

# WALKS AND DEVOUR TOURS LAUNCH NEW ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENTIAL OFFERINGS ACROSS EUROPE

Rapidly expanding its diverse portfolio of tour experiences in European destinations like Greece, Spain, England, France and more, City Experiences delivers unmatched explorations of major cultural sites, lesser-known haunts, family-run eateries and more through its partners, Walks and Devour Tours

**New York, NY (March 25, 2024)** – In Q1 2024, <u>*City Experiences*</u> has expanded its one-of-akind tours in major European destinations through the award-winning international tour providers <u>*Walks*</u> and <u>*Devour Tours*</u>. The brand continues to fortify its robust lineup of tour offerings globally, but especially in Europe with eleven new tours launching within the first quarter of the year.

In partnership with some of the world's top museums and monuments, including the Vatican Museums, Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Terminal, Niagara Falls, the Royal Alcazar of Seville, Sainte-Chapelle, and most recently, the Prado Museum and Buckingham Palace, Walks and Devour Tours offer truly unique, often exclusive, tours that travelers cannot find elsewhere.

"In an era where travel is not just about the destination, but the experience, we are thrilled to announce the expansion of our unique tours in Europe. Walks and Devour Tours immerse travelers inthe culture of each city, from major landmarks to mom and pop eateries, and offer an unparalleled exploration of Europe's diverse tapestry," said Stephen Oddo, SVP Hornblower Group, President & Founder of Walks. "With the addition of eleven new tours across the continent in the first months of this year alone, we continue to cement our commitment to providing unforgettable experiences for our guests."

City Experiences will help guests travel smarter and experience more, whether it be an upcoming bucket list summer vacation or simply exploring their own backyard. New this year, City Experiences has rolled out the following Walks and Devour tours in Europe:

### Spain (Madrid, Seville, San Sebastian):

• <u>VIP Alone in the Prado: Exclusive Early Access Museum Tour</u> (Available April **20):** It can be hard to appreciate the Prado Museum's masterpieces fully among the

daytime crowds, but that won't be a problem on this early access tour where the intimate group will be the only people inside besides museum staff. On this VIP tour of the Prado, guests will be welcomed into the museum before the site opens to the public, offering plenty of space to enjoy legendary works such as Velázquez's Las Meninas, Goya's Black paintings, Bosch's Garden of Earthly Delights, and more, complete with fascinating insights from an art historian guide.

- <u>An Evening Out in Seville: Triana Neighborhood Tapas Tour</u> (Available April 13): On this evening tapas tour, guests join a local foodie expert and a small group of new friends in Triana, Sevillanos' neighborhood of choice for a night out. As travelers eat and drink their way across four unique styles of tapas bars, they will get a crash course in what it means to eat out in Seville—so they can conquer even the loudest, liveliest bar like a pro during the rest of their stay.
- An Evening Out in San Sebastian: Centro Neighborhood Pintxos Tour (Available April 16): Travelers looking for great food at bars they will remember for years to come should join this tour of the Centro neighborhood in San Sebastian. This lesser-visited area is the one the locals choose when making plans. This tour will show visitors a true local experience full of both iconic pintxos and pleasantly unexpected tastes they won't find anywhere else.

## Vatican City

• Alone In The Vatican: Exclusive VIP Access Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel <u>Tour</u> (Available April 10): Explore the Vatican at its quietest on this exclusive, superspecial access tour. Visiting before the Museums open to the public or after they've closed their doors for a once-in-a-lifetime tour and rare chance to admire its beautiful galleries completely empty and free of crowds. No matter which option you choose, they'll enjoy the company of an intimate small group (as well as a knowledgeable Walks guide) and have Michelangelo's masterpiece entirely to themselves.

# Florence, Italy

• Alone in the Duomo: VIP After-Hours Tour with Dome Climb & Private Terrace Access (Available April 1): Experience the stunning Florence Duomo like a VIP on this once-in-a-lifetime tour. Entering after closing time, visitors get away from the crowds and experience the sacred space at its most peaceful, allowing them the serenity to fully appreciate its magnificence. Complete with a guided dome climb, private access to both terraces, and even an encounter with the Key Master himself, there's no more privileged way to experience this Florentine treasure.

# Paris, France:

• From Orsay to Giverny: Skip-the-Line Museum Tour & Exclusive Monet House Day Trip (Available April 3): This full-day art experience won't just give travelers an up-close look at these legendary works within the museum, they will also see the stunning scenery that inspired Monet and other Impressionist masters on a day trip from Paris to Giverny! From the halls of the Orsay (complete with perfectly timed, skip-the-line entry) to the peaceful gardens at Monet's Giverny retreat, this impeccably planned, expertly guided experience is perfect for anyone who wants to dive deeper into French art and culture—or who just wants a relaxing escape from the busy capital in beautiful surrounds.

• Exclusive Montmartre Experience with Private Vineyard Tasting, Skip-the-Line Museum Tour, & Sacré-Coeur (Available April 5): On this relaxed early evening Montmartre walking tour, guests will explore the neighborhood with a local, following in the footsteps of artists, musicians, and activists who left a lasting mark on its cobblestoned streets. From the top of the hill at the magnificent Sacré-Coeur to a private stroll among the vines at a hidden urban vineyard, this is the Montmartre many visitors seek out, yet few can claim to have truly found.

## London, England:

- <u>Warner Bros. Studio Tour London The Making of Harry Potter & London</u> <u>Walking Tour</u> (Available Now): This tour combines a city stroll to several famous landmarks in central London with private transport to and from Warner Bros. Studio Tour London, where they will walk in Harry Potter's footsteps. Impeccably crafted sets, original props and costumes, and more magical encounters await, making the Studio Tour one of the most in-demand locations in the UK.
- Best of Buckingham Palace: Skip-the-Line Tickets & Royal London Walking Tour (Available March 18): With skip-the-line access to either the palace's breathtaking State Rooms or the fascinating Royal Mews, visitors spend an enjoyable morning getting to the heart of royal life in the UK without any of the hassle of trying to get tickets or figure out a route on their own. At every step of the way, experienced guides will regale tour goers with stories they will have to hear to believe about the fascinating sites and the household-name monarchs.

### Athens, Greece:

- Delphi Small Group Day Trip from Athens with Honey Farm Visit & Homemade Lunch (Available May 9): As the most important archaeological site in Greece outside of Athens, Delphi has attracted countless travelers throughout the ages. While trying to get there on their own can be challenging, this carefully curated Delphi day trip from Athens comes with all logistics handled, including round-trip private transport for guests and their small group of 15. Together with a knowledgeable guide, they will explore the Delphi Archaeological Site on the slopes of Mount Parnassus before venturing off to a family-run honey farm, where they will meet the owners and indulge in a homemade lunch.
- <u>An Evening Out in Athens: Koukaki Neighborhood Food & Wine Tour</u> (Available April 2): Tucked away in the shadow of the Acropolis, the Koukaki neighborhood is the place where locals go out for dinner and drinks in Athens. Along the way, they'll get a

crash course in all things related to Greek food culture—from how to choose a great spot to what to order when they get there—so they can make every meal memorable throughout the rest of your stay.

For a full list of offerings, visit <u>www.CityExperiences.com</u>. Please click <u>HERE</u> for imagery of featured tours. Photos of the VIP Alone in the Prado Tour, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter & London Walking Tour, and Best of Buckingham Palace are available upon request.

## About City Experiences

City Experiences represents Hornblower Group's expansive portfolio of water- and land-based experience companies and includes two sub-brands: City Cruises and City Ferry. City Cruises companies operate dining, sightseeing and private events across 22 destinations in the U.S., Canada and the UK. City Cruises companies also operate cruises on behalf of the National Park Service and the Niagara Parks Commission and currently hold service contracts to provide ferry service to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration, Alcatraz Island and Niagara Falls. City Ferry companies offer specialized knowledge and expertise required to transport passengers, vehicles and other cargo safely across inland and coastal waterways, serving as operator of NYC Ferry and Puerto Rico ferry system, among others. City Experiences' portfolio of companies also offers a range of water- and land-based experiences including shore excursions, partner-offered experiences, multiport packages, with companies including Venture Ashore, Walks and Devour Tours. For more information visit <u>cityexperiences.com</u>.

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