SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

A selection of shared adventures for inquisitive travellers to the world’s most exquisite destinations – emerging and eternal.

2020 TRAVELS
Dear Traveller,

I am delighted to present our 2020 Small Group Journeys portfolio, a collection of exquisite, shared adventures to many of the world’s greatest destinations.

There are journeys here to destinations that rank among the eternal luxury travel favourites – sub-Saharan Africa, the mighty Nile, European capitals, the temples and palaces of India, the mysterious ruins of pre-Columbian empires in Latin America. And there are newer journeys here to more challenging, emerging destinations that are fast becoming favourites — including Mongolia, Madagascar, Namibia, Central Asia, Iran and Patagonia.

What all the journeys in this portfolio have in common is they travel to places A&K knows inside out, places we know are ideal destinations for small groups of discerning travellers. Every journey here takes advantage of the local knowledge and expertise in our 56 offices around the world and our nearly 60 years of delivering extraordinary travel experiences. Each journey is led by one of our passionate and knowledgeable Resident Tour Directors, and each is designed to reveal the heart and soul of a destination, so you experience it at its most authentic and rewarding.

Like all A&K journeys, the journeys in this portfolio also have in common meticulous behind-the-scenes planning from experts with years of local knowledge and decades of travel industry experience. On these journeys, you’ll enjoy privileged access to incredible sites and experiences, meet fascinating people, and make meaningful connections, not just with your fellow travellers, but also with the people and places you visit. You’ll make new friends, discover new cultures, share secret histories and sacred customs, and return not only refreshed but also enlightened, about the world and quite possibly about yourself — it happens to me every time I travel.

I believe these journeys capture and encompass the very essence and ethos of what it means to travel with A&K – these are life-enhancing luxury adventures, and this is pioneering and experiential travel at its best.

We look forward to welcoming you on the journey of a lifetime.

Enjoy exploring!

Geoffrey Kent
Founder, Chairman & CEO | Abercrombie & Kent

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For details on different journey types, travel styles and inclusions, see pages 12-17.
Why Travel With A&K

With nearly 60 years of experience, more than 56 offices around the world, and a renowned network of connections, only A&K’s Small Group Journeys can take you to the heart of a destination with the privilege of authentic, local access.

OUR UNMATCHED LEGACY
OF SERVICE, EXPERTISE AND AUTHENTICITY
Abercrombie & Kent is the world’s premier luxury travel company, with an unrivalled legacy of creating memorable, inspiring adventures in the world’s most compelling destinations. Our approach combines singular service, authentic local expertise and beyond-the-guidebook insider access, all of which come together to create a journey of a lifetime, every time you travel with us.

From our first pioneering safari in Africa in 1962 — when Geoffrey Kent led his debut tour with little more than a refrigerated ex-Army truck and the best tents money could buy – we’ve been setting the standard for luxury small group journeys. A lot has changed in the intervening years, but we still want to take you down the road less travelled, devising unique, meticulously planned journeys into hard-to-reach places to commune with authentic cultures.

Nearly six decades later, with Geoffrey Kent still at the helm, we have grown into a family of over 2,500 travel specialists. These experts have turned their passion for travel into a vocation. We are devoted to making your holiday dreams an unforgettable reality, and our long-standing networks allow us to reveal local secrets beyond the reach of most.

LOCAL ACCESS MATTERS
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 the world’s most iconic or to more off-the-beaten-track destinations. It is unequivocally what sets A&K apart from any competitor. And it has everything to do with our extensive and long-established connections throughout every locale in which we operate.

THE MOST EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF TRAVEL EXPERTS IN THE WORLD
A&K works tirelessly to design adventures you won’t be able to undertake with any other tour provider, backed up by the most robust support network, including over 56 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 our global family is the driving force making it happen.

EXPERIENCED RESIDENT TOUR DIRECTORS
Imagine strolling the market of a little-known village alongside a friendly local – your A&K Resident Tour Director – who grew up just down the street and has probably known some of the vendors here her entire life. She makes warm introductions and suddenly you are taking a bite of some exotic fruit picked just that morning. Our Resident Tour Directors are year-round residents in the places we visit, with the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local. Their expertise is unmatched and their excitement contagious. Overseeing your entire journey, they accompany you every day, sharing a beyond-the-guidebook understanding of daily life and introducing you to everything from temples at dawn to the savannah at its wildest. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of a place, connecting you to the people, places and wildlife you encounter in a way you’ll never forget.

SAFETY YOU CAN TRUST
Your well-being and safety are always our first priority. Our network of local offices and long-established relationships in every region in which we operate allow us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and to manage your safety and security. Should a situation arise, A&K has resources at the ready to allow you to safely continue your journey.
We are a truly global brand, with more than 56 offices around the world. There isn’t much ground our worldwide family of 2,500 experts hasn’t trodden. Between them, they have visited nearly every country on Earth, always going the extra mile to find authentic experiences in far-flung places.

OUR A&K OFFICES
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Melbourne, Australia
Maun, Botswana
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Santiago, Chile
Beijing, China
Hong Kong, China
Shanghai, China
Quito, Ecuador
Abu Simbel, Egypt
Alexandria, Egypt
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Lima, Peru
Moscow, Russia
St Petersburg, Russia
Kigali, Rwanda
Cape Town, South Africa
Johannesburg, South Africa
Madrid, Spain
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Zurich, Switzerland
Arusha, Tanzania
Bangkok, Thailand
Kampala, Uganda
Cheltenham, UK
Harrods, UK
London, UK
Chicago, US
Da Nang, Vietnam
Hanoi, Vietnam
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Lusaka, Zambia
Wherever You Travel, We Deliver the Luxuries That Matter Most

EXCLUSIVE MOMENTS DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU
On every A&K journey, experience locally-inspired moments crafted by our experts just for A&K guests. You might explore a charming neighbourhood or spectacular landscape by horse-drawn carriage, in a rickshaw or on a camel, and end the day with a refreshing cocktail — the classic A&K Scenic Sundowner — in an unforgettable location against a breathtaking sunset.

DINING THAT EXPLORES LOCAL FLAVOURS
An authentic taste of a local cuisine is always among the highlights of any journey. We make it so by providing a perfect mix of planned group meals — including celebratory welcome and farewell dinners — with other mealtimes left unscheduled. You’ll experience favourite local restaurants, participate in hands-on cooking demonstrations, feast on beautiful food in fine diners and family homes, or enjoy an à la carte dinner on your own and at your leisure, on us.

WI-FI IN ACCOMMODATION
If you really want to be online — checking emails or sharing the memories you are making — wi-fi in accommodation is included in your package, wherever we can make it happen.

AIRPORT MEET & GREET, RETURN PRIVATE TRANSFERS
Be truly escorted on every step of your journey with an airport meet and greet service on arrival and return private transfers to and from your first and last hotels.

EXCURSIONS AS STATED, ENTRANCE FEES, TAXES & TIPS
Let us take the strain off your wallet while you are away by making sure you won’t need to think about the usual sundry costs of entrance fees, taxes, and most tips. These are all included in the price of the journey, meaning you can focus on the experience, not the expense.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, WHERE APPLICABLE
If in-country travel is part of your small group journey, rest assured the cost is accounted for and you won’t be asked for more.

FAREWELL & WELCOME DINNERS
Being part of an A&K small group journey is more than just a trip away. It’s a chance to meet other travellers and enjoy the experience together. Our welcome and farewell dinners provide the perfect frame around your holiday — this is when your memories will both begin and be cemented. We also include most breakfasts in your stay, as well as selected lunches and dinners throughout.

NEW FOR 2020 – INTRODUCING DESIGN YOUR DAY
An innovative addition to our Small Group Journeys in 2020 is A&K’s new Design Your Day concept. On specified days in your itinerary, you have the freedom to pick an experience that is suited to you and your interests.

Arts & Culture: A chance to really understand what makes each destination unique, and the influences that framed its development

Culinary Delights: Live like a local and learn how to make favourite foods and signature dishes in classes taught by local cooks and chefs

Active: Get the adrenalin pumping as you head out on more physical adventures that will enhance your journey
SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS LIKE NO OTHER

When it comes to inspiring travel, a small group makes a big difference. We set the stage for the extraordinary by limiting our Small Group Journeys to no more than 18 guests — attracting like-minded people with an abiding love of travel.
AN IDEAL SMALL GROUP SIZE
We guarantee that no Limited Edition or Luxury Small Group Journey will have more than 18 guests on it (24 on Connections Boutique Journeys). This means you travel in a like-minded group at a pace that suits you all. It means more one-on-one interaction with your Resident Tour Director, and allows A&K to reserve splendid hotels and other properties and luxury camps that can’t accommodate the typically larger groups that travel with other companies.*

*Please note there may be some exceptions to the maximum group size of 18, for example on cruising days during your itinerary, when your group may be aboard a boat with other A&K groups of 18. Refer to the group size reference on each itinerary.

ITINERARIES ONLY POSSIBLE WITH A SMALL GROUP
A small group size lets us craft journeys that are seamlessly orchestrated and packed with the insider access opportunities that are A&K’s hallmark. Many of your journey’s most memorable activities — whether a visit to a local family’s home or a guided tour of a private art gallery — are only possible with a smaller group.

AN INTIMATE GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED TRAVELLERS
Seasoned travellers say the best part of a journey is often the people you meet. On an A&K small group journey, this extends not just to the fascinating locals you encounter, but to the new friends you meet within your group — in fact, guests who meet on one journey are often soon making plans together for their next.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES
As soon as we have at least two people booked on an A&K small group journey, it is guaranteed to take place. You don’t need to worry about a last-minute phone call saying your holiday has been cancelled. If you’re committed to going, then so are we.
LIMITED EDITION SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

Originally designed for more intrepid, yet still fastidious Australian travellers, and now becoming a favourite of inquisitive travellers from around the world, our Limited Edition Small Group Journeys are expert-led, shared adventures to more off-the-beaten track destinations.
A NEWER COLLECTION OF JOURNEYS CREATIVELY DESIGNED FOR THE TRAVELLER WHO REALLY WANTS TO GET UNDER THE SKIN OF A DESTINATION

These journeys have a fine balance of guided activity and breathing room, allowing the time and space for more exploration and self-discovery in a destination. As well as the featured highlights on page 13, these journeys also offer the following.

LEISURELY PACE
Travellers on these trips enjoy enough time at each location to take in all the sights – from the iconic to the lesser known. Travelling at an unhurried rate also means more free time in your chosen destination. You can go with the slower flow and explore under your own steam. Your Resident Tour Director and guides will be happy to make recommendations based on your interests and tastes – from niche museums and specialist stores, to hidden city cafés the locals love – so you can get a real sense of place in your mornings, afternoons or evenings at leisure.

TRULY IMMERSIVE ENCOUNTERS
Each of these journeys has been creatively designed with educational elements and local encounters that broaden the mind and result in unforgettable experiences in each destination.

EXCLUSIVE DEPARTURES
The Limited Edition Small Group Journeys typically have fewer departures each year than the Luxury Small Group Journeys, and are less likely to operate in the following year, so don’t miss out in 2020!

 GRATUITIES
Tips are included for the dedicated A&K personnel who are at your service along the way, from the airport representative on arrival to the hotel porters at each stop, your drivers and Resident Tour Director.

QANTAS FREQUENT FLYERS
Qantas Frequent Flyer members can earn Qantas Points (1 point for every dollar spent) on Limited Edition Small Group Journeys.
LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

The Luxury Small Group Journeys in our 2020 portfolio focus on the world’s most iconic travel destinations. Travelling at a faster pace than our Limited Edition Small Group Journeys, you will be sure to experience all the facets of a destination, while gaining an understanding of exactly how these piece together, thanks to our expert guides.
THE BENCHMARK FOR COMFORT AND SERVICE IN SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

In addition to all the features highlighted on page 13, everything on these trips is designed to make life as easy as possible for you, with a few especially luxurious additional touches to make your experience even more memorable, including:

VIP TRAVELLING BELLBOYS
Make sure your travels are hassle-free as you are picked up from the airport, with your baggage all handled for you by your own personal bellboy.

TRAVELLER’S VALET
Don’t worry about packing extra clothes on this trip as you will receive a complimentary laundry service midway through your journey.

RIDE LIKE A LOCAL
Experience the real locale as you take to the streets by cyclo or tuk-tuk, just like the residents. This is how to see the authentic towns and countryside, in ways that reduce impact on the environment and will bring you closer to nature.

BREAKFAST IN BED
Sometimes it’s just nice to relax in the morning, so twice during your Luxury Small Group Journey you can opt for continental breakfast, served to you in the comfort of your hotel room.

WINGS OVER THE WORLD
Our Wings Over the World journeys take our Luxury Small Group Journeys to a whole new level — elevated, literally, in both style and luxury. Travel by chartered private plane with a maximum group size of no more than 20 guests, meaning you arrive at your destination sooner and far more conveniently. This gives you more time and energy for what matters — settling in and getting to the heart of your chosen destination.

COMFORT IN THE AIR, EASE ON THE GROUND
Relax with hassle-free flight departures and arrivals, avoiding waits at airports due to restrictive commercial aviation schedules. Privately chartered air travel also means you often fly from separate terminals, allowing for fewer crowds and faster security procedures. And your dedicated flight crew aboard your chartered aircraft offers you superb personalised service in the air and on the ground, in a comfortable, sociable atmosphere.

UNIQUE ITINERARIES ONLY POSSIBLE BY CHARTERED AIR
This distinctive combination of flexibility and convenience results in a higher calibre of small group journey, showcasing each destination at its most luxurious and inspiring. Distances between destinations are dissolved, clearing the way for singular itineraries that allow you to see and experience more than you ever thought possible on a single journey. Every minute saved by flying between locales is better enjoyed exploring alongside an A&K Resident Tour Director, relaxing in luxurious five-star accommodations and experiencing the incomparable advantage of insider access, as only Abercrombie & Kent can offer.
MORE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL STYLES

Please visit our website – abercrombiekent.com.au – for additional Luxury Small Group Journeys, along with others in the A&K Small Group Journey series, including our Immersive Journeys, taking each day at a more relaxed pace, Marco Polo Journeys to more off-beat and one-off destinations and events, and our Connection Boutique Journeys, wonderful travel experiences in a minor key.

IMMERSIVE JOURNEYS
**Leisurely-paced journeys with a maximum group size of 18 guests**
Providing the support of an escorted group, but with a little more freedom, Immersive Journeys are in-depth and informative, giving you the chance to understand the culture, history, or lifestyle you have travelled to experience.

MARCO POLO JOURNEYS
**Limited-edition journeys with a maximum group size of 18 guests**
Open to all travellers, Marco Polo Journeys bring adventurous travellers to the world’s most exotic destinations and exclusive events, with A&K’s finest Resident Tour Directors leading the way.

CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE JOURNEYS
**Boutique-style group travel with a maximum group size of 24 guests**
Connections Boutique Group Journeys reveal a destination as locals know it and feature an A&K Resident Tour Director leading every departure, along with expert-selected boutique accommodations and authentic local interactions. Please see page 142 for more information.

EXPLORE MORE

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY
**The perfect complement to your journey**
Discover a region in greater depth with an A&K Luxury Small Group Journey extension before the start and/or after the finish of your small group journey. Look for pre-tour and post-tour extensions throughout this book, all led by expert locals and designed to be easily and seamlessly combined with your small group journey.

OR TAKE IT PRIVATE
**With a handcrafted bespoke private journey**
If scheduled departure dates don’t work for you or you would prefer to travel privately on an itinerary fully customised to your interests, talk to an A&K Travel Specialist or your travel agent about an A&K private journey to any of the destinations and regions in this book, or more than 100 countries around the world.
TRULY LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS THAT INSPIRE, ENHANCE & DELIGHT

For our Small Group Journeys, we select only the most remarkable hotels, boutique lodges and ships, each of which must combine superior service, 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.

ONE-OF-A-KIND LOCATIONS
When considering an hotel, our experts look at more than just the rooms. Wherever possible, we arrange to stay close to the places you most dream of seeing, 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 within the region’s best properties, whether historically iconic, coveted high-design or supremely located at the edge of a 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 only to smaller groups and always with an incredible front seat to wildlife, often just outside your door.

STYLISH SHIPS
Our commitment to luxury doesn’t stop at the water’s edge. When it comes to river cruising with A&K, step aboard knowing you’ll experience the same comfort, service and style you would on land, all while discovering the beauty of life on the water.

Sanctuary Chief’s Camp, Botswana
THE BEST WAY TO FLY: WITH A&K

ABERCROMBIE & KENT HAS LONG-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PARTNER AIRLINES.

This works to your advantage in a number of ways:

- Our Travel Specialists and dedicated Flight Desk know which flights work best for your particular itinerary and which can save you time in the air
- We offer competitive airfares in conjunction with any of our holidays in any class of travel
- You can choose from a wide variety of carriers and earn mileage credits with your preferred airlines (where applicable)

Talk to your A&K Travel Specialist about our Flight Desk service.

EARN QANTAS POINTS ON LUXURY TRAVEL

EARN 1 QANTAS POINT FOR EVERY $1 SPENT ON ELIGIBLE ITINERARIES*.

Abercrombie & Kent guests can earn Qantas Points when booking a luxury holiday. Qantas Frequent Flyer members earn 1 Qantas Point for every dollar spent on an A&K private journey or Limited Edition Small Group Journey of seven nights or more (excludes taxes and credit card fees)*.

Visit our website to see the points you could earn when booking eligible itineraries.

Start exploring today, book your qualifying holiday and you could be closer to your dream reward, whether it be a flight to an exotic destination, a shopping voucher or one of the many other rewards available through Qantas Frequent Flyer.

*Terms & Conditions apply. See the website for details www.abercrombiekent.com.au/qantas-frequent-flyer
A REWARDS PROGRAMME FOR REPEAT TRAVELLERS

EXPERIENCE THE NEW MARCO POLO CLUB

Created to recognise and reward our most loyal guests, the Marco Polo Club® is open to everyone who travels on three or more journeys with Abercrombie & Kent.

Among the club’s benefits is a five-percent discount on almost any new booking made within nine months of returning from an A&K journey. This discount also applies to any immediate family member(s) travelling with the Marco Polo Club member. And solo travellers are entitled to a 50% discount on most single supplements booked at any time.

Marco Polo Club members also enjoy recognition in other ways with a place on the priority waitlist for sold-out journeys, a members-only onboard reception on A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, and a variety of exclusive communications and events.

To learn more about A&K’s Marco Polo Club, visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au/marcopoloclub

Abercrombie & Kent
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
The travel industry is in the midst of a transformation toward greater equity and sustainability. Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) is dedicated to positively impacting lives and livelihoods in the communities where our guests travel. 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, AKP 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 30 education, conservation, healthcare and community enterprise projects in 18 countries.

SUSTAINING AN UNMATCHED LOCAL PRESENCE
With full-time, locally based coordinators serving our partner communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, India, Peru, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia, AKP is fostering philanthropic commitments unprecedented in the travel industry. Focused 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 guests.

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. You can also learn more by visiting akphilanthropy.org

CASE STUDY: BWINDI BIKE SHOP

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy launched an Australian arm in 2018 and has already shipped more than 800 bikes to AKP Bike Shops in Africa, including recent shipments to a new shop in Karatu in Tanzania, near the Ngorongoro Crater, and to the Bwindi Women’s Bicycle Enterprise in Uganda. The Bwindi Bike Shop employs five local women from the communities around the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, home to A&K’s Sanctuary Retreats Gorilla Forest Camp and to some of the world’s last remaining communities of mountain gorilla.

The women in the Bike Shop have gone through an extensive training programme to learn business skills and how to be bike mechanics, and they have used the shipments of used bikes and the shipping containers themselves to set up a village bike shop and tourism enterprise.

The project has given these women the opportunity to earn a much-needed income while also giving their community vital access to transportation. In addition to being a viable business model, the bike shop serves as a social enterprise, with a portion of the profits set aside to be used in charitable initiatives in the community such as the school fee sponsorship of orphaned students, and investments in local health care and conservation initiatives.

The Bwindi Bike Shop can be visited on the Uganda Post-Tour Extension to the Great Migration Safari in Style journey (page 49).
BOTSWANA SAFARI IN STYLE

10 DAYS FROM $14,990 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 16 GUESTS

JOHANNESBURG – VICTORIA FALLS – CHOBE NATIONAL PARK – OKAVANGO DELTA – JOHANNESBURG

Wild and remote, blessed with abundant wildlife and unashamedly luxurious lodgings, Botswana is a safari destination par excellence. On this flagship journey, you’ll glide through the palm-fringed waterways of the beautiful Okavango Delta on a traditional dugout canoe, drive across rich floodplains on the lookout for predators and their prey, explore the elephant-rich Chobe National Park on land and by water, and marvel at the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls from several viewpoints. You’re invited into a Zambian village to see the life-changing work being done there by A&K Philanthropy, and cruise along the mighty Zambezi River at sunset.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the myriad habitats of Botswana’s jewel in the crown, the Okavango Delta
- Spot elephants in their hundreds in Chobe National Park
- Get tips on capturing the best images of Africa’s iconic species during a private lecture with a professional photographer
- Glide through the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro (dugout canoe)
- Take a privately guided tour of thundering Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, from both the Zambian and Zimbabwean sides
- Coast along the Zambezi River on a relaxing sunset cruise
- See the inspirational work being done by A&K Philanthropy to support health, education and micro-businesses in Nakatindi Village
- Stay in intimate, boutique-style camps and lodges, available only to small groups or individual guests
Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa. Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a gourmet welcome dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients. A professional photographer joins you to offer tips for the days ahead. Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa | Meals: D

Day 2: Livingstone, Zambia | Sundowner River Cruise. Fly to Livingstone, Zambia, where you are met by your A&K Resident Tour Director. Continue to Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, where you stay in a luxury tree house built into the riverside canopy. At twilight, cruise the Zambezi River, sipping cocktails and gazing out across a verdant vista and gliding past pods of hippos, on a memorable Scenic Sundowner. Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Livingstone | Design Your Day. This morning, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

> **Tour Victoria Falls** from the Zambian Side, to see the Zambezi River cascade over a two kilometre-wide lip of basalt.
> **Cycle or Walk to Nakatindi Village** to see a bike shop, school and clinic supported by A&K Philanthropy.
> **Walk Close to Rhinos**, pausing on a game drive in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to approach the giants on foot.

Return to camp for lunch and the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail and a Chef’s Table tasting of traditional Zambian fare, followed by dinner. Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | “The Smoke That Thunders”. This morning, drive to Zimbabwe to join your private guide on an awe-inspiring exploration of Victoria Falls, which plummet over 100 metres to cast up the mist that inspired their original name, Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”). Afterwards, visit a village, where you have the opportunity to meet local artisans and observe them at work. Enjoy lunch in the town of Victoria Falls before continuing to Chobe National Park in Botswana, to settle into your lodge for unparalleled panoramic views across the islands and floodplains of the Chobe River. This afternoon, set out on a river cruise or game drive that includes the opportunity to see elephants – a staggering 120,000 live in the park – along with impala, buffalo and possibly lion.

Return to the lodge to relax in the comfort of your luxury accommodations and enjoy a freshly prepared meal. Later, drift off to sleep, serenaded by the sounds of Africa. Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Chobe National Park, Botswana | Chobe River Safari. Set out on a game drive at sunrise to catch the animals at the start of their day, when they are most active. You may even glimpse a leopard returning from the hunt. Visit the village of Kasane, to see how the Dipetsana Women’s Bike Shop, a project supported by A&K Philanthropy, benefits the local community. Later, embark on a Chobe River safari cruise aboard a double-decker boat and watch for crocodiles and hippos, as well as elephants that come down to drink and play in the water. The park’s beautiful wetlands also lure a wealth of birdlife.
to the region and you may glimpse any of the 460 species that either live here or migrate through, including raptors, vultures and waterfowl. When you return to the lodge this evening, revel in the comforts of your luxury accommodations, gather for dinner and share stories of your day. Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero | Meals: BLD

**Days 6–7: Okavango Delta | Wetlands Wildlife.** Fly to a vast private concession in the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure with a choice of activities, such as a seasonal mokoro (dugout canoe) ride in the delta or nighttime game viewing, made possible on this private reserve. The next morning, continue with your choice of activities. Set off on a thrilling, guided game drive in a customised 4WD vehicle or a bush walk in the company of an armed, expert guide, on the lookout for giraffe, hippo, lion and cheetah. Sanctuary Stanley’s Camp | Meals: BLD

**Day 8: Okavango Delta | Predator Capital.** Fly across the Okavango Delta to your next amazing safari camp. Widely acknowledged as the “Predator Capital of the World”, this area offers some of the most exciting game viewing in Africa, and is one of the best places in Botswana to see leopard, rhino, elephant, Cape buffalo, cheetah, spotted hyena, and, at the very top of the food chain, large resident prides of lion — all drawn here from surrounding regions by the lush delta. This afternoon, take advantage of game viewing activities led by experienced guides or enjoy the vistas from your own private viewing deck. Sanctuary Chief’s Camp | Meals: BLD

**Day 9: Okavango Delta | Remarkable Game Drives.** Depart on another spectacular early morning game drive. Beyond predators, the Okavango Delta draws large concentrations of elephants, buffalo, red lechwe, giraffe and impala. Enjoy a seasonal mokoro ride for a rare safari opportunity across deceptively quiet marshlands alive with crocodiles, bathing hippos, birds and tiny red reed frogs. If you opt for an afternoon game drive, listen for roaring lions on the hunt or spy nocturnal animals as they emerge from their daytime haunts. After a full day of game viewing, return to camp to relax and enjoy a farewell dinner. Sanctuary Chief’s Camp | Meals: BLD

**Day 10: Depart Johannesburg, South Africa.** Fly to Johannesburg for your flight home. Relax in the Premier Lounge, compliments of A&K, before your departure. Meals: B

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**EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY**

**CAPE TOWN POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Discover one of the world’s great cities, the cosmopolitan “Mother City” of Cape Town. From Table Mountain to the Cape of Good Hope, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Constantia wine tastings, and penguins at Boulders Beach. 4 DAYS FROM $3,615 PP TWIN Available on select departures. See website for details.

**TAILOR MADE TRAVEL WITH A&K**

If scheduled departure dates don’t work for you, or you would prefer to travel privately, talk to your A&K travel specialist or your travel agent about creating the perfect bespoke journey for you.
SOUTHERN AFRICA SAFARI BY RIVER & RAIL

13 DAYS FROM $24,315 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
CAPE TOWN - ROVOS RAIL - JOHANNESBURG - VICTORIA FALLS - CHOBE NATIONAL PARK - OKAVANGO DELTA - JOHANNESBURG
Start this unique journey atop Table Mountain where the views of Cape Town are breathtaking. Admire white sandy beaches lapped by the waters of the Atlantic and head south to where two oceans meet at Cape Point. An artisan encounter reveals the craft culture of the country before you board Rovos Rail for a luxury rail journey from winelands to waterfalls. Marvel at the “smoke that thunders” before a river safari on the Chobe River aboard a boutique floating hotel. The Okavango Delta provides the grand finale to your safari where lodgings are at the outstanding Sanctuary Chief’s Camp where safari chic is elevated to a new level and wildlife sightings are second to none.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

From cosmopolitan Cape Town to thundering Victoria Falls to the extraordinary Okavango Delta, experience the best of Southern Africa in one unique and spectacular journey.

Embark on a three-night stay along the banks of the Chobe River aboard the graceful ‘Zambezi Queen’.

Traverse majestic mountain ranges and grassy savannah on a two-day train journey by elegant, timeless Rovos Rail.

Stand atop Table Mountain overlooking the Twelve Apostles range, tour the spectacular Cape of Good Hope and see the African penguin colony on Boulders Beach.

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

End your journey as few others do, at Sanctuary Chief’s Camp – one of the region’s finest – located in Okavango Delta’s Moremi Game Reserve, predator capital of Africa.
Day 1: Arrive Cape Town, South Africa. Arrive in Cape Town, the metropolitan light of South Africa, where you transfer to one of the country’s most famous hotels, set in the heart of the city. Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Day 2: Cape Town | Look to the Beacon of Hope. Explore this magnificent harbour city, starting with a scenic drive to flat-topped Table Mountain, where you reach the summit via cable car (weather permitting). Take in the panorama of southern seas and sun-drenched city as well as the impressive cliffs of the Twelve Apostles brooding high above the ragged shore. History follows with a drive through old Cape Town, past Groote Kerk (South Africa’s oldest church), City Hall and the Grand Parade. Continue with a drive past the Company Gardens with views of the Houses of Parliament and National Art Gallery. When available, stop for an artisan visit at Streetwires, locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”). Watch as the mile-wide Upper Zambezi plunges over 100 metres into the Lower Zambezi, making rainbows form and fade in the mist. This evening, before dinner, enjoy hearing from a special guest speaker who shares tales of celebrated Scottish explorer and missionary David Livingstone — considered the first European to sight the falls, later naming them for England’s queen — on an A&K-exclusive experience. The Victoria Falls Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 3: Cape Town | Thrilling Coast Beyond the City. Journey along the Atlantic coast, past the “bikini beaches”, through the charming harbour of Hout Bay and over historic Chapman’s Peak Drive. Reach the tip of the continent at the Cape of Good Hope, a richly diverse, 22,000-acre nature reserve that juts into the sea. Ride the “Flying Dutchman” funicular to the great pinnacle at Cape Point, offering views of Southern right whales from July through November. Spot Cape mountain zebras and possibly the rare bontebok en route to Boulders Beach, where you view endangered African penguins. Pass through Simon’s Town with its English seaside feel; False Bay with its brightly painted boats; and Constantia, South Africa’s legendary wine country. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel | Meals: BLD

Days 4–5: Riding the Rovos Rail | Winelands to Grasslands. Recapture the romance of a bygone era as you board the wood-panelled coaches of the luxurious Rovos Rail. Depart Cape Town Station as you settle into your suite featuring a sitting area, an en suite bathroom, and the perfect blend of period ambience and modern amenities. Wind through mountains, rolling green hills and the Cape Winelands before stopping to visit Matjesfontein, an authentically preserved Victorian village. Sip South African vintages in handsome dining cars serving up artful menus as the stunning scenery scrolls by. The next day, gain another perspective from the Observation Car at the rear of the train. In Kimberley, tour the Diamond Mine Museum and take the opportunity to see one of the world’s largest hand-dug excavation sites. Continue through the hauntingly barren Great Karoo and the grasslands of gold-rich Highveld, marvelling at the changing landscapes. Rovos Rail | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Johannesburg | Heart of South Africa. After breakfast and some time to relax, taking in views of the gold fields of Witwatersrand, arrive at Pretoria Station. Transfer to your hotel in the suburbs of Johannesburg, where you enjoy lunch before an afternoon at leisure. Rest and relax or enjoy the amenities of your accommodations. Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa | Meals: BL

Day 7: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | The Mighty Zambezi. Fly to Victoria Falls, where you transfer to your historic hotel. After settling in, join your guide for a private walking tour on the Zimbabwean side of Victoria Falls, known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”). Watch as the mile-wide Upper Zambezi plunges over 100 metres into the Lower Zambezi, making rainbows form and fade in the mist. This evening, before dinner, enjoy hearing from a special guest speaker who shares tales of celebrated Scottish explorer and missionary David Livingstone — considered the first European to sight the falls, later naming them for England’s queen — on an A&K-exclusive experience. The Victoria Falls Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Along the Chobe River, Namibia | Design Your Day. This morning, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

Day 9–10: Along the Chobe River | Chobe National Park. Discover the wildlife-rich Chobe plain, which boasts buffalo, lions, giraffes and hippos, as well as Africa’s highest concentration of elephants. Experience the region as you wish by choosing a morning and afternoon activity: opt to tour a local Namibian village, fish on the Chobe River or embark on a river safari aboard a small boat. The next day, set off on a morning game drive in Chobe National Park. Following lunch and time to unwind aboard ‘Zambezi Queen’, you again have the choice to fish or embark on a river safari, both from aboard a smaller boat for more intimate views of the river. This evening, from the decks of ‘Zambezi Queen’, watch baboons, buffalo and familial herds of elephant come to the river to drink, while hippos begin their nightly graze. ‘Zambezi Queen’ | Meals: BLD
Day 11: Okavango Delta, Botswana | Predator Capital. After breakfast, disembark ‘Zambezi Queen’ and fly to the Okavango Delta via Kasane Airport. Arrive at Sanctuary Chief’s Camp, in the Mombo Concession of the vast Moremi Game Reserve. This area is considered the “Predator Capital of the World” and is home to Africa’s iconic species. It offers Botswana’s most exciting game viewing, with a lush delta that draws a remarkable concentration of birds and wildlife. The rest of your day is at leisure. Sanctuary Chief’s Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Okavango Delta | Game Drives and the Big Five. Rise early for a game drive on the reserve, where wildlife viewing is magnificent. Large concentrations of elephant, buffalo and impala as well as lion and other predators call the Okavango home. Activities include a seasonal mokoro ride on the delta and a Chef’s Table experience offering you a taste of traditional local cuisine. This afternoon, learn more about the Rhino Conservation Programme, a bold initiative supported by A&K Philanthropy and Sanctuary Retreats in partnership with the Botswana Defence Force and other local organisations, which has to-date relocated 20 rare and endangered rhino from South Africa to Moremi Reserve to protect them from poachers. Then, set out on your afternoon safari. Tonight, celebrate with a special farewell dinner. Sanctuary Chief’s Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Depart Johannesburg, South Africa. Fly to Johannesburg via Maun, where you connect with your international flight home. Compliments of A&K, enjoy access to the Premier Lounge before your departure. Meals: B

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

WINELANDS PRE-TOUR EXTENSION
Wander the quaint town of Franschhoek, with its Cape Dutch architecture, visiting top wine estates. Explore Stellenbosch too with chocolate and wine tastings at several top wine estates in this world-renowned region.
3 DAYS FROM $4,050 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

2020 DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates | Double Occupancy | Single Supplement
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Apr 24–May 6, May 1–13 | $24,315 | $7,675
May 29–Jun 10*, Jun 5–17 | $27,215 | $10,570
Jul 10–22, Jul 17–29*, Jul 31–Aug 12 | $27,650 | $11,005
Sep 11–23, Oct 9–21 | $27,215 | $10,570
Oct 23–Nov 4 | $24,315 | $7,675

Price includes internal economy class airfares: $2,585 per person.
Johannesburg-Victoria Falls | Kasane-Okavango Delta | Okavango Delta-Maun-Johannesburg

Maximum Group Size: 18
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.
*Days 11-12 at andBeyond Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge.
Note: Table Mountain closes annually mid-July to mid-August. Alternate touring will be provided for affected departures.
See abercrombiekent.com.au for up-to-date availability and pricing.

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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY

NAMIBIA
Namibia Unearthed

14 DAYS FROM $15,890 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 14 GUESTS

Venture into a vast landscape of shimmering salt pans, red dunes, glittering oceans and haunting coastlines where the sunsets are unforgettable and the wildlife abundant. This is Namibia, home to Africa’s iconic species – both terrestrial and marine – and some of the continent’s finest game reserves. With specialist guiding throughout, you’ll get an intimate understanding of the country’s ecology and wildlife and its ancient cultures. Photography enthusiasts will have outstanding opportunities to focus their lenses on big game and small, dramatic landscapes and tribal portraits, bringing home unforgettable memories of a unique part of the world.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb some of the world’s highest free-standing sand dunes at Sossusvlei
- Spend the night in a star bed gazing at one of the clearest skies in the world
- See desert adapted wildlife including the elusive desert elephant at Damaraland
- Admire extraordinary rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein
- Get a birds-eye view of dramatic dune and desert landscapes from light aircraft
- Be welcomed into the homes of the proud Himba people
- Marvel at Africa’s most remarkable conservation movement with visits to animal and community projects
Day 1: Arrive Windhoek. A warm A&K welcome to the Namibian capital and transfer to the elegant new AM Weinberg Boutique Hotel, located within a prestigious estate offering an exclusive and luxurious stay. Tonight join fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner. Am Weinberg Boutique Hotel | Meals: D

Day 2: Sossusvlei | Majestic Dunes. A private light aircraft delivers you south to the majestic Sossusvlei dunes where your accommodation at Kulala Desert Lodge awaits. Head out into the desert in search of fascinating flora and fauna. Kulala Desert Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Sossusvlei | Dead Vlei & Sesriem Canyon. Today is an adventure into the world famous Sossusvlei dunes which are situated in the largest conservation area in Africa, the Namib-Naukluft National Park. This photogenic region is famous for its large, red sand dunes, which are some of the tallest in the world. At the foot of the dunes look out for the stark skeletons of trees in an area known as Dead Vlei. Before lunch, you’ll visit Sesriem Canyon for breathtaking views and a fascinating walk. Choose what works for you this afternoon: head out on a nature drive or simply relax at the lodge. Desert-adapted wildlife found in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve includes ostrich, springbok, gemsbok, spotted hyena and the occasional brown hyena. Smaller creatures such as bat-eared fox, black-backed jackal, porcupine, Cape fox and aardwolf can also be seen. Kulala Desert Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Swakopmund | Between Desert and Sea. Wing your way by private light aircraft north to Swakopmund via the scenic route (weather dependent) with bird’s-eye views of Sossusvlei and the dune sea that stretches all the way to the coast. Then veer north along the coastline (fog permitting) over abandoned mining camps, shipwrecks, salt pans and Walvis Bay lagoon before landing. On arrival you are met and transferred to your seaside hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this small, coastal resort. Strand Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Swakopmund | Marine Big Five. A catamaran cruise this morning in search of the marine Big Five – whales, dolphins, mola mola, leatherback turtles and seals. Sail to Pelican Point with its landmark lighthouse and 60,000 resident Cape fur seals. Keep an eye out for larger mammals too, such as the Southern Right and Humpback Whale, which migrate through the area with other whale species often seen, such as the grey whale and the pygmy right whale. Freshly shucked oysters with sparkling wine and snacks complete your outing. Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Strand Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Damaraland | Himba Traditions. This morning transfer by light aircraft northwards and inland to wonderful and diverse Damaraland where you are invited to visit a local Himba settlement. The Himba are one of the last of Namibia's traditional people with proud customs and traditions. Gain an insight to their extraordinary, unchanged way of life and everyday routines when you visit one of the villages. Afterwards drive onwards to luxury tented Mowani Mountain Camp, enjoying a picnic lunch en route. Mowani Mountain Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Damaraland | Rock Art and Rare Wildlife. Take off into this remarkable region by 4WD, scouring the river valleys for game. Your guides will share their intimate knowledge while local villagers are welcoming and keen to share their experiences. Explore the dunes in search of the rare desert adapted elephant before an extraordinary viewing this afternoon at World Heritage listed Twyfelfontein which has one of the largest concentrations of petroglyphs in Africa. The impressive rock art galleries depict an extraordinary diversity of wild animals and footprints. Mowani Mountain Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Ongava Game Reserve | Underground Photographic Hide. Journey north by road towards Etosha National Park, Namibia's premier wildlife destination, and the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve. Your accommodation is at reimagined Andersson’s Camp, a stylish and homely eco-camp remodelled from the original homestead set against a picturesque mountain backdrop. Andersson’s at Ongava | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Ongava Game Reserve | Conservation and Reflection. A day to relax and soak up your idyllic bush surrounds, head out on an extraordinary day of game viewing in Etosha or the Ongava Game Reserve. The reserve covers an area of over 34,000 hectares and is home to over 30 different animal species, including lion, black rhino, leopard and hyena, plus more than 300 bird species. A sunset drive with your guides reveals many more bush surprises. Andersson’s at Ongava | Meals: BLD
Day 10: Etosha National Park | Saltpans and Waterholes. An extraordinary day of game viewing in Etosha National Park where waterholes in the desert terrain attract a wide range of animals from lion, leopard, elephant and rhino to giraffe, wildebeest, cheetah and more. Arrive at Onguma Game Reserve late today. This evening, soak up one of Namibia’s finest sunsets as you gaze over the beautiful sparseness of the Etosha pans. Onguma – The Fort | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Onguma Reserve | Breathtaking Sunsets. Depart on a game drive within the eastern section of the Etosha National Park, where the arid landscape makes the spotting of wildlife effortless. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park. Later this afternoon, discover more surprises over sundowners in the reserve. Onguma – The Fort | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Otjiwarongo | Home of The AfriCat Foundation. The journey heads south today to Otjiwarongo and on to Okonjima Bush Camp, your luxury lodge which is also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organisation, committed to long-term conservation of Namibia’s large carnivores, especially cheetah and leopard. Take time this afternoon to settle into your safari-chic chalet amidst the pristine wilderness. Okonjima Bush Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Okonjima Nature Reserve | Cheetah and Leopard. Be absorbed by the myriad activities on offer at Okonjima, including a fascinating cultural encounter on the Bushman Trail. Head out on foot into the reserve to learn about making traditional artefacts and how the San bushmen adapt and survive in an unforgiving wilderness environment. Alternatively, you may join a radio-tracking mission on foot in search of rehabilitated spotted hyenas. During the afternoon, visit AfriCat’s Carnivore Care and Information Centre to see firsthand the invaluable conservation work being carried out and how the programme assists in research and conservation through education and positive relations with the local farming community. This evening a special farewell dinner is scheduled and the chance to relive memories of your trip. Okonjima Bush Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Windhoek. Transfer by road southwards through the central highlands to the international airport for your departure. Meals: BL

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Surprising Zimbabwe

14 DAYS FROM $19,990 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 16 GUESTS
HARARE – GONAREZHOU NATIONAL PARK – MATOBO HILLS – HWANGE NATIONAL PARK – VICTORIA FALLS

Raw and untamed, Zimbabwe’s vast tracts of wilderness shelter an endless array of the continent’s extraordinary wildlife, including healthy populations of rhino and elephant. On this two-week safari, you’ll delve into some of the country’s lesser visited areas including Gonarezhou National Park and UNESCO World Heritage listed Matobo Hills where Cecil Rhodes’ grave is famously located. Intimate safari camps and lodges carefully positioned amidst unspoiled landscapes provide a welcome nightly refuge with plenty of time in each for contemplation of nature and Africa’s incomparable sunsets.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Be amazed by the scenic backdrop of rarely visited Gonarezhou National Park
Visit Zimbabwe’s oldest national park, UNESCO World Heritage listed Matobo Hills
Track black and white rhino on foot for up-close encounters
Admire ancient galleries of San rock art
Delve into local history as you follow in the footsteps of Cecil Rhodes
Photograph huge herds of buffalo and elephant in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe’s largest
Surround yourself in Edwardian splendour over lunch at the Victoria Falls Hotel
Float down the mighty Zambezi River and toast the sunset on a leisurely sundowner cruise
Day 1: Arrive Harare, Zimbabwe. Arrive into Harare where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. **Meikles Hotel**

Day 2: Gonarezhou National Park, Zimbabwe | Rare Wildlife. This morning, meet with your Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing before returning to the airport. Fly south to Mahenye Airstrip in Gonarezhou National Park before a short transfer by road to Chilo Gorge Safari Lodge. Soak up the pristine wilderness from your handsome lodge and go in search of wildlife on an afternoon safari drive or watch elephants, hippos and crocodiles cooling off in the waters of the river from the comfort of the lodge’s viewing deck. Tonight, gather for a festive welcome dinner. **Chilo Gorge Safari Lodge | Meals: BD**

Days 3–4: Gonarezhou National Park | Place of Elephants. Explore the park over the next two days on a series of wildlife viewing activities. Against a primeval backdrop of the rugged red Chilojo Cliffs and baobabs, marvel at the huge herds of elephant, buffalo gathering at watering holes, big cats on the prowl and their prey, wallowing hippo and the rich birdlife which congregates in the wetland areas. **Chilo Gorge Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Matobo Hills | Zimbabwe’s Oldest National Park. Take to the skies on a shared light aircraft flight northwest to Bulawayo where you are met and driven to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Matobo Hills and your lodge nestled amidst granite domes and kopjes. The remainder of your day is at leisure for wildlife viewing or perhaps a rejuvenating Africa aromatherapy treatment at the safari spa. **Amalinda Lodge | Meals: BD**

Days 6–7: Matobo Hills | Track the Endangered Rhino. Discover this unique and untamed part of Africa famous for its healthy population of the endangered Black and White Rhino. Keep an eye out for leopard and black eagle which are in good numbers and many other bird and mammal species. Choose from an extensive menu of activities including rhino tracking on foot and by vehicle, visits to San rock art galleries, a drive through the granite hills to Cecil Rhodes’ tomb, a gentle bike ride through villages meeting the locals and being welcomed into their homes and a variety of hiking and walking trails. **Amalinda Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Hwange National Park | Elegant Bush Camp. Return to Bulawayo and continue by shared light aircraft northwest to Hwange National Park. Transfer to intimate Somalisa Camp situated on a stunning...
island in the heart of the park on the edge of an ancient seasonal flood plain. Marvel at the breathtaking savannah from your elegant tent and the herds which congregate at the pan. Head out on a bush walk or 4WD safari outing, or watch wildlife up close from hides. The resident fauna includes lion, buffalo, elephant, leopard, white rhino, zebra, giraffe and the rare and endangered roan antelope. Somalisa Camp | Meals: BD

**Days 9-10: Hwange | Land of the Giants.** Encounter Africa’s fiercest predators and most elegant wildlife during two days of exploration in the park which is recognised as one of the few great elephant sanctuaries left in Africa. Head out twice daily on safari by 4WD or on foot in search of myriad mammals including roan and sable antelope, packs of wild dog, giraffe, big cats and much more. Spend your down time by the swimming pool or soaking in your copper bathtub gazing out at the plains beyond. Somalisa Camp | Meals: BLD

**Day 11: Zambezi National Park | Riverside Sanctuary.** Travel by road northwest to the Zambezi National Park, upstream of Victoria Falls, and your lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River. Spend the rest of the day at leisure within this wilderness area frequented by elephant, herds of sable, buffalo, eland, zebra, giraffe, kudu, and waterbuck. Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

**Day 12: Victoria Falls | Smoke that Thunders.** Prepare to be amazed on a walking tour of Victoria Falls. Get up close to the thundering cascades, marvel at the volume of water and admire the dancing rainbows. Sit down for lunch at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel and take a guided heritage walk while you’re there immersing yourself in the Edwardian era surrounds. Toast your Zambezi experience on an unforgettable sundowner cruise as dusk approaches. Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

**Day 13: Victoria Falls | Design Your Day.** Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.
> **Explore the Vast Wilderness of the Zambezi National Park**, on a game drive setting off either in the early morning or mid-afternoon.
> **Relax on a Zambezi River Cruise**, enjoying the area’s spectacular beauty and its wildlife.

Tonight, celebrate with a special farewell dinner. Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

**Day 14: Depart Victoria Falls.** Transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for your onward flight. Meals: B

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Price includes internal economy class airfares: $2,381 per person.
Harare–Gonarezhou | Gonarezhou–Bulawayo | Bulawayo–Hwange

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*Days 11-12 at Victoria Falls River Lodge.

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A Naturalist’s Guide to Madagascar with Charlie Gardner

12 DAYS FROM $15,990 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 10 GUESTS
ANTANANARIVO – ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK – ANTANANARIVO – IFOTAKA – MANAFIAFY – ANTANANARIVO

Curious and other-worldly, Madagascar is full of surprises and extraordinary creatures. It has people, wildlife and landscapes found nowhere else on earth and a culture far removed from any of its near neighbours. On this fascinating journey you’ll explore the island nation and its flora and fauna with a wildlife expert who knows the destination and its inhabitants like the back of his hand. Still largely untouched by tourism, Madagascar is astonishing. You’ll be amazed by its rainforests, its clear blue seas, white beaches and spiny forest habitat. Your Guest Host grew up in Africa and around the Indian Ocean and caught the wildlife bug at an early age. He has been fascinated by the natural world ever since and makes an engaging companion on this incredible journey of discovery.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Plenty of time to spend with your engaging Guest Host and hearing firsthand about his fascinating life and the work he does in a small group limited to 10 guests

Enjoy more time sightseeing and optimal comfort with privately chartered flights

Seek out rare species on escorted wildlife outings by day and night

Tick off several varieties of lemur and chameleon in the country’s finest national parks

Hike through 500-year-old baobabs in the Sacred Spiny Forest, one of the oldest on the planet

Experience the culture of the unique Androy tribe, one of the most traditional in Madagascar

While away a lazy afternoon swinging in a hammock at your beachside eco-lodge

Watch local fishermen paddling pirogues on the ocean from your secluded tropical retreat

Combine wildlife, culture, rainforest and beach at Manafiafy
A troupe of ring-tailed lemurs
Day 1: Arrive Antananarivo. On arrival into the hilly Malagasy capital you are met by A&K and transferred to your hotel in the embassy district of Haute-Ville (upper town). This part of the city is a tangle of steep, partly cobbled streets, red-tiled roofs and pastel-coloured houses with a lovely cool climate. After time to settle in, your Guest Host, Charlie Gardner, will introduce himself and give you a briefing on the adventure ahead over welcome drinks and dinner. Hotel Colbert | Meals: D

Days 2–4: Andasibe | Protected Rainforest Reserve. Head east out of the city today to Andasibe through a panorama of rice fields, redbrick houses and roadside stalls selling seasonal fruits and vegetables. Andasibe is a stunning rainforest park comprising two protected areas — the Perinet Special Reserve and Mantadia National Park. Perinet is world famous for its population of Indri, which is the largest living lemur species. During your stay take a guided night walk in the forest surrounding the reserve on the lookout for a variety of nocturnal species: mouse lemur, white footed sportive lemur, fat-tailed dwarf lemur, as well as the woolly lemur. Sundowners at Mandrare River Camp

Spend a day in the 810-hectare Perinet Reserve in search of the comical Indri. With a barely visible tail, black and white markings and a surprised teddy-bear face, this lemur is one of the few animals in the world that cannot survive in captivity. There are another 11 species to spot as you wander through the rainforest. You may find a troop of grey bamboo lemur, common brown lemur, Diademed Sifaka and black and white ruffed lemur. Birdwatchers should look out for the velvet asity, blue coua and nut hatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is also home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar’s thousand orchid species.

Visit Mitsinjo Forest Reserve, a private reserve operated by a local NGO funding reforestation, community education and Madagascar’s first amphibian captive-breeding facility. See a stunning array of wildlife and help protect indigenous flora in a planting programme. Another highlight is your visit to Lemur Island which protects a number of habituated lemurs. There are four species to see: bamboo lemur, black-and-white ruffed lemur, brown lemur and one diademed sifaka. Mantadia Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Antananarivo | Sprawling City of Hills. Return to the capital and, this afternoon, explore the historic upper town with your guide. Visit the Queen’s Palace and the newly built photography museum which showcases historic images of Madagascar and the capital. Hotel Colbert | Meals: BLD

Days 6–8: Ifotaka | Sacred Spiny Forest & Ancestral Tombs. This morning take a private charter flight to Mandrare River Camp in the far south of the island, a classic tented safari camp offering majestic views over the Mandrare River. The next three days are spent exploring this extraordinary area. Venture on foot into the Sacred Spiny forest which has the highest percentage of endemic plants in any habitat in Madagascar and is dominated by the distinctive thorny octopus tree. In addition to some extraordinary wildlife, including Verreaux sifaka, chameleons and ground boa constrictor, the forest is also filled with 500-year-old baobabs and the ancestral tombs of the local Antandroy tribe, one of the most traditional in Madagascar. You’ll be introduced to their culture and customs before sundowners on the river bank.

Another highlight is the stunning Sacred Gallery forest south of camp. Depending on water levels, walk or take a boat across the Mandrare River to reach the largely deciduous forest. Inquisitive groups of ring-tailed lemur and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka are the highlight of this excursion. A night walk in the Forest of Zenavo is a fantastic way to see diurnal lemur bedding down, and nocturnal lemurs emerging in the eerie and prehistoric Spiny Forest. Look out for sifakas and sleeping white-footed...
sportive lemur and once the sun has set, two mouse lemur species, sleeping birds, chameleons, owls and the now active sportive lemur. Wandering through the Spiny Forest on an early morning walk, see the sunlight break through the octopus trees and look out for endemic birds such as crested coua, a variety of vangas and the running coua. An encounter with members of the fascinating Antandroy tribe in the local village is a highlight.

There’s plenty of time to relax in camp and sip sundowners amidst the baobabs as the sun sets and the moon rises. Mandrare River Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Manafiafy Beach | Remote Coastal Seclusion. Fly to Fort Dauphin this morning on a private charter flight and travel north to Manafiafy Beach, a secluded tropical paradise. Also known as Sainte Luce, Manafiafy is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves. Time this afternoon for a swim before cocktails as the sun sets over the bay. Manafiafy Lodge | Meals: BLD

Days 10–11: Manafiafy Beach | Wild Coast. Two days to do as you please. The lodge offers a wide range of wildlife and sporting activities which are all included: day and night walks in the rainforest to see five species of lemur, snorkelling in the bay and nearby cove, kayaking and scenic boat trips to the mangroves, boat trips to the nearby islands for a secluded picnic lunch, walks along long empty beaches and trips to the local village and school, supported by the lodge.

Your adventure concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the beach complete with an Antanosy musical performance. Manafiafy Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Depart Antananarivo. After an early breakfast, travel to Fort Dauphin airport for your private charter flight back to Antananarivo. Transfer to the international terminal for your onward flight. Meals: B

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YOUR GUEST HOST

Charlie has worked as a scientific advisor for WWF and has published many papers on Madagascar’s wildlife and its conservation. He has appeared on wildlife documentaries and assisted with the filming of Sir David Attenborough’s BBC series ‘Madagascar’.

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THE GREAT MIGRATION SAFARI IN STYLE

14 DAYS FROM $24,475 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
NAIROBI – AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – NGORONGORO CRATER – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE
From the cradle of civilisation to Africa’s highest peak, world acclaimed wildlife reserves and a rich tribal culture, a journey to East Africa is full of theatre. On this unique safari adventure, you follow in the footsteps of pioneering explorers who also gazed across the savannah at the same extraordinary wildlife. You’ll see elephants against the backdrop of snow-capped Mt Kilimanjaro, hippo snorting in the Mara River, predators on the prowl in the Serengeti, and birds of all shapes and colours gliding over the landscape. Safari accommodation is of the highest standard – glamorous lodges and luxury tented camps – and you’ll travel in comfort in A&K’s customised 4WD safari vehicles, with expert naturalist guides.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bed down in the best boutique camp and luxury safari lodge accommodations
- Experience six nights in the heart of Great Migration country – three in the Serengeti and three in the Masai Mara
- Discover Africa’s astounding diversity, including its iconic species, with A&K’s expert driver-guides in our own custom-made vehicles
- Venture into World Heritage listed Ngorongoro Crater where the wildlife is prolific
- Explore Olduvai Gorge and see where the Leakey family discovered fossils linking man to a distant ancestor
- Visit a vibrant Tanzanian village and primary school
- Enjoy more time to explore with convenient internal flights
- Finish your journey at Sanctuary Olonana – a newly rebuilt and reimagined luxury safari lodge, set on a private concession in the Masai Mara, beside the Mara River
Day 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya. Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to the luxurious Fairmont The Norfolk. Perhaps Kenya’s most famous hotel, it has welcomed generations of safari-goers since it first opened on Christmas Day, 1904. Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 2: Amboseli National Park | At the Foot of Kilimanjaro. Today, drive to Amboseli National Park at the base of soaring, snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, which, at 5,895 metres, is the highest freestanding mountain in the world. Set out in search of the region’s spectacular wildlife – African savanna elephant, leopard, cheetah and hosts of plains game – all roaming freely amid swamps, springs and a shimmering, dry lakebed. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner celebrating the start of an unforgettable safari adventure. Tawi Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Amboseli National Park | A Full Day in the Bush. Spend a full day exploring wildlife-rich Amboseli National Park, watching for lion and buffalo. Enjoy a morning on safari before breaking for lunch. This afternoon, take another game drive, capped with a refreshing sundowner. Tawi Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Tarangire National Park, Tanzania | Game Viewing. Drive to the Tanzania border, stopping for lunch in Arusha. Board a direct flight from Arusha to Tarangire National Park and settle into your luxurious accommodations. Sanctuary Swala’s large tents are built on raised decks under umbrella acacia trees overlooking the Gurusi flood plains. The layout is very open, with resident herds of impala often grazing in camp. Wide panoramas of wooded savanna stretch in every direction in the park, which is nurtured by the permanent Tarangire River and populated by abundant big game, such as lion, elephant and buffalo. Its dusty red landscape also hosts a large bird population. Tonight, dine in camp. Sanctuary Swala | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Tarangire National Park | Into the Wild. Today, embark on morning and afternoon game drives, seated six to a vehicle so that every guest enjoys a window seat. Explore Tarangire National Park backdropped by the spectacular, rust-hued Great Rift Valley. At Tarangire, find a stunning concentration of animals – herds of elephant, impala and zebra. Look, too, for pythons and the twitching tails of leopard, who hide high above in sausage trees. As dusk falls, you may opt for a night safari, available at an additional cost, to search for nocturnal animals rarely seen by visitors. You may spy an African wildcat, the elusive leopard or the round eyes of a bushbaby. With specialised lighting, look for lion and hyena and smaller creatures – spotted genet, serval, bat-eared fox and nightjars. While at Swala, you also partake in a Chef’s Table experience, including a cooking demonstration of local dishes such as ugali, makande and kachumbari, followed by an opportunity to taste them. Sanctuary Swala | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater | Design Your Day. Learn how Tanzanians live today, exploring in and around the village of Mto wa Mbu, as you Ride Like a Local by tuk-tuk, a major form of transport here. See rice fields and a banana plantation, and try banana beer at a local bar. In the village, walk the local market to see the colourful produce on display. Afterwards, head to your restful luxury lodge, set near the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

Walk with a Maasai Healer; discovering the uses of over 20 different indigenous plants in the Ngorongoro Forest.

Bicycle the Back Roads of a nearby village to get a feel for life as the locals live it.

Enjoy a Traditional High Tea on the veranda overlooking the gardens at Gibb’s Farm; meet the artist-in-residence.

Settle in for a tranquil evening and overnight stay. Gibb’s Farm | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater | Wildlife-Rich Haven. Today, set out on a game drive in Ngorongoro Crater, exploring the panoramic, short-grass prairies along the floor of this ancient volcanic caldera, home to rare black rhino as well as lion, hyena and gazelle. The diverse and profuse wildlife dwelling within the encircling crater walls led this incredible “Lost World” to be named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy lunch al fresco in the crater before returning to your lodge. Tonight, gather for dinner with fellow guests. Gibb’s Farm | Meals: BLD

Days 8–10: Serengeti National Park | On the Endless Plains. Fly to Serengeti National Park, a vast Tanzanian landscape that hosts one of Earth’s last remaining wildlife spectacles: the annual Great Migration, when millions of herbivores trek across the Serengeti plains in search of water and fresh grass, with hungry predators awaiting them. Over the next two days, your adventure may reveal giraffe, wildebeest, elephant and far more on morning and afternoon game drives. You may also opt for a hot air balloon ride across the boundless Serengeti, at an additional cost, for an exciting new perspective. Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya | Crown Jewel. Fly to the Masai Mara, the northern extension of the Serengeti. After settling into your riverside accommodation within the Masai Mara, immerse yourself in the wild during an afternoon game drive. Follow the Mara River to see crocodiles basking in the sun; hippos as they wallow in muddy water; and monkeys, busy sparking mischief overhead. Here, too, you may sight any of more than 400 species of birds, among them eagles who glide effortlessly above the sun-soaked landscape. During your time in the Mara, enjoy the peace of mind that comes with staying at Sanctuary Olonana, hailed since its recent comprehensive rebuild as one of the finest safari lodges in all of Africa. Relax each night in large, spacious suites – complete with generous tubs and rain showers en suite. Each suite also features a private veranda for game viewing or simply absorbing the magical scenery, as well as floor-to-ceiling glass doors that fold open to reveal magnificent views of the Mara River. Tonight, join fellow guests for a Scenic Sundowner, followed by an elegant dinner. Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD
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**VICTORIA FALLS PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**
Experience epic Victoria Falls from both sides and stay in a luxurious tree house beside the Zambezi River in Zambia.

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Encounter endangered mountain gorillas up close during your trek into lush Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY

ETHIOPIA

New for 2020
Tribes & Traditions of Ethiopia

16 DAYS FROM $13,995 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS

An incredibly diverse country, Ethiopia is rugged and mysterious. Pack a sense of adventure on this exclusive journey which combines the rich history, culture and landscapes of the north with the tribal heritage in the south. You’ll visit the source of the Blue Nile, see the skeleton of ‘Lucy’ and spend a night in the Simien Mountains. There is rare wildlife amidst high peaks, extraordinary rock-hewn churches, World Heritage sites and an incredible number of different ethnic groups in and around the Omo Valley. You’ll explore their villages, learn about local customs and wander through bustling markets.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the markets, churches, museums and palaces of Addis Ababa
- Venture to the source of the Blue Nile
- Soak up breathtaking vistas and drink coffee like a local
- Gaze at medieval frescoes in the extraordinary rock-hewn churches of Lalibela
- Hike through the rugged Simien Mountains in search of rare wildlife
- Marvel at the remarkable stelae and tombs of ancient Axum
- Discover tribal customs and culture in the villages and markets of the Omo Valley
**Day 1: Arrive Addis Ababa.** On arrival in the Ethiopian capital you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel. *Sheraton Addis Ababa | Meals: D*

**Day 2: Addis Ababa | World’s Highest Capital.** Your adventure begins with a panoramic introduction to the city from the summit of Mt Entoto (3,200 metres). Stop for a steaming cup of Ethiopian coffee on the way and, after admiring the view, take a glimpse inside the Entoto Maryam Church, which was constructed by Emperor Menelik II. Step inside the small local museum and the Menelik Palace and, on the way back admire traditional textiles and garments at the Shero Meda Market. This afternoon, visit the National Archaeological Museum, where the 3.2 million-year-old bones of Lucy (a female Australopithecus afarensis skeleton) reside, followed by the Ethnographic Museum. Celebrate your arrival at a welcome dinner. *Sheraton Addis Ababa | Meals: BLD*

**Day 3: Axum | Centre of the Aksumite Kingdom.** Fly to Axum, the oldest city in Ethiopia, in the far north of the country. Considered one of the four great powers of the ancient world, Axum was an important centre of trade and innovation. Venture to the impressive World Heritage listed stelae fields and marvel at the enormous obelisk-like structures. See the royal tombs and ruins of ancient castles before heading to the Axum Museum and Mariam Tsion Church, built on the site of Ethiopia’s first church. A chapel within the church compound is believed by Ethiopian Orthodox Christians to house the Ark of the Covenant, or the original tablets of Moses. *Sabeen International Hotel | Meals: BLD*

**Day 4: Lalibela | Medieval Rock-Hewn Churches.** Fly south to the small town of Lalibela, home to one of the world’s most astounding sacred sites comprising eleven medieval rock-hewn churches. Visit the first group via a network of labyrinthine tunnels and crypts which connect the galleries and grottos. Pause at Bet Medhane Alem, the largest, which has been constructed like a Greek temple and Bet Giyorgis (Church of St George) which is probably the most elegant and majestic of all, also accessed via a tunnel. *Mezena Lodge | Meals: BLD*

**Day 5: Lalibela | New Jerusalem.** Another day exploring Lalibela’s extraordinary churches. The southeast cluster is more irregular in design than the rest and several are thought to have been secular in origin, and some predate the reign of King Lalibela by five centuries. After lunch, visit the monastery of Nakuto Le’ab, a simple example of a rock hewn church. Late in the day visit the open-air market and experience warm Ethiopian hospitality at a traditional coffee ceremony. *Mezena Lodge | Meals: BLD*
Day 6: Gondar | Imperial city of Fasilides. Fly to Bahir Dar and transfer to Gondar, the capital and commercial centre of Ethiopia from the 17th to mid-19th century. Explore a number of castles in the royal enclosure before visiting Debrec Berhan Selassie church, the only church saved from the Mahdist invasion in the 1880s. Admire the wonderful murals and in particular the angels’ faces which have become a common motif in Ethiopian design. Continue to the bath of Emperor Fasiledes, now best known for the annual Christian festival of Timkat where local worshippers descend into the pool to commemorate the baptism of Jesus. Nearby is a small mausoleum said to have been built for the king’s favourite horse. Gondar Hills Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Simien Mountains | Endemic Wildlife & Breathtaking Views. This morning drive northeast to the Simien Mountains National Park and your lodge on the edge of an escarpment with breathtaking views. In addition to the spectacular scenery, the park is well known for its unique animal and birdlife including the Walia ibex, Ethiopian wolf, Menelik’s Bushbuck and the Gelada baboon which are endemic. Head out on foot in the hope of getting close to a troop of Gelada baboons with additional time spent exploring the beautiful park. Limilimo Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Bahir Dar | Blue Nile Falls. Drive through fertile countryside this morning to Bahir Dar, on the southern shore of Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile. Stop in villages along the way before visiting the magnificent 100-metre-wide Tis Isat Falls (Blue Nile Falls). Kuriftu Resort and Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Bahir Dar | Island Monasteries. Board a local boat for the trip across Lake Tana to nearby Zeghie Peninsula to visit two 14th century monasteries. They are renowned for their round, grass roofed churches and the magnificent murals inside which depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Kuriftu Resort and Spa | Meals: BLD


Day 11: Jinka | Cultures of the South Omo. Take a flight southwest to Jinka where your first stop is Yetnebersh village to watch how the Ari distil their own liquor from sorghum, garlic and maize. Stop in at the South Omo Research Centre and museum which focuses on the many ethnic groups living in the region. Eco Omo Lodge | Meals: BLD

Days 12–13: Turmi | Tribal Customs. Spend the next two days in the South Omo focusing on the fascinating range of ethnic cultures there. Visit a Mursi village where you learn something of their unique customs including lip plates and large decorative ear plugs. Meet the proud Hamar, known for their body decoration, moonlight dances and bull-jumping, and the Karo, recognisable by their elaborate body scarifications and lower lip piercings. They are considered masters of body painting when preparing for a dance, feast or celebration. Buska Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Arba Minch | Beehive Dwellings. This morning drive to Arba Minch pausing to admire the beautiful terraced hillsides of the Konso people who are also well known for their woven materials and the carved totems which decorate their graves. This afternoon spot hippos and Nile crocodiles during a boat trip on Lake Chamo and finish the day in Chencha village, home to the Dorze whose tall beehive-shaped dwellings are among the most distinctive traditional structures in Africa. Haile Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 15: Addis Ababa. Return flight to Addis Ababa and transfer to your hotel. In the evening freshen up before a farewell dinner. Sheraton Addis Ababa | Meals: BLD

Day 16: Addis Ababa. This morning transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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Maximum Group Size: 18

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YOUR GUEST HOST

Joining the April 2020 departure is Sujata Raman, Regional Managing Director of Abercrombie & Kent Australia / Asia Pacific, a position she has held for over a decade. Passionate about seeing the world and experiencing its cultures, Sujata has lived on three continents and visited all seven. Having travelled extensively throughout Africa, she is looking forward to exploring the fascinating lands and cultures of Ethiopia.
Cape to Cairo

23 DAYS FROM $35,990 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
CAPE TOWN - SABI SAND GAME RESERVE - VICTORIA FALLS - NAIROBI - MASAI MARA - CAIRO - NILE CRUISE

Follow the vision of colonialist Cecil Rhodes, whose grand dream of connecting the African continent by rail from south to north was never realised. Your streamlined 23-day odyssey, however, takes you from Cape Town to the Egyptian capital introducing quintessential experiences along the way. Tick off the wines and wildlife of South Africa, the thundering Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, unmatched safari encounters in Kenya, the treasures of Cairo and an illuminating luxury cruise along the mighty Nile. Expert Tour Directors and Egyptologists share their knowledge as you go making this an adventure like no other.
JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Bed down in Cape Town’s most iconic hotel and soak up the surrounding landscapes

Seek out rare wildlife in South Africa’s Sabi Sand Game Reserve and Kenya’s Masai Mara

Marvel at the thundering cataracts of Victoria Falls

Float down the mighty Zambezi River and toast the sunset on a leisurely sundowner cruise

Experience Maasai tribal culture on the edge of wilderness

Immerse yourself in ancient history in the company of an expert Egyptologist

Meander gently down the Nile on a luxury river cruise and watch life pass by

Retrace the steps of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon in the Valley of the Kings
Day 1: Arrive Cape Town, South Africa. Arrive into the ‘Mother City’ to an A&K welcome and transfer to the iconic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, your elegant base in this cosmopolitan metropolis. Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Days 2–4: Cape Town | The Mother City. The next three days will reveal Cape Town from different angles. For an aerial perspective of the city and its surrounds take the cable car up Table Mountain (weather permitting) and admire the panorama. Back at ground level, get an historic appreciation of the city through its monuments and the fascinating narrative from your guide. Mingle with fellow guests at a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Take one of the world’s great road trips along the Atlantic coast to Cape Point passing beautiful beaches and the bustling fishing haven of Hout Bay. Merge with the famous Chapman’s Peak Drive on to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Climb to the top of Cape Point and keep an eye out for southern right whales in spring and early summer, dolphins and a variety of seabirds. On your way back, seek out the local wildlife including the rare bontebok, eland and Cape mountain zebra and get up close to the adorable, but endangered, jackass penguins at Boulders beach.

Back in Cape Town, join a botanical guide for a wander through the world-renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, recently voted one of the Top Ten gardens in the World by the curators of Kew Gardens in London.

One full day is devoted to visiting some of the country’s leading vineyards on an exploration of the Cape Winelands. Meander through Stellenbosch, admire the charming Cape Dutch architecture of Franschhoek and Paarl and taste some of the finest wines South Africa has to offer. Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel | Meals: BD (Day 2); BL (Days 3–4)

Days 5–7: Sabi Sand Game Reserve | Wildlife Encounters. Journey by air to the northeast of the country and head into the bush for your first taste of safari. The 65,000-hectare wildlife-rich Sabi Sand is where Africa’s iconic species are centre stage and on guided forays in open 4WD vehicles seek out lion, leopard, elephant, giraffe, rhino, hippo, buffalo, zebra and so much more. Discover the smaller mammals too and exotic birdlife on guided walks and be dazzled by Africa’s iconic sunsets. Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge | Meals: BD (Day 5); BLD (Days 6–7)

Day 8: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | Zambezi National Park. Depart the Sabi Sand for onward flights to Livingstone, Zambia and across the border to the Zambezi National Park, upstream of Victoria Falls where your iconic lodge sits on the banks of the Zambezi River. Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Victoria Falls | Thundering Cataracts. Prepare to be amazed on a walking tour of Victoria Falls. Get up close to the thundering cascades, marvel at the volume of water and admire the dancing rainbows. Sit down for lunch at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel and take a guided heritage walk while you’re there. Toast your Zambezi experience on an unforgettable sundowner cruise as dusk approaches. Old Drift Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Nairobi, Kenya | Bustling Metropolis. Fly north from Livingstone to the Kenyan capital where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Nairobi Serena Hotel | Meals: B

Day 11: Masai Mara National Reserve | Safari Central. Fly into the world famous Masai Mara National Reserve where you will traverse the savannah in search of unique wildlife sightings returning each night to your exquisite tented safari camp. Mara Explorer | Meals: BLD

Days 12–13: Masai Mara National Reserve | Out of Africa. Your days of adventure begin before dawn as the natural world stirs. Morning and afternoon forays by 4WD deliver exciting encounters: a pride of lion stalking its prey; a leopard retrieving its kill; sparring wildebeest; and herds of elephant meandering along ancient trails. An early morning hot air balloon flight is an option during your stay (additional cost). Mara Explorer | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Nairobi | City Stay. After a final early morning game activity return to Nairobi by air. Nairobi Serena Hotel | Meals: B

Day 15: Cairo, Egypt. Early flight north to the Egyptian capital to a warm A&K greeting. Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: B

Day 16: Cairo | Design Your Day. Meet your A&K Egyptologist for a briefing on the days ahead. Your experience begins with an in-depth visit through 7,000 years of history at the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities (or the Grand Egyptian Museum, upon its opening). This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Wind your Way through the Alleys of Coptic Cairo, visiting the hanging church, the churches of St. Barbara and St. Serguis, and the Ben Ezra Synagogue.

> Visit the Mosque of Sultan Hassan and Refai Mosque, followed by a sunset walking tour down the main street of the old walled city of Cairo. Enjoy evening cocktails and dinner at your hotel. Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD
Day 17: Cairo | The Pyramids & Saqqara. Synonymous with Cairo itself, the mighty Pyramids will surprise and amaze. Start with the first pyramid ever built at Saqqara and continue to the 4,500-year-old Pyramids of Giza alongside the legendary Sphinx and Solar Boat Museum which houses the reassembled funerary boat of King Cheops. Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 18: Luxor | Ancient Thebes. Fly south to Luxor where you’ll be struck by the awe-inspiring Luxor Temple before boarding “Sanctuary Sun Boat IV,” where you enjoy lunch. Afterward, disembark to explore Luxor’s West Bank, visiting the Valley of the Kings with entry to the tombs of Tutankhamun, and exclusive Insider Access to the tomb of the pharaoh Seti I. Visit the beautiful tomb of Queen Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut. Pass by the famed Colossi of Memnon as you return to your luxury Nile cruise ship in time for afternoon tea. “Sanctuary Sun Boat IV” | Meals: BLD

Days 19–21: Nile Cruise | Temples & Tombs. Joined by your Egyptologist you’ll spend the next three days exploring the most important temples and tombs along the river. Meander through the vast Temple of Karnak before leaving Luxor behind. Sail southward to Aswan visiting the Greco-Roman Temple of Khnum at Esna, the extraordinary Temple of Horus at Edfu, the Temple of crocodile-god Sobek at Kom Ombo and the Philae Temple. In the bustling market town of Aswan, see the unfinished obelisk and sail around the islands onboard a felucca. “Sanctuary Sun Boat IV” | Meals: BLD

Day 22: Abu Simbel | Temple of Ramses II. Disembark and fly to Abu Simbel to admire the awe-inspiring temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari overlooking Lake Nasser. Return to Cairo and enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking the Nile. Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD

Day 23: Depart Cairo. Farewell Egypt as you transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

MOROCCO
SPLENDOURS OF MOROCCO

12 DAYS FROM $10,860 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
CASABLANCA – FES – ERFOUD – ERG CHEBBI – OUARZAZATE – MARRAKECH

Uncover vibrant, colourful and exotic Morocco, jewel of North Africa and one of the world’s most stylish and fascinating destinations. Journey from the coastal port city of Casablanca inland to medieval Fes, the Atlas foothills and the Saharan desert reaches, to sensuous, legendary Marrakech, where snake charmers, musicians, storytellers and acrobats bring Djemaa el-Fna Square to life. Explore labyrinthine souks full of treasures, savour mouth-watering cuisine, marvel at ancient medinas, bustling kasbahs and towering minarets, and relax in elegant hotels.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Discover all that exotic Morocco has to offer, from the historic cities in the north to the mysterious desert

Experience the Sahara in style when you sleep under the stars at an A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp amid the stunning Erg Chebbi dunes

Stay in the fascinating “Red City” at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel Marrakech, your home for three nights

Visit Jardin Majorelle in Marrakech, a garden created by an artist and later restored by design legend Yves Saint Laurent

Explore Meknes and Volubilis, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to unveil Morocco’s unique culture and past

Embrace life like a local with a ride on camel back and by horse and carriage
Day 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco. Arrive in Casablanca, where, after clearing customs and immigration, you are transferred to the city’s newest luxury hotel, designed with contemporary styling and traditional Moroccan accents. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in this exotic setting, the inspiration for the eponymous, 1942 Humphrey Bogart film. Four Seasons Hotel Casablanca

Day 2: Rabat & Fes | Ancient Traditions, Rich Heritage. Begin the day in the port city of Casablanca, Morocco’s largest metropolis and its commercial hub. Visit the stunning Hassan II Mosque, which accommodates up to 25,000 worshippers; its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Then, travel to the Moorish city of Rabat, capital of Morocco, to visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum, dedicated to the founder of modern Morocco, grandfather of the current king. View the Mauresque-style Hassan Tower and Oudaya Kasbah, along with its scenic Andalusian garden. Continue to Fes for a special cocktail reception followed by a welcome dinner hosted by A&K. Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Fes | Timeless Medieval City. Explore Fes el-Bali (Old Fes), the cultural heart of Morocco. Founded in the eighth century by Moulay Idriss I, this imperial capital was a renowned centre of medieval learning. Stroll the labyrinthine old quarter, with its 9,000 narrow lanes, alleys and souks, on a market visit of exceeding authenticity. Watching local craftsmen in action — working with bronze and pottery — makes for an engaging artisan visit as well. Next, proceed to the intricately detailed 14th century Mausoleum of Moulay Idriss, one of the oldest, still-functioning universities in the world. Then, travel to the Moorish city of Meknes, capital of Morocco, to visit the Hassan II Mosque, which accommodates up to 25,000 worshippers; its minaret stands as the tallest religious structure in the world. Upon completing this glimpse into antiquity, proceed to a winery outside Meknes for lunch set among the region’s sun-bathed vineyards and olive groves. Return to your nomadic tented camp. The stunning reddish-hued sand dunes can reach up to over 150 metres high, creating an otherworldly landscape. Experience it like a local on camel back. As the sun sets, celebrate your unforgettable desert foray with a Scenic Sundowner. Return to your camp for a traditional meal beside a campfire, along with distinctively Moroccan entertainment. Then, slumber in comfort as the sounds of the desert lull you to sleep. A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Ouazazate | Door to the Desert. Begin the day in Ouazazate, a city originally built as a French garrison in the 1920s. Today, it is a regional trade centre, known for its pottery and carpets. See the Tinmenoute Kasbah, a majestic 17th century fortress featuring a panoramic view of the valley of Ouazazate and the High Atlas Mountains. Continue to elaborately Ait Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of the region’s most exotic kasbahs, some of which have been featured in famous films, including Lawrence of Arabia and Gladiator. Le Berbère Palace | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Erfoud | Desert Oasis. Travel to small, desert-fringed Erfoud, pausing for lunch en route and marvelling at everyday life as you pass Berber villages, endless date palm plantations and the majestic Atlas Mountains. Settle into your hotel, with the remainder of the day to spend at leisure. Gather for dinner this evening. Your gourmet meal is prepared with locally sourced, organic ingredients. L’Hotel by Chateau de Sable | Meals: BLD

Day 6: The Sahara | Into the Desert Dunes. This morning, discover the fortified desert town of Rissani. Continue to the desert dunes of the Sahara by 4WD vehicle, where a reception with mint tea and pastries awaits at your nomadic tented camp. The stunning reddish-hued sand dunes can reach up to over 150 metres high, creating an otherworldly landscape. Experience it like a local on camel back. As the sun sets, celebrate your unforgettable desert foray with a Scenic Sundowner. Return to your camp for a traditional meal beside a campfire, along with distinctively Moroccan entertainment. Then, slumber in comfort as the sounds of the desert lull you to sleep. A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Ouarzazate | Road of a Thousand Kasbahs. Journey overland to Ouarzazate, once a stopping point for African traders travelling to the cities of Morocco and Europe. En route, absorb views of the High Atlas’ southern slopes, intersecting the Dades Valley’s flourishing crops, irrigation canals and palm trees. Travel along the “Road of a Thousand Kasbahs” to Ouarzazate and your delightful oasis of a hotel. Le Berbére Palace | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Ouarzazate | Crossing the High Atlas. Journey over the High Atlas Mountains, observing everyday life in remote rural towns, to the fascinating “Red City” of Marrakech, where you settle into your luxurious hotel. Four Seasons Resort Marrakech | Meals: BLD
**Day 10: Marrakech | Exploring the Red City.** Today, begin to unearth the secrets of Marrakech, starting in the medina, the old walled section of town that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at its architectural jewels, including the soaring Koutoubia minaret. Then visit Dar El Bacha, home to the pasha of Marrakech in the early 20th century. Afterward, visit Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakech’s main square, which is filled with orange juice stalls and vendors, along with fire-eaters, mime artists, snake charmers and street musicians performing at every turn. You may also wish to stroll the city’s talled, labyrinthine souks. Four Seasons Resort Marrakech | Meals: BL

**Day 11: Marrakech | Design Your Day.** Begin your day at Jardin Majorelle, a picturesque garden created by French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by design legend Yves Saint Laurent. Stop at the recently opened Yves Saint Laurent Museum nearby, for an up-close look at some of the famed designer’s creations. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- Learn to Cook with Moroccan Spices with a cooking demonstration and tasting.
- Explore the Souks of Marrakech with an expert guide, walking narrow streets lined with centuries-old shops.
- Enjoy a Guided Walk of the Historic Jewish Quarter, once a thriving centre of religious freedom and tolerance.

Tonight, attend a special farewell dinner with entertainment by a local gnawa band. Four Seasons Resort Marrakech | Meals: BD

**Day 12: Depart Marrakech.** Transfer to the Marrakech airport and board your international flight home. Meals: B

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**EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY**

**ESSAOUIRA POST-TOUR EXTENSION**
Journey overland from Marrakech to explore the town of Essaouira, seeing its medina (old town) filled with artisan workshops and boutiques, and drive the dramatic coastline past stunning cliffs and ocean waves to Casablanca.

4 DAYS FROM $2,890 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

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EGYPT & THE NILE

10 DAYS FROM $12,000 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
CAIRO – LUXOR – NILE CRUISE – ASWAN – ABU SIMBEL – CAIRO

Journey to the heart of an ancient land that has captured the imagination of travellers for millennia. Follow in the footsteps of pharaohs, emperors and conquerors from Cairo to Luxor and along the Nile to Aswan. You’ll cruise aboard A&K’s own award-winning ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ and explore the country’s myriad archaeological treasures and ancient monuments with a leading Egyptologist, bringing both ancient and modern Egypt to life.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail on a four-night Nile river cruise aboard award-winning ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’
- Gain special entry into the tomb of Seti I, one of the best-preserved tombs in the Valley of the Kings
- Stay at the historic Marriott Mena House, Cairo, with views of the pyramids from your own private balcony, and at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza
- Explore one of Egypt’s legendary pyramids from the inside out
- Ride Like a Local on camel back and sail the Nile in a felucca (sailboat)
- Avoid crowds and the hassle of navigating around other ships, with private docking facilities in Luxor and Aswan
The ancient Pyramids of Giza
Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt. Arrive in Cairo where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your historic hotel with fantastic views of the pyramids. Marriott Mena House Hotel

Day 2: Cairo | Ancient Treasures. This morning, visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities (or the Grand Egyptian Museum, upon its opening), home to the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts, including treasures from Tutankhamun and items dating to 4000 BC. During your visit, view its famed Mummy Room, featuring the remains of ancient Egypt's pharaohs and nobility, including Ramses II, one of Egypt's most powerful pharaohs. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner. Marriott Mena House Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Giza | The Pyramids & Sphinx. Today, tour the Giza Plateau, site of the pyramids of Mycerinus and Chefren as well as the Great Pyramid. Built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC), it is the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Revel in the opportunity to enter the interior of one of these legendary pyramids. Ride Like a Local on camel back, then visit the Solar Boat Museum — site of Cheops' funerary boat — and the Great Sphinx. Marriott Mena House Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Luxor | Valley of the Kings and Luxor. Fly to Luxor, site of the ancient city of Thebes. Begin your full day of exploring here visiting the striking Temple of Luxor. Behold the three large statues of Ramses II along the front of the temple pylons; the Courtyard of Ramses II behind the East Tower; and the Colonnade of Amenhotep III, with its 14 papyrus-headed columns, some 15 metres in height. Then, step aboard "Sanctuary Sun Boat IV", where you enjoy lunch. Afterwards, disembark to explore the west bank of the Nile and the necropolis of Thebes, and enjoy a photo stop at the Colossi of Memnon. Next, stop at the lovely Temple of Hatshepsut, ancient Egypt’s first female pharaoh and regarded today as one of its most successful. Continue to the Valley of the Kings, burial ground of the pharaohs and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a period of 500 years beginning in the 16th century BC, tombs were built along this valley for pharaohs and nobles, including that of "the boy king", Tutankhamun. Found in 1922 by British archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter, the tomb of Tutankhamun is yours to discover, as you set foot inside its 3,500-year-old walls. Also visit the tomb of Seti I, the father of Ramses II, one of the best preserved in the Valley of the Kings. "Sanctuary Sun Boat IV" | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Cruising the Nile | Temples of Karnak. Journey once more to the east bank of the Nile, this time with a visit to the Temple of Karnak, where generations of pharaohs wished to record their names. Walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall; its expertly aligned columns, the largest of which is 25 metres high with a 10-metre circumference, are a sight to behold. This afternoon, sail to Esna and visit the Temple of Khnum and marvel at its soaring columns. "Sanctuary Sun Boat IV" | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Cruising the Nile | Edfu to Kom Ombo. Cruise to Edfu to view the Temple of Horus, falcon-headed god of the sky. Built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III and once buried in sand and debris, this stunningly well-preserved and colourful structure reveals what temple worship in ancient Egypt was like. Join your chef back on board for a local cooking lesson. Later, disembark at Kom Ombo (hill of gold) to visit the Greco-Roman temple dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile god), who was considered by some ancient Egyptians to be the creator of the world. While there, view the mummmified remains of several crocodiles that once basked along the ancient Nile shore, just as their descendants do today. "Sanctuary Sun Boat IV" | Meals: BLD
Day 7: Aswan | Majestic Philae. Cruise to Aswan and ride a motorised boat to Philae Temple on the island of Agilka. This sacred complex was dedicated to the goddess Isis and reflects a fusion of three great civilisations – Egyptian, Greek and Roman. The temple was dismantled, and then painstakingly reassembled when the Aswan High Dam was constructed. Built in the 1960s, the dam spans the Nile River, more than three kilometres across. It provides irrigation and hydro-electric power to much of Egypt, and the reservoir that formed behind it, Lake Nasser, is 547 kilometres long. Proceed to the impressive granite quarries and site of the Unfinished Obelisk. Illustrating the skills of Egypt’s stonemasons, this monolith is one-third taller than any other ancient Egyptian obelisk. Later, Ride Like a Local around the Aswan islands in a felucca, while enjoying a Scenic Sundowner, weather permitting. *Sanctuary Sun Boat IV* | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Abu Simbel | Temples of Ramses II & Nefertari. Today, bid farewell to *Sanctuary Sun Boat IV*, disembarking to fly to Abu Simbel and discover the commanding twin temples of Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefertari. The former’s façade is dominated by four statues of the pharaoh, each over 20 metres tall. Perhaps even more impressive, this entire site was disassembled and moved here to save it from the floodwaters caused by the Aswan High Dam. Return to Cairo for an afternoon at leisure. Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 9: Cairo | Design Your Day. Drive to Sakkara, site of hundreds of tombs and 14 pyramids, including the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. After lunch, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Discover Coptic Cairo, visiting a church where the Holy Family stayed, as well as ancient Ben Ezra Synagogue.

> Tour Islamic Cairo, including a walk in Moaz Street, and the Khan el-Khalili Bazaar.

> Relax Aboard a Felucca, viewing Cairo from a different perspective as you sail the Nile River’s waters.

This evening, gather with your fellow guests to reflect on your journey through Egypt and along the Nile at a farewell dinner hosted by A&K. Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Depart Cairo. After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. Meals: B

**EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY**

JORDAN PRE-TOUR EXTENSION
See the White City of Amman, the Roman ruins in Jerash, the Dead Sea, the Holy Land, and astonishing Petra, the ancient city cut from rose-red stone.
5 DAYS FROM $5,045 PP TWIN
Available on select departures.
See website for details.

**TAILOR MADE TRAVEL WITH A&K**

If scheduled departure dates don’t work for you, or you would prefer to travel privately, talk to your A&K travel specialist or your travel agent about creating the perfect bespoke journey for you.
JORDAN & ISRAEL: ANCIENT WONDERS

14 DAYS FROM $13,760 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
AMMAN – PETRA – WADI RUM – DEAD SEA –
JERUSALEM – NAZARETH – SEA OF GALILEE – TEL AVIV

Journey to the heart of these ancient lands where history and cultures converge. Wander through ancient Roman cities and crusader castles, important biblical sites and haunting modern memorials. Marvel at the extraordinary Nabataean caravan-city of Petra, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, and relax in the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia across the desert reaches of Wadi Rum, and savour flavoursome Levantine cuisine.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey through two ancient lands, visiting historic sites and cities and cruise on the Sea of Galilee
- Explore the ancient rose-red city of Petra
- Bathe in the buoyant, mineral-rich Dead Sea
- Take a 4WD excursion and overnight in Jordan’s Wadi Rum, a desert of otherworldly proportions
- Experience the contrasts of ancient and modern Israel
- Enjoy lunch with locals in their private home in Bethlehem
- Visit several UNESCO World Heritage sites — Bethany Beyond the Jordan, Masada, Acre and more
Day 1: Arrive Amman, Jordan. Arrive in Amman, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Four Seasons Hotel Amman

Day 2: Amman & Jerash | Ancient Roman Streets. Begin with a visit to Jerash, a city founded by Alexander the Great, to marvel at its Greco-Roman ruins. Walk the Roman Cardo, viewing grooves made by chariot wheels. Return to Amman and, after lunch at a local restaurant, explore the city and its Citadel and Roman Theatre. Tonight, gather for a festive welcome dinner. Four Seasons Hotel Amman | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Mount Nebo & Madaba | Design Your Day. This morning, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- Set Out on a Walking Tour of Amman, to experience this fascinating, modern capital city at ground level.
- Visit the Royal Automobile Museum, home to King Hussein’s personal collection of cars and motorcycles.
- Relax in the Four Seasons Spa, indulging in the spa facilities and a 50-minute massage.

After lunch, journey to Mount Nebo, in the footsteps of Moses, for expansive views of the Holy Land. Proceed to Madaba, known as the “City of Mosaics” for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad examples. Finish the day with check-in at your hotel in close proximity to Petra. Mövenpick Resort Petra | Meals: BL

Day 4: Petra | From the Rose-Red City to Wadi Rum. Spend a full day exploring Petra, passing through the Siq to the majestic Treasury, the Temple of the Winged Lions and the Palace Tomb. Once a rich merchant city and a stop for the camel caravans bringing spices, silk and slaves from Arabia to the Mediterranean, Petra was lost for 1,000 years, emerging from antiquity in 1812, when it was re-discovered by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. Later depart for Wadi Rum – the Valley of the Moon – which, with its immense size, colour and awe-inspiring shapes, creates an almost supernatural atmosphere. Tonight, experience a bedouin dinner and stargazing at your comfortable desert camp. Sun City Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Wadi Rum | Across the Valley of the Moon. This morning, explore the rose-tinted mountains and marvellous desert vistas where T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) lived with his Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Bedouin camps are evident in the wadi, which is still home to a number of Bedouin families. Traverse Wadi Rum by four-wheel-drive vehicle and camel to take in the unforgettable landscape. This afternoon, travel north to the Dead Sea, and settle in to your superb accommodations upon arrival. Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea | Meals: BL

Day 6: The Dead Sea | Bethany Beyond the Jordan. Today, visit Bethany Beyond the Jordan, known as the place of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features Roman and Byzantine
remains and is a place of pilgrimage for many. Return to your resort hotel for time at leisure and take a dip in the buoyant, mineral rich Dead Sea waters. Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea | Meals: B

Day 7: Jerusalem, Israel | The Garden of Gethsemane. Cross into Israel and drive to the Mount of Olives for a view over Temple Mount (Al  Haram el-Sharif). Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed with his disciples before his crucifixion. Tour Mahna Yahuda, Jerusalem’s largest food market, which takes up an entire neighbourhood. Cap off your market tour with a delicious lunch. After a full day, check in and, later, dine at your hotel’s restaurant. The King David | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Jerusalem | Epicentre of Faiths. Tour the Old City, first stopping at the Western Wall, one of Judaism’s most sacred sites. View the Temple Mount area with its Dome of the Rock. After lunch at a local café, stroll the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried the cross, arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of Jesus’ crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Later, visit the Israel Museum’s Shrine of the Book and Second Temple Model to view a portion of the Dead Sea Scrolls. As your day ends, view the city’s skyline with a Scenic Sundowner. The King David | Meals: BL

Day 9: Bethlehem | Yad Vashem & Local Culture. Visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s memorial to Holocaust victims. Drive to Bethlehem, located on the West Bank. Lunch will be served in a local Bethlehem home providing a unique opportunity to engage in cultural interaction. Then, visit the Church of the Nativity, a sixth century basilica that stands over a cave held to be the birthplace of Jesus. Dine tonight at a top restaurant in Jerusalem. The King David | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Masada | Zealot Stronghold & the Qumran Caves. Visit Masada, taking a cable car up to the final stronghold, where Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Romans, ultimately taking their own lives rather than becoming enslaved. Later, stop at the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947, discovered by accident by a Bedouin shepherd. The scrolls, which had been stored in clay jars, were written in Hebrew and contained fragments of biblical and secular texts dating back more than 2,000 years. Return to Jerusalem for an afternoon at leisure. The King David | Meals: BL

Day 11: Acre & Nazareth | Jesus’ Boyhood Town. Drive to Acre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the World’s oldest ports, to see the Crusader halls, markets and the old town. Then, journey to Jesus’ boyhood town of Nazareth. After lunch, visit the Church of the Annunciation, built on the traditional site of Mary and Joseph’s home. Continue to Tiberias and your hotel, which occupies a historic building overlooking the Golan Heights. Prior to dinner, experience an artisanal wine talk organised by a professional sommelier. Scots Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Sea of Galilee | In the Footsteps of Jesus. Enjoy a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, stopping at Capernaum to view St. Peter’s house and the synagogue where Jesus taught. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. After lunch, drive to the Golan Heights to learn about the rich history of this rugged landscape. Continue to Banias, one of the sources of the River Jordan, to see the archaeological remains of this sacred place that spans the Pagan, Jewish, Roman, Byzantine and Muslim eras. Gather tonight for a special farewell dinner. Scots Hotel | Meals: LD

Days 13–14: Tel Aviv & Jaffa | Artist Quarter. Visit Caesarea, built to honour Augustus Caesar and later occupied by the Crusaders. Discover Israel’s largest city, Tel Aviv. Located along a beautiful stretch of beach on the Mediterranean, Tel Aviv is Israel’s commercial centre – a busy metropolis that inspires visitors with a unique and energetic atmosphere. Set out on a walking tour of Jaffa, an ancient port town that has become a noted artists’ colony, located just south of Tel Aviv. The next day, transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for your departing flight. Dan Tel Aviv Hotel | Meals: BL (Day 13); B (Day 14)
WINGS OVER THE WORLD

ISRAEL, JORDAN & EGYPT
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13 DAYS FROM $52,165 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 12 GUESTS


Wings Over the World journeys feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there. Explore three classic Middle East destinations in less than two weeks, thanks to the flexibility and convenience of privately chartered flights, journeying from Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Masada to Petra and Wadi Rum, and onward to set foot inside the tomb of King Tutankhamun, touch the paws of the Sphinx and cruise for four nights along the Nile.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Experience three classic Middle East destinations in less than two weeks, thanks to the flexibility and convenience of privately chartered flights

Discover Israel, a land held sacred by three faiths, and gain perspective on the nation’s varied cultures when you visit a vast array of biblical and historical sites

Customise your experience in Jerusalem, taking advantage of A&K’s Design Your Day feature

Visit Petra, the city “half as old as time” and Wadi Rum, the desert outpost of Lawrence of Arabia

Embark on a four-night Nile River cruise aboard the intimate, exclusively chartered ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ and learn the Nile’s significant impact on ancient Egyptian civilisation

Explore one of Egypt’s legendary pyramids on the Giza Plateau from the inside out and enjoy the rare opportunity to gain exclusive private access to the paws of the Sphinx

Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem
Day 1: Arrive Tel Aviv, Israel. Arrive in Tel Aviv, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem. The King David

Day 2: Jerusalem | A Timeless Centre of Spiritual Inspiration. If you wish, rise early for a guided walk on the Temple Mount. After breakfast, explore the Old City of Jerusalem, starting in the Jewish Quarter. Proceed past the Burnt House, destroyed by the Romans in AD 70, to the Western Wall, Judaism’s most sacred site. Also explore the underground Western Wall tunnels. After lunch, visit major Christian sites, including St. Anne’s Church, nearby the Pool of Bethesda. Walk along the Stations of the Way of the Cross, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Proceed to Mount Zion to view the traditional Tomb of King David and the Upper Room, which commemorates the Last Supper. Tonight, gather at a local restaurant for a special welcome dinner. The King David | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Jerusalem, Bethlehem Or Tel Aviv | Design Your Day. Today, personalise your travel experience, as you set out on one of three possible Design Your Day adventures.

> Explore the New City of Jerusalem & Bethlehem. Begin in Jerusalem, visiting Yad Vashem, Israel’s moving memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next, journey to Bethlehem, where you enjoy lunch in the home of a local Christian family, who offer you firsthand insight about the way of life for Christians today in the Holy Land. Afterward, visit the Church of the Nativity.

> Visit the New City of Jerusalem. Explore Jerusalem, Yad Vashem and the Israel Museum, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure, free to relax or see the sights.

> Discover Dynamic Tel Aviv. Travel to Tel Aviv for an active walking tour of Israel’s modern economic and cultural hub. Visit the ancient port city of Jaffa, walk through Neveh Tzedek, the city’s first neighbourhood, and then the Bauhaus White City, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also see Independence Hall, before returning to Jerusalem. All options include dinner at a local restaurant. The King David | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Jerusalem | Masada & The Dead Sea. Venture through the Judean desert wilderness to Masada, where you take the cable car up to the last stronghold of the Zealots. Many of their fortifications, originally built by King Herod, still stand today. Stop for lunch at a hotel beside the Dead Sea. If you wish, take a dip in its buoyant, mineral-rich waters before returning to Jerusalem. The King David | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Aqaba, Jordan | Arrival in Petra. Transfer to the Tel Aviv airport to board your privately chartered flight to Jordan, landing in Aqaba, where you enjoy lunch before continuing to Petra. During tonight’s dinner, enjoy entertainment provided by a local folkloric band, followed by an exclusive private lecture on Petra by an archaeologist. Mövenpick Resort Petra | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Petra & Wadi Rum | Iconic Sites & The Bedouin Life. Today, explore Petra, the once-thriving desert capital carved into red rock. Discover the Siq, the Treasury, the Temple of the Winged Lions and the Palace Tomb. This afternoon continue to Wadi Rum, the so-called “Valley of the Moon” and the site of your private desert camp. Later, marvel at the sunset as you sit down to a Bedouin meal at your camp, followed by a discussion on local Bedouin life. Discovery Bedu Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Abu Simbel & Aswan, Egypt | Majestic Philae. Fly from Aqaba via private charter to Abu Simbel. There, discover the towering twin temples of Ramses II and his wife, Queen Nefertari. Then, fly to Aswan, where you board exclusively chartered ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’. This evening, ride by motorised boat to the island of Agilika and view the Philae Temple. ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Cruising the Nile | Rock carved Selsela Tombs. Go ashore at Kom Ombo to visit the Greco-Roman temple dedicated to Haroeris (the sun god) and Sobek (the crocodile god) and view the mummified remains of crocodiles that once basked along the ancient Nile shore. Continue cruising north to Edfu, visiting the recently discovered and less frequented Selsela Tombs – rock-carved crypts of men, women and children who were members of elite ancient families. Sanctuary ‘Zein Nile Chateau’ | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Cruising the Nile | Stunning Architecture. Begin in Edfu, to view the stunningly well-preserved Temple of Horus, built in 230 BC by Ptolemy III. This afternoon, sail to Esna, a city sacred to ancient Egyptians. Visit the Temple of Khnum, known for its towering vertical columns and detailed stone relief interiors. ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ | Meals: BLD
Day 10: Cruising the Nile | Tutankhamun & Nefertari. Cruise to Luxor where you visit the Valley of the Kings, legendary burial ground of the pharaohs and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was here in 1922 that the tomb of “the boy king”, Tutankhamun, was found by British archaeologist Howard Carter. Now discover it for yourself, as you set foot inside its 35-century-old walls. Continue to the Valley of the Queens and visit Queen Nefertari’s tomb, famous for the colourful, well-preserved artwork that adorns its walls. After lunch back on board, visit the Temple of Karnak and walk through the Great Hypostyle Hall. Visit the Temple of Luxor, with its massive statues of Ramses II, and marvel at the Colonnade and Court of Amenhotep III. ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Luxor & Cairo | Immersive Museum Visit. Today, bid farewell to ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’, disembarking to fly to Cairo. Visit the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities and its Mummy Room or the Grand Egyptian Museum, once opened. Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BL

Day 12: Cairo | The Pyramids & The Great Sphinx of Giza. Tour the Giza Plateau and explore the interior of a legendary pyramid. Visit the tombs of the pyramid builders and see the Solar Boat Museum. Then, explore the Great Sphinx, enjoying special private access to the paws of this enigmatic monument, close enough to touch them. This evening gather for a farewell dinner. Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Depart Cairo. After breakfast, privately transfer to the airport for your departing flight. Meals: B

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2020 DATES & PRICING

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Maximum Group Size: 12

*Prices shown are for ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ Deluxe Cabin. Please visit our website for prices of all cabins and suites and a full deckplan.

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A Journey Through Persia

14 DAYS FROM $9,595 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
TEHRAN – SHIRAZ – YAZD – ISFAHAN – TEHRAN
This unique journey reveals why Iran is widely regarded as one of the most cultured nations on earth with a 5,000-year-old history and some of the world’s most extraordinary ancient sites like the ruined cities of Persepolis and Pasargadae. Years of isolation have given the country a certain mystique, and discerning travellers are rewarded with the opportunity of seeing a destination on the cusp of change. Iran’s cities are vibrant, full of atmospheric teahouses, bustling bazaars and beautifully tiled mosques. It has a rich textile heritage, a flavoursome cuisine and its desert landscapes are eerily beautiful. Above all, though, you’ll be mesmerised by the Iranian people who are warm and welcoming, eager to share their views and their beautiful homeland.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Marvel at the amazing treasures and artefacts in Tehran’s main museums including the Carpet and National Jewels Museums

Stroll through Tajrish Bazaar and discover the essential ingredients used in Persian cooking

Ride Like a Local on Tehran’s modern metro system

Discover Golestan Palace, a former royal complex and UNESCO World Heritage site

Explore Persepolis, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important in the Ancient World

Witness curious dancing cum weightlifting at the Zurkhaneh (House of Strength)

Observe the fascinating badgirs, or wind catchers, in the desert city of Yazd

Appreciate why Isfahan is widely held as the most beautiful Islamic city in the world

Visit Isfahan’s Music Museum and listen to a musical performance

Meet a local family and learn the secrets of traditional Iranian cooking

Drink authentic mint tea in the serene garden at the Tomb of Hafez
Day 1: Arrive Tehran. Welcome to the Iranian capital. On arrival you will be met, assisted through immigration and transferred to your hotel. This evening, meet fellow travelling companions and your Resident Tour Director for a briefing and welcome dinner. Espinas International Hotel | Meals: D

Day 2: Tehran | Art & Antiquities. Head out to explore Iran’s most liberal city. First stop is the National Museum where an extensive collection includes ceramics, textile remains, rare books, plus stone figurines and carvings taken from important sites such as Persepolis and Susa. Next door admire a stunning collection of arts and antiquities from throughout the Islamic period. Later prepare to be dazzled at the fabulous National Jewels Museum. This priceless collection includes the Globe of Jewels, the 200-year-old stone encrusted Peacock Throne and the world’s largest pink diamond. Finally, admire the extensive collection of old Persian carpets and rugs at the Carpet Museum. Espinas International Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Tehran | Persian Cuisine. Exercise your taste buds this morning on a guided culinary walk through Tajrish Bazaar. Be introduced to the fragrant spices and ingredients used in traditional Iranian cooking, before meeting a local chef who puts them to use in her kitchen. Sit round the table and enjoy a Persian feast with plenty of engaging conversation and local insight. After lunch, an intriguing look at the lavish lifestyle of the shahs on a visit to the Sa’ad Abad Palace & Museum Complex. Espinas International Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 4: Shiraz | Literature & Gardens. Ride like locals on the metro arriving at the Golestan Palace, one of the city’s oldest historic monuments set around an elegant garden. Its grand buildings are decorated with beautifully painted tiles, mirrored halls and ceremonial rooms housing royal portraits, decorative artworks, paintings and sculptures. You also visit the Reza Abbasi Museum with a collection dating from pre-historic times through to the early 20th century. Afterwards, fly south to Shiraz, considered the heartland of Persian culture and sophistication. Shiraz Grand Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 5: Shiraz | Handicrafts, Mosques & Madrasas. Explore the famous gardens, tombs and mosques of Shiraz. Begin with Eram Garden, one of the most famous in Iran and included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Stroll through the historic gardens where palm trees, flower beds and fountains have created a wonderful atmosphere and visit Narenjestan e Ghavam, an old merchant’s house situated in the grounds. Next stop is the splendid pink tiled 19th century Nasir-ol-Molk Mosque, one of the country’s most impressive. Spend time interacting with teachers and students at Madrasa Khan, an important theological school, before heading to Arg-e-Karim Khan, the 18th century citadel. Finish the day exploring the Vakil Bazaar, one of the best places in Shiraz to buy Persian rugs, spices, handicrafts and antiques. Shiraz Grand Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Persepolis | Ancient Achaemenian Capital. Prepare to be amazed as you visit Persepolis and the remains of palaces and tombs of some of the greatest rulers in history. Highlights of this extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage site include the palaces of Darius the Great, Xerxes and Artaxerxes, and the famous bas-reliefs, depicting kings and courtiers and gift-bearers from around the Persian Empire. Journey to Naghsh-e-Rostam, an ancient necropolis with royal tombs cut high into the cliff face. Back in Shiraz relax with a cup of mint tea in the beautiful garden of the celebrated Persian poet Hafez. Shiraz Grand Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 7: Shiraz | Culinary Appreciation. Enjoy a morning at leisure. Later, an appreciation of the tar, one of the most important musical instruments in Iran, when you visit a workshop and enjoy a musical performance. This evening, you are welcomed into a local home with a cooking demonstration followed by dinner. Shiraz Grand Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 8: Pasargadae | Tomb of Cyrus the Great. Drive to the oasis town of Yazd. On the way, stop at another of the great Persian sites — Pasargadae, which pre-dates Persepolis. See the simple but impressive tomb of Cyrus the Great, the founder of the Persian Empire, and the remains of several of his palaces at this UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop for lunch at the desert town of Abarkuh to see the 4,000-year-old cypress tree. Safaiyeh Hotel | Meals: BLD
Day 9: Yazd | Zoroastrian Relics & Beautiful Gardens. Spend the day exploring this unique desert town. Observe the Friday Mosque dating to 1324 and take a walking tour of the historic Fahadan. Stroll past the Seljuk shrine, the old Ziaieyeh Theological School and visit some of the traditional textile workshops and stalls. Experience an active Zoroastrian Fire Temple and hear from a Zoroastrian cleric before viewing one of the two abandoned Towers of Silence. Proceed to beautiful Dowlat Abad Garden to admire the 18th century house and view the highest badgir (wind-catcher) in Iran. This evening, witness an intriguing 3,000-year-old desert sport at a zurkhaneh. Salaiyeh Garden Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 10: Na’in | 2,000-Year-Old Desert Town. Continue west to Isfahan stopping en route in Na’in, a charming desert town famous for its high-quality carpets and woollen textiles. Wander through the 10th century Friday Mosque and the 17th century Pirnia Traditional House and stroll through the old town. Abbasi Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Isfahan | A Hidden Jewel. Considered by many to be the most beautiful city in the Islamic world, Isfahan’s key sites are on show today including its splendid mosques, cathedrals, public squares, bridges, palaces and bazaars. Start with a stroll around two of the world’s greatest mosques – the Sheikh Lotfollah and the Imam – before visiting the Ali-Qapu Palace. Explore the Qeisarieh Bazaar, admiring handicrafts for which Isfahan is famous. In this city of bridges, watch the sun go down at the Khajou and Sio-se-pol bridges. Abbasi Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 12: Isfahan | Epic Persian Architecture. More astonishing sights in store today. Discover the magnificent Friday Mosque with its famous prayer niche and the Chehel Sotun Palace, built by Shah Abbas II in the 17th century. Head to the Armenian Jolfa area to admire the Vank Cathedral, then proceed to the nearby Music Museum for a performance of traditional instruments. Abbasi Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 13: Kashan | Delightful Oasis Town. Return to Tehran, stopping en route at Abyaneh, one of the oldest and most beautiful villages in Iran. Continue to Kashan, an attractive oasis town famous for its carpets, ceramic tiles and silk. Visit the early 16th century garden of Fin and a 19th century merchant residence with its beautiful stucco dome, inlaid mirror work and fine badgirs. Arrive back in Tehran in time for a farewell dinner. Esplanas International Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 14: Depart Tehran. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey. Meals: B
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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the mesmerising melting pot that is Mumbai
Experience the glorious Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset
Discover splendid Mughul monuments and World Heritage sites
Stay in former palaces, including the lavish Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur and the grand Rambagh Palace in Jaipur
Set out on a private safari in Panna National Park, home to the elusive Bengal tiger
Enjoy a scenic sundowner after a private sunset boat cruise on Lake Pichola in Udaipur
Observe priests performing an Aarti ceremony on the banks of the Holy Ganges
Day 1: Arrive Mumbai, India. Arrive in Mumbai, where an A&K representative meets and transfers you to your iconic hotel. The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai.

Day 2: Mumbai | The Gateway of India. Explore the city’s classic sites, including the Gateway of India, a 25-metre-high arch whose design reflects India’s Muslim and Hindu traditions. Visit the Prince of Wales Museum and Mani Bhawan, a museum dedicated to the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi. Next, see the Dhobi Ghat, the largest open-air laundry in the world and a wonderfully colourful spectacle to behold. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai | Meals: BD

Days 3–4: Udaipur | Cruise to Jag Mandir. Fly to Udaipur this morning and settle into your stunning palace hotel set in the middle of scenic Lake Pichola. Relax this afternoon before embarking on a private cruise past Jag Mandir, a marble palace on an island in Lake Pichola, followed by a Scenic Sundowner and dinner at your hotel. The next morning, visit the stunning City Palace, a marble complex that offers unforgettable views of the lake and its surroundings. Continue to the Crystal Gallery in Fateh Prakash Palace. Stroll through the Sahelion Ki Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honour) before returning to your hotel. Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur | Meals: BD (Day 3); BL (Day 4)

Days 5–6: Jaipur | Design Your Day. This morning, fly to Jaipur and check in to your hotel, the former residence of the Maharajah of Jaipur. Later, explore the City Palace, a unique and arresting complex of several palaces, pavilions, gardens and temples. Located within the palace’s gates is the Mubarak Mahal, or “Auspicious Palace”, which contains textiles including the royal formal costumes, Sanganeri block prints, Kashmiri pashminas and silk saris. Then, visit Jantar Mantar, an open-air array of astronomical instruments. The next day, in the morning, view the Palace of the Winds — built for the women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen. Proceed to explore the beautiful Mughal-style Amber Fort. This red sandstone and marble palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Visit the Gyan Museum, exploring its private collection of antiques and art.
> Visit Digantar Vidyalay to interact with the students at an innovative school supported by A&K Philanthropy.
> Discover the Bazaars of Jaipur, taking in the vibe of local life and shopping for keepsakes from your journey.

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. Rambagh Palace, Jaipur | Meals: BD (Day 5); BL (Day 6)

Days 7–8: Agra | Visions of the Taj Mahal. Drive to Agra, observing the colourful rural life of Rajasthan on your journey. Upon arrival, catch your first glimpse of the breathtaking Taj Mahal from your luxurious room. Visit the Taj Mahal in the late afternoon, as the setting sun bathes it in a soft orange glow. Return the next morning, when the rising sun lends a warm pink tint to its marble face. Visit the Agra Fort, once the prison of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal after the death of his beloved wife. The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra | Meals: BL (Day 7); BD (Day 8)
**Day 9: Panna National Park | Into the Wild.** Depart by express train to Jhansi. After lunch, continue to remote Panna National Park, a haven for India’s wildlife, and check in to your wilderness lodge. Then, meet with a member of the nomadic Pardhi community to learn about their role in the continuing effort to repopulate Panna National Park with the Bengal tiger, an exclusive insider access moment. *Pashan Garh, Panna National Park | Meals: BLD*

**Day 10: Panna National Park | Tiger Tracking.** Rise early this morning for a game drive in Panna National Park aboard a four-wheel-drive vehicle, spotting crocodiles or perhaps the elusive Bengal tiger. Learn how a successful conservation programme has grown the park’s tiger population, increasing the odds of a sighting. Return to the lodge to enjoy an Indian cooking demonstration, as a chef prepares local delicacies for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive before returning to your lodge for dinner. *Pashan Garh, Panna National Park | Meals: BLD*

**Day 11: Khajuraho & Varanasi | India’s Holiest City.** Drive to Khajuraho to see all of life – joy, love, divinity, war – depicted in detail on every inch of its 85 Hindu and Jain temples. Then, fly to Varanasi, a city of more than a thousand temples and shrines, sacred to Hindus and Buddhists. At dusk, beside the Ganges River, witness the Aarti ceremony. Chanted prayers and rhythmic drumming fill the air as you watch lantern-bearing priests bid the gods and goddesses a restful slumber. *Taj Ganges, Varanasi | Meals: BLD*

**Day 12: Varanasi & Delhi | Private Sunrise River Cruise.** Rise early for a private sunrise cruise on the Ganges River to observe activity along the ghats (stone steps leading down to the river), where locals and pilgrims cleanse themselves, literally and spiritually. Later, fly to Delhi for a farewell dinner. *The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: BD*

**Day 13: Delhi | Exploring the Old & the New.** Visit the great Jama Masjid, the most important mosque in India. Completed in 1656, its two minarets, made from red sandstone and white marble, each stand 40 metres tall. Then, set off on an exciting rickshaw ride through the carts and stalls of Chandni Chowk bazaar, one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. It dates to the era of Shah Jahan, and today is a vital part of everyday life here. After lunch, tour New Delhi, including Humayun’s Tomb, the last resting place of an esteemed 16th century Mughal emperor and an architectural precursor of the Taj Mahal. *The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: BL*

**Day 14: Depart Delhi.** Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight home, or begin your post-tour extension to Kathmandu. *Meals: B*

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India: The Beautiful South

15 DAYS FROM $8,150 PER PERSON TWIN
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CHENNAI - PUDUCHERRY - THANJAVUR - MADURAI - MUNNAR - KOCHI
Immerse yourself in India’s more spiritual side on this journey through the relaxed southern states of the sub-continent. Prized for millennia for its aromatic spices and natural beauty, the south remains a feast for the senses, with fragrant cuisines, friendly people, and fascinating cultures. Bask in the colour and movement of bustling, sophisticated cities, sleepy fishing villages, tropical coastlines, and lush hinterlands. You’ll be astonished by the Pallava sculptures and towering Chola temples of Tamil Nadu, enchanted by the colonial charms of Puducherry, and lulled by the tranquil backwaters of Kerala, in an India still largely undisturbed by tourism.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore historic Chennai, the cultural, culinary and artistic hub of Southern India
- Marvel at the extensive cave temples and life-size bas-relief sculptures of Mahabalipuram
- Wander through charming Puducherry, with its notes of colonial France
- Join 45 nations at Auroville, the New Age community founded in the 1960s that still attracts devotees the world over
- Admire the distinctive architecture of Chettinad and taste its subtle and aromatic cuisine
- Enter a world of tea, from plant to pour, amidst the plantations of Munnar
- Attend dinner at the stylish home of dancer-turned-designer Vasanty Manet with local entertainment
- Soak up the colonial charms of the colourful port city of Kochi, Queen of the Arabian Sea
Day 1: Arrive Chennai. Welcome to Chennai (formerly Madras) and transfer to your hotel. Taj Coromandel

Day 2: Chennai | Colonial Madras. Discover colonial Madras through the buildings left behind by the British. Then zigzag your way through the bustling bylanes of vibrant Georgetown with your guide pointing out the fresh produce, local everyday commodities, and colourful market stalls, pausing along the way to taste handpicked street food treats. Finish the day at Marina Beach at sunset, before a welcome dinner held tonight in the hotel’s award-winning Southern Spice restaurant. Taj Coromandel | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Mahabalipuram | World Heritage Wonders. Travel south to the ancient Pallava capital of Mahabalipuram, site of the UNESCO World Heritage listed cave temples, bas-relief sculptures, pillared halls carved out of the rocky hillside and the delightful shore temple. After a lunch of southern Indian delicacies, head to Puducherry and your hotel in the French Quarter. Palais de Mahe | Meals: BLD

Days 4–5: Puducherry | French Flavours & Spiritualists. Exploring ‘Pondy’ on foot, start in the French Quarter admiring the wide shady streets, colonial architecture and soft pastel-colours. Pause at Sri Aurobindo Ashram which influences much of the city. Founded by the Indian philosopher, yogi, guru, poet and nationalist Sri Aurobindo in 1926, it is home today to 1,200 devotees from around the world. The main building houses the mortal remains of Aurobindo and his spiritual collaborator, ‘the Mother’ in a marble mausoleum. The nearby New Age community of Auroville, founded in 1968 also attracts devotees of Sri Aurobindo from over 45 nations and you have a chance to wander through the site and visit Mohanam Cultural Centre which is preserving the rich cultural heritage of South India. During your stay, you are invited for dinner into the stylish home of dancer-turned-designer Vasanty Manet with local entertainment. Palais de Mahe | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Thanjavur | Nataraja Temple. Drive further south to Thanjavur (formerly Tanjore), the ancient Chola capital, stopping on the way in Chidambaram to visit the vibrant Nataraja Temple, famed for its bronze dancing Shiva. Observe the daily Brahmin rituals at shrines throughout the 40-acre complex. Svatma | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Thanjavur | Dravidian Temple Architecture. Spend some time today admiring the 11th century Brihadisvara Temple, one of India’s most spectacular. Seek out its elaborate stucco sculptures, shrines and statues and the exquisite Chola frescoes. Later, stroll through the 14th century Tanjore Palace built for Maratha royalty and meet artisans who craft the melodious veena, a musical instrument carved from a single piece of jackwood. Watch master painters at work perfecting the classical Thanjavur style and bronze sculptors whose techniques have changed little since the Chola period. Svatma | Meals: B

Day 8: Karaikudi | Chettinad Cuisine and Culture. Journey on to the Chettinad region, home to a prosperous banking and business community and a remarkable cuisine, one of Tamil Nadu’s most famous. Take a bullock to lunch where you’ll savour subtle and aromatic local flavours followed by a visit to a tile factory and a weaving centre to admire soft cotton sarees before continuing to Madurai. The Gateway Pasumalai | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Madurai | Design Your Day. Step out into vibrant Madurai, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Famous for temples built in the Dravidian style, Madurai is also home to a maze of markets and museums. This afternoon, choose between two Design Your Day activities.

> Visit a Potter’s Village and discover mystifying stories from the potters who breathe life into mud structures.

> Head Out on a Food Trail, experiencing Madurai’s lively food scene experiencing some of its recorded history that spans two millennia. This evening travel like a local by tuk tuk to a Hindu prayer ceremony (‘aarti’) at the 12th century Meenakshi Temple, a multi-tiered, dazzling wonder, heaving with carved mythical figures and devout pilgrims. The Gateway Pasumalai | Meals: B

Day 10: Munnar | Western Ghats. Your journey continues into Kerala and the lush Western Ghats where your old-world plantation retreat is located. Stroll around the estate with an expert naturalist who will identify the local flora and fauna. Windermere Estate | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Munnar | Tea Immersion. Discover a world of tea today as you witness the complete process from leaf plucking and processing to packaging and pouring. Visit the tea gardens, see the plantation workers and their villages, taste the various grades at the Lockhart Tea Factory
established in 1879, and enjoy the opportunity to ‘make your own brew’. Afterwards enjoy some lively conversation with the planter’s family over high tea in the hotel. Windermere Estate | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Periyar River | Forests & Farming. Drive through scenic forest into the countryside where rubber trees grow and spices are cultivated. Visit local farms and meet friendly villagers, stop by a community school and a forest temple for a glimpse into hill station life. After lunch, drive to Kochi (formerly Cochin), known as the ‘Queen of the Arabian Sea’. This evening motor around the harbour and soak up the sunset. Brunton Boatyard | Meals: BL

Day 13: Kochi | Oldest European Settlement in India. Spend the morning exploring this charming port town on the Malabar Coast where you discover an intriguing mix of cultural influences. Visit one of the oldest Jewish synagogues in India, decorated with blue ceramic Chinese tiles and surrounded by an aromatic spice market and the boutiques of Jewtown. See the story of the Ramayana depicted in the wonderful murals at charming Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace) and visit St. Francis Church, both of which were erected by the Portuguese in the 16th century. On the harbour shore, see the cantilevered fishing nets brought from southern China by traders – a testament to the centuries old link between these regions.

This afternoon is at leisure before absorbing Kerala’s Hindu culture at a Kathakali performance, one of the oldest dance forms in the area. See the elaborate make-up process before the show, then watch this unforgettable art form combining classical dance, theatre, opera and pantomime. Brunton Boatyard | Meals: BLD


› Meet a Local Cook and Food Consultant, Nimmy, who shares her Syrian Christian heritage through homecooked food.
› Tour the City with a local expert who shares the heritage and history of the Malabar Coast through its temples, mosques, palaces and museums.
› A Day in the Backwaters. Cycle to a market to taste local fruits and delicacies, cruise leisurely down palm-lined canals, lunch on typical Keralan fare with a local family and admire the impressive craftsmanship of local boat builders.

Return to Kerala in time for a farewell seafood dinner. Brunton Boatyard | Meals: BD

Day 15: Depart Kochi. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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Sri Lanka: Secrets of the Spice Island

14 DAYS FROM $10,230 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS

COLOMBO – ANURADHAPURA – SIGIRIYA – KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA – GALLE

Sri Lanka is a world apart, a deeply spiritual place where Buddhist values and a rich cultural heritage are interwoven with enduring colonial influences. On this extraordinary journey, we peel back the layers of the beguiling island nation, and uncover its many treasures: a serene and gentle people, fragrant and flavoursome cuisine, fascinating ruins, and diverse terrain – from golden beaches and arid plains, to lush tea plantations and mist-covered mountains – everything suffused with a warm tropical glow, as will you be on your return from this exquisite destination.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Stay in a number of specially selected boutique accommodations
Wander through the streets of old Colombo
Discover the secrets of Sri Lankan home cooking at a curated dinner in Colombo
Admire the tropical modernist aesthetic of Sri Lanka’s most influential architect, Geoffrey Bawa
Explore World Heritage sites in the Cultural Triangle and climb the Sigiriya rock fortress
Seek out elephants and endemic wildlife at Minneriya National Park
Join the pilgrims for a nightly prayer ritual at the Sacred Temple of the Tooth
Learn the secrets of Ceylonese tea in the plantations of Sri Lanka’s famous tea country
Meander through Galle Fort with a heritage expert on foot
Day 1: Arrive Colombo. Welcome to Sri Lanka with last track on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Uga Residence

Day 2: Colombo | Seaside Colonial City. This morning, meet with the Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing before exploring the island’s capital in the quintessential way – by tuk tuk. Weave your way through the city’s bustling bazaars and markets, past landmark monuments and newly restored buildings to Galle Face Green for breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. Take a breather back at the hotel before meeting Colombo local, and passionate photographer, Mark Forbes, your escort on a captivating walk through the old town bringing the city’s multifaceted history to life. See the 17th century Dutch Hospital, Colombo Fort, charming colonial mansions and wind up at a speakeasy for arrack-themed cocktails. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner at Culinary Ceylon, where a culinary curator introduces you to Sri Lankan home cooking through a series of tasting plates.

Uga Residence | Meals: BD

Day 3: Colombo | Tropical Modernism. Before leaving the city, make a short stop at No.11 Bawa Residence, designed and built by the great man during the 1960s. An essay in architectural bricolage, the house was built from four smaller bungalows that Bawa bought and combined over a period of years. Continue your journey to the Cultural Triangle in the centre of the country.

Ulagalla Resort | Meals: BD

Day 4: Cultural Triangle | Design Your Day. A healthy start to the day as you visit the organic garden to pick fresh produce for use in a cooking demonstration at the resort’s traditional hearth kitchen. Watch as your fresh herbs and vegetables are transformed into lip-smacking Sri Lankan delicacies which you’ll savour over lunch. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- Travel Like a Local on a village tuk tuk experience.
- Take to the Waters of the Wannemaduwa Tank in a kayak.
- Learn How to Craft and fly a classic Sri Lankan kite.

Ulagalla Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Cultural Triangle | Cradle of Buddhism. Discover a world of ancient ruins today in the Cultural Triangle. Start at one of southeast Asia’s most impressive sites — Anuradhapura — the country’s first ancient capital which dates from the 5th century BC. Marvel at giant stupas, a vast statue of Buddha and receive a blessing near the sacred Bodhi tree, the oldest recorded, planted in 236BC. This afternoon climb up to the spot where Buddhism was introduced to Sri Lanka – at the summit of Mihintale – and admire the religious monuments and views.

Ulagalla Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Cultural Triangle | Ancient Temples and Forts. Delve further into the Cultural Triangle at World Heritage listed Polonnaruwa, an interesting blend of Buddhist and Hindu archaeological monuments. Don’t miss the famous Gal Viharaya or “Rock Temple”, which comprises four colossal statues of Buddha cut into the stone. If you’re feeling energetic, the best way to see the ruins is by bike. This afternoon, visit Minneriya National Park, for a chance to see elephants and, if lucky, the purple-faced langur and toque macaque which are endemic to Sri Lanka.

Water Garden | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Sigiriya | Ruined Fortified City. Rise early for an exhilarating hot air balloon ride over the surrounding landscape, glimpsing Sigiriya from above (additional cost, paid locally). Then challenge yourself with a steep climb 200 metres up through the Lion Gate to the top of the imposing fifth century rock fortress admiring the water gardens, moats and ancient frescoes on the way. Soak up the unparalleled 360-degree views of the surrounding jungle and hills before returning to the hotel. Meet a farmer and his family for a home-cooked curry lunch.

Water Garden | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Dambulla | Buddhist Cave Temples. An early start to visit the extraordinary Buddhist cave temples at Dambulla, with statues and murals dating back to the third century BC representing Sinhalese Buddhist art at its best. Continue south to Kandy, the country’s cultural capital with sundowners and a traditional Kandyan cultural performance this evening.

Kings Pavilion | Meals: BD

Day 9: Kandy | Temple of the Tooth. Join a professor at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya for a guided walk through the extraordinary botanical collection, comprising over 4,000 plant species, including a priceless collection of 300 varieties of orchids. Relax for the remainder of the day before a pooja ceremony this evening at the sacred Temple of the Tooth, the city’s most famous landmark which houses the sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. Amid scents of lotus and jasmine, join monks and pilgrims who gather to make offerings to the Buddha.

Kings Pavilion | Meals: B
Day 10: Nuwara Eliya | The World of Ceylon Tea. Travel through the misty highlands into hill country, past lush green tea estates and scenic waterfalls. Lunch in Nuwara Eliya before an afternoon “Tea Experience”. Visit tea plantations and a factory to learn from an expert about the journey from planting and plucking, to manufacturing, grading and processing, the auction system, and finally a tasting. Dinner in your converted tea factory hotel follows a tea theme. Heritance Tea Factory | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Nuwara Eliya | Design Your Day. Part hotel part museum, Heritance Tea Factory is where you’ll unwind today. Select one of these Design Your Day activities:

- **Spot Sambar Deer and Endemic Monkeys** and take in the view from World’s End on a trek in Horton Plains National Park.
- **Take a Scenic Train Ride** through the heart of tea country to Ella.
- **Ramble Through the Tea Fields** on a plantation tour.

Heritance Tea Factory | Meals: BD

Day 12: Galle | Colonial walled city. Journey south to the colonial seaside city of Galle arriving in time for sunset at the ramparts of the fort. Dine in a local home for an evening of Sri Lankan family cuisine and warm hospitality. Le Grand Galle | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Galle | Craft & Heritage Walk. Join a local archaeologist and heritage expert on an absorbing walking tour of the Galle Fort. Built by the Dutch in 1663, the fort is the largest remaining European fortress in Asia. Walk clockwise from the Old Dutch Church to the ‘old gate’ bearing the British coat of arms, the Zwart bastion and lighthouse. Refuel on tea and refreshments at an old Dutch house and meet the family who have lived there for generations. Seek out local arts and crafts, textiles, jewellery, homewares and Sri Lankan delicacies as you wander the cobbled streets. In the afternoon meet traditional mask makers and admire the skill of their carving before trying your hand at this age-old craft. A farewell dinner is planned this evening at your hotel. Le Grand Galle | Meals: BD

Day 14: Depart Colombo. Transfer to Colombo Airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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TAILOR MADE TRAVEL WITH A&K

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Spellbinding and spiritual in equal measure, India has a magnetic attraction which you’ll experience on this unique journey from Delhi through the northern state of Uttar Pradesh across the Gangetic plain and into neighbouring Nepal. Inhale floral aromas and fragrant spices in markets and bazaars. Witness an extraordinary architectural legacy in cultured Lucknow from the cultivated princely rulers of Awadh to the British Raj. Track the elusive Bengal tiger and endangered one-horned rhino in the Terai and experience local Tharu culture on village visits. Dine on legendary cuisine in urban establishments, home-cooked fare in private residences and ritual feasts in heritage hotels making this journey one for the senses.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Meander through the bustling streets of Old Delhi on a heritage walk
- Witness an aarti ceremony in the sacred city of Varanasi
- Discover one of the most sophisticated and celebrated cultures of the Indian subcontinent, Lucknow’s kingdom of Awadh
- Sip tea with the nawab of Awadh in Lucknow
- Lay a floral tribute at the final resting place of architectural maestro Walter Burley Griffin
- Take a jeep safari in search of Bardia National Park’s rare wildlife
- Stand in a revered temple on the spot where Buddha was born
- Drink in breathtaking panoramas of the world’s highest peaks, the Himalaya
- Wander through ancient Hindu temples in the Kathmandu Valley
**Day 1: Arrive Delhi, India.** Welcome to the Indian capital and transfer to your distinguished hotel. The Imperial

**Day 2: Delhi | Old Meets New.** This morning, meet with the Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing before discovering the chaos and colour of Old Delhi on a heritage walk. Navigate bustling streets and narrow alleyways, past stalls and marketplaces where street food vendors, spice sellers and jewellers ply their trade. Wander into the Gurudwara Sikh Temple and community kitchen where thousands of worshippers come daily. This afternoon, drive through the majestic tree-lined boulevards of New Delhi, starting at Humayun’s Tomb, considered a marvel of Mughal architecture. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel’s award-winning Spice Route restaurant.

**Day 3: Delhi | Design Your Day.** See more of what defines this surprising city and choose one of the following activities:
- Explore Delhi’s Spiritual Side on a temple tour.
- Admire Art Works and Artifacts on a tour of the city’s leading museums and galleries.
- See the Impressive Qutub Minar and meet local artisans from around the country at open-air marketplace Dilli Haat.

**Day 4: Varanasi | Hinduism’s Holiest City.** Fly to Varanasi, one of the world’s oldest cities and heart of spiritual India. This evening, make your way down to the River Ganges to witness an aarti ceremony, considered one of the most sacred rituals of Hinduism. Brijrama Palace | Meals: BLD

**Day 5: Varanasi | Pilgrims and Prayers at Dawn.** Wake early for a dawn boat ride on the Ganges to see pilgrims bathing and at prayer. Meander through the alleys of old Varanasi and pause at an akhada (gym) where traditional Indian wrestling is practiced. Afterwards visit the ruins of Sarnath where Lord Buddha is said to have preached his first sermon and spend time with a Buddhist monk. Brijrama Palace | Meals: BD

**Day 6: Lucknow | Countryside of Uttar Pradesh.** Today you will travel by road northwest to Lucknow. Dinner is a feast of traditional Awadhi cuisine inspired by the Mughals at Oudhyana restaurant in your hotel. Taj Mahal, Lucknow | Meals: BLD

**Day 7: Lucknow | Architecture of the Raj.** Breathe in Lucknow’s faded grandeur as you admire its impressive Islamic and British Raj-era monuments. Start the heritage experience at La Martiniere, one of India’s most prestigious schools and an architectural marvel of its age, wander through Dilkusha Kothi and its adjoining magnificent garden as well as Chatar Manzil palace before discovering another chapter of history at The Residency, constructed for British officers and their staff in 1775. The complex was attacked in 1857 during the siege of Lucknow.

After lunch visit the highly ornate Mughal style Bara Imambara, a grand mosque and congregation hall. Next stop the Husainabad Clock Tower, the highest in Asia, before taking high tea with the Nawab of Awadh, a delightful opportunity to hear about his family’s history, their traditions and his view on modern Lucknow. A sumptuous meal is in store tonight when you dine at Kotwara House, the residence of one of the oldest royal families of Awadh. Taj Mahal, Lucknow | Meals: BD

**Day 8: Bardia, Nepal | Plains of the Terai.** This morning, visit the grave of architect Walter Burley Griffin, who famously designed Canberra and moved from Australia to Lucknow in the 1930s to undertake a number of architectural projects. Afterwards, take to the road as you travel north across the Nepal border and into Bardia National Park arriving at your lodge in time for sundowners. Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge | Meals: BLD
Day 9: Bardia National Park | One-Horned Rhino and Bengal Tiger. Early this morning head out in search of Bardia’s rare wildlife – tiger, elephant and the great one-horned rhino. After breakfast, immerse yourself in local Tharu culture on a village visit or stop by the lodge’s own organic farm. This afternoon head into the park on a jeep safari with an experienced naturalist and this evening, share the day’s experiences around the outdoor fire over cocktails. Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Lumbini | Birthplace of Buddha. Today you will travel by road southeast to Lumbini, one of the most important pilgrimage sites for Buddhists. The ‘Enlightened One’ was said to have been born in the Sacred Garden here in 623 BC and more than 400,000 people visit every year. Lumbini Hotel Kasai | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Lumbini | Temples, Stupas and Monasteries. Today is devoted to the many sites scattered around Lumbini which bear significance to the life and enlightenment of Buddha. During the day, a guided interaction with a Buddhist monk at one of the monasteries will be arranged. Lumbini Hotel Kasai | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Pokhara | Gateway to the Annapurnas. Fly to Pokhara, situated in the foothills of magnificent Mt Machhapuchhre, and your hotel which is nestled in a tranquil valley beside a meandering river within easy reach of picturesque Phewa Lake. An afternoon to relax with yoga and meditation. The Pavilions Himalayas | Meals: B

Day 13: Pokhara | Epic Views and Tibetan Villages. A very early start this morning for sunrise at Sarangkot. Breathe in the panoramic Himalayan views and later drive to a Tibetan village whose inhabitants were once refugees. Wander around the village and monastery and admire the locally produced woollen carpets and handicrafts before a traditional cup of butter tea. End the day floating serenely on Phewa Lake soaking up breathtaking views of the Annapurna Range. The Pavilions Himalayas | Meals: B

Day 14: Pokhara | Design your Day. Unpeel the layers of this magical place on one of the following activities:

> Enjoy Jaw-Dropping Mountain Views on a day hike to Peace Pagoda and through small villages.
> Pick Fresh Farm Produce and discover Nepali cuisine at an interactive cooking demonstration.

The Pavilions Himalayas | Meals: B

Day 15: Kathmandu | Butter Lamps at Bouddhanath. Fly to Kathmandu, Nepal’s capital, and transfer to your atmospheric award-winning heritage hotel. Later visit one of Kathmandu’s most imposing landmarks, Bouddhanath stupa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Watch thousands of pilgrims spinning the prayer wheels and present butter lamp offerings and prayer flags before meeting a local artisan for an overview on thangka paintings. Dwarika’s Hotel | Meals: B

Day 16: Kathmandu Valley | Hindu Temples & Buddhist Stupas. After breakfast, visit Swayambhunath, the oldest shrine in the world, situated on top of a hill commanding superb views of the valley below. Later, visit Pashupatinath, the most sacred of all Hindu temples in Nepal, situated on the banks of the holy Bagmati River. Tonight a slow dining experience reminiscent of a Newari feast is planned for your farewell dinner at Dwarika’s Hotel. Dwarika’s Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 17: Depart Kathmandu. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Meals: B

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Price includes internal economy class airfares: $584 per person. Delhi–Varanasi | Lumbini–Pokhara | Pokhara–Kathmandu

Maximum Group Size: 18

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Note: On day 16 take an optional flight for an early morning bird’s-eye view of the world’s highest mountain, Everest, in a fixed wing aircraft or helicopter (additional cost, paid locally).

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LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, LAOS & THAILAND

IMAGES OF INDOCHINA &

13 DAYS FROM $13,455 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
HANOI – HALONG BAY – HO CHI MINH CITY – SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG – BANGKOK
Join this breathtaking journey to four of Southeast Asia’s most intriguing destinations, each with their own world class attractions. Admire the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay and its extraordinary limestone pinnacles, the tree-lined boulevards and colonial villas of Hanoi and vibrant Saigon. Marvel at the extraordinary ancient temples of Angkor and the sleepy pace of Luang Prabang. The adventure culminates in buzzing Bangkok where you’ll soak up the river views at your landmark hotel. At every turn you’ll enjoy the fresh flavours of the subtly spiced local cuisine and be warmly welcomed by some of the friendliest people on the planet.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel to four countries – Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand – on one comprehensive journey
- Spend two days exploring the stunning ruins of Angkor with your expert local guide, including visits to Angkor Wat and Ta Prohm
- Discover a tranquil corner of Ha Long Bay, gliding among its limestone islands, savouring a Chef’s Table experience, and watching sunset and sunrise, on a relaxing overnight cruise
- Step back in time as you explore tranquil Luang Prabang and its many temples, and join locals for a baci ceremony – a good-luck ritual unique to their culture
- Enjoy expedited customs and immigration formalities upon arrival in Hanoi, Siem Reap and Bangkok
- Delve into Vietnam’s recent history, descending into the Cu Chi Tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City
- Experience the vibrancy and colour of café culture in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City
Day 1: Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam. Arrive in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, and transfer to your colonial-style hotel. Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi | Asian Grace and Peace. Hanoi is the country’s cultural heart, bearing traces of centuries of changing dynasties. Visit Ho Chi Minh’s house, a simple structure that served as home to the revolutionary guerrilla leader. After lunch, visit the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” prison, where American prisoners of war were once confined. Ride Like a Local by cyclo through the city’s Old Quarter. This evening, gather with your fellow guests for a welcome dinner. Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Ha Long Bay | Cruising Among the Karsts. Travel to Hai Phong, where you board ‘Orchid’ for a cruise of picturesque Ha Long Bay. Relax on deck as ‘Orchid’ sails her way past countless islets, their striking karsts (limestone formations) rising dramatically from the emerald waters. Disembark on Cat Ba Island and discover Trung Trang Cave’s intricate features, formed over millennia. Back on board, view the sunset framed against the Gulf of Tonkin shoreline. Later, join a Chef’s Table demonstration featuring traditional Vietnamese cuisine, followed by dinner aboard. ‘Orchid’ | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Ha Long Bay & Ho Chi Minh City | Sunrise Tai Chi. Greet the day on deck with sunrise tai chi overlooking the bay. Set out for an early morning kayak excursion among the towering limestone pinnacles. Return for brunch on board as ‘Orchid’ sails home to port in Hai Phong. Back on terra firma, enjoy an orientation tour of this important port city, proceed to Hang Kenh Temple and take in a local water puppet show. Later, transfer to Hanoi and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, where you board ‘Orchid’ for a cruise of picturesque Ha Long Bay. Relax on deck as ‘Orchid’ sails her way past countless islets, their striking karsts (limestone formations) rising dramatically from the emerald waters. Disembark on Cat Ba Island and discover Trung Trang Cave’s intricate features, formed over millennia. Back on board, view the sunset framed against the Gulf of Tonkin shoreline. Later, join a Chef’s Table demonstration featuring traditional Vietnamese cuisine, followed by dinner aboard. ‘Orchid’ | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City | Vibrant, Evocative Saigon. Recently experiencing a resurgence of art and culture, Ho Chi Minh City is a lively, evocative hub of activity. Rise early for a cyclo ride through the streets, as the city slowly comes to life. Stroll through a special section of Tao Dan Park where locals congregate with their prized birds and the air is alive with birdsong. Next, visit the memorial park dedicated to a Buddhist monk remembered for performing self-immolation in protest of the South Vietnamese government in 1963. Changing from cyclo to vehicle, continue along Nguyen Dinh Chieu Street to visit a little-known, hard-to-find weapons bunker, as well as a food market and flower market. Then sample some of the city’s most sensational pho at one of its best-kept-secret restaurants. Return to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. This afternoon, view examples of the city’s colonial legacy, including the Reunification Palace and the Central Post Office. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local culinary hot spot. The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City | Design Your Day. Today, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, learning how the Vietcong used this vast subterranean network to conceal and support a stealthy underground fighting force. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

Day 7: Siem Reap, Cambodia | Ta Prohm. Fly to Siem Reap, the town nearest to Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant upon arrival. Then, begin your exploration of Ta Prohm, where the roots of great trees seem to have spilled over the roof of this iconic stone temple. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Belmond La Résidence d’Angkor | Meals: BD

Day 8: Siem Reap | Sunrise over Angkor Wat. Rise early this morning to experience the incomparable serenity and inspiration of watching the sun rise over mystical Angkor Wat. Return to your hotel for breakfast and a morning at leisure. This afternoon, visit Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer kingdom and Bayon Temple, its 172 large scale faces bearing beguiling smiles, representing gods, goddesses and other beings from classical poems and mythology. This evening, enjoy a Scenic Sundowner on a gondola while floating on the Angkor Thom moat. Belmond La Résidence d’Angkor | Meals: BL

Day 9: Siem Reap | Hidden Temples & Treasures. Today, explore a less-visited temple – Banteay Srei, known as the “Citadel of Women.” Learn about the essential work of the Cambodia Clean Water Project, an A&K Philanthropy project that builds pumping wells in rural communities throughout the country. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, bid farewell to Cambodia as you fly to Luang Prabang. Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: BL
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Guaranteed Departure Dates       Double Occupancy       Single Supplement
Mar 1–13, Mar 5–17, Mar 15–27, Mar 26–Apr 7, Apr 12–24, Sep 20–Oct 2 $13,455 $4,195
Dec 17–29 $15,920 $5,790
Dec 20, 2020–Jan 1, 2021 $17,805 $6,515

Price includes internal economy class airfares: $2,160 per person. Hanoi-Ho Chi Minh City | Ho Chi Minh City-Siem Reap | Siem Reap-Luang Prabang | Luang Prabang-Bangkok
*Design Your Day options may vary during travel over the TET festival period.

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EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

MYANMAR POST-TOUR EXTENSION
Timeless Myanmar, visit the reclining Buddha and Shwedagon Pagoda, view temple ruins from the back of a horsecart, fly over Bagan in a hot air balloon, and float among villages and gardens on Inle Lake.
6 DAYS FROM $5,405 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

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Day 10: Luang Prabang, Laos | Living Temples. Step back in time for a day, as you explore charming Luang Prabang and its tranquil streets. Proceed to Wat Xieng Thong, a Buddhist Temple noted for its “Tree of Life” wall mosaic, and Wat Khili, known for its mix of French and Lao architecture. Next, visit the National Museum, which was once a royal palace. After lunch, enjoy your afternoon at leisure or explore on your own. Gather this evening for dinner. Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: BD

Day 11: Luang Prabang | Giving & Receiving. Rise very early to give alms to Buddhist monks, which puts you in touch with the local culture and community. Return to your hotel with some time to relax and pack. After lunch, take part in a baci ceremony – a good-luck ritual for a safe onward journey that is part of the local culture – before flying to Bangkok, Thailand’s bustling capital. The Peninsula Bangkok | Meals: BL

Day 12: Bangkok, Thailand | Along the Chao Phraya River. Visit the sprawling Grand Palace, a complex that is the historic Siamese court, home to Thailand’s most important shrine, the green-jade Emerald Buddha. Also visit the Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles to view the dazzling array of finely detailed ethnic fabrics on display. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, before gathering for a farewell dinner tonight. The Peninsula Bangkok | Meals: BD

Day 13: Depart Bangkok. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart for home. Meals: B
MYANMAR & THE IRRAWADDY

11 DAYS FROM $7,930 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
YANGON – BAGAN – IRRAWADDY CRUISE – MANDALAY – INLE LAKE – YANGON

Blessed with an old Far East charm and some of the most endearing people you’ll find, Myanmar is one of the treasures of Southeast Asia. With an ancient culture, wonderful monuments, a strong textile and handicraft tradition and Buddhist festivals aplenty, it’s a delight for the curious traveller. Natural wonders are abundant too with the majestic Irrawaddy River at the country’s heart and the tranquil surrounds of Inle Lake with its floating gardens, stilted villages and peculiar leg-rowing fishermen. There are dazzling temples and pagodas wherever you look and a rich spiritual legacy.
JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise in luxury for three nights on the legendary Irrawaddy River aboard all-balcony ‘Sanctuary Ananda’

Experience floating gardens and a private viewing of a traditional Intha boat race on tranquil Inle Lake

Soar above thousands of pagodas and capture the photographs of a lifetime on a magical hot air balloon ride

Experience the ceremonial lighting of a thousand oil lamps at the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda

Learn how to tie a traditional longyi (the Burmese cloth worn by men and women) and wear thanakha (the commonly seen white cosmetic paste made from ground bark)

Visit workshops of local artisans specialising in lacquerware, gold-leaf and traditional papermaking

Enjoy privileged access to a local celebration of a young monk’s first entry to the monastery
Day 1: Arrive Yangon, Myanmar. Arrive in Yangon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Belmond Governor’s Residence

Day 2: Yangon | Queen of the East. Today, enjoy your first taste of Myanmar, a profoundly Buddhist country, where many ancient traditions still flourish. Visit Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market) to see where locals gather, socialise and shop. After lunch, see the Reclining Buddha at Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda, a 65-metre-long statue with an expressive enamel face. This evening, transfer to Shwedagon Pagoda, the most sacred Buddhist site in Myanmar, for a sunset oil-lamp lighting ceremony. Standing nearly 100 metres tall, the venerated stupa is covered in gold leaf and topped by a finial encrusted with thousands of precious gems. View this mesmerising wonder firsthand, as your local guide explains the history behind the holy relics it enshrines, which include strands of hair from the head of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha. Tonight, gather for a special welcome dinner. Belmond Governor’s Residence | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Bagan | Temples & Pagodas. Fly to Bagan, a city with more than 2,000 Buddhist pagodas and temples, the first of which was built by King Anawrahta in 1044. Upon arrival, you are taken to a local restaurant for lunch before continuing to your hotel. After a short rest, visit a local lacquerware workshop. This evening, enjoy a Scenic Sundowner from a special viewing platform overlooking Bagan’s temple-dotted landscape. Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Bagan | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Bagan | Young Novitiates & Timeless Temples. This morning, witness a shinbyu (novitiation ceremony), a coming-of-age ritual celebrating an aspiring young monk’s first entry to the monastery. Enjoy privileged access to this time-honoured tradition and the village festivities. Visit the well-preserved Ananda Temple, built in 1090. Next, travel to the village of Wetkyin to see the wonderful Kyaukkyi Temple, renowned for its ancient murals. Board luxurious all-balcony ‘Sanctuary Ananda’, your home for a three-night cruise on the timeless Irrawaddy River. ‘Sanctuary Ananda’ | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Cruising the Irrawaddy | A Hot Air Balloon Ride. Rise early for an exhilarating hot air balloon ride (weather permitting) over Bagan, as dawn illuminates the gold and sand-coloured stupas. After breakfast on board, explore Nyaung Oo Market and observe locals selling and bartering for goods. Return to the ship for lunch, and listen to a special onboard talk about Myanmar’s history and vision for the future, followed by demonstrations of the longyi (traditional Burmese cloth worn by men and women) and thanakha (a white cosmetic paste made from ground bark). ‘Sanctuary Ananda’ | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Cruising the Irrawaddy | U Bein Bridge. Today, learn the secrets of Burmese cuisine during a cooking demonstration at a delightful Chef’s Table experience. After lunch, disembark to visit Sagaing, a former royal city renowned for its monasteries, pagodas and stupas. Proceed to Amarapura, where you embark by boat to view the picturesque U Bein Bridge – the oldest and longest teakwood bridge in the world. Watch locals riding bikes, carrying crops and commuting from work cross this tall, iconic landmark for an insight into everyday life here as well as an ideal sunset photo opportunity. ‘Sanctuary Ananda’ | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Mandalay | Icons & Evening Prayers. After breakfast on board, explore a gold-leaf workshop, where the metal is hammered paper-thin and prepared for use in some of Myanmar’s holiest sites. This afternoon, visit the Shwenandaw Monastery and view the more than 700 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist religious texts at Kuthodaw Pagoda, referred to as the biggest book in the world. Later, witness evening prayers at Shwe Kyin Monastery. Rupar Mandalar Resort | Meals: BL

Day 8: Inle Lake | Floating Gardens. Fly to Heho and drive to Nyaung Shwe to visit a Shan paper workshop. Enjoy a firsthand look at the artisans who produce this distinctive paper, using fibres from the mulberry tree, and craft a wide range of items from it, most notably Burmese parasols. This afternoon, board a boat and explore the ingenious floating gardens of Inle Lake. To create these gardens, used for growing fruit and vegetables, fishermen gather together lake plants such as water hyacinth and seagrass and anchor them with bamboo poles embedded in the lake bottom. Layers of mud, ash and more vegetation are then applied to form a farmable surface strong enough to stand upon. Transfer to your lakeside boutique hotel for the evening. Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Inle | Meals: BD

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Day 9: Inle Lake | Private Boat Race. This morning, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.
> Enjoy an Artisan Visit, to see cigar-like cheroots hand made at a local workshop, and tour a weaving factory.
> Bicycle Through the Countryside in the company of a local guide, taking in the lush surroundings and local life.
> Attend a Cooking Class led by a local chef, for the hands-on opportunity to prepare traditional Burmese dishes.
After lunch, privately witness an Intha boat race with afternoon tea. Marvel at the coordinated effort required by the 20 participants per boat, each using the traditional single-leg rowing technique that local fishermen still employ. Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Inle | Meals: BL

Day 10: Yangon | Tea with a Writer. Fly to Yangon and transfer to your hotel. Later, savour afternoon tea with a local writer, artist and intellectual who shares her insight into contemporary Burmese culture and politics. Tonight, toast your time in Myanmar at a special farewell dinner. Belmond Governor’s Residence | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Depart Yangon. After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. Meals: B

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

BANGKOK PRE-TOUR EXTENSION
Explore the Grand Palace, behold the spectacular Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho and glide along the klongs (canals) by boat.
3 DAYS FROM $2,780 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

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Price includes internal economy class airfares: $690 per person.
Yangon–Bagan | Mandalay–Heho | Heho–Yangon
*Prices shown are based on ‘Sanctuary Ananda’ Classic Cabin.
Please visit our website for prices of all cabins and suites and a full deckplan.

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CLASSIC JAPAN

9 DAYS FROM $16,805 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
TOKYO – HAKONE – OSAKA – KYOTO

A country of astonishing contrasts, Japan is a wonderful and varied destination. On this journey, marvel at some of the country’s most impressive gardens and glimpse magnificent mountain landscapes as you travel by bullet train. Be introduced to the ancient Samurai traditions and visit sacred Shinto shrines. Take the opportunity to appreciate Japan’s myriad arts and crafts, and meet a local artist and collector, and savour its extraordinary cuisine in local eateries, fine restaurants and street food stalls. Be amazed at a sumo wrestling bout, find respite in a classic onsen and rest up in a traditional ryokan – just a handful of Japan’s cultural highlights.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the distinctive culture and history of Japan, from fast-paced, neon-lit Tokyo to serene, traditional Kyoto
- View the exalted flowering cherry trees, or sakura, which bloom every spring; or opt for the red leaves of autumn
- Ride Like a Local on a bullet train along the classic stretch past majestic Mount Fuji
- Be among the few to stay at Gôra Kadan, one of the country’s most exclusive ryokans (traditional inns), with access made possible by A&K’s hallmark small group size
- Capture the spirit of Japan with the art of the tea ceremony and a sushi-making lesson
- Savour Kyoto’s unique cuisine and traditions during an exclusive shabu-shabu dinner, with entertainment by a geiko (as a geisha is called in Kyoto) and a maiko (apprentice geisha)
Day 1: Arrive Tokyo, Japan. Arrive in Tokyo, Japan’s exciting and modern capital. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy the expansive views over Tokyo’s Skyline. The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo

Day 2: Tokyo | Spirits of Edo, & Tsukiji. Start your day at Tsukiji Fish Market, a bustling hub of Japanese daily life where a dizzying array of seafood can be found. Continue to an exclusive local workshop that specialises in Japanese drum making, and try your hand at playing the taiko. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, pausing in the tiny shops of Nakamise-dori. The colourful pagoda-style temple was completed in 645 and is dedicated to Kannon, the goddess of mercy in several East Asian spiritual traditions. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Tokyo | Design Your Day. Start your day at the Samurai Museum, where you learn about the customs of this elite warrior class and get an up-close look at an authentic collection of their exotic armour and weaponry. Then, receive a lesson in sushi making followed by lunch. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- Explore the MORI Digital Art Museum to witness its genuinely dazzling displays.
- Learn About Tokyo’s History at the Edo-Tokyo Museum, built to preserve the heritage of the city’s last 400 years.
- Indulge in a Sake Tasting, sampling some of Japan’s finest sake and learning about its cultural importance.

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo | Meals: BL

Day 4: Hakone | Traditional Ryokan. Travel to Hakone, among Japan’s most popular hot-spring destinations, and view the forested slopes of Hakone National Park, an area encompassing coastlines, mountains, lakes and more than 1,000 volcanic islands. Board an aerial tram for inspiring views of Mount Fuji. Enjoy a lunch of Japan’s famed Kobe beef, before strolling the grassy hillside of Hakone’s Open Air Museum. Admire the impressive contemporary sculptures and artwork on display, including masterpieces by Henry Moore and Rodin. The museum also features one of the world’s finest Picasso exhibits, presenting visitors with some 300 works by the cubist master. Tonight, enjoy unparalleled service and traditional Japanese cuisine at Gôra Kadan, a top-rated ryokan (traditional inn), which is also your authentic accommodation for the night. Gôra Kadan | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Osaka | Dotonbori District Delicacies. After breakfast at your ryokan, visit the Okada Museum of Art to view its stunning collection of paintings, ceramics, lacquerware and bronzes from Japan, Korea and China. Then, Ride Like a Local by bullet train to Osaka. Historically known as a merchant city, it is today renowned as Japan’s undisputed culinary capital, where diners indulge in everything from octopus dumplings to Okonomi-yaki – a battered, grilled concoction of chopped cabbage, meat or seafood, and seaweed, topped with mayonnaise. This evening, set out on a foodie tour in the popular Dotonbori district, sampling dishes from the brilliantly lit and gastronomically creative restaurants that line the street. The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: BL

Day 6: Nara | Insights into a Profoundly Spiritual Heritage. Travel to Nara, Japan’s first capital, to visit Todai-ji, a temple complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site that contains the largest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. Proceed to Nara Park, home to hundreds of deer, venerated here as divine spirits, which you have the opportunity to feed by hand. Complete your Nara excursion with a visit to celebrated Kasuga Taisha Shrine and experience a Shinto ceremony firsthand. Pause for lunch at a local restaurant before proceeding to the Kehaya-za Sumo Pavilion, where you observe a demonstration of this fabled Japanese sport. Return to your hotel, where you enjoy dinner. The St. Regis Osaka | Meals: BLD
Day 7: Kyoto | The Golden Pavilion & Bamboo Grove. Travel into Kyoto early this morning to contemplate the iconic Zen rock garden at Ryoan-ji, the perfect spot for a meditative moment, and discover the glittering Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion) — covered with gold leaf, surrounded by green gardens and casting its delicate reflection in the tranquil pond beside it. After lunch, explore the Arashiyama neighbourhood, including the garden of Tenryu-ji Temple. Later, bask in the magical atmosphere of Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, strolling along a winding path as sunlight filters down through towering bamboo shoots — considered by many a healing experience. Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: BL

Day 8: Kyoto | In the Traditional Home of a Beloved Artist. Visit Shogunzaka Temple for stunning views of Kyoto and continue to the home and studio of the late Kawai Kanjiro, one of Kyoto’s most famous potters. In Kanjiro’s beautiful home, view his own creations as well as his personal collection of ceramics, sculptures and wood carvings. Proceed to a local temple, where you experience the art of the tea ceremony, noting its refined sense of hospitality and etiquette, which date to the time of the samurai. Tonight, savour traditional Japanese cuisine, while an attending geiko (as a geisha is known in Kyoto) and maiko (apprentice geisha) dance, sing, pour sake and share stories about life in modern Kyoto. Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto | Meals: BD

Day 9: Depart Kyoto. After breakfast, transfer to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport, both located just outside of Osaka, for your flight home, or begin a post-tour extension to Hiroshima. Meals: B

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EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

HIROSHIMA POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Journey from Kyoto to explore the historic town of Uji and Osaka, ride by bullet train to Hiroshima and visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, and see the Itsukushima Shrine before returning to Osaka.

3 DAYS FROM $5,355 PP TWIN

Available on select departures. See website for details.
LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY

SOUTH KOREA & TAIWAN
South Korea & Taiwan: Cultural Encounters

11 DAYS FROM $12,990 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
SEOUL – TAIPEI – HUALIEN – TAIPEI

This unique journey visits two of Asia’s most surprising destinations. Both South Korea and Taiwan are relative newcomers to the luxury travel scene with a host of fascinating natural and cultural highlights. South Korea is a surprise package known as much for its street food and high speed internet as it is for its heavily militarised border while Taiwan does night markets and electronics like no other country on earth. From hip and edgy Seoul where new meets old and pop culture is alive and well to a museum housing the world’s largest repository of Chinese art in Taipei, uncover absorbing local customs, flavoursome culinary delights and picturesque scenery.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Browse the stalls of Seoul’s traditional street markets
Watch as spirited artists perform an adrenalin pumping taekwondo demonstration
Admire traditional Korean architecture in the palaces of Seoul
Visit Korea’s haunting demilitarised zone and learn about its sombre history
Savour dumplings, noodle soup and “little bites” from Taipei’s night markets
Launch a sky lantern for good luck in Taipei
Taste Taiwan’s signature Kavalan whisky at the distillery
Hike into Taroko National Park to admire fast flowing rivers, crashing waterfalls, deep ravines, grottos and a commemorative shrine
Day 1: Arrive Seoul, South Korea. Arrive into the South Korean capital where you are met by A&K and transferred to your stylish hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Grand Hyatt Seoul

Day 2: Seoul | Traditional Korean Culture. This morning a tour briefing is included to meet your fellow travellers and host before beginning your discovery of this fascinating city with a visit to Gyeongbok Palace. This vast complex, built in 1394, was the most prominent of Seoul’s royal palaces and, much like Beijing’s Forbidden City, is a sprawling network of pavilions, passageways, shrines and courtyards. Wander through the grounds, filled with lotus ponds, pleasure gardens and ornate statues, and peruse the exhibits at the National Folk Museum.

Head to the charming Bukchon Hanok village where hundreds of old-style Korean homes (hanoks) that date back 600 years to the Joseon Dynasty can be found. Stroll the cobbled streets, seek out quaint teahouses or curio-filled galleries and immerse yourself in traditional Korean culture.

This evening, discover the 2,300-year-old Korean martial art, taekwondo, in a high energy demonstration before enjoying a welcome dinner at a Korean BBQ restaurant. Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Seoul | Design Your Day. Journey north to the Joint Security Area and the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) which demarcates North Korea from South Korea and roughly follows the 38th parallel. Your guide will enlighten you on Korean military history and how the DMZ was created at the end of the Korean War. Much of your exploration is on foot, hiking through tunnels, along rugged paths, to the Unification Bridge and other places of interest. Plot your own course this afternoon with one of these Design Your Day activities.

- Join a Korean Culinary Experience starting at a local market to peruse the ingredients before preparing a meal under the watchful eye of your chef.
- Hike along the Old Stone Wall that once traversed the ridges overlooking the city centre with wonderful forested vistas.
- Experience a Pedicab History Tour of old Seoul.

Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner. Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BD

Day 4: Seoul | Art, Design & Textiles. Delve deeper into what makes Seoul tick. Trawl the myriad stalls at Gwangjang Market, Korea’s first permanent street market, which overflows with fresh produce, textiles, handicrafts and items used in Korean traditional medicine. Then meet a designer of Korea’s traditional dress, the hanbok, which is typically worn during festivals and celebrations. Learn about the intricacies of the dress and get some insight to Korean etiquette before a rice wine tasting and homemade lunch.

This afternoon explore the Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, a fascinating facility that focuses on traditional and modern paintings, sculptures and installations by a range of Korean and international artists. Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BL

Day 5: Taipei, Taiwan | Traditional Street Food. Farewell South Korea for your flight to Taipei where you are transferred to your hotel. Begin your experience with a food tour of Raohe Street Night Market, one of the city’s oldest and most traditional, packed with all kinds of food, quaint shops, craft stalls and carnival games. Try a selection of local Taiwanese foods from herb-steamed spare ribs and pepper meat buns to oyster noodles, stinky tofu and bubble tea. Shangri-La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei | Meals: BD

Day 6: Taipei | Launch a Sky Lantern. Discover Old Taipei in the laneways and alleys by the Shifen railway station. Wander through this bustling marketplace on both sides of the railway tracks and try the local xiaochi (little bites). Take part in a traditional custom, visiting a lantern shop to select your own lantern, inscribe it with your wish for the future, light it and watch as it gently floats up into the sky. Then walk to nearby Shifen Waterfall via a wooden boardwalk surrounded by lush rainforest. Watch the rainbows dance as the water plunges into the lake below to understand why it’s widely regarded as the most scenic in all of Taiwan.

In the afternoon visit Longshan Temple, built in 1738 by people from Fujian as a gathering place for Chinese settlers. Suffering destruction from fire and earthquakes over the centuries, it was also bombed by the Americans in World War II with many precious artifacts and artworks lost. Last stop today is the Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall commemorating the Chinese military leader.
who fled to Taiwan in 1949 and made it the bastion of his Republic of China until his death in 1975. Shangri-La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei | Meals: BL

Day 7: Taipei | Design Your Day. Discover the unparalleled collection of close to 700,000 ancient Chinese imperial artifacts and artworks at the National Palace Museum tracing 10,000 years of Chinese history. An afternoon to follow your own path with one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Enjoy a Cultural Visit to the Taiyuan Asian Puppet Theatre Museum which preserves and promotes traditional Asian puppet culture.
> Take a Stroll Down Yingge Old Street where ceramics and porcelain are the main attraction. Shop for a memento and visit the nearby Yingge Ceramics Museum.

Shangri-La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei | Meals: BL

Day 8: Yilan | Award-Winning Whisky. This morning, you are driven south to Yilan for a visit to the Kavalan Whisky Distillery, Taiwan’s first whisky producer and the nation’s only family-owned whisky distillery. Hear about the production process and visit the tasting bar to savour the smooth, sweet liquor or blend your own.

Afterwards, learn how to make Yilan’s famous spring onion pancakes which are a popular street food here. Meet a local grower and a home cook for this culinary encounter. Later today head to the east coast for a scenic visit to the Qingshui Cliffs, one of Taiwan’s Eight Wonders. Admire the brilliant colours of the Pacific Ocean beyond the precipitous cliffs from a viewpoint. Arrive at your hotel in Xiulin late this afternoon. Silks Place Taroko | Meals: BL

Day 9: Taroko National Park | Natural Wonders. More natural wonders in store today when you explore Taroko Gorge, an impressive 19-kilometre-long canyon full of waterfalls and dramatic ravines. Take a walk into the national park to admire the scenery and follow the winding trail to Swallow Grotto through tunnels and along paths above the rapids. Pause at the Eternal Spring Shrine built in 1958 to commemorate the 212 workers who died during the construction of the Central Cross-Island Highway. Its unique location recessed into the side of the mountain and Tang Dynasty architectural style make this shrine one of the most famous, and most scenic, spots in the national park. Silks Place Taroko | Meals: BL

Day 10: Taipei | Taiwan’s Capital. Return to Taipei with the rest of the day at leisure before a farewell dinner. Shangri-La’s Far Eastern Plaza Hotel Taipei | Meals: BD

Day 11: Depart Taipei. Today, you will be met and transferred to Taipei Taoyuan International Airport by private vehicle. Meals: B

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Price includes internal economy class airfare: $514 per person. Seoul-Taipei

Maximum Group Size: 18

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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Delight in a multitude of ancient wonders and iconic sites on this in-depth journey through China. Starting off in Beijing you’ll cover off on all the most important attractions from the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square to the Great Wall and the Temple of Heaven. Pedal through the hutongs by pedicab and savour some of China’s tastiest cuisine. Get up-close to the Terracotta Warriors in the Silk Road city of Xian and see prized pandas in their natural habitat. A luxury cruise through the Three Gorges reveals the Yangtze at its most impressive and dynamic Shanghai provides the perfect finish.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a three-night cruise on the Yangtze River aboard all-balcony ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’
- Go off the beaten path to the less-visited and well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China
- View the incredible Terracotta Warriors with an on-site specialist in Xian
- Enjoy an up-close-and-personal encounter with giant pandas, where they roam free in a recreated habitat
- Visit the Shanghai Museum on a special private tour with its curator
Day 1: Arrive Beijing, China. Arrive in the capital city of Beijing, China’s longtime seat of power, where you are transferred to your luxurious hotel. Four Seasons Hotel Beijing

Day 2: Beijing | China’s Dynastic Capital. After your welcome briefing, participate in a private tai chi lesson taught by a master instructor at the Temple of Heaven, a stunning example of classical Ming period architecture. After lunch, take in the sweep of history at Tiananmen Square before exploring the imperial grandeur of the Forbidden City. Tonight, gather for a special welcome dinner at your hotel. Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Beijing | View the World from the Great Wall. This morning, Ride Like a Local on a pedicab through a hutong, a vast yet intimate neighbourhood of small winding alleyways dating to China’s dynastic period. Then, travel to the well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. Ride a cable car to the top of the wall to take in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. After experiencing this wonder of the world, return to Beijing. Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: BL

Day 4: Xian | Key to the Great Silk Road. Fly to Xian, a modern city cloaked in over 3,000 years of history. Once the eastern terminus on the Great Silk Road, Xian has become a melting pot of Middle Eastern and Asian influences. Upon arrival, enjoy a Chef’s Table noodle-throwing demonstration followed by lunch. Visit the old city’s Muslim Quarter with its teeming markets and beautiful Great Mosque, a 14th century national heritage site. A blend of classic Chinese temple architecture and central Asian embellishments make it one of the most fascinating sites in Xian. The Ritz-Carlton, Xian | Meals: BL

Day 5: Xian | Army for the Afterlife. Today, accompanied by an on-site specialist, visit the excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses, the life-size army created during the Qin Dynasty to protect Qin Shi Huang, China’s first emperor, in his afterlife. More than 8,000 remarkably crafted soldiers are spread throughout three dig pits, each revealing a unique face. After lunch, stroll along the impressive ramparts of the City Wall. Tonight, gather for dinner. The Ritz-Carlton, Xian | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Chengdu | Exploring People’s Park. Travel by bullet train to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. For lunch, enjoy a spicy Sichuan hot pot, a regional specialty. Afterwards, immerse yourself in local life and culture at People’s Park, where area residents play traditional Chinese instruments, practice calligraphy and engage in tai chi. Then, learn about unique, centuries-old matchmaking techniques still in use today, before checking in to your hotel, where you observe a traditional tea demonstration. Waldorf Astoria Chengdu | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Chengdu & Chongqing | Giant Pandas. Today, visit the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre. Enjoy the rare opportunity to observe these endangered creatures roaming freely in their specially designed habitat. Then, board a high-speed train for a ride through the Chinese countryside to Chongqing, where you embark on your river cruiser, ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’, for a three-night journey to Yichang. Settle into your cabin as the ship sails downstream to the stunning Three Gorges region. ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’ | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Cruising the Yangtze | Along Asia’s Great River. Start your morning with tai chi on the deck before breakfast. Disembark in the small city of Fuling and enjoy a shore excursion, beginning with a visit to the White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum. Descend 45 metres underwater to see centuries-old rock carvings. Afterward, continue to a local market to gain insight into the region’s rich culinary culture. This afternoon, learn about Chinese traditional medicine and reflexology. Tonight, attend the Captain’s Reception. ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’ | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Cruising the Yangtze | The Three Gorges. Early this morning, ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’ navigates the Qutang and Wu gorges before anchoring at Badong, where you board a ferry and travel up Shennong Stream. Transfer to “pea pod” boats pole by Tujia boatmen to view a scenic gorge. The Tujia are members of a local minority culture famed for their boatbuilding skills and keen knowledge of the Yangtze. Gain insights into their daily lives on a village visit. Return by ferry to your ship. Tonight, savour a “Taste of China” dinner, followed by onboard entertainment. ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’ | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Yichang & Shanghai | Disembark ‘Yangzi Explorer’. This morning, disembark in Yichang and fly to Shanghai, stopping briefly to photograph the Three Gorges Dam, a project that resulted in the resettlement of 1.2 million residents of the cities submerged by it. Upon arrival in Shanghai, transfer to your elegant hotel, located on the city’s historic Bund. Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: BL

Day 11: Shanghai | Life on the Bund. Explore dynamic Shanghai, where stunning modern skylines meet classic street markets and gardens.
Walk along the Bund, Shanghai’s most popular promenade. Later, stroll the streets of Old Town and visit the 16th century Yu Garden with its pavilions and streams. Enjoy lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a relaxing Scenic Sundowner at a local hot spot, observing the city’s lights and architecture. Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: BL

Day 12: Shanghai | Design Your Day. Begin today by exploring the Shanghai Museum accompanied by its curator, viewing exceptional collections of historically significant art and housewares, including bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy, paintings, jade, furniture and coins. Proceed to the Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, where you marvel at an incredibly accurate and detailed model of the city. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Walk Shanghai’s Historic Jewish Quarter and learn how it became a haven for Jews fleeing Europe in World War II.
> Explore the West Bund Art Centre, the city’s rising art district, to view works by local and international artists.
> Savour a Street Food Tour, sampling local specialties, such as soup dumplings and steamed crab.

Then, gather tonight for a festive farewell dinner. Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: BD

Day 13: Depart Shanghai. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart for home or begin a Hong Kong Post-Tour Extension. Meals: B

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EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

BEIJING & THE SUMMER PALACE PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Visit the Summer Palace, UNESCO World Heritage Site, a masterpiece of Chinese landscape design, the Water Cube, the Bird’s Nest, and the flourishing 798 Art District.
3 DAYS FROM $2,455 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

HONG KONG POST-TOUR EXTENSION

One of the world’s great cities, experience the city skyline’s Symphony of Lights, breathtaking Victoria Peak, cruise on a sampan, and savour incomparable Cantonese cuisine.
3 DAYS FROM $3,605 PP TWIN
Available on select departures. See website for details.

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Beijing–Xian | Yichang–Shanghai
*Prices shown are based on ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer’ Main Deck Cabin. Please visit our website for prices of all cabins and suites and a full deckplan.

Maximum Group Size: 18
Departs are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.
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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY

UZBEKISTAN & TURKMENISTAN

ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES OF

16 DAYS FROM $11,495 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES OF CENTRAL ASIA

16 DAYS FROM $11,495 PER PERSON TWIN MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS


The mountains and deserts of Central Asia are the backdrop for this extraordinary adventure to the heart of the ancient Silk Road. This is one of the world’s most remote and untouched areas and was, during the Middle Ages, the epicentre of a powerful empire. On this journey, you’ll explore Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, two countries steeped in antiquity with a lasting legacy from the warriors and emperors who made their mark. Visit some of the oldest cities in the world such as the legendary Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, each boasting a glorious architectural legacy that is simply dazzling.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Walk in the footsteps of emperors and priests and discover the ancient civilisations of the Silk Road

Breathe in the dramatic landscapes of the vast Central Asian steppe

Marvel at some of the world’s most impressive and intricate tile work at the region’s famous mosques and minarets

Soak up the atmosphere in exotic markets, bazaars and caravanserais

Admire the elaborately designed and decorative stations of the impressive Tashkent underground

Appreciate the world’s second largest collection of Russian avant-garde art in remote Uzbekistan

Discover the rich handicraft traditions of Central Asia meeting the artisans and craftsmen in their workshops

Learn the culinary secrets behind the perfect plov, a classic Uzbek dish
Day 1: Arrive Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Arrive into the Uzbek capital. This evening, your Resident Tour Director will deliver a briefing on the journey ahead before a welcome dinner. Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace | Meals: D

Day 2: Tashkent | Mosques & Madrasas. Explore 2,000 years of history in the sprawling city of Tashkent, including the Hazrat Imam Islamic complex with mosques and madrasas constructed from the 11th century to today. Stroll through Chorsu Bazaar, the fresh produce and open-air market, before visiting the Museum of Applied Arts, built at the height of the Soviet era, which showcases regional ceramics, textiles and artworks by Uzbek artists. Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Tashkent | Heart of the City. Your day starts at the History Museum exploring Zoroastrian and Buddhist artefacts, ethnic art and costumes from different parts of Uzbekistan. After lunch, stroll around Independence Square and take a ride on the Tashkent underground before visiting the ceramic workshop of the Rakhimov family where six generations of master potters have practiced their art. Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace | Meals: BL

Day 4: Samarkand | Gleaming Domes of Cerulean Blue. Journey by high-speed train to the ancient city of Samarkand, widely considered Uzbekistan’s most magnificent. Its long history is most famously linked to the legacy of the great 14th century ruler Tamerlane whose aim was to create the richest city on earth. Visit his famous mausoleum and Registan Square, arguably the most spectacular architectural ensemble in Central Asia. Visit a local home for lunch and learn the secret to making Uzbekistan’s signature dish, plov. Join in or simply enjoy lively conversation with the family before a delicious meal. Hotel Dilimah | Meals: BL

Day 5: Samarkand | Uzbek Artistic Traditions. A fascinating encounter with local artisans at a papermaking workshop and silk carpet factory. After lunch, visit the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis which sits on a pretty hill overlooking the city, and marvel at the impressive Bibi Khanym Mosque, one of the largest in Central Asia, before heading to the Ulugh Beg Observatory. There’s time this afternoon to visit the local bazaar where stalls are bursting with colourful handicrafts and mounds of fresh fruits, spices, nuts and freshly baked bread. Hotel Dilimah | Meals: BL

Day 6: Bukhara | Medieval Jewel. Today journey west by high-speed train to the magical city of Bukhara, a major centre for trade in the Middle Ages and the most complete example of a medieval city in Central Asia. Begin your introduction to the city at the ancient trading domes and, later on, the spectacular Ark, a royal citadel dating to the 5th century. Omar Khayyam Hotel | Meals: BL
Days 7–8: Bukhara | Design Your Day. Over the next two days, explore the early 18th century Bolo Hauz Mosque, Ismail Samani mausoleum which dates from the 10th century and the glorious Summer Palace of the last Bukhara emirs which dates from the beginning of last century. You can plot your own course one afternoon with a choice of Design Your Day activities:

> Meet a Local Ceramics Artist for a private master class.
> Explore the City’s Jewish Heritage on a stroll through the old Jewish quarter.
> Experience a Traditional Bukhari Hammam in the Old Town.

Omar Khayyam Hotel | Meals: BLD (Day 7); BL (Day 8)

Day 9: Mary, Turkmenistan | Silk Road Oasis Town. Journey southwest today to the Uzbek-Turkmen border at Farab, complete border formalities and continue on the road to Mary, an oasis city in the Karakum Desert. Enjoy an evening at leisure exploring the city or taking a stroll along the Murgab River. Hotel Mary | Meals: BL

Day 10: Merv | One of the World’s Great Vanished Cities. This morning explore Merv, believed at one time to be the largest city in the world. The entire ancient city has World Heritage status and its beautiful monuments bear witness to the glory of days past. The most famous is the Sultan Sanjar mausoleum, which dates to the 12th century and stands alone on the open plain. Evening flight to the Turkmen capital Ashgabat, whose bright white skyline rises starkly from the surrounding desert. Oguzkent Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 11: Ashgabat | The White City. A visit to the World Heritage listed fortress of Old Nisa, a beautiful landmark at the foot of the Kopet-Dag Mountains. Later on, an exclusive tour of the Arkadash stud farm, home of the famous Akhal-Teke horse. The breed is one of the oldest in existence. Back in Ashgabat, visit the Russian Market for a vivid taste of life in the capital. Finish up at the National Carpet Museum with its rare collection of hand-made Turkmen carpets. Oguzkent Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 12: Dashoguz | Ancient Capital of the Achaemenid Empire. A morning flight to Dashoguz in the far north of the country, the ancient capital of Khorezm and the second city, after Bukhara, in Central Asia. Explore the old town monuments including the mosque, caravanserai gates, fortresses, mausoleums and a 60-metre-high minaret. This afternoon, cross the Uzbek border and travel on to the living museum of Khiva. Erkin Palace | Meals: BL

Day 13: Khiva, Uzbekistan | Ancient Citadel and Caravanserais. A full day touring this medieval gem of a town where brilliant blue tilework embellishes the rich ochre of the mudbrick architecture. Wander through the twisting alleyways of the city, visit the Kunya Ark or old citadel, the Emir’s Palace, the magnificent Juma Mosque, the caravanserai and the local bazaar. This evening, soak up the sunset and some amazing views of Khiva from the old city walls, before dining on local delicacies at Zaynab’s family home. Erkin Palace | Meals: BD

Day 14: Nukus | Avant-garde Russian Art Collection. Journey northwards to the ancient site of Ayaz-Kala, one of the largest surviving castle fortresses, where a short trek is rewarded with breathtaking views over the desert landscape followed by a picnic lunch. Afterwards, head to the ancient settlement of Toprak-Kala before arriving into the remote city of Nukus where the Savitsky Museum is the major highlight. Marvel at the extraordinary collection of Russian avant-garde art amassed by Igor Savitsky during the 1950s and ‘60s. Jipek Joli Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 15: Tashkent | Sprawling Uzbek Capital. Return by air to Tashkent with the rest of the day at leisure to explore more of the Uzbekistan capital. In the evening freshen up before a farewell dinner. Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace | Meals: BD

Day 16: Depart Tashkent. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B
Limited Edition Journey

Mongolia

Mongolia’s Golden Eagle Festival with Palani Mohan

12 Days from $17,250 per person twin

Maximum group size: 24 guests

Ulaanbaatar – Ölgii – Ulaanbaatar – South Gobi Desert – Ulaanbaatar

One of the last travel frontiers, Mongolia is vast, remote and hauntingly beautiful. Nomads still eke out a living on the steppe as they have for centuries passing down from generation to generation age-old practices of horsemanship, herding and hunting. On this rare visit you will spend two days at the thrilling Golden Eagle Festival in the far west of the country where Kazakh horsemen demonstrate their skills with the prized golden eagle in fierce competition. You’ll be honoured by the Mongol hospitality, bed down in a traditional ger, marvel at Buddhist monasteries and explore some of the wildest landscapes on the planet.

Journey Highlights

Discover Ulaanbaatar’s vibrant textile heritage or visit Khustain Nuruu National Park to spot wild horses on a Design Your Day experience

Bed down in a traditional ger at a remarkable eco-lodge which celebrates Mongolia’s nomadic culture

Stargaze over the remote wilderness of the Gobi Desert

Explore sand dunes, ancient petroglyphs and the desert aglow at sunset

Hike through rugged canyons and gorges, ride a Bactrian camel

Marvel at the spectacular celebrations and events of the Golden Eagle Festival over two days including the opening ceremony

Meet with a Golden Eagle hunter in a memorable private encounter
Day 1: Arrive Ulaanbaatar. A warm welcome to the Mongolian capital and transfer to your hotel in the heart of the city. Spend the rest of the day settling in. Shangri-La Hotel

Day 2: Ulaanbaatar | National History Museum. This morning join fellow travellers and your Guest Host for a briefing on the coming adventure before heading out on an exploration of the capital. Start off at Sukhbaatar Square which honours Mongolia’s 1921 revolutionary hero and the country’s independence from China. Next stop, Gandantegchinlen Monastery, one of Mongolia’s most important, which was founded in 1809 and houses an impressive library of important Buddhist literature. At the National History Museum see fossilised skeletal remains, dinosaur eggs from the Gobi Desert, traditional costumes and 12th century Mongol relics. Time to freshen up before a welcome dinner this evening. Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar | Design Your Day. Plot your own course today and choose from one of these Design Your Day activities.
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- Explore the country’s rich textile heritage when you visit a couple of specially selected boutiques where Mongolian cashmere and felt is celebrated. At Made in Mongolia, admire beautiful hand crafted felt slippers, bags, pillow cases and other accessories before gaining special access to the Torgo Fashion Museum, which showcases intricate garments from Mongolia’s leading designers.
>
- Visit Khustain Nuruu National Park for a chance to view Mongolia’s wild horse, the takhi, as well as maral (Asiatic red deer), steppe gazelle, boar, wolves, lynx, marmot and some 223 species of birds.

Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BL
Day 4: Olgii | Kazakh Traditions. A flight to Olgii in the far west of the country where you’ll notice a strong Muslim influence, more Central Asian than Buddhist. The town is predominantly Kazakh and more closely resembles Muslim influenced Central Asia than Buddhist Mongolia. Find yourself in this remote province for the impressive Golden Eagle Festival which is celebrated here each year. One of the oldest, most revered and spectacular celebrations of Mongolia’s Kazakh people, this is a tradition of hunting with specially trained eagles which is passed down from generation to generation. The festival brings together the best hunters and their eagles in an impressive display of showmanship testing speed, agility and accuracy. You spend two days at the festival with accommodation in a traditional ger where facilities are rustic but comfortable. Ger | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Olgii | Golden Eagle Festival Opening Ceremony. Receive your privileged invitation to the opening ceremony of the Golden Eagle Festival which kicks off with a variety of spectacular displays. Marvel at Kazakh hunters riding in their traditional dark coats and scarlet hats with the golden eagles perched on their arms demonstrating the skills they have acquired since childhood. Eagle training competitions, dance performances and various Kazakh equestrian challenges are also part of this unforgettable event. Ger | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Olgii | Eagle Hunters Up Close. Another opportunity today to experience this unique festival and meet some of the hunters with their eagles. Through your guide, you’ll be able to converse with them capturing some extraordinary photographs and understanding a little of the deep bonds which exist between hunter and eagle. The afternoon is at leisure before dinner. Ger | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Ulaanbaatar | Mongolian Capital. Return by air to Ulaanbaatar with the remainder of the day at leisure. Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 8: South Gobi Desert | Dunes, Mountains and Rare Wildlife. A flight south to Dalanzadgad, provincial capital of the South Gobi. You are met and driven northwest to the lush Yol Valley (also known as Eagle Canyon) in the foothills of the Gurvan Saikhan Mountains. Hike into the valley with its dramatic rocky cliffs and narrow canyons and keep an eye out for the indigenous lammergeier (bearded vulture). Continue to Three Camel Lodge, where your accommodation for the next three nights is in a typical felt-covered ger set against the dramatic backdrop of the remote Gobi Altai mountains. Three Camel Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 9: South Gobi Desert | Traditional Ger. This morning, your Bactrian camels await. Mount up for an adventure into the expansive sand dunes of Moltsog Els. Encounter local camel breeders and their families gaining unique insight to their way of life. The afternoon is at leisure back at the lodge, admiring the vast surrounding landscape and the herds of livestock which come and go or enjoying a massage in the spa ger. Three Camel Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 10: South Gobi Desert | Flaming Cliffs. Head out on a morning hike in the nearby Havsgai Valley where views are breathtaking. See the ancient rock petroglyphs left by early Gobi settlers 15,000 to 40,000 years ago. Return to camp for lunch and watch an historic documentary on palaeontologist Roy Chapman Andrews who, in 1923, discovered the first fossilised dinosaur eggs in an area he named the Flaming Cliffs for the particular way the desert glowed, particularly in the early evening light. Get this singular experience on a special sundowner outing this evening. Three Camel Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Ulaanbaatar | Farewell Celebration. A return flight to Ulaanbaatar for your final night in Mongolia. Celebrate your adventure with new friends at a farewell dinner this evening. Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 12: Depart Ulaanbaatar. Farewell Mongolia with a transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B
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MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS
WARSAW - BERLIN - PRAGUE - BUDAPEST

Relive the rich, and often turbulent, history of four central European countries – Poland, Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary – on this fascinating cultural journey. Meet local characters who will shed light on events which played out in the region from the Holy Roman Empire through and medieval monarchies to Prussian rule and World War II, the Soviet era, pre-reunification Germany to today. Explore vibrant cities with rich artistic traditions and remarkable architectural achievements and see where some of the most important moments in history were played out. Many of the excursions are tailored exclusively for the group, with private access to incredible sites, specialist insights and experiences.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about Poland’s Jewish heritage, the country’s occupation and recent economic developments from a guest speaker
- Wander through the grand palace and gardens of Poland’s Versailles
- Savour home-style traditional Polish cooking and taste a typical Hungarian liqueur
- Lose yourself in a recital of piano music by Chopin
- Admire the artistic expression of freedom at the East Berlin Gallery
- Follow the dark side of East German history when you visit a 1950’s Soviet detention camp with a former political prisoner
- Relive moments of the Prague Spring and Velvet Revolution on an historian led trail through Prague
- Visit some of the most important Jewish sights in Prague’s Old Town
- Travel by classic Czech car to a private viewing of the monastic libraries in the Strahov Monastery
- Hone your language skills with an introductory Hungarian lesson
Day 1: Arrive Warsaw, Poland. Welcome to Poland and your hotel next to the Presidential Palace. A guest speaker delivers a fascinating account of the tragic events that befell Poland last century and the impact of EU and NATO membership. This evening, your Resident Tour Director will deliver a briefing on the journey ahead before a welcome dinner. Hotel Bristol | Meals: D

Day 2: Warsaw | A Turbulent History. A short walk to the Old Town, which was entirely destroyed in WWII and later painstakingly restored. The beautiful Royal Castle is a highlight. Taste traditional home-style Polish cooking at lunch today and visit the monument that commemorates the 1944 Warsaw Uprising when thousands of heroes gave their lives for their homeland. Hotel Bristol | Meals: BL

Day 3: Warsaw | Royal & Artistic Heritage. Head out of the city to the Wilanów Palace, one of the most treasured Polish Baroque monuments. Time to wander through the glorious parkland and formal gardens which include a rose parterre before visiting the soaring Palace of Culture and Science, one of Stalin’s “Wedding Cakes”. Soak up the sweeping city views from the terrace on the 30th floor. After lunch visit the Fryderyk Chopin Museum and the Holy Cross Church. Your day concludes fittingly with a short recital of Chopin’s music. Hotel Bristol | Meals: BL

Day 4: Berlin, Germany | Graffiti Art on the Berlin Wall. A short flight this morning to Berlin. Lunch today is in the rooftop restaurant of the distinctive Reichstag building. This afternoon join a former resident of East Berlin at the open-air East Side Gallery to admire the murals on the remaining stretch of the Berlin Wall – a wonderful artistic expression of freedom. Last stop is the TV Tower which has a fantastic panoramic view over the city. Regent Berlin | Meals: BL

Day 5: Potsdam | Post-war Germany & Political Prisoners. Travel a short distance to Potsdam where your first stop is the Cecilienhof Palace built between 1914 and 1917 in the style of an English Tudor manor house. This was the location of the Potsdam Conference of 1945 which sealed the fate of post-war Germany. Later, meander through the extraordinary park and gardens of Frederick the Great’s summer palace, Sanssouci. After lunch return to Berlin for a poignant encounter visiting the Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial with a former political prisoner. Detention camp and Soviet prison until 1989, thousands of political prisoners were incarcerated here. A firsthand account of the harrowing conditions and interrogation methods used will be startling. Continue to the nearby Stasi Museum, located in the former headquarters of the secret police. Regent Berlin | Meals: BL

Day 6: Berlin | Germany’s Jewish Heritage. This morning visit the remarkable Jewish Museum. Designed by Daniel Libeskind, it exhibits the social, political and cultural history of the Jews in Germany from the fourth century to the present. Regent Berlin | Meals: B

Day 7: Dresden | Baroque Beauty. Travel south to Dresden where you’ll admire one of Europe’s finest collections of royal treasure at the magnificent Green Vault in Dresden Palace. Continue to the Czech capital and your hotel in the city’s picturesque Malá Strana district. Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Prague | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Prague, Czech Republic | City of a Hundred Spires. Cross the river this morning to explore the city’s Jewish Quarter, which remained a walled ghetto until 1848. See the birthplace of Franz Kafka and visit the Old Jewish Cemetery, the Pinkas Synagogue and the Old-New Synagogue. Later in the Old Town see the historic astronomical clock and the Municipal House, the city’s finest Art Nouveau building. After lunch visit the Estates Theatre where Mozart’s Don Giovanni had its premiere in 1787 before exploring Wenceslas Square, the focus for events during the Prague Spring of 1968 and the Velvet Revolution of 1989, which heralded the end of the old communist regime. Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Prague | Meals: BL

Day 9: Prague | Monuments & Memorials. This morning sit yourself in an historic Czech car for the drive to the Strahov Monastery where privileged access is arranged to the sumptuously decorated monastic libraries. Afterwards visit the imposing Prague Castle which is the President’s official residence. Highlights include the Cathedral of St. Vitus and the Basilica of St. George which was founded in 905 AD. You will also see the Golden Lane, a row of tiny houses dating from the 16th century. After lunch in the charming Lesser Town, visit the crypt within the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, a National Memorial to the Heroes of the Heydrich Terror. Conclude with refreshments at a café, once a popular meeting place for anti-communist dissidents. Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Prague | Meals: BL
Day 10: Budapest, Hungary | Sophistication on the Danube. A morning flight to Budapest. Your hotel is located in the heart of the city close to the famous Chain Bridge. A short walking tour provides an orientation of the city and will include a visit to the vast St Stephen’s Basilica. Before dinner this evening, your language skills are put to the test with an introductory Hungarian lesson – sok szerencsét kívánok (good luck)! Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace | Meals: BD

Day 11: Budapest | City of Two Faces. Bisected by the Danube, this extraordinary city is broken into two distinct sections. Begin your discovery in Pest, the city’s urban centre, with a visit to Parliament which stretches along the Danube embankment. Admire the imperial regalia which includes the Crown of St Stephen, a powerful symbol of Hungarian nationhood. Later on, visit the State Opera House and continue along Andrássy Avenue to Heroes’ Square, with its impressive Millennial Monument. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Danube. Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace | Meals: BL

Day 12: Budapest | Design Your Day. Uncover more of the character of this multi-faceted metropolis on one of the following activities:

> **Take a Food-Inspired Adventure** through Budapest, exploring markets, providores and tasting local specialities.

> **Discover the City’s Art Nouveau Architecture** on a walking tour. This afternoon, cross the river to Buda, the royal district, and the Matthias Church with stunning panoramas of the city and river. Later at the foot of Castle Hill, head underground for a private tour of the Hospital in the Rock, a former top-secret nuclear bunker and emergency hospital. Celebrate the journey’s end with a scenic sundowner on Gellért Hill and a special farewell dinner. Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace | Meals: BD

Day 13: Depart Budapest. Transfer airport for departure flight. Meals: B

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GEORGIA & ARMENIA
This fascinating journey to the heart of the Caucasus offers a surprising taste of old world Eastern European charm. Bridging East and West, these former Soviet Republics boast thousands of years of history, jaw-dropping scenery and a rich cultural heritage. Armenia was one of the first countries to adopt Christianity, and there are magnificent churches in abundance in the most unexpected locations. Neighbouring Georgia lays claim to the world’s oldest wine industry and, on this journey, rare skin-fermented wines stored underground in clay jars are uncorked and savoured. The food throughout the region is delicious and hearty and, in many places, there’s a delightfully unspoiled medieval vibe.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Wander through the historic heart of Tbilisi’s old town
- Prepare lavash in time-honoured fashion in a local home
- Sip wine from earthenware pots in the world’s oldest vineyards in the Kakheti region
- Uncover medieval history at the Haghpat and Sanahin monastic complexes
- Witness a spiritual vocal performance in an ancient monastery
- Float across the high altitude waters of Lake Sevan on a private boat trip
- Taste Armenia’s noble brandy at a Yerevan distillery
- Meet local artisans and traditional carpet manufacturers in colourful markets and workshops
- Hike up to the 14th century Gergeti Holy Trinity Church, one of the world’s most spectacularly situated
Day 1: Arrive Tbilisi, Georgia. Arrive into the Georgian capital and this evening join your Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a cocktail briefing on the adventure ahead. Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

Day 2: Tbilisi | An Assortment of Architectural Styles. Tbilisi is a surprising blend of cultures. Your adventure starts with a walk through the cobbled streets of the atmospheric old town. Visit the 12th century Metekhi Church and a 19th century Jewish synagogue. Admire the old Georgian houses with their distinctive wooden, curved balconies and the Sioni Cathedral. You’ll see the oldest surviving church in Tbilisi before getting a bird’s-eye view of the city from the Narikala Fortress, which can be accessed by cable car or on foot. On the way back down, stop at the Sulphur Baths and the National Museum of Fine Arts. Tonight is a chance to savour some of Georgia’s finest cuisine at a favourite traditional restaurant. Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Tbilisi | Design Your Day. Start the day at the Simon Janashia Museum of Georgia with its extraordinary collection of gold filigree work. Continue to the Georgian National Centre of manuscripts for a private visit with a specialist to talk about important restoration work. Time during the day to visit the Sukhoi Bridge open air market. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- Experience an Artisan Introduction to the ancient technique of cloisonné (decorative enamelwork).
- Join an Architectural Expert for a Walking Tour around the city.

Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 4: Kakheti | Birthplace of Winemaking. Explore the most picturesque part of Georgia – Kakheti, which borders the Great Caucasus range. This area is the birthplace of viticulture and winemaking, admire the profusion of vineyards and beautiful churches as you drive through. Stop at the 9th century Bodbe Nunnery before arriving at the pretty fortified town of Sighnaghi, famous for its wine and carpet making. Meander through the narrow streets before lunch with a local family serving up traditional dishes from the region, and of course matching wines. Before returning to Tbilisi visit the grand Tsinandali estate, once home to the noble Chavchavadze family and noted for its historic winery. Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 5: Mtskheta | Medieval Religious Architecture. The World Heritage site of Mtskheta is your first stop today. Georgia’s cultural and religious centre, it is also one of the country’s oldest towns. Visit the early medieval Jvari Church and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Heading along the Georgian Military Highway, take in the Ananuri Architectural complex, with churches and towers dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. Arrive into the sleepy town of Kazbegi later this afternoon where views of Mt. Kazbek are breathtaking – especially from your hotel room. Rooms Hotel Kazbegi | Meals: BL

Day 6: Kazbegi | Gergeti Holy Trinity Church. This morning, head for the beautifully situated 14th century Gergeti Holy Trinity Church which perches high on a hill overlooking the town and the surrounding mountain scenery. Get up close by 4WD or, for the more energetic, on foot. More traditional Georgian hospitality today over lunch with one of the local families. This afternoon, enjoy the stylish Nordic atmosphere of the hotel before sundowners on the terrace. Rooms Hotel Kazbegi | Meals: BL

Day 7: Tbilisi | Heart of Georgia. Today’s adventure is to the fertile Kartli province with a stop in Gori, the birthplace of Joseph Stalin where a controversial museum traces his life. For lunch today, enjoy traditional dishes with local wine. Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BL
Day 8: Dzoraget, Armenia | Byzantine Monasteries. Farewell to Georgia this morning, crossing into Armenia at the Sadakhlo border. Stop at the Haghpat and Sanahin monastic complexes on the way to your remote medieval-style hotel situated beside the Debed River on the main road from Tbilisi to Yerevan. A traditional dinner of Armenian cuisine is arranged this evening. Avan Dzoraget Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Dilijan | Little Switzerland. Travel to the spa town of Dilijan, with its beautiful mountain scenery and unique architecture, to visit the Haghartsin Monastery which is tucked away in a valley to the northeast. Afterwards, head to Lake Sevan, the largest body of water in Armenia and the Caucasus region, where a boat trip is included, before continuing on to the Armenian capital. Yerevan stretches along the banks of the River Hrazdan, under the wistful gaze of Mount Ararat. Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BL

Day 10: Yerevan | In the shadow of Mount Ararat. Your introduction to the capital begins with a guided tour of the city, one of the world’s oldest continuously inhabited metropolises. See the beautiful Government buildings, the Central Post Office and banks. Visit the State History Museum as well as the Cafesjian Modern Art Museum which exhibits collections of Armenian and international contemporary artworks. Discover why Armenian brandy is world famous at a specially organised VIP tasting at the Yerevan brandy factory. There is also time this afternoon to pore over the stalls at the Vernissage flea market, a short walk from the hotel. Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BL

Day 11: Yerevan | World’s Oldest Cathedral. A morning visit to Etchmiadzin Cathedral for holy mass. This ancient cathedral is headquarters for the Armenian Orthodox church. Later, take in the nearby ruins of the 7th century Zvartnots Cathedral before lunch at the family owned Megeryan Carpet Factory and Museum. Get comfortable as you admire the exquisite handmade carpets before a traditional Armenian lunch in the rustic, but atmospheric, restaurant. Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BL

Day 12: Geghard & Garni | Temple and Monastery. The morning begins with a spiritual vocal performance in the acoustic hall of the ancient Geghard Monastery. Afterwards, a visit to the pagan Temple of Garni, which dates to the Hellenistic era. Built around 77 AD, it is the only Greco-Roman colonnaded building in the country. Afterwards, take part in a centuries-old Armenian cultural tradition at a hands-on lavash making ceremony, followed by lunch in a local home. A farewell dinner is held tonight. Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BLD

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Contrast colourful histories and a beguiling mix of cultures in this rare combination of two fascinating European destinations. Peel back many thousands of years of history in Malta, which has more historic sights than any other country, and immerse yourself in the even more ancient heritage of Turkey. Both countries have been ruled by powerful civilisations, empires that have come and gone and left behind a unique legacy. Seek out what makes these destinations stand out from the rest when you explore some of the world’s most important archaeological sites, appreciate their rich artistic heritage and savour delightfully delicious food and wine thanks to a rich culinary bounty.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Valetta’s lavish architectural legacy from the Knights of St. John
- Step back in time with a visit to the small island of Gozo
- Discover the ancient tradition of winemaking at a tasting in Cappadocia
- Wander through Turkey’s incredible rock cut churches and underground villages
- Enjoy a private viewing of the Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace, Istanbul’s most famous sights, without the crowds
- Walk in the footsteps of the ancients at Pergamon, Troy and Ephesus
- Float along the mighty Bosphorus at sunset admiring the city skyline
- Seek out spices, jewellery, carpets and more in the bazaars of Istanbul
Day 1: Valetta, Malta. A private welcome to the Mediterranean and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Director for a welcome briefing. The Phoenicia Malta

Days 2–3: Valetta | Built by Gentlemen for Gentlemen. Spend three fascinating days in and around Valetta, the Fortress City. Focusing on the city’s Baroque architecture, much of which was built by the Knights of St. John, explore the Old Town on foot and visit the infirmary erected in 1531 by the Knights.

Blend with the locals at the charming village of Marsaxlokk where colourful fishing vessels bob around the harbour in a vibrant display. Explore Mdina, the old capital city of Malta, founded nearly five millennia ago and stroll its narrow streets, admiring the magnificent honey-coloured houses and Cathedral. The Phoenicia Malta | Meals: BLD (Day 2); BL (Day 3)

Day 4: Gozo | Homer’s Island of Ogygia. Travel back in time to Gozo, Malta’s sister island. Spend the day exploring this relaxed and laid-back place where life revolves around fishing and agriculture. Watch sea salt being collected in Marsalforn then visit a local dairy farm and the fortified citadel in Victoria. Soak up breathtaking island views before returning to Valetta. The Phoenicia Malta | Meals: BL

Day 5: Cappadocia, Turkey | Land of Fairy Chimneys. Fly to Istanbul and on to Kayseri in the heart of Cappadocia. Transfer to your hotel which has been converted from four rock-carved dwellings. Argos | Meals: B

Days 6–7: Cappadocia | Design Your Day. During your time in Cappadocia, get a proper perspective on the terrain from the air on a hot air balloon flight (additional cost). Explore the rock-carved churches of Goreme, which house some of the greatest medieval art in the world, and the enigmatic underground city of Kaymakli. Encounter artisans in a weaving village and potter’s workshop. Choose one of the following Design Your Day activities one afternoon:

> Walk off Lunch with a Hike into the Red Valley admiring abandoned cave churches and the extraordinary landscape.
> Saddle Up for a Ride through some of Cappadocia’s dramatic scenery in ‘the land of beautiful horses’.
> Learn about Turkey’s 4,000-year-old Wine Heritage and taste some of the local varietals.

Soak up the views with sundowners and wine tasting on the terrace of your hotel. Argos | Meals: BLD (Day 6); BL (Day 7)

Day 8: Izmir | Bazaars of Ancient Smyrna. Fly to Izmir. On arrival transfer into the city and explore the ruins of the agora, ancient Smyrna’s marketplace. Next, the Kemeralti Bazaar and picturesque Konak Square with its famous marble clock tower. Dine tonight at a wonderful seafood restaurant. Swissotel Grand Efes | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Ephesus | Best-Preserved Classical City in the Eastern Mediterranean. Step back thousands of years when you wander the streets of ancient Ephesus, one of the world’s most impressive archaeological sites. Visit the site of the gigantic Temple of Diana and gain privileged access to the Terrace Houses to admire the beautiful mosaic floors and frescoed walls. Time also to take a seat at the ancient Theatre, admire the Library of Celsus as well as the public baths, the Arcadian Way, Marble Street and more. Swissotel Grand Efes | Meals: BL

Day 10: Pergamon | Ancient Centre of Power & Learning. Travel to the ancient hilltop city of Pergamon where excavations have revealed a number of impressive ruins including the altar, which now resides in Berlin, and the impressive medical complex, Asclepion, one of the most important healing and therapeutic centres of the Roman world. Manici House | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Gallipoli & Troy | Battlegrounds Ancient & Modern. Drive through pine and olive clad hills admiring glorious Aegean views on the way to the enigmatic site of Troy which you’ll have time to wander through before crossing the legendary Dardanelles Strait by ferry to Gallipoli, where British, ANZAC and Commonwealth troops landed in April 1915 in what became the most infamous campaign of World War I. Time at Anzac Cove is certain to inspire emotion as you visit some of the impressively maintained Commonwealth military cemeteries. Continue to Istanbul and your hotel overlooking the Bosphorus. Four Seasons at the Bosphorus | Meals: BL

Day 12: Istanbul | City on Two Continents. Start off before the crowds with privileged access to the timeless Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, and the incredible Topkapi Palace. Wander through this astonishing Ottoman complex admiring the breathtaking grounds, terraces, palace halls and exhibits. Cross the Golden Horn, and explore the modern heart of Istanbul, Pera, on foot. Stand atop the ancient Galata Tower for a 360-degree view of this astonishingly beautiful city before a coffee stop at the fabled Pera Palace Hotel. Four Seasons at the Bosphorus | Meals: BL
Day 13: Istanbul | Design Your Day. This morning transfer to the periphery of the ancient city to view the world’s most impressive City Walls. Just inside the ancient walls, enjoy a private visit the Chora Church, which is known to be one of the world’s richest repositories of Byzantine mosaic work and frescoes, before marvelling at the 6th century Basilica Cistern and the Byzantine Hippodrome. This afternoon, choose one of the following Design Your Day activities.

- A Ferry Ride Across the Bosphorus to Kadikoy on the Asian side to explore the market and local eateries.
- Discover Art through the Ages when you visit Istanbul Archaeological Museum and The Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts.
- Meet Master Craftsmen for a hands-on art class in marbling, pottery, calligraphy or painting.

Four Seasons at the Bosphorus | Meals: BL

Days 14–15: Istanbul | East Meets West. Spend a further two days in Istanbul discovering thousands of years of history. Stop by the magnificent Suleymaniye Mosque, which dominates the city skyline, and wander through the 3,500 shops of the wonderful Grand Bazaar and the Spice Bazaar whose vaulted rooms display fragrant herbs, spices, sweet treats and savoury delights. Explore the 19th century Dolmabahce Palace, the largest and the finest example of the Ottoman New Baroque in the city, then pause at the Maritime Museum to see the old royal barges and naval artifacts. Afterwards, visit the galleries of Nisantasi or take a traditional Turkish hammam.

On your final evening board a private boat for a sundowner cruise on the Bosphorus taking in the majestic skyline of Istanbul bathed in golden hues. Relive your journey at tonight’s farewell dinner. Four Seasons at the Bosphorus | Meals: B (Day 14); BLD (Day 15)

Day 16: Depart Istanbul. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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SPAIN & MOROCCO

13 DAYS FROM $44,920 PER PERSON TWIN
MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 13 GUESTS


Explore two countries forever linked to the great Moorish culture that ruled them from the eighth to the 15th century, discovering how the Moors shaped the region’s iconic architecture and incredible cuisine on a luxury journey that features several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, a stay at A&K’s Exclusive Desert Tented Camp, and a private flamenco performance at a palace in Seville. 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.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the best of Spain and Morocco on a spectacular journey that reveals the Moors’ enduring influence on the entire region

Enjoy the ease of private charter flights, saving hours or even days

Visit the fortress-like Alhambra Palace, a fine example of Islamic architecture in Granada

Experience the Sahara’s Erg Chebbi dunes in style at an A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp

Discover the well-preserved mosaics of Roman villas at Volubilis and the medieval-era Medina of Fes, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Customise your travel experience on an afternoon in vibrant Marrakech, taking advantage of A&K’s diverse Design Your Day features

Privately enter Seville’s monumental Royal Alcázar palace on a special after-hours visit
Day 1: Arrive Granada, Spain. Arrive in Granada, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a cocktail, followed by a welcome dinner at your hotel. Hotel Alhambra Palace | Meals: D

Day 2: Granada | The Incomparable Alhambra. Discover the Alhambra, a medieval Muslim palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site, led by a top local guide. See the delicate beauty of the Nazaries Palace, the Court of Myrtles and the intricately decorated Court of the Lions. Then, discover the gardens of the Generalife, a palace from the days of Granada’s last Arab kings. Hotel Alhambra Palace | Meals: BD

Day 3: Fes, Morocco | Land of Rich Heritage. Enjoy a private visit to the Fundación Rodríguez-Acosta Museum before boarding your privately chartered flight to Morocco, landing in Fes. Transfer to your hotel, a refurbished former palace, where you enjoy lunch. This afternoon, tour Fes el-Jedid (modern Fes). See the Royal Palace, madrasas (school mosques), the city wall and the mellah (Jewish quarter). Tonight, at your hotel, enjoy a special cocktail reception and dinner, joined by a guest speaker who reveals fascinating aspects of Moroccan culture. Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Fes | Timeless Medieval City. Explore Fes el-Bali (Old Fes), the cultural heart of Morocco. Stroll the labyrinthine old quarter, with its 9,000 narrow lanes, alleys and souks. Enter the intricately detailed 14th century Kairaouine — one of the oldest universities in the world, and then visit Nejjarine Square. Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Volubilis & Meknes | Roman Ruins, Sunny Vineyards. Journey overland to explore the Roman ruins of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with iconic architecture and mosaics depicting mythical scenes. Proceed to a local winery outside of Meknes, for a special Chef’s Table experience set among the region’s sun-bathed vineyards and olive groves. Enjoy a gourmet meal made from locally sourced, organic ingredients. Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BL

Day 6: Erfoud | Camel Ride to Your Desert Camp. Fly to Er-Rachidia Moulay Ali Cherif, and then transfer overland to Erfoud. Enjoy lunch before rolling out into the Sahara Desert, between the towering red sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, in a 4WD vehicle. Change modes of transport, mounting a camel to complete your journey to A&K’s exclusive nomadic tented camp. As the sun sets over the dunes, toast your desert sojourn with a Scenic Sundowner. Later, enjoy authentic Moroccan entertainment beside the campfire, before adjourning to a nearby tent for a dinner of regional dishes with wine. Slumber tonight in comfort, in the silent Sahara. A&K Exclusive Desert Tented Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Marrakech | Arabian Horses & Moroccan Cuisine. Fly by private charter to Marrakech, saving hours of over-the-road travel time. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch and a horse show featuring stunning Arabian stallions. Then, check in to your hotel — and your elegant riad room. Tonight, gather for a traditional Moroccan dinner prepared by an award-winning chef at the hotel’s restaurant. Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: BLD
Day 8: Marrakech | Exploring the Red City. Explore Marrakech, starting at the 19th century Bahia Palace. Then, visit the Ben Youssel Madrasa, an Islamic college adorned with marvellous carvings. Savour lunch in the lively medina, followed by an opportunity to discover the labyrinthine souks and Djemaa el-Fna Square. Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: BL

Day 9: Marrakech | Historic Gardens & Design Your Day. Ride by horse-drawn carriage to Jardin Majorelle, a picturesque garden created by French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by design legend Yves Saint Laurent. Tour the on-site Berber Museum and the newly opened Yves Saint Laurent Museum nearby, which reveals his vast portfolio. This afternoon personalise your travel experience by choosing from three Design Your Day activities.

- **Learn to Cook with Moroccan Spices** – Perhaps no place on earth is more associated with fine spices than Marrakech, which you discover during a hands-on cooking class with a top local chef.
- **Explore the Souks of Marrakech** – Venture with an expert guide into the souks, narrow winding streets lined with shops that have been selling locally grown food and handicrafts for centuries.
- **Walk the Historic Jewish Quarter** – Enjoy a guided walking tour of the mellah, a once-thriving centre of Jewish life in Marrakech that shone as an example of religious freedom and tolerance. Later, gather for a special dinner featuring entertainment by a gnawa band. Royal Mansour Marrakech | Meals: BL

Day 10: Seville, Spain | After-hours at The Royal Alcázar. Board a privately chartered flight to Seville, Spain, where you check in to your hotel, and then walk with your guide to the Royal Alcázar — a monumental palace — for a special after-hours visit. Finish the evening with a tapas dinner. Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Seville | Private Visit to Hospital De La Caridad. Today, enjoy a guided tour of the Seville Cathedral, followed by a guided visit to the Casa de Salinas, where you meet a member of the family that owns this small, private 16th century palace. Tonight, after dinner at a local restaurant, make a private, after-hours visit to Hospital de la Caridad, to hear Gregorian chants performed live. Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: BD

Day 12: Córdoba & Seville | A Vibrant Flamenco Finale. Venture by train to Córdoba, in Spain’s Andalusia region, for a walking tour of its whitewashed medieval streets. Stroll to its heart: the old Jewish quarter, part of the historic centre of Córdoba, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, discover the magnificent Mezquita, viewing its 10th century splendours, and continuing to Medina Azahara, one of the main archaeological sites in Spain, before returning to Seville. Later this evening, ride by horse-drawn carriage to a private reception and farewell dinner, followed by a performance of flamenco dancing and singing. Hotel Alfonso XIII | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Depart Seville. After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. Meals: B
Experience Authentic Boutique Style on Connections Boutique Group Journeys

Combining the best of A&K expertise and style with authentic experiences and hand-picked boutique hotels, Connections Boutique Group Journeys invite you on an immersive quest into the heart of the world’s most captivating locales, with a maximum group size of just 24 guests.

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Explorers who really want to know a destination don’t take the word “experience” lightly. Neither does A&K, and it’s why we created Connections Boutique Group Journeys, which offer deeply immersive experiences — the kind that take you beyond the guidebook — in the most captivating neighbourhoods, enjoying specially tailored activities and dining experiences. Every journey is anchored by stays in boutique accommodations: one-of-a-kind hotels that put you in the heart of the places you most want to be; it also features groups of no more than 24 guests led by an A&K Resident Tour Director.

BOUTIQUE CONNECTIONS IN EVERY DESTINATION
Every Connections Journey is designed to bring you to the beating heart of the places we visit, and we look to our Boutique Connections to take you there. Immersive travel at its finest, these authentic, exclusive and engaging local interactions not only reveal the distinct culture of a place, they connect you to it in unexpected and unforgettable ways.

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- Joining a welcoming Puglian chef in her home on Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast, where you learn to prepare regional dishes and then feast on them together, just as Italian families do
- Taking a lesson in the lively sport of dogsledding from an expert instructor, and then trying your hand as musher with your own dog team on the new Northern Lights of Lapland
- Spending time in the workshop of the master porcelain makers of Delft on Cruising Holland & Belgium in Bloom, observing as masterpieces are fired and painted
- Experiencing dinner and a captivating flamenco performance at a private palace in Seville on Spain: Seven Cities, arriving via an enchanting horse-drawn carriage ride
- Exploring a Nuremberg art bunker that sheltered paintings from destruction in World War II while travelling on Prague & the Blue Danube

BOUTIQUE HOTELS THAT TELL A STORY
Intimate, charming and brimming with stories, the boutique hotels we select for every journey add a unique dimension to your travel experience. One-of-a-kind heritage properties like Markree Castle in Ireland, Hotel Brunelleschi in Florence and the Hôtel Napoléon in the Champs-Élysées have long, colourful histories that make them destinations in their own right. Discover these and other handpicked boutique hotels that often began as private mansions, government residences or religious centres, and that feature a special heritage that lives on in every guest room and public space. The experts who create Connections Boutique Group Journeys choose properties that put a destination’s hottest neighbourhoods right at your doorstep. Other tour companies with larger groups must accommodate their clients in high-rise chain hotels with hundreds of rooms. Our typical hotel has only around 100 rooms and many have far fewer than that, ensuring you never return from a day’s sightseeing having to reach your room through a crowd of other guests.

WHY LOCAL ACCESS MATTERS
On a Connections Boutique Group Journey with A&K, we don’t just bring you to the bustling seaside of Ston in Croatia — you sample fresh-caught oysters and a refreshing glass of wine with a local fisherman. Boutique experiences like this are what set A&K apart from any competitor, and speak directly to our extensive and long-established ties everywhere we operate. Our 56 offices in more than 30 countries — six in Europe alone — work tirelessly to design boutique experiences you won’t find anywhere else.

DINING AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE LOCALE
New cuisine is like a destination all its own, and so we choose vibrant restaurants favoured more by the locals than by tourists, and spanning everything from lunch at a Provençal family farm to a musical gathering at an authentic Irish pub to an exclusive lunch in a garden villa in Budapest.

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Connections Journeys feature intimate groups of no more than 24 guests on every departure, and that makes an important difference in how you experience your destination. Small groups allow for more intimate access to places and experiences that larger groups can’t manage.

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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 during the cruise and in the Sacred Valley of the Incas meet Quechua farmers whose practices have changed little in centuries. It’s a journey sure to inspire.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Journey by land and sea from Ecuador to Peru, exploring the region’s greatest natural and man-made wonders
- Cruise for four nights aboard ‘La Pinta’ – a stylish expedition vessel – in the Galápagos Islands
- Discover the Galápagos on twice-daily shore excursions that include nature walks led by a certified naturalist guide
- Choose from island activities such as kayaking, snorkelling, light trekking or simply relaxing on shore
- Discover the magnificent ruins of Machu Picchu firsthand in the company of a local expert guide and stay at the only hotel on site
- Meet the farmers and children of the Sacred Valley in their village and gain authentic insight into their centuries-old customs
- Stay at a former 16th century monastery turned luxury hotel

**WONDERS OF THE GALÁPAGOS & MACHU PICCHU**

**12 DAYS FROM $20,855 PER PERSON TWIN**

**MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS**

Day 1: Guayaquil, Ecuador. Arrive in tropical Guayaquil, gateway to the Galápagos, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Hotel del Parque

Day 2: Guayaquil | Baltra, the Galápagos. Fly to the remote Galápagos island of Baltra, where you join your naturalist guide for the ferry ride to Santa Cruz Island. Disembark and drive up into the island’s mist-shrouded highlands in search of giant tortoises. Next, traverse the lava tubes that run beneath this volcanic archipelago. Continue on to Puerto Ayora and board ‘La Pinta’, your Galápagos expedition ship for the next four nights. After settling in, attend an introductory briefing. Dinner on board this evening is followed by a summary of the next day’s shore excursions. Because weather, water and wildlife conditions are subject to constant change, your islands itinerary is not fixed, but two daily excursions are planned to the top sites and islands. ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Cruising the Galápagos | Eden & Sombrero Chino Islets. After breakfast, get fitted for your wetsuit and snorkelling gear before boarding a panga (small open boat) for a shore excursion to Eden Islet, a biodiverse enclave secluded off Santa Cruz. Here, observe the island’s iconic blue-footed boobies. Take this opportunity to snorkel the reef or view marine life aboard a glass-bottom boat. Back aboard ‘La Pinta’, cruise onward to Sombrero Chino, yet another secluded islet of the Galápagos archipelago. Disembark your panga to hike wilderness trails, swim in a sandy cove, and snorkel among white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins. ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Cruising the Galápagos | Bartolomé & Santiago Islands. Disembark on Bartolomé Island to hike the volcanic terrain leading to its summit. After a panga ride to visit the penguins of Pinnacle Rock, snorkel the reef, relax on the beach or take in the local marine life aboard a glass-bottom boat. Later, swim or snorkel along the white coral sand beach of Sullivan Bay. ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Cruising the Galápagos | Genovesa Island. This morning, hike and snorkel Genovesa Island, a birdwatcher’s paradise. Explore Darwin Bay, snorkelling along the cliffs or paddling out in sea kayaks. View the island’s cliffs before disembarking to climb the steep, rocky pass of Prince Phillip’s Steps. Your ascent leads to a cliff-top frequented by Nazca boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and the elusive short-eared owl. ‘La Pinta’ | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Lima, Peru | Begin a Peruvian Adventure. Disembark ‘La Pinta’ at Baltra Island, where you transfer to the airport for the flight back to mainland Ecuador, and then board another flight to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival, you are met and assisted to your hotel. Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: BL

Day 7: Cusco | Sacred Valley. Fly to Cusco, located more than 3,300 metres above sea level, where you are met and transferred to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit Awana Kancha, a centre where South American camelids, such as llamas and alpacas, are bred. Learn about the valuable fibres created from their coats, and perhaps take the opportunity to feed these iconic animals. Then, visit the beautiful Hacienda Sarapampa to learn how the Incas developed unique varieties of corn, how their ancestral techniques survive along with the modern production methods, and the importance of corn to the local economy. Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Sacred Valley | Like a Journey Back in Time. Today, visit a remote village seemingly frozen in time, where you experience ancient agricultural methods used for centuries in a challenging Andean mountain environment. Then, visit Moray, a fascinating archaeological site comprised of a series of concentric agricultural terraces, some almost 155-metres deep. Stop for lunch at Rancho Wayra, where you are treated to a spectacular equestrian performance of Paso horses and marvel at the graceful gait of these elegant animals. Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Machu Picchu | Bingham’s Stunning Find. En route to the train station, visit the imposing fortress of Ollantaytambo, a formidable structure of massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes. Next, journey deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu by train, gazing out at the spectacular
Peruvian countryside. Once on site, explore the magnificent ruins of Machu Picchu, guided by a local expert. Overlooking the Urubamba River and discovered by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, Machu Picchu forever holds the secret of its passing — its Incan inhabitants left no written records of its purpose. Built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca empire, it was most likely the estate of an emperor. Curiously, excavations here have revealed skeletons, artefacts and woollen clothing, but no gold. As you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this majestic citadel, set some 2,430 metres above sea level. Tonight, stay in the only hotel on site, designed to echo the soaring natural surroundings. Belmond Sanctuary Lodge | Meals: BLD

**Day 10: Machu Picchu | Walk the Spectacular Ruins.** Rise with the sun and join your expert guide to walk through Machu Picchu in the early morning mist before the crowds arrive. You may opt for a hike to Inti Punku (Sun Gate), entry point to the ruins from the Inca Trail, or steep Huayna Picchu. After your explorations, bid adieu to this “Lost City of the Incas”, enjoy a lunch at the hotel; and return to Ollantaytambo by train, savouring incomparable views of the mountain scenery that surrounds you. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Cusco, a 400-year-old architectural treasure that was once a monastery. Spend an evening at leisure, free to relax or stroll this ancient Incan capital on your own. Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: BL

**Day 11: Cusco | Design Your Day.** Discover Cusco on a city tour this morning that includes the Cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and the Santo Domingo Temple, a Dominican church built on the foundations of the Koricancha, the Incas’ principal religious building. Later, visit the well-preserved ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a testament to Incan architectural skill. Compiled of colossal stones, the largest of which may weigh as much as 200 tons, the walls were cut and placed together with incredible precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- Visit the San Blas Neighbourhood, an art district where styles are handed down through generations of artisans.
- Stroll San Pedro Market, tasting the local flavours of Cusco at this vibrant open-air venue.
- Join a Photographer in Cusco, who helps you capture authentic images of the city’s architecture and people.

Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at the elegant MAP Café. Belmond Hotel Monasterio | Meals: BD

**Day 12: Depart Lima.** Relax with a morning at leisure in Cusco before an early lunch at your hotel’s restaurant. Later today, fly to Lima and connect with your homebound flight. Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom) | Meals: BL

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BUENOS AIRES – CAFAYATE – SALTA – IGUAZÚ FALLS – IBERÁ SWAMPS

Argentina has a big personality and on this journey you’ll meet it head on. From the stylish elegance of the Porteños on the grand avenues of the capital and the sensuous moves of the tango dancer to the rich culture and folklore of its people enhanced by flavourful foods and world class wines. From the bohemian boutiques of the capital to the tiny market stalls of the northwest, you’ll appreciate the treasures of its handicraft traditions. Its natural wonders will amaze from the Wild West landscapes around Salta to the thundering Iguazú Falls and the wildlife rich swamps of Iberá. You’ll be simply spellbound.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through some of Buenos Aires most elegant barrios
- Gain a profound understanding of Evita and her legacy at the Buenos Aires landmarks which marked the years of her influence
- Glide across the dance floor during a private tango class before witnessing the professionals perform in a sultry cabaret show
- Visit some of Argentina’s high altitude vineyards in the Calchaqui Valley and taste their characteristic varietals
- Discover hidden treasures, unique cultures, rugged landscapes and craft traditions in Salta
- Learn the basics of Argentine cuisine and its customs at an intimate interactive dinner
- Marvel at the sheer power and roar of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls
- Drift through pristine wetlands on the lookout for caiman and capybara
**Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires.** Welcome to the cosmopolitan Argentinian capital and your luxurious downtown hotel. This evening enjoy welcome drinks and a briefing with your Resident Tour Director before dinner at Elena Restaurant at your hotel. *Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: D*

**Day 2: Buenos Aires | Life, Loves & Labour of Evita.** Discover Buenos Aires in the era of Evita, Argentina’s First Lady from 1946 to 1952, as you stroll through the elegant neighbourhood of Recoleta and wander down Avenida Alvear admiring the beautiful Belle Epoque architecture. Stop by Nuestra Señora del Pilar Church and pay your respects in the Recoleta Cemetery, known for its rich funerary architecture and the famous characters buried here, including Eva Peron.

Continue on to Barrio Norte where the Evita Museum documents her life and celebrates her accomplishments. After lunch admire Teatro Colon, one of the world’s great opera houses, during a private backstage tour. Time to relax before an intimate private tango experience. In the sultry surrounds of Rojo Tango learn the basics of Argentina’s most famous dance before dinner and a breathtaking avant-garde performance. *Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: BLD*

**Day 3: Buenos Aires | Design Your Day.** Discover more of this sophisticated city’s unique identity on a choice of Design Your Day activities:

- Join a Graffiti Tour to learn the extraordinary history of the city’s vibrant urban art culture.
- Escape the Hustle and Bustle of the City, and unwind on a relaxing getaway to the watery world of the Tigre Delta.
- Pedal around the Southern Coast Ecological Reserve with an ornithologist and spot rare and exotic birds.
- Take part in a mate tasting workshop and discover the art behind the beverage and its drinking ritual.

This evening, meet a couple of Porteños in their home over local wines and empanadas for illuminating conversation and insight to the Argentinian psyche. Chat about the country’s passion for polo and football, its poets and novelists, its culinary trends, art and politics. *Four Seasons Buenos Aires | Meals: B*

**Day 4: Cafayate | High Altitude Vineyards.** A flight north to Salta and onwards to Cafayate. Take in the surreal mountain landscape as you stroll around your luxury vineyard accommodation. And discover firsthand how the Calchaqui Valley’s ancient wellness traditions are still thriving at the Winespa. Toast new surrounds with a glass of Torrontes, the local varietal, over sundowners. *Patos de Cafayate Hotel & Spa | Meals: BLD*

**Day 5: Cafayate | Design Your Day.** Get underneath the skin of this hidden gem on a Design Your Day activity:

- Meet Local Ceramicists and learn how to make your own inspired masterpiece.
- Explore the Citadel of Quilmes, one of the most important archaeological sites in Argentina.
- Pedal your Way Around the Cafayate Wineries, tasting as you go. Dine at Bad Brothers, a cozy local wine bar where extreme altitude wines are centre stage and tasty morsels tempt the palate. *Patos de Cafayate Hotel & Spa | Meals: BD*

**Day 6: Salta | Treasures of the Northwest.** Motor through rugged landscapes today pausing at the impressive Quebrada de las Conchas where you hike into Yesera Canyon and admire the rich pigments layered across the gorge walls. Whet your appetite at an empanada master class in Salta, said to produce some of the best in the country. *Alejandro I | Meals: BL*

**Day 7: Salta | Andean Traditions and Colonial Charm.** Spend the morning meandering through Salta’s narrow streets and plazas steeped in Andean tradition. Marvel at the mountains that stand guard protectively over the city. Look for the ornate cathedral in dazzling pink and cream and visit the MAAM Archaeology Museum of High Altitude which houses the famous Mummies of Llullaillaco.

Heading east later today, fly to Puerto Iguazú and privately transfer to your hotel on the Argentine side where you can appreciate views of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls and access the area before the crowds arrive. *Meliá Iguazú | Meals: BD*
Day 8: Iguazú Falls | Thundering Cataracts Close Up. Explore the lush forested Argentine side of the falls. Wander along the network of trails and gaze at the endless sheath of water – some 275 thundering cascades covering a three kilometre stretch. Venture by train for a close-up tour of Devil’s Gorge, the most dramatic of the falls, before embarking on a jeep ride through jungle following the Yacaratiá trail to Port Macuco. Here, a motorboat takes you up the Lower Iguazú River, through rapids into the roaring Garganta del Diablo canyon in the heart of the falls. Tonight your dinner at The Argentine Experience promises more than exquisitely cooked steak paired with free-flowing malbec. Try your hand at making empanadas and dulce de leche filled biscuits while feasting on a wonderful meal. Meliá Iguazú | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Iguazú Falls | Design Your Day. Delve deeper into the marvellous jungle surrounds on one of these Design Your Day activities:
> Engage your Inner Adventurer on a Hike, rappel and Canopy Climb experience through the Iguazú Forest.
> Visit Jasy Pora Village, a Guaraní community, and learn about their ancient traditions and rainforest existence.
> Get a Different Perspective on the Falls from the Brazilian side and hike along walkways in the national park. Meliá Iguazú | Meals: B

Day 10: San Ignacio | Jesuit Missionary Ruins. Drive to a forgotten Jesuit sanctuary, the ruins of San Ignacio, in the jungles of Misiones province. Discover why this mission, one of the oldest in the region, was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site as you wander through the rich archaeological remains. Later, learn how powerful rainforest trees are turned into Argentina’s iconic beverage at a yerba mate plantation. Arrive at your hotel, a former cattle ranch, in the heart of one of the largest conservation areas in Argentina. Hotel Puerto Valle | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Iberá Wetlands | Rare Wildlife in a Fragile Ecosystem. Leave behind the fields, pine plantations and marshlands of your ranch for your boat trip along a waterway to Laguna Valle. Look out for caiman, capybara – the world’s largest rodent, marshland deer and otter along the way, not to mention over 350 bird species. Later, picnic on snacks made from local produce as the sun sets and creatures of the night come out to play. This evening a fitting finale to Argentina watching the sun set at a typical asado (BBQ) in the garden of the lodge. Hotel Puerto Valle | Meals: BLD

Day 12: Depart Iberá. Transfer to Posadas Airport for return flight to Buenos Aires. Meals: B

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Buenos Aires-Salta | Salta-Iguazú Falls | Iberá Wetlands-Buenos Aires

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MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE: 18 GUESTS

Welcome to Brazil where vibrant cultures meet hypnotic rhythms and where natural wonders range from beautiful coastlines and tropical forest to thundering waterfalls. The country’s energy is infectious and you’ll be mesmerised by cosmopolitan cities which overflow with eye-catching colonial and modernist architecture, by its music and dance and its rich culinary heritage. On this journey discover the beach vibe in Rio and Paraty, admire the work of Brazil’s leading architects and designers in vibrant São Paulo and Brasilia, savour the ethnic flavour of Salvador, bed down in the country’s leading hotels and dine out on the fresh flavours of Brazilian cuisine.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

View Rio from on high when you visit the Statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugar Loaf

Meander through Paraty’s charming colonial streets

Explore São Paulo’s vibrant and fascinating cultural and architectural elements

Marvel at the sheer power and noise of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls

Come into contact with hundreds of species of birds during a private backstage bird encounter

Wander Salvador’s cobblestone alleys and uncover fascinating Portuguese colonial architecture

Witness the mesmerising sound and dance of the Bahia Folklore Company

Stroll through enticing markets with a local chef selecting ingredients for a cooking workshop
Day 1: Arrive Rio de Janeiro. A warm welcome to Brazil and marvellous Rio where your elegant beachfront hotel awaits. Join your Resident Tour Director this evening for a briefing on the adventure ahead and dinner. Belmond Copacabana Palace | Meals: D

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro | Design Your Day. Today venture by cog-wheel train to the summit of Corcovado Mountain crowned by the 30-metre-high statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Soak up the extraordinary panorama of Rio’s mountains, rainforest and coastline, and on the way back you’ll be able to make out the Maracanã stadium and the Sambodromo, site of Rio’s annual Carnival parade competition. Dig a little deeper for a different perspective and make out the Maracanã stadium and the Sambodromo, site of Rio’s annual Carnival parade competition.

Day 3: Belmond Copacabana Palace | Meals: B

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro | Jaw-dropping Views. This morning see Rio from the water on a sailing trip in Guanabara Bay past islands, forts and beaches with awe-inspiring views of the city. This afternoon tick off Sugar Loaf peak, one of Rio’s most iconic landmarks, accessed via cable car, with breathtaking views from the top. Belmond Copacabana Palace | Meals: B

Day 4: Paraty | Costa Verde. Shop like a Carioca at one of the city’s street markets and taste some local fruits before the scenic drive along the coast to Paraty, a charming UNESCO World Heritage listed town. Arrive at your boutique hotel with time to relax before a walking tour. Ramble along cobblestone streets and discover the town’s history. Browse boutiques, galleries and cosy cafés and step inside the humble waterfront church. Pousada Literaria | Meals: BD

Day 5: Paraty | Design Your Day. Uncover more of this colonial jewel on a choice of Design Your Day activities:

- Enjoy a Private Schooner Cruise, gliding around nearby islands and seeking out hidden beaches.
- Take a jeep tour into the Atlantic Forest for lunch and a chance to sample Brazil’s most famous spirit – cachaça.

Pousada Literaria | Meals: BL

Day 6: São Paulo | City Skyline Views at SEEN. Drive north to São Paulo, the country’s dynamic economic and cultural centre. Dinner tonight is at the hotel’s rooftop restaurant SEEN. With 360-degree views of the city skyline you’ll be dished up award winning cuisine by the executive chef and drinks by head bartender. Tivoli Mofarrej Sao Paulo Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 7: São Paulo | Museums & Markets. For your introduction to São Paulo, head downtown to visit the neo-Gothic Sé Cathedral and the geographic monument, Marco Zero. At the church of Patio do Colegio, step inside the museum dedicated to Father Anchieta, a Jesuit missionary who was one of the city’s founders. Continue to Liberdade, also known as “the Japanese district”, which is home to the world’s largest Japanese community outside Japan. On Paulista Avenue, the city’s major thoroughfare, head to MASP (São Paulo Museum of Art), considered one of the best museums in the world.

Later today unwind at the famous Ibirapuera urban park, a green oasis which is home to the Museum of Modern Art (MAM). Stop for a light lunch at the covered Belle Epoque-style Municipal Market and try a variety of different local dishes. Tivoli Mofarrej Sao Paulo Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 8: Iguazú Falls | 500 Years of Brazil’s Culinary History. Fly to Iguazú Falls, one of the world’s greatest natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Settle into your grand hotel situated within the National Park, just a short stroll from the waterfalls, providing exclusive access when the crowds have left.

This afternoon wander from the hotel down the canyon for a panoramic view of the Brazil side of the falls. Tonight, take a chef-led gastronomic journey through Brazil’s culinary history with a six-course meal and matched wines. Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: BD

Day 9: Iguazú Falls | Thundering Cataracts. Discover the falls from the equally breathtaking Argentine side this morning. Take a small train through the park, wander along walkways to the top of the falls and then head out to the suspended platform at the Devil’s Throat. After a traditional Argentinian asado return to the Brazilian side and set off in open wagons through the jungle. Hike up to the Macuco Falls and then journey by speed boat through canyons and along rapids for an up close and exhilarating view of the falls. Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Iguazú Falls | Conserving Brazil’s Birdlife. This morning set off on a private behind-the-scenes experience at the Iguassu Bird Park where
you have the chance to handle and feed macaws, toucans, scarlet ibis and more. Before your flight to Brasilia you have the option of taking a scenic helicopter flight over the falls (additional cost). Arrive into Brazil’s capital and transfer to your hotel. Windsor Plaza Brasilia | Meals: BD

Day 11: Brasilia | Modernist Masterpiece. Lose yourself in this beguiling city, which was designed to replace Rio as Brazil’s capital. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Brasilia is a definitive example of 20th century modernist urbanism. Admire many of the city’s most interesting sights including Our Lady of Fatima Church, the Belvedere TV Tower and explore the genius of city architect Oscar Niemeyer – the sweeping plazas, imposing white concrete monuments, the JK Memorial mausoleum and his masterpiece, Catedral Metropolitana. Windsor Plaza Brasilia | Meals: BL

Day 12: Salvador da Bahia | Afro-Brazilian Jewel. Fly to Salvador and check in to your sophisticated new hotel with its views over the Bay of All Saints. Late this afternoon a walking tour takes you through the historic Pelourinho district, the largest collection of colonial buildings in Latin America and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the brightly coloured houses and take a peek inside the exuberantly gilded church of São Francisco, the most ornate Baroque church in Brazil. Fasano Salvador | Meals: BD

Day 13: Salvador da Bahia | Food & Folklore. Accompany a local chef to the bustling São Joaquim market to select ingredients for Bahia’s signature dish, the moqueca. Then watch as the dish is prepared in an earthenware pot and delivered to your table for lunch. Return to the hotel with time at leisure before ending the day at an explosive and exhilarating traditional dance performance by the acclaimed Bahia Folklore Company. Fasano Salvador | Meals: BL

Day 14: Salvador da Bahia | Design Your Day. Discover your Bahian inspiration with a choice of Design Your Day activity:

- Move to your Inner Beat at an intriguing percussion demonstration and workshop.
- Trace the African Roots of Salvador on a city tour which visits the key attractions.
- Shift into Low Gear on a Tour of Salvador’s Lower City where life moves at a slower pace.

Tonight step inside Amado restaurant in a renovated bayside warehouse for your farewell dinner. Fasano Salvador | Meals: BD

Day 15: Depart Salvador da Bahia. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: B

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Sao Paulo–Iguazú Falls | Iguazú Falls–Brasilia | Brasilia–Salvador da Bahia

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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.

**JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel to the ends of the earth on a diverse itinerary that ranges from cosmopolitan Buenos Aires to the rugged, untouched wilderness of Patagonia
- Stay in Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world
- Sail through the Beagle Channel, a beautiful passageway separating islands of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago, and stand amidst a colony of Magellanic penguins
- Learn about life in the wilds during a visit to a working Patagonian ranch, observing mustering and shearing, with opportunities for hiking and horse riding
- Choose your own way to explore wild Patagonia – on horseback, by kayak or on foot – and enjoy a visit to Torres del Paine
- Admire the Perito Moreno Glacier, hearing it crack and roar like an incredible living mass
Days 1–2: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina. Arrive this evening or the following morning in Buenos Aires, Argentina’s vibrant capital with a European flair, and transfer to your hotel, where immediate check-in has been arranged. The evening of Day 2, gather for a welcome briefing, followed by a festive welcome dinner at famed Elena’s restaurant. As complex as it is energetic and seductive, Buenos Aires is a port city set along the Rio de la Plata that has served as Argentina’s gateway for centuries. It represents a microcosm of the country itself, evoking a distinct atmosphere in each of its splendidly diverse barrios. Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: D (Day 2)

Day 3: Buenos Aires/Ushuaia | Tierra del Fuego. Explore Buenos Aires in the company of your Resident Tour Director. Visit the Plaza de Mayo, pass through the San Telmo neighbourhood and continue to La Boca to walk along Caminito Street. After a light lunch, fly south to Ushuaia – set in magnificent Tierra del Fuego, at the remote tip of South America. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel, with a view of the city and Beagle Channel. Arakur Ushuaia | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Ushuaia | Walking Among Magellanic Penguins. Drive to Estancia Harberton, the oldest estancia (farm) in Tierra del Fuego and an Argentine National Historical Monument. Embark on a private cruise to Isla Martillo to walk among a teeming rookery of Magellanic penguins before continuing to Isla Gable, in the middle of the Beagle Channel, for lunch. Relax and embrace the solitude of its remote, primal landscape, where wind, waves and birds make the only sounds. Later, cruise back to the estancia and return to your hotel in time for dinner. Arakur Ushuaia | Meals: BLD

Day 5: El Calafate | Gateway to the Glaciers. This morning, fly to El Calafate to experience Patagonian rural life in this rustic, charming town with well-kept gardens and pretty homes. Later this afternoon experience over 100 years of history, during a visit to an authentic ranch. Watch sheep shearing and mustering, and hike or ride along the banks of Argentino Lake. Dinner tonight is lamb grilled the traditional Patagonian way. Hotel Posada Los Alamos | Meals: BD

Day 6: El Calafate | An Astonishing, Icy Spectacle. Start the day cruising to Argentino Lake’s Mayo Inlet, stopping along the way for an interpretive walk in the Andean Patagonian forest, and getting up close to limestone rock formations and majestic landscapes. Continue to Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the few remaining advancing glaciers in the world. Hike at your own pace and ability along the seven walkways located at different heights and distances from the glacier, taking in magnificent views of the glacier’s northern and southern faces. Return to your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. Hotel Posada Los Alamos | Meals: BL

Day 7: Puerto Natales, Chile | Trekking, Hiking & Biking. Journey to Puerto Natales, where you check in and have a late lunch at your luxury hotel. Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. Opened in 1940 and honoured as a National Heritage site, the Singular Patagonia offers a wide range of expeditions and activities, such as horse riding, trekking and mountain biking. There are 20 expeditions all told, offering varying grades of difficulty and duration, exploring fjords, mountains, glaciers, Patagonian forests and estancias – all designed to reveal Patagonia at its most authentic. The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Puerto Natales | Torres del Paine National Park. Today, explore the magnificent wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park. This park was created by tectonic movements – the rugged landscapes were sculpted during the ice ages and the motion of glaciers have continued to reshape it. Large glaciers continue to descend from the Southern Patagonian Ice Field, one of the world’s largest freshwater reserves. A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, the park is renowned for its otherworldly landscape of granite spires, ice and deserted pampas. See firsthand the serrated ridges and spires of the Torres del Paine mountains. Watch closely as you scan the peaks and you might pick out a soaring Andean condor riding an updraft. Tonight, after dinner, simply unwind in your room or, if the sky is clear, marvel at the Patagonian night sky, awash with countless pinpoints of starlight. The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Puerto Natales | Design Your Day. Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

> Cruise the Patagonian Fjords to Two Glaciers (weather permitting), witnessing their majesty and power up close.
> Mount up for a ride at Puerto Consuelo, the first ranch in the region, and roam through the surrounding landscapes.
> Trek to Condor Lookout on Mount Benitez, viewing rock paintings en route, and watching condors in flight.

Additional activity options are also available. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a farewell dinner with superb Chilean wines. The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD
Day 10: Santiago | Chile’s Cosmopolitan Capital. After a leisurely morning, fly to Santiago, capital of Chile, a vibrant city set against the backdrop of the Andes. Founded in 1541 by Spanish Captain Pedro de Valdivia, Santiago sits over 600 metres above sea level in Chile’s Central Valley and is surrounded by a ring of spectacular mountain peaks. Your hotel is strategically located in Santiago’s most prestigious and refined neighbourhood, El Golf. The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago | Meals: BD

Day 11: Depart Santiago. Explore Santiago during a morning tour of city highlights, including the Palacio de La Moneda Presidential Palace, designed by 18th century Italian architect Joaquín Toesca, and the Plaza de Armas, with its impressive Cathedral and Central Post Office. Ride Like a Local on a cable car up San Cristobal Hill to behold the stunning statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and take in expansive views of Santiago. Relax this afternoon with late checkout, before you transfer to the airport for your departing flight. The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (dayroom) | Meals: B

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"Customer" means a person, jointly or severally if more than one, acquiring Travel Arrangements and Services from A&K.

"Departure Date" means the date scheduled for the Customer to depart at the start of the Travel Arrangements.

"GST" has the definition given in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 ("Act") or any amending legislation, and includes any similar value-added or consumption tax.

"Material Alteration" means a material change to the Travel Arrangements as determined at A&K’s sole discretion.

"Products" means individual components of Travel Arrangements, such as accommodation, meals, transport, cruises and tours.

"Services" means the booking and payment services provided by A&K in relation to Travel Arrangements.

"Suppliers" means the third parties that are responsible for providing the individual Products.

"Tax Invoice" means a tax invoice which complies with the definition contained in section 29- 79 of the Act or any amending legislation.

"Travel Arrangements" means the travel arrangements made by A&K including all Products.

2. Basis of Contract

2.1 The Conditions apply exclusively to every contract for Services by A&K to the Customer and cannot be varied or supplanted by any other condition unless expressly accepted in writing by A&K.

2.2 Acceptance: Payment of a deposit indicates the Customer’s acceptance of the Conditions.

2.3 Different Products may have specific terms and conditions, deposit requirements and cancellation charges applicable to the Product. These will be communicated during the quoting and booking process.

3. Booking Your Holiday

3.1 Quote will be provided in relation to a price for the Travel Arrangements. The quote is valid for a period of seven (7) days.

3.2 Deposit – a deposit of $1,500 per person is required to secure the booking. The deposit will be held pending full payment. At time of booking a deposit of 25% per person is required for Wings over the World Journeys.

3.3 Booking requests within 90 days of the Departure Date must be accompanied by full payment and may be subject to an urgent processing fee. Select journeys indicated below must be paid in full 120 days prior to the departure date.

4. Price Policy

4.1 Prices are valid for travel arrangements made and travelling in the period until 31 December 2020. All prices are per person in Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified. Prices are subject to the quoted provision.

4.2 Travel Arrangement prices are quoted for the entire package and the quoted component costs are not applicable.

4.3 Travel Arrangements – prices may be based on Products being booked in groups, and accordingly Customers must travel together throughout the Travel Arrangements.

4.4 Surcharge – the price of the Travel Arrangements is subject to the possibility of surcharges. Surcharges may be incurred (without limitation) in connection with currency exchange rates, increases in Product prices, fuel levies, subject to airfares, air traffic control, airport and ground transportation charges, game park entrance fees and any other increases in connection with the Travel Arrangement.

4.5 Where there is any change in the costs incurred by A&K in providing the Services, A&K may vary its price to account for such change by notifying the Customer, whether or not the Customer has made full payment.

4.6 Changes in the Australian Dollar – the financial commitments of A&K under the Contract is subject to fluctuations in the Australian Dollar. A&K may charge or cancel the Contract Price or A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice.

4.7 Luxury Small Group Journey, Marco Polo Journey, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, Immersive Journeys and Wings Over The World Journey Inclusions – All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary, and transfers to/from airport(s) in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included or excluded depending on the itinerary; full list is available in the Joining Instructions). A&K is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

4.8 A&K Price Assurance – A&K will honour any lower advertised price on abercrombiekent.com.au for the same programme, travel date and accommodation classification for all small group journeys available through A&K, excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inaugural Expeditions and select Limited Editions Journey Exclusions – International airfares, unless otherwise noted.

4.9 Luxe Small Group Journey, Marco Polo Journey, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, Immersive Journeys and Wings Over The World Journey Inclusions – All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary, and transfers to/from airport(s) in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included or excluded depending on the itinerary; full list is available in the Joining Instructions). A&K is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

4.10 Luxury Small Group Journey, Family Journeys, Marco Polo Journey and Wings over the World Journey Only – Additional Inclusions – A&K’s resident tour director is responsible for the itinerary, all services and services are guaranteed as specified in the itinerary. A&K will not include any additional costs that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

4.11 Luxury Small Group Journey, Family Journeys, Marco Polo Journey, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, Immersive Journeys and Wings Over The World Journey Inclusions – All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary, and transfers to/from airport(s) in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure (on Expedition Cruises, transfers may be included or excluded depending on the itinerary; full list is available in the Joining Instructions). A&K is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

4.12 Luxury Small Group Journey, Family Journeys, Marco Polo Journey, Connections, Connections European River Cruise, Immersive Journeys and Wings Over The World Journey Exclusions – International airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; airport departure taxes; unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; goods tax; and general travel insurance.

4.13 Baggage – A&K provides porterage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person. This includes the Customer’s luggage allowance plus a carry-on bag. Luggage allowances are based on the number of days prior to departure. A&K is not responsible for any additional costs that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

4.14 Air Transportation – International airfares (to the journey starting point and from the journey ending point) are not included in the Travel Arrangements. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from most departure points. Some journeys include international flights as specified in the itinerary. All internal airfares are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Air flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until full payment and all details are received.

4.15 All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed or controlled or operated by A&K. Your air ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airline (and not A&K), even if purchased through A&K.

4.16 A&K is not liable, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or re-booking. Should you change or cancel your air transportation arrangements before or after your travel begins, all air change and cancellation fees will apply.

4.17 Baggage – A&K provides portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note your luggage allowance includes all domestic or charter flights. Your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply.

5. Payment

5.1 Final Payment – unless otherwise agreed in writing the final payment will be received by A&K 90 days prior to the Departure Date. Select Journeys (see Claim Journeys) have a reduced final payment due date of 120 days prior to the departure date. Wings Over The World Journeys must be paid in full 180 days before the departure date.

5.2 If you pay A&K by credit card a surcharge will be added to the total price. The current surcharge for all credit cards is 1.5% of the total price.

6. Amendments

6.1 A&K reserves the right to modify programme itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodations, including vessels and trains, at any time due to a smaller group programme, weather conditions and/or circumstances beyond A&K’s control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

6.2 A&K will endeavour to assist if the Customer requests an amendment to the Travel Arrangement booking up to 90 days prior to the Departure Date subject to the following:

a) Amendment Charge – less any amount paid to any Customer requesting a change to a confirmation booking.

b) Additional Charges – all other expenses incurred by A&K may also be payable by the Customer at A&K’s discretion.

c) Any charges arising from a request for an amendment are payable by the Customer, whether or not A&K is successful in confirming the requested amendment

d) Late Amendments – made by the Customer within 90 days of the Departure Date (120 days for Select Journeys and 180 days for Wings Over The World Journeys) are treated as cancellations and re-bookings. Cancellation charges apply as detailed below.

6.3 Due to limited number of hotel availability in all, no hotel listed in the itineraries. A Journey Through Persia itinerary are subject to change prior to travel. Your Abercrombie & Kent representative will liaise with your original itinerary and can assist you with a complete and up to date hotel list at the time of documentation.

7. Cancellations By The Customer

7.1 The Customer must give A&K notice if it intends to cancel any Travel Arrangements.

7.2 Changes – the following changes, excluding international fares, are payable by the Customer in accordance with the number of days prior to the Departure Date following notice being received by A&K of cancellation.

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7.3 Additional Charges - the Customer may incur further cancellation charges from some Suppliers, including international flight providers and local agents.

8. Cancellations and Material Alteration by A&K
8.1 A&K may treat a booking as cancelled and levy cancellation charges if the Customer does not pay the balance of the Travel Arrangements price at 90 days prior to the Departure Date.

8.2 Force Majeure - A&K may, at its sole and absolute discretion, where circumstances outside of its control affect the provision of Travel Arrangements such as flood, fire, Act of God, war or threat of war, physical unrest, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activities (threatened or actual), strikes, port or airport closures, technical problems with transport, alteration or cancellation of scheduled travel services or cancelled Travel Arrangements at any time. At its sole and absolute discretion, A&K may/will: a) offer the Customer alternative Travel Arrangements or Products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or b) if alternative Travel Arrangements or Products are not offered by A&K, A&K will make a prompt proportional (taking into account the extent of the failure) refund of monies paid by the Customer.

8.3 A&K may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative Travel Arrangements or Products.

8.4 A&K reserves the right to modify programme itineraries, including arranged sightseeing, and substitute accommodation, including vessels and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K’s control. Every effort will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final documents have been provided to the Customer.

8.5 Material Alteration - A Material Alteration becomes necessary within 90 days of the Departure Date for any reason other than the circumstances described in clause 8.2 A&K will endeavour to offer comparable Products or a full refund of all monies paid by the Customer.

9. Obligations and Liability
9.1 Booking Agent - A&K acts as a booking agent for the Suppliers of Products and accepts no liability for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or irregularity occasioned to the Customer, other than if the Customer is a consumer, then to the extent the loss was reasonably foreseeable.

9.2 Except as the Conditions specifically state, the Agreement does not include by implication any other term, condition or warranty in respect of the quality, merchantability, acceptability, fitness for purpose, condition, description, specification or performance of the Travel Arrangements or Services or any contractual remedy for their failure.

9.3 Nothing in these Terms restricts, limits or modifies the Customer’s rights or remedies as a consumer against A&K for failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL.

9.4 Loss - A&K is not liable for and accepts no responsibility for any direct or indirect loss, financial loss, consequential loss, loss of enjoyment, pain and suffering, damage, injury, accident delay or irregularity occasioned to the Customer, other than if the Customer is a consumer, then to the extent the loss was reasonably foreseeable.

9.5 Nothing in the Conditions is to be interpreted as excluding, restricting or modifying the application of any relevant State or Federal legislation which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified.

9.6 Passport and Visa Requirements - it is the Customer’s responsibility to ensure that the Customer has a valid passport, visas and permits which meet the immigration and governmental requirements of the country of travel. The Customer may be refused boarding or disembarked from a plane, vessel or train without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if the Customer does not have proper documentation, and the Customer will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations.

9.7 The Customer agrees and acknowledges that A&K will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer due to the Customer’s failure to obtain any valid passports, visas, permits or any other governmental requirements of the countries of transit or travel.

9.8 Medical Conditions - Some active elements have been incorporated into some itineraries. To enjoy the trips as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. The Customer must notify A&K of any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues (whether known or unknown) that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

9.9 Health Issues - It is the Customer’s sole responsibility to: a) obtain any vaccinations or take any other health precautions applicable to the country of travel; b) take all steps reasonably necessary (including, without limitation, the consultation of appropriate medical professionals) to identify whether they have any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements; and c) notify A&K if the Customer has any pre-existing medical conditions or health issues that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

9.10 The Customer and acknowledges and acknowledges that A&K may decline any booking request where, in its reasonable opinion, the Customer has a pre-existing medical condition or health issue that may affect or interfere with thepace of the Travel Arrangements or the enjoyment of other participants.

9.11 The Customer and acknowledges and accepts that different places, countries, facilities and tour operators may have lower standards of safety, labeling, warnings and precautions. The Customer is responsible for maintaining personal diligence and safety notwithstanding the level of standards. A&K is not liable for any loss, damage, injury or death that could be avoided if the Australian standards were to apply.

9.12 While A&K makes efforts to audit our suppliers and hoteliers in Iran it is not possible to enforce standards of health and safety that would be expected in western countries. Local regulations can be ad hoc and are not enforceable or, if it cannot be read down, the condition shall be severed from the Conditions without affecting the enforceability of the remaining conditions.

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9.14 A&K strongly recommends that the Customer insure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical expenses and loss of personal possessions, and any other foreseeable loss or expense.

10. Notice
10.1 A Notice by the Customer must be in writing, and may be delivered by hand, sent by prepaid mail, sent by facsimile or sent by electronic means such as e-mail to the address or number specified.

10.2 A Notice is treated as given to A&K, when: a) if hand delivered, when delivered; b) if sent by prepaid mail, when received or within 48 hours after posting, whichever is the sooner; or c) if sent by email or facsimile, on confirmation of successful transmission.

11. Governing Law
11.1 These Conditions are governed by and are to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and Australia.

11.2 Each party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts and Tribunal of Victoria and Courts entitled to hear appeals from those Courts and Tribunals.

12. Privacy Information
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