day extension to Akureyri in North Iceland

Best Time to Visit: **MAY – OCT****8 Days - Pre-Designed Journey**

Travel Experience by private car with guide

Tour Price Includes:

- Accommodations as shown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
- Your own personal expert local guides

Signature Experiences Included:

- See the inside of a glacier as you walk in man-made tunnels
- Visit the famous waterfalls and black sand beaches of South Iceland
- Walk in a lava tunnel to view rainbows of colors from minerals
- Travel by Super Jeep out to Thorsmork Valley

DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: B (Day 2)**Reykjavik, ICELAND****Hotel Borg**

Arrive in Reykjavik where you are met and transferred to your luxury hotel. One of the world's smallest capitals, Reykjavik is believed to be the location of the first permanent settlement in Iceland and is now the heart of the country's cultural and economic activity. Gain an insider's view of the city with modern buildings and fresh bright colors on a city tour. Drive past Bessastaoir, the residence of the Icelandic President and gain a view of the city from the impressive Perlan observation deck.

Take a whale watching boat (May – Sep) to see the Minke, Humpback and other types of whales that call the North Atlantic home. Join the customized snow vehicle to ride across Langjokull Glacier and walk through the fascinating manmade ice tunnels. Observe the stunning Hraunfossar and Borgarfjord.

**DAYS 3 – 4 • Meals: B, 1L****Hella****Hotel Ranga**

On your way to Iceland's south coast, visit the Golden Circle where you find Iceland's Big Three: Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Geothermal Area, and Thingvellir National Park. Explore these scenic natural wonders and learn about their significance and history. The roots of how the island was formed can be found at Thingvellir, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the first one named for Iceland. Enjoy a visit to an Icelandic Horse stable. Drive by Super Jeep out to Thorsmork valley, situated between three glaciers, and the realm of the Thunder God, Thor. Witness the layers of a volcanic eruption from thousands of years ago as you join a walk into a lava tunnel and admire the colors on the walls from assorted minerals within the hardened lava.

**DAYS 5 – 6 • Meals: B****Hof****Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon**

Travel along the picturesque south coast with stunning waterfalls, volcano glaciers, and black sand beaches. Visit Vik, Iceland's southernmost village and an historically important trading post. Learn about Iceland's unique geology at the Lava Exhibit and molten lava show. Walk on the ice field of Solheimajokull Glacier. Explore Vatnajokull Glacier, the largest in the country. Hike an easy trail from Skaftafell to Svartifoss waterfall. Visit stunning Jokulsarlon Glacier Lagoon and board a zodiac for an exhilarating ride (May-Sep).

**DAY 7 – 8 • Meals: B****Reykjavik & Depart Home****Hotel Borg**

Depart the south and head back to Reykjavik, stopping to explore sites along your route. On Day 8 transfer to the airport for your homeward or onward bound flight.



DENMARK – Authentic, Amazing & Exotic – Custom Made Journeys



Best Time to Visit:

JUN – AUG



Denmark is the smallest country in Scandinavia, sharing Viking history, strong appreciation for design and a tendency to enjoy the outdoors with Norway, Sweden and Finland. It offers visitors plenty to see and do by itself or in an itinerary combined with one or more of the other north European countries.

Small, cozy cities (even the country's largest are on the small side), unexpected natural wonders as well as manmade design installations, historic castles and storybook villages provide many opportunities to explore this friendly nation.

Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget. Here are just some recommendations:

Copenhagen - Denmark's sophisticated capital city offers some of the most magical sightseeing. Here you see the Little Mermaid, the Royal Palace and visit the Crown Jewels at Rosenborg Castle and enjoy the fanciful Tivoli Gardens. Along the "Danish Riviera" have a view across to Sweden, visit Kronborg Castle featured in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Take a canal ride and visit colorful Nyhavn Harbour.

Odense – Located on the island of Fyn, this is the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, writer of fairy tales. Take a step back in time to a cozy town where you can walk in the author's footsteps. Visit the museum in the house where he was reportedly born, visit the Fairy Tale Garden or enjoy exploring the cobbled streets in the oldest sections of town.

Aarhus – the second largest city after Copenhagen is a design hotspot with something for everyone: modern art museum and shopping, the prehistory Moesgaard Museum, Viking history, a charming old town and lively pedestrian zones.

North Jutland – the country's far north includes **Aalborg** with a charming old town, spectacular waterfront of modern architecture and an ancient Viking burial site at Lindholm Høje. At the top of Denmark, where the Baltic Sea meets the North Sea the windswept dunes and seaside heritage have combined in the artistic community of **Skagen**.

Jutland – mainland Denmark, the region attached to the European continent, includes 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Viking Rune Stones monument at Jelling, Europe's best preserved Moravian city, Christiansfeld and the Wadden Sea National Park.



For those who love the idea of the great outdoors and are inspired by great design, Lakani World Tours can take you to visit Scandinavia and all that it has to offer. Plan to visit Denmark, Norway, Sweden and or Finland. Travel by plane, car, ferry or even dog sled to visit this amazingly beautiful area of the world. While the weather may be preferred in the summer, there is adventure to be enjoyed in the winter as well.

Your adventure may begin or end at any given point but might well begin in Helsinki, Finland where you will see and visit Esplanade Park, Market Square, Senate Square, Parliament, and a variety of museums. Copenhagen, Denmark is a sophisticated capital city that offers some of the most magical sightseeing. Here you will see the Little Mermaid, the Royal Palace and visit Rosenborg Castle and Tivoli Gardens. From Copenhagen you can visit North Sealand and Viking Land.

Take the ferry to Stockholm, Sweden where you will visit the Vasa Museum, the Royal Palace, the Gamla Stan and the Skansen Open-Air Museum. You might venture from the capital to Gothenburg and Malmö. Continue on to Norway and its capital of Oslo where you can visit Frogner Park, the Viking Ship Museum and Munch Museum. End your journey in Bergen and point north in the spectacular scenery of the fjords.

Depending on your interests, the time of year you travel and how adventurous you are you might consider doing some of the following:

- Travel by a variety of different methods throughout Scandinavia
- Plan your trip for winter and a stay at the ICEHOTEL in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden, some 200 kilometers / 125 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Here you may see the Northern Lights
- The following activities are all available in Scandinavia: walking, cycling, horseback riding, golf, swimming, kayaking, ice fishing, snowmobiling and/or dog sledding
- Charter a boat for a full day on the water in the fjords
- Shop for high fashion and interior and household items with the latest design trends

Best Time to Visit:

JUN – AUG



GREAT BRITAIN – *England, Scotland and Wales*



Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



Great Britain is a unique destination – comfortable in its similarities to the USA, yet intriguing with an incredibly rich culture, vast history, lush scenery and world-class art and architecture. Encompassing three countries in one, you can experience its diversity – from the English metropolis of London to mysterious lake district in Scotland to the remote hills of Wales. And its relatively compact size makes it easy to explore its diverse offerings. You can visit a museum in the morning, a castle in the afternoon, and then take in an award-winning performance at night.

Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget. A small sample of our recommended sites in each destination is below, but the touring possibilities are endless.

England – Mother England has it all, with London at its heart.

- Tour London to see the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels, the London Eye, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the clock tower of Big Ben
- Appreciate the Victoria & Albert Museum, The National Gallery and other notable museums
- Journey beyond London to the City of Bath (UNESCO site) with stunning Georgian architecture and 2,000-year-old Roman baths
- Explore the Cotswolds' rolling hills dotted with quintessentially English villages
- Look into the past at historic castles such as Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace, Highclere (of Downton Abbey fame) and many others

Scotland – A mystical land of castles, craggy cliffs and Celtic legends.

- Visit historic Edinburgh Castle and wander the UNESCO sites of Old and New Towns
- Travel in August and witness the precision of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- See beautiful lake landscapes throughout Scotland including famous Loch Ness and Loch Lomond
- Hop to nearby coastal islands or take a longer journey to the northern Orkney or Shetland islands
- Stop in a few distilleries on the Malt Whisky Trail to savor the true flavor of Scotland

Wales – A compact country with rugged coastal and mountain scenery and the oldest Celtic traditions of Britain.

- Visit the walkable Welsh capital of Cardiff and explore Cardiff Castle's nearly 2,000 year history
- Soak in beautiful Wye Valley, visit Chepstow Castle along a limestone cliff and the ruins of gothic Tintern Abbey
- Travel by narrow gauge railway to Snowdon Summit, for the views that might include Ireland
- Fall in love with picturesque North Wales's seaside towns and unique Portmeirion, an Italianate village created in the 1920s as a tourist destination.
- Trace the life of Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, in Swansea, Gower and Laugharne, West Wales

2024 Prices

Starts: Dublin
Ends: Shannon

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$10,295 Low Season (APR & OCT)

\$11,295 High Season (MAY – SEP)

Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

9 Days - Pre-Designed Journey

Travel Experience by private car with guide

Tour Price Includes:

- Accommodations as shown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
- Your own personal expert local guides

Signature Experiences Included:

- Visit Kylemore Abbey, an enchanting fairy-tale castle in beautiful Connemara
- Drive the Ring of Kerry, one of the most scenic drives in Ireland
- Visit one of Ireland's greatest treasures, Blarney Castle and Blarney Stone
- Visit The Hunt Museum which houses medieval religious carvings and ivory

DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: B**Dublin, IRELAND****The Merrion Hotel**

Arrive in Dublin and be transferred to your luxury hotel. One of Dublin's top guides will take you on a walking tour of Georgian Dublin to include a look at Dublin Castle, Grafton Street, the National Gallery and Trinity College famous for the Book of Kells. Discover County Wicklow, known as the Garden of Ireland with miles of rolling hills, mountains and waterfalls. Explore Glendalough, the valley of two lakes, where you will see the cathedrals, high crosses and enjoy a truly memorable stroll through the valley.

DAY 3 • Meals: B**Kilkenny****Cashel Place Hotel**

Drive to Kildare for a stop at The National Stud Farm, home of Irish race horses, and the world famous Japanese Gardens on Tully Estate. Continue to the 12th century Kilkenny Castle which is now managed by the people of Ireland. There are ornamental gardens on the city side of the castle, and extensive gardens to the front. It has become one of the most visited tourist sites in Ireland. Part of the National Art Gallery is on display in the castle.

DAYS 4 – 5 • Meals: B**Kenmare****Park Hotel Kenmare**

Tour the great 4th century fortification of Cashel. This was the seat of kings and medieval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 7th century. Visit Blarney, a very popular spot over the last few hundred years and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. Drive the Ring of Kerry, one of the most scenic drives in all of Ireland. Be impressed with the stunning coastline, quaint farmlands and green mountains.

DAYS 6 – 7 • Meals: B**Cong****Ashford Castle**

Drive to Ashford Castle via Adare, renowned as Ireland's prettiest village, and Limerick. In Adare thatched cottages line the main street, punctuated with beautiful stone buildings and picturesque ruins. In Limerick, visit the Hunt Museum. Visit Connemara National Park where sheep freely graze and Kylemore Abbey stands dramatically at the foot of a mountain, an area beloved by artists and poets for scenes of magical inspiration.

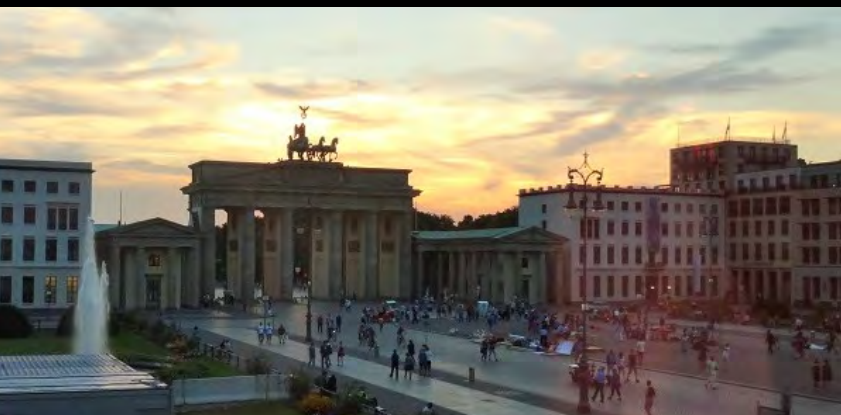
DAYS 8 – 9 • Meals: B**Newmarket-on-Fergus & Depart Home****Adare Manor/Dromoland Castle**

Continue to Galway and across The Burren to see the Cliffs of Moher, a sheer precipice and one of the most impressive stretches of the coast of West Ireland. On Day 9 you will be transferred to the Shannon airport for your flight home or to your next destination.



This itinerary can be modified based on your specific interests, preferred travel dates & budget. Visit our website for more details.

GERMANY – Fun, Food & Fairytale Beauty – Custom Made Journeys



Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



Tour Germany today and you can see evidence of its beautiful and glorious royal past, dark days of struggle, and artistic talents, as well as a strong modern nation with a vibrant art scene.

Museums abound in Berlin – almost as many as there are Hofbrau houses in Munich. And the lush verdant mountainous countryside is dotted castles, palaces, and hidden wonders. (Sleeping Beauty's castle is in Germany!)

Germany is easy to navigate and explore. There is a choice of international gateways and you can easily travel by private car or train between them to see as much of the country as you like. Germany can be a destination itself or can easily be combined with other European countries. Lakani World Tours can arrange the perfect itinerary to suit your interests and schedule.

Germany Highlights:

Bavaria – Celebrate in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, home to the iconic Hofbräuhaus and the center of Oktoberfest. Walk through Marienplatz to watch the famed Glockenspiel clock. Visit Neuschwanstein, the model for Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle, Hitler's mountaintop retreat - Berchtesgaden / Eagle's Nest, and the 17th century Baroque Nymphenburg Palace.

Berlin – filled with historic museums and alive with trendy modern life. See the 20th-century historic sites of Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, and the Reichstag building. Explore art, cultural and history museums on Museum Island. Experience Berlin's vibrant street art scene on a walking tour led by an actual spray-can *meister*.

Potsdam – Visit magnificent palaces, including Sanssouci Palace, built by Frederick the Great of Prussia to rival Versailles, and Cecilienhof Palace designed to look like an English Tudor country house.

Dresden – the capital of Saxony, with almost 800 years of history. Discover the fortified festival palace, the Dresden Baroque Zwinger, the beautiful Dresden Cathedral and the Green Vault's treasured collection. In nearby **Meissen**, one of Saxony's oldest cities, explore the old town and tour the production halls of its international porcelain factory.

Baden-Baden – Nestled in the mystical Black Forest, Baden-Baden is a town that still exudes its aura of 19th-century privilege, and it has been a home to glorious thermal baths since Roman times. Visit the "Trinkhalle," the Bath quarter and the 2,000-year old Roman Bath ruins. Tour Stiftskirche, a church with the tombs of fourteen Baden noblemen. Relax in a luxury spa resort surrounded by more than two dozen Michelin-starred restaurants - it's also the birthplace of the black forest cake.



Perhaps Europe's most iconic destination, France has great food, wine, art, architecture, history and more! From exploring the halls of the Louvre and Versailles, to the vineyards of Burgundy, to the beaches of Normandy and Nice, a captivating holiday in France can be tailored to suit your time and taste. You can see the highlights of Paris, float on a barge through the Loire Valley, explore WWII sites in Normandy, or relax in a royal Chateau or on a Mediterranean beach. The choices are endless, and yours.

Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget. Here are just some suggestions on what your French holiday can include:

Paris is the nation's capital and the heart of French culture and art. Iconic sites abound; and touring must-sees include the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles and of course the Louvre. For a more intimate experience, you can take a cooking class, city tour with an architect, nightlife tour, or perhaps a day trip to Espace Dalí for a private tour of the famed surrealist's works.

Normandy is great for history lovers. Monuments and churches that tell the story of WWII abound. Be sure to include a poignant visit to the US Military Cemetery and Interpretation Center, as well as Omaha Beach and the village Sainte-Mère-Église.

The Burgundy Region offers an emersion in the wine country. Visit the historic center of Dijon, and savor the latest Beaujolais. Stroll the gourmet markets of Lyon, a former Roman capital steeped in history and gastronomic delights. You can take the bullet train from Paris, and travel by private car, or perhaps by barge, to explore the small villages that dot this picturesque countryside.

The Riviera offers the famed beaches of Nice and nearby Monte Carlo, the culture of Cannes, and the perfume museums and factories in Grasse.

Stay in a Château – You can experience how royalty lived centuries ago, yet enjoy the luxury of modern conveniences with a stay in one of the incredible chateaux dotted throughout France. Some more popular ones include Château Saint-Martin & Spa, Château d'Artigny, and Château des Briottières.

If you have more time, an extension could include taking the Orient Express to London, Venice or Istanbul.

Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



CZECH REPUBLIC



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Explore Central Europe's landlocked country, the Czech Republic, and its capital city of Prague, known as the "city of a hundred spires." Learn about the history of the city from the medieval to the modern era; admire the many styles of architecture; walk the famous Charles Bridge over the Vltava River; see the famous astronomical clock and walk the grounds of Prague Castle, the largest in the world. Venture into the countryside to see charming villages and castles.

AUSTRIA



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

From charming Alps-nestled Innsbruck to Mozart's Salzburg with the Fortress Hohensalzburg Castle as a backdrop to the capital city of Vienna with its elegant palaces and opera house, discover the music, gardens, alpine scenery, and rich history that Austria has to offer on a Lakani custom tour just for you.

HUNGARY



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Uncover the varied history and pride of the Hungarian people on a visit to its capital, Budapest. Located on the Danube, Buda and Pest are divided by the river, and were formally united to become one city in 1873. With your Lakani guide, walk this beautiful city and discover its many monuments, including Buda Castle, St. Stephens Basilica, the architecturally splendid Chain Bridge, and the views from Fisherman's Bastion.

SLOVAKIA



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Discover the natural and historic treasures of this mountainous landlocked country, inhabited since the Early Paleolithic Era. Explore the capital city of Bratislava, the political, cultural, and economic center of the country. With castles, caves, mountains, historic churches, charming villages, and a multitude of spas in Slovakia, Lakani will create an exciting and memorable journey for you.

NETHERLANDS

Best time to visit: **APR – OCT**

Netherlands or Holland is a small country with much to offer. The traditional flowers, windmills and wooden shoes can still be found but there are also seaside towns, modern metropolises, museums and cuisine to discover. Past and present, trade and leisure, religion and coffee shops, diamonds and beer, all flourish together in splendid Amsterdam! The university town of Delft is best known for Delft Blue Pottery where you can visit the only remaining factory for a demonstration of the hand painting that continues today. Volendam and Zaanse Schans villages retain traditional Dutch charm.

Highlights:

- Visit the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, Rembrandt's house and the Anne Frank House
- The Hague is the government center with historic landmarks and the most 'royal' city
- Walk along the dike in the picturesque fishing village of Volendam where some inhabitants still wear traditional clothing
- Zaanse Schans is a must for those interested in windmills, wooden shoes and traditional cheese making
- Cheese aficionados should be sure to include Gouda and Edam for the cheese markets



BELGIUM

Best time to visit: **ALL YEAR ROUND**

Belgium is a compact country with enough historic, cultural and outdoor attractions for an in-depth visit or is also easily combined with the Netherlands. Brussels is the capital of Belgium and provides a glorious mix of cultural delights with something unique around every corner. Bruges is without doubt one of the gems of northwest Europe, offering the visitor a rich combination of history and Flemish architectural splendours in a compact city center. Antwerp is the home of Rubens and the diamond capital of the world.

Highlights:

- Delight in fine museums and cosmopolitan restaurants in Brussels, the headquarters of the European Union and NATO
- Sample your way through Bruges' chocolates and beers while enjoying the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000
- Stroll the wide squares and narrow cobbled streets of the Antwerp's old town to see the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing the divinely inspired work of Rubens "Descent from the Cross" and the Rubenshuis (Ruben's House) where he lived and worked
- Visit Ghent where almost 1400 years of history is still tangible today in the medieval castle, the impressive cathedral and three benguinages



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- Your own private expert local guides
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- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Signature Experiences Included:

- Explore the active volcano site of Mt. Etna
- Discover the wonders of Taormina's winding streets and marvelous history
- Visit several UNESCO sites on your drive to Siracusa
- Stroll the cobblestones of Erice atop Mount San Giuliano

2024 Prices

Starts: Palermo

Ends: Taormina

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$9,495 Low Season (NOV – MAR)

\$11,295 High Season (APR – OCT)

Best Time to Visit: **APR – JUN & SEP – OCT**



DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: B, 1L

Palermo, SICILY, ITALY

Grand Hotel Des Palmes

On arrival in Palermo you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Tour Palermo to see the 12th century Cathedral and Royal Palace and the exquisite Byzantine mosaics in the palace's Palatine Chapel dating back to 1130. Visit the Opera House, the Quattro Canti, the Pretoria Fountain and the lively Ballarò Market. Drive to the 12th century Duomo di Monreale. Visit the medieval coastal town of Cefalù. Take a scenic drive through the mountains of the Regional Park of Madonie to Castelbuono. Visit the Chiesa Madre and the Castle of the Prince of Ventimiglia.

DAY 3 • Meals: BL

Palermo / Segesta / Erice & Agrigento

Grand Hotel Villa Athena

Visit the abandoned city of Segesta to see the majestic Doric temple and the Theatre. Continue to Erice atop Mount San Giuliano and walk through the cobblestoned streets. See the Madrice Church and the Norman Castle. Enjoy the traditions and handicrafts of this medieval town.

DAY 4 • Meals: BL

Agrigento / Piazza Armerina & Siracusa

Grand Hotel Ortigia

Walk in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO World Heritage Site), one of the most representative places of Greek civilization in the Mediterranean area. Visit the Temple of Hercules, the Temple of Juno, the Temple of Castor and Pollux and the wonderful Temple of Concordia. Visit an old oil press farm where Mamma Fiorella will cook for you. Visit another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Roman Villa del Casale.

DAYS 5 – 8 • Meals: B 2L

Siracusa / Ortigia & Taormina & Depart Home

Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo

Visit the neapolis archaeological area to walk through the ruins of the ancient city of Archimedes. Tour the monolithic 16,000-seats Greek theatre. Visit the Archaeological Museum. Continue to Ortigia, the most ancient part of the Greek colony of Siracusa. See the Temple of Apollo and the Temple of Athena.

Take a tour to Mt. Etna, the highest and most active volcano in Europe. Take a cable-car up to 8,500 feet to get a fantastic view of Mt. Etna and the surrounding countryside. Visit the Gambino winery, an ancient estate located on the slopes of Mt. Etna. Walk through Taormina's old town and visit the 3rd century BC Ancient Theatre, the 14th century Palazzo Corvaja, the St. Nicholas Church and the public gardens. Transfer to the Catania airport for your departing flight.

The nearby island nation of Malta offers 3 UNESCO heritage sites, a distinctive local culture and opportunity to extend your Mediterranean adventure.

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2024 Prices

Starts: Rome
Ends: Venice

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$14,295 Low Season
(JAN – MAR, NOV – MID DEC)

\$15,395 High Season
(APR – JULY, SEP & OCT)

Best Time to Visit:
APR – JUN & SEP – OCT

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Travel Experience by private car with guide

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- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Signature Experiences Included:

- Tour historic Rome: the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum
- Make a wish at the Trevi Fountain and climb the Spanish Steps
- Experience the Uffizi Gallery, a prominent art gallery
- Take day trips to Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca, and Pisa
- Walk through famous Saint Mark's Square
- Visit the islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello

DAYS 1 – 3 • Meals: B**Rome, ITALY****Sina Bernini Bristol**

From the Coliseum in Rome to the charming canals of Venice, this is a dream come true for anyone who appreciates the finer things in life. Stroll the streets of Florence and see the light on hillsides that inspired many timeless paintings. Arrive in Rome where you will be met and transferred to your luxury hotel.

When in Rome, you will have the opportunity to see the wonders of the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Cathedral. In this timeless and ancient city, visit the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, the Pantheon, amazing temples, and old original streets and markets. Wander Capitoline Hill, Palatine Hill, Marcellus Theater, Circus Maximus, and time permitting, the Appian way and its Catacombs. No Roman visit is complete without the Trevi Fountain, Navona Square, Spanish Square, People Square, and the Basilicas of St. John, St. Paul, and St. Mary Major.

DAYS 4 – 7 • Meals: B**Florence****Sina Villa Medici**

Enjoy a strolling tour of Florence through the religious center of the city to visit the Duomo. Walk through Piazza della Signoria and see the splendid Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. In Uffizi, admire numerous works of art by Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raffaello, Titian, and Caravaggio. Take day tours to Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca, and Pisa.

DAYS 8 – 10 • Meals: B**Venice & Depart Home****Sina Centurion Palace**

Take a walking tour of San Marco and Doges' Palace through the heart of Venetian history, including St. Marks Square. Tour the trio islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello. Murano is famous for its glassworks where you can admire the master artisans at work. Stroll the island of Burano with its brightly colored houses and world-famous lace. Visit nearby Torcello, almost completely uninhabited and home to the oldest monument of the lagoon: the majestic Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, founded in 639 AD and rebuilt in 1008 AD. On Day 10 you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to your next destination.

Consider extending your stay with a visit to Sicily, or the island nation of Malta, a prized location in the Mediterranean throughout history.

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Travel Experience by private car with guide

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- Your own private expert local guides
- Accommodations as shown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Signature Experiences Included:

- See panoramic views of Discoveries Monument and Belem Tower, a lovely fishermen village, and the Estoril Coastline
- Discover Lisbon's medieval Alfama District and enjoy a private tour of St. George's Castle.
- Experience Tomar's UNESCO Convent of Christ
- Cruise the Douro River in a traditional Rabelo boat

2024 Prices

Starts: Lisbon

Ends: Porto

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$9,495 Low Season (JAN, FEB)

\$9,995 Mid Season (MAR)

\$10,290 High Season (APR-OCT)

Best Time to Visit:

MAR – OCT



DAYS 1 – 4 • Meals: B 1L

Lisbon, PORTUGAL

Barrio Alto Hotel

Portugal, a country covered with international World Heritage Sites and blessed as one of the most relaxed and beautiful capitals in Europe. Discover the various historical landmarks and the many vineyards. Arrive in Lisbon, where you will be met and transferred to your luxury hotel.

Tour Lisbon's Alfama District on a walking tour and enjoy a private visit to the Tile Museum for an up-close look at the varieties of colorful tiles found all around the city and St. George's Castle for views from the top of Lisbon's highest hill. Venture outside Lisbon to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a walking tour of the city center and a privately guided visit of Monserrate Palace. Visit the lovely fishermen village of Cascais and the Estoril coastline. Further exploration in Lisbon includes the Belem area with panoramic views of the Discoveries Monument and Belem Tower and a guided visit to the Jeronimos Monastery. Enjoy leisure time for your own explorations of the city.



DAYS 5 – 8 • Meals: B 1L

Porto

The Yeatman

En route to Porto, visit the enchanting town of Tomar, once the seat of the Knights Templar. Explore the town's narrow walkways, mosaic-tiled square and enjoy the traditional Portuguese charm. Visit the 12th century castle that guards the Convent of Christ, with its rotunda centerpiece the Oratory of the Templars.

Tour Porto's historical center with visits to the Stock Exchange, St. Francisco Church, and Lello Library. Also included in the tour are visits to Casa da Musica and Serralves Modern Art Museum. Enjoy a lecture on wine presented in a local wine cellar.

Tour the Douro Valley wine region and visit a local estate and enjoy lunch and lectured wine tasting presented by the estate's owner. Weather permitting, enjoy a private river cruise aboard a typical Rabelo boat while enjoying appetizers and wines. On Day 8 you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to your next destination.



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2024 Prices

Starts: Barcelona
Ends: Madrid

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$10,890 Low Season (NOV–MAR)

\$11,590 High Season (APR–OCT)

Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT

8 Days - Pre-Designed Journey

Travel Experience by private car with guide

Tour Price Includes:

- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
- Your own private expert local guides
- Accommodations as shown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Signature Experiences Included:

- Marvel at Barcelona's Gaudi Architecture
- Tour Barcelona's Boqueria Market, the bustling Las Ramblas and the Gothic Quarter
- Visit Salvador Dali's hometown of Figueres
- See Bilbao's magnificent Guggenheim Museum
- Enjoy a Pintxos tour in San Sebastian and tapas tour in Madrid
- Explore Madrid's world famous Prado Museum

DAYS 1 – 3 • Meals: B**Barcelona, SPAIN****Majestic Hotel**

Arrive Barcelona where you will be met and transferred to your luxury hotel. Your orientation tour of the city will include the Gothic Cathedral. Barcelona is an architectural dream of various disciplines; Antoni Gaudi's work is one of Barcelona's most significant features and can be found throughout the city. Take a walking tour of Barcelona featuring visits to the city's famous Boqueria Market, the bustling Las Ramblas, and the Gothic Quarter. Take a high-speed rail excursion to Figueres, hometown of Salvador Dali, and Girona, an ancient walled city on a fortress-like hill.

DAYS 4 – 5 • Meals: B**Bilbao/San Sebastian****Hotel Maria Cristina**

Fly to Bilbao in the northwest and explore the magnificent Frank O. Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum. Afterwards continue your journey to San Sebastian and check-in to your hotel. Take in the city's most important and interesting sights on a guided walking tour. Enjoy an Insider's Pintxos Tour with an expert guide introducing some of the best dishes and produce from this region of Spain.

DAYS 6 – 8 • Meals: B**Madrid & Depart Home****Hotel Westin Palace**

Fly to Madrid and take a walking tour to enjoy its most interesting sights including the Prado Museum. Have a taste of Spain with an Insider's Tapas Tour of Madrid led by an expert guide. Take in a Flamenco Show and spend time on your own to further explore Madrid. Experience a full day tour to Toledo, a thousand-year-old masterpiece created by various cultures including the Romans, Moors, Jews, and Christians, and designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On Day 8 you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home or to your next destination.

**Ask about our alternative itinerary if you would like to drive through the La Rioja Wine Region rather than flying from San Sebastian to Madrid.*



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9 Days - Pre-Designed Journey

Travel Experience by private car with guide

Tour Price Includes:

- Accommodations as shown
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
- Your own expert local guides

Signature Experiences Included:

- See the highlights of Zurich, including its incredible Old Town district
- Savor the flavor of Swiss treats on a private Lucerne Chocolate factory tour
- Take in the beautiful alpine vistas at Jungfrauoch and Mount Pilatus
- Explore lovely Lucerne with its postcard-perfect bridges, towers, fountains & frescos

2024 Prices

Starts: Zurich
Ends: Zurich

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$12,990

Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**



DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: 1B

Zurich

Widder Hotel

Explore Zurich and enjoy a walking tour through the historic Old Town, including the Grossmünster with its twin towers the symbol of the city, Fraumünster with stained glass windows by Giacometti and Chagall, and the elevated square of Lindenhof that provides views of the city and remnants of Roman history. Tour the famous Bahnhofstrasse shopping street and the Schipfe artisan street in one of the city's oldest districts at the river Limmat. Travel by boat on Lake Zurich to Rapperswil to take in the wealth of natural beauty along the Lake of Zurich before touring this well-kept medieval city.

DAYS 3 – 5 • Meals: 3B, 2L

Interlaken

Grand Hotel Victoria Jungfrau

Travel through the verdant Emmental Valley to witness cheese production and sample local favorites before reaching the idyllic resort town of Interlaken. Day 4, spend a full day enjoying Jungfrauoch (13,643 ft.) the imposing nucleus of the Bernese Alps – Ride on the highest railway in Europe and visit the Ice Palace and the Sphinx Terraces. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Aletsch Glacier, the largest river of ice in Europe.

Enjoy a full day excursion to medieval Berne, Switzerland's capital city, and tour this UNESCO site's architecture and atmosphere.

DAYS 6 – 9 • Meals: 4B, 1L

Lucerne

Hotel Schweizerhof

Explore the picture-perfect city of Lucerne whose well-preserved and distinctive confluence of nature and architecture has been carefully developed over centuries. A walking tour of this city includes the iconic Chapel Bridge, the Italian Renaissance Town Hall, the Lion Monument and the Hof Church, Lucerne's main Cathedral. Then relish a melt-in-your-mouth private visit of a chocolate-making facility.

Visit 7,000-foot high Mount Pilatus that includes a private boat cruise on crystal-clear Lake Lucerne, a ride on the steepest rack railway in the world, and an aerial cable car ride over sweeping pine forests and mountain meadows. Day 9, transfer back to Zurich for your departing flight.

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Malta is a fascinating yet small Mediterranean archipelago set between Sicily and the North African coast. It offers a mild climate, impressive fossil-studded cliffs, colorful plants and the clear beauty of the Mediterranean Sea. Malta is known for its diverse historic sites built by a succession of rulers including the Romans, Moors, Knights of Saint John, French, and British. As early as 4000 B.C. large temples were built indicating a highly developed and sophisticated civilization, but it was under the Knights of St John that developed Malta culturally and artistically, creating beautiful palaces, churches, fortifications and work of art.

Valletta is the capital and medieval fortress city, and a UNESCO World Heritage site due to its large number and concentration of historical buildings. Highlights include the Baroque St John's Co-Cathedral containing two Caravaggio paintings, the Palace of the Grand Masters, Upper Barrakka Gardens, and the fortress of St. James Cavalier.

Mdina, Malta's old capital, is a well-preserved walled medieval city, also called the Silent City. It is in the center of Malta and offers amazing views across the plains to the coastline.

Blue Grotto is a series of seven caves and inlets famous for deep blue waters and spectacular natural rock formations. It is accessible only by small traditional boats.

Gozo is a rural island whose Dwejra Bay features dive sites including the Blue Hole (an underwater chimney) and the Inland Sea lagoon. It can be a day-trip from Malta, or you can over-night at one of the 4-star hotels.

Best Time to Visit:

APR – JUN



Explore the volcanic archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean – **CANARY ISLANDS**

The Canaries, as they are commonly called, are a group of the most populated volcanic islands off the coast of Africa in the Atlantic. They are a Spanish autonomous community with seven main islands, including Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, La Palma, La Gomera, and El Hierro, and many smaller islands and islets. Due to their individual locales with respect to the north-east trade winds, climates vary from mild and wet to very dry. Therefore, the islands have distinctive microclimates.

Prior to the arrival of humans, the islands were inhabited by prehistoric animals like the giant lizard, giant rats, and giant tortoises. Settlers arrived in the islands most likely two or three thousand years ago, and there is evidence that they came from the North African coast. In the following centuries, the islands came under attack from Castilians, Portuguese, Ottomans, Dutch, French, and more. After Spain became a democratic monarchy, a law passed in 1982 granting autonomy to the Canary Islands. Lakani will design a perfect itinerary to explore the islands suited to your interests.

Canaries Highlights include:

- Take a jeep tour with private driver/guide to Las Canadas del Tiede National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the center of Tenerife
- Travel by fast ferry to La Gomera island to see Garajonay National Park, a UNESCO site and home to many endemic flora and fauna
- Sail a catamaran and watch for whales; visit a Banana Plantation with wine tasting
- Visit the island of Lanzarote, "Island of Eternal Spring," where you discover both the north and south of the island with full day adventures visiting vineyards of La Geria, caverns of Cueva de los Verdes, rocky Timanfaya National Park, and much more

Best Time to Visit:

APR – JUN



10 Days - Pre-Designed Travel Experience

Travel Experience by private car with guide

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- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
- Your own personal expert local guides

Signature Experiences Included:

- Admire the Teutonic Malbork Castle, the largest in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Walk the medieval town of Torun and see where Copernicus was born and the chapel where he was christened
- Tour beautiful chapels sculpted from salt at the Wieliczka Salt Mine

2024 Prices

Starts: Gdansk

Ends: Krakow

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$9,890

Best Time to Visit: **MAY & JUNE, SEP & OCT**



DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: B

Gdansk, POLAND

Hotel Podewils

Admire the city sights, including the Gothic Prison Tower, Neptune Fountain, and St. Mary's Church. See the Gates of Gdansk Shipyard, famous for its role in the Solidarity Union. Visit the Oliwa Cathedral and enjoy an organ concert. Venture to Malbork, founded in the 13th century, and step inside its medieval castle.

DAYS 3 – 4 • Meals: B

Warsaw

Mamaison Hotel Le Regina

Tour the medieval Old Town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the birthplace of astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus. Walk the Castle Square of Warsaw and gaze up at the splendid Baroque Royal Castle. See the Barbican and city walls and picturesque Old Town Square with monuments reflecting varied architecture from the ages. Drive along the Royal Route and stop at Lazienki Royal Park, home to Palace of the Water. Learn about World War II history as you tour the many sites. Take an excursion to Royal Wilanow Palace and Park to view its magnificent interiors and gardens.

DAYS 5 – 6 • Meals: B

Wroclaw

The Granary La Suite Hotel

Visit Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa en route to Wroclaw. The 14th century monastery contains an important icon of the Virgin Mary and has been on the pilgrimage trail for hundreds of years. Take a walking tour of Wroclaw and step inside the historic St. John the Baptist Cathedral. Stroll through the Old Town with the picturesque 13th-century Town Hall. Journey to Swidnica and visit the immense Ksiaz Castle.

DAYS 7 – 10 • Meals: B, 1D

Krakow / Homeward Bound

Hotel Copernicus

Visit Auschwitz with its UNESCO listed Memorial Museum. Explore Krakow on a walking tour that takes you to the Barbican, Florianska Gate and Collegium Maius courtyard. On Wawel Hill, see the Royal Castle, considered one of the most magnificent Renaissance residences in Europe. Take an excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Spend a day in Zakopane, located 3300 feet above sea level. Ride the funicular to capture a fantastic view of the Tatras. Stroll the pedestrian streets of the city and take note of the elaborate wooden architecture that is typical in Zakopane. Return to Krakow and bid farewell to this cultural and historic land as you transfer to the airport for your flight home.



2024 Prices

Starts: Tallinn
Ends: Vilnius

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$5,790

Best time to visit: **MAY – SEP**

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- Your own personal expert local guides

Signature Experiences Included:

- Visit the medieval Old Town of Tallinn, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Visit the magnificent Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) Museum in Riga
- Take an excursion to the Trakai Island Castle
- Enjoy Vilnius, which is well known for its Baroque architecture

The Baltic States are located in north-central Europe and on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea. They are Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania who have gained their independence from the former U.S.S.R. in 1991.

DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: 1B**Tallinn, ESTONIA****Schloessle Hotel**

Arrive Tallinn and after clearing customs and immigration, you will be transferred to your hotel. Tallinn is Estonia's capital on the Baltic Sea. Your visit will include the medieval Old Town of Tallinn, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Town Hall was built in the 13th century, and sits in historic Tallinn's main square. Other sites to be seen are St. Nicholas' Church, a 13th-century landmark exhibiting ecclesiastical art, and St. Mary's (Dome) Cathedral. The Kiek in de Kok Museum includes fortification towers and bastion passages, now occupied with exhibits of Tallinn's history. Visit Kadriorg Palace, summer residence of Czar Peter I and the ruins of Pirita Convent, which was a monastery for both monks and nuns.

DAYS 3 – 4 • Meals: B**Riga, LATVIA****Grand Poet Hotel**

Drive to Riga today, stopping in Estonia's most popular resort town of Pärnu for a coffee break, before continuing to Gauja National Park in order to visit the Turaida Museum Reserve. Turaida means "God's Garden", which is a tall, red-brick castle built in 1214 on the site of a Liv stronghold. Continue on your journey to Riga, Latvia's capital set on the Baltic Sea. This city is well known for its wooden buildings, art nouveau architecture and medieval Old Town. You will have an opportunity to visit the magnificent Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) Museum.

DAYS 5 – 8 • Meals: B**Vilnius, LITHUANIA & Depart Home****Stikliai Hotel**

Today we continue to Lithuania's capital city of Vilnius. It is well known for its Baroque architecture. On our journey to Vilnius, we will make a stop before leaving Latvia to visit Rundale Palace, rural Latvia's most distinguished Baroque monument. Enjoy a walking tour in Old Town Vilnius and drive to Trakai, to visit the Trakai Island Castle whose history dates back to the 14th century. An excursion to Kaunas includes a stop at the Rumsiskes Open Air Museum, as well as the Devil Museum, a bizarre museum that owes its existence to the eccentric Antanas Zmuidzinavicius (1876-1966) who collected over 2,000 depictions of devils from all over the world or the M.K. Ciurlionis National Museum, featuring the largest collection of the legacy of this Lithuanian artist, composer and public figure. Day 8 you are transferred to the Vilnius Airport for your departure flight.



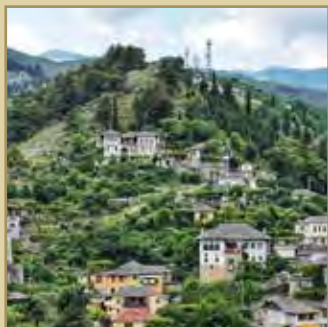
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ALBANIA – Authentic, Amazing & Exotic – Custom Made Journeys



Best Time to Visit:

APR – JUN, SEP – OCT



Set on the Balkan Peninsula with both Adriatic and Ionian coastlines, Albania has a beautiful location, hospitable climate, and rich history. This small mountainous country boasts many castles and archaeological sites that are just beginning to be re-discovered. Wander the Albania Alps offering incredible scenic vistas, then, in contrast, relax on the Albanian Riviera featuring crystal clear waters, unspoiled beaches, and picturesque villages - the Mediterranean coastline as it once was. Closed to outsiders until the late 20th century it is a fascinating place to discover today.

Albania can be a destination itself, or it is often combined with other Balkan countries such as Macedonia or Greece. Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget.

Albania Highlights:

Tirana – a capital city at a crossroads – See constant reminders of the isolationist days juxtaposed to increasing harbingers of Albania's modern future. Major city sites include the grand frescoed Ethem Bey Mosque and its colossal clock tower, an emblem of the city, and sprawling Skanderbeg Square with its National History Museum with exhibits spanning from antiquity to post-communism. Uncover hidden secrets of the notorious National Intelligence Service at the House of Leaves museum. And ascend Mt. Dajt for a magnificent view of the city.

Durres – the largest port on the Adriatic and one of Albania's most ancient cities. See the impressive ruins of a Roman amphitheater in the center of town and visit the ultra-modern Durrës Archaeological Museum with its breathtaking collection of historical artifacts.

Berat – a hilltop town with a plethora of ancient houses, winding stone paths, and magnificent vistas. Set on the banks of the River Osum, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, often called the "City of a Thousand Windows" for its striking and unique Ottoman/Albanian architecture. Explore the fortified and well-preserved castle, that has residents still living inside its protective walls. Visit the museum of Onufri, a colorful 16th century Albanian painter.

Gjirokaster – a UNESCO city in southern Albania, known for its unique Ottoman period architecture, and its large eerie hilltop castle, one of the biggest in the Balkans. It is also the birthplace of former communist Leader, Enver Hoxha, as well as Albania's most internationally famous author, Ismail Kadare, whose homes are now museums.

Various - Other cities to visit include **Kroja**, an ancient mountain city. **Vlore**, a seaside city that was the site of Albania's 1912 independence from the Ottoman Empire. **Saranda**, the southernmost town on the Albanian coast.

2024 Prices

Starts: Limassol
Ends: Nicosia

Prices Per Person, Double Occupancy:

\$10,990

Best Time to Visit: **MAY, JUN, SEP, OCT**

9 Days - Pre-Designed Journey

Travel Experience by private car with guide

Tour Price Includes:

- Accommodations as shown
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- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by private car and driver
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Signature Experiences Included:

- Tour medieval Limassol Castle & its captivating Old Town
- Visit Kouklia, a UNESCO site and Aphrodite's Sanctuary
- Savor village life in the Troodos Mountains
- Spend a day in North Cyprus across the Green Line

DAYS 1 – 2 • Meals: 2B, 1L

Limassol**Four Seasons Hotel**

Arrive at Larnaca airport and be transferred to your hotel in Limassol. Explore the beautiful seaside resort of Limassol and its medieval Castle surrounded by the old town's winding streets. View the old and neoclassical architecture and observe the traditional way of life. Explore the remains of the ancient royal city of Amathus, the cult sanctuary of Aphrodite.

DAYS 3 – 4 • Meals: 2B, 1L

Paphos**Elysium**

Enroute to Paphos, pass through the Fassouri citrus plantations, stopping to visit the Cyprus Wine Museum, and explore the ancient Kingdom of Kourion renowned for its preserved mosaic floors in the House of Eustolios. Stop at Aphrodite's Rock and follow in her footsteps to the temple and World Heritage Site of Kouklia. Visit the Tombs of the kings, built during the Hellenistic period, the 3rd century BC, tour Byzantine Basilicas, and explore the Archaeological Park of Paphos famous for its mosaic floor from the Roman period. Savor a visit to a Loukoumi factory to taste this traditional local delicacy.

DAYS 5 – 6 • Meals: 2B, 1L

Troodos Mountains**Casale Panayiotis**

Travel into the Troodos Mountain Range that dominates the central and western parts of the island. On route, view the dense pine and cedar forests dotted with picturesque villages. Enjoy the flavors of Cyprus, sampling traditional wines and liquors in the village of Omodos, and their famous arkatena bread. In Kykkos visit the 12th-century monastery, the richest and most significant on the island, possessing one of the three surviving icons ascribed to St. Luke. And explore the UNESCO designated monastery of Agios Ioannis Lambadistis, built on the east bank of the river Setrachos.

DAYS 7 – 9 • Meals: 3B, 2L

Nicosia**Hilton Nicosia**

Explore amazing Nicosia, whose history dates back to the Bronze Age. Wander the city enclosed by the 16th century Venetian walls, and filled with museums, ancient churches and medieval buildings preserving the nostalgic atmosphere of years past. Visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and its wall paintings depicting scenes from the Bible. Enjoy a full day in Turkish-controlled North Cyprus. Visit the Gothic Bellapais Abbey, Kyrenia Castle, and the wonderfully preserved ruins of Saint Hilarion Castle that boast incredible views. Day 9 transfer back to the Larnaca airport for your departing flight.

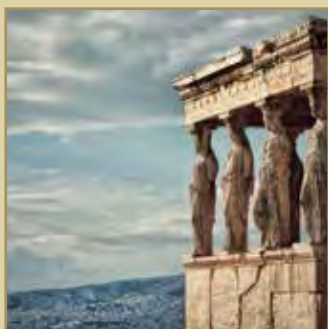


GREECE – *Cradle of Western Civilization*



Best Time to Visit:

MAY – SEP



The ancient country in Southeast Europe, officially called the Hellenic Republic but more commonly known as Greece, is home to thousands of islands in the Aegean and Ionian Seas, of which 227 are inhabited. Its history is long and rich and has had an unmistakable influence on western civilization in terms of democracy, philosophy, literature, science, mathematics, theatre, and of course, the Olympic Games.

Greece has enormous opportunities for those interested in ancient history, with archaeological sites on the mainland, including Athens where the famous Parthenon prominently overlooks the city, as well as in the Peloponnese region, and on many islands. There are fabulous gastronomic delights, local wine tasting, regional cultural specialties like dance and music, stunning beaches, and appealing climates.

For the first time visitor to Greece, we suggest a few days in Athens where one can experience the local culture, visit the temples on the Acropolis, and get a clearer picture of its history at the magnificent Acropolis Museum. Travel north to Delphi, an extensive archaeological site that is part of the Parnassos National Park and one of the 18 UNESCO World Heritage Sites found in Greece. If ancient history is your interest, then a few days across the Corinth Canal in the Peloponnese is suggested, where many important archaeological sites are found, such as Epidaurus, Mystra, Mycenae, Olympia, and more.

Even on a first trip to Greece, one should not leave without visiting at least one of its many islands. Santorini and Mykonos are two well-known islands with many resorts at beach level as well as overlooking the sea. For those seeking a less crowded setting with impressive beaches, and excellent cuisine, Naxos and Paros Islands are good options. Crete is the largest island in Greece and it offers plenty of activities. Wander through the Venetian Harbor and Agora Marketplace of Chania; relax at one of the Elounda Beach resorts and take a boat to Spinalonga Island; visit the Bronze Age ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos and explore small fishing villages, monasteries, and secluded bays.

Greece is an ideal vacation for families, couples, groups of friends, and for celebrating a milestone. Lakani will create an itinerary suited to you with a captivating collection of memories to take home.

Greece Highlights include:

- Learn how to make authentic Greek cuisine with a pro chef
- Visit excavation sites and gain insight from an archaeologist
- Discover the black sand beaches of Santorini
- Take a ferry from Mykonos to the Island of Delos, one of the most important archaeological sites in Greece
- Watch stunning sunsets from beautiful Oia overlooking the famous Santorini caldera and discover the black sand beaches on the island



Set at the crossroads of the world, Turkey truly offers something for everyone. Monuments and landmarks that regal historic tales from ancient times through the 20th century – Turkey holds some of the most impressive ancient sites in the world, including the archaeological ruins of Ephesus and Temples of Zeus and Apollo. Incredible scenery abounds - from the vast Bosphorus River that separates Turkey into a European and Asian side, to the captivating Mediterranean coastline, and the fairytale-like rock chimneys in Cappadocia. And throughout you can experience a captivating culture accented with savory cuisine and exotic dances. Turkey can be a destination itself, or if just visiting Istanbul, can be combined with other countries in Europe, Africa or the Middle East. Lakani World Tours can arrange the perfect itinerary to suit your interests and schedule.

Turkey Highlights include:

Istanbul / Ancient Constantinople - the opulent capital city sits on the line between Europe and Asia. Cruise the Bosphorus River that divides the city. Explore the incredibly varied and vast Grand Bazaar, the marvelous Byzantine architecture of the Hagia Sofia, historic Topkapi Palace, and the iconic Blue Mosque.

Cappadocia – home to otherworldly rock formations and Kaymakli Underground City, as well as the Goreme Open-Air Museum and rock-carved churches and monasteries. View the fairy chimneys and valleys filled with rustic colors. In the morning, take a hot air balloon ride to see it from above, and in the evening attend a mesmerizing evening performance of the colorful Whirling Dervishes.

Izmir – The birthplace of Homer, this ancient port city is the gateway to Ephesus, a well-preserved ancient Roman city. See the remains of the Temple of Artemis, walk the Marble Road to see the Temple of Hadrian and Library of Celsus, tour the Terrace Houses and House of the Virgin Mary.

Pamukkale (the ancient city of Hierapolis) - This area's unique landscape of soft white calcium deposits have given it the nickname of the "Cotton Castle." Watch as the mineral-laden hot spring waters cascade over cliffs and down white travertine terraces. Visit for an overnight stay driving from Izmir, or a flight into the small city of Denizli.

Bodrum & the Turquoise Coast - Take a Mediterranean cruise on a gulet, a traditional Turkish handcrafted wooden boat, for a few hours or a few days. From your cruise or resort hotel, you can swim, kayak or snorkel and visit the unique Museum of Underwater Archaeology. On land explore the Crusader Castle of St. Peter, the ruins of the Tomb of Mausoleus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and wander the waterfront markets.

Troy & Gallipoli – A day trip from Istanbul, explore the ruins of legendary Homer's Troy with its famous Trojan wooden horse, and tour the Gallipoli War Museum.

Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



AZERBAIJAN



Best time to travel: **APR – JUNE, SEP – OCT**

The Republic of Azerbaijan straddles Eastern Europe and Western Asia and is located on the shores of the Caspian Sea and bordered by Russia, Armenia, Georgia, Iran and a small slice of Turkey. Home to three mountain ranges and almost 50% of the all the mud volcanoes on the planet, it also has a large lowland area, much of which is below sea level. Visit the oil-rich city of Baku, the capital and cultural center of Azerbaijan, as well as the largest city in the Caucasus. Stroll through the walled Old Town, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, and see the Palace of the Shirvan Shahs and Maiden's Tower. Lakani will arrange for several tours outside of the city to unusual places like Yanar Dag, a mountain that has been continuously on fire for a thousand years.

ARMENIA



Best time to travel: **MAY – SEP**

The landlocked country in the Caucasus with a rich ancient history was the strongest state in the Roman east under King Tigranes 11 the Great, from 95 to 55 BCE and became the first Christian nation in 301 AD. In the Armenian countryside you will find examples of ancient architecture and art representing the 3000-year-old culture. Explore this beautiful country of mountains and valleys where scenery changes from arid to lush forest. Discover the capital of Yerevan with Lakani and see its highlights with an expert guide, including the ancient Erebuni Fortress, the Soviet era Republic Square, and the Kentron with its Beaux-Arts architecture. A short drive from Yerevan is Khor Virap, an ancient monastery from which you can observe Mt. Ararat; and don't forget to include a visit to Etchmiadzin Monastery, an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

GEORGIA



Best time to travel: **MAY – JUN & SEP**

Set on the shores of the Black Sea, this country in the Caucasus enjoys a mix of landscapes and climates, from high mountain peaks to expansive vineyards and beautiful resorts along the sea. Georgia's rich history goes back thousands of years, including its wine production that is possibly the oldest in the world with evidence dating back to 6,000 years BCE. Visit the capital and largest city of Tbilisi on the banks of the Kura River and you'll notice an assortment of architecture reflecting the city's past, including Medieval, Neoclassical, Art Nouveau, Stalinist, and Modernist buildings. Walk through the winding streets of the Old City and see its ancient churches and charming shops. Take the aerial tramway to the Narikala Fortress, stroll in the Botanical gardens, and feast your eyes on panoramic views of the city below. Lakani will create the perfect itinerary for you to enjoy this up-and-coming popular destination.

ROMANIA

Best time to travel: **APR – MAY; SEP – OCT**

This enchanting country in the southeastern part of Central Europe is home to the splendid Transylvanian Alps, lovely rolling hills, fertile plains, many lakes and rivers, including the famous Danube, which empties into the Black Sea on the Romanian coast. It is one of the most biodiverse wetlands in the world – the Danube Delta. Lakani will show you the many highlights of Romania and help you to gain insight into its rich history. Begin in Bucharest, the capital, known for its tree-lined boulevards and Belle Epoque structures, giving it the nickname of “Little Paris.” Visit the Arch of Triumph, Cantacuzino Palace, Revolution Square, the impressive Parliament Palace, and a choice of museums and art galleries. Walk the Old Town and you’ll recognize the influences of a mix of nationalities and cultures.

Travel into the mountains to see medieval castles and fortresses, including the celebrated Bran Castle of Dracula fame, and several fortified churches that are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Perhaps rejuvenate at a Black Sea resort, known for healing. From there you can discover the flora and fauna of the Danube Delta and admire the painted monasteries of Bucovina. Your time in Romania will be simply unforgettable.



BULGARIA

Best time to travel: **APR – MAY; SEP – OCT**

Located on the Balkan Peninsula, Bulgaria sits on the western side of the Black Sea, surrounded by Romania, Turkey, Greece, North Macedonia, and Serbia. The country offers many historic sites and varied landscapes, including numerous mountains, a multitude of beaches, and stunning natural wonders. The capital and largest city is Sofia, located in the northwest of the country. With seven independent mineral springs in the city, it was founded 2,500 years ago, and you’ll notice the impressive number of ancient ruins throughout the center. Explore the many museums, galleries, churches, and historic buildings of Sofia with your expert Lakani guide. Then perhaps venture to Plovdiv, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Europe, dating back to 6,000 BCE where you’ll find a remarkable ancient Roman theatre and stadium, discovered in the 1970’s in the Old Town. Lakani will be happy to arrange a tour to Bulgaria as a single destination or consider combining it with Romania.



SLOVENIA – Custom Made Journey – From Mountains to the Sea



Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



A marvelous alpine destination, Slovenia is bursting with beautiful scenery, ornate architecture, and subterranean passages. A small mountainous country, exploring Slovenia takes you back in time as you discover its Old-World culture and many mystical historic legends. And covered in lush forests and wedged between the mountains and the Adriatic Sea, you can invigorate your body and soul exploring crystal-clear lakes, scenic rivers, and meandering limestone caves.

Slovenia can be a destination itself, especially for nature and culture lovers. And nestled between Italy, Croatia, and Austria, this charming country is often combined with visits to other Southern European countries.

Lakani World Tours can create a travel itinerary best suited for you – depending on your time, interests, and budget.

Slovenia Highlights:

Ljubljana - Slovenia's capital, this alpine medieval city is dominated by displays of beautiful Baroque, Medieval and Art Nouveau architecture including its ornate 17th-century castle. Highlights of Old Town include the intricate Robba Fountain, Dragon Bridge, an Art Nouveau masterpiece adorned with dragons (the symbol of Ljubljana), and vibrant produce markets. Walk the cobble streets and ride the funicular to Ljubljana Castle, towering over the city.

Bled - One of Europe's most fascinating and beautiful cities, whose thermal springs have drawn seekers of healing treatments for centuries. Perched on a cliff above the emerald waters of **Lake Bled**, is the oldest castle in Slovenia with a Romanesque tower built in the early 11th century. A must do is taking a traditional pletna boat cruise to **St. Mary's Island** to visit the church built into a rock and ring it's famed "wishing bell."

Istria - Experience Slovenia's portion of the Adriatic coast. Piran, Portoroz and Koper are some of the small coastal cities here that were once part of the Venetian Republic.

Various - Go underground in one or more of the caves found in Slovenia's **Karst region**. See the famous Lipizzaner horses in their homeland. Visit **Predjama Castle**, a dramatic fortress on a rock face. Enjoy the natural wonders of **Triglav National Park** and **Lake Bohinj**.



Croatia is a popular country for visitors on the Adriatic Coast. This Balkan country offers gorgeous scenery along the coast and in interior National Parks, picturesque villages and historic cities, Roman ruins and UNESCO sites. Influences from surrounding countries date back to the Roman Empire and various unions with principalities of Italy and the Hapsburg Empire through history are seen architecture, palaces, castles and food throughout the country.

Croatia can be combined with many neighboring countries, such as Montenegro, Slovenia and Italy.

DUBROVNIK – Tour the medieval walled city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Landmarks include Franciscan monastery of the “Order of Friars Minors”, Sponza Palace, and the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary with a treasury containing the originals by Tiziano and Rafaelo.

HVAR ISLAND – In Stari Grad visit the Old Town, the former Greek colony of Pharos which was the location of the first settlement on the island. Visit Hvar Old Town with the largest square in Dalmatia, ringed by grand palaces and beautiful historic buildings.

ISLAND GROUPS – Croatia’s Dalmatian coast is full of island groups that invite boating, swimming, and exploring, such as the Pakleni Islands and Elaphite Islands.

TROGIR & SPLIT – The historic towns of Trogir and Split are both on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Set on a small island, Trogir is a tiny, charming town surrounded by impressive fortress walls. Walk through the fortified town seeing the St. Lawrence Cathedral and the Old City Hall.

Split on the mainland coast is a 1700-year-old town, that enticed the Roman Emperor Diocletian to build a palace for his retirement. The town has grown well beyond the palace walls and has a Venetian atmosphere and waterfront promenade.

PLITVICE LAKES – Plitvice Lakes National Park is considered the most beautiful park in Croatia, it is a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. Tour this magnificent park of 16 lakes, waterfalls, forests, and animal life.

ZAGREB – In the interior historic Zagreb is the capital of Croatia. The Upper Town is the historical center with St. Mark’s Church topped with a multicolored roof. The noon hour is marked with the firing of a cannon at the top of fortified Lotrščak Tower to commemorate a legendary event thought to have saved the city from attackers.

TRAKOSCAN CASTLE –Outside Zagreb in a dreamlike wooded setting Trakoscan Castle stands, dating back to 1334. Walk through the halls furnished with many pieces from a world gone by.

Best Time to Visit:

APR – OCT



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Located on the Balkan Peninsula in southeastern Europe, the country is home to medieval villages, rivers, lakes, and mountains. Explore the capital city of Sarajevo and learn about its long history of religious and cultural diversity from your expert Lakani guide on your tour of the highlights. Then ascend the cable car to Mt. Trebevic for panoramic views.

MONTENEGRO



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Its Adriatic location makes this a highly desirable destination with a coastline stretching 183 miles. In addition to beaches, you will find well-preserved old towns, like the ancient town of Perast, as well as Kotor with its long wall fortification that dates to the Byzantine era. Lakani will take you on a scenic drive around the Bay of Kotor to see these towns and more.

SERBIA



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

The landlocked Republic of Serbia, continuously inhabited since the Paleolithic Age, is home to several mountain ranges. Visit its capital, Belgrade, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of Europe. Learn about its storied past and culture on your tour of the city's historic areas and museums with your Lakani guide. Head to Novi Sad to discover this European Capital of Culture for 2023.

NORTH MACEDONIA



Best Time to Visit: **APR – OCT**

Explore this southeastern European country that was once part of ancient Greece, followed by the Persian Empire, Roman Empire, and Ottoman Empire before it was part of Yugoslavia before its dissolution in 1991. There are four national parks that are home to diverse flora and fauna. Visit the capital of Skopje and see its many historic landmarks on your Lakani tour.

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