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2023

BOUTIQUE
GROUP
JOURNEYS



Experience the true spirit of Europe and beyond on an expert-led boutique journey.

For over 60 years, A&K has excelled at bringing our guests up close to the people and places that make a destination unique. Today, when so many of us are eager to travel and explore again, I invite you to experience A&K's hallmark blend of firsthand authenticity and travel know-how on a 2023 Connections Boutique Group Journey.

Whether you travel on a land journey or a river cruise, A&K connects you to off-the-beaten-path locales and vibrant local cultures in ways that only a company with our heritage and reputation can make possible. Discover picturesque Luxembourg on an all-new journey featuring a stay in a countryside castle, taste oysters fresh from the sea in Croatia and try your hand at playing an alphorn in Switzerland.

No matter which journey you choose, travel with a Resident Tour Director® who leads your group of just 24 guests from start to finish, and enjoy expertly chosen boutique hotels that reflect the character of your destination.

Discover a brand-new destination or visit a familiar locale with new eyes — whatever inspires you to travel, Connections journeys reveal the places you want to experience in unforgettable boutique style.

For information on our full range of Small Group Journeys, please Call A&K on 1300 851 800, visit www.bercrombiekent.com.au or speak to your travel agent to find out more.



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From our earliest journeys up to the present day, we set the standard for authentic and immersive travel.

Our Unmatched Legacy of Service, Expertise and Authenticity

Abercrombie & Kent is the world's premier experiential travel company, with an unrivalled legacy of creating memorable adventures in the world's most compelling destinations. Our on-site experts work tirelessly to design authentic boutique experiences you won't find anywhere else, orchestrating every aspect of your journey down to the last detail.

Each Connections Boutique Group Journey combines the best of A&K expertise and style with handpicked boutique hotels and beyond-the-guidebook access to daily life, all of which come together to create a true lifelong connection to each destination you visit, every time you travel with us.

We Stake Our Reputation on Every Journey

A&K's service and reputation are tested every day against the most discerning audience: our guests. And time and again, we pass the test, creating seamless travel experiences in nearly any destination. Sixty years in the making and backed by thousands of journeys and countless miles, our reputation rests on one singular goal: deliver the best-possible travel experience to every guest, every time.



Our deep-rooted local access takes you places no one else can, with an authenticity no one else can match.

The Difference Local Access Makes

For A&K, having our own local staff is only the beginning. We build lasting one-on-one relationships with the people who know your destination best, from craftspeople and chefs to experts in local art and history.

What does this mean for you as an A&K Connections guest? It means you experience each stop on your journey from a truly local perspective. We don't just bring you to the beautiful hamlet of Oropos — you delve into the rich secrets of Greek cuisine with a local family and share lunch with them at their table. You learn about the Battle of the Bulge not through a dry lecture but by touring the battle site in a vintage World War II Jeep. You travel to a Moroccan village at the foot of the highest peak in the Atlas Mountains to spend time with local Berbers in their homes, experiencing authentic Berber hospitality and learning their daily life while savouring traditional bread and mint tea.

Resident Tour Directors With Deep Local Ties

If there's one thing A&K guests consistently value most about their journeys, it is their Resident Tour Director — more than 95 percent of our guests rate them as "Excellent." Year-round experts, our Resident Tour Directors have lived for decades, sometimes even their entire lives, in the places you visit and possess the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local themselves. Overseeing your entire journey, they accompany you every day, sharing their unique understanding of daily life as well as your destination's culture, history and cuisine. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of a place, connecting you to the people and places you encounter in a way you'll never forget.



Share one-of-a-kind boutique experiences with fascinating local people.

Immersive Travel at Its Finest

Connections Boutique Group Journeys reveal the distinct culture of a place, connecting you to it and its people in unexpected and unforgettable ways. Experience authentic local interactions at every turn, perhaps mingling with locals as you peruse the produce at La Boqueria in Barcelona — one of the finest food markets in Europe on **Spain: Seven Cities**, or learning about the Balkan Wars with a visit to a local who lived through them on **Croatia: Jewel of the Coast**.

Authentic Meals in Every Destination

Sampling delicious new food can be just as exciting as seeing the destination. We choose vibrant restaurants favoured more by the locals than by tourists and arrange memorable dining opportunities that range from lunch hosted by a viscountess at her estate in Portugal's Douro Valley to a tasting and lunch at an organic buffalo mozzarella farm in Campania, Italy. Every journey also includes festive welcome and farewell dinners, a wonderful way to connect with the new friends you've made.

Intimate Groups of no More Than 24 Guests

Travel with no more than 24 guests, which allows for more intimate access to places and experiences that larger groups can't manage. Whether by land or by river, travelling in these privileged small groups also brings added opportunities to get to know your Resident Tour Director as well as your fellow guests in a relaxed, casual atmosphere.

Connections European River Cruise Journeys

Discover the charm of the Old World on a small-group boutique river cruise experience that only A&K can bring to life. Every journey offers a comprehensive itinerary that reveals your destination on and off the water, featuring the same insider access, local experts and carefully chosen boutique accommodations as our land journeys. When dining on board, your Connections group sits at specially reserved tables, joined by your Resident Tour Director, and going ashore, your small group dines at local restaurants — something no one else on your cruise does.





Included With Every Connections Boutique Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Internet Access
- Full Breakfast Daily; Selected Lunches and Dinners
- Private Arrival and Departure Transfers
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures With Just Two Guests*

*Iceland: Geysers & Glaciers departures are guaranteed to operate with four guests



Wherever you travel, we deliver peace of mind from start to finish.

A Reassuring Local Presence From the Moment You Arrive

The A&K difference becomes clear as soon as you arrive and meet your representative, who assists with your luggage and escorts you privately to your hotel — on a Connections Boutique Group Journey, you don't share a vehicle on arrival transfers, even with other A&K guests.

Private Transfers and Gratuities Included

Private arrival and departure transfers are always included with your journey, regardless of when you choose to arrive or depart. Likewise, all of your gratuities are included, save for your Resident Tour Director, which is at your discretion.

Stay Connected on Us

Don't wait for your trip to end to share photos and stories with the folks back home — enjoy complimentary Internet access during hotel stays.

Health and Safety Practices to Facilitate Your Journey

A&K requires full COVID-19 vaccination for all guests travelling on 2023 Connections Boutique Group Journeys. This policy enables us to deliver your travel experience as seamlessly as possible. We also keep you up to date on local health and safety regulations to help ensure your wellbeing while you travel.



Safe Travels is established
by the World Travel & Tourism Council.

Departure Dates and Prices Are Always Guaranteed

As soon as we have at least two people booked on an A&K Connections Boutique Group Journey, it is guaranteed to take place*. You don't need to worry about a last-minute phone call saying your holiday has been cancelled. If you're committed to going, then so are we. And if the price you pay for your journey drops after you book, we'll refund the difference.



Our experts handpick exceptional boutique hotels that complement your journey.

One-of-a-Kind Heritage and Authentic Local Character

On your Connections Boutique Group Journey, unwind in intimate boutique hotels that sometimes began as private mansions, government residences or religious centres, and that feature a special heritage that lives on in every guest room and public space. With its own unique story, every hotel provides a palpable sense of place that feels like the destination of which they are a part. The Vintage House is set amongst the ancient vineyards of the Douro Valley, while Hotel Husafell, with its contemporary, eco-friendly design, showcases the beautiful Icelandic wilderness.

Easy Access to the Most Desirable Neighbourhoods

Perhaps the most important feature of a great hotel is its location, and that's why the experts who create Connections Boutique Group Journeys choose properties that put the heart of a neighbourhood right at your doorstep. Stay at Catalonia Ronda in Spain for views of the historic bullring from a rooftop infinity pool, or at ROMEO Hotel, set in the heart of Naples and only steps from San Carlo Theatre and the world-famous Spaccanapoli — crammed with boutique shops, bars, galleries, street musicians and fruit vendors.

Just the Right Size for Comfort and Convenience

Because their clients travel in larger groups of 40 or more, other tour companies must accommodate their clients in high-rise chain hotels with no sense of intimacy. Our boutique hotels typically have around 100 rooms (many have far fewer), ensuring you don't return from a day's sightseeing having to reach your room through a crowd of other guests.





SICILY, PUGLIA & THE AMALFI COAST

Palermo | Agrigento | Taormina | Matera | Alberobello | Naples | Positano | Capri
 Experience the glories of Southern Italy on a panoramic journey revealing authentic cuisine and culture as well as the slow pace of rural life. Discover Sicily's ancient ruins, exotic landscapes and the rocky shores of breathtaking Capri. Savour the flavours of Italy with a private buffalo mozzarella tasting and a visit to a Puglian olive oil producer. Take an A&K-exclusive guided tour of Palazzo Francavilla with the owner, Visit Roman Herculaneum — a town once submerged by mud and lava — and drive the stunning Amalfi Coast Road to Positano.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 11 DAYS | FROM \$10,695 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS
 MAY-JUL & SEP-OCT 2023



ITALY'S JEWELS: CINQUE TERRE & THE NORTH

Milan | Como | Turin | Rapallo | Cinque Terre | Parma | Verona | Venice
 Experience all the charm and magic of Italy's elegant northern provinces, from exquisite food and wine to unique landscapes and cultures to some of the country's most distinguished cities. Immerse yourself in the vibrant colours and rugged cliffs of the Cinque Terre, explore beautiful Lake Como on a private boat cruise, enjoy a foodie tour in Parma and a pesto cooking class, and discover Turin, once the royal capital of Italy.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 10 DAYS | FROM \$10,555 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS
 JUN-JUL & SEP-OCT 2023



SWITZERLAND & THE ITALIAN LAKES

Zurich (Switzerland) | Lucerne | Bern | Interlaken | Zermatt | Stresa (Italy) | Milan

Take in some of Europe's most scenic vistas on this journey combining the beautiful Swiss Alps with Italy's glorious Lakes District. Soak up the stunning scenery and natural landscapes of the region, along with unique cities. Travel by train to Zermatt with exceptional views of Switzerland's beautiful mountain scenery. Gain private access to Bern's landmark Zytglogge bell tower for an intimate guided visit. Savour famously smooth Swiss chocolate during a tasting workshop at an independent producer. Take a private boat tour of Lake Maggiore, and enjoy a special farewell dinner on beautiful Isola Bella.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 11 | FROM | LIMITED TO
MAY-JUL & SEP-OCT 2023 | DAYS | \$13,795 PP | 24 GUESTS



CROATIA: JEWEL OF THE COAST

Zagreb (Croatia) | Zadar | Split | Brac | Dubrovnik | Kotor (Montenegro)

Discover the glimmering Adriatic coast with ancient cities, private tours and unforgettable meetings with locals. Connect to Croatian food and culture, savouring fresh oysters and a private tour of the Mestrovic Gallery. Explore stunning Montenegro and the fjord of Boka Kotorska, the muse of painters, poets and travellers alike. And learn about the Balkan Wars during a talk in Dubrovnik with a local who shares her experiences of the conflict.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 9 | FROM | LIMITED TO
MAY-JUL & SEP-OCT 2023 | DAYS | \$8,160 PP | 24 GUESTS





GREECE: ATHENS & THE AEGEAN

Athens | Oropos | Crete | Santorini | Athens

Discover an unmatched blend of ancient history and modern wonders in Greece, savouring the relaxed pace of island living and the lively bustle of Athens alike, and indulging in the rich variety of Mediterranean cuisine. Visit some of the most renowned sites of the ancient world, including the Acropolis, Parthenon and Palace of Knossos. Stroll through the Minoan Bronze Age settlement of Akrotiri (reputed to be Atlantis), admiring its beautiful frescos, and admire the majestic Temple of Poseidon, built during the Golden Age of Ancient Athens.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 10 | FROM | LIMITED TO
MAY-JUN & SEP-OCT 2023 | DAYS | \$11,435 PP | 24 GUESTS



SPAIN: SEVEN CITIES

Barcelona | Granada | Ronda | Gibraltar (UK) | Seville | Córdoba | Madrid

Experience the best of Spain on a wide-ranging journey of cultural, historical and culinary discovery, contrasting the sun-dappled and atmospheric Andalusia region with the vibrant cities of Barcelona and Madrid. Explore the historic Alhambra, an architectural masterpiece overlooking the ancient city of Granada. Experience an authentic bodega and privately sample sherry in the famed region of Jerez. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage to a restaurant for authentic tapas, and journey to a private palace in Seville, where local flamenco dancers and singers perform just for you.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES | 10 | FROM | LIMITED TO
MAY-OCT 2023 | DAYS | \$9,410 PP | 24 GUESTS



PORTRAIT OF PORTUGAL

Lisbon | Nazaré | Coimbra | Douro Valley | Porto

Explore the charms and rural traditions of Portugal, from the bustling capital of Lisbon to the idyllic Douro Valley and charismatic Porto, experiencing wonderful cultural and culinary heritage unique to each place. Enjoy a cooking class with a viscountess in the old kitchens of her family estate. Sit down to a private dinner and traditional *fado* performance. Dine at a fantastic seafood restaurant in Nazaré, one of Portugal's most picturesque traditional fishing villages. Ply the scenic Douro River on a private cruise, and savour a winery visit, picnic lunch, and tasting among the picture-perfect Douro landscape.

DEPARTS MAY-JUL & SEP 2023 | 9 DAYS | FROM \$8,445 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS



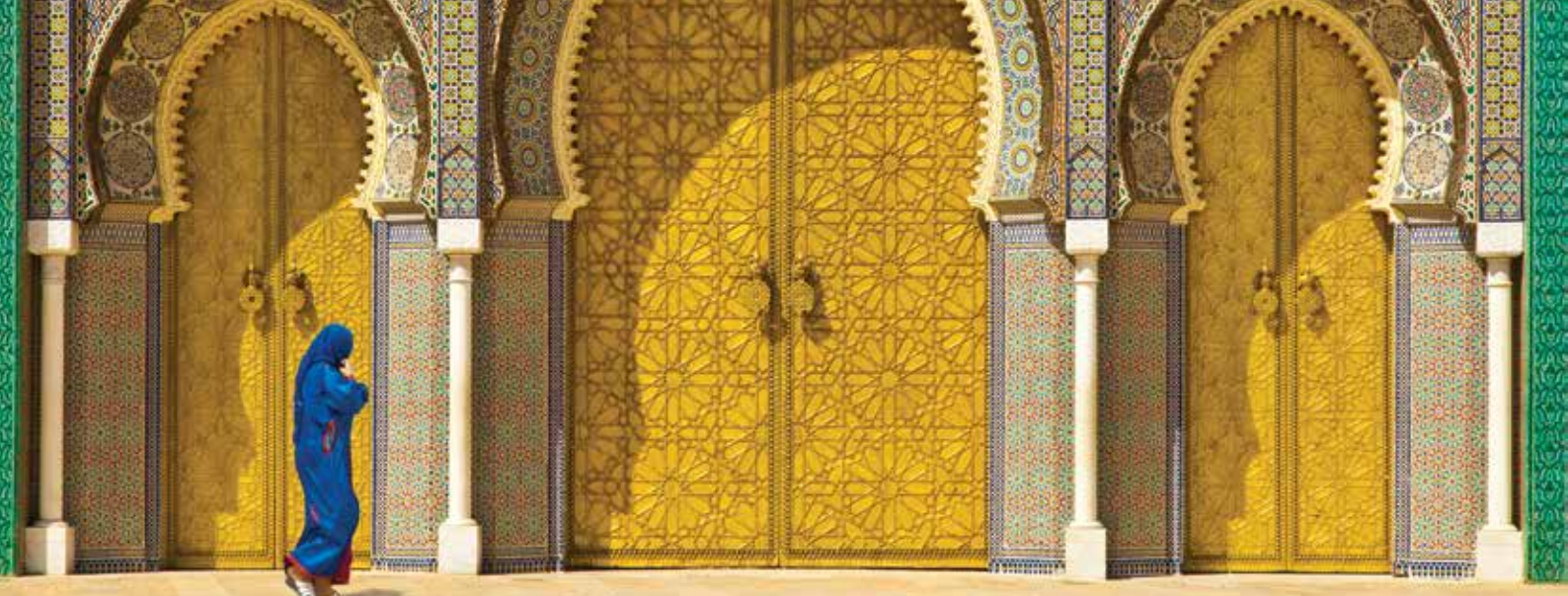
ICELAND: GEYSERS & GLACIERS

Reykjavik | Thorsmork | South Iceland | Golden Circle | Husafell | Reykjavik

Take in this stunning island nation on an unforgettable journey that spans volcanic landscapes, thermal swimming pools and glacial rivers, ancient Viking sites and cosmopolitan Reykjavik, the world's most northerly capital. Pay a private visit to a local family farm and savour the delicious Icelandic foods produced there. Discover Iceland's breathtaking Nordic landscape — everything from lava caves and hot springs to waterfalls and fjords. Unwind with a relaxing soak in the bubbling thermal pools of the Blue Lagoon, and cruise Reykjavik Harbour to spot myriad whale species.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES JUN-SEP 2023 | 8 DAYS | FROM \$11,965 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS





MOROCCO: IMPERIAL CITIES

Casablanca | Fes | Rabat | Marrakech

Experience exotic Morocco, dining in an authentic riad, navigating the lively medina of Marrakech savouring the cuisine and sights of the beautiful “Red City” and meeting the Berber people in a village beneath the peaks of the Atlas Mountains. You will also explore Fes el-Bali, Morocco’s cultural heart, on a guided walk through its winding alleyways and myriad souks, and tread the ancient Roman paths at Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to marvel at soaring arches and vivid, well-preserved 2,000-year-old mosaics.

DEPARTS FEB, APR, MAY, AUG-DEC 2023 | 8 DAYS | FROM \$7,035 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS



NORTH AMERICA: CANADIAN ROCKIES

Calgary | Lake Louise | Jasper | Banff

Discover Canada’s breathtaking natural wonderland on an expertly led itinerary that reveals misty forests and flowery meadows, rapid rivers and vibrant lakes, and astonishing wildlife — all wrapped up in the stunning Canadian Rockies. Experience epic hikes, floats and adventurous drives amidst the stunning Alberta wilderness. Take part in a hands-on lesson with a professional photographer at Moraine Lake, one of the most picturesque in the Canadian Rockies. Feed your adrenaline as you traverse the massive Athabasca Glacier and hike the vibrant Emerald Lake region with one of the country’s best naturalist guides.

MULTIPLE DEPARTURES JUN-SEP 2023 | 8 DAYS | FROM \$10,275 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS



CRUISING HOLLAND & BELGIUM IN BLOOM

Amsterdam (Holland) | Arnhem | Zeeland | Bruges & Ghent (Belgium) | Antwerp
Delft & Keukenhof | Amsterdam

Discover Holland and Belgium in flower-filled springtime, exploring amid vibrant blossoms and iconic windmills. Meet fascinating local people along the way who share the history, cuisine and crafts that make these countries truly unique as you cruise through Holland's and Belgium's finest cities and towns. Indulge in a full afternoon at stunning Keukenhof Gardens. Sample local cuisine during culinary experiences ashore, from a lunch of *moules-frites* to a tasting of Edam cheese and marvel at a family tulip farm on a private visit.

DEPARTS APR 2023 | 9 DAYS | FROM \$9,150 PP | LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS



Take Your Small Group Journey Private

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking one of these Small Group Journeys as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on these itineraries. Please call Abercrombie & Kent on 1300 851 800 or talk to your travel agent to find out more.



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