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Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.

- Mary Ritter Beard

Dear Traveller,

As someone who grew up in Africa, I had always said to my wife Otavia, who is Brazilian, that Victoria Falls must be the greatest falls on earth. That was before I saw Iguazú in all her glory, a genuine wonder of the world, her cascading veils, her siren call, and I lost my heart all over again.

North, Central and South America are dreamlands of incredible and varied beauty, which tell a captivating story of diversity and adventure. This is truly another world. A world where the past is always present, the people are spirited and welcoming, the laughter pervasive, and the next festival or feast day never far away.

The story begins in South America through the pre-Columbian civilisations of Mesoamerica, down over the teeming ecosystems of the Galápagos and the Amazon, and from staggering Machu Picchu to the dramatic wilds of Patagonia, with its horn-shaped peaks, its deep blue icebergs and soaring condors.

Turn the pages and find yourself in Central America, with its sapphire seas and lush forests, extraordinary Maya ruins and smouldering volcanoes. From the palm-fringed beaches of Mexico to the fractured jazz of old Cuba, and a fiery cuisine — Central America and the Caribbean could write entire chapters on paradise.

The story takes a turn at the very North, in the USA, with its larger-than-life peoples, mind-boggling canyons, vast deserts, and iconic city scapes. Seeing it up-close never fails to re-ignite nostalgia. Add a page on Alaska, its roaming bears and epic, raw wilderness, and suddenly, the North becomes a continent of staggering extremes.

With lively cities to get lost in, stories to hear, dishes to savour and dances to learn, as well as designer hotels and eco-lodges, gorgeous estancias, luxury trains and glamorous high desert camps — and you'll never want to leave.

It's one of my very favourite destinations on earth, and no-one can take you there like A&K.

Enjoy exploring!

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A&K's The Americas

Where will your journey take you?

A&K's stunning portfolio of journeys across the Americas are as diverse, and sought after, as the two continents themselves.

Whether cruising through fjords in remote Alaska, snorkelling with the turtles in Galápagos, off-roading in the Atacama Desert, a culinary journey through Mendoza's winelands, or a thrilling heliflight over staggering Iguazú Falls — wherever you go, you'll fall in love with an infectious people steeped in warmth, laughter and music.

From the iconic cityscapes of the US, to the fiery coastal towns of Mexico and the jazz haunts of Cuba. From the ancient ruins of Peru and Guatemala to the unrivalled wildlife of Costa Rica and Ecuador. Through the breathtaking landscapes of Chile and Bolivia, the rich Gaucho tradition on the Argentinean pampa, and on to the bright sensual sands of Brazil — these vast lands offer a veritable smorgasbord of incredible food and wine, dance, festivities, adventure, history, art, culture and heart-stopping scenery.

With expert itineraries and accommodations that meld consummate luxury into landscapes of beauty, an expedition to the Americas will indulge your wildest imaginings — no one can take you there quite like A&K.





Why Choose an A&K Journey

Abercrombie & Kent takes you to the heart of a destination in extraordinary style and comfort, with authentic local insight, unforgettable encounters, and exclusive access privilege.

The Leader in Luxury Travel Experiences

For over 60 years, Abercrombie & Kent has been a pioneer in the world of luxury travel, redefining the notion of what is possible on holiday and delivering travel experiences that change the way travellers see the world, and themselves. We've made it our business to specialise in destinations and itineraries that are extraordinary, creating exquisite adventures handcrafted to exceed the expectations of even the most discerning travellers.

Our People

A&K works tirelessly to design adventures you won't see from any other travel company, backed up by the most robust support network, including over 55 offices in more than 30 countries around the world. Unlike other operators, we recruit, train and manage our own full-time staff, orchestrating every aspect of your journey with precision and flexibility, down to the last detail. Whether it's the seamless flow of an A&K itinerary or the prompt attention paid to an unexpected request, you can be sure that our global family is the driving force making it happen.

A&K's Journey Designers

Our Journey Designers regard travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit. Exceptionally well-travelled individuals with an average of more than 10 years' travel industry experience, each is an expert in their chosen region of the world. They're also born adventurers who can advise on the best places to visit because they've usually been there themselves already. They're in constant touch with A&K's partners and our network of offices throughout the region and throughout the world, with access to the most up-to-date information at their fingertips. Your Journey Designer also gets to know you as an individual, either through your travel agent or directly with you, one traveller to another, to make sure your journey is everything you want it to be.

Local Presence & Privileges

When you travel with A&K, we don't just take you to the front of the line, we take you into the rooms in the palace not typically open to visitors, on an exclusive tour with the best historian in the region. This kind of unencumbered access to the authentic heart and soul of a place – to the people and sites that exist far beyond the reach of the average traveller – is something we pride ourselves on and ensure we deliver on every journey we create, whether to most iconic luxury travel destinations across North, Central and South America, or to more off-the-grid and under-the-radar places and experiences.

Expert Local Guides

It is often said that a guide can make or break a special journey. We agree. A&K's guides are the best in the world and deliver superlative experiences in every destination. All are blessed with extensive knowledge and the ability to bring local attractions to life. Multilingual and well-travelled, each possesses insight into diverse attractions and cultural interactions throughout the region, enlightening you in every locale with insider information that adds depth to your journey.

A Long-Standing Commitment to Local Communities

Conservation and philanthropy have been integral parts of A&K's operations for decades, long before they became *de rigueur* for other operators. Working hand-in-hand with local villages and communities, we fund schools and clinics and generate opportunities for employment that make a real difference. Grassroots Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy projects like these are included on several of our journeys across the Americas, welcoming our guests to participate in travel that changes lives. See page 44 for more information.

Safety You Can Trust

With experience comes excellence and reliability, and with A&K this translates to peace of mind and security. The safety of our guests is always our priority. Our network of local offices and long-established relationships in this region, and in every region in which we operate, allows us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and developments. If unexpected events occur, A&K has resources at the ready, and you can rely on us to go the extra mile to ensure your wellbeing and allow you to safely continue your journey.





Discover the Americas on a Journey Made Just For You

Your ideal journey starts with a dream, and a deep desire to experience a part of the world in a new way or for the first time. And our Journey Designers are here to create itineraries perfectly suited to your style, your interests and your budget.

Seamless, Ready-To-Travel Suggested Journeys

In this brochure, and in more detail on our website, you will find a range of suggested itineraries exclusively designed by our experts. Each element of each itinerary is carefully considered in terms of guest enjoyment, travel logistics, and how it fits in the overall pace and flow of the journey. Each itinerary is travelled and tested, to ensure we present the destination in the best possible manner in seamless style and comfort. These suggested journeys are all designed to give you an incomparable travel experience and are operated on a private basis for you and your travelling companions. Each is ready-to-book and ready-to-travel on dates to suit you.

Find Your Inspiration

Decades of in-country expertise mean our Journey Designers can curate exceptional activities and experiences for you that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. In each destination, a list of some of these unique experiences is featured. Some of these appear in our suggested journeys, but they can also be pieced together to form the framework for your own bespoke adventure.

No Two Holidays Are the Same

Our suggested journeys are just that, suggested. Should you need to deviate from the proposed route, add a different focus or start from scratch, our Journey Designers are poised to start the conversation with you, or your travel specialist, to craft the holiday of your dreams.

It's simple. Tell us where and how you'd like to travel and we'll create or curate a journey to match, with as much or as little direction from you, and drawing on the expertise of locals from our offices throughout the Americas. By tailor-making your journey with an A&K Journey Designer, you are assured a unique experience from booking to boarding and beyond.

Itineraries You Won't Find Anywhere Else

With our unrivalled knowledge, A&K can create journeys that feature iconic destinations and perfect pacing, all seamlessly orchestrated for the luxury traveller. These are journeys that unfold with the narrative flow of a good book or a great film. Our approach and network advantages also bring practical benefits, including tailored transfer and flight routings to allow for extra time exploring, and longer stops in the places you most want to see.

Genuine, Cultural Immersion

We ensure every one of our journeys includes authentic cultural encounters. Imagine strolling the market of a little-known village alongside a friendly local — your A&K guide — who grew up just down the street and has probably known some of the vendors there her entire life. She makes warm introductions and suddenly you are taking a bite of some exotic fruit picked just that morning. Our guides offer the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of the people, and the place, in a way you'll never forget.

Four Steps to Your Inspiring Journey

- Tell Us About Your Ideal Journey

 It starts with an A&K Journey Designer, who works with you or your travel professional to open your eyes to the possibilities of travel with A&K a world of inspiring destinations and exclusive insider access.
- Make Your Journey Your Own
 The Journey Designer creates a detailed proposal for your journey, complete with touring, hotels and insider access activities arranged specially for you, refining the itinerary until it's exactly what you're looking for.
- 2 Let Us Handle the Details
- Your journey is planned now it's time to sit back and let us finalise the details, as well as provide all the information you need to prepare for your journey.
- Travel with Around-The-Clock A&K Support
 Once you arrive at your destination, we manage every
 - Once you arrive at your destination, we manage everything behind the scenes, leaving you to enjoy every inspiring moment for as long as you travel with us. For any unexpected request, we are just a phone call away — a friendly voice, providing roundthe-clock support. This is travel as it is meant to be.

Experience the Journey of Your Dreams

Contact A&K at 1300 851 800, visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au or speak to your travel agent to start planning your bespoke journey today.



Truly Luxurious Accommodations That Inspire, Enhance & Delight

The quality of the accommodation we use is one of the many things that sets an A&K journey apart. On all handcrafted tailor-made and Small Group Journeys, we select only the most remarkable hotels, boutique lodges and ships, each of which must combine superior service, a sense of place, local character and unanticipated luxuries.

Award-Winning, Iconic Hotels

When luxury is what you're looking for, there's no reason to settle for second best. Our local experts choose only the very best hotels in a given destination. In many cases, their choice will be the undisputed local favourite, synonymous with five-star style, often a Condé Nast Traveler Gold List or Travel + Leisure World's Best property.

But the choice might also be a whispered secret, a better option, a small but perfectly formed boutique property with a certain significant atmospheric, experiential or locational advantage. This firsthand knowledge allows us to recommend the perfect fit for you and your itinerary.

One-of-a-Kind Locations

When considering a hotel, our experts look at more than just the rooms. Wherever possible, we arrange for you to stay close to the places you most want to see, close to the people you'll most enjoy meeting, and close to the experiences you'll most enjoy discovering. We'll choose the right option from among the region's best properties, whether historically iconic, coveted high design or supremely located on the edge of wilderness.

Intimate Boutique Camps & Lodges

As a home base on secluded and extraordinary wilderness adventures, our more off-the-beaten track journeys feature luxurious boutique camps and lodges available to fewer guests and always with an incredible front seat to scenery and wildlife, often just outside your door.





Chile

Discover Chile's breathtaking landscapes from the desert of the north to the glaciers of the south, sip on some of the world's finest wines, take in a colourful sunrise on Easter Island and dip your toes into therapeutic thermal waters. From the moment you set foot on Chilean soil, you'll travel from the ordinary into the extraordinary. No matter how you choose to spend your days, you'll be treated to Chile's spirited hospitality and a distinct feeling of home.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Chile

Discover Chile's Lake District

Nothing prepares you for the wilds of Chile's Lake District. Discover a vast, unspoiled landscape filled with contrasting ancient forest, fertile farmland, sapphire-blue lakes and glowing volcanoes. Find a hiker's paradise, learn to ride horses Chilean style, flyfish on the banks of impossibly clear rivers and marvel at the Indigenous Mapuche culture.

Get Active in Patagonia's Sprawling Wilderness

Covering most of southern South America, Patagonia is blessed with magnificent landscapes, from the towering peaks of the Andes in Chile, to the vast pampas of Argentina. Home to freshwater lakes, awe-inspiring icefields and glaciers, explore the diverse, rugged landscape affording a rare glimpse of a wild frontier encountered by a privileged few.

Marvel at Chilean Museum Treasures

Often cited as the jewel in the crown of Santiago's diverse museum scene, the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art offers a window into South America before Spanish explorers arrived. Take advantage of an exclusive out-of-hours visit to the collection, admiring artefacts from an era when Chile's Indigenous peoples ruled.

Uncover the Mysteries of Easter Island's Moai

Over 3,700 kilometres off the west coast of Chile is the island of Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Standing guard over this exposed triangle of volcanic rock seemingly lost in the South Pacific are hundreds of iconic *moai* statues. Carved from the island's volcanic rock, the statues have baffled experts and inspired romantics for centuries.

Dine with a Chilean Chef

For an enriching culinary experience in Chile, accept a personal invitation into the home of a local cook and art lover. Enter her kitchen, where she will guide you through the preparation of delicious Chilean recipes, and reveal some of her culinary secrets. Then enjoy a feast of Chilean dishes complemented by excellent Chilean wine.

Go Glamping in the Otherworldly Atacama Desert

For solitude and seclusion, look no further than A&K's exclusive and intimate camp in the Atacama Desert. Located 2,400 metres above sea level, the Atacama region is home to a spectacular range of rare sights, from geysers and salt lakes to dramatic mountain ranges and volcanoes. Hike in for sundowners, dinner by the campfire and stargazing in some of the clearest skies on Earth, before a dreamy sleep under canvas.

Taste the Wines of Chile

Situated on a coastal plain between Santiago and Valparaiso, the Casablanca Valley is world-famous for its vineyards. Learn the nuances that set the finest Chilean wines apart as you explore a celebrated estate and gain expert insights from the winery's enologist, sharing tasting notes and your own custom blend.







Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Wonders of Chile

11 days

Arrive Santiago (2N) – Atacama (3N) – Santiago (1N) – Torres del Paine (4N) – Depart Santiago

Perfectly positioned between the ocean and the Andes, Chile flaunts natural wonders on an epic scale, with an incredibly diverse landscape of parched dunes, fertile valleys, great volcanoes, ancient forests, massive glaciers and breathtaking fjords. From charismatic and arty Santiago, to the ethereal moonscapes of the Atacama Desert, and on to the soul-stirring wilderness of Patagonia, this immersive Chilean adventure is truly unforgettable.

<u>Please click here to view detailed itinerary and pricing.</u>

Chile & Argentina: Patagonian Wilderness

15 days

Arrive Santiago (2N) – Puerto Natales (3N) – Patagonia Cruise (4N) – Ushuaia (2N) – El Calafate (2N) – Depart Buenos Aires (1N)

Experience the coasts, capes and wild seas of the far south, from Santiago to Buenos Aires on this stunning and comprehensive journey to the end of the world. Hike on a glacier, where the ice cracks and rumbles around you. Take an unforgettable sea voyage through magical fjords and channels. And choose from a suite of wilderness adventures with a skilled naturalist in tow. Patagonia possesses such grandiose and imposing landscapes they will leave you breathless.

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Argentina

Home to sultry tango, gauchos and the finest malbec wines, Argentina is known the world over as a Latin American destination with vibrant spirit and broad appeal. Whether you're exploring the sweeping classical architecture in Buenos Aires' historic Recoleta district, traversing glaciers or marvelling over thunderous waters at Iguazú Falls, excitement is always just around the corner.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Argentina

Flightsee Majestic Iguazú Falls by Helicopter

Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguazú Falls straddles the border between Brazil and Argentina. Its 275 cascades tumble over a three-kilometre-long cleft of rock. Take off on a helicopter exploration of Iguazú Falls and the wild tropical forest of Iguazú National Park, enjoying the best possible vantage of this awe- inspiring UNESCO World Heritage site.

Seek out Argentina's Charming Colonial Northwest

Head to the far northwest corner of the country to discover the hidden colonial gem of Salta. Explore its charming city and deep desert valleys. A photographer's dream, trek to see the inactive Socompa, Llullaillaco and Tridente volcanoes and admire the varied and vivid flora and fauna.

Adventure Across Argentina's Ancient Glaciers

Experience an incredible up-close encounter at Perito Moreno Glacier – trekking directly on the glacier itself. Using crampons, this adventurous guided exploration is an adventure you'll never forget. Alternatively take to the water in a kayak and paddle among huge eroded icebergs. Viewing the towering ice from the water is truly awe-inspiring.

Learn to Tango

Put your best foot forward in a private lesson with Rojo Tango's world-renowned performers, learning steps to take your skills to the next level and sizzle on the dance floor. Alternatively, for an authentic slice of Buenos Aires nightlife visit a Milonga, or tango dance club. Learn the basics, sit back and watch the Porteños (locals to Buenos Aires) dance and join them on the floor.

Be Spellbound by Bariloche, Patagonia's Lake District

Cobalt-blue lakes and towering mountains of sheer granite crowned by glistening snow – this is Bariloche, Patagonia's Lake District. This city has strong ties to central Europe thanks to a wave of immigration over the past century, with influences widely seen in the local culture and the alpine architecture.

Stay in an Authentic Argentinean Estancia

The wide open spaces of Argentina lent themselves to ranching, with charming estancias now dotting the country. Each estancia is different, offering something for everyone. Relax in luxury at La Bamba near Buenos Aires, opt for the authentic experience of the working Los Potreros near Cordoba, or discover the privacy and remoteness of La Palma near Mendoza.

Eat Like a Local

Spend any time in Argentina and you realise that much of life revolves around perfectly grilled meat (asado) and locally-grown wines. Learn the secrets of the asado at a local's home, and taste a selection of flavourful wines. For lovers of malbec, a stay among the vines of Mendoza is a must.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Treasures of Argentina

13 days

Arrive Buenos Aires (2N) – Iguazú Falls (3N) – Salta (1N) – Purmamarca (2N) – Salta (1N) – Depart Mendoza (3N)

Discover a wonderful world of contrasts in Argentina. From the sensuous vibe of sophisticated Buenos Aires to the rich colonial history of Salta; the roaring spectacle of Iguazú Falls to the winemaking prowess of Mendoza and the rainbow lunar landscape of northwest Argentina. Sample mouth-watering cuisine and wines that make each region unique, and even learn how to create your own delicacies. Wild, raw and always surprising: this is the true Argentina.

<u>Please click here to view detailed itinerary</u> and pricing.

Our complete range of popular <u>tailor-made</u> <u>journeys can be viewed on our website</u> and all can be personalised to your individual requirements. <u>Find out more about the</u> <u>A&K Difference</u>.



Uruguay

Pocket-sized but bursting with charm, Uruguay is located just across the River Plate from Argentina. With its perfectly-preserved colonial heritage, a spectacular Atlantic coastline and raw rural scenery, it is a wonderfully rewarding place to visit. Taste spectacular wines and the flavoursome meat-based cuisine underpinned by abundant fresh produce, and find your rhythm at some one-off musical experiences.

Brazil

Few countries boast the colour and culture of Brazil. Lush vegetation, vibrant celebrations, spectacular Iguassu Falls, sprawling Rio de Janeiro and exotic wildlife are just a few of the highlights you'll enjoy as you travel Brazil's diverse landscapes.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Brazil

Stand at the Feet of Rio's Iconic Christ the Redeemer

Perhaps the most iconic of all Rio's landmarks, Christ the Redeemer stands high atop Corcovado Mountain, soaring some 700 metres above the city. Board the cog railway for a steep ascent through dense rainforest to the summit of Corcovado Mountain. Here, at the feet of Christ the Redeemer, peer down on the breathtaking vista – the whole of Rio stretched out before you.

Flightsee Rio or Majestic Iguassu Falls by Helicopter

Get a bird's-eye view of Rio de Janeiro by helicopter, including the spectacular granite peaks of both Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado Mountain, its golden beaches, as well as an up-close view of the Christ the Redeemer statue. Alternatively, a flight over Iguassu Falls reveals the surrounding wild tropical forest and the immense river that meanders through it. Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguassu Falls straddles the border between Brazil and Argentina.

Go Backstage at Rio's Vibrant Carnaval Celebrations

The Mardi Gras Carnaval is arguably Brazil's greatest party and being absorbed by the energy is an true foot-moving experience. At other times of year you can still experience the flavour of Carnaval as you set out on a behind-the-scenes journey exploring the artistry of this vast event. Witness the construction and production process of the colourful floats and costumes.

Dive into the Riverine Wilds of the Brazilian Amazon

Uncover nature's wonders on a journey into the Amazon Basin. Head to one of Brazil's, and the world's, greatest fluvial archipelago systems, Anavilhanas Ecological Station, a 100,000-hectare mosaic of dense forest and interlocking waterways listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. For something truly unique join our exclusive trip to stay with the remote Kayapo Indigenous community deep in the forest.

Track Jaguars Through the Pantanal Wetlands

Brazil's vast Pantanal comprises the largest continuous wetland on the planet. Here, jaguar and caiman preside over a wild aquatic kingdom, its boundaries ever shifting with the ebb and flow of the Paraguay River's tributaries. Venture into the heart of this endless marshland to join a jaguar habituation team as they go about monitoring this near-threatened species.

Settle into the Island Vibes of Paraty and Angra Dos Reis

With a spectacular setting, Paraty lures with its slow pace. Meander through the cobbled streets under shady mango trees, and lose yourself amongst the plethora of cosy cafés, bars and art galleries. Angra offers up crystal clear waters and secluded bays. Glide on a private schooner round the surrounding islands and beaches of rare isolated beauty.

Cruise Through the Cultural Melting Pot of Salvador

Salvador offers the traveller a historic melting pot of cultures and African heritage with an incredible colonial background. Wander cobbled streets past pastel coloured buildings in Pelourinho, take in the energetic martial art inspired capoeira dancing, feel the beat of the Olodum drummers and bite into the creole flavours of a moqueca fish stew. This is the true soul of Brazil.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Flavours & Rhythms of Brazil

9 days

Arrive Rio de Janeiro (3N) – Iguassu Falls (2N) – Depart Salvador de Bahia (3N)

Welcome to Brazil, a vast nation overflowing with vibrant cultures, unstoppable rhythms and infectious energy. Discover a city where music and dance are as vital to life as air and water. Seek out the country's pulsing epicentre of Afro-Brazilian culture and let endless thunderous waterfalls take your breath away.

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Buenos Aires to Rio

9 days

Arrive Buenos Aires (3N) – Iguassu Falls (2N) – Depart Rio de Janeiro (3N)

Take an immersive dive into the enigmatic countries of Argentina and Brazil, where Samba and Tango provide the ultimate soundtrack to South America's most captivating sights. From horseback riding in the Pampas, to traversing the rapids at Iguassu Falls, to the shimmering beaches of Rio de Janeiro, experience a tapestry of cultures alongside delectable feasts of local flavours and fare.

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Bolivia

From brightly coloured textiles and bustling markets to countryside villages that feel frozen in time, Bolivia is a travel destination guaranteed to inspire and delight the senses. While the country might lack the tourism infrastructure found in other parts of Latin America, part of what makes a visit to Lake Titicaca or Uyuni's glistening salt flats so unique and special is that everything is both charmingly undeveloped and incredibly beautiful.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Bolivia

Discover the Otherworldly Oasis of Uyuni

Set in Bolivia's southwest corner, the desert outpost of Uyuni affords a welcome oasis among the hauntingly beautiful moonscape that surrounds it. The small town is known for its warm, hospitable locals and easy access to the awe-inspiring vastness of the Salar de Uyuni (Uyuni Salt Flats).

Adventure High in the Mountain Metropolis of La Paz

Nestled across a gaping Andean canyon some 4,000 metres above sea level, La Paz boasts the highest elevation of any capital city in the world. This mountain metropolis invites guests to wander its winding lanes, stroll its curious market stalls and take in its colonial architecture.

Sleep in a Deluxe Air Stream Camper

Upgrade your experience on the Uyuni Salt Flats with a stay in a Deluxe Air Stream Camper which comes complete with electric blankets, private bathroom, air-conditioning, a mini-bar and spacious relaxation area. Enjoy exceptional meals prepared by a gourmet chef in a separate 'kitchen on wheels'.

Cruise the Sky-Blue Waters of Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca's massive size, eerie stillness and piercing blue hue complement a rich history dating back to the early, pre-Incan hill tribes who still call these shores home. Board a sleek vessel for a cruise across the crystal-blue waters of Lake Titicaca by hydrofoil to arrive at Isla del Sol (Sun Island), one of the Inca's most sacred places.

Meet with a Traditional Bolivian Healer

Known as the Kallawayas, the natural healers of the Bolivian Andes strive to heal the body by first healing the soul. On a wellness-inspired excursion, meet with one of these direct descendants of Tiwanaku culture as they offer blessings and answer questions by casting sacred coca leaves, just as they have for centuries.









Peru

There are few places in the world that can boast the spectacular and diverse beauty of Peru. From the natural energy of the Amazon rainforest and the peaks of the Andes to the colonial architecture of the country's capital Lima, Peru is a captivating country full of surprises at every turn. Rediscover hidden treasures as you walk along the Inca trail to Machu Picchu, and immerse yourself in the proud culture of the Peruvian people as you journey through this awe-inspiring country.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Peru

Be Inspired by the Legendary Lost City of Machu Picchu

Overlooking the Urubamba River from its remote Andean perch, the 500-year-old citadel of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO World Heritage site, holds many secrets. Retrace the footsteps of Inca emperors along pathways through cloud forest and past ancient ruins to Sun Gate, a towering vantage revealing the pride of the Inca empire, Machu Picchu.

Explore Spiritual Traditions in the Peruvian Andes

The spiritual traditions of the Andean people have endured for centuries. On a wellness-inspired excursion, your expert guide leads you to a remote site secluded among the mountains in search of a time-honoured spiritual ceremony. A local shaman greets you, then leads a sacred ritual honouring Pachamama, the Andean mother earth deity.

Discover Incan History in Cusco and the Sacred Valley

The former Inca capital of Cusco sits perched 3,400 metres up in the breathtaking Andes. A vibrant urban centre, it is filled with colonial and Inca buildings, its centrepiece the historic Plaza de Armas and splendid cathedral. Outside the city lies the fertile and rural Sacred Valley, a riverside oasis of villages, ruins and farms flanked by terraced Andean mountainsides.

Master Peruvian Cooking with a Local Chef in Lima

Delve into the cosmopolitan flavours of Peru with a culturally immersive foodie experience in Lima, one of the world's hottest culinary destinations. Join a local chef for a guided walk through the market to gather locally grown ingredients. Then, head to a neighbourhood restaurant for a lesson in preparing authentic Peruvian dishes before enjoying the meal you helped prepare.

Journey by Rail Through the Andes

Explore the Andes on South America's first luxury sleeper train, Belmond Andean Explorer. Pass through ancient kingdoms, natural wonders and rural communities. Spanning Cusco, the high Andean altiplano, Lake Titicaca and Arequipa, there are four multi-day routes to choose from, or luxury day trip trains to explore spectacular sites such as Machu Picchu.

Find Inspiration in Peru's Sacred Valley of the Incas

Pay an inspirational visit to the Children of the Rainbow School, a vital resource for the Sacred Valley's least privileged children. See how the community has partnered with A&K Philanthropy to expand the school's outreach beyond education, growing it into an oasis of nutrition, medical care and hope.

Cruise the Peruvian Amazon

The Amazon is an unmissable wilderness experience, best enjoyed aboard a river cruise. Aqua Nera offers extraordinary comfort across just 20 suites, and generous dining and lounge areas. Alternatively, Delfin Amazon Cruises, the first Relais & Châteaux cruise line, operates three vessels offering unmatched elegance and comfort. All vessels include guided wildlife encounters and village visits on cruises from four to eight days.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Highlights of Peru

9 days

Arrive Lima (2N) – Sacred Valley (2N) – Machu Picchu (1N) – Depart Cusco (3N)

From intricate frescoes to architectural marvels, Peru is home to one of South America's most sophisticated ancient civilisations and a thriving modern vibe. Unearth the past in Lima. Delight in Cusco's tapestry of colonial charm and Inca spirit. Unlock hidden treasures in the lesser-known South Valley. And make the pilgrimage of a lifetime to the mountaintop ruins of Machu Picchu.

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Peru in Depth

14 days

Arrive Lima (3N) – Amazon (2N) – Sacred Valley (2N) – Machu Picchu (1N) – Cusco (3N) – Lake Titicaca (2N) – Depart Puno

Peru conceals some of the world's most astonishing attractions. From the modern culinary hub of Lima to the rainforest wonders of the Amazon; Incan treasure and the ruins of Machu Picchu to the colonial splendour and Indigenous culture of Cusco, plus the altiplano landscapes and islands of Lake Titicaca. Wherever you find yourself, there are unique hotels, welcoming locals, world-class food and all delivered in customary A&K style.

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Ecuador

From the extraordinary biosphere cloud forest and impenetrable Amazon jungle to snow-capped volcanoes including the mighty Cotopaxi, Ecuador is a land of varied wonders. The well-preserved capital, Quito, is the oldest continuously inhabited city in all of South America, while among the thriving towns that dot the country, the combination of Inca ruins, colonial churches and fascinating history proves irresistible.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Ecuador

Adventure Through the Amazon

The Amazon is a vast, exotic, breathtaking world that is a must see for any South American traveller. Discover this incredible ecosystem from a lodge such as the Napo Wildlife Centre, a community eco-lodge located in the most biodiverse spot on earth – the Yasuni National Park – or on a boutique all-suite riverboat soaking up the ever-changing view from floor to ceiling windows.

Encounter the Exotic Species of the Mashpi Rainforest

One for wildlife lovers, the Mashpi Biodiversity Reserve is a part of one of the greatest biodiversity 'hot spots' on earth. The reserve is home to a profusion of plants and animals, including over 400 species of birds, orchids and bromeliads, amphibians (including glass frogs), and larger mammals such as monkeys and even puma. A stay at the Mashpi Lodge is a remarkable and unforgettable experience.

Flightsee Ecuador's Avenue of Volcanoes by Helicopter

Marked by craggy peaks, deep valleys and molten craters, Ecuador's Avenue of Volcanoes is crowned by the 4,800 metre Corazon Volcano and 5,900 metre Cotopaxi Volcano. Take off aboard your private helicopter charter for a sweeping view of Cotopaxi, an active volcano that's erupted over 50 times in the past 300 years.

Explore Haciendas and Their Gardens

A stay in a historic hacienda gives the chance to experience life in colonial times. Take part in ranching activities, explore local markets, stroll through a beautiful rose garden, learn the unique history of these time capsules and enjoy a freshly prepared lunch in a gracious, relaxing setting.

Visit the Cathedral City of Cuenca

The beautiful cathedral city of Cuenca was one of the first cities of the Inca Empire. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its colonial architecture and historic riches, it is filled with treasures to discover. Known for its handicrafts, the city is also the centre of the Panama hat industry, while the nearby Ingapirca, is the site of Ecuador's most important Inca ruins.

Visit an Artist's Studio in Ecuador

Join Juan Pablo Toral, a young and talented artist for a unique painting class. Visit his studio, a 100-year-old house overlooking a river in a traditional neighbourhood of Guayaquil. He has been painting for over 16 years, and sees painting as a way to express his urban spirit and showcase his hometown.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Ecuador Adventure

Arrive Quito (2N) - Mashpi Reserve (2N) -Otavalo (2N) – Cotopaxi National Park (2N) Riobamba (1N) – Cuenca (2N) – Depart

Discover a treasure trove of natural and cultural wonders in Ecuador, on South America's Pacific coast. Immerse yourself in its soaring capital city and stroll through the cobblestone plazas. Wander through nature's playground in the rainforest at Mashpi. Stay awhile to meet Andean villagers in markets and workshops, and delight in the traditional life of a hacienda. There's a whole world to explore in these Andean peaks.

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Galápagos

Take a front-row seat for nature's dizzying showcase of evolutionary magic: the Galápagos Islands. Each of the islands of this remote archipelago, located 1,000 kilometres off the coast of Ecuador, is a land of stark lava formations, cactus forests, lush green highlands and turquoise bays — overflowing with wildlife at every turn. Discover the natural mecca where the wildlife that inspired Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution still flies, waddles and crawls freely. Simply choose your vessel or lodge with A&K, and let nature take care of the rest.

Meet The Locals

From the finches that inspired Darwin to the whales that return to the islands each autumn, wildlife sets the Galápagos apart. Encounter each island's unique species up close with the help of naturalist quides.

Sea Lion

The social sea lion hardly bats an eye at human visitors. When not congregating on the beach, they are swift, powerful swimmers. Want to swim with a sea lion? January through March is a great time of year for water clarity and warmer temperatures. Or come in October for a chance to snorkel with a sea lion pup.

Sally Lightfoot Crab

This brilliant-hued crab is perhaps the islands' most photogenic species. It occupies the rocky coasts, feeding on algae, year round.

Blue-Footed Booby

Given to foot-stamping mating displays that make it a favourite of Galápagos visitors, the endearing blue-footed booby may be found mating and nesting year round, depending on conditions.

Flightless Cormorant

Over the eons since arriving by air in the Galápagos, this living experiment from 'Nature's Laboratory' evolved into the world's only flightless seabird besides the penguin. It nests from May to October.

Marine and Land Iguana

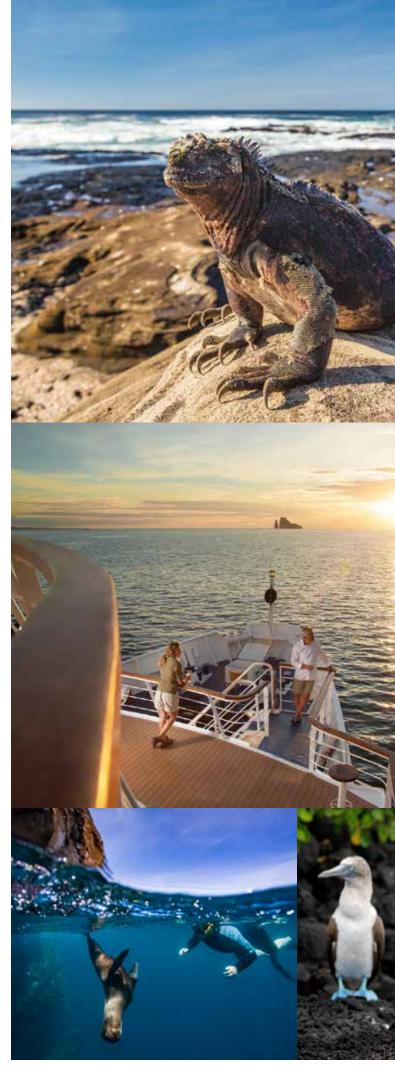
Called the 'imp of darkness' by Darwin, the marine iguana is well adapted to the water, with finlike tails and teeth designed to scrape algae from rocks. Nesting begins in February. Its terrestrial kin, the land iguana, prefers dining on prickly pear cactus and has a mating schedule that varies from island to island.

Galápagos Penguin

Both the rarest and the most northerly penguin species, this island denizen arrived at the Galápagos via the chilly Humboldt Current from Antarctica. Penguins, and many other Galápagos bird species, such as the red-footed booby, start nesting in January.

Giant Tortoise

Overhunting and habitat loss nearly drove these placid, stately reptiles to extinction. Happily, conservation efforts are proving successful and many subspecies' populations are on the increase. Visit in January when eggs are laid or come between March and May to see its rare aquatic cousin, the green sea turtle, nesting on the beaches.







Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Galápagos Cruise

4-14 days

A&K presents a hand-picked selection of vessels for you to consider for your Galápagos Islands adventure. Cruise for between three and 14 nights to remote islands and discover extraordinary wildlife. Your tailor-made Galápagos cruise will take place onboard comfortable, scientific expedition vessels with itineraries designed by naturalist guides ensuring a truly unforgettable Galápagos experience.

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Galápagos by Land

7 days

Arrive Guayaquil (1N) – Galápagos Islands (5N) – Depart Guayaquil

Welcome to the boutique lodge, Pikaia, headquarters for discovering nature's headline act: the Galápagos Islands. Cruise between islands on a luxury yacht and meet the real-life inspiration behind Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Marvel at dramatic evidence of the area's volcanic provenance. And when you think you've seen everything on terra firma, head beneath the waves for a whole new treasure trove.

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Colombia

Palm-fringed beaches backed by lush jungle, contrasting landscapes, colourful cities and of course, the coffee — Colombia is still a largely undiscovered country waiting to be explored. Its newfound economic stability and wealth of attractions make it an intriguing place to visit. Boutique hotels are popping up across the major centres, there's a delicious food scene and it is home to some of the most welcoming people on the continent.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Colombia

Explore the Colourful Caribbean Jewel of Cartagena

Cartagena's period architecture, pastel colours, horse-drawn carriages and narrow, cobbled streets exude colonial charm. This Caribbean jewel was the first Spanish colony on the South American mainland and one of the main ports of the Spanish fleet. Today, the city draws artists, musicians and travellers in search of a muse.

Help Conserve the Cloud Forest of Cocora Valley

Set amid the misty haze of a vast cloud forest, Colombia's lush Cocora Valley harbours a protected enclave of wax palms, a tall, slender palm species teetering on the brink. Hike Los Nevados National Natural Park, exploring this misty forest as you learn about efforts to conserve this important ecosystem. Then, play your own part in this vital mission as you plant a wax palm at the base of the valley.

Follow the Journey from Bean to Brew in Colombia's Coffee Country

Join your guide for an introduction to the production process from bean to brew at a renowned coffee plantation. Located in Colombia's best known coffee producing region, and a UNESCO World Heritage site, enjoy the chance to savour the different aromas and flavours at a curated Coffee Baptism.

Go Subterranean in the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Colombia's salt miners endured a hard life, often leading them to seek divine intervention. In a small mining town just outside Bogotá, descend into the subterranean Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá to learn how religious sculptures were hewn from the tunnels of a former salt mine by the miners themselves.

Find a Tropical Haven on Barú Island

Disappear into a tranquil haven of islands just off the coast of Colombia. This is the Caribbean, but not as you know it. Explore the colourful archipelago of coral islands, seek out hidden powdery white beaches and swim and snorkel in brilliant blue waters.

Relish a Tasting of Colombian Rum

Meet Habib Rabbat, a well-known sommelier and former Ambassador of Chivas Brothers, in his home, for a unique tasting of Colombia's favourite spirit. Learn all about the country's award-winning rums, the many different blends, and understand the relation between the rum's ageing, and its aroma and taste.

Be Charmed by Caribbean Island Life in Providencia

You may come to Providencia for some of the world's most pristine beaches and best preserved coral reefs, but you'll stay for its truly Caribbean island way of life. This tiny South American corner of the Caribbean is unknown to much of the travel world – and it shows.







Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Colombia Revealed

14 days

Arrive Bogotá (3N) – Villa de Leyva (2N) – Pereira (3N) – Medellín (2N) – Depart Cartagena (3N)

Journey through a nation of ecological, cultural and gastronomical treasures and you'll agree Colombia is Latin America's best kept secret. From the cool European style of the capital to the fertile coffee country and the unique landscapes studded with palm trees that touch the clouds; brightly coloured villages, urban street art and show-stopping museums reinforce the country's rich artistic traditions.

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Mexico

Family is sacred in Mexican culture. It's no surprise, then, that locals make every effort to create inviting, unique experiences for visitors and guests. Travellers are compelled by Mexico's spectacular Maya ruins and relics, its colourful festivities and, of course, its many mouthwatering dishes. Whether you are marvelling over Chichén Itza, or trying your hand at tortilla making in a bustling Oaxaca *mercado*, every experience is a treat for the senses.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Mexico

Be Entranced by Mexico's Colonial Cities

Revealing a patchwork of stories at every turn, Mexico's fabled Spanish cities will leave you spellbound. Peel back layers of history as you wander in the footsteps of Mexico's Spanish conquerors. Explore your creative side in San Miguel de Allende. Marvel at grand monumental colonial architecture in the vibrant town Guanajuato. Each city has its own tale to tell.

Step Back in Time in the City Of Angels

Be amazed by the splendour of Puebla's elegant colonial buildings, its streets and flavours that honour its nickname "the City of the Angels". The city retains a fantastically well-preserved centre, a stunning cathedral, a wealth of beautiful churches, and an increasingly thriving art and nightlife scene.

Soar Over Mexico's Copper Canyon

Discover extraordinary natural beauty hidden deep in Mexico's mountains. The Copper Canyon may be over four times as large as the Grand Canyon, but it remains a mystery to many. Soar over bottomless ravines and experience the quiet mysticism of the Tarahumara people.

Be Astonished by the Biodiverse Landscapes in Oaxaca

Nestled in the mountains of southwest Mexico, Oaxaca features extraordinary landscapes and a blend of tropical forests and temperate zones making it one of the most biologically diverse states in Mexico. Its rich cultural experiences include unique markets, ancient ruins and historic churches.

Be Enchanted by the Yucatán Peninsula

Fall under the spell of the Yucatán Peninsula, a cultural feast of ancient ruins, colonial cities and spectacular natural scenery of leafy rainforests and soft sandy beaches. Unpeel layers of ancient history with a visit to vast, ancient Mayan pyramids, learn how to make Panama hats and savour Yucatecan cuisine in a private cooking class.

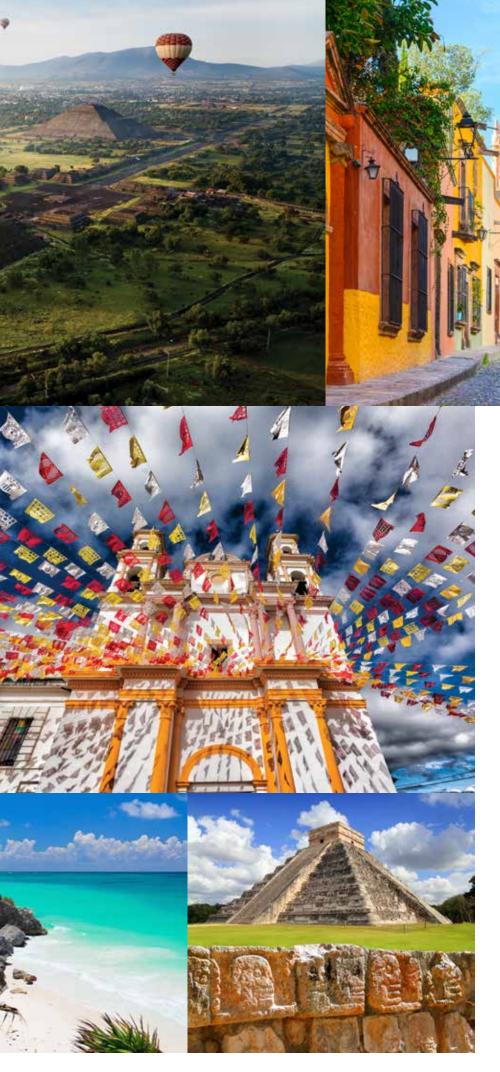
Take to the Mexican Skies in a Hot Air Balloon

Soar over the UNESCO World Heritage archaeological zone of Teotihuacán, known as the City of the Gods, in a hot air balloon. From high above sites such as the astonishing Pyramid of the Sun and Pyramid of the Moon, the impressive scale of the ancient urban centre comes into powerful perspective.

Swim the Mayan Peninsula's Underwater Caves

On the Mayan Peninsula, an A&K-exclusive activity allows guests to descend into a natural cave that was originally an underground river. Celebrate the adventure with a Champagne reception on site.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Mexico: Cities of the Sun

13 days

Arrive Mexico City (3N) – Puebla (2N) – Oaxaca (3N) – San Cristóbal de las Casas (2N) – Depart Palenque (2N)

Uncover Mexico's captivating cities, old and new. Walk in the footsteps of legends, from the all-conquering Aztecs of Teotihuacán to the revered artists of Mexico City. Discover ancient Mayan sites hidden deep in the jungle of Palenque. Wander through the laneways of dynamic Oaxaca, where vivid art, remarkable cuisine and cultural tradition wait at every turn. Mexico's cities of the sun will leave you spellbound.

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Mexico: Colonial Cities

8 days

Arrive San Miguel de Allende (3N) – Guanajuato (2N) – Depart Guadalajara (2N)

Revealing a patchwork of stories at every turn, Mexico's fabled Spanish cities will leave you spellbound. Explore your creative side in San Miguel de Allende. Marvel at grand monumental colonial architecture in the vibrant university town Guanajuato. Discover the secrets to tequila. Peel back layers and experience a fiesta of sights, tastes, architecture and traditions.

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Cuba

Cuba is increasingly sought after by discerning travellers and it's easy to see why with its abundance of cultural and scenic attractions, plus a rich arts scene and intoxicating music. Travelling to the capital Havana reveals buildings in a multitude of pastel shades, 1950s Cadillacs still cruising the streets, an energising salsa scene, and dining in family-run paladares. Beyond the city are Cienfuegos and Trinidad, rich in stunning architecture and white-sand beaches; and Viñales, in the heart of Cuba's tobacco-growing region, a Jurassic Park-like wonderland.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Cuba

Be Swept up in the Local Rhythms of Eastern Cuba

This is the wild east of Cuba. Roam the sizzling streets of Santiago de Cuba and follow their rhythm to unravel stories of trailblazing characters. Then, when it's time for seclusion, lose yourself in the enchanting world of Baracoa. There's untold magic here too.

Experience an Authentic Cuban Homestay

Homestays in family-owned guesthouses, known locally as casas particulares, are a unique way to experience the country. These authentic family homes present Cuba as the Cubans see it, providing a fascinating glimpse into the daily life of those living through a period of remarkable change.

Discover Some of Cuba's Greatest Exports in Havana

Explore Cuba's enigmatic historic capital with its classic cars cruising the streets, faded colonial grandeur, charming Old Havana with its cobblestone streets and the Plaza de la Catedral, the impressive Museum of the Revolution and the Havana Club Rum Museum.

Lose Yourself in Trinidad's Colour and Landscapes

Trinidad is Cuba's most colourful and photogenic town. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site, one of the best-preserved colonial cities in the world, ringed by extraordinary natural attractions including stunning beaches and mountains offering a range of adventure options with hiking trails and waterfalls.

Venture into the Breathtaking Valle de Viñales

The Valle de Viñales is a stunning national park blessed by fertile rustred soil, a lush valley and beautiful mountains. Its farmers are reputed to grow the best tobacco in the world.

Relax in Island Paradise in Santa Maria

Connect with nature and forget the world in the island paradise of Cayo Santa Maria. Relax in the sophisticated luxury of an all-inclusive five-star adults-only resort where dedicated butler service and inroom spa baths are included for all.







Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Secrets of Cuba

13 days

Arrive Havana (4N) – Viñales (2N) – Cienfuegos (2N) – Trinidad (2N) – Depart Havana (2N)

Vibrant and alluring, Cuba is the Caribbean's diamond in the rough and on this journey you'll experience the quintessential charm of the place, its vintage cars, its cigars, its rich colonial history and avant-garde art scene. Dig deep and discover the haunts of Hemingway, UNESCO World Heritage sites, fields of tobacco and nature at its most picturesque.

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Costa Rica

Costa Rica is an intoxicating destination and one of the most biodiverse. Discover this land of astounding diversity, where sparkling beaches and rainforests teeming with life thrive under the watchful eye of ancient volcanoes. The days are filled with eco-friendly adventures and the evenings spent in the country's best lodges, surrounded and serenaded by nature's nocturnal symphonies.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Costa Rica

Soak in the Vistas and Hot Springs of Arenal Volcano

Arenal Volcano looms large on Costa Rica's horizon, its foothills dotted with lush rainforest and inviting hot springs. Walk the Místico Arenal Hanging Bridges for a bird's-eye-view of the rainforest canopy and the volcano's peak. After your bridge walk, venture into the foothills for a rejuvenating dip in the nearby hot springs.

Adventure to New Heights in Monteverde Cloud Forest

Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve is one of Central America's most important wildlife sanctuaries. Criss-crossed with trails and tree-top walkways, the area's mist-covered, emerald green foliage is home to abundant flora and fauna with 2,000 exotic plant species and 400 species of bird, including the astonishing quetzal.

Zipline Through the Costa Rican Rainforest

With lush canopies exceeding 30 metres in height, Costa Rica's rainforests harbour one of the world's most biodiverse ecosystems. Get an adrenaline rush as you zipline through a Costa Rican rainforest. Strap in with help from your expert safety instructor, and take an exhilarating leap through the misty canopy below.

Explore the Pristine Landscapes of the Osa Peninsula

Boasting the country's most pristine rainforest, the inlets and beaches of the Osa Peninsula are a naturalist's delight. The rich biodiversity of this national park, one of the best regions to spot rare wildlife, will be yours to explore from a lodge deep in the heart of the forest.

Discover the Diverse Wildlife of Tortuguero

Tortuguero offers you the opportunity to explore rainforest, mangroves, wetlands, coastal beaches and experience an amazing display of wildlife, such as alligator, iguana and monkey. There's abundant birdlife on show here too.

Stroll with Sea Turtles in Costa Rica

Schedule your visit to Tortuguero for July through October to coincide with the nesting season of the park's iconic sea turtles. With a little luck, you may be able to walk the warm sands of the beach among green, loggerhead, hawksbill or leatherback turtles.







Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Costa Rica Encounter

10 days

Arrive San José (2N) – Tortuguero National Park (2N) – Arenal Volcano (2N) – Osa Peninsula (3N) – Depart San José

Wild, wondrous, green and serene, Costa Rica is a haven for nature lovers and fast becoming one of the most popular eco-adventure destinations in Central America. Venture into pockets of wilderness reached only by air and boat, and appreciate the country's extraordinary biodiversity. Experience the easy-going pace of life here and witness first-hand the incredible rewards of Costa Rica's visionary approach to tourism.

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Guatemala

Guatemala is a stunning blend of ancient Maya traditions, Spanish colonial cities, highland villages, and vibrant Caribbean towns where you'll be treated to warm welcomes and invited to participate in vibrant Indigenous traditions. It also offers an impressive array of birds and wildlife, as well as a stunning diversity of ecosystems, including active volcanoes, virgin rainforest, remote cloud forest and highland lakes.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Guatemala

Be Spellbound by the Historic City of Antigua

Once the colonial capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala, Antigua offers a remarkable combination of romantic ruins and architecture from every age dating back nearly 500 years. It is a city full of surprise and intrigue, and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979.

Be Charmed by Local Traditions in Chichicastenango

With its winding cobbled streets, whitewashed houses, and steep surrounding mountains, charming Chichicastenango is the ideal place from which to explore the Maya-Quiché highlands. On Thursdays and Sundays the village explodes into a riot of colour when more than 20,000 people from the neighbouring hills descend upon the town to trade at the market.

Explore the Colourful Landscapes of Lake Atitlán

Surrounded by purple volcanic mountains and dark green pine forests, the shifting blue depths of Lake Atitlán make it one of the most beautiful, colourful lakes anywhere in the world. Situated over 1,500 metres above sea level, a dozen or so idyllic villages dot its shoreline.

Discover the Ancient Mayan Ruins of Tikal

Encompassing 575 square kilometres of jungle, the enchanting Tikal National Park features more than 3,000 ancient structures, including the Great Plaza, Acropolis, and Temple of the Jaguar. Many of the these were built during the 8th century when Tikal became the greatest city in the Maya world, with an estimated population of 100,000 people.



Honduras

Far away from the crowds, Honduras is home to picturesque white beaches fringed by the world's second-largest barrier reef, jungle-covered mountains, a staggering number of bird species, exquisite Maya ruins, and colonial, cobblestone villages. The ruins of Copán is an extraordinary Maya archaeological site, overlooking a beautiful valley studded with ceremonial stelae, some of the most intricate in the Mayan world.





USA

Fast paced, simultaneously wild and refined, and with some of the most beautiful natural wonders on the planet, the USA is abundant with once-in-a-lifetime sights. The country epitomises glamour. From the bright lights of Las Vegas and the colossal Grand Canyon to the endless horizons of the Great Plains and its pristine national parks including Yellowstone and Yosemite, the USA offers a huge variety of unforgettable experiences, adventures, charms and tastes.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience the USA

Drift Along Snake River in a Handcrafted Wooden Dory

Float in a traditional wooden dory down Snake River in Grand Teton National Park where bald eagles, hawks and osprey soar through the peaks. Keep your eyes peeled for spectacular wildlife, including moose, deer and elk as they forage along the riverbank. Dock at a secluded camp for stunning Teton views and a gourmet brunch.

Kayak with Sea Otters Along the Elkhorn Slough

Cruise by kayak along the calm waters and salt marshes of Elkhorn Slough, where otter, seal and sea lion gather to rest, groom, hunt and rear their pups. No other tidal estuary of its beauty and magnitude exists along the Central Coast, making Elkhorn Slough a kayakers paradise.

Cycle Through the Vines and Wines of Sonoma

Enjoy a private hybrid cycling tour of Sonoma's lush, green vineyards with an expert in all things vino. Your charming guide will share fascinating stories about the friendly vintners in the valley and the viticulture process as you make stops to sample award-winning wines along the way.

Hike Jaw-Dropping Yosemite National Park

Marvel at UNESCO World Heritage listed Yosemite National Park with an expert naturalist, on a stunning hike tailored to your fitness level. Spot eagles and condors soaring overhead as you traverse unrivalled splendours from mighty waterfalls to the gemstone lakes of the high country.

Descend into Bryce Canyon on Horse Back

Saddle up for a dreamy horse ride into Bryce Canyon with a charming expert guide and some quirky local cowboys. Hear fascinating stories of cowboy life, and the evolution of the canyon, with its stunning endemic wildlife, as you traverse the rim and descend into the layer-cake, rocky gorge.

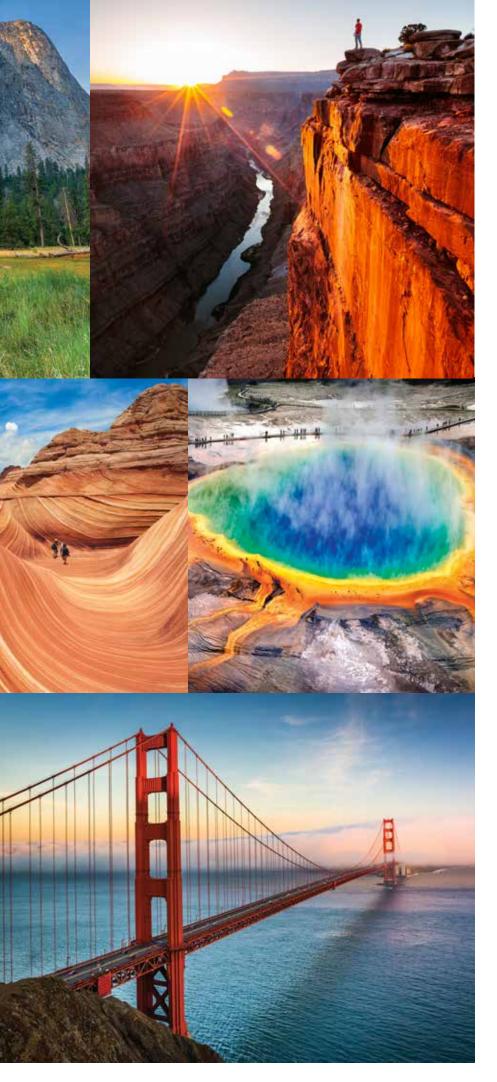
Skipper an America's Cup Yacht

Take to the helm and skipper your own America's Cup racing yacht around San Francisco Bay. Help the crew raise the giant mainsail before sailing under the cinematic Golden Gate Bridge. Help with the hoist and take your turn as a 'grinder' or simply sit back and enjoy the thrill of the ride.

Hike the Hollywood Hills for Breathtaking Views of LA

Don your hiking boots for an expertly guided hike up the Hollywood Hills to the Sign and the Griffith Park Observatory. Your guide will regale you with stories of LA and its fascinating cache of film sets and movie stars, as you observe a stunning 360° panorama of the city.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Wonders of Yellowstone & Grand Teton

8 days

Arrive Yellowstone National Park (3N) – Grand Teton (4N) – Depart Jackson

Discover two of America's most iconic national parks on this road trip to remember. See the wild west at its best when you breathe in the wide-open spaces and untamed landscapes of Montana – Big Sky country – where the geysers and hot springs of Yellowstone National Park bubble over alongside a rich array of wildlife. See cowboy culture up close in Wyoming, where rodeo is the state sport, and marvel at the magnificent mountain scenery of Grand Teton National Park. You're guaranteed to be amazed.

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Canyons of the Southwest

14 days

Arrive Phoenix/Scottsdale (2N) – Sedona (2N) – Tusayan/Grand Canyon (2N) – Page (2N) – Tropic/Bryce Canyon (1N) – Zion National Park (2N) – Depart Las Vegas (2N)

Explore the spectacular canyons of the southwest states of the US – including the world-famous Grand Canyon – on this journey through Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Carved through solid rock by winding rivers, these ancient natural formations are sculpturally breathtaking. Seek out the wildlife and botanical attractions of these desert ecosystems and hike along rugged trails to panoramic viewpoints, before finishing your adventure amidst the bright lights of 'Vegas'.

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Best of California

14 days

Arrive San Francisco (3N) – Yosemite National Park (3N) – Carmel Valley (2N) – Santa Barbara (3N) – Depart Los Angeles (2N)

Unearth the treasures of the Golden State on this epic two-week road trip from the 'City by the Bay' to the 'City of Angels'. Venture into majestic Yosemite National Park and motor down Highway 1 to Los Angeles along the dramatic Pacific Coast. Discover sunny beaches, quaint seaside towns, world class wineries, nature at its finest and vibrant cities with hand-selected lodgings along the way including a sweeping country ranch, mountain lodge and sophisticated city digs.

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Alaska

For spectacular wilderness, Alaska is unparalleled. This is America's last frontier, a land of raw tundra, soaring peaks, turbulent rivers and curious wildlife, where Arctic landscapes sparkle in the Midnight Sun and glaciers calve into icy waters which are a haven for otters, whales and orcas. View the spectacular scenery of America's largest state from the air, clattering along the tracks, on foot and from the water and be amazed by its native culture, bountiful produce and craft beers.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Alaska

Enjoy a Thrilling Landing on an Alaskan Glacier

Experience an unforgettable flight over the peaks of Denali National Park, as your pilot shares fascinating details about its braided rivers, deep gorges and bright blue glaciers. Land on a glacier's surface and tread over this miracle of nature, surrounded by a pristine panorama of snow-veiled crests.

Watch Bears Roam in Wild Alaska

Soar over the Alaskan wilderness to Chinitna Bay, where a multitude of brown bears feed on the protein rich sedge grasses. From May to September, witness these magnificent animals digging for clams on the riverbanks as your guide shares tales of the bears and their families.

Kayak Through Glacial Ice at Rugged Spencer Lake

Kayak around the rugged and primeval Spencer Lake where mile-high peaks and sheer headwalls tower over gravel plains, gushing waterfalls and braided rivers. Cruise across calm glassy waters and weave through glacial ice, paddling around blue-tinged icebergs and gliding up close to the majestic glacier face.

Be Enveloped by the Remoteness of the True Alaskan Wilderness

Get off the grid and experience the true Alaskan wilds from a remote and exclusive lodge in the wilderness. Venture out each day to explore hidden forest trails, kayak on pristine lakes, trek on dazzling glaciers, spot bears and visit untamed hidden gems by helicopter.

Traverse White-Water Rapids in Talkeetna Canyon

Strap in for an A&K exclusive private jet boat as you traverse the wild water rapids of Talkeetna Canyon in an unforgettable adventure. After leaving the roiling waters behind, go ashore to explore a Native Alaskan encampment with an expert local guide hearing fascinating stories about the region's Indigenous heritage.

Indulge in an Alaskan Salmon Bake Under the Midnight Sun

Enjoy a sublime tranquil float down the Portage River surrounded by majestic Alaskan scenery. View hanging glaciers and keep your eyes peeled for bear, moose, bald eagle, beaver and silver salmon, before going ashore to feast on an authentic Alaskan Salmon Bake under the midnight sun.





Uncover the hidden gems of untamed Alaska with its treasure-trove of stunning wildlife – including black, grizzly and polar bears, moose, caribou, bison and even the occasional killer whale. Travel in GoldStar service on Alaska Railroad's Denali Star. Fly over Denali National Park before landing on a glacier. Take an exhilarating dog sled ride through the wilderness. Seek out marine life on a cruise through the Kenai Fjords and marvel at wild bears in their natural habitat. This tailor-made journey to Alaska offers the chance to discover magnificent wildlife, welcoming people and awe-inspiring landscapes.

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Cruises

Whether it's a luxury cruise to discover the mighty Amazon River, or an adventure cruise to the southernmost region of the world, A&K has a selection of favourites for you.

Amazon Cruise, Peru

The mighty Amazon region of Peru is an unmissable wilderness experience best enjoyed on board a river cruise. Custom built Aqua Nera offers an extraordinary level of comfort across 20 suites, with generous dining and lounge areas, and all suites featuring floor to ceiling windows. Alternatively, Delfin Amazon Cruises, the first Relais & Châteaux cruise line in the world, operates three vessels offering just the right amount of elegance and comfort. All vessels include guided wildlife encounters and village visits on cruises ranging from four to eight days.

Amazon Cruise, Ecuador

Capture the wonders of the exotic jungle on a cruise through the Ecuadorian Amazon. From your boutique all-suite riverboat, Anakonda, enter a world that's surreal and breathtaking in equal measure. Soak up the ever-changing view of untamed landscapes and exotic creatures from floor to ceiling windows. Appreciate what distinguishes an Amazon cruise from any other.

Ventus Australis, Patagonia

Built in 2018, Ventus Australis is an expedition vessel designed to navigate the glacial channels and fjords of southern Chile. It features the latest safety and environmental technology, spacious cabins with large windows, gourmet dining, an open deck and several lounges. Discover the legendary maritime channels and untouched wilderness in Tierra del Fuego: shore excursions are carried out in Zodiac boats that can easily navigate remote bays and shallow water, and on foot to experience up-close encounters with huge glaciers, subpolar forests, Magellanic penguins and elephant seals.





Luxury Expedition Cruises

Over 30 years since launching our first voyage to Antarctica, Abercrombie & Kent continues to set the standard for luxury expedition cruising. We stake our reputation on every voyage — insisting on only the finest Expedition Team, vessels, excursions, planning and service. We limit our exclusively chartered vessels to no more than 199 guests, affording a private balcony with every stateroom and a peerless personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.3. Every voyage is truly all-inclusive, encompassing all excursions, meals, house drinks and onboard gratuities. All of A&K's Antarctic journeys begin in Buenos Aires, with voyages departing from Ushuaia in Argentina's far south.

The Finest Guides in the Business

Occupying a category all their own, A&K's Expedition Leader and Expedition Team comprise a cast of extraordinary real-life characters — an average of 18 guides on every cruise — representing acclaimed scientists, historians, photographers, authors and true-to-life explorers. Their credentials and expertise in the regions we visit are matched only by their commitment to the success of your voyage, which they oversee down to the last detail.

On Board Sophistication

An A&K voyage to Antarctica offers an opportunity to experience the world's most pristine region at its very best, all from aboard the comfortable and sophisticated 'Le Lyrial.' Enjoy its stunning blue palette inspired by the Vega star and all-balcony staterooms and suites. On other cruises to different destinations, she carries more than 264 passengers; on voyages with A&K, we limit her capacity to just 199 guests. Fewer passengers in turn allows for more shore excursions each day and cabins with private balconies for every guest.

Superbly Crafted Itineraries

On the edge of the Earth, Antarctica represents the last true wilderness, a place of dramatic and untamed extremes. Very few make this unique trip deep into the wilds of the Southern Hemisphere, joining the ranks of legendary explorers like Shackleton. Dramatic diversity and incredible scale define Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic islands, from gargantuan icebergs and towering mountains to colossal humpback whales and vast colonies of penguins.

Cruise itineraries on offer include Classic Antarctica voyages focussing on the towering icebergs, impressive glaciers and wildlife of the Antarctic Peninsula, and explorations of the colourful Falkland Islands, unspoiled South Georgia with its rookeries of king penguins, and epic Antarctica.



Antarctic Cruise Adventure 13 days | Dec 10, 2023

Explore Antarctica and the Southern Ocean in the height of the austral summer, encountering rare wildlife, towering icebergs and vast glaciers.



Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands

18 days | Dec 20, 2023 & Jan 4, 2024

Explore the Falkland Islands, unspoiled South Georgia with its rookeries of king penguins, and the incomparable Antarctic Peninsula.



Antarctica Discovery: Beyond the Antarctic Circle

15 days | Jan 19, 2024

Embark on a thrilling voyage beyond the Antarctic Circle to the most historic and rarely explored treasures of the Southern Ocean.

Please visit our website for more details on our range of Antarctic cruises, or to request a copy of our Luxury Expedition Cruise brochure.





Cuba Awakened

13 days

Departs February, April, November 2023 & February 2024

Cuba is bursting with colour, sound and culture, the cobbled streets of Havana home to breathtaking architecture, soulful music and some of the favourite haunts of Ernest Hemingway. Discover the history and delicate process behind the classic Cuban exports, cigars and rum, and lose yourself in the local ambience as you explore. A country steeped in revolutionary history, see the memorial of Che Guevara, and pay a visit to the Bay of Pigs, reliving revolutionary moments in time as you explore with local experts. With incredible architecture, intense flavourful fare and natural wonders aplenty Cuba is a country of indefinable magic.



Patagonia: The Last Wilderness

10 days

Departs January-March & October-December 2023

Embark on a journey jam-packed with outdoor adventure in some of the most rugged and breathtaking landscapes on the planet. Ease into the experience with an urban exploration of Argentina's cosmopolitan capital before venturing to the far south of the continent for a Patagonian immersion. Hike, ride and/or boat through glacial wonderlands, rich native forest and awe-inspiring alpine scenery. And visit traditional working estancias to see how the European settlers influenced today's pastoralists. Your journey finishes in the sophisticated Chilean capital, one of the world's most remarkably-located cities.



Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley

8 days

Multiple departures January-December 2023

Prepare to be enchanted on this epic journey to the heart of the ancient Inca Empire. See why Machu Picchu features on every traveller's bucket list and explore it away from the crowds. Soak up the dazzling colours of Peru's textiles and handicrafts and savour the fresh and flavoursome cuisine which has become one of the world's most fashionable. Contrast 4,000 years of pre-Columbian history at the impressive Larco Museum with the vestiges of Spanish colonial rule in Lima's grand squares and Cusco's cathedrals and see how the conquistadors lived with private access to a grand 16th century residence. Visit an inspiring project giving hope to impoverished, at-risk children in the Sacred Valley and admire the breathtaking countryside as you travel to Machu Picchu by luxury rail.



Wonders of the Galápagos & Machu Picchu

12 days

Multiple departures February-November 2023

Perfectly paired, neighbouring countries Ecuador and Peru present a fascinating combination of experiences. From the ancient landscapes and rare wildlife of the Galápagos Islands, which you'll explore by boutique luxury expedition ship, to Peru's extraordinary Inca ruins and colonial cathedrals. Snorkel in the Pacific waters, hike in search of giant tortoises and get up close to endemic birdlife in the Sacred Valley of the Incas meet Quechua farmers whose practices have changed little in centuries. It's a journey sure to inspire.



Wings Over Argentina, Chile & Brazil

12 days Departs February & September 2023

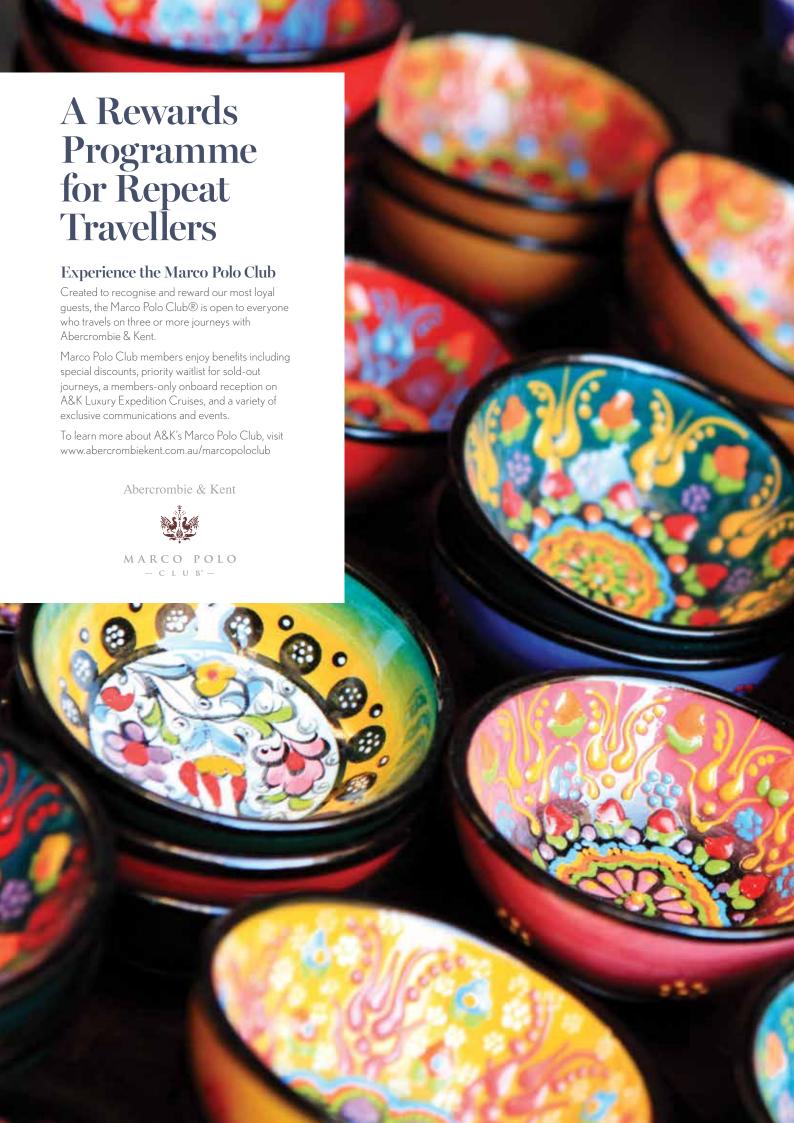
Discover three vibrant nations, experiencing their people, cultures and culinary treasures firsthand, including fine wines, on an active, immersive journey that explores Mendoza's winelands, Patagonia's epic landscapes and stunning Iguazú Falls, all made possible by private chartered flights that dissolve the distances between destinations. Wings Over the World itineraries feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there.



Wings Over Alaska

10 days Departs June, July & August 2023

Discover the far-flung reaches of Alaska on an immersive luxury journey that reveals its wilderness and wildlife at their most authentic. Flightsee over Denali, track brown bears in Katmai National Park, and cruise among whales and tidewater glaciers in Prince William Sound, accompanied by leading conservationists, while staying exclusively at remote, iconic lodges, on an itinerary made possible through the timesaving convenience of private chartered air.





Celebrate with Family and Friends

At A&K, we love curating exceptional holidays for you, your family and your friends, so that you can share journeys that matter to the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Whether you're gathering to celebrate a special milestone – a birthday, anniversary, honeymoon or wedding – or simply pulling family together from different corners of the globe, we recognise that shared experiences are the most memorable, and we know how to tailor the journey to suit every dynamic. Our Journey Designers can create magical moments for every generation.

Multi-Generational & Family Holidays

Travelling with your extended family – whether it's with your grandchildren, kids, parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle or siblings – can be a hugely rewarding experience. It offers an opportunity to reconnect, and bond over the excitement of shared discoveries and experiences.

The Americas provide fascinating locales for family adventures that will last a lifetime. Two of our favourite countries include Chile and Costa Rica, for their immersive and captivating range of family activities for every age.

Chile is one of Latin America's most sophisticated, and welcoming, countries with breathtaking scenery around every corner, and an abundance of exciting outdoor adventure options that are perfectly tailored for the active family and provides options to suit all interests, ages and fitness levels.

With its vibrant jungle teeming with brightly coloured wildlife, picturesque beaches of turquoise waters, volcanic vistas and welcoming locals, Costa Rica is the perfect option for an unforgettable family holiday. There are a multitude of immersive activities available for families, including rafting along winding rivers, venturing into the rainforest on a giant canopy bridge, zip-lining and incredible wildlife viewing — everything from a hummingbird and tree frog to a tapir and coatimundis.

A&K Milestone Celebrations

We love bringing friends and family together to celebrate special occasions in perfect comfort and style. With prompt attention paid to every request, you decide who your guests are, and you set the daily timetable. A&K has access to extraordinary fully-staffed properties across the Americas, and some very sophisticated vessels – perfect venues for milestone celebrations or a multi-generation family voyage. From a lavish villa on a private beach overlooking the Caribbean, to a luxury lodge situated in the spectacular Torres del Paine of Patagonia, a boutique lodge in the Galápagos Islands, or an exclusively-charted luxury vessel on the Amazon – whatever takes your fancy, A&K can curate exclusive itineraries that you and your loved ones will remember forever.





Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy

Be a Part of Travel That Changes Lives

Make a deeper local connection on your next journey with a visit to an Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy project.

Transforming Travel

While the travel industry is in the midst of a transformation toward greater equity and sustainability, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) has been committed to positively impacting lives and livelihoods in the communities where our guests have travelled for decades. We are equally committed to ensuring guests learn about our philanthropic investments as an integral part of their travel experience.

Sharing a Journey That Matters

While an A&K journey reveals all kinds of inspiring experiences, our guests often find their visit to an AKP project the most stirring. You'll find these unique opportunities on many of our journeys, affording a wealth of interactions and insights you won't find anywhere else. Whether celebrating a newly opened school or the beauty of an ecosystem brought back from the brink, these visits forge memories that last a lifetime.

Building on a Solid Foundation

Established in 1982 under the guidance of A&K Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy is dedicated to giving back to the vibrant communities we're so privileged to share with our guests. Our local offices seek out and support grassroots projects in these communities, and we're now deeply involved in more than 40 education, conservation, healthcare and community enterprise projects in 22 countries.

For example, in Peru's Sacred Valley, the Niños del Arco Iris (Children of the Rainbow) project supplies meals, medical care, education and hope for disadvantaged children in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

Sustaining an Unmatched Local Presence

With full-time, locally based coordinators serving our partner communities in Peru, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia, AKP is fostering philanthropic commitments unprecedented in the travel industry. Focussed on making the most of our efforts in the field, these community development professionals are also uniquely qualified to share these projects with you, our quests.

If you'd like to meet one of our Philanthropy Coordinators and experience an AKP project firsthand, please contact A&K or your travel agent to arrange a site visit on your next journey.

Abercrombie & Kent makes a donation to AKP on behalf of every guest travelling.



For more information on AKP projects around the world, and how you can support or visit them, see www.abercrombiekent.com.au/philanthropy



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