Curious Traveler

Episode Guide:

Season One

Episode 101: Curious New York City
Why are the constellations backwards in Grand Central? Why are there acorns all over the place? Why does the Great Hall at the Met look like the Baths of Caracalla? Why is there a golden Diana statue in the middle of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and what does that have to do with the General Sherman statue by The Plaza? Why is Rockefeller Center's Atlas statue in permanently grimacing at St. Patrick's Cathedral? And what does he have to do with the Pieta inside?

Episode 102: Curious London
Why is St. Paul's Cathedral such an iconic symbol of London? And why doesn't it face due east? And what does St. Paul have to do with the City of London crest? What is the City of London and why can't the Queen come in? Why do so many London neighborhoods end in –gate? Why is Temple Church round? And what did those secretive Knights Templar do here? And what does all of this have to do with Magna Carta — and why has a copy remained at Salisbury Church for 800 years?

Episode 103: Curious Wales
Why is there a dragon on the Welsh flag? Why does the man next-in-line for the British throne hold the title the "Prince of Wales"? What are the Walls of Constantinople doing here in Wales? Who is King Longshanks? And how is he related to King Vortigern and Roman Emperor Magnus Maximus? Where is Britain's smallest church? I can't see it! And how the heck do you pronounce the 2nd longest place name in the world:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch???

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Episode 104: Curious Montreal
Why did the French settle here? And why is French still the official language here (as well as English)? Why is there a Paris Metro Stop in the middle of the city? Why is Notre-Dame Basilica bathed in blue? And why does it slope downwards towards the altar? Why does the Hotel de Ville (City Hall) look like DC's Eisenhower Building and why does the Bank of Montreal look like the Pantheon? And is there really an archaeological dig going on under your feet at Place Royal?

Episode 105: Curious Vancouver & Victoria Island
Who is "Gassy" Jack & why is the historic district named after him? Who was "A.B.C. Architect" and why did he design such a grand Parliament Building in Victoria? Why isn't there a sign above the main entrance to The Empress Hotel? And why is High Tea such a big deal here? How did an 11th and 12th century French, Spanish & Italian Romanesque-style castle, built for a Scottish self-made millionaire, become 'Canada's Castle'? And how did a turn-of-the-20th century female chemist turn a quarry into one of the most famous gardens in the world?

Episode 106: Curious Asheville, North Carolina
Why is there a French Loire Valley castle in the middle of the American Deep South? Did you know that the name "Biltmore" is completely made up? Why did the architects of the Statue of Liberty, the New York Subway, and Central Park put their stamp on this small town? Why did Henry Ford, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Thomas Edison all stay in a hotel where it looks like the roof is melting? And how did Scots-Irish immigrants create American country music?

Season Two

Episode 201: Curious Paris
Why does Paris look like Paris? Why were the Eiffel Tower and the Pont Alexandre III built for World Expos? Why is the Opera Garnier so ornate? Why is there a Romano-Byzantine Basilica atop the highest point in Paris? Why are the streets so windy in Montmartre? Why was a famous cabaret built inside a red mill: the Moulin Rouge?

Episode 202: Curious Rome
Why is there a giant hole in the top of the Pantheon? And how is it still standing after more than two millennia? Why does Piazza Navona look like a racetrack? And why did it used to be a swimming pool? Where did the bronze for St. Peter's Basilica come from, and why are those windows in the dome so heavenly?

Episode 203: Curious Copenhagen
Why did Shakespeare use Kronborg Castle as the setting for Hamlet? Was picturesque Nyhavn really the playground for sailors and brothels? Christiansborg Palace, Amalienborg Palace, Rosenborg Palace - why so many palaces in one small European country?

Episode 204: Curious Vancouver
Who was Gassy Jack & why was he so gassy? Why was Capilano Bridge built and what do all those totem poles mean? What's so important about the Hotel Vancouver, and what does it have to do with the train station, the Queen of England, and Harry Potter? Who was Yip Sang, and why did he have his own Boy Scout Troop?

Episode 205: Curious Loire Valley, France
When and why were so many stunning châteaux built in such a concentrated area in central France? Why is there a river running through Château de Chenonceau, and what do the ladies of the castle have to do with it? Why does Château de Chambord have 440 rooms, yet no one ever lived there? Why is there a porcupine over the entrance to Château d'Amboise?

Episode 206: Curious Venice
Where is the hidden symbol of Venice on the iconic gondola? Why are there two different saints on the gateway columns? Why is the solar system off on Torre dell'Orologio? Why does Saint Mark's Basilica look like Hagia Sophia? Why does the Doge's Palace have a Stairway of Giants, and what do those symbols mean?

Episode 207: Curious Kotor, Montenegro
Why is there a beautiful, tiny blue-domed church floating in Kotorska Bay?
Why did someone build 1350 steps up the side of Kotor's mountain? Why is the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon pink? And why are the towers mismatched? Why are the streets within the fortress walls intentionally in a maze?

Episode 208: Curious Oslo
Why are you encouraged to walk on the rooftop of the Oslo Opera House? Why did Vikings live here, and why are their ships shaped like that? Why was the Oslo National Theatre built, and what's that secret staircase? What is the troll legend, and why did it happen here?

Episode 209: Curious Bordeaux, France
Who got hitched at Bordeaux Cathedral and why was it such an important moment in history? Did Parisian architecture actually come from Bordeaux? Why is Bordeaux so synonymous with wine? What was the Place de la Bourse hiding? What do all these sculptures mean at Place des Quinconces? Why were two ancient gates spared?

Episode 210: Curious Sorrento, Italy
Why did ancient Roman rich & famous choose to vacation here? Who opened the gate for the bad guys in the 1500s? What does the town clock tower symbolize? What's the history of majolica tile art? Why are Sorrento lemons and limoncello so famous?

Episode 211: Curious Stockholm
What did Alfred Nobel invent that led him to create the Nobel Prize? What is Gamla Stan? What's so important about the throne inside the Royal Palace of Stockholm? What is the Djurgården Canal, and why was it only for the Royal Family? Why did the Swedes grow grass on their rooftops, and what's the history of their folk costumes?

Episode 212: Curious French Villages
Why did the famous French architect Viollet-le-Duc only work on one residence: the historic Roquetaillade Castle? Why is there a monolithic church in St. Emilion? And why did its monk sleep underground? Why is there a giant wall around the tiny village of Blaye? And why was beautiful Bourg-en-Gironde built into the side of a cliff? And how do Cadillac and Pauillac make time stand still?

Season Three

Episode 301: Curious Dublin
How did Dublin get its name? And what do Vikings and a black pool have to do with it? Who was Maewyn Succat, and why is he celebrated with green beer? How did the harp become a symbol of Ireland, and why do the harps on Irish coins and Guinness beer look different? What is the curious history of the Book of Kells, and how did it make its way into Trinity College's Longroom Library?

Episode 302: Curious Vienna
Who were the Habsburgs, Maria Theresa, Franz Joseph and Sisi? And how did they shape Vienna? What is the Ringstrasse, and why are there so many oversized, ornate public buildings dotting it? Where did Mozart perform as a 6-year-old prodigy? When and why did Austria shrink to a tenth of its size? What do the eagles on the rooftop of St. Stephen's Cathedral symbolize? And why are Vienna's coffee and pastries so legendary?

Episode 303: Curious Yorkshire
This beautiful region of England is full of picture-perfect rolling hills, quaint stone cottages, sprawling country estates and that distinct Yorkshire dialect. Why are country estates named Castles and Abbeys? What is The Shambles, and how did it get its name? Why is one of the largest medieval Gothic cathedrals in Europe in the small town of York? How did the Quakers and chocolate shape York's history? Where and what is Herriot's country?

Episode 304: Curious Salzburg
Why is there a giant church complex, the DomQuartier, in this tiny Alpine town? And why is there an equally giant medieval fortress high above it? Who lived in Mirabell Palace? And Hellbrun Palace? Why is Getreidegassse so charming, and why are those shop signs so important? And how do you solve a problem like Maria? From the Sound of Music to Silent Night to the Sonatas of this town's beloved Mozart, it's time to get curious about Salzburg.

Episode 305: Curious San Miguel de Allende
How did this UNESCO town in Mexico get such a curious name? And what do a duck and a dog have to do with it? Why are there so many grand mansions in such a small town? Why do postcards have to do with its soaring Gothic church? Why is there an art school in a former convent? And how did San Miguel de Allende become a magnet for retired American military on the G.I. Bill?

Episode 306: Curious Edinburgh
Why did the Scottish kings live in Edinburgh, and why don't we have Scottish kings anymore? Why was Edinburgh Castle built high upon on Castle Rock? What's the connection between Edinburgh and Harry Potter? And where are the real-life inspirations for Harry Potter locations? What is so royal about Edinburgh's Royal Mile? Who is Arthur, and why does he get his own Seat?

Episode 307: Curious Guanajuato City
Why is there a stone giant holding a flame, high in the hills overlooking the town? How did silver help shape this Mexican town? Why are its streets and alleys so winding, and what happened to the Guanajuato River? What does the town's main church have to do with the King of Spain? Why does the town's marketplace look like a Paris train station? And its theatre look like the Paris Opera House?

Episode 308: Curious Austrian Christmas Markets
Why is a European Christmas Market also called Weihnachtsmarkt or a Christkindlmarkt? And what do these markets have to do with the Holy Roman Empire? Why do you find Christmas Markets mostly in German-speaking countries? What is the curious history of the Advent Wreath, of Silent Night, and a creepy Christmas character named Krampus? And is a Krampus different than a Krapfen?

Episode 309: Curious London Shops
You may not be able to live like a royal, but wouldn't it be nice to shop like one? In this episode, we explore the curious world of Royal Warrants, a special designation given to only the best shops and services, literally fit for a king (or queen, or prince or princess). Kind of like knighthood for a shop. From the royal dressmakers to tiara makers to the royal cheesemonger (yes, there is such a thing), we take you across London, inside the world of the royals.

Episode 310: Curious Glasgow
Who is buried under Glasgow Cathedral and why? Who is Saint Mungo, and why is he so big? Why does Glasgow City Chambers look like a palace? How did this seaport town become a center for Scottish Enlightenment? And how did the creativity of one man, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, leave a permanent mark on this city?

Episode 311: Curious Williamsburg
Why did the English choose Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia as their early American settlements? Why did King William III and Queen Mary II establish a university here? What was life like for the colonists here? What crazy concoctions are to be found in a colonial apothecary?

Episode 312: Curious Quebec City
After nearly 500 years, French is still the official language of this North American city. How has this UNESCO World Heritage Site retained its 'Frenchness' after all this time? Why does the Château Frontenac hotel look like a French castle, and what does it have to do with the Canadian railway? What's so curious about Rue Saint-Jean, Place Royal and Petit-Champlain?

Season Four

Episode 401: England's Curious Great West Way
England's Great West Way follows the ancient path from London to Bristol. We take the train & get curious at stops along the way: Stonehenge, Bath's masonic architecture, the Roman Baths, the S.S. Great Britain, sample some curious pub pies, learn some cockney rhyming slang, and visit some charming villages too.

Episode 402: Curious Brussels
Why is La Grande-Place so gilded? How did Brussels' chocolate legacy begin? Where can you walk through the pages of a comic book? How did Flanders become such a source of Master artists?

Episode 403: Curious Cardiff
Why is there a giant wall in the middle of Cardiff? Who built Cardiff Castle? And Coch Castle? Why does Cardiff have so many Victorian and Georgian arcades? What is a bara brith? And laverbread? (Seriously, what is it?). Where did Princess Diana give her first public speech in Welsh?

Episode 404: Curious Manchester
How did Manchester kick-start 'Railway Mania' in the Industrial Age? What is Manchester's Water Palace? What is so curious about the architecture of the John Rylands and Chetham's Libraries? Why is a bee the symbol of Manchester? Which pub owner shooed her patrons out with a broom? Why is the National Football Museum in Manchester?

Episode 405: Curious Hong Kong: Culture & Traditions
How did Hong Kong get its name? What is so junk-y about a junk boat? Get curious about the Big Buddha, the Po Lin Monastery, and the Wisdom Path on Lantau Island. Then, the Kung Wo Tofu Factory, to learn the centuries-old tofu-making technique. We also take you inside a Tin Hau Temple, the Man Mo Temple, and a traditional Qipao dress-making shop.

Episode 406: Curious Southern Wales
We get curious about the stunning natural landscape of Wales. We visit Brecon Beacons National Park, Pembrokeshire National Park, St. Davids (the smallest city in Britain), Hay-on-Wye (Wales'"Town of Books"), the Victorian seaside resort town of Tenby, and lots and lots of curious castles.

Episode 407: Curious Bruges
Who were the Flemish Masters, and how did they leave their mark on art history? Who stole Michelangelo's Madonna of Bruges? And who rescued her? Why does Bruges look the same as it did in the Middle Ages? What is a Beguinage? And 'Blind Donkey Alley'? And why are all the colorful buildings surrounding the Markt the same width?

Episode 408: Curious Dublin Pubs
Why is Dublin so known for its pubs? Where did traditional Irish music come from? Why are there always flowers decorating a pub? What does the word "pub" mean? What is a "snug?" A Brian Boru harp? And how did a fella named Arthur Guinness become so important?

Episode 409: Curious Ghent
Who stole the famous Ghent Altarpiece, and who recovered it? And who is restoring it? What is Prinsenhof, and why is it so pretty? Where did the famous Ghent Dragon fly in from? Why is Ghent so famous for its lace? Why is St. Peters Abbey so important to Ghent history?

Episode 410: Curious Sussex
Why does George IV's Royal Pavilion look so different than other British royal palaces? What happened at the Seven Sisters Cliffs? What is a Smugglers Pub? Who wouldn't sit under a dragon? Where did Sherlock Holmes retire? And what does the Guinness family have to do with a medieval hotel?

Season Five

Episode 501; Curious Greece
Who left some ancient treasures in a magical cave? What does the measurement of time have to do with the Olympics? Where can you find a bit of Egypt and Venice in Crete? Why is an olive wreath put on the head of a champion and why was there a jar of olive oil at Zeus' feet? When was Chania the home to Minoans? How did a lion g to the top of a Greek mountain? It's time to get curious about Greece!

Episode 502: Curious Innsbruck
Who lived in Ambras Castle because she wasn't allowed to live in Hofburg Palace? What was a copper-capped balcony built for? Where can you find some castle-loving peacocks? Why are so many Austrian window shutters red and white striped? When did some giants move out of a palace, to make way for Marie Antoinette? How fast does a bobsled go? Hold on tight, it's time to get curious about Innsbruck!

Episode 503: Curious Sicily and Sardinia
Who is on the Sicilian flag, and why does she have three legs? What does the island of Mozia have to do with the English alphabet? Where can you find a temple to Venus? Why did you have to be outside Cagliari's city walls before sunset? When was the number 5 so important to the village of Savoca? How does an arancini teach us Sicilian history? It's time to get curious about in Sicily & Sardinia!

Episode 504: Curious Tyrol
Who built a chapel on the edge of an Alpine cliff? What does a pagan beast and a Catholic tradition have to do with a children's parade? Where can you dance the Schuplattler? And eat an 'Imperial Mess'? Why did the Lüftlmalerei tradition start? When did Emperor Franz Joseph & Empress Sissi sleep in a snowy retreat? How do you make an igloo? Yodel-Lay-Hee-Hoo, it's time to get curious about Tyrol!

Episode 505: Curious Barcelona
Who designed a drippy, wacky & wonderful icon? What is happening on Casa Milà's rooftop? Where did Columbus meet the King & Queen of Spain upon returning from the Americas? Why won't you find any street corners in the Eixample neighborhood? When was the Bishop's Bridge built in the Gothic Quarter? How did a Roman & Moorish arch greet visitors in 1888? It's time to get 'curiositat' about Barcelona!

Episode 506: Curious Toronto
Who built a 98-room European fairytale castle & what do street lights have to do with it? What do a windmill & whisky have to do with a Canadian empire? Where can you find secret underground tunnels in Toronto? Why is a grocery store & a synagogue important to Toronto's

history? When did hockey become a Canadian obsession? How did Toronto get its name? Time to get curious about Toronto!

Episode 507: Curious Lisbon
Who were the Portuguese explorers of the Age of Discovery? What do some monks have to do with an iconic Portuguese pastry? Where can you find a bright yellow welcome mat? Why is a Lisbon castle dedicated the patron saint of England? When did a special type of cross become a symbol of Portugal? How do some tiny little tiles tell the big history of Portugal? Time to get curious about Lisbon!

Episode 508: Curious Bergen
Who lived in a Victorian home named for a troll, with a little man cave down by the lake? What is the oldest church & building in Bergen? Where can you stroll through 1800s Bergen & meet a curious character or two? Why was King Håkon's Hall built & who wasn't invited to dance there? When was Bryggen an important port? How does a simple fish soup tell the story of Norway's fishing heritage?

Episode 509: Curious Braga & Guimarães
Who was born in Guimarães Castle and founded a nation? What are the curious symbols all over the Torre de Menagem? Where can you find a beautifully blue Baroque palace? Why are there about 600 steps, 5 levels & so, so many zigzags leading up to Bom Jesus do Monte Sanctuary? When was Braga Cathedral built, and what did the Romans do here? How did a rooster come to be a symbol of Portugal?

Episode 510: Curious Lofoten, Norway
Who discovered the world's longest Viking longhouse? What are the giant, triangular wooden huts called "hjells" used for? Where can you find the Devil's Stairs? Why is there a giant stadium on a tiny little island? When did a house painted red mean one thing, but a house painted yellow mean another? How did one tiny fish ensure a nation's survival, from the Viking Age through the Middle Ages?

Episode 511: Curious Historic Villages of Portugal
Who was born in Belmonte & became a famous Portuguese navigator? What is the 'Eternal Kiss' & what does a grouchy mom have to do with it? Where did St. Francis of Assisi stop to rest during his pilgrimage along the St. James' Way? Why is a frilly window in a medieval castle so important? When was a secret tunnel built under a hilltop town? How did three different kings contribute to one castle?

Episode 512: Curious Northern Norway
Who was the first tourist to visit the northernmost point in Europe? What is a bunad? And what is its role on National Day? Where is there a fjord named after a troll (and are there any trolls there)? Why are street signs in both Norwegian & Russian in Kirkenes? When did king crabs move to Norway and why? How is the tradition of ice sculpting carried on in an Arctic hotel? Brrr...

Season Six

Episode 601: Curious Lucerne
Christine gets curious about Lucerne's Chapel Bridge, its ornately painted city squares, including the Weinmarkt, its many beautiful fountains, the Musegg Wall, the Wildenmann and the Männliturm. Then it's up to the Swiss Alps aboard the steepest cogwheel railway in the world, to learn the history of the St. Gotthard Pass, some dragon lore, and the curious connection between Pontius Pilate and Mount Pilatus.

Episode 602: Curious Tallinn
Christine gets curious about the legend of Kalev and the foundation of Tallinn; the story of the Danish flag falling from the sky; Tallin's UNESCO Old Town, City Hall & Old Thomas, the medieval wall, Kiek in de Kök and Fat Margaret towers, a Russian Orthodox church, St. Catherine's Passage, and unicorn horn powder at one of the oldest medieval pharmacies in Europe.

Episode 603: Curious Switzerland's Castles
Christine gets curious about the great castles of Switzerland: In Château de Chillon, she explores its unique architecture and location, at the edge of Lake Geneva, and discovers some secret passageways. In Château de Gruyères, she learns the legend of the 'Gru', then explains the many phases the castle went through under different rulers and noble families; and at Schloss Thun, she explores a grand medieval hall, and tells the legend of the friendly(?) furry creature who lives in its soaring attic.

Episode 604: Curious Aix-en-Provence & Arles
In Aix-en-Provence, Christine gets curious about Cézanne's Atelier; why Aix is known as the City of a Thousand Fountains; Aix's Roman origins; the stunning Hôtel de Caumont Museum in the Mazarin district, and visits La Confiserie du Roy René, for Aix's signature candy, the calisson... and learns the quirky legend about a future queen who never smiled (until she tasted a calisson!). In Arles, she takes viewers to the exact spots where van Gogh painted some of his most famous works, and to the hospital where he stayed after he famously cut off part of his ear. Then, it's inside the ancient Roman Arena, to learn about Arles' Roman roots; and the incredible architecture the Romans invented.

Episode 605: Curious Netherlands' UNESCO
Christine gets curious about the many UNESCO sites in the Netherlands. At the iconic Kinderdijk Windmills, she shares how the earliest residents made their below-sea-level lands habitable through ingenious engineering. Then she visits the incredible Colonies of Benevolence, a beautiful 19th century social experiment to help the poor. At Beemster Polder, she explores the incredible city planning of a town that was once at the bottom of a lake (!); and finally, shares the mid-century modern marvels of the glassy and glorious Van Nelle Factory.

Episode 606: Curious Dijon & Beaune
Christine explores the French region of Burgundy in Dijon and Beaune. Highlights include: Dijon's Old Town and its hidden architectural treasures, Notre-Dame du Dijon, Dijon's owl legend, Palais des Etats de Bourgogne, Philippe le Bon Tower, Cite de la Gastronomie. In Beaune, she makes the region's famous mustard at Fallot Mustard Mill, visits the multicolored rooftop at the Hôtel Dieu Museum/Hospices de Beaune and luxuriates in the historic Hôtel le Cep.

Episode 607: Curious Estonia's Culture & Traditions
Christine explores the many wonderful traditions and cultures of Estonia. She takes viewers to the Setomaa region, to meet the indigenous Seto people, and learn about the UNESCO-status Seto Lelo polyphonic singing tradition, traditional folk costumes, and attends a Seto Orthodox church service and visits an open-air museum. In the Peipsi region, on the border between Estonia and Russia, Christine visits the Onion Route, learns about Russian Old Believers, and creates traditional Russian arts and crafts. In Võromaa, she cleanses her spirit in a traditional Estonian smoke sauna, which has its own UNESCO status, and is accompanied by Mother Nature herself.

Episode 608: Curious Kraków
Christine takes viewers through the beautiful streets and layers of Kraków, to learn its Medieval, Renaissance and Enlightenment history, when it was an intellectual and cultural center of Europe. She gets a special tour of Copernicus' alma mater: Jagiellonian University and Collegium Maius, from the University's Dean. Next, she takes us inside the Krzysztofory Palace Museum, set inside a 17th century baroque palace, to learn about Kraków's UNESCO-status Nativity scenes, and to learn the legend of the Lajkonik. Then, it's up to Wawel Castle, perched high upon a hill, then back down to Old Town for the annual Wawel Dragon legend and parade.

Episode 609: Curious Bernt
Christine gets curious about the connection between bears and Bern, and the city's founder, Berthold V. In Bern's Old Town, she takes viewers inside its historic clock tower, the Zytlogge, to see its Renaissance mechanisms still tick-tocking away. Then, she follows Bern's subterranean stream, which surfaces quite prettily in Bern's historic fountains, each its own work of art. Then it's over to Münsterplatz and Bern Minster for the 16th century history of how the Protestant

Reformation impacted Bern. Then, after all that exploring, she takes a breather on the Einstein Bench, in the picturesque Rose Garden, overlooking beautiful Bern.

Episode 610: Curious Estonia's Palaces & Manor Houses
Christine traces the curious history of Estonia's fine homes, built for and lived in by, not Estonians, but Baltic Germans, Scandinavians and Russians. Her journey begins at Kadriorg Palace, built by Peter the Great after he conquered Estonia, for his wife Katherine, and named it Kadriorg, which means 'Katherine's Valley'. At Alatskivi Castle, she explores the curious history of a German baron who copied Scotland's Balmoral Castle in Estonia. Then, she tours one of the grandest baroque manors in Estonia, Palmse Manor, surrounded by its splendid gardens and Lahemaa National Park. At Vihula Manor, Christine interviews an historian who is lucky enough to live in an Estonian manor house.

Episode 611: Curious Warsaw
Christine explores the perseverance of Warsaw, before and after WWII. Beginning with the splendor of its Royal Castle, and the kings who lived there, then tracing Warsaw's role within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Next, she explains the curious history of Warsaw's tallest monument: Sigismund's Column, dedicated to the king who made Warsaw the capital of Poland. Next, it's over to another luxurious palace: the Lazienki Palace and Gardens, to investigate some curious Roman symbolism. Then it's a visit to the Warsaw Rising Museum, to remember the heroes of WWII. To wrap up the trip, she takes viewers to an elegant private concert of Chopin music, and a then a tasty visit to a traditional Polish pierogi restaurant.

Episode 612: Curious Gdansk
Christine explores Gdañsk's history as a Baltic seaport, and how its medieval trade with Holland resulted in its Dutch architecture. Inside the exquisite Main Town Hall, she investigates the beautiful wood carvings and paintings of the council room, full of wonderful symbolism. Then she explains the Gdañsk city crest, influenced by the Hanseatic League, the Teutonic Knights and the Polish kings. She also focuses on Gdañsk's Neptune Fountain and the Long Market. Visits to St. Mary's Basilica, full of religious treasures, the Amber Museum, full of artistic treasures, and the WWII sites at Westerplatte Peninsula, full of heroic history, round out the visit.

Season Seven

701: Curious Allgäu & Füssen, Germany
Christine gets curious about the beautiful Allgäu region and medieval town of Füssen in Bavaria, Germany. Highlights include the St. Mang Monastery and its baroque library and Prince's Hall and Hohes Schloss, the high castle. Then she makes cheese with some Allgäu cheesemakers and

then does a headstand with a 5th generation cowbell blacksmith who also happens to be an expert yoga instructor.

702: Curious Upper Bavaria, Germany
Christine gets curious about Upper Bavaria, Linderhof Palace, Mittenwald and Munich. She explores the history of 'Mad' King Ludwig and his many castles, the Lohengrin swan knight legend, the legacy of the Wittelsbach Dynasty, the storybook village of Mittenwald, and the Bavarian tradition of lüftlmalerei mural art, and how it continues in some very modern and very curious ways.

703: Curious Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany
One of the oldest and most historic medieval towns along the Romantic Road. Highlights: Bavarian storybook architecture, Town Hall, the Meistertrunk legend, St. Jakob's Church and its Reimenschneider altar, medieval walls, Rothenburg monastery museum with caryatids of virtues and vices.

704: Curious Franconia, Germany
Christine gets curious about the Franconia region of Germany. Stops include: Nuremberg, and its medieval landmarks, including the Imperial Castle, the Schöner Brunnen fountain, the Frauenkirche church, ; Würzburg Palace, Old Main Bridge, its famous poet; then she visits a Michelin-starred restaurant to experience an 'aroma library', and finally, visits one of the legendary Franconian vineyards.

705: Curious Regensburg, Germany
Christine gets curious about Regensburg, Germany. Highlights: Regensburg's Roman roots as Radasbona; a curious window in its town hall, the Goliath House, Regensburg Cathedral & the Stone Bridge. Then she visits Eilsbrunn for the Guiness World Record holder for the oldest permanently open inn; then back to Regensburg to learn a traditional bead-stitching art form.

706: Curious Lyon, France
Christine gets curious in Lyon, France. She wanders through the secret traboules, used by the French resistance, explores its ancient Roman origins on Fourvière Hill, visits the breathtaking Basilica of Notre Dame of Fourvière, and finds out why Lyon is the capital of French gastronomy by tasting her way through the Les Halles food market.

707: Curious Utrecht, Netherlands
Christine gets curious about Utrecht, Netherlands. Utrecht's Golden Age, its unique canal-carved city plan, its ancient Roman limes, goes on a beautiful canal boat tour, visits Dom Cathedral and DOMUnder, a unique underground look at the city's foundations, and lives like a royal at Kasteel de Haar, the largest castle in the Netherlands.

708: Curious Poznań, Poland
Christine gets curious about Poznań, Poland. Highlights include: Old Market Square, Rogalin Palace, an archaeological site, Poznań Cathedral and tombs, the Poznań goat legend, Zamek Cultural Center, Enigma Cipher Center, and the Poznań Croissant Museum.

709: Curious Szczecin, Poland
Christine gets curious about Szczecin, Poland. Highlights include: Castle of the Dukes of Pomerania, the National Museum, Stare Miasto Square, Tower of the Seven Cloaks, Kasprowicz Park, Willa Lentza Manor House