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# TRAVEL PROGRAM GUIDE 2024-2025



# THE **MARSP** ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Whether you are a retiree, a travel enthusiast, or someone seeking like-minded companions for memorable journeys, the **MARSP Travel Program** is designed to cater to diverse personalities, interests, and travel styles. In this guide, we'll explore each of our upcoming tours to give you a feel for what's in store.

Time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the beginning of your next great adventure...

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- ☐ I authorize MARSP to automatically renew my state and local chapter membership the first week of March each year using the credit card below. *E-mail address required for automatic renewal.*

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# FIND YOUR IDEAL **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

Each Travel Program destination has a unique itinerary and the intensity of that itinerary is subject to your interpretation.

**Tour Activity Levels** can help you decide if a tour's pace is right for you. As you peruse this guide, you'll notice that each tour is given a 1-4 Activity Level ranking. Definitions for the four activity levels are listed below. If you have questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at the time of reservation.

**Level 1:** You're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

**Level 2:** You like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains, but also need time to unwind and relax.

**Level 3:** You're an on-the-go traveler. Walking and standing for 1-2 hours at a time isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation, and handle changes in elevation. You enjoy longer days balanced with free time.

**Level 4:** You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home and a few thousand steps a day isn't out of the norm. You can handle 90+ minute walking tours, dusty or uneven terrain, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind early mornings, late-night activities, or full days. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers.

## TOUR TYPES: **CLASSIC & SPOTLIGHTS**

**Spotlights:** With a Spotlights tour, you'll stay in one city and one hotel, so you can unpack and really settle into your surroundings. Alongside planned excursions to must-see destinations and hidden gems, these tours also include built downtime into the itinerary so you can explore your own way.

**Classic:** Classic tours are designed to let you experience multiple cities, countries, and destinations. Collette covers the details as you travel from one location to the next, so you can make the most of every moment. Alongside planned excursions to must-see destinations and hidden gems, these tours also include built downtime into the itinerary so you can explore your own way.

## LEARN MORE: **TRAVEL WEBINARS**

MARSP travel webinars can help you decide which trip is right for you. These online presentations, co-hosted by a representative from Collette Travel, provide important trip details and answer questions from those attending live.

Visit [marsp.org/webinars](https://marsp.org/webinars) to view recordings or register for upcoming webinars. Can't attend live? No problem! Those who register automatically receive a recording after the event.

### **Upcoming webinars:**



Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
2:00PM EDT



Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
2:00PM EDT



Thursday, May 2, 2024  
2:00PM EDT



# CANADIAN ROCKIES

JULY 28 - AUGUST 5, 2024



**TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC**  
**ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3**

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## Your tour includes:

- 6 handpicked accommodations
- 14 meals
- 2 optional excursions

## Accommodations:

Day 1: Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC  
Day 2: VIA Rail Canada, Toronto, Ontario  
Day 3-4: Chateau Jasper, Jasper, Alberta  
Day 5: The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise  
Day 6-7: The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta  
Day 8: Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, Alberta

## Tour highlights:

- Sightseeing in the beautiful city of Vancouver
- 360-degree views of the landscape aboard VIA Rail
- Drive the Icefields Parkway
- Bow Falls in Banff
- Breakfast overlooking Maligne Lake
- Maligne Canyon
- At Athabasca Glacier, choose a ride on the glacier or walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk
- Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks
- Traditional Albertan barbecue

Discover the singular beauty of the Canadian Rockies! Beginning in the lush Pacific coast of Vancouver, you'll board VIA Rail's The Canadian for a once-in-a-lifetime overnight train journey. While aboard, relax in the dome car and experience panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, rushing rivers, and the sheer, unspoiled wilderness of Canada. Upon arriving in Jasper, you'll witness the dramatic Maligne Canyon and its picture-perfect lake. Continue your journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway, marvel at Athabasca Glacier, and discover the beauty of Moraine Lake and Banff's Bow Falls. You'll also experience a day on a ranch in the Alberta plains, complete with a wagon ride in search of buffalo and a BBQ lunch in the great outdoors. Your journey ends in cosmopolitan Calgary.

## PER PERSON RATES:

Single \$9,379 pp  
Double: \$7,779 pp  
Triple \$7,579 pp

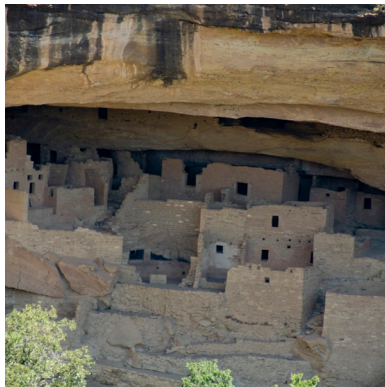
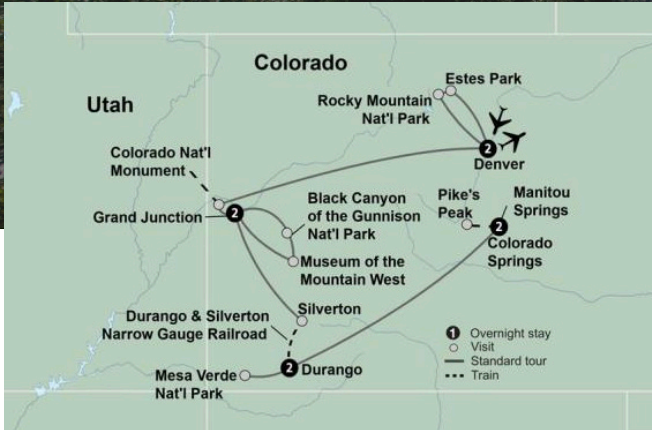
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at 1-800-581-8942 and refer to booking #1151231.



# COLORADO ROCKIES

SEPTEMBER 13-21, 2024



## Your tour includes:

- 4 handpicked accommodations
- 12 meals

## Accommodations:

Day 1-2: Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver  
Day 3-4: Doubletree Hotel, Grand Junction  
Day 5-6: Durango Strater Hotel, Durango  
Day 7-8: Embassy Suites, Colorado Springs

## Tour highlights:

- Denver
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
- Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Two nights in Durango, a fun-filled cowboy town where you can relive the excitement of the Old West.
- Journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pike's Peak
- Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO)
- Garden of the Gods
- Authentic farm-to-table dinner on a 450-acre, family-owned ranch



TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2

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Experience the majesty of the Colorado Rockies aboard two historic trains that celebrate the can-do spirit of the Old West. Marvel at the steep, dramatic majesty of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9-mile trip to the top of Pike's Peak. Climb aboard an 1881 steam train for a journey through the San Juan Mountains. Drive through the ancient culture of the Ancestral Puebloans at Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO). Enjoy an authentic farm-to-table dinner on a 450-acre, family-owned ranch. From towering peaks to deep canyons and Old West towns to dynamic cities, a region of contrasting beauty and charm awaits.

## PER PERSON RATES:

Single \$4,299 pp  
Double \$3,399 pp  
Triple \$3,349 pp

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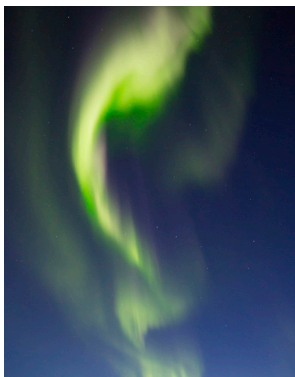
# ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 1-7, 2024



**TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC**  
**ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3**

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## Your tour includes:

- 3 handpicked accommodations
- 11 meals

## Accommodations:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Day 3-5: Hotel Dyrhólaey, Vik

Day 6: Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

## Tour highlights:

- Northern lights cruise in Reykjavik
- Three nights in the countryside in search of more aurora borealis sightings
- Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- Relax in the mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon
- Skógar Museum
- Geothermal fields of Geysir
- Lava Exhibition Center
- Straddle two continents in Thingvellir's rift valley
- Gourmet Icelandic cuisine
- Challenge your taste buds and sample traditional hákarl (shark) and brennivín (Icelandic schnapps)

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**Y**ou're on your way to Iceland, where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of natural wonders, you'll have the rare opportunity to search for the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights, on an evening starlit cruise. You'll explore Skógar Museum and view traditional turf-built homes. You'll walk on a black volcanic sand beach, see the explosive geothermal fields at Geysir, and relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon. Here in the land of ice and fire, you'll spend your days surrounded by natural wonders and your nights in search of the elusive dancing lights.

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## PER PERSON RATES:

Single \$4,599 pp

Double \$3,999 pp

Triple \$3,949 pp

*For bookings made after 5/2/2024 call for rates. Included in price: Port charges, round trip air from Detroit Metro Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Not included: Cancellation waiver and insurance of \$449 per person.*

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# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

DECEMBER 7-15, 2024



TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2

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## Your tour includes:

- 2 handpicked accommodations
- 19 meals
- 2 optional excursions

## Accommodations:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Maritim Hotel Wurzburg, Wurzburg

Day 3-8: MS Amadeus Brilliant, Amsterdam

## Tour highlights:

- 6-Night Danube River Cruise  
Experience the picturesque region of the Wachau Valle
- Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube
- Christmas markets along the Danube
- Tours of Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Vienna with a local expert
- Vienna Opera House
- 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey
- Unlimited wine with every dinner on board your cruise ship
- Captain's Gala Dinner, featuring delicious food and lively entertainment

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River!

Board your cruise and relax as you are transported along beloved riverside towns. Explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best. Join a local expert for a tour of historic Vienna. Float through the Wachau Valley, dotted with castles and hillside houses. Visit the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Enjoy a Glühwein Party – a German holiday party with mulled wine. Discover Würzburg, an ancient Franconian wine town. Age-old culture and seasonal specialties are interwoven on this joy-filled tour.

## PER PERSON RATES:

Lower Outside Double: \$3,298 pp

Middle Outside Double: \$3,648 pp

Upper Outside Double: \$4,048 pp

Suite Double: \$4,548 pp

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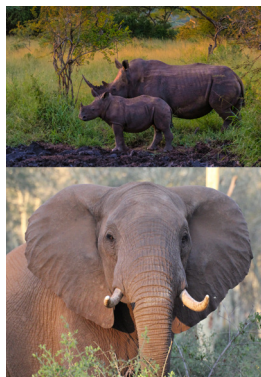
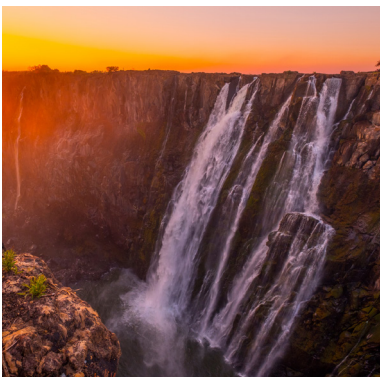
# EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS, AND BOTSWANA

## FEBRUARY 4-18, 2025



**TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC**  
**ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3**

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### Your tour includes:

- 6 handpicked accommodations
- 29 meals
- 2 optional excursions

### Accommodations:

Day 1: Overnight Flight  
Day 2: Southern Sun O.R. Tambo\*, Johannesburg  
Day 3-4 The Wallow, Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls  
Day 5-6: Chobe Marina Lodge, Chobe  
Day 7-9: Black Rhino Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park  
Day 10-11: Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West  
Day 12-14: Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

### Tour highlights:

- Wildlife safari
- Victoria Falls
- Chobe National Park
- See Table Mountain from an aerial cable car
- Elephant sanctuary
- Dutch architecture and Cape winelands
- Bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park
- Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home

Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the diverse culture and abundant wildlife of southern Africa. Seek out the "Big 5" - lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and African buffalo - on eight different safaris. Experience an authentic bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park. Get a taste of South African culture at local wineries. Witness the natural beauty of Victoria Falls and learn about its people during a township visit and home-hosted lunch. Greet African elephants and spend time learning about them. Search for animals along the winding Chobe River. Epic scenery and winding coastlines come together on this incredible adventure!

### PER PERSON RATES:

Single: \$8,789 pp  
Double: \$7,799 pp

*Included in Price: Attraction Taxes and Fees, Round Trip Air from Detroit Metro Airport, Inter-flights from Johannesburg, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers. Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person*

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# SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

APRIL 8-16, 2025



TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

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## Your tour includes:

- 1 handpicked accommodation
- 11 meals
- 2 optional excursions

## Accommodations:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2-8: Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Montecatini Terme

## Tour highlights:

- 7-night stay in Montecatini Terme, famous spa resort town
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Renaissance."
- Visit medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls
- Michelangelo's David.
- Gothic Line, a last line of German defense during WWII
- Retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims as they crossed the Devil's Bridge in the Serchio Valley
- Wine tasting at a local farm
- Cheese farm featuring flavorful pecorino cheese
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine in a cooking class

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Discover the rolling hills of Tuscany, home to sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns, and enchanting cities. Savor a 7-night stay in Montecatini Terme, the famous resort and spa town. Visit Pisa, Florence, and San Gimignano in the Italian countryside. Discover the charming town of Lucca, Italy's best-kept secret. Learn about the heroic deeds of WWII at remains of the Gothic Line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Enjoy free time to explore the cultural treasures of Florence. Partake in a Tuscan cooking class. Sample cheese at the farm where it is made. Enjoy fabulous local wines and the region's famous cuisine. Steeped in history, culture and legend, this is Tuscany as you always imagined it.

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## PER PERSON RATES:

Single: \$4,299 pp

Double: \$3,899 pp

Triple: \$3,869 pp

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# SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON D.C.

APRIL 24-29, 2025



TOUR TYPE: CLASSIC  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2

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## Your tour includes:

- 1 handpicked accommodation
- 8 meals

## Accommodations:

Day 1-5: Royal Sonesta Dupont Circle,  
Washington D.C.

## Tour highlights:

- Five nights in the heart of Washington, D.C.
- Tour the iconic and storied U.S. Capitol building
- Washington National Cathedral
- Mount Vernon
- International Spy Museum or Lincoln Assassination Tour
- Experience international cuisine in local restaurants
- U.S. Capitol Building Tour
- World War II Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Old Town Alexandria
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- White House Visitor Center
- Smithsonian Institution

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The story of the United States comes to life on this tour of the country's spirited capital. View monuments that commemorate the heroes who have shaped America's past, including the World War II Monument, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Wander the grounds at Mt. Vernon and tour the beloved home of George Washington. Learn about the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln's assassination during a National Park Ranger-led talk at Ford's Theatre. Uncover treasures as you explore the Smithsonian's world-renowned museum collections.

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## PER PERSON RATES:

Single: \$3,699 pp  
Double: \$2,999 pp  
Triple: \$2,969 pp

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*Northern Lights of Finland, 2023*

*"Traveling with MARSP and Collette to Alaska was a great experience. Everything was handled very professionally and efficiently. The MARSP members I traveled with were a great group of folks."*



**Pam Z.**  
**Alaska Land & Cruise, 2023**

*"Traveling with MARSP is like traveling with family."*



**Mary W.**  
**Roaming Coastal Maine, 2022**