

Relax & Explore

BY COX & KINGS



Unwind in the most fascinating places on earth

Sometimes you want to see everything. See beyond every hill. Investigate every bend in the road. Other times, you simply want to slow down, relax and be pampered. Enjoy a massage in the spa, dine in the gourmet restaurant. And, if you're travelling with a partner, well maybe they are on the same wave length and maybe they're not. We believe that the whole point of a luxury holiday is that everyone should be able to do what they want, when they want. The essence of Relax & Explore by Cox & Kings is to offer this flexibility and genuine luxury in truly fascinating destinations. Our aim is to apply our expertise and personal service so that you return from holiday with your body unwound and your mind invigorated.

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Monks at Wat Si Chum temple, Sukhothai Province, Thailand

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The Cox & Kings Benefits

Relax & Explore is a collection of luxury tailor-made travel ideas from Cox & Kings – one of the great names in travel. These holidays, created using Cox & Kings expertise, are designed for those who seek to combine authentic travel experiences in fascinating corners of the world with the simple pleasure of relaxation in stylish surroundings. We recognise that your time is precious and your holiday time even more so. Therefore, these are completely flexible travel ideas, allowing you to be as active or sedate as you choose. Here are just some of the benefits of entrusting your travel arrangements to Cox & Kings.

EXPERTISE

More than 250 years of discovery and service: Cox & Kings' history stretches back to 1758. Today, we have unrivalled experience at organising travel arrangements of the highest calibre, even in the most challenging parts of the world. Our areas of specialisation are the Indian Subcontinent, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and Australasia & the Pacific islands.

Cox & Kings' expert consultants are all well-travelled regional specialists who, collectively, offer you a vast bank of knowledge. They are experienced at taking note of

particular interests, tastes and preferences, and then matching their recommendations to those requirements.

HIGH QUALITY PERSONAL SERVICE

Services of our London office: A great holiday starts with the best planning. When you contact Cox & Kings, you will be allocated the most appropriate available expert consultant to advise you. They will be your single point of contact throughout the planning of your holiday. Your consultant will create a tailor-made itinerary and price proposal that is specific to you. If further options or adjustments are necessary that is fine – you can be as involved or hands-off as you like. Before you travel, Cox & Kings will send you a detailed itinerary and travel notes and you will also be able to select from a range of complimentary travel accessories.

Service abroad: Cox & Kings has sought out the most reliable and expert local representatives around the world. This means that from the moment you are met at your destination airport on arrival, followed by the private transfer to your hotel, through to assistance with airport check-in at end of your stay, you will be in the most capable hands. Our representatives are also on hand to smooth any wrinkles along the

way and deal with any unexpected events that may interfere with your enjoyment of the holiday. If taking excursions booked through Cox & Kings, you will also benefit from the services of our specially chosen local guides who can show you the sights as well as explain the local way of life, customs, history and issues in a way that guide books cannot match.

EXCELLENT VALUE

Cox & Kings believes that outstanding service should come as standard and we do not charge a premium for the expertise and attention to detail that make our holidays special. Indeed, it is our policy to keep our prices as low as possible and, by harnessing the buying-power of the Cox & Kings group of companies worldwide combined with the benefits of our long-established relationships in the travel industry, we are able to offer you big-company value-for-money without compromising our small-company ethos.

PEACE OF MIND

By its nature, travel in far-flung destinations is unpredictable, which is part of the adventure. Cox & Kings has seen and dealt with most things over the years and we are able to offer you unrivalled experience and support in the face of the unexpected.



In the internet era it can seem easy to book travel arrangements online. However, by doing so travellers not only miss out on our expertise, but they are also often vulnerable to unforeseeable events. In recent years there have been many occasions when travel arrangements have been disrupted by forces of nature, political unrest and other unpredictable occurrences.

At times like these, or simply when a hotel has made a mistake with a reservation or an airline has cancelled a flight, the protection and support provided by an established tour operator who has booked all the services on your behalf can be a huge benefit. The following affiliations guarantee your holiday's protection and Cox & Kings' standards of excellence:

Atol protection: Cox & Kings is a fully bonded and licensed tour operator and the air holidays in this brochure are Atol protected by the bonding scheme administered by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Our Atol number is 2815. For more information about the protection offered by the CAA, please visit www.caa.co.uk.

Abta: Cox & Kings is a member of Abta, the Association of British





Langur monkeys, Jaipur

Travel Agents. For more information about Abta and its members, please visit www.abta.com.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office



advice: Cox & Kings receives a great deal of information about conditions on the ground from its local representatives. However, when deciding whether particular countries or regions are safe for travel, the final decision is dependent on the guidance of the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO). If you would like to know the current travel advice for any country, visit www.fco.gov.uk or call 0870 606 0290.

Sustainable Tourism: Cox & Kings has been awarded a 5-star rating by Aito, its highest Sustainable Tourism (ST)



score. This means that Cox & Kings has successfully implemented and continually improved an ST policy and supports a specific project that contributes to the economy, culture or environment of a destination. For full details of Cox & Kings' full ST policy, please visit coxandkings.co.uk.

Cool Earth: Cox & Kings is supporting the charity Cool



Earth, which partners indigenous communities to keep Amazon endangered rainforest standing. You too can help and every time you travel with Cox & Kings you will be given the option of protecting a plot of rainforest and saving it from destruction. Just £60 safeguards a whole acre (4,000 sq metres) of Amazon rainforest in the Ashaninka region of Peru. For more information or to donate, please visit www.coolearth.org/coxandkings.

Aito: Cox & Kings is also a member of Aito, the Association of Independent



Tour Operators, assuring you of Cox & Kings' commitment to high quality service and ethical business practices. For more information about Aito and its aims, please visit www.aito.co.uk.

The Aito Quality Charter

Aito is an association of independently minded companies specialising in particular areas or types of holiday and sharing a common dedication to high standards of quality and personal service. Aito defines 'quality' as "providing a level of satisfaction which, based upon the holiday information provided by the tour operator, aims to meet or exceed a customer's reasonable satisfaction, regardless of the type of

holiday sold or the price paid".

Accurate brochures: Aito members ensure that their brochures clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

Product improvements: Aito members listen to their customers and welcome suggestions for improving standards. All customers receive a post-holiday questionnaire.

Professional service: Aito members are committed to high standards of personal service, maintained by the thorough training of employees.

Financial security: Aito takes care to ensure that all members comply with current UK government regulations regarding the protection of clients' money.

Exclusive membership: Aito has strict membership criteria that must be satisfied before new companies are allowed to join. All members must adhere to a rigorous code of business practice that governs their operational conduct.

Environmental issues: Aito is committed to raising the level of environmental awareness within the industry. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an Aito member and customer cannot be resolved amicably, Aito's low cost Independent Dispute Settlement Service may be called upon by either side to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion.

MORE THAN 250 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Cox & Kings, the longest established travel company in the world, marked its 250th anniversary in 2008.

The company's history stretches back to 25 May 1758 when Richard Cox was appointed as regimental agent to the Foot Guards by his mentor, Lord Ligonier; the commander-in-chief of His Majesty's Armed Forces.

The role of agent included the arrangement of payment of officers and men, the provision of clothing, acting as a go-between for the buying and selling of officers' commissions, and acting upon any special requests from the regimental adjutant.

Regimental agents did not have a very good reputation before Cox, but such was his honesty, reliability and organisational ability that he made it a respectable business and Cox & Co soon became the agent for the majority of British regiments. By the end of the 18th century the company served 14 cavalry, 64 infantry and 17 militia regiments. The company's business grew hand in hand with the British empire, becoming involved in banking and shipping in addition to its other agency activities.

In the late 19th century, Henry S King & Co was a rival bank and shipping agency, started by Henry Samuel King in 1868 and subsequently run for more than 45 years by his son, Henry Seymour King, an MP and renowned mountaineer. The company had particularly strong links with India. After the first world war, the two companies merged as Cox's & King's and moved into grand premises on Pall Mall (now the site of the Sofitel St James Hotel). In 1923, the business was sold to Lloyds Bank and while the banking arm stayed with Lloyds (becoming the Cox & Kings branch, as it is still known), the shipping agency became a separate company, running tours and organising the passage of people and their belongings around the world, notably to Egypt, India and south Asia.

In 1970, Cox & Kings Agency was bought by Grindlays Bank as part of a deal with the then Indian prime minister, Indira Gandhi, to develop tourism into the country; and so the modern history of the company began.

Cox & Kings has built on the tradition of high quality service and attention to detail established by Richard Cox more than 250 years ago and it now provides travel arrangements of the highest calibre in many of the most culturally and naturally fascinating parts of the world. The company has extended its expertise to cover Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Far East, the Indian Ocean, the Indian Subcontinent, Latin America, the Middle East, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.



Pushkar Camel Fair, Pushkar, Rajasthan, India.

Relax & Explore in Cox & Kings Style

RELAX & EXPLORE REGIONS

The destinations featured in the Relax & Explore programme are many and varied and encompass some of the most fascinating places on Earth. They do not cover the whole world, instead, they include Cox & Kings' areas of specialisation, specifically: Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central America, Africa, the Indian Ocean, the Indian Subcontinent, the Far East and the Pacific.

TAILOR-MADE FLEXIBILITY

All Relax & Explore holidays are completely flexible. You can stay at each place for as many or few days as you like. You can set off on the date of your choosing, subject to availability. You can combine your Relax & Explore holiday with other places to create a tailor-made holiday.

The hotels mentioned in this brochure are Cox & Kings' particular recommendations, however, there are countless other hotels we can book on your behalf that also offer excellent options for relaxing and exploring. Please speak to one of our expert travel consultants to discuss the options.

EXPERT PLANNING

One of the great advantages of travelling with Cox & Kings is that your holiday will be planned by one of our team of experts. From your first enquiry, you will speak to a regional specialist. They will guide you through the whole planning process from beginning to end, taking note of your interests, tastes and requirements and then recommending the most suitable options for you. If you would like to take a multi-centre holiday, they will design a complete bespoke itinerary and price quote for you, which can then be adjusted as much as you like so that you can ensure that the final holiday is ideal for you.

SELECT HOTELS

The hotels featured in the Relax & Explore brochure generally range from the highly luxurious to the very comfortable. In each destination, we have given two or more options to suit different tastes and budgets. If you would prefer an alternative hotel, you will find we have extensive knowledge about a huge number of hotels and excellent prices to match. Our travel consultants will be delighted to provide you with a price quote



Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas mountains, Morocco

and make the alternative arrangements for you.

GUIDELINE PRICES

For each Relax & Explore destination, we have typically displayed three guideline prices. These prices apply to the package described and are, respectively, the lowest price that would apply to travel in the low season, the lowest price that would apply in the 'shoulder' season and the lowest price that would apply in the high season. The prices are displayed simply to give you a good idea of how much a holiday might cost. To find out the exact price for travel at a specific time and for a specific duration, please contact one of our expert travel consultants who will put together a price quote for you.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Typically, a Relax & Explore holiday will include international flights; any internal flights; transfers to and from the hotel by private car; the services of a local representative to meet you at the destination airport and assist with your hotel check-in; and accommodation including breakfast. In some cases, hotels will be able to offer full

or half-board packages and your Cox & Kings consultant will be able to inform you about these options at the time of enquiry.

If you would like to include a Relax & Explore destination as part of a longer holiday, some of which has been arranged independently of Cox & Kings, this is fine. Equally, if you would like to organise your flights independently of Cox & Kings this is also fine, however, you should be aware that you will generally benefit from greater holiday protection by booking all your arrangements as a package through Cox & Kings.

ON ARRIVAL & ON THE GROUND

On arrival at your destination, a Cox & Kings representative will meet you. You will usually be driven by private car to your hotel, where our representative will assist you checking in, run through your itinerary with you and ensure that everything is to your liking. They will also organise any excursions you book in advance through Cox & Kings, as well as picking you up at the end of your holiday, taking you to the airport and assisting at the airport.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

For each Relax & Explore destination, we have listed a small selection of 'Explore' suggestions; optional experiences and excursions that you may like to try during your stay. These include cultural, historical, wildlife, sporting, adventure, culinary and spa activities, among others, most of which may either be booked in advance through Cox & Kings or locally at the hotel. If an activity cannot be arranged through the hotel and can only be booked in advance through Cox & Kings, our consultants will be able to advise you as long as you have discussed the activities that you are interested in trying prior to booking.

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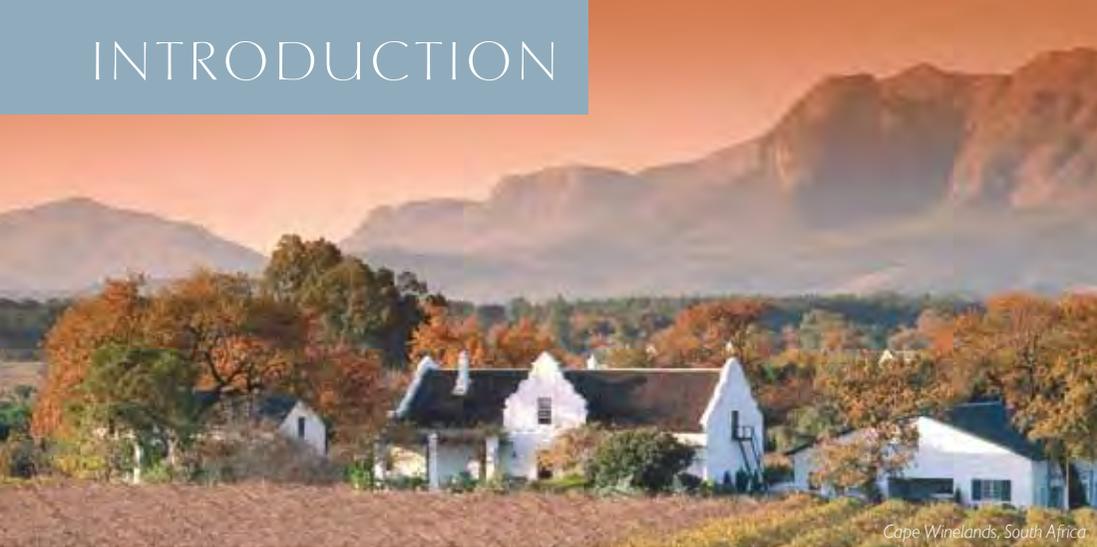
Relax & Explore holidays are ideal for honeymoons and special occasions. If you would like to book a honeymoon with us and ask your family and friends to contribute to it as a wedding present, there are two options available to you with Cox & Kings. We are delighted to have been appointed the exclusive honeymoon provider to the John Lewis Wedding Gift List service. This means that if you set up a gift list at a John

Lewis department store and book a Cox & Kings honeymoon, you can add that honeymoon to your gift list and John Lewis will manage the contributions to that honeymoon as part of its service. Please contact your local John Lewis store for details. Alternatively, Cox & Kings can set up a honeymoon contributions service and manage the contributions made by your family and friends. Please contact your Cox & Kings travel consultant for details of how to set this up.

REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIONS & FLIGHT UPGRADES

Most Relax & Explore holidays are based on flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick airports; however, we are also able to book regional connecting flights from other UK airports on your behalf at competitive prices. Cox & Kings also offers very favourable prices for upgrading to Premium Economy, Business and First Class, where available, and our expert travel consultants will be delighted to provide this information for you. Please see the Flying in Style information on pages 10-11 for more details about specific airlines' premium classes.

INTRODUCTION



Cape Winelands, South Africa

When to go

The best time to travel to a destination is always a subjective judgement. Inevitably, in most parts of the world, the most popular times to visit tend to be when the weather is warm and dry; however, these also tend to be when prices are highest and when key sites are most crowded. If your ideal holiday means avoiding the crowds, you may prefer to travel when the weather is less reliably pleasant. Or, if one of your major interests is the flora and fauna, there may well be seasonal factors to consider, such as migration cycles, or when wildlife is most easily visible. If weather is not your main consideration, we suggest contacting one of our expert travel consultants to discuss the other factors most important to you.

On this page we have presented an at-a-glance guide showing when to travel to all destinations in

this brochure. The ratings used are based entirely on climate considerations, taking into account seasonal average temperatures and rainfall, however, as the world's climate becomes more erratic and prone to extremes, our ratings below should be regarded purely as guidelines rather than as guarantees of conditions at any given time. For more detailed information about the weather in particular places, we have included a table for each destination in this brochure. Alternatively, the following website contains useful information: www.weather2travel.com.

The table to the right uses a traffic light system to rate the weather conditions at different times of year. A green light means that the weather is likely to be at its best; an amber light is good, but not so reliably good; a red light means that the weather is likely to be very hot, cold, or wet.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE												
EUROPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Italy	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cyprus	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Turkey	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MIDDLE EAST	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Oman	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CARIBBEAN	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Barbados	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
St Lucia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Antigua	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Grenada	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
St Kitts & Nevis	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Grenadines	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Jamaica	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bermuda	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
LATIN AMERICA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
The Yucatan, Mexico	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
AFRICA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Morocco	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cape Town, South Africa	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mozambique	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Zanzibar, Tanzania	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
INDIAN OCEAN	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Madagascar	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mauritius	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Seychelles	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Maldives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sri Lanka	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
INDIAN SUBCONTINENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
South India	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
FAR EAST	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Thailand	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Malaysia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
THE PACIFIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Hawaii	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cook Islands	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Fiji	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
French Polynesia	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

● An ideal time to travel. ● A good time to travel. ● Possible to travel, but there are some significant factors to be aware of



Online

In addition to this Relax & Explore brochure, Cox & Kings has also developed a dedicated section of its website, which can be found at: relaxandexplore.co.uk. This site enables you to view all our Relax & Explore ideas in one place, while, for those who may want to combine a Relax & Explore destination with a touring holiday, there is easy access to all Cox & Kings tours, including small groups and private trips.

As we research more destinations, we will frequently add new Relax & Explore holiday ideas to the website. We will also publish special offers online, and it is worth revisiting the website regularly to see where you can benefit from any seasonal deals. You can also sign up to our regular email newsletters, which will alert you to any new special offers as well as news and information from our destinations.



One special feature of our Relax & Explore website is an interactive trip planner. This has been designed as an easy and enjoyable way to narrow down the wide range of options on offer to the ones most suited to your interests. You can simply select your favourite region(s), specify the month(s) you could consider travelling and add in the kind of activities you like to enjoy on your holiday, then we will present you with a shortlist of recommended destinations.

INTRODUCTION



Flying in Style

It is Cox & Kings' policy to use scheduled flights on airlines with strong reputations for service, reliability and punctuality only. Our holidays feature a number of world-class airlines and on these pages we have highlighted six of the best and their different premium services.

On long-haul flights, a little extra room can make a big difference to your comfort and there is a range of different upgrade options. In addition, faster check in and comfortable lounges available to most upgrading passengers allow you to pass through the airport with ease. Cox & Kings also offers excellent add-on prices for those wishing to connect to long-haul flights from regional UK airports.



BRITISH AIRWAYS

With most British Airways tickets you can check in online or at the check-in kiosk, printing your boarding pass and taking your luggage to the Fast Bag Drop desk.

World Traveller Plus benefits: A quiet cabin with a maximum of six rows of seats; a 97cm (38in) seat pitch, wider seat with adjustable headrest, leg rest, footrest and lumbar support, offering more personal space than World Traveller; personal televisions; choice of meals and complimentary bar service.



Club World benefits: Club World customers benefit from dedicated check-in desks, departure and arrival lounges and treatments in the Elemis Travel Spa at London Heathrow. Club World features 183cm (6ft) fully flat beds and Club World seats are 25% wider, with large tables; personal televisions; excellent local and international cuisine is served, along with a dedicated wine cellar; hot and cold snacks and beverages are also available. Club Europe is available to customers flying within Europe on Boeing 747, 767 and 777 aircraft.

First benefits: First customers benefit from dedicated check-in desks, departure and arrival lounges and treatments in the Elemis Travel Spa at London Heathrow. Your exclusive 'suite' creates a private environment; seats convert into a 198cm (6ft 6in) flat bed; duvet, pillows and sleeper suit on overnight services; fold-down companion seat; pre-flight dining is available at London Heathrow. On board, choose from a formal gourmet menu or an informal dining option, accompanied by the finest wines and champagnes.



VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS

With most Virgin Atlantic tickets you can check in online or at the check-in kiosk, printing your boarding pass and taking your luggage directly to the Bag Drop.

Premium Economy benefits: Separate check-in and a dedicated cabin with a maximum of 63 passengers; Premium Economy leather seat, the widest in its class with a width of 53cm (21in) and 97cm (38in) seat pitch, adjustable headrest and footrest; personal television screens; choice of three meals and complimentary drinks.

Upper Class benefits: Separate check-in at Virgin Atlantic's Upper Class Wing; quick transfer through Virgin Atlantic's Private Security Channel to the Clubhouse Lounge, which offers complimentary meals, drinks and treatments; the Upper Class Suite is one of the longest fully flat beds in Business Class, at 56cm (22in) wide and more than 198cm (6ft 6in) long, all seats have direct aisle access; Freedom Menu allows you to dine when you wish; onboard bar; personal 26cm (10in) widescreen television.



Aerial view of the Maldives



THAI INTERNATIONAL

Royal Silk Class benefits: Separate check-in and access to lounges; flat beds offered between Heathrow and Bangkok, which are 193cm (6ft 3in) long with a seat pitch of 152cm (60in) and width of 51 cm (20in); personal television screens with audio video on demand and views from exterior cameras on take off and landing; choice of Thai and continental meals and open complimentary bar.



EMIRATES

Business Class benefits: Complimentary airport chauffeur-drive service (distance restrictions apply); priority check-in and exclusive airport lounge access; seats with lumbar support, adjustable winged headrests and footrests; seats convert into lie-flat beds with up to 201 cm (6ft 7in) pitch; up to 43cm (17in) personal digital television screens; 5-star gourmet cuisine with award-winning wines.



SRI LANKAN AIRLINES

Business Class benefits: Complimentary airport limousine service for clients within a 160km (100-mile) radius of Heathrow; separate check-in; seats with adjustable footrest, headrest and lumbar support; a 147-152cm (58-60in) seat pitch, with a recline angle of 30-46 degrees; personal television screens; choice of western and eastern meals with wine and champagne.



AIR SEYCHELLES

Pearl Class benefits: Separate check-in and access to lounges; seats that convert into a flat bed with a 172cm (5ft 8in) length; spacious aircraft cabin featuring 2-2-2 seating; built-in massage functions; handheld personal television screens with audio video on demand; choice of local and international fine cuisine accompanied by fine wines and champagnes.



San Gimignano



Monteriggioni



Cafe board, Florence

Tuscany

Tuscany is the warm heart of Italy and the cradle of the Renaissance. Its glorious rolling countryside, delightful climate, chianti wines, delicious cuisine, enchanting cities, towns and villages, and fine art have been attracting travellers for centuries. The options for day trips are endless, with the likes of Siena, Florence, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni and Pienza all within easy range of our suggested hotels.

Relax...



Castel Monastero

Castel Monastero

Set in the vineyards and chestnut groves of the Ombrone valley, the origins of this walled hamlet date back to the 11th century, when it was used as a monastery. Rooms are furnished in traditional rural Tuscan style with views over the six and a half hectares (16 acres) of landscaped gardens, the central piazza or the magnificent Tuscan countryside.

Accommodation: 75 air-conditioned rooms and suites

Features: Two pools • Two restaurants • Spa • Tennis
2012 prices from: £1,285pp (22 Mar – 30 Apr & 1 Oct – 9 Dec); £1,425pp (1 May – 30 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, 6 days car hire & Superior room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Villa Mangiacane

Villa Mangiacane

This magnificent 15th-century villa is set in 240 hectares (600 acres) of vineyards and olive groves on a beautiful hill shaded by cypress trees, providing extraordinary views of Florence, the Duomo, and the Tuscan countryside. The rooms are filled with original artwork and furniture from around the globe and look out to the countryside, gardens or vineyards.

Accommodation: 28 air-conditioned rooms and suites

Features: Three pools • Two restaurants • Spa
2012 prices from: £865pp (1-30 Apr & 4-30 Nov); £995pp (2 Oct – 3 Nov); £1,455pp (1 May – 1 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, 6 days car hire & Classic room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Duomo, Florence



Abbazia di Sant'Antimo II and vineyard



Villa Cicolina

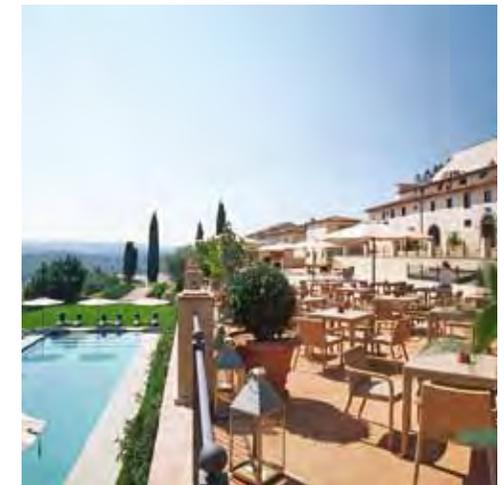
Villa Cicolina

Villa Cicolina is situated on a hill just outside the ancient town of Montepulciano amid much history and varied landscapes, and near to the cities of Siena and Perugia, as well as the vineyards of Chianti. The hotel has large private gardens that enclose a swimming pool and jacuzzi and is surrounded by olive groves. There is an extensive wine cellar where you can try wine tasting, while cooking classes are available at the hotel's restaurant.

Accommodation: 11 rooms

Features: Restaurant • Wine tasting • Swimming pool • Massages

2012 prices from: £815pp (4 Apr – 25 May & 11 Sep – 31 Oct); £845pp (26 May – 10 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, 6 days car hire & Classical room for 5 nights, with breakfast



Castello del Nero

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Castello del Nero is a de luxe boutique hotel located in Tavarnelle Val di Pesa in the heart of the Chianti wine area. A magnificent 12th-century castle, it is a typical example of a noble residence in the Tuscan countryside. The 50 rooms and suites afford the amenities and comfort of the most luxurious of hotels, the spa offers the latest in holistic treatments and La Torre gourmet restaurant presents the perfect setting for a real Tuscan food and wine experience.

Accommodation: 50 rooms

Features: Gourmet restaurant • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Nearby vineyards

2012 prices from: £1,145pp (4 Apr – 31 Jul & 1 Sep – 14 Oct); £1,215pp (1-31 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, 6 days car hire & Tuscan room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Siena



& Explore

Food & wine

In all four hotels, a series of cookery courses are organised and run by renowned Italian chefs and wine waiters, teaching how to create a rustic Tuscan lunch or an exclusive fine dinner. Their cellars hold the best Tuscan and Chianti wines, while wine tours and tastings at many of the renowned Chianti vineyards can also be arranged.

Local towns

Some of Tuscany's most beautiful towns and villages can be explored from this area. Surrounded by well-preserved city walls, Siena is filled with fine examples of gothic architecture and at its heart lies the Duomo di Siena and magnificent Piazza del Campo. Florence's spectacular array of art and architecture speaks for itself and it is also home to excellent restaurants and shops.

In addition, the Unesco world heritage site of San Gimignano, 13th-century Monteriggioni and Volterra – an ancient centre of Etruscan and medieval art – are all close by.

The Tuscan experience

The Tuscan hills and Chianti countryside lend themselves to several ways of exploration. Keen walkers will love strolling through the gorgeous landscapes and city squares, and cyclists can wheel around discovering villages, farmhouses and castles. For the car enthusiast, hiring a performance car for the day, to take advantage of some of the most beautiful driving scenery in Europe, is an experience second to none.

Not to be missed

- The **Palio di Siena** bareback horse race in the Piazza del Campo takes place in July and August.
- **Musicale Fiorentino** – the oldest opera festival in Italy, runs from April to June.
- **Spa options** include an extensive range of massages, therapies and wellness programmes.
- **Historic Arezzo** stages a 500-exhibitor antiques fair on the first weekend of each month.
- Each Wednesday and Saturday, **Pistoia** hosts a lively market in the Piazza del Duomo.
- **Food & drink** – wine tours, tastings and traditional local cuisine of Italy, in this area in particular, are world-renowned.

Travel information

- **Local airport:** Pisa.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 2 hours 15 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Castello del Nero is 45 minutes from Pisa, Villa Mangiacane takes 1 hour, Castel Monastero takes 2 hours and Villa Cicolina takes 2 hours 20 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +1 hour.
- **Combinations:** City breaks in Florence, Siena or Lucca.

Local weather

FLORENCE	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	11	12	16	19	24	28	32	31	27	21	15	11
Min av temp (C)	2	3	5	8	12	15	18	18	15	11	6	3
Av rain (mm)	68	57	69	79	74	53	31	54	72	92	113	86



Capri



Amalfi coast



Statue, Pompeii

Amalfi

Acclaimed as one of the most beautiful stretches of scenery in the Mediterranean, the Amalfi coast has attracted visitors for centuries; with breathtaking views across the Bay of Naples to the island of Capri, proximity to a wealth of historic sites, such as Pompeii and Herculaneum, and the picturesque hill top towns of Positano and Ravello.

Relax...



Luna Convento

Luna Convento

This converted 13th-century convent has a cloister in the heart of the complex that was founded by St Francis of Assisi. The coastal location provides stunning views across the Amalfi coast, with the hotel's two restaurants looking out over the waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Ideal for enjoying moments of pure relaxation.

Accommodation: 45 rooms and suites

Features: Two restaurants • Pool • Piano bar

2012 prices from: £675pp (3 Jan – 30 Apr); £825pp (1-31 May & 1-31 Oct); £945pp (1 Jun – 30 Sep).

Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Santa Caterina

Santa Caterina

This 5-star family run member of the 'Leading Small Hotels of the World' group is located on the cliff-top with impressive views of the Tyrrhenian Sea and is close to the centre of Amalfi. A converted villa, the beautifully-appointed guestrooms, in both the main building or Villa Santa Cterina, are stylishly decorated throughout.

Accommodation: 66 air-conditioned rooms

Features: Spa • Two restaurants • Pool • Gym

2012 prices from: £1,185pp (10-19 Apr); £1,385pp (20 Apr – 25 May & 1-31 Oct); £1,645pp (26 May – 30 Sep).

Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Balcony Sea View room for 5 nights, with breakfast

& Explore

Pompeii & Herculaneum

The excavated remains of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Villa Oplontis, destroyed in 79AD when Mount Vesuvius erupted, provide a special glimpse into that lost world. Walk down Roman streets, peek into shops and read the ancient graffiti.

The Islands of Capri and Ischia

The islands in the Bay of Naples can be reached by any one of the numerous ferries and hydrofoils that operate daily. For Capri, the highlights are the little harbour of Marina Piccola, the Carthusian monastery and Villa Jovis, the imperial villa from which Tiberius ruled. The island of Ischia is larger, with beautiful gardens at La Mortella.

Naples

With its grand bay and Mount Vesuvius in the background, Naples is a truly magnificent city. The old town is full of striking palaces, narrow alleyways, a lively clamour and loud street hawkers. The cathedral, Castel Nuovo, Palazzo Reale and the Teatro San Carlo are all worth seeing.



Wall Mosaic of Neptune & Amphitrite, Herculaneum, Naples

Not to be missed

- **Amalfi Drive** – one of the most scenic coastal drives in the world.
- **Mount Vesuvius** – famous for its devastating eruption in 79AD.
- **Sorrento** – world famous holiday destination overlooking the Bay of Naples.
- **Positano** – the coast's most expensive and photogenic town.
- **Ravello festival** – classical and jazz concerts from June to September.
- **Capri** – the high society island retreat is easily accessible from the mainland.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Naples.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Luna Convento and Santa Caterina are approximately 1 hour from Naples.
- **Time difference:** GMT +1 hour.
- **Combinations:** Day excursions to the islands in the Bay of Naples can be booked from your hotel.

Local weather

AMALFI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	14	14	17	19	24	28	31	31	27	23	18	14
Min av temp (C)	5	5	7	9	14	18	20	20	17	13	9	6
Av rain (mm)	84	69	104	111	47	46	33	38	98	130	125	121



Isola Bella



Acropolis



Taormina

Sicily

Located on the edge of a cliff, Sicily's best known resort, Taormina, overlooks Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. A well-preserved medieval town with a wealth of cultural attractions, highlights include Teatro Greco, a Greek amphitheatre built in the third century BC, Villa Comunale, sandy beaches and a wide range of restaurants. Meanwhile, the city gardens are home to a beautiful array of Mediterranean vegetation.

Relax...



Casa Turchetti

Casa Turchetti

The three-storey Casa Turchetti is a family-run hotel with five guestrooms furnished with antique Sicilian pieces from the 19th century. Located in the heart of Taormina, it is situated in one of the most beautiful buildings of the period's Taorminese architectural style and once belonged to the Opera Pia nuns.

Accommodation: Five air-conditioned rooms

Features: Terrace offering excellent views of the Greek theatre and Mount Etna

2012 prices from: £775pp (1 Apr – 25 May & 12 Sep – 31 Oct); £830pp (26 May – 11 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Balcony room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Grand Hotel Timeo

Grand Hotel Timeo

Located adjacent to the Greek theatre in Taormina, this Orient Express hotel has just 70 rooms, all decorated with Italian flare, landscaped gardens and views of the coastline and Mount Etna. Known as one of Italy's most glamorous retreats, the restaurant serves some of Italy's most acclaimed cuisine.

Accommodation: 70 rooms

Features: Heated swimming pool • Restaurant • Snack bar • Wellness and fitness centre • Shuttle to beach

2012 prices from: £1,285pp (23 Mar – 23 May); £1,595pp (24 May – 20 Oct); Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Classic standard room for 5 nights, with breakfast.

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Ancient sites

The Valley of the Temples, outside Agrigento, is one of the most atmospheric sites of the ancient world. Among the ruins, the Temple of Concordia is one of the world's best-preserved Doric temples. Further north on the south-west coast, Selinute, flanked by golden beaches, is one of the most important archaeological sites in the Mediterranean, with the most extraordinary ruins. Elsewhere, Syracuse has retained many fascinating sights and Palermo's Norman and Arabic history can be seen in the Palazzo del Normanni fortress, the Palpatine chapel and church of San Giovanni degli Eremiti.

Local towns

Many delightful smaller towns and villages can also be easily explored. For example, the seaside town of Sciacca has wonderful Mediterranean views and a medieval centre with several notable churches, castles and piazzas. Set on a gentle slope facing the sea and Mount Catalfano, Bagheria is renowned for its 18th-century palaces and sumptuous buildings. The historic hill-town of Caltabellotta offers panoramic views across to Agrigento and Mount Etna. Close to Palermo, the hill town of Monreale is known for its remarkable Duomo, built by William II in the 12th century.

Mount Etna

Travel through some of Sicily's most scenic villages to the foothills of Mount Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe, which has been erupting for several million years. Walk to the Silvestri crater, at a height of 1,900 metres, or take a 4x4 excursion across the lava flow to an altitude of 3,000 metres.

Not to be missed

- **Art, architecture** and archaeological treasures.
- **Giardino Pubblico** – this hidden gem of beautiful gardens is little visited.
- The **cable car** down from Taormina to Isola Bella – the 'beautiful island'.
- The **Valley of the Temples** outside Agrigento.
- **Erice**, one of Italy's most spectacular hill towns.
- **Sicilian cuisine** – so varied due to the island's location and diverse heritage.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Catania.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 3 hours.
- **Transfers:** 40 to 50 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +1 hour.

Local weather

PALERMO	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	16	16	17	20	24	27	30	30	28	25	21	18
Min av temp (C)	8	8	9	11	14	18	21	21	19	16	12	10
Av rain (mm)	71	43	50	49	19	9	2	18	41	77	71	62



Cyprus

The beautiful Mediterranean island of Cyprus, known as Aphrodite's island of love, is fascinating to explore with a rich and varied history, picturesque villages and wonderful scenery. See the Unesco world heritage site of the Tombs of Kings or explore the Troodos mountains, which offer a welcome respite from the heart of Mediterranean coast. The island is fringed with beautiful beaches and several small coastal resorts provide seclusion and exclusivity. Indulge in one of the island's many spas, relax in a warm jacuzzi and unwind surrounded by stunning scenery.

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Aquamare Beach Hotel & Spa

Aquamare Beach Hotel & Spa

This hotel is close to Paphos' renowned fishing harbour and the city centre. Guestrooms and suites have been stylishly designed, all affording ocean or inland views. The hotel's restaurants offer a large selection of local and exotic dishes, and a pool bar and cocktail lounge provide plenty of refreshing options.

Accommodation: 134 air-conditioned rooms and suites

Features: Indoor and outdoor pools • Three restaurants • Spa • Fitness centre • Tennis court

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer; 10% reduction on room cost when booked by 31 March 2012 (shown in price listed)

2012 prices from: £575pp (1-30 Apr): £675pp (1 May – 10 Jul & 22 Aug – 31 Oct): £765pp (11 Jul – 21 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Anassa Hotel

Anassa Hotel

Anassa is a luxury 5-star hotel resort, set on a secluded hillside on the eastern Mediterranean. The resort's classical low-rise buildings and tropical gardens are arranged in an area of outstanding natural beauty around an idyllic village square, complete with a Byzantine chapel, and magnificent spa. The 175 rooms, all with balconies, are elegantly furnished.

Accommodation: 175 rooms and suites

Features: Two pools • Restaurant • Spa • Fitness centre • Tennis • Squash

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer; £75pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £1,475pp (1 Apr – 31 Jul & 1 Sep – 31 Oct): £1,695pp (1-31 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden View room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Simple Cyprus

There are various spa and health facilities at the island's luxury properties and both the suggested hotels have excellent spas available for all guests, with a variety of treatments on offer. The island also features a number of golf courses to suit all abilities. There are 18-hole championship courses offering a perfect mix of challenging bunkers and tiered greens, and fully equipped golf academies offering a variety of lessons to improve your long or short game.

Spectacular Cyprus

Home to a rich and varied history, attractive villages and spectacular scenery, Cyprus is just waiting to be explored. Visit Kolossi castle and its ornate mosaics, whose origins date back to the Knights of St John, or the House of Dionysos and the Unesco world heritage site of the Tomb of Kings, which dates back to the fourth century BC. Meanwhile, the Kykko monastery in the Troodos mountains contains a wealth of Byzantine and ecclesiastical artefacts. The unspoilt Akamas Nature Reserve, in the north-west has some dramatic coastal scenery, as well as secluded beaches and a turtle sanctuary at Lara beach.

The Wine Route

Paphos is at the heart of Cyprus' historic wine producing region. There are several wine routes to explore, visiting a variety of wineries and providing the opportunity to try the oldest wine still in production – Commandaria. This sweet, sticky and strong dessert wine was perfected by the Knights of St John in the 11th century and has been much prized throughout the Mediterranean ever since.

Not to be missed

- **Kykko monastery** – founded in the 11th century.
- **Tomb of the Kings** – dating from the fourth century BC and located north-west of Paphos.
- **Paphos** – often described as an open-air museum.
- **Nicosia** – a living reminder of the island's turbulent past.
- Experience a **luxury spa**.
- **Troodos massif** – home to Cyprus' highest peak, Mt Olympus.

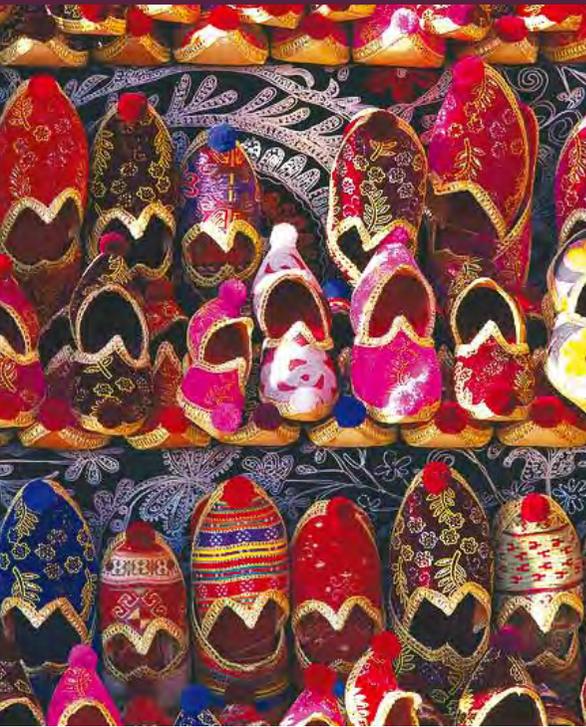
Need to know

- **Local airport:** Paphos.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** The Aquamare is 15 minutes from Paphos and the Anassa is 45 minutes from Paphos.
- **Time difference:** GMT +4 hours.

Local weather

NICOSIA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	15	16	19	23	29	33	37	36	32	28	22	17
Min av temp (C)	6	6	7	11	16	20	23	22	19	16	11	7
Av rain (mm)	76	45	36	18	22	9	1	2	10	25	33	68

TURKEY



Bodrum Castle, Bodrum



Taurus mountains



Kaputas beach, Antalya,

Turkey

The Turkish coast is an ideal place to combine relaxation with exploration of some of Turkey's most fascinating jewels of history. The 1,400km long Turkish riviera is home to resorts such as Bodrum and Antalya, as well as many picturesque secluded bays and fine white sandy beaches that stretch along both the Aegean and Mediterranean seas. The Taurus mountains form the backdrop to much of the coastline, with many ancient ruins and world heritage sites located among the towns.

Relax...



Alp Pasa, Antalya

Alp Pasa, Antalya

The main buildings of the boutique Alp Pasa Hotel consist of authentic Konak houses dating from the mid 18th and early 19th centuries. Built in the Ottoman style, they were originally used by wealthy merchants to receive their visitors. Each of the 73 rooms is unique in original details, decorations and fabrics. The main hotel restaurant offers alfresco dining during the summer months and a mixture of Turkish and international cuisine.

Accommodation: 73 rooms

Features: Restaurant • Bar • Swimming pool • Turkish bath • 4x4 safaris • Nearby golf

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £75pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £625pp (1 Apr – 16 Jun); £675pp (17 Jun – 31 Aug & 1-31 Oct); £765pp (1-30 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard Ottoman room for 7 nights, half board.



Macakizi, Bodrum

Macakizi, Bodrum

This elegant hotel blends gentle sophistication with mellow charm; its 81 rooms, housed in a series of stone and white-washed cottages, spilling down a hillside to the sea. Simple rooms are furnished in shades of cream, some facing the sea, others offering views of the landscaped gardens. There is a small swimming pool halfway down the hill, while, down at the jetties, the open-air restaurant serves up refreshing cocktails and modern Turkish cuisine.

Accommodation: 81 rooms

Features: Restaurant • Bar • Pool • Turkish bath • 4x4 salons • Nearby golf

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £75pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £835pp (10 Apr – 13 Jun); £1,245pp (14 Jun – 5 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Upper Deck Garden View room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Antalya

A centre of ancient history and modern Turkish culture, the fascinating harbour city of Antalya is located on the shores of the Mediterranean. At its heart lies the Rona-Ottoman quarter of Kaleici, with its maze of narrow streets and breathtaking views of the Bey mountains, the picturesque Roman harbour and the pristine waters in between. Antalya also has some of the country's finest restaurants, one of its most impressive archaeological museums and some of its best-preserved Ottoman architecture.

Bodrum

Jutting out into the Aegean Sea in the south-west corner of Turkey, the Bodrum peninsula blends pine and oleander hills, lush olive groves and mandarin meadows with colourful Turkish fishing villages and ancient ruins, all lapped by sparkling turquoise seas. A playground for Turkish celebrities, Bodrum is the peninsula's largest town, a picturesque and bustling port filled with lively clubs and excellent shopping, dominated by the ancient Bodrum Castle.

Aspendos & Side

Within a short drive of Antalya are Aspendos and Side. The former was an ancient Roman-Greco city, which, it is said, was founded by the Greeks in about 1,000BC. It was later surrendered to the Romans and is today renowned for its 12,000-seat amphitheatre that is still used for opera and ballet performances. The pretty coastal resort of Side is located about 15km east of Antalya. Its picturesque harbour, chic shops and trendy bars blend with the ancient sites, which include the temples of Apollo and Athena.

Not to be missed

- **Demre** – coastal town near Antalya where the legend of Santa Claus originated.
- **4x4 safari** – journey out from Antalya to the Taurus mountains.
- **The caves of Antalya** – a number of fascinating caves within an easy drive.
- **Bodrum Castle** – the castle and its museum tell a tale of Bodrum's history.
- **Bodrum's Tuesday Market** – a chance for some haggling.
- **Gumusluk** – a delightful fishing village where Myndos was sited.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Antalya or Bodrum.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 4 hours 15 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 30 minutes from local airport to hotel.
- **Time difference:** GMT +2 hours.
- **Combinations:** City break in Istanbul or Cappadocia.

Local weather

ANTALYA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	15	15	15	22	26	31	35	34	31	27	21	16
Min av temp (C)	5	6	7	10	14	19	22	22	18	14	10	7
Av rain (mm)	196	131	93	64	27	7	3	2	12	86	174	259

BODRUM	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	15	15	17	21	26	31	34	34	30	26	20	16
Min av temp (C)	8	8	10	13	17	21	24	23	21	17	13	10
Av rain (mm)	73	70	80	33	12	14	10	7	7	26	79	108

TURKEY



Turkish Riviera

Travelling on a fully crewed traditional Turkish fishing boat, known as a gulet, is a superb way to see the natural and historical attractions of the Turkish riviera. Undertaken on a private basis, you are free to sail or moor for as long as you wish.

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Fetiye, Olu Deniz

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Turkish gulet

Gulets

This traditional twin- or triple-masted fishing boat, found in the south-west of Turkey, is usually constructed from wood and equipped with an engine as well as sails. Gulets vary in length from 14 to 40 metres, have a spacious sundeck and wooden finishings of teak and mahogany. Gulet cruises enable passengers to sample the local cuisine and atmosphere of the towns along the coast. All boats are fully crewed with various itinerary options and routes available.

Accommodation: Boats vary from three to 10 air conditioned cabins

Features: Fully crewed • En suite facilities • Sundeck • All meals included

2012 prices from: £3,245pp (1 Apr – 30 Sep): Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & cabin on fully crewed gulet for 7 nights, full board.

& Explore

Sample journey – The Lycian Cruise

Day 1 – To Gocek: Fly to Dalaman airport and transfer to the village of Gocek, a 30-minute drive away. Enjoy a welcome cocktail aboard the ship before departing for Gocek island.

Day 2 – Gemiler: Depart and cruise to the Oludeniz lagoon, surrounded by mountains and golden sandy beaches. Late afternoon cruise to Gemiler island, known for its Byzantine remains.

Day 3 – Bayindir: Early morning departure to Kas, where a number of Lycian tombs have been carved into the hillside. Stay overnight in Bayindir harbour.

Day 4 – Kas: Day in Kas, exploring the Lycian remains. Visit Ucagiz Bay and Kale village.

Day 5 – Kalkan: After breakfast, sail to Kalkan, a fishing village with a range of antique and carpet shops.

Day 6 – Fethiye: Depart from Kalkan in an air-conditioned minibus for Xanthos, the birthplace of Bishop Nicholas of Myra and then travel to Patara, home to an 11km-long beach. Continue to Letoon; this ancient city has temples of Apollo, Artemis and Leto as well as ruins of a Hellenistic theatre.

Day 7 – Gocek: Visit Sarsala Bay before continuing to Gocek. Last night on board.

Day 8 – To London: Leave the boat and transfer to the airport at Dalaman.



Fethiye

GULET CRUISE INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- **Hidden Turkey** – visiting areas only accessible by sea.
- **Lycian remains** in Kas.
- **Oludeniz lagoon.**
- Letoon – home to **ancient temples.**
- The **11km-long beach** at Patara.
- **Food and wine** – fresh, simple and hearty fare, with the option of dining ashore.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Dalaman.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 4 hours 15 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Bodrum airport to Gocek takes about 30 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +2 hours.
- **Combinations:** City break in Istanbul.

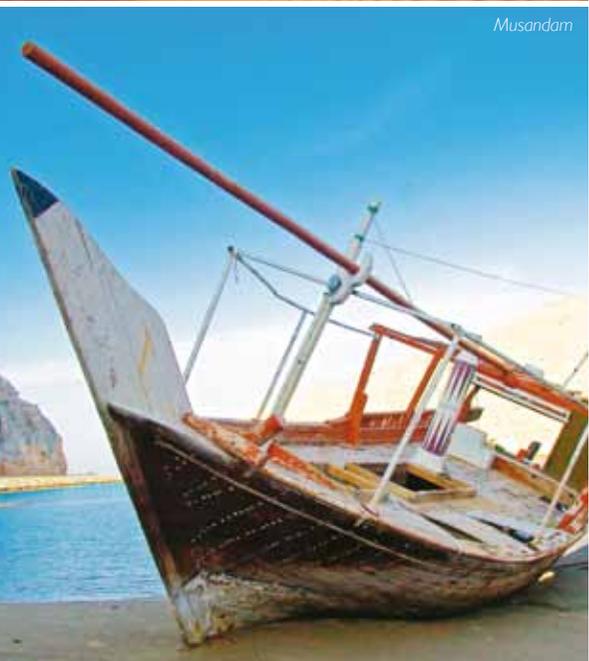
Local weather

ANTALYA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	15	15	15	22	26	31	35	34	31	27	21	16
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Av rain (mm)	196	131	93	64	27	7	3	2	12	86	174	259

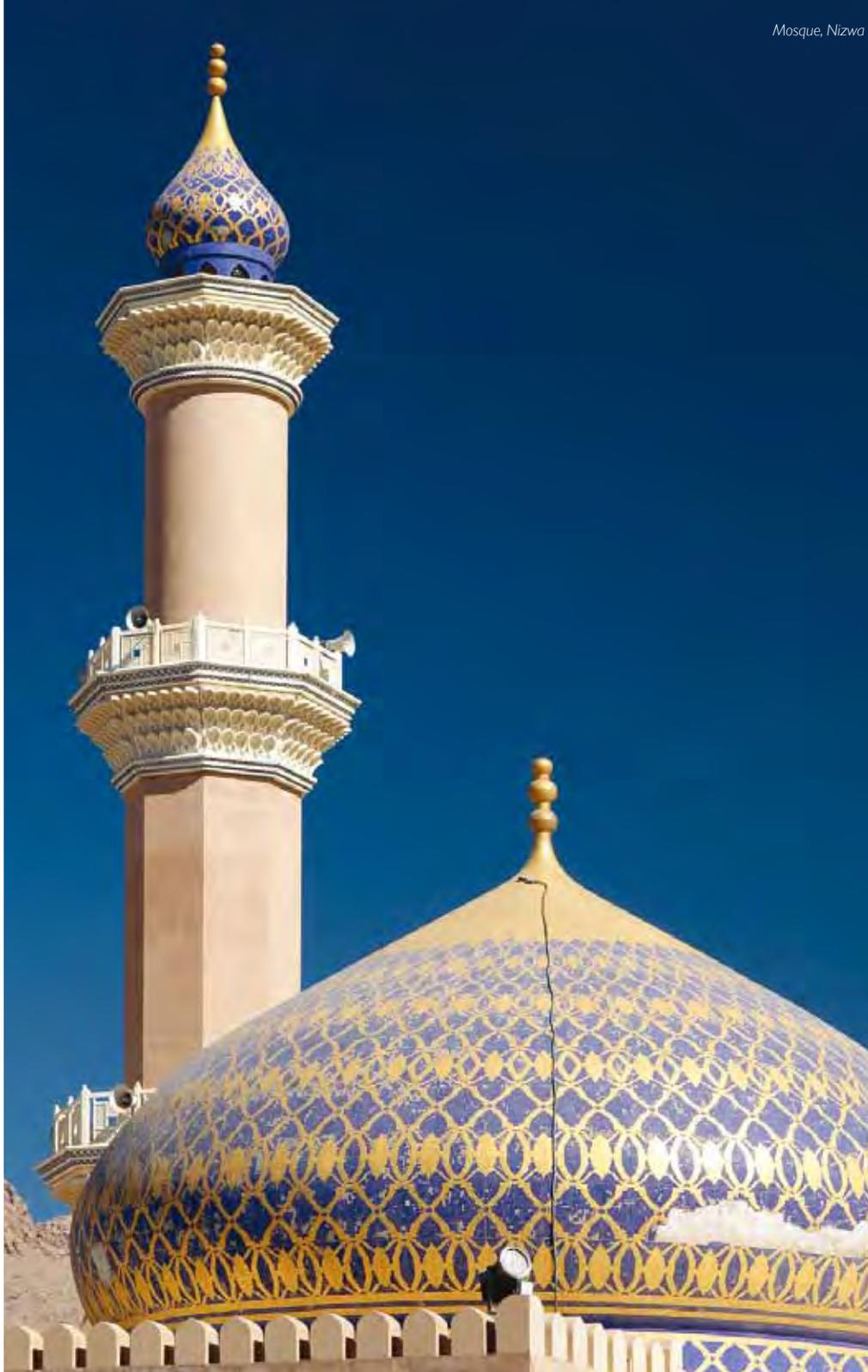
BODRUM	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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Min av temp (C)	8	8	10	13	17	21	24	23	21	17	13	10
Av rain (mm)	73	70	80	33	12	14	10	7	7	26	79	108



Empty Quarter



Musandam



Oman

With its blend of natural beauty, well-preserved Arabic heritage and warm hospitality, Oman is emerging as one of the most rewarding Middle East destinations for the discerning traveller. Its magnificent forts and palaces, the rolling dunes of the deserts and the stunning Al Hoota caves are waiting to be explored. When it's time to relax, the lively capital city of Muscat, with its four distinctly different districts, is home to some of the most luxurious resort hotels imaginable.

Relax...



Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa

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This magnificent resort hotel is set in 50 hectares (124 acres) of landscaped gardens in a private bay about 15 minutes' drive from the city. Shangri-La comprises three hotels – Al Waha, Al Bandar and the adult-only Al Husn – all connected by a lazy river and sharing numerous restaurants, lounges, pool bars and seven swimming pools. Chi is one of the Middle East's finest spas, where guests can enjoy the Chi Water Oasis in the tranquil inner sanctum.

Accommodation: 640 rooms

Features: Eight restaurants • Six lounges and bars • Seven swimming pools • Lazy river • Chi Spa • Gym • Sauna • Tennis • Non-motorised water activities • Children's club

Cox & Kings added value: Free nights throughout the year – please call for details.

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (8 Jan – 30 Mar); £1,945pp (31 Mar – 20 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Six Senses Zighy Bay

Six Senses Zighy Bay

To the extreme north of Oman, Musandam's mountainous backdrop and coastline are the idyllic setting for Six Senses Zighy Bay, truly a resort for the indulgent. Its famed award-winning spa presents an array of pampering treatments and therapies, guaranteed to put you in the mood for relaxation. The luxurious villas, each with its own infinity pool, lead directly on to the sands. Then, when it's time to eat, the three restaurants offer delicious fine dining.

Accommodation: 79 villas

Features: Three restaurants • Two bars • Swimming pool • Six Senses Spa • Two hammams • Library • Gym • Tennis • Non-motorised water activities

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for the price of 5 from 16 Apr to 30 Sep 2012; 7 nights for the price of 6 from 11 Jan to 15 Apr and 1 to 31 Oct 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,695pp (16 Apr – 30 Sep); £2,495pp (5 Jan – 15 Apr & 1-31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Pool villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Mutrah souk

The districts of Mutrah and Muscat offer a glimpse of authentic Arabia, with atmospheric waterfronts and alleyways. You may encounter a gentle and polite enquiry as to whether you care to purchase any manner of goods on offer as you stroll through Muscat's oldest market, where rows of shops line the winding alleys. Visit in the morning or late afternoon and take your time to explore this fascinating area and soak up the atmosphere.

Forts and castles

Oman has more than 500 forts, castles and towers scattered throughout the country, built along the 1,700km of coastline to provide protection from potential invaders. There are varying architectural styles, depending on the period, and some of the finest examples can be found at the forts of Al Jalali and Al Mirani, which date from the 16th century and stand in Muscat Bay.

The Musandam Peninsula

A short flight or about a four-hour drive north of Muscat, the peninsula of Musandam is separated from the rest of the country by the United Arab Emirates. Its rough mountains overlook the Strait of Hormuz and the area has a beautiful fjord-like coastline. From Musandam's capital, Khasab, a popular tour is by traditional dhow along the coast. Alternatively, a 4x4 safari into the barren interior will show you a contrasting aspect of the governorate.

Not to be missed

- Nakhl and Rustaq castles – near Muscat.
- Muscat's Grand Mosque – one of the largest in the region.
- Omani Museum and Sultan's Palace, Muscat.
- Dune bashing in the desert.
- Barka fish market.
- The Muscat festival – held between January and February.

Need to Know

- Local airport: Muscat.
- Flying time: Approximately 7 hours.
- Transfers: 30 minutes to Shangri-La from Muscat; 20 minutes to Zighy Bay from Khasab.
- Time difference: GMT +3 hours.
- Combinations: Stop over for a few nights en route to the Maldives.

Local weather

MUSCAT	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	25	26	29	34	39	40	38	36	35	34	30	27
Min av temp (C)	17	18	20	24	29	30	30	28	27	24	21	18
Av rain (mm)	11	12	38	15	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	11



Bottom bay, Barbados



Bridgetown, Barbados



Parliament buildings, Barbados

Barbados

Barbados has long been one of the most popular of all Caribbean destinations for the British holidaymaker and from the moment you arrive, it's clear to see why. The famed west coast beaches, the rugged eastern shoreline, numerous points of interest and an array of top restaurants are all complemented by the genuine warmth and friendliness of the Bajan citizens and a climate that is ideal for relaxing and enjoying the gentle ambience.

Relax...



The Sandpiper



Tamarind by Elegant Hotels

The Sandpiper

An informal boutique hotel and sister property to the larger Coral Reef Club, the Sandpiper extends a warm welcome to guests staying among its three hectares (seven acres) of tropical gardens on Barbados' west coast. The bedrooms are spacious and dotted around the grounds, providing easy access to the beach. Dining is a speciality here and the award-winning restaurant is located by the torch-lit pool. There are plenty of activities on hand and, when it's time to cool off, Harry's Bar is a favourite spot.

Accommodation: 48 garden rooms, one and two-bedroom suites

Features: Restaurant • Cocktail bar • Pool • Water sports • Tennis • Gym • Use of spa at Coral Reef Club

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 1 Jun to 27 Jun 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,625pp (25 Apr – 13 Jul); £1,945pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,625pp (5 Jun – 24 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

Tamarind by Elegant Hotels

Located on Barbados' west coast and within walking distance of a number of local bars and restaurants, Tamarind by Elegant Hotels is a stylish boutique hotel, blending Mediterranean influences with a traditional Caribbean style. The guestrooms and suites feature state-of-the-art amenities and many have a balcony or patio with sea views. Tamarind's open-air restaurant serves breakfast and afternoon tea and, as well as all-day dining, there is a late-night tapas lounge.

Accommodation: 104 guestrooms and suites

Features: Two restaurants • Tapas bar • Cocktail bar • Two swimming pools • Water sports • Spa • Fitness centre • Free shuttle to Bridgetown

Cox & Kings added value: Save up to £300pp for arrivals till 30 Sep 2012, when booked by 31 Jan 2012.

2012 2012 prices from: £1,645pp (18 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec 2012); £1,795pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug 2012); £2,295pp (8 Jan – 17 Apr 2012). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Pool / Garden View room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Lighthouse, South Point, Barbados



Cobblers Cove

Cobblers Cove

Enjoying a wonderful setting on Barbados' north-west coast, Cobblers Cove combines the quaint elegance of an English country house with lush tropical beauty. A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux group, the hotel has an intimate, informal atmosphere, with its rooms dotted around the grounds surrounding the original house. The calm waters are excellent for swimming, and historic Speightstown is within walking distance.

Accommodation: 40 air-conditioned suites including two with rooftop terraces and private plunge pools

Features: Award-winning restaurant • Cocktail bar • Swimming pool • Treatment rooms • Tennis court • Water sports • Children's activities • Complimentary afternoon tea

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 1 May to 31 Aug (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,825pp (16 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,995pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,995pp (6 Jan – 15 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Coral Reef Club

Coral Reef Club

With a beachfront location on Barbados' west coast, set amid five hectares (12 acres) of tropical landscaped gardens, Coral Reef Club is a quiet and secluded family-owned resort with a traditional West Indian charm. Dotted among the grounds, the guestrooms have individually designed interiors and enjoy garden, pool or ocean views. The plantation and luxury cottage suites have the added feature of their own private plunge pool.

Accommodation: 88 rooms, suites and cottages, each with a private balcony or terrace

Features: A la carte alfresco restaurant • Cocktail bar • Two swimming pools • Spa with four treatment rooms • Tennis court • Complimentary water sports • Live evening entertainment

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 18 Jul to 31 Aug (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,645pp (18 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,795pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Pool / Garden View room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Gentle pursuits

The warm Bajan hospitality immediately puts visitors at ease and the famed west coast beaches are ideal for soporific sunbathing. If you want to take to the waters, sit back aboard a catamaran cruise and get a completely different perspective of the island. Cricket fans can be sure to find a game on somewhere, whether at Bridgetown's Kensington Oval or at a local village green.

Discover Barbados

One of the Caribbean's natural wonders, Harrison's cave is a crystallised limestone cavern, its flowing streams adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. The Barbados green monkey is one of numerous exotic animals on show at the Wildlife Reserve while the capital of Bridgetown houses many historic buildings and colourful boutiques. In stark contrast to the west, a drive along the rugged east coast takes you above the crashing waves of the Atlantic.

Fish-fry Friday

A highlight of any trip to Barbados is a Friday or Saturday night visit to the Oistins fishing community, when the fish-fry offers a chance to enjoy the very best in local produce. Holetown, on the west coast, is a lively spot at night and, for another great dining experience, The Fish Pot not only serves delicious food, but also has a fabulous setting within a converted fort overlooking the ocean.

BARBADOS INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- **Oistins fishing village** and lively Holetown.
- **Andromeda Botanic Gardens** and Barbados Wildlife Reserve.
- **Harrison's cave.**
- **Bridgetown** – lively and historical capital of the island.
- **Swim with the turtles** or view the marine life with Atlantis Submarines.
- **Food & drink** – try cou cou (a mixture of cornmeal and okra) and flying fish, the national dish.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Bridgetown.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** All hotels are approximately 40 to 50 minutes from the airport.
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combinations:** A short hop over to the Grenadines.

Local weather

BRIDGETOWN	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	28	28	29	30	31	31	30	31	31	30	29	28
Min av temp (C)	21	21	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	22
Av rain (mm)	66	28	33	36	58	112	147	147	170	178	206	97



Six Men's Bay, Barbados



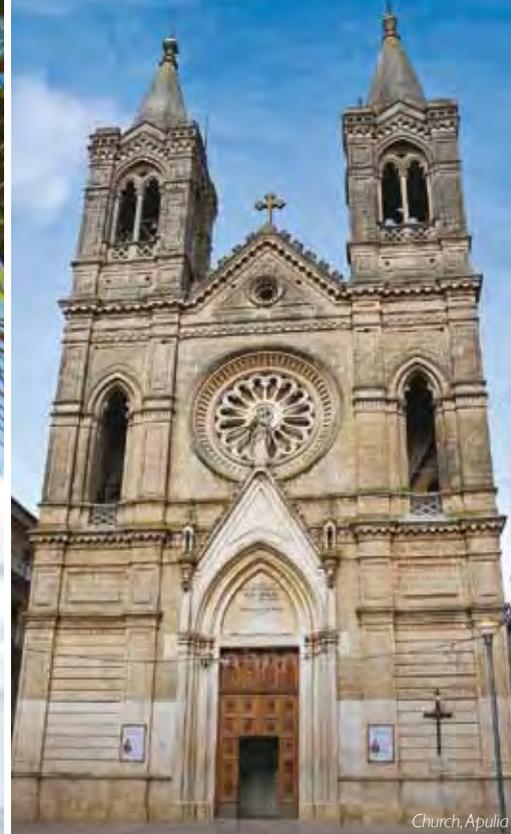
Souvenir shop, North Point, Barbados



Enterprise beach, Barbados



Jalousie beach



Church, Apulia



St Lucia

With the towering Pitons and sulphur springs to the south of the island and the lively beachfront community of Rodney Bay to the north, St Lucia offers a true diversity of scenery and lifestyles. The island is blessed with some of the most spectacular scenery of any of the Caribbean islands and while a perennial favourite with the British holidaymaker, the mix of English and French heritage is soon evident, with Creole food being just as popular as cricket.

Relax...



Calabash Cove

Calabash Cove

Positioned on a gently sloping hillside along the north-west coast of the island, Calabash Cove is a new boutique hotel affording unparalleled views of the Bay of Bonaire. Nine of the 26 rooms are Balinese-style one-bedroom cottages with a private garden, plunge pool and outdoor rain shower. The Windsong restaurant serves a fusion of West Indian and Asian cuisines, and other facilities include a Ti Spa, main pool with swim-up bar and a small beach.

Accommodation: 17 junior suites and nine one-bedroom cottages

Features: Restaurant • Cocktail bar • Infinity pool • Pool with swim-up bar • Spa • Near Rodney Bay

Cox & Kings added value: Children under seven stay free when sharing room with two adults.

2012 2012 prices from: £1,795pp (11 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,945pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £1,995pp (3 Jan – 10 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Sunset Ocean View Junior suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



East Winds Inn

East Winds Inn

East Winds is an intimate, all-inclusive resort located on one of St Lucia's most sheltered bays among five hectares (12 acres) of tropical gardens in the north-west. The rooms are scattered throughout the gardens in semi-detached cottages, each with a private terrace or patio. All meals are served in the beachside restaurant, with a selection of fine wines to choose from. For a more intimate dining experience, gazebos on Palm beach are available for private use.

Accommodation: 30 rooms

Features: Restaurant • Beach bar • Swimming pool with swim-up bar • Boules • Yoga pavilion

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 5 Jan to 31 Jan, 1 to 31 Mar & 1 May to 5 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 2012 prices from: £1,995pp (1 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,165pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,825pp (4 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Garden Cottage room for 7 nights, all inclusive.



Anse Mamin, St Lucia



Jalousie Plantation

Jalousie Plantation

Jalousie Plantation is an elegant resort in a breathtaking setting of tropical gardens overlooking the valley of the Pitons and the Caribbean Sea. This former 18th-century sugar plantation has been restored to offer vintage rooms and villas, with facilities ranging from individual plunge pools to private roof terraces. The six restaurants and bars present a wide selection of dining options, and the spa offers seven tree house treatment rooms.

Accommodation: 112 rooms and villas

Features: Six restaurants & bars • Swimming pool • Fitness centre and jacuzzi • Rainforest spa • Children's activities • Water sports

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 4 Jan to 30 Apr, save up to £200pp, when booked by 31 Jan 2012. Includes breakfast.

2012 prices from: £1,575pp (01 May – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec 2012); £1,795pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug 2012); £2,295pp (4 Jan – 30 Apr 2012). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Sugar Mill Luxury room for 7 nights.



Jade Mountain

Jade Mountain

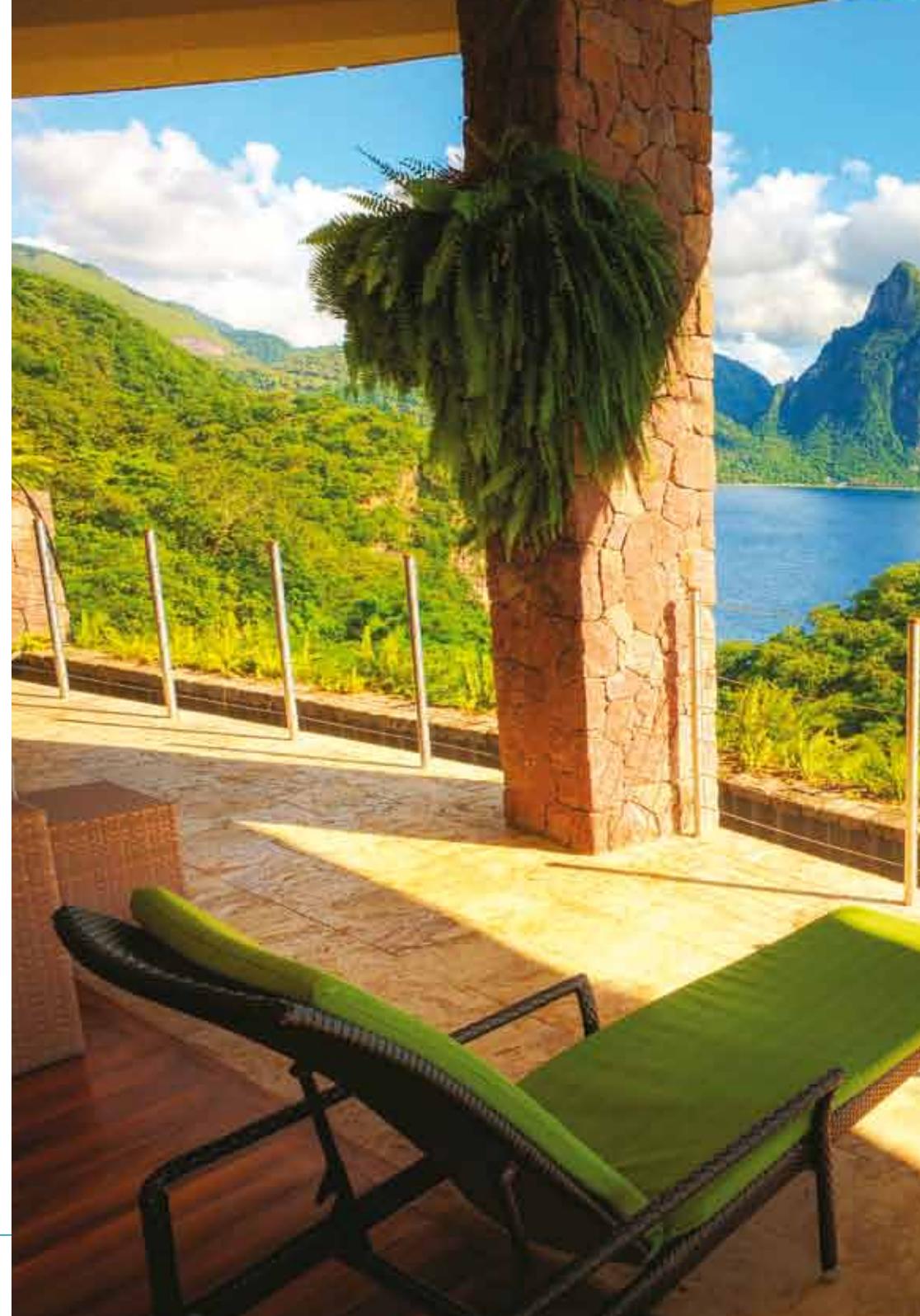
The 24 infinity pool sanctuaries of Jade Mountain have been skilfully crafted into the hillside directly across the bay from the Pitons, the end result being a stunning and almost surreal adult-only resort, with the rooms and public areas linked by a network of elevated walkways. The sanctuary rooms all have the fourth wall open to the spectacular views, with facilities including a rain shower, private infinity pool and personal butler. The fine choice of restaurants include those at sister property, Anse Chastanet.

Accommodation: 24 infinity pool sanctuaries

Features: Four restaurants • In-room dining • Beachside grill • Water sports • Two beaches • Sunset cruises • Yoga • Fitness centre • Jungle hikes

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 3 Jan to 31 Jan and 15 Mar to 19 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,875 (16 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £3,045pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £3,395pp (3 Jan – 15 Apr) Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Sky Jacuzzi suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.





Jade Mountain

& Explore

Drive-in with a difference

St Lucia lays claim to the world's only drive-in volcano, also known as the sulphur springs. The last eruption was in the late 18th century and the volcano is now dormant, with an pervading smell of sulphur. However, there are still signs of activity, with boiling mud, water and steam emerging from the crater.

Explore St Lucia

A journey southwards from Castries will reveal the iconic Twin Pitons, rising 600 metres up from the sea and dominating the skyline as you near Soufriere. Hike through the National Rain Forest and you will encounter orchids, giant ferns and birds of paradise while back in the north, a walk to the top of historic Fort Rodney on Pigeon Island affords spectacular views. For an unforgettable experience, whale watching trips provide regular sightings.

Taking it easy

Whether basking with the Pitons as your backdrop or lounging on the sands of the north, St Lucia's beaches offer a wonderful setting for soaking up the Caribbean sun. A leisurely boat trip to Soufriere or Marigot Bay offers an alternative perspective of the island's spectacular coastline and, back on dry land, horse riding, snorkelling the coral reefs, spa hotels and the championship St Lucia Golf Club provide a range of leisurely pastimes.

ST LUCIA INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- **Drive-in volcano** and sulphur springs.
- **Historic Fort Rodney** atop Pigeon Island.
- **Diamond Estate Botanical Gardens**, waterfall and mineral baths.
- Anse La Raye's **Friday night fish fry**.
- **Boat trips** past the twin peaks of the Pitons.
- **Food & drink** – Saltfish and Green Fig Pie is the national dish.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Hewanorra.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Soufriere hotels are approximately 45 minutes from the airport; north-west hotels are approximately 90 minutes away.
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combination:** 'Peak to Beach' – a twin-centre staying in Soufriere and Rodney Bay.

Local weather

CASTRIES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	28	28	29	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	29	28
Min av temp (C)	21	21	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	22	22	21
Av rain (mm)	135	91	97	86	150	218	236	269	252	236	231	198



Antigua

At 23km long and 18km wide, Antigua is the largest of the English-speaking Leeward Islands. With 365 beaches, one for every day of the year, there is hardly a hotel on the island that does not enjoy a fabulous oceanfront location. When travelling around the island, a new beach appears after almost every corner. Antigua's close historical links with Britain have left a legacy of interesting places to visit. Nowhere is this more in evidence than at English Harbour, one-time haven for Admiral Nelson.

Relax...



The Inn at English Harbour

The Inn at English Harbour

One of Antigua's most exclusive boutique hotels, the Inn at English Harbour offers luxury accommodation on the south side of the island, among eight hectares (19 acres) of landscaped grounds with views overlooking the yacht-filled harbour. The main building is at the top of the hill while guestrooms and an infinity pool, are down by the beach.

Accommodation: 24 suites

Features: Two restaurants • Beach bar • Infinity pool • Fitness centre • Small spa • Water sports • Tennis courts • Water taxi to Nelson's Dockyard

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 1 May to 31 Aug and 1 to 30 Nov 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,775pp (11 May – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,975pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,145pp (1 Jan – 10 May). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Beach Cabana room for 7 nights, half board with afternoon tea. Hotel closed from 1 Sep to 31 Oct 2012.



Carlisle Bay

Carlisle Bay

Carlisle Bay offers chic, contemporary luxury on Antigua's tranquil south coast. With a backdrop of lush rainforest hills, the ocean-facing suites all have a balcony or terrace with a large day bed. Dining options include a pan-Asian restaurant, while three bars offer daytime snacks and afternoon tea. The spa has six treatment rooms and there is also a Pilates and yoga pavilion in the garden.

Accommodation: 82 ocean-facing suites

Features: Two restaurants • Cocktail lounges • Large swimming pool • World-class spa • Yoga pavilion

Cox & Kings added value: Super Chill Out Offer includes 3 meals a day and US\$50 beverage credit per suite per night, for stays 25 Apr to 22 Dec.

2012 prices from: £2,495pp (25 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,695pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £3,395pp (3 Jan – 24 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden suite for 7 nights, room only till 24 Apr, with all meals thereafter. Hotel closed from 25 Aug to 12 Oct.



Dickenson Bay, Antigua



Blue Waters & Cove Suites



Galley Bay

Blue Waters & Cove Suites

Nestled amid seven hectares (17 acres) of picturesque gardens in a secluded cove on Antigua's north coast, the twin resorts of Blue Waters and Cove Suites offer a range of accommodation styles, where the emphasis is on warm, friendly service and traditional West Indian hospitality. Blue Waters is a mix of rooms and suites, with separate living rooms and beach views. The Cove Suites offer an even greater level of luxury.

Accommodation: 77 rooms at Blue Waters and 28 Cove Suites

Features: Three restaurants • Poolside bar and cocktail lounge • In-room dining • Three pools • Tennis court • Fitness centre • Complimentary non-motorised water sports • Two beaches

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £200pp reduction for stays from 24 Apr to 18 Dec 2012, when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (24 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,795pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £1,945pp (4 Jan – 15 Apr) Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Hillside room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

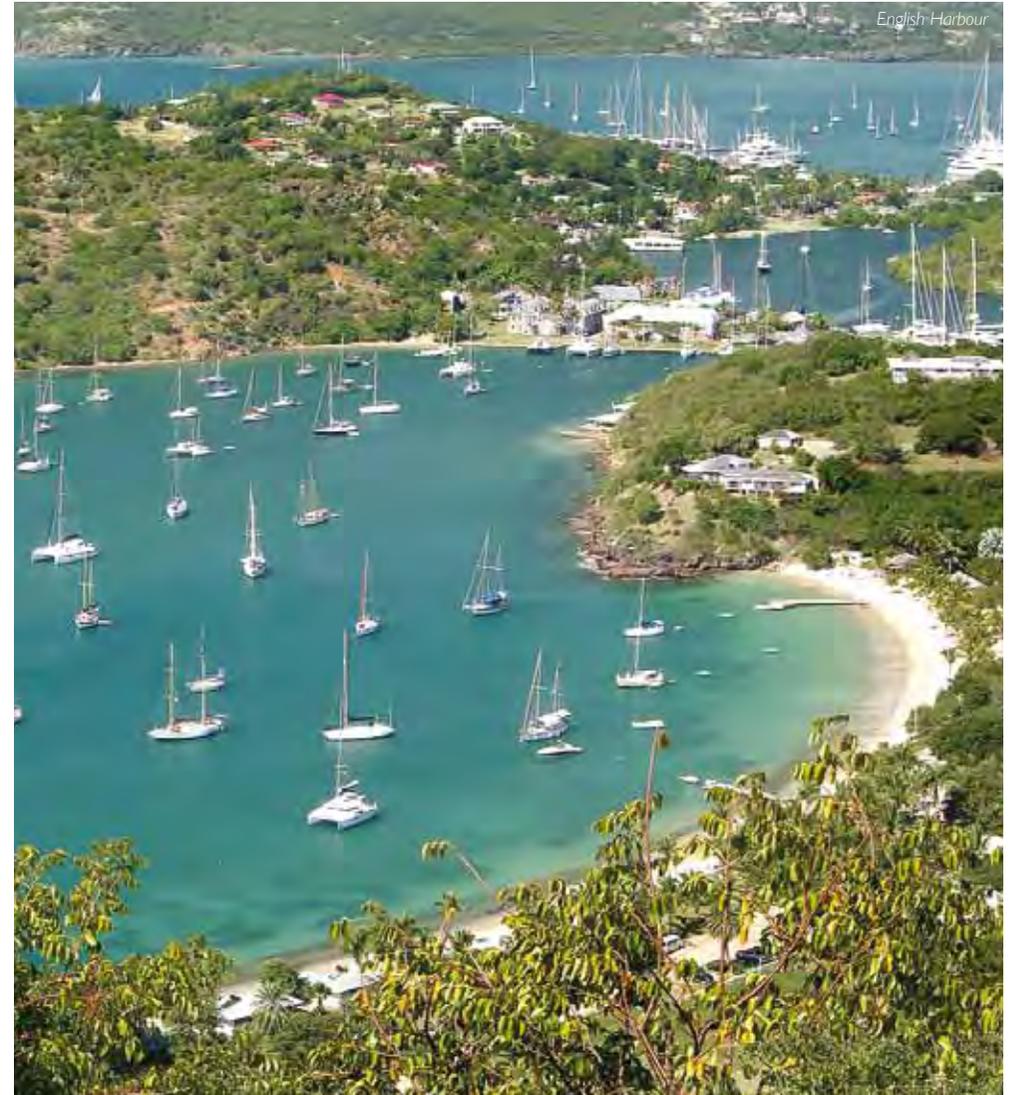
Galley Bay

Galley Bay is an intimate, adult-only, all-inclusive beachfront retreat, tucked away on the white sands of Antigua's west coast, just 10 minutes from St John's. The accommodations – a mix of hotel rooms, premium suites and thatched-roof cottages – are set amid 16 hectares of lush, tropical gardens. The resort's two alfresco restaurants serve local and international cuisine, while the spa offers treatments in tree house-style settings.

Accommodation: 55 rooms, 30 suites and 13 cottages

Features: Three restaurants • Two bars • Swimming pool • Spa • Non-motorised water activities • Tennis
Cox & Kings added value: £225pp reduction for stays from 3 Jan to 14 Apr 2012; £130pp reduction for stays from 1 May to 5 Dec 2012. Must be booked by 31 Jan 2012

2012 prices from: £2,195pp (1 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,375pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,645pp (3 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Gauguin Cottage for 7 nights, all inclusive.



English Harbour

& Explore

The British connection

Antigua's close historical links with Britain are highlighted at English Harbour, a base developed for the British Navy by Horatio Nelson in the late 18th century, its focal point being Nelson's Dockyard. During this time, Clarence House was built for the future King William IV. Now the residence of Antigua's governor general, it remains open for public tours.

Exploring Antigua

A journey along Fig Tree Drive will showcase former sugar mills bearing testament to the days when Antigua's sugar industry flourished and will pass through rainforest rich in mangoes, pineapples and banana trees. Meanwhile, the capital of St John's is well worth a visit, with its colourful shops around Redcliffe Quay, the towering Anglican cathedral and, on a Saturday, a particularly lively local market.

365 beaches

Antigua's many beaches – the islanders claim one for every day of the year – afford the sun worshipper countless expanses of secluded, powdery sands. Offshore, an almost unbroken wall of coral reef invites snorkellers to view the myriad marine life below while, on Sunday evenings, atop Shirley Heights, you can relax to the gentle strains of steel bands and sample local cuisine and fine island rum.



Shopping, St. John's

Not to be missed

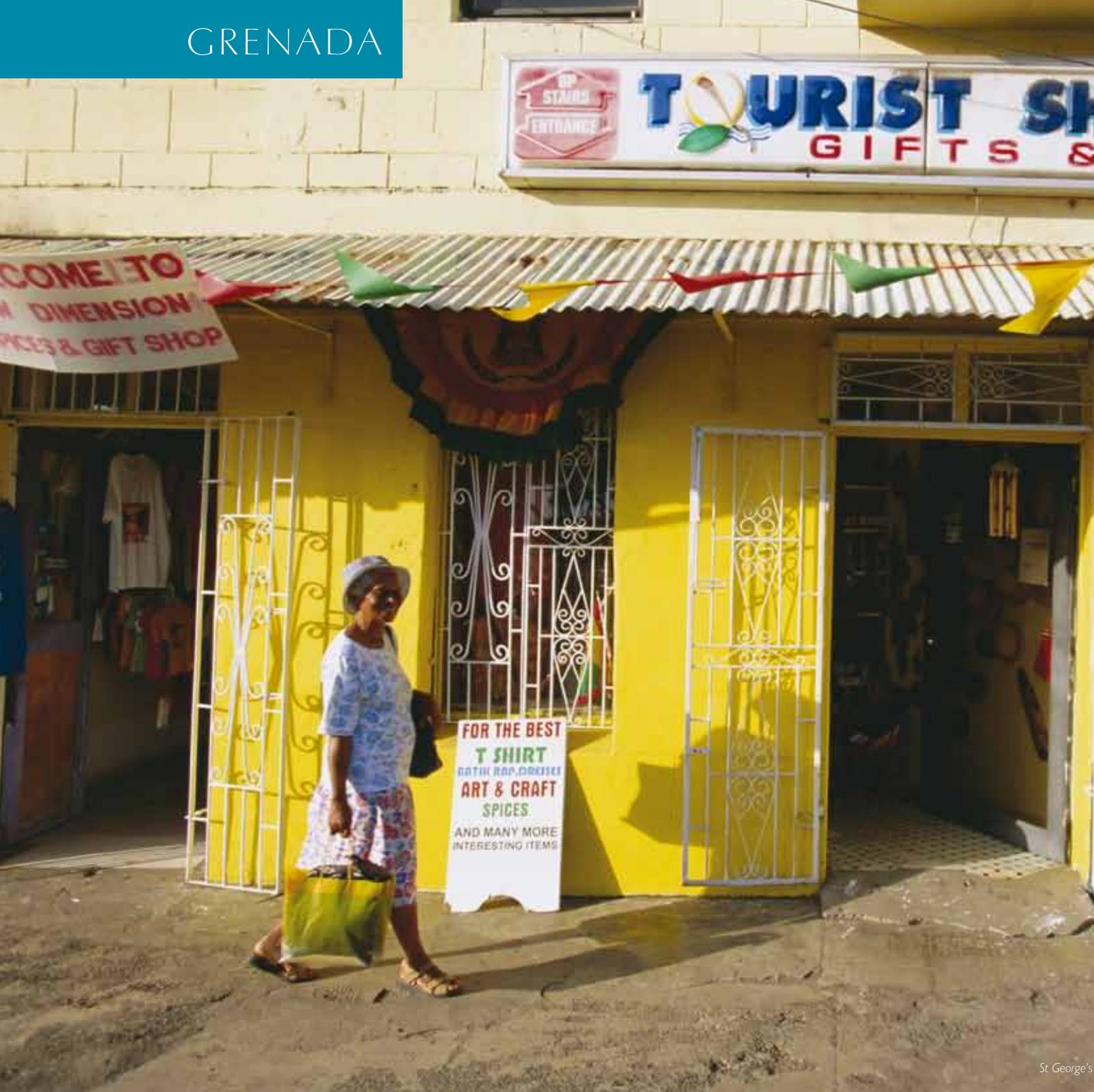
- **Nelson's Dockyard** in English Harbour.
- **Fig Tree Drive** – scenic route through rainforest and sugar mills.
- **Shirley Heights** – lookout point and Sunday local carnival.
- **St John's** – Antigua's capital city.
- **Stingray City** – a chance to swim with southern rays.
- **Antigua Sailing Week** – taking place in the last week of April.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** VC Bird, Antigua.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Transfer times from the airport to hotels is between 30 and 40 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combination:** A great twin-centre with St Kitts or Nevis.

Local weather

ST. JOHN'S	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	28	28	29	29	30	31	31	31	31	31	30	29
Min av temp (C)	22	22	22	23	24	25	25	25	25	24	24	23
Av rain (mm)	57	45	38	60	69	93	73	77	95	216	101	95



Grenada

The 'Spice Island' is one of the Caribbean's most picturesque, with the capital of St George's providing a colourful backdrop to its delightful harbour. Further inland, rainforests, waterfalls and lakes lend their own scenic splendour while Grand Anse beach rates alongside any of the world's finest stretches of sand. The good nature of the Grenadians is a feature of the island, nowhere more evident than in the Saturday morning market in St George's.

Relax...



Coyaba Beach Resort

Coyaba Beach Resort

Coyaba Beach Resort is situated on the 3km stretch of pristine Grand Anse beach, on Grenada's south-west coastline. The guestrooms are housed in two-storey pavilion-style buildings scattered throughout two hectares (three acres) of lush tropical grounds. Arawakabana features open-air dining and the three bars – including one swim-up bar – provide ample opportunity for refreshment. Body treatments and non-motorised water activities are available.

Accommodation: 80 rooms

Features: Two restaurants • Three bars • Swimming pool • Fitness centre • Spa services • Tennis • Non-motorised water sports • Unlimited green fees at nearby Grenada Golf Club

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer; £75pp reduction for stays from 1 Jan to 15 Apr 2012, when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,245pp (16 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,425pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £1,625pp (1 Jan – 15 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Pool / Garden view room for 7 nights.



The Calabash Hotel

The Calabash Hotel

Set on the secluded l'Anse aux Epines bay, on the south coast of Grenada, the Calabash Hotel is a quiet, luxury retreat with 30 suites housed in two-storey cottages, all dotted around three hectares (seven acres) of tropical gardens overlooking the sea. As well as the renowned Gary Rhodes restaurant, one special dining feature is breakfast served on your private terrace and hors d'oeuvres delivered each evening to your room.

Accommodation: 30 suites and five villas

Features: Rhodes restaurant • Casual beach restaurant • Pool • Waterfront spa • Yoga pavilion • Tennis court • Non-motorised water sports

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 5 from 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,495pp (1 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,675pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,425pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & West Side suite for 7 nights, with breakfast and afternoon tea. Hotel closed 10 Aug to 3 Oct 2012.



LaSource

La Source

La Source is a luxury all-inclusive resort surrounded by 16 hectares (49 acres) of lush tropical gardens, located on Pink Gin beach on the south-west tip of Grenada. The guestrooms and suites spread across the resort and afford various levels of accommodation. The four restaurants and three bars offer a wide variety of food and drink, with a weekly Caribbean beach barbecue party – always a firm favourite. Recreational options include three swimming pools, a Moroccan oasis spa, golf, snorkelling and aqua aerobics.

Accommodation: 100 suites

Features: Three restaurants • Three bars • Cafe / deli • Three swimming pools • Spa • Nine-hole golf course • Gym • Archery • Tennis courts

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 from 15 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,995pp (15 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,225pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,495pp (3 Jan – 14 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Luxury Garden View room for 7 nights, all inclusive.



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Spice Island Beach Resort

Spice Island Beach Resort

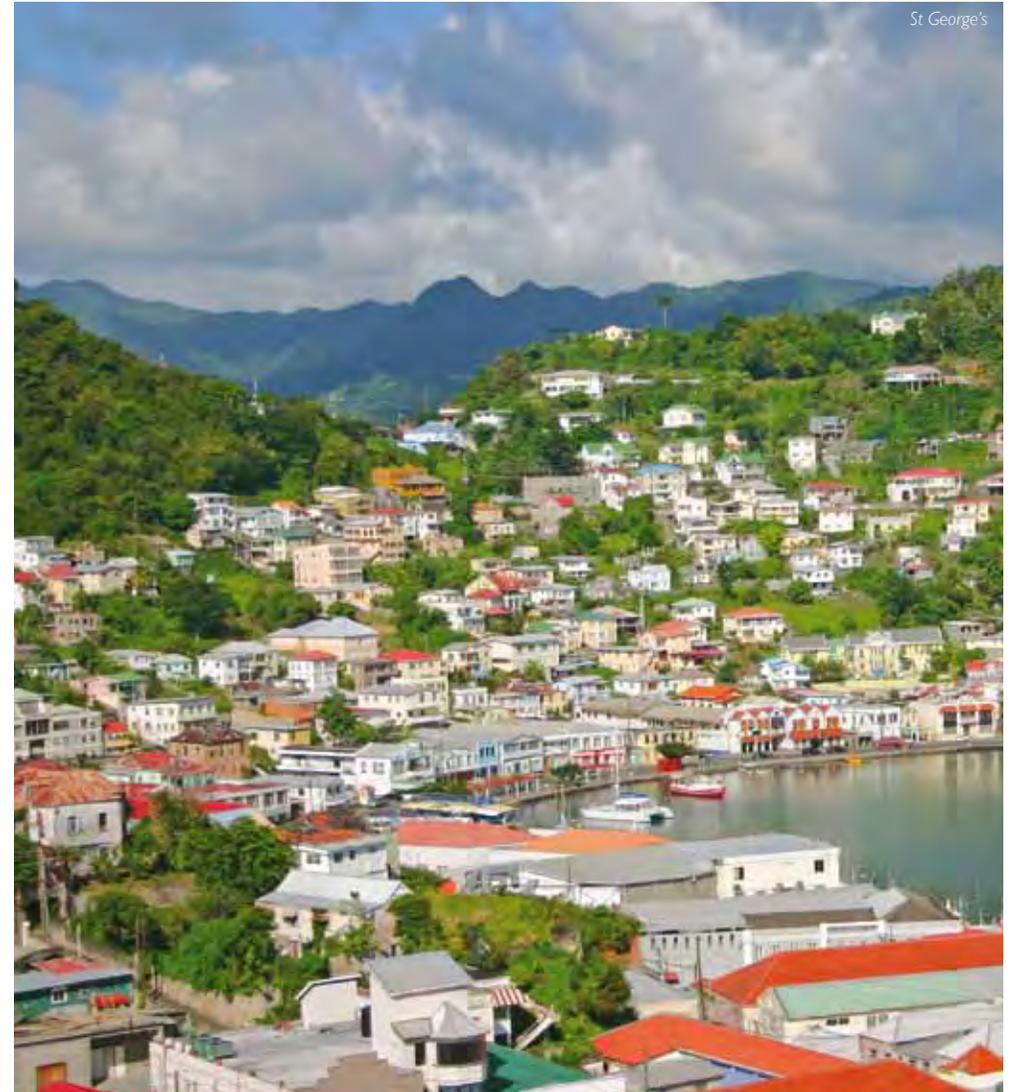
Located on beautiful Grand Anse beach, Spice Island Beach Resort is a family-owned-and-operated hotel, set among three hectares (seven acres) of tropical gardens. This elegant Caribbean retreat offers a selection of beachfront, garden and pool suites, a number of which have private swimming pools. The highly acclaimed Oliver's restaurant specialises in Creole cuisine, while the spa offers a wide range of treatments as well as a swish reflection pool.

Accommodation: 64 luxurious suites

Features: Two restaurants • Cocktail bar • Residents' lounge • Large swimming pool • Spa • Complimentary bicycles • Fitness centre • Complimentary non-motorised water sports • Children's club

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 16 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,895pp (16 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,095pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,345pp (16 Jan – 15 Apr) Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Oleander suite for 7 nights, half board.



St George's

& Explore

The spice of life

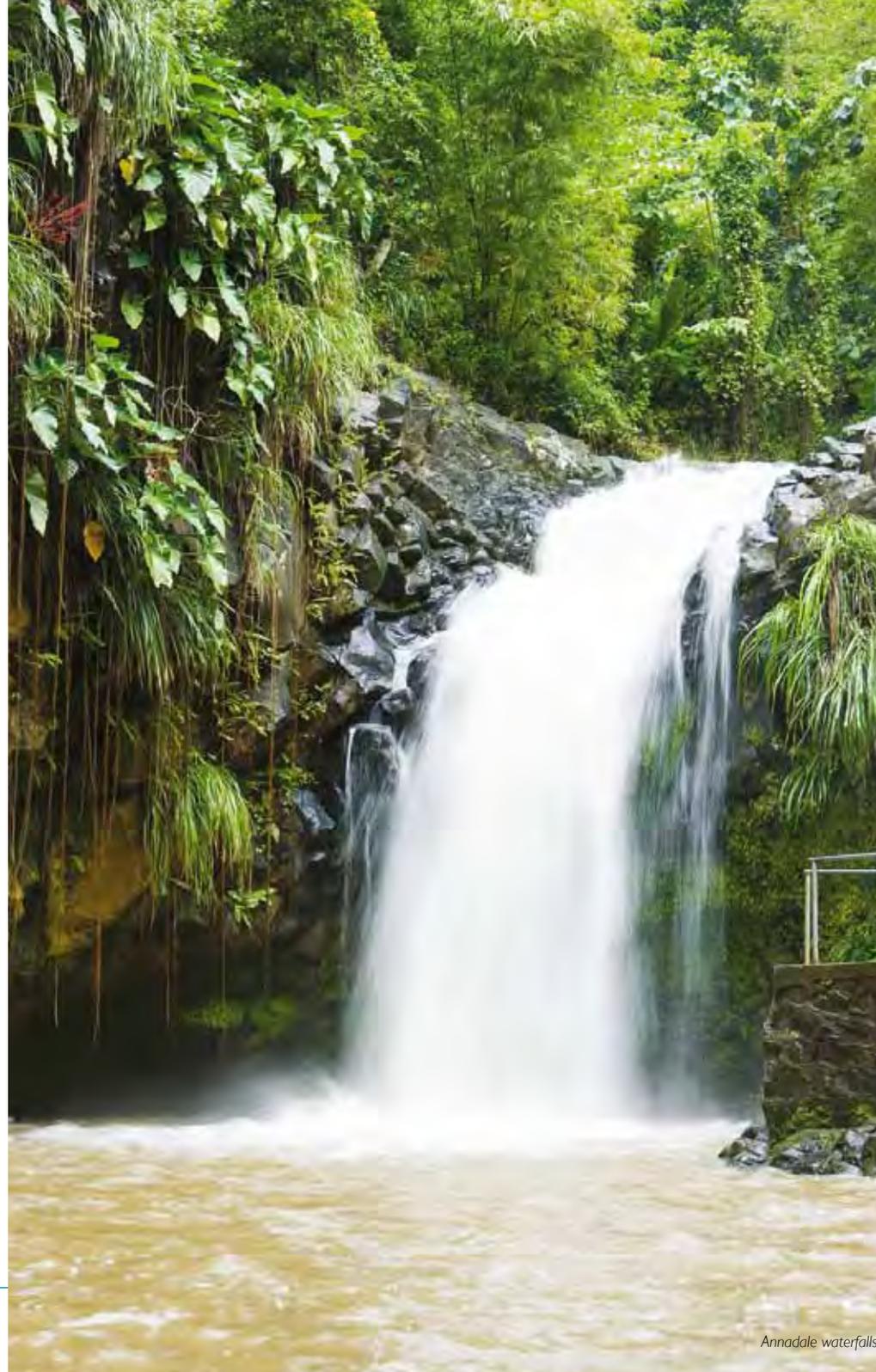
A trip to the bustling and vibrant Saturday market in the capital of St George's will give visitors ample opportunity to sample and purchase a whole variety of exotic spices. In fact, wherever you go in Grenada, you can sense the fragrances of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, turmeric or saffron, while the islanders are keen to share their abundance of home-grown delicacies with every visitor.

A rum deal

Gain an insight into Grenada's history by visiting the Grenville Nutmeg Station, Grenada Sugar Factory, the Westerhall, River Antoine Rum Distilleries and Belmont Estate, a 300-year-old working plantation. Learn about the battles between the British and French at Fort George and get closer to nature with a hike through the rainforest to Seven Sisters Falls.

A chance to relax

Grenada is blessed with some wonderful beaches, from unpopulated coves to the superb 3km Grand Anse. A dip in one of the island's seven waterfalls is a great way to cool off, especially as most of them require something of a hike to reach them. Then, for a real treat in the evening, dine at Gary Rhodes' restaurant at the Calabash Hotel.



GRENADA INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- Grand Etang National Park.
- Saturday morning market in **St George's**.
- **Seven Sisters** and Concord waterfalls.
- Historic **Fort George**.
- Hydrofoil service to sister island of **Carriacou**.
- Friday night **fish festival** at Goyave.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Maurice Bishop, Grenada.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Transfer time from the airport to hotels is 20 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.

Local weather

ST GEORGES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	30	30	30	31	30	30	31	31	31	30	30
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	25	26	25	25	25	26	25	25	24
Av rain (mm)	31	17	13	21	23	85	85	85	69	83	102	64



St Kitts & Nevis

The largely unspoilt twin islands of St Kitts and Nevis, just a short boat journey apart, each have their own character and charm. The landscape and plantation inns are a constant reminder of the once dominant sugar industry and the islanders' warm hospitality is demonstrated by the open-arms welcome extended to visitors. The beaches are unspoilt and generally uncrowded, with backdrops featuring rugged volcanic peaks and lush rainforests.



Relax...



Ottley's Plantation, St Kitts

Ottley's Plantation Inn, St Kitts

Set in 14 hectares (35 acres) of gardens on the lower hillside of Mt Liamuiga, Ottley's Plantation was originally an 18th-century sugar plantation. Today, it is the ideal retreat for honeymooners and discerning guests. The rooms and suites are located in the Great House and charming Caribbean cottages, all furnished in English colonial style, are set throughout the grounds. The acclaimed restaurant changes menu daily, and includes a Sunday champagne brunch, while the delightful Mango Spa overlooks the rainforest, where a trail winds its way past monkeys going about their day.

Accommodation: 23 rooms and suites

Features: Restaurant • Lounge • Spring water swimming pool • Spa services • Tennis • Rainforest walking trail • Free shuttle to beaches and Basseterre

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 1 May to 5 Dec 2012

2012 prices from: £1,295pp (1 May – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,475pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £1,575pp (1 Jan – 30 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard room for 7 nights.



St Kitts



Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis

Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis

The peaceful Nisbet Plantation is the Caribbean's only beachfront historic plantation inn. This romantic estate has more than 12 hectares (30 acres) of lush tropical gardens, overlooked by the beautiful restored Great House. The 36 air-conditioned cottages are scattered throughout the grounds and exude a laid-back ambience. A variety of activities, including croquet and snorkelling, are available.

Accommodation: 36 cottages

Features: The Great House restaurant – gourmet dinners • Coconuts restaurant for breakfast • Sea Breeze beachside bar and grill for lunch • Swimming pool • Fitness centre • Tennis court • Non-motorised water sports • Bicycle rental

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 1 May to 13 Aug and 8 to 31 Oct 2012, save up to £150pp, when booked by 30 Apr 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,755pp (1 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,995pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,725pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior room for 7 nights, half board with afternoon tea. Hotel closed 14 Aug to 6 Oct.



Four Seasons Resort, Nevis



Montpelier Plantation & Beach

Montpelier Plantation & Beach, Nevis

Set in the foothills of Nevis peak, Montpelier Plantation is the former plantation where Admiral Nelson married Fanny Nisbet in 1787. Now fully restored, all 19 rooms and suites have views of the sea, lush hillside and the nearby beach. Aimed at those who really want to switch off, the Plantation rooms have no televisions or telephones.

Accommodation: 19 rooms and suites

Features: Two restaurants • Bar • Beach Club with lounge • Swimming pool • Spa treatments • Tennis court • Non-motorised water sports • Hiking trips

Cox & Kings added value: Free transfers from St Kitts airport when flying British Airways. Worth £50pp (deducted from your holiday invoice).

2012 prices from: £1,795pp (16 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,045pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,425pp (3 Jan – 14 Apr 2012). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Premier room for 7 nights, including breakfast and afternoon tea. Hotel closed 14 Aug to 6 Oct 2012.



Four Seasons Resort, Nevis

Four Seasons Resort, Nevis

Extending the accommodation, facilities and service associated with Four Seasons hotels, this Nevis property is one of the most luxurious of all Caribbean resorts. Four restaurants provide a choice of dining and refreshments are available at any of three bars. Among its many activities are an 18-hole championship golf course and a 1,000 sq metre spa, offering rejuvenating treatments and therapies.

Accommodation: 196 rooms and suites

Features: Four restaurants • Three bars • Three large infinity pools • Spa • Fitness centre • 10 tennis courts • 18-hole golf course • Cycling trips

• Complimentary non-motorised water sports • Complimentary children's club (three to nine years)

Cox & Kings added value: Free nights during specified dates in low season. Please call for details.

2012 prices from: £1,675pp (2 May – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,825pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,195pp (3 Jan – 1 May). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Mountainside room only for 7 nights,



Sugar cane railway

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An important place in history

St Kitts once occupied a key position in the European struggle for the West Indies and the island still serves up reminders of those conflicts. St Kitts began life as St Christopher's, named after Christopher Columbus, who sailed past, but never landed, in 1493. He also had an influence on Nevis, where he mistakenly thought the cloud shrouding Mt Nevis was snow – 'nieves' in Spanish. Nevis was also the birthplace of Frances 'Fanny' Nisbet, later to become Mrs Horatio Nelson.

Explore St Kitts & Nevis by rail, road and on foot

There is no better way to discover St Kitts than aboard the scenic railway, passing through villages, plantations and fields of sugar cane. Safari trips visit rainforests and Mt Liamuiga volcano, while Brimstone Hill Fort is home to the remains of a complete 18th-century military community. On Nevis, stroll the colonial streets of Charleston, wander round the ruins of the Hamilton Estate and visit the site of Nelson's wedding to Fanny Nisbet.

Enjoy the tranquillity

With largely uncommercialised beaches, it is not difficult to discover a quiet stretch of sand on which to sunbathe, either in St Kitts or Nevis. A catamaran cruise off St Kitts combines snorkelling with a sumptuous beach barbecue, while, on Nevis, the botanical gardens, Bath Stream and Bath House thermal springs are all soothing in their own way.

Not to be missed

- **Brimstone Hill Fortress** National Park, St Kitts.
- **St Kitts Scenic Railway** – 48km island tour.
- **Caribelle Batik** at Romney Manor, St Kitts – home of the famous fabric art.
- **The Horatio Nelson Museum**, Nevis.
- **Guided tours to the peak of Mount Nevis.**
- **St Kitts Carnival** – takes place in December and January.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Robert L Bradshaw, St Kitts.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Just 10 minutes to Ottleys, St Kitts; Nevis requires transfer to dock (approximately 10 minutes), a boat ride (about 20 minutes) and a transfer to the hotel (maximum 15 minutes).
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combination:** See both St Kitts and Nevis on a two-centre break.

Local weather

BASSETERRE	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	29	30	30	31	32	32	32	32	32	31	30
Min av temp (C)	22	22	22	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	23	22
Av rain (mm)	84	55	42	48	59	61	90	125	131	101	154	62



St. George's harbour, Grenada

The Grenadines

The 32 islands of the Grenadines stretch some 100km down from St Vincent to just north of Grenada. The beaches are largely unspoilt and secluded, and the lush rainforests add to the true Caribbean feel. Meanwhile, the clear warm waters extend an invitation that is hard to resist. Whether you choose to stay in just one location or, as many do, hop between islands, you will discover that each has its own charm and distinct features.



Relax...



Young Island

Young Island

Just 200 metres and a few minutes' boat ride from the shores of St Vincent, the relaxed atmosphere of Young Island awaits. The resort is all that is on this small island, where rustic accommodation immediately evokes the phrase 'barefoot luxury'. The rooms and suites, many with open showers, are at beach level or on the hillside (guests with walking difficulties are advised to stay at beach level).

Accommodation: 29 superior and de luxe rooms and luxury suites

Features: Restaurant overlooking St Vincent • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Tennis • Non-motorised water sports • Complimentary boat shuttle to mainland

Cox & Kings added value: Complimentary upgrade to all inclusive for stays from 1 May to 31 Oct 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,575pp (1 Apr – 13 Jul & 14 Aug – 5 Dec); £2,175pp (14 Jul – 13 Aug); £2,295pp (5 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior room for 7 nights, half board.



Bequia Beach Hotel

Bequia Beach Hotel

Overlooking Friendship beach in one of Bequia's prime spots, the new Bequia Beach hotel is regarded as one of the Grenadines' finest resort hotels. The spacious guestrooms and villas, which are set back from the beach or just steps from the sand, are brightly furnished and most have a view of the sea. The main restaurant and lounge, Blue Tropic, is open year-round, while the beach restaurant and bar is a lively alternative in season.

Accommodation: 58 rooms, suites and villas

Features: Main restaurants • Cocktail lounge • Beachside bar and grill • Two swimming pools • Spa • Gym • Non-motorised water sports • Close to the capital, Port Elizabeth

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 from 15 Apr to 5 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,455pp (8 Jan – 5 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Classic Garden View room for 7 nights, with continental breakfast. Hotel closed from 2 Jul to 13 Oct 2012.

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Island hopping

Each of the Grenadines has its own characteristics and, of the nine that are inhabited, there are those that comprise little more than the main resort hotel. The islands are served by local inter-island airlines and most recently, a fast ferry service operating between Union, Canouan, Bequia and St Vincent, opening up several day-trip options. You'll soon notice how the black sands of St Vincent, referred to as 'The Mainland', contrast with the powder white beaches of the other islands.

Treasures of St Vincent & the Grenadines

A full day in St Vincent will allow time to visit the colourful botanical gardens (the oldest in the western hemisphere), take a trip to Wallilabou Bay, where *Pirates of the Caribbean* was filmed, and even hike to the dramatic Falls of Baleine. On Bequia, a drive around the island will take you through the old colonial town of Port Elizabeth, to the privately owned turtle sanctuary, with a stop at the Flintstone-esque community of Moonhole.

A round of golf

You may choose to spend a good deal of your time in the Grenadines simply spread out on the wonderful beaches. With so much water around, however, it may be difficult to resist the temptation to swim, snorkel, sail or even take the new fast ferry service down to Canouan for a round of golf on the Grenadines' beautiful and only course.

Not to be missed

- St Vincent's botanical gardens, **La Soufriere volcano** and Mesopotamia Valley.
- Brother King's Turtle Sanctuary, **Moonhole Community** and Port Elizabeth on Bequia.
- **Nature trails** and cycling on Palm Island.
- **Snorkelling** and sailing at Tobago Cays.
- The Grenadines' only **golf** course on Canouan.
- Local food – the national dish is **roasted breadfruit** (similar to melon) and fried jack fish.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Joshua International, St Vincent.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes (Barbados or St Lucia); 30 minutes onward to St Vincent or 45 minutes to Bequia.
- **Transfers:** Young Island: 10 minutes drive to launch dock, 3-minute boat ride. Bequia Beach: 10 minutes from local airport (alternatively, take the one-hour ferry from St Vincent).
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combination:** Two-centre Grenadines or combine with Barbados or St Lucia.

Local weather

KINGSTOWN	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	29	29	30	31	30	31	31	31	31	30	30
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	25	25
Av rain (mm)	82	61	66	67	78	184	170	137	165	153	173	122

JAMAICA



Jamaica

To many, Jamaica conjures images of lively beaches, reggae music and renowned all-inclusive resort hotels, but there is a good deal more to this, the third largest island in the Caribbean. Whether climbing Dunn's River Falls or exploring the towering Blue mountains, visitors will discover the diversity of the landscapes and learn of Jamaica's fascinating history. Of course, there are also the features for which Jamaica is perhaps better known, such as the fabulous beaches, water sports, bustling markets and the spicy local favourite, jerk chicken.

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Relax...



Jamaica Inn

Jamaica Inn

Jamaica Inn has been one of the island's best loved hotels for half a century and run by the same family throughout that time. The all-suite property, in Ocho Rios, sits on 200 metres of one of Jamaica's finest stretches of beach, and accommodations benefit from stunning views of the Caribbean Sea. Breakfast can be taken on the restaurant terrace or privately on the balcony of each suite. Meanwhile, the dinner terrace serves up a nightly six-course feast.

Accommodation: 47 suites and 4 cottages

Features: Two restaurants • Private dining • Two bars • Swimming pool • KiYara Ocean Spa • Nearby golf and tennis • Non-motorised water sports

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 3 to 31 Jan; 1 May to 17 Nov; 26 Nov to 5 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,445pp (16 Apr – 17 Jul & 15 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,595pp (18 Jul – 14 Aug); £1,895pp (1 Jan – 15 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Balcony suite for 7 nights, room-only basis. Hotel usually closed in September.



Round Hill Hotel & Villas

Round Hill Hotel & Villas

Originally opened in 1953, Round Hill was a private haven for old world Hollywood and, even today, remains one of the most sought after hotels in the Caribbean. The oceanfront rooms in the Pineapple House overlook the sea and pool, while suites are situated in 27 individually owned villas dotting the hillside. The spa at Round Hill is situated in an 18th-century plantation building.

Accommodation: 36 rooms and 27 villas

Features: Two restaurants • Three bars • Large infinity pool • Spa • Fitness centre • Boutique • Five tennis courts • Non-motorised water sports • Children's club • 13km from Montego Bay

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 4 Jan to 16 Feb; 26 Feb to 15 Mar; 9 Apr to 5 Dec (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,675pp (15 Apr – 17 Jul & 15 Aug – 5 Dec); £1,995pp (18 Jul – 14 Aug); £2,275pp (04 Jan – 14 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Oceanfront View room for 7 nights, room-only basis. Hotel closed from 4 Sep to 3 Oct 2012.

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Negril

Negril, located about 50km to the west of Montego Bay, has two distinct areas – the slightly earthy and funky West End, and the more formal and upmarket East End, where the area's most fashionable resort hotels are situated. Visitors to Negril usually head to Seven Mile Beach, where rainbow coloured placards invite passers-by to stop for a massage, dine at beachfront restaurants or sip a refreshing drink at a seaside bar.

Ocho Rios

The drive of 80km east from Montego Bay to Ocho Rios may reveal scenes recognisable from the first James Bond film, *Dr No*. Hardly surprising, as Bond's creator, Ian Fleming, lived at Goldeneye, just outside Ocho Rios. Aside from the glorious beaches and verdant landscapes, Ocho Rios is most renowned for the spectacular Dunn's River Falls, where a climb of some 180 metres will take you to the top of one of Jamaica's national treasures.

Active pursuits

Yes, the long swathes of beaches and warm Caribbean Sea may prove alluring, but there are many other activities to while away the time. Jamaica has the best golf courses in the West Indies, the finest of the championship links being at Montego Bay. Bicycle tours are popular; none more so than the Downhill Tour, which provides wonderful views as you freewheel down the Blue Mountains. There are many hikes and trails to take, with Rio Grande Valley offering the seven-hour White River Jaunt, which includes a raft trip across the river.

Not to be missed

- **Mayfield Falls** at Mineral Springs – a chance to swim through an underwater cave.
- **The Bellfield Great House** – a privately owned, 12 sq km working plantation.
- **Black river safari** – a one and a half hour boat tour up Jamaica's largest navigable river.
- **Croydon Plantation** – a memorable visit to a coffee and pineapple plantation.
- **Appleton Estate** – the legendary rum distillery.
- **Lethe Plantation** – visit a tropical village to fish in freshwater ponds and eat what you catch.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Sangster International, Montego Bay.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 8 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Round Hill, approximately 20 minutes; Jamaica Inn, approximately 90 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT -5 hours.
- **Combination:** Two-centre Montego Bay and Ocho Rios.

Local weather

KINGSTON	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	30	30	31	31	32	32	32	32	31	31	31
Min av temp (C)	19	19	20	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	22	21
Av rain (mm)	23	15	23	31	102	89	89	91	99	180	74	36



Bermuda

Bermuda is situated in the North Atlantic, about 1,000km off the coast of North Carolina, and its balmy climate prevails all year. The island is renowned for its pink sand beaches and the surrounding coral reef that is home to a world of colourful marine life. Other instantly recognisable images are the landscape of pastel houses, the crooked streets of the original capital, St George – now a world heritage site – and the policemen in their Bermuda shorts.

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Relax...



The Reefs

The Reefs

The Reefs is perched above a secluded pink sand beach in the parish of Southampton, to the south-west of the island. Every guestroom offers superb ocean views and, being west facing, spectacular Atlantic sunsets. The choice of three restaurants includes Rystones for dinner; Coconuts for beach front lunches and Ocean Edge for breakfast and a fabulous Sunday brunch. A range of therapies and treatments are waiting at La Serena spa.

Accommodation: 64 rooms, suites and cottages

Features: Three restaurants • Cocktail lounge • Infinity swimming pool • Spa • Fitness centre • Tennis • Complimentary snorkelling • Bicycle hire

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 15 Mar to 15 Apr; 15 Sep to 31 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,725pp (15 Mar – 30 Apr & 1 Nov – 31 Dec); £2,295pp (1 May – 27 Jun & 23 Aug – 31 Oct); £2,675pp (28 Jun – 22 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Poolside room for 7 nights, half board with afternoon tea.



Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa

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Cambridge Beaches is situated on a 12-hectare (30-acre) peninsula in Somerset, on Bermuda's west coast. This adults-only hotel enjoys a wonderful beachfront setting and sophisticated accommodation. The 94 pastel-pink guestrooms, all tastefully decorated, are dotted along the western tip of the island. The fine dining restaurant, Mangrove Bay Terrace, overlooks the bay, while two more casual options are also available.

Accommodation: 94 rooms and suites

Features: Three restaurants • Cocktail lounge • Indoor and outdoor pools • Spa and baths • Fitness centre • Tennis • Croquet • Putting green • Library • Non-motorised water sports

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 5 from 1 Jan to 29 Feb 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,495pp (1 Jan – 30 Apr) £2,395pp (1 May – 27 Jun & 23 Aug – 15 Dec); £2,575pp (28 Jun – 22 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard Water-View room for 7 nights, including breakfast.

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Hamilton

Much of what goes on in Bermuda takes place in Hamilton, whether it's politics, shopping or nightlife. Take a stroll down Front Street, a harbourfront road lined with pastel-coloured Victorian buildings, or take a horse-and-carriage ride along the picturesque waterfront. Then, when it's time to eat, you'll be spoilt for choice as more than half of Bermuda's restaurants are to be found in town.

St George

St George was the first permanent settlement on Bermuda and is today recognised as a world heritage site. Many of the old stone buildings – built from drawings originally from England – still stand and the names of public areas such as King's Square, Old Maid's Lane, and Featherbed Alley conjure images of the past. It is an easy town to walk, though you may wish to break for a while at one of the delightful harbourside restaurants.

In the swing

Golf is serious business in Bermuda and a large percentage of the 65,000 residents living on the island regularly take to the fairways. Visitors are encouraged to head out for a round and, with eight courses on the island (more than any other per capita in the world), there are plenty of opportunities to play while you're on holiday.

Not to be missed

- **The Old State House** – the oldest stone house on Bermuda.
- **The Bermuda Railway Trail** – walk the remains of the 35km-long railway.
- Bermuda **Aquarium and Zoo**.
- **Nonsuch Island** – a living museum of flora and fauna.
- **Walking tours** – available in Hamilton, St George's or along Somerset's west coast.
- **Shopping in Bermuda** – designer clothing with no sales tax.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Bermuda International.
- **Flying time:** 7 hours.
- **Transfers:** Transfer time to both hotels: approximately 45 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT -4 hours.
- **Combination:** A few nights in New York.

Local weather

HAMILTON	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	20	20	20	22	24	27	29	30	29	26	23	21
Min av temp (C)	14	14	14	15	18	21	23	23	22	21	17	16
Av rain (mm)	112	119	122	104	117	112	114	137	132	147	127	119



The Yucatan

The Yucatan peninsula in south-east Mexico offers the perfect combination of attractions for those seeking to relax and explore on holiday. Some of Latin America's most impressive Mayan sites, such as Chichen Itza, Coba and Tulum make this a historically compelling destination, while the azure Caribbean waters off the Riviera Maya hide the world's second largest coral reef, which is a snorkeller's dream. Our recommended hotels provide a luxurious base from which to enjoy these diverse wonders.

Relax...



Palenque



Maroma Resort & Spa by Orient Express



Zoetry Paraiso



Sto Domingo, San Cristobal de las Casas,

Maroma Resort & Spa by Orient Express

Covered in jungle, dotted with ancient ruins and colonial towns, and fed by subterranean rivers, this diverse peninsula is fringed by white sandy beaches and the emerald Caribbean Sea. The secluded whitewashed Maroma Resort & Spa by Orient Express is set in tropical gardens on a beautiful stretch of the Riviera Maya. Exquisite guestrooms feature hand-painted tiles, beds swathed in white canopies and outdoor terraces. The two restaurants offer gourmet dining to the sound of the sea or on the beach under a blanket of stars.

Accommodation: 65 rooms and suites

Features: Spa • Three restaurants • Three pools

Cox & Kings added value: Stay 6 nights for the price of 4 from 1 Jun to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,995pp (1 Jun – 31 Oct); £2,225pp (1 Apr – 31 May); £2,395pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden room for 7 nights, room-only basis.

Zoetry Paraiso

Situated between the lush green of a mangrove forest and the blue of the Caribbean Sea, Zoetry Paraiso de la Bonita Riviera Maya has more than 800 metres of secluded white sand beach on Mexico's exotic Riviera Maya. Set in five hectares (12 acres) of gardens, the combination of Mexican architecture and Mayan artwork give the resort a relaxed atmosphere. All suites are decorated in one of four different styles, Balinese, Oriental, Caribbean or Indian.

Accommodation: 90 air-conditioned rooms

Features: Pool • Four restaurants • Library bar • Two pools • Fitness centre • Yoga classes

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: Up to £400pp reduction for stays from 1 Mar to 31 Oct 2012. Must be booked by 31 Jan 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,195pp (16 Apr – 29 Jun & 1 Sep – 31 Oct); £2,495pp (28 Jan – 15 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Ocean Front one-bedroom suite for 7 nights, all inclusive.



Hotel Esencia

Hotel Esencia

Situated on the Riviera Maya and once the home of a European Duchess, Hotel Esencia is now a luxurious seaside refuge combining simplicity, elegance and beauty. There are 29 spacious rooms with sea or garden views, sun terraces and some with private plunge pools. The restaurant, Sal Y Fuego, offers rustic seafood and meat specialities made from local organic ingredients, and the Aroma Spa offers relaxing massages, herbal facials and a sauna.

Accommodation: 29 rooms

Features: Restaurant and bar • Swimming pool • Aroma Spa

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,095pp (4 Jan – 15 Dec).

Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior Garden room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Be Tulum

Be Tulum

Be Tulum is a boutique hotel perched on a secluded expanse of the Mayan Caribbean at the southern tip of the Riviera Maya. Be Tulum's 20 spacious suites, each with a private pool and balcony, afford a minimalist design mix of local limestone, warm Brazilian wood and bold Bisazza mosaic tiles. By day, relax at the beach club or indulge in the spa, while, at night, the hotel's restaurant and rooftop bar is a lively gathering place.

Accommodation: 20 suites

Features: Restaurant • Rooftop bar • All suites with private pool • Beach club • Spa Be Tulum

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £75pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,775pp (9 Apr – 30 Jun & 1 Sep – 31 Oct) £1,895pp (1 Jul – 31 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Ocean suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Chihcen Itza



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Mayan sites

The mystical Maya found a home near the splendid beaches and in the jungles of the Yucatan peninsula. Discover the remains of their culture in the magnificent pyramids of Tulum and Uxmal, the ancient Mayan stone roads of Coba, and the ball court and detailed temples of Chichen Itza, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World.

Natural wonders

Explore the coastal channels and lagoons of the nearby Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve by boat, snorkel in the warm waters of the Caribbean by the world's second largest reef and take an incredible swim in one of the numerous cenotes. These unique freshwater sinkholes were created by underground rivers and regarded as sacred by the Maya.

Temazcal

This traditional ritualistic Mayan treatment is considered a source of spiritual and physical healing. Conducted at dusk in the enclosed pyramidal structure, it combines ancient traditions with chants to purify the body and soul. Herb-infused water is poured over heated volcanic rocks to extract toxins and the treatment ends with a refreshing plunge in the sea.

Not to be missed

- Birdwatching and **swimming with dolphins**.
- **Golf** and cooking classes.
- Swim in an **underground cave** (cenote).
- Explore the coastal **Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve**.
- The descent of the serpent Kukulkan at **Chichen Itza** occurs during the spring and autumn equinox.
- Try the delicious **Cochinita Pibil dish** – a typical Yucatan pit-roasted pork marinated in achiote paste (made from annatto seeds and other spices) and sour orange juice.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Cancun.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 11 hours.
- **Transfers:** Maroma and Zoetry Paraiso are located 20 to 40 minutes from Cancun airport, Hotel Esencia and Be Tulum are 1 hour 30 minutes away.
- **Time difference:** GMT -6 hours.
- **Combinations:** Stays can be combined with Mexico City, Oaxaca and Cuba.

Local weather

PLAYA DEL CARMEN	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	28	29	31	32	33	32	33	33	32	31	29	29
Min av temp (C)	19	19	20	21	22	23	23	23	23	23	21	19
Av rain (mm)	77	57	38	46	109	189	121	146	237	214	107	97



Atlas mountains



Ait Benhaddou



Morocco

Morocco is a land of cultural and scenic diversity, from the bustling souks of Marrakech to the spectacular Atlas mountains reaching more than 4,000 metres high. In the foothills, you will find the Valley of the Roses as well as countless fascinating Berber villages and the picturesque Ait Benhaddou Kasbah, while Marrakech itself marks the crossroads of the ancient caravan routes from Timbuktu. The main square, the Djemma el Fna, with its story-tellers, musicians and food stalls, is a highlight of any visit.

Relax...



Villa des Orangers, Marrakech

Villa des Orangers, Marrakech

This riad-style Relais & Chateaux property is located at the end of an avenue of orange trees, 400 metres from Marrakech's main square, the Djemma el Fna. Set in a converted traditional house, its two inner courtyards feature sofas and softly bubbling fountains.

Accommodation: 21 apartments and six de luxe rooms • Private riad, with two solarium suites, a winter lounge and a private pool

Features: Garden and patios • Traditional hammam and massage rooms • Beauty salon • Restaurant • Cigar cellar • Two pools, including one on the roof with views of the Koutoubia and Atlas mountains.

2012 prices from: £1,295pp (1 Jan – 31 Oct): Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



Riad Kniza, Marrakech

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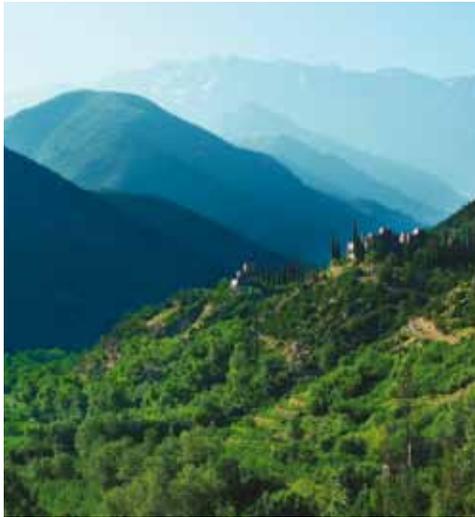
Situated within the heart of the old medina of Marrakech, this 18th-century riad has been rebuilt with traditional Moorish architecture and tastefully decorated with local arts and antiques. Its 11 rooms and suites are built around three courtyards and each has its own charm. Meals are served on the roof terrace, with views of the medina and Atlas mountains, or in one of the two salons, while the spa is an oasis of serenity.

Accommodation: 11 rooms and suites

Features: Rooftop terrace • Two salons • Spa • Hammam • Nearby golf

2012 prices from: £695pp (15 Jun – 15 Sep): £825pp (1 Jan – 14 Jun & 16 Sep – 31 Oct): Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 5 nights, with breakfast.





Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas Mountains

Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas Mountains

Kasbah Tamadot is a walled Moroccan retreat set in the High Atlas mountains with dramatic views towards Jebel Toubkal and the valleys below. Two courtyards in the hotel give way to an indoor and outdoor pool, the hammam and the Asounfou spa. Dine at Kanoun restaurant or under the stars at one of the many secluded spots within the kasbah walls.

Accommodation: 24 rooms and suites including six luxury Berber tented suites

Features: Restaurant • Pools • Hammam • Spa
2012 prices from: £1,525pp (16 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Jun – 31 Aug): £1,795pp (1 Apr – 31 May & 1 Sep – 20 Nov): Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior room for 5 nights, with breakfast.



L'Heure Bleue Palais, Essaouira

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A member of the Relais & Chateaux group, L'Heure Bleue Palais has been converted from an old mansion to one of Essaouira's finest hotels. Located at the edge of the medina, near to the beach, the property combines luxury with the traditional style of a Moroccan riad. Four restaurants, a pool, wellness centre and nearby golf all complement the comfortable accommodation.

Accommodation: 16 rooms and 19 suites.

Features: French gourmet restaurant • Heated swimming pool • Lounge • Moroccan spa.
2012 prices from: £1,255pp (1 Jan – 31 Oct): Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Classic room for 5 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Atlas mountains

The biggest mountain range in north Africa, the High Atlas has many fertile valleys, rivers and waterfalls. One hour's drive from Marrakech, the Atlas offers some fabulous walks through local villages or into the hills, which can be tailor-made to suit your needs. Spreading between the foothills of the Atlas mountains, the verdant Ourika valley also makes an excellent day trip, with numerous olive groves and citrus tree orchards, as well as prairies, shaded by poplar trees and other weeping willows.

Tin Mal mosque & Tizi-n-Test

The 12th-century Tin Mal mosque in the High Atlas is one of only two in Morocco open to non-Muslims. The mosque is considered the cradle of the Almohad empire and features stunning architecture to reflect its rich history. You can reach it along the Tizi-n-Test Pass, an ancient link between the Berber cities of Taroudant and Marrakech, which has stunning views of the valleys below. Along the route are ancient Berber villages, orchards and beautiful scenery.

Essaouira

Surrounded by Portuguese fortifications, Essaouira is a delightful fishing town with a rich cultural heritage and fine sandy beaches. Less than two hours' drive from Marrakech, Essaouira is popular with those who want to relax in beautiful calm surroundings. For a memorable food experience, dine at one of the outdoor fish grills at the port end of Place Moulay Hassan. Just off the coast are the famed Îles Purpuraires, a sanctuary for Eleanor's falcons. Private boat trips to the islands can be arranged.





Essaouira



Cascad d'Ouzud



MOROCCO INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- The peaceful gardens of Yves St Laurent in Marrakech, the **Jardin Majorelle**, are perfect for those looking for more tranquil surroundings. Also home to the Islamic Art Museum.
- **Ourika valley**, Setti Fatma Waterfalls and Berber villages are well worth a visit.
- **El Bahia Palace** in Marrakech is one of the finest examples of Moroccan architecture.
- Explore the mighty **Atlas mountains** on foot, bike, 4x4 or even a mule.
- **Îles Purpuraires**, a sanctuary for Eleanora's falcons, is just off the Essaouira coastline.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Marrakech.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 4 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** From Marrakech airport, the Marrakech hotels are 20 minutes' drive away, Kasbah Tamadot is approximately 1 hour's drive and Essaouira is approximately 2 hours' drive.
- **Time difference:** GMT.
- **Combinations:** Two-centre Marrakech and the High Atlas.

Local weather

MARRAKECH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	18	20	23	25	28	32	37	36	32	28	23	20
Min av temp (C)	7	9	11	12	15	18	21	21	19	16	11	8
Av rain (mm)	19	19	26	24	5	2	0	2	6	14	17	17

ESSAOUIRA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	18	18	19	19	20	21	21	22	22	22	20	19
Min av temp (C)	12	12	14	14	15	17	18	18	18	17	15	13
Av rain (mm)	37	22	25	15	4	1	0	0	2	17	36	44



Cape Town

Cosmopolitan yet relaxed, with a comfortable Mediterranean climate, Cape Town is the ideal gateway into Africa. Sandwiched between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, the city enjoys one of the world's most spectacular locations. Take a cable car to the summit of Table Mountain for superb views over Cape Town to the beaches beyond; visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for three decades, or stroll along the attractive Victoria & Alfred Waterfront in the city's old port area, full of vibrant restaurants, shops and cafes.

Relax...



The Cape Cadogan

The Cape Cadogan

The Cape Cadogan dates back to the early 19th century and is a stately Georgian and Victorian building located just off Kloof Street. Bohemian chic is a trademark of this charming boutique hotel, themed on the Irish literary figure Oscar Wilde. The luxurious en suite bedrooms are lavishly decorated with an eclectic mix of contemporary and antique furniture. Most open on to a private balcony, courtyard or deck.

Accommodation: 12 rooms, plus four self-catered flats in the Cape Cadogan Mews

Features: Pool • Gardens • Library

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,425pp (1 May – 31 Aug); £1,675pp (4 Jan – 30 Apr; 1 Sep – 22 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



The Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront

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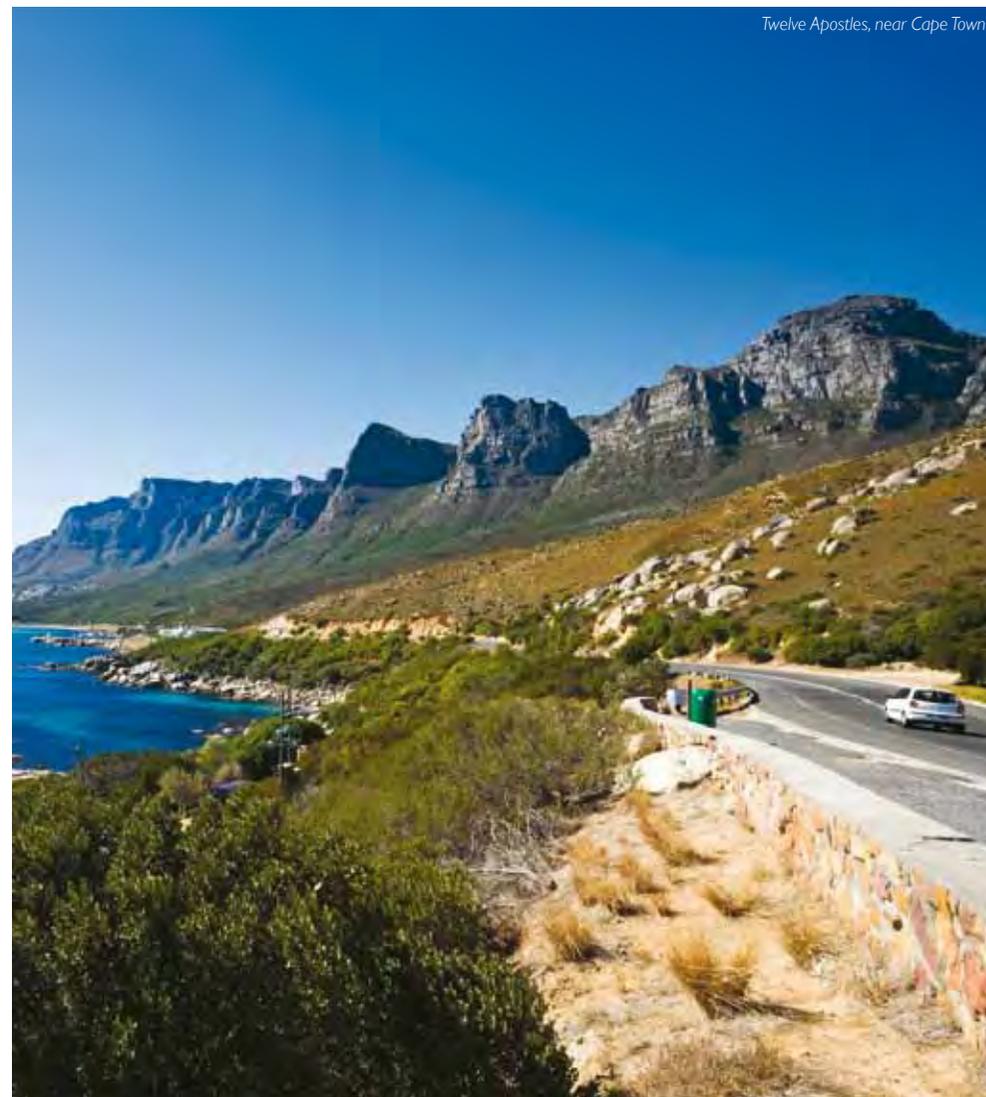
This hotel has a spectacular location right on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean and situated on a private marina with views across the bay towards Robben Island or inland towards Table Mountain. The hotel is within walking distance of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront although a free shuttle service is also available. We particularly recommend the Business Class rooms, which have balconies and breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean or harbour.

Accommodation: 177 elegantly designed rooms

Features: Restaurant & lounge • Pool • Wellness spa

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 from 1 Apr – 31 Aug 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,995pp (1 Apr – 31 Aug); £2,795pp (3 Jan – 31 Mar; 1 Sep – 15 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Business Class sea-facing room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Twelve Apostles, near Cape Town



Cape Winelands



The Cape Grace

The Cape Grace

The luxurious Cape Grace is set on its own private quay on the V&A Waterfront. Cape Grace's charm lies in its intimate atmosphere, stylish decor and personalised hospitality. Experience beauty treatments in your own room or relax by the swimming pool. The One Waterfront restaurant offers regional cuisine and Bascule Bar; set on the water's edge, overlooks the yacht marina.

Accommodation: 120 air-conditioned rooms and suites

Features: Restaurant • Swimming pool • Spa • Cocktail bar

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,195pp (1 May – 20 Dec); £2,395pp (1 Apr – 30 Apr); £2,595 (1 Jan to 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Luxury room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Camps Bay

Camps Bay Retreat

Camps Bay Retreat fringes the glamorous seaside resort of Camps Bay and is within walking distance of Glen beach, Camps Bay beach and Clifton. Set within one and a half hectares (four acres) of private land with waterfalls, mountain streams and pools, this luxury boutique hotel truly delivers on its promise to offer 'a refuge for the heart and soul'. The views across the Atlantic Ocean and along the peaks of the Twelve Apostles mountain range are simply magical.

Accommodation: 15 rooms

Features: Restaurant • Spa • Tennis court • Squash court • Gym

Cox & Kings added value: 4 nights for price of 3 from 1 May to 30 Sep 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (1 May – 30 Sep); £2,125pp (1 Jan – 30 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Mountain room for 7 nights, with breakfast.





Bo-Kaap



Kirstenbosch Gardens

CAPE TOWN INFORMATION

& Explore

Culture & history

Delve deeper into South Africa's political past and open doors to communities not always visible in the city itself. The colourful Bo-Kaap area is one of the oldest residential areas in the city and home to the Malay community. A closer look at one of South Africa's townships, areas created for black residents under the Apartheid regime, can be an eye-opening experience, while a visit to a successful Uthando project, one of our chosen charities in South Africa, shows some of the work being done to help the disadvantaged in the area.

Camps Bay

Extending south of the city are many chic and leafy suburbs. Camps Bay is well known for its beachfront sidewalk, and lively restaurant and cafe culture. The prestigious Upper Claremont district is close to the magnificent Kirstenbosch Gardens, from where hiking enthusiasts can climb Table Mountain.

The Winelands

The drive from Cape Town to the Winelands winds its way through hills, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads to Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa, with canal lined avenues and magnificent examples of Cape Dutch architecture. Visit wineries for tastings, drive over the scenic Helshoogte Pass to Franschhoek, and continue to the town of Paarl, located at the foot of a cluster of remarkable granite domes.

Not to be missed

- Explore the scenic wonders of the **Cape** by helicopter.
- **Robben Island**, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.
- **Sunset cruise** of Table Bay.
- **Solele Game Reserve**, with its buffaloes and black rhinos.
- Take a fascinating **Township Tour**.
- **Canal Walk** – the ultimate shopping experience.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Cape Town.
- **Flying time:** 11 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 30 minutes to Cape Cadogan, Radisson Blu and Cape Grace, and 45 minutes to Camps Bay.
- **Time difference:** GMT +2 hours.
- **Combinations:** Victoria Falls, the Garden Route, Kruger National Park or an Eastern Cape Game Reserve.

Local weather

CAPE TOWN	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	26	26	25	23	21	18	18	18	19	21	23	25
Min av temp (C)	16	15	14	12	10	8	7	8	9	11	14	15
Av rain (mm)	16	15	22	50	92	105	91	83	54	40	24	19



Vamizi Island



Ibo Island



Mozambique

Whether snorkelling around the amazing Bazaruto archipelago, sailing on a dhow through mangrove channels or simply lazing under the palms in the Quirimbas archipelago, visitors to Mozambique will soon understand why the country is becoming increasingly popular as a holiday destination. For so many years, many of Mozambique's attractions were inaccessible, but with an upbeat atmosphere, overflowing markets and about 3,000km of coastline, it is just waiting to be discovered.

Relax...



Ibo Island Lodge

Ibo Island Lodge, Quirimbas Archipelago

With a prime waterfront location on Ibo Island in the Quirimbas archipelago of northern Mozambique, Ibo Island Lodge consists of three magnificent mansions. The guestrooms have either a sea view or garden view and many open on to a private veranda. The lodge features two swimming pools set in tropical gardens, a roof terrace restaurant and bar serving traditional local dishes, and a daily boat trip to a secluded, pristine sandbank.

Accommodation: Nine rooms

Features: Restaurant and bar • Two pools • Massage treatments • Daily boat trip to nearby sandbank

Cox & Kings added value: Price includes guided island historical tour.

2012 prices from: £3,295pp (7 Jan – 31 Jul & 1 Sep – 10 Dec); £3,495pp (1 – 31 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, air transfers, transfers to hotel & Lodge room for 7 nights, with all meals.



Indigo Bay Island Resort & Spa

Indigo Bay Island Resort & Spa, Bazaruto Archipelago

Indigo Bay is situated on a peaceful Bazaruto island in the very north of the archipelago, in a location ideal for snorkelling and fishing. The resort comprises 30 beach chalets and 14 bay view two-bedroom suites with a fully equipped kitchen and splash pool. Golfinho restaurant specialises in seafood. Other features include a spa and daily dhow sailings.

Accommodation: 30 chalets and 14 suites

Features: Restaurant • Snack bar • Swimming pool • Swim-up pool bar • Fitness centre • Spa • Snorkelling and fishing • Dhow sailings

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 year round except Easter 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £3,495pp year round (Easter supplement applies). Includes scheduled flights, air transfers, transfer to hotel & Beach Chalet for 7 nights, half board.

& Explore

Quirimbas archipelago

The Quirimbas archipelago is a largely unexplored chain of 32 Indian Ocean islands along the northern Mozambique coast. The Quirimbas National Park, just north of Pemba, includes 11 of these islands and is an area of great importance, with an abundance of exotic fish and rare marine species such as sea turtles and humpback whales. On the mainland, the park is home to four of the Big Five animals – elephants, buffaloes, lions and leopards.

Bazaruto archipelago

The idyllic islands of the Bazaruto archipelago in Mozambique are known for their unspoilt beauty and diverse ecologies. There are six islands within the archipelago, the largest being Bazaruto. The pristine coral reefs are home to more than 2,000 fish species as well as whales and dolphins. The eco-system of the archipelago in Mozambique sustains diverse fauna and flora, and visitors exploring the islands will find huge dunes, forest, savanna, inland lakes and wetlands.

Dhow sailing

Dhow sailing safaris in Mozambique are a memorable adventure. The Ibo Island Lodge dhow safari combines five of the tropical islands in the Quirimbas archipelago, in northern Mozambique. The safari starts on uninhabited Mogundula Island. Arrive just in time for a fresh seafood dinner and maybe a late night beach dip. From here, sail from island to island, meeting locals, catching fish and snorkelling.

Not to be missed

- Quirimbas National Park.
- Snorkelling and dolphin trips.
- Inter-island excursions.
- Nature walks and drives.
- Whale watching in season.
- Birdwatching.

Need to Know

- **Local airport:** Pemba for Ibo Island; Vilanculos for Indigo Lodge.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 11 hours to Johannesburg. Onward flight to Pemba about 4 hours (via Maputo); to Vilanculos, about 2 hours.
- **Transfers:** About 20-minute flight from Pemba to Ibo Island; 15-minute ground transfer from Vilanculos to Indigo Lodge.
- **Time difference:** GMT +2 hours.
- **Combinations:** Twin with a stay in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Local weather

PEMBA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	31	30	30	30	29	28	27	27	28	29	30	30
Min av temp (C)	24	23	23	22	21	19	19	19	20	22	23	24
Av rain (mm)	104	107	111	60	29	18	11	6	3	6	22	73



Dhow



Zanzibar

Zanzibar

Whether you add Zanzibar to the end of a Tanzania safari or visit the archipelago in its own right, the beautiful turquoise waters and white sand shores provide an idyllic holiday setting. Each of the main islands has its own character: on Zanzibar, the alleyways, courtyards, bazaars and quaint shops of Stone Town are a big attraction. By contrast, Pemba, the most familiar of the outlying Mafia Islands, is covered in rainforest and blessed with miles of deserted beaches.



Relax...



Baraza Resort & Spa

Baraza Resort & Spa

Located on a beautiful beach on the east of the island, this boutique resort evokes the heritage of Zanzibar dating back to the era of the sultans; a fusion of Arabic, Swahili and Indian design. The 30 spacious villas feature luxury interiors, a large bathroom and a spacious terrace with private plunge pool. Baraza's highlights include the The Sultan's Dining Room for a sumptuous dinner, and Frangipani Spa, with treatments, a yoga centre and lap pool with underwater music.

Accommodation: 30 villas

Features: Three restaurants • Bar • Pool • Spa • Tennis • Fitness centre • Children's club • Snorkelling

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for the price of 6 – except during Easter, July and August 2012 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £2,795pp (16 Mar – 15 Jun); £3,695pp (8 Jan – 15 Mar & 16 Jun – 31 Oct).

Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & one-bedroom Ocean Front villa for 7 nights, full board.



Breezes Beach Club & Spa

Breezes Beach Club & Spa

Situated on a pristine, white sandy beach on Zanzibar's eastern coast, Breezes is a luxurious and relaxed beach retreat. The villas are set amid shady palm trees with views across the gardens to the Indian Ocean, while the spacious, air-conditioned rooms are tastefully furnished in authentic Zanzibari style with a garden terrace or balcony offering sea views. Four restaurants include the Tides, offering private dining for two. Frangipani Spa offers a wide range of treatments and massages.

Accommodation: 70 villas and rooms

Features: Four restaurants • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Fitness centre • Tennis • Snorkelling

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for the price of 6 – except Easter, July and August 2012 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £1,295pp (16 Mar – 15 Jun); £1,575pp (8 Jan – 15 Mar & 16 Jun – 31 Oct).

Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Standard room for 7 nights, half board.

& Explore

Stone Town

Stone Town is the old city and cultural heart of Zanzibar, where little has changed over the past 200 years. Bustling bazaars, mosques and ornate Arab houses are around every corner as you explore the labyrinth of narrow streets and alleyways. Most of the houses that can be seen today were built in the 19th century, when Zanzibar was an important trading post. A feature of today's Stone Town is the number of great restaurants serving delicious local fare.

Island spice tour

Visit a spice farm where you can touch, smell and taste a number of different spices and tropical fruits. Accompanied by a guide, learn about the origins of each spice and how they are used as medicines and drink. Try some Swahili dishes, taste the fruits in season and sample some spiced tea.

Dhow cruising

A cruise on a traditional wooden dhow is a memorable part of any visit to Zanzibar. As you glide out over the waters of the Indian Ocean, you can often hear nothing but the sound of the sail being beaten by the wind. Sail around several of Zanzibar's surrounding islands; either enjoy lunch on the dhow or experience a magical Zanzibar sunset.

Not to be missed

- **Jozani Natural Forest Reserve** – home to the rare red colobus monkey.
- **Dolphin safari** – search out spinner and bottlenose dolphins.
- **Chumbe Island** – ideal for snorkelling.
- Tour the north coast – visit **Ras Nungwi**, the dhow building capital of Zanzibar.
- **Prison Island** – home to a family of giant tortoises.
- Learn how to cook a **traditional Zanzibar meal**.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Zanzibar.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 12 hours via Nairobi.
- **Transfers:** 1 hour from airport.
- **Time difference:** GMT +3 hours.
- **Combinations:** A safari in Tanzania.

Local weather

ZANZIBAR	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	25	25	24	22	23	23	22	23	24	24	24	26
Min av temp (C)	19	17	18	19	19	18	18	17	16	17	17	19
Av rain (mm)	75	33	126	228	261	60	30	30	24	63	201	150

MADAGASCAR



Local farmer



Panther chameleon



Beach



Crowned sifika

Madagascar

Approximately 85% of Madagascar's plants and animals live nowhere else in the world. Of the many animals that roam free, perhaps the most famous is the lemur, of which there are more than 100 different species. Whether visiting one of the many national parks, learning about the local people with their mystical culture, or simply lazing on one of the dazzling Indian Ocean beaches, Madagascar is a destination like no other on Earth.

Relax & Explore
BY COX & KINGS

Relax...



Manafiafy Beach & Rainforest Lodge

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Manafiafy has just six private bungalows and is an intriguing combination of rainforest lodges and barefoot luxury beach properties. It is situated just a short walk from a sheltered bay that is ideal for swimming and snorkelling. Breakfast and dinner are taken in the dining room in the main lodge, while lunch is often a delicious barbecue. Activities include day and night walks in the rainforest, lemur spotting, birdwatching, and boat trips to nearby islands.

Accommodation: Six private bungalows

Features: Rooms with a private terrace • Dining room and lounge • Sheltered bay • Rainforest hikes • Boat trips

Cox & Kings added value: Complimentary return transfers from Fort Dauphin.

2012 prices from: £3,495pp (25 Mar – 20 Jun); £4,225pp (21 Jun – 20 Nov 2012). Includes scheduled flights, air transfers, transfers to hotel & Lodge room for 7 nights, with all meals.



Anjajavy

Anjajavy

Anjajavy lies on a remote north-western peninsula accessed only by air: It has 25 two-storey villas that open on to a large sea-facing veranda. Guided forest walks, kayaking through mangroves, boat excursions and private beach picnics can be arranged.

Accommodation: 25 two-storey villas, with terraces

Features: Restaurant and bar • Swimming pool and bar • The Oasis tropical garden • Boat trips • Forest hikes • Kayaking

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6, for stays from 5 Jan to 31 Mar and 1 May to 12 Jul 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £3,295pp (5 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 May – 12 Jul); £3,995pp (1 – 30 Apr & 13 Jul – 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, air transfers, transfers to hotel & Standard double for 7 nights, half board, plus 2 nights in the Palissandre Hotel in Antananarivo – travelling to Anjajavy requires 1 night in each direction in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

& Explore

Discover Manafiafy

Manafiafy is a quiet fishing village which has changed little in the past 500 years. Much of Madagascar's wildlife can be seen in and around the village, with guided rainforest walks almost guaranteed to catch sight of lemurs and species of birds only to be found on the island. Take a boat trip on a mini river safari to spot crocodiles or out to sea to a pristine, private beach for snorkelling or swimming.

Anjajavy Private Nature Reserve

Covering an area of 450 hectares, the Anjajavy Nature Reserve is home to a myriad of wildlife. Flocks of love birds, crested couas and vanga parrots are just some of the many species of birds, while reptiles are in abundance, with ground boas, hog-nose snakes and most unusually, chameleons. The landscape has much to offer, with caves, mangroves and coral reefs just waiting to be explored.

The Great Outdoors

Visit the baobab forest near Andavadoaka or take a day's excursion to Lac Anony, with spectacular dunes contrasting with the bright azure lake, which is home to flamingoes and local fishermen. Seek out indri indris, Madagascar's largest lemur, in Andasibe National Park. Rise early to see the spectacular sunrise, which is also the best time for birding and wildlife viewing. Don't forget to take your binoculars and a head torch for night walks.

Not to be missed

- Humpback whale watching from June to October.
- Lemur spotting in the sacred Antandroy forests.
- A picnic on a private island or stretch of beach.
- Montagne d'Ambre – Madagascar's oldest national park.
- Nosy Be – Madagascar's number one beach destination.
- A Malagasy curry followed by a fruit dessert prepared with local vanilla.

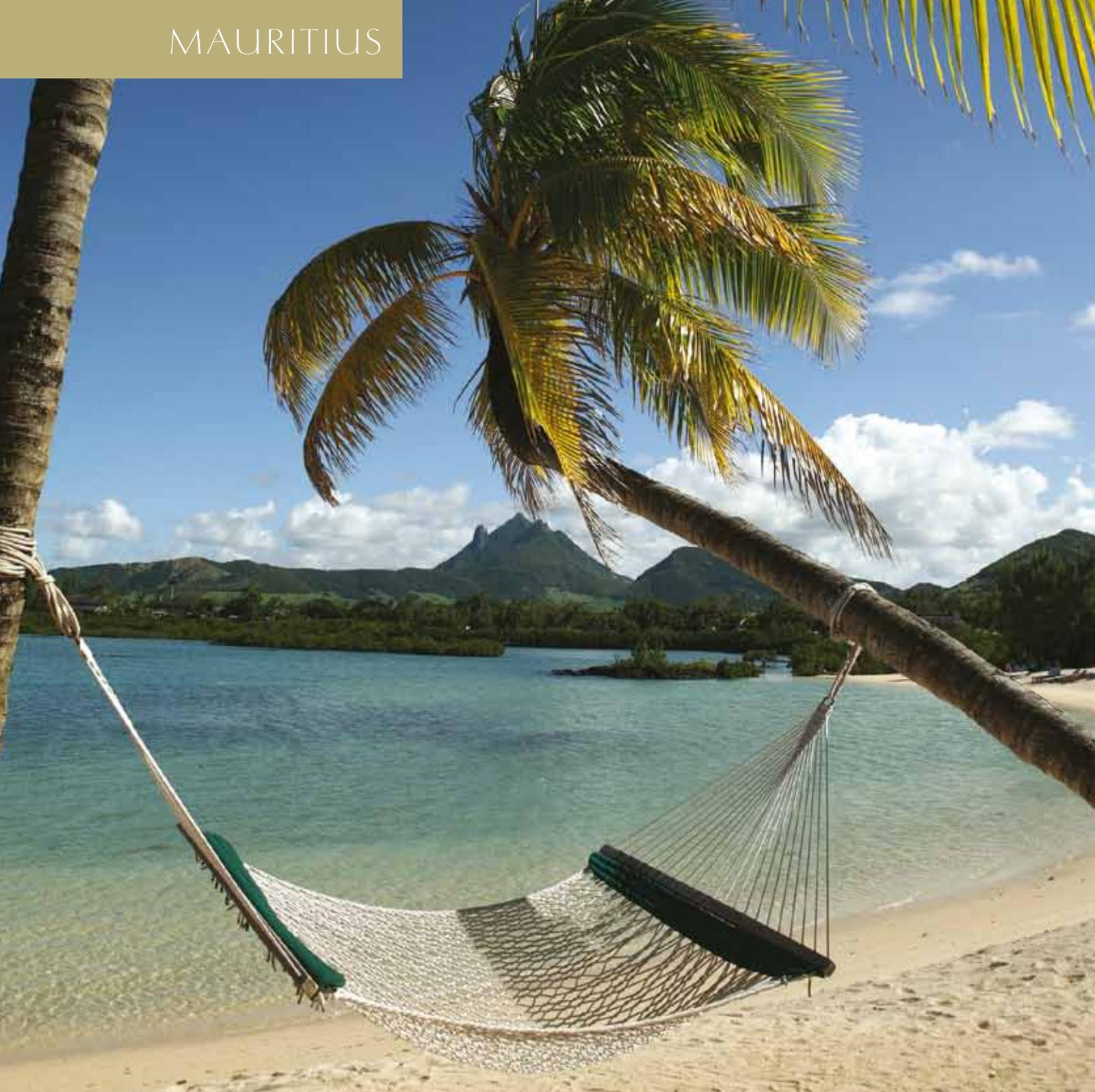
Need to Know

- Local airport: Antananarivo.
- Flying time: Approximately 8 hours to Nairobi. Onward flight to Antananarivo approximately 3 hours 30 minutes. Further flights to both hotels approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Transfers: 2-hour road transfer from Fort Dauphin to Manafiafy. Anjajavy to the hotel is 20 minutes.
- Time difference: GMT +3 hours.
- Combinations: Stop over in Kenya for wildlife viewing in the Masai Mara.

Local weather

ANTANANARIVO	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	27	26	26	26	23	21	20	21	24	26	27	27
Min av temp (C)	17	17	17	15	13	11	10	10	11	13	15	16
Av rain (mm)	289	209	135	46	19	2	8	7	9	34	93	198

MAURITIUS



Mauritius

Lying in the Indian Ocean, some 2,000km from Africa, the island paradise of Mauritius is a beautiful spectacle of white sandy beaches, turquoise seas, lagoons and magnificent tropical scenery. Fascinating to explore, the island has an abundance of historical and cultural sites and varying landscapes, from the central plateau with its forested mountains to national parks filled with indigenous flora and fauna, nature trails, waterfalls and volcanic lakes. Among the sea treasures of Mauritius are colourful coral reefs and a wealth of marine life.

Relax & Explore
BY COX & KINGS

Relax...



20 Degrees South

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This charming and intimate hotel is special for Mauritius due to its small size. With a 'home away from home' atmosphere, it is tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Grand Bay. Delicious food can be enjoyed in the main restaurant and a wide range of excursions and relaxation treatments are available.

Accommodation: 28 rooms and six suites with terraces overlooking the coconut grove.

Features: Two pools • Private beach • Spa • Complimentary water taxi service to Grand Bay • Three dining experiences: in the hotel, within a ruin on an island and on the beautiful MS *Lady Lisbeth*.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 from 1 Feb to 30 Apr; 1 Jun to 31 Aug and 1 to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (1 May – 30 Sep); £1,795pp (3 Jan – 30 Apr; 1 Oct to 15 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Charm room for 7 nights, half board.



Paradise Cove

Paradise Cove

On the north coast of Mauritius at Anse La Raie, this intimate Mauritian-style residence has 67 rooms set amid tropical gardens. A member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World, the property has a selection of dining experiences available, including a candle-lit dinner on your own private pavilion, over the water.

Accommodation: 67 rooms.

Features: Two fresh water swimming pools • Three restaurants • Spa with Indian Ayurvedic massages and hammam • Fitness centre • Tennis courts • Cocktail lounge with live music • Snorkelling and equipment.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,795pp (1 May – 30 Sep); £1,895pp (4 Jan – 30 Apr); £2,145pp (1 Oct to 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Pondichery room for 7 nights, half board.



Landscape, eastern Mauritius



Les Pavillons

Les Pavillons

Sheltered by the Morne Brabant Unesco world heritage site on the west coast of Mauritius, Les Pavillons is a luxurious hotel set along a 600-metre white sand beach and a calm, turquoise lagoon. The chalet-style rooms are set among tropical gardens and all suites are sea facing. The four restaurants include Nipa, where the rich tastes of Thai ingredients perfectly complement the stunning vistas over the lagoon.

Accommodation: 149 rooms and suites.

Features: Private beach & lagoon ideal for snorkelling • Four restaurants • Four swimming pools • Swim-up pool bar • Spa & wellness centre, with sauna, steamroom and jacuzzi • Daily entertainment programme • Access to two world-class golf courses

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,825pp (1 May – 30 Sep); £2,195pp (1 Feb – 30 Apr; 26 Nov – 16 Dec); £2,395 (7 Jan – 31 Jan; 1 Nov to 25 Nov). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior room for 7 nights, half board.



Le Touessrok

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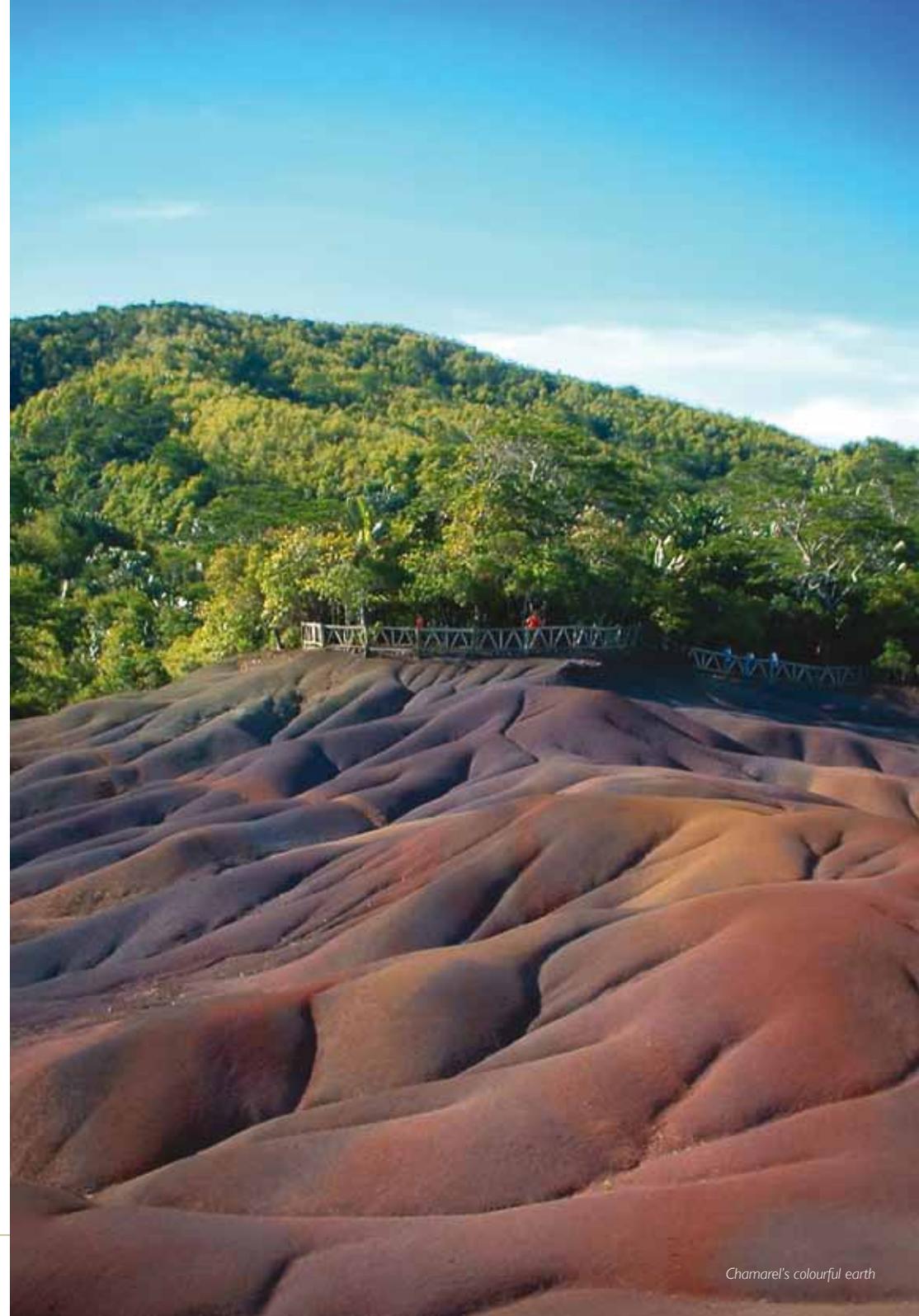
Le Touessrok, a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, is located on the east coast of Mauritius. Its warm Mauritian charm and hospitality is legendary. Mediterranean-style buildings spread along a spectacular beach, while, across the water, lie the resort's two islands – Ile aux Cerfs, home to a spectacular championship golf course, and Ilot Mangénie, an exclusive island retreat.

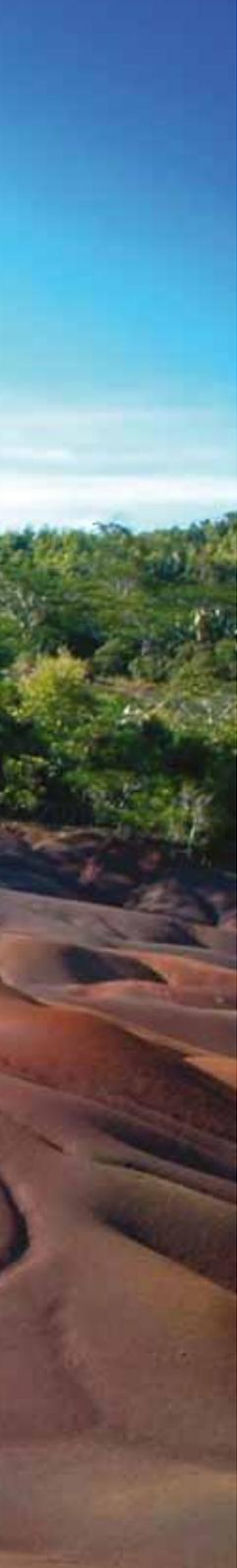
Accommodation: 68 rooms, 132 suites and three villas.

Features: Eight restaurants and bars • Two swimming pools • Givenchy spa and fitness centre • Peter Burwash tennis academy • 18-hole, par 72, championship golf course.

Cox & Kings added value: Early booking offer – book at least 21 days in advance and receive 10% off room cost or 5 nights for price of 4. Please call for details.

2012 prices from: £2,295pp (16 Apr – 30 Sep); £3,825pp (7 Jan – 15 Apr; 1 Oct – 22 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 7 nights, half board.





MAURITIUS INFORMATION

& Explore

Easy days

Mauritius is the ideal destination for those seeking rest and relaxation. Most of the leading resorts and hotels in Mauritius have spa centres and offer treatments ranging from Ayurvedic and Indonesian massages to traditional methods using thermal waters. Shanti Ananda Maurice, Beau Rivage, the Oberoi, Prince Maurice and the Residence are among the best-regarded spas in Mauritius.

Central Plateau

Primarily known as a beach destination, few people are aware of the walking opportunities around the island's interior in the Central Plateau region. Black River Gorges, the island's sole national park, is a wild expanse of thick forest, home to more than 300 species of flowering plants and nine endemic bird species, as well as waterfalls, volcanic lakes and a number of nature trails. Ascend to the top of an extinct volcano for a wonderful view and, after lunch, visit Chamarel, with its colourful earth and beautiful waterfall.

Rodrigues

The relatively unknown island of Rodrigues, located 550km north-east of Mauritius, is a friendly island with a lot to offer. Discover the diverse origins and cultures of its people, go bird watching, snorkel the extensive coral reefs that surround the island, walk across unspoilt land, home to endemic tropical flora and fauna, or simply relax in peace and tranquillity on one of the island's untouched beaches.

Not to be missed

- **Port Louis** – Mauritius' cosmopolitan capital has plenty of character; wonderfully preserved colonial buildings and a lively market.
- Discover the tiny island of **Ile aux Cerfs**, a real gem in the Mauritian landscape.
- Explore **Le Morne peninsula**, capped by one of the country's most dramatic peaks.
- **Eureka** – this perfectly preserved Creole mansion, is a must for history enthusiasts.
- **Mauritian cuisine** – blends Creole, Chinese, European and Indian flavours.
- Dance to the rhythm of the sega, the traditional dance of Mauritius.
- **Diwali**, the Hindi Festival of Lights, takes place on 26 October. Visit a local village to see the illuminations.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** SSR International.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 12 hours.
- **Transfers:** From 50 minutes to 1 hour 15 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +4 hours.
- **Combinations:** Before unwinding in Mauritius, explore Africa from a private game reserve in South Africa or Kenya.

Local weather

PORT LOUIS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	32	31	32	31	29	28	27	27	28	29	30	31
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	23	22	20	19	19	19	20	22	23
Av rain (mm)	131	140	83	87	48	24	18	19	17	15	24	85



Frangipani



Local fisherman



Seychelles

In a setting of extraordinary natural beauty, the Seychelles is made up of a string of 115 islands in the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. Pristine white beaches, an abundance of flora and fauna and a mountainous interior make this an excellent destination in which to both unwind and explore. With an extensive network of scheduled plane and ferry services, island hopping between the 14 islands with accommodation is easy and will add an unforgettable dimension to your holiday experience.

Relax...



Hawksbill sea turtle



Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa



Banyan Tree

Hilton Seychelles Northolme, Mahé

This secluded resort, hidden among local palms and large granite boulders, is situated along small beach coves on Beau Vallon Bay and offers excellent service, understated luxury and casual elegance. The 40 bright and spacious villas have spectacular ocean views and the restaurants benefit from panoramic ocean and mountain views, along with the ultimate 'under the stars' dining experience.

Accommodation: 40 villas

Features: Three restaurants • Swimming pool • Duniye spa • Private white sand beach • Ocean view cocktail bar • Excursions such as sunset cruises and Robinson Crusoe-style picnics.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 for stays from 16 May to 14 Jul and 1 Sep to 10 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,475pp (11 Jan – 31 Oct); £3,595pp (1 – 10 Jan 2012). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Oceanview Hillside villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.

Banyan Tree, Mahé

Located on the south-eastern coastline of Mahé and positioned on a private beach, this eco-friendly hotel offers villa-style accommodation, butler service, and a sense of seclusion in understated luxury. Banyan Tree's signature restaurant, Saffron, specialises in modern Thai cuisine.

Accommodation: 60 villas

Features: Four restaurants • One bar • Infinity pool • Spa • Tennis courts • Private white sand beach • Snorkelling • In-villa and destination dining with personally tailored cuisine • Green turtle observation (October to February) • Adventure cruise on the Banyan lagoon.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £3,195pp (12 Jan – 31 Mar; 2 May – 31 Jul; 1 – 30 Sep); £3,795pp (1 Apr – 1 May; 1 – 31 Aug; 1 – 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Hillside Pool villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.



L'Archipel Hotel

L'Archipel Hotel, Praslin

Situated on the north-east coast of Praslin Island, L'Archipel is a charming, boutique hotel in the Côte d'Or – a beautiful area with unspoilt beaches and a number of small restaurants. The infinity pool and sun deck are just steps from the private beach, which is ideal for swimming and snorkelling. The main restaurant, serving international and Creole cuisine, has lovely ocean views and offers live music twice a week.

Accommodation: 23 rooms and 7 suites

Features: Swimming pool • Two restaurants • One bar • Candle-lit dinners twice a week • Games room & library • Excursions to Vallée de Mai National Park, Anse Lazio and La Digue.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,795pp (8 Jan – 6 Apr; 7 May – 1 Jul); £1,995pp (7 Apr – 6 May; 2 Jul – 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Beach



Constance Lémuria Resort

Constance Lémuria Resort, Praslin

Crafted into the hillside within 101 hectares (250 acres) of land, at the most north-westerly point of Praslin Island, Constance Lémuria Resort is surrounded by rare vegetation and secluded beaches. All the palm-thatched suites, which blend harmoniously with the natural surroundings, offer a sea-facing terrace. From anywhere in the resort, you are never far from the three private beaches.

Accommodation: 96 suites and nine villas.

Features: Three beaches • Three restaurants • Four bars • Spa • Pool • VIP lounge • Snorkelling trips including equipment • Tennis • 18-hole golf course.

Cox & Kings added value: 7 nights for price of 6, 15 Apr to 1 Aug & 1 to 30 Sep 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,275pp (15 Apr – 30 Jun); £2,595pp (1 Jul – 1 Aug; 1 Sep – 30 Sep); £2,995pp (7 Jan – 14 Apr; 1 Oct – 30 Nov) Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Junior suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Sea shells of the Seychelles

With more than 65 beaches on the island of Mahé alone, uncrowded white sands, framed by some of the oldest granite boulders on Earth, are never far away. Praslin is where you will find Anse Georgette and Anse Lazio beaches, both often listed among the world's top 10, and the extraordinary Anse Source d'Argent is found on La Digue.

Two Islands Tour

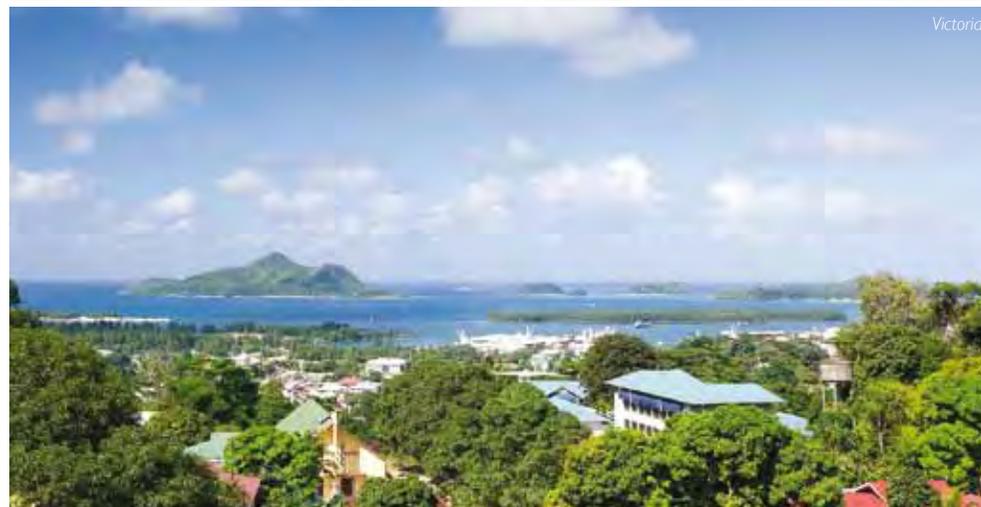
This tour features some of the Seychelles' most famous landmarks and will introduce you to the extraordinary diversity of the destination. Visit the legendary Vallee de Mai on Praslin, a Unesco world heritage site home to the fabulous Coco de Mer nut. Next, board a traditional schooner to the island of La Digue to visit l'Union Estate and see the giant tortoise. Then, after a delicious Creole buffet lunch, relax on Anse Source d'Argent.

The capital of Victoria

Originally settled in 1778 by the French, but named after the Queen of England, Victoria is the smallest capital city in the world. The focal point of the city is a clock tower – a copy of Little Ben outside London's Victoria station. Walk the narrow streets of the old town and see the colonial buildings, explore the tropical gardens and go to the lively morning market, where the stalls are stacked with tropical fruits, spices and freshly caught fish.



Waterfalls, Praslin



Victoria

Not to be missed

- **Snorkelling** – the crystal clear waters are an underwater paradise of millions of tropical fish and colourful coral.
- **Morne Seychellois National Park** – explore Mahé's mountainous interior along virtually deserted walking trails.
- Discover the **cultural diversity** – Seychellois are descendants from Africa, India, China and Europe.
- **Fresh fish** – enjoying the catch of the day in one of Mahé's or Praslin's restaurants.
- **Giant tortoises** – tickle the leathery neck of a giant tortoise.
- **Deep-sea fishing** – these waters are frequented by large game fish, such as wahoo, kingfish, sailfish and marlin.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Mahé.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 11 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 30 minutes to the hotels in Mahé. Praslin requires an onward flight of about 30 minutes and a transfer of approximately 20 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +4 hours.
- **Combinations:** Discover Africa's wildlife at a private game reserve in Kenya, before relaxing in the Seychelles.

Local weather

MAHÉ ISLAND	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	30	31	31	30	29	28	28	29	30	30	30
Min av temp (C)	25	25	25	25	26	25	24	24	25	25	24	24
Av rain (mm)	312	198	136	132	140	112	67	51	131	123	158	198

Maldives

Four degrees north of the equator, the Maldivian archipelago of 1,190 islands stretches ribbon-like across the deep blue seas of the Indian Ocean. These tropical sandy hideaways offer visitors pure relaxation in exquisitely beautiful surroundings. Underwater, the spectacle is perhaps even more stunning, with more than 900 species of exotic fish inhabiting the crystal clear waters and coral reefs. Life here is stripped down to simplicity and the luxurious islands would suit those looking for an indulgent break.

Relax...



Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi

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Set in 34 hectares (84 acres) surrounded by lush tropical beaches and striking blue lagoons, Hudhuran Fushi is just 25 minutes by speedboat from Malé. The island offers a choice of beach villas and beautiful overwater ocean villas with wonderful views. The resort also offers a range of leisure activities, including snorkelling, floodlit tennis courts and a spa.

Accommodation: 137 villas

Features: Two restaurants and bars • Swimming pool • Spa • Children's play area • Snorkelling • Tennis courts • Excursions, including a Malé island tour • Fishing

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: 10% off all room nights when booked by 28 Apr 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,625pp (1 May – 31 Jul & 1 Sep – 31 Oct); £1,845pp (1 Apr – 30 Apr & 1-31 Aug); £1,895pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, speedboat transfer & Beach Villa for 7 nights, all inclusive.



Grey heron



Traditional dhoni boat



Diva Island

Lux Maldives

One of the biggest islands of the Maldives, Lux Maldives is a 25-minute seaplane journey from Malé. It has a 'one-island, one-resort' concept with luxury suite and villa accommodation, set amid tropical vegetation or over the turquoise lagoon.

Accommodation: 193 suites and villas

Features: Seven restaurants • Six bars • Two swimming pools • Infinity spa with over-water treatments rooms • Child and teen facilities • Tennis courts • Reef shark and stingray feeding • House reef snorkelling with equipment • Whale shark excursion (year round)

Cox & Kings added value: 5 nights for the price of 4 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,845pp (1 May – 31 Jul); £2,225pp (1-31 Oct); £2,895pp (11 Jan – 30 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, speedboat transfer & Beach Pavilion for 8 nights, with breakfast.



Banyan Tree

Banyan Tree

Occupying the entire island of Vabbinfaru in the North Malé atoll, the Banyan Tree is only 20 minutes by speedboat from Malé. Surrounded by white sands and blue seas teeming with an abundance of soft corals and tropical fish, the island offers spacious villa accommodation within the interior or along the shore.

Accommodation: 48 villas

Features: Swimming pool • Restaurant & bar • Sandbank & in-villa dining • Spa • Health & fitness centre • Marine lab • Snorkelling • Adventure cruise on the Banyan Velaa • Sea turtle conservation

Cox & Kings added value: 5 nights for the price of 4, when staying from 1 May to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,895pp (1 May – 31 Oct); £3,695pp (8 Jan – 30 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, speedboat transfer & Oceanview villa for 7 nights, full board.



Soneva Gili by Six Senses

Soneva Gili by Six Senses

Located over one of the largest natural lagoons in the Maldives, and accessible from Malé by a 20-minute speedboat transfer, Soneva Gili by Six Senses is the first all-water villa property in the Maldives. Jetties thread across beautiful crystal clear waters to connect 45 spacious villas, all with views of the ocean from every room.

Accommodation: 45 villas

Features: Infinity pool • Overwater bar • Restaurant • Wine cellar • Glass-floored pavilions in the Six Senses spa • Tennis • Snorkelling • Canoeing • Bicycle hire • Fishing trips • Children's club

Cox & Kings added value: 5 nights for the price of 4 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £3,175pp (12 May – 11 Oct); £4,525pp (12 Oct – 19 Dec); £5,275pp (11 Jan – 11 May). Includes scheduled flights, speedboat transfer & Villa suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Mellow Maldives

Spa resorts in the Maldives are among the finest in the world, offering high standards of service and world-class pampering treatments. From overwater pavilions to the world's first underwater treatment rooms at Hufaven Fushi's Lime spa, the Maldives will allow you to indulge, relax and rejuvenate.

A taste of Malé

You're unlikely to tire of the myriad opportunities to discover the marine life of the Maldives' beautiful coral reefs, but by way of change, the capital city of Malé – barely 2.5 sq km in size – houses a number of well-preserved historical and cultural buildings. Get a taste of everyday life at the fish and produce markets, admire Hukuru Miskiy (Old Friday mosque), known for its beautiful rooms with intricately carved panels, and see the interesting collection in the National Museum.

Dolphin watching

The Maldives ranks among the top five places in the world for whale and dolphin watching as its waters are home to more than 20 different species. Spinner dolphins are the most abundant and frequently spotted. They have a regular and dependable daily routine, allowing many resorts to offer morning or afternoon dolphin excursions. While sightings cannot be absolutely guaranteed, there is a good chance you will be able to watch wild dolphins in their natural environment.





MALDIVES INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- **Snorkelling** at the house reef.
- A **sea plane transfer** – there is nothing more spectacular than an aerial view of the atolls.
- **Island hopping** – visit one of the islands inhabited by the locals to get a feel for the typical Maldivian way of life.
- **Sunset cruise** – enjoy sundowners & canapes while cruising.
- **Whale sharks** – search for the largest fish in the world, a rare, endangered, harmless and protected species in the Maldives.
- **Isdhoo** – discover important ruins from the historical Maldivian Buddhist era.

Need to know

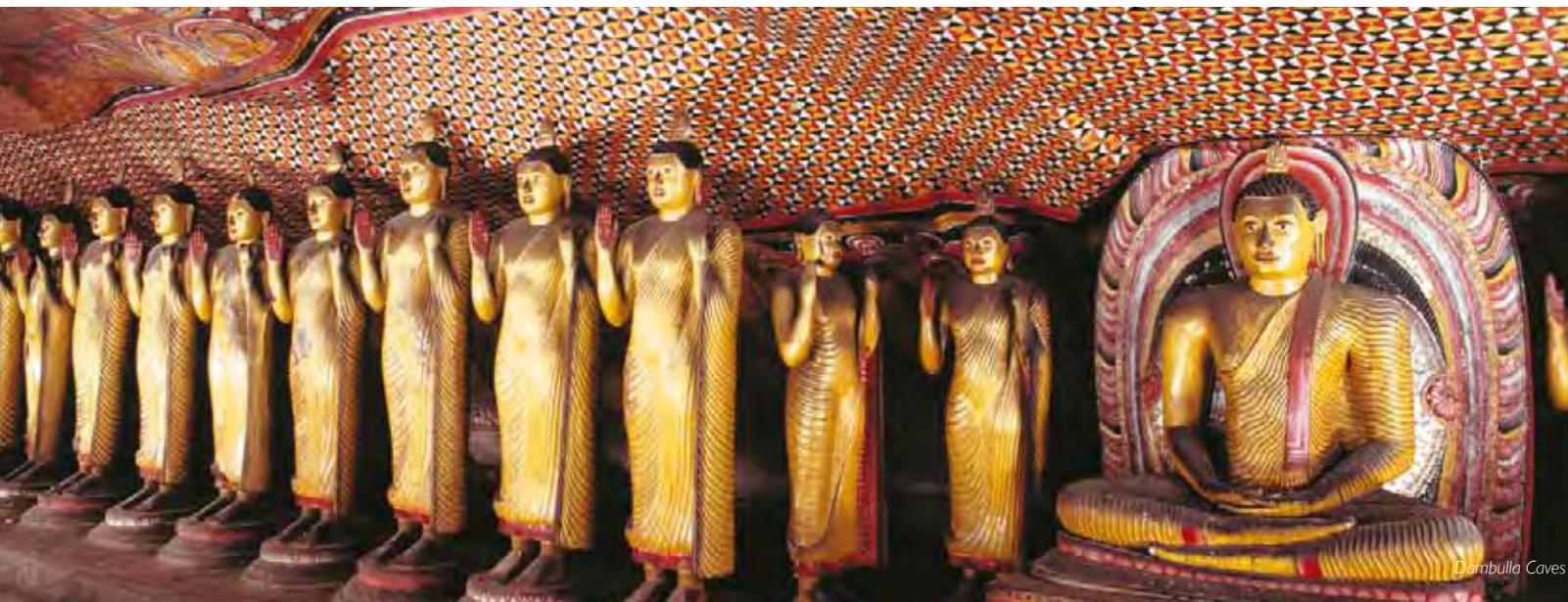
- **Local airport:** Malé.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 10 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes including seaplane transfer.
- **Time difference:** GMT +5 hours.
- **Combinations:** Sri Lanka, Oman and Dubai.

Local weather

MALÉ	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	31	31	32	31	31	30	30	30	30	30	30
Min av temp (C)	26	24	25	27	26	25	24	25	24	24	26	23
Av rain (mm)	36	11	18	54	60	69	70	95	90	98	81	80



Sigiriya Rock



Dambulla Caves

Sri Lanka

The island of Sri Lanka is rich in cultural, archaeological and natural treasures. The finest and most dramatic of these are found in the Cultural Triangle, an area formed by linking the ancient capitals of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Kandy. Sri Lanka also offers more than 1,500km of beautiful golden beaches fringed with coconut palms. From the south-west coast, which is popular for its easy access to and from Colombo, to the historic Galle Fort in the south, there are numerous resorts in quaint coastal towns and villages to choose from.

Relax...



Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel & Spa

Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel & Spa

Set on a hillock overlooking the Indian Ocean and bordered by a golden beach, this colonial-style property is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World. The 60 guestrooms are luxuriously appointed and all feature a sea-facing private balcony. Relax by the pool and enjoy Sri Lankan tea tasting as well as local and international cuisine.

Accommodation: 137 villas

Features: Restaurant & cafe • Bar & grill • Wine cellar • Two swimming pools • Spa • Tennis courts • Gym • DVD library • Games room • Eco-excursions and experiences.

Cox & Kings added value: 6 nights for the price of 5, from 15 Apr to 31 Oct (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £1,195pp (16 Apr – 24 Jul); £1,295pp (25 Jul – 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Ulagalla

Ulagalla

Tucked away near the ancient city of Anuradhapura, the northernmost town in the cultural triangle, Ulagalla Resort is hidden among 23 hectares (56 acres) of lush paddies and forests, near the Ulagalla reservoir. Built around a historic mansion, the superbly restored resort has 25 elegantly furnished and luxurious chalets, thoughtfully designed to make the most of their setting.

Accommodation: 25 chalets

Features: Private plunge pools • Swimming pool • Spa • Meals cooked to order and served in restaurant or in room • Nature trails and birdwatching • Boat trips.

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,695pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £1,795pp (10 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Ulugalla Wing suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Reef

Reef

On Sri Lanka's west coast, this luxurious boutique hotel combines elegant Indian architecture with colonial grandeur. The seven spacious suites are superbly furnished with ornate antique four-poster beds, period furniture, fixed ceiling punkah fans and a private veranda with an Indian swing. The tranquil setting of these luxurious villas and personal service characterise this exclusive hide away.

Accommodation: Seven suites

Features: Restaurant • Beach bar • Infinity pool • Spa • Tennis court • Jogging track • Choice of optional excursions.

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,875pp (1 May – 30 Jun & 1 Sep – 31 Oct); £2,095pp (11 Jan – 30 Apr & 1 Jul – 31 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Lily Pond suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore



Serene Pavilions

Set among a coconut grove with views of the Indian Ocean, this luxurious property features 12 spacious pavilions built in the Balinese style. Each room opens on to a private walled garden with a plunge pool. The Pavilions Restaurant offers the best in fine dining and the Amritha bar is an ideal place to unwind. There are many delightful private dining locations to choose from within the property.

Accommodation: 12 pavilions

Features: Restaurant • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Beach • Club house • Tennis courts • Gym • Reading room • Boutique.

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (1 May – 31 Oct); £2,725pp (1 Jan – 30 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & one-bedroom Garden Pavilion for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Tea fields

Tropical beaches

Large swathes of palm fringed beaches are waiting to welcome you on the west coast of the island, from the sleepy village of Negombo to the beautiful lagoons of Bentota. The lesser known east coast may surprise you. Less developed than the west coast, here you will find peace and quiet and untouched sands, while whale watching and deep sea fishing in the warm Indian Ocean bring about a sense of calm in an instant.

Historic Galle Fort

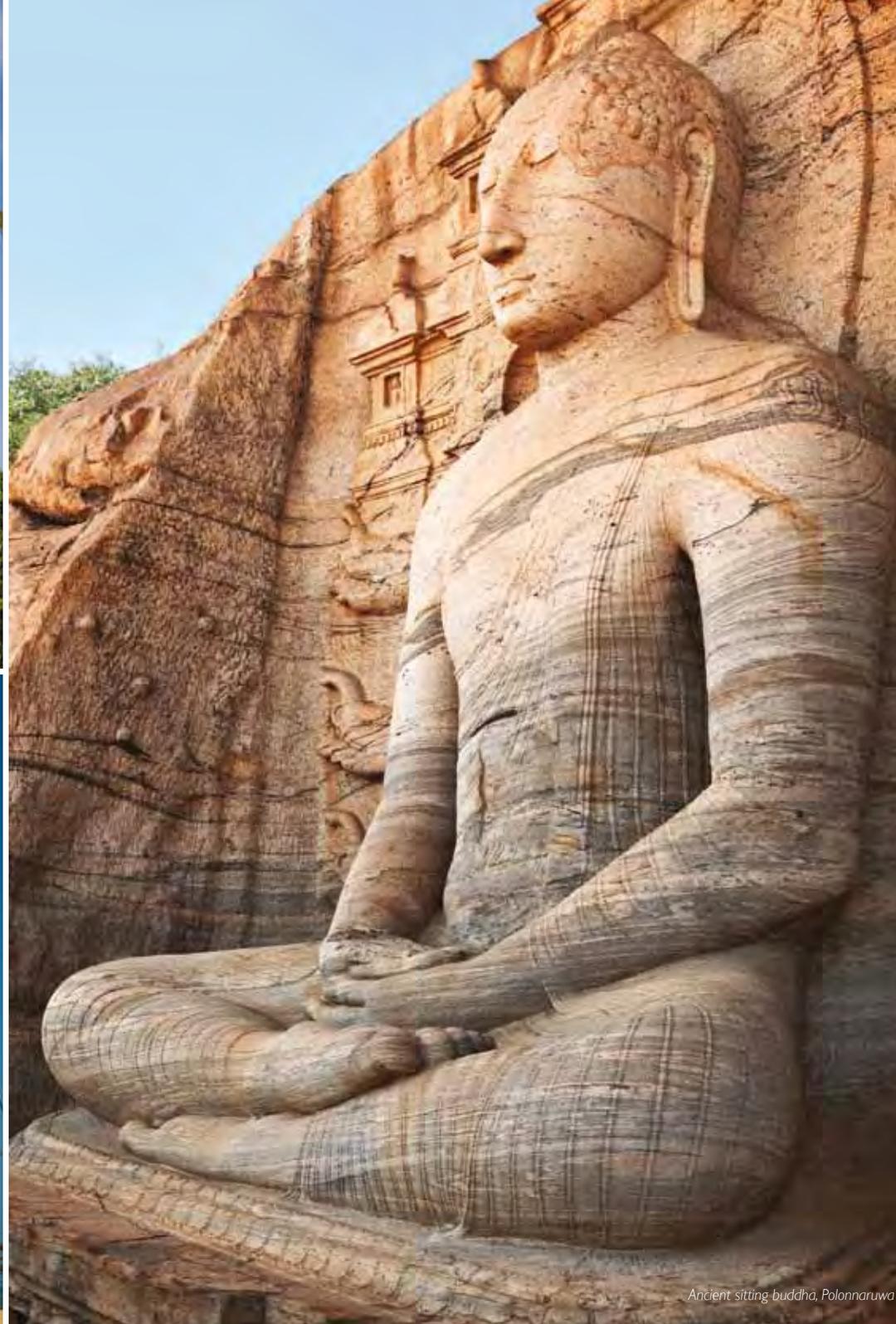
Historically, the strategic location of Galle and its natural harbour, gave the town a prominence above all other ports on the island. Galle Fort, with its unfolding ramparts and imposing bastions, remains today much as it was in the 18th century. Exploring the narrow streets of this Unesco world heritage site reveals fine examples of Dutch colonial architecture – mostly gabled buildings that were once the administrative headquarters and homes for the Dutch admiralty.

Ancient cities

Anuradhapura, a Unesco world heritage site, was the first of the ancient capitals of Sri Lanka from the fourth century BC until 1017AD. In its prime, it ranked beside Babylon in its vast proportions, in its huge number of inhabitants and in the splendour of its shrines and public edifices. Considered sacred to the Buddhist world, Anuradhapura is today surrounded by monasteries and covers more than 40 sq km. Polonnaruwa, another Unesco world heritage site, contains palaces, temples and more.



Light house, Galle Fort



Ancient sitting buddha, Polonnaruwa

SRI LANKA INFORMATION

Not to be missed

- **Turtle Conservation Project** – a locally operated conservation project in a prime nesting site near Galle
- Visit to **Handunugoda Tea Estate** renowned for its virgin white tea. A spice plantation is also nearby.
- **Whale watching** at Mirissa.
- **Hiyare rainforest** – excellent for birdwatching.
- **Pinnewala Elephant Orphanage** – head out early from Wadduwa for a full-day trip.
- **Sacred Kandy** – the ancient capital in Hill Country, surround by tea plantations.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Colombo.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 10 hours 45 minutes.
- **Transfers:** All hotels are 90 minutes to 2 hours drive from Colombo airport.
- **Time difference:** GMT +5.5 hours.
- **Combinations:** Options include the Cultural Triangle, Kerala and Rajasthan in India, the Maldives and Dubai.

Local weather

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Max av temp (C)	32	33	33	32	32	31	30	30	31	30	31	31
Min av temp (C)	22	23	24	25	26	26	26	26	25	24	24	23
Av rain (mm)	34	52	69	174	195	102	75	68	113	303	248	76

ANURADHAPURA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	31	33	34	33	31	30	32	32	32	30	30
Min av temp (C)	14	15	15	14	14	14	15	17	15	16	17	16
Av rain (mm)	108	66	63	129	90	12	33	27	75	159	192	132



Backwaters, Kerala



Indian roller



Kochi

Kerala

Exceptionally beautiful and tranquil, the south Indian state of Kerala is characterised by meandering rivers, rice fields, spice plantations, verdant hills and palm-fringed beaches. It is often celebrated as the spice coast of India and is renowned for its distinctive cultural and artistic traditions. As a largely rural state, most of the population live in villages. This area is also a flourishing habitat for birds such as Brahminy kites, owls, water fowl, Siberian storks, egrets, darters, herons and teals.

Relax...



Kumarakom Lake

Kumarakom Lake

Designed by blending Kerala's old-world charm with modern comforts, this luxurious backwater resort is set among 10 hectares (25 acres) of coconut groves on an island on Vembanad Lake. Kumarakom is an ideal base to experience the serene beauty of Kerala. With ornately carved wooden ceilings and mural paintings depicting mythological tales, many of the rooms feature original art from ancestral Kerala homes.

Accommodation: 64 pavilions, villas and suites

Features: Two restaurants & bars • Traditional tea shop • Private dining • Infinity swimming pool • Fitness centre • Spa • Backwater cruise • Bird sanctuary • Sightseeing trips

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,695pp (1 Apr – 30 Sep); £1,895pp (6 Jan – 31 Mar); £1,995pp (1 Oct – 20 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Meandering Pool villa room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



A Beach Symphony

A Beach Symphony

Set in a beautiful garden alongside the idyllic Mararikulam beach, A Beach Symphony is a luxury hideaway. With earthy tones and teakwood furniture, each of the four superbly designed and wonderfully furnished cottages have their own style, character and atmosphere. While some have a direct view of the sea, other cottages overlook the gardens. Private dining is the only option available at this beach retreat, served on the veranda of your cottage or under romantic candlelight in the beach garden.

Accommodation: Four cottages

Features: Swimming pool • Ayurvedic massage centre – with two-week programme • Meals cooked to order and served on cottage veranda • Boat trips

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,545pp (1 Apr – 30 Sep); £1,825pp (11 Jan – 31 Mar); £1,995 (1 Oct to 20 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Beach Cottage for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Enchanting backwaters

The Kerala backwaters, characterised by lush tropical vegetation, coconut palms, colourful birdlife and busy hamlets, are a network of canals, lakes and estuaries formed by the 40 or so rivers that flow down to the Arabian Sea from the Cardamom Hills. A relaxing backwater cruise, meandering through this area of extraordinary natural beauty, offers an insight into the lifestyle of rural Kerala where villagers, en route to the market, fill their canoes with coir (coconut fibres), vegetables or their day's catch.

Historic Kochi

Kochi (Cochin), overlooking the Arabian Sea and once a strategic port on the spice route, is a delightful blend of east meets west. Its palaces, synagogues and churches evoke the essence of its colonial past when the Dutch, Portuguese and British all vied for control of the lucrative spice trade. Stroll through the local market where the air is filled with the aroma of exotic spices and take a boat cruise to watch the fishermen work the ancient Chinese fishing nets.

Spice gardens & tea plantations

Set among the Cardamom Hills, Thekkady is the spice-growing region of the Western Ghats. A guided tour around a spice garden is an excellent way to see how the different spices are grown, processed and packed. Further north, Kerala's highest peak, Anamudi, is surrounded by rolling green tea plantations. A visit to one of Munnar's tea estates, set up in the early 1900s by pioneering Scottish planters, is highly recommended.

Not to be missed

- Ayurvedic massage.
- Kumarakom bird sanctuary.
- Overnight stay aboard a **kettuvalam** (converted rice boat).
- Join local fishermen on a **night fishing** expedition.
- **Keralan cuisine** – try a blend of indigenous dishes and foreign dishes adapted to Kerala tastes.
- Watch a traditional **Kathakali dance performance**.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Kochi (via Mumbai or Dubai).
- **Flying time:** Approximately 10 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Kumarakom and Mararikulam are around 2 hours' drive from Kochi airport.
- **Time difference:** GMT +5.5 hours.
- **Combinations:** Holidays to Kerala can easily be combined with other destinations, including Rajasthan, Goa, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Dubai.

Local weather - Thiruvananthapuram

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Min av temp (C)	22	23	24	25	25	24	23	23	24	23	23	23
Av rain (mm)	23	27	37	114	184	280	218	124	189	322	215	52



Goa

The former Portuguese colony of Goa, on India's south-west coast, is a perfect location for relaxing in idyllic surroundings. India's smallest state, Goa is filled with long stretches of beautiful beaches lined with palm trees, superb hotels, and delightful cuisine that is quite distinct from the rest of Indian cookery. Striking Portuguese architecture and centuries-old cathedrals are waiting to be discovered and a rich flora and fauna can be found along the state's gentle rivers.

Ora Pronobis Church



Relax...



Taj Exotica

Taj Exotica

Set in 22 hectares (55 acres) of landscaped gardens on the south-west coast of Goa, beside the beautiful Majorda beach, this Mediterranean-style resort features 140 rooms including two- and four-bedroom villas. The rooms combine luxury and beauty, with an elegant blend of Goan and Portuguese style. The restaurants serve a range of Asian and continental cuisine.

Accommodation: 140 rooms, suites and villas.

Features: Five restaurants & bars • Lobster shack • Swimming pool with jacuzzi • Jiva spa • Taamra spa • Fitness centre • Tennis • Dance classes • Kite flying • Nine-hole golf course • Nine hole putting green.

Cox & Kings added value: 5 nights for the price of 4 (shown in price listed).

2012 prices from: £1,595pp (16 Apr – 30 Sep); £1,945pp (5 Jan – 15 Apr); £2,195pp (1 Oct – 21 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden villa room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



The Leela Kempinski

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Located in south Goa, this hotel is set among 30 hectares (75 acres) of landscaped gardens and a 12-hole golf course. Fronted by a golden beach, the Leela Kempinski combines Goa's Portuguese style with delightful gardens and lagoons, while the magnificent lobby draws on 14th-century design motifs. Most rooms and suites have an individual terrace or balcony.

Accommodation: 170 rooms, suites and villas.

Features: Four restaurants & bars • Entertainment lounge • Swimming pool • Spa • Beauty salon • Yoga & meditation • Tennis courts • 12-hole golf course • Sightseeing tours.

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,745pp (1 Apr – 30 Sep); £1,995pp (11 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Lagoon Terrace room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Goa beaches

With more than 120km of coastline, Goa is home to scores of wonderful beach attractions and its sands are acclaimed as some of the finest in the world. The beaches in north Goa are great for entertainment and recreation, while the south Goa beaches are ideal for relaxing, surrounded by picture perfect backdrops and serenity. The most popular beaches in Goa are Dona Paula, Baga, Bambolim, Anjuna and Vagator.

Culture in old Goa

Goa is steeped in both Christian and Hindu tradition. It has some of the best churches and Portuguese mansions in the Indian Subcontinent, which we highly recommend you visit. Of special interest are the Basilica of Bom Jesus, a world heritage monument that has housed the sacred mortal remains of St Francis Xavier since 1695, and the Church of St Francis of Assisi, complete with the family coats of arms, which dates back to the early 16th century.

Food & drink

Influenced by its Hindu origins and Portuguese colonialism, Goan cuisine is mainly based on seafood and involves lots of spices to give each dish a distinctive taste and aroma. The Portuguese influence cannot be ignored; dishes such as *racheiada*, *caldeirada* and *cabidela* reflect the legacy of the state's colonial heritage. Made by fermenting the fruit of the cashew tree or from the juice of a coconut plant, fenny, a traditional Indian liquor, can be enjoyed neat or in a cocktail.

Not to be missed

- The 17th-century **Aguada fort**.
- Visit churches and temples of old Goa, including the **Basilica of Bom Jesus** and the **Tomb of St Francis Xavier**.
- Bird sanctuaries & **spice plantations**.
- **Fishing** on Agonda beach.
- Visit a **private Portuguese home** to view displays of artefacts and paintings from generations ago.
- The five-day **food and culture festival**, which focuses on Goan food, is held annually between late November and early December.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Goa via Mumbai.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 10 hours.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 1 hour from the airport.
- **Time difference:** GMT +5.5 hours.
- **Combinations:** Holidays to Goa can easily be combined with other destinations including Rajasthan, Kerala, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Local weather

GOA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	32	32	32	33	34	30	29	29	30	32	33	33
Min av temp (C)	20	21	23	25	26	25	24	24	24	24	23	21
Av rain (mm)	3	0	0	4	55	585	650	395	154	85	8	4

THAILAND



Elephants, Bang Tao beach, Phuket



Tympanum, Wat Chalong

Phuket

Phuket, Thailand's largest island, located in the south-west of the country, is a wonderland of wildlife and rainforest fringed by white sand beaches. Patang is the vibrant heart of the island, known for its nightlife and Phuket's most popular beach, Hat Patong. For those wishing to escape the lively atmosphere, the coastline offers long stretches of sandy beaches, with the western shoreline being the meeting place of lush green foliage and the turquoise waters of the Andaman Sea.



Long-tail boats, Phi Phi Island

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Andara Resort and Villas

Andara Resort and Villas

Located on Phuket's pristine west coast, above Kamala beach, this boutique property has 37 elegantly decorated suites, many of which have their own plunge or infinity pool. The 26 free-standing villas have their own private attendants and chefs. The restaurant and bar benefit from sea view dining, the spa offers a full range of treatments, and private resort yachts, with their own dedicated crews, can be used to explore the coastline and visit nearby islands

Accommodation: 37 suites and 26 villas

Features: Swimming pool • Restaurant and bar • Spa • Gym • Yoga • Aerobics • Beach club • Two private yachts

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £200 pp reduction for travel from 1 Apr to 30 Jun 2012, if booked before 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £3,495 pp (1 Apr – 30 Jun); £3,875 pp (1 Jul – 31 Oct); £3,995 pp (4 Jan – 31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Terrace suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



The Surin

The Surin

The Surin is set in seclusion on the beach overlooking Pansea Bay, known for its crystal waters and pristine white sand. The hotel offers beautifully appointed palm-thatched cottages hidden in the tropical gardens and coconut groves. A selection of restaurants and bars provide guests with a variety of dining options. Facilities include an indulgent spa, tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool.

Accommodation: 108 suites and cottages

Features: Swimming pool • Two restaurants • Cafe • Bar • Beach barbecue • Spa • Gym • Tennis courts • Thai cooking classes • Children's play area • Shuttle service to Patong Beach • Five golf courses nearby

Cox & Kings added value: 8 nights for price of 6 from 16 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,845pp (16 Apr – 31 Oct); £2,195pp (8 Jan – 15 Apr). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Hillside room for 8 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Take to the water

Kayak across the Andaman Sea to enjoy the beauty of surrounding bays and islands. Phi Phi Island is among the most beautiful in Thailand and just a 45-minute speedboat ride from Phuket. In all, 32 of the many islands that surround Phuket may be visited on a one-day cruise, their warm waters – a constant 30C – beckon those wishing to enjoy snorkelling and bathing off their shores.

Wat Chalong

Wat Chalong, Phuket's most important temple and spiritual centre, is the biggest and most ornate of the island's 29 Buddhist temples. With an interesting history and beautifully decorated, it features infinite reflections from hundreds of tiny glass pieces and several pagodas. A great way to explore it is when it hosts country fairs on special holidays. They have a real local flavour and you can buy just about anything or simply snack on Thai food to your heart's content.

Escape from the crowds

If you're looking for complete escapism, the remote beaches of north-west Thailand may be just the tonic. Hat Mai Khao is Phuket's longest beach, where sea turtles lay their eggs between November and February each year. About 5km to the south is Hat Nai Yang, renowned for snorkelling and popular with the local communities.

Not to be missed

- **Phuket's Buddhist temples** – 29 in all to be visited.
- **Big Buddha** – 45 metres high atop the Nakkerd Hills.
- **Old Phuket Town** – a unique blend of colonial and Chinese architecture.
- **Thai village & orchid farm** – an example of the life and culture of the people of southern Thailand.
- **Phuket aquarium** – more than 30 tanks of freshwater and salt water marine life.
- **Phuket butterfly farm** – recognised as one of the best butterfly gardens in the world.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Phuket.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** 20 to 30 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +7 hours.
- **Combinations:** Spend 2 or 3 nights in Bangkok.

Local weather

PHUKET	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	33	34	34	34	33	32	32	32	31	31	32	32
Min av temp (C)	24	25	25	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	25	24
Av rain (mm)	21	20	44	78	165	145	169	209	247	245	139	48



Ko Samui

Ko Samui lies off the east coast of Thailand, near the town of Surat Thani on the mainland. It is Thailand's third largest island and its beautiful soft, white, powdery sand beaches, stunning coral reefs and coconut palms have made it a firm favourite with visitors. The island's blue-green waters are blessed with dazzling tropical fish, with multi-coloured coral just offshore – all you will need is a mask.

Relax...



Napasai

Napasai

Located on the exclusive northern coast of Ko Samui, this boutique Orient-Express property is hidden among palms and tropical vegetation, assuring privacy and tranquillity. A selection of villas, suites and private pool residences offer understated luxury and unrivalled ocean views, while the spa provides a range of treatments rooted in traditional Thai medicine.

Accommodation: 69 villas, suites and residences

Features: Three restaurants • Two bars • Freshwater infinity pool • Spa • Snorkelling and boat trips in Ang Thong National Marine Park • Elephant trekking • Deep sea fishing • Jungle adventures • Golf nearby
Cox & Kings added value: 6 nights for price of 5 for stays from 1 Apr to 31 Jul and 1 to 30 Sep 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,795pp (1 Apr – 30 Sep); £1,895pp (1-31 Oct); £1,945pp (9 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Seaview Hill villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Four Seasons Resort

Four Seasons Resort

The Four Seasons is located in tropical gardens on a hillside just behind the peaceful Maenam beach, offering spectacular views of the Gulf of Thailand. Guest villas are beautifully furnished and include alfresco living spaces and private infinity pools. Dotted around the hillside, the private residence villas are ideal for families or groups travelling together.

Accommodation: 60 villas and 13 private residences

Features: Restaurant • In-villa dining • Swimming pool • Beach • Spa • Kayaking • Tennis courts • Day excursions, including jungle trekking and snorkelling in Ang Thong National Marine Park
Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer – £150pp reduction for stays from 1 May to 30 Jun 2012, if booked before 31 Jan 2012.

2012 prices from: £3,495pp (1 May – 30 Jun & 16 Sep – 31 Oct); £3,995pp (11 Jan – 30 Apr & 1 Jul – 15 Sep). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & One bedroom villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Take a look around

Surrounded by around 60 other islands, Ko Samui is a great starting point from which to explore the Ang Thong National Marine Park or to get boats to Ko Pha Ngan or Ko Tao. Alternatively, just sit back and relax. As well as stunning white sandy beaches and luscious lagoons, the interior of the island hides beautiful waterfalls to discover when you tire of the beach.

Explore Ko Samui's temples

Ko Samui is home to some of the most fantastical Buddhist temples in Thailand, including the Big Buddha at Wat Phra Yai. The colourful and interesting Wat Plai Laem features very ornate decor and art, an 18-arm image of the Goddess of Mercy and a large white Chinese Buddha set on a lake. See the body of Ko Samui's most famous mummified monk, Luang Por Daeng, at Wat Khunaram, and a precious collection of Buddha amulets and images at Wat Samret, an old temple that also houses the precious White Marble Buddha.

Thai cooking lesson

Discover the culinary secrets of traditional Thai cuisine and take home the knowledge and skill needed to recreate your favourite dishes. Accompanied by a resident chef, select the best local ingredients from the market before returning to the kitchen to learn how to blend the four essential flavours – spicy, sour, salty and sweet – into mouth-watering dishes. The journey ends at the table where you will enjoy your delicious creation.

Not to be missed

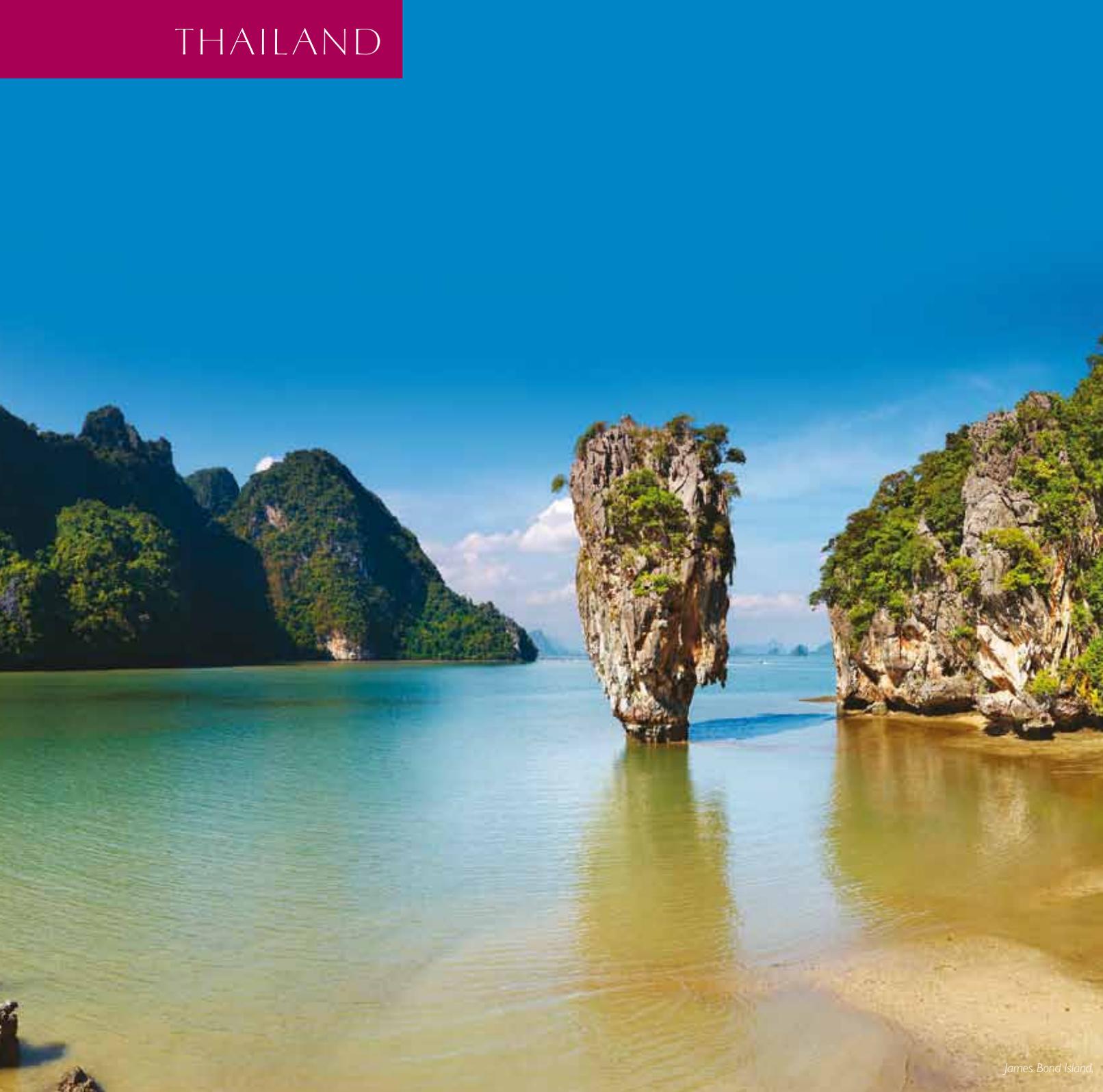
- **Elephant trekking** – take a guided elephant trek through some of Thailand's tropical forests.
- Snorkelling and boat trips in **Ang Thong National Marine Park**.
- **Golf** – there are golf courses to suit every ability across Thailand.
- **Hin Lat waterfalls**.
- The **Big Buddha**, Ko Samui's most famous landmark.
- Look out for the **Ling Nang monkeys**, trained to pick coconuts.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Ko Samui.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** 25 to 30 minutes.
- **Time difference:** GMT +7 hours.
- **Combinations:** A stop in Bangkok en route to or from Ko Samui.

Local weather

KO SAMUI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	29	31	32	33	32	32	32	32	30	30	29
Min av temp (C)	24	25	26	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24	24
Av rain (mm)	76	47	67	54	109	102	79	99	12	270	333	141



Phang Nga

Phang Nga province is located on the west coast of Thailand and is home to many islands off Phang Nga Bay, including James Bond island and the Similan Islands. Khao Lak is a popular resort in the province. Its quiet nature makes it the perfect place to relax and unwind, and its abundant natural scenery makes it ideal for those looking for soft adventures or to discover Thailand off the beaten track.

Relax...



Maikhao Dream Resort & Spa

Maikhao Dream Resort & Spa

Located on the unspoilt sandy Natai beach in Phang Nga, this intimate resort features 56 guestrooms with a modern Thai interior design. Facilities include indoor and beachfront restaurants offering sumptuous culinary delights, a wine cellar for private dining and a bar with an alfresco terrace. The *Maikhao Dream* luxury boat is ideal for cruising along the calm waters of the western coast.

Accommodation: 56 villas

Features: Restaurant & bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Steam room • Sauna • Snorkelling • Yoga • Golf lessons • Trekking in Khao Phra Thae National Park • Luxury sixty foot yacht

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £150pp reduction for travel from 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2012, if booked before 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,795pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £1,825pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar); £1,995pp (1 Nov – 19 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & De Luxe room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



The Sarojin

The Sarojin

Just an hour from Phuket, this multi-award-winning resort occupies a secluded location on some of Thailand's most enchanting coastline, close to the primary forests of Khao Sok National Park. The resort comprises 56 rooms set beside an expansive white sand beach and a well-equipped spa. Each guestroom features a private garden, sundeck and rain shower and some have a private pool.

Accommodation: 56 suites and residences

Features: Restaurant and bar • Wine cellar • Private dining • Infinity pool • Spa • Fitness centre • Croquet • Snorkelling in the Similan and Surin Islands Marine National Parks • Three golf courses nearby • Luxury 11-metre boat, *Lady Sarojin*

Cox & Kings added value: 2 nights for price of 1 from 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,895pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £2,825pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar & 1 Nov – 20 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Garden Residence for 8 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

The Similan Islands

This group of nine islands, declared a national park in 1982, are famed for their natural beauty, with some of the most unspoilt coral reefs in the country and some of the best visibility. Unsurprisingly, the Similan Islands are a very popular snorkelling spot and a major reason why many people visit Khao Lak. Above the water, the granite islands have beautiful chalky-white sand and tropical jungle, offering a postcard-like piece of paradise.

The name's Bond...

The most famous of the islands in Phang Nga Bay is Ko Tapu, better known as 'James Bond Island' as it was here that much of *The Man With The Golden Gun* was filmed (fans will definitely recognise Scaramanga's hideaway). It is the most visited island in the area, although it is feared that erosion may cause the small, uninhabited island to fall at any time, so best visit while you can.

Discover the Elephant Cave

One excursion to recommend while in Khao Lak is to the stunning Elephant Cave – the longest cave in southern Thailand. From the entrance, a canoe goes deep into the cave, before transferring passengers to a bamboo raft, when the water way becomes much narrower and darker, but amazing rock formations and stunning stalagmites and stalactites appear, culminating in the golden stairway and famed 'white elephant'.

Not to be missed

- **Chong Fah waterfall.**
- **Takuapa & old town** – about 45 minutes' drive from Khao Lak.
- **Khao Sok National Park** – including jungle trekking on foot or elephant.
- **Cheow Lan Lake** and Rachaphrapha Dam.
- **Police Boat 813** – a memorial to the 2004 tsunami.
- **Similian Island by speedboat** – a chance to snorkel among an array of reef fish.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Phuket.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes
- **Transfers:** Approximately 1 hour.
- **Time difference:** GMT +7 hours.
- **Combinations:** Spend two or three nights in Bangkok.

Local weather

PHANG NGA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	33	34	35	34	33	33	32	32	32	32	32	31
Min av temp (C)	23	23	23	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	23	23
Av rain (mm)	31	33	79	115	253	239	256	314	347	352	198	67



Long-tail boats



Tiger Cave Temple



Tiger Cave Temple

Krabi

Krabi is both a province and a city on the west coast of southern Thailand, where the Krabi river reaches the Andaman Sea. Famed for its beautiful limestone hills, or karsts, which can be found among rice paddies on land and as islands in the sea, Krabi is a beautiful region with some equally spectacular beaches. Within the hills are many caves with impressive stalactites and stalagmites, as well as prehistoric rock paintings – it is thought the area has been inhabited since as early as 30,000BC.

Relax...



The Rayavadee

The Rayavadee

The Rayavadee is one of the most exclusive hotels in the world. Located between three beautiful beaches, accommodation is provided in elegant two-storey pavilions, which have been designed to emulate the atmosphere of a southern Thai village. There are huge outdoor pools surrounded by tropical gardens and a selection of wonderful restaurants serving delicious cuisine. The hotel's stunning peninsula is surrounded by limestone outcrops and is only accessible by boat.

Accommodation: 98 pavilions and villas

Features: Four dining venues • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Thai cooking lessons • Snorkelling • Phi Phi Island discovery • Sunset cruises • Jungle adventures

Cox & Kings added value: 8 nights for price of 5, 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2012; 8 nights for price of 6, 11 Jan to 31 Mar & 1 Nov to 23 Dec 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,395pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £2,995pp (1 Nov – 23 Dec); £3,175pp (11 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Deluxe Pavilion room for 8 nights, including breakfast.



Phulay Bay Ritz-Carlton Reserve

Phulay Bay Ritz-Carlton Reserve

Set in lush tropical gardens on the coast of the Andaman Sea, this is the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, setting new standards of service and luxury for Ritz-Carlton. Spacious, luxuriously appointed villas feature infinity beds, rainforest showers, private verandas and a personalised butler service. Amenities include an infinity pool and spa complemented by a selection of casual, gourmet and private dining options and a wealth of activities for the mind, body and soul.

Accommodation: 54 pavilions and villas

Features: Three restaurants • Sunset lounge • Bar • Spa cafe • Infinity pool • Spa • Yoga • Snorkelling • Island hopping • Jungle trekking

Cox & Kings added value: 8 nights for price of 6 for stays from 9 Jan to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,495pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £2,695pp (9 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Resort Pavilion for 8 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

The outer islands

While in Krabi, many visitors opt to head straight to the islands of Ko Phi Phi (the setting of the film *The Beach*) and Ko Lanta. There is also plenty to see on the mainland, where the most popular beach is Ao Nang. From there, it is possible to take a boat to Railay, a rock climber's paradise due to the towering limestone cliffs. Phra Nang beach is not far either – and many would say it is among one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Tiger Cave Temple

One of southern Thailand's most famous and interesting forest temples, here monks live, meditate and worship within a maze of natural caves in a jungle valley. Visitors can explore the many temples and climb the 1,237 steps to visit 'the footprint of Buddha'. For those unable to make the climb, there are many other temples and a circular walk through rainforests and caves – watch out for the monkeys, they may have their eyes on your bags and cameras.

Mangrove tour

Krabi river runs from the Andaman Sea inland and Krabi town is situated right on its banks. Take a long tail boat from the town to explore the abundant mangroves and their varied inhabitants, then stop and explore limestone caves and visit a traditional fishing village where the local population live and work from their houses on the river.

Not to be missed

- Explore the **mangroves** in a long tail boat.
- Visit a traditional **fishing village** with houses situated on the river.
- **Hot Springs waterfall** and emerald pools.
- **Elephant trekking** through the jungle.
- **Krabi** is an ideal setting for spa treatments.
- Visit the **Ao Luk waterfalls** and the Susan Hoi shell cemetery.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Krabi.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 13 hours 30 minutes to Bangkok.
- **Transfers:** Phulay Bay approximately 40 minutes; Rayavadee is 1 hour.
- **Time difference:** GMT +7 hours.
- **Combinations:** Spend two or three nights in Bangkok.

Local weather

KRABI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	33	34	34	34	33	32	32	32	32	31	32	32
Min av temp (C)	25	25	26	26	26	26	25	26	25	25	25	25
Av rain (mm)	32	19	58	106	216	215	217	230	281	298	149	59



Buddha temple



Rice fields, Hua Hin

Hua Hin

Hua Hin is one of the oldest and most traditional of the Thai resorts, having been chosen by the king in 1920 as an ideal getaway from the heat of Bangkok. To this day, it keeps its royal endorsement and is a popular escape for locals, expats and tourists alike, offering a good balance between Thai culture and tourist facilities. Hua Hin, with a pleasant climate all year round, has an 8km-long pretty and clean beach, a large number of golf courses and spas, and is nearby to waterfalls, caves and national parks.



Food market, Hua Hin

Relax...



Asara Villa & Suite, Hua Hin

Asara Villa & Suite, Hua Hin

The award-winning Asara Villa & Suite is located in the traditional resort town of Hua Hin. Elegant spacious suites and villas are furnished in a contemporary Thai style with oversized bathrooms featuring indoor and outdoor rain showers. All rooms have views over the tropical gardens, the two large pools or the tropical lagoons.

Accommodation: 96 suites and villas

Features: Three restaurants • Two large swimming pools • Splash zone for children • Beach • Spa with Thai massage • Yoga • Cooking class • Origami • Fruit carving • Hua Hin sightseeing

Cox & Kings added value: 8 nights for price of 6 from 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,745pp (1 Apr – 31 Oct); £1,945pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Holiday suite for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Chiva Som

Chiva Som

Consistently voted one of the world's top destination spas by *Condé Nast Traveller*, the whole ethos of Chiva Som, which translates as 'Haven of Life', is dedicated to personal wellness in a luxury environment. The Thai architecture, spacious lawns, blue water pools, waterfalls and soaring palms have a tranquil serenity.

Accommodation: 58 rooms, pavilions and suites

Features: Award-winning spa cuisine • 70 treatment rooms • Kinesis studio • Gym • Flotation pool • Indoor & outdoor swimming pools • Sauna • Steam room • Jacuzzi • Yoga • Library • Cooking class

Cox & Kings added value: THB18,500 credit for use on Health & Wellness menu.

2012 prices from: £3,995pp (1 May – 30 Sep); £4,425pp (6 Jan – 30 Apr & 1-31 Oct). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Ocean View room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Soaking up Hua Hin's atmosphere

Today's visitor to Hua Hin will still sense a special atmosphere and old world charm. The area around the town lets you discover fabulous parks and peaks, caves and waterfalls. In the evening, the winding roads, home to a wide variety of shops, make a great stroll. And the restaurants built on stilts into the sea offer superb seafood.

Phetchaburi

Phetchaburi, one of the country's oldest towns, possibly dates from the 14th century; the same period as Ayutthaya and Kanchanaburi. After the rise of the Thai nation, it served as an important royal military city and was home to several princes who were groomed for ascendance to the throne. Phetchaburi's palace and historically significant temples make it an excellent day trip, just one hour from Hua Hin.

Hua Hin's temples

The Thai word for temple is 'wat' and there are plenty to be found near Hua Hin. Wat Yai Suwannaram is a stunning royal temple built during the Ayutthaya period (don't miss the axe-chop battle scar on the building's carved doors). Wat Ko Keo Suttaram, also built in the 17th century, houses impressive paintings, and Wat Kamphaeng Laeng was originally constructed during the reign of Khmer ruler King Jayavarman VII (1157-1207) as a Hindu shrine.

Not to be missed

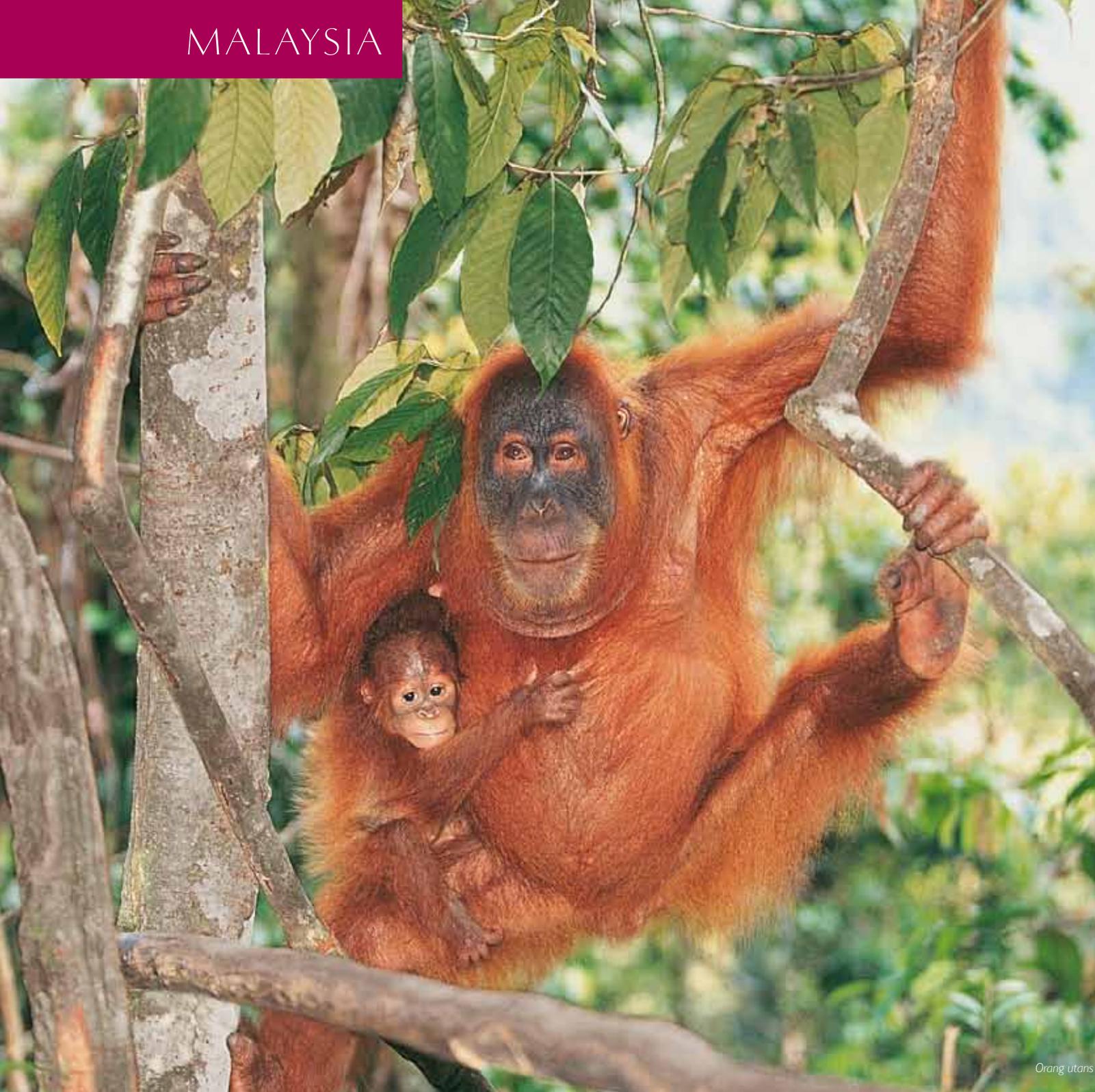
- **Hua Hin's night market** – busy from dusk until late.
- **Klai Kangwon Palace** – one of the royal summer residences.
- **Khao Takiap** (Chopstick Hill) – a pretty cape less than 8km from Hua Hin.
- The famous **spas** of Hua Hin.
- **Hua Hin Railway Station** – charming, quirky and highly photogenic.
- **Sam Roi Yot National Park** – wildlife, marshes and mangrove swamps.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Bangkok.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.
- **Transfers:** Hua Hin is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes drive from Bangkok.
- **Time difference:** GMT +7 hours.
- **Combinations:** A stop in Bangkok en route to or from Ko Samui, which is easily reached from the capital. Either travel for 2 hours 30 minutes on the bus or take the option of a 50-minute flight.

Local weather

HUA HIN	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	31	32	34	34	33	33	33	32	31	30	30
Min av temp (C)	23	23	25	26	26	26	26	26	25	25	24	23
Av rain (mm)	16	19	43	43	97	73	82	62	118	262	71	11



Borneo

The island of Borneo evokes images of colourful tribal groups and wide rivers twisting through the steamy jungles of the oldest rainforest on Earth. The valleys are home to a great variety of wildlife, including elephants, proboscis monkeys and fascinating orang utans. There are endless sightseeing opportunities, from water villages to the slopes of stunning Mount Kinabalu, and then, when it's time to relax, Borneo's beaches are among the finest in Asia.

Relax...



Gayana Eco Resort, Gaya Island

Gayana Eco Resort, Gaya Island

Situated on the lush Gaya Island, just off the coast of Sabah, Gayana Eco Resort features 52 overwater villas. The resort's design blends the traditional simplicity of Bornean architecture with modern luxury. Dining can be at one of the two restaurants or in the privacy of your own villa. The Solace Spa offers western and Asian treatments and, when you want to explore the vicinity, trek through the jungles or kayak through the mangroves.

Accommodation: 52 villas

Features: Two restaurants • Bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Marine ecology centre

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £150pp reduction for bookings made before 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,095pp (30 Jan – 19 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Jungle View villa for 7 nights, with breakfast



Bunga Raya Island Resort & Spa, Gaya Island

Bunga Raya Island Resort & Spa, Gaya Island

The Bunga Raya Island Resort is the sister property of the Gayana Eco Resort, tucked away on a tranquil bay framed by a white beach on one side and centuries-old virgin jungle on the other. The exotic hideaway has 47 handcrafted timber villas terraced into the hillside, reflecting the traditional Bornean style. Two restaurants are complemented by an impressive wine cellar, stocking more than 4,500 bottles, and the spa offers many soothing treatments.

Accommodation: 47 villas

Features: Two restaurants • Wine cave • Spa • Fitness centre • Non-motorised water activities

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £150pp reduction for bookings made before 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,475pp (30 Jan – 19 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Superior villa for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Tunkul Abdul Rahman Marine Park

This park was established to protect the habitats and marine life of five small islands, fringed by golden sands and coral reefs. Take a guided walk along the nature trails to explore the mangrove forest and the chance to spot wildlife. The idyllic islands of Sapi and Mamutik offer an opportunity to relax on white sandy beaches and swim in turquoise waters.

Turtle Island

Turtle, or Selingan, Island, off the coast of Sandakan, is home to green and hawksbill turtles. Designated a national park so that it may protect newly laid eggs, a visit to or stay on the island presents the unforgettable sight of adult females nesting in the sand and young hatchlings trying to make their way to the ocean.

Mount Kinabalu

Climbing Mount Kinabalu makes for a memorable part of a Borneo holiday and a three-day / two-night hike is rewarded by a stunning sunrise from the summit as well as a soothing dip in the hot springs at Poring. Trails around the foot of the mountain are also available for the less energetic and, for a truly spectacular view of Mount Kinabalu. Helicopter trips from Kota Kinabalu are also available.

Not to be missed

- **Orang utan spotting** – Borneo is one of only two islands where orang utans live in the wild.
- Visit a **tamu** or **open market** – the Kota Belud tamu is one of the largest.
- Snorkel the incredible **coral reefs**.
- Trek through the **rainforests**.
- Take a **kayak trip** into the mangroves.
- The Marine Ecology Research Centre (Merc) - a protected **marine conservation project**.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Kota Kinabalu.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 16 hours via Kuala Lumpur.
- **Transfers:** 15 minutes to dock for short ferry ride.
- **Time difference:** GMT +8 hours.
- **Combinations:** Kuala Lumpur for sightseeing and shopping.

Local weather

LANGKAWI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	31	33	34	35	34	34	33	33	33	32	31	30
Min av temp (C)	22	22	23	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	23	23
Av rain (mm)	38	35	83	111	118	154	104	115	126	239	250	227



Langkawi

Langkawi is an archipelago of 99 islands off Malaysia's west coast and is the country's best-known holiday destination. Surrounded by a stunning turquoise sea, with a shoreline fringed by fine sand and swaying coconut trees, the interior of the main island is a mixture of picturesque paddy fields and jungle-clad hills. Snorkelling opportunities are in abundance, while, on land, there are caves and waterfalls to be explored, golf courses to be played and beaches to be lazed upon.



Waterlilies, Langkawi



Buffalo grazing



Relax...



The Datai

The Datai

The Datai is situated on the north-west tip of the island of Langkawi. It is an exclusive natural retreat surrounded by a 500m-year-old virgin rainforest. Set on a white sand beach facing the peaceful Andaman Sea, the resort has well-appointed rooms and villas with private verandas. There is a choice of four restaurants, which includes the delightful Gulai House, serving Malay and Indian cuisine, which is accessed over a traditional Titi bridge.

Accommodation: 110 rooms

Features: Four restaurants • Lounge bar • Two swimming pools • Spa • Tennis • Nearby golf • Non-motorised water sports

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £150pp reduction for bookings made before 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,695pp (16 Jan – 19 Dec). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Deluxe room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



The Danna

The Danna

Located on the west coast of Langkawi, the Danna is a luxury resort, surrounded by lush green mountains and white sandy beaches. There are 125 well-appointed rooms and suites furnished in a British colonial style, and three restaurants, including the Planters, the signature restaurant. A three-tiered infinity swimming pool overlooks the beach and the spa presents a range of rejuvenating treatments.

Accommodation: 125 rooms

Features: Three restaurants • Two lounges • Spa • Fitness room • Children's club • Non-motorised water activities

Cox & Kings added value: Guaranteed room upgrade to next category for stays from 1 Apr to 14 Jun and 16 Aug to 19 Dec 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,895pp (11 Jan – 14 Jun & 16 Aug – 19 Dec); £1,995pp (15 Jun – 15 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, private transfers & Merchant (Hillside) room for 7 nights, with breakfast.

& Explore

Kilim River Nature Park

Spanning an area of 100 sq km, Kilim River Nature Park features a beautiful mix of mangrove forests, isolated beaches and blue lagoons. Abundant wildlife includes hornbills, Brahminy kites, giant sea eagles, mudskippers and deer. To explore the park, a cruise along the river is highly recommended. Kilim river is also a great place for birdwatching during the migratory seasons in March and September.

Langkawi Legenda Park

Langkawi Legenda Park is a 20-hectare (50-acre) open-air garden museum that highlights the many myths and legends of Langkawi. The park comprises 17 story-telling monuments, four artificial lakes and a man-made beach that provides a picturesque and fitting backdrop for buildings that showcase Langkawi's rich cultural heritage. The park is easily walkable or, if you prefer, buggies can be hired. The grounds are an excellent spot for a picnic.

Island hopping

The best way to discover the hidden gems of the Langkawi archipelago is by taking a boat tour. Island hopping tours may include a visit to the island of Pulau Dayang Bunting, more commonly known as the Lake of the Pregnant Maiden Island, as well as Pulau Beras Besar, with its tropical white sand beaches. Cruise between small islands to take in views of the dramatic sea cliffs covered in lush jungle and witness the spectacular sights of eagles dipping for fish and crab-eating moneys foraging for their favourite food.

Not to be missed

- Cable car ride to the top of Sky Bridge.
- Visit the **Thursday night market** opposite Bon Ton Resort.
- **Ibrahim Hussein Art Museum.**
- Underwater World **aquarium.**
- **Atma Alam batik art village** and Pisang handicraft and art villages.
- **Eagle Square** – home to the 16-metre-tall statue of the eagle facing the sea, the icon of Langkawi.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Langkawi.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 14 hours 30 minutes via Kuala Lumpur.
- **Transfers:** Danna is 15 minutes from airport; Datai, is 30 minutes away.
- **Time difference:** GMT +8 hours.
- **Combinations:** Penang for its culture or Kuala Lumpur for sightseeing and shopping.

Local weather

LANGKAWI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	31	33	34	35	34	34	33	33	33	32	31	30
Min av temp (C)	22	22	23	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	23	23
Av rain (mm)	38	35	83	111	118	154	104	115	126	239	250	227

Maui

The second largest of the Hawaiian Islands, known locally as 'The Valley Isle', is also the most diverse, with luxury accommodation, lush tropical scenery, volcanic landscapes and expanses of beautiful sandy beaches. Travel the scenic Hana Highway, where waterfalls spill beside the road, take a trip to the summit of Haleakala, the world's largest dormant volcano or, if the season is right, cruise on the Pacific in search of whales.

Relax...



Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali

Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali

Set on the shores of magnificent Ka'anapali beach, and within 10 hectares (25 acres) of lush Hawaiian foliage, this is a resort property that has something for everyone. Most of the guestrooms have ocean views and all have private lanais (balconies). A choice of three restaurants includes Teppan-yaki Dan, offering contemporary Japanese cuisine. For pure indulgence, the Spa at Black Rock features indoor and outdoor treatments using products that utilise the rejuvenating qualities of the sea.

Accommodation: 508 rooms

Features: Three restaurants • Two bars • Swimming lagoon • Children's pool • Spa • Tennis courts • Fitness centre • Nearby golf

Cox & Kings added value: 4 nights for the price of 3 from 1 Jan to 21 Oct 2012 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £1,825pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar); £1,875pp (1 Apr – 22 Jun & 22 Aug – 21 Oct); £2,125pp (23 Jun – 21 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, traditional flower 'lei' greeting, private transfers & Resort view room for 7 nights, with breakfast.



Fairmont Kea Lani, Wailea

Fairmont Kea Lani, Wailea

On the shores of Wailea beach, in the south-west of the island, the Fairmont offers accommodation and facilities of the very highest standards. The guestrooms comprise one-bedroom suites with balconies or two- and three-bedroom villas with private plunge pools. A highlight of the dining options is Nick's Fishmarket, one of Maui's finest seafood restaurants, while other features include Spa Kea Lani, and two pools connected by a 42-metre water slide.

Accommodation: 450 suites and villas

Features: Four restaurants • Deli • Cocktail lounge • Three pools (including one adult-only) • Spa • Tennis courts • Children's programme • Boutique shops • Three golf courses nearby

Cox & Kings added value: 5 nights for price of 4 (shown in listed price).

2012 prices from: £2,295pp (1 Apr – 22 Jun & 22 Aug – 21 Oct); £2,395pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar 2012); £2,675pp (23 Jun – 21 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, traditional flower 'lei' greeting, private transfers & Moderate suite for 7 nights, room-only basis.

& Explore

Haleakala

The dormant volcano of Haleakala looms large at the centre of the island and, at 3,055 metres, its summit is the highest point on Maui. Visit the informative Haleakala National Park Visitor Centre or hike down into the 914-metre-deep Haleakala crater, where you can explore ancient lava flows and see silverswords – rare, silvery flower stalks indigenous to the area. Haleakala is worth visiting any time of the day, but is at its most spectacular at sunrise.

Lahaina

Lahaina, on Maui's west coast, was once the capital of Hawaii and later became a bustling whaling town. Today, it is the liveliest, most colourful place on the island, filled with restaurants, bars, souvenir shops, art galleries and high-end boutiques. Lahaina's highlights include the Whaling Museum, the 19th-century waterfront Pioneer Inn, and the eye-catching Banyan Tree, which was planted in 1873 now occupies an acre (4,000 sq metres), with a branch spread of 50 metres.

The Road to Hana

The Road to Hana is considered the most scenic drive in Hawaii. Beginning just south of Kahului and ending at the charming town of Hana, the journey is 88km of twisting and turning around more than 600 bends. The scenery is stunning, with lush vegetation, waterfalls and sweeping views of the ocean at every turn. En route are the Keanae Peninsula, the Keanae Arboretum – incorporating an authentic representation of a Hawaiian rainforest – and the 51-hectare (125 acre) tropical Kahanu Botanical Gardens.

Not to be missed

- **Iao Valley State Park** – with the much-photographed Iao Needle.
- **Paia** – colourful east coast town where surfers can be watched honing their skills.
- **Sugar Cane Train** – 10km steam train journey between Ka'anapali and Lahaina.
- **Snorkelling** at Molokini – just off the south-west coast.
- A **helicopter flight** over the island.
- A traditional **Hawaiian lu'au**.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Kahului.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 15 hours, via Los Angeles or San Francisco.
- **Time difference:** GMT -10 hours.
- **Transfers:** Approximately 30 minutes to Wailea; 45 minutes to Ka'anapali.
- **Combinations:** Twin Maui with any of the other Hawaiian islands.

Local weather

KAHULUI, MAUI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	27	27	28	29	30	31	31	31	31	29	28	
Min av temp (C)	17	17	18	18	19	20	21	21	21	20	20	18
Av rain (mm)	77	49	73	40	17	7	17	12	11	53	60	75



Kauai

Kauai is the oldest of the Hawaiian islands and is known as 'The Garden Isle' because of its lush vegetation and seemingly endless beauty. Among the scenic highlights are the Na Pali coast – accessible only by boat, helicopter or foot, where the panorama is so magnificent it defies description – and Waimea canyon, the largest in Hawaii. The people of Kauai are only too eager to extend their genuine friendliness and spirit of 'aloha'.

Relax...



The Kauai Beach Resort, Lihue

The Kauai Beach Resort, Lihue

Kauai Beach Resort is a delightful beachfront property, situated in 10 hectares (25 acres) alongside Kauai's longest beach on the eastern coast. The plantation-style accommodations, each with its own lanais (balcony), exude a true tropical ambience. A Hawaiian restaurant and poolside grill offer good dining options, and the strains of live music can be heard drifting from Shutters Lounge each evening. Four swimming pools complement the 5km of sandy beach and the Rainforest spa is a peaceful oasis.

Accommodation: 356 rooms

Features: Two restaurants • Lounge and poolside bar • Four swimming pools • Spa • Fitness centre

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: £100pp reduction for stays from 1 Apr to 22 Jun and 22 Aug to 21 Oct 2012, when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £1,645pp (1 Apr – 22 Jun & 22 Aug – 21 Oct); £1,825pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar); £1,875pp (23 Jun – 21 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, traditional flower 'lei' greeting, private transfers & Mountain / Garden view room for 7 nights.



Grand Hyatt Kauai, Poipu

Grand Hyatt Kauai, Poipu

Situated on Poipu beach, this fabulous resort enjoys excellent services and amenities. Each of the 602 rooms has its own balcony or lanais (balcony), looking out to the mountains, garden or ocean. The five restaurants include the prestigious Tidepools, while four lounges provide plenty of refreshment options. Swimming pools and lagoons, a 45-metre waterslide and the impressive Anara Spa are just some of the activities in the grounds.

Accommodation: 602 rooms

Features: Five restaurants • Four lounges • Twice-weekly lu'au • Pools and lagoons • Waterslide • Spa • Tennis courts • Camp Hyatt children's club

Cox & Kings added value: Early Booking Offer: receive free breakfast for stays from 1 Apr to 22 Jun and 22 Aug to 21 Oct 2012, when booked by 29 Feb 2012.

2012 prices from: £2,295pp (1 Apr – 22 Jun & 22 Aug – 21 Oct); £2,425pp (1 Jan – 31 Mar); £2,575pp (23 Jun – 21 Aug). Includes scheduled flights, traditional flower 'lei' greeting, private transfers & Garden view room for 7 nights, room-only basis.

& Explore

Waimea canyon

At 16km long, 1.6km wide, and more than 1,000 metres deep, Waimea canyon is the largest canyon in the Pacific. It was carved thousands of years ago by rivers and floods that flowed from Mount Waialeale's summit. The canyon walls depict different volcanic eruptions and lava flows that have occurred over the centuries. Even though it is smaller than the Grand Canyon, Waimea rivals it for beauty, while numerous lookouts and hikes offer stunning views.

Fern grotto

For an unusual Hawaii adventure, cruise up the Wailua river to a lava rock grotto covered with tropical ferns. At the grotto, you will be serenaded by Hawaiian musicians playing traditional local songs. The superb acoustics within this natural amphitheatre greatly enhance the singing and guitar accompaniment. The trip up this historic and sacred river – which is the only navigable river in Hawaii – takes about 40 minutes via a long flat-bottom riverboat.

Hanalei valley lookout

On Kauai's north shore, Hanalei valley is 1.6km wide and 10km long. With the backdrop of mountains and waterfalls against the sleepy town of Hanalei, it is home to one of the most well-known and beautiful views on the island. From the lookout, the taro fields of the valley below – which were planted as long ago as 700AD – can be clearly seen, with the wide Hanalei river bisecting the dramatic taro farm patchwork.

Not to be missed

- **Lumahai beach** – the location used for the 1958 film, *South Pacific*.
- **Botanic Gardens** – 73-hectare (180-acre) garden in a rainforest environment.
- **Opaekaa Falls** – where the Wailua river plunges over a high cliff.
- **Kukui Trail** – the only hiking path into Waimea canyon.
- A spectacular **helicopter flight** over the Na Pali coast.
- **Smith's Tropical Paradise** – nine hectares (22 acres) of wildlife and a train ride through rainforest.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Lihue.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 15 hours, via Los Angeles or San Francisco.
- **Time difference:** GMT -10 hours.
- **Transfers:** Approx. 15 minutes to Lihue; 1 hour to Poipu.
- **Combinations:** Twin Kauai with any of the other Hawaiian islands.

Local weather

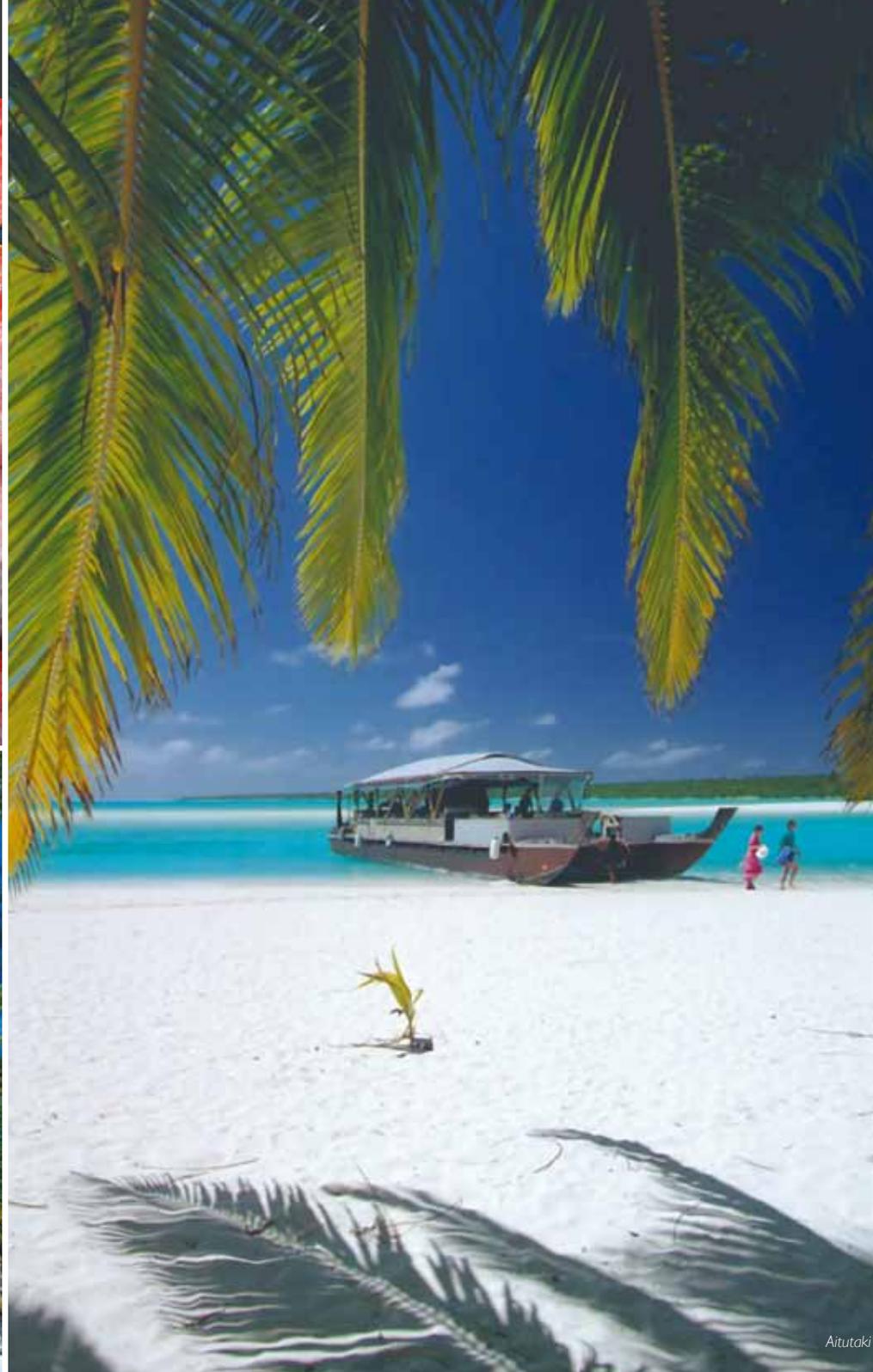
LIHUE, KAUAI	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	26	26	26	26	27	28	29	29	29	29	27	26
Min av temp (C)	18	18	19	20	21	23	23	23	23	23	21	20
Av rain (mm)	105	92	143	55	57	48	47	54	57	104	119	130



Fish at market, Atiu



Rarotonga



Aitutaki

Cook Islands

The 15 islands that make up the Cook Islands are scattered over an expanse of the Pacific Ocean the size of western Europe. The main island of Rarotonga and the atoll of Aitutaki have more than a thousand years of Polynesian culture and some of the most breathtaking natural scenery in the South Pacific. As well as offering a plethora of white sandy beaches and turquoise lagoons, the warmth of the welcome from the locals enhances the experience.

Relax...



Little Polynesian, Rarotonga

Little Polynesian, Rarotonga

Located at the southern tip of Rarotonga, on an unspoilt beach, the adults-only Little Polynesian offers a sanctuary of seclusion, romance and luxury. The 10 beachfront and four thatched garden ares (bungalows) feature tropical decor and afford intimate accommodation. Breakfast is delivered to your room each morning and, in the evening, the restaurant serves seafood, meats and vegetarian options.

Accommodation: 10 beachfront bungalows and four garden units

Features: Restaurant • In-room dining • Lounge • Infinity pool

Cox & Kings added value: Stays of 5, 7 or 12 nights receive flower 'ei' greeting on arrival, coach transfers, Island Discovery Tour, 1 themed dinner pp and dining vouchers to the value of NZ\$50pp per day.

2012 prices from: £155pp per night in a Garden are. Includes daily tropical breakfast. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.



Pacific Resort, Aitutaki

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Situated on the western shores of Aitutaki, the Pacific Resort provides de luxe air-conditioned bungalows and villas. All are beautifully appointed with colonial style furnishings and many have spectacular views. The Rapae Bay restaurant serves excellent South Pacific cuisine and the Black Rock Cafe is a relaxing venue to enjoy cocktails at sunset.

Accommodation: 27 beachfront bungalows, suites and villas

Features: Restaurant • Beachfront bar • Friday night Polynesian buffet • Swimming pool • Spa treatments • Lagoon cruise

Cox & Kings added value: Stays of 5, 7 or 12 nights receive flower 'ei' greeting on arrival, coach transfers, lagoon cruise on Aitutaki and dining vouchers to the value of NZ\$50pp per day.

2012 prices from: £275pp per night in a Premium Beachfront bungalow. Includes daily tropical breakfast. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.

& Explore

Rarotonga

A 4-wheel drive excursion to Rarotonga's interior will take you to the eastern heights of the island, overlooking beautiful Muri lagoon and the four motu (islets). Head out to see the point where the seven canoes left for their journey to Aotearoa in New Zealand, and view Te Rua Manga (the Needle) from both the north and south sides. Then, visit the attractive north coast town of Avarua, with landmarks such as the National Museum and Para O Tane Palace, and, learn about Maori plants and medicines.

Aitutaki

One of the main appeals of Aitutaki is the stunning lagoon, its vast expanse playing host to a wide array of vibrant coral species. A boat cruise across its waters will give you the opportunity to explore the various motu (islets) and to learn more of the Aitutaki culture, from the making of hula skirts to the crafting of ukuleles from coconuts. Cruises can last a half or full day, and the latter will usually include a barbecue lunch and plenty of time for snorkelling.

Church on Sunday

A Sunday morning service at one of the many churches distributed around Rarotonga is not to be missed. Most visitors discovering the Cook Islands' hymn singing for the first time are astonished at the power of the voices and the quality of the harmony. The men turn out in their Sunday best and the women are always immaculate in their stiff rito hats made of young coconut fibre.

Not to be missed

- **Muri beach** – one of the Cook Islands' best spots for snorkelling.
- Cruise the **azure blue lagoon** in Aitutaki.
- Passport stamp at One Foot Island in Aitutaki lagoon – a unique **souvenir of paradise**.
- Take a **guided nature and bird walk** into the Takitumu Conservation.
- Book a guide and tackle **Rarotonga's cross-island trek**.
- Shopping – local specialities include **black pearls** and traditional Tangaroa figures.

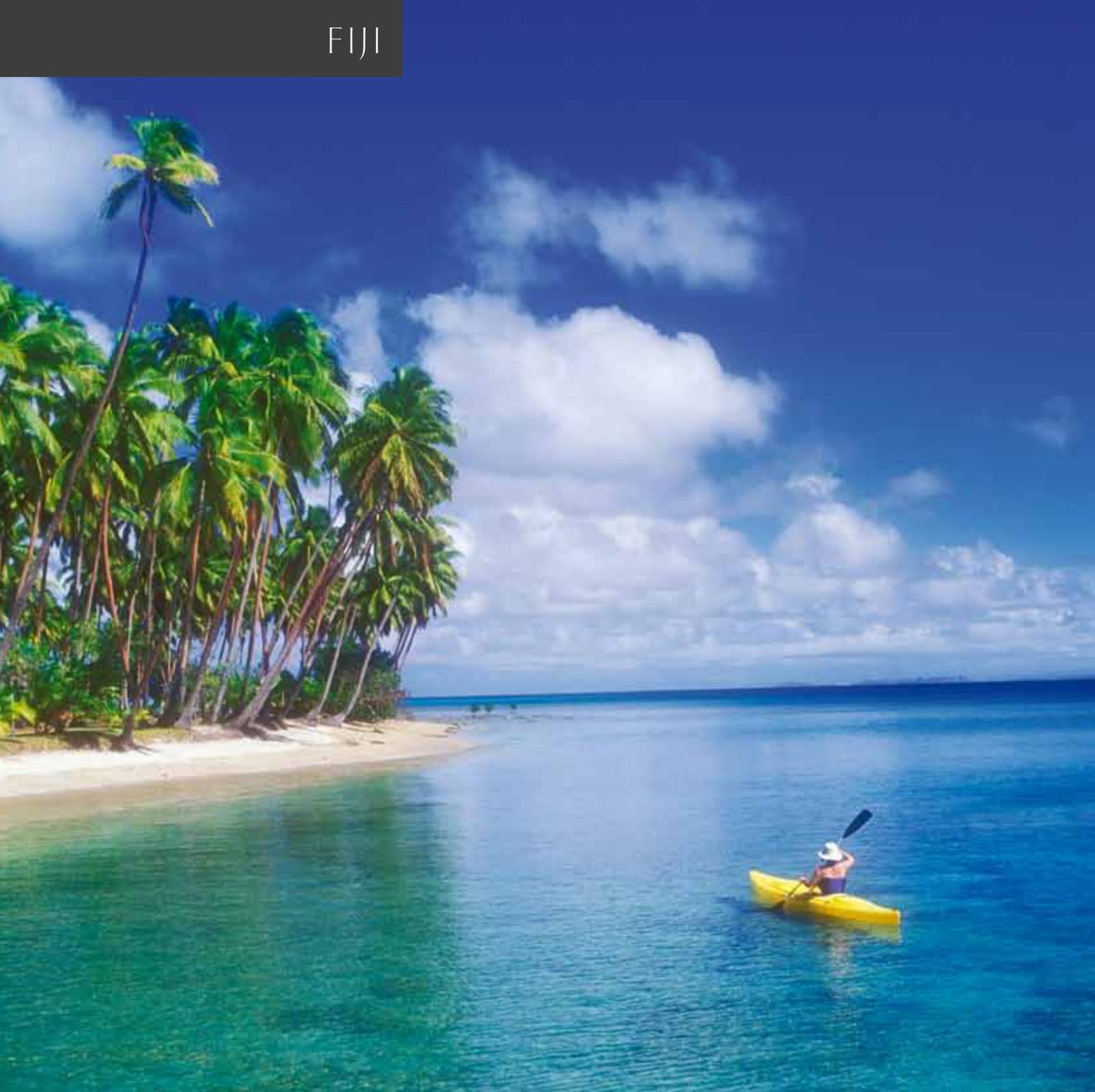
Need to know

- **Local airport:** Rarotonga.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 26 hours, via Los Angeles (onward flight needed to Aitutaki).
- **Time difference:** GMT -10 hours.
- **Distances:** Approximately 20 minutes in Rarotonga; 10 minutes in Aitutaki.
- **Combinations:** Stop en route to or from Australia or New Zealand.

Local weather

AVARUA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	29	30	30	29	27	26	26	26	26	27	27	28
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	23	21	20	19	19	20	21	22	23
Av rain (mm)	188	196	159	176	170	70	107	65	106	83	123	169

FIJI



Fiji

Fiji, once home to wild cannibal tribes, now offers a more hospitable and fascinating blend of Melanesian and Indian cultures. The scenery is equally exotic, with jagged peaks draped in rainforest and home to spectacular waterfalls, leading down to a coastline of idyllic beaches and pristine coral reefs. The Mamanucas, to the west of the main island, form an exquisitely beautiful string of tiny coral atolls, which make a perfect escape from civilisation.

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Outrigger on the Lagoon, Coral Coast

Outrigger on the Lagoon, Coral Coast

Situated on a white sandy beach and built to reflect a traditional Fijian village, Outrigger on the Lagoon is set among 16 hectares (40 acres) of lush tropical gardens. Most rooms have sweeping ocean views, and guests staying in a bure (cabin) will enjoy butler service and complimentary champagne and canapés every afternoon. The Bebe Spa offers treatments using indigenous techniques, such as showers in the sky – with spectacular views.

Accommodation: 207 de luxe rooms and 47 thatched bures

Features: Four restaurants • Cafe • Snack bar • Four bars • Evening entertainment • Swimming pool • Spa • Fitness centre • Tennis

Cox & Kings added value: Stay 4 nights for the price of 3 year round. Stay 7 nights for the price of 5 for stays from 11 Jan to 31 Mar 2012. Free helicopter transfer between Outrigger and Castaway – call for details.

2012 prices from: £155pp per night in Superior Resort View room. Price is on room-only basis. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.



Castaway Island Resort, Mamanuca Islands

Castaway Island Resort, Mamanuca Islands

Castaway Island Resort is a private island resort surrounded by white sand beaches and soft coral reefs. The property has 66 spacious, traditionally thatched bures (cabins), all with air-conditioning and modern facilities. The open-air restaurant offers a range of local dishes and international cuisines, while leisure facilities include a swimming pool, spa and tennis court. Castaway is truly a 'getaway-from-it-all' experience, ideal for honeymooners and those who simply want to enjoy solitude and tranquillity in stunning surroundings.

Accommodation: 66 traditional thatched bures

Features: Restaurant • Pizza bar • Cocktail bar • Swimming pool • Spa • Tennis

Cox & Kings added value: Value Add Meal Bonus: receive a full buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily for a one-time payment for stays from 18 Jan to 31 Mar 2012. Please call for details. Free helicopter transfer between Castaway and Outrigger – call for details.

2012 prices from: £320pp per night in Island Bure. Price is on room-only basis. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.

& Explore

Viti Levu

An excursion to the interior of Viti Levu is well worth the journey and may change your perception of Fiji. The climate is cooler and the landscape in stark contrast to the coastline. Tracks wind their way through enormous grassy mounds and a diversity of foliage and birdlife, passing small, self-sufficient villages and settlements scattered throughout the hills. For nature lovers, a trek through Korovanitu National Heritage Park, 10km south-east of Lautoka, is highly recommended.

Sigatoka market

For a taste of local life, visit Sigatoka market on the south coast of Viti Levu. It is a bustling and vibrant affair, with much haggling for the best deals. While there, try and visit the kava section of the market and sample a bowl of this traditional herbal drink, the acceptance and drinking of which is an experience in itself.

Snorkelling at Castaway

Renowned as the 'soft coral capital of the world', Fiji has a fantastic network of coral reefs across its 333 islands. With about 1,000 species of fish and several hundred types of coral and sponge, Fiji offers a variety of snorkelling opportunities for visitors. Guided snorkelling can be arranged from each of our two featured properties.

Not to be missed

- Visit a **local village**.
- Trek the **Nausori Highlands**.
- Take a trip to the **sandbanks of the Mamanucas**.
- Relax on a romantic **sunset cruise**.
- Guided **nature walks**.
- **Private island picnic**.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Nadi.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 24 hours, via Los Angeles or Hong Kong.
- **Time difference:** GMT +13 hours.
- **Transfer times:** Approximately 90 minutes by road to Outrigger and 2 hours 30 minutes by road and boat, or 15 minutes by helicopter, to Castaways.
- **Combinations:** New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and Los Angeles.

Local weather

SUVA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	31	31	29	28	27	26	26	27	27	29	30
Min av temp (C)	23	23	24	23	21	21	20	20	20	21	22	23
Av rain (mm)	10	9	11	10	7	5	4	5	6	7	7	9



Tahiti



Bora Bora

French Polynesia

Located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, thousands of kilometres from anywhere, French Polynesia has captured the world's imagination since European explorers first discovered it in 1767. Experience an exotic mix of Polynesian and French cultures amid lush tropical islands and luxurious accommodation. While Tahiti is the best known of the islands, Moorea is just a short catamaran ride away and offers vivid turquoise lagoons and emerald clad hills. Bora Bora, set on one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world, is the classic South Pacific paradise.



Moorea

Relax...



Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort

Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort

Located on the north coast of Moorea, the Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa branches out to a turquoise lagoon, with green mountains beyond. The accommodation is made up of 106 bungalows, either located in the gardens or over the water, each with a blend of modern and Polynesian decor. Facilities at the resort include a restaurant, bar, swimming pool and a gym.

Accommodation: 106 bungalows

Features: Two restaurants • Two bars • Swimming pool • Spa • Fitness room • Tennis • Snorkelling • Evening entertainment

Cox & Kings added value: Stay 4 nights for the price of 3, year round. Early Booking Offer: save 10% on room rate when booking at least 90 days in advance (offers not combinable).

2012 prices from: £185pp per night in a Garden Bungalow with pool. Includes breakfast. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.



Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora

Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora

The Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora offers 107 spacious hideaways within 100 over-water bungalows and seven beachfront villas. Set around the Bora Bora lagoon and its outer beaches, they overlook the lagoon and all guest accommodations offer a restful, airy ambience. The hotel restaurant, Aarii Moana, serves the best seafood specialities, accompanied by the finest wines.

Accommodation: 107 rooms

Features: Three restaurants • Two bars • In-room dining • Swimming pool • Spa • Non-motorised water sports • Children's club

Cox & Kings added value: 4 nights for the price of 3 and receive complimentary breakfast in most room types year round (Superior rooms may have date exclusions).

2012 prices from: £385 per room per night in a Resort View Overwater bungalow. Price is on room-only basis. Price is for accommodation only, without flights, to allow multi-centre flexibility.

& Explore

Snorkelling around the islands

Bora Bora is set on one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world, and its countless species of tropical fish, brilliant coral gardens and crystal waters make for spectacular snorkelling. Equally breathtaking is Moorea, where the white sand beaches are encircled by a shallow turquoise lagoon, teeming with tropical fish and coral. What makes the lagoon a snorkeller's dream all the more is the combination of clear visibility and generally calm conditions.

Explore the interiors

The island of Bora Bora has a handful of interior roads, the majority of which were cut by the American military in the 1940s. A 4x4 excursion will give you excellent views of Raiatea, Tahaa and the Maupiti islands and will pass through the lush interior tropical flora. In contrast, the Guns of Bora Bora are a legacy of Operation Bobcat, which transformed the island into a US stronghold. In Moorea, venture into the interior and discover ancient Polynesian architectural sites, including marae (traditional meeting points) and two well-preserved archery platforms.

Whale watching

Whale watching is possible from late July to October, when the humpback whales migrate from the Antarctic to the warm waters of French Polynesia to breed and give birth. Late July or early August is the perfect time to spot mother and baby humpback whales. They spend the next three to four months in the open ocean of Bora Bora and French Polynesia breastfeeding the baby whales before their journey back to the Southern Ocean.

Not to be missed

- **Opunohu valley**, Moorea.
- Visit the relics of a second world war **US supply base** on Bora Bora.
- **Snorkel the lagoons** of Bora Bora.
- **Tahiti circle island tour**.
- **Whale watching** in Moorea (July to October).
- Picnic on your own **private motu** (coral islet)

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Papeete, Tahiti.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 20 hours, via Los Angeles (onward flights needed).
- **Time difference:** GMT -10 hours.
- **Distances:** Approximately 20 minutes in Moorea; 50 minutes in Bora Bora.
- **Combinations:** Twin French Polynesia with New Zealand, Hawaii, Australia or Los Angeles.

Local weather

MOOREA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	31	31	32	32	31	30	29	29	29	30	31	31
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	24	23	22	22	21	22	23	23	24
Av rain (mm)	228	197	136	86	106	69	42	49	37	103	102	268

BORA BORA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	30	30	31	31	30	29	29	29	29	30	30	30
Min av temp (C)	24	24	24	24	24	23	23	23	23	23	24	24
Av rain (mm)	310	263	182	138	154	108	77	98	104	171	205	342

French Polynesia cruising

They have been written about, sung about and appeared in some of the most famous film sequences ever shot, but first time visitors to these Pacific islands will still be stunned by the verdant peaks, crystalline waters and pristine beaches of these magnificent volcanic islands. Whether dolphin watching at Moorea or snorkelling off Bora Bora; strolling the streets of Papeete or exploring an isolated private island; the notion of 'paradise on Earth' will surely spring to mind.

Relax...



MS Paul Gauguin

Paul Gauguin Cruises

There can be few better means of discovering the magic of the Pacific Islands than by sailing through them, and this 7-night itinerary aboard the splendid MS *Paul Gauguin* explores the beautiful Society Islands. Designed specifically for cruising the idyllic South Pacific Islands, the MS *Paul Gauguin* offers an authentic experience of French Polynesia. All 122 cabins and suites have ocean views, a flatscreen television, DVD / CD player, twin or queen beds, a

sitting area and an en suite bathroom. Other facilities include a health spa with gymnasium, an outdoor swimming pool and two restaurants.

Accommodation: 122 suites and staterooms

Features: Crew to guest ratio of 2:3 • Two elegant restaurants • Poolside grill • All meals included • In-cabin dining • Award-winning spa • Fitness centre • Non-motorised water sports • Shore excursions

2012 prices from: £1,855 per person

& Explore

Sample journey – Tahiti & Society Islands

Day 1 – Papeete: This evening, embark MS *Paul Gauguin* for a 7-night cruise. (N)

Day 2 – Raiatea: Cruise to Raiatea, once the cultural, religious, royal and political heart of Polynesia.

Optional excursions include snorkelling over the coral gardens and exploring the interior of Raiatea and the botanical gardens on a guided nature walk. (B, L, D)

Day 3 – Motu Mahana: Today, you will visit Motu Mahana, an islet adjacent to Tahaa. Optional excursions include a scenic off-road drive across one of Tahaa's highest mountains followed by a visit to a vanilla plantation and black pearl farm, or simply snorkelling over the coral gardens of Tahaa. (B, L, D)

Day 4 – Bora Bora: Today, cruise to the romantic islands and lagoons of Bora Bora. Immediately recognisable by Mount Otemanu rising from the ocean, this half-atoll, half-mountain is surrounded by a spectacular lagoon and a series of smaller islands. There is an option to stay at InterContinental Resort & Thalasso Spa Bora Bora. (B, L, D)

Day 5 – Bora Bora: Explore more of Bora Bora, with optional excursions, including a 4x4 safari and a glass-bottom boat trip. (B, L, D)

Day 6 – Moorea: Today, you will anchor off Moorea, one of French Polynesia's most alluring islands. Optional excursions, include an off-road safari, snorkelling, dolphin watching and golf. (B, L, D)

Day 7 – To Tahiti: This morning, you will have the opportunity to visit more of Moorea before cruising to Tahiti and docking in Papeete for the night. (B, L, D)

Day 8 – Tahiti: This morning, you will disembark the MS *Paul Gauguin* in Papeete and continue your holiday. (B)

Not to be missed

- The forests and **pearl farms** of Raiatea.
- Snorkelling the **coral gardens** of Tahaa.
- 4x4 **safari** in Bora Bora.
- **Dolphin watching** in Moorea.
- Barbecue lunch on a **private island**.
- **Glass-bottom boat ride** in Bora Bora.

Need to know

- **Local airport:** Papeete, Tahiti.
- **Flying time:** Approximately 20 hours via Los Angeles.
- **Time difference:** GMT -10 hours.
- **Distances:** Approximately 10-minute transfer from airport to dock (a stay overnight is needed in Papeete prior to cruise).
- **Combinations:** Los Angeles or New Zealand. Other cruise options are available.

Local weather

MOOREA	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max av temp (C)	31	31	32	32	31	30	29	29	29	30	31	31
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BOOKING CONDITIONS

Once you have decided on the holiday you require, please carefully read the following conditions, as these form the basis of your relationship with Cox & Kings Travel Limited ('Cox & Kings', 'we', 'our' or 'us') and with any supplier with whom you have a direct contract. Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you; or where we act as agent as set out below, arranged for you. All references in these booking conditions to 'holiday', 'booking', 'contract', 'package', 'tour' or 'arrangements' mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking or any of them as applicable (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).

1) YOUR CONTRACT

(a) If you book only one type of arrangement with Cox & Kings (for example hotel(s)-only or cruise-only), Cox & Kings acts only as a booking agent for the supplier of that arrangement (for example the hotel or cruise provider). Your contract for that arrangement will be with that supplier (in these conditions referred to as the Third Party Supplier) and not Cox & Kings. The Third Party Supplier's own terms and conditions (copies available on request) will apply to that contract in addition to the applicable parts of these conditions.

(b) In all other cases your contract will be with Cox & Kings.

(c) When you make a booking the person who makes the booking guarantees that they have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these booking conditions.

2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) You may book by post, telephone, via our website or through one of our authorised agents. All bookings are subject to our booking conditions. Except for online bookings, the person who makes the booking must confirm acceptance of our booking conditions on behalf of all persons named on the booking by signing and returning our booking form or in writing by some other means (such as email) to us or your travel agent. We will communicate with you by email in relation to your booking (including sending you documents such as your confirmation invoice) if you book online or otherwise provide us with an email address. You must accordingly check your emails on a regular basis and should print and retain hard copies of all confirmation documents, e-tickets and other important communications. We will contact you by telephone and / or post if you do not provide us with an email address or we cannot, for whatever reason, contact you by email. Certain documents may need to be sent by post. References in these booking conditions to 'send' and 'in writing' include communication by email and via our online booking facility where applicable. You may contact us by email for any of the reasons mentioned in these booking conditions (for example, to request an amendment). All emails should be sent to sales@coxandkings.co.uk.

(b) A minimum deposit of £150 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost (whichever is greater) together with any applicable insurance premium (or evidence of alternative cover) (see clause 5) and any applicable visa fees (see clause 12(a)) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases, the deposit payable will be higher, as full or part payment for certain services, such as flights, may also be required to make a booking – details at the time of booking. On occasion, suppliers may unexpectedly require non-refundable full or part payment for their services (in addition to any deposit paid at the time of booking) in advance of balance due date in order to secure those services even though these have been previously confirmed. In this situation, we may have no choice but to ask you to pay an additional deposit to cover this payment. If you book less than eight weeks before departure, full payment must be made at the time of booking. Where we act only as agent (see clause 1(a)), you will be advised of the applicable deposit and payment timetable at the time of booking.

(c) On receipt of your completed booking form / written acceptance of our booking conditions and the applicable payment, and providing your requested holiday is available, Cox & Kings will issue a confirmation invoice. It is at this stage that a binding contract comes into existence between you and Cox & Kings or between you and the Third Party Supplier, as applicable. Please note, though, that if you book a tailor-made itinerary or an extension to a brochure tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by Cox & Kings once your booking form together with a deposit has been received. Your confirmation invoice, in this instance, will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued.

(d) Once payment has been made, any subsequent request to have that payment refunded and to pay by an alternative means may require you to pay an administration fee.

(e) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice and any other documents we send you carefully and to let Cox & Kings or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy as it may not be possible to make changes later. Where we act only as agent for a Third Party Supplier we will have no responsibility for any errors in any documentation except where those errors were made by ourselves.

(f) The balance of the cost of your arrangements is payable not less than eight weeks prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If all payments (including any surcharge where applicable) are not received on time, we (or we acting as agent for the Third Party Supplier where applicable) are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking and will retain the deposit paid. If we do not cancel straightaway because you promise to make payment but you still fail to do so, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 10 depending on the date we (or we acting as agent for the Third Party Supplier where applicable) reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you.

(g) (i) Providing full payment has been received, our payment documents will be sent approximately two weeks before departure (Third Party Suppliers' policies may vary) unless your booking is made within six weeks of departure, in which case final documents will be sent as soon as possible, made available for collection or sent by courier upon the payment of a fee. Non-UK residents may incur an additional delivery charge. (ii) For some countries you will be handed your internal flight / train / hotel vouchers by your tour manager / Cox & Kings representative on arrival at your destination.

(h) Cox & Kings has included in the relevant prices all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Those that have to be paid locally by you are extra and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax).

3) SPECIAL REQUESTS / MEDICAL PROBLEMS / DISABILITIES

Where special requests for flight seats, room / cabin allocation, diet considerations etc are required, Cox & Kings will be made aware of these in writing at the time of booking. While every effort will be made to pass these requests on to the suppliers concerned (or Third Party Suppliers where applicable), we cannot guarantee they will

be met. Where special requests for flight seats are passed on by Cox & Kings to an airline, the confirmation of seat numbers is at the discretion of the airline.

Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier / Third Party Supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

If you have any disability or medical condition which may affect your arrangements or the booking process, please provide us with full details before booking so that we can advise as to the suitability of the chosen arrangements and / or assist you with making your booking. In any event, we must be given full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any material change in the disability or condition occurs. You must also advise us in writing if any such disability or condition develops after your booking has been confirmed.

4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

(a) Any travel agent through whom you make a booking will relay information from you to us and vice versa. Cox & Kings is neither responsible for any failure by your travel agent to do this properly or in good time, nor for any advice given to you by your travel agent that did not originate from Cox & Kings.

(b) Any money you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your booking will be held by the travel agent on behalf of Cox & Kings / the Third Party Supplier (as applicable) until it is paid to us.

5) INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out insurance at the time of, or prior to, making your booking. If you do not purchase the policy we offer, you must purchase an appropriate alternative and let us have the details of this at the time of booking. If you purchase insurance through Cox & Kings you must notify us of relevant factors that may affect your particular requirements for cover such as pre-existing medical conditions / disabilities. If you do not purchase insurance through us, it is your responsibility to ensure that you purchase a policy that provides cover at least equivalent to that which we offer.

Cox & Kings cannot be held responsible if you purchase an inadequate insurance policy or if you fail to notify Cox & Kings of factors affecting your particular requirements for cover. Insurance premiums should be paid at the time of booking and are non-refundable. Non-European Union residents should obtain equivalent insurance cover in their country of residence. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs. We do not check cover details for you.

6) ALTERATION BY YOU

(a) If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after the confirmation invoice has been issued, you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. Please note however that if you (i) change to a different departure date, cruise or destination or (ii) change your booking less than eight weeks before departure, this will be treated as a cancellation and a new booking and you will be liable for the cancellation charges set out in clause 10 (except as set out in 6(c) below). In the event a change can be made, you must pay all costs and charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers (or Third Party Suppliers where applicable) together with an amendment fee of £35 per alteration per booking before the change can be made.

(b) If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, Cox & Kings and / or their agents will do their best to assist, subject to you being responsible for any cancellation charges that may be levied for the arrangements originally booked, for the cost of your new arrangements and for any costs incurred by Cox & Kings and / or their agents in attempting to secure or securing any revised arrangements. All such charges and costs are payable locally.

(c) If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so provided the reason for the transfer is personal illness, the death or serious illness of a close family member, jury service, redundancy or unavoidable work commitments. Requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by documentary proof of the reason for the transfer (eg a doctor's certificate), full details of the person who will replace you, any outstanding balance due for the tour, a payment of £35 per person to cover our administration costs, plus such amount as our suppliers (or Third Party Suppliers where applicable) will require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made). Please note, in some cases suppliers (such as airlines) may name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you before any change can be made.

7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US OR YOUR THIRD PARTY SUPPLIER

This clause 7(a) applies only if your contract is with us. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings, which we reserve the right to do.

Most changes are minor. Occasionally we have to make a significant change. A 'significant change' is a change made before departure that, taking account of the information you give us at the time of booking and that we can reasonably be expected to know as a tour operator, we can reasonably expect to have a major effect on your holiday. Significant changes include the following changes when made before departure, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification or standard for the whole or a major part of the time you are away, a change of outward departure time or overall length of time you are away of 12 or more hours, a change of UK departure point to one that is more inconvenient for you (except between airports serving the same city) and, in the case of cruises, a radical change of itinerary.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of the following options:

(i) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements, or
(ii) purchasing an alternative holiday from us (paying or receiving a refund in respect of any price difference), or
(iii) cancelling or accepting the cancellation, in which case you will receive a full and quick refund of all monies you have paid to us.

Please note, the above options are not available where any change made is a minor one.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will, where compensation is appropriate, pay you the compensation payments set out in the table below depending on the circumstances and when the significant change or cancellation is notified to you or your travel agent subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or where we have to cancel because

the minimum number of persons required to operate your holiday has not been reached prior to the balance due date. No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or if the change made is a minor one. A 'minor change' is any change that does not come within the definition of a significant change set out above. Although Cox & Kings will try to notify you of minor changes, it is not obliged to do so. Minor changes include (but are not limited to) the following: (1) Changes to one or more confirmed destination(s) for your holiday, providing there are no significant changes affecting any confirmed major destination; (2) Changes in the scheduled date and time of arrival or departure provided that, where necessary, hotel accommodation and reasonable sustenance for the period in question is provided to you at no additional charge; (3) Substitution of a named Lecturer and / or Leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field.

All group holidays with Cox & Kings require a minimum number of bookings before they will operate. If an insufficient number of people have booked to make your holiday arrangements financially viable so that we have to cancel, we will inform you no later than eight weeks before your departure date. In this case, you will be offered the options set out above but no compensation will be payable.

Period before departure a significant change Compensation or cancellation is notified to you or your travel agent per person	
More than 56 days	£1000
43-56 days	£1500
42-29 days	£2000
28-15 days	£3000
14-0 days	£4000

(b) This clause 7(b) applies if your contract is with a Third Party Supplier.

If the Third Party Supplier changes or cancels your booking, we will pass on the new details to you together with any compensation that the Third Party Supplier may offer. As agent only for the Third Party Supplier we cannot accept any liability for any changes or cancellations made to these bookings.

8) POST DEPARTURE CHANGES AND CURTAILMENT

Please note, clauses 8(a) and (b) only apply where your contract is with us.

(a) Changes and curtailment after departure (not caused by force majeure)

If, after departure, it becomes apparent that a significant proportion of the services you booked are not being provided, we will make suitable alternative arrangements at no extra cost to you. We will also, where appropriate, compensate you for any difference in value between the arrangements you should have received and the alternative arrangements made and for any disappointment or inconvenience you have reasonably suffered as a result. For example, as we neither own, manage nor control the accommodation / transportation we use, it is possible we may be advised that your reserved accommodation is not available when you arrive at your destination. In this event, Cox & Kings will endeavour to secure accommodation of at least the same standard in that destination. If only accommodation of a lower standard is available, we will refund the difference between the prices of the accommodation booked and that received, and will pay £30 per person for any inconvenience or disappointment caused. Any compensation or other sums due will be paid on your return from holiday.

If we are unable to make suitable alternative arrangements or you reject those offered for good reasons, we will, where your holiday includes international flights we have arranged and where appropriate, return you by equivalent transport (type and class of travel) to the departure point of your holiday or such other place as we agree as soon as we are reasonably able to do so. If your holiday does not include international flights arranged by us, we will, where appropriate in this situation, meet your reasonable costs of your return travel to your outward point of departure, where you reasonably have agreed these costs in advance of your incurring them. Where you reasonably return home early in the above circumstances, we will provide you with a refund in respect of that part of your holiday that you did not receive.

Please note, we can only accept responsibility for the sums specifically referred to in this clause 8(a). We will have no liability for making any other payments including, without limitation, the cost of any service (such as flights, other transport or accommodation) which you book with someone other than Cox & Kings or which you book with us but do not contract services (unless you have agreed in writing to meet the cost) or for any losses or expenses of any nature (and whether or not we could have foreseen you would incur them) which you suffer or incur as a result of, or in connection with, your original holiday booking or any changed or curtailed arrangements including, without limitation, loss of earnings, paid holiday leave, profit, business or business opportunities.

In all cases, our maximum liability is limited to a sum equivalent to the cost of the holiday (excluding amendment charges and insurance premiums), a refund of any directly attributable, reasonably incurred expenses (providing where appropriate, any such expenses that have been agreed by us) and the daily sum of £72 per person.

(b) Changes and curtailment after departure (caused by force majeure)

If, after departure, it becomes apparent that a significant proportion of the services you booked are not being provided, we will make suitable alternative arrangements at no extra cost to you. If we are unable to do so, or you reject the alternative arrangements offered for good reasons, we will, where appropriate, return you by equivalent transport (type and class of travel) to the departure point of your holiday or such other place as we agree as soon as we are reasonably able to do so. We are not, however, obliged to provide you with return travel to the UK if your holiday does not include international flights. Where the contracted service that we are unable to provide is your return flight, we will arrange for you to travel on an alternative flight in the same class of travel as soon as we reasonably can. However, we will have no liability to provide, or meet any costs of, any accommodation, meals or other services (other than those that form part of your contracted arrangements) while you are awaiting the alternative flight. The airline concerned may be obliged to do so – see clause 14(c).

Please note, we can only accept responsibility for the sums specifically referred to in this clause 8(b). We will have no liability for making any other payments, including, without limitation, any compensation, refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers), the cost of any service (such as flights, other transport or accommodation) that you book with someone other than Cox & Kings or that you arrange during your holiday in place of contracted services (unless we have agreed in writing to meet the cost) or for any losses or expenses of any nature (and whether or not we could have foreseen you would incur them) that you suffer or incur as a result of, or in connection with, your original holiday booking or any changed or curtailed arrangements, including, without limitation, loss of earnings, paid holiday leave, profit, business or business opportunities. Very rarely, we may be forced to curtail your holiday and return you to the UK (where your holiday includes return travel) before the scheduled end of your holiday. This

is extremely unlikely, but if this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

(c) Changes and curtailment after departure – contract with a Third Party Supplier

As agent only for the Third Party Supplier, we cannot accept any liability for any changes to or curtailment of your arrangements made after departure.

9) FORCE MAJEURE

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, neither we nor any Third Party Supplier can accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our or the Third Party Supplier's contractual obligations is prevented or affected by or you or otherwise suffer any damage or loss (as more fully described in clause 13(a)(ii) below) as a result of force majeure. In these booking conditions, 'force majeure' means any event which we / the supplier of the service(s) in question / the Third Party Supplier could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include, whether actual or threatened, war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, fire and all similar events outside the control of the party concerned.

10) CANCELLATION BY YOU

Should you wish to cancel your booking, the person who made the booking must notify Cox & Kings or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be deemed to have been given on receipt by us of your letter, since we can only act on receipt. Please state the reason for your cancellation as you may be covered by your insurance policy. Claims must however, be made direct to your insurance company. The following cancellation charges will apply. Where the cancellation charge is shown fully described in clause 13(a)(ii) below, it is the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable.

Days before departure notification received.	Amount of cancellation charges as a % of total tour cost
More than 56 days	£ deposit(s) (inc any additional deposit)
43-56 days	40% of deposit(s) if higher
28-15 days	60% or deposit(s) if higher
14-8 days	75% or deposit(s) if higher
7-4 days	90%
3 to day of departure or later	100%

No allowance or refund can be made for meals, rooms, excursions etc included in the price of your tour that are taken, nor can any refund be made for services that cannot be used due to lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

11) PRICES

Prices are based upon the known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.57 US dollars, 81.54 Indian rupees, 1.16 euros, 48.93 Thai baht, 5.00 Malaysian ringgit, 12.97 Moroccan dirhams, 13.04 South African rand, 2.86 Jiffy dollars and 2.09 New Zealand dollars. As per the FT World Value of the Pound table on 21 November 2011. For all exchange rates not mentioned, the rate of exchange for the US dollar applies.

Where your contract is with Cox & Kings, once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, we will only change it in the following circumstances. A surcharge or refund (as applicable) will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs (eg fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline charges which are part of the contract between airlines (and their agents) and the tour operator) or in the duties, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the exchange rates that have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, only if the amount of the increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges) will we levy a surcharge. If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 7(a). In either case there will be an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover any travel agent's commission.

Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us, in any of our packages we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums (including any excess) if you are unable to travel or refuse to transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday. Please note, travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place. A refund will only be payable if the decrease in our costs exceeds 2% as set out above. Where a refund is due, we will pay you the full amount of the decrease in our costs.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to cancel or purchase another holiday. If you do not tell us that you wish to do so within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

We promise to refund you a surcharge within 30 days of the start of your holiday. No refunds will be payable within this period either.

Where your contract is with a Third Party Supplier, as we act only as agent, we must pass on to you in full all additional costs and charges of whatever nature imposed by the Third Party Supplier in accordance with its own terms and conditions.

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

12) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable to British citizens is set out in our Documents & Health section. We will notify you of any changes to visa requirements applicable to British citizens who hold a full British passport that occur before your confirmation invoice is issued, but please note that further changes could take place before you travel. You must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure. Cox & Kings will be happy to make any necessary visa applications (on payment of the applicable charge) on behalf of British passport holders, provided applications are lodged at our offices at least six weeks prior to departure. We cannot however guarantee the granting of any visas, as this is a matter outside our control. If a visa is not granted then we cannot accept any liability for the consequences and reserve the right to pass on to you any costs incurred as a result,

including cancellation charges.

Non-British citizens / holders of non-British passports should check with their nearest consulate or embassy for visa requirements.

(b) Passports: British citizens require a full British passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) for the holidays we offer. Please see our Documents & Health section for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Please note, requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure. A full British passport presently takes approximately two to six weeks to obtain. If any member of your party is aged 16 or over and has not yet got a passport, you should apply for one at least six weeks before your holiday. The UK Passport Service has to confirm your identity before issuing your first passport and will ask you to attend an interview in order to do this. Please also see clause (c) below.

(c) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathn.ac.uk. Recommended and mandatory inoculations for travel are set out in our Documents & Health section. We will notify you of any changes in any health requirements (such as mandatory inoculations) that must be satisfied in order to gain entry into your holiday destination of which we become aware before your confirmation invoice is issued. However, further changes may occur at any time and you should check the up-to-date position in good time before you depart. Health requirements for your holiday destination are also outlined in the Department of Health leaflet entitled *The Travellers Guide to Health* (17.1), available from Abta travel agents, most post offices, by telephone on 0870 1555 455 or via the Department of Health website, www.dh.gov.uk.

If you have any medical condition / disability that may affect your ability to enjoy and participate fully in your arrangements you must notify us in accordance with clause 3. Cox & Kings reserves the right, where appropriate, to ask you to provide written certification of your medical fitness prior to departure. It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain all necessary inoculations, take all necessary medication and follow all medical advice in relation to your holiday.

(d) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation or vaccinations / certificates must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documents or to have the correct vaccinations / certificates. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges, expenses or other financial penalty being imposed on, or incurred by, us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly. If you are refused a visa we cannot accept any liability. If you are unable to travel as a result, you will be liable to pay our normal cancellation charges. The person who makes the booking is also responsible for ensuring that every member of your party has adequate travel insurance (see clause 5 above).

(e) Damage: When you book with us, you accept responsibility for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss (reasonably estimated if not known at the time) must be paid direct at the time of the accommodation owner or manager or other supplier. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our legal fees) and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions. You should ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect you if this situation arises.

(f) Behaviour: We expect all clients to have consideration for others and to behave appropriately. If, in the reasonable opinion of our tour manager, agent or other employee or of any other person in authority, you behave in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, distress, upset or significant annoyance to anyone (for example, other clients or our employees, agents or suppliers) or damage to property, we are entitled, without prior notice where appropriate, to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. We will have the same right to terminate your holiday if you are subject to arrest, or are prevented from travelling at the reasonable discretion of an airline or other transport or cruise provider, or if you are evicted from a hotel at the reasonable discretion of the hotel management or had your use of any other services terminated at the reasonable discretion of another supplier. In this situation, the person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service. We will have no further responsibility toward such person(s), including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. If we incur any expense as a result of your behaviour, you will be obliged to reimburse us for that expense.

(g) Travel advice: For up to date travel advice from the UK government, visit www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo.

13) OUR LIABILITY

This clause 13(a) does not apply where your contract is with a Third Party Supplier

(a) (i) We promise to make sure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that subject to these booking conditions, we will accept responsibility for, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or our contractual holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

(1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or (2) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or (3) force majeure as defined in clause 9.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away. Please also see clause 17 "Excursions / Activities / Suppliers Terms and Conditions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any of our brochures

or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(iv) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services that gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK that would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature that might lead a reasonable holidaymaker to refuse to take the arrangements in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 13(a)(i). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(v) As set out in these booking conditions we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for certain claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected, unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 13(a)(vi) below.

For all other claims that do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is a refund of the cost of the claim, excluding insurance premiums and arrangements for compensation by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total, a refund of any directly attributable expenses reasonably incurred by that person (providing where appropriate, any such expenses have been agreed by us) and a daily sum of £72 per person unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 13(a)(v) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(vi) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, rail, sea or road carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. This maximum amount will be the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation that applies to those arrangements (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended or the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and / or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and the Convention concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail, sea or road carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim or claim to which it relates. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

Please note, for international travel by sea, the Athens Convention limits the maximum amount the carrier has to pay if found liable in the event of death or personal injury. The Athens Convention also limits the maximum amount the carrier has to pay if found liable in the event of loss or damage to luggage and also makes provision for valuables. The maximum the carrier would have to pay you if found liable for any damage, delay or loss in respect of cabin luggage under the Athens Convention is currently approximately £800.00 per guest. Once on board ship, all valuable and important items should be deposited with the purser or in the mini-safe in your cabin if available. Please remember that no cabin mini-safe is totally secure and consider whether you need to bring such items on holiday with you. Placing items in a mini-safe is not depositing them with the carrier for safekeeping for the purposes of the Athens Convention. We and the carrier cannot accept any liability for any valuable or important items which are not deposited with the purser for safekeeping. For items which are deposited with the purser for safekeeping, the maximum the carrier would have to pay you if found liable for any item(s) lost or damaged (for any reason) while deposited is the maximum which is payable under the Athens Convention in this situation (currently approximately £1,150 per guest).

(vii) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally, we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to any business (including self-employment) loss of earnings or illness.

(b) Clauses 13(b) (i) and (ii) below apply only if your contract is with a Third Party Supplier.

(i) As we act only as an agent for the Third Party Supplier concerned we accept no liability in relation to the arrangements provided by that Third Party Supplier or for the acts or omissions of the Third Party Supplier concerned. The terms and conditions of the Third Party Supplier will apply to your contract (copies available on request from us).

(ii) However, in the event that we are found liable in respect of any Third Party Supplier arrangements on any basis whatsoever, we are entitled to rely on the limitations and exclusions of liability and defences set out in clause 13(a). We do not exclude or limit any liability for death or personal injury that arises as a result of our negligence or that of our employees while acting in the course of their employment.

14) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAYS)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. They are subject to, inter alia, air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, the need for constant maintenance and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Cox & Kings does not have any liability to you for any delays that may arise (including any at your international departure airport). We regret we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Where applicable, the airline is responsible for providing any assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). Otherwise, any arrangements in the event of a delay will be at the sole discretion of the airline or other carrier involved.

(b) In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a 'Community list' that contains details of air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the EU Community. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm. We are also required to advise you of the carrier(s) (or, if the carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm flight timings. The flight timings shown in this brochure on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. The latest timings will be shown on your tickets that will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched – we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and / or aircraft type (if given) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we / the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative, the provisions of clause 7 will apply.

(c) If you are unable to travel as a result of any flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 – the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations if you are unable to travel as a result of any cancellation or denial of any boarding, or any downgrading, the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations or otherwise, you must, when requested, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. If your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the CAA on 020 7240 6061 or www.aauc.org.uk.

15) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must tell the relevant supplier / Third Party Supplier straight away. You must also tell Cox & Kings' local representative or agent on site immediately (if available) or use the Cox & Kings' emergency contact telephone number which you will be supplied before your departure. That number will put you in contact with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you. It is only if you do this that Cox & Kings has the opportunity to put matters right on the spot. If you fail to do this, any right to compensation, which you may have, will be extinguished or reduced. Baggage is deemed to have been delivered unchanged to you unless Cox & Kings receives written notice in the case of apparent damage immediately upon arrival or re-delivery or within 15 days of the end of using the service in question for any loss or damage that is not apparent. If your contract is with a Third Party Supplier, as we act only as agent, we cannot accept any liability for the arrangements provided by that Third Party Supplier. Any assistance provided in resolving a complaint in relation to any booking of this type is provided on a goodwill basis and in our capacity as agent.

16) ARBITRATION

If you have a complaint or claim that you wish to pursue, please write to us within 28 days of your return to the United Kingdom. Your complaint or claim will be investigated and a full reply sent to you as soon as possible. As our investigations often involve obtaining information from overseas, it may take a few weeks. In the unlikely event that we do not reach an amicable settlement, the dispute, if you so wish and subject to the Note below, may be referred to arbitration under a special scheme devised by Abta, but administered quite independently. It provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on the basis of documents alone, with restricted liabilities on the customer in respect of costs. For injury and illness claims, you can request the Abta mediation procedure and we have the option to agree. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the Abta website, www.abta.com.

Alternatively, Aito's Independent Dispute Settlement Service may be called upon by either side to bring the matter to a speedy and amicable solution. Whichever option you choose, neither scheme applies to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person, or £25,000 per booking, or to claims that are solely or mainly in respect of physical injury or illness, or the consequences of such injury or illness.

Note: If your contract is with a Third Party Supplier and not us it may not be possible for any dispute arising out of, or in connection with, the contract to be referred to arbitration under the schemes mentioned above.

17) EXCURSIONS / ACTIVITIES / SUPPLIERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(a) The information contained in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of the brochure going to print. We may provide you with information (in our brochure, on our website and / or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised, controlled nor endorsed in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. We have no knowledge as to whether such activities or excursions and their operators comply with local legal requirements or have any insurance. Some activities / excursions involve the risk of personal injury. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators / other third parties and / or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. You will have a contract with the local operator or other third party whose terms and conditions will apply. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and

the acceptance of liability contained in clause 13(a)(i) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees (while acting in the course of their employment) resulting in your death or personal injury.

(b) Many of the services that make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 13(a)(vii)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

18) FINANCIAL SECURITY

We are a member of Abta (Abta number V2999). We also hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (Atol number 2815). The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked from this brochure and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security by way of an Atol (number 2815) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority for flight-inclusive holidays. When you buy an Atol-protected air holiday package or flight* from us you will receive a Confirmation Invoice from us (or via our authorised agent through which you booked), confirming your arrangements and your protection under our Atol. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. * The air inclusive holidays and flights we arrange are Atol protected providing either the person who pays for the booking is present in the UK when the contract is made (and any money or the first leg of any flight or flights we arrange for you commences in the UK. For further information, visit the Atol website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our air holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the Atol Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the Atol website at www.atol.org.uk. If you have a contract with us for arrangements that do not include a flight(s), Abta will financially protect your holiday in the same way except where your contracted arrangements with us do not include transport to and from the UK. In this case, if already abroad, you will be returned to the point where your contracted arrangements with us commenced. Please go to www.abta.com for information on Abta's travel protection. Please note, our Atol and Abta membership does not protect bookings where we act only as agent.

19) LAW AND JURISDICTION

If you have a contract with us, your contract may have) with Cox & Kings or with any Third Party Supplier and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it ('claim') shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the Abta or Aito arbitration schemes (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 16) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description that arises between us governed by the law of Scotland / Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

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DATA PROTECTION PRIVACY POLICY

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, we are a data controller. The following is a summary of our full privacy policy, which sets out how we collect and use the personal information ('personal data') you provide us with directly or through use of our website. Our full, current privacy policy appears on our website, which you should read before providing us with any personal data. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit / debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition that may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions that may disclose your religious beliefs ('sensitive personal data'). All references in this privacy policy to personal data include sensitive personal data unless otherwise stated. Appropriate personal data may be passed to relevant suppliers / any Third Party Supplier / any other third party (including banks and / or credit card issuers) who need to know it so that your holiday can be provided, to government / public authorities (UK and overseas) such as the police, customs or immigration if required by them, to security or credit checking companies, to other companies who provide services on our behalf (such as mailing brochures and marketing material) or as required by law. We take steps to protect the personal data that is provided to any such party. In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant parties. Your personal data may be stored, used and otherwise processed within the UK and / or any other country / countries of the European Economic Area (EEA) and / or in the EEA. Data protection laws may not be as strong outside the EEA as they are in the EEA. Personal data will not be transferred to a country outside the EEA unless the condition referred to in our full privacy statement are satisfied. We would also like to use your personal data for future marketing purposes (for example, sending you a brochure or other marketing material). All personal data you give us (including sensitive personal data) will be kept, but we will use only names and contact details for marketing purposes (unless you have told us that you do not wish us to do so). If you would prefer not to receive any promotional mailings from Cox & Kings you may inform us at any time and we will remove your details from future mailing lists.

We take appropriate technical and organisational measures that are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data. Our full privacy policy contains the procedure for reviewing and amending any personal data of yours we are processing. See www.coxandkings.co.uk for details.

Abta

Abta and Abta members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by Abta's Code of Conduct. For further information about Abta, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration service available to you if you have a complaint, contact Abta, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ or call 020 3117 0500 or www.abta.com. The above applies only to services supplied by Cox & Kings Travel Limited and does not apply to services featured in this brochure that are provided by any Third Party Supplier where you enter into a contract with the Third Party Supplier.

At Cox & Kings, we regard your safety, protection and holiday enjoyment as being of paramount importance. Therefore, travel insurance is essential whenever you travel abroad. Indeed it is a condition of booking with us that you must have adequate travel insurance.

We have arranged competitive travel insurance from specialist insurance brokers Campbell Irvine Ltd and underwritten by the International Insurance Company of Hannover Limited part of Hannover Re, one of Europe's largest reinsurers. The 24-hour Worldwide Emergency Medical Service is provided by Specialty Assistance Limited, experts in providing friendly and professional emergency help around the clock.

Should you decide not to purchase our insurance, you must provide us with details of your alternative insurance with your final payment.

COX & KINGS TRAVEL INSURANCE BENEFITS

BENEFIT	LIMIT
A. Medical expenses	£5,000,000
In patient benefit	£10 per day up to £200
Criminal injuries	£100 per day up to £5,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
B. Personal accident	£25,000
Permanent loss of sight	£25,000
Loss of limb(s)	£25,000
Permanent total disablement	£25,000
Death	£10,000
C. Cancellation or curtailment	£5,000*
D. Delayed departure or arrival	
Either compensation up to	£100
OR cancellation after 12 hours up to	£1,000
Hijack of aircraft	£100 per day up to £3,000
Interruption of transport	£300
E. Personal effects	£2,000
	(Valuables limited to £350)
	(Single article limit £250)
	(Disc collections £200)
Money	£500
Tickets	£1,000
Passport and visas	£250
F. Legal expenses	£15,000
G. Winter sports	Optional

Excesses: Under most sections of your policy, claims will be subject to an excess of £75. This means you will be responsible for paying the first part of each claim.

Premiums per person

Single Trip Age 18-65	UK	Europe	Worldwide excluding North America	Worldwide including North America	Australasia
Up to 4 days	£12	£18	£47	£58	£42
5 to 9 days	£15	£23	£55	£63	£51
10 to 17 days	£19	£30	£63	£78	£59
18 to 24 days	£23	£37	£69	£87	£65
25 to 32 days	£30	£45	£78	£94	£72
33 to 45 days	£39	£70	£110	£125	£93

Please note: Europe includes all countries west of the Ural mountains and countries bordering the Mediterranean, plus Iceland, Jordan, and Madeira, and the Canary, Azores and Mediterranean islands.

Trips over 45 days: Please contact Cox & Kings Travel direct for a quotation.

Optional extensions: Optional Winter Sports cover is available on payment of additional premium.

*Top up: An additional premium is payable to increase the standard £5,000 per person cancellation sum insured.

For trips costing between £5,001 and £6,000 per insured person: £45

For trips costing between £6,001 and £7,000 per insured person: £90

For trips costing between £7,001 and £8,000 per insured person: £160

All premiums shown are inclusive of insurance premium tax currently at 20% and valid for policies issued up to the 31st December 2012 irrespective of the booked departure date.

Family rate: For families travelling together, a special premium applies based on two times the adult rate. This provides for two adults under 66 years and up to four children aged 18 years or less.

Child reduction: Premiums are reduced by half for children aged 18 years or less at date of payment of insurance premium, if travelling with an adult insured under this scheme.

Free cover – infants under two years old: Infants aged under two years at departure can be included free of charge if travelling from the departure point with a parent insured under this scheme – provided that the insured person request that the child's name is included on the booking invoice.

Age 66 to 70 years: For persons aged 66 to 70 years at the date of payment of the insurance premium, double the standard rates apply.

Age 71 years & over: For persons aged 71 years or more, please contact Vital Health for a quotation on 0844 826 2716

Annual multi-trip policy: Available upon request at £120 for passengers up to and including 65 years old for worldwide trips including North America.

Please note: This is only a summary of cover. Full details of the cover provided are shown on your policy document which will be emailed to you upon receipt of payment of the premium. Please read it carefully to ensure you understand the cover provided which includes certain terms, conditions, exclusions and excesses as this insurance is being sold to you on a non-advised basis from a single insurer. In particular, cover is excluded for any pre-existing medical condition for which you or any person upon whom travel depends are suffering, such as a relative. If in doubt, please contact the insurers medical helpline on 0844 826 2686. Should you wish, a specimen copy will be made available prior to purchase upon request. If the insurance does not meet your requirements you may return the documentation within 14 days of the purchase or prior to travel if this is sooner and, providing no claim has been made, obtain a refund.

Cox & Kings is an Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Ltd who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.



At Cox & Kings we believe that a good holiday is not luck, but judgement. We have compiled the following advice to outline the nature of travel in Cox & Kings destinations and to help you prepare for your holiday. Even with the most meticulous planning, however, minor problems can occur and, while our local representatives are always on hand to rectify such occurrences, we do request that you have a patient and broadminded approach to travelling abroad.

FLIGHTS

International flights: On most of our holidays, Cox & Kings uses the services of reputable scheduled airlines. Direct services are used where possible and are classified as direct when there is no plane change involved.

Onward and internal flights: Where a flight routing does require a change of aircraft, luggage can generally be checked through to the final destination and, if the same aircraft is continuing with the journey, passengers can usually remain on board. If the itinerary necessitates transferring from the international carrier to a domestic airline, baggage may need to be collected and re-checked in – our local representatives or airline representatives will provide guidance and assistance. Where internal flights constitute part of your overall itinerary – eg on a twin-centre arrangement – full details of airline, flight times and check-in details will be provided with your travel documents.

Flight delays & insurance: Unfortunately, due to the increase in air traffic, government restrictions and changing weather conditions, flight delays have become more commonplace. These delays can cause problems with onward connections and / or hotel and holiday arrangements and, while the airline will sometimes make alternative arrangements to get you to your next destination at no extra cost, additional costs may well be involved for accommodation in the event of an overnight cancellation and also after your arrival at your next destination. These may be in the form of additional accommodation costs, transfers and onward travel. It is important that your insurance covers you against the costs incurred as a result of cancellation or delay to your flight.

Unfortunately, since most services are paid for in advance, any services missed due to delays are non-refundable. The insurance policy offered by Cox & Kings is designed to mitigate the costs and effects of such delays in certain circumstances and we strongly advise that you are insured against such eventualities.

Flight amendments: Most of the guideline holiday prices in this brochure are based on special airline fares. These have certain conditions, which normally restrict changes of date, route and airline. Any such change made after a ticket has been issued will normally necessitate the purchase of a new ticket at the passenger's expense.

Special requests: Cox & Kings will endeavour to request any specific meals or services, on the condition that we are told at the time of booking. Specific seat requests with most major airlines can now only be requested if travelling in Business or First Class. We are able to request general seating preferences for Economy Class passengers, however, please remember that they are 'requests' and as such are at the discretion of the airline and cannot be guaranteed.

Airport departure taxes: International UK departure tax is included in the cost of your holiday (unless otherwise stated) and, where possible, the cost of the departure tax from the destination you are returning from will also be included. Where local legislation dictates that all or some of the departure taxes must be paid locally, we will advise you of the amount at the time of confirmation of your holiday and advise that you ensure to keep sufficient local currency or US dollars to cover these charges.

ROAD TRAVEL

Road conditions can vary greatly between modern cities and the more remote areas. When travelling off the beaten track, roads are frequently narrow, bumpy, potholed and have stretches that are not sealed or under reconstruction. Road conditions may change throughout the year and heavy rain and extreme weather patterns can affect journey times. If we are tailoring an itinerary for you, it is always a good idea to discuss your particular

preferences with your travel consultant, who will endeavour to include as much or as little road travel as you require. Types of vehicle vary according to the country visited and the numbers in a party.

CAR HIRE

Cox & Kings only pre-books self-drive car hire on behalf of its clients in the following Relax & Explore destinations: Italy, Spain, South Africa and New Zealand. Elsewhere, we advise against self-driving either because, in our opinion, it is unsafe or it is not easy to follow road directions. The safety of our clients is of the utmost importance to Cox & Kings and this advice is offered with our clients' interests in mind. In the event that you do wish to book an independent self-drive, please be aware that this does not form part of your package holiday with Cox & Kings and, as such, Cox & Kings is not liable in any way for this part of your holiday. Please ensure that, if you do make such a booking, your insurance policy covers you.

EARLY STARTS

On some holidays, it may be necessary to depart for excursions or transfers to the airport very early in the morning, sometimes before dawn. This is normally either due to the flight schedules or in order for us to maximise the opportunities for sightseeing during your holiday. Many flights arrive / depart early in the morning and, while we will endeavour to schedule your holiday with a flight which arrives / departs at a reasonable time, sometimes there is little or no alternative and early check-in / check-out times may be required.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation standards vary dramatically around the world; however, for the Relax & Explore destinations, we use only superior and de luxe hotels, whether small, boutique-style properties or larger resorts with a greater range of facilities – eg more than one swimming pool. If you would prefer to stay in simpler accommodation, please discuss your preferences with your travel consultant.

Check-in / Check-out times: Hotel check-in / out time is normally 12 noon, but this does vary between hotels. If your flight arrives early in the morning, we will

endeavour to secure a room for you on arrival; however, this cannot be guaranteed and is at the discretion of the hotel, subject to availability. If you have an evening departure and require your room until a more suitable check-out time, you may either speak to the hotel reception to see if you can keep your room or secure your room prior to departure and pay an additional supplement – please contact your Cox & Kings travel consultant for advice.

Single accommodation: Generally, single and double rooms carry the same price, mainly because the costs of maintaining a room can be almost as high for one person as for two. This means that single supplements for certain hotels can seem high. In addition, single rooms cannot always be guaranteed at all hotels and lodges, especially in peak season. Occasionally, the location and standard of single rooms may not be as good as that of doubles, although often there is no difference. If you are in doubt, we suggest you request a double room at an additional supplement. If you are unhappy with your room while on holiday, please ensure that you query this with a Cox & Kings local representative at the time. In the absence of a Cox & Kings representative, we advise you discuss the matter with the hotel manager.

FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TRAVEL ADVICE

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) produces a wide range of material about overseas countries that may be visited by British citizens, to ensure that travellers are properly informed about any overseas destination, particularly in relation to political unrest, crime and health issues. Where the FCO considers that British citizens would face unjustifiable risks to health, it actually advises either against any travel, or against non-essential travel, to that country or region.

Full details of all FCO advice can be obtained on the FCO website at www.fco.gov.uk/en/travelling-and-livingoverseas. Alternatively, you can contact the FCO at: The Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, or call 0845 850 2829. BT charges 4p per minute, other networks vary.

Important: If you have internet access you can complete the reservation form online. Please ask your tour consultant to email you a personalised form.

Please read the booking conditions and other information carefully before completing this form in BLOCK LETTERS and return to Cox & Kings with your remittance. It is essential that you complete the tinted sections as these include mandatory information.

PASSENGER DETAILS – AS THEY APPEAR IN YOUR PASSPORT									
Title	Full first name	Surname	Date of birth	Passport number	Nationality	Date of issue	Date of expiry	C&K insurance*	C&K visa†
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No

* TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is required that every passenger holds adequate travel insurance cover at the time of booking. The details of the Cox & Kings travel insurance policy can be found on the reverse side of this form. If you have existing travel insurance, please insert the details below.
 Insurance company: _____ Policy number: _____ Emergency assistance company: _____ Telephone no: _____

† VISAS: Visas are required for some destinations. Regulations change, so please check the latest requirements before booking. Cox & Kings can only process visas for British passport holders resident in the UK. If you would like Cox & Kings to obtain your visas, there is a £35 per person fee in addition to the visa cost.

Contact details of lead passenger

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime tel: _____ Home tel: _____

Email address: _____

Designated emergency contact details (not travelling)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime tel: _____ Home tel: _____

TOUR DETAILS				
Tour type	Tour name / Tailor-made journey	Tour extension	Tour code	Date of departure
GROUP TOUR				DD/MM/YY
INDIVIDUAL TOUR				DD/MM/YY

Type of accommodation (subject to availability)		Flight upgrades options (subject to availability)	
Twin	Single	Premium Economy Class	First Class
Double	Triple / Family	Business Class	Regional airport (specify): _____

Special requests (subject to availability) – eg airline dietary requirements (please specify): _____

Your Cox & Kings tour consultant: _____

Your booking reference number: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS			
DEPOSIT 15% of your total holiday cost (or £150 per person whichever is greater)	Amount	No	Total
If a larger deposit is required you will be informed at the time of booking	£		£
INSURANCE (payable at time of booking) maximum indemnity £4,999 per person	£		£
INSURANCE TOP UP for holidays costing more than £5,000 per person	£		£
VISA CHARGE (cost of VISA) (payable at the time of booking)	£		£
† COX & KINGS VISA HANDLING FEE (payable at time of booking)	£35		£
COOL EARTH VOLUNTARY CHARITY DONATION <small>(For charity details or to donate including gift aid, please visit www.cool-earth.org/coxandkings)</small>			£
TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED Cheque or credit / debit card†			£

To pay by credit / debit card, please call 020 7808 5690
 I wish to pay by: (tick box)
 MasterCard† Visa†
 Amex† Delta†
 Switch† Cheque

†The following processing fees will be applied to final balances paid by credit card: Visa – 1.33% MasterCard – 1.33% Amex – 2.10%. We reserve the right to change the processing fee at any time. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cox & Kings Travel Ltd.'

Travel agent's stamp

Travel agent's ref: _____ Abta number: _____

I hereby accept that I, on behalf of both myself and all the other persons on this booking form have read, understood and accepted the booking conditions, general information, insurance conditions (where applicable) and all other information in this brochure, and, further, that I have the authority of all the persons named on this booking form to make the booking subject to these conditions. All members of the party personally accept responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, health, passport and visa requirements. I am over 18 years of age.

Date: _____ Total enclosed: £ _____ Signature: _____

INOCULATIONS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All the destinations featured in this brochure have specific entry regulations and many have recommended health precautions. The requirements and recommendations in force at the time of publication are detailed below. If there is any change, you will be informed at the time of booking. However, it is your responsibility to double-check the relevant requirements and recommendations before departure to ensure that you comply with them and take with you the correct documentation for the country / countries that you are visiting.

Please note that the entry requirements listed are only valid for British citizens. All other nationalities should check with the relevant consulate for advice. Regarding any inoculations or health precautions that may be needed, Cox & Kings recommends that you consult your GP or travel clinic for personal advice.

We have devised a simple classification system to check the necessary requirements and advice. The codes that have been used are interpreted as follows:

- A Full valid British Passport (minimum 6 months validity from the intended date of return)
- B Visa required (see footnote)
- B* Tourist Card required (see footnote)
- C Yellow Fever precautions advised
- C* A Yellow Fever certificate is required if travelling from an infected country
- C** A Yellow Fever certificate is required for all travellers over the age of 1 year if travelling from an infected country
- D Cholera precautions
- E Typhoid & Polio and Hepatitis A precautions may be advised
- F Malaria precautions advised
- G Tetanus precautions advised
- H Areas of high altitude - check with G.P for confirmation that it is safe to visit
- I Food and Drink precautions advised
- J Entry prohibited if you have an Israeli stamp, or stamps from other countries' bordering crossing points with Israel, in your passport
- K Diphtheria
- L Hepatitis B

Argentina	AB*CEFGHIKL
Australia	ABC*
Belize	AB*C*EFGIKL
Bhutan	ABC*EFGHIKL
Brazil	AB*CEFGIKL
China	ABC*EFGHIKL
Cook Islands	AEGKL
Costa Rica	AB*C*EFGIKL
Cyprus	AE

Egypt	ABC**DEFGIKL
Fiji	AC*EGKL
French Polynesia	AC*EGKL
Hong Kong	AIEFGIKL
India	ABC*DEFGHIKL
Italy	AE
Japan	AL
Jordan	ABC**EGIKL
Kenya	ABCC**DEFGIKL
Madagascar	ABC*DEFGIKL
Malaysia	AC**EFGIKL
Maldives	ABC*EFGIKL
Malta	AC*
Mauritius	AC*DEFGKL
Mexico	AB*EFGHIKL
Morocco	AIEFGIKL
Mozambique	ABCC*DEFGIL
New Zealand	AL
Oman	ABC*EFGIKL
Seychelles	AC**EGKL
Sicily	AE
South Africa	AC**DEFGIKL
Sri Lanka	AC*EFGIK
Tanzania	ABCC**DEFGKL
Thailand	AC*EFGIKL
Turkey	ABIEFGIKL
U.A.E.	AIEGKL
Vietnam	ABC**EFGIL

Important Note: The above information is accurate at the time of publication (October 2010). For up to date information on documents and health requirements for specific countries, please visit www.worldtravelguide.net. Please note that Cox & Kings will advise you before accepting your booking should there be any subsequent changes to the recommendations and requirements. You should contact your doctor or MASTA (Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad) a travellers health advice line costing 60p per minute which can be reached on tel: 0906 8224 1000, who will be able to give you professional advice, arrange any vaccinations and offer advice on Malaria protection. You can also obtain a leaflet on 'Health for Travellers (T7.1)' from the Department of Health by telephoning 0300 123 1002 or find useful advice for travellers at www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

This advice is only valid for British citizens. Any clients who hold non-British passports must contact the relevant Embassy/Consulate (telephone numbers listed below). It is important that you hold a valid 10-year British passport and we recommend that your passport is valid for six months from your date of return to the UK. Passports application forms can be obtained from the Post Office or, online at www.ukpa.gov.uk. Passport Advice Line: 0300 222 0000 (calls charged at national rate). A filled-out application

form, a birth certificate and two passport photographs (one to be signed by a referee who has known you for two years) are required. The cost for postal application is £77.50 and it can take up to three weeks to obtain from the date of application. Entry into some of the countries featured requires visas. Visas for Egypt, Jordan, Oman and Turkey are issued on arrival. Other visas are to be obtained prior to departure from the UK. Please remember to retain your visa until departure from the country concerned.

Tourist Cards: For British citizens a tourist card is required for entry into most Latin American countries. These may be obtained and completed on all international flights. Please remember to retain each card for departure from the country.

Full visa details and further information may be obtained from the respective Embassy Consulate or Tourist Office. Telephone numbers are listed below:

Argentine Consulate - 020 7318 1340
Australian High Commission - 09065 508 900 (£1 per min from BT landlines)
Belize High Commission - 020 7723 3603
Bhutan - No UK Consulate or Embassy
Brazilian Consulate - 020 7659 1550
China Visa Advisory Service Centre - 020 7842 0960
Cook Islands - See New Zealand High Commission
Costa Rican Embassy - 020 7706 8844
Cypriot High Commission - 020 7499 8272
Egyptian Consulate - 020 7235 9777
Fijian Embassy - 020 7584 3661
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office - 09001 600 111
Indian High Commission - 020 7836 8484
Italian Consulate - 020 7235 9371
Consulate General of Japan - 020 7465 6565
Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - 020 7937 3685 ext 227 or 229
Kenyan High Commission - 020 7636 2371
Embassy of Madagascar - 020 7751 4410
Malaysian High Commission - 020 7235 8033
Maldives High Commission - 020 7224 2135
Maltese High Commission - 020 7292 4800
Mauritius High Commission - 020 7581 0294
Mexican Consulate - 020 7907 9442
Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco - 020 7581 5001
Mozambique High Commission - 020 7383 3800
New Zealand High Commission - 020 7930 8422
Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman - 020 7225 0001
Seychelles High Commission in France - +33(1) 4230 5747
Sicily - see Italian Consulate
Singapore High Commission - 020 7235 8315

South African High Commission - 020 7451 7299
High Commission of Sri Lanka - 020 7262 1841
Tanzania High Commission - 020 7569 1489 ext 5500
Royal Thai Embassy - 020 7589 2944 (09.30-12.30)
Turkish Consulate - 020 7591 6904/5
Embassy of the United Arab Emirates - 020 7581 1281
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam - 020 7937 1912 (09.30-12.30)

CHARGES

Cox & Kings will be pleased to apply for visas on your behalf (for British citizen passport holders only) provided a minimum period of six weeks prior to departure is given to obtain a single country visa. Cox & Kings requires an additional week for each additional country's visa that is required. The charge to process each visa will be £25 in addition to the cost of the visa (£30 for Indian Visas).

Currently the charges are as follows. These prices are correct at the time of publication; however, all governments reserve the right to change these without prior notice. Cox & Kings will advise of any changes prior to booking. If your itinerary involves leaving any of the countries and re-entering them at a later stage, you will need a double or multiple entry visa, which may cost more. The fee for your visa (if being obtained by Cox & Kings) should be forwarded to us in full at the time of booking.

Australia AU\$20 – Online £10 for those with no internet access

Bhutan Permit included in overseas stay price

China Single Entry £65.25 (3 months), £80.25 Double Entry

Egypt Single Entry £18 (payable in advance),

India Multiple Entry £39.05 (6 months)

Jordan D10 (payable locally) Single £11 / Double £21 (payable in advance). Free visas for groups over 5 passengers.

Kenya Single Entry £20 Multiple £30

Madagascar Free (subject to change)

Mozambique Visa on arrival US\$25

Oman OR6 (issued on arrival), Single £12, Multiple Entry £20 (purchased in advance)

Tanzania Single Entry £38

Turkey Upon arrival £10

USA ESTA Visa US\$14 (approx £9)

Vietnam Single Entry £44 / Multiple Entry £70

FITNESS TO TRAVEL

Many Cox & Kings tours involve a fair amount of walking, sometimes involving uneven surfaces and hills. If you would like information about the strenuousness of a specific itinerary, please contact a travel consultant.

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Important: If you have internet access you can complete the reservation form online. Please ask your tour consultant to email you a personalised form.

Please read the booking conditions and other information carefully before completing this form in BLOCK LETTERS and return to Cox & Kings with your remittance. It is essential that you complete the tinted sections as these include mandatory information.

PASSENGER DETAILS – AS THEY APPEAR IN YOUR PASSPORT

Title	Full first name	Surname	Date of birth	Passport number	Nationality	Date of issue	Date of expiry	C&K insurance*	C&K visa†
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No
			DD/MM/YY			DD/MM/YY	DD/MM/YY	Yes / No	Yes / No

* TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is required that every passenger holds adequate travel insurance cover at the time of booking. The details of the Cox & Kings travel insurance policy can be found on the reverse side of this form.

If you have existing travel insurance, please insert the details below.

Insurance company: _____ Policy number: _____ Emergency assistance company: _____ Telephone no: _____

† VISAS: Visas are required for some destinations. Regulations change, so please check the latest requirements before booking. Cox & Kings can only process visas for British passport holders resident in the UK. If you would like Cox & Kings to obtain your visas, there is a £35 per person fee in addition to the visa cost.

Contact details of lead passenger	
Name:	
Address:	
	Postcode:
Daytime tel:	Home tel:
Email address:	

Designated emergency contact details (not travelling)	
Name:	
Relationship:	
Address:	
	Postcode:
Daytime tel:	Home tel:

TOUR DETAILS

Tour type	Tour name / Tailor-made journey	Tour extension	Tour code	Date of departure
GROUP TOUR				DD/MM/YY
INDIVIDUAL TOUR				DD/MM/YY

Type of accommodation (subject to availability)		Flight upgrades options (subject to availability)	
Twin	Single	Premium Economy Class	First Class
Double	Triple / Family	Business Class	Regional airport (specify):
Special requests (subject to availability) – eg airline dietary requirements (please specify):			

Your Cox & Kings tour consultant:
Your booking reference number:

PAYMENT DETAILS

	Amount	No	Total
DEPOSIT 15% of your total holiday cost (or £150 per person whichever is greater) If a larger deposit is required you will be informed at the time of booking	£		£
INSURANCE (payable at time of booking) maximum indemnity £4,999 per person	£		£
INSURANCE TOP UP for holidays costing more than £5,000 per person	£		£
VISA CHARGE (cost of VISA) (payable at the time of booking)	£		£
† COX & KINGS VISA HANDLING FEE (payable at time of booking)	£35		£
COOL EARTH VOLUNTARY CHARITY DONATION <small>(For charity details or to donate including gift aid, please visit www.coolearth.org/coxandkings)</small>			£
TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED Cheque or credit / debit card†			£

To pay by credit / debit card, please call 020 7808 5690
I wish to pay by: (tick box)

MasterCard† Visa†

Amex† Delta†

Switch† Cheque

†The following processing fees will be applied to final balances paid by credit card: Visa – 1.33% MasterCard – 1.33% Amex – 2.10%. We reserve the right to change the processing fee at any time. Cheques should be made payable to Cox & Kings Travel Ltd.

Travel agent's stamp	
Travel agent's ref:	Abta number:

I hereby accept that I, on behalf of both myself and all the other persons on this booking form have read, understood and accepted the booking conditions, general information, insurance conditions (where applicable) and all other information in this brochure, and, further, that I have the authority of all the persons named on this booking form to make the booking subject to these conditions. All members of the party personally accept responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, health, passport and visa requirements. I am over 18 years of age.

Date:	Total enclosed: £	Signature:
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HEALTH & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All the destinations featured in this brochure have specific entry regulations and many have recommended health precautions. The requirements and recommendations in force at the time of publication are detailed below. If there is any change, you will be informed at the time of booking. However, it is your responsibility to double-check the relevant requirements and recommendations before departure to ensure that you comply with them and take with you the correct documentation for the country or countries that you are visiting.

The entry requirements listed are only valid for British citizens. All other nationalities should check with the relevant consulate for advice. Regarding any inoculations or health precautions that may be needed, Cox & Kings recommends that you consult your GP or travel clinic for personal advice.

Requirements and recommendations are as follows:

Antigua:	AC [†] EGKL
Barbados:	AC [†] EGKL
Cook Islands:	AEGKL
Cyprus:	AE
Dominican Republic:	A [†] EFGL
Fiji:	AC [†] EGKL
French Polynesia:	AC [†] EGKL
Grenada:	AC [†] EGKL
Hawaii (US):	AB
India:	ABC*DEFGHIKL
Italy:	AE
Jamaica:	AC [†] EGKL
Malaysia:	AC [†] EFGIKL
Maldives:	ABC*EGIKL
Mauritius:	AC [†] EGKL
Mexico:	AB*EFGHIK
Morocco:	AEGIKL
Mozambique:	ABCC [†] DEFGIL
New Zealand:	AL
Oman:	ABC*EGIKL
Puerto Rico:	A [†] EGL
St Kitts & Nevis:	AC [†] EGKL
St Lucia:	AC [†] EGKL
St Vincent & the Grenadines:	AC [†] EGKL
Seychelles:	AC [†] EGKL
Sicily:	AE
Singapore:	AC [†] EGIL
South Africa:	AC [†] DEFGIKL
Sri Lanka:	AC [†] EFGIKL
Tanzania:	ABCC [†] DEFGKL
Thailand:	AC*DEFGIKL
Turkey:	AB [†] EFGIKL

Key to the codes:

- A: Full valid British passport (minimum six months validity from the intended date of return).
 B: Visa required (see footnote).
 B*: Tourist card required (see footnote).
 C: Yellow fever precautions advised.
 C*: A yellow fever certificate is required if travelling from an infected country.
 C†: A yellow fever certificate is required for all travellers over the age of one year if travelling from an infected country.

- D: Cholera precautions.
 E: Typhoid, polio and hepatitis A precautions may be advised.
 F: Malaria precautions advised.
 G: Tetanus precautions advised.
 H: Areas of high altitude – check with your GP for confirmation that it is safe for you to visit.
 I: Food and drink precautions advised.
 J: Entry prohibited if you have an Israeli stamp, or stamps from other countries' bordering crossing points with Israel, in your passport.
 K: Diphtheria precautions advised.
 L: Hepatitis B precautions advised.

Changes to requirements and recommendations: The above information is accurate at the time of publication (November 2011). Cox & Kings will advise you before accepting your booking should there be any subsequent changes to the recommendations and requirements. You should contact your doctor or Masta (Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad), which operates a travellers' advice line, costing £1 per minute, which can be reached on telephone number 0906 822 4100 or via www.masta.com. They will be able to give you professional advice, arrange any vaccinations and offer advice on malaria protection. You can also obtain a leaflet from the Department of Health, *Health Advice for Travellers (T7.1)*, by telephoning 0300 123 1002, and find further useful advice for travellers at www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk.

FITNESS TO TRAVEL

Many excursions on a Relax & Explore holiday can involve a fair amount of walking, sometimes over uneven surfaces and hills. If you would like information about the strenuousness of a specific activity, please contact a travel consultant.

PASSPORTS

This advice is only valid for British citizens. Any clients who hold non-British passports must contact the relevant embassy / consulate (telephone numbers listed below). It is important that you hold a valid 10-year British passport and we recommend that your passport is valid for six months from your date of return to the UK. Passport application forms can be obtained from the Post Office or online at www.direct.gov.uk/en/travelandtransport/passports. The passport advice phone line is 0300 222 000 (calls charged at national rate). A filled-out application form, birth certificate and two passport photographs (one to be signed by a referee who has known you for two years) are required. The cost for postal application is £77.50 and it can take up to three weeks to obtain from the date of application.

VISAS, CHARGES & EMBASSIES

Entry into some of the countries featured requires visas. Visas for Jordan, Oman and Turkey are issued on arrival. Other visas are to be obtained prior to departure from the UK. Please remember to retain your visa until departure from the country concerned.

Cox & Kings will be pleased to apply for visas on your behalf (for British citizen passport holders only) provided a minimum period of six weeks prior to departure is given to obtain a single country visa. Cox & Kings requires an additional week for

every additional country that a visa is required for. The charge to process each visa will be £35 in addition to the cost of the visa.

Tourist cards: For British citizens, a tourist card is required for entry into most Latin American countries. These may be obtained and completed on all international flights. Please remember to retain each card for departure from the country.

The current charges are detailed below. These prices are correct at the time of publication, but, all governments reserve the right to change these without prior notice. Cox & Kings will advise of any changes prior to booking. If your itinerary involves leaving any of the countries and re-entering them at a later stage, you will need a double- or multiple-entry visa, which may cost more. The fee for your visa (if being obtained by Cox & Kings) should be forwarded to us in full at the time of booking.

Granting visas: Cox & Kings will be happy to assist with any necessary visa applications on your behalf. We cannot, however, guarantee the granting of any visas, as this is a matter outside our control. If, through no fault of Cox & Kings, a visa is not granted, then we cannot accept any liability for the consequences and reserve the right to pass on to you any costs we incur as a result, including cancellation charges.

Visa costs and requirements:

- Hawaii: US Esta visa US\$14 (approximately £9).
 India: Multiple-entry visa £42.20 (six months).
 Madagascar: Free (subject to change).
 Mozambique: Single-entry visa £40.
 Multiple-entry visa £70.
 Oman: Visas available on arrival by land, sea or air for stays of one month at cost of 20 rials.
 Tanzania: Single entry £38.
 Turkey: Upon arrival in Turkey you will be given a sticker-type visa. The current charge for this is £10 per person.

Embassies, consulates and tourist offices: Full visa details and further information may be obtained from the respective embassy, consulate or tourist office at the following addresses:

- High Commission for Antigua and Barbuda, 2nd floor, 45 Crawford Place, London W1H 4LP. Tel: 020 7258 0070.
- Barbados High Commission, 1 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3ND. Tel: 020 7299 7150.
- Cook Islands: See New Zealand High Commission.
- Cypriot High Commission, 13 St James Square, London SW1Y 4LB. Tel: 020 7321 4100.
- Embassy of the Dominican Republic, 139 Inverness Terrace, Bayswater; London W2 6JF. Tel: 020 7727 3693.
- Fijian High Commission, 34 Hyde Park Gate, London SW7 5DN. Tel: 020 7584 3661.
- Grenada High Commission, The Chapel, Archel Road, West Kensington, London W14 9QH. Tel: 020 7385 4415.
- French Consulate, 21 Cromwell Place, London SW7 2EN. Tel: 020 7073 1250.
- Indian High Commission, India House, Aldwych, London WC2B 4NA. Tel: 020 7836 8484.
- Italian Consulate, 38 Eaton Place, London SW1X 8AN. Tel: 020 7235 9371.
- Jamaican High Commission, 1-2 Prince Road Consort, London SW7 2BZ. Tel: 020 7823 9911.
- Malaysian High Commission, 45 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QT. Tel: 020 7235 8033.
- High Commission of the Republic of Maldives, 22 Nottingham Place, London W1U 5NJ. Tel: 020 7224 2135.
- Mauritius High Commission, 32 / 33 Elvaston Place, London SW7 5NW. Tel: 020 7581 0294.
- Mexican Consulate, 16 St George St, Hannover Square, London W1S 1FD. Tel: 020 7907 9442.
- Consulate General of the Kingdom Of Morocco, Diamond House, 97/99 Praed Street, London W2 1NT. Tel: 020 7724 0624.
- Mozambique High Commission, 21 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6EL. Tel: 020 7383 3800.
- New Zealand High Commission, New Zealand House, 80 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TQ. Tel: 020 7930 8422.
- Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman, 167 Queens Gate, London SW7 5HE. Tel: 020 7225 0001.
- Puerto Rico Embassy – see Embassy of the United States.
- High Commission of St Kitts and Nevis, 10 Kensington Court, London W8 5DL. Tel: 020 7937 9718.
- The High Commission for St Lucia, 1 Collingham Gardens, London SW5 0HW. Tel: 020 7370 7123.
- Consulate of St Vincent and the Grenadines, 16-18 Glen Road, Comber, County Down BT23 5EL, Northern Ireland. Tel: 028 9187 4697.
- Seychelles High Commission in France, 51 Ave Mozart, 75016 Paris, France. Tel: +33 (1) 42 30 57 47.
- Sicily – see Italian Consulate.
- Singapore High Commission, 9 Wilton Crescent, Belgravia, London SW1X 8SP. Tel: 020 7235 8315.
- South African High Commission, South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DP. Tel: 020 7451 7299.
- High Commission of Sri Lanka, 13 Hyde Park Gardens, London W2 2LU. Tel: 020 7262 1841.
- Tanzania High Commission, 3 Stratford Place, London W1C 1AS. Tel: 020 7569 1470.
- Royal Thai Embassy, 29-30 Queens Gate, London SW7 5JB. Tel: 020 7589 2944, ext: 5500 (09.30-12.30).
- Turkish Consulate, Rutland Lodge, Rutland Gardens, London SW7 1BW. Tel: 020 7591 6904/5.
- Embassy of the United States, 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 2LQ. Tel: 09042 450 100 (£1.23 per min from BT landlines).



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