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**SCARBOROUGH, TOBAGO**

**TOB-001  SCENIC TOBAGO**

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs  **Tour Price:** $105.00

**Date:** January 21, 2015  08:30 AM

Your tour begins with a drive along Claude Noel Highway, heading directly to the picturesque Store Bay for a photo stop at one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. From here, you will proceed to Mt. Irvine Road, passing by Tobago's main resorts, such as Mt. Irvine Bay Hotel and Golf Course, Le Gran Courlan, Grafton Beach and Turtle Beach Hotel. Continue on to Plymouth where the tour will stop at Fort James.

From Fort James, you will proceed to the Mystery Tombstone and join the thousands before you who have tried to solve the mystery of the epitaph that says in part, "She was a mother without knowing it and a wife without letting her husband know it, except by her kind indulgencies to him."

After these exciting and interesting stops, continue along Mary's Hill Road to Fort King George in Scarborough. Built in 1777, Fort King George is the best preserved fort in Tobago and home to the Tobago Museum. After you walk around and enjoy a panoramic view of Scarborough, the tour will take you back to Lay By at the top of the Botanic Gardens where you can make your way on foot through the marketplace and then back to the ship.

**TOB-002  BUCCOO REEF GLASS BOTTOM BOAT**

**Duration:** 3.00 Hrs  **Tour Price:** $85.00

**Date:** January 21, 2015  08:30 AM

The island of Tobago boasts the famous Buccoo Reef. This reef was visited by Jacques Cousteau, the French oceanographer and explorer. He rated Tobago's Buccoo Reef as the third most spectacular sight in the world. Begin at Scarborough and take a drive along the Claude Noel Highway before arriving at Store Bay. Here, you will board the glass bottom boat and cruise to the Coral Gardens and Buccoo Reef. Parrot Fish, Butterfly Fish, Angel Fish, Damsel Fish and Blennies are among the 70 species that have been identified darting amidst the undulating sea fans and brilliant sponges. Staghorn and Elkhorn Coral, Star Coral, Fire Coral and Finger Coral also grow in abundance on the reef.

The Nylon Pool, so named according to local legend by Princess Margaret in 1962, is a natural swimming pool enclosed by the surrounding reef. This charming marine phenomenon beguiles visitors with its shallow, translucent waters and dazzling white sand.

**TOB-003  TROPICAL RAINFOREST ENCOUNTER**

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs  **Tour Price:** $105.00

**Date:** January 21, 2015  08:30 AM

Your tour begins with a drive through the island's capital, Scarborough, and main shopping district. From here, coast along the scenic road to Roxborough and continue onto the northside road driving through the luxuriant countryside with its cocoa plantations. This route will take you to the Gilpin Trail for an opportunity to walk through the exciting trails, viewing lush, verdant forests and the breathtaking cascading Gold and Silver Falls where you can dip your feet or capture this wonder on film.
**TOBAGO CAYS, TRINIDAD, TOBAGO**

**TOB-004  PIGEON POINT BEACH BREAK**

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs  **Tour Price:** $65.00

**Date:** January 21, 2015  08:30 AM

Enjoy a relaxing day one of Tobago's most popular beaches, Pigeon Point. As you leave the pier, you'll travel along Claude Noel Highway, passing through the quaint villages of Canaan and Bon Accord before arriving at Pigeon Point. Truly a spectacular location, its pristine white sand and swaying palm trees set against the back-drop of the brilliant blue sea, is just what you might expect to see on a postcard.

Your time is your own, so you can choose to soak up the sun on the warm sandy beach, go for a swim in the crystal clear ocean, or simply relax under the shade of the palm trees. For the more adventuresome, optional water sports are available at the far end of the beach and for your convenience there are venues where food and drinks are sold. Before leaving, you'll want to visit the craft market where you can shop for colorful local handicrafts and souvenir items to take home as a lovely memento of your day in Tobago.

Please note: This tour includes a minimal amount of walking; however it is mostly over sandy ground and may not be suitable for wheelchair guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Lightweight clothing, swimsuits, a hat and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Guests taking part in any water activities may do so at their own risk and responsibility and should bring their own beach towel. Any optional water activities, food and beverages are at the guest's own expense.

**TOB-005  TOBAGO HIGHLIGHTS & FOLKLORE SHOW**

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs  **Tour Price:** $85.00

**Date:** January 21, 2015  08:30 AM

This tour provides an excellent overview of the island of Tobago along with giving you a glimpse into the true culture of the people of Trinidad and Tobago. Commencing from the pier, you'll first travel to historic Fort King George in Scarborough. Built in 1777, it stands as the most well-preserved fort on the island and is also the home of the Tobago Museum. Enjoy a stroll around the grounds and panoramic views of Scarborough before continuing on.

A scenic drive along Mary's Hill Road takes you into Plymouth where your next stop is at Fort James, site of the island's oldest town and settlement. Adjacent to Fort James is the renowned “Mystery Tombstone.” Join the thousands that have come before you who have tried to solve the mystery of the epitaph that says in part, "She was a mother without knowing it and a wife without letting her husband know it, except by her kind indulgences to him." Leaving this area, you'll next make your way past many of Tobago's main resorts, such as Turtle Beach Hotel, Grafton Beach, Le Gran Courlan and the Mt. Irvine Bay Hotel and Golf Course. Proceeding from here down the Claude Noel Highway, it's a brief photo stop at picturesque Store Bay, considered one of the most beautiful beaches on the island.

Your final tour stop is at an entertainment center where you will be greeted with a welcome drink before settling in to see a wonderful folkloric show. This cultural extravaganza includes the melodic sounds of Steel drums, energetic Calypso dancing and amazing Fire Limbo which, when blended together, is referred to as a "potpourri." Dressed in colorful traditional costumes, the lively troupe of performers will entertain you with music, dancing and singing that will have you tapping your toes and yearning to join in. This amazing performance is capped off with the breath-taking Fire Limbo and some of you may want to give the limbo a try yourself before it's time to head back to the ship.

Please note: Lightweight clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The tour does not include admission to the Tobago Museum.
BELÉM (ICOARACI), BRAZIL

BEL-001  ART AND CULTURE OF BELEM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $125.00

Date:  January 25, 2015  08:15 AM

Explore the art and culture of Belem during a half-day tour of this historic city.

Depart the pier for the drive and visit to the Teatro da Paz. Located in Belem's main square, the Opera House remains a bold testament to the city's former rubber fortunes. This 19th-century Rococo building was recently restored to its original glory, and once hosted such famous performers as Anna Pavlova.

From here, you will next make your way to the Museum of Sacred Art, or Museu de Arte Sacra. Inaugurated in September 1998, this important cultural museum is the first of its kind in the Amazonian region. It is comprised of a 17th-century Baroque Church, or Igreja de Santo Alexandre, and the Episcopal Palace, or Palace Episcopal. Considered Brazil's most important museum, the Museum of Sacred Art is home to more than 300 pieces of sacred art pieces, which can be seen on display in the Fidanza Gallery, or Galery Fidanza.

Leaving the Museum, a 20-minute escorted walk brings you to Presépio Fort, or Forte do Presépio, a 17th-century fortress that served as the original hub of the city. Its main attraction is the Encontro Museum, or Museu do Encontro, which recreates the history of the Tupiunambá Indians prior, during and after the Portuguese settlement. Here, you will view displays of igiçabas from the marajoara funerary urns, along with Chinese coins and other artifacts brought in after the city's colonization. Out on the patio, you will find original 19th-century canyons that were modeled after American-made cannons and used during Belem's wartime past.

Rejoining your coach, you will continue on to the Jewel Museum, or São José Liberto, formerly used as a prison until just a few years ago. After a rebellion in 2000, its inmates were transferred and the facility was converted into the Museum of Pará. Here, gold, diamonds, emeralds, tourmalines, and other precious and semi-precious gems comprise the Museum's patrimony. During your visit, you will explore the history and mining of Amazonia. Of special note is a display of the state's first jewelry collection, the Pará, Amazonian, which began in 1999.

BEL-002  HIGHLIGHTS OF BELEM

Duration: 3.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $115.00

Date:  January 25, 2015  08:30 AM

Explore the history and cultural heritage of North-Central Brazil during this orientation tour of Belem, the port of entry to the Amazon.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Basilica of Our Lady of Nazareth, one of Belem's many churches built with proceeds from the rubber industry. En route, you will visit the Ver-o-Peso Market, where vendors sell everything from medicinal herbs to regional fruits, and river fish to good luck charms for the body and soul. Upon arrival at the Basilica, a brief visit will be made inside to view its ornate interior adorned with Carrara marble and gold.

Next, you will proceed for a visit to the Emilio Goeldi Zoological Garden, which features tapirs, manatees, big cats, alligators, and a collection of tropical birds. Established in 1866, this zoological garden is also home to one of Amazonia's few research institutes. You will then continue on to the Ver-O-Peso market, a huge outdoor market that sprawls over 4 blocks. It's the city's landmark and possibly the largest market in Brazil. The Market is filled with stalls that offer food, pottery, handicrafts and handmade clothing.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the Forte Do Castelo, a fortress built in the highest place in the city by the Portuguese during the 17th century. This was the only means the local colonizers had to protect their new colonies against Dutch and French occupation.

Re-boarding your coach you will transfer back to the pier where your tour concludes.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun caps; sunglasses and flat, comfortable walking shoes are suggested. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.
BEL-003  GUAMA RIVER EXPLORATION

Duration: 5.00 Hrs   Tour Price: $115.00

Date: January 25, 2015  08:45 AM

Discover the native residents, wildlife, flora and fauna of the Amazon during this scenic and memorable cruise along the Guama River.

Depart the pier for the drive to the Guama River. Upon arrival, you will embark your boat for a leisurely cruise through the myriad of channels along the Guama River to view some of Northern Brazil's flora and fauna. You will begin with a visit to Combu Island, locally-acclaimed for its vast cabbage palm tree, or acai plantations. The acai produces hearts of palm, as well as a small black berry commonly used for making ice cream and wine. As your boat circles the island, you will have an opportunity to observe the native Caboclo Indian residents, or ribeirinhos, along with their dwellings that have been built high up on stilts along the riverbanks.

Next, your cruise will continue on to Boa Vista do Acará, where you will disembark the boat for a 45-minute walk through the jungle. As you marvel at the variety of vegetation, your local guide will point out the different species of trees, fruits and seeds and is available to answer any of your questions.

Following your walking tour, you will re-board your boat and cruise back to Belem, where your coach stands ready to transfer you back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun caps; sunglasses; insect repellant and flat, comfortable walking shoes are suggested. The order of the sights viewed or visited may vary.
FOR-001   SIGHTS OF FORTALEZA

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $105.00

Date: January 27, 2015  12:30 PM

Visitors to Fortaleza will delight in exploring the commercial, residential, beach and resort highlights of this colorful seaside city. Begin your tour with a scenic drive toward the historic Mucuripe Lighthouse. View the golden sands of the popular eastern beaches which extend far into the distance. Your motor coach will then pass through Fortaleza's residential area and head into the center of town. En route, your guide will point out the modern mausoleum, which is the last resting place of President Castelo Branco. This much-admired local son was Brazil's military president over 30 years ago. Continue with a stop at Praça Jose de Alencar, the city's premier square, located in the heart of the commercial district. Here, visit Teatro José de Alencar, a theater named after the native 19th-century novelist and poet. After traversing the central commercial area, visit the neo-Gothic Sé Cathedral, with its impressive stained-glass windows. You'll also glimpse the Dutch-built Assuncao Fortress, which is still in use as a military installation. Next, enjoy free time at the Emcetur Tourist Center; the city's flourishing handicraft market, which is housed within a former prison. In addition to displays of Fortaleza's famous lace, there are countless stalls displaying embroidered textiles, wood carvings, and basket ware and clay figurines. Continue along the coastal road to Fortaleza's residential district via the prominent English Bridge, where a brief photo-stop will be made. Enjoy picturesque views of Iracema Beach as you make your return journey to the ship.

FOR-001OE   OCEANIA EXCLUSIVE - SIGHTS OF FORTALEZA

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $205.00

Date: January 27, 2015  12:30 PM

Oceania Exclusive Tour

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FOR-002   CUMBUCO DUNES & BUGGY RIDE

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $135.00

Date: January 27, 2015  12:30 PM

Departing the ship, begin with a scenic drive to Cumbuco Beach, where the picturesque landscape consists of high white sand dunes and towering coconut trees. Upon arrival, enjoy a refreshing coconut water drink before boarding your specially-equipped, sand dune buggy for a thrilling ride. Following this exciting run, enjoy free time on your own to experience the beach or the views. Continue your day with a visit to the Emcetur, a local market. Here, you'll undoubtedly be tempted by the many local handicrafts available from some of the surrounding regions. This unique market is located in an antiquated prison complex where hundreds of cells display a wide selection of masterfully embroidered textiles, woodcarvings, basket ware, clay figurines and lacework. On your return trip to the ship, make a brief stop at the intriguing English Bridge for a unique photo opportunity.

Please Note: This excursion travels through rough terrain and is not recommended for guests with back problems.
NATAL, BRAZIL

NAT-001  GENIPABU DUNES & BUGGY RIDE

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $535.00

Date: January 28, 2015  01:30 PM

Enjoy an exhilarating ride over the dunes, stopping along the way to view several points of interest.

Your excursion begins at the pier where you will board your awaiting buggy and set-off to discover some of the unique sites found in the Natal area. From your special open air, rustic buggy, you will gain an entirely different perspective of northeast Brazil. Your drive begins by traveling first to Redinha Beach, following Praia do Forte and then crossing the Potengi River via the Newton Navarro Bridge. Upon arrival at the beach, you will have a short stop before proceeding on to the Genipabu Dunes.

Catch your breath because your tour now moves into adventure mode as you traverse the high, moving sand hills of Genipabu. It's nothing short of pure fun and exhilaration as your driver navigates a track over the shifting dunes. Following your dune drive, you'll have additional stops at the local ecological reserve and the Genipabu Lagoon. Next, it's on to Pitangui Lagoon where you will have a change to relax with a refreshment or take a quick swim.

Afterwards, return to the pier, passing by the golden dunes of Pitangui and Jacumã Lagoon along the way.

Please note: This tour involves limited walking, mainly at the guests' discretion during the stops; however, guests must be able to enter and exit the buggy with limited assistance. The tour is an adventure tour that includes off-road driving over natural surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns, back or neck problems, or pregnant women. Light-weight clothing; swimsuit; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Participants should be prepared for dusty and sandy conditions. Those participating in any water activities do so at their own risk and responsibility.

NAT-002  HIGHLIGHTS OF NATAL

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $95.00

Date: January 28, 2015  01:30 PM

Get acquainted with Natal on this tour that highlights both old and new and includes time on your own to do some shopping.

Boarding your coach at the pier, you'll commence with a drive through the streets of old Natal, which is also called Ribeira. Here, you'll see turn-of-the-century buildings such as the Alberto Maranhão Theater and heading downtown to Praça André de Albuquerque, you will pass by the Governor's Palace, Justice Hall and City Hall.

In complete contrast to this is the New Natal area, which you will next discover, beginning with Ponta Negra Beach. Here, you'll find one of Natal's most famous landscapes, the Morro do Careca Dune. From here, you'll travel down Via Costeira, an avenue that links Ponta Negra Beach to the downtown beaches. Although packed with hotels, you'll still enjoy some marvelous views. You'll have a 30-minute stop at Tres Reis Magos, a 16th century building that was once a former fortress, before proceeding on to Centro do Turismo. This former prison has been converted into a handicraft market and the cells that once housed prisoners, have been transformed into shops that display the best artisans' workmanship. You'll have approximately 40-minutes of free time here to further explore on your own or do some shopping before it's time to rejoin your coach and transfer back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 1-hour of walking, mainly at the guests' discretion during the stops. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
RECIFE, BRAZIL

**REC-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF RECIFE AND OLINDA**

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $125.00

Date: January 29, 2015  08:30 AM

Begin with a scenic drive across graceful bridges into the heart of Recife. First, visit the splendid Golden Chapel that is part of the Convent and Church of Saint Anthony. Its intricate Baroque design, covered in gold leaf, makes it one of the most beautiful and historic examples of religious art in Brazil. Next, pass the imposing Governor's Mansion and St. Isabel Theater. Continue past pastel-colored stuccoed houses and meticulously restored churches which line the shady streets to your next destination, the 16th century colonial town of Olinda. At Carmona Square, you'll leave your motor coach and board a minivan to traverse the narrow winding streets of this historical city center. Olinda's main square, the Alto da Sé lies on the crest of the town's highest hill. A remarkably well-preserved colonial city, founded in 1534, UNESCO has declared Olinda a world historical monument. Once there, you'll leave the minivan for an exploration on foot of the Alto da Sé, the Sé Cathedral and the Misericordia Church. While walking, take a moment to peruse its colorful Portuguese tiles and woodcarvings, which are adorned with gold leaf. Back aboard your minivan, a short drive will take you to the Mercado da Ribeira, old market where the slaves were sold. Today it is home to a potpourri of artisan's shops. Here you will have breathtaking views of Olinda and ample photo opportunities.

**REC-002 RECIFE, OLINDA AND BRENNAND ESTATE**

Duration: 8.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $205.00

Date: January 29, 2015  08:30 AM

Enjoy a leisurely tour of downtown Recife and the neighboring colonial town of Olinda, before visiting the unusual estate of the area's most famous artist. Departing from the pier, your tour begins with a drive along the coast to Olinda, a hillside town founded by the Portuguese in 1530. In the historic area, which has been deemed a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the streets are so narrow and winding that you must board a mini-van to reach the main square, Alto da Sé. After a visit to Sé Cathedral, you will have some time to explore on your own while enjoying the panoramic views.

Leaving Olinda, you will return to Recife via gorgeous Boa Viagem beach where you will stop at the Golden Chapel. Its intricate Baroque design, much of it covered in gold leaf, distinguishes the chapel as one of the most beautiful in all of Brazil. From here, you will make your way to a local restaurant where you will be treated to a buffet luncheon of traditional Brazilian dishes.

Following lunch, you will travel to the estate of Francisco Brennand, Recife's most renowned artist. The unusual house, where Brennand was born in 1927, was pre-fabricated in England and then imported to this thickly forested setting. Here, you will browse Brennand’s ceramic workshop and exhibition hall containing more than 2,000 sculptures, wall tiles, and drawings. Several of Brennand's statues are displayed in the gardens. At the conclusion of your time here, you will re-board your coach and transfer back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking and includes cobblestone and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns. Light-weight, casual clothing; sun cap; sunglasses and flat, comfortable walking shoes are suggested.
LOME, TOGO

LFW-001   VOODOO CEREMONY IN SANGUERA

Duration: 3.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $165.00

Date:  February 04, 2015  09:30 AM

Discover Africa's voodoo past during a mysterious and memorable voodoo ceremony in the village of Sanguera.

Depart the pier for the scenic, 1-hour drive to the village of Sanguera. The chief priest will greet your arrival, and offer you a refreshing libation. Once you are seated, you will be briefed on the traditional voodoo ceremony and watch it unfold. This is a true voodoo ceremony, not a show; the events are unpredictable, so the tour content and duration might differ.

At the conclusion of the voodoo ceremony, you will re-board your coach for the 1-hour return drive to the ship.

Please note: This tour includes limited walking, some of it over uneven and natural surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the bus and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Light-weight comfortable clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please bear in mind that you are visiting a destination where conditions and equipment may not be up to the same standards available in other areas of the world; however, they will be the best available.

LFW-003   LAKE TOGO AND ZANGBETO DANCE

Duration: 8.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $295.00

Date:  February 04, 2015  09:30 AM

Indulge your senses with the unique traditions and flavors of Togo during this scenic visit to Aneho, Glideji and Hlande.

Depart the pier for the scenic, 45-minute drive along the coastal trails and through coconut groves en route to Agbodrafo, a former slave-trade post in Togo. After a reception by the monarch, a visit will be made to the Pedakondji Fishermen's Village.

Following a buffet lunch at the Hotel Le Lac, a resort located on the banks of Lake Togo, your tour will continue on through Aneho, the former capital city of Togo, before arriving in Glideji, the spiritual heart of the Guen people. Upon arrival, you will meet the priests of Glideji's sacred forest.

Next, you will rejoin your coach for the drive to Hlande, a lost village in the farmlands. While seated in the shade of a village patio, you will observe the breathtaking ritual dance of the Zangbeto, the traditional night guardians.

Afterwards, you'll make the 90-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 1/2 hours of easy walking/standing. There will be some steps to negotiate as well as natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please bear in mind that you are visiting a destination where conditions and equipment may not be up to the same standards available in other areas of the world; however, they will be the best available.
LFW-006 TRADITIONAL TOGO

Duration: 4.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $145.00

Date:  February 04, 2015  09:30 AM

Behold the unique African traditions of Togo by visiting a fetish market for voodoo practitioners, touring a rural school and watching a folkdance with a village monarch.

Depart from the pier and enjoy a brief drive through Lome, an engaging capital city of wide boulevards lined with colonial buildings. Although the religion of Togo is predominately Christian, many of the people remain faithful to its religious ancestry of voodoo, as you will see at Lome’s open-air fetish market. Most of its items are ingredients that traditional healers use for rituals or to make magic charms and potions, including herb-garnished animal parts.

Following this fascinating and rather unusual visit, you will continue on into the countryside to a Togolese village school to see a different side of life. While there is a university in Lome, residents in many of the rural areas find it much more difficult to receive a good education. However, it’s not an impossible task, as you will observe by touring this village school and learning how the children cope with Togo’s educational challenges.

In time, you drive to a nearby ceremonial grounds and meet the village’s royal court, a distinguished group that will soon introduce the local monarch. After an enlightening presentation of tribal customs, he will invite you to join him and watch a rousing folkdance performance to traditional drum music. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to wander about the village before returning to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 90-minutes of easy to moderate walking/standing, plus any additional walking at the guests’ discretion during free time. There will be some uneven and natural surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
COTONOU, BENIN

COO-001  GANVIE VILLAGE ON STILTS

Duration: 3.75 Hrs   Tour Price: $195.00

Date:  February 05, 2015  08:30 AM

Experience a taste of life along Nokoue Lake during this picturesque and informative cruise.

Depart the pier for the scenic, 45-minute drive to Calavi Harbour, then embark a motorized canoe for the brief cruise across Nokoue Lake en route to Ganvie. Along the way, you will see the local Tofinu people going about their daily chores aboard dugout canoes. Upon arrival in Ganvie, some time will be made available for a refreshing beverage and an opportunity to browse a local souvenir shop before embarking your canoe again for the cruise back to Calavi.

Upon returning to Calavi Harbour, you will rejoin your coach for the 1-hour return drive to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves minimal walking; however, guests must be able to embark and disembark a small, motorized canoe. Seating is on a wooden plank. No lifejackets are provided, as the lake is very shallow. While photo opportunities abound, locals will expect a tip. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable, lightweight clothing, and bring sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses from the ship.

COO-003  PORTO NOVO

Duration: 5.25 Hrs   Tour Price: $175.00

Date:  February 05, 2015  08:30 AM

Experience the legends and traditions of the Goun and Yoruba people during this visit to Benin's capital city of Porto-Novò.

Depart the pier for the 1-hour drive to Porto-Novò. Benin's de facto capital city, Porto-Novò is also known as Adjatchè and Hogbonou. The city is home to the Goun and Yoruba people, along with the ancient traditions of the famous Gelede society. Upon arrival, you will proceed for a visit to Honme, the former palace of King Toffa, for an opportunity to learn about the internal organization of this once-powerful kingdom.

Next, you will rejoin your coach for the drive to the Ethnographical Museum. Here, you will explore the unique aspects of birth, life and death in parts of Benin, view the museum's collection of Gelede masks and observe the Gelede mask dance.

Following your visit, you will rejoin your coach for the 1 1/2 hour return drive to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking, with some steps to negotiate. Photography is only permitted in the Outer Court of Honme. No photography is permitted inside the Ethnographic Museum.

COO-004  OUIDAH - THE CITY OF VOODOO

Duration: 5.25 Hrs   Tour Price: $195.00

Date:  February 05, 2015  08:30 AM

Explore the mysterious origins of voodoo in the Americas and Caribbean Islands during this scenic and informative tour of Ouidah.

Depart the pier for the 1-hour drive to Ouidah, the spiritual center of Benin and the port from which thousands of African slaves were shipped to the Americas. Ouidah is also believed to be the city of origin of the voodoo cult that still exists in parts of the Americas and Caribbean Islands.

Upon arrival in Ouidah, you will meet the chief priest and observe a brief voodoo dance before proceeding to the sacred Kpasse Forest for an introduction to the realm of voodoo deities. From here, a visit will be made to the Museum of History, a former Portuguese slave fort, and the Temple of the Sacred Pythons.

Your tour concludes with a drive along the Slave Route, which leads to the Gate of No Return. Following a complimentary refreshment at a local beach resort, you will rejoin your coach for the 1.5-hour return drive to the pier.

Please note: Photography is not permitted inside the Museum of History. This tour involves moderate walking, with some steps to negotiate.
A wonderful introduction to the many facets of Sao Tome, this excursion combines natural beauty and culinary delights with a cultural immersion.

Depart from the pier and drive south toward the center of the island, a land of tropical forests and volcanically formed mountains that are ideal for growing coffee. Here in the dense forest, you will find Sao Nicolau waterfall, an idyllic setting with an abundance of colorful endemic birds chirping and flitting among the trees.

Later, at the Monte Café Plantation, you will see how coffee is processed on Sao Tome and discover the factors that affect the taste, aroma and quality. It’s fascinating to understand the many steps involved as the green coffee beans are transported from the fields, dried, roasted and sorted before export. Following a coffee tasting and an enlightening folkloric show, you will drive to nearby Bombaim, a former plantation whose attraction is now natural beauty.

After a light lunch of traditional dishes at Bombaim, you will venture down to its namesake waterfall to sample several varieties of bananas. The surrounding forest is also the only place on the island where mangosteen trees grow. The Portuguese introduced the trees, which when mature bear fruit and provide a shady environment that’s perfect for growing vanilla.

Then, it's on to a nearby church to watch a rousing choir performance, followed by a brief stop for photos in the fishing village of Pantufo and Melao Beach. Afterwards, you will transfer directly back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 1/2 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, inclines, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The path to Bombaim waterfall is slippery in spots. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. Restroom facilities on this tour are limited and basic in nature. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.

**TMS-001** PLANTATION BIRD WATCHING

**Duration:** 7.50 Hrs  
**Tour Price:** $205.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  08:25 AM

Go birding in the forests surrounding several coffee and cocoa plantations, where the chance of spotting rare, endemic species is excellent.

Depart from the pier and drive south toward the center of the island, a land of tropical forests and volcanically formed mountains. The economy of Sao Tome was originally fueled by sugar exportation, but in the 19th century coffee and cocoa production ruled, and huge plantations were built. Today, they present some of the finest areas for bird watching.

However, the plantations also stand as a reminder that working conditions were once poor, as you will see at a monument in Batepa village that commemorates a 1953 massacre, when Portuguese landowners violently squashed a rebellion of plantation workers.

Following your visit, you will begin birding in the shade forest habitat so characteristic of the plantations. While there is no telling what you will spot, you might expect to see endemic species such as the Bronze-naped Pigeon, Giant Weaver and Sao Tome Paradise Flycatcher. In fact, there are as many endemic species here as in the more renowned and extensive Galapagos Islands, so your chance of viewing rare birds is excellent.

Next, it’s a stop at Governador Beach for refreshments before resuming your bird watching at other plantation locations. In similar habitats, you will get to spend additional time following rural trails, looking for indigenous and migratory birds. More than 135 species have been reported on Sao Tome, including many from the West African mainland such as Velvet-mantled Drongos. Following a stop for lunch in Chamiço, you will return to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes several hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Guests should be in reasonably good physical condition. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; binoculars; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain. Restroom facilities on this tour are very limited and basic in nature. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.
TMS-006  MONTE CAFE PLANTATION & CITY TOUR

Duration: 8.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $225.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  08:30 AM

This all-encompassing excursion leaves little to the imagination, as it showcases the island’s highlights, including a waterfall, coffee plantation, folkloric shows and a tour of Sao Tome.

Depart from the pier and drive south toward the center of the island, a land of tropical forests and volcanically formed mountains that are ideal for growing coffee. Here in the dense forest, you will find Sao Nicolau waterfall, an idyllic setting with an abundance of colorful endemic birds chirping and flitting among the trees.

Later, at the Monte Café Plantation, you will see how coffee is processed on Sao Tome and discover the factors that affect the taste, aroma and quality. It’s fascinating to understand the many steps involved as the green coffee beans are transported from the fields, dried, roasted and sorted, before export. Following a coffee tasting and an enlightening folkloric show, you will drive to a restaurant in downtown Sao Tome for a traditional Santomean lunch.

Afterwards, you will explore more of the capital, a city that the Portuguese founded in 1485 on the Bay of Ana de Chaves. The diversity of attractions is remarkable, ranging from a nearby fishing village where you’ll be treated to a folkloric performance to the National Museum, which is housed in a Portuguese-built fortress from 1576. Other highlights include the city cathedral, Presidential Palace, several colonial-style plazas, and a gallery that showcases local artists. Finally, you will return to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, inclines, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The stone steps at the National Museum can be slippery. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. Restroom facilities on this tour are limited and may be quite basic in nature. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions. PHOTOS OR VIDEO OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

TMS-007  EAST COAST TO SAO JOAO PLANTATION

Duration: 7.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $215.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  08:40 AM

Explore plantation life and island traditions along the eastern shore of Sao Tome, an idyllic setting of verdant forests and gorgeous beaches.

Depart from the pier and head down the picturesque eastern side of Sao Tome. Along the way, you will pass several colorful villages, although much of the rocky, heavily forested coastline is undeveloped.

Upon arriving at the working cocoa plantation Roca Aqua Ize, you will watch how the raw product is processed. The Portuguese introduced cocoa around 1822 and it now dwarfs all other agricultural exports on the island, so it’s vital to the economy.

Sao Tome is also known for its natural beauty in places such as the seaside Blow Hole, where you will stop to drink coconut water before continuing to the Sao Joao Plantation. You’ll discover the history of the plantation, referred to locally as a “roca,” on an enlightening walking tour given by Isaura Cavelho, who co-manages the property.

Unlike plantations that grow a single crop, Sao Joao has diversified into raising cattle, culinary endeavors and promoting local artists. You will enjoy the delightful result of the efforts firsthand over a lunch of Santomean cuisine, accompanied by Bulawe drum music.

The return to Sao Tome presents other alluring perspectives of the island, first at beautiful Seven Waves beach where you will have a bit of free time, and then at Pantufu fishing village, where you will watch a dance performance. Afterwards, you will drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 1/2 hours of moderate walking/standing plus any additional walking at the guest’s discretion during free time at Seven Waves Beach. The walking includes some steps, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. Restroom facilities on this tour are limited and may be quite basic in nature. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.
TMS-003 HIGHLIGHTS OF SAO TOME

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $155.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  12:40 PM

Delve into the culture and history of Sao Tome by visiting its marquee attractions, including the National Museum, Presidential Palace and lively city market.

Depart from the pier and begin driving through Sao Tome, which is noted for its colonial architecture and brightly colored buildings. Founded by the Portuguese in 1485, the capital city is by far the nation’s largest, yet still compact and easy to walk.

You will get a glimpse into the island’s rich past at the National Museum, which is housed in a Portuguese-built fortress from 1576 that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. Many of the items on display are religious in nature, attesting to the fact that Sao Tome is predominately Catholic with several cathedrals, including one from the 16th century.

Continuing on, you will visit the nearby Pantufo fishing village, where you will watch a traditional dance performance that lends even greater insight into the culture. Some of the dances are historically enlightening and tell the story of the Portuguese settling here to operate sugar-cane plantations.

Returning to the city center, you will see the Presidential Palace along Independence Avenue and several popular squares. Still, the city market provides the best insight into life in Sao Tome. As you negotiate the narrow walkways, between stalls of fresh vegetables and aromatic spices, you will become immersed in the rhythm of daily life. Watch for vendors tugging their ears, a signal that means their merchandise is extra-good. Following the market experience, you will return to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 ½ hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps and natural and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions. PHOTOS OR VIDEO OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

TMS-004 THE PLANTATIONS OF MONTE CAFE & BOMBAIM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $155.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  12:40 PM

Visit two plantations in the mountains, one that produces coffee and the other known for its beautiful waterfall, where you may relax and sample the locally produced coffee and several varieties of exotic fruit.

Depart from the pier and drive south toward the center of the island, a land of tropical forests and volcanically formed mountains. Before long, you will notice a change in altitude as you ascend into the cooler mountain air above 2,100 feet. The growing conditions at this height are ideal for coffee, especially Arabica and Robusta varieties, which flourish at the Monte Café Plantation.

While touring the mountainside plantation, you will discover how the coffee is processed and the factors that affect the taste, aroma and quality. It’s fascinating to understand the many steps involved as the green coffee beans are transported from the fields, dried, roasted and sorted before export. Monte Café is one of the few remaining coffee plantations on Sao Tome, as most of the others now grow cocoa beans or have ceased production.

Following your visit, you will next travel to Bombaim Plantation. Its attraction is natural beauty, as you will see by wandering down to its namesake waterfall to relax and sample several varieties of bananas. The surrounding forest is also the only place on the island where mangosteen trees grow. The Portuguese introduced the trees, which when mature bear fruit and provide a shady environment that’s perfect for growing vanilla. After approximately an hour at Bombaim, you will drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 75-90 minutes of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The path to Bombaim waterfall is slippery in spots. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellant; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. Restroom facilities on this tour are very limited and basic in nature. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.
TMS-008  THE DIVERSITY OF SAO TOME’S PLANTATIONS

Duration: 5.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $195.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  12:50 PM

Enjoy two vastly different plantation experiences, observing traditional cocoa processing at one plantation, and then seeing how the other has evolved from its agricultural roots.

Depart from the pier and begin driving down the picturesque eastern side of Sao Tome. Along the way, you will pass several colorful villages such as Santana, although much of the rocky, heavily forested coastline is undeveloped.

Upon arriving at the working cocoa plantation Roca Aqua Ize, you will watch how the raw product is processed. The Portuguese introduced cocoa around 1822 and by the turn of the century Sao Tome had become the world’s largest producer, earning the nickname “The Chocolate Islands.” Although the island no longer produces huge volumes of cocoa, the crop still dwarfs every other agricultural export, so it’s vital to the economy.

Sao Tome is also known for its natural beauty in places such as the seaside Blow Hole, where you will stop to drink coconut water before continuing to the Sao Joao Plantation. Here, you’ll discover the history of the plantation, referred to locally as a “roca,” on an enlightening walking tour given by Isaura Cavahlo, who teaches and co-manages the property.

Unlike plantations such as Roca Aqua Ize that grow a single crop, Sao Joao has diversified into raising cattle, culinary endeavors, and promoting local artists. To enhance your understanding of the Santomean culture, you will be treated to a Bulawe drum performance. Afterwards, you will return to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes approximately 1 3/4 hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellent; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain and bring small change in either USD or EUR to purchase any additional drinks or local products. The only restroom facility on this tour is at Sao Joao Plantation. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.

TMS-002  BIRD WATCHING & SAO NICOLAU WATERFALL

Duration: 3.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $85.00

Date:  February 07, 2015  01:30 PM

With picturesque Sao Nicolau waterfall cascading in the background, follow a series of trails through the forest looking for some of the rare species of birds found on Sao Tome.

Depart from the pier and drive south toward the center of the island, a land of tropical forests and volcanically formed mountains. The farther you go, the fewer the people and the greater the chance of seeing the abundance of birds found on Sao Tome. Birders have reported spotting more than 135 species on the island, including many from the West African mainland. Sao Tome is even more revered for its endemic bird species, which are equal in number to those found in the more renowned and extensive Galapagos Islands.

Sao Nicolau waterfall, an idyllic setting in the heart of the forest, is one of the best places on the island for birding. Upon arriving, you will spend well over two hours in the area, accompanied by an expert guide that will point the many indigenous and migratory species.

While there is no telling what you will spot, you might expect to see endemic species such as the Bronze-naped Pigeon, Giant Weaver and Sao Tome Paradise Flycatcher. The Sao Tome Sunbird, formerly known as the Giant Sunbird because of its size, is another species only found here. A supporting cast of birds from Africa also lives here, including Harlequin Quail and Velvet-mantled Drogons. After the bird-watching expedition, you will return to the pier.

Please note: This tour includes several hours of moderate walking/standing that includes some steps, natural and uneven surfaces as well as the possibility of mud. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Guests should be in reasonably good physical condition. Light-weight clothing to include long sleeves and long pants; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; insect repellent; binoculars; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes with a non-slip sole are recommended. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain. There are no restroom facilities on this tour. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary and can be influenced by weather conditions.
WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA

WAL-005 SWAKOPMUND SIGHTSEEING

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $195.00

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
Date:  February 12, 2015  08:00 AM

Explore the scenic beauty and Colonial past of Swakopmund during this orientation tour of the city, and a visit to the Walvis Bay Lagoon.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive along the coastal road to Swakopmund, located 19 miles north of Walvis Bay at the mouth of the Swakop River. En route, you will take in magnificent views of sand dunes on one side, and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. Upon arrival, you will take a tour of this seaside resort, which resembles a Bavarian village. Along the way, you will see Swakopmund's colonial past reflected in the early 19th-century Art Nouveau architecture; many of the charming buildings found here have been declared National Monuments. You will also see the Magistrate's Court, or Keiserliches Bezirksgericht, Lutheran Church and old Railway Station building, which is now the main reception area of the Swakopmund Hotel. You will then pass by the local Hansa Brewery and jetty before proceeding to the Karakulia Weavery, where the wool of Karekul sheep is spun, dyed, and woven into rugs and wall hangings.

Next, a visit will be made at the Kristal Gallery, a center displaying crystals weighing up to 14 tons, and considered the world's largest. Some time will then be made available to shop at the Brauhaus Gallery, a small shopping arcade in the center of town. You will then return to Walvis Bay via the gravel road. En route, a photo stop will be made at Dune 7, the highest sand dune in the Walvis Bay area.

Returning to Walvis Bay, a brief visit will be made to the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains. A RAMSAR Natural Heritage Site and one of the most important wetlands along South Africa's west coast, the Walvis Bay Lagoon is renowned for its abundance of marine life, pelicans and other bird species.

Please note: Guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair can manage this tour with the aid of a travel companion. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $195.00

WAL-006 DOLPHIN AND SEAL CRUISE

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
Date:  February 12, 2015  08:00 AM

The splendid natural beauty of Southern Africa's West Coast is yours to discover during this half-day dolphin and seal cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon.

Depart the pier for the brief drive along the coastal road to Swakopmund, and on to the jetty. Upon arrival, you will embark your open ski boat for a 3 hour cruise in the Walvis Bay Lagoon. As a RAMSAR Natural Heritage Site and one of the most important wetlands along Southern Africa's west coast, the Walvis Bay Lagoon is renowned for its native bird species, and a vast array of intra-African and Palaearctic migrants. The water here is usually very calm, and abounds with bird and marine life.

Next, you will continue on to Pelican Point, where you may find a large seal colony, and schools of heavyside and bottlenose dolphins swimming alongside the boat. This area also abounds with pelicans and cormorants, as well as the white-chinned petrels, Wilson's storm petrels, cape gannets and black oystercatcher. Sparkling wine, fresh oysters, a selection of open sandwiches and soft drinks will be served during the cruise.

After returning to the jetty, you will disembark your boat and re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

Please note: Guests are encouraged to wear a windbreaker or warm jacket for this tour, which involves approximately 3 hours of boating on open water, in weather that can be windy and cold. There is a drastic change between high and low tide, which makes it difficult to embark and/or disembark the boat. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility, or those who utilize a wheelchair. Operation of this tour is entirely dependent upon prevailing weather conditions. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.
WAL-008  TREASURES OF THE NAMIB DESERT BY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $265.00

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
Date:  February 12, 2015  08:00 AM

Discover the treasures of the Namib Desert during this memorable off-road adventure, and a stop at spectacular Walvis Bay.

Depart the pier in an off-road vehicle for the coastal drive towards Swakopmund, and then east to the Namib-Naukluft Park. The Namib is one of the oldest deserts in the world, home to the world’s highest-shifting sand dunes and adorned with a kaleidoscope of vivid colors. Upon arrival, you will explore the unique plant life and terrain of this arid region.

Next, you will drive through the Swakop River Valley and on to the Moon Landscape. Created by the winds that reduced mountains to spectacular rock formations and sand, this vastly-eroded valley has an appearance similar to that of the moon’s surface. From here, you will proceed for a visit to Welwitschia Valley, where thousands of welwitschia plants are scattered about. A stop will be made to view these fascinating plants, along with a variety of interesting lichen plants. A stop will then be made at a scenic location for orange juice and salty snacks.

Afterward, you will re-board your off-road vehicle for the return drive along the dune belt to Dune 7, and on to Walvis Bay. En route, a brief visit will be made to the Walvis Bay Lagoon and tidal flood plains before arriving back to the pier.

Please note: Each vehicle will accommodate 3 to 10 guests. This tour involves off-road travel over bumpy, uneven and dusty gravel roads. This tour is not recommended for guests with dust allergies, guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair, unless they remain seated inside the vehicles at the various photo stops. Guests are strongly encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. Raw oysters have been known to produce adverse reactions in people with suppressed immune systems; guests will need to consume them at their own risk.

WAL-009  LIVING DESERT BY OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

Duration: 5.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $265.00

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
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Discover the unique denizens of the world’s oldest desert during this half-day, off-road adventure in the Namib Desert.

Depart the pier via off-road vehicle for the 45-minute drive to the Namib Desert. Upon arrival, your guide will lead you through this desolate landscape in search of indigenous desert species, and explain how they adapt to their environment. Along the way, stops will be made to view the nocturnal White Lady spider, elusive Palmato gecko, a nocturnal reptile with transparent skin, desert sidewinder, sand-diving Aporasaura lizard, fish moth, and endangered Damara tern.

After a short stop at Amph's Dune, your exhilarating off-road trek on the roaring dunes will continue on with a visit to the Horse's Graveyard, a World War I site.

Your tour will conclude with a stop at Sundowner Dune. Here, you will take in spectacular views over the Atlantic Ocean, and be served orange juice and salty snacks.

Following your tour, you will re-board your coach for the 45-minute return drive to the pier along the coastal road.

Please note: Each vehicle will accommodate between 3 to 10 guests. This tour involves off-road travel over bumpy, uneven and dusty gravel roads. This tour is not recommended for guests with dust allergies, guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair unless they remain seated inside the vehicles at the various photo stops. The drive from the pier to the Namib Desert is approximately 45 minutes in each direction. Guests are strongly advised to wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. Raw oysters have been known to produce adverse reactions in people with suppressed immune systems; guests will need to consume them at their own risk.
WAL-010  BIRDING TOUR

Duration: 4.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $135.00

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
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Walvis Bay and the off-shore islands were incorporated into the Republic of Namibia on March 1, 1994 after being governed by South Africa for a number of years.

The Walvis Bay Lagoon takes pride of place as regards to scenic attractions in the area. Thousands of different species gather at these rich feeding grounds. The tour takes you around the lagoon where you get a chance to spot a huge variety of other shore birds and waders including sandpipers, plovers, pelicans and herons.

Enter the sedimentation pans of the Walvis Bay Salt mine and get real close to the birds with a good chance to spot Phalaropes, Grebes and terns which include the rare Damara Tern.

Travel further along the beach to Pelican Point to view a large Cape Fur Seal colony and a chance to see our resident Osprey as well as African Black Oystercatchers. Depending on weather and time we return through the Kuiseb River Delta with a possible sighting of the Dune Lark, Sabota Lark and/or the Orange River White Eye.

Please note: This specialized tour is only recommended for bird enthusiasts. Guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair can manage this tour with the aid of a travel companion. Guests are strongly advised to wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. One set of binoculars and a birding book will accompany each vehicle.

WAL-011  SWAKOPMUND TOWNSHIP TOUR

Duration: 3.00 Hrs  Tour Price: $135.00

Date:  February 11, 2015  08:30 AM
Date:  February 12, 2015  08:00 AM

Experience the unique flavors, sites and residents of Walvis Bay during this memorable township tour.

Depart the pier for the drive to Walvis Bay. Upon arrival, you will join your guide for a unique tour of Walvis Bay and the township of Kuisebmond. Along the way, you will learn about the history of the area, and pass by historic shops and buildings.

As you drive through Walvis Bay's bustling streets, a visit will be made to the colorful Kuisebmond Market Hall. Here, vendors offer a variety of traditional crafts, clothing and typical Namibian dishes. You will then visit a kindergarten to view a special show presented by the children, then a community center that showcases a variety of active community health and development projects.

Next, you will proceed for a visit to the Tutaleni Village. The Tutaleni Relocation project won the Dubai Award for Best Practices. During your visit, you will see how problems of overcrowding in Kuisebmond were solved by an innovative housing concept. At the Mola Mola pub, or shebeen, you will sample a buffet of traditional dishes that include mopani worms, makaka, and oshifima porridge and beans.

After this interesting excursion, during which you will gain an insight into township life, re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

Please note: All interaction with the community should be conducted in a non-intrusive manner, respecting their privacy at all times. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing, shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses. This tour must be pre-requested at least ten days prior to the sailing date. Once requested, this tour is non-refundable.

WAL-E01  EVENT: OPEN-AIR DINNER AT SWAKOP RIVER CANYON

Duration: 4.50 Hrs  Tour Price: $0.00

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Just beyond Walvis Bay, the Swakop River Canyon has been likened to a moonscape with its unusual rock formations and dry riverbeds seared into the landscape by the glaring sun. Sunset is the most stunning time of day to visit this canyon, as the fading light casts dramatic shadows across the stark environment. Tables draped in linen are an elegant contrast to the glowing desert, and myriad candles surround the festivities, creating an ethereal glow as they reflect off the canyon walls. After a delicious dinner featuring local dishes, the relaxed atmosphere will be enhanced by conversation around a crackling fire.
What is Included?

Transportation:
Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans and/or automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized.

Meals and Refreshments:
Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the tour description.

Guides:
Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

Entrance Fees:
Tours include all required admission fees where applicable.

What Should I Wear?
When taking a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, loose comfortable clothing, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater or jacket. And don't forget your camera!

Cancellations and Refunds:
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible. Tours may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met.
- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
- Unlimited Passport Collection and Your World Collection packages are fully refundable prior to embarkation of your cruise. Unlimited Passport Collection and Your World Collection packages that are cancelled after embarkation will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- A la carte tours are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the tour. A la carte tours cancelled less than 36 hours in advance of the tour will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- In the event of a port cancellation, guests who have purchased a Your World Collection or Unlimited Passport Collection will receive a pro-rata refund for that port based on the price paid. Guests who have purchased an a la carte excursion for a port that is cancelled will receive a full refund.
- No refunds or credits will be given for individual Your World Collection tours not taken, unless the tours are cancelled by Oceania Cruises.

Prices, Itineraries and General Information:
- All pre-reserved shore excursions will receive priority confirmation over those booked onboard.
- The discount of up to 25% off a la carte excursion prices that is offered with the Your World Collection is subject to a minimum number of excursions that must be purchased. This minimum is based on the number of port days on your cruise.
- Shore excursion prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations. Once excursions have been purchased, pricing is guaranteed and not subject to change.
- The information contained in this document was current at the time of printing; however, changes may occur before your scheduled departure. Please consult the Destination Services Desk onboard for information and current pricing.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments in excursions itinerary will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some tours have limited availability. Please reserve tours early to avoid disappointment.
- Oceania Cruises reserves the right to require guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For more information, please consult the Destination Services Desk.

Please note:
While the greatest care has been taken to offer the finest services available, Oceania Cruises will not be held responsible for any event or omission during the time that guests are not onboard the ship or its tenders. All arrangements for certain optional off-board activities, including air transportation, hotel accommodations, ground transfers and shore excursions, are made by Oceania Cruises with the suppliers of the services for the convenience of our guests. Each guest agrees not to hold Oceania Cruises, its owners, employees, agents or representatives liable, in the absence of its own negligence, for any loss, injury, expense or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, of any person or firm which provides any goods or services in connection with any optional travel component other than water transportation or any other option that is available for purchase. Arrangements with independent contractors include but are not limited to services, products and transportation provided elsewhere than onboard an Oceania Cruises vessel in connection with tours, whether arranged or organized by tour operators, travel agents or Oceania Cruises. Tours including hotel accommodations and transportation by any vessel not owned or operated by Oceania Cruises or by air, rail or land are not under the supervision and control of Oceania Cruises.

Important Information:
Notwithstanding that Oceania Cruises, at the guest's option, arranges air transportation, hotel accommodations, groups transfers, shore excursions and other services with independent suppliers of the services, it should be understood that Oceania Cruises, being a "for profit entity," earns a fee on the sale of the optional services.

Notice:
All Oceania Cruises shore excursion fares are per person, are subject to change and are subject to availability. Some tours are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. While Oceania Cruises makes every effort to adhere to the specifics mentioned in each shore excursion description, circumstances may require otherwise. All shore excursion descriptions and information contained in this shore excursion book are subject to change without notice at Oceania Cruises’ discretion. Oceania Cruises is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions or misprints.