

Executive Cultural Tours

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Experiences and Memories to Last a Lifetime



Traveling with Executive Cultural Tours means never having to worry about the details. See places you've never seen, stay in luxurious accommodations, eat exquisite culturally-prepared foods, and experience things you never thought you would and let us take care of the specifics!

With over 30 years of experience, Executive Cultural Tours prepares and executes vacations full of history, architecture, and culture. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, tastes, and experiences that will create unforgettable memories to last a life-time.

FOGO ISLAND & ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

May 25 to 31, 2020

Tour price: \$7,274

This incredible tour is a delectable mix of history and luxury. Split in two parts, you will first spend time in the heart of Newfoundland visiting regions such as St. John's, Quidi Vidi, Heart's Content, and Cupid's. You will also dine at some of Newfoundland's most popular restaurants; The Gypsy Tea Room, Skipper Ben's Bed and Breakfast, and Get Stuffed. And to top it off, you will also do some sightseeing in historical areas like Signal Hill and Cabot Tower, The Rooms, and the Colony of Avalon, among others.

In the second portion, depart the hustle and bustle of the heart of Newfoundland and travel by ferry to Fogo Island where you'll stay at one of the world's most popular hotels—Fogo Island Inn. Sitting gloriously on the edge of the island at one of the four corners of the Earth, each room is more luxurious than the one before it; every single one of them facing the ocean where you may even be able to catch a glimpse of some magnificent aquatic beauties or one of the hundreds of sublime icebergs passing through from the coast of Greenland.

Get to know the island by getting a glimpse of this "Salty Narnia" with guided tours of the Island, as well as a half-day cruise of the tiny abandoned inlets of Little Fogo Island. Wander through the abandoned buildings in Wadham's Harbour, and immerse yourself in Tilting: one of the most historically significant settlements in Eastern Canada!



One of ECT's most popular tours, this is definitely one of the most historical and cultural tours you will find! Ensure you book your tour today!

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TRASIMENO MUSIC FESTIVAL, ITALY

June 25 to July 5, 2020

Tour price: € 3915.00 plus airfare

One of the most anticipated tours of the year, the Trasimeno Music Festival is a tour to be reckoned with. Taking place in the Umbrian City of Perugia in Italy, the tour is a quintessential mix of history and culture.

Start by checking into the Brufani Palace Hotel - a 120-year-old hotel that boasts old-world charm complete with multiple sitting rooms and restaurants with exquisite antique fixtures and furniture with offers of luxurious amenities and exquisite cuisine.

Immerse yourself in the history of this ancient city by experiencing guided tours of places like: The Convent of Scarzuola, a magnificent piece of architecture from the 11th century; Medieval City of Assisi, the 11th century birthplace of St Francis of Assisi; the 2,000-year-old castle and winery of Castello Monte Vibiano Vecchio; all in addition to 3 amazing Gala Dinners. Then to top it all off and the reason behind this trip, take pleasure in 7 spectacular concerts put together by renowned Canadian Pianist, Angela Hewitt!



LET'S EXPLORE NEWFOUNDLAND

July 3 to 15, 2020

Tour price: \$4,995



During this fun-filled educational journey, you will satisfy all points of culture: history, cuisine, architecture, and nature.

Rest your mind and body in such places as Maynard's Torrent River Inn (Hawk's Bay), Shallow Bay Motel (Cow Head), Glynmill Inn (Corner Brook), Gander Quality Inn (Gander),

and the Seaport Inn (Port Union).

Increase your knowledge of Newfoundland's architectural and social history by visiting L'Anse aux Meadows National Site, Signal Hill, The Rooms, Grenfell Mission House, and "The Matthew," among other extraordinary places.

Fill your taste buds by dining at The Humber River Valley Resort, Lightkeeper's Café, Gypsy Tea Room, Erikson Premises, and much more!

Explore nature by taking in the tranquil, Witless Ecological Reserve, Cape Bonavista, and traveling the Road to the Isles. Also, enjoy not one, but two boat trips—one in the Bay Bulls and the other in Gros Morne National Park — see wildlife up close!

There is so much more included in this trip that you will just have to see it to believe it!



MAGDALEN ISLANDS

July 22 – 26, 2020

Tour price: \$2,508

Immerse yourself in the unspoiled, natural beauty of Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine and meet descendants of the Acadians who found refuge on the Islands following the French Revolution.

Take a tour of the Arseneau family's smokehouse, and enjoy lunch at the only fieldstone building on the island—what was originally the Notre-Dame-des-Flots convent, built in 1915. Also, visit historical places like La Belle Anse Cliffs, Le Site D-Autrefois, La Grave, La Vernière Church, and meet Les Artisans at Du Sable as they transform sand from the island into spectacular creations, followed by a rendezvous with artisans from La Méduse Glass Studio.

This tour will take you back to a time and place important to our history and culture— not only will you learn something new every day you will have fun doing it!

MAGNIFICENT MONGOLIA

July 29 to Aug 11, 2020

Tour price: \$6,274

Learning and discovery await you at every turn during your tour of Magnificent Mongolia. Chalk-full of tradition, beautiful landscapes, spirituality, and inspired architecture, you will wonder why you waited so long to visit this magnificent country!

During the tour, you will visit scenic landscapes like the Bayan Gobi Sand Dunes and its soft beige sand and enormous Weeping Willows, rare bushes and far-off mountains (and where you can ride your own camel should you so choose); the famous Tsenkher Hot Springs whose waters rise to 86.5 degrees Celsius and is rumored to have curative properties; Hustai National Park known for its population of endangered wild takhi horses, and Terelj National Park where you will visit a nomad family and gain a glimpse into their lifestyle.

You will also have the unique opportunity to visit 3 separate and culturally significant monasteries: The Erden Zuu Buddhist, the Gandan Monastery, and the Temple of Ariyabal, in addition to visiting the city of Kharkhorin which was once the capital of the Mongol Empire. Built in 1220, this was the largest contiguous empire in world history!

This is definitely one tour you absolutely do not want to miss!



HAIDA GWAI

August 16 to 22, 2020

Tour price: \$4,445

Queen Charlotte Islands, now called Haida Gwaii, is a place of wondrous beauty. With areas of untouched nature, you'll almost forget there could be anything else.

During this tour, you will get to know the culture and the people who make up Haida Gwaii and discover the wonders of this mysterious island. Stand beside totem poles tens of feet taller than you, walk through ancient hiking trails, and visit homes the likes of which you have never before seen.

Also, you'll have the opportunity to walk amongst the rain forest on your path to the Golden Spruce, an ancient tree which carries many myths and beliefs and for which the people of Haida Gwaii hold sacred.

Leave the sights and sounds of the city and dive into nature to discover all the wonders it has to offer!

TREASURES OF PORTUGAL

September 19 to 30, 2020

Tour price: \$5,820

Portugal is one of the most captivating countries in the world. With a perfect blend of medieval castles, cobblestone villages, charming cities, and golden sandy beaches, there is so much you will see and experience during this tour.

While traveling through cities and towns likes Lisbon, Setubal, Óbidos, Porto, Barcelos, and Sintra your discoveries will be endless. View mountaintop fortifications, vibrant fairytale castles, lush forests, whimsical labyrinth gardens, and stunning centuries-old palaces.

Known for their freshly baked bread, olives, cheeses, crisp vinho verde, chargrilled fish, cataplana, smoked meats, you will experience Portugal with another one of your senses. Enjoy a traditional Portugese dinner at a typical Fado house complete with soulful Portugese music. Savor a tasting of the famous Pastel of Belém—a typical Lisbon pastry. Visit a winery for a tasting of Moscatel—a traditional Portugese wine.

See the sun coast, the steep cliffs of Caboda Roca and take a boat ride along the Douro River.

There is so much more to see and experience during this tour that it wouldn't be possible to list it all. This will be a delicious, beautiful, memorable experience!



CROATIA & SLOVENIA: AN ENCHANTED ESCAPE

October 9 to 19, 2020

Tour price: \$4,837 plus airfare

Situated along the Adriatic Sea, Croatia and Slovenia, along with the towns and cities within, are known as The Pearl of the Adriatic due to its magnificent architecture, its beautiful landscapes, and its pristine culture.

Traveling through places like Ljubljana, Opatija, Dubrovnik, the Island of Hvar and the Dalmacia Coast (plus many, many more), you will have the unique opportunity to view spectacular sights such as Roman ruins, a

Roman amphitheater, the a Capella Klape groups and traditional attire and sword dances in Korčula, and varieties of ancient architecture.

Step inside the walls of Ljubljana Castle, The Church of St Mary on the Lake and ring the Wishing Bell, the Basilica of Euphrasius, and Emperor Diocletian's Palace, and explore the world renowned Postojna caves!

Enjoy luxurious accommodations at 5 different hotels throughout, relish in fine cuisine and immerse yourself in the beauty of culture of this striking part of the world!



WEXFORD OPERA, IRELAND

October 17 to 27, 2020

Tour price: \$5,488 plus airfare

Known for its culture and history, Ireland is a country you have to visit! But did you know that on top of being one of the most beautiful countries in the world, it also boasts an incredible music festival that many around the world flock to experience ?

Join us for two amazing performances at the Wexford Opera Festival during this 11-day adventure, but also visit places like Killarny, Kildare, Dublin, Gallway, and Sligo. Visit historical areas like Kylemore Abbey, Kilkenny Castle, The Dingle Peninsula, The Cliffs of Moher, and the Westport House. Have the opportunity to walk the widest street in Dublin while also looking at the longest river, spot wild Reindeer in Phoenix Park and visit Strokestown Park: House, Gardens & National Famine Museum!

If you ever thought about visiting Ireland, this is the tour you want to take. See all Ireland has to offer with Executive Cultural Tours—you won't miss a thing!

