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This is your passport to the World's most captivating journeys. Whether you're seeking wilderness or curated cultural experiences, let us guide you on your journey...

THE BEST OF TOURING

EXPERT INSIGHTS AND EXCITING ITINERARIES FOR YOU TO EXPLORE

Welcome to your Inspire Magazine



In this issue, we invite you to embark on an adventure !

There's a special kind of magic in touring holidays—the thrill of waking up somewhere new, the joy of the journey as much as the destination, and the ease of knowing every detail has been thoughtfully taken care of. Touring lets you see the world in a way that's immersive, effortless, and endlessly exciting. From iconic landmarks to hidden corners you'd never find on your own, each day brings a new story, a new view, and a new reason to fall in love with travel.

Whether you dream of a cultural deep dive through historic cities, a scenic adventure across mountains and coastlines, a wildlife safari, or a closer-to-home tour in Europe, there's a tour to match every interest and travel style. Touring holidays are designed for everyone—solo travellers, couples, families, and groups—offering flexible options, expert guides, and carefully curated experiences that bring destinations to life.

Here at Inspire, we know that memorable travel isn't just about where you stay, but how you get there. We hope that this magazine helps you plan your next great journey – and shows you just how much more you can experience on a fabulous touring holiday.

Lisa Henning
CEO

About *inspire*

Inspire is an ABTA and ATOL licensed travel agency and tour operator offering both package holidays from the most well-known and trusted travel providers throughout the UK and Europe, in addition to dynamically packaging and tailor making trips for our customers. We cater for all aspects of travel, from one night in a UK hotel or a European city break to bespoke luxury escapes and round the world trips. We can manage every aspect of your trip, including: car hire, airport lounge passes, airport parking, airport hotels, airport transfers, attraction tickets and more!

A photograph of a safari vehicle, possibly a Land Rover, driving on a dirt road in a savanna landscape. The vehicle is in the foreground, and the background shows rolling green hills under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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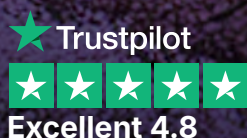
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- Ride a bullet train to Kyoto and uncover its medieval landmarks and Geisha district
- Explore Kyushu's historic craft industries with guided tours of Fukuoka, Dazaifu and an Imari pottery factory
- Pay homage to Nagasaki's post-war landmarks and discover the abandoned industrial towns of Gunkanjima (Battleship Island)
- See the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and see the city's A-Bomb Dome
- Head to Mishima by bullet train for a visit to the Mount Fuji 5th station and cruise across serene Lake Kawaguchi
- Spend time in Ōita and enjoy an onsen experience in Beppu



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TOURING FAQ'S

Are Touring Holidays Expensive ?

There's a touring holiday to suit every budget. From touring the UK and Europe to exploring further afield, touring holidays offer incredible value for money as they typically include flights, accommodation, excursions, guides and some meals, so all you need is your spending money for treats!

Are All Tours Rigid?

Some touring tours do have fixed itineraries and structured sightseeing in order to maximise every destination visited however, many tours now also include freedays and optional excursions for a more relaxed pace. The choice is yours to pick a tour that suits you.



Are Touring Holidays Just for an Older Generation?

Escorted tours have grown over the years and now offer a wealth of options to suit every age group. There really is a tour for everyone to enjoy. Tours also bring together travellers from different walks of life who want to experience history, food, culture with like-minded people.

When is the Best Time to Book a Touring Holiday?

If you find a tour you want, we recommend that you book as soon as possible. Some tours and destinations are very popular – particularly at key times: Japan Cherry Blossom season or New England in the Fall for example. These tours are always very popular and sell out quickly!



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WHY WE LOVE TOURING!



Claire Dutton - Head of Marketing, Product & Commercial New England

Why do I love this destination?

This area offers a diverse blend of history, beautiful landscapes and gorgeous beaches. A standout moment for me was going whale watching off the coast of Maine and learning about all the old lighthouses and maritime history. It really is a feast for the senses.

Favourite Place to Visit?

Bar Harbor in Maine. This little gem of a historic town is the gateway to the Acadia National Park and has the best lobster rolls I've ever tasted! It has real old New England charm and I loved it so much that I went back on my next visit to the States.

Why take a tour in New England?

A tour allows you to relax and take in all the beauty of the region without having to worry about driving yourself, following the map and missing out on all the amazing scenery. You also have very knowledgeable guides accompanying you, so you learn so much more about the places that you visit!



Agnes Halaburda - Loyalty Solutions Manager Japan

Why do I love this destination?

I love Japan because traveling by first class bullet train felt like flying through the country, perfectly organized yet full of excitement for our family of four. Traveling with our European toddler added a special touch. People constantly smiled, stopped us, and asked to take photos with him, making the experience even more joyful and memorable.

Favourite Place to Visit?

Miyajima Island was my favorite place, where friendly deer wandered freely along the beach and around the Itsukushima Shrine, creating a magical and peaceful atmosphere. Visiting Hiroshima nearby, with its museum and historical tours, brought powerful perspective and deep emotional depth to the journey.

Why take a tour in Japan?

Taking a tour makes the journey smooth, organized, and deeply enriching, especially when visiting a country as diverse as Japan. The better question is why not take a tour, because it allows you to fully experience the culture, history, and emotions without missing a moment.

We love to travel at Inspire! The best advice comes from people who have experienced it for themselves. Here's a few incredible destinations that our team would recommend from their own personal holidays



Freya Sutcliffe - Head of Gift Cards South Africa

Why do I love this destination?

This safari was not only an opportunity to witness Africa's magnificent wildlife but also a reminder of the joy of shared experiences and the bonds that travel can create.

Favourite Place to Visit?

During my safari, we explored four private game reserves, which greatly increased our chances of spotting the Big Five in a single trip. I was incredibly fortunate to see all five on one day at Kaingo Game Reserve, just a 20-minute drive from our lodge. The highlight of the trip, however, was spotting a black rhino that hadn't been seen by the rangers in over a year, a truly unforgettable moment.

Why take a tour in South Africa?

Being part of a tour group added another layer of magic to the experience. Meeting people from all over the world and sharing stories created a real sense of connection. Each evening, we gathered around the campfire after a freshly cooked meal to reflect on the incredible wildlife we had seen. I left this trip having made friendships that I know will last a lifetime.



Chris Meddows - Product Manager Poland

Why do I love this destination?

Poland gives me the kind of travel I value most — places that are enjoyable and meaningful. You can spend a morning on a Baltic beach, an afternoon wandering a vibrant city, and the next day standing somewhere that changed European history.

Favourite Place(s) to Visit?

The story began at Westerplatte, where the first shots of World War II were fired. From there, I explored Gdańsk, including the Museum of the Second World War and the Gdańsk Shipyard, birthplace of the Solidarity movement that helped end communism. Heading east, I visited Malbork Castle, before finishing in the forests of the Masurian Lake District at the Wolf's Lair, Hitler's Eastern Front headquarters.

Taken together, these places tell Poland's story clearly and powerfully

Why visit Poland?

What makes Poland special is that it invites you to understand it, while still enjoying the present.

Tailor-Made Travel, Perfectly Packed

At Travelpack, we believe every holiday should be as unique as the traveller behind it. Whether it's a tailor-made adventure through Asia, a romantic escape to the Indian Ocean, or a family getaway in the USA, we craft journeys that go beyond the ordinary.

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ICONIC DESTINATIONS

Japan

A trip to Japan must include visiting iconic landmarks like Mount Fuji, exploring Kyoto's historic temples (Fushimi Inari, Kinkaku-ji), experiencing the Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo, and visiting Hiroshima's Peace Park. Key experiences include riding the bullet train, relaxing in a traditional onsen (hot spring), staying in a ryokan, and sampling local cuisine like ramen and sushi.



Canada

A tour to Canada must include iconic natural wonders like Niagara Falls, the turquoise waters of Lake Louise in Banff National Park, and the majestic Canadian Rockies. Must-see urban attractions include the CN Tower in Toronto, historic Old Quebec, and Stanley Park in Vancouver. These destinations offer a mix of breathtaking wilderness, culture, and adventure.



India

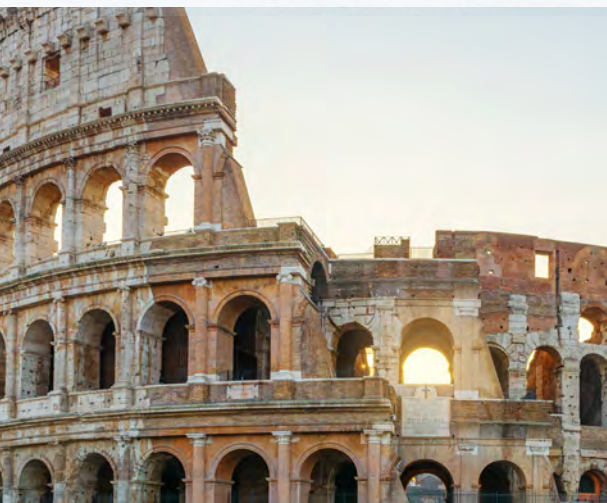
A tour to India must include the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, the historic Red Fort and Qutub Minar in Delhi, and the vibrant Amer Fort in Jaipur, together forming the classic "Golden Triangle". Key experiences also include a boat ride on the Ganges in Varanasi, spotting tigers in Ranthambore, and visiting the Golden Temple in Amritsar.



There are so many beautiful places to visit around the World, it's hard to pin-point some 'must see tours' but here's a few of iconic destinations for you to consider!

South Africa

A trip to South Africa must include the iconic Table Mountain in Cape Town, a Big Five safari in Kruger National Park, and the scenic Garden Route. Key highlights also feature penguins at Boulders Beach, the historical Robben Island, the Cape Winelands, and the dramatic cliffs of the Cape of Good Hope.



Italy

Tours of Italy typically focus on the "Big Three" cities—Rome, Florence, and Venice—plus iconic coastal or historical sites. Essential highlights include the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Trevi Fountain in Rome, Michelangelo's David and the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, and the scenic Amalfi Coast.



Australia

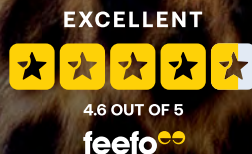
Australia is such a vast country, it's worth considering a longer stay. A tour to Australia must include iconic, world-renowned sites like the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, the vast Great Barrier Reef, and the spiritual heart of the Red Centre, Uluru (Ayers Rock). Visitors should also experience the Great Ocean Road's 12 Apostles, explore the ancient Daintree Rainforest, and visit unique wildlife on Kangaroo Island.



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Wild South Africa

Discover the wild heart of South Africa on this unforgettable escorted tour, where dramatic coastlines, majestic wildlife, and vast open landscapes set the scene for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

The Best of Japan

Japan is a cultural paradox - known for its long, rich history of emperors, samurais and martial arts, it's also a place of tranquillity, elegant geishas, colourful kimonos, exquisite garden design and Zen Buddhism.

Classic China

Embark on a remarkable journey of discovery across China, one of the world's largest and most captivating countries, steeped in ancient history. Uncover its fascinating culture and visit world-renowned sights.

SUSTAINABLE TOURING

Touring holidays can be made more sustainable through intentional, choices that prioritize low-emission transport, local economic support, supporting conservation and reduced environmental impact.

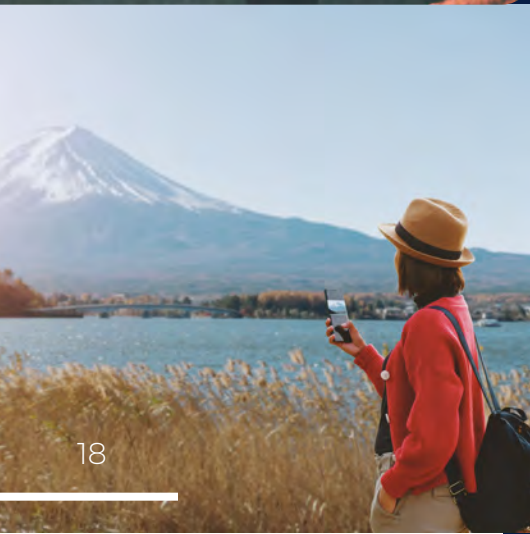
Travellers can reduce their footprint by considering:

- Choosing eco-friendly operators
- Opting for rail or coach travel which significantly lowers emissions compared to flying
- Supporting local economies – choosing operators that use local guides, locally owned accommodation and source food locally

We work with several touring companies that are B-Corp Certified and are committed to reducing their impact on the planet and working towards a sustainable future which include

- Explore!
- G Adventures
- Exodus Travels

Contact us if you are interested in finding out more about sustainable touring.



SOLO TOURING

Whether you are travelling solo due to choice of circumstance, it can be a daunting prospect for many people.

A Touring holiday offers a social, safe and hassle-free way to explore the World. Depending on your preference, you can choose solo-only groups or mixed groups. There are many special interest tours available which offer cultural, cooking or wildlife itineraries where you know you will be travelling with likeminded people to enjoy the experience with. Tours also offer a balance of a structured tour along with free time have some time to yourself.

- Rooms – some operators offer single rooms at zero extra supplement
- Group Size – Many tour operators offer smaller group sizes of 12-20 people providing a more intimate and social atmosphere compared to larger groups
- Peace of mind – Travelling as part of a group provides a ‘safety net’ where you can relax without the burden of organising everything yourself.

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 **What's Included:**

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- 4* accommodation with breakfast in Vienna, Salzburg, Hallstatt, Innsbruck & Graz

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 **What's Included:**

- Return flights from the UK
- Economy Car Hire for the duration of your trip
- 4* accommodation with breakfast in Malaga, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Faro, Lisbon & Porto

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Tour *Differently.*

Authentic Tour Travel Experiences

Getting to the heart of a place is what drives Trafalgar. As the world's most trusted tour provider for 75+ years, we draw on nearly a century of worldwide connections that create one-of-a-kind experiences for authentic, unforgettable memories.

At over 5 million happy travelers and counting, with our signature land tours and new river cruises set to debut in April 2026, Trafalgar knows how to deliver the best of the world unlocked with travel experiences that let guests see the world like a local.

Must-Sees & Local Secrets

Our deep connections in every destination enable us to deliver the best of the world unlocked. We draw on decades as tour travel's world leader to show the real side of every place we visit. Exclusive skip-the-line access at not-to-miss sights like Versailles or Sydney's Opera House are matched with off-the-path local favorites. That combination of must-see icons and local secrets make guests feel like locals, not tourists.

Every tour is designed by a Travel Expert to highlight the iconic, must-see destinations with complimentary local gems.

Be My Guest, the original local travel experience, showcases the best of hospitality blended with heritage in over 50 countries. Locals open their homes, wineries, orchards,

farms and properties exclusively for our guests to come in and share their heritage. From Costa Rican farmers and Spanish Olive oil producers to New Zealand horse racing royalty and Icelandic musicians, guests experience culture firsthand, all shared over the universal language of authentic good food.

From an Irish castle steeped in history to a South African safari lodge, or a traditional Japanese Ryokan, **Stays With Stories** are overnights in accommodations with stories as rich as the destinations you're exploring.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences

Responsible travel starts here. We recognize our responsibility to ensure that the impact on the planet we call home, the people we visit, and the rich wildlife we find there, is a positive one.

We ensure the impact of our business is positive in two ways: through our **TreadRight Foundation** and through **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences**, which bring guests closer to their destinations through locally owned and operated experiences that support United Nations Global Goals.

These unique experiences pull heritage, history, local support and conservation to the forefront of a tour stop, immersing guests in traditions and efforts that bring places and stories to life. Heritage weaving in an Umbria, Italy, rewilding the Scottish forest, salt



farming in Hawaii and a host more are play an important part of connecting guests to their destination in a way that gets to the heart of the place they visit.

Everything is Taken Care Of

From planning to booking to travel, we handle everything. There's risk-free and flexible booking terms, dedicated on-road teams for support throughout, plus expert Travel Director guidance at every step. Portage is handled and optional experience bookings are available throughout every trip to personalize their time on tour.

Trafalgar River Cruises

River Cruising, by the World-Leader in Tours

Trafalgar's signature style of tour travel takes to Europe's waterways, launching April 2026.

Offering a fresh and deeply personal way to experience river cruising, the **Trafalgar Reverie** on the Danube and the **Trafalgar Verity** on the Rhine are open for booking 2026 and 2027 departures on the Danube, Rhine and seasonal Christmas Market sailings.

Unlike traditional river cruises that begin with a ship and add excursions later, Trafalgar started with what it knows best: the land experience.

Be My Guest and **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** experiences, guided tours of iconic destinations, and optional activities like festive Christmas market strolls, delicious food tours, crafted beer tastings and lively musical evenings

complement each other on every cruise.

Each journey blends must-see destinations and iconic sights with the local secrets and connections that Trafalgar is known for.

River cruising by Trafalgar is built on the same promise that makes us a global leader in guided land touring: effortless travel, authentic connections and trusted care. This is river cruising, done differently.

Just like our land tours, every included and Optional Experience is planned and organized, with a dedicated Experience Director and Manager team handling all logistics, bookings and transport.

While most cruises rely on a single cruise director, Trafalgar provides a dedicated



Experience Director and Experience Manager team working together to deliver the best guest experience possible.

Launching with 64 guaranteed sailings across four itineraries on the Rhine and Danube, guests can look forward to a 3:1 guest-to-staff ratio and personalized attention for their journeys aboard our floating hotels.

Trafalgar's legacy of trust, connection and care has opened eyes and created unforgettable memories for over five million guests on land since 1947. Now, we are poised to deliver that same excellence on water.



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