EASTERN EUROPE
INDIA
VIETNAM CAMBODIA LAOS
Welcome to our World

Steve Caunter, owner of Journeys of a Lifetime, has been in the Travel & Airline Industry for over 35 years, allowing him to regularly explore all corners of the world and follow his passion to travel. During the past 15 years he has been designing and escorting small group tours through different parts of Europe, Indochina and the Indian sub-continent.

Our Endorsements

It was seamless thanks to your wonderful organisation. For us it was certainly the trip of a lifetime. Yvonne & David, Christchurch.

A huge thank you for your kindness and care way beyond the call of duty. The organisation was superb, the accommodation was magical, the travelling was easy, the recommendations for food, shopping and money so helpful. I would do it all again tomorrow if I could. Fran, Auckland.

We had an amazing time and loved the choice of cities, villages and hotels. Lesley & Alistair, Wellington.

Thanks for a wonderful holiday. You went the extra mile to ensure all the arrangements worked so well. Pam, Auckland.

It really was an amazing trip. Thank you again for all your hard work and preparation. Jeanette and Ryan, Kapiti Coast.

A great group once again, it certainly was another ‘journey of a lifetime.’ Marlene, Tauranga.

Thank you for the time and energy you spent on making this holiday a safe and wonderful trip. Dallas & Larry, Whangarei.

Really enjoyed travelling on the trains and not having the tour entirely on a coach. We didn’t race from town to town and having 2 or 3 nights in one place made for a more relaxing tour. Colleen, Auckland.
Travelling on one of our small group holidays is a wonderful compromise between ‘doing your own thing’ and joining a 50-seater coach tour. Just 16 travellers will be taken on a journey of discovery to our favourite places in the world. We limit our city stays to include the ‘must see’ sights, however our main focus is visiting those special villages that we know so well. Our 3 night stays give you the opportunity to ‘live like a local’, allowing ample time to explore at your own pace.

We offer a variety of transport on our holidays, ranging from trains and charter coaches, to overnight cruises and local buses. We believe ‘the journey’ is a big part of the overall adventure and our favoured mode of transportation, particularly in Europe, is by train.

You will be safely looked after by an experienced tour leader, who will have been to the places you visit first and will share local knowledge on the best walks, inexpensive family-run restaurants and sightseeing. We use qualified local guides for our walking tours on most occasions.

We like our holidays to be relaxed, so where possible, early morning departures are avoided.

As a Journeys of a Lifetime customer, we would be happy to assist you with additional holiday suggestions. These optional tours can be organised through our Travel Agent Karen, featured later in our brochure:

**Eastern Europe** – Explore Croatia prior to arriving in Venice. After the tour, spend a few days in Tallinn (Estonia) before catching a ferry to ‘Scenic Scandinavia’.

**India** – Sample Nepal on a pre-tour adventure, or visit Sri Lanka at the end of your holiday. If you like to relax at the beach, there are great options around Kerala.

**Vietnam & Asia** – Visit Singapore or Bangkok pre-tour. After Chiang Rai, perhaps include an excursion to Chiang Mai, River Kwai, or one of Thailand’s many beach resorts.

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**Our Customers**

The average age on each holiday will vary, however we do expect the majority of your travelling companions to be in their 60’s. Some tours may appeal to a younger age bracket, whilst others will attract active seniors. Most importantly, you need to be fit enough to enjoy your holiday, fully mobile and able to walk comfortably for an hour each day. Our small family-run hotels often have no lifts, so being able to walk up and down stairs is essential. Generally, you will be responsible for your own bags and this does take a little effort, especially when getting on and off trains. Our baggage allowance is one medium size suitcase per person, plus one piece of hand luggage, preferably a small day backpack. We provide you with a handy list of ‘packing hints’ that you will find invaluable.

One of our Eastern Europe & Russia groups in front of the Tsar Bell at the Kremlin
Slovenia, Hungary
Czech Republic
Poland, Russia
Thu 17 May - Venice - Dolomites. Welcome! Meet your tour leader, then travel by train from Venice to the border of the historic Hungarian Empire - The Dolomite Mountains; one of Europe’s best kept secrets. Tonight, in the picturesque alpine village of Kastelruth you will have the opportunity to get to know your travel companions during an included meal.

Fri 18 May - Dolomites. Experience breathtaking beauty as we take the chairlift to the Alpe di Siusi plateau. Your day is then free to either hike the trails, walk amongst spring flowers, or explore the surrounding alpine villages by local bus. Return to our charming family-run hotel in Kastelruth later in the day.

Sat 19 May - Slovenia. Travel by coach through the awe inspiring Dolomite Mountains via Cortina and into Slovenia. We stay in a 9-room traditional Slovenian family house (our hotel) in the pedestrian village of Radovljica. Tonight’s meal in the hotel’s delightful restaurant is included. Later, soak up the atmosphere with a stroll around this 700 year old market town.

Sun 20 May - Lake Bled. The serenity and beauty of this region will captivate you as we visit Lake Bled, just 20 minutes away by local bus. We start the morning with a magical trip by boat on the pristine waters of the lake, then the day is all yours to swim, walk or cycle the 6.5 km scenic path around the waters edge, or just relax around Bled.

Mon 21 May - Ljubljana. Today we take a train to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. On arrival we’re met by our local guide and taken on a 2 hour walking tour of the ‘old town’ and surrounds. Tonight’s meal in the heart of the historic inns, cafes and shops or visit the castle, the centrepiece of Cesky Krumlov. The town is built along the winding Vltava River, so for the more adventurous, canoe hire is a great half-day activity.

Wed 23 May - Cesky Krumlov. Free day to take in the historic inns, cafes and shops or visit the castle, the centrepiece of Cesky Krumlov. The town is built along the winding Vltava River, so for the more adventurous, canoe hire is a great half-day activity.

Fri 25 May - Cesky Krumlov. Today we travel by train through Hungary and Austria to Linz, where our coach awaits to take us across the Czech border to the UNESCO World Heritage village of Cesky Krumlov. The village, a favourite of ours, will be one of the highlights of your holiday and this evening we stroll the cobblestone streets and discover this incredibly unique town.

Sat 26 May - Cesky Krumlov. Free day to take in the historic inns, cafes and shops or visit the castle, the centrepiece of Cesky Krumlov. The town is built along the winding Vltava River, so for the more adventurous, canoe hire is a great half-day activity.

Sun 27 May - Prague. This morning we travel by coach to Prague, one of Europe’s most popular and architecturally stunning cities. With our local guide we discover its history and see the sights, including Prague’s famed Astronomical Clock & Charles Bridge.

Mon 28 May - Prague. Free day to explore, perhaps visiting Prague Castle.

Tue 29 May - Kutna Hora & Stramberk. After breakfast we travel by coach to another hidden gem of the Czech Republic, Kutna Hora. You will have time to wander its ancient streets before continuing through the Bohemian countryside to our overnight stay in the peaceful village of Stramberk, set in the Moravian Mountains. Tonight a traditional banooque meal is included. Later, amble through lanes of old timbered houses to the castle ruins for views over the valley below.

Wed 30 May - Krakow. This morning our coach crosses the border into Poland and continues onto Krakow, the cultural capital of Poland. This evening, wander around Europe’s largest medieval town square, which showcases wonderful architecture, markets, entertainment and vibrant cafes.

Thu 31 May - Krakow. Free day to enjoy the pedestrian ‘friendly old town’, cycle the trails along the Vistula river, or slow down and savour Market Square. This evening we visit the Jewish Quarter (optional) and explore its quaint streets before returning to our hotel.

Fri 01 Jun - Krakow. For those interested, we take an early tram to Oscar Schindler’s Factory Museum (optional), immortalised in the film ‘Schindler’s List’. A very moving and worthwhile visit that highlights the struggles of the Jewish and Polish people during World War 2.

Auschwitz Optional Tour - Mad afternoon; tour to the most infamous site of the Holocaust. A local guide will walk us through Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps, which are now a memorial to the tragedy.

Sat 02 Jun - Moscow. Today we fly from Krakow to Moscow, the capital of Russia.

Sun 03 Jun - Moscow. Meet our local guide for a morning tour of this impressive Russian city. We start in iconic Red Square, lined with Moscow’s landmark buildings: St Basil’s Cathedral, The Kremlin, Lenin’s Mausoleum & the grand GUM Dept store. We explore Moscow’s famed underground, as we ride the subway, stopping at the city’s most beautiful Metro Stations.

Our guide will offer suggestions on sightseeing for this afternoon and time is yours to explore the mystery of Moscow. Visit galleries like the ‘Tretyakov’, shop, or take a cruise on the Moskva River, meandering through the city. Tonight, perhaps experience a show at one of the best theatres in the world - The Bolshoi. Early bookings are essential.

Mon 04 Jun - Sapsan Train. This afternoon we travel on Russia’s high speed train. In just under 4 hours we reach St Petersburg, travelling at speeds of up to 200km per hour. Sapsan trains were introduced in 2009, transforming a once two day expedition over snow and hills to a mere half day train trip. Sit back, relax and enjoy the journey.

Tue 05 Jun - St Petersburg. Back in the USSR days, the former capital of Imperial Russia was known as Leningrad; however today it is one of the world’s most romantic cities. Dominated by the river Neva, with its islands and canals, the entire city centre is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our hotel is located within walking distance of the major attractions and this morning our local guide takes us on a walking tour. Highlights include Church of our Savior on Spilled Blood, Summer Garden and Peter & Paul Fortress. Afternoon free to explore this beautiful city at your own pace, either on foot or by taking a canal cruise.

Wed 06 Jun - St Petersburg. Free day for shopping or sightseeing. A must for lovers of art and architecture is a visit to the Hermitage Museum. Located close to our hotel in the Winter Palace, it currently boasts a collection of over 3 million items and regarded as one of the world’s greatest museums. Tonight, a final dinner is included as we reminisce on the wonders of your Eastern European holiday.

Thu 07 Jun - Farewell St Petersburg. Time to say farewell to your travelling companions as they depart for the airport or railway station to continue their holiday or return home.

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NZD 8,900.00
Cost based on share twin accommodation & excludes international airfares to and from the tour.
India
Rajasthan, Kerala
includes the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
Tue 19 Feb - Delhi. Welcome to India! You will be met at the airport and transferred to your centrally located hotel in one of the oldest cities in the world. It's springtime in Northern India, the best season to be exploring this magical land.

Wed 20 Feb - Delhi. Today we explore India's most diverse city and discover the soul-like bazaars of Old Delhi and the wide avenues and colonial mansions of New Delhi. A combination of coach, Rickshaw and walking offers a number of highlights, including the markets and alleyways of Chandni Chowk, as well as the famous landmarks of "Lutyen's Delhi". Lunch is included today. Tonight, get to know your travelling companions over an included meal.

Thu 21 Feb - Agra. Early morning transfer to Delhi's bustling Railway Station where we board our high-speed train to Agra. Our bags will be transported by van, so sit back and enjoy the journey with breakfast served onboard. On arrival we visit the awe-inspiring Red Fort, built in the 1500s and now a UNESCO World Heritage listed site. Lunch is included at our hotel, then there's time to relax before a late afternoon visit to India's most famous and loved architectural monument, the "Taj Mahal".

Fri 22 Feb - Agra. After breakfast, we depart by coach to the vibrant city of Jaipur, the capital and gateway to Rajasthan. En-route we view an impressive thousand year old step-well in the small village of Abhaneri. Tonight enjoy traditional Rajasthani cuisine and a local cultural performance at our hotel.

Sat 23 Feb - Jaipur. Today we ride in an auto rickshaw (Tuk-Tuk) through the colourful streets of the "Pink City", where motorbikes jostle for space with camels! Jaipur is renowned for its block textile printing 'Pink' City', where motorbikes jostle for space with camels! Jaipur is renowned for its block textile printing 'Pink' City', where motorbikes jostle for space with camels! Jaipur is renowned for its block textile printing. Dinner is included today. Tonight enjoy the delights of this waterfront heritage town.

Sun 24 Feb - Jaipur. This morning we head out to Amber Fort, perched high above Maota Lake. Here we take an elephant ride (or jeep) up to the top and tour the Palace with our guide. Enjoy spectacular views before ambling back down at your own pace. A cooking class lunch is included today.

Mon 25 Feb - Pushkar. Our journey continues by chartered coach to the holy town of Pushkar. This enchanting town, set on the shores of a sacred lake is a mandatory stop for Hindus on their pilgrimage. Gain a sense of its spiritual ambiance as you explore its lanes and narrow passages. Tonight's included meal is vegetarian as Pushkar is both alcohol and meat free.

Tue 26 Feb - Rohet Garh. A tour highlight as we travel west to a very special fort stay at the magical Rohet Garh. Converted to an Indian Heritage Hotel in the early 90's, this grand rural retreat was once a family home spanning over 4 centuries. All evening meals during our stay are included, as the chef showcases cuisine unique to this region.

Wed 27 Feb - Rohet Garh. After a leisurely breakfast, we have arranged a complimentary jeep safari to a nearby farming community. Apart from its off road experience, the day is free for you to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the resort.

Thu 28 Feb - Jodhpur. A day visit to the "Blue City" of Jodhpur, renowned for its sea of vivid blue painted houses. Nestled under the towering Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur was once part of the famous trade route from Central Asia to Europe. Inside the city walls are a web of winding streets, selling everything from silver jewellery to soft camel leather shoes. Later, we return to Rohet Garh for the final dinner of our stay.

Fri 1 Mar - Udaipur. We continue our journey south by coach to one of the real gems of Rajasthan, Udaipur. Aptly named the "City of Lakes", Udaipur is famous for its 5 beautiful lakes and fine standing palaces. Tonight we dine at a restaurant overlooking the beautiful lake Pichola which is included.

Sat 2 Mar - Udaipur. Morning sightseeing by boat as we embrace Udaipur's stunning architecture, including World Heritage listed temples and elegant marble palaces. Our tour concludes with a walk to the City Palace, the largest in Rajasthan. Then a free afternoon to enjoy this wonderful lakeside town.

Sun 3 Mar - Marigold Hotel. Relive the movie as we travel late morning to see the Raval Khempur Hotel where the "Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" was filmed. Enjoy lunch in the dining room, before viewing the hotel, where various scenes were staged. Prior to our return, we walk to the local village of Khempur to experience India from a bygone era.

Mon 4 Mar - Mumbai. No journey to India would be complete without a visit to the pulsating cosmopolitan city of Mumbai, formally known as Bombay. After flying to this bustling metropolis of 22 million people, we transfer to your hotel and include a city sights tour en route. The hotel is located on the edge of the historic fort area, just a short walk from the famous "Gateway of India". Lunch is included today.

Tue 5 Mar - Mumbai Sightseeing. Late morning we meet our local guides & walk through the "Historic District" to the Churchgate Station. See the "Dabbawalas", amazing hot meal delivery system to over 200,000 office workers before taking the train to commence an unforgettable tour of the Dharavi Slums.

Wed 6 Mar - Mumbai. Free Day to shop and explore this marvellous city.

Thu 7 Mar - Munnar. Farewell to the millions and welcome to the mountains! Morning flight to Kochi where we transfer to our mountain retreat, set high amongst the emerald green tea plantations. Inspired by British colonialism, Munnar is an area of astonishing beauty. 6,000 ft up in the Cardamom Hills. Arrival at our hotel will be late afternoon. Lunch and dinner is included today.

Fri 8 Mar - Munnar. Time to relax and revel in this spectacular region. Hike through tea plantations, walk to the nearby waterfall or simply just soak up the cool mountain air. Later, we drive to Munnar township to visit its Tea Museum and see how tea is processed; gaining an insight into the history and culture of the industry. Early evening we visit a theatre in Punnarjani and enjoy a unique dance and martial arts performance, followed by an included dinner at our hotel.

Sat 9 Mar - Fort Kochi. Today we set off by coach back down to the ancient spice trading port of Fort Kochi, nicknamed the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'. Our Hotel is ideally located in the historic district, set amongst an interesting blend of Portuguese, Dutch and British influences.

Sun 10 Mar - Kerala Backwaters. Another highlight as we take a leisurely cruise on the vast network of 5 lakes, 38 rivers and thousands of canals. Houseboats have been plying these waterways for centuries, connecting villages and transporting rice, spices and other goods. Be seduced by its beauty as we drift past coconut groves, lush green rice fields and farmers' homes as we experience rural life along the Kerala backwaters. Lunch is included.

Mon 11 Mar - Fort Kochi. Free day to unwind and enjoy the delights of this waterfront heritage town. Amble through the quiet lanes of "Old Town" for some last minute shopping or take a short Tuk Tuk ride to "Jew Town" famous for its antique shops alongside the charming colonial buildings lining the streets. Tonight is our final dinner and a chance to reflect on the wonders of this amazing journey.

Tue 12 Mar - Farewell Kerala. Time to say farewell to your travelling companions as they depart for the airport or continue their holiday in India.

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Fully escorted, 22 days

Departures: 19 Feb 2019

Delhi (2) Agra (1) Jaipur (3) Pushkar (1) Rohet (3) Udaipur (3) Mumbai (3) Munnar (2) Kochi (3)

Overnight stays (1)

Nzd 8,500.00

Cost based on share twin accommodation & excludes international airfares to and from the tour
Vietnam
Cambodia, Laos
plus Mekong Cruise & Thailand
Thu 25 Jul - Siem Reap. Welcome to Cambod! You will be met at Siem Reap International Airport and transferred to your hotel, just a short stroll from the centre. Early evening, we take an orientation Tuk Tuk ride (motorbike with carriage) to explore this charming riverside town, with its tree-lined boulevards and old French shop-houses. Tonight, a chance to meet your travelling companions during an included meal at a local Khmer restaurant.

Fri 26 Jul - Angkor Wat. After breakfast, explore the world’s largest and most famous temple complex, Angkor Wat. With our local guides, we tour this World Heritage wonder by Tuk Tuk. Be inspired by the 12th-century temple of ‘Bayon’, the centrepiece of the complex, or ‘Ta Prohm’, where nature intertwines with stone. Angkor Wat is a ‘must see’; it’s simply amazing!

Sat 27 Jul - Siem Reap. Free day to explore, perhaps visit the local markets, or take a trip to the nearby floating village of Chong Kneas. For those interested in returning to Angkor Wat, a great way to embrace this incredible National Park is to hire a bike and cycle around the flat, sealed roads.

Sun 28 Jul - Saigon. This morning we fly to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in Vietnam. On arrival, we transfer to our centrally located hotel, including a city sights tour en-route. In the afternoon we suggest you walk to the Saigon Opera House, one of the city’s most beautiful buildings, to either reserve a show or take in a tour of this famous landmark. Another architectural delight, close to your hotel and well worth visiting is the 130 year old Central Post Office. Tonight we walk to one of our favourite local restaurant areas where a meal has been included.

Mon 29 Jul - Mekong Delta. A Day in the life of the Mekong Delta! A tour highlight, as we navigate our way through the rivers and canals of this vast waterways known as the ‘rice bowl of Vietnam’. See an array of boats, barges, traders and floating markets, as we navigate our way through this lifeline of the region. Lunch is included in a farmers’ village and we return to Saigon later in the day.

Tue 30 Jul - Saigon. Free day. ‘Live like a local’ and immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis of Saigon, where it seems there are more motorbikes than people! Perhaps take a half day tour to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an immense network of amazing underground tunnels that formed an integral part of the “American War”. Alternatively, within walking distance of our hotel is the War Remnants Museum, a sad reminder of Vietnam’s recent history.

Wed 31 Jul - Hoi An. This morning we take a flight to Da Nang. On arrival, transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An, one of our favourite places. Our hotel is superbly located on the banks of the Thu Bon River, only a few minutes walk from town.

Thu 01 Aug - Hoi An. Once a thriving port town, Hoi An is now a quaint World Heritage village and your time is free to relax and enjoy its charm. Plenty to see and do: take a cooking class, cycle around the old town, visit a local school, or simply wander the shops. Hoi An is also a haven of tailors and one of the best places to have clothing made in Asia. Get measured and fitted today, with your new garments ready for collection on Saturday.

Fri 02 Aug - Hue. After breakfast we depart by charter coach on a day trip to Hue. Vietnam’s former national capital. Our journey takes us over the spectacular Hai Van pass, a strategic frontier post forming the dividing line between the North & South. On arrival in Hue, a team of cyclo bikes and drivers take us on a short tour of the city, followed by a ride around the fascinating UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Imperial Citadel. Free time in Hue before we return home, passing through modern Da Nang and its beautiful array of lights and bridges en route. Arrival back in Hoi An is in time for dinner.

Sat 03 Aug - Hoi An. Free day to explore the ancient buildings of old-town Hoi An, perhaps cruise to a craft village on the river, head to the beach, or simply relax at the pool of your riverside resort.

Sun 04 Aug - Halong Bay. Morning flight to Hanoi where we transfer from the airport to one of the natural wonders of the world, Halong Bay. Here we board our traditional wooden junk for our overnight cruise. All meals are included as we sail among the stunning, limestone islands rising dramatically from the Gulf of Tonkin. Booked exclusively for Journeys of a Lifetime, our comfortable Chinese-style sailing junk contains individual cabins, complete with private facilities and air conditioning.

Mon 05 Aug - Hanoi. Around noon, we disembark and transfer to Hanoi where a city sights tour has been included. Our hotel is located in the bustling area of the ‘Old Quarter’, a pulsating haven of activity, complete with exotic smells, market stalls and specialty shops. In the evening, enjoy the flavours and spices of local cuisine in the narrow alleys, all within a short walk from our hotel.

Tue 06 Aug - Hanoi. As Hanoi wakes, be intrigued as Vietnamese of all ages assemble for their early morning exercise beside Hoan Kiem Lake. Watch locals practice Tai Chi, whilst others play the popular shuttlecock game of ‘da cau’. After breakfast, a free day to explore this exciting city.

Wed 07 Aug - Luang Prabang. Today we farewell Vietnam and fly to Luang Prabang in Laos. Our three night stay is in the heart of the old town where you will leave the laid back ambience and a step back in time. Tonight we enjoy scrumptious Lao cuisine for our included dinner.

Thu 08 Aug - Luang Prabang. Rise early to witness the ancient ritual of monks, dressed in their orange robes, collecting alms at dawn. Today is free to roam, it’s impossible to get lost as 80% of the village is bound by two rivers, the Mekong and the Nam Khan. Enjoy the French colonial architecture as you wander the streets, visit a Laos temple or take an elephant ride (optional). This evening a visit to the night markets is a must.

Fri 09 Aug - Luang Prabang. After breakfast, we have arranged a morning tour to the spectacular turquoise coloured Kuang Si Waterfalls, just 45 minutes away by coach. Bring your bathers and take a swim! Return to town around lunchtime.

Sat 10 Aug - Mekong River Cruise. This morning we embark on a two day expedition on one of the great rivers of the world. Be amazed as we journey on this mighty waterway, past lush mountains, rustic villages, elephants and wildlife, all from the comfort of our spacious boat. Lunch is included each day, as is the evening meal at our overnight accommodation at Pakbeng, set high above the Mekong River.

Sun 11 Aug - Mekong River Cruise. After breakfast, we continue our journey upstream on this magical river arriving late afternoon at the Lao border town of Huai Xai, where we cross the river on the new ‘friendship’ bridge into Thailand. After clearing customs, travel by coach to our accommodation at Chiang Rai, where an evening meal has been included.

Mon 12 Aug - Chiang Rai. Our Thai style resort, set amongst tropical lush gardens is located a few minutes by shuttle bus from casual Chiang Rai. Today has been left free to enjoy our beautiful resort, for last minute shopping, or perhaps visit the ‘must see’ White Temple or the Golden Triangle. Tonight a final dinner is included and a chance to reflect on the wonders of this great journey.

Tue 13 Aug - Farewell Chiang Rai. Time to say farewell to your travelling companions as they depart for the airport or continue their holiday in Thailand.

For flights and to and from Asia, tour inclusions and conditions, please refer to the back three pages of the brochure.

NZD 5,800.00
Cost based on share twin accommodation & excludes international airfares to and from the tour
Tour Inclusions

- Arrangements as per itinerary unless specified as (optional) or free day
- Economy class flights as specified within Europe, Asia & India
- Accommodation featuring share twin rooms with private facilities
- Rail in both first & economy class, depending on the country
- Tours, sightseeing & entrance fees, unless specified as (optional) or free day
- Airport transfers where specified
- Port charges and Airline taxes
- Daily breakfast
- Meals as specified
- Qualified local guides as specified
- Tips are included for hotel staff, coach drivers & local guides
- Services of a tour escort
- Ticket wallet & full pre-departure information including hotel details

Our Hotels

Rajasthan - www.rohetgarh.com
Slovenia - www.lectar.com
Hoi An - www.vinhhungresort.com

Our accommodation often gives you an insight into the destination:

- 700 years of tradition in a family-run hotel in the Dolomite Mountains
- Roof-top courtyard hotel overlooking one of St Petersburg’s most famous attractions
- Remote rustic lodge built on the banks of the Upper Mekong River
- Overnight on a traditional sailing junk in Halong Bay
- Vietnamese Riverside Resort in Hoi An
- Beautiful Indian Heritage Hotel in a peaceful rural setting
- A 500 year old traditional Slovenian Family House (Hotel)
- Mountain retreat in the tea plantations of Southern India

On a Journeys of a Lifetime holiday, where we stay is every bit as important as the places we visit. Our hotels are generally smaller in size, family-run and either traditional or unique to the region that we are visiting. The selection of accommodation around the world is important to us and hotel requirements change from country to country. In India, whilst still maintaining the boutique nature of our hotels, we have carefully chosen quality accommodation to ensure that the best possible hotels & resorts are available for your holiday.

When inspecting our hotels we select where you stay based on 6 key components: safety, value, character, cleanliness, location and ambiance. Daily breakfast is included and every room has its own private facilities.

Our Helpful Hints

Packing List - Women

Baggage allowance and suggestions

Our Travel Agent

Karen Bradshaw, our TAANZ bonded Travel Agent, has over 40 years experience in the industry and can easily arrange your international airlines and travel insurance at a competitive price. She can also assist with additional holiday suggestions at the beginning or end of your tour, as well as offer advice on any other travel related matters. It is our recommendation that you book with Karen for a trouble free holiday.

Karen, who is based in Christchurch, can be contacted on 0274 393 338.
How to Book

Booking with Journeys of a Lifetime is simple and easy. Our booking form is provided below, so please take the time to carefully complete each section and email or post this to us. Your deposit of $900.00 per person ($1,800.00 per couple) must be paid to us either by internet banking or through any branch of the ANZ Bank into our Journeys of a Lifetime “Customer Funds Account”. Please ask for details.

Your place on the tour can not be allocated or confirmed until the booking form and deposit have been received by Journeys of a Lifetime. Remember, book early to avoid disappointment. In 2016 our tours were all fully booked almost a year in advance.

Details entered must be EXACTLY as shown on your passport.

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Signing this booking form acknowledges that you have fully read the brochure, including the booking conditions and agree to abide by them.
Booking Conditions

Please read these booking conditions carefully as they form an important part of the contract for your holiday.

How to Book
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Deposits & Final Payment
A deposit of $900.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 75 days prior to the departure of your tour.

Group Numbers & Guaranteed Departure
Group departures are restricted to 16 passengers and subject to a minimum of 14 people travelling. Once 14 deposits have been received, you will be advised that the tour is a guaranteed departure and the tour will proceed on an escorted basis. We will accept bookings for 18 passengers to cover any late cancellations. Only an unforeseeable “event” would alter our guaranteed departure commitment. Any directive from the Government not to travel could negate this guarantee and/or change the itinerary accordingly.

Costing & Price Guarantee
All prices are based on rates & conditions as at 16 January 2017 and are subject to change that could alter the final price of your holiday. Payment of half of your holiday cost to Journeys of a Lifetime would guarantee the cost as published in the brochure.

Responsibility
Journeys of a Lifetime are responsible for making arrangements specified in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. We include the services of independent contractors such as airlines, hotels, shipping & coach companies, local rail and bus services, plus other operators whose staff are not agents, employees or servants of Journeys of a Lifetime. Although we make every effort to ensure that your tour is a holiday of a lifetime, we can not take responsibility for the conduct, nor be held responsible for the actions of people or agents that are not employees of Journeys of a Lifetime. The international carriage of passengers is subject to international conventions and treaties, where applicable. If after your departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied, or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond our control, Journeys of a Lifetime will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by travellers and any resultant savings will be refunded to holiday participants on their return home. Itineraries may be subject to alteration due to hotel availability, timetable adjustments, operational requirements, weather, strikes, or other reasons beyond our control. We reserve the right to amend any holiday where we feel the change will be beneficial to our customers. Every effort however, will be made to provide arrangements as per the brochure. By signing the booking form and paying the $900.00 deposit, customers agree to all booking conditions and accept arrangements as per the brochure.

Accommodation
All hotels and lodgings have rooms with ensuite facilities (your own shower & toilet). Due to the boutique nature of some of our small family-run hotels, room size & room locations can vary greatly. We do our best to ensure that guests receive a variety of room types throughout their holiday.

Helpful Hints
Prior to departure we will email you a series of ‘Tips & Hints’ that will prepare you well for your holiday.

Tipping & Meals
Journeys of a Lifetime take care of tips for hotel staff, drivers and local guides, so far the arranged part of your holiday you will not be required to tip. Tipping however is an accepted practice in much of the world for taxis & restaurants etc and our helpful tips and hints guide will brief you fully on this prior to departure. Where meals are provided as part of the tour, drinks are not included, except on the last night at our final dinner.

Participation
For the benefit of all parties, we reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to remove any person from the tour whose conduct is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the interests of the other tour participants. We will not refund, nor cover any costs or expenses you incur if we have to terminate your holiday due to unacceptable behaviour.

Special Requests
It is essential that any specific requirements such as dietary or health needs be included on your booking form. Where possible, we will do our best to assist with individual requests but there can be no guarantee of this service. In the case of our prepaid meals, it is not possible to adjust the menu around the needs of any one individual as often a local chef will simply prepare his or her specialty of the day. Your dietary request will be passed on to the appropriate staff.

Baggage Allowance
Our baggage allowance is one medium size bag with wheels and pull handle plus one piece of hand luggage. On confirmation of your booking we will send our requirements & recommendations for the best type of suitcase for your holiday, as well as our tips on what to pack. On a Journeys of a Lifetime holiday you are responsible for your own luggage and we recommend that you take note of our tips. Let our experience be your guide when it comes to travelling light!!

Passports & Visas
A valid passport is required for your holiday and your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your last flight home from this tour. Should any visa be necessary, we will advise you of the requirements. Visa fees are not included in the cost of your holiday.

Travel Documents & E-tickets
We will keep you updated with our regular tips and hints once your reservation has been confirmed. Tickets, travel documents, pre-departure information, hotel details & travel vouchers will be forwarded to you approximately 21 days before departure.

Travel Insurance & Cancellation Fees
Cancelled bookings will incur charges and it is important that you take out appropriate Travel Insurance to cover such fees. Most travel policies will cover cancellation fees if you are forced to cancel your holiday due to circumstances beyond your control. Please check with your insurance provider for full details. We recommend cancellation insurance be taken out at the same time as you pay your deposit. You will not be able to participate on a Journeys of a Lifetime holiday unless you have suitable travel insurance.

Journeys of a Lifetime Cancellation Fees are:
Your deposit of $900.00 is fully refundable up to 15 months prior to departure. After this time it is non-refundable. 75 days prior to departure a 100% cancellation fee applies. After departure no refund is available on any unused portion of your holiday.