

Abercrombie & Kent

SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS
INSPIRING LUXURY ADVENTURES

2022-2023





Look forward to travelling on an inspiring 2022 journey.

Dear Traveller,

I invite you to plan your journey for next year, and savour the anticipation that comes at the prospect of new destinations to explore and new experiences to treasure. This portfolio of Small Group Journeys represents a collection of exquisite, shared adventures to many of the world's greatest, and emerging destinations, making a perfect launching point for your 2022 travel dreams.

Join an A&K Resident Tour Director and a small group of no more than 18 guests on an itinerary packed with A&K's hallmark insider access and VIP service. Spot wildlife on the plains of Africa, accompanied by the finest driver-guides on the continent; visit the ancient monuments of Egypt, Israel or Jordan; explore the historic splendours of Europe and the Americas; or experience more challenging, emerging destinations – including Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Cuba.

Every journey is designed by A&K and overseen by the experts in our more than 55 offices around the world, a reassuring global reach no other travel company can offer. Our six decades of experience make us the hands-down best choice for planning your next journey. You can be assured of our unwavering commitment to your safety and wellbeing, and for delivering life-affirming luxury travel experiences.

I hope that, like me, you are still dreaming of all the wonderful adventures that await, and that your wanderlust is reignited as you delve into this inspiring new world of travels.

Enjoy exploring!

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2022–23 Calendar of Journeys

JOURNEY	TYPE*	PAGE #	PRICED FROM	# OF DAYS	2022-23 DEPARTURE MONTHS															
					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Top End to Uluru: Outback Wanderings		22	\$15,520						●			●								
Tasmania: Wine, Wildlife & Wilderness	LTD	26	\$11,965	11		●								●						
New Zealand North to South: A Luxury Air Safari		30	\$33,599	11		●	●													
Queensland Outback – An Air Safari		34	\$17,950	10				●	●	●	●	●								
Outback Adventure by Private Aircraft		35	\$15,699	8			●	●												
Active Fiordland Adventure		35	\$7,240	6		●	●													
Top of the South Cycling Tour		35	\$7,950	6		●	●													
AFRICA					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Botswana Safari in Style	LUX	36	\$14,155	10	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				
Namibia Unearthed	LTD	40	\$16,995	14						●		●								
Madagascar: Otherworldly Marvels	LTD	44	\$9,295	13				●	●	●			●							
The Great Migration Safari in Style	LUX	48	\$22,960	14	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●		●				
Tribes & Traditions of Ethiopia	LTD	52	\$15,095	17				●	●						●		●			
West Africa: People, Past & Present	LTD	56	\$12,095	16						●					●					
NORTH AFRICA & ARABIA					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Splendours of Morocco	LUX	60	\$10,805	12	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●				
Egypt & the Nile	LUX	64	\$11,190	10	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●				
Ancient Wonders: Jordan & Israel	LUX	68	\$14,180	14		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●				
Saudi Arabia: Desert Kingdoms	LTD	72	\$12,650	8										●	●			●		
INDIAN SUBCONTINENT					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India	LUX	76	\$13,845	14	●	●	●	●						●	●	●				
India: The Beautiful South	LTD	80	\$7,695	15									●	●	●		●		●	
Sri Lanka: Secrets of the Spice Island	LTD	84	\$8,820	14									●	●	●		●	●	●	
ASIA					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Images of Indochina & Angkor Wat	LUX	88	\$12,830	13	●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●				
Classic Japan	LUX	92	\$16,210	9			●	●	●				●	●	●					
South Korea: Sun & Moon	LTD	96	\$11,745	12			●							●	●					
China & the Yangtze	LUX	100	\$10,605	13			●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●					
Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival	LTD	104	\$15,950	12									●							
Ancient Trade Routes of Central Asia	LTD	108	\$9,995	16				●	●				●	●						

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EUROPE																			
Wings Over Greece & Turkey	WOW	112	\$44,590	12					●				●						
Georgia & Armenia: Journey to the Caucasus	LTD	116	\$8,815	13					●	●		●	●						●
Imperial Russia	LUX	120	\$12,155	9				●	●	●	●	●	●						
LATIN AMERICA																			
Wonders of the Galápagos & Machu Picchu	LUX	124	\$19,580	12		●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●				
Patagonia: The Last Wilderness	LUX	128	\$15,280	10	●	●	●						●	●	●				
Wings Over Argentina, Chile & Brazil	WOW	132	\$47,290	12	●	●							●	●					
Cuba Awakened	LTD	136	\$8,795	13				●							●			●	

*JOURNEY TYPES: LUX = Luxury Small Group Journeys LTD = Limited Edition Small Group Journeys WOW = Wings Over the World
 For details on different journey types, travel styles and inclusions, see pages 14-15.

To reserve your space now on these select 2022-23 Small Group Journeys,
 talk to your travel agent or call Abercrombie & Kent on 1300 851 800.
 For details of other 2022-23 journeys, visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au



Since our first journeys in 1962, we've set the standard for luxury adventure.

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.

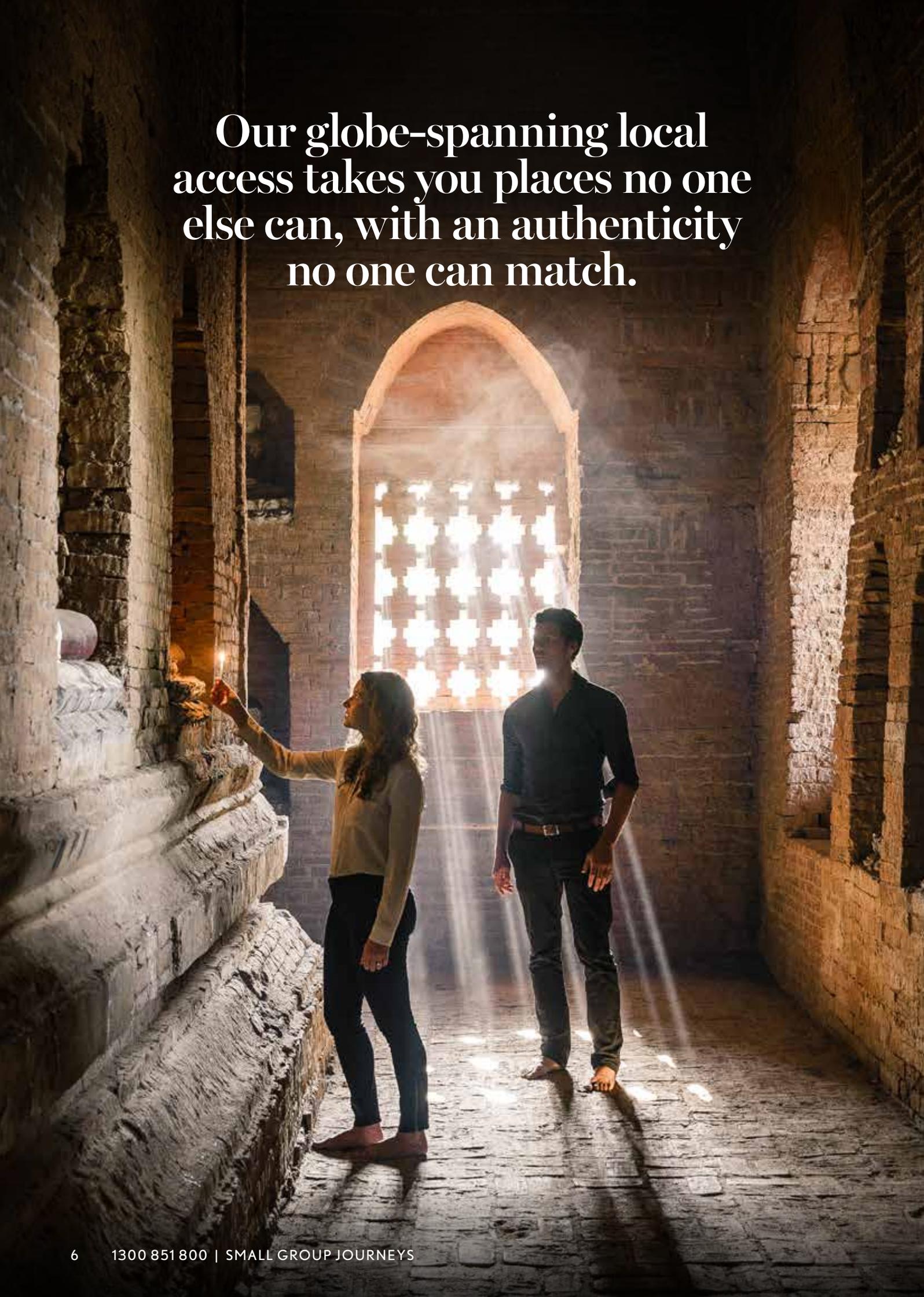
From our first pioneering safari in Africa in 1962 – when Geoffrey Kent led his debut tour with little more than a refrigerated ex-Army truck and the best tents money could buy – we've been setting the standard for luxury small group journeys. A lot has changed in the intervening years, but we still 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 55 offices in more than 30 countries. 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.





**Our globe-spanning local
access takes you places no one
else can, with an authenticity
no one can match.**



The Difference Local Access Makes

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 55 offices in more than 30 countries around the world. Unlike other operators, we recruit, train, and manage our own full-time staff, orchestrating every aspect of your journey with precision and flexibility, down to the last detail. Whether it's the seamless flow of an itinerary or the prompt attention paid to an unexpected request, you can be sure our global family is the driving force making it happen.

Resident Tour Directors with Deep Local Ties

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 enthusiasm inspiring. 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.



Safeguarding your health on your A&K journey.

For nearly 60 years, A&K has defined the art of providing security and comfort in the world's most inspiring destinations. We put your health and wellbeing first wherever we take you, leaving you free to explore with the peace of mind that comes with having the world's foremost travel experts at your side.



Our more than 55 local offices work tirelessly with our partners behind the scenes.

A&K's local staff have longstanding relationships with our suppliers, including restaurants, hotels, ships, transportation providers and venues. These partners know our exacting standards and have been fully vetted by our staff to make sure they comply with all local regulations regarding health and hygiene.



We're adhering to best practices for cleanliness and disinfection.

We follow the guidelines established by the leading health experts (including the World Health Organisation) to minimise any opportunity for coronavirus exposure during your journey. We'll have hand sanitiser readily available, ensure enhanced cleaning in hotels and restaurants, sanitise vehicles at every arrival and departure (with a focus on high-frequency touchpoints such as door handles) and provide individual service at all meals.



We're committed to facilitating physical distancing.

A&K's small group journeys are already well-suited to exploring with safe physical distancing in place: Your transfers are private, for example, and on group journeys, your vehicles are never more than half full. Moving forward, you'll see your guides greet you with smiles instead of handshakes, along with no-contact check-in/check-outs in many hotels and dining arranged to allow for plenty of space from other guests.



Travel in a small group or in your own private party.

A&K's small groups rarely number more than 13 guests on average, making it much easier to maintain cleaning and hygiene procedures and ensure adequate physical distancing between guests. On a custom Tailor Made Journey, your group size is completely up to you, of course, and you travel only with the people you choose on most activities.



Wearing personal protective equipment on your journey.

On some A&K journeys, you may be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), such as face masks and gloves, in accordance with local health regulations. We encourage you to bring your own PPE, and you are free to wear it even where local requirements do not make it mandatory. Your local A&K team will also have a supply of PPE on hand where required.





Our Resident Tour Directors and local guides are trained in health and safety.

In addition to being experts in your destination's culture, history and wildlife, your guides are fully versed in regional health regulations as well as A&K's practices and protocols. They oversee the many procedures that go into making your journey safe, from ensuring a restaurant is freshly cleaned before you arrive to making sure all items of luggage are always handled carefully (and disinfected properly) between destinations.



All guides and staff follow rigorous health and safety procedures.

Everyone involved in running your journey – from the guides you travel with to the drivers, baggage handlers and others behind the scenes – observes a strict, round-the-clock health and safety regimen. That includes regular staff health and temperature monitoring, as well as wearing PPE where necessary and in compliance with local guidelines.



We provide 24/7 support, seven days a week.

A&K's worldwide network means there is always someone on hand to answer questions and address any concerns you may have. Our local offices are experienced in handling emergencies and have the contacts and knowledge to support guests 24/7 in the event of medical challenges, including, if necessary, arranging for doctor's visits or even emergency medical evacuation.



Abercrombie & Kent meets or exceeds the travel industry's latest global health and safety protocols. Safe Travels is established by the World Travel & Tourism Council.

Wherever you travel,
we deliver the luxuries
that matter most.





Exclusive, Immersive Encounters 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 on foot, or a spectacular landscape on a camel, attend exclusive concerts, gain private entry to a museum, and end the day with a refreshing cocktail in an extraordinary location against a breathtaking sunset. Each of these elements and encounters will broaden the mind and result in unforgettable experiences in each destination.

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 Michelin star establishments and family homes, or enjoy an à la carte dinner on your own and at your leisure, on us.

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 regardless of when you choose to arrive or depart.

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.

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.

Gratuities Included

On these journeys, all of your gratuities (ie. hotel and airport portage, guide and restaurant tips) are included*, save for your Resident Tour Director, which is included only on Limited Edition Small Group Journeys.

*Excludes some Australia & New Zealand Small Group Journeys.

Domestic Flights, Where Applicable

If in-country air travel is part of your Small Group Journey, rest assured the cost is accounted for and you won't be asked for more. Transfers by air also provides more time spent in the places that matter, instead of in transit.

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.

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The left side shows a dense forest of green trees leading down to a sandy beach. The water is exceptionally clear, showing various shades of turquoise and green, with large rocks visible beneath the surface. Two people are on stand-up paddleboards in the shallow water near the shore. In the distance, a small boat is visible on the horizon under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

When it comes to inspiring
travel, a small group makes a
big difference.



An Ideal Small Group Size

A&K's small groups rarely number more than 13 guests on average, and no more than 18, meaning you travel in a like-minded group at a pace that suits you all. It also means more one-on-one interaction with your Resident Tour Director and expert local guides, getting to know them for the insightful, dedicated travelling companions they are.

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. Small groups also enable A&K to reserve one-of-a-kind accommodations, splendid hotels and luxury camps that can't house 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.



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.

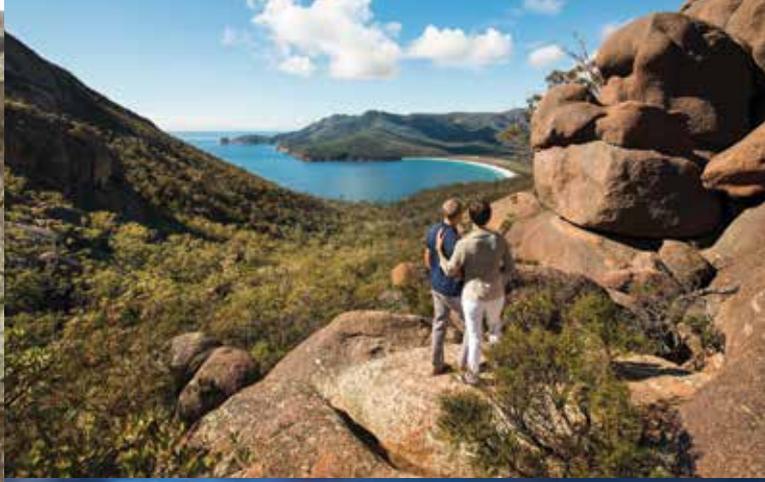


Guaranteed Departures

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.

*Excludes Wings Over the World and some Australia & New Zealand Small Group Journeys.





Limited Edition Journeys & Wings Over the World.

Within this portfolio of Luxury Small Group Journeys, you will find some labelled as Limited Edition Journeys, or Wings Over the World. In addition to the many signature A&K benefits including a small group size, remarkable accommodations rarely available to larger groups, and more time exploring alongside your Resident Tour Director, these journeys also offer added features designed for the traveller who really wants to get under the skin of a destination.

Limited Edition

Originally designed for more intrepid, yet still fastidious, Australian travellers, our Limited Edition Small Group Journeys are expert-led, shared adventures to more off-the-beaten track destinations. They have been creatively designed with a fine balance of breathing room and guided activity, allowing the time and space for more exploration and self-discovery. They also feature educational elements and local encounters that broaden the mind and result in unforgettable experiences in each destination. These journeys typically feature a small group size of just 8-12 guests.

Leisurely Pace

Travelling at an unhurried tempo 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.

Itineraries You Won't Find Anywhere Else

For those looking to blaze a trail, these journeys go farther afield with a bold lineup of exotic destinations, exceptional experiences and insider access. Uncover the ancient monuments and desert landscapes of Saudi Arabia, otherworldly creatures of Madagascar, the captivating sights and sounds of Cuba, and the fascinating history of Sri Lanka. Enjoy thrilling wildlife encounters in Namibia, or witness the spectacular splendour of Ethiopia's Christian festival of Timkat. Limited Edition Small Group Journeys deliver the luxury of access.

Rare & Exclusive

The Limited Edition Small Group Journeys are often designed around a particular festival (Diwali in India or Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival) or seasonal event (cherry blossoms in South Korea). They also typically have fewer departures and are less likely to operate in the following year so, with space at such a premium, secure your place now and avoid missing out.

Qantas Frequent Flyers

Qantas Frequent Flyer members can earn Qantas Points (1 point for every dollar spent) on Limited Edition Small Group Journeys.

Wings Over The World

Our Wings Over the World journeys take our small group journey portfolio to a whole new level – elevated, literally, in both style and luxury. Travel by chartered private plane with as few as 12 and no more than 18 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 necessitated by 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, relaxing in luxurious five-star accommodations and experiencing the incomparable advantage of insider access.

Please visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au to view our entire portfolio of A&K Small Group Journeys.

Our experts choose the best luxury accommodations to complement your journey.





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

Award-Winning, Iconic Properties

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 properties in a given destination. In many cases, their choice will be the undisputed local favourite, synonymous with five-star style. 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 your accommodation, 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 in the heart of pristine 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.

Award-Winning Excellence

Many of the hotels selected for our guests are *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List or *Travel + Leisure* World's Best properties — when luxury is what you're looking for, there's no reason to settle for second best.



Your escorted tour, your way.

An innovative addition to our Small Group Journeys is A&K's Design Your Day concept. On specified days in your itinerary, you have the freedom to choose an experience that is suited to you and your interests.

Design Your Day

Available on one or more selected days of your itinerary, you are invited to choose from at least three expert-crafted activities, broadly themed as follows:

Arts & Culture

A chance to really understand what makes each destination unique, appreciate its individual creative traditions and be introduced to the influences that framed its development.

Culinary Cultures & Customs

Delve deeply into the culinary delights of the destinations you visit on market forays to select the freshest, tastiest produce; street food tours with a local to savour authentic tastes in humble eateries, roadside vans and esteemed providores; and hands-on demonstrations making regional specialities in the kitchens of chefs and home cooks.

Active

Walk, cycle, hike, ride, canoe, paddle, cast. Your journey offers many opportunities to engage both mind and muscle in physical adventures and activities which clear the head, get the blood pumping and let you experience the destination from a different perspective.



Explore more.

A&K can craft an end-to-end adventure around your Small Group Journey, adding anything from upgraded accommodations to small group extensions to completely customised itineraries before or after your journey, all with the goal of making your journey a one-of-a-kind trip of a lifetime.

Start (or End) Your Journey with a Small-Group or Private Extension

Added to the beginning or end of your itinerary, small-group extensions (which may include other guests from your small-group journey) focus on a city or region not included on the main journey and offer the same luxury accommodations and amenities. We can even create a custom extension exclusively for you and your travelling companions, designed around your specific interests – contact A&K or your travel professional to learn how a custom extension can enhance your journey.

Turn a Small Group Journey into a Private Adventure

Many of today's travellers, while eager to see the world again, prefer the comfort of travelling exclusively with their own family and loved ones. If you prefer to travel this way (or our departure dates don't align with your schedule), our Journey Designers can assist you in booking a Small Group Journey as a private journey – the same itinerary, hotels and sightseeing where possible for just you and your private party, led by your own local guides.

Creating a Journey Just for You: Luxury Tailor-Made Travel

Suppose you're looking for a customised journey that aligns exactly with your interests from start to finish? Our experts can create a luxury tailor-made journey around all the things you like to see and do when travelling. Contact A&K or your travel professional and discover the world of possibilities available with Luxury Tailor-Made Travel.

Travel with Peace of Mind and in Expert Company

We oversee your journey from the moment your A&K representative welcomes you at the airport. From there, an experienced team ensures that every hour of your itinerary unfolds according to plan, freeing you to simply enjoy yourself. Joining you on your itinerary are English-speaking local guides chosen for their unique insights into your destination's culture, history and wildlife.



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.



“In 2019 alone, travellers introduced to our AKP-supported projects during their journeys helped improve the lives of more than 125,000 men, women and children worldwide through donations to 40 programs in 24 countries. That’s the impact that travel can make.”

— Geoffrey Kent, Founder and Co-Chairman, Abercrombie & Kent



Transforming Travel

The travel industry is in the midst of a transformation toward greater equity and sustainability, and Abercrombie & Kent is leading the way. Through Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP), we are dedicated to positively impacting lives and livelihoods in the communities where our guests travel. We are equally committed to ensuring guests who are interested can experience our philanthropic investments as an integral part of their A&K journey.

Sharing a Journey That Matters

While an A&K journey includes 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 44 education, conservation, healthcare and community enterprise projects spanning seven continents.

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 www.akphilanthropy.org

Case Study: Bwindi Bike Shop

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy launched an Australian arm in 2018 which 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 completed 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 48).



Look for this symbol for opportunities to visit an A&K Philanthropy project on your Small Group Journey.

Top End to Uluru: Outback Wanderings

11 DAYS

**DARWIN - MARY RIVER NATIONAL PARK - ARNHAM LAND - ALICE SPRINGS -
KINGS CANYON - ULURU**

Be dazzled by all that the Northern Territory has to offer on this inspiring adventure which reveals the state's myriad highlights from north to south. Explore the tropical capital Darwin and its fascinating history before venturing into wild and untamed East Arnhem Land. Admire indigenous art works and meet the locals whose 50,000-year-old story is revealed by expert guides. Soak up the magic of the Mary River floodplains, home to a kaleidoscope of wildlife, and bed down in glamping luxury at iconic Bamurru Plains. Witness extraordinary Kings Canyon and its Garden of Eden. Finally, be left in awe of the red jewel in Australia's crown, Uluru, with a stay at celebrated luxury camp, Longitude 131°, on this journey sure to leave you spellbound.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Step back through 50,000 years of aboriginal heritage at extraordinary sacred sites and monuments

Be humbled by indigenous history with locally guided explorations of ancient Arnhem Land

Discover a profusion of bird and wildlife in remote wilderness on the edge of Kakadu National Park

Wake up to the call of magpie geese at luxury wilderness haven, Bamurru Plains

Marvel at jaw-dropping views of majestic Uluru and the surrounding landscape from your luxury tent or pavilion at Longitude 131°

Hike the extraordinary scenic rim of Kings Canyon

Walk the base of majestic Uluru, and be immersed in the internationally-renowned installation *Field of Light*

Dine under starry southern skies with an astronomer pointing out the sparkling constellations

Hike the extraordinary scenic rim of Kings Canyon

Typically features a small group size of 10-12 guests





Day 1: Arrive Darwin. Arrive into the Northern Territory capital, gateway to the tropical Top End, where a warm A&K welcome awaits. You are privately transferred to your hotel before an afternoon city tour, visiting historic Fanny Bay Gaol, Government House, Stokes Hill Wharf and St Marys Cathedral, before admiring the Botanical Gardens and the idyllic waterfront. Art lovers will relish a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT which houses an impressive Aboriginal art collection and a cleverly curated Cyclone Tracy display. This evening, enjoy a group dinner and welcome drink. **Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront | Meals: D**

Day 2: Darwin | Design Your Day. Today is free to enjoy Darwin at your leisure or to tailor your own way with one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Discover the fascinating history of Darwin on a private heritage walking tour. Learn about the important part the city played in World War II, the bombings and the devastation of Cyclone Tracy and how all these events shaped the city of today.
- > Savour the tastes of the Top End on a gourmet lunch tour to some of Darwin's top eateries.
- > Relive the drama of the 1942 Bombing of Darwin harbour and embark on an historical cruise, taking in the storied wharf areas including the pearling luggers, the wreck sites of the SS Neptuna and USS Peary, HMAS Coonawarra and the Emery Point gun emplacements.

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront | Meals: B

Day 3: Arnhem Land | An Indigenous Homeland. Journey east to Kakadu National Park, passing notorious Cahill's crossing known for its spectacular crocodile viewing. Continue into Arnhem Land for privileged and exclusive access to a fascinating mixture of traditional and living cultures. Venture onto Aboriginal land and meet your Indigenous guide for a tour of the award winning Injalak Arts and Crafts Centre where you will see unique Aboriginal art and crafts, all made locally. See the artists at work and watch local women weaving pandanus baskets.

Then climb to the top of Injalak Hill where you'll learn the story of Yingana the Creation Mother. After a picnic lunch continue your journey to Mount Borradaile and your safari lodge. **Davidson's Safaris Arnhemland Lodge | BLD**

Day 4: Arnhem Land | Cultural Immersion. Set off on a private tour to the Awunbarna (Mount Borradaile) rock art sites with an indigenous expert, gleaned traditional insight into the ancient stories depicted. This afternoon, embark on a wetlands and billabong cruise, eyes peeled for the kaleidoscope of wildlife, enjoying sundowners on the water as you drift along while the sun sets over the floodplain. **Davidson's Safaris Arnhemland Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Mary River National Park | A Thriving Natural Haven. Enjoy one of the many lodge activities available before departing Davidson's for Bamurru Plains on the coastal floodplains of the Mary River. End the day toasting a dramatic sunset over the floodplains. **Bamurru Plains | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Mary River National Park | Discovering the Enchanting Landscapes. Today is spent exploring the surrounding countryside, with a variety of immersive experiences on offer. Embark on airboat trips through the wetlands, river cruises in search of crocodiles, bird watching, bush drives, guided walks and quad bike safaris. This evening, enjoy a private sunset drink and canapés with your group on the lodge deck before dinner. **Bamurru Plains | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Darwin | Tropical Capital. Travel by charter aircraft back to Darwin with the afternoon at your leisure. If your stay falls on a Thursday or a Sunday, why not visit the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (April-October) and explore the more than 200 specialty stores and food vendors there. A bowl of spicy laksa comes highly recommended! **Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront | Meals: B**

Day 8: Kings Canyon | Rugged Red Landscapes. Transfer to Darwin Airport and south by air to Alice Springs. Enjoy a city orientation before travelling west to Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park. This evening,

savour a five course feast under the southern stars, enjoying locally sourced produce with paired wines. **Kings Canyon Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Uluru-Kata Tjuta | Exploring the Garden of Eden. Head out this morning on a guided scenic rim walk of Kings Canyon, an ancient rock formation which towers over a dense palm forest below. The six-kilometre hike offers spectacular views of the gorge and surrounding landscapes with options of strolling around the top of the canyon or taking the stairs down to the picturesque Garden of Eden filled with lush greenery. Afterwards, transfer to Uluru-Kata Tjuta and your luxurious tented lodgings at Longitude 131°. Dinner tonight is in the picturesque dune house. **Longitude 131° | Meals: BLD**

Day 10: Uluru | Australia's Red Heart. Today's adventure reveals the very best of the Red Centre. Activities include a visit to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre where informative and interactive displays showcase the spiritual and cultural meanings of the impressive ochre-coloured rock formations. You will also enjoy the opportunity to admire Uluru up close as you walk around the base with your guide. See areas which are surprisingly green and lush, providing plenty of wildlife and bush tucker spotting opportunities, while other parks feel vast and open, with little shade. Wander through acacia woodlands and grassed claypans and encounter bloodwoods, native grasses, and many waterways and waterholes.

Enter Kantju Gorge at dusk, the rock walls ablaze with the light of the setting sun. Experience the renowned Field of Light, before a 4-course dinner and listen to Longitude's resident astronomer as the southerly constellations are illuminated. **Longitude 131° | Meals: BLD**

Day 11: Depart Uluru. Rise early and discover Mutitjulu Waterhole and the sacred site of Kuniya Piti as the sun lights up the ancient monolith. After breakfast, transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight. **Meals: B**



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Tasmania: Wine, Wildlife & Wilderness

11 DAYS

**HOBART - STRAHAN - CRADLE MOUNTAIN -
LAUNCESTON - FLINDERS ISLAND - FREYCINET
NATIONAL PARK - HOBART**

Explore the very best of the Apple Isle on this captivating small group journey which combines culture, history, wilderness and a healthy dose of adventure. Marvel at the myriad spectacular landscapes and heritage listed natural wonders, from Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain to Flinders Island and Freycinet National Park. Taste the cornucopia of epicurean delights from award-winning whisky to Bruny island's celebrated cheeses. Dive into Tassie's thriving creative scene, from lauded Mona to Risby Cove Gallery and the art town of Sheffield. And bed down in complete luxury, with stays at some iconic Tassie lodgings from MACq01 and Verge to Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge and renowned Saffire Freycinet.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Take a private charter flight to picturesque Flinders Island for a day of epicurean indulgence and untamed landscapes

See inspirational conservation work up close on a privileged insider access visit to the AKP-supported Raptor Refuge

Discover pristine wilderness and a rare convict heritage on a cruise of the Gordon River

Admire rare natural wonders at Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain National Parks

Join Cove Gallery curator for a fascinating insight to the gallery's eclectic collection of work by local artists

Typically features a small group size of 10-12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Hobart. Arrive into Tasmania's charming capital to a warm A&K welcome. Transfer to your accommodation and this evening join your A&K Resident Tour Director for a welcome briefing and dinner at Old Wharf Restaurant in your hotel, celebrating Tasmanian produce and locally caught seafood. **MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: D**

& Day 2: Hobart | Inspiring Art & Conservation Insights. Today head southwest towards the beautiful Huon Valley and the small town of Kettering, where you will be treated to A&K's exclusive insider access to the inspirational Raptor Refuge. Supported by Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, the refuge rescues and rehabilitates injured birds of prey, and your private tour takes you up close to the aviaries to observe the work being done with recovering birds and those being prepared for release back into the wild. From wedge-tailed and sea eagles to goshawks, kestrels and falcons, there are many locally threatened species which pass through the refuge and which you will have the opportunity of seeing.

This afternoon, visit the breathtaking and utterly brilliant Museum of Old & New Art (Mona), with free rein to explore the permanent collection of contemporary art and antiquities and temporary exhibitions. Return to Hobart in style aboard Mona's fast ferry where you have seats in the Posh Pit, enjoying drinks and canapés on the private deck with breathtaking harbour views. **MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: BL**

Day 3: Hobart | Bruny Island Epicurean Immersion. This morning take the ferry from Kettering over to Bruny Island where stunning views, epicurean delights and rare wilderness awaits. Taste your way across the island visiting some of the renowned artisan producers including award winning cheese from Bruny Island Cheese Company, Get Shucked's famous oysters, handcrafted chocolate and fudge and delicious honey. Balance your feasting with some active discovery, visiting The Neck lookout, and a short walk through the surrounding rainforest keeping an eye out for the rare white wallaby. **MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: BL**

Day 4: Strahan | Lake St Clair National Park. Journey northwest to Strahan, stopping en route at Lake St Clair National Park to hike amid spectacular wilderness. Lunch is at leisure before wandering through the

forest of towering gum trees and leatherwoods to Hogarth Falls. Keep an eye out for the elusive platypus.

Tonight, head down to Risby Cove on the Strahan waterfront for a personalised tour of Cove Gallery with the curator. Admire the eclectic collection of works by accomplished Tasmanian artists housed within the converted, century-old sawmill workshop. Savour dinner at Risby Cove Restaurant, with views of the marina through the floor to ceiling windows. **Strahan Village | Meals: BD**

Day 5: Franklin - Gordon Wild Rivers National Park | Heritage River Cruise. Board the award-winning Gordon River Cruise for a unique opportunity to experience this World Heritage Wilderness Area from the water. Your guided exploration, with Premium Upper Deck inclusions, starts at Macquarie Harbour and drifts up the Gordon River. Cruise across to notorious Hells Gates, named by convicts to signal the point of no return. Pass fish farms en route and learn about the local industry farming salmon and ocean trout.

Stop to wander amongst the largest swathe of temperate rainforest on earth, home to thousand-year-old trees, and explore the ruins of Sarah Island, once the largest boat building settlement in the British colonies. Cruise back to Strahan and transfer by road to Cradle Mountain National Park, enjoying a 3-course dinner with matched wines at the celebrated Highland Restaurant. **Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge | Meals: BL**

Day 6: Cradle Mountain | Design Your Day. Plan your own exploration today in the World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park with one of the following activities:

- > Set out on one of Tasmania's most impressive walks to picturesque Dove Lake. Along the leisurely 6.2 kilometre trail, learn about Aboriginal history of Tasmania, and admire the fascinating geological features around the lake which sits beneath Cradle Mountain.
- > Indulge in a private wine and cheese tasting showcasing Tasmania's reputation for gourmet produce.

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge | Meals: BD



Day 7: Sheffield & Launceston | History & Art. Travel northeast to Launceston by road, stopping in the quirky rural art town of Sheffield en route. Wander through the village admiring outdoor installations, giant murals as well as galleries and studios. This evening dinner is at the award-winning Stillwater Restaurant on the shores of the Tamar River. **Hotel Verge | Meals: BD**

Day 8: Flinders Island | Wild & Untamed. Transfer by private charter aircraft from Launceston to Flinders Island for a full day exploring. Taste local whisky and gin on a distillery tour before a coastal discovery of picturesque Trousers Point, the island's most celebrated and widely photographed beach. A gourmet seafood lunch showcases the local catch before continuing to Walkers Lookout for panoramic island views and a visit to the Furneaux Museum. Enjoy a beach walk and afternoon tea before your return charter flight to Launceston. **Hotel Verge | Meals: BL**

Day 9: Freycinet National Park | Iconic East Coast Wilderness. Transfer southeast to Freycinet National Park and your luxurious lodge. Spend the rest of the day soaking up the natural wonders which surround you relaxing at the lodge or embarking on one of the many activities on offer. **Saffire | Meals: BLD**

Day 10: Freycinet National Park | Choose Your Own Adventure. Your last day on the Apple Isle is yours to navigate. Choose your own adventure from the spectacular selection available to you at Saffire.

Active travellers, head out on a kayaking and bird-watching experience in picturesque Pelican Bay, or perhaps a guided walk to the storied Wineglass Bay lookout. Or don your own beekeeping suit and visit the onsite hives for a guided beekeeping discovery. Or, shuck oysters fresh from the salty sea at the nearby oyster farm tasting them afterwards. Saffire offers a myriad of experiences sure to make your last day a memorable one. This evening, a farewell dinner at the lodge is arranged, toasting your unforgettable journey and new friends made along the way. **Saffire | Meals: BLD**

Day 11: Freycinet National Park – Depart Hobart. Depart Freycinet National Park for the return transfer to Hobart Airport and your onward flight. **Meals: B**



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An aerial photograph of a coastline in New Zealand. On the left, a bay with turquoise water meets a sandy beach. To the right, a steep, forested hillside descends towards the water. The trees are dense and green, with some yellowing foliage visible. The overall scene is lush and scenic.

New Zealand North to South: A Luxury Air Safari

11 DAYS

AUCKLAND - HAWKE'S BAY - DUNEDIN - QUEENSTOWN

Discover the epic beauty of New Zealand on an exhilarating luxury air safari that reveals cultural and natural splendours from North Island to South, visiting world class vineyards, enjoying the country's bountiful fresh produce, admiring Art Déco architecture at its finest and encountering majestic wildlife in far-flung locales made easily accessible by private chartered air, with less time spent getting there and more time to enjoy the experience.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Fly in comfort between inspiring destinations throughout New Zealand aboard an exclusively chartered aircraft with a dedicated flight crew

Indulge in a unique wine and art experience on Waiheke Island, visiting a local artisan and tasting the region's fine wines and local produce from oysters and wild honey to a range of olive oils

Visit Hawke's Bay and New Zealand's Art Deco capital, Napier, for wine tasting and to view the world's largest mainland colony of gannets

Privately tour Larnach Castle and its famous gardens with the current owner, who shares the stories of the castle and her award-winning gardens, an A&K exclusive

Take a privately chartered wildlife cruise around the South Island's Otago Peninsula and harbour to see a colony of northern royal albatross, the world's largest flying bird, along with many other wildlife species

Lift off for a flight-seeing tour by helicopter over magnificent Milford Sound, and land on a remote glacier to take in its icy marvels



Day 1: Arrive Auckland, New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious hotel. Tonight celebrate your arrival in New Zealand with dinner and drink at the Park Hyatt's signature waterfront restaurant, Onemata. **Park Hyatt Auckland | Meals: D**

Day 2: Auckland | Splendours of the Hauraki Gulf. Board a local ferry to Waiheke Island for a guided walk through the awe-inspiring Connell's Bay Sculpture Garden led by its owners, viewing distinctive works scattered over rolling farmland while soaking up views of the Hauraki Gulf. Sit down to a three-course lunch with wine before an afternoon visit to an award-winning olive oil mill, followed by visits to boutique vineyards. Treats may include oysters straight from Te Matuku Bay, wild honey, artisan cheeses and the renowned local green herb spread. Return to Auckland for an evening at leisure. **Park Hyatt Auckland | Meals: BL**

Day 3: Hawke's Bay | Art Deco Architecture & Private Wine Tastings. Fly by privately chartered air to Napier, located in the Hawke's Bay region of the North Island. Once there, set out on a city tour that includes a meeting with a local artist and time enjoyed wandering among Napier's collection of Art Deco buildings. Spend the afternoon with lunch and wine tastings. Proceed to your luxury lodge set atop rugged cliffs above the sea. Tonight, gather for drinks followed by dinner. **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers | Meals: BLD**

Days 4–5: Hawke's Bay | Dramatic Coastal Views and Gannets. At Cape Kidnappers, set out on a privately guided tour of the largest mainland colony of gannets in the world, to watch up to 25,000 of these fascinating sea birds swoop, dive for fish and tend their chicks. The rest of your stay is entirely at your leisure to relax or, for an additional cost, play a round of golf, explore the farm on horseback, take an off-road adventure and many other activities available at the lodge. **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Dunedin | Exclusive Castle Garden Visit. Board your privately chartered flight for Dunedin in the South Island. On arrival, transfer to Larnach Castle, situated on the picturesque Otago Peninsula. Upon arrival, meet with Margaret Barker, who purchased the estate with her husband in 1967 and lovingly restored it from a near ruin. Join her to privately explore the castle and its award-winning gardens. Then, enjoy lunch in the Garden Marquee before proceeding to your hotel. **Fable Dunedin | Meals: BL**

Day 7: Dunedin | Wildlife of Otago. Privately explore the Otago Peninsula, a wilderness region brimming with wildlife. Begin with a guided walk through a wetland forest, on the lookout for the many resident bird species. Following lunch, embark on a privately chartered cruise along the ruggedly beautiful coastline near the entrance to Otago Harbour. View the world's only mainland colony of royal albatross and venture up-close to rocky outcrops to see fur seals living below the Tairaroa Head lighthouse. Then, cruise a short way out into the Pacific Ocean where you may spot rarely seen ocean birds such as blue penguins and marine mammals like the dusky dolphin. Tonight, enjoy a special private dining experience at the historic home of an early 20th-century merchant family. **Fable Dunedin | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Queenstown | Meet a Renowned Artist at Home. Fly to Queenstown, taking in aerial views of Stewart Island and Fiordland National Park en route. On arrival, privately tour the city's best sights, including AJ Hackett Kawarau Bridge – famous for bungee jumping – as well as historic Arrowtown before a private visit to the studio gallery of world-renowned local artist, Thomas Brown, in an historic converted Cheese Factory. Check into your hotel later today. **Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: BL**

Day 9: Queenstown | Marvels of Milford Sound by Helicopter. Lift off by helicopter for an exhilarating flight over Milford Sound, viewing



the stunning landscapes from above. You'll hover over rainforest, lakes, rivers, waterfalls and fjords before landing on a remote glacier to marvel at an area seldom seen by humans. Continue your flight across the top of Lake Te Anau before landing for lunch and then a return to Queenstown. **Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: BL**

Day 10: Queenstown | Design Your Day. A choice to make today on how you want to experience Queenstown and its surrounding wilderness.

- > Take a private 4WD tour of Skippers Canyon, a deep gorge set amongst the glacial-carved peaks of Queenstown's high country. Follow the winding road, considered one of the most adventurous in the world, down into the canyon.
- > Experience an exhilarating jetboat experience on the Dart River deep in the heart of the world-renowned Mt Aspiring National Park. Experience breathtaking scenery as you follow the glacier-fed rivers by jet boat with exciting 360 degree spins along the way.
- > Pedal your way by e-bike to the historic gold mining village of Arrowtown where you follow the Arrow River Trail downstream to the Kawarau River. Finish your ride with a relaxed wine tasting at Gibbston Valley Winery, before returning to Queenstown for lunch and the afternoon at leisure.

This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your journey with a three-course farewell dinner paired with some of New Zealand's finest wines. **Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: BD**

Day 11: Depart Queenstown. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your departing flight. **Meals: B**



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The Shores of the Southern Ocean*

12 DAYS | ADELAIDE - BAROSSA VALLEY - PORT LINCOLN - KANGAROO ISLAND - KING ISLAND - HOBART - FREYCINET

Delve into a cornucopia of epicurean delights, rare wildlife, sophisticated artworks and coastlines battered by the great Southern Ocean on this exclusive air safari from Adelaide to Hobart. Discover world-famous vineyards in the Barossa and meet the winemakers. Stroll through galleries in Adelaide in the company of curators and conservators. Dine on Port Lincoln's daily catch and meet the fishermen who haul it in. Admire abundant wildlife and epic landscapes on Kangaroo Island. In Tasmania you'll dine ocean to table and paddock to plate on the region's finest produce, washed down by some of the country's best wines toasting the beauty of our rare southern land on this luxury air safari.



Outback to the Reef by Air*

7 DAYS | CAIRNS - MOUNT MULLIGAN - LIZARD ISLAND - CAIRNS

Contrast Queensland's rich outback spirit with the pristine natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the remote Cape York peninsula on this adventure which combines the ancient landscapes and untamed wilderness of Mount Mulligan, a working cattle station in the Atherton Tablelands, with the rich marine life of tropical hideaway, Lizard Island. An exhilarating helicopter trip from Horn Island to Roko Island in the Torres Strait reveals hundreds more pristine islands and beaches as well as the region's rich pearling heritage. Travel by a combination of private 4WD vehicle, charter aircraft and helicopter maximising your time spent in each destination.



Queensland Outback – An Air Safari

10 DAYS | BRISBANE - QUILPIE - WINTON - LONGREACH - MOUNT MULLIGAN STATION - HAYMAN ISLAND - BRISBANE

Journey in exclusive company on a privately chartered aircraft through Queensland's raw and rugged landscapes following in the footsteps of Australia's Outback pioneers. Soak up the outback spirit from Quilpie and Winton to Longreach and Mount Mulligan, dining in traditional pubs and on homestead verandahs with gidgee fires burning and mulga scrub beyond. Learn about the legendary Aussie stockmen who are so vital to station operations and be amazed by 95-million-year-old dinosaur relics. You'll bed down in luxurious tented camps, country homesteads and finish with a glamorous island resort stay. This unique air safari is a grand tribute to the Aussie outback spirit sure to stay with you long after you return home.

*Note: These are 2021 departures only. Please visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au for up-to-date information, including availability and pricing



Outback S.A. Adventure by Private Aircraft

8 DAYS | ADELAIDE - FLINDERS RANGES - PARACHILNA - WILLIAM CREEK - COOBER PEDY - GAWLER RANGES - PORT LINCOLN - ADELAIDE

Take yourself away from the everyday in limited company on an exclusive private air tour into outback South Australia. Discover the raw landscapes of the Flinders Ranges, from the air and at ground level, and extraordinary natural wonders all the way to the Eyre Peninsula. Get unique insight to the state's rich pastoral heritage visiting outback stations and meeting the characters who reside there. Rest up in atmospheric pubs and hotels and delight in the myriad tastes of South Australia from 'feral fare' and home brew to world's finest seafood. This adventure is sure to remain with you long after you've toasted your final outback sunset.



Active Fiordland Adventure

6 DAYS | QUEENSTOWN - TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN

An adventurer's playground, explore Queenstown on this unforgettable South Island discovery. Your days will be full of hiking and lake expeditions, the mountain peaks and awe-inspiring fiords leaving you spellbound. Your expert host, Phil Smyth, will share his passion and knowledge for the native flora and fauna and the landscapes they call home. At the end of each action-packed day, you'll bed down in two of New Zealand's finest lodges. This short but exhilarating sojourn will leave you reinvigorated and renewed.



Top of the South Cycling Adventure

6 DAYS | NELSON - ABEL TASMAN - NELSON

Embark on an active exploration of New Zealand's South Island on this bespoke cycle tour. Discover the Nelson Tasman region and its breathtaking natural landscapes, from endless golden beaches to untouched forests and rugged mountain scenery. Balance explorations with an appreciation of the finer things, visiting artists' studios, galleries and famed Nelson wineries alongside New Zealand's oldest pub. Experience Adele Island on an overnight boating adventure in magnificent Abel Tasman National Park.

A white safari vehicle is parked in a savanna landscape. In the background, a herd of elephants is grazing in a field of tall grass. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Botswana Safari in Style

10 DAYS

**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

View Southern Africa's unmatched wildlife in three ways: on game drives, guided bushwalks and scenic river safaris

Discover the diverse wildlife of Botswana beside handpicked safari guides whose in-depth tracking skills lead to exceptional wildlife encounters

Get tips on capturing the best images of the Big Five during a private lecture with a professional photographer

Glide through the remarkably biodiverse Okavango Delta in a traditional dugout canoe

Take a privately guided tour of thundering Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and float along the Zambezi River on a relaxing sunset cruise

Stay two nights at luxurious Sanctuary Chief's Camp — one of the region's finest — located in the Okavango Delta's Moremi Game Reserve

Limited to a maximum group size of 16 guests



Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa. Arrive in Johannesburg, where you are met and transferred 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. On arrival, continue overland 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, 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 Zambia side to watch the Zambezi River cascade over a 2-kilometre-wide lip of basalt.
- > Visit Nakatindi Village to see a bike shop, school and clinic supported by A&K Philanthropy, and then cycle back to the lodge for an active way to view the area.
- > Get up close to rhino, pausing on a game drive in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, approaching 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 107 metres to cast up the mist that inspired their original name, Mosi-oa-Tunya (The Smoke That Thunders). 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 impalas, buffalo and possibly lions. Return to the lodge to relax in the comforts of your luxury accommodations and enjoy a freshly prepared meal. Later, drift to sleep, serenaded by the sounds of Africa, beneath a blanket of stars. **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, for an insightful A&K-exclusive experience. Later, embark on a Chobe River safari cruise 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 many 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 | Wonders of a Private Reserve. 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 Ride Like a Local by seasonal *mokoro* (dugout canoe) on the delta or a nighttime game-viewing drive, 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 customized 4x4 vehicle or a bush walk in the company of an armed, expert guide, on the lookout for Africa's smaller denizens among the unique flora. **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 the Big Five – lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and Cape buffalo – drawn here from surrounding regions by the lush delta. Predators include cheetahs, spotted hyenas and, at the very top of the food chain, large resident prides of lions. 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 lechwes, giraffes and impalas. 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 start out for the night. After a full day of game viewing, return to your 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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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.

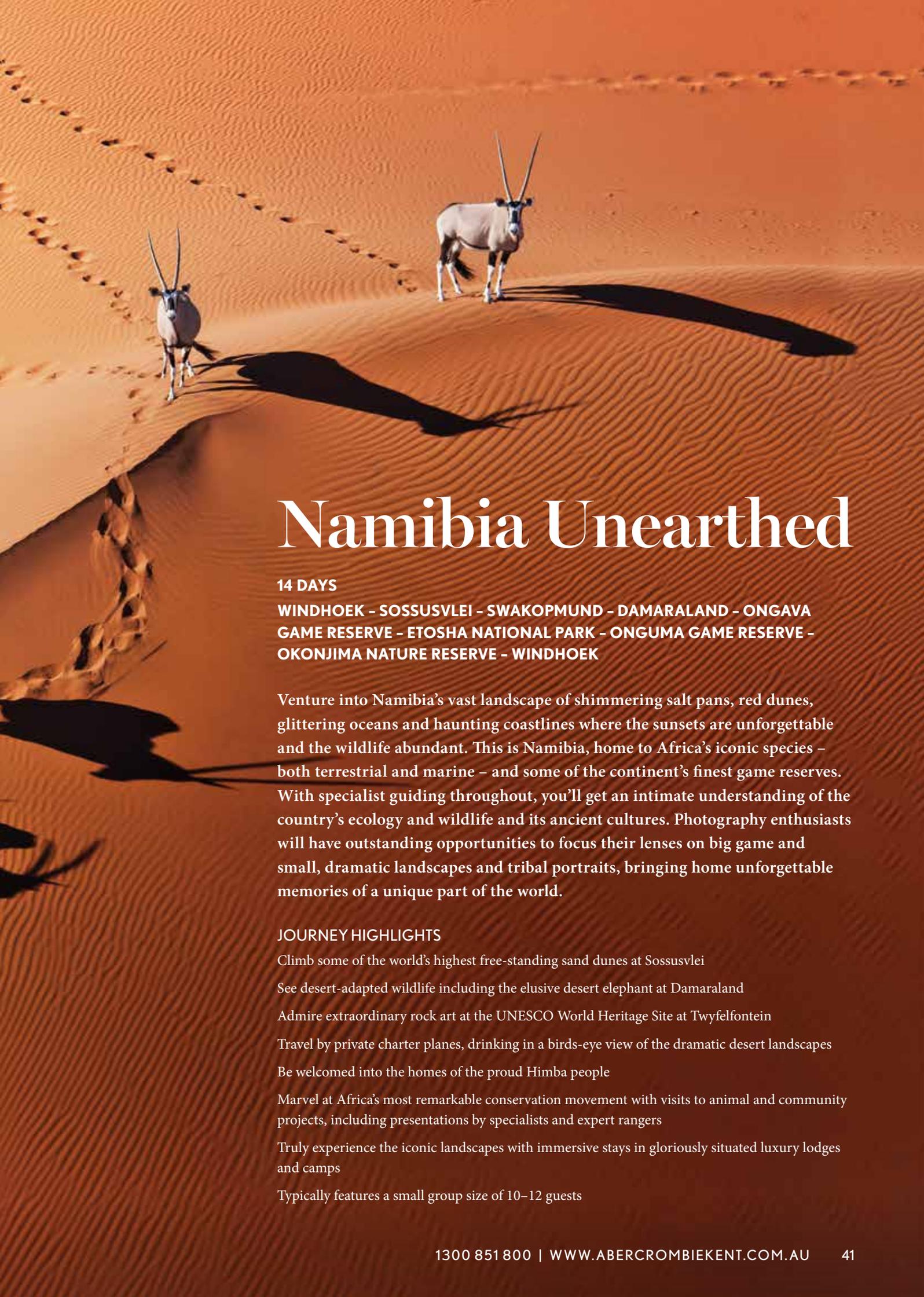
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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a vast desert landscape. Two oryx antelopes with long, spiraling horns are standing on a sand dune. Their long shadows are cast across the rippled sand. The sky is a clear, bright orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Namibia Unearthed

14 DAYS

WINDHOEK - SOSSUSVLEI - SWAKOPMUND - DAMARALAND - ONGAVA GAME RESERVE - ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - ONGUMA GAME RESERVE - OKONJIMA NATURE RESERVE - WINDHOEK

Venture into Namibia's 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

See desert-adapted wildlife including the elusive desert elephant at Damaraland

Admire extraordinary rock art at the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Twyfelfontein

Travel by private charter planes, drinking in a birds-eye view of the dramatic desert landscapes

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, including presentations by specialists and expert rangers

Truly experience the iconic landscapes with immersive stays in gloriously situated luxury lodges and camps

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Windhoek, Namibia. A warm A&K welcome to the Namibian capital and transfer to the elegant AM Weinberg Boutique Hotel, located within a prestigious estate offering an exclusive and luxurious stay. Tonight join your 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 | Design Your Day. 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. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Enjoy a desert safari experience in Kulala Wilderness Reserve, rich in desert-adapted wildlife including ostrich, springbok, gemsbok, spotted hyena and the occasional brown hyena.
- > Visit Sesriem Canyon for breathtaking views and a fascinating walk through the magnificent natural gorge.
- > Set out on a nature drive, completed sipping a gin and tonic while watching the sun set over the distant mountains or dunes.

Kulala Desert Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Swakopmund | Between Desert & 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, before savouring a seafood dinner with your fellow travellers. **Strand Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Swakopmund | Dolphin & Seal Cruise. 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 your luxury tented 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 ancient rock art galleries depict an array of wild animals and footprints. Afterwards, return to your lodge to unwind, and enjoy sundowners before dinner with your group. **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. Enjoy a presentation by one of the camp's expert rangers on the conservation initiatives that Ongava is involved with followed by an afternoon game drive. **Andersson's at Ongava | Meals: BLD**



Day 9: Ongava Game Reserve | Conservation and Reflection. A day to 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 30,000 hectares and is home to over 30 different animal species, including lion, black rhino, leopard and hyena, plus more than 300 bird species. Enjoy a picnic lunch before returning to your lodge. **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 during a sundowner game drive. **Onguma - The Fort | Meals: BLD**

Day 12: Otjiwarongo | Cheetah & Leopard Conservation. The journey heads south today to Otjiwarongo and on to Okonjima Bush Camp, your luxury lodge and also home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organisation committed to the 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 before heading out on a game drive in search of the elusive leopard. **Okonjima Bush Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 13: Okonjima Nature Reserve | Home of The AfriCat Foundation. 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. Afterwards, visit AfriCat's Carnivore Care and Information Centre. Hear from a specialist team member

about 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: Depart Windhoek. Transfer by road southwards through the central highlands to the international airport for your departure. **Meals: B**



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Madagascar: Otherworldly Marvels

13 DAYS

**ANTANANARIVO - ANDASIBE NATIONAL PARK -
ANTANANARIVO - IFOTAKA - FORT DAUPHIN -
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 the help of expert guides. 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 on this incredible journey of discovery.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Seek out rare species on escorted wildlife outings by day and night with expert local guides

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 Atandroy tribe, one of the most traditional in Madagascar

Enjoy extraordinary birdwatching and fantastic photographic opportunities by motorboat at Manafiafy Beach

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

Limited to a small group size of 10 guests





Day 1: Arrive Antananarivo, Madagascar. 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 tangled assortment of steep, partly cobbled streets, red-tiled roofs and pastel-coloured houses with a lovely cool climate. After time to settle in, gather with your fellow travellers for a festive welcome drinks and dinner. **Hotel Colbert | Meals: D**

Days 2-3: 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 look out for a variety of nocturnal species: mouse lemur, white footed sportive lemur, fat-tailed dwarf lemur, as well as the woolly lemur.

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 nuthatch vanga and many more endemic species. Perinet is also home to many reptiles, invertebrates, and some of Madagascar's thousand orchid species. This evening visit Mitsinjo Forest Reserve, a private reserve operated by a local NGO funding reforestation, community education and Madagascar's first amphibian captive-breeding facility. Enjoy a guided night walk, keeping an eye out for the endemic lemur species, spectacular insects, floral wonders and other natural wonders. **Mantadia Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: Antananarivo | Discover Lemur Island. Prepare to be amazed as you venture to explore Lemur Island, a small private reserve that 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, with plenty of space for them to play, forage and rest. Afterwards, return to the capital. **Relais des Plateaux | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Ifotaka | Otherworldly Forest Explorations. This morning take a flight to Fort Dauphin located in the far south of the island. Head into the interior by road to Mandrare River Camp, a classic tented safari camp offering majestic views over the Mandrare River. **Mandrare River Camp | Meals: BD**

Day 6: Ifotaka | Sacred Spiny Forest & Ancestral Tombs. Today, immerse yourself in this incredible region. Set out for the stunning Sacred Gallery forest, travelling on foot or by boat across the Mandrare River. See inquisitive groups of ring-tailed lemurs and the always entertaining Verreaux sifaka, in addition to many species of birds and more than one hundred other species including reptiles, turtles, and bats.

Later today, venture on foot for a second foray into the Sacred Gallery forest and its spectacular variety of plants and animals, with your expert guide, a tracker from the local community.

Returning to your luxurious lodge, savour sundowners on the river bank, watching the dusky light bathe the beautiful landscapes surrounding you. **Mandrare River Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Ifotaka | Village Encounters. Your day is off to an active start, exploring the Spiny Forest on an early morning walk. A place bursting with natural wonders, 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. Afterwards, make your way to the local village for an encounter with members of the fascinating Antandroy tribe. Explore the tombs of the ancestors and absorb the vibrant village life.

This afternoon, relax in camp and sip sundowners amidst the baobabs as the sun sets and the moon rises. **Mandrare River Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Fort Dauphin | Panoramic Promontory Views. Return by road to Fort Dauphin. Nestled at the end of a promontory at the foot of Saint Louis' peak, the city offers breathtaking scenery, and numerous historical and cultural sites. Following lunch, your afternoon is free to enjoy the

hotel facilities, or explore the city at leisure before dinner with your fellow travellers. **Talinjoo Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Manafiafy Beach | Remote Coastal Seclusion. This morning travel by road north to Manafiafy Beach, a secluded tropical paradise. Manafiafy is a beautiful sandy bay, fringed with forest covered mountains and wildlife rich mangroves. Before dinner, head out on a night walk to explore the last untouched block of coastal rainforest in southern Madagascar with an expert local guide. Keep an eye out for some of the five species and three sub-species of lemur, over 80 bird species, and an abundance of geckos, chameleons and other insects. **Manafiafy Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 10: Manafiafy Beach | Wild Coast. After breakfast, take a boat across the bay to explore the DeHaulme forest. Keep your eyes peeled for groups of red-collared lemur as they leap through the rainforest canopy, or the critically endangered Southern Woolly Lemur resting above you. Return to the lodge for lunch, before exploring the nearby mangroves by motorboat to enjoy some birdwatching and photography. **Manafiafy Lodge | Meals: BLD**

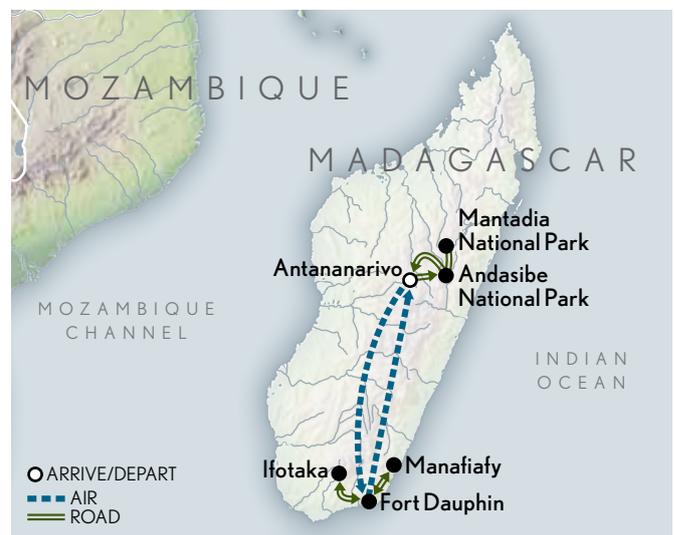
Day 11: Manafiafy Beach | Design Your Day. Today you can choose your own adventure with Design Your Day activities:

- > Before breakfast, head for a sunrise walk in the coastal rainforest home to an abundance of endemic plants, lemurs, birds, and reptiles.
- > Depart for the local village, the traditional wooden houses and pirogues lining the beachfront. Here you will learn about the local customs and interact with the fishermen and their families.
- > Relax until your late afternoon excursion to see Madagascar's largest bat, the flying fox, roosting in a nearby community forest.

Return to the lodge for a sumptuous dinner on the beach, accompanied by a performance from a local musical group. **Manafiafy Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 12: Antananarivo | Farewell Madagascar. Return by road to Fort Dauphin for your return flight to Tana. This evening, enjoy a sumptuous farewell dinner and drinks with local entertainment. **Hotel Colbert | Meals: BD**

Day 13: Depart Antananarivo. After breakfast, transfer to the international terminal for your onward flight. **Meals: B**



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The Great Migration Safari in Style

14 DAYS

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, internationally 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

Experience six nights in the heart of Great Migration country, three each in the Serengeti and the Masai Mara

Behold Africa's astoundingly diverse wildlife, including the iconic Big Five, from custom-made vehicles with an unobstructed view from every seat

Explore alongside handpicked safari guides whose in-depth tracking expertise leads to amazing wildlife encounters

Discover both the modern and traditional aspects of daily local life, with visits to a Maasai village as well as a typical town, for a unique, culturally immersive experience

Expend less time travelling and more time spotting game thanks to convenient flights between game regions

Finish with a three-night stay at enchanting Sanctuary Olonana, the ultimate luxury safari lodge, set on the Mara River, where hippos wallow and wander nearby

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests

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, snowcapped 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 – lions, leopards, cheetahs, Cape buffalo and hosts of plains game – all roaming freely amid swamps, springs and a shimmering, dried lake bed. 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, renowned for the large herds of elephants that roam its sun-drenched grasslands. View elephants up close, and watch for lions and buffalo, from a safari vehicle that seats just six, so that every guest enjoys a window seat. Savour a morning on safari before breaking for lunch. This afternoon, take another game drive, capped with a refreshing Scenic Sundowner in the bush. **Tawi Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: Tarangire National Park, Tanzania | Game Viewing. After crossing the border into Tanzania, stop for lunch in Arusha. Then, board a flight from Arusha to Tarangire National Park and settle into your luxurious accommodations. Set in a secluded area of the park for a more exclusive safari experience, Sanctuary Swala's large tents are built on raised decks under umbrella acacia trees overlooking a popular watering hole. The layout of this eco-friendly abode is very open, with resident herds of impalas 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 lions, elephants 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 to explore Tarangire National Park. At Tarangire, find a stunning concentration of animals – herds of elephants, impalas and zebras. Look, too, for pythons and the twitching tails of leopards, which hide high above in sausage trees. Once back at Swala, 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. Afterward, 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. Descend into Ngorongoro Crater to explore the panoramic, game-rich prairies of this ancient volcanic caldera. Backdropped by crater walls nearly 610 metres high, Ngorongoro offers the safari experience of a lifetime in a setting unmatched the world over. Observe profuse and diverse wildlife roaming freely in an authentic "Lost World," where it's possible to encounter every member of the Big Five in a single day. Enjoy lunch al fresco in this UNESCO World Heritage Site before returning to your lodge. Tonight, gather for dinner with your fellow guests. **Gibb's Farm | Meals: BLD**



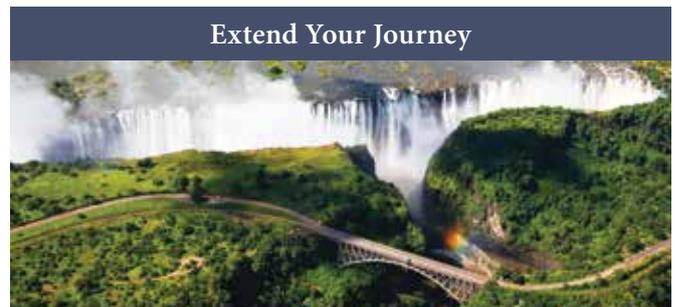
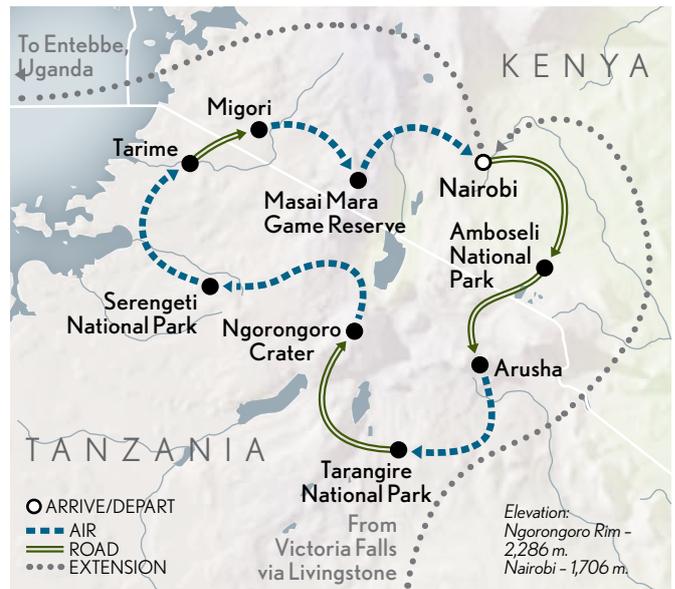
Days 8–10: Serengeti National Park | On the Endless Plains. Fly to Serengeti National Park, a vast Tanzanian landscape that during part of the year hosts one of earth's greatest wildlife spectacles: the annual Great Migration, when millions of herbivores trek across the Serengeti plains in search of water and fresh grass, with hungry predators awaiting them. Over the next two days, your adventure may reveal giraffes, wildebeests, elephants and far more on morning and afternoon game drives. **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 accommodation on a private stretch of the Mara River, 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, recognized as one of the finest safari lodges in all of Africa. Tonight, join fellow guests for a Scenic Sundowner, followed by an elegant dinner. **Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD**

Days 12–13: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Unmatched Wildlife. Venture forth for two full days of exploring the open savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara, where patience is rewarded with unique sightings such as a leopard retrieving a kill from the upper branches of an acacia or elephants protecting their young from opportunistic lions. Game viewing is never dull in the Mara, especially when the dramatic annual Great Migration unfolds. Amid the stunning scenery, watch as Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goats and cattle. On one day here, visit a Maasai village and meet with an elder to learn about local culture and traditions. Connect with local residents when you visit a village and primary school supported by A&K Philanthropy. Learn firsthand how A&K Philanthropy's LifeStraw partnership is changing lives by providing locals access to safe, clean drinking water, on an inspiring A&K-exclusive experience. **Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD**



Day 14: Depart Nairobi. Fly back to Nairobi and enjoy the afternoon at leisure in a comfortable dayroom. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your departure flight or begin a Post-Tour Extension to Uganda. **Fairmont The Norfolk (dayroom) | Meals: B**



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Uganda Post-Tour Extension

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Tribes & Traditions of Ethiopia

17 DAYS

**ADDIS ABABA - AXUM - LALIBELA - GONDAR -
SIMIEN MOUNTAINS - BAHIR DAR - JINKA - TURMI -
ARBA MINCH - ADDIS ABABA**

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

Witness a spectacular display of song, dance and prayer at the annual Christian festival of Timkat (January 2023 departure only)

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests





Day 1: Arrive Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. On arrival in the Ethiopian capital you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel. Settle in with a welcome briefing and savour dinner with fellow travellers ahead of your adventure. **Sheraton Addis Ababa | Meals: D**

Day 2: Addis Ababa | One of the World's Highest Capitals. 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. **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 stela 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. **Atranos 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 grottoes. Pause at Bet Medhane Alem, the largest, which has been constructed like a Greek temple. **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. Then visit Bet Giyorgis (Church of St George), probably the most elegant and majestic of all the Lalibela churches, only accessible via a tunnel. 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/Timkat Festival. 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 Debre Berhane 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 Fasilides, now best known for the annual Christian festival of Timkat where local worshippers descend into the pool to commemorate the baptism of Jesus, coming together in a spectacular display of song, dance and prayer. Participants on the January 2023 departure will be lucky enough to witness this celebration. **Gondar Hills Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Simien Mountains | Endemic Wildlife & Breathtaking Views. This morning, further immerse yourself in the colourful Timkat celebrations once again (Jan 2023 departure only), before driving 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 monkey which are endemic. Head out on foot in the hope of getting close to a troop of gelada monkeys with additional time spent exploring the beautiful park. **Limalimo 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 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 10: Addis Ababa | Design Your Day. Return flight to Addis Ababa and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Explore produce markets with a local chef followed by a cooking class, a traditional lunch and typical Ethiopian coffee ceremony.
- > Visit the environmentally-conscious ZOMA Museum showcasing traditional and cutting edge art and architecture.
- > Enjoy a performance of Ethiopian Jazz, a unique fusion of traditional Ethiopian music with jazz, Afro-funk, soul, and Latin rhythms at the intimate African Jazz Village venue.

Sheraton Addis Ababa | Meals: BL

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 | Village Visits & Handicraft Markets. 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. Also pay a visit the Dimeka and Alduba markets, getting lost among the incredible handicrafts, including jewellery, carved masks and pottery. **Buska Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 14: Arba Minch | Terraced Hillside & Konso Traditions. Drive to Arba Minch, pausing to admire the beautiful terraced hillsides and fascinating culture of the Konso people, renowned for their woven materials and the carved totems which decorate their graves. **Haile Arba Minch Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 15: Arba Minch | Beehive Dwellings. This morning spot hippos and Nile crocodiles during a boat trip on Lake Chamo. Afterwards 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 Arba Minch Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 16: Addis Ababa | Highland Hub Farewell. 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 17: Depart Addis Ababa. This morning transfer to the airport for your departure flight. **Meals: B**



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Experience The Timkat Festival



Experience Ethiopia at its most colourful on a special departure in January 2023 that includes attending the Timkat Festival, where local worshippers gather for a spectacular display of song, dance and prayer. Contact A&K for more details.





West Africa: People, Past & Present

16 DAYS

**ACCRA - LOMÉ - OUIDAH - KPALIMÉ - AKOSSOMBO -
KUSAMI - ELMINA - ACCRA**

A fascinating cultural odyssey to the vibrant West African nations of Ghana, Togo and Benin, home to some of the world's most welcoming people. Explore bustling colonial cities, palm-fringed beaches and tiny fishing villages. Visit vast forts and castles built on the back of the gold and slave trades by European colonists – Portuguese, Dutch, German, French and British – whose influence is still apparent today. Immerse yourself in the long history of ancient African kingdoms and cultures that predate colonisation by centuries, and experience the vital rituals and traditions that still survive and shape life today. Be swept up in the colour and movement of local markets and festivals, the healing magic of voodoo, tribal drumming and trance-dances on this enchanting journey to a surprising and still largely untravelled part of Africa that will leave you truly amazed.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Witness the splendid Akwasidae Festival of the Ashanti people in Kumasi

Attend a voodoo ceremony in Togo and meet a traditional 'witch doctor'

Take a private boat excursion to the famous stilt fishing village, Ganvie, in the middle of Lake Nokwe

Meet local African artists and artisans revered for their sculptures, carvings and whimsical hand-crafted coffins

Understand the stories of Ghana's tragic past when you visit the Slave Castle at Elmina

Celebrate a life at a traditional Ashanti funeral

Barter with the Nana Benz, Queens of African textiles in the Lomé markets, famous for their vividly-coloured and highly prized wax printed fabrics

Tour UNESCO World Heritage Listed sites including the Royal Palaces of Abomey

Typically features a small group size of 8–10 guests



Day 1: Arrive Accra, Ghana. On arrival into the Ghanaian capital, you are met and transferred privately to the hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure before a tour briefing and welcome dinner, complemented by a local folk singing performance. **Labadi Beach Hotel | Meals: D**

Day 2: Accra | Design Your Day. Spend the day exploring Accra. Start with a guided visit to the National Museum, the old quarter of James Town, and the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and memorial park dedicated to Ghana's first President. Next, enjoy a visit to a fantasy coffin-building

workshop, famed for its collection of handcrafted coffins in a variety of shapes from fruit, fish and other animals to cars and planes. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Visit the Africa Artist Alliance gallery showcasing artworks, sculptures and carvings from established and emerging African artists.
- > Explore the 65-hectare Aburi Botanical Gardens, a botanist's paradise with its extraordinary collection of rare plant species and trees.

- > Discover why Accra has produced so many world champion boxers when you step inside some of its many boxing gyms and understand how the sport has become entrenched in the local culture.

Labadi Beach Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 3: Lomé, Togo | Pearl of West Africa. After breakfast, drive into neighbouring Togo and on to Lomé, the vibrant capital. Lomé is the only African city that was a colony of the Germans, British and French, and its unique heritage is reflected in the lifestyle of its inhabitants and the architecture of the town. Arrive at the hotel in time for a barbecue lunch, with the rest of the day at leisure to explore the coastal capital. **Hotel 2 Février Lomé | Meals: BL**

Day 4: Lomé | Art, Textiles & Markets. Head to the central market where the famous "Nana Benz" women, the Queens of African textiles, control the market in Wax Hollandais, the vibrant highly valued wax-printed fabrics. Continue to the administrative quarter with its handsome colonial buildings, before a visit to the voodoo market where all the necessary ingredients used by traditional healers are on offer. Later today, meet renowned local artists from the modern Togolese school whose work has been exhibited in Europe over many decades. **Hotel 2 Février Lomé | Meals: BL**

Day 5: Ouidah, Benin | Voodoo Traditions. Head to a remote village to visit a voodoo priest, or witch doctor, to get a deep understanding of the voodoo culture. Join in a voodoo ceremony: the frenetic rhythm of the drums and the chants of the mediums call in the voodoo spirit which takes possession of at least some of the dancers who fall into a deep trance. After lunch, cross the Benin border and board a boat for the journey to the coastal town of Ouidah. Stop along the way at remote fishing villages to learn about their traditional farming and fishing techniques. **La Casa del Papa | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Ganvie & Abomey | Stilt Village & Mask Festival. Drive to Lake Nokwe and on by boat to Africa's largest stilted village, Ganvie, situated in the middle of the lake. After lunch, continue to Abomey and visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Royal Palace. Now a museum, it displays items belonging to the ancient kings: thrones, altars, costumes and weapons. A walk around the site helps recall past splendours. Afterwards attend an Egun dancing masks festival. The masks represent the spirits of the deceased. The men wearing the masks are cult initiates. Dressed in brightly-coloured clothing, they emerge from the forest and form a procession through the village streets performing a kind of bull fight. **La Casa del Papa | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Ouidah | Built On The Slave Trade. Spend the day exploring Ouidah, one of the main slave ports in the 18th century. Enter the python temple and learn of its importance to voodoo culture. Visit the Catholic Cathedral and the Ouidah Museum displaying a collection of local contemporary art. After lunch, visit the Portuguese Fort, now a museum, and continue to the old slave market where thousands of slaves were paraded and sold to the highest bidder. The city tour ends by following the "slave road" to the beach, where slaves were loaded onto ships. **La Casa del Papa | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Kpalimé, Togo | Village Life Up Close. Drive to the Togo border and continue into the rainforest region that surrounds Kpalimé, a town with a rich colonial past. Along the way stop at local villages including Tado, considered to be the 12th-13th century birthplace of the Aja people. See villagers preparing family meals and harvested goods for sale, enjoy locally-brewed beer in a village "bar" and visit a village school. Arrive into Kpalimé this evening, a town surrounded by coffee and cocoa plantations. **Parc Residence Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Kpalimé | Coffee & Cocoa Plantations. A morning walk in the tropical forest with an entomologist reveals endemic butterflies and insects, and provides an understanding of how plants are used in local art and medicinal remedies. After lunch, an optional tour of colonial buildings, the bustling market and local arts centre. **Parc Residence Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 10: Akosombo, Ghana | Sacred Monkeys. Cross the Ghana border and on to the Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary which was created to protect a community of sacred forest monkeys. Take a leisurely guided walk to see the resident mona and colobus monkeys. Arrive into Akosombo and check into your resort overlooking the Volta River. **The Royal Senchi Resort | Meals: BL**

Day 11: Akosombo | Volta River. A full day at leisure to enjoy the resort facilities. Afternoon optional visit to the bead factory where traditional techniques are still used to create beads from scrap glass. **The Royal Senchi Resort | Meals: B**

Day 12: Kumasi | Ashanti Community & Culture. Drive to Kumasi, historic and spiritual capital of the old Ashanti Kingdom. The Ashanti realm was one of the most powerful in Africa until the end of the 19th century. Visit the Ashanti Cultural Centre where a rich collection of artefacts is housed in a wonderful reproduction Ashanti house. Later, attend a traditional Ashanti funeral, a festive public occasion where mourners wear beautiful red or black togas – an intriguing sacred experience. **Golden Tulip Kumasi City | Meals: BLD**

Day 13: Kumasi | Royal Akwasidae Festival. Visit the Royal Palace Museum and attend the splendid Akwasidae Festival. This traditional ceremony maintains ancient Ashanti rituals with a procession of royal court attendants bringing gifts to the King, storytellers reciting ancient tales, dancers and drummers performing and trumpeters playing horns of ivory. This afternoon, visit the sprawling central market, one of the biggest in Africa. Every type of Ashanti craft (leather goods, pottery, Kente cloth) is found here, plus all kinds of tropical fruit and vegetables. **Golden Tulip Kumasi City | Meals: BLD**

Day 14: Elmina | Colonial Relics. Drive to Elmina on the south coast. Ruled at different times by the Portuguese, Dutch and British, Elmina has a rich history. Arrive at your seaside resort in the afternoon with time to relax before dinner. **Coconut Grove Beach Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 15: Elmina | Portuguese Castle & Coastal Shrines. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Elmina Castle, the oldest European building in Africa, erected by the Portuguese in the 15th century, and explore the adjacent 19th century Dutch cemetery. Outside the castle visit the local fishing village. In the old town, see the important Posuban shrines of the Asafo warriors and stroll through the lively alleyways. After lunch, return to Elmina with a special farewell dinner and gospel choir performance. **Coconut Grove Beach Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 16: Depart Accra. Early morning transfer by road back to Accra, stopping en route for lunch before your departure flight. **Meals: BL**



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Splendours of Morocco

12 DAYS

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

Venture into the Sahara by 4x4 and camelback for an unforgettable overnight stay at A&K's Exclusive Desert Tented Camp that includes dinner and live Moroccan music

Explore Fes el-Bali, Morocco's cultural heart, on a guided walk through its winding alleyways and past its myriad souks

Share lively conversation with a female professor over dinner and freely discuss the role of women in modern Morocco

Tread the ancient Roman paths of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to marvel at soaring arches and vivid, well-preserved 2,000-year-old mosaics

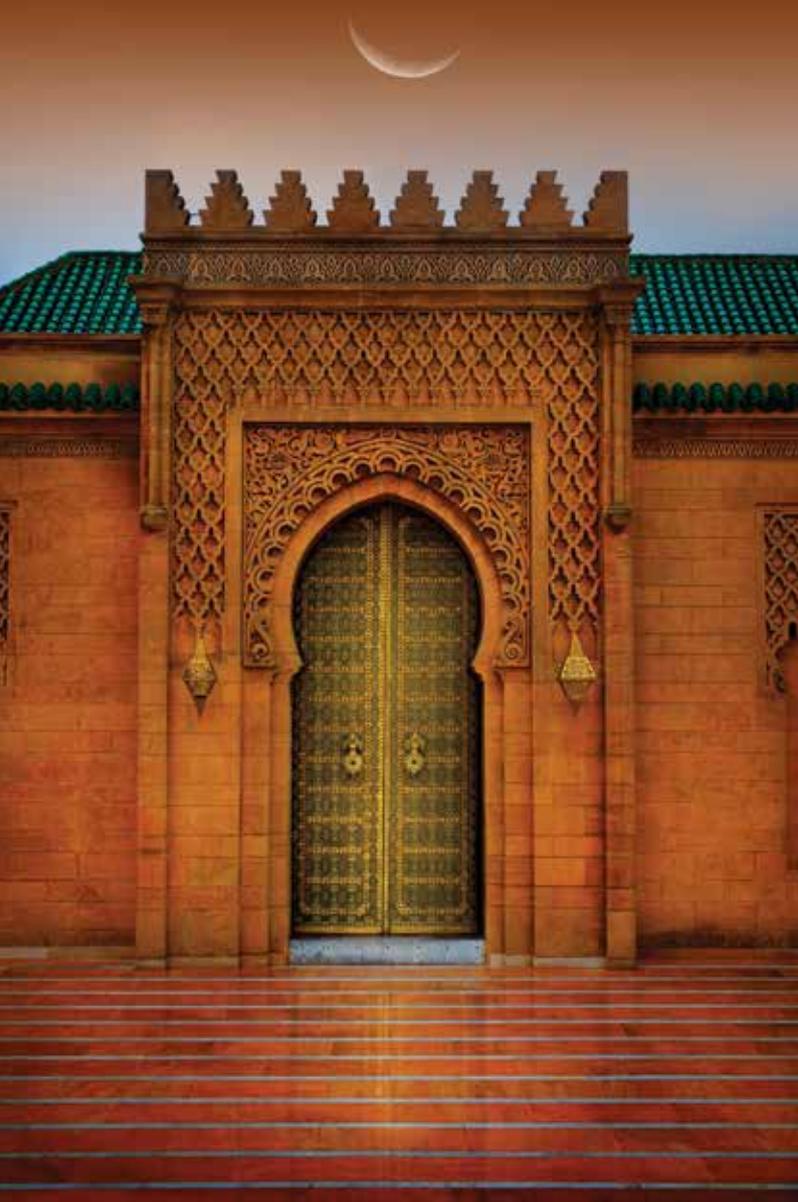
Discover Marrakech at its most authentic, taking in the sights, sounds and scents of its UNESCO-listed medina

Visit local artisans whose works still reflect the influences of Morocco's historic Roman, Moorish and Berber cultures

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests







Day 1: Arrive Casablanca, Morocco. Arrive in Casablanca and transfer to your luxurious accommodations, designed with contemporary styling and traditional Moroccan accents. Enjoy 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 palm-dotted Andalusian garden. Continue to Fes for a special cocktail reception. Then, sit down to a welcome dinner, joined by a female professor who converses with you about the role of women in modern Morocco, an A&K-exclusive experience. **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 Idris 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. Proceed to the intricately detailed Karaouine. Built in 859 AD, it is one of the oldest still-functioning universities in the world. You also visit Nejjarine Square before continuing to Fes el-Jadid (New Fes), where you see the Royal Palace, *madrasas* (Islamic schools) and *mellah* (Jewish quarter). **Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BL**

Day 4: Volubilis | Roman Ruins & Lunch at a Vineyard. Journey overland to explore Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is home to some of the best-preserved Roman ruins in North Africa. With its triumphal arches, basilicas and capitals, the Volubilis skyline brims with iconic examples of Roman architecture. Among its greatest treasures, however, are the mosaic floors of former family dwellings, which include depictions of Orpheus charming animals with his lyre, nine dolphins signifying good luck and a portrait of Amphitrite in a seahorse-drawn chariot. Next, proceed to a winery outside Meknes for a memorable Chef's Table lunch at an on-site restaurant set among the region's sunbathed vineyards and olive groves. Return to Fes, with your evening at leisure. **Palais Faraj Suites & Spa | Meals: BL**

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. After the day's scenic drive, settle into your hotel before gathering for dinner this evening. Tonight's 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 into the desert dunes of the Sahara, at first by four-wheel-drive vehicle, amid stunning reddish-hued sand dunes that reach up to 150 metres high, creating an otherworldly landscape. Then, switch modes of transport and Ride Like a Local, camelback, to your nomadic tented camp, where a reception with mint tea and pastries awaits you. As the sun sets over the Saharan dunes, celebrate your unforgettable desert foray with a Scenic Sundowner. Return to your camp for a traditional meal before 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 stunning views of the High Atlas Mountains' 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 Berbère Palace | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Ouarzazate | Door of the Desert. Begin the day in Ouarzazate, 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 Kasbah of Tifoultoute, a majestic 17th-century fortress featuring a panoramic view of the valley of Ouarzazate and the scenic High Atlas Mountains. Continue to 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 9: Ouarzazate | Crossing the High Atlas Mountains. Journey over the High Atlas Mountains, observing everyday life in remote rural towns, to the fascinating "Red City" of Marrakech, where you check in to 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 Si Said Museum, originally built as a palace in the 19th century. Afterward, visit Djemaa el-Fna, Marrakech's main square, which is filled with orange juice stalls and vendors, along with acrobats, dancers and street musicians performing at every turn. You may also wish to stroll the city's fabled, 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 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:

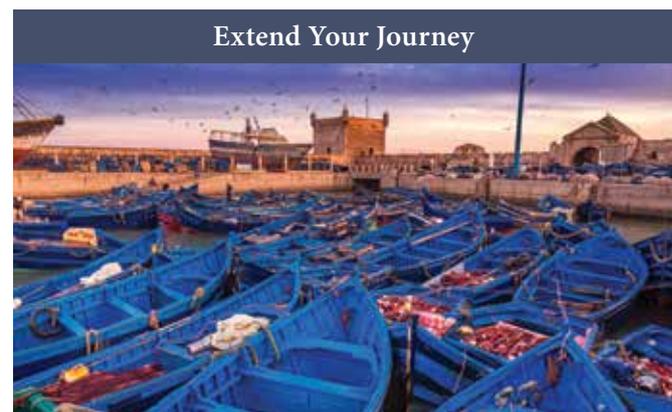
- > Learn to cook with Moroccan spices with a cooking demonstration and tasting.
- > Explore the souks of Marrakech with an expert guide, walking narrow streets lined with centuries-old shops.
- > Enjoy a guided walk of the Jewish Quarter, once a thriving centre of religious freedom and tolerance.

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

Day 12: Depart Marrakech. Transfer to the Marrakech airport and board your international flight home, or join an Essauira Post-Tour Extension. **Meals: B**



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Essauira Post-Tour Extension
Journey overland from Marrakech for two days exploring the seaside town of Essauira, meandering through its medina filled with artisan workshops and driving the dramatic coastline to Casablanca.
Available on select departures. See website for details.

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Egypt & The Nile

10 DAYS

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

Embark on a four-night Nile river cruise, gliding in comfort through stirring desert landscapes and going ashore to discover ancient Egypt's most awe-inspiring sites

Explore the Grand Egyptian Museum to view a vast trove of artefacts, some never before displayed

Venture inside one of the pyramids, go riding camel back and view the enigmatic Great Sphinx on the Giza Plateau

Descend into the tomb of King Tut and the colourful tomb of Seti I, father of legendary Ramses II, in the Valley of the Kings

Marvel at the colossal statues and towering colonnade of the sprawling Temple of Luxor, and listen as your expert A&K Egyptologist deciphers the hieroglyphs carved upon them

Journey to Abu Simbel to set eyes upon the imposing twin temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests





Day 1: Arrive Cairo, Egypt. Arrive in Cairo, where you are met by your A&K representative and transferred to your historic hotel featuring views of the pyramids from your private balcony. **Marriott Mena House Hotel**

Day 2: Cairo | Ancient Treasures. This morning, join your expert A&K Egyptologist for an exploration of the Grand Egyptian Museum to view its

huge collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a welcome dinner. **Marriott Mena House Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Giza | The Pyramids & Sphinx. Today, roam the Giza Plateau, site of the pyramids of Mycerinus and Chephren as well as the Great Pyramid. Built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC), it is the

Jordan & Israel: Ancient Wonders

14 DAYS

**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

Explore Petra, the ancient desert city in Jordan that was carved into solid rock, viewing its famed Treasury and learning its myriad secrets

Overnight in Jordan's Wadi Rum, dining Bedouin-style amid red sands and towering rock formations and sleeping beneath the sparkling desert sky

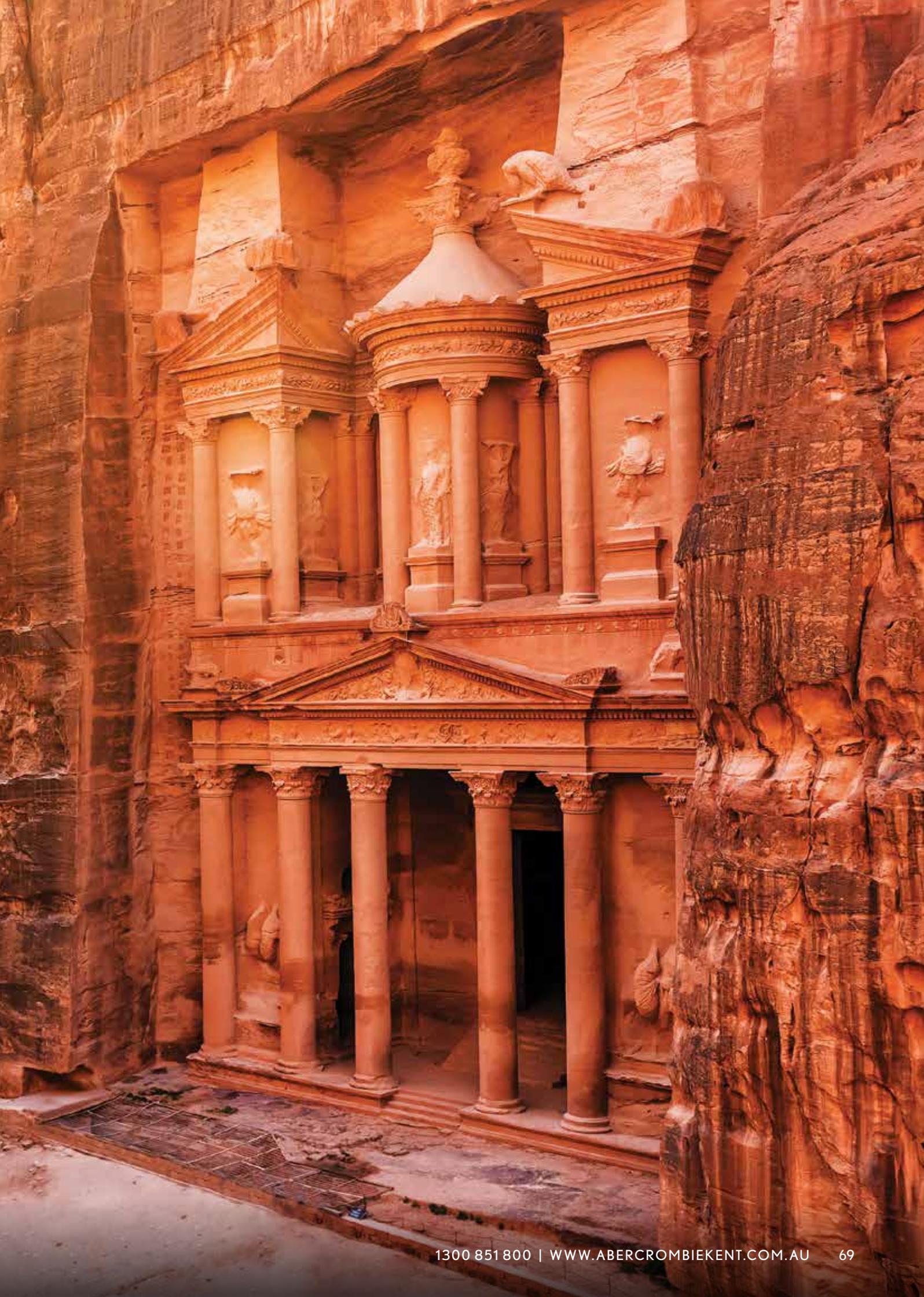
Relax in the buoyant, restorative waters of the mineral-rich Dead Sea

Experience the contrasts of ancient and modern Israel as you explore the Old City of Jerusalem, where people of three faiths live side by side within ancient walls, in a setting steeped in history

Learn about modern local life from a Christian family during an A&K-exclusive private lunch at their home in Bethlehem

Discover additional UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Bethany Beyond the Jordan, Masada and Acre

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests





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. Today begins 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 from 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 view the majestic Treasury, the Temple of the Winged Lions and the Palace Tomb. Once a rich merchant city and a stop for 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 rediscovered 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, venture into 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 (valley), which is still home to a number of Bedouin families. Traverse Wadi Rum by four-wheel-drive vehicle, and then Ride Like a Local, camelback, to take in the stunning landscape in an unforgettable way. This afternoon, travel north to the Dead Sea and settle into your 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 a float in the buoyant, mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. **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 the Temple Mount (Al Haram el-Sharif). Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed with his disciples before his crucifixion. Stroll Mahna Yahuda, Jerusalem's largest food market, which takes up an entire neighbourhood, between Yafo and Agripas. Cap off your market tour with a delicious lunch. After a full day, check in and later dine at your historic hotel's restaurant. **The King David | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Jerusalem | Epicentre of Faiths. Join your expert local guide for a full day's exploration of 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, walk along 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 to view a portion of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and see the Second Temple Model. As your day ends, view the city's skyline with a Scenic Sundowner. **The King David | Meals: BL**

Day 9: Bethlehem | Yad Vashem & Lunch in a Family Home. Visit Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to Holocaust victims. Drive to Bethlehem, located in the West Bank, for a lunch served in the home of a local family, providing a unique opportunity to engage in authentic cultural interaction, on an A&K-



exclusive Chef's Table experience. 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. Explore Masada, built by King Herod in 31 BC atop a rocky plateau with views of the Dead Sea. Take a cable car up to this final stronghold, where Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Romans, ultimately taking their own lives rather than becoming enslaved. Return to Jerusalem for lunch and 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 along the Sea of Galilee. Prior to dinner, experience an artisanal wine talk and tasting organized 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, and then stop 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 and strategic importance of this rugged landscape. A source of the Jordan River, it was home to the Tribe of Dan and has remains dating to the Roman, Hellenistic and Persian periods. Gather tonight for a memorable farewell dinner. **Scots Hotel | Meals: BLD**

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)**



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Saudi Arabia: Desert Kingdoms

8 DAYS

RIYADH - QASSIM HAIL - AL ULA - JEDDAH

The birthplace and spiritual home of Islam, Saudi Arabia is a mysterious desert kingdom that has been closed to much of the outside world until recently. On this journey you'll discover the hidden delights of this uncharted territory on an exclusive glimpse at a realm veiled in secrecy. Discover the carved temples of Madain Saleh, known as the second Petra, and stand in awe of the sophisticated rock art of Jubbah, some of the kingdom's greatest pre-Islamic treasures. Explore fascinating Riyadh, a showpiece for modern Saudi Arabia, while the World Heritage coral architecture of Jeddah reveals much about this bustling pilgrim port. And the azure waters of the Red Sea await. From the capital's bustling centre to the mud-brick village of Al Ula, rock art galleries and modern museums, Saudi Arabia reveals a host of architectural marvels and ancient icons.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the mysterious mountain and desert landscapes of Al Ula, and the surrounding breathtaking sites including Madain Saleh, Al Ragasat and Elephant Rock

Visit ancient monuments and heritage listed wonders, including Jeddah's 'Floating Mosque'

Attend a special guest lecture by an esteemed local expert

Be immersed in the local language with a Thamudic script demonstration

Savour Saudi hospitality during lunch at a local farm

Witness a captivating demonstration of traditional dance alongside a flavourful farewell dinner

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests





Day 1: Arrive Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Arrive in Saudi Arabia's buzzing capital to a warm A&K welcome and transfer to your hotel. Freshen up before an arrival briefing followed by a welcome dinner. **InterContinental Riyadh | Meals: D**

Day 2: Riyadh | Ancient Crossroads Meets Modern Powerhouse. Start your day by visiting heritage listed Diriyah on the outskirts of Riyadh, said to be the birthplace of the first Saudi state and the current home of the royal family. Take a walk through the old town to admire its many ancient ruins including the once-splendid palace, houses and marketplace. Continue to Musmak Fort, in Riyadh's old quarter, built in 1895. Afterwards, explore Dirah Souq, a market famed for colourful textiles, before stopping for lunch.

This afternoon, be guided through the National Museum, a national treasure and World Heritage Site that tells the complete story of Arabian history. Continue to Murabba Palace, built by King Abdul Aziz in 1937 and afterwards, discover Saudi fashion on a visit to the Kingdom Tower shopping mall. Travellers will be fascinated by a women-only shopping mall, where there are opportunities to meet local women who will share their stories and insight into life in the kingdom.

This evening, meet a special guest from within the antiquities, finance or creative sectors, learning about their projects, their impact and how work has changed over recent years. **InterContinental Riyadh | Meals: BL**

Day 3: Hail | Ancient Rock Art at the Crossroads of History. This morning fly northwest to Hail in the northern Arabian Peninsula. Transfer by road to heritage listed Jubbah, where magnificent rock carvings and petroglyphs adorn the surrounding sandstone outcrops depicting thousand-year-old illustrations of camels, lions, and other wildlife.

A historic crossroads of trade, especially during the hajj season when camel caravans passed through, Hail has played an intriguing role in the history of modern Saudi Arabia, and is home to a buzzing souq.

Be treated to some Saudi hospitality and learn about the importance of camels in Saudi culture as you sit down to a traditional farm lunch. Return to Hail, and pay a visit to Qeshla Palace, admiring the monumental structure from the outside before exploring the ancient A'arif Fort. Afterwards, meet with Fraih Al Shummari, a local guide, and his family, who will immerse you in the local language with a written demonstration of the elegant Thamudic script. **Millennium Hotel Hail | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: Al Ula | Towering Ancient Monuments. This morning, visit the intriguing Hail Local Heritage Museum, the private museum of local resident set in a traditional Najd house. Peruse his eclectic collection and glimpse a bygone era. Drive to Al Ula for lunch with your fellow travellers.

Nestled in a large, spectacular valley, where palm groves run down the centre of a wadi and foreboding red-sandstone cliffs rise up on either side, Al Ula was historically located on the Incense route and was an important trading hub for the ancient Lihyanites. It is delightfully mysterious and is the gateway to Saudi Arabia's very own 'Petra', Madain Saleh.

Spend your afternoon exploring the wonders of World Heritage listed Madain Saleh. Southernmost settlement of the Nabatean kingdom, the city was known as 'Al Hijr' during ancient times and was once a stopover on the trade route. The site spreads over 2000 square metres, with an abundance of relics and rock-cut tombs. Discover the Nabatean Well, Qasr Al Bint, Diwan Tomb, and Al Farid Palace as well as the preserved railway station. As sunset approaches, reach your tented camp in time for dinner. **Sahary Al Ula Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Al Ula | Legendary Landscapes. Start the day with a desert adventure to Al Ragasat and its towering carved rose-coloured sandstone mountains, known as 'The Dancers'. Return to Al Ula for a traditional lunch.

After refuelling it's off to the iconic 'Elephant Rock' and nearby mudbrick village, before driving onward to Harat Uairedh for stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Drink in the sunset from this spectacular vantage point over a cup of Arabic coffee, or tea, and delicious local dates.

This evening you may embark on an exhilarating helicopter flight over the surrounding landscape taking in breathtaking aerial views of Al Ula (additional cost). **Sahary Al Ula Resort | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Jeddah | Captivating Port City. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia's commercial capital and the main gateway to Mecca, the holiest city in Islam. Your first stop in this cosmopolitan city is the open-air museum on the Corniche where you can admire an extraordinary array of modern sculpture ranging from traditional Arabic designs to the abstract and monumental. Afterwards, gaze upon the 'floating mosque' and pause to take in the spectacular views over the Red Sea.

Next, discover King Fahd's Fountain, also known as Jeddah Fountain, which is the tallest of its kind in the world, shooting saltwater from the Red Sea 300 metres up into the air. **Intercontinental Jeddah | Meals: B**

Day 7: Jeddah | Ancient City Explorations & Design Your Day. This morning, be led on a tour of Jeddah's traditional architecture. Visit some of the old Ottoman houses, constructed from coral and reinforced with wooden beams, including Nasif House, one of the most beautiful which was built in the 1850's by the distinguished Nasif Family, influential traders. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Explore Abdul Raouf Khalil Museum which showcases the nearly 2,500-year old history of the Jeddah area with exhibitions spanning pre-Islamic history, to pre-modern civilisations and the rich Islamic cultural heritage of Jeddah.
- > Gaze at geological wonders while exploring majestic Moon Valley, known for its unique rock formations that have naturally formed over millions of years.
- > Jeddah boasts some of Saudi Arabia's best beaches so take your pick and escape the city to relax in the sun or explore the underwater tropical forest on a snorkelling adventure.

Return to the hotel for your farewell dinner accompanied by a traditional dance performance. **Intercontinental Jeddah | Meals: BD**

Day 8: Depart Jeddah. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. **Meals: B**

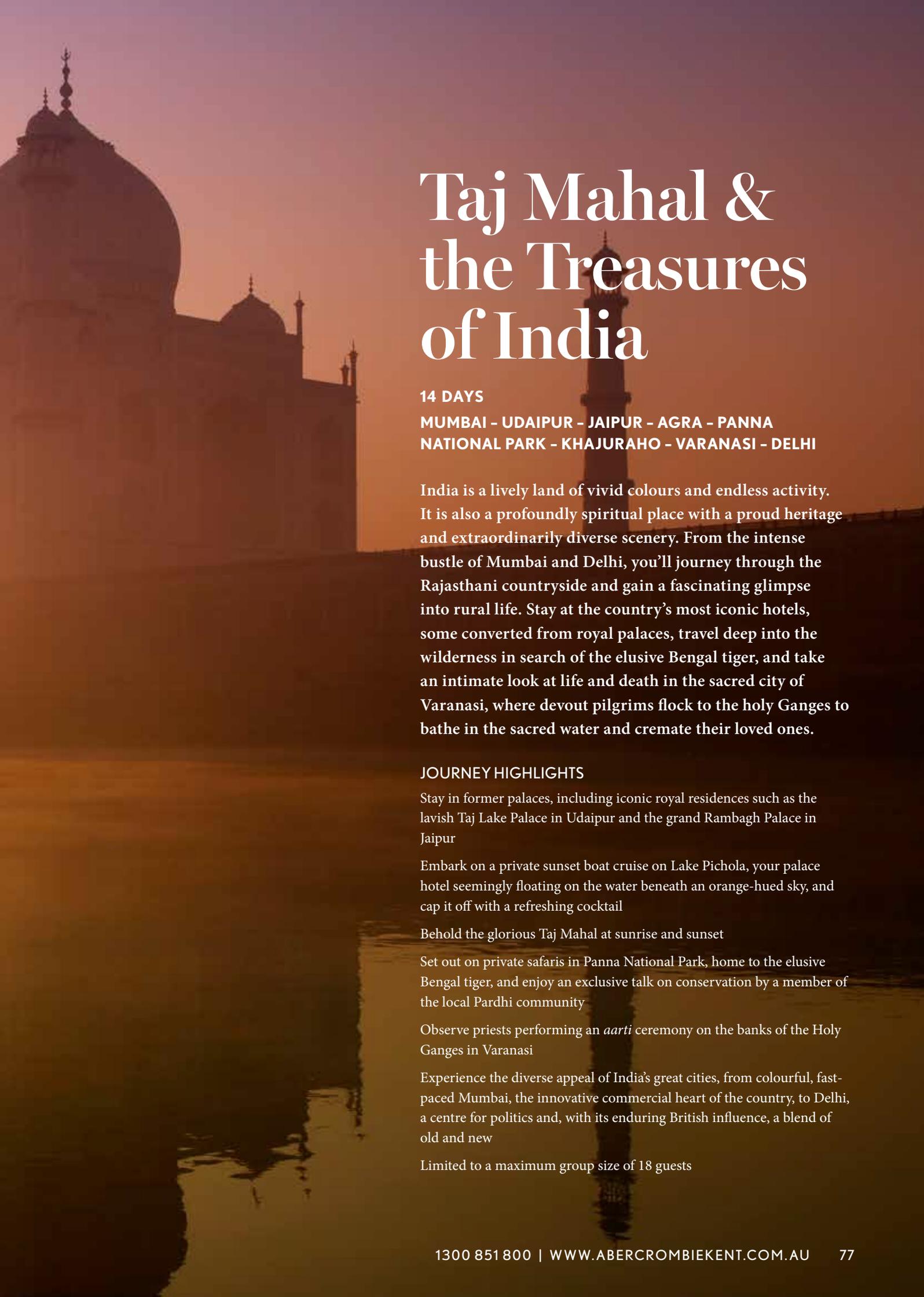


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The background of the page is a silhouette of the Taj Mahal and its minarets against a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. The reflection of the building is visible in the water in the foreground.

Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India

14 DAYS

MUMBAI - UDAIPUR - JAIPUR - AGRA - PANNA NATIONAL PARK - KHAJURAHO - VARANASI - DELHI

India is a lively land of vivid colours and endless activity. It is also a profoundly spiritual place with a proud heritage and extraordinarily diverse scenery. From the intense bustle of Mumbai and Delhi, you'll journey through the Rajasthani countryside and gain a fascinating glimpse into rural life. Stay at the country's most iconic hotels, some converted from royal palaces, travel deep into the wilderness in search of the elusive Bengal tiger, and take an intimate look at life and death in the sacred city of Varanasi, where devout pilgrims flock to the holy Ganges to bathe in the sacred water and cremate their loved ones.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Stay in former palaces, including iconic royal residences such as the lavish Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur and the grand Rambagh Palace in Jaipur

Embark on a private sunset boat cruise on Lake Pichola, your palace hotel seemingly floating on the water beneath an orange-hued sky, and cap it off with a refreshing cocktail

Behold the glorious Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset

Set out on private safaris in Panna National Park, home to the elusive Bengal tiger, and enjoy an exclusive talk on conservation by a member of the local Pardhi community

Observe priests performing an *aarti* ceremony on the banks of the Holy Ganges in Varanasi

Experience the diverse appeal of India's great cities, from colourful, fast-paced Mumbai, the innovative commercial heart of the country, to Delhi, a centre for politics and, with its enduring British influence, a blend of old and new

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests



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 26-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 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. Then, admire the vibrant sunset from your island hotel on a Scenic Sundowner followed by dinner. 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 the hotel. **Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur | Meals: BD (Day 3); BL (Day 4)**

Days 5–6: Jaipur | Design Your Day. 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, view the Palace of the Winds – built so the women of the royal household could 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)**

Day 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, on an A&K-exclusive experience, 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 majestic Bengal tiger. **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 program has grown the park's tiger population, increasing the odds of a sighting. Return to the lodge to savour a Chef's Table experience featuring an Indian cooking demonstration, as your lodge's chef prepares local delicacies for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive before returning to Pashan Garh 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 *arti* 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 each stand 40 metres tall. Then, Ride Like a Local by rickshaw through the narrow alleys and stalls of Chandni Chowk bazaar, one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. Like Jama Masjid, it dates to the era of Shah Jahan and today is a vital part of everyday life here – frequented by locals and a must-see destination for visitors. 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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Extend Your Journey



Nepal & Kathmandu Post-Tour Extension

Visit Buddhist shrines and Hindu temples in the heart of the Himalaya. Walk with Tibetan pilgrims at Boudhanath stupa, Explore Bhaktapur, the "City of Devotees" and see Mount Everest from the air.

Available on select departures. See website for details.

Experience The Pushkar Fair



Experience India at its most vibrant on four special departures that feature two extra nights in Pushkar to attend the Pushkar Fair, a beloved and colourful festival centred around an annual livestock sale. Contact A&K for more details.

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India: The Beautiful South

15 DAYS

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

Join a local chef in Puducherry for a market visit and cooking lesson

Visit Auroville, the New Age community founded in the 1960s that still attracts devotees the world over

Experience an evening *arti* ceremony at Meenakshi Temple with a local guide

Enter a world of tea, from plant to pour, amidst the plantations of Munnar

Watch the colourful port city of Kochi come to life with an expert guide

Travel during the spectacular festival of lights, Diwali (Oct 2022 departure only), or the Pongal Festival, a famous thanksgiving celebration dedicated to the Hindu sun god (Jan 2023 departure only)

Enjoy the contemporary opulence of the Colonial Rooms With Private Sit-Out at Taj Connemara in Chennai

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Chennai, India. Welcome to Chennai (formerly Madras) and transfer to your hotel. **Taj Connemara**

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 wholesome welcome dinner held at award-winning restaurant, The Raintree. **Taj Connemara | 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**

Day 4: Puducherry | Local Flavours. Explore 'Pondy' on foot, starting in the French Quarter admiring the wide shady streets, colonial architecture and soft pastel-colours. Pause at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded by the Indian philosopher, yogi, guru, poet and nationalist Sri Aurobindo in 1926, and today a community of more than 1,200 devotees. The main building houses the mortal remains of Aurobindo and his spiritual collaborator, 'the Mother' in a marble mausoleum. This evening, visit a local market with a chef who will provide important tips on the selection of fresh ingredients before returning to your hotel to join kitchen staff in preparing dinner which, as per tradition, is served in the kitchen. **Palais de Mahe | Meals: BD**

Day 5: Puducherry | The Legend of Auroville. Travel to the nearby New Age community of Auroville. It was founded in 1968 and attracts devotees of Sri Aurobindo from over 45 nations. You will also have a chance to wander through the site and visit Mohanam Cultural Centre which is preserving the rich cultural heritage of South India. **Palais de Mahe | Meals: B**

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. Enjoy time at leisure where you may choose to indulge in the facilities of the hotel before dinner. **Svatma | Meals: BD**

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. This evening, savour a sundowner on the magnificent Moon Deck, admiring spectacular city views. **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 from a selection of 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.
- > Join a local expert on a stroll through this ancient city and discover stories that span the length of time - some set a millennia ago, some more recent.

This evening travel like a local by tuk tuk to witness the *aarti* Hindu prayer ceremony 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: Kochi | Capital of Kerala. Drive through scenic countryside where rubber trees grow and spices are cultivated 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 with a local expert as Kochi comes to life. Watch as the fishermen reveal their catch before the morning hustle at the fish market. Have tea at a local chaikadda, then pay a visit to the Soviet-era communist reading rooms. Take a ride on the local ferry to Ernakulam, where you can catch all the action of the local market and pay a visit to the city's namesake temple.

After breakfast, 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: B**

Day 14: Kochi | Design Your Day. Today, personalise your travel experience with a selection of Design Your Day adventures.

- > **Enjoy 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.

- > 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.

Return to your hotel in time for a farewell dinner. **Brunton Boatyard | Meals: BD**

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



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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY





Sri Lanka: Secrets of the Spice Island

14 DAYS

**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

Explore World Heritage sites in the Cultural Triangle and climb the Sigiriya rock fortress

Sit down to dinner with Oxford-educated Sri Lankan architect, historian and critic, Dr. Shanti Jayewardene

Join the pilgrims for a nightly prayer ritual at the Sacred Temple of the Tooth, and enjoy VIP entry to the inner Shrine Room

Admire the floral beauty of Kandy Botanical Gardens accompanied by acclaimed botanist Bandara Palipana

Seek out elephants and endemic wildlife at Minneriya National Park

Meander through Galle Fort with an archaeologist

Stay in a number of specially selected boutique accommodations

Learn the secrets of Ceylon tea in the plantations of Sri Lanka's famous tea country

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Colombo, Sri Lanka. Welcome to Sri Lanka where you are met with a warm A&K welcome, fast tracked through arrivals and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Galle Face Hotel

Day 2: Colombo | Seaside Colonial City. This morning, meet with your Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing

before exploring the island's capital like a local – by tuk tuk. Weave your way through the city's bustling bazaars and markets, past landmark monuments and newly restored buildings finishing at Galle Face Green, beside your hotel, to soak up the Indian Ocean views. Wander back to your hotel for a breather 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 where a culinary curator introduces you to Sri Lankan home cooking. **Galle Face Hotel | 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 Sri Lankan architect, Geoffrey Bawa in 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.

Settle into your resort before enjoying dinner accompanied by special guest Dr. Shanti Jayewardene, an Oxford-educated Sri Lankan architect, historian and critic. She will provide an incredible understanding of Sri Lanka's anthropology, aesthetics, architecture, history and politics in a delightfully accessible way. **Ulagalla Resort | Meals: BD**

Day 4: Cultural Triangle | Design Your Day. Enjoy 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 ingredients 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 236 BC. 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. **Jetwing Kandy Gallery | Meals: BD**

Day 9: Kandy | Temple of the Tooth. Join well known botanist Bandara Palipana 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. Afterwards, enjoy VIP entry to the inner "Shrine Room" where the sacred tooth relic of Buddha is kept. **Jetwing Kandy Gallery | 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. **Heritage Tea Factory | Meals: BLD**

Day 11: Nuwara Eliya | Design Your Day. Part hotel part museum, Heritage 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.

Heritage 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 local archaeologist and heritage expert, Tharanga, 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 for your departure flight. **Meals: B**



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Images of Indochina & Angkor Wat

13 DAYS

**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

Experience the complex history of Vietnam, north and south, from the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" to the Cu Chi Tunnels, where you meet with a former Vietcong soldier

Discover a tranquil corner of Ha Long Bay, gliding among its stunning limestone islands and watching sunset and sunrise, on a relaxing overnight cruise

Rise early for a cyclo ride through Ho Chi Minh City's streets, observing local life, stopping for coffee and savouring sensational pho at a little-known culinary hotspot

Spend two days in Siem Reap with your expert local guide, exploring Angkor Wat, Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm Temple

Connect with serene Luang Prabang, joining locals in their home for a baci ceremony and taking part in an alms-giving tradition that immerses you in the community's spiritual life

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests



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 | Exploring the Historic Old Quarter. 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' snakes 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 'Orchid,' view the sunset framed against the Gulf of Tonkin shoreline, 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, proceed to Hang Kenh temple and take in a local water puppet show. Later, fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, where you settle in at your hotel. **The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BL**

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 carefully curated, A&K-exclusive experience that starts with a *cyclo* ride through the streets as the city slowly comes to life. Stroll through Tao Dan Park, a neighbourhood gathering place,

and then enjoy specialty Vietnamese coffee at a local shop. Changing from *cyclo* to vehicle, continue along Nguyen Dinh Chieu Street to visit a little-known, hard-to-find weapons bunker. Round out your morning exploration of local life by sampling 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. At lunch, participate in a Chef's Table experience where you try your hand at making *banh khot*, a savoury Vietnamese pancake. This afternoon, view examples of the city's colonial legacy, including Reunification Palace and the Central Post Office, and then explore a Cao Dai temple to get in touch with southern Vietnam's spiritual side. 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, venture outside of the city to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels and speak with a former Vietcong soldier, learning how this vast subterranean network was used to conceal and support a stealthy underground fighting force. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- > Visit the War Remnants Museum to view photographs from Bunyo Ishikawa, a Vietnam War photojournalist.
- > Explore the city's bustling culinary scene, sampling traditional dishes prepared by local street-food vendors.
- > Stroll Ben Thanh Market & craft boutiques to discover the latest in trendy shops and local market life.

Return to your hotel. Rest of your day is at leisure. **The Reverie Saigon | Meals: B**

Day 7: Siem Reap, Cambodia | Mysterious Ta Prohm. Fly to Siem Reap, the town nearest to Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat. 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. **La Residence d'Angkor, A Belmond Hotel, Siem Reap | Meals: BL**



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 before exploring the vast temple complex with your expert local guide. Return to your hotel for breakfast and time to relax. 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, take a tranquil gondola cruise on the Angkor Thom moat while sipping a cool drink on a Scenic Sundowner.

La Résidence d'Angkor, A Belmond Hotel, Siem Reap | Meals: BD

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. After lunch at a local restaurant, bid farewell to Cambodia as you fly to Luang Prabang. **La Résidence Phou Vao, A Belmond Hotel, Luang Prabang | Meals: BL**

Day 10: Luang Prabang, Laos | Living Temples. Step back in time for a day as you explore charming Luang Prabang and its tranquil streets. Begin with a visit to the National Museum, once a royal palace. Then, follow quiet back lanes to the beautiful Heuan Chan Heritage House. After a refreshing tea in the gardens, proceed to the enchanting Wat Xieng Thong, a Buddhist Temple noted for its "Tree of Life" wall mosaic, and then visit Wat Khili. Later, join your fellow guests for a relaxing sunset cruise along the tranquil and iconic Mekong River before dinner. **La Résidence Phou Vao, A Belmond Hotel, Luang Prabang | Meals: BD**

Day 11: Luang Prabang | Giving & Receiving. Rise very early to give alms to Buddhist monks, putting you in touch with the local culture and community. Return to your hotel with some time to relax and pack. After lunch, join locals in their home for a *baci* ceremony – a good-luck

ritual for a safe journey that is part of the local culture – before flying to Bangkok. **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 and home to Thailand's most important shrine, the green-jade Emerald Buddha. Also visit the Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles to view a dazzling array of finely detailed local fabrics. Your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner of Thai specialties. **The Peninsula Bangkok | Meals: BD**

Day 13: Depart Bangkok. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to begin your Myanmar post-tour extension or depart for home. **Meals: B**



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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.

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Classic Japan

9 DAYS

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 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

Behold the exalted flowering cherry trees, known locally as *sakura*, or view the vivid red leaves of autumn

Experience neon-lit Tokyo, learning its humble origins at the Edo-Tokyo Museum, and feel the vitality of this buzzy world capital, playing taiko drums and visiting a seafood market

Stay at Gôra Kadan, one of the country's most exclusive *ryokans* (traditional inns), thanks to A&K's small group size

Zoom by bullet train along the classic stretch past majestic Mount Fuji to Osaka, where you savour a foodie experience in the renowned Dotonbori district

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Kyoto as you discover the art of the tea ceremony, witness sumo wrestling and take part in a special geisha dinner

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests





Day 1: Arrive Tokyo, Japan. Arrive in Tokyo, Japan's exciting and modern capital. Transfer to your hotel and take in the expansive views over Tokyo's skyline. **Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi**

Day 2: Tokyo | Spirit of Edo. Today, explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum, which was established to preserve the historic heritage of the city of Tokyo, and its precursor Edo, over the past 400 years. Continue to a family-owned workshop that specialises in Japanese drum making, and try your hand at playing the taiko, on an A&K-exclusive experience. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit Asakusa Kannon Temple. This colourful pagoda-style temple was completed in 645 and is dedicated to Kannon, the goddess of mercy in several East Asian spiritual traditions. Continue to Meiji Shrine, a Shinto complex dedicated to an emperor, that was rebuilt after World War II. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Tokyo | Design Your Day. Start your day at the Tsukiji Fish Market, a bustling hub of Japanese daily life, where a dizzying array of seafood can be found. Then, receive a lesson in sushi making followed by lunch, during a special culinary experience. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Admire local contemporary art at the Mori Art Museum.
- > Experience the Shunkaen Bonsai Museum, learning about the customs of this ancient Japanese art form of cultivation.

- > Indulge in a sake tasting, sampling some of Japan's finest and learning about its cultural importance.

Return to your hotel. Evening at leisure. **Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi | 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 rising above the wooded slopes for inspiring views of Mount Fuji. Savour a lunch of Japan's famed Kobe beef, before strolling the grassy hillsides 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, experience unparalleled service and traditional Japanese cuisine at Gora Kadan, a top-rated *ryokan* (traditional inn), which is also your authentic accommodation for the night. **Gora 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,



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 | Hillside Views & Tea Traditions. Visit Kiyomizu-dera Temple for stunning views of Kyoto. 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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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, take in city views, refreshing drink in hand, before setting out on a gourmet's tour in the popular Dotonbori district, sampling dishes from the beautifully lit-up and gastronomically creative eateries that line the streets. **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 by two sumo wrestlers. Return to your hotel, where dinner is arranged. **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 verdant gardens and casting its delicate reflection in the tranquil pond

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.

Available on select departures. See website for details.

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South Korea: Sun & Moon

12 DAYS

SEOUL - GYEONGJU - BUSAN - SEOUL

This unique journey visits one of Asia's most surprising destinations. This captivating country is a relative newcomer 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, from hip and edgy Seoul where new meets old and pop culture is alive and well to a folk villages and ancient temples. Uncover absorbing local customs, flavoursome culinary delights and picturesque scenery on this unforgettable adventure.

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

Journey to Korea's haunting demilitarised zone and learn about its sombre history from a North Korea defector

Visit Kyochon Village, with the opportunity to wear a traditional Korean hanbok

Explore heritage listed temples aplenty, including Bulguksa Temple, sharing a tea ceremony with monks

Seek out the magical springtime cherry blossom display when parks, gardens and hillsides are veiled in a mass of pink (March 2022 departure only)

Enjoy fantastic night views of Gwanghan Bridge through floor-to-ceiling windows at Park Hyatt in Busan

Typically features a small group size of 10-12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Seoul, South Korea. Arrive at Incheon International Airport to a warm A&K welcome before being transferred to your hotel in Seoul. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore the wonders of this buzzing metropolis. Seek out delicious local delicacies, track down a market or marvel at the city monuments. **Grand Hyatt Seoul**

Day 2: Seoul | City Discovery & Village Treasures. Meet your fellow travellers and Resident Tour Director at a briefing before beginning your discovery of this fascinating city with a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace. 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 you'll stroll the cobbled streets, seek out quaint teahouses or curio-filled galleries and immerse yourself in traditional Korean culture.

Savour lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Gwangjang Market, the first permanent market in Korea, overflowing with fresh produce, textiles, handicrafts and items used in Korean traditional medicine. Later, discover the 2,300-year-old Korean martial art, taekwondo, in a high energy demonstration before enjoying a welcome dinner at an authentic Korean BBQ restaurant. **Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Seoul | DMZ & Design Your Day. Journey north to the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) which demarcates North Korea from South Korea. Your guide, a North Korean defector will enlighten you on what it's like to live under the storied censorship of the northern provinces, and share 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:

- > Uncover the secrets of how to make Kimchi, the perfect traditional Korean side dish, and one of the country's most famous. 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.
- > Visit the Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art, a fascinating museum that focuses on traditional and modern paintings, sculptures and installations by a range of Korean and international artists.
- > Explore the many hidden wonders of East Bukchon by pedicab, keeping your camera ready for eye-catching treasures as you discover this traditional village, preserved to showcase a 600-year-old urban environment.

Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: B

Day 4: Seoul | Folk Villages & Imposing Fortresses. Begin with a visit to the Korean Folk Village, exploring the farming village, a private house, official districts, Confucian academy, seodang (village school), and village street. This afternoon, visit Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, the official fortress of Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, built as a show of the King's filial piety towards his father Jangheonseja. Here, try your hand at traditional Korean archery, a long-respected weapon of war. The evening is at leisure. **Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: B**

Day 5: Gyeongju | Temple Territory. Take a thrilling journey on the KTX high speed train from Seoul to Gyeongju, a city with more tombs, temples, rock carvings, pagodas, Buddhist statuary and palace ruins than any other place in South Korea. After lunch, visit heritage listed Bulguksa Temple before a traditional tea ceremony with local monks, immersing yourself in this incredible humbling experience exclusive to A&K guests.



Afterwards, visit Seokguram Grotto, located on Mt. Tohamsan. A heritage listed wonder, this granite temple houses a monumental Buddha statue overlooking the sea and is considered a national treasure. This evening, enjoy a group dinner. **Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Gyeongju | Otherworldly Monuments. Enjoy a full day sightseeing in Gyeongju, starting with the Daereungwon Royal Tombs Complex, housing large ancient tombs of kings and noblemen of the Silla Dynasty. Continue to Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest existing astronomical observatory in Asia. Also, visit Kyochon Village with the opportunity to experience being dressed in Hanbok (traditional Korean costume) before lunch. A long-standing cultural tradition, treasure this incredible honour exclusively available to A&K guests.

Visit the rebuilt Donggung Palace & Wolji Pond. The pond was originally built in 101 AD within Wolseung Fortress, however the fortress was destroyed and now lies in ruins. In 1974, thanks to excavation findings and existing historical records, Anapji Pond has been restored almost to its former glory. The rest of your day is at leisure. **Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BL**

Day 7: Andong | Immersed in Traditions & History. Journey to Andong to visit Hahoe Folk Village, a village that preserves many cultural traditions, showcasing Korean living cultures and ancient architectural styles. Witness the Hahoe mask dance, a ritual originating from more than 600 years ago performed to praise the village's God. After lunch, visit to The Andong-Soju Traditional Food Museum, tasting a traditional spirit known as soju while you explore the sounds, smells, and flavours that awaken your senses. This evening, enjoy a traditional Korean meal with your group. **Hilton Hotel Gyeongju | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Busan | Port Town Explorations. Transfer to Busan, and explore Korea's largest seafood markets Jagalchi Market and the diverse Gukje Market. Afterwards, check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure to explore this colourful maritime city. In the evening, gather for Sundowner cocktails followed by dinner at the hotel. **Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: BD**

Day 9: Busan | Panoramic Views & Military History. Start your sightseeing at Haedong Yonggungsa Temple. The many temple treasures can all be seen looking out over the ocean that surrounds this sacred place. Afterwards, wander to Igidae Park a natural haven bursting with picturesque scenery. Enjoy spectacular sea views on a trek along the Oryukdo Skywalk, a translucent walkway crossing over breathtaking ocean scenes.

Visit the UN Memorial Cemetery honouring UN soldiers and aids from five countries killed in battle during the Korean War. After your sobering exploration, visit Gamcheon Culture Village, Busan's cultural centre and a creative community home to colourfully painted houses, delicious street food, spectacular street art and a labyrinth of intriguing alleyways. **Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: B**

Day 10: Busan | Breathtaking Natural Scenes & Historic Sites. Visit Taejongdae Park, especially famous for its rock beach and immense forests. After lunch, journey to Nurimaru APEC House on Dongbaekseom Island, the historic site of the 2005 APEC Leaders' Meeting, and a modernistic expression of "jeongja," a pavilion in traditional Korean architectural style. Finish your day relaxing on the crushed shell sands of popular Haeundae Beach. **Park Hyatt Busan | Meals: BL**

Day 11: Busan - Daegu - Seoul | Mountain Views & Traditional Medicine. Transfer to Daegu, starting your immersion with a visit to Palgongsan Mountain, drinking in the scenery from a round-trip cable car ride to the top of the mountain. In the afternoon, pay a visit to Yangnyeong Market in Daegu, showcasing the natural herbs and products used in traditional Korean healing remedies, even and offering exotic wellness experiences. Continue your education with a visit to Yangnyeongsi Museum of Oriental Medicine, with its displays and hands-on demonstrations. Return to Seoul on a thrilling high-speed train journey, watching the landscapes whizz past. This evening, gather for an authentic Korean farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **Grand Hyatt Seoul | Meals: BD**

Day 12: Depart Seoul. Transfer to Incheon International Airport for your departure flight. **Meals: B**



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China & The Yangtze

13 DAYS

**BEIJING - XIAN - CHENGDU - CHONGQING -
YANGTZE RIVER - SHANGHAI**

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' to marvel at the stunning vistas of the famed Three Gorges region

Go off the beaten path to the less-visited and well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China

View the astonishing Terracotta Warriors with an on-site specialist in Xian, admiring these highly detailed figures, each with a unique face and many holding actual weapons

Experience an up-close encounter with giant pandas where they roam through a recreated habitat, and learn about their daily routine and diet

Visit the Shanghai Museum on a special, privately led tour with its curator

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests



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. Today, participate in a privately led 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 | Terracotta Warriors, 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 speciality. Afterward, 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. While there, 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 Center. 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 sets a course 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 for 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. Back on board, 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 "peapod" boats, poled by Tujia boatmen, to view a scenic gorge. The Tujia are members of a local minority culture famed for their boat-building skills and keen knowledge of the Yangtze. Gain insights into their daily lives on a village visit. Return by ferryboat 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 behind 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 | Design Your Day. Explore dynamic Shanghai, where stunning modern skylines meet classic street markets and gardens. Head to the observation deck of the Shanghai Tower, where you are treated to a bird's-eye view of the Huangpu River, the Bund and Shanghai's panorama of skyscrapers. 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.

- > Enjoy a Shopping Excursion to the trendy French Concession to browse the superb selection of artisan shops and navigate the maze of shikumen homes.
- > Cycle through Pudong, exploring Shanghai's newest district filled with gleaming skyscrapers.

Then, toast your day with a relaxing Scenic Sundowner. **Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: B**

Day 12: Shanghai | Curator-Led Museum Experience. Today, walk along the Bund, Shanghai's most popular promenade, and then explore the Shanghai Museum accompanied by a curator, viewing exceptional collections of historically significant art and housewares, including bronzes, ceramics, jade, furniture and coins. Savour lunch at a local restaurant and later stroll the streets of Old Town, visiting the 16th-century Yu Garden, with its pavilions and ponds. **Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund | Meals: BLD**

Day 13: Depart Shanghai. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart for home. **Meals: B**



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Beijing & The Summer Palace Pre-Tour Extension

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Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival

12 DAYS

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

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

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, meet local camel breeders and their families

Typically features a small group size of 10-12 guests





Day 1: Arrive Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. 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 Resident Tour Director 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: Olgii | Kazakh Traditions. A flight to Olgii in the far west of the country. 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 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. **Ger Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: 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 Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: 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 Camp | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Ulaanbaatar | Mongolian Capital. Return by air to Ulaanbaatar. After lunch, the remainder of the day is at leisure to immerse yourself in the vibrant city. **Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BL**

Day 7: Ulaanbaatar | Design Your Day. Plot your own course today and choose from one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Explore the country's rich textile heritage when you visit some of specially selected boutiques where Mongolian cashmere and felt is celebrated. At Made in Mongolia, admire beautiful hand crafted felt products, before gaining special access to 976 Arts Gallery, which showcases the world of modern Mongolian artists.
- > Visit picturesque Gorkhi-Terelj National Park for a chance to view beautiful landscapes, geological formations, a wide variety of plants and birdlife, as well as the Genghis Khan Statue Complex.

Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 8: South Gobi Desert | Dunes, Mountains & Rare Wildlife. Early this morning, fly 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 Moltsoq 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. **Three Camel Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 10: South Gobi Desert | Flaming Cliffs. Head out on a morning hike in the nearby Havsgait 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 | Arts Immersion & The Ger District. Return by air to Ulaanbaatar. In the afternoon, you'll visit to the Fine Arts Gallery, admiring pieces from local artists before exploring the ger district, home to the majority of the region's residents. Then, celebrate your adventure at a farewell dinner this evening with local entertainment. **Shangri-La Hotel | Meals: BD**

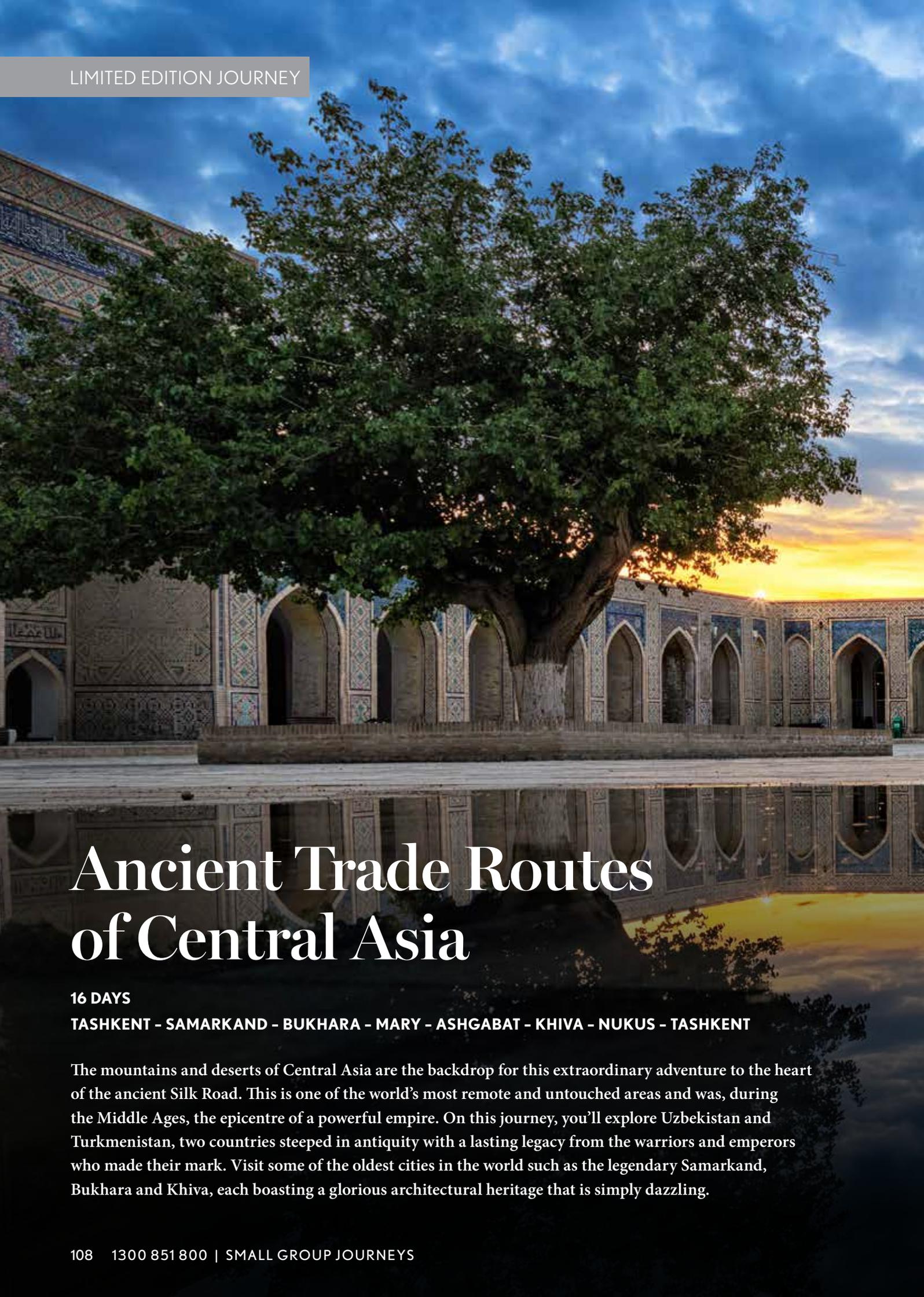
Day 12: Depart Ulaanbaatar. Farewell Mongolia with a transfer to the airport for your departure flight. **Meals: B**



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Ancient Trade Routes of Central Asia

16 DAYS

TASHKENT - SAMARKAND - BUKHARA - MARY - ASHGABAT - KHIVA - NUKUS - TASHKENT

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 heritage that is simply dazzling.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

Learn the culinary secrets behind the perfect *plov*, a classic Uzbek dish

Take a behind the scenes tour and meet artists of the impressive Navoi Opera and Ballet Theatre

Meet with Russian Orthodox icons artist and restorer Aleksander Galak at Porkrovski Church

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

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

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Arrive into the Uzbek capital. Enjoy some time at leisure, settling into your spacious Junior Suite before meeting with your Resident Tour Director who 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 with an expert guide, 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 before taking a ride on the Tashkent underground before a private visit to the ceramic workshop of the Rakhimov family where six generations of master potters have practiced their art. Visit the Navoi Opera and Ballet Theatre for a behind the scenes tour and to meet artists appearing in current performances. **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*. The afternoon is yours to explore with

your expert city guide, visiting some of the many UNESCO World Heritage sites and unique masterpieces of ancient architecture for which the city is famous. **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 at a local tea-house, you will make a stop at Pokrovskaya Russian Orthodox church to meet the famous local painter and icon restorer – Alexander Galak. Next, 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. After lunch, explore Bukhara by foot with a local guide. **Hotel Minorai-Kalon | Meals: BL**

Days 7-8: Bukhara | Domes, Minarets, Mosques & Mausoleums. Over the next two days, explore the early 18th century Bolo Hauz Mosque, Ismail Samani mausoleum which dates from the 10th century, delight in a private folk show with dinner at a local restaurant, and visit the glorious Summer Palace of the last Bukhara emirs which dates from the beginning of last century. You can also plot your own course one afternoon with a choice of Design Your Day activities:

- > Meet a local ceramics artist for a private master class to learn the secrets of crafting ceramics.
- > Explore the city's Jewish heritage on a stroll through the old Jewish quarter, taking a deep dive into the city's layered history with an expert local guide.
- > Immerse yourself in a traditional Bukhari Hammam in the Old Town. Experience every step of this cleansing process, from real steaming, skin peeling, massage, and washing.

Hotel Minorai-Kalon | 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, 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 with an expert guide, 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. Visit the regional museum and bustling bazaar before your 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. Visit 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-Tekke 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. Travel to world heritage listed Kunya-Urgench and 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. **Zarafshon Boutique Hotel | 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, visiting 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 traditional delicacies at a local family home. **Zarafshon Boutique Hotel | 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**



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Kazakhstan Pre-Tour Extension

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Wings Over Greece & Turkey

12 DAYS

ATHENS - CRETE - EPHEBUS - CAPPADOCIA - ISTANBUL

On this unique journey, explore the historic and cultural riches of the ancient world, from the glories of Athens and Istanbul, to the Minoan culture of idyllic Crete and the wonders of Cappadocia, flying by chartered air around this fascinating region, and walking historic paths to experience the local life of yesterday and today, up close. 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

Fly in comfort between iconic locales aboard an exclusively chartered aircraft, with a dedicated flight crew

Explore Athens, the birthplace of democracy, learning about Greek civilization at the Acropolis Museum and viewing the iconic Parthenon

Discover Crete, where you visit the Palace of Knossos archaeological site, savour lunch at a winery and set out on an exhilarating Jeep safari

In Turkey, journey to the ruins of Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world, arriving at, exploring and departing from this legendary site on the same day, thanks to the convenience of privately chartered flights

Enter Cappadocia's incredible underground city of Kaymakli, view volcanic stone "fairy chimneys" and discover the restored Dark Church

Stay four nights in historic, legendary Istanbul, as you visit the famed Topkapi Palace on an exclusive private opening, view spectacular examples of Ottoman architecture and ferry across the Bosphorus to experience life on its Asian bank

Limited to a maximum group size of 13 guests





Day 1: Arrive Athens, Greece. Arrive in Athens, where you are met and transferred to your hotel in the city centre. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a welcome dinner. **Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: D**

Day 2: Athens | Private Rooftop Dinner. This morning, set out on a foodie walking exploration of Athens, visiting some of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city and experiencing its charming byways, street food and traditional dishes. Devote your afternoon to leisure, perhaps setting out to explore Athens on your own. Later, view the Parthenon in the early evening light before a private dinner with stunning views on the rooftop of the Acropolis Museum. **Hotel Grande Bretagne | Meals: BD**

Day 3: Crete | Minoan Treasures. Board your private aircraft for the short flight to Crete. On arrival, enjoy lunch before visiting the Heraklion Archaeological Museum, viewing items collected from across the island that date back 5,500 years and offer glimpses into the ancient Minoan civilisation. Afterwards, proceed to your beach resort on the eastern shore of the island. **Daios Cove | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: Heraklion | A Triumph of the Bronze Age. Today, explore the Palace of Knossos, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete. As you do, learn more about the Minoans, the people who built the palace sometime in the 17th century BC and who were named by historians for the mythical King Minos, remembered for constructing the labyrinth that imprisoned the monstrous Minotaur. After lunch at a Cretan winery, return to your hotel to enjoy its many amenities. **Daios Cove | Meals: BL**

Day 5: Crete | Roaming the Countryside. Today, set out on an exhilarating off-road safari to absorb fun information about Greek mythology as well as breathtaking views. Visit a local village and take in majestic vistas over Mirabello Bay. Journey to the plateau of Katharo, along winding dirt tracks, passing through the biggest forest on the island, where the mountains soar to nearly 1,500 metres above the sea, perhaps stopping at a *kafenio* (café) for a refreshment. Later, wind down the mountainside to another plateau, for a delicious al fresco barbecue lunch, served with wine. Afterwards, visit Zeus's Cave, where legend holds the father of all the Greek gods was born. Continue along roads that can only be accessed by 4WD vehicle, crossing rivers and admiring the rugged terrain, until you reach the village of Krassi. Head back to your hotel, passing en route through the Selinari, an area noted for endangered vultures, which you may spot soaring overhead. **Daios Cove | Meals: BL**

Day 6: Izmir, Turkey | Ancient Ephesus. Depart for Turkey this morning on an illuminating day trip made possible by privately chartered flights. Touch down in Izmir, where you visit the ruins of ancient Ephesus, some of the most well-preserved remains of an ancient civilisation anywhere in the world. Founded in the fourth century BC, the city has at times been ruled by the Persians and the Romans as well as the Greeks. It was home to Saint Paul for more than three years, and it was here he established the church that became the head of the Seven Churches in Asia Minor. After your exploration of this history-laden site, with its ruins of temples, roads, baths, fountains and far more, re-board your aircraft and continue to Cappadocia. **Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Cappadocia | Ballooning Over Cappadocia. This morning, lift off on an inspiring hot air balloon excursion over Cappadocia, and explore the area's volcanic stone "fairy chimneys." View frescoes at the rock-carved churches of Goreme, and discover the stunningly restored Dark Church. Then, sit down to a private barbecue lunch, while taking in views of the incredible Cappadocian landscape. Afterwards, visit a pottery shop in Avanos to learn how the renowned earthenware of the region is created and observe master potters at their craft. **Argos in Cappadocia | Meals: BL**

Day 8: Istanbul | Lunch with a Local Family. Explore the fascinating underground city at Kaymakli, which dates to as early as the eighth century BC and includes chapels, kitchens, and living quarters carved out of volcanic rock. Then, get to know the Goreme Weavers Association on an engaging artisan visit. Next, meet with a local family and join them for lunch in their home. This afternoon, fly by private charter to Istanbul, and settle into your luxuriously appointed hotel. **Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Istanbul | Hagia Sophia & Topkapi Palace. Rise early for a private, before-hours opening of the Basilica Cistern, with its marble columns still standing since the sixth century. Continue to the timeless Hagia Sophia for a visit, marvelling at the structure's imposing façade, matched only by the grandeur of its towering, vaulted ceilings. Next, revel in the ornately decorated ceilings and spectacular tile work of Topkapi Palace, on an exclusive private opening of this one-time imperial residence of Ottoman sultans. This evening, privately cruise the glittering Bosphorus, toasting its beauty on a Scenic Sundowner. **Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: BL**

Day 10: Istanbul | Design Your Day. Set out this morning to explore the magnificent Dolmabahce Palace. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities:

- > Ferry to the Asian side of the city, strolling its vibrant food markets and staying for lunch.
- > Explore cultural Istanbul at the Pera Museum, the Galata shopping district and Karakoy's coffeehouses.
- > Indulge in an historic hammam experience, or simply relax in the spa at your hotel.

This evening is at leisure. **Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: BL**

Day 11: Istanbul | Legacy of a Magnificent Ruler. Today, explore Suleymaniye Mosque and Istanbul's fabled Grand Bazaar, meeting local craftspeople along the way. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, free to relax or explore this marvellous city on your own. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a farewell dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus | Meals: BD**

Day 12: Depart Istanbul. After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your departing flight. **Meals: B**



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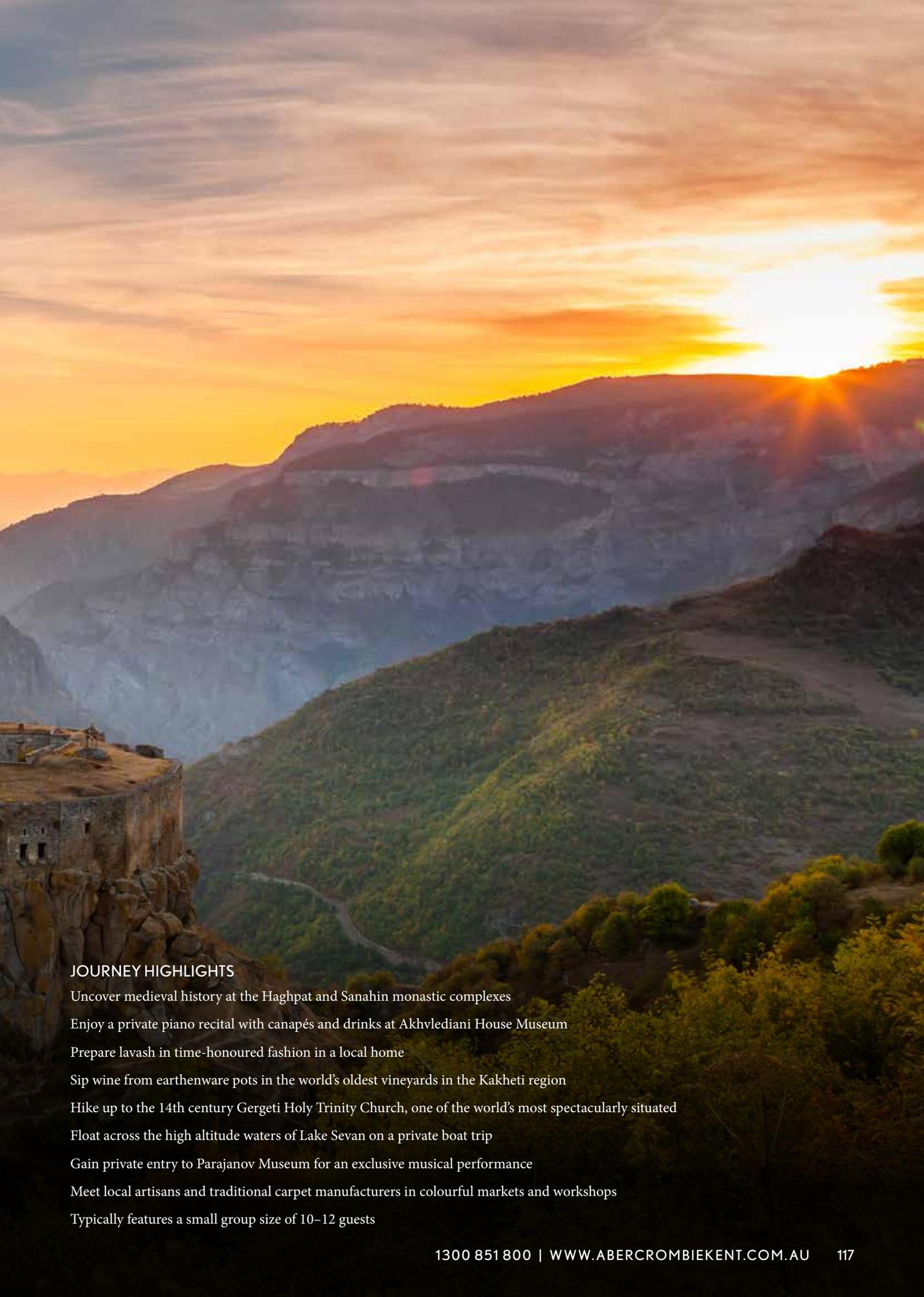


Georgia & Armenia: Journey to the Caucasus

13 DAYS

TBILISI - KAZBEGI - YEREVAN

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. 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. Neighbouring Armenia was one of the first countries to adopt Christianity, and there are magnificent churches in abundance in the most unexpected locations. The food throughout the region is delicious and hearty and, in many places, there's a delightfully unspoiled medieval vibe.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Uncover medieval history at the Haghpat and Sanahin monastic complexes

Enjoy a private piano recital with canapés and drinks at Akhvlediani House Museum

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

Hike up to the 14th century Gergeti Holy Trinity Church, one of the world's most spectacularly situated

Float across the high altitude waters of Lake Sevan on a private boat trip

Gain private entry to Parajanov Museum for an exclusive musical performance

Meet local artisans and traditional carpet manufacturers in colourful markets and workshops

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Tbilisi, Georgia. Arrive into the Georgian capital and this evening join your Resident Tour Director and fellow travellers for a drink and 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. After lunch, visit the National Museum of Fine Arts. Tonight is a chance to savour some of Georgia's finest cuisine at a favourite traditional restaurant accompanied by a private polyphonic ensemble performance. **Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Tbilisi | Design Your Day. Visit 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) during a private workshop.
- > Join an architectural expert for a walking tour around the city.
- > Visit the historic Tbilisi Sulphur Baths and experience an authentic scrub treatment.

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 Monastery before arriving at the pretty fortified town of Signaghi, 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. This evening, attend the Akhvediani House Museum, studio of one of the first recognised female artists in Georgia, Elene Akhvedian. Admire her works over drinks and a private piano recital. **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. 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: BLD

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 before visiting a studio to observe the traditional craft of felt making. This evening, enjoy the stylish Nordic atmosphere of the hotel before sundowners on the terrace. **Rooms Hotel Kazbegi | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Tbilisi | Heart of Georgia. Heading along the Georgian Military Highway, take in the Ananuri Architectural complex, with churches and towers dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. Indulge in flavourful Georgian dishes paired with locally-made wines before continuing to Gori, the birthplace of Joseph Stalin where you will visit the controversial museum that traces his life. **Tbilisi Marriott Hotel | Meals: BL**

Day 8: Yerevan, 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. **Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Lake Sevan | Pearl of Armenia. Travel to Lake Sevan, the largest body of water in the Caucasus region, boarding a private boat to explore the pearl of this mountainous country. Discover Sevanavank Monastery, a monastic complex located on a peninsula at the northwestern shore. Afterwards, continue on to the Armenian capital. Yerevan stretches along the banks of the River Hrazdan at the foot of Mount Ararat. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. **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.

Later, pay a visit the sombre Genocide Museum and Memorial, commemorating the massacre of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1922. Discover why Armenian brandy is world famous at a specially organised VIP tasting at the Yerevan brandy factory, followed by private entry to the Parajanov Museum, with an exclusive musical performance. **Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BL**

Day 11: Geghard & Garni | Temple & Monastery. Begin with a spiritual vocal performance in the acoustic hall of the ancient Geghard Monastery. Afterwards, visit the pagan Temple of Garni, built around 77 A.D. before taking part in a centuries-old Armenian cultural tradition at a hands-on lavash making ceremony, followed by lunch in a local home. This afternoon, there will be time to pore over the stalls at the Vernissage flea market, a short walk from the hotel and the perfect place to immerse yourself in the fusion between national traditions and modern flair. **Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BL**

Day 12: Yerevan | World's Oldest Cathedral. A morning visit to the ruins of the 7th century Zvartnots Cathedral, followed by Etchmiadzin Cathedral for holy mass. This ancient cathedral is the headquarters for the Armenian Orthodox Church. Afterwards, head to lunch at the family owned Megeryan Carpet Factory & Museum. Get comfortable as you admire the exquisite handmade carpets before savouring a traditional Armenian meal. A farewell dinner is held tonight. **Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan | Meals: BLD**

Day 13: Depart Yerevan. Transfer to the airport for departure flight. **Meals: B**



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Imperial Russia

9 DAYS

MOSCOW - ST. PETERSBURG

Experience the opulent splendours of Russia's imperial ruling class, from the modern bustle of Moscow, replete with the echoes of the Soviet Era, to the Baroque splendour of St. Petersburg, when Russia began to look toward the west. You'll be taken to the secretive Kremlin and State Armoury, a trove of magnificent imperial treasures. Visit Moscow's splendid cathedrals: the colourful onion-domed St Basil's and the golden-topped Christ the Saviour. And enjoy a private tour of the extraordinary art collection housed in St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Meet and talk with Mikhail Gorbachev's personal translator for unique insight into the collapse of the Soviet Union

Gain exclusive access not available to the general public to Konstantin Palace, the official St. Petersburg residence of the president of Russia

Benefit from early entry to the incomparable Hermitage Museum, viewing its world-famous collections of jewellery and artefacts at a calmer, less-crowded time of day

Explore St. Petersburg with a canal cruise and a concert of Russian music at Peter and Paul Fortress, as well as a visit to the summer palace of Peter the Great

Visit the intimate Fabergé Museum for up-close views of its glittering treasures, including the stunning Fabergé eggs

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests



Day 1: Arrive Moscow, Russia. Arrive in Moscow, the capital of Russia, where you are met and transferred to your hotel, situated steps from Red Square. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Moscow | Meals: D**

Day 2: Moscow | The Kremlin's Treasures. Explore two of the Kremlin's cathedrals and enjoy early entry to the State Armory, home to priceless artifacts dating to the 14th century. Ride Like a Local on the Moscow Metro, admiring the elegant architecture of its stations. Your afternoon is at leisure. **Four Seasons Hotel Moscow | Meals: BD**

Day 3: Moscow | Private Lunch with Gorbachev's Translator. Visit the Sparrow Hills and other key sites around the city. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then revisit the pivotal era of Perestroika with an in-person talk from Mikhail Gorbachev's personal translator. Continue to the Tretyakov Gallery to view its fine artworks. **Four Seasons Hotel Moscow | Meals: BL**

Day 4: St. Petersburg | Concert at Peter and Paul Fortress. Board a high-speed train to St. Petersburg, and check in to your hotel. Then, sit down to a Russian afternoon tea. Later, relax on a boat cruise on the city's canals, viewing local life on shore, cocktail in hand, for a refreshing Scenic Sundowner experience. Finish at Peter and Paul Fortress, where you attend a choir concert of Russian spiritual music. Tonight, dine at a restaurant just outside the fortress walls. **Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Petrodvorets | Legacy of Peter the Great. Begin the day with special entry to Konstantin Palace, enjoying exclusive access unavailable to the general public to this art-filled former residence of grand dukes. Afterward, travel to Petrodvorets, summer palace of Peter the Great, to view its grounds, sculptures and fountains. Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil. This evening, view St. Isaac's Cathedral, and then take part in a private culinary master class and dinner for an engaging and memorable Chef's Table experience. **Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg | Meals: BD**

Day 6: St. Petersburg | Early Entry to the Hermitage. Beat the crowds with special early entry to the world-famous Hermitage Museum to marvel at its spectacular art collections. Break for lunch in a nearby restaurant, and then return to view the renowned Impressionist collection. Later, attend a performance in one of St. Petersburg's historic theatres. **Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg | Meals: BL**

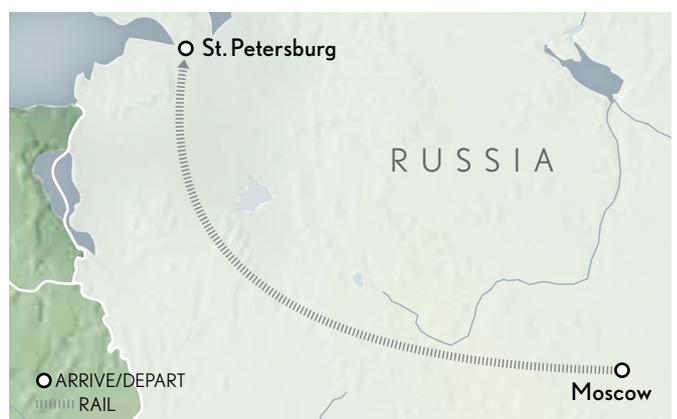
Day 7: Pushkin | Design Your Day. Journey to Pushkin to discover the magnificent 18th-century Catherine Palace, designed to rival Versailles. Enter the rarely visited Cold Bath and Agate Rooms to see the palace's only surviving original interiors. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- > Bask in a Russian banya, a traditional steam bath experience that detoxifies and invigorates.
- > Visit the home of a well-known local artist to view his works and enjoy a hosted afternoon tea.
- > Discover the Central Navy Museum to learn the history of the Russian navy, dating to the reign of Peter the Great.

Enjoy an evening at leisure, free to explore on your own. **Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg | Meals: BL**

Day 8: St Petersburg | Private Museum Visit & Concert. Today, enter the ornate Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood to behold its delicate mosaics, and visit the Fabergé Museum to see its glittering Fabergé eggs and other objets d'art. Explore the city your way during an afternoon at leisure. Then, enjoy a private visit and concert with Champagne at the Isaak Brodsky House Museum, an experience available exclusively to A&K guests. Savour a tasting of Russian caviars as a fitting prelude to your farewell dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg | Meals: BD**

Day 9: Depart St Petersburg. Transfer to the airport for your departing flight. **Meals: B**



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Wonders of the Galápagos & Machu Picchu

12 DAYS

GUAYAQUIL - GALÁPAGOS ISLAND - LIMA - SACRED VALLEY - MACHU PICCHU - CUSCO - LIMA

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

Cruise for four nights in the Galápagos Islands aboard stylish 'La Pinta,' a newly renovated, 48-guest expedition vessel that offers comfort and flexibility for exploring

Experience some of the most intimate and up-close wildlife encounters in the world, both on land and in the water

Explore the Galápagos on twice-daily shore excursions that include nature walks led by a certified naturalist guide, and choose from activities such as kayaking, snorkelling, light trekking or relaxing on shore

Discover magnificent Machu Picchu firsthand in the company of a local expert guide, and stay at the only hotel on-site for access to the ruins before most other visitors arrive

Meet people of the Sacred Valley of the Incas when you privately visit their remote village to gain insight into their centuries-old weaving and farming techniques

Limited to a maximum group size of 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. Continue on to Puerto Ayora and board 'La Pinta,' your expedition ship for your four-night cruise through the Galápagos' northern islands. 'La Pinta' is built for adventure, offering spacious cabins, floor-to-ceiling windows and a comfortable atmosphere. The vessel is ecologically sound and comes equipped with *pangas* (rubber rafts), a glass-bottom boat and sea kayaks that allow for independent exploration. Tonight, dine on board. **'La Pinta' | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Cruising the Galápagos | Eden & Sombrero Chino. After breakfast, get fitted for your wetsuit and snorkelling gear. Then, Ride Like a Local, boarding a *panga* (small boat) for a shore excursion to Eden Islet, a secluded, biodiverse enclave 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 up to the volcano's summit and

take in the views. 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 Philip'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: Guayaquil & Lima, Peru | Begin a Peruvian Adventure. Disembark 'La Pinta' at Baltra Island, where you transfer to the airport to fly to mainland Ecuador, and then, take a connecting flight to Lima, Peru. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport | Meals: BL**

Day 7: Cusco | Sacred Valley. Fly to Cusco, located more than 3,352 metres above sea level, where you are met and transferred to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. En route, visit Awana Kancha, a center where South American camelids, such as llamas and alpacas, are bred. Learn about the valuable fibres created from their coats. Then, visit the beautiful Hacienda Sarapampa for a Chef's Table experience. Enjoy lunch with the owner, who cordially shares his family's history in farming and shows you around the farm. **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD**



Day 8: Sacred Valley | Like a Journey Back in Time. Today, visit Moray, a fascinating archaeological site comprising a series of concentric agricultural terraces, some almost 150 metres deep. Then, journey to a remote mountain village, where you experience ancient agricultural methods used for centuries, on an A&K-exclusive experience. Continue to the Children of the Rainbow school, a project supported by A&K Philanthropy, where you enjoy lunch and take in an equestrian performance featuring Paso Fino horses. Return to your hotel to enjoy a relaxing Scenic Sundowner before dinner. **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Machu Picchu | Bingham's Stunning Find. Begin your day with a visit to the imposing fortress of Ollantaytambo, with its massive stone terraces that hug the mountain slopes. Next, Ride Like a Local by train, journeying deep into the Andes toward Machu Picchu and 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, Machu Picchu was built in the 15th century at the height of the Inca Empire. Although this "Lost City" was revealed to the rest of the world by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911, its location was long known to locals. Its original purpose, however, remains a matter of some conjecture, as the Incas left no written records. As you wander amid the age-old stone walls, picture life as it might have been in this mystical citadel, set some 2,438 metres above sea level. Tonight, stay in the only hotel on site, just steps from the entrance. **Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel, Machu Picchu | 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. After your explorations, bid adieu to this "Lost City of the Incas" and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning 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. Tonight, relax or stroll this ancient Incan capital on your own. **Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: BL**

Day 11: Cusco | Design Your Day. This morning, discover Cusco on a city excursion 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 from colossal stones, its walls were cut and placed together with incredible precision and without a single drop of mortar to hold them in place. Back in Cusco, stop for lunch at a local restaurant near the plaza. This afternoon, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- > Visit the San Blas neighbourhood, a unique, bohemian enclave where you find the workshops of artisans.
- > Stroll San Pedro Market and visit the Inca Museum for a taste of local fruits and cheese, and a glimpse into history.
- > 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. **Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel, Cusco | Meals: BLD**

Day 12: Depart Lima. Relax on a morning at leisure in Cusco. Later today, fly to Lima and connect with your homebound flight. **Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport (dayroom) | Meals: B**



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Patagonia: The Last Wilderness

10 DAYS

BUENOS AIRES - USHUAIA - EL CALAFATE - PUERTO NATALES - SANTIAGO

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

Sail on an exclusively chartered boat through the Beagle Channel, and stand amid a lively colony of Magellanic penguins on a rarely visited island, while staying in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world

Visit a working Patagonian ranch, observing authentic skills such as herding and shearing, and enjoy hiking and horseback riding through magnificent vistas

Explore the unspoiled Patagonian forest on a guided hike, sail Argentino Lake and view the Perito Moreno Glacier from a choice of picturesque vantage points

Roam through iconic Torres del Paine National Park to experience the otherworldly beauty of its jagged peaks, pristine forests and turquoise lakes

Explore wild Patagonia by horseback, on foot or by boat, as you tailor your stay at The Singular Patagonia

Limited to a maximum group size of 18 guests



Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina. Arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina's vibrant capital, and transfer to your hotel. Relax or explore the neighbourhood on your own before gathering for a welcome dinner served family style. **Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: D**

Day 2: Buenos Aires | Colonial Capital. Explore Buenos Aires in the company of your expert Resident Tour Director. Visit the Plaza de Mayo, pass through the San Telmo neighbourhood, continue to La Boca and 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 3: 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 Martillo Island to walk among a teeming rookery of Magellanic penguins before continuing to Gable Island, 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 for dinner. **Arakur Ushuaia | Meals: BLD**

Day 4: El Calafate | Gateway to the Glaciers. Fly to El Calafate to experience Patagonian rural life in this rustic town. Later this afternoon, experience over 100 years of history during a visit to an authentic ranch. Watch sheep shearing and herding, and hike or ride horseback along the pristine banks of Argentino Lake. Admire the stunning Patagonian landscapes during a relaxing Scenic Sundowner; dine tonight on lamb grilled the traditional Patagonian way. **Hotel Posada Los Alamos | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: El Calafate | An Astonishing, Icy Spectacle. Start the day cruising to Argentino Lake's Seno Mayo, 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 6: Puerto Natales, Chile | Trekking, Hiking & Biking. Journey to Puerto Natales, where, after a late lunch, you will enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Opened in 1940 and honoured as a National Heritage site, the Singular Patagonia was once a cold-storage plant. Today it features an industrial museum on site and offers a wide range of expeditions and activities, such as horseback riding, trekking and mountain biking. Choose your preferred mode of exploration and experience this incredible location on your own terms. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Puerto Natales | Torres del Paine National Park. Today, discover the magnificent wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park, again selecting from available activities – with opportunities to explore fjords, mountains, glaciers, forests and ranches – all with varying grades of difficulty and duration. This park was created by tectonic movements; its rugged landscapes were sculpted during the ice ages, and the motion of glaciers has continued to reshape them. 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, unwind in your room or step outside to marvel at the Patagonian night sky, awash with countless pinpoints of starlight. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: 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.
- > Saddle up for a ride at Puerto Consuelo, the first estancia in the region, and meander through the surrounding landscapes at your own pace.
- > 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 private, interactive Chef's Table experience, joining a chef as he prepares barbecue and explains his distinctive preparation for this traditional meal. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: 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 that sits some 610 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 10: Depart Santiago. Explore Santiago during a morning tour of city highlights, including the Palacio de La Moneda (presidential palace) and the Plaza de Armas, with its impressive Metropolitan Cathedral and Central Post Office. Ride by cable car up San Cristóbal Hill to behold the stunning statue of the Virgin Mary and take in expansive views of Santiago. Relax this afternoon, with late access to your room, before transferring to the airport for your departing flight. **The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago (dayroom) | Meals: B**



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Extend Your Journey



Easter Island Post-Tour Extension

Fly from Santiago to remote Easter Island, 3,500 kilometres offshore. Discover its unique island culture, volcanic craters, and gain a better understanding of the gigantic moai sculptures.

Available on select departures. See website for details.

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Wings Over Argentina, Chile & Brazil

12 DAYS

**BUENOS AIRES - PATAGONIA - PUERTO
NATALES - MENDOZA - IGUAZU FALLS - SÃO
PAULO**

Discover three vibrant nations, experiencing their people, cultures and culinary treasures firsthand, including fine wines, on an active, immersive journey that explores Mendoza's winelands, Patagonia's epic landscapes and stunning Iguazu Falls. 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

Travel between destinations in style on private flights chartered by A&K

Share a meal with a celebrated wine maker, and set out on a full-day winery experience in Mendoza, featuring a variety of tastings and lunch with wine pairings

Choose your own way to explore the rugged, untouched wilderness of Patagonia, including iconic Torres del Paine National Park, with A&K's Design Your Day feature

Pursue exhilarating activities in scenic surroundings, including horseback riding, hiking, biking and kayaking

Experience life at an *estancia* (ranch) and savour a traditional *asado* (barbecue) lunch

Behold magnificent Iguazu Falls from your hotel situated mere steps away; also view the thundering cascades firsthand, from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides

Limited to a maximum group size of 11 guests



Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina. Arrive in Buenos Aires, where you are met and transferred to your hotel, enjoying guaranteed early check-in. Tonight, gather for a cocktail reception and festive welcome dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: D**

Day 2: Buenos Aires | Barrios & Tango Culture. Explore cosmopolitan Buenos Aires and its various barrios – each with their own unique character. View some of the city’s modern street art in La Boca and Barracas, which are steeped in art and history, and home to some of the most spectacular murals in the city. This experience provides an in-depth look at the effect of politics, economics and social change on Buenos Aires street art and activism, to help foster a greater understanding of how the city’s history has influenced public expression. Experience a private tango demonstration and lesson from performers at the famed Rojo Tango cabaret. Later, delight in dinner and a tango show at this intimate venue. **Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: BLD**

Day 3: Buenos Aires | Polo and Estancia Traditions. Journey into the countryside, to an estancia (ranch), where you have a polo lesson and try your hand at swinging a mallet, or opt for a carriage or bicycle ride through the surrounding landscapes instead. For lunch, savour asado (barbecue), a local favourite of Porteños. Afterward, return to your hotel. **Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires | Meals: BL**

Day 4: Patagonia, Chile | A Scenic Treasure. This morning, fly south by private charter to Puerto Natales, in windswept Chilean Patagonia, arriving in time for lunch at your luxury hotel. This afternoon, take advantage of the wide range of activities and expeditions available, in varying grades of difficulty and duration. Tonight, dine at your hotel. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Puerto Natales | Torres Del Paine National Park. Explore the magnificent wilderness of Torres del Paine National Park – a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve renowned for its otherworldly landscape of granite spires and deserted pampas. See firsthand the serrated Torres del Paine mountains and scan their peaks, where you might pick out a soaring Andean condor riding an updraft. After dinner, simply relax or marvel at the Patagonian night sky, awash with starlight. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 6: Puerto Natales | Design Your Day. Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- > Cruise the Patagonian Fjords to Two Glaciers, witnessing their majesty and power up close.
- > Ride Horseback 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, gather for another dinner accompanied by superb Chilean wines. **The Singular Patagonia | Meals: BLD**

Day 7: Mendoza, Argentina | Foothills of the Andes. Fly by private charter to Mendoza, Argentina’s famous wine region and enjoy lunch with a celebrated winemaker at one of the most recognized wineries, where viticulture and literature combine in an unforgettable dining experience. Then, transfer to your hotel, set in a 55-acre vineyard. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Cavas Wine Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Mendoza | Winery Visits with Tastings. Set out on a full-day winery experience that includes visits and tastings at three wineries, enjoying lunch with paired wines at one of them. Tonight, dine at a restaurant owned by one of Argentina’s top chefs. **Cavas Wine Lodge | Meals: BLD**

Day 9: Mendoza | Learning the Secrets of a Local Chef. Today is yours to pursue activities as you desire. Perhaps horseback ride through the local vineyards, mountain bike or do a bit of hiking. A cooking lesson this evening is led by a chef who introduces you to the secrets of Argentinian cuisine. Savour the repast you have created as you relax beside a fire amid the vineyards. **Cavas Wine Lodge | Meals: BD**

Day 10: Iguazu, Brazil | Splendours of the Falls. Fly northeast to Iguazu, landing on the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls. Bordering Brazil and Argentina, the falls are located in lush Iguazu National Park – a vast forest that is home to rare birds, such as macaws, toucans and parrots, as well as monkeys, crocodiles, armadillos and elusive jaguars. Explore the Argentine side of the falls, starting with a train ride. Disembark to trek along pathways to the top of the waterfalls to take in spectacular views and bask in a natural setting filled with orchids, colourful birds and endemic wildlife. Enjoy an exclusive lunch in view of the Dos Hermanos cascades, and then proceed to a suspended platform at the brink of Devil’s Throat, the largest cascade in Iguazu National Park, to experience the immense power of the water up close. After the visit, cross the border to your hotel on the Brazilian side. Tonight, if the sky is clear, enjoy the unique opportunity to explore the falls by moonlight. **Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BLD**

Day 11: Iguazu | Up Close with Natural Wonders. Today, experience Iguazu Falls from the Brazilian side. Thanks to exclusive park access, enter before regular operating hours, descending on a canyon trail for panoramic views of more than 240 cascades. Then, board a glass elevator to a platform, for a new perspective. Later, a private boat takes you right up to the bottom of the falls to feel the true force of this natural wonder. In the afternoon, make a backstage visit to the Parque des Aves bird sanctuary that includes access to restricted areas and the privileged opportunity to interact with toucans and flamingos, among others. This evening, savour a memorable dinner in the care of a celebrated local chef who takes you on a culinary journey through Brazilian culture. **Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BLD**

Day 12: Depart São Paulo. After a leisurely morning and lunch at the hotel, fly by private charter to São Paulo, Brazil, where you connect with your international flight. **Meals: BL**



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LIMITED EDITION JOURNEY

Cuba Awakened

13 DAYS

HAVANA - VIÑALES - CIENFUEGOS - TRINIDAD - SANTA CLARA - HAVANA

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



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

See the sites in quintessential Cuban style, on a classic car tour of Havana

Discover the tastes of Cuba with some sporting conversation at lunch with a local baseball star

Be enthralled by the natural wonders of Guanayara in Topes de Collantes

Understand why Cuban cigars are the best in the world on a tobacco farm tour

Witness the legacy of musical artist Benny Moré with a guided arts school tour and choral performance

Typically features a small group size of 10–12 guests



Day 1: Arrive Havana, Cuba. Arrive into Havana to a warm A&K welcome and VIP assistance through the airport, followed by a transfer to your hotel. **Hotel Saratoga**

Day 2: Havana | Classic Cars & Historical Icons. Today, get a taste of Havana daily life on a walking tour of the colourful, heritage listed city. In the afternoon, cruise around town admiring stunning baroque churches, Spanish colonial structures and neoclassical buildings in style in a vintage convertible. This evening, savour a welcome dinner with your group. **Hotel Saratoga | Meals: BD**

Day 3: Havana | Design Your Day. Today be immersed into everything classically Cuba, with a guided tour of a Havana cigar factory. Afterwards, be treated to lunch with a baseball star. Hear how this sport has become part of the lives of most Cubans as you savour deliciously flavourful local fare. This afternoon Design Your Day with one of the following activities:

- > Discover the origins of one of Cuba's most famous exports at the Havana Club Rum Museum. Gain an understanding of the rum-making process, wrapping up with a tasting.
- > Ernest Hemingway is possibly the only American to have achieved idol status amongst the Cuban locals. Join your expert guide as you drive around Havana and learn about the great writer's life on the island that was his home for more than 20 years.
- > Delve into the flavour packed world of Cuban cuisine in a private cooking class with a local chef, learning how African and Spanish traditions influenced Cuban cooking. Taste the results over lunch.

Hotel Saratoga | Meals: BL

Day 4: Viñales | Traditional Tobacco Farming. Travel to Viñales. Stop for lunch en route and take a tour of Finca Robaina, Cuba's most famous private tobacco farm which has been growing tobacco since 1845. Arrive in Viñales for dinner at the foot of a stunning mogote. **Hotel E Central Viñales | Meals: BLD**

Day 5: Viñales | Discovering the Valley of Penance. Discover Valle de la Penitencia, (Valley of Penance) with picturesque rounded hills that dot the dramatic landscape as far as the eye can see. Afterwards, visit a tobacco stripping house, (*despalillo*) to witness local women moisten, smooth and strip the leaves which will be used in iconic Cuban cigars. Return to the city with your evening at leisure. **Hotel E Central Viñales | Meals: BL**

Day 6: Cienfuegos | Immersed in Military History. Today is for history, visiting Cienfuegos via the Bay of Pigs. En route, stop for lunch at Casa Ronel for a freshly prepared seafood feast before discovering the history behind one of the biggest military mishaps of the Kennedy administration. Upon arrival in Cienfuegos, sip sundowners at the Palacio del Valle with the rest of the night at your leisure. **Boutique La Union | Meals: BL**

Day 7: Cienfuegos | The Pearl of the South. Discover the "Pearl of the South" on a guided city tour. Explore Jose Marti Park, the lavish Tomas Terry Theatre and the Palacio del Valle at Punta Gorda, with its exotic mix of Byzantine, Venetian, Gothic, Baroque and Mudejar architecture. Afterwards visit Cienfuegos' Benny Moré School of Arts with a guided tour and witness a choir performance by aspiring trainees. Enjoy delicious local fare for dinner with your group. **Boutique La Union | Meals: BD**

Day 8: Trinidad | Sugar Barons & Seaside Views. Travel to Trinidad and discover the hidden secrets of this heritage listed city, keeping a camera at the ready as you stroll through the cobble streets.



Sugar and slavery were intertwined in the 18th and 19th centuries in Cuba, showcased on a guided tour to the vast 'Valley of the Sugar Mills' before dinner at Los Conspiradores in the heart of the historic district. **Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad | Meals: BD**

Day 9: Trinidad | Design Your Day. This morning you can choose your own adventure, with three Design Your Day activities on offer:

- > Put your best foot forward in an hour-long salsa lesson led by a professional local dancer, who will teach you the basic Cuban salsa steps and have you moving to the local rhythms in no time.
- > Cycle to La Boca and Ancon beaches. Continue to Playa Ancon, Trinidad's main beach resort and enjoy the expanse of white sand beach and warm turquoise seas.
- > History buffs can indulge in a visit to one of the local museums in Trinidad, the Museo de Historia Municipal, Trinidad Architecture Museum, or the Romantic Museum, exhibiting a wide variety of furniture and other decorative arts owned by the bourgeoisie of Trinidad during the 19th century.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the city. **Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad | Meals: B**

Day 10: Santa Clara | Natural Wonders & Revolutionary Icons. This morning is for natural wonders, exploring beautiful Guanayara on foot, admiring gorgeous scenery culminating in the chance to swim in a natural pool and stunning waterfall. Transfer to Santa Clara, exploring with a guided city tour on arrival. Architecture lovers will revel in the Santa Clara Cathedral with its spectacular collection of stained-glass windows. Your day comes to an end with a group dinner. **Hotel E Central Santa Clara | Meals: BLD**

Day 11: Santa Clara | The History of Che Guevara. No trip to Cuba is complete without a visit to the Che Guevara Mausoleum, located in Plaza Che Guevara alongside the bronze statue of the revolutionary icon. Further your cigar education at Fabrica de Tabacos Costantino Perez Carrodegua, Santa Clara's main tobacco factory producing some of the best cigars in the country. **Hotel E Central Santa Clara | Meals: B**

Day 12: Havana | Farewell to the Caribbean. Travel to Havana and visit Los Almacenes de San Jose, an iconic handicraft market and art exhibitions and musical performances. Celebrate your Cuban discovery at a farewell dinner on your hotel's rooftop terrace. **Hotel Saratoga | Meals: BD**

Day 13: Depart Havana. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **Meals: B**



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Extend Your Journey



Mexico Pre-Tour Extension

One of the easiest ways to enter Cuba is via Mexico. Why not take advantage of this and spend a few days enjoying Mexico's white beaches and Mayan ruins prior to your arrival in Cuba? Be spellbound by the pristine Caribbean coastline, majestic monuments of Chichen Itzá, flavourful Mexican fare, and the enduring architecture of the many small villages and immense constructed wonders.

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Antarctic Discovery: Beyond the Antarctic Circle 15 days | Jan 18, 2023

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Arctic Cruise Adventure: In Search of the Polar Bear 15 days | Jun 30, 2022

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The Northwest Passage: From Greenland to the Bering Sea 24 days | Aug 23, 2022

Embark on a luxury cruise through the rarely-transited Northwest Passage, embarking on an epic expedition from western Greenland to the Canadian Arctic to the Bering Sea and Nome, Alaska.



**Wonders of Japan Cruise:
Cherry Blossom Season**
14 days | Mar 22, 2022

Experience the vast breadth of this island nation, including atmospheric Kyoto, mediaeval Karatsu and the mountains of Towada-Hachimantai National Park.



**Cruising the Baltic Sea:
Copenhagen to St. Petersburg**
13 days | Jun 8, 2022

Set out on the most sweeping of Baltic cruises, immersed in the cultures of grand, historic cities in Denmark, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Estonia, Finland and Russia.



**New Cruising the Enchanted Isles:
Scotland, Ireland & England**
41 days | Aug 26, 2022

Voyage beyond mainland Scotland, Ireland and England to explore breathtaking coastal scenery, magical islands and historic treasures.



**Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures
from Florence to Venice**
13 days | Sep 13, 2022

Enjoy two days in Florence before cruising on all-balcony 'Le Bougainville' to treasures from Rome, Venice and Sicily to Puglia's Gargano National Park, Urbino and Bastia on French Corsica.



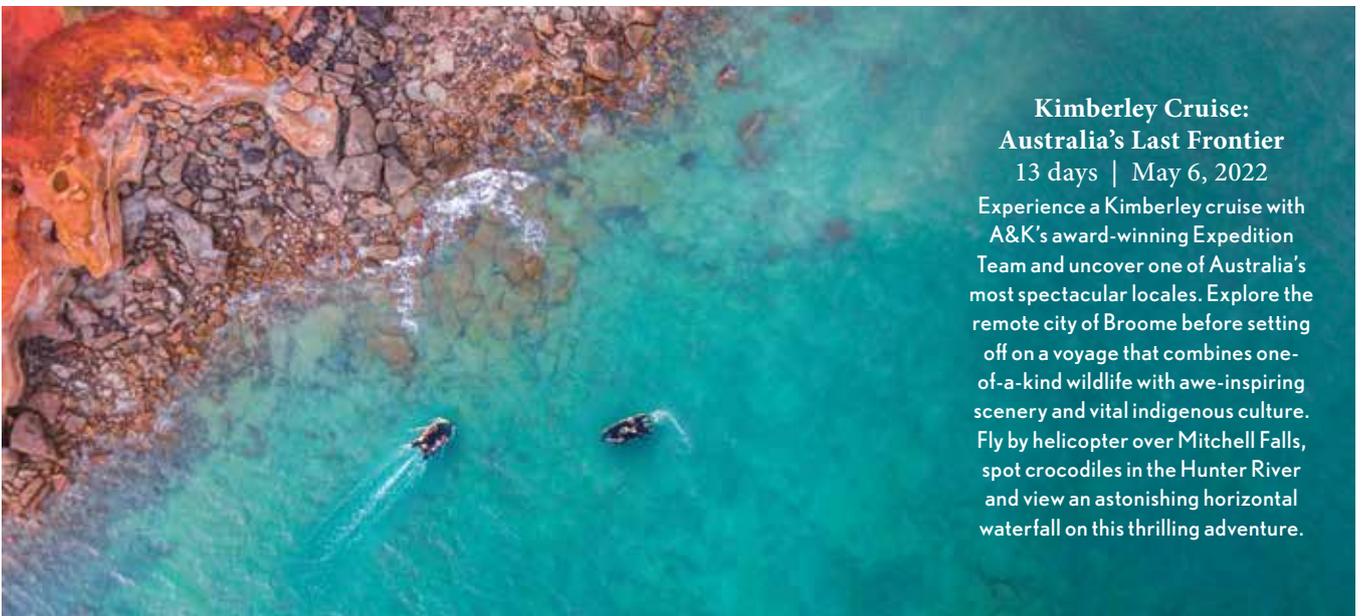
Cruising the Greek Isles
10 days | Sep 30, 2022

Experience the wide diversity of Greece on a single itinerary that spans Knossos in Crete, Rhodes, Santorini and lively Mykonos, exploring historic sites and natural marvels.



**New South Pacific Voyage: Komodo,
Papua & Great Barrier Reef**
17 days | Nov 21, 2022

Explore the rich tribal traditions, tropical seascapes and natural wonders of the paradisiacal South Pacific, including Komodo National Park, Maluka, Papua and the Great Barrier Reef.



**Kimberley Cruise:
Australia's Last Frontier**
13 days | May 6, 2022

Experience a Kimberley cruise with A&K's award-winning Expedition Team and uncover one of Australia's most spectacular locales. Explore the remote city of Broome before setting off on a voyage that combines one-of-a-kind wildlife with awe-inspiring scenery and vital indigenous culture. Fly by helicopter over Mitchell Falls, spot crocodiles in the Hunter River and view an astonishing horizontal waterfall on this thrilling adventure.



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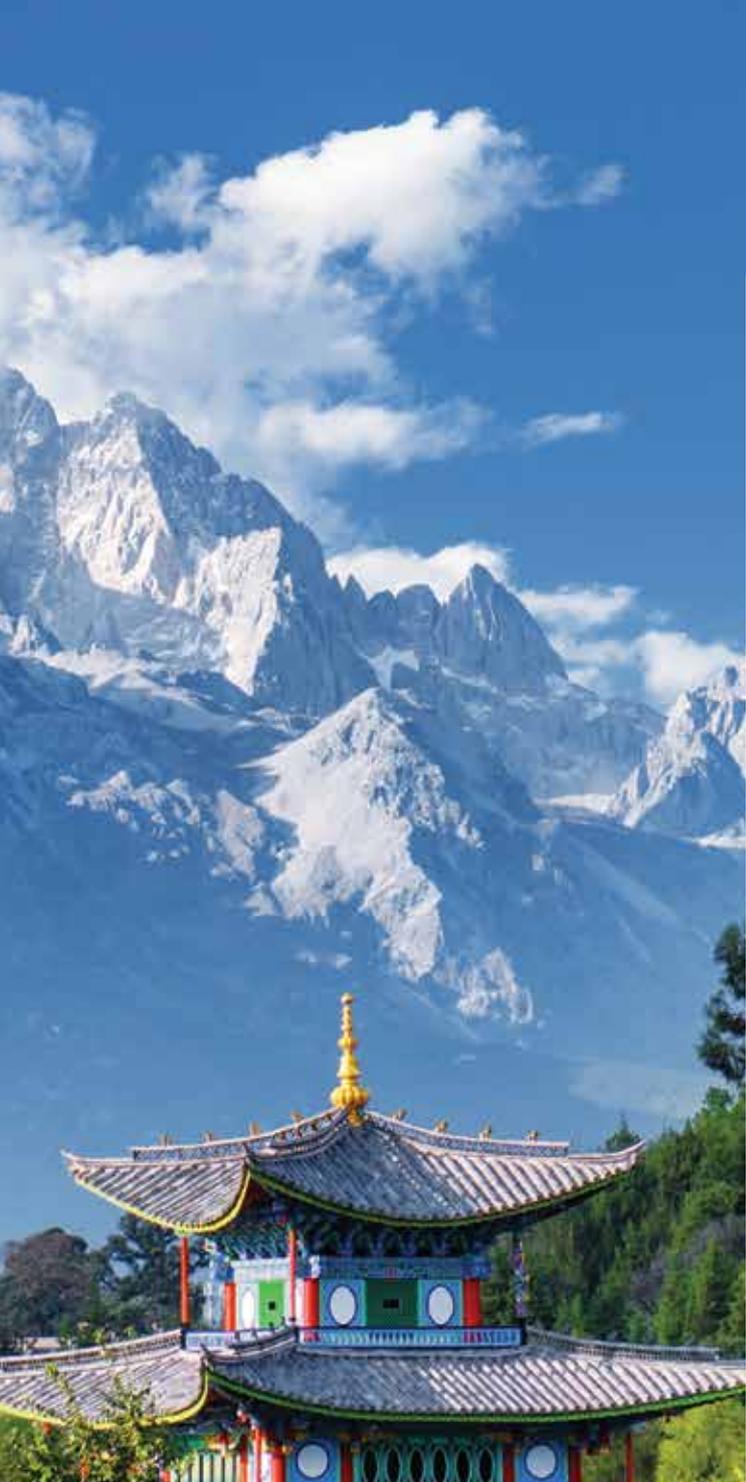
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Please ensure that you read all of the Conditions below. In particular, we draw your attention to the following Clauses:

- **Clause 2 – Basis of Contract**
- **Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 – Quotations and Deposits**
- **Clause 3.6 – COVID-19 Acknowledgment**
- **Clauses 4 and 5 – Price Policy and Payment**
- **Clause 7 – Cancellations by the Customer**
- **Clause 8 – Force Majeure and Alterations by A&K**
- **Clause 9 – Obligations and Liability**
- **Clause 18 – Travel Advisories**

Payment of a Deposit indicates your acceptance of these Conditions. A contract is formed once the Customer has paid the Deposit.

1. Definitions

"A&K" means Abercrombie & Kent (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 005 422 999.

"ACL" means the Australian Consumer Law Schedule to the Competition and Consumer Act.

"Booking" means a Customer's acceptance of a Quotation as informed to A&K, subject to these Conditions.

"Conditions" means these Terms and Conditions.

"Contract" means any agreement for the provision of the Services by A&K, and the provision of the Travel Arrangements, to the Customer.

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

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

"Deposit" means an amount payable by the Customer to A&K at the time of Booking, as set out in a Quotation.

"Force Majeure" means unusual and/or unforeseeable circumstances beyond A&K's control or the control of our suppliers, that affect the ability of A&K to provide the Services or the ability of the Suppliers to provide Products, including, but without limitation, acts of God, flood, drought, earthquake, extreme weather or other natural disaster, epidemic, pandemic or significant risk to human health such as the outbreak of disease (including but not limited to COVID-19 and any disease caused by a new strain of the coronavirus), terrorist attack, civil war, civil commotion or riots, war, threat of or preparation for war, armed conflict, imposition of sanctions, embargo, or breaking off of diplomatic relations, nuclear, chemical or biological contamination or sonic boom, any law, guidance or advice issued, or any other action taken by a government (local or national) or port, border, river and/or aviation authority (local or national) or other public authority, collapse of buildings, fire, explosion or accident, or interruption or failure of utility service.

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"Retainable Amounts" means any Amendment Charge, any Cancellation Charge, and any other amount unrecoverable by A&K or identified in a Quotation as retainable.

"Services" means the booking and payment services provided by A&K in relation to the Travel Arrangements, and the delivery of the Travel Arrangements which are directly controlled by A&K, but does not include delivery of any Products provided or to be provided by Suppliers.

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

"Supplier Fees" means any amounts payable by the Customer to a Supplier, including but not limited to amounts payable to the Supplier in the event of amendment or cancellation.

"Tax Invoice" means a tax invoice which complies with the definition contained in section 29 - 70 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. A contract is formed once the Customer has paid the Deposit.

2.3 Different Products may have specific terms and conditions, Deposit requirements and cancellation charges applicable to the Product. These will be communicated in the Quotation or prior to the Customer making a Booking.

2.4 Customers who book with A&K are also bound by the terms and conditions of any relevant Suppliers (Supplier T&Cs) insofar as they relate to Products and Travel Arrangements, and the Customer accepts and agrees that:

(a) it is the Customer's responsibility to read and understand the Supplier T&Cs as provided to them or where access is made available to them; and

(b) in the event of an inconsistency between these Conditions and any Supplier T&Cs, these Conditions will prevail to the extent they relate to any Contract between a Customer and A&K.

3. Booking Your Travel Arrangements

3.1 Quotations - are valid for a period of seven (7) days.

3.2 Deposit - a Deposit of \$1,400 per person and full names of all Customers as per passport are required to secure the Booking. The Customer is responsible for the accuracy of the information it provides. An additional nonrefundable permit fee is required at time of booking for Travel Arrangements including Uganda and Rwanda.

There may be an additional Deposit depending on the policies of the Supplier of Products being booked. Any additional Deposits will be advised at time of making a Booking. A Deposit of 25% per person of the price of the journey is required for Wings Over the World Journeys.

3.3 Requests to make a Booking within 90 days of the Departure Date must be accompanied by full payment and may be subject to an urgent processing fee, in addition to any applicable Supplier Fees. Select Journeys indicated below must be paid in full 120 days before the departure date. Wings Over the World Journeys must be paid in full 180 days before the departure date.

3.4 Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions are only available to customers booked on related group journeys.

3.5 Select Journeys: Brazil: The Amazon, Pantanal & Iguazu Falls; Chile: From the Andes to the Atacama Desert; Cruising the Mekong; Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat; Easter Island & the Tapati Festival; Egypt & the Nile: A Holiday Journey;

Family Costa Rica; Family Galápagos; Galápagos Holiday Adventure; Galápagos Wildlife Adventure; India Wildlife Safari; Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Khan Legacy; Myanmar & the Irrawaddy; Oman & the Emirates: The Sands of Time; Patagonia: The Last Wilderness; Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley; Rwanda: Land of a Thousand Hills; South Korea & Japan: Cultural Legacies; Southern Africa Safari by River & Rail; Splendours of Morocco; Taj Mahal & the Treasures of India; Wild Canada: Belugas & Bears; Wonders of the Galápagos & Machu Picchu; Cuba Awakened, Tribes and Traditions of Ethiopia (17Jan22 Timkat Festival departure only); Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival, Namibia Unearthed and all Connections European River Cruise Journeys.

3.6 COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Prior to making a Booking, the Customer must sign an acknowledgement attesting to their fitness to travel and agreeing to comply with all health protocols as directed by A&K staff during their Travel Arrangements. If the Customer is making a Booking on behalf of a group of individuals, all members of the travelling party above 18 years of age must sign an acknowledgement. For individuals under 18 years of age, a Parent or Guardian must sign on their behalf. The Customer must not travel if they test positive for COVID-19 during the 14 days prior to departure; standard cancellation terms will apply. The Customer must maintain adequate physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands during their Travel Arrangements. Masks are required to be worn in accordance with local regulations and recommended to be worn at all times in vehicles, indoor spaces, any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to continue on the Travel Arrangements. The Customer voluntarily assumes all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their travelling party require testing, quarantine or become infected with COVID-19.

4. Price Policy

4.1 Prices are valid for travel arrangements made and travelling in the period until 31 December 2022 (until 30 April 2023 for Limited Edition Journeys). All prices are per person in Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified. Prices are subject to the Quotation provided.

4.2 Travel Arrangement prices set out in the Quotation are for the entire package and itemised component costs cannot be given.

4.3 Travel Arrangements - prices may be based on Products being booked for all Customers in the Booking, and accordingly Customers must travel together throughout the Travel Arrangements.

4.4 Surcharges - 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, scheduled airfares, hotel, cruise 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 A&K undertakes in order to offer the prices mean that prices cannot be reduced or refunded if the Australian dollar strengthens.

4.7 Products not Utilised - no refunds are made in respect of Products not utilised, for example, flights, accommodation, meals and sightseeing excursions.

4.8 A&K Price Assurance - A&K will honour any lower advertised price on www.abercrombiekent.com.au for the same journey, travel date and accommodation classification for all small group journeys available through A&K excluding Luxury Expedition Cruises, Private Jet, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent, international and internal air and extra services. The Travel Professional or customer must contact A&K for a price adjustment prior to travel. A&K reserves the

right to modify or cancel the A&K Price Assurance for future bookings without prior notice, and such modification or cancellation applies in respect of any Bookings made after such modification or cancellation takes effect.

4.9 Inclusions for Luxury Small Group Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Connections Journeys, Connections European River Cruises, and Wings over the World Journey - All accommodations, meals and fully guided sightseeing (including park and entrance fees) as noted in the itinerary; airport transfers to/from hotel/ship in the first/last published city regardless of day of arrival and departure; services of A&K Resident Tour Director or appropriate guide on Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions; coffee/tea/soft drinks/water at included meals; local wine and beer at all designated welcome and farewell dinners and with all lunches and dinners on Connections European River Cruises; local bottled water during sightseeing; portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage; complimentary Internet access (where available on cruises and at land accommodations; service levels are not guaranteed); hotel taxes; and gratuities throughout, except to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides.

Additional inclusions for Luxury Small Group Journeys, Family Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys and Wings over the World Journeys only - A&K's Travelling Bell Boy Service is provided; however, because of security regulations, this service may be limited at airports, railway stations and points of embarkation for cruises. A&K's Traveller's Valet includes laundry service for eight (8) pieces (excludes Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions). Dry cleaning is not included. A&K's Breakfast in Bed service is included on Luxury Small Group and Wings Over the World Journeys up to two times per journey (limitations may apply for safari journeys).

Inclusions for Limited Edition Journeys - All accommodation as detailed on a double/twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; wine and beer with all designated lunches and dinners; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; services of English speaking A&K Resident Tour Director; economy flights only if specified as included in itinerary; all entrance fees, planning, handling, operational and communication charges; all tipping, including the Resident Tour Director (where a 'Guest Host' accompanies the journey, tipping of the Guest Host is not expected).

4.10 Exclusions for Luxury Small Group Journeys, Family Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Connections Journeys, Connections European River Cruises and Wings over the World Journeys - 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; gratuities to the Resident Tour Director/Extension guide/East Africa safari driver-guides; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; room service; beverages other than those noted in inclusions above; sightseeing not included in the published itinerary; and personal expenses such as laundry (except for A&K's Traveller's Valet as noted), communication charges, Internet access for all trains; and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

Exclusions for Limited Edition Journeys - International airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; reciprocity and other border fees; insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip; items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax or phone charges; transfers, sightseeing or meals not specified in itinerary; excess baggage charges; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted.

4.11 Prices set out in a Quotation include GST. Prices for the supply of the Travel Arrangements and the Services exclude any other taxes, duties or imposts imposed on or in relation to the Travel Arrangements and the Services in Australia or overseas. The Customer is liable to pay any amount of GST imposed on any Product.

4.12 Air Transportation - International airfares (to the journey starting point and from the ending point) are not included

in programme pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from most departure points. Some journeys include internal flights as specified in the itinerary. All internal air is offered and provided by Suppliers, and unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or the relevant Supplier T&Cs, are based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air prices are subject to change until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. Air reservations cannot be confirmed until full passport details are received by A&K.

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

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

4.13 Baggage - A&K provides portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/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.

Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the travel programme, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

4.14 Child Policy - The minimum age is 10 years old unless noted on the itinerary and all children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Some activities on journeys may require a minimum age to participate. Note that some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult.

A parent or guardian travelling alone with a child is recommended to carry documentation that proves their relationship to the child (e.g. birth certificate) and evidence that they have permission to travel with the child (e.g. consent letter). Customers travelling with children who are not related are recommended to carry documentation which provides evidence they have permission to travel with the child. Customers are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents required for travel with children. A&K cannot be held responsible should the Customer, child or any member of the travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with a country's requirements.

4.15 Hotel Check-in - Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it requires an additional room night to be confirmed. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Requests for early check-in based on hotel availability cannot be guaranteed and are at the sole discretion of the hotel.

4.16 Room Upgrades and Special Requests - Upgrades are typically available on request at individual hotels for an additional cost. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that reasonable efforts will be made to secure special requests; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

5. Payment

5.1 Final Payment - unless otherwise agreed in writing, the final payment must be received by A&K 90 days prior to the Departure Date. Select Journeys (see Clause 3.5 above for the list) must be paid in full 120 days before 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 by the Customer

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

- a) Amendment Charge - fees may apply to any Customer requesting a change to a confirmed Booking or Contract.
- 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 - amendments made by the Customer within 90 days prior to the Departure Date (or 120 days prior for Select Journeys and 180 days prior for Wings Over the World) are treated as cancellations and re-bookings. Cancellation charges apply as detailed below.

7. Cancellations By The Customer

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

7.2 Charges - unless otherwise agreed by A&K and the Customer in writing, the following cancellation charges, excluding international airfares, 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:

Luxury Small Group Journeys by A&K, including Limited Edition Journeys, Marco Polo Journeys, Family Journeys, Connections Land Journeys range:	
Days prior to Departure Date	Amount or Percentage of Travel Arrangements Price Payable
91 days or more	\$1,400 per person
90 - 46 days prior	50% of Travel Arrangements price
45 - 0 days prior	100% of Travel Arrangements price

Select Journeys listed above:

Days prior to Departure Date	Amount or Percentage of Travel Arrangements Price Payable
121 days or more	\$1,400 per person
120 - 61* days prior	50% of Travel Arrangements price
60* - 0 days prior	100% of Travel Arrangements price

* 100% cancellation fee applies 90 days prior for the Tribes and Traditions of Ethiopia journey (17Jan22 Timkat Festival departure only)

Wings Over the World Journeys:

Days prior to Departure Date	Percentage of Travel Arrangements Price Payable
211 days prior to departure or more	10% of programme price
210 - 181 days prior to departure	25% of programme price
180 - 121 days prior to departure	50% of programme price
120 days prior to departure or less	100% of programme price

The Customer agrees the sums referenced in the cancellation provisions above are not a penalty and represent a genuine pre-estimate of the loss and damage to

which A&K will be subject in the event of such cancellation. These include, amongst other costs but not limited to, fees charged by hotels and travel suppliers to A&K for cancelled bookings.

7.3 Additional Charges - the Customer may further incur Supplier Fees for cancellation, including international flight providers, over which A&K has no control.

7.4 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. Force Majeure and Alterations by A&K

8.1 A&K and, where applicable, any relevant Supplier, shall be excused from performance of their respective obligations under these Conditions to the extent that it is prevented from acting due to circumstances amounting to a Force Majeure Event, for as long as such circumstances last and affect such performance.

8.2 To the maximum extent permitted at law, A&K is not liable to the Customer or any third party in any way whatsoever to the extent provision of the Services, or availability of the Products or any part of the Travel Arrangements, is impacted by a Force Majeure Event.

8.3 Where a Force Majeure Event occurs, if A&K seeks to rely on Clause 8.1, it must:

(a) give immediate notice to the Customer stating the nature of the event, and its likely duration (if known to A&K), and the effect of the Force Majeure Event on its ability to perform any of its obligations under these Conditions; and

(b) use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event on the performance of its obligations.

8.4 If A&K considers the provision of its services to a Customer, or a Product or the Travel Arrangements or any party of a Product or the Travel Arrangements, is or will be impacted by a Force Majeure Event, it may:

(a) suspend or terminate the Agreement by written notice to the Customer;

(b) cancel the Travel Arrangements or any part of the Travel Arrangements;

(c) subject to Clause 8.5, offer the Customer alternative Travel Arrangements of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or

(d) elect to offer the Customer, at A&K's discretion:

(i) travel credit with A&K in the sum of the Refundable Amounts; or

(ii) a refund in the sum of the Refundable Amounts.

8.5 If a Customer accepts an offer made by A&K under Clause 8.4(c):

(a) Unless otherwise agreed by A&K in writing, A&K may charge the Customer, and the Customer must pay, the Amendment Fee; and

(b) the Customer will be liable for and must pay any relevant fees to Suppliers.

8.6 A&K must use reasonable endeavours to ensure Travel Arrangements proceed as booked by the Customer. However, the Customer acknowledges and agrees:

a) delivery of the Products and certain parts of the Travel Arrangements are matters out of A&K's control or influence; and

b) A&K, or any Supplier, may alter any part of the Travel Arrangements, including programme itineraries, arranged activities and sightseeing, accommodation and transport, where reasonably necessary due to matters beyond their control other than a Force Majeure Event, without liability. Such alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

8.7 Where A&K alters any part of the Travel Arrangements subject to Clause 8.6(b), it must endeavour to ensure any alternative arrangements substituted in place of the affected Travel Arrangements are of a comparable standard.

8.8 Material Alteration - if A&K, or any Supplier, makes a Material Alteration to the Travel Arrangements other than

as a result of a Force Majeure Event within 120 days of the Departure Date, A&K will give notice to the Customer within a reasonable time. The Customer will have the choice to accept the Material Alteration, or accept comparable Products offered by A&K (if applicable), or receive a full refund of all monies paid by the Customer less any unrecoverable costs. The Customer must notify A&K of its choice within seven days. If A&K does not hear from the Customer within seven days, A&K will assume that the Customer has chosen to accept the Material Alteration.

8.9 Refunds related to a Material Alteration or Force Majeure Event - subject to Clauses 8.4 and 8.8, and without prejudice to any obligations it has at law, A&K will refund the Customer the Refundable Amounts within a reasonable time after cancellation. However, the Customer acknowledges and agrees that in certain circumstances, a refund will be delayed if A&K requires the refund to be processed by a Supplier.

8.10 Claims and Refunds - In circumstances other than those relating to a Material Alteration or Force Majeure Event, refunds are not made for any missed Services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see Clause 9 relating to our obligations and liability. For claims to be considered, they should be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the Travel Arrangements and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination management company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals.

9. Obligations and Liability

9.1 Booking Agent - A&K acts as an agent for the Suppliers of Products and accepts no liability for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or irregularity that may arise to any Customer or third party resulting from the Customer's or third party's use of the Products, unless recoverable from A&K on the failure of a statutory guarantee under the ACL. A&K makes reasonable enquiries to determine that Suppliers provide appropriate Products, but A&K is not responsible for the Products or their standard.

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 - To the maximum extent permitted at law, 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.

9.5 COVID-19 - 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 as a result of:

a) local quarantine restrictions, government-imposed travel restrictions, or other laws, regulations or orders imposed by governmental authorities;

b) any failure of a Customer to comply with local quarantine restrictions, government-imposed travel restrictions, or other laws, regulations or orders imposed by governmental authorities;

c) a Supplier refusing to provide the Products to a Customer on the basis that the Customer has failed to comply with the Supplier's reasonable directions, or local quarantine restrictions, government-imposed travel restrictions, or other laws, regulations or orders imposed by governmental authorities;

d) a Supplier refusing to provide the Products to a Customer

on the basis that the Customer has not met the health and safety protocols applied by the Supplier or its authorised agents (including, but not limited to, if the Customer develops or presents with symptoms of COVID-19);

e) a Customer developing or presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 prior to departure or at any point throughout the Travel Arrangements, and refusing to comply with a reasonable direction by A&K or a Supplier to seek medical care; and

f) a Customer providing inaccurate or misleading information on its COVID-19 Acknowledgment Form at or before the time of making a Booking.

9.6 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.

9.7 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.

9.8 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.

9.9 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 that might reasonably be expected to affect the Travel Arrangements. The Customer agrees and acknowledges that A&K will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer as a result of any pre-existing medical condition or health issue of the Customer that may preclude, delay, affect or interfere with the Travel Arrangements.

9.10 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 (whether known or unknown) 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.

9.11 The Customer agrees 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 the pace of the Travel Arrangements or the enjoyment of other participants.

9.12 The Customer agrees and acknowledges that A&K may remove from any trip, at the Customer's own expense, anyone, who, in A&K's reasonable opinion, has a physical condition or has engaged or is engaging in any conduct which may negatively impact the enjoyment of the other participants or otherwise disrupts the tour.

9.13 The Customer acknowledges and accepts that different places, countries, facilities and tour operators may have lower standards of safety, labelling, 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.

9.14 While A&K makes efforts to audit our suppliers and hoteliers it may not be possible to enforce standards of health and safety that would be expected in Australia. Local regulations can be ad hoc and not rigorously enforced. When considering a holiday, you must make a personal assessment on the health and safety risks you are likely to incur.

9.15 Insurance - A&K strongly recommends that all Customer insure themselves against loss of deposit, cancellation charges, medical and repatriation expenses, personal injury and accident, death, loss of personal possessions or baggage, and any other foreseeable loss, expense, cost, damage or liability related to the Travel Arrangements. A&K expressly excludes liability to the Customer or any third party for any loss, expense, cost, damage or liability arising from or in any way related to a Customer's failure to obtain suitable travel insurance.

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,
- 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

12.1 Any personal information that A&K obtains from the Customer, or about the Customer from its representative, is necessary for A&K's business purposes or providing the Customer with A&K's Travel Arrangements, Products and Services, and may be used in answering any queries the Customer may have, considering the Customer's application for credit or to become a Customer, performing internal administration and operations, developing, improving and marketing A&K's Services, and related purposes.

12.2 A&K's Privacy Policy details why A&K collects this personal information, who A&K may disclose it to (including whether A&K is likely to disclose it to overseas recipients), and the main consequences (if any) if A&K does not collect the personal information of the Customer. A&K's Privacy Policy also contains information about how the Customer may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about the Customer, and A&K's complaint resolution procedures.

12.3 A&K will not disclose any personal information to any other party without the consent of the Customer except to the Suppliers, a related entity or adviser of A&K or where A&K is otherwise required by law to do so.

12.4 A&K's Privacy Policy is available at www.abercrombiekent.com.au/legal or by request to A&K by phoning +61 3 9536 1800 or via email at privacy@abercrombiekent.com.au.

13. Consent for cross-border disclosures

13.1 By making a Booking, the Customer acknowledges and consents that A&K will not, as would otherwise be required, be obliged to take steps to ensure that an overseas recipient of Customer Information complies with the Australian Privacy Principles.

14. Miscellaneous

14.1 A&K's failure to enforce any of these Conditions shall not be construed as a waiver of any of A&K's rights.

14.2 If any Condition is unenforceable it shall be read down to be enforceable or, if it cannot be read down, the condition shall be severed from the Conditions without affecting the enforceability of the remaining conditions.

15. A&K Guaranteed Departures

15.1 All group journey types as named in the introductory paragraph to these Terms and Conditions are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of two (2) persons unless noted on the itinerary.

15.2 Guaranteed departures will operate except in cases of Force Majeure, which could include any major world event adversely affecting international travel patterns or other circumstances beyond A&K's control.

16. Photography or Recording During Travel

16.1 A&K reserves the right to take photographs or video or audio recordings of Customers during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use, re-use, publish, and republish their image, identity likeness, name, voice, interview, statements, video clips and sound recordings, and/or photographic portraits or pictures in which customer(s) may be included (an "Image"), for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By making a Booking for a program with A&K, Customers acknowledge that A&K is the owner of the photographs and video and agree to allow their images and/or voice to be used in such photographs, videos and recordings, which may thereafter, be used by A&K. Customers who prefer that their images and/or voice not be used must (1) identify themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their Journey; and (2) notify their A&K Travel Consultant by email, not later than thirty (30) days following the end of the journey. In the event the Customer fails to comply with both obligations, the Customer shall not be exempt from this section. If such written notice is not timely provided, the Customers, individually and on behalf of any minor child travelling with them, have granted unrestricted rights and permission for A&K to use the Images.

17. Travel Documents

17.1 Travel documents will be issued after final payment has been received. Travel documents may include special conditions including restrictions such as baggage size and weight limits. Travel documents are not transferable. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport holder and some carriers will deny carriage if the name varies and the Booking may be cancelled. It is the responsibility of the Customer to collect all travel documents prior to travel.

18. Travel Advisories and Warnings

18.1 It is the responsibility of the Customer to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the Australian Government's website at smartraveller.gov.au or by phone to 1300 555 135.

18.2 In the event of an active Travel Advice against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the Customer still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the Customer assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

19. Qantas Frequent Flyer Points

19.1 You must be a Qantas Frequent Flyer member to earn Qantas Points. A joining fee may apply. Membership and Qantas Points are subject to the Qantas Frequent Flyer Terms and Conditions, available at www.qantas.com/terms

20. Terms & Conditions Amendments

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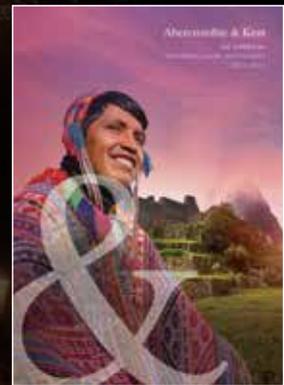
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