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Walking High in the Azores



In October 2018 Walks Consultant Steve Nagle travelled to São Miguel in the Azores where he found verdant countryside, plentiful walking trails and few tourists.



The Azores Archipelago comprises nine volcanic islands spread out like a constellation across the vast Atlantic Ocean. Each island has its own distinct identity but what they all have in common are: very hospitable locals; plenty of dairy cows (great for soft cheese lovers); and the intense green shades of the hills – an artist's paradise!

There are many great hiking trails – well marked for all abilities – which weave their way from coast to crater rims, many with magnificent views out to sea and to the other islands. I particularly enjoyed the crater rim trail of Viste do Rei to Sete Cidades on São Miguel – it had a stunning view of the lake below and sea in the distance. Everywhere there are towering pines and fields dotted with light brown dairy cows. All the walks are well signposted with additional colour coding on rocks to mark the way. Most of the ground is volcanic ash and rock so it can be hard underfoot without the correct footwear. The islands never get too hot but each island has its own micro-climate, and the lush vegetation is due to occasional cloud and mists.

I suspected my guide, Eduardo, had swallowed an encyclopaedia about the islands – his knowledge seemed limitless! In one of his many stories, he recalled a tale from his younger days about setting off on his own to find sperm whales and watching, mesmerised, as a huge shape broke the water's surface and a curious eye surveyed him serenely just a few feet away from his boat. Today whale watching around these islands is one of the top tourist draws; the best months for seeing whales are May, June and September, which are also the quieter walking months.

As a province of Portugal, the infrastructure is well supported and the standard of accommodation and quality of the food is outstanding. One striking local dish, cozido stew, is assembled in large covered pots which are lowered into holes in the ground where the contents are cooked by volcanic steam. So why not combine plentiful fresh air, superb walking and delicious food with thermal bathing and a spot of whale watching ... and you will be sure to return thoroughly invigorated!

“Enjoy some delicious cozido das furnas, cooked in pots heated by underground vapours”

**Steve Nagle
Walks Worldwide**



Welcome

In tandem with our freshly updated website we have given our newsletter a bit of a refresh. We hope you like it enough for those feet to start twitching, for walking boots to be pulled on and new overseas paths to be trodden! Talking of new paths, we are delighted to include new itineraries to Thailand and Laos, Cambodia and Japan in this issue. Walks Consultant Steve Nagle recently returned to the office raving about walking in the Azores, and we chat to award-winning writer Paul Bloomfield about the highlights of a trip to Macedonia.

Japan's peaceful and majestic forests prompted us to introduce our new Trails of Northern Japan itinerary to our portfolio, while Walks Consultant Sarah Harmon discovered that 'pilgrimage walking' is as popular as ever, on the Camino de Santiago route in Spain.

We will be out and about at various events in 2019, so keep in touch via our website and by signing up to our regular e-newsletter. We look forward to assisting you with your next walking adventure.

Walks Worldwide Team

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Our Holiday Types



Self-Guided

Enjoy the flexibility of being able to travel at your convenience, on your preferred dates. Once on your holiday, you follow dedicated walking notes, stopping at leisure to enjoy your new surroundings.



Guided-Group

Join a small, informal group of like-minded walkers on a tour with a set departure date. Benefit from the knowledge of a professional guide in some of the world's best trekking locations.



Private-Guided

Many of our trips are available as private-guided departures for those of you who prefer to be guided, but without joining a larger group. You can travel with a partner, family, friends or perhaps a club?

Cover image: Walks Consultant Sarah Harmon and friend in Annapurna, Nepal

NEW Walking on the Azores

Get to know São Miguel and Santa Maria as you embark on trails around Sete Cidades lakes to reach the Ribeira de Aveiro waterfall and other delights. Enjoy some delicious cozido das furnas, cooked in pots heated by underground vapours. Climb to the highest peak of Santa Maria and maybe spot some whales offshore!

Self-guided

Grade: Easy/moderate

Departs: Feb-Dec

8 days from £929



Walking Grades



Easy



Moderate



Demanding



Strenuous



Easy/
Moderate



Moderate/
Demanding



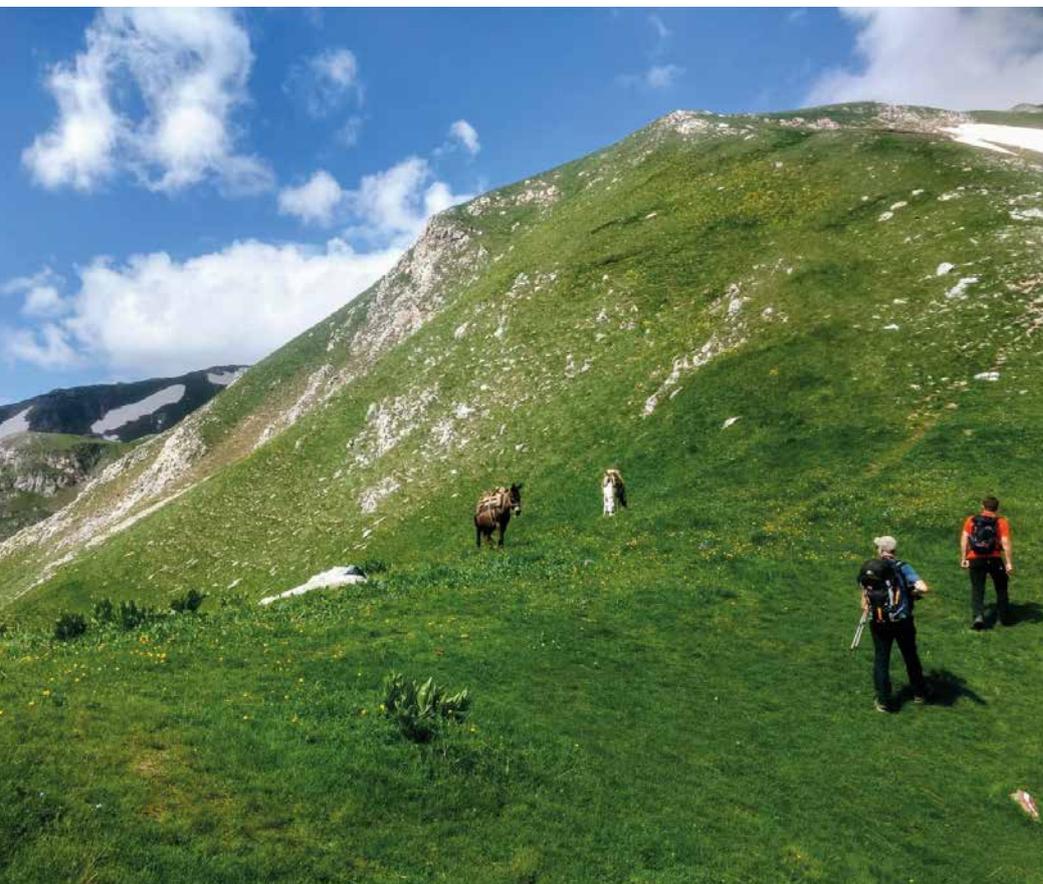
Demanding/
Strenuous

For a full description of walking grades please see the website.

Walks, Wildflowers & Wine in Macedonia



Journalist Paul Bloomfield gives us an insight into what to expect from a walking holiday in Macedonia, following a recent visit to this little-explored region of Europe.



Why would you recommend walking in Macedonia?

When I visited in late May/early June, the trails were largely empty, even on popular routes such as Mount Korab – we saw no other hikers that whole day. On Mount Pelister too, very few people were out, though it was a gloriously warm morning, with beautiful wildflowers and dramatic views. It's a still-to-be-discovered destination for walkers, which is one of the reasons it's such a joy to explore on foot.

What surprised you most/took your breath away?

The diverse history – from pre-Roman heritage at the fascinating Hellenistic site of Heraclea Lyncestis near Bitola, to Roman basilicas and monuments from the era of Tsar Samuel on Golem Grad, plus wartime relics on Mount Pelister, Ottoman-era houses in Ohrid, and communist monuments in Skopje ... there's a lot of time to travel through!

What is the scenery in the national parks like?

Gorgeous, and varied – Mount Korab is a snow-clad peak, at least in late spring, while Pelister is swathed in endemic Molika pines and wildflowers. It's definitely Balkan rather than typically alpine. There are also beautiful lakes, alpine meadows swathed with camomile, and Pelister's pink and lilac saffron (particularly in Mavrovo National Park).

Balkan food will be unfamiliar to most. Was there a dish you would recommend?

Expect a lot of sirenje cheese (similar to feta) and rakija (fruit brandy)! As with other Balkan cuisine, it's reminiscent of Greek and Turkish food, with flaky-pastry pies like spanakopita and plenty of bread and dips (my favourite is ajvar, made with roasted aubergine and peppers – it's tangy and moreish). It's all very tasty, and always plentiful – rest assured you won't starve! The wine's good, too – try strong local Kratosija and Vranec red, or Rkacitelli white.

Trails of Macedonia

Travel 'tardis-like' through the centuries as you encounter Macedonia's rich historical treasures on your walks in these refreshingly uncrowded and pretty landscapes. Visit Pelister, Galicica and Mavrovo National Parks, taking boat rides across the lakes and climbing Mount Korab ... if your mind and legs are willing.

Grade: Demanding
Guided-group
Depart: 15 Jun, 7 Sep & 5 Oct
8 days from £1,399



Give Yourself a Guided Break

NEW
FOR 2019

A walking holiday is always about so much more than just the walking. Our brand new guided-group trips offer experiences which enhance each walk, such as donning snowshoes in Austria, embracing Japanese culture or staying in welcoming homestays in Thailand or Uzbekistan.



Lanzarote Long Weekend

Hike across the spectacular lunar landscapes of Lanzarote accompanied by an experienced local guide. Enjoy the freedom to explore at your pace and convenience, taking in the Parque Natural de los Volcanes and the Timanfaya National Park, walking across lava flows in the south and enjoying a variety of flora and fauna in the north.

Highlights

- Local & informative private guide
- Explore two national parks
- Enjoy stunning land and sea views

Private-guided

Departs: Jan-Dec

4 days from £479



Thailand & Laos Discovery

Live as part of a tribe for four nights, as you eat and bed down in remote homestays after your point-to-point jungle treks through the northern regions of Thailand and Laos. Meander down the Mekong River on a longboat and Shompoo cruise, visit temples and learn about local culture and history from your expert guide.

Highlights

- Trek between hill tribes
- Cruise the famous Mekong River
- Visit Luang Prabang's exquisite temples

Departs: 27 Jan &

17 Feb 2019

13 days from £1,199



Natural Wonders of Uzbekistan

Mountain vistas and ornately decorated architecture await you in this, as yet, rarely visited central Asian country. Step out into the great mountains of Chimgan along Chalk Pass, which offers impressive views of Great Chimgan (3,309 metres), and there is an optional climb to Little Chimgan (2,100 metres).

Highlights

- Explore great mountains of Chimgan
- Cities of Samarkand, Bukhara & Khiva
- Stay in yurts & homestays

Departs: 21 May, 6 Aug

& 10 Sep 2019

14 days from £1,199



Cambodia Jungle Trek

Experience walking through the Cambodian jungle, or being guided through dense forest in Virachey National Park by an indigenous ranger. Sleep in hammocks for one night around a camp fire after a short night hike. Spend further nights at homestays and go in search of rare Irrawaddy dolphins on a traditional boat.

Highlights

- Trek through remote jungle
- Sleep in hammocks & homestays
- Visit Angkor Wat temple complex

Departs: 3 Mar,

16 Oct & 27 Nov 2019

12 days from £1,399



Trails of Northern Japan

Our latest Japanese small group holiday takes you by bullet train to the north of Honshu, and then across to Hokkaido and Rebun Island for some outstanding walking along ancient step paths, through cedar forests and along breathtaking coastal trails. Learn about Japanese culture from your walking guide.

Highlights

- Trek in Hokkaido & Rebun Island
- Stay in ryokans & bathe in onsens
- Experience superb Japanese hospitality

Departs: 29 Jun &

12 Sep 2019

13 days from £4,599



Meet the Walks Expert



In this issue we put our questions to Walks Consultant Sarah Harmon.

What has been your favourite travel experience to date?

Trekking up to Annapurna base camp in the Himalayas – I loved the feeling of being a long way from Western culture and technology. It was so peaceful, and the Nepalese are the kindest people; even though they have almost nothing, they want to share everything they have. It's very humbling.

Which destination do you think will top the hot list in 2019?

With the focus on the Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympics, Japan's popularity is surely set to explode. We've had huge success with our Ancient Trails of Japan holiday and have just launched a second trip in the north.

Where would you recommend for something a bit out of the ordinary?

Trekking across Jordan through the dramatic gorges and canyons of the mountains and deserts, and camping in Bedouin tents beneath the stars.

What do you hope people will enjoy most from a Walks Worldwide holiday?

Our self-guided trips offer independence, a chance to go at your own pace and cross paths with like-minded people, flexibility with dates and a sense of freedom, self satisfaction and accomplishment. On a group tour people enjoy making new friends with like-minded interests and really getting a feel for a particular destination through a local leader.

Which are the top destinations on your wish-list?

I would love to visit Romania. I am very tempted by the dramatic scenery of the Carpathians and the area's traditions and folklore (including, of course, Bran Castle) ... and I'm hoping to visit this year.

Which of your senses is most active when you are out walking?

My eyes! I like to take in everything visually. We spend so much of our lives looking at screens and rushing around, so I always tell myself to slow down and look around whilst walking. When I was in the Himalayas we came back from base camp following the same route. I overheard friends saying they didn't remember seeing this waterfall, or that cliff overhang. It can take a few days to get into the pace of a trekking holiday, so it's important to try and slow down right from the start.

What has been most memorable in terms of food, whilst travelling overseas?

The variety and abundance of fresh fish and shellfish in Galicia, Spain whilst walking The Camino de Santiago: The Coastal Way. It was delicious!

Although much of your week is spent arranging holidays what do you do in your spare time?

I love to keep fit by training for half marathons, and in the winter I always squeeze in a snowboarding holiday.

The Call of the Camino

“The site of Monte Santa Trega offers breathtaking views to the Miño River estuary in Portugal, and across the Atlantic Ocean.”

Sarah – Walks Worldwide



Travel Consultant Sarah Harmon investigates the enduring popularity of Spain’s famous Camino de Santiago route.



Every year thousands of pilgrims trek the Camino de Santiago, from routes starting all over Europe, to reach the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral. I set off in October 2018 to walk along sections of two of the different routes – The Coastal Way (currently in our collection) and the English Way, which we hope to introduce shortly – watch this space!

The Coastal Way (Portuguese Camino)

Although we weren’t walking the whole route our journey took us past many tempting vistas of the Atlantic islands, beaches, hot springs and rolling hills. We visited some of the cities including Pontevedre and Baiona and the Terras Gauda vineyards, where 30,000 bottles of Albariño white wine are produced each year.

Another town along the way, Caldas de Reis, is known for its thermal waters which are said to have healing properties. Here you can stay at the stunning Torre do Rio hotel. The town has an incredibly peaceful atmosphere and is set amongst hills, with gardens filled with blue hydrangeas and water features. A further highlight for me was the 341-metre-high Monte Santa Trega: ruins of one of the greatest cities of the Iberian Peninsula, and now a heritage site. The site offers breathtaking views to the Miño River estuary in Portugal, and across the Atlantic Ocean.

The end of the pilgrimage is the city of Santiago de Compostela. The famous cathedral, built to house and protect St James’ shrine, is the end point for most pilgrims and walkers alike. There is a lovely juxtaposition of the historic and modern here – Romanesque, baroque and neoclassical architecture sit side

by side with urban and environmental regeneration, creating a wonderfully diverse city. After the morning’s vehicle deliveries, the city centre is pedestrianised and bursts into life with newly arriving pilgrims and (somewhat unexpectedly) the sound of bagpipes, emotively echoing around the main square, Praza do Obradoiro.

Seafood is the speciality of the culinary proud Galicians, and we sampled local delights such as cockles, razor clams, oysters, mussels, scallops, shrimp and crab. In the heart of the old town are rows of traditional Spanish tapas bars, with people spilling out onto the street, as apparently, ‘no one here drinks inside’.

The Romanesque cathedral itself is awe-inspiring. We learnt about The Door of Forgiveness, which only opens on the eve of the Holy Year, when the Feast of St James falls on a Sunday, and remains open for 12 months. The door has been closed since 2010 and won’t reopen until 2021 – when we anticipate another tourist surge along the Camino! Why not come and sample this historic route yourself?

Camino de Santiago: The Coastal Way

Taking the coastal route towards Santiago de Compostela invites you to gaze out over the open ocean as you pass the many bays, and stop for well-earned refreshments. Inland walks lead you through chestnut groves, pine and eucalyptus woods and many pretty hamlets.

Self-guided
Grade: Easy
Departs: Mar-Nov
8 days from £799



Guided-Group Walking Holidays

Benefit from the expertise of a local guide as you walk with other like-minded people through outstanding destinations. Here is a selection of our guided-group trips. Other guided-group walks to be launched in 2019 include Costa Rica, Papua New Guinea and Chile – register your interest with us today!



Albania: The Accursed Mountains

One of the Balkan's rising stars, Albania's northern mountainous region offers a challenging trek into the wilderness. Explore the wilds of Thethi National Park and the spectacular high passes linking remote farmsteads situated within the Accursed Mountains. Stay in the homes of Albanian Highlanders, understand their way of life and enjoy their welcoming hospitality.

Highlights

- Explore Balkan alpine regions
- Sample Albanian Highlander hospitality
- Hike in areas free from mass tourism

Departs: 15 Jun, 6 Jul,
7 & 21 Sep 2019
8 days from £949



Hidden Hill Tribes of Vietnam

Having explored bustling Hanoi, escape to the lush terraces of remote Cat Cat Valley, cultivated by, and home to, the Giay people – your first homestay hosts. Learn about village life from them and your expert guide as you trek along the Hoang Lien Mountain Range, in the foothills of Fansipan. Why not top off your visit with a traditional junk cruise around Halong Bay?

Highlights

- Stay with colourful hill tribes
- Trek through remote & scenic paddy fields
- Walk in the foothills of Fansipan mountain

Departs: 17 Feb &
31 Mar 2019
11 days from £999



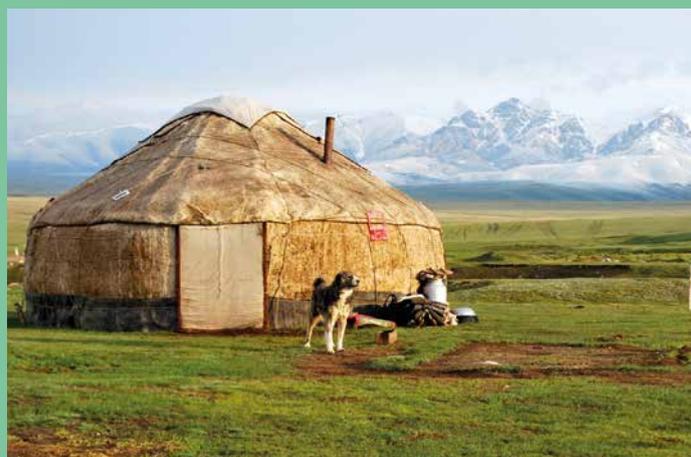
Ancient Trails of Japan

Experience Japan's ancient customs on a slow point-to-point journey along historic pilgrimage trails. Gain an insider's perspective about this enigmatic land from your local guide. Experience traditional stays in ryokans and bathe in onsens. Sample the legendary Japanese attention to culinary detail and the efficiency of high-speed bullet trains as you travel across Honshu.

Highlights

- Experience traditional Japanese life
- See exquisite peaks & pristine forests
- Walk ancient pilgrimage trails

Departs: 19 May &
6 Oct 2019
13 days from £4,199



Highlights of Kyrgyzstan

The imposing snow-capped Tien Shan Mountains form the backdrop to this central Asian walking holiday. Hike in beautiful Altyn Arashan and Tash Rabat, part of the Great Silk Road. Join a boat cruise on Lake Issyk Kul, meet the famous golden eagle hunters for a hunting display and experience nomadic living by camping in a yurt on the shores of Son Kul Lake.

Highlights

- Hike in the Tien Shan Mountains
- Camp in a lakeside yurt
- See displays by the golden eagle hunters

Departs: 7 Jul, 4 Aug &
8 Sep 2019
14 days from £1,899



All holiday prices include accommodation, some meals, transfers and expert guides. Flight prices on request. Prices are correct at time of going to print. For full details contact our team.

“It was probably the most intense, enjoyable and satisfying holiday experience I’ve had in the last 20 years. The trekking was absolutely superb, surpassing any expectations, and was made possible by the fact that our guide, Hasan, could not have done a better job. He was incredibly professional, thoughtful, knowledgeable, had integrity in abundance and was a lovely guy.”



Simon – The Accursed Mountains, Oct 2018

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Armenia: Beyond the Silk Road

Armenia's history and culture, highlighted in many TV documentaries, make it an unmissable destination for discerning walkers looking for something different. Visit ancient monasteries and UNESCO World Heritage Sites as you traverse dramatic canyons, thick forests and open meadows. Visit a caravanserai dating back to 1332 and enjoy spectacular views of Mount Ararat.

Highlights

- Uncover Armenia's rich history and culture
- Visit Silk Road caravanserai and meet some nomads
- Trek above Lake Sevan

Departs: 29 Jun & 14 Sep 2019

11 days from £1,379



Romania: Land of Dracula

Let your imagination soar on this exciting itinerary which includes Transylvania's most scenic walks. Stunning Piatra Craiului National Park offers a series of challenging walks through craggy and forested terrain, one of which leads to 'Castle Dracula'. Trek through the Prahova Valley for stunning views back towards Piatra Craiului and the chance to explore Saxon Rasnov.

Highlights

- Trek to 'Castle Dracula'
- Explore the land of myth & legend
- Walk in the beautiful Carpathian Mountains

Departs: 22 Jun & 24 Aug 2019

8 days from £949



Trails of Macedonia

Land-locked Macedonia is home to a multitude of fascinating archaeological and scenic wonders. Discover ancient monasteries, Roman settlements and Byzantine churches as you hike through three of the country's national parks. Take a boat ride to Golem Grad Island and visit a local winery and bee-keeping farm: just two of the many delicious tastes you will encounter on your walks.

Highlights

- Visit historic Heraclea Lyncestis & other sites
- An emerging Balkan walking destination
- Superb hospitality

Departs: 15 Jun, 7 Sep & 5 Oct 2019
8 days from £1,399



India: Spice Trails of Kerala

Relax with this trip's intoxicating mix of walking and houseboat cruising in India's tropical south. Trek through lush tea estates and spice plantations of the Western Ghats, and explore colourful temples at Madurai. Herds of Indian elephants can be seen at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as can prolific birdlife as you cruise the Kerala backwaters on your traditional houseboat.

Highlights

- Cruise backwaters on a traditional houseboat
- Explore Madurai's colourful temples
- Trek in the fragrant Cardamom Hills

Departs: 10 Feb & 10 Mar 2019
14 days from £1,599



'Slow Lane' Japan



Walks Consultant Jon Barber writes about his second visit to Japan, a country he has developed a particular passion for.

From futuristic technology and state of the art gadgetry, to animé-inspired fashion and the forthcoming 2020 Olympics, contemporary Japan is at the forefront of global trends. Yet, scratch the surface and it isn't hard to find the Japan of old – with its rich and ancient history, unique culture and complex traditions. However, whilst its high-tech present and rich cultural heritage are well known, few visitors take the time to explore Japan's beautiful landscapes. Away from the main cities, a different Japan of high mountains, dense forests and stunning coastlines can still be found, if you know where to look ... and, for today's walker, the best way to discover Japan's past is definitely in the 'slow lane'. Leave the cities behind and reduce your carbon footprint by using local transport to connect your walks along Japan's network of scenic and clearly marked trails.

In spring 2018, I returned to Tokyo for our Ancient Trails of Japan holiday at the start of the walking season. Led by our own walking sensei (lit. teacher), our group rejoiced in hikes amongst glorious alpine scenery, through ancient cedar, cypress and pine forests, treated along the way to unparalleled levels of hospitality, far away from the sprawling cities. Following in the footsteps of pilgrims, we strode across the beautiful Nakasendo and Kumano Kodo trails, through valleys and spirit-lifting forests and past exquisite sacred temples. Indeed, trail walking in Japan is as much a spiritual pastime, as it is a healthy antidote to modern life.

The ancient capital of Kyoto made a fitting finale for our group. A city steeped in Shinto symbolism, and home to regal palaces, iconic temples, picture-perfect streets and neatly manicured Zen gardens – a visit to Kyoto offers a rewarding 'gin and tonic' effect to tired legs. Throughout our journey, we had embraced the country's customs, consumed some delicious locally sourced meals, shared the odd communal bath (onsen) together and found sleeping on the floor rather blissful. This journey is about embracing Japan's cultures and customs. Prepare to discover regions that have stoically bypassed modernity and which reveal the beauty of Japan's past.

Due to the enormous popularity of our Ancient Trails of Japan holiday we now also have a new guided-group trip - **Trails of Northern Japan**. This trip takes you to north Honshu and across to Hokkaido and Rebun Island for walking in a different part of Japan. See page 5 for new trip details.

Ancient Trails of Japan

A chance to step off the conveyor belt of fast-paced living and feel rejuvenated by some spring or autumn 'forest-bathing'. Walk the old pilgrimage route of Kumano Kodo, the Nakasendo Trail and to the sacred mountain of Togakushi, enjoying an insight into Japanese culture along the way.

Guided-group

Grade: Moderate

Departs: 12 & 19 May & 6 Oct 2019

13 days from £4,199



For more information about either of our Japan trips contact us at enquiries@walksworldwide or on 01962 302 085



Self-Guided Walking Holidays

Travel at your own pace over some of the world's most beautiful trails, knowing that a warm reception awaits you at your next guest house or hotel. This is just a selection of our self-guided trips. New trips coming in 2019 include Sardinia, Andorra and La Gomera in the Canaries - register your interest with us today!



Austria's Alpine Splendour

This circuit hike around Austria's Salzkammergut 'lake district' – a chocolate-box pretty landscape in a palette of blues and greens – will leave you spellbound. Enjoy longer walking days for deeper exploration into the mountains, encountering alpine villages and spa towns, and there's an option to take a ride on a cog railway. A variety of tasty local dishes awaits you at every stop.

Highlights

- Experience panoramic lakeshore scenery
- Lengthy scenic walks
- Enjoy some hearty Austrian gastronomy

Departs: Apr-Oct
8 days from £569



The Corfu Trail: 10 Days

One of our most popular walks: who can resist the Greek island charm brought to life by author Gerald Durrell in his book 'My Family and other Animals'? Breathe in aromas of citrus and juniper as you navigate along cobbled paths, mule trails and pebble beaches to your next taverna. Spell-binding views reward climbs, as do refreshing swims in the inviting sea below.

Highlights

- Relaxed island walking on age-old tracks
- Refreshing swims from pretty beaches
- Stops at quayside tavernas

Departs: Apr-Oct
10 days from £599



France: The Classic GR10

If you enjoy a hilly point-to-point challenge then the French Pyrenees Classic GR10, accompanied by the added attraction of delicious French food and incredible wild mountain scenery, is an ideal walk for you. With plenty of ascents and descents over varied rocky terrain you will be sure to work up a good appetite in readiness for your next evening meal.

Highlights

- One of Europe's classic routes
- Far-reaching scenic mountain views
- Chance to spot mountain wildlife

Departs: Jun-Sep
8 days from £949



Italy: Vesuvius, Capri & Amalfi Coast

Che bello! Capri and the Amalfi Coast ooze natural beauty and Italian charm. A climb up Vesuvius offers spectacular views of Sorrento, the Bay of Naples and Capri – where you hike the following day. Explore the fascinating remains of Pompeii before walking stunning mountain trails, including the cliff-hugging 'Path of the Gods' to picture-postcard Positano.

Highlights

- Hike the 'Path of the Gods' & Capri
- Savour mouthwatering Italian food
- See the wonders of Pompeii

Departs: Year round
8 days from £649



All holiday prices include accommodation, some meals, transfers and walking notes. Flight prices on request. Prices are correct at time of going to print. For full details contact our team.

“I just wanted to let you know what an amazing holiday we had in Austria. We were very lucky with the weather and had cloudless blue skies everyday – it was like being in a technicolour film set for the Sound of Music and Heidi. Such a beautiful place! All the guest houses/hotels were great too and the holiday really exceeded our expectations.”

Kirsten – Austria’s Alpine Splendour, Oct 2018



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www.walksworldwide.com



Bulgaria: Lakes, Peaks and Monasteries

Long walking days and some steep ascents and descents will appeal to regular mountain walkers as you traverse the dramatic mountain terrain of Rila and Pirin National Parks. Short vehicle transfers from family run hotels will ensure you maximise your hiking opportunities. Discover crystal-clear glacial lakes, alpine meadows and rugged peaks as well as delicious Bulgarian cuisine.

Highlights

- Discover Rila & Pirin National Parks
- Climb Musala – the highest peak in the Balkans
- Visit ornate Rila Monastery

Departs: May-Sep
8 days from £579



Montenegro on Foot

This combination of inland and coastal walks leads you through three of the country's national parks. Experience the tranquillity of Montenegrin mountain life on a farm stay in Biogradska Gora National Park before taking a spectacular train journey across high canyons to reach the old capital of Podgorica. Hike the ridge between Kotor Bay and Tivat Bay enjoying superb bay views.

Highlights

- Spectacular hiking in Durmitor National Park
- Ride on the scenic Belgrade-Bar train
- Stay in medieval town of Kotor

Departs: May-Oct
8 days from £799



Corsica's Mountains & Coast

The rugged Mediterranean island of Corsica has bewitched walkers for generations. Many return time and again to enjoy stunning trails which pass through steep rocky gorges, timeless forests and sleepy villages, none of which are ever far from sublime views. Hike from inland Corte down to coastal Porto and on to Piana, enjoying delicious local meats and cheeses as you go.

Highlights

- Rewarding hikes across the island
- Exciting mix of rugged terrain
- Superb mountain and coastal views

Departs: Apr-Oct
8 days from £949



NEW Beautiful South: Explore Puglia on Foot

Italy's regions of Basilicata and Puglia are perfect for walks along well-trodden easy paths framed by ancient olive trees and pretty stone walls. Matera, a city carved into rock, has a fascinating history. Pretty Alberobello is famous for trulli architecture and each of the towns along your route will treat your taste buds to the region's wines, olive oil and seafood delicacies.

Highlights

- Visit the incredible rock city of Matera
- See the beautiful towns of Ostuni, Lecce and Alberobello
- Stay in a traditional trullo and sample local olive oil

Departs: Mar-Dec
8 days from £829



Walking Planner

We offer plenty of options for year round walking. Have a look at the handy planner below to work out where to go, and when, for your 2019 walking adventures.

Walking Grades & Trip Types

Easy Moderate Demanding
 Easy/Moderate Moderate/Demanding Demanding/Strenuous
 Strenuous For a full description of walking grades please see the website.

Guided Private-Guided Self-Guided

Many of our trips are available as private-guided options. Please ask for details.

	Destination	Holiday Name	Trip Type	Walking Grade	Duration Based on land only	Price From Based on land only	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Classic Routes	Nature	Point-to-Point	Centre Based	Snow Shoeing	Short Breaks	Coastal Walks	Cultural Discovery	Culinary Walks	
Europe	Albania	The Accursed Mountains			8 days	£949	✓					✓						✓		
	Albania	In the Footsteps of Byron			8 days	£1,199	✓		✓				✓					✓		
	Albania	Peaks of the Balkans			14 days	£1,595		✓					✓							
	Armenia	Beyond the Silk Road			11 days	£1,379		✓					✓						✓	
	Austria	Austria's Alpine Spondour			8 days	£569	✓	✓	✓					✓						
	Austria	Dachstein Alpine Trek			12 days	£999	✓	✓	✓					✓						
	Austria	NEW Austrian Snowshoeing Adventure			6 days	£799				✓					✓	✓				
	Austria	Lakes & Alps in Style			8 days	£1,029	✓	✓	✓					✓						
	Austria	The Lechweg Trail			9 days	£949		✓				✓		✓						
	Azores	NEW Walking on the Azores			8 days	£929	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓			✓		
	Bulgaria	Lakes, Peaks & Monasteries			8 days	£579	✓	✓	✓						✓				✓	
	Bulgaria	Rila & Pirin Mountain Trek			9 days	£1,029	✓		✓		✓		✓							
	Bulgaria	Walking the Rhodope Mountains			8 days	£899		✓						✓						✓
	Camino de Santiago	The French Way			7 days	£649	✓		✓		✓		✓							
	Camino de Santiago	The French Way in Style			7 days	£979	✓		✓		✓		✓							
	Camino de Santiago	The Coastal Way			8 days	£799	✓		✓		✓								✓	
	Corfu	The Corfu Trail: 8 Days			8 days	£500	✓		✓					✓					✓	
	Corfu	The Corfu Trail: 10 Days			10 days	£599	✓		✓					✓					✓	
	Corfu	The Corfu Trail: 15 Days			15 days	£899	✓		✓					✓					✓	
	Corsica	Corsica's Mountains & Coast			8 days	£949	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					✓	
	Croatia	Highlights of Dubrovnik & Island Walking			8 days	£729		✓							✓				✓	
	Croatia	Hiking Croatia			8 days	£1,099	✓		✓				✓	✓						✓
	Finland	Forests of the Midnight Sun			8 days	£1,149		✓					✓	✓						
	Finland	Call of the Wild			8 days	£1,249				✓					✓	✓				
	France	The Classic GR10			8 days	£949	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓						
	France	Footsteps of the Cathars: Carcassone to Quillan			8 days	£899	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓						
	France	Footsteps of the Cathars: Quillan to Foix			8 days	£899	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓						
	Georgia	Trekking in the Caucasus			10 days	£1,649		✓						✓					✓	✓
	Germany	Along the Harz Witches Trail			8 days	£599	✓	✓	✓					✓						✓
	Germany	Walking the Bavarian Alps			8 days	£1,049		✓						✓						✓
	Germany	Trails of Old Saxony			8 days	£679		✓						✓						✓
	Greece	Hiking in the Pindos Mountains			10 days	£1,099	✓		✓				✓	✓						
	Greece	Santorini & Naxos Discovery			12 days	£1,099	✓		✓						✓				✓	
Italy	NEW Walking the Cinque Terre & Portofino			7 days	£469	✓	✓	✓						✓				✓	✓	

All holiday prices include accommodation, some meals, transfers and walking notes or expert guides where applicable. Flight prices on request. Prices are correct at time of going to print. For full details contact our team.

	Destination	Holiday Name	Trip Type	Walking Grade	Duration Based on land only	Price From Based on land only	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Classic Routes	Nature	Point-to-Point	Centre Based	Snow Shoeing	Short Breaks	Coastal Walks	Cultural Discovery	Culinary Walks	
Europe	Italy	Vesuvius, Capri & the Amalfi Coast			8 days	£649	✓	✓					✓				✓	✓		
	Italy	Along the Salento Coast			8 days	£679	✓		✓				✓					✓		
	Italy	NEW Beautiful South: Explore Puglia on Foot			8 days	£829	✓	✓	✓				✓							✓
	Lanzarote	NEW Lanzarote Long Weekend			4 days	£479	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓			
	Macedonia	Trails of Macedonia			8 days	£1,399	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓						✓	
	Montenegro	Peaks of the Balkans			14 days	£1,595		✓					✓							
	Montenegro	Montenegro on Foot			8 days	£799	✓	✓	✓				✓						✓	
	Romania	The Alps of Transylvania			8 days	£829		✓					✓						✓	
	Romania	Land of Dracula: Walking in Transylvania			8 days	£949		✓						✓					✓	
	Slovakia	Walking with Bears			8 days	£1,049	✓		✓			✓	✓							
	Slovenia	Slovenia's Lakes & Mountains			8 days	£799	✓		✓			✓	✓							
	Spain	Almeria Coastal Way			6 days	£529	✓		✓				✓					✓		
	Spain	Andalucia: Along the GR7			8 days	£789	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Spain	Walks & Wine in Sierra Nevada			7 days	£1,399	✓		✓					✓					✓	
	Spain	Walking the Catalan Coast			8 days	£679	✓	✓	✓				✓					✓	✓	
	Turkey	Discover the Lycian Way			8 days	£569	✓		✓				✓					✓		
Turkey	Best of the Lycian Way			8 days	£599	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓					✓			
Africa	Morocco	Marrakech & Atlas Short Break			5 days	£329	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				
	Morocco	Raiders of the Lost Kasbah			8 days	£529	✓		✓			✓							✓	
	Morocco	The Berber Trail			8 days	£599	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓	
	South Africa	Kruger, Zulus & Drakensberg			15 days	£2,029	✓		✓			✓	✓						✓	
Middle East	Jordan	Bedouin Trail to Petra			8 days	£1,399	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	
	Jordan	NEW Petra & Dana Short Break			5 days	£1,199	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Asia	Cambodia	NEW Cambodia Jungle Trek			12 days	£1,399			✓	✓		✓							✓	
	India	Darjeeling & the Singalila Ridge Adventure			14 days	£1,599				✓	✓	✓							✓	
	India	Spice Trails of Kerala			14 days	£1,599			✓	✓		✓	✓						✓	✓
	Japan	Ancient Trails of Japan			13 days	£4,199	✓		✓			✓	✓						✓	
	Japan	NEW Trails of Northern Japan			13 days	£4,599	✓		✓			✓	✓						✓	
	Kyrgyzstan	Highlights of Kyrgyzstan			14 days	£1,899		✓					✓						✓	
	Laos	NEW Thailand & Laos Discovery			13 days	£1,199			✓	✓			✓						✓	✓
	Myanmar	Burmese Temples & Trails			14 days	£2,449				✓			✓						✓	
	Nepal	Annapurna Sanctuary Lodge Trek			13 days	£1,599			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Nepal	Annapurna in Style			10 days	£1,999			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Thailand	NEW Thailand & Laos Discovery			13 days	£1,199			✓	✓			✓						✓	✓
	Thailand	NEW Thailand & Vietnam on Foot			14 days	£1,399	✓			✓			✓						✓	✓
	Uzbekistan	NEW Natural Wonders of Uzbekistan			14 days	£1,249	✓	✓	✓				✓						✓	
	Vietnam	Hidden Hill Tribes of Vietnam			11 days	£999			✓	✓			✓						✓	
The Americas	Argentina	Highlights of Patagonia			13 days	£2,949	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Chile	Highlights of Patagonia			13 days	£2,949	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Peru	The Classic Inca Trail			9 days	£2,500	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	

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