



“After all, the best part of a holiday is perhaps not so much to be resting yourself, as to see all the other fellows busy working.” Kenneth Grahame

OUTLINES - TRAVEL SAVINGS

BIKE & BARGE CYCLING CRUISES – WALKING – CYCLING – BOATING & BARGING NEWS FOR 2019

If you are receiving our e-newsletter for the first time, welcome, and if you are a regular reader, welcome back! If you are interested in past copies they are stored on our website: <http://bit.ly/1NR5eqK>. If you change your address or wish to add the name of a friend or stop receiving this material please contact us.

Our website is now fully updated for 2019 with over **800 active holidays** for you to choose from. We offer an amazing **148 different Bike & Barge routes** with over 60 different barges or boats in 18 different countries.

You will find **257 guided or self-guided walking tours** in 28 different countries & **115 inn-to-inn cycling tours** in 17 countries mostly in Europe but also in Japan, China, Vietnam, South Africa, New Zealand, the USA & Canada. For boating enthusiasts we offer **37 hotel barge itineraries** on 25 different barges & **182 self-skipped motor cruisers** in Europe & in the UK a fleet of **44 different narrowboats** at 16 different bases. Plus 14 itineraries for sea kayaking, horse riding, holiday apartments, cooking courses, wildlife safaris or expeditions in many countries around the world.

See our website: <https://bit.ly/115yZin>

See our latest newsletter: <https://bit.ly/2STi9DO>

PLANNING A WALKING HOLIDAY IN EUROPE*

Save up to \$100 per person in France Germany Italy Montenegro Ireland on select dates

Savings of \$100 off these GUIDED walks on select dates. Week-long with a choice of graded guided walk each day with quality accommodation, meals & transport - follow the links for more details:

France, Provence - see: <https://bit.ly/218UfPN> - dates: 28th September, 5th & 12th October 2019

Germany, Tegernsee - see: <https://bit.ly/2WUoYDC> – dates: 25th May, 24th & 31st August, 7th, 14th & 21st September 2019

Italy, Sorrento - see: <https://bit.ly/2GrsAbt> - dates: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th April, 28th September, 5th & 12th October 2019

Montenegro - see: <https://bit.ly/2GWOHpk> – dates: 28th September, 5th & 12th October 2019 -

Ireland – Kenmare – see: <https://bit.ly/2BTRPz3> - dates: 8th & 15th September 2019

* For NEW bookings only - limited places still available - offer goes until all places sold.

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations

TOKYO, KYOTO, IMPERIAL NARA & NAKASENDO PATH

SAVE \$300 on a 12-day GUIDED walk selected dates *



The Nakasendo Trail, the 'road through the mountains' was travelled by feudal lords, Samurai, merchants & travellers. Spend several days walking along the trail staying in traditional country inns, dining on exquisite regional cuisine with chance to relax in a natural hot spring at an Onsen Ryokan. See Tokyo's bustling streets, shrines, the temples of Nara & Kyoto's atmospheric gardens, teahouses & Geisha district.

\$300 discount per person on these dates: 1st, 16th, 18th April; 5th, 13th, 17th May 2019

See: <https://bit.ly/2BoxOAv>

* Conditions apply – for NEW bookings only made before 31st March 2019 - limited space available.

HALF-PRICE RIVER CRUISING IN FRANCE

2 for 1 luxury barge cruise savings in Burgundy for May



Departing from Paris with a bus transfer to Auxerre, join our traditional French hotel barge which accommodates up to 12 guests in 8 air-conditioned comfortable single / twin / double cabins, each with its own bathroom.

Cabins available on 5th, 12th, 19th May 2019 with these savings until sold. Available for NEW bookings only.

See the website: <https://bit.ly/2PQRmpr>

HOTEL BARGE CRUISES - NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT*

Savings of up to \$3360 on over 40 cruises across 8 regions for 2019



Avoid the often high costs of a single cabin by joining one of our fully inclusive luxury hotel barge cruises in France, Holland, Italy or Scotland on selected dates in 2019.

France, Burgundy - La Belle Epoque - Discount Dates: 14th & 21st April; 5th & 26th May; 16th & 30th June

Burgundy - L'Impressionniste - Discount Dates: 14th & 21st April; 5th, 12th & 19th May; 2nd & 23rd June

Canal du Midi - Enchanté - Discount Dates: 31st March; 5th & 19th May; 2nd, 23rd & 30th June

Gascony - Rosa - Discount Dates: 26th May; 9th & 30th June

Champagne - Panache - Discount Dates: 26th May; 16th & 30th June

Alsace & Lorraine - Panache - Discount Dates: 21st July

Holland - Panache - Discount Dates: 12th May

Venice & Po, Italy - La Bella Vita - Discount Dates: 28th April; 19th May; 9th June; 7th & 21st July

Caledonian Canal, Scotland - Spirit of Scotland - Discount Dates: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th May; 2nd, 9th & 30th June; 7th & 14th July

* Offer cannot be combined with any other special offers. Single cabins are subject to space available & the normal operator Terms & Conditions apply (ask for details).

See the brochure: <https://bit.ly/2TbXE4H>

See the current prices: <https://bit.ly/2LyjTOr>

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BIKE & BARGE IN HOLLAND

Last minute discount offer - save up to 50% on 30th March 2019*



Outdoor Travel offer an extra departure date on the Highlights of Southern Holland cycling cruise for 30th March 2019 at a discounted rate. Visiting many icons of the Netherlands including the windmills at Kinderdijk & Zaanse Schans Museum, flat green polder landscapes, historical cities of Haarlem & Utrecht, Delft with its famous blue pottery, the 'cheese town' of Gouda, Rotterdam & Amsterdam.

This cruise, with easy cycling over flat countryside, is ideal for those considering their first cycling holiday.

Available for Upper Deck cabins only save 50% on the second person sharing a twin cabin - great savings if you act quickly - see: <https://bit.ly/2SmCNr9>

PARIS TO BRUGES TWO-WEEKS FROM 6TH – 10TH OCTOBER 2019

Bike & Barge group charter only available for up to 12 passengers – ideal for cycle clubs & groups



We have approximately 60 barges in our Bike & Barge or Boat fleet with over 185 different itineraries. Most are fully booked for this year but we do still have some places available for the popular September & October period – in our view the best time to travel in Europe after the summer holiday rush.

Departing Paris this two-week cycling cruise visit many fascinating historical places as it makes its way through the forests north of Versailles to the castle at Compiègne, past the chateau at Chantilly, the museum and railway carriage where the armistice was signed ending WW1, Peronne with its WW1 museum, cemeteries and ANZAC memorial, the Riqueval Tunnel, the oldest regional park of France: the Scarpe-Escaut, the cobblestones of the Paris – Roubaix bike race, Tournai in Flanders on the Belgian border, picturesque Ghent and UNESCO listed Bruges, one of the prettiest towns in Europe.

Cabins available on this STANDARD PLUS barge for a **group of a minimum of 12 cyclists** a discounted rate of just \$3450 per person (twin share). Call us today for details.

For a full list of all the Bike & Barge cycling cruises scheduled for 2019 see our website: <https://bit.ly/2yUk8Li>

PARIS TO BRUGES - TWO WEEK PREMIUM PLUS BIKE & BARGE

10% discount on these dates – limited cabins available in 2019



Highlights include: Bruges, Ghent, the Ardennes, the Somme and WW1 Memorial sites, Wallonia, Chateau de Chantilly, Auvers-sur-l'Oise, forests, woodlands, rolling hills, canal tunnels, great food and a night in Paris

From:	Departs:	Rest day:	
Bruges	18 th May	Peronne	See: https://bit.ly/2UnBQAc
Paris	29 th June	Peronne	
Bruges	27 th July	Peronne	
Paris	24 th August	Peronne	
Paris	28 th September	St Quentin	See: https://bit.ly/2vOPfXf

The discount applies to **NEW** bookings only – call us today to secure your cabin **1800 331 582**

TULIP BIKE & BARGE IN HOLLAND

Save 50% on selected dates this springtime



Act quickly to secure this huge discount on 5-day tulip tours for March & April 2019. **Save 50%** on the cost for the second person sharing a twin cabin on these PREMIUM PLUS barge departure dates from Amsterdam:

Departs: 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th & 31st March and 2nd April 2019 - See: <https://bit.ly/2sEfO05>

Conditions apply - limited availability, discount applies to new bookings only.

AFRICA – SAFARI & CRUISING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

9-day / 8-night safari & PREMIUM PLUS cruising holiday South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe
Save up to \$700* per person on selected high season dates *



This holiday, new for 2019, departs: from April to December 2019 & it combines land and water safaris, cruising on a luxury hotel boat, and guided visits to **Johannesburg** and **Victoria Falls** for a unique and unforgettable in-depth exploration of Southern Africa.

From **Johannesburg**, we travel to the **Chobe National Park** in Botswana, staying in a luxurious safari lodge on an island in the **Zambezi River**. We explore Chobe by land and water to see elephant, hippo, crocodile or some of the park's many bird species. We visit islands on the Zambezi to learn more of the local customs and culture. We spend three nights aboard a PREMIUM PLUS hotel boat on **Lake Kariba**, discovering the lake's tributaries, gorges and landscapes. We visit **Matusadona National Park**, a sanctuary for the endangered black rhino and other wildlife. We visit Victoria Falls, one of the world's largest and most spectacular waterfalls.

On this all-inclusive luxury holiday, travel at a relaxed pace on a beautifully appointed hotel boat with just eight cabins, two with private balcony. The exclusive safari lodge too has just eight bungalows, each with its own terrace and private pool. On-board the boat there is one crew member for each passenger, and the staff multi-lingual with English as the main language. All meals are included, with a focus on refined local cuisine.

Cruise 3 nights on Lake Kariba & stay 3 nights at an exclusive safari lodge on an island in the Zambezi River – each bungalow has its own terrace & private pool. Highlights include exploring Chobe National Park & Matusadona National Park by land & water.

* Conditions apply – ask for details

See the website: <https://bit.ly/2CskElH>

CAMINO PORTUGUESE - NEW FLIGHT LINKS

Walk the Way of St James - Porto to Tui to Santiago

Emirates is launching a new service between Portugal's second largest city, Porto & Dubai. Leaving 4 times a week from July 2019, this gives direct links from Australia to the start of the pilgrimage walk, the Camino Portuguese, from Porto to Santiago de Compostella.

The new service also gives a link by bus or train (avoiding the need to go via Madrid) to Sarria for the last 100km of the Camino de Santiago, the French Way.

The flight between Dubai & Porto operates Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays departing Dubai at 0915hrs & arriving in Porto at 14.30pm - the return flight departs Porto at 17.35pm arriving Dubai at 04.15am.



On the coast & Douro River, Porto is world famous for its Port wine production & historical city centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Camino Portuguese departs daily in season from Porto to Tui on the Spain border & to Santiago. For details of this popular walk see the website: <https://bit.ly/2RiP9zX>

If you would like help with flights to Porto or any other destination, with travel insurance, accommodation and any other travel arrangements, please call Yvette or Lucie at our Fares Desk on (03) 57 501 044 or email fares@outdoortravel.com.au



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