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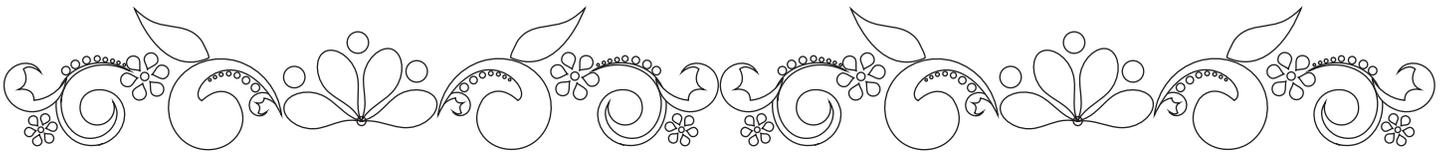
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We're here to help you and your family explore the world... even from the comfort of your living room. Sharpen up your pencils and let your imagination take you to some iconic places around the world. When you're ready, we'll be here to help you go from paper to reality, while staying with you before, during and after your travels. Because we're always there for you.





# Incredible India

## Did You Know?

1. India is home to the oldest inhabited city in the world, Varanasi, which is over 5,000 years old.
2. The Himalayan mountains were once underwater, which is why marine fossils are commonly found high up in the range.
3. Mawsynram (located in northeastern India) is the wettest inhabited place in the world, receiving 10,000 millimeters of rain per year.

## Places of Interest:

1. The Taj Mahal, Agra
2. The Holy City of Varanasi
3. Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, Madurai
4. Jaipur, the "Pink City"
5. The Beaches of Goa

## Featured Food: *Idli*

This savory steamed rice cake is a popular breakfast food in southern India, often served with a yogurt dish or some type of dal. Idli is recommended as one of the most nutritious foods by the World Health Organization, being packed full of nutrients and easy to digest.

## Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting India for the first time? Here's a basic 11-day itinerary we recommend.

DAY 1: Arrive in Delhi

DAY 2: Old & New Delhi

DAY 3: Transfer to Jaipur for bazaars, cuisine and crafts

DAY 4: Amber Fort, City Palace, Observatory & Hawa Mahal

DAY 5: Transfer to Agra; sunset at the Taj Mahal

DAY 6: Tour of Taj Mahal

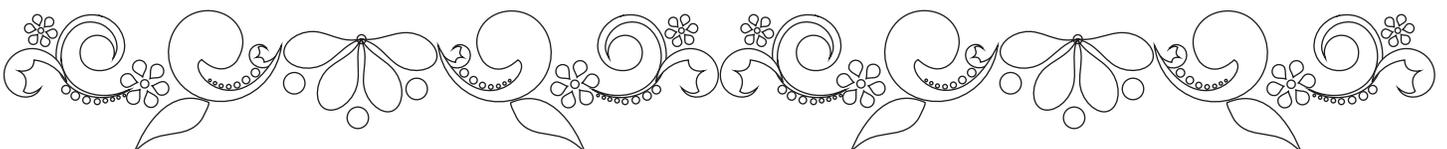
DAY 7: Transfer to Khajuraho

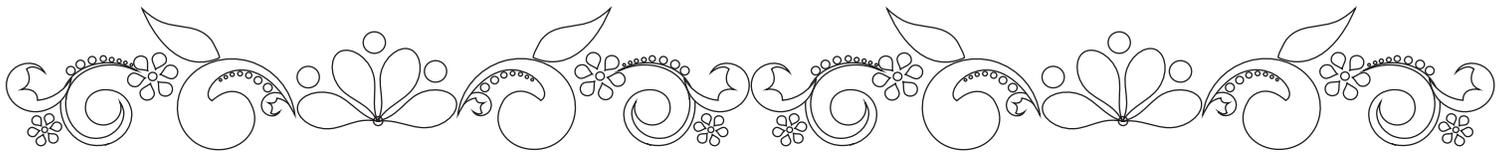
DAY 8: Temple Tour

DAY 9: Transfer to Varanasi; Ganges Ghat Evening Aarti Ceremony

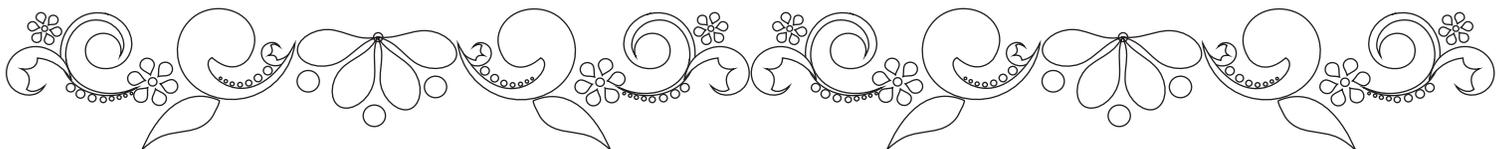
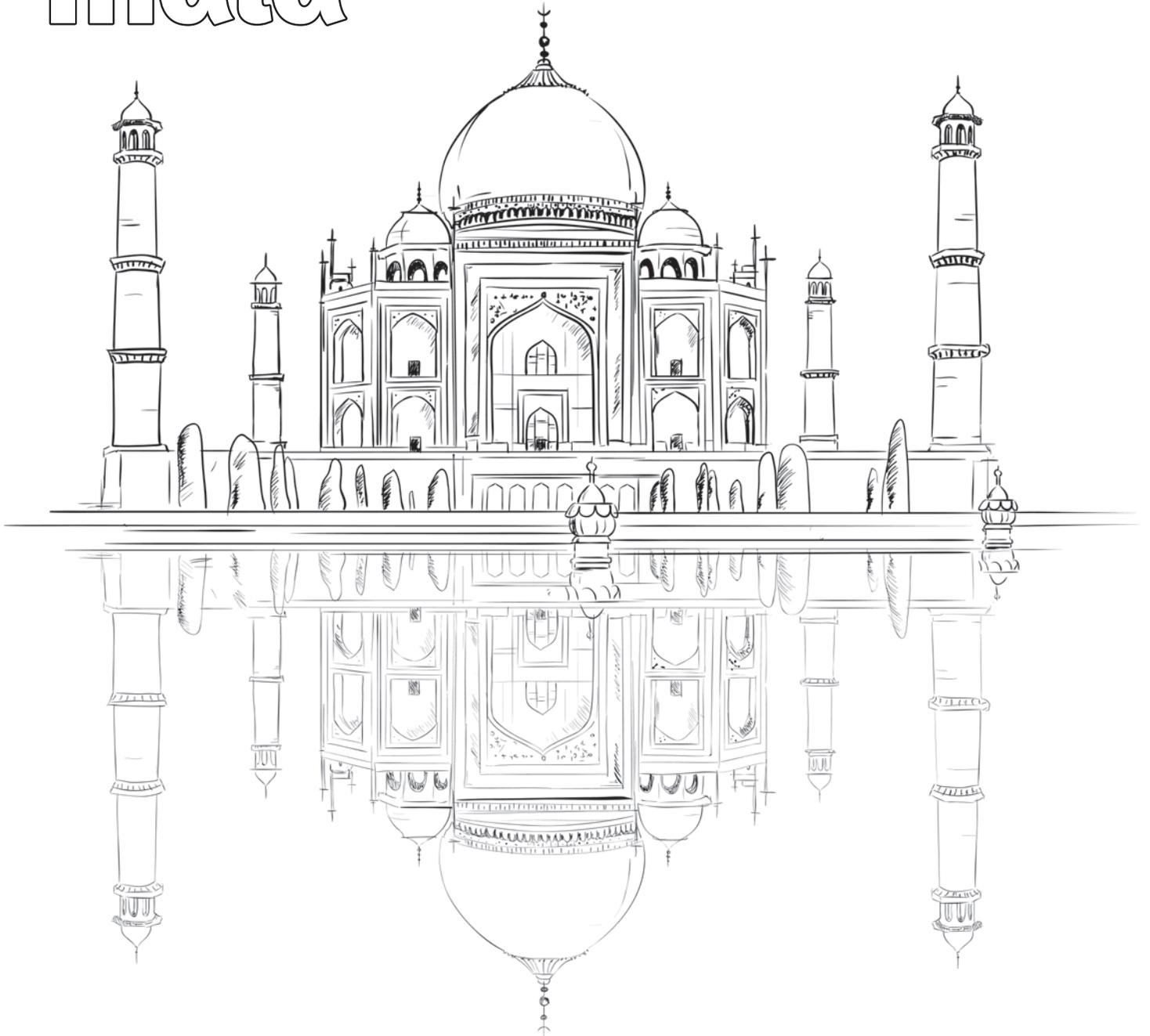
DAY 10: Ganges Boat Ride and Sarnath Ruins

DAY 11: Return to Delhi; depart from Delhi





# India





# China like never before

## Did You Know?

1. There is only one time zone in China; in the West the sunrise can be as late as 10am.
2. Fortune cookies are not a traditional Chinese custom; they were actually invented in San Francisco.
3. The Yangtze River is the longest river in the world to flow entirely within one country.

## Places of Interest:

1. The Great Wall of China
2. Forbidden City in Central Beijing
3. Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum (Terracotta Army in Xi'an)
4. West Lake (Xi Hu)
5. Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

## Featured Food: *Xiao Long Bao*

Xiao Long Bao, meaning "little basket bun," is a delicate steamed dumpling most often filled with pork and soup. Found both street-side and in Michelin-star restaurants, Shanghai is most famously thought to be the best place for Xiao Long Bao, although other Chinese cities specialize in them too.

## Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting China for the first time? Here's a basic 11-day itinerary we recommend.

DAY 1: Arrive in Beijing

DAY 2: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and Temple of Heaven

DAY 3: Great Wall of China

DAY 4: Fly from Beijing to Xi'an

DAY 5: Terracotta Army

DAY 6: Fly from Xi'an to Guilin

DAY 7: Cruise on the Li River

DAY 8: Fly from Guilin to Shanghai

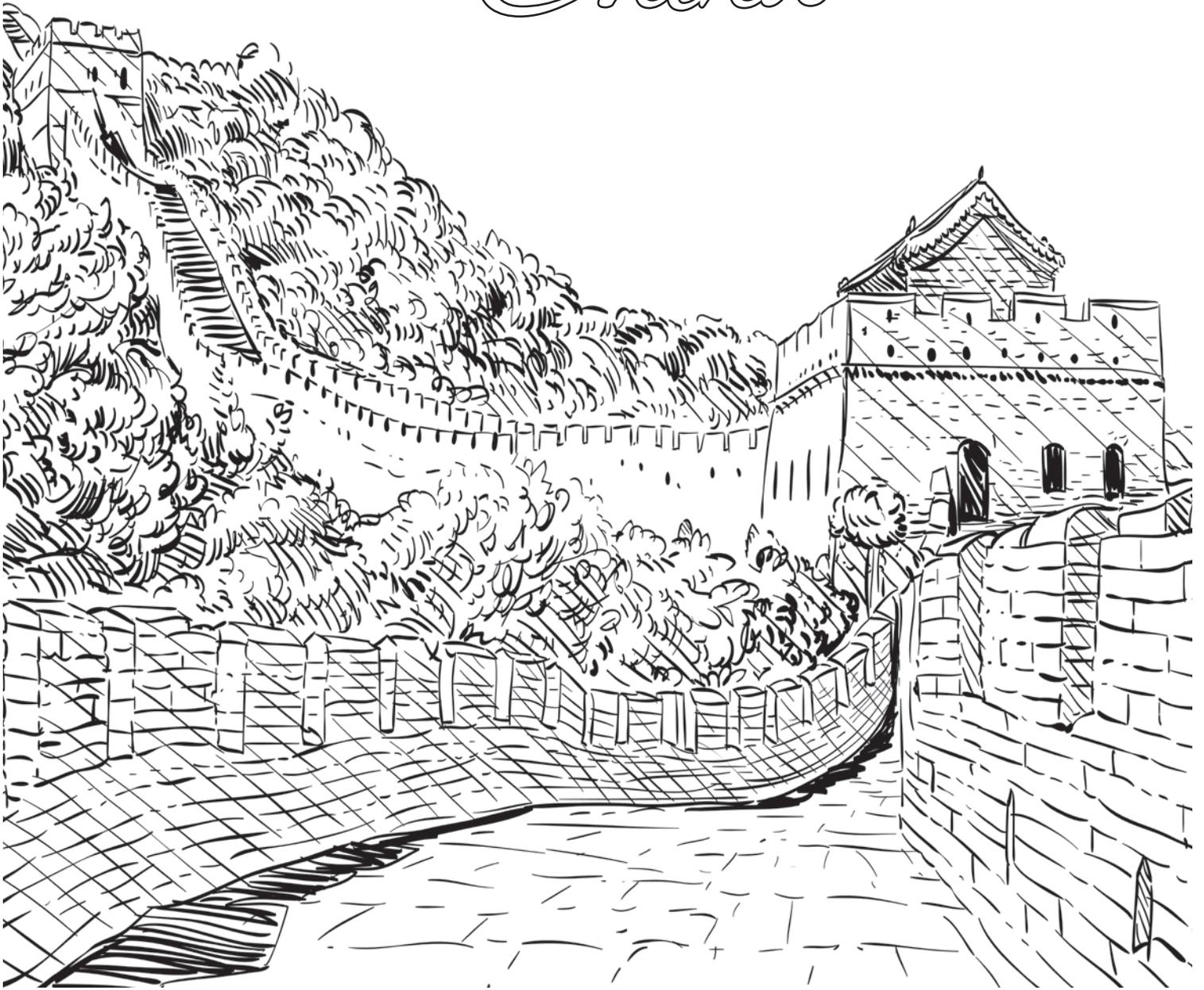
DAY 9: Yu Gardens, silk factory tour and walking tour to the French Concession

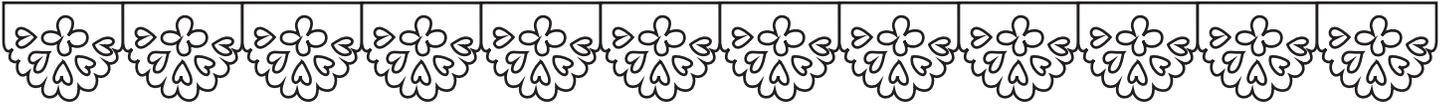
DAY 10: Day trip to Suzhou, including a boat ride

DAY 11: Depart Shanghai



China





# There's nothing like Australia

## Did You Know?

1. Australia is the driest continent on Earth aside from Antarctica.
2. Australia is the only continent completely covered by one country.
3. Australia is home to the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest living structure.

## Places of Interest:

1. Sydney (Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach)
2. Great Barrier Reef
3. Great Ocean Road
4. Blue Mountains National Park
5. Uluru (also known as Ayers Rock)

## Featured Food: *Lamingtons*

Lamingtons are widely recognized as the "National Cake of Australia." Named after a former Governor of Queensland, Lord Lamington, Lamingtons are square-shaped sponge cakes dipped in chocolate sauce and rolled in coconut — perfect for pairing with tea or coffee.

## Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting Australia for the first time? Here's a basic 14-day itinerary we recommend.

DAY 1: Arrive in Cairns

DAY 2-3: Great Barrier Reef

DAY 4: Fly from Cairns to Melbourne

DAY 5: Great Ocean Road

DAY 6: Penguin Parade and Koala Park

DAY 7: Fly from Melbourne to Hobart

DAY 8: Tasman Peninsula

DAY 9: Fly from Hobart to Sydney, drive to Katoomba

DAY 10: Blue Mountains

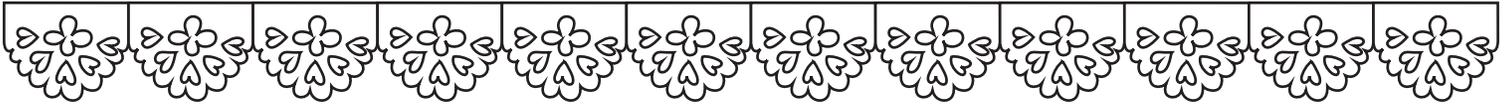
DAY 11: Drive from Katoomba to Sydney

DAY 12: City highlights of Sydney, Bondi Beach in afternoon

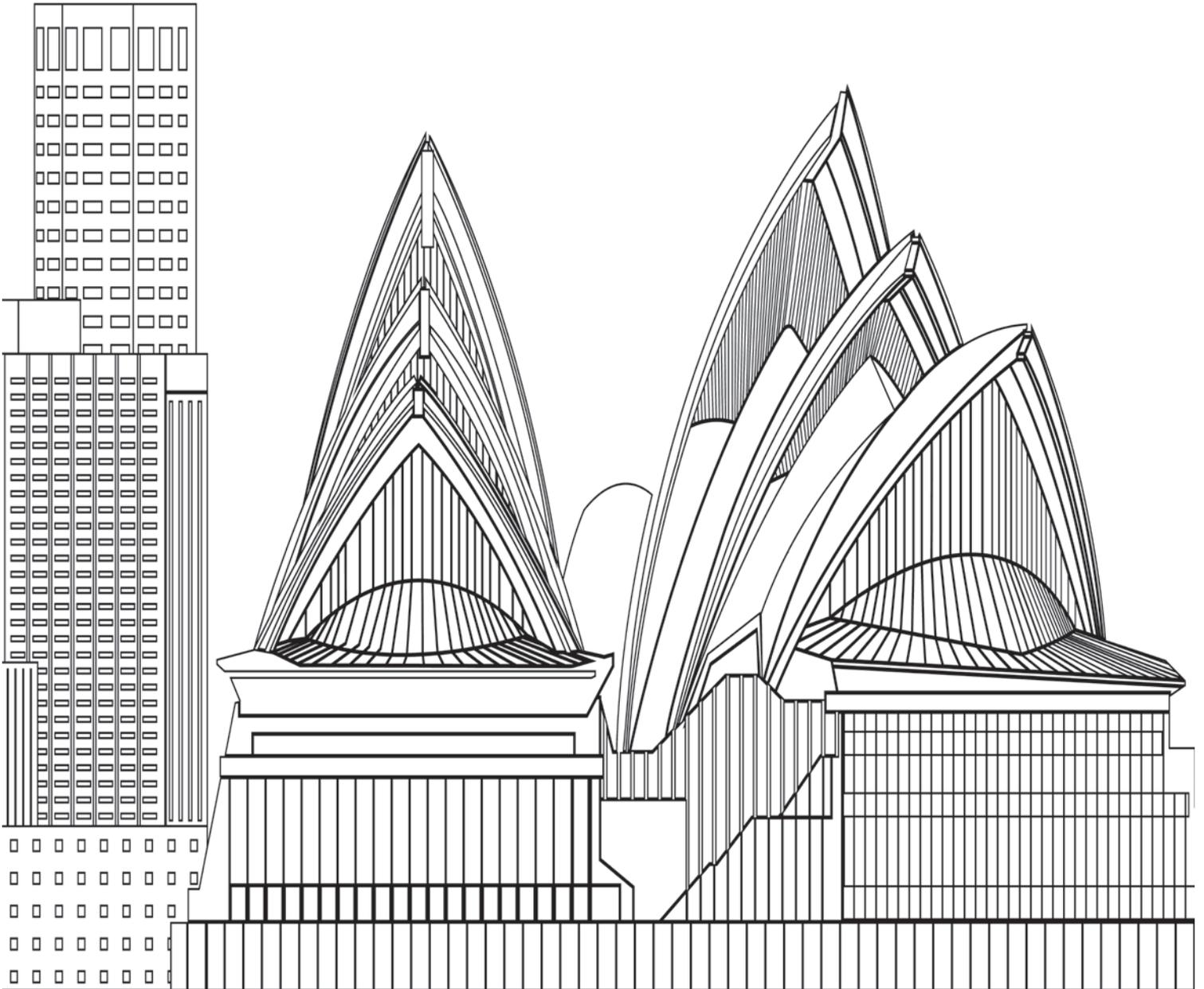
DAY 13: Wine tour in Hunter Valley

DAY 14: Depart Sydney





# AUSTRALIA





# Made in Italy

## Did You Know?

1. Tourists throw over \$1M in change into the Trevi Fountain each year.
2. Italy has the most UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world (53) due to its history as the birthplace of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance.
3. Italy is home to Europe's only three active volcanoes.

## Places of Interest:

1. Amalfi Coast
2. Grand Canal in Venice
3. Rome (Colosseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, The Vatican)
4. Lake Como
5. Pompeii

## Featured Food: *Pizza Napoletana*

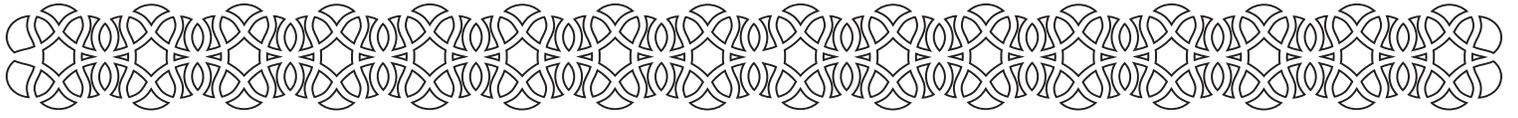
While you can find excellent pizza all over Italy, Pizza Napoletana from Naples (where pizza was born) celebrates the art of making Pizza. It is also included on UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage.

## Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting Italy for the first time? Here's a basic 14-day itinerary we recommend.

- DAY 1: Arrive in Naples; head to Sorrento
- DAY 2: Amalfi Coast
- DAY 3: Pompeii; transfer to Rome
- DAY 4: St. Peter's Square, Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- DAY 5: Imperial Rome & Colosseum
- DAY 6: Duomo di Orvieto; transfer to Perugia for wine tasting
- DAY 7: Assisi (Perugia)
- DAY 8: San Gimignano and Viareggio (Tuscany)
- DAY 9: Cinque Terre
- DAY 10: Transfer to Florence
- DAY 11: Uffizi Gallery
- DAY 12: Transfer to Venice by high-speed rail
- DAY 13: Venice
- DAY 14: Depart Venice





*Italy*





# All within your reach

## Did You Know?

1. More than 800 languages are spoken in New York City, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world.
2. The tallest living tree in the world can be found in California's Redwood National Park (Hyperion, which stands at more than 379 feet).
3. 100 acres of pizza are served in the United States every day.

## Places of Interest:

1. Times Square (New York, New York)
2. Walt Disney World (Orlando, Florida)
3. Grand Canyon National Park
4. Las Vegas Strip
5. Yellowstone National Park

## Featured Food: *Reuben sandwich*

A Reuben is a hearty-sized American grilled sandwich consisting of corned beef, sauerkraut, and swiss cheese on rye bread. This sandwich can be found at delis and restaurants around the country, but is

thought to have originated in New York.

## Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting the United States of America for the first time? Here's a basic 7-day itinerary we recommend.

**DAY 1:** Arrive in New York City

**DAY 2:** Ferry ride to The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to learn about the immigrant history

**DAY 3:** Freedom Tower, 9/11 Memorial and ethnic cuisine tastings in Chinatown or Little Italy

**DAY 4:** Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, Times Square and Broadway show

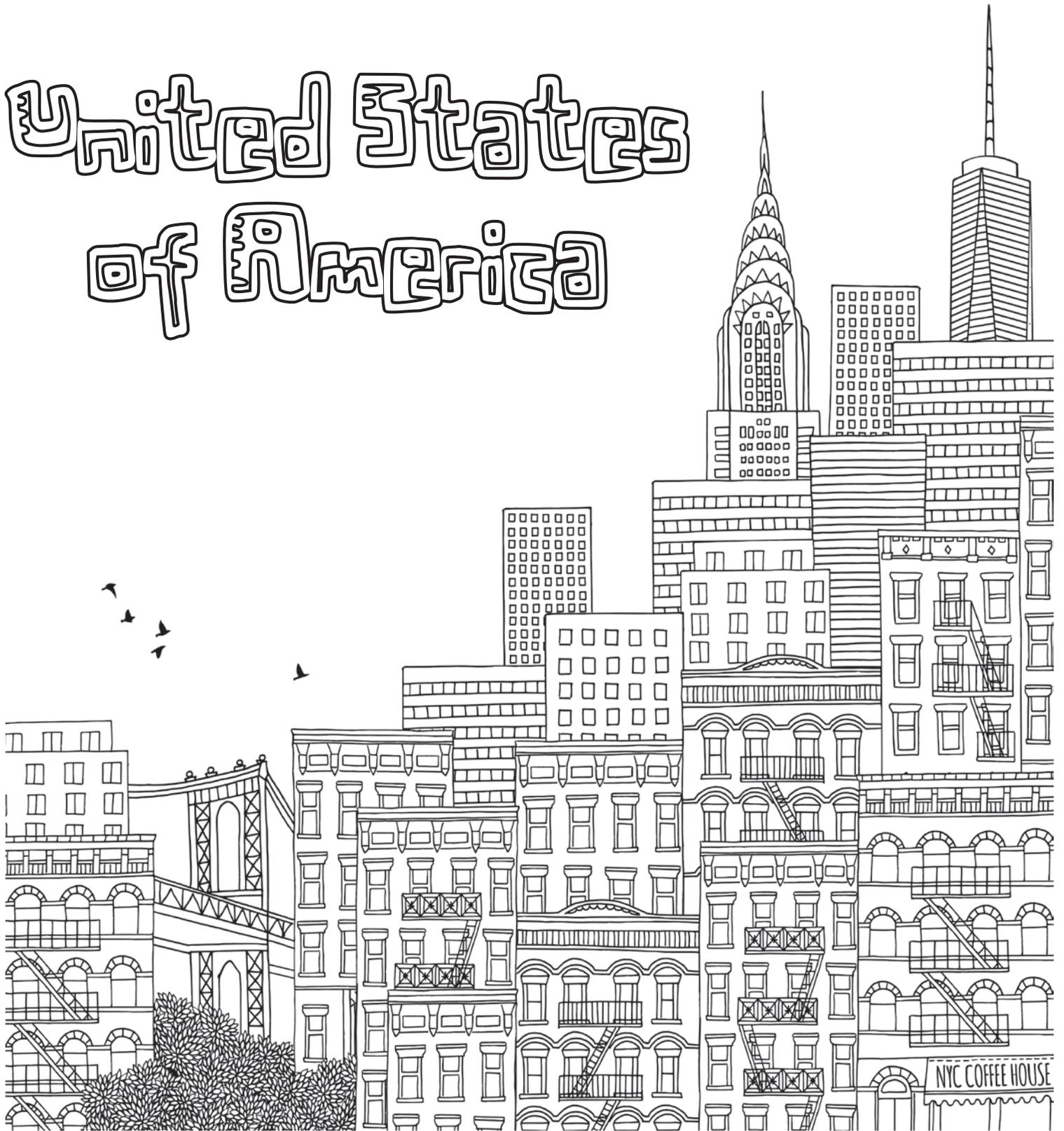
**DAY 5:** Bike ride or paddle boat ride in Central Park; visit the city's cutest inhabitants at the Central Park Zoo

**DAY 6:** Museum hopping at MoMA, Guggenheim Museum and Museum of Natural History

**DAY 7:** Depart New York City



United States  
of America



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## Visit and love us

### Did You Know?

1. The name “Brazil” comes from a tree named brazilwood.
2. Brazil became the first South American country ever to host the Olympics in 2016.
3. At least 180 languages are spoken in Brazil.

### Places of Interest:

1. Christ the Redeemer
2. Sugarloaf Mountain
3. Copacabana Beach
4. Iguazu Falls
5. Amazon Rainforest

### Featured Food: *Picanha*

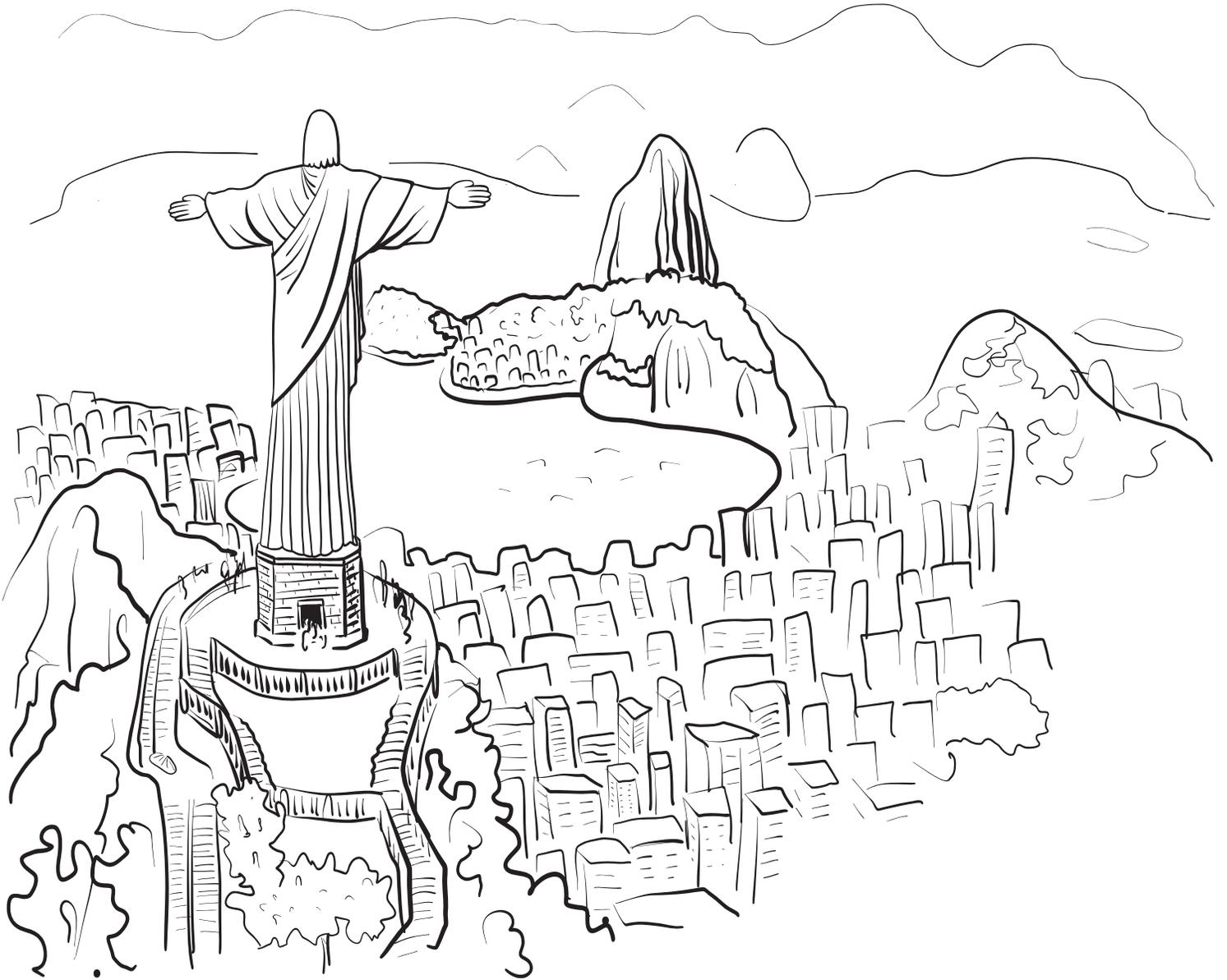
A premium cut from the back side (rump) of the cow, picanha, or sirloin cap, is Brazil’s favorite steak. Tender, juicy and packed full of flavor, it is usually cooked on long skewers in the traditional churrascaria (Brazilian barbecue) way, over a bare bed of embers.

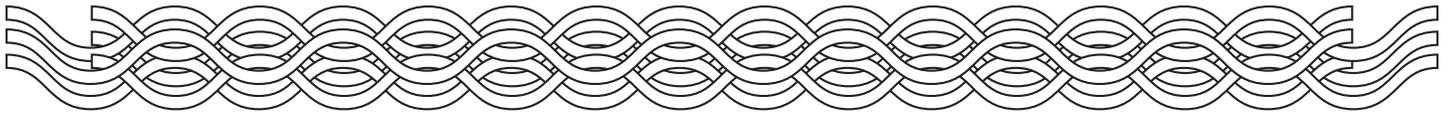
### Ensemble Recommends:

Visiting Brazil for the first time? Here’s a basic 11-day itinerary we recommend.

- DAY 1: Arrive in Rio de Janeiro
- DAY 2: Christ the Redeemer statue, Downtown Rio and Urca, Sugarloaf Mountain, Copacabana Beach
- DAY 3: Ipanema Beach and shopping tour
- DAY 4: Transfer to Iguazu Falls
- DAY 5: Iguazu Falls
- DAY 6: Transfer to Salvador; Praia do Forte and Island Schooner Tour
- DAY 7: Barra Lighthouse, Balé Teatro Castro Alves, Pelourinho (historic center) and panoramic tour of Salvador
- DAY 8: Transfer to the Amazon
- DAY 9: Nature Hike and visit with local Amazonian residents, canoe tour for alligator spotting
- DAY 10: Meeting of the Waters, canoe ride with piranha fishing, Amazon Ecopark
- DAY 11: Depart from Manaus
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# BRAZIL





## All time classic

### Did You Know?

1. Greece is often considered to be the world's first democracy, but voting is required by law for every citizen who is 18 or older.
2. Greece has more than 2,000 islands. Approximately 170 are inhabited, and the largest is Crete.
3. Greece has no navigable rivers due to its mountainous terrain.

### Places of Interest:

1. Acropolis of Athens
2. Archaeological Site of Mycenae
3. Oia (Santorini)
4. Barbati Beach (Corfu)
5. Fortress of Palamidi (Nafplio)

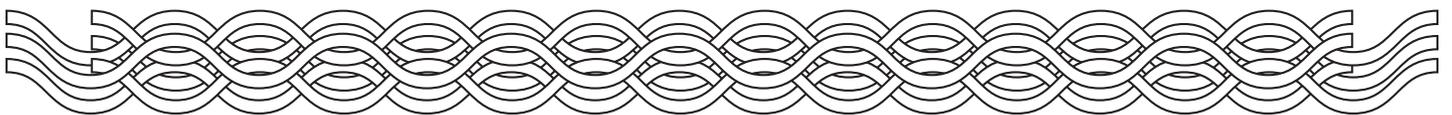
### Featured Food: *Moussaka*

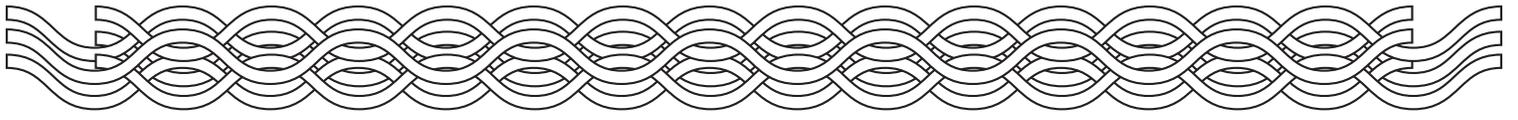
One of Greece's most famous dishes, moussaka is served in almost every restaurant and usually prepared in households for large family meals and celebrations. Layers of beef (or lamb) mince are cooked in a tomato-based sauce and layered with eggplants and a creamy béchamel sauce.

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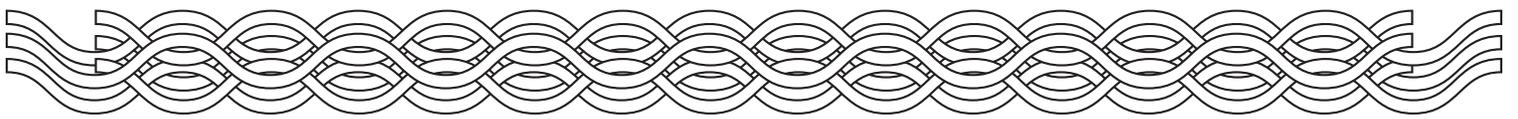
Visiting Greece for the first time? Here's a basic 10-day itinerary we recommend.

- DAY 1: Arrive in Athens
- DAY 2: Acropolis and Parthenon
- DAY 3: Ferry to Santorini
- DAY 4: Amoudi Bay, Santorini Wine Museum and Church of Agia Kyriaki
- DAY 5: Ancient city of Akrotiri
- DAY 6: Ferry to Mykonos; Mykonian cuisine tasting
- DAY 7: Day trip to Delos: archaeological visits such as the Doric Temples
- DAY 8: Mykonos Island Cruise
- DAY 9: Boat transfer from Mykonos to Piraeus (Athens)
- DAY 10: Depart Athens





# GREECE





# Discover your England

## Did You Know?

1. In England, you're never more than 115 kilometers from the ocean.
2. There's an annual cheese rolling competition even international visitors can take part in.
3. You can drive from England to France (or take the train) via an underwater tunnel.

## Places of Interest:

1. Stonehenge
2. Canterbury Cathedral
3. Warwick Castle
4. The Roman Baths and Georgian City of Bath
5. Buckingham Palace

## Featured Food: *Pork Pie*

Meat pies are a classic dish in England, and Pork Pie is a traditional dish usually eaten cold, perfect for slicing up and bringing along in your picnic basket. When looking for the best pies in England, head north to Manchester or York, where you'll find these delicious homemade pies in local markets and restaurants.

## Ensemble Recommends:

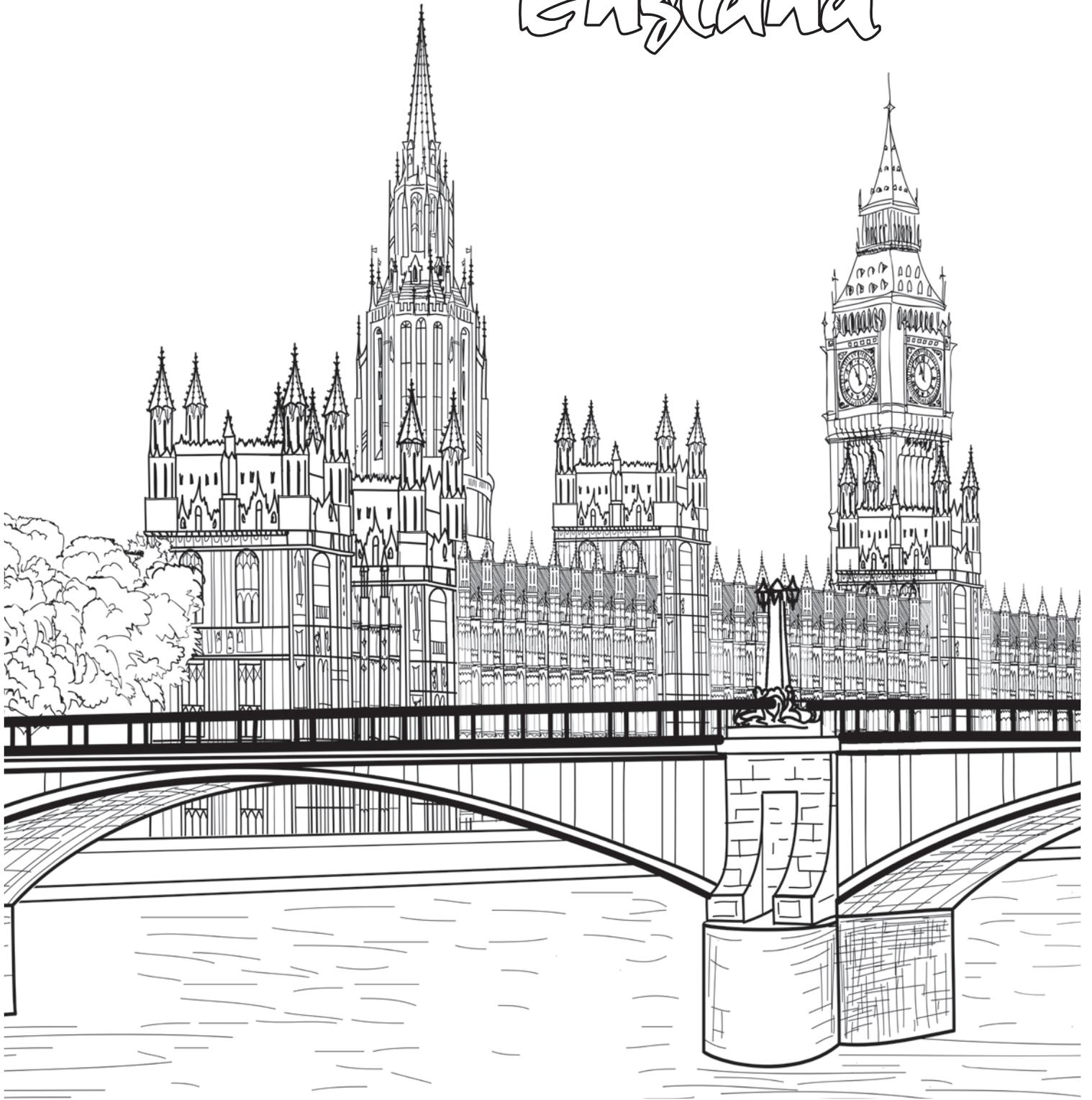
Visiting England for the first time? Here's a basic 8-day itinerary we recommend.

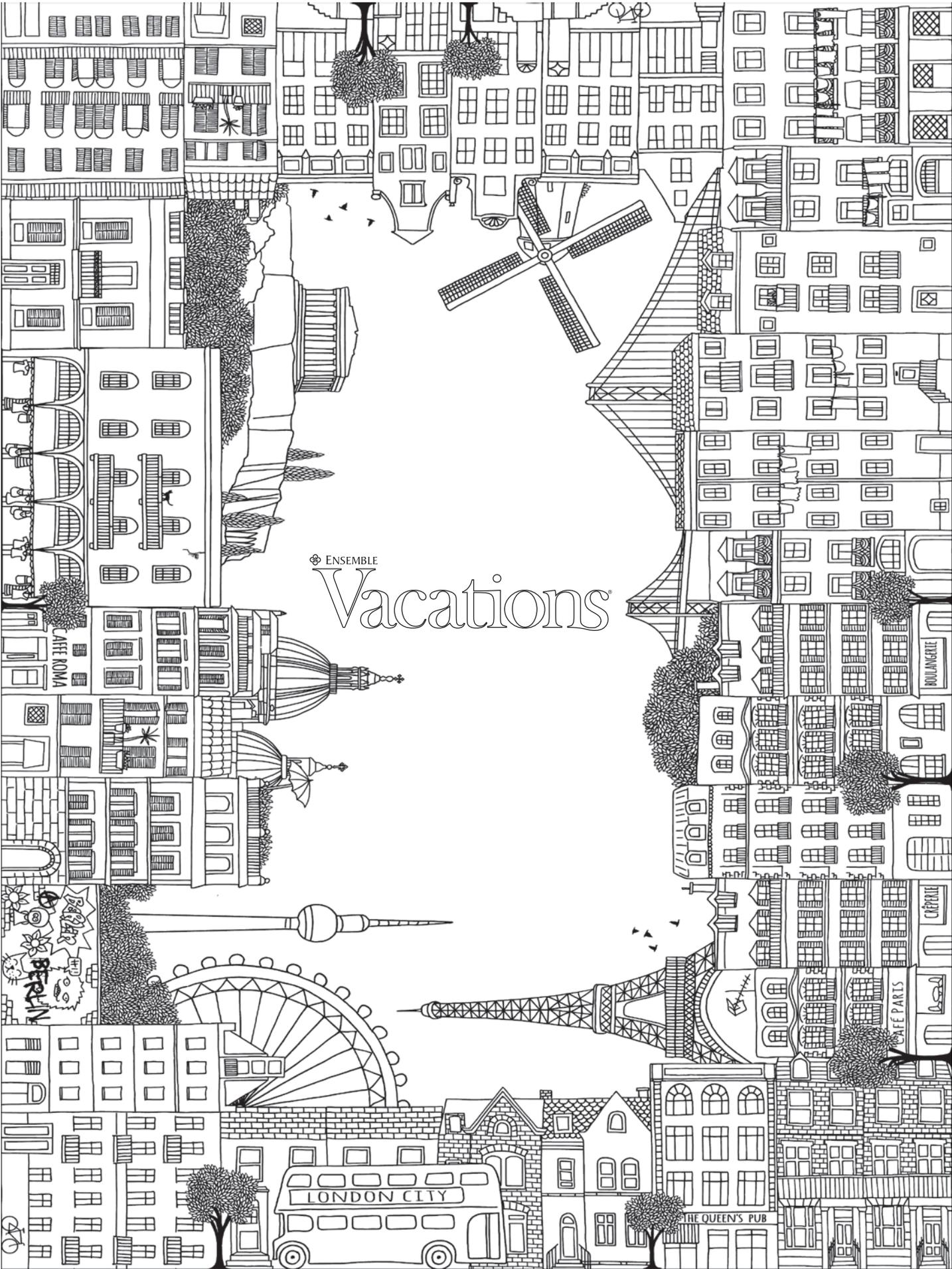
- DAY 1:** Arrival in London; visit St. Paul's Cathedral
- DAY 2:** Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Kensington Palace and Tower of London
- DAY 3:** Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge, Bath (and the Roman Baths) and Cardiff Castle
- DAY 4:** Train transfer to Caernarfon (in the Welsh countryside)
- DAY 5:** National Slate Museum, Mount Snowdon, village of Betws-y-Coed, walking tour of Conwy, Caernarfon Castle
- DAY 6:** Village of Llangollen, town of Bridgnorth, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace)
- DAY 7:** Windsor Castle (one of the Queen's official residences) and St George's Chapel
- DAY 8:** Depart London





# England





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