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‘St Petersburg is a wonderful city. You have wonderful parks, birds singing in the trees, manatees in the water, pelicans. So it’s like this little paradise on Earth.’

BJARKE INGELS - DANISH ARCHITECT

THE RUSSIAN NORTH
A journey from St Petersburg to Moscow

STARTS: 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 15 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: £2,360

Experience the ‘unchanged’ Russian north from the 16th and 17th centuries where towns and cities such as Vologda, Belozersk, Kargopol, Solovki and Archangel, which prospered from the salt and timber trade with Europe. Economic activity in the north ceased after St Petersburg became a major port, and the cities remained inaccessible until the late 19th century, when the railways finally linked them. Today, they remain picturesque with fleets of white stone cathedrals and kremlins, while their many original and highly decorated wooden merchant’s houses bear witness to the former prosperity of the region.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- The journey begins amidst the incomparable beauty and grandeur of St Petersburg, and ends in majestic Moscow
- Enjoy a first-class train journey through some of Russia’s most wonderful rural scenery to visit these remote historic cities
- Witness the resurgence of orthodox faith after nearly a century of atheism and communist rule
- Enjoy the hospitality and opportunity to converse with a local farmer
- Explore the immense 14th-century Kirillovo Belozersky Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Visit the home of Rimsky Korsakov and enjoy a privately arranged concert of the composer’s music in a nearby chapel with its perfect acoustics

BOOKING DETAILS
Distant Horizons
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Trip scholar
Professor Alexei Leporc, Curator of Western European Art, Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg

A journey from St Petersburg to Moscow

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Uncover the layers of cultural and natural history that explain the identity of present day Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro. These three remarkable countries have always tottered on one of Europe’s great historical fault lines, where the Catholic West meets Orthodox East and the flow of Islam reaches into so much of the region’s history. During this journey the multiculturalism and complexities of these three countries will be clarified, not only through visits to magnificent historical sites, but also through regional food, wine, flora and geology, as well as conversations with local people.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Visit Prizren, dotted with spectacular remnants of its Ottoman past, renowned not only for its history and architecture, but for its wonderful cake shops and bakeries
- Join a special mass that Orthodox pilgrims from all over the world travel to witness, at the Visoki Dečani monastery
- Enjoy a meal of traditional Kosovar dishes in a local restaurant set in an 18th-century kula
- Follow the Adriatic coast as you cross the border from Kosovo to Albania and into Montenegro, one of the most spectacularly scenic routes in Europe
- Sample traditional Albanian dishes and wine before visiting the ruins of the iconic Rozafa Castle
- Visit the delightful town of Cetinje, Montenegro’s one-time royal capital and today home to some impressive museums and enchanting architecture

**Trip scholar**
Nirvana Romell, lecturer in Balkan history and art, National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies

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Join expert historians Colonel Nick Lipscombe and Professor Jeremy Black as they follow in Wellington’s footsteps examining the final stages of the Peninsular War, where the allied powers of Spain, the United Kingdom and Portugal fought to repel the Napoleonic invasion of Spain and Portugal. Start this exclusive tour in picturesque Biarritz before setting off eastwards and examining Wellington’s battle-hardened army’s audacious crossing of the mighty Ardour River. Consider the major battles fought in France before 1813, including the battles of Nivelle and the Nive, the siege of Bayonne, the battles of Orthez and Tarbes, and the final battle of the Peninsular War, whilst visiting the scenes and enjoying in-depth discussions and presentations from your trip scholars.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Stay in a luxury hotel in the picturesque seaside town of Biarritz, enjoying welcome drinks and a presentation on the closing stages of the Peninsular War, before dinner in a rooftop restaurant with panoramic views of the Bay of Biscay
- Visit the picturesque and historic Basque town of Bayonne
- Visit the magnificent museum at Tarbes, which houses a wonderful collection of Hussar uniforms and memorabilia
- Enjoy a night in Toulouse, and spend the next day examining the final battle of the Peninsular War whilst enjoying the opportunity to spend time in the centre of this magnificent city

**Trip scholar**
Colonel Nick Lipscombe, Napoleonic historian and lecturer at the Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford, and Professor Jeremy Black (St John’s, 1978), Professor of History, University of Exeter

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Wisdom is welcome wherever it comes from.

BANDAMANNA SAGA

STARTS: 7 MAY 2019
ENDS: 15 MAY 2019
PER PERSON: £2,341 WITH FLIGHTS

Awaken the explorer in you on this cruise adventure and cultural exploration of Norway’s rugged coastline. With its stirring and varied landscapes, the Norwegian coast is one of the most spectacular destinations in the world. You will visit some of the major coastal cities, as well as remote communities. From beautiful islands and fjords to the wilderness of Arctic northern Norway, you’ll go face-to-face with natural wonders, as well as enjoy sightseeing tours including a Viking ship museum and a ‘meet the Vikings’ shore excursion.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Learn from in-depth insights and lectures from your trip scholar, Dr Eleanor Rosamund Barracough
- Stay two nights in Oslo with an exclusive sightseeing tour of the Viking ship museum
- Expand your knowledge of Viking history and heritage, as well as modern-day Norwegian culture

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Dr Eleanor Rosamund Barracough, Associate Professor in Medieval History and Literature, Durham University
Explore Lisbon, one of the most beautiful and intriguing cities in the world and visit the spectacular Jerónimos Monastery, the Tower of Belem and the rather more contemporary Padrão dos Descobrimentos. Cruise the Douro River on a cultural voyage of discovery on a round trip from Porto, taking in the sites and savouring the tastes and sounds of Portugal and Spain. As you cruise along the meandering Douro you will visit fishing villages, traditional and medieval towns, as well as vineyards along the famous wine trail.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Discover the sites of Porto on a city walking tour or a tram tour, and savour a taste of the area’s port wine
2. Explore the ancient town of Sintra and the fishing villages of Cascais and Estoril
3. Delve into Portuguese history at Guimarães, the city considered to be the birthplace of Portugal
4. Enjoy a day excursion exploring the glories of Spain’s Salamanca on foot or by bicycle

STARTS: 18 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 28 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: FROM £2,695

Described as the grandfather of political cartoon, William Hogarth was an 18th-century English painter, printmaker and pictorial satirist. He entertained his public with narrative stories in pictures, lifted from the events of the day. Join Lars Tharp, art historian, lecturer and broadcaster in London, on a two-day serpentine trail of William Hogarth, following his progress from apprentice to England’s pre-eminent artist and social observer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Enjoy privileged access to Sir John Soane’s Museum, home to Hogarth’s world-famous Rake’s Progress (1732) and his Humours of an Election (1755)
2. Visit the Foundling Museum in the company of your trip scholar, and the museum’s former Director, Lars Tharp
3. Come face-to-face with Hogarth at the National Portrait Gallery and at Tate Britain
4. Explore the winding Georgian streets and alleys of London and become totally immersed in Georgian London and the lively world of William Hogarth

STARTS: 17 JUNE 2019
END: 18 JUNE 2019
PER PERSON: £695*

*£105pp single room supplement

Trip Scholar
Lars Tharp, former Director of the Foundling Museum, art historian, lecturer and broadcaster

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STARTS: 20 MAY 2019
ENDS: 24 MAY 2019
PER PERSON: £1,865 WITH FLIGHTS*

Discover Dresden in the company of Lars Tharp, art historian, lecturer and broadcaster – best known for his work on the BBC’s Antiques Roadshow, as well as Hidden Treasures and Art of the Baroque. Together you will explore the cultural riches of this beautiful historic city including Dresden’s Royal Palace, the former seat of the Saxon government and home to the fabulous Green Vault treasure chamber. You will visit the Zwinger Palace, and its Old Masters Picture Gallery, which includes works by Raphael (notably his Sistine Madonna), Botticelli, Velázquez, Dürer, Vermeer and Rembrandt. A visit to Meissen, Saxony’s oldest town, which is a medieval hotch-potch of red-tiled roofs and stucco architecture, includes a tour of the Gothic cathedral and a behind the scenes look at the celebrated porcelain factory.

*£240 single room supplement

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover Zinger Palace’s treasure trove of famous art, as well as its formal gardens, ornate fountains and grand pavilions
- Relax as you enjoy a leisurely trip along the River Elbe
- Take the opportunity to attend an optional performance at the Semper Opera House, one of Europe’s most glorious music venues, where Wagner’s Flying Dutchman and Strauss’s Rosenkavalier premiered

Trip scholar
Lars Tharp, former Director of the Foundling Museum, art historian, lecturer and broadcaster

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Discover Albania’s glorious scenery, fascinating culture and world-class archaeology as it emerges from decades of Communist isolation. Join Gillian Gloyer, author of the Bradt Travel Guide to Albania and expert on Albania’s treasures, to gain unique historical and cultural insights as you explore this charming country. You will visit UNESCO-listed ruins and protected hillside towns, and will walk in the shoes of the ancient Romans along the Via Egnatia, discovering a host of classical sites including Antigonea, Byllis, Oricum and the former Greek colony of Durrës.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Visit the UNESCO-listed ruins of Butrint, where Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman remains, including a magnificent theatre, are set amidst a beautiful lake
- Stroll around Gjirokastra’s 600 preserved Ottoman-era stone houses, quaint cobbled streets and imposing 4th-century castle
- Uncover the remains of the great classical city of Apollonia
- Delight in Albania’s monasteries, churches and basilicas, with their lavish mosaics and unique frescoes
- Discover the story of Caesar’s Civil War with Pompey, of which many crucial battles which were fought in Illyria, leaving the region littered with atmospheric sites

Trip scholar
Gillian Gloyer (Wadham, 1979), author of the Bradt Travel Guide to Albania

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*£225 single room supplement

Enjoy a relaxing cruise with convivial company aboard a privately chartered first-class canal barge. Take in the fabulous scenery and architecture from its bright lounge or sundeck whilst enjoying a relaxing mix of complimentary wines, drinks and French cuisine. Enjoy insightful lectures from your trip scholar, Dr Catherine Sumnall, detailing the social and economic history as well as the landscape of this region from the early modern period to the 19th century.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Discover a combination of rural Camargue villages and world-class Roman and medieval cities, from the farms and marsh wildlife of the Etang De Thau to the imposing fortified city of Aigues-Mortes
- Explore UNESCO-listed Arles, with its superb classical theatre, Roman arena, Romanesque churches, and winding medieval streets
- Delight in small Provencal villages such as the thousand year old Saint Guilhelm-le-Desert, known for its Romanesque Abbey and its treasure trove of restored 12th-century houses
- Enjoy a visit to Avignon and the magnificent Palais du Papes, dating to 1335 and a symbol of the wealth of the Western Church during its secondment from Rome in the 14th century

Trip scholar
Dr Catherine Sumnall, Director of Studies in Geography, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge

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*£1,850 single room supplement
While only a short trip across the Gulf of Finland separates Finland and Estonia, for all their differences, it might as well be a giant ocean. Join Professor Alexei Leporc and explore the history, architecture, art, music and national identities of these two countries with a visit to Tallinn and Helsinki.

In Helsinki you will focus on the works of one of the greatest 20th-century European architects and designers, Alvar Aalto, including his stunning University at Otaniemi. You will explore Tallinn and its charming mixture of Gothic, baroque, classical and neo-Russian monuments.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Discover one of Northern Europe’s greatest squares, Raekoja Plats – the beating heart of Tallinn’s old town
- Visit the KUMU, a spectacular seven-storey building constructed of limestone, glass and copper, and home to some of Estonia’s finest art collections
- Explore the medieval town of Tartu with its famous University which has played a critical role in the development of Russian and Soviet cultures
- Visit Helsinki’s Finlandia Hall, one of Europe’s most iconic buildings, designed by world-renowned Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto
- Enjoy a concert in the Church of the Rock, an incredible structure carved out of an enormous solid rock that boasts some of the finest acoustics in Europe
- Explore the enchanting and peaceful village of Ainola, where the composer Jean Sibelius lived with his wife for 53 years

Trip scholar
Professor Alexei Leporc, Curator of Western European Art, Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg

STARTS: 22 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 28 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: £2,160 WITH FLIGHTS

‘God created paper for the purpose of drawing architecture on it. Everything else is, at least for me, an abuse of paper.’

ALVAR AALTO
The 115 granitic islands of the Seychelles, ringed with pristine white sand beaches, are a sanctuary for some of the rarest species of flora and fauna on earth. This seven-night cruise aboard an exclusively chartered schooner takes you island-hopping in comfort between the stunning granite islands of Mahé, Praslin, Digue, Aride and Curieuse. Accompanied by Cambridge zoologist and conservationist Dr Justin Gerlach, you will examine their carefully protected ecosystems and search for endemic gems such as the vast coco de mer, the ultra-rare jellyfish tree, the Aldabra giant tortoise and the world’s smallest frog.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Explore the rare flora and fauna of the Seychelles aboard the privately chartered schooner, Sea Star
- Compare the unique ecosystems of the islands under the expert guidance Dr Justin Gerlach
- Combine relaxed cruising life with shore excursions, swimming and snorkelling and enjoying the pristine white sand beaches
- Visit Praslin’s Vallée de Mai, once believed to be the site of the Garden of Eden
- Extend your holiday with optional resort stays on Mahe or Praslin after the tour

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STARTS: 12 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 25 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: £3,295*

Join Dr Jacke Phillips on an exploration of the monasteries, churches and dramatic mountain scenery of Ethiopia. Learn about the incredible empire of Aksum, once the most powerful state between the Eastern Roman Empire and Persia. Venture on to the holy city of Lalibela and over the spectacular Simien Mountains, where there is a chance to see gelada baboons. Also see the Blue Nile Falls and Lake Tana, the famed source of the Blue Nile, dotted with island churches.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Explore Lalibela, with its wondrous UNESCO-listed rock-hewn churches - a testimony to Ethiopia’s place at the very heart of early Christianity, and still a place of inspiring pilgrimage today
- Enjoy Askum and its monolithic obelisks, royal tombs and ruined royal castles
- See Ethiopia’s endemic wildlife, including Simien wolves, Gelada baboons and birds such as the Wattled Ibis and White-Billed Stork in the Simien mountains
- Learn about the Empire of Gondar, once known as the ‘Camelot of Africa’, with medieval castles and palaces to explore
- Discover the little-known cave churches of Tigray, set high up in the rugged Gelalta mountains, with many still in use today

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* £675 single room supplement

Trip scholar
Dr Jacke Phillips, Fellow in the Department of Art History and Archaeology, SOAS University of London
Jordan: Romans, Crusaders and Lawrence of Arabia

STARTS: 29 MARCH 2019
ENDS: 7 APRIL 2019
PER PERSON: £2,550*

Experience mesmerising Jordan and explore its incredible archaeological sites and ruins before they are once again overrun with tourists. Your journey will take you to Roman ruins and crusader towns to the desert landscape of Wadi Rum. You will be accompanied by trip scholar, Neil Faulkner, a Cambridge-educated archaeologist, who specialises in Roman archaeology and the military campaigns of Lawrence of Arabia. A visit to Jordan would not be complete without a full day to enjoy the incredible Nabataean sites of Petra and Little Petra, voted one of the new seven wonders of the world.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Explore the colonnaded avenues, temples and gateways of the ruins of Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns
- Uncover the history of Lawrence of Arabia in Jordan, with a 4x4 trip to key campaign sites including Tooth Hill Camp, Tell Shahm Fort and Wadi Rum Fort
- Travel over the Ras el Negev into the dramatic desert scenery of Wadi Rum to look for prehistoric rock engravings and enjoy a Bedouin lunch in the desert
- Drive along the famous King’s Highway to visit the Madaba Map mosaic and fabulous crusader castle of Shobak
- Gain special insights with lectures from Neil Faulkner, who has undertaken more than ten years of fieldwork in Jordan

Trip scholar
Dr Neil Faulkner, Archaeological Research Fellow, Bristol University and specialist in Roman, Anglo Saxon and First World War archaeology

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*£222 single room supplement

Walks in the forbidden kingdom of Mustang

STARTS: 12 AUGUST 2019
ENDS: 29 AUGUST 2019
PER PERSON: £3,180

Locked away in the wilderness of the Himalayas, on the very edge of the Tibetan plateau, lies the ancient kingdom of Mustang. After decades of isolation its borders are now open, and this is your opportunity to explore this spectacular land and learn about its history, customs and traditions. The trek passes through open valleys, deep ravines, desert canyons, grasslands with white-walled villages, and ancient cave homes, all set against the magnificent backdrop of the soaring snow-capped Himalayan peaks. Classed as ‘moderate’, the walk involves around five to eight hours of walking per day. You will stay in lodges, which offer very simple accommodation, and will only need to carry day packs, as porters will carry the rest of your baggage.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Enter Mustang by walking along the Kali Gandaki River through one of the world’s deepest gorges
- Visit Mustang’s fascinating capital, Lo Manthang, a repository of Buddhist art treasures and one of the most isolated and remote capitals in the world
- Explore the Chamba and Thugchen monasteries with wall paintings from the 15th century
- Enjoy some of the most spectacular views of Nilgiri, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and several other majestic peaks in the Himalayas
- Explore the Himalayan cities of Kathmandu and Pokhara

Trip scholar
Zara Fleming, lecturer in Buddhist History and Culture, Victoria and Albert, The Orient Foundation and Asia House

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TRIBAL AND SACRED CHINA
A journey through Laos, Yunnan and Tibet

STARTS: 8 OCTOBER 2019
ENDS: 29 OCTOBER 2019
PER PERSON: £3,980

Explore and experience hidden China on this journey that takes you from the lush jungle lowlands of Laos, through the hills of Yunnan Province, to the spectacular snow-capped mountains of Tibet. From endless rice paddies, luscious jungles and misty mountains, tea plantations, glittering Buddhist temples and colourful markets, you will discover the history and culture of these three very distinct regions. Travel among the Hmong hill tribes, whose settlements are perched precariously on high cliff faces, and the beautifully preserved Tibetan world of Shangri-La. Your adventure ends with the world’s most dramatic of train journeys, the Qinghai-Tibet railway, a miraculous feat of engineering across the Tibetan plateau.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Discover the unspoilt haven of Luang Prabang, with its 33 glittering Buddhist temples that date from the 16th century
- Travel through endless rice paddies to the misty mountains of the Hmong hill tribes and Dai Minority villages
- Visit the beautiful and rarely visited mountain village of Shaxi in Yunnan

Trip scholar
Professor Charles Ramble, Professor of Tibetan History, Sorbonne, former lecturer in Tibetan Studies, University of Oxford

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SOUTHEAST AND EAST ASIA

STARTS: 17 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 26 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: £3,595* 

A compact country full of delightful contrasts, South Korea’s juxtaposition of ancient tradition and fast-paced modernity make it truly unique. Travel in the company of Professor James B Lewis, Associate Professor of Korean History at Oxford University, on a journey exploring this incredible country. From tranquil Buddhist temples and UNESCO-listed fortresses, tombs and villages, to shimmering Seoul, South Korea’s economic powerhouse, you will discover the country’s culture and traditions, kept alive through its traditional music, poetry, dance and religion.

HIGHLIGHTS:
• Discover the 500-year Joseon Dynasty with visits to well-preserved UNESCO-listed Changdeokgung Palace, Hwaseong Fortress and the atmospheric Bukchon Village
• Learn about the Korean War at the demilitarised zone and ‘Freedom Bridge’, and see the infiltration tunnel discovered in 1978 after a tip-off from a defector
• Explore Hahoe Village, where centuries-old traditions influenced by the teachings of Confucius are still alive
• Enjoy unique insights from trip lecturer Professor James B Lewis, President of the European Association for Korean Studies

Trip scholar
Professor James B Lewis, Associate Professor of Korean History, University of Oxford, and President of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe

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* £495 single room supplement

STARTS: 3 SEPTEMBER 2019
ENDS: 20 SEPTEMBER 2019
PER PERSON: £4,260

Explore Indonesia and enjoy an opportunity to discover its incredible landscapes and diverse cultures. Your journey takes you to Java, Sulawesi and Bali. You will enjoy walks in the foothills of volcanoes and across rice terraces, as well as excursions to some of Indonesia’s most beautiful towns and temples. Visits to Gadjah Madah University in Yogya and an Islamic educational institution will also provide a unique opportunity to discuss the views and aspirations of Indonesia’s younger generation with staff and students. You will be joined by Dr Sharrock, who will share his knowledge and experience of Indonesian history and culture as you travel across the three islands.

HIGHLIGHTS:
• In Yogya, visit Borobudur, one of the world’s largest Mahayana Buddhist monuments
• Drive to Candi Sukuh, which was built on the slopes of the majestic Mount Lawu, and visit the spectacular temple complex at Panataran, the largest temple complex in East Java
• Explore Torajaland and its exquisitely carved houses with geometric motifs, as well as the Hanging Graves at Lemo, where burial chambers are carved out of the rock face
• Discover Indonesia’s cultural capital, Jogjakarta
• Explore Bali and experience one of the most complex social and religious structures in the world

Trip scholar
Dr Peter Sharrock, Senior Teaching Fellow, School of Oriental and Asian Studies, SOAS University of London

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TWELVE
Central America’s Garden of Eden

WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION OF COSTA RICA

STARTS: 4 MAY 2019
ENDS: 15 MAY 2019
PER PERSON: £3,395*

Nestled between the Pacific and the Caribbean, fringed by powder-white beaches, Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world and is leading the way in environmental sustainability. Join archaeologist and UNESCO conservationist Dr Daniela Arroyo Barrantes in an educational exploration of the region’s diverse habitats, from rainforests and volcanoes to powder-white beaches. Local naturalist guides will introduce you to the incredible birdlife of the mist-covered cloud forests of Monteverde and the waterways of Tortuguero.

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Learn about Costa Rica’s world-leading commitment to environmental sustainability
- Encounter incredible birdlife, from bright toucans, macaws and parrots to the prized resplendent quetzal
- Search the jungle beaches, waterfalls and volcanic rainforests for some of the world’s most unusual mammals including sloths, tapirs and armadillos
- Look out for wildlife in the canopy, including squirrel monkeys, white-faced capuchins and white-nosed coatis
- Learn about Costa Rica’s little-known indigenous history by exploring San José’s Jade Museum and the excellent Pre-Colombian Gold Museum

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Trip scholar
Dr Daniela Arroyo Barrantes (Camb), Archaeologist and Conservationist
Join Joanne Page on this exploration of Argentinian culture, scenery and wildlife. Starting at spectacular Iguazú Falls, a natural wonder of the world, explore both sides and go in search of shy wildlife in the surrounding tropical forest. Travel to sophisticated Buenos Aires, with its grand colonial architecture, Latin passion and thriving arts scene. Continue south to the remote wilderness of UNESCO-protected Glacier National Park, to discover the magnificent Perito Moreno and Upsala glaciers. Finish in the beautiful Argentine Lakes at Bariloche, famous for its outstanding scenery, chocolate-making and Swiss alpine-style architecture.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Visit Iguazú Falls, part of the largest waterfall system in the world and a spectacle to behold
- Explore the boardwalks along the waterfall’s edge and spot howler monkeys, giant anteaters, toucans and maybe even an elusive jaguar
- Explore Buenos Aires’ cultural highlights including the Colon Theatre, the Plaza de Mayo, atmospheric San Telmo, colourful La Boca and the fascinating cemetery in Recoleta, resting place of Eva Peron
- Spend a day navigating ice floes by catamaran to see the western face of the Upsala Glacier and the immensity of the Spegazzini Glacier
- Traverse Lake Nahuel Huapi to explore the famous Arrayanes Forest and Victoria Island, with opportunities to walk and photograph the staggering lake scenery

**BOOKING DETAILS**

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‘I would sit on the street corners in my hometown of Indianola, Mississippi, and I would play... And they would always compliment me on gospel tunes, but they would tip me when I played blues.

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B. B. KING
Cruise the mighty Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis on an authentic paddle wheeler. Take in the sights, sounds, southern culture and history of the American Civil War as you meander along. Your journey begins in New Orleans where you will enjoy a taste and flavour of the city’s vibrant music scene and fabulous Cajun and Creole cuisine. You will enjoy southern hospitality when you visit Natchez, the ‘Golden City of the South’ with its 500 stately antebellum homes and impressively preserved history, as well as Baton Rouge, the state capital of Louisiana, with its legendary plantations. En route, your trip scholar will treat you to in-depth discussions on the civil war as you explore noted sites including the Vicksburg National Military Park. Finally, disembark in Memphis for a specially arranged tour of Memphis with its host of famous landmarks, as well as a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum.

**Trip scholar**

Dr Ben Marsh (Camb), Senior Lecturer in American History, University of Kent

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