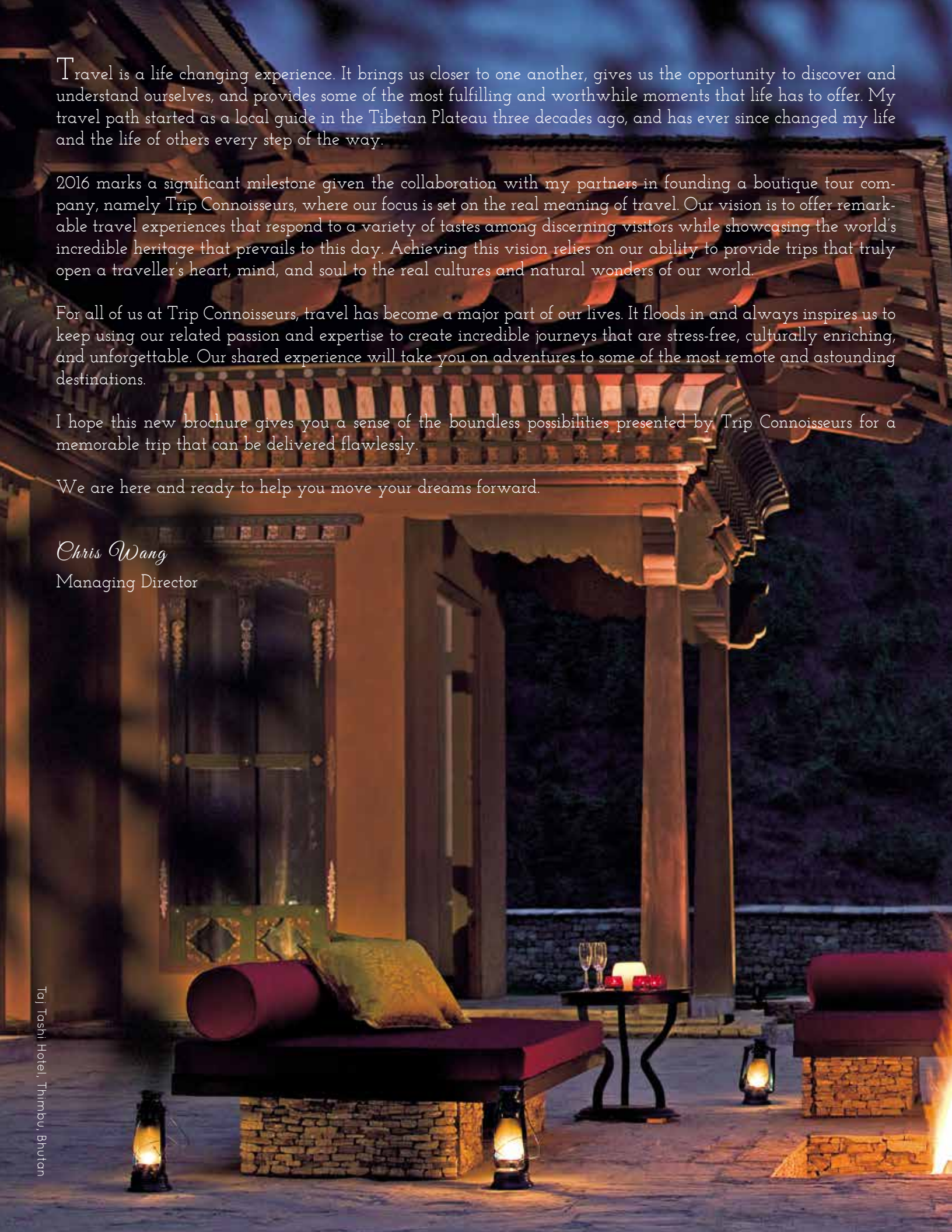


TRIP CONNOISSEURS

MOVING YOUR DREAMS FORWARD...



Terrace Fields of Yuanyang, Yunnan, China



Travel is a life changing experience. It brings us closer to one another, gives us the opportunity to discover and understand ourselves, and provides some of the most fulfilling and worthwhile moments that life has to offer. My travel path started as a local guide in the Tibetan Plateau three decades ago, and has ever since changed my life and the life of others every step of the way.

2016 marks a significant milestone given the collaboration with my partners in founding a boutique tour company, namely Trip Connoisseurs, where our focus is set on the real meaning of travel. Our vision is to offer remarkable travel experiences that respond to a variety of tastes among discerning visitors while showcasing the world's incredible heritage that prevails to this day. Achieving this vision relies on our ability to provide trips that truly open a traveller's heart, mind, and soul to the real cultures and natural wonders of our world.

For all of us at Trip Connoisseurs, travel has become a major part of our lives. It floods in and always inspires us to keep using our related passion and expertise to create incredible journeys that are stress-free, culturally enriching, and unforgettable. Our shared experience will take you on adventures to some of the most remote and astounding destinations.

I hope this new brochure gives you a sense of the boundless possibilities presented by Trip Connoisseurs for a memorable trip that can be delivered flawlessly.

We are here and ready to help you move your dreams forward.

Chris Wang

Managing Director

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Why Trip Connoisseurs

1. **Insistence on quality:** You might only visit a destination once in your life; make sure you do it right. Our relentless commitment ensures that every traveller has the best possible experience in the destination, not only being there.
2. **Personal and flexible approach:** We take care of our clients as individuals with each of their particular interests and preferences in mind.
3. **Unmatched Expertise:** Our connoisseurs are among the most knowledgeable and experienced players in the travel industry. In some destinations, no other company offers the expertise that we do. With the help of our connoisseurs you will be able to say, "Veni, Vidi, Vici," which means "I came, I saw, I conquered."
4. **Clients are Empowered:** We listen to the needs of our clients, which is why all of our trips can be customized. Trip Connoisseurs distinguishes itself as a specialist in the field of custom travel. This has resulted in a high level of client satisfaction, evidenced by repeat bookings as well as favourable testimonials and word-of-mouth comments.
5. **Getting the best bang for your buck:** Our decades-long business relationships with the ground operators of host countries were built on mutual respect and unwavering dedication. Thus, we are able to offer the best value for our clients.
6. **Professionalism & Efficiency:** We have worked at the forefront. Not only have we planned trips for clients, but we have also personally encountered the many exotic corners of all seven continents. We have stayed in many hotels featured in our itineraries. When booking with us, you are in the good hands of people who have truly been there, and genuinely understand your travel needs.
7. **One-Stop Shop:** Whether you need flights, hotels, tours, transfers or guides, we are here for you as we have spent decades providing air travel arrangements while having access to private contracted airfares with major airlines worldwide.
8. **Support:** Reach out to us using our toll-free number or via email to connect with your own expert Travel Specialist who advises you on travel tips, insurance, entry visa and other travel information.
9. **Security:** We are in regular contact with our local partners while you are at the destination. Should any emergencies arise with your health or arrangements, you can be rest assured that we are on top of it.
10. **Peace of Mind:** All of our trips include this essential promise.

This was a most educational, emotional and exiting tour we had and the experience will always stay with us.

Our trip started from Vietnam to Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and finally Singapore. Each place offered its own unique culture, history, food and landscape. It is hard for me describe everything. Photography being my hobby I have taken over 4000 pictures. I want to thank you for arranging this wonderful trip for us.

Cham Tailor, Toronto



Products & Services

Trip Connoisseurs is dedicated to the delivery of interactive, enriched, and imaginative itineraries - with each traveller's particular interests and preferences in mind.

Our genuine interest in understanding the needs of our clients enables us to deliver solutions that result in optimal enjoyment and satisfaction! Central to our philosophy regarding products and services is a relentless commitment to service and quality.

Expertise & Experience

Having extensive product knowledge and providing exceptional professional service is our added value and power. We are all veterans of the travel industry, "Veni, Vidi, Vici." We are driven by our fascination and love of travel and are delighted to share with you the endlessly compelling places we have had the privilege to visit and the in-depth, first-hand knowledge of the destinations, properties and tours we recommend.

Trip Connoisseurs is your one-stop travel solution. We have spent over three decades in crafting itineraries and providing air arrangements and are proud to be the first one putting some special itineraries on the map for North American travellers.

We urge you to browse through this brochure with our sample trips and let us know what speaks to you. Do not be afraid to dream big - our years of on-the-ground experience enables us to go the extra mile to craft from-the-ground-up and provide authentic, compelling experiences that never compromise on comfort - a trip of a lifetime!

The goal of everyone at Trip Connoisseurs is not only to meet the travel needs of our clients, but to also anticipate them.

Differences & Strengths

Trip Connoisseurs distinguishes itself as a specialist in the field of upscale custom travel that is recognized for offering exceptional service, anticipating the needs and desires of its clients, and getting its clients the best value for their money.

We remain committed to deliver an extraordinary travel experience to every corner of the Globe. If you are looking to travel with a company who cares about its customers and will do everything reasonable to provide the best service, then Trip Connoisseurs is the right choice.

Our decades-long business relationships built on mutual respect and unwavering dedication, have enabled us to work together as professionals with the travel trade and ground operators of host countries. Oftentimes we are perceived as the best choice on account of the utmost degree of reliability. It is this same dependability that is appreciated day after day by the people who deal with us, whereas they can count on the constant, reliable and dedicated assistance of our connoisseurs who are always mindful of the needs of our clients.

Mission & Vision

The mission of Trip Connoisseurs is to provide superior quality services, high quality products and competitive pricing that will exceed the expectations of each traveller.

Our ultimate vision is to become the top provider for high quality travel experiences to the world's exotic destinations, while achieving high levels of client satisfaction.





Your Connoisseurs

Trip Connoisseurs's team composed multicultural people who enjoy connecting travellers with the inside scoop on our world.



Three founders combined over 70 years of working experience in the travel industry; ranked with the most experienced ones you can find that are still in the business.

Chris Wang

Managing Director

Chris's educational background happened to be in the field of Earth Sciences involving many field trips. In the early 1980's, Chris spent an entire summer in the distant Tibetan Plateau where dramatic mountain scenery, mighty rivers, and abundant wildlife lie along with the hospitable locals, fascinating religion, and charming human stories. This deeply amazed and imprinted on him, and right after that trip, Chris changed his career path and became a travel professional.

Chris started his career in Asia working for companies such as CITS and A&K. In the mid - 1980's, Chris pioneered China's first-ever overland journey for foreign tourists to Tibet. A year later, during his first visit to Europe, he witnessed the era of partition at the Berlin Wall.

After moving to Canada, Chris has rendered services to well-known companies such as Conference World Travel & Tours, Vision 2000 Travel Group, Goway and more.

Apart from countless trips to China and Asia, and subsequent trips in Europe and North America, Chris also explored some exotic destinations such as Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, North Africa, Panama, Costa Rica, Hawaii. Columbia, Argentina, and Antarctica.

He speaks English, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) and understands some European languages.



Kerry Ke

Executive Director

Kerry's passion for travel and food led him into the hospitality industry. As an independent traveller, he has been planning his own travel itineraries since he was 16. With his interpersonal skills and attention to detail, planning a customized tour for individual clients and small groups comes naturally to him.

Kerry has very high standards and designs itineraries for his clients with as much care as he would for his own travel. When working at Compass Holidays, many clients appreciated his hard work and effort and called him a great representation of the company.

Kerry enjoys incorporating his other interests into his travels. Food plays a major role in Kerry's trips as he searches for local delicacies and ethnic foods in each destination. He also loves driving and has explored almost every corner of North America. During his many driving excursions, he explores wonderful scenery not on the usual tourist route and enjoys beautiful moments between destinations.

Kerry is proficient in English, Chinese (Mandarin and Shanghainese), and understands Cantonese.

Mary Surbek

Sales & Marketing Director

Mary started her career in the travel industry 35 years ago, where she began with Conference Travel and Tours. They pioneered travel to countries that were not then accessible in the travel industry, like China, India, Africa and Russia.

Mary's extensive knowledge and experience with sincere gratitude goes to Conference World Tours who brought educational exchanges and professional conferences for The Royal College of Physicians, the Bar Associations, Dental Surgeons, ROM, Art Gallery and many more to every corner of the world.

Vision 2000 World Tours is where she continued to service the travel industry in selling and customizing travel to all the countries she has travelled to. She is especially passionate about China, India, East Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe, including Russia, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Macedonia.

Mary also has a passion for people, music, art and culture. She has been praised by agents and clients for her attention to detail in their travel arrangements and has been quoted as "The Author of Good Times".



Private Custom Trips

At Trip Connoisseurs, putting together a custom trip involves more than picking and mixing a bunch of preset modules. We understand that true custom trips require the experience and expertise of a connoisseur to carefully craft each component and incorporate it into the tour.



We love creating custom trips and we know there are thousands of extraordinary places around the world that can only be unlocked with the freedom of private travel.

To us, custom trips are a hand-crafted work.

With our personable approach we devote delicacy, empathy, experience, knowledge, responsibility, relationships, and time – all of which are an ongoing priority that we associate with all of our operations

With your personal interests, comfortable paces, budgets, special moments and privacy in mind, we guarantee your trip will be filled with personalized details, special visits, and imaginative touches that delight the senses and exceed expectations.

Whether it's a trip involving a versatile local butler or cultural attaché who handles everything from wake-up calls to spontaneous itinerary changes, or a trip handling special requests for a seamless, flawless experience, or a an independent trip with your greater involvement in managing the finer details; enjoy the hands-on fun and style as a deliberate and integral part of your travel experience.

Small Group Trips

Trip Connoisseurs offers small group journeys to many destinations across the world. Our average group size is about 10 and is almost always composed of like-minded travellers. Some group trips are exclusively for friends and family members.



Many of our small groups stay in quaint local hotels or family-run guest houses. Groups often travel in a regular van or a small bus, down roads to out-of-the-way places where they can experience friendly local restaurants or cafes.

Our small groups feature many walking tours in ancient towns, putting you in closer touch with the local history and culture as well as providing the opportunity to mingle with the locals.

From time to time, our connoisseurs will be on the road as the group leaders themselves, sharing their firsthand extensive knowledge and expertise that have taken years to develop. Why not take advantage of it?

If you are looking for authentic local experiences with excellent value and are interested in meeting other travellers while not wanting to be treated like a number, you will thoroughly enjoy our small group trips. Memories of a lifetime will be created given the comfortable environment of fellowship and information-sharing that can be witnessed for all of our small group trips to Asia, Europe, South America, Africa, the Middle East and beyond.



Blyde River Canyon, South Africa



Family Trips

Exploring exotic places as a family sharing remarkable sights, forging new paths as a team, and having fun together leads to bonds between loved ones and creates lasting memories. That's why we take great care in designing trips for every kind of family group: from young couples with kids, grandparent/grandchild duos to four-generation reunions.

We love crafting journeys that comfortably, authentically and delightfully immerse families in new cultures and experiences. We thoughtfully select the pace, themes, activities, and accommodations to suit your travelling clan's style and needs. We enjoy our work in bringing families together in special ways to mark birthdays, anniversaries, retirement, and other milestones.

Perhaps a graduation gift trip to China? We know people of all ages are wowed by China's imperial monuments like the Forbidden City and the Great Wall. And Pandas inspire an entirely different kind of "aww."

Or a Galápagos cruise with stops to snorkel with sea lions and hike amid volcanic formations? Maybe a vacation to Europe that combines sightseeing, gourmet food and shopping? We handle all the details so you can focus on connecting with the world and each other.



Rail & Cruise Journeys

Step back in time and watch the world go by on a great railway journey. Train journeys are greener, more leisurely and stylish with an intimate pace. They are the grand notion of travel. We love the epic Silk Road and the Trans-Siberian journeys. The Golden Eagle is rumbling on a one-hundred-year-old route across the Siberia carrying passengers through dramatic landscapes between Vladivostok and Moscow. India's in-demand luxury train journeys such as the Maharajas' Express, Palace on Wheels, Golden Chariot, and Deccan Odyssey cover most of India's highlights. In Africa, the famed cross-continent Shongololo and Rovos Rail take passengers across South Africa into neighbouring countries and beyond.

Since some of the earth's wonders are best reached by riverboats or small ships and often times cruising is an extremely pleasurable and relaxing way of travel (not having to pack and repack), we have hand-selected a number of extraordinary voyages - a sojourn on the Adriatic or the Aegean, an adventure in the Amazon, sailing on the Irrawaddy through Burma's villages hardly touched by tourism, along the Mekong from Vietnam to Cambodia, cruising the Yangtze through the Three Gorges, and along the scenic rivers, canals, and lakes of the Russian Waterways.

Our connoisseurs are on hand to advise times and dates, to take care of city breaks and tour options to top and tail the rail leg of your journey, and to help with pre and post extensions of your chosen voyage through the most spectacular land and water of the world.

Asia | The Pacific



Great Cities of East Asia



On Request

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

A journey like no others. This tour takes you on a quest off the beaten path and show you what makes these East Asian cities so great. Begin in **Beijing** by volunteering for the rural township at the foot of the Great Wall. Visit **Cuandixia** village and its well preserved Beijing courtyards. Submerge in an art and culture exploration in **Shanghai**. Wander through the **West Bund** to find Modigliani's masterpiece. Explore the **French Concession** and learn the city's colonial history. Proceed to the ever so glamorous **Hong Kong** and experience the traditions on foot and by **TramOramic**. Savour a sunset dinner in **Tai O village** on **Lantau**. Cap off this pleasant trip in the never sleeping city of **Tokyo**. Stay near **Yanaka**, reminiscent of Tokyo from the past. Witness the unusual costumes in **Shibuya** and hear the heartbreaking story of **Hachiko**.



Highlights of the Orient



On Request

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Get a taste of the Orient through its shining jewels. Start with **Bangkok**, the "City of Angels", is perhaps the most popular metropolis in Southeast Asia. Stunned by the grandeur of its palaces and temples and zoom through the busy streets on a tuk tuk adventure. Off to **Singapore**, the "Little Red Dot" is a melting pot where Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions are perfectly blended. Enjoy the beautiful waterfront and its exquisite gardens. Fly to **Bali**, relax on the beaches of the "Island of the Gods" while enjoying its quaint natural scenery and culture. Finish off at the "Pearl of the Orient" - **Hong Kong**, a hustling cosmopolitan that is also complex and filled with contradictions. On one side of it, there lies the modern gleaming Victoria Harbour while on the other side, you see the Aberdeen fishing village where locals live with their ancient traditions.



Montage of Indochina

 **On Request**

23 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

This signature trip starts in the northern Thai city of *Chiang Mai*, where we will explore the Mountain Tribes and the storied *Golden Triangle*. Visit *Luang Prabang*, Lao's ancient Royal Capital considered the *best-preserved city in Southeast Asia*. Fly to *Hanoi*, Vietnam, visit its charming neighbourhoods and colonial architecture. Cruise overnight onboard a junk boat in *Halong Bay*. Fly to Cambodia's *Siem Reap* and marvel at the fascinating *temples of Angkor* before boarding a 7-night *Mekong River Cruise* with *Pandaw*. Sail along the countryside of Cambodia and through the vast delta so rich in human life. Before crossing the border into Vietnam, visit the Cambodian capital *Phnom Penh* and learn this history of the infamous *Khmer Rouge*. Disembark in your final destination, the vibrant French colonial port of *Saigon*.

PHILOSOPHY AND MOTTO OF TRIP CONNOISSEURS: **"Moving your dream forward!"**

The Buddhist Trail

 **On Request**

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

This is a journey through the most Buddhism flourishing countries in South-east Asia full of ancient cities, religious monuments, remains of sacred sites, architectural wonders, and spiritual peace and tranquillity. Set foot in Myanmar, the Land of Pagodas. Dazzled by *Yangon's* shimmering golden temples and pagodas before heading up the temple town of *Bagan* and overwhelmed by the thousands of ancient temples over green plains and saffron robed Buddhist monks in *Mandalay*. Gain insight into the Thai spiritual life in *Chiang Mai* and visit its sacred Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Witness the *Luang Prabang* inhabitants practice their alms giving rituals and tour the city's monasteries and palace. Put an end to the trip in *Siem Reap*, the gateway to the ruins of *Angkor*. Surrounded by monks and pagodas, it is simple pleasure of being here.





Legacy of China & Yangtze Passage

 From \$ 4295

20 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Apr - Nov Private Custom & Group



This signature trip captures much of what eternally excites us about China. In addition to the iconic places - *Beijing, Xian, Yangtze Cruise, Shanghai, Suzhou and Guilin*, it also gives decent time to explore rural towns *Yangshuo, Longsheng* and metropolis *Hong Kong*. A day in *Beijing like a Beijinger*, private cooking class with local market visit, crowded subway ride and Hutong visit will all be part of our deepest memory of Beijing. Travelling by air, rail and boat, dining in brilliant restaurants with locals, staying at carefully chosen hotels will ensure you a memorable experience of this fascinating country..

Essential China

From \$ 1450

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



This escorted group journey showcases the essence of China and offers great value for the money. *Beijing, Xian* and *Shanghai* are not only on the "Must See" list for first-timers but for all visitors to see it again and again as these three cities give the best possible image to China's rich history, dynamic life and fast-changing society. *Escorted by a national guide and local guides, guaranteed weekly departure with most meals included*, this thoughtfully devised introductory tour to China treats us with exceptional local experiences, superior accommodations and seamless connections at the best possible pricing.

Natural Wonders of China

 From \$ 3750

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Most people are familiar with China's great man-made attractions, but relatively few had the chance to appreciate its extensive natural wonders. This trip unveils the places that holds the fascination of poets, painters and photographers and are renowned for their natural beauties that rival any in the world. Start from the picturesque and elegant city of *Hangzhou* with a cruise on the *West Lake*. Drive overland to visit *Mount Huangshan* - the loveliest mountain in China and the *Ancient Villages* around it. Discover the fairyland of *Jiuzhaigou* and *Huanglong National Park* and end in the charming city of *Chengdu*.

Nostalgic China

 From \$ 2330

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Although China's aggressive development has swallowed thousands of ancient cities in the last three decades, the province of Shanxi is exceptional with many historical sites well-preserved. Start from *Beijing* to *Datong* where we visit *Yungang Grottoes* - an outstanding achievement of Buddhist Cave Art. Continue to *Pingyao*, this 2,700 year-old walled city consists of cobbled streets and classically-styled courtyard homes making it the best example of a traditional Han Chinese city. Travel on high-speed train to *Xian* and visit *Famen Temple, Tang Tombs* and many other treasures in the city's west suburb.



Best of China & Tibet

From \$ 2995

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



In just two weeks, this affordable, small group journey summarizes the best of China with an interlude of Tibet. We begin in *Beijing* with the *Great Wall*, *Tiananmen Square*, the *Forbidden City*, *Temple of Heaven* and other Beijing wonders. Continue to *Xian* for its famous *Terracotta Warriors* and then fly over the Tibetan Plateau to *Lhasa*, Tibet's spiritual centre, where we visit the *Potala Palace*, *Norbulingkha*, *Sera* and *Jokhang Temple*, stroll in the city's old quarter the *Barkhor*, and visit a local Tibetan family. We end in Shanghai, feasting our eyes on the night glitter of the Bund and then the skyscraper forest in Pudong.

Intangible Cultural Heritage of Tibet



From \$ 3900

15 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



For centuries, Tibet has been a far-off land shrouded in mystery. This unique trip gives a thorough treatment to the immensity of the Tibetan history, arts, breathtaking landscape and intangible cultural heritages. Start in Amdo, home to thousands of Tibetans who are both part of China and apart from it where we visit *Labrang* in Xiahe, *Repkong - the Artistic Capital of Tibet*, the elegant *Kumbum*, and *Qinghai Lake*. A rail journey from *Xining* into the heartland of *Lhasa*. Continue on to visit *Shigatse's* town-sized *Tashilunpo Monastery*, and finish with *Gyantse* and *Tsedang's* many outstanding sights and sites.

Yunnan & Sichuan Explorer



From \$ 3600

13 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



A journey back in time to the old Southern China where the past and the present coexist. Such remote landscapes and the traditional lifestyle are hardly seen in today's cities of China. We begin in *Chengdu* then off to the Buddhist sanctuary of *Mt Emei* and the world's largest *Giant Buddha of Leshan*. Fly to *Dali*, a major entrepôt on the historic tea and horse-trading route. Overland across the terrains of *Meili Snow Mountain* and *Tiger Leaping Gorge*, we arrive in the old-world feel towns of *Shaxi*, *Lijiang*, and *Shangri-La* on the edge of the Tibetan Plateau. We finish in *Kunming*, the City of Eternal Spring.

Timeless Silk Road



From \$ 4725

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Travel along the timeless Silk Road, once a route of ancient caravans. Discover the oasis cities and towns with buried treasures and tales of epic glories in the past. Starting on the Loess plateau city of Chang'an, now *Xian*, we marvel at the *Terracotta Warriors* and Silk Road history before flying over the deserts of Gansu to the magnificent *Mogao Caves* and their rich gallery of Buddhist art in *Dunhuang*. On to *Urumqi* and the oasis town of *Turpan*, explore archeological treasures and natural wonders along the way. Our journey culminates with an epic visit to the remote *Kashgar* and its renowned *Sunday market*.





Trips Designed only-for-you



Grand China Odyssey



On Request

60 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Day 1 Arrive in *Beijing* • Day 2-4 *Beijing's attractions & Jishanling Great Wall* • Day 5-7 *Xian sightseeing & Han Yangling Museum* • Day 8-9 *Urumqi & Heavenly Lake* • Day 10-11 *Kashgar & Sunday Bazaar* • Day 12-13 *Turpan* • Day 14 *Train to Dunhuang* • Day 15-16 *Dunhuang & Mogao Caves* • Day 17-18 *Lanzhou* • Day 19-20 *Xiahe & Labrang Monastery* • Day 21-22 *Tongren & Repkong Art Villages* • Day 23-25 *Xining & Kumbum & Qinghai Lake* • Day 26-27 *Train from Xining to Lhasa* • Day 28-30 *Lhasa & Potala Palace* • Day 31-33 *Shigatse & excursion to Mt. Everest Base Camp* • Day 34-36 *Gyantse & Tsedang & Yarlung Valley* • Day 37-38 *Fly to Zhongdian & Shangri-La* • Day 39-40 *Lijiang & Tiger Leaping Gorge* • Day 41 *Shaxi* • Day 42-44 *Dali* • Day 45-46 *Kunming* • Day 47-48 *Guilin* • Day 49-50 *Yangshuo* • Day 51-53 *Sanjiang & Longsheng* • Day 54-55 *Fly to Hangzhou* • Day 56-59 *Shanghai* • Day 60 Finish in *Shanghai*.

We wish to compliment Janice and Chris in the preparation of the **60 day Itinerary for our trip to China**. The whole Itinerary was well organized and our experiences were beyond our expectations. We enjoyed every part of the adventure journey and were amazed at the diversity of China from the varieties of sceneries, cultural groups and so much more.

We were mostly well looked after especially regarding our safety and health and did truly appreciate that. We learned a lot about China and its diverse country and cultures. On the whole most of the Itinerary had just the right amount of experiences, filled time slots and diverse regions to keep us on the go yet not be over stressed. We would like to Thank you for putting together such a wonderful trip for us, truly a lifetime experience.

Ruth and Erich of Victoria, British Columbia





China Extravaganza

 On Request

30 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Many of China's minorities live in the rural area of Guangxi, Guizhou and Yunnan. This journey takes you off the beaten path, to the little-visited villages, a long, scenic drive through the Southwestern China.

Day 1-2 *Xiamen & Gulangyu Island* • Day 3-5 *Hakka Earth Buildings - Tulou clusters* • Day 6 -7 *Guilin & Yangshuo* • Day 8-11 *Guangxi's ethnical Yao, Zhuang, and Miao villages of Longsheng & Sanjiang* • Day 12-18 *Guizhou's ethnical Miao, Dong and Buyi villages including Diping, Tangan, Zhaoxing, Congjiang, Basha, Rongjiang, Leishan, Xijiang, Langde, Nanhua, Matang, Qingman, Shiqiao, Xinzhai, Kaili & Guiyang* • Day 19 Fly to *Kunming* • Day 20-28 *Yunnan's ethnical Hani, Yi, Dai, Miao, Mongol villages including Tonghai, Jianshui, Yuanyang, Duoyishu, Malizai Mushroom house, Laomeng, Panzhihua, Jinping & Mile* • Day 29-30 Finish in *Kunming*

China's Jewish Trails

 On Request

17 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom 

At the beginning of the Song dynasty (960-1127 CE), a thriving Jewish community took root in the Song capital of Kaifeng Later, along with the construction of the Siberia Railroad in the 19th century, and the Russian Revolution in 1917, many more Jewish people arrived in Harbin and Shanghai. This trip trace the Jewish heritages in China.

Day 1 Arrive in *Harbin* • Day 2-3 *Harbin*, the largest *synagogue* in East Asia & *Royal Hill Jewish Cemetery* • Day 3 -6 *Beijing*, join the *Kehillat Beijing Congregation for Sabbath services and dinner* • Day 7 Travel to *Kaifeng* • Day 8-9 *Jewish quarter & dinner with Kaifeng Jewish Community* • Day 9-10 *Xian* • Day 11-13 *Guilin & Yangshuo* • Day 14-16 *Shanghai's Jewish heritage, lunch at the Jewish Community Centre* • Day 17 *Shanghai* departure



Forbidden City, China



Memoirs of Japan



From \$ 6750

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Begins in *Osaka*, we tour its 17th-century castle before moving to *Kyoto*. Visit I.M. Pei's striking *Miho Museum* and participate in a traditional *Japanese tea ceremony* in a tea house surrounded by green tea fields. Visit Japan's most important temples and pavilions in *Kyoto* and *Nara*, and its unmatched beautiful *Zen gardens*. Marvel at the colours and taste a *Kaiseki dinner*, and complete with a *geisha or maiko* performance. Take a *bullet train* ride to *Hakone*, tour *Mt Fuji* and stay in one of Japan's oldest inns, *Gora Kadan* with *onsen*. Get on top of the *Tokyo Tower* for a panoramic view of Japan's capital and walk through the lovely *Yanaka* district, reminiscent of Tokyo from past decades. Explore *Nikko* and the shrine on its ground and wind through the labyrinth of the *Tsukiji Fish Market* and the fashion-forward style in the *Harajuku neighbourhood*. Observe wrestlers practice in an active *sumo* stable and savour delicacies found nowhere else in the world. There are so many exotic pleasures of this luxury tour of Japan that will make your visit to Japan a fascinating experience.



Japan Yokoso

From \$ 1550

5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Japan still retains plenty of its mystical oriental charms and something of an enigma to people in the Western world. This coach tour gives a quick introduction to the dynamic capital city of *Tokyo* and Japan's Icon - *Mt. Fuji* and the rugged yet beautiful mountain town of *Hakone*. A *bullet train* ride to the imperial capital of *Kyoto* with thriving geisha culture and visit UNESCO world heritage sites in *Kyoto & Nara*.

Imperial Japan

From \$ 3195

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



This trip will lead you through a hands-on introduction of Japan's history and rich culture. In addition to the visit of *Tokyo* and solitary *Mt. Fuji* and *Hakone*, we travel to the mountainous region that was cut off from the rest of the world for a long period of time. Visit the post town of *Hida Takayama*, castle town of *Kanazawa*, historic villages of *Shirakawa-go* and *Gokayama*, the area is fast emerging as the country's new art and culture capital. The well preserved old towns and villages with narrow street lanes, quaint wooden houses, traditional market, galleries and craft shops are a step back in time, leaving you with a heartfelt understanding of this mysterious land.

Highlights of Japan

From \$ 4195

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered on Selected Dates Group



Japanese culture is alive from the etiquette demanded in social situations to the minimalist décor behind rice paper screens, it cannot be ignored. This trip speeds through from the east to the west by train and captures Japan's extensive tourism highlights. Begin with a three-night stay in *Tokyo* with one day at leisure to give you time to explore the city independently. Visit *Mt. Fuji* and stay in a traditional inn. Walk the absorbing streets of *Takayama*. Discover the thriving geisha culture and tour the thought-provoking *Peace Memorial Museum* in Hiroshima, and view the *Itsukushima Shrine* on the *Miyajima Island*. Delight in an exclusive *Maiko performance* with farewell dinner in *Kyoto*.



Essential Mongolia

From \$ 3995

16 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Jun - Oct Private Custom & Group



In Mongolia, 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. After tour of **Ulaanbaatar**, we set off on an overland journey between the Mongolian capital and the traditional nomadic communities that dot the plains. We will see one of the world's few wild horse herds in the **Hustain Nuruu Reserve**, explore far-reaches of Chinggis Khan's ancient empire **Karakorum**, visit nomadic families in the **Orkhon River Valley**, and watch the Gobi Desert's seemingly endless red sands. Along the way, we will 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.

Mongolia & Gobi Desert

From \$ 2995

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Jun - Oct Private Custom & Group



Mongolia - land shrouded behind legends of Genghis Khan where you can see the nomads still live by their customs and traditions for thousands of years; where most of this country is untouched by civilization; where you could stand almost anywhere and hear only the sound of the wind. We begin in the capital, **Ulaanbaatar**, visiting its resurgent Buddhist temples, proud museums and majestic Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue. Fly deep into the heart of the **Gobi** and stay at a beautifully arranged ger camp smack in the middle of the great desert's ethereal landscapes. Drive to **Karakorum** and explore the remains of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire. This is a journey to truly experience the vast, remote and striking beauty of Mongolia.



Image of Korea

From \$ 2495

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



A rising star in terms of industry, trade, and commerce, South Korea is a dazzling country that offers visitors a colourful assortment of regions to explore. Enjoy **Seoul** as we visit its magnificently landscaped grounds of **Palaces**, the site of a small farming village on the 38th Parallel which was destroyed during the Korean War - **Panmunjom (DMZ)**, and learn Korea's history at **Korean Folk Village**. Take in the sights at **Gyeongju**, the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom for nearly a thousand years. Visit this open-air museum with royal tombs and some of country's oldest **Buddhist temples**, extensive art and sculpture collections. Tour **Busan**, Korea's second largest city and a bustling port town. Along the way, make sure to try a plate of tasty bibimbap, and shop for antiques at Antique Alley.

Zen Retreat - Korea's Temple & Mountain



From \$ 2250

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Korea's temple and mountains combine ancient oriental traditions, beautiful scenery and national pride. After touring **Seoul's** impressive Gyeongbok Palace and its other historical and modern sites, enjoy a feast on endless barbecue at the city's best restaurants. After our urban adventure, we are off to the misty mountain temple **Samhwasu**. Shoes come off at the door, clasp our hands together and kneel, then bow our forehead to the floor, stand again and bow again. Outside, crickets and a splashing brook provide a dawn soundtrack. This is a typical morning of our **Korean temple stay**. Travel north to hike the lush and rugged landscape of **Mt. Seorak National Park**, one of the most beautiful and iconic mountains on the entire Korean Peninsula. Here, you can trek, dip in the hot spring, or just relax in a state of complete bliss. Zen retreat in Korea offers us a chance to search for inner peace.





Vietnam's Cultural & Culinary Delight



From \$ 2950

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



This journey takes lovers of fine food to Vietnam's cultural and culinary highlights. Tour features a number of cooking classes, trips to local markets, and meals at the most elegant local restaurants in the country. Start in **Hanoi** with a traditional pho breakfast, we tour the city before taking an overnight train to **Sapa** high in the mountains. Trek in the lush valley and visit tribal village and cruise the **Halong Bay**. Fly to **Danang** and explore the charming town of **Hoi An** with a cooking class. Stay overnight at the **Mekong Lodge** and learn to cook southern style cuisine. Finally, indulge ourselves at **Saigon's** finest restaurants.

Vietnam Explorer

From \$ 1395

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



This coach tour showcases Vietnam's most thrilling cultural highlights. Start in **Hanoi**, tour the bustling cosmopolitan city and enjoy a performance of the famed water puppets. Drive to **Halong Bay** for a cruise on a junk boat, and view the ephemeral, fantastic landscape created by thousands of limestone rocks. Fly to **Hue** and see the Citadel, tomb of Emperor and take a cruise on the **Perfume River**. A coastal drive to **Hoi An** and stroll its antiquated charming streets to get insights into the traditional Vietnamese life. End trip in vibrant **Saigon** vibrant city, fascinating **Mekong Delta** and the network of secret tunnels in **Cu Chi**.

Three Kingdoms of Indochina

From \$ 2290

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Delve into an ancient and mysterious world of all three Kingdoms of Indochina. Begin in **Cambodia** where we hear the history of the notorious **Khmer Rouge** and find inspiration at the famous **Angkor Wat**. Explore **Vietnam's** contrasting regions - the boisterous energy of **Saigon**, the ancient capital **Hue**, antiquated **Hoi An**, cosmopolitan capital city of **Hanoi**, and the sparkingly beautiful **Halong Bay**. Discover **Laos** with **Vientiane's** atmospheric temples and **Luang Prabang's** elaborate monasteries, colourful markets and a delightful blend of architecture. Everywhere and every day, a new picture of Indochina is shuffled.

Treasures of Laos

From \$ 1350

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Architectural gems, rich cultural heritage, and spectacular scenery, all tell us beautiful stories of Laos as we explore this magical country. Start our journey in the quiet and laid-back capital **Vientiane** with its beautiful temples and colourful markets. As we head north, we will see beautiful plains, mountain peaks, serene lakes, and calm rivers. Surrounding **Phonsavan**, we will explore some of its well-known caves and the famous **Plain of Jars**, which remains a mystery to who created them and why. Conclude our trip in the UNESCO world heritage town of **Luang Prabang** with its man-made and natural wonders.



Angkor Wat, Cambodia

On The Trails of The Khmer

From \$ 650

6 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Discover the glory of the bygone **Khmer Empire** in just 6 days. Begin in **Phnom Penh** where we will discover the city's spectacular architecture from the 20th century French-colonial influences to the New Khmer architecture of the 1950's and 60's. Then, in **Siem Reap**, we will thoroughly explore the magnificent **Angkor Wat**, the imposing Bayon, the ruins of tree-enveloped **Ta Prohm** and **Angkor Thom**. Further afield, uncover the secluded hidden Banteay Ampeul temple and Cambodia's countryside by bike and the floating village of **Lake Tonle Sap** by boat.



Secrets of Laos & Mekong

From \$ 1595

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Journey down from Thailand side **Golden Triangle** on **Luang Say boat**, we observe rural life and ethnic people along the legendary **Mekong River**. Visit **Pak Ou Caves** before reaching **Luang Prabang**. See hundreds of robed monks collecting morning alms and tour the temples and waterfalls as we discover the true heart of Laos. Visit **Vientiane**, Lao's capital still maintains a good deal of charm. Fly to **Pakse** and explore the ruins of Wat Phou, an impressive Khmer temple on the easternmost border of the Khmer Empire and the beauty of Lao's southern region.



When browsing through our brochure, you will encounter the following trip indicators:



a Signature journey unique to Trip Connoisseurs with an itinerary crafted by ourselves.



a small group tour by coach and normally fully escorted.



a journey consists of a rail experience



a journey consists of a cruise experience



a journey with extensive photographic wonders



a self-drive journey, fun and flexible



a journey of culinary delights



Myanmar

Bagan, Myanmar



The Myanmar Explorer



From \$ 3315

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Myanmar, a country where our modern world has barely intruded and where Buddhism is still a way of life, offers some wondrous sights with endless natural beauty and impressive architecture. Start our journey in the largest city **Yangon** and unearth the country's most sacred Buddhist temple, **Shwedagon Pagoda**. Cruising the tranquil **Inle Lake** to see the leg-rowers and floating gardens. Explore **Pindaya Cave** with thousands of Buddha statues. Enjoy the most unforgettable sunset panorama in **Bagan** where thousands of temples are scattered across its countryside.



Treasures of Burma

From \$ 2195

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Discover Burma (Myanmar) on this fascinating journey through its ancient temples, friendly people, riverside cities, and communities floating on water. Gain an insight into life in a place largely cut off from Western influence for so long. We begin in the largest city and cultural centre, **Yangon** and make our way north to the spiritual centre, **Bagan**, home to thousands of ancient pagodas. Travel further north to reach the country's major commercial centre and the last royal capital, **Mandalay**. Relax in **Inle Lake** before concluding our trip in Yangon.

We had a fantastic time in Asia,
probably the best trip we've ever done.

I appreciate all the hard work - everything fell into place.

Myanmar was a highlight and I'm so pleased we added it to the itinerary and that we spent the full 9 or 10 days there. Another highlight was the Mekong river cruise. We were lucky in that it was towards the end of the season so there were only a maximum of twenty guests at any time with a crew of around 40. It topped even our experience with Scenic in Europe. The Jahan has bigger cabins and the service was outstanding, not to mention that they had great food.

I'd rate the tour company a 10/10.

The itinerary was perfect with virtually no overlap from city to city, i.e. we didn't see the same thing twice. The tour guides themselves were great with a good command of English, very knowledgeable and able to make suggestions for local restaurants, shopping, whatever. I was impressed too that they took us to places where things were made locally rather than something touristy.

I particularly appreciated the air conditioned SUV and supply of bottled water when we were in Siem Reap; don't think I would have made it otherwise (temperatures were in the high nineties).

We loved virtually all of the hotels, our favorites being the Apricot in Hanoi, the boutique hotel in Chiang Mai -Puripunn, the Sunrise Resort in Hoi An and the hotels in Bagan and Inle Lake as part of our tour.

One very good thing came out of our flight delay however: the guide took us home with him and then arranged for his in-laws to prepare lunch for us. When David tried to tip him afterwards he wouldn't take the money saying we had been his guests. It was a wonderful and unique experience.

Look forward to planning another trip with you for next year."

David & Jeanne, Toronto

Malaysia | Philippines | Indonesia & Bali

Highlights of Singapore & Malaysia

From \$1575

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Singapore and Malaysia have always shared strong ties historically and geographically. The two nations are often described as intertwined and interdependent, even in the tourism sector. We begin in **Singapore** at its exquisite **Marina Bay** waterfront and snap some photos at the country most iconic **Merlion**. A shuttle train will take us from Singapore through many small villages and plantations into **Malacca**, Malaysia. Wander the streets of Malacca and discover its unique colonial architecture and charming ambiance. Head north into the bustling urban giant of **Kuala Lumpur** and soak up the multicultural vibes of the city. Set off on a winding road into **Cameron Highlands** to discover its roaring waterfall and famous tea plantation. Finish off on the island of **Penang**, 'Pearl of the Orient'



Wilderness of Borneo

From \$ 2025

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Malaysian Borneo, a region whose name evokes images of a mysterious land virtually untouched by the modern day development, offers a range of natural treasures from wild rainforest jungles and stunning caves to idyllic beaches and superb diving sites. We begin to learn the history and architectural heritage in **Sarawak's Kuching**. Visit a famous **Orangutan** sanctuary before heading into the tropical rainforest of **Batang Ai**. Travel by longboat to discover peaceful remote tribes that still practice their ancient ways of life. Explore **Mulu's** caves and karsts formation in a mountainous equatorial rainforest setting. End in Sabah's **Kota Kinabalu** where we are introduced to the indigenous flora and fauna. Let us reveal the many secrets of Borneo's abundant wildlife and conservation efforts.

Enchanting Philippines

From \$1050

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered on Selected Dates Private Custom & Group

The Republic of the Philippines is Asia's hidden treasure filled with beautiful islands, natural wonders, a rich culture, and plenty of discoveries. Begin to explore Old **Manila** and its Spanish and Catholic influenced heritage. Fly into the quintessential paradise island - **Boracay**, and laze on the beach at sunset drinking a happy hour cocktail after a day of diving, kite boarding or just simply relaxing. Tour **Cebu's** historical sites and landmarks including Fort San Pedro, Magellan's Cross, and Basilica Minore del Santo Niño. Check out the world's smallest monkey in **Bohol**, the Philippine tarsier and visit Bohol's fascinating natural wonders including hundreds of limestone hills resembling oversized chocolate drops, nicknamed the "Chocolate Hills".



Java Overland



From \$ 1695

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelagic country. **Java**, the island where the national capital **Jakarta** is situated, though is not the biggest in size, it is the most populous island in the country and on earth. Java has much to offer, from volcano discoveries to the Javanese multi- cultures and from some of the oldest temples to the beautiful landscape. Begin our journey in **Jakarta** for a visit to the National Museum and Sunda Kelapa Harbour where the Portuguese and the Dutch used to land. Travel east to **Bandung** where we find beautiful volcanoes and craters. A scenic train then brings us to **Yogyakarta**, centre of Indonesia's traditional arts and cultural heritage. Pay a visit to the extraordinary temple complexes of **Borobudur**, world's largest Buddhist temple and **Prambanan**, a large Hindu temple.

Bali Lifestyle Retreat



From \$ 1025

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



The popular island getaway destination, **Bali**, is arguably the jewel of Indonesia. Immersed in the beautiful natural scenery, our journey focuses on wellness, lifestyle and rejuvenation accompanied by delicious and healthy local cuisine while still giving us time to visit sacred sites and famous landmarks in Bali for a peek into the rich Balinese culture and traditions. In **Ubud**, enjoy a massage, the charming Monkey Forest, and a walking meditation through organic gardens. In **Batukaru**, we learn the history of Pura Batukaru and depart for a cycling tour to **Jatiluwih** through beautiful highland countryside amid spectacular rice terraces. Observe a wealth of arts and crafts in **Mas**. An herbal walk offers insight into Balinese traditional healing and therapy. In **Sanur**, enjoy the serene beach and try stand-up paddle-boarding, a trendy sport that involves both strength and endurance.





Essence of Siam

From \$ 1375

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



The Kingdom of Thailand draws more visitors than any other country in Southeast Asia. With its breathtaking natural beauty, inspiring temples, renowned hospitality, robust cuisine and the ruins of the fabulous ancient kingdoms, Thailand is irresistible. Begin our tour in **Bangkok** visiting its must-sees including the Reclining Buddha and the floating market. Explore the ancient capitals of **Ayutthaya** and **Sukhothai**, both UNESCO heritage sites. Meet with hill tribes in the **Golden Triangle**, to uncover their way of life and to be amazed by their colourful traditional outfits. Savour the northern Thai cuisine in **Chiang Mai**.

The Beaches & Rainforests of Thailand

From \$ 1095

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



From golden sand beaches and sapphire seas to tropical rainforest jungles, Southern Thailand makes your dream of tropical paradise come true. Arrive in the biggest island of Thailand, **Phuket** before transferring to **Khao Sok National Park**. There hides Thailand's first luxury jungle camp, **Elephant Hills**, combining the camp idea of African national parks with the Thai tropical forest environment. Elephant Hills offers the most unique and elephant friendly experience while providing activities such as kayaking and jungle trekking. Finish our trip by relaxing on the quiet and romantic beaches of **Khao Lak**.

Golden Triangle & Mountain Tribes

From \$ 725

3 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Northern Thailand is a playground for nature and outdoor enthusiasts while also caters a buffet of cultural landmarks and experiences to those who are drawn to the human side of things. Travel by 4WD from **Chiang Mai** to **Chiang Rai** entering the thickly forested mountains inhabited by various hill tribes. Stay at an authentic cottage whilst enjoying activities like bamboo rafting on the river. Meet the **Lisu** and **Akha hill tribes**, admire their colourful traditional outfits and try out their lifestyle. Finish with a visit to the infamous **Golden Triangle** where borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet.

Idyllic Beach Destinations of Thailand

From \$ 235

4 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

A trip to Thailand is not complete without setting your feet on its beautiful beaches. Go to **Phuket**, the idyllic "**Pearl of the Andaman**" offers long sandy beaches, warm turquoise water, excellent diving sites, fine resorts and some of the best seafood in all of Thailand. Fly into **Koh Samui**, another popular and sophisticated beach resort destination offering from rustic hideaways to luxury resorts and from coconut tree fringed beaches to tropical jungles. Or you may pick **Krabi** for its sea cliffs, many islands and some 120km-long blonde shoreline. The choice is yours to where you wish to enjoy the sun, sea and sand in Thailand.





Singapore stopover

From \$ 475

4 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Singapore is a popular stopover destination for many travellers breaking their tedious long haul flights from North America to Asian countries, further encouraged by wonderful sights and sounds that this multicultural country has to offer. A half-day city tour is a must, bringing us to the exquisite *Marina Bay* and *Merlion Park*. Take a look at the fascinating *Chinatown* and *little India*. See world's largest orchid collection.

Hong Kong stopover

From \$ 375

4 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Hong Kong is often visited as a gateway to another Asian country. Three nights in *Hong Kong* gives perfect amount of time to explore its main attractions. Our *half-day tour* includes *Victoria Peak* for breathtaking views of the city and harbour, a close look at the large *fishing village of Aberdeen*, and the nearby popular *Stanley Market*. One day is intentionally left free for you to explore the city on your own.

Taiwan Circuit

From \$ 950

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Travel by coach around Taiwan's Cross-Island Highway is considered by many as one of the most beautiful road trips in Asia. Enjoy rare art collections and delectable foodie adventures in *Taipei*, the beautiful *Sun Moon Lake*, historical city *Kaohsiung*, the spectacular *Taroko Gorge*, and traditional village life at well-preserved aboriginal villages will give you an impressive memory of "Ilha Formosa" - the beautiful Island.



We're in the business of making travel dreams come true. Through the years, we have arranged many intricate trips for our clients.

Many itineraries in this brochure are examples of trip we've arranged for actual travellers.

Wherever your dream leads, we can make it happen; anything and everything is possible!



Legacy of India

 From \$ 3500

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



India, a country which enchants you with her beauty and diversity, enriches you with her culture, and stuns you with her modernity, is explored with its very best and must see places. After visiting both *Old and New Delhi*, we fly to *Varanasi*, one of the oldest living cities in the world and the holiest for the Hindus. The rural India at its best can be seen at *Orchha*. Be amazed by the myths and legends of *Taj Mahal* in *Agra*. Colourful *Rajasthan* offers us *Jaipur* and forts and palaces of *Jodhpur* and *Udaipur* which will leave you spellbound. Finally, wake up in the City of Dreams, the iconic and fashionable *Mumbai*.

Taj & Beyond - Classic Golden Triangle

From \$ 975

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

This journey brings you on to the classic circuit of India's Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, where the ancient and the contemporary exist side by side and where thousands of brilliant images fill the soul with wonder. This tour has been put together to represent the kaleidoscopic colours that can be witnessed whilst travelling through the princely state. Start by exploring the Mughal and Imperial monuments of *Delhi*. Travel to *Agra*, home of the impressive *Taj Mahal*. Make your way through one of the India's finest tiger reserves - *Ranthambore National Park* on a game drive and end your stay discovering the pink city of *Jaipur*.

Temples & Tigers

From \$ 1935

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



The dazzling colours, history and culture of India await you. Experience the highlights of this intoxicating land by uncovering its wonderful ancient palaces and wildlife-viewing. On this journey, we travel from the hustle and bustle of India's heart in *Delhi* to the magic of age-old stories and fortresses in *Jaipur* of Rajasthan. Marvel at the iconic *Taj Mahal* in *Agra* as the sun rises, then trace the steps of Eastern religions as you explore temples of *Khajuraho*. Wrap up your adventure in search for the elusive *Bengal tigers* in its natural environment at *Bandhavgarh National Park*.

Yoga Sojourn

 From \$ 1895

11 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Group & Custom



For years, Yoga lovers who seek serenity and spiritual renewal have made their way to India to learn the wisdom of ancient practices of yoga and meditation. Yoga Sojourn offers specially designed treatments, customized dietary plans, a local yoga instructor and a series of yoga and meditation activities. We have the opportunities to practice yoga and meditate in *Delhi*, overlooking the *Ganges* in *Varanasi*, on the lawns of the *Kamasutra Temple* in *Khajuraho*, on an *Orchha* river, and in front of the *Taj Mahal* in *Agra*. Enjoy a retreat for stress reduction, self-discovery and an escape from a busy urban lifestyle.

Rambagh Palace, Rajasthan

Splendours of South India

From \$ 1350

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



This captivating itinerary unveils South India, a fascinating and culturally rich corner and home to colonial history, ancient villages, Hindu traditions and quaint seaside towns. We begin in the Tamil Nadu capital of **Chennai**, formerly known as **Madras**. Explore **Mahabalipuram** with its giant UNESCO heritage temples then drive to the distinctly different French-influenced town of **Pondicherry**. Check out **Tanjore**'s UNESCO heritage temple **Brihadeeswara** and the breathtaking **Sri Meenakshi** temple in **Madurai** for "Aarti", a Hindu religious ritual of worship. Conclude in **Cochin, Kerala**, India's first European colony.

Southern India Delight

From \$ 3195

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Southern Indian travel is slower, relaxed, and more exotic than in the north. Start this unique trip in the geographic centre of Tamil Nadu in **Trichy**, a town built around the Rock Fort. Visit **Chettinad** for its famous **Dravidian architecture**. We cannot skip the most perfect Dravida temple - **Brihadeeswara** in **Thanjavur**. Reach the very tip of the Indian peninsula at **Rameshwaram**, an important pilgrim centre of southern Indians. Watch sunset in **Kanyakumari** where the three oceans - the bay of the Bengal, the Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas, meet. Finish our trip on the sun kissed beaches of **Kovalam**.

Kerala Kaleidoscope

From \$ 935

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



South India is a region of vast cultural wealth and lush beauty. It is an amalgam of exotic flora and fauna, spices, miles of ocean, sand and backwaters; this outstanding eclectic mix will ignite our imagination. On this journey, we travel to **Kerala**, affectionately called "God's own country" for its stunning natural beauty. Explore the historic spice-trading centre of **Cochin** and its Jewish town and synagogue. Visit **Periyar National Park**, home to bison, langur, tigers and enjoy a nature walk through its primeval virgin forest. Cruise the somnolent backwater canals in **Kumarakom**. Finish on the beaches of **Marari**.

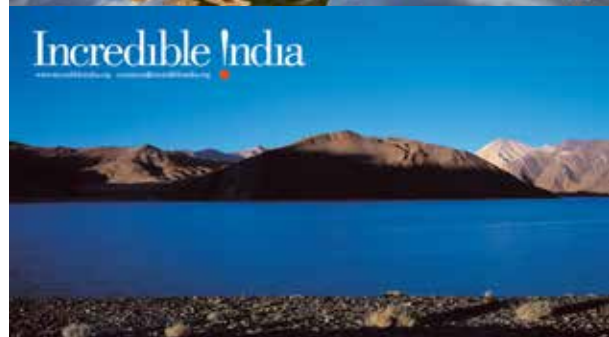
Luxury in the Wilderness

From \$ 4275

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Embark on a nomadic journey in **canvas luxury**. Unfurl the centuries-old culture of **Ladakh**, exploring her fascinating monuments, quaint monasteries enriched with ancient art forms, fairs and festivals. Be part of the region's unique rituals; enjoy the ancient sport of Polo, brought to Ladakh in the 17th century by the Royals. Try our hands at archery set amidst the most dramatic and breath-taking landscape. Raft on the gentle Indus River and stop for a delicious picnic lunch at the most picturesque spot along the banks. Experience Ladakh in all its splendours at **Chamba Camp in Leh, Ladakh** set amidst ranges of mountains.



Nepal | Bhutan | Sri Lanka



Essential Nepal

From \$ 1305

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Sandwiched between Tibet and India, the relatively small nation of Nepal certainly packs a punch. A land of geographic icons, historic adventurers and monumental landscapes, Nepal sits in the shadow of the Everest but shines with myriad treasures. Start in the ancient royal cities of **Kathmandu** historic squares lined with temples and Nepali architecture. Seek out rare wildlife species in **Chitwan National Park**. Relax with a view of the natural skyline from the lake-side city of **Pokhara**.

Spirit of Kathmandu

From \$ 475

4 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

The heart of Nepal lies in the Kathmandu Valley, the largest urban agglomeration in Nepal consisting three ancient royal capitals **Kathmandu**, **Lalitpur** (historically **Patan**), and **Bhaktapur**. Kathmandu is a living museum of Nepali civilization and culture filled with enchanting medieval palaces, temples, statues and stupas. Its towering pagodas with fascinating architecture and artistic workmanship along with former King's palaces can easily win the heart of culture loving visitors.



Flavour of Sri Lanka

From \$ 1095

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



This small island country of Sri Lanka offers travellers a plethora of delights - historical, cultural and natural. Immerse yourself in **Colombo's** street market. Marvel at the World Heritage-listed ancient capital of **Polonnaruwa**. Climb to the top of UNESCO site **Sigiriya Rock Fortress**. Discover **Nuwara Eliya's** famous tea plantations. Spot elephants or perhaps leopards on an exhilarating 4x4 game drive in **Yala National Park**. The cuisine is delicious and unique, a must for seafood lovers.

Mystery of Bhutan

From \$ 1750

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Bhutan is a land shrouded in mystery with soaring mountain peaks, sprawling forests, lush green valleys fed by bountiful rivers and age-old practices. Uncover ancient fortresses, venerated monasteries, fascinating markets, stunning scenery and delightful people amidst the spectacular Himalayas. View the spectacular Tashichho Dzong in the capital **Thimpu**. Visit the former capital of **Punakha**. Trek to **Taksang Monastery** (**Tiger's Nest**) and admire the stunning views in **Paro**.



Tiger's Nest, Bhutan



Forts & Palaces of Rajasthan On Request

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

Experience Rajasthan, land of the Maharajas with stunning forts and palaces, in the most authentic way. Stay where possible at the original homes of the Maharajas which are now deluxe heritage hotels but still retain the traditional atmosphere and charm. Visit Rajasthan's architectural heritage where you see a perfect blend of its royal past and the modern world. Built on various landscapes, these architectural masterpieces attract you with their own individual charm and charisma.

Day 1 Arrive in **Delhi** • Day 2-3 **Delhi's attractions** • Day 4 Fly to **Udaipur & City Palace** • Day 5 **Udaipur** • Day 6 Udaipur to **Jodhpur** • Day 7 **Jodhpur & Mehrangarh Fort** • Day 8 Jodhpur to **Jaisalmer** • Day 9 **Jaisalmer & Sonar Kella** • Day 10 **Bikaner & Junagadh Palace and Fort** • Day 11 Bikaner to **Jaipur** • Day 12 **Jaipur's Mawa Mahal, Amber Fort & City Palace** • Day 13 Jaipur to **Agra & Taj Mahal** • Day 14 Agra to **Delhi** • Day 15 **Delhi** Departure.

If you want to see countries like the ones we went to, or other countries you have been dreaming about, consider doing it the way we did it.

All we had to do was tell Trip Connoisseurs what we wanted to see, and they set up the private tour for us.

They also gave us suggestions of other sites we should include in the tour.

Our trip included the Angkor Temples in Cambodia, Bangkok, North-Central India, and Nepal (including a flight to Mount Everest).

This is an excellent, if not the best way to see the world".

Mr. & Mrs. Stach - Edmonton

Three Himalayan Kingdoms From \$ 2825

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

The country of Buddhism, legends and tolerance and the Himalayas, brings a multitude of peoples and cultures in harmony. Between a Hindu India and Buddhist Tibet, the Himalayas has been able to draw the originality and tranquillity from its geographical position. At **Paro** in **Bhutan**, the ritual dances of the monks, '**tshechus**', attract thousands testifying to the great wealth of the "**land of the Dragon**". Each dressed in his finery during the intense spiritual moments to celebrate the victories of the Buddha's teaching on the dark forces. The small independent State of **Sikkim** is known for being **the last Shangri-la** on Earth with its **Gompas** in the midst of huge forests of rhododendrons. Spend time in the renowned hill station of **Darjeeling** and gain memorable views of **Kanchenjunga**. This cultural touring journey to Bhutan, Sikkim and Darjeeling will appeal to the Himalayan enthusiast keen to appreciate the culture and history of the three Himalayan Kingdoms.





Best of Australia

From \$ 3175

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Australia welcomes visitors with its diverse landscapes and contrasting beauty. From the beautiful coastal scenery to the northern rainforest and to the central deserted Outback, this vast land has so much to offer. Begin with **Melbourne's** landmarks and hop onto **Phillip island** for the cutest **Penguin Parade**. Fly into the **Outback**, get a panoramic view of the vast desert plains and witness the striking colours of **Uluru** at sunset. Plunge into the water of the **Great Barrier Reef** for a once of a lifetime snorkelling. Unwind on a **Sydney** lunch-cruise while savouring the spectacular views of the **Opera House** and **Harbour Bridge**.

Highlights of Australia and New Zealand

From \$ 4325

17 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Be ready to get dazzled by the wide range and extreme contrasts of natural wonders in the dynamic lands down under. Start in **Australia** with vibrant cities rich in culture, vast and remote centre, and lively marine life of the **Great Barrier Reef**, followed by **New Zealand's** wild valleys, snow-capped mountains, stunning glaciers, and awe-inspiring fjords. From a nature lover's delight of Australia to the world's adventure capital of New Zealand, these two countries are a constant source of inspiration for curious globetrotters in search of enlightening experiences.

Wilderness of Kangaroo Island

From \$ 550

2 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Australia is far too big to be seen at once. The shining jewels of Australia don't just stop after visiting Sydney, Melbourne, the big rock and the great reef. Head south and you will experience a unique encounter on the iconic **Kangaroo Island** with its native wildlife. Visit Seal Bay where you will wander amongst Australian sea lions basking on the beach. See **kangaroos**, **wallabies**, **koalas**, **echidna** and Australian **birdlife**, some are unique to the continent. Apart from the amazing wildlife, the island is also well known for its food and wine. A delicious gourmet style picnic lunch with South Australian wine becomes a must.

Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise

From \$ 725

4, 5 or 8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group



Discover the dramatic South Australian outback on a cruise along Australia's great inland highway - **the Murray River**. Experience the magic and majesty of the spectacular scenery from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands, through ancient gorges and red gum forests. Along the way, you'll see a great variety of **Australian wildlife**, including kangaroos and many of the 350 bird species that inhabit the riverlands. Explore the beauty of its ever-changing landscape, visit historic places and indigenous sites, enjoy a woolshed and station experience, and follow the local vineyards and nature trails.

Downunder | South Pacific



Best of New Zealand

From \$ 2395

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



The island duo of New Zealand is small but dense with remarkable natural wonders. From active volcanoes to wild geothermal pools, from majestic peaks to stunning glaciers, and from awe-inspiring fjords to unforgettable beaches, New Zealand is blessed and no wonder it is a heaven for outdoor adventurers. Depart from the North Island in **Auckland**, wander on the "Golden Mile" and cross the harbour bridge. Travel through the lush pastureland to the thermal centre of **Rotorua**. Fly into the South Island and arrive in **Queenstown** famed for adventure sports. Cruise among the sheer cliffs and glacier-hewn inlets of beautiful steep-sided **Milford Sound**. Travel through the gorges and through **Mt. Cook** to arrive in **Christchurch**. Pick a journey on the famous **TranzAlpine** into the heart of the **Southern Alps** or to look for the "hobbits" in **Edoras**.

Downunder Boomerang

From \$ 1035

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Cross the International Date Line to reach the lands Down Under. Arrive in **Melbourne**, Australia, which is set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and is famous for its sense of style and elegance. A half day tour in Melbourne is enough to give you an introduction. The rest of the time, explore Melbourne on your own as it boasts glamorous festivals and events, major exhibitions, Australia's best shopping and a passion for food and wine. Head to the east coast for Australia's largest cosmopolitan, **Sydney**, home to beautiful beaches, iconic buildings, historic landmarks, and a uniquely vibrant culture. Check out the Harbour, no photograph can compare to seeing the spectacular Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House with your own eyes. Send the free day strolling along Circular Quay and savour some of the best seafood in town.



Fiji Fantasy

From \$ 295

4+ Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

Enjoy an ultimate island getaway in the heart of the South Pacific. **Fiji** is famed for its mountainous landscape, palm-lined beaches, crystal blue lagoons and lively coral reefs. Arrive in **Nadi**, where you will be greeted and assisted to your choice of location, whether you wish to stay on **Viti Levu** or to further your journey to **Vanua Levu**. Fiji offers many resorts of varying quality and facilities, from nice and simple to those that ooze luxury. Guided by our top picks of experiences, you surely will be satisfied with where you stay. Whether Fiji is just an island stopover stay, or making it your destination in one of the many resorts, this island country is going to fill your days with sightseeing and activities showcasing you "the True Fiji", along with lazing around on its beautiful beaches.

Islands of Tahiti | Bora Bora

From \$ 595

4+ Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Better known by the name of the main islands **Tahiti** and **Bora Bora**, **French Polynesia** is a mesmerising wonderland of reef-fringed islands and translucent aqua lagoons. More than a tropical island paradise, French Polynesia is a place for romance, legend and magic. Home to many archaeological sites, showcasing the Maohi ancestors' footprints, Tahiti has long been an inspirational place for many; from poets and painters to whalers' explorers and sailors. This dream journey begins in the capital city of **Papeete**, where you will be staying at a resort located on the island of Tahiti or the nearby island of **Moorea** and visit the islands' lagoons, waterfalls and extinct volcanoes. You may also travel by air or sea to the splendid **Bora Bora**, uniquely surrounded by a circle of islets and known for its diving sites. The choice is yours.





Khor Virap Church, Armenia

Ancient Footsteps of Caucasus

From \$ 1750

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: May - Oct Group & Custom



Situated between the Caspian and the Black Sea, on the border of Asia and Europe, the **Caucasus Mountains** are a place of myth and legend and a land of tradition and faith. This captivating journey takes you across the two Caucasus countries, Georgia and Armenia where Christianity has become the state religion since the 4th century and played a major part in the history and culture. Begin in **Tbilisi, Georgia** and the beautiful province of **Kakheti**. Visit two UNESCO heritage sites - the **holy city of Mtskheta** and **Jvari Monastery**. Travel on the **Georgian Military Highway** through the breathtaking Caucasus Mountains. Cross the border of Georgia and enter **Armenia**. Explore the treasures of its capital **Yerevan** and discover **Echmiadzin**, the spiritual home of the Orthodox Church. Wrap up with UNESCO heritage **Geghard Cave Monastery** and beautiful **Lake Sevan**.



Treasures of Uzbekistan

From \$ 1250



8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Lying on the ancient Silk Road in Central Asia, the age-old trade cities of Uzbekistan are forgotten gems of the modern world. Experience the ancient spirit, visit the holy places and enjoy Uzbek hospitality. Start in the capital city of **Tashkent**, recognized for its mix of modern and Soviet-era architecture. Tour the old town of Tashkent before departing for the UNESCO heritage city of **Samarkand** by train. Known for its mosques and mausoleums, Samarkand's prominent landmarks indicate its former glory as the distinguished crossroads of cultures and the Silk Road. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of UNESCO heritage city of **Bukhara**, once the capital of the powerful Emirate of Bukhara. Our final stop is **Khiva**, a city dated back to the beginning of the Christian era and well known for its UNESCO heritage listed inner fortress, **Itchan Kala**.

Bygone Persia & Islamic Iran

From \$ 4550

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Ancient and Islamic **Iran** incorporates many of the celebrated landmarks of central Iran. From the ancient ruins of **Persepolis**, the ceremonial and spiritual capital of the vast Persian Empire, to the most famous relics of 18th-19th century **Shiraz**, from the city's renowned gardens to the evocative tombs of the highest figures in classical Persian literature; from the 6th century BC UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Cyrus the Great's capital of Pasargadae** on to the historical city of **Yazd** with its magnificent 14-century mosque, the amazing desert architecture with cleverly-designed wind towers, and impressive structures such as the **Zoroastrian Towers of Silence**; and culminating in an enchanting experience of **Isfahan**, the monumental capital of 17th-century **Safavid Persia** and home to Iran's finest works of Islamic art and architecture, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Naqsh-e Jahan Square**.





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Thanks for your
understanding!
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Thank you for making a
fabulous trip even better!
Eddie Fenster

When you have your travel
Agency, I will send ALL
my friends. Thanks
Chill Perkins

Africa



Wildlife of Kenya & Tanzania

From \$ 4085

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



A trip to be included on your travel bucket list! This safari is a superb combination of East Africa's best wildlife reserves. Start in **Nairobi**, we then head to **Lake Nakuru**, one of the best places to see the endangered black and white Rhino. Next, to **Masai Mara**, world famous path of the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra. It is an incredible, and indescribable movement of animal wildlife. Continue into Tanzania's famous **Serengeti**, one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. Explore the **Ngorongoro Crater**. Its diverse vegetation inside the crater includes swamps, grasslands, lakes, and forests providing rich habitats for lion, elephant, buffalo, gazelle and other wildlife. At the **Tarangire**, view herds of elephants scratching the dry Tarangire river bed and back to Kenya's **Amboseli** with photogenic views of Mount Kilimanjaro.



Botswana & Caprivi Explorer

From \$ 4660

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



As African royalty goes, Botswana is known for its breathtaking wilderness and iconic African wildlife, and is considered to be Africa's jewel in the crown. Begin in **Maun, Botswana** and enjoy a sunset cruise on the Thamalakane River sighting hippo and crocodile and an abundance of bird life. A drift through the lily-lined channels and flood plains of the **Okavango Delta** in a traditional "mokoro" as we look for kingfishers, storks and many more. Cross the border and enter the **Mahango National Park, Namibia**, a pristine woodland and riverine flood plain packed with wildlife including many rare species. Cross back in to Botswana at **Chobe National Park** to enjoy the thriving wildlife population and the largest concentration of elephants in Africa. Travel to the majestic **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** for another unique experience.



Rift Valley Trails of Kenya

From \$ 1825

5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

The dramatic sights of the **Great Rift Valley** is where the ground falls away and stretches out in miles of savannah and where the lakes are coloured white by pelicans and pink by flamingos. This trip is a sneak preview into **Kenya**, the home of safaris. Begin in **Nairobi** then travel to the lower slopes of **Mt. Kenya** for a nature walk to your tree top lodge for a floodlit game viewing. Drive down the scenic Great Rift Valley with breathtaking views of **Mt Longonot** and **Lake Naivasha** on our way to **Lake Nakuru**, festooned with flamingos. Our last stop, the extraordinary safari destination **Masai Mara**, famous for its big cats and the incomparable wildebeest migration, lies at the southernmost reaches of the Great Rift Valley before leaving this classic safari with joy and excitement!



Namibian Discovery

From \$ 2395

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Named after perhaps the oldest desert on earth, Namibia is one of the most exciting destinations in Africa with its ancient and almost limitless land of contrasts, vibrant culture and unimaginable beauty. Begin in **Windhoek**, take a stroll in the colonial capital before heading for **Etosha National Park**. Search for lions, elephants, cheetahs, and hartebeest as they gather about the water holes that dot this magical land. Continue to **Damaraland**, meet distinctive tribes and explore historical treasures of **Twyfelfontein**. Continue to the charming coastal resort of **Swakopmund** and stroll along the Promenade and Jetty for spectacular views of the bay and lighthouse. The town retains its distinctly German colonial roots. Drive to the edges of the Namib Desert and climb the highest dunes at **Sossusvlei**.

Rwanda Gorilla Safari



From \$ 2250

5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

Rwanda is one of the last remaining sanctuaries of the mountain gorillas. It is believed to be no more than 700 mountain gorillas left in the world today. Enjoy gorilla trekking at its finest on a tour starting with a cultural orientation in **Kigali, Rwanda** before heading to **Parc National des Volcans** for the safari experience. From our **Mountain Gorilla View Lodge**, we will have two opportunities to track the seven gorilla groups in Rwanda, with additional options to climb a volcano and view the endangered **Golden Monkeys**. There are a total of **80 gorilla permits available each day** with a maximum of eight trekkers visiting any one group. Your professional guides will make stops frequently to allow trekkers a chance to rest and take photos along the way. Travel from the foothills of the Virunga Volcanoes and drive south past banana plantations on a scenic road to **Kigali's airport**.



Kenya | Tanzania | South Africa

Great Safari of Tanzania

From \$ 3150

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom

Safari means trip or journey in Swahili. Undoubtedly the Big Fives are the must-sees on a safari. Therefore, we invite you to **Tanzania** to witness the **Great Migration** between late June and October, Africa's most captivating wildlife phenomenon. This 7-Day Great Safari of Tanzania takes you first to **Lake Manyara** National Park, where you will gawk at the tree-climbing lions hanging in the tree branches. Continue with the migrating animals to the oldest and most popular Tanzanian national park of **Serengeti**. The Plains support significant numbers of permanent residents meaning that safaris can be enjoyed here year round. Next to the ecologically rich landscape of **Ngorongoro Crater** for amazing views of lions, elephants, buffalo, gazelle and the tinged pink flocks of flamingos. End in **Arusha**, sitting in the shadow of the **Kilimanjaro**.



Kenya Exotic Safari in luxury 🌍 From \$ 3850

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

In many ways, Kenya is the ultimate African destination. Luxury travel in Kenya provides travellers an intimate window into the heart of Africa. Start at **Nairobi's Fairmont Norfolk Hotel** as we receive our safari briefings and enjoy a welcome dinner. Fly from Nairobi to **Samburu** and spend two nights at the **Larsen's Camp**. Enjoy the pleasant, low-key atmosphere and tranquillity of Samburu in the northern game country with unlimited game drives. Continue for two nights at **Fairmont Mt. Kenya Safari Club** with magnificent views of the majestic Mt. Kenya. Fly to **Masai Mara** and stay two nights at **Fairmont Mara Safari Club** surrounded on three sides by the breathtaking Mara River, a superb base for exploring one of Africa's greatest wildlife enclaves. Fly from Masai Mara to Nairobi and end at the airport.



Mtount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania



Best of South Africa

From \$ 2580

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



South Africa is one of most popular African travel destinations. It is a country that values tribal heritage alongside modern ways of life. The country comprises lush landscapes, urban jungles, and a variety of languages and cuisines. This two-week journey showcases the immense richness of the country. Begin in the largest city **Johannesburg** and tour the nearby executive capital city of **Pretoria**. Head for a Big Five viewing game drive in **Kruger National Park** before discovering the **Kingdom of Swaziland** and **Zululand**. Relax on one of **Durban's** exquisite and pristine beaches. Fly to **Port Elizabeth** and unwind on the **Garden Route** to visit **Knysna** and **Oudtshoorn**. End in **Cape Town** as we explore the stunning city, Cape Point and experience the Dutch style vineyards in **Winelands**.



Boutique Luxury in South Africa

From \$ 1950

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



This luxury trip provides the ultimate mix of African safari and urban adventure. Begin with four nights at the **Cape Town Hollow Boutique Hotel**. Indulge in its exploding gastronomic and art scenes and wander through its charming neighbourhoods, such as the rainbow-hued Bo-Kaap quarter, where you can chat with locals and pick up beautiful crafts. Continue for two nights at the **Hippo Hollow Country Estate**, nestled amongst lush indigenous gardens on the outskirts of Hazyview and is only a 10-minute drive from the world famous **Kruger National Park**. Next, we are off to the **Elephant Plains Game Lodge** in the **Sabi Sands Reserve** for two nights. Enjoy sumptuous cuisine, seek for lions, cheetahs, and elephants on private game drives, and trek with rangers and naturalists.

Majestic Victoria Falls

From \$ 450

3 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



No trip to Africa would be complete without a glimpse of the mighty **Victoria Falls**, considered as one of the **Seven Natural Wonders of the World**. This African icon is known as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' by the locals which translates to 'The Smoke that Thunders'. On arrival at Victoria Falls, check in at one of Victoria Falls' **best known family hotels**. Visit the majestic **Victoria Falls**, check out the rainbows, feel the spray and hear the thundering noise of water crashing down into the 108 meter gorge. Cruise on the upper stretches of the **Zambezi River** where David Livingstone canoed on his quest to discover the falls over 150 years ago. Visit a secluded and unexplored **Zimbabwean Village** where we may speak with a traditional medicine healer and witness age-old customs and ways of life.



The Middle East

Capernaum, Israel



Highlights of Israel

From \$ 1245

8 Days Minimum: 2 **Offered Year-round** Group & Custom



Experience Israel on a fascinating exploration of its archaeology, history, culture, nature, and cuisine. Travel at the Roman cities built in **Caesarea**. Sail on the **Sea of Galilee** where Jesus walked, see the **Jordan River** and tour the holy cities of **Nazareth**, **Tiberias**, **Jerusalem** and **Bethlehem**. Walk down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem to Jesus' final resting place at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Walk through the remodelled ancient streets of the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Memorialize victims of the Holocaust at **Yad Vashem**. Float in the salty waters of the **Dead Sea**. Journey in this holy land also brings you to the **Temple Mount**, the **Western Wall**, **Acre**, **Megiddo**, **Massada**, **Haifa** and **Tel Aviv**. Experience history from the front row while exploring stories from Biblical to modern times.



Jewish Heritage

From \$ 2095

10 Days Minimum: 2 **Offered Year-round** Group & Custom



From the Second Temple Period to the Kabbalists, Israel is filled with Jewish history and traditions. Begin in **Tel Aviv** and travel north to see the **Caesarea** amphitheatre built by Herod during the Roman period. View the Israeli-Syrian border from afar during a jeep tour through the **Golan Heights**. Tour the **Old City of Jerusalem** walking below the original temple site. Take a virtual tour of the Second Temple at the **Davidson Centre**. Witness a **Bar-Mitzvah** celebration ceremony in **Jerusalem New City**. Memorialize victims of the Holocaust at **Yad Vashem**. Visit the **Knesset** building and learn about modern Israeli politics. Discuss Jewish martyrdom on the top of **Massada**. Travelling through Jewish history and what better way to learn about Jewish heritage than in the Jewish Homeland.

Israel & Jordan

From \$ 2225

11 Days Minimum: 2 **Offered Year-round** Group & Custom



A classic combination of Israel and Jordan leads you to their rich history and diverse cultures. Explore the significant landmarks and sacred sites where ancient civilizations once thrived. Start in **Israel**, a biblical holy land and pilgrimage centre to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the **Dead Sea** on top of **Masada**. A look into both the new and old city of **Jerusalem** - follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, see the Wailing Wall and the Tomb of King David before heading to **Bethlehem** for the oldest church in the world. Drive along the shore of the **Sea of Galilee** and reach **Nazareth** to visit Christian holy sites. Cross the border into **Jordan**, known for its ancient monuments and nature reserves. Tour **Jerash** and its Roman ruins before proceeding to the capital **Amman** for overnight. Wrap up the journey of a lifetime in the stunning "Rose city" of **Petra**.



Israel | Jordan | Egypt



Treasures of Egypt

From \$ 1150

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

As one of the cradles of civilization, Egypt is a treasure trove of culture, traditions, profound ancient engineering and architectural marvels. Immerse in the ancient spirit of **Cairo** with a tour to the city's prominent sites. Visit the famous **Giza Plateau**, home to the **Pyramids** and **Sphinx Temple** before exploring another ancient Egypt's important site, **Saqqara**, the necropolis for the ancient capital of **Memphis**. Fly to **Aswan** for a cruise up the Nile and discover the wonders of the Kingdom of **Upper Egypt**. Visit the unusual double temple of **Kom Ombo** dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek. The temple of falcon headed god Horus near **Edfu** is perhaps the best preserved ancient temple in the country. Disembark in Luxor and see monuments along the East and West Banks of the Nile such as the **Luxor Temple** and **Karnak Temple**.

Jordan - Petra & Beyond

From \$ 1295

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Jordan is well known for its unforgettable ancient ruins of civilization, stunning landscapes, rugged castles, and of course, the fascinating Dead Sea. The country is also home to some of the finest relics from the ancient world. Begin in the Jordanian capital **Amman** and climb atop **Jabal al-Qala'a** hill for its historic Roman Citadel. Not far away from Amman, there lies the Greco-Roman city of **Jerash**, one of the best preserved ruins of its kind. Visit the UNESCO listed desert castle **Qasr Amra** and float at the lowest point of the world on the **Dead Sea**. Travel South on the **King's Highway** to reach the "Rose City" of **Petra**, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. We cannot miss the spectacular desert scenery of **Wadi Rum** and an overnight stay in a Bedouin tent. Complete the journey relaxing in the southern **Red Sea** city of **Aqaba**.



Petra, Jordan



Colours of Morocco

From \$ 2135

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

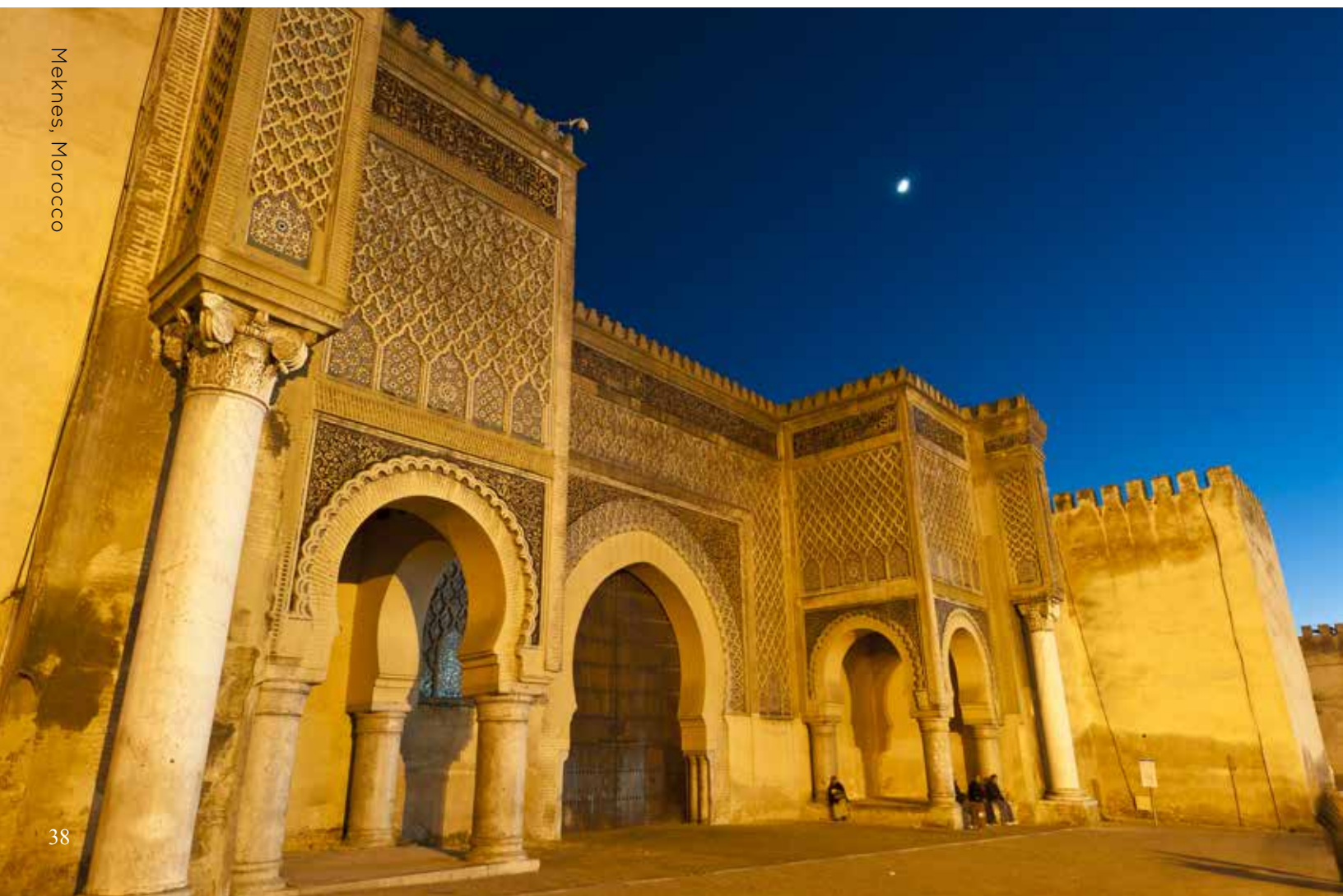
Influenced by Berber, Arabian and European cultures, the Mediterranean country of Morocco welcomes you with its age-long history, fascinating landscapes, and the irresistible scents of ginger, cinnamon, paprika, and saffron coming from its colourful spice markets. Begin in **Casablanca** and savour a delicious meal at **Rick's Cafe**, recreated from the classic "Casablanca". Proceed to **Meknes** and its nearby ruins of **Volubilis** via the capital **Rabat**. Arrive in **Fes** and explore its UNESCO listed **Medina**, the largest walled urban pedestrian zone with vibrant souks and old-world architecture. Great journey over the Atlas mountains to the oasis town of **Erfoud** on the edge of the great **Sahara Desert**. A short camel ride over the dunes to arrive at a **nomad camp** in **Erg Chebbi**. End in **Marrakech** where you lose your sense of direction in its maze of souks.

Morocco & Strait of Gibraltar

From \$ 2525

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Morocco dazzles you with its age-long history, unique atmosphere and hospitable people. Explore **Casablanca**, the economic capital representing Morocco on the move. Depart for the capital **Rabat** and visit the city's Islamic and colonial heritage. Continue to Fes, one of the holiest cities of the Islamic world and the cultural centre of Morocco. Step back in time to the Middle Ages as you wander among the labyrinths of the World Heritage **Medina, Fes el-Bali**. Proceed to the imperial city of **Meknes** and its nearby Roman ruins of **Volubilis**. Pass through the mountainous region and arrive in the Pink City of **Marrakech**. Further your journey across the **Strait of Gibraltar** to Gibraltar, a small territory with colourful history around the "**Rock**". Bring your journey to an end on the beautiful yellow-sand beaches in the nearby Spanish city, **Malaga**.





Cappadocia, Turkey



Essence of Turkey

From \$ 895

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Straddling both Europe and Asia, Turkey offers a seamless mix of antiquity and the modern world. Marvellous mosques, churches and palaces, sleepy villages, craggy hillsides and fertile plains provide a contrast to the fast-growing metropolises of **Ankara** and **Istanbul**, eagerly embracing Western culture from its Ottoman heritage. Soak up new sounds and smells and deploy your haggling skills as you ramble through a maze of bazaars. History buffs will appreciate travelling through the classical **Ephesus** and the legendary city of **Troy**, romanticized and immortalized in Homer's Iliad. Not to be missed are the whimsical fairy chimneys of **Cappadocia**, encasing cave churches and underground cities. Dip your toes in **Pamukkale's** travertine and relax in a "hamam" after a long day of sightseeing.

Ancient Civilizations Of Anatolia



From \$1795

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Throughout history, Turkey has been home to some of the world's greatest civilizations and religions. Start in Istanbul with extensive touring of the city's intriguing delights. Visit **Gallipoli**, known for its key role in World War I. Travel to **Troy** for its unearthed remains of earlier cities. See Temple to Apollo in **Pergamon** and the fabulous ancient city of **Ephesus** in Izmir. Drive to **Pamukkale** and see the terrace of salt cliffs, nearby Hierapolis, and Sardis, the Lydian capital where early Judaism and Christianity thrived. Visit the ancient temple city of **Aphrodisias** before heading to **Antalya**. Travel via Konya on to **Cappadocia**, where an otherworldly landscape was the site of early Christian communities. In **Ankara**, visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum, and **Gordion**, the ancient capital of Phrygia.



Dubai - A Rising Star

From \$ 588

5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Glitzy, glamorous, and over-the-top, the relatively new city of **Dubai** has got attention from the world. With myriad shopping malls, flamboyant hotels and vibrant nightlife, it is all just too easy. You'll witness a different Dubai, where local Emirates take joy in their songs, dance and traditions. Walk the streets of the tranquil, restored Bastakia area or take a stroll through multicultural Karama or Satwa. Sample the historic sites and vibrant cosmopolitan life of Dubai city with its iconic landmarks: the still tallest Burj Khalifa, the ultra luxurious **Burj Al Arab Hotel**, the impressive **Jumeirah Mosque**, the stunning **Palm Islands**, and the shining **Gold Souk**. Head into the **desert** for an unforgettable sunset dinner and enjoy a **shisha** while watching **belly dancers** whirl around you under the starlight.

Explore Arabian Peninsula - Oman & UAE

From \$ 2495

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Get ready for the profound traditions, daring and futuristic architecture, and never ending energy in the middle of the desert, dazzled by the immensely opulent palaces and world's most luxurious hotels, and exposed to the long and rich Arab history on a journey to the **United Arab Emirates** and the neighbouring **Oman**. Begin in the two modern Arabian jewels, **Dubai** and **Abu Dhabi**, where the ultramodern present and historic past coexist. Pass by fascinating and ever changing desert scenery and reach the fascinating oasis town of **Al Ain**. Cross the border into Oman and drive through picturesque Wadis (dry riverbeds) to reach **Nizwa** and tour its beautiful fort, **Jabreen Castle**. Through the craggy mountains to reach the seaside capital city **Muscat** and its impressive souks and mosque



Europe



Through the Heart of Europe From \$ 3050

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



With so many countries crammed into a relatively compact space, Europe comprises a lively patchwork of conflicting and surprising ideas, sights, sounds and people. We start with **Paris**, the glorious capital of France; then head to **Amsterdam**, where bikes joyfully jingle past and footbridges lead you across canals to the museums filled with masterpieces of Rembrandt and Van Gogh. Cruise on Germany's **Rhine River** passing medieval castles along the way. Drive on the picturesque **Romantic Road** to Bavaria; en route, we visit **Heidelberg** and **Rothenburg**. Enjoy the culturally unique city of **Munich** and take in the fairytale castle of **Neuschwanstein**. Discover **Lucerne's** Alpine splendours and finish your trip in **Zurich**, no longer simply a dull banking hub but a hip and happening city full of bars, restaurants and nightclubs.



Eastern Europe Panorama

From \$ 2354

13 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Eastern Europe is packed with world-class cities, rich heritage, and contrasts and nuances between places that once were on either side of the Iron Curtain. Start in **Vienna**, scattered with impressive buildings like Hofburg and Schönbrunn Palaces. Head to **Budapest**, see the Parliament Building, Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion. Travel to **Krakow**, a city largely untouched during World War II, where we will discover its medieval charm and the infamous **Auschwitz** camp, now a memorial. Visit **Warsaw's** Old Town which has been rebuilt sympathetically. Off to **Berlin**, we learn the country's turbulent history with a mark left on this vibrant reborn city. Conclude in **Prague** to explore a maze of sites in the Old Town - the Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, Wenceslas Square and countless cathedrals and palaces clamour for your attention.



Highlights of Mediterranean

From \$ 3295

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



From the modern masterpieces of Barcelona to the ancient ruins of Rome, Mediterranean Europe is a visual and sensual feast. Start in **Madrid**, see its countless architectural marvels and savour various tapas. Travel through Spain's **Cuenca** and **Valencia** to reach **Barcelona**, and sock in the rich cultural heritage in the Gothic Quarter of the old city. Along Western Mediterranean's coastline to the French and Italian Riviera. Explore the edgy port city of **Marseille**, sun-kissed **Nice** before reaching Cinque Terre, Italy to take in Ligurian Coast's great scenic landscape and cultural value. See Romeo and Juliet's balcony in **Verona**; pop into **Venice**'s canal-side museums and look no further than the gondolas. Visit the Basilica of San Francesco in **Assisi** and finish our trip in **Rome**, touring numerous attractions of the "Eternal City" and **Vatican**.

We dealt with Trip Connoisseurs mainly through Susan at Maritime Travel. We were very happy to obtain this package so late in the season and on a very short notice.

We enjoyed very much our trip to Iceland. We specially enjoyed the cool weather that gave us a good break over the excessive hot and damp weather we had most of the summer.

OUR RATING :

SERVICE PROVIDED BY TRIP CONNOISSEURS

Friendliness / Courtesy: *Excellent*

Knowledge / Efficiency: *Excellent*

Quality of trip consultation: *Excellent*

Information & Final Documents: *Good*

OVERALL TRIP ENJOYMENT

Flight arrangement: *Good*

Hotel Accommodation: *Excellent*

Restaurants & Meals featured: *Excellent*

Sightseeing tours featured: *Excellent*

Service of local guides: *Excellent*

Vehicle condition: *Excellent*

Service of drivers: *Excellent*

Thank you for arranging this trip for us,

Pierre & Brunhilde August, 2016



Italia Sogno

From \$ 1759

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Italy is Europe's masterpiece! This trip takes you to the most iconic sights of Italy. Start from **Venice** in northeast Italy, tour this floating treasure-trove containing a wealth of works of artistic and historical significance. Head south to **Tuscany**, famed for its stunning scenery, artistic heritage and delicious cuisine. Visit picturesque town of **Ferrara** and the famous tower of **Pisa**. Visit **Florence's** famous Academy of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. Travel through the stunning panoramic landscapes of Tuscany to **Rome** and stop at **Assisi**, the hometown of St. Francis on our way. Explore **Rome**, the ancient city's history is on display everywhere, in a heady blend of artistic and architectural masterpieces, classical ruins, and extravagant baroque churches and piazzas.



Bella Sicily

From \$ 2795

15 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Group & Custom



Sicily is marked by past conquerors, each Baroque church and Norman-Romanesque facade is a reminder of the prosperous eras in the past. It is a destination in and of itself, rather than an add-on to a stop-gap tour of Italy. Begin in **Palermo** where you will enjoy a thrilling introduction to Sicily from its museums and churches. Head to the historic towns of **Agrigento** and discover **Segesta** and the **Greek Temples Valley**. Savour the famous "Ragusashire" in **Ragusa** and watch a puppet show in **Syracuse**. End in beautiful **Taormina**, set on the island's stunning east coast in the shadows of **Mount Etna**. Visit the **Greco-Roman theatre** and piazzas filled with the scent of summer flowers, drop into chic boutiques for some Italian linens, and pass by countless ocean seascapes and mountain vistas.

Renaissance & Tuscany

From \$ 1350

6 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Florence is the birth place of Renaissance, the historic city is filled with countless monuments, works of art and inhabited by some of country's most cosmopolitan and glamorous residents including the famous designer Gucci. Begin with two-nights stay at **Renaissance Hotel Il Ciocco Resort & Spa**, sets deeply in Tuscany's picturesque Serchio Valley, in addition to admiring the grape and lavender vineyards from the pool-side, you will enjoy the spa, cooking class, hiking or horseback riding, tennis, and much more and be treated with gourmet dinners and house wines. Tour the region's wine estates and cellars, sample the finest Tuscan wines and cheeses. Finish in **Florence** visiting the **Galleria degli Uffizi**, with its artworks by Botticelli, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci; the **Duomo Cathedral**, topped with Brunelleschi's extravagant dome, and the bustling **Piazza della Signoria**.



Italy | France | Spain | Portugal

Cities, Abbeys & Châteaux of France

From \$ 1450

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



France's western region is obsessed with the sea and here you will find some of the country's loveliest attractions. Start with a city break in *Paris* where you will discover its wealth of cultural landmarks, architectural wonders and fascinating stories surrounding its rich history. Take the Normandy motorway to the medieval town of *Rouen*, where Joan of Arc was put to death. Take a walk in the old town before continuing through the newly built bridge to *Normandy*. Pay tribute to the falling soldiers on the D-Day landing beaches and next, travel to Brittany's coastal city of *Saint-Malo* to see its ramparts, once a stronghold for privateers. Visit the iconic abbey of *Mont St-Michel* and explore some of France's finest country chateaux, vineyards and picturesque villages in the *Loire Valley*.



France - Swirls, Smells and Savours

From \$ 3145

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



There is no surprise that a country as addictive as France is constantly rated as the world's number-one travel destination. Begin in *Paris*, see the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, the Opera House, the Louvre and the Champs-Élysées before heading to the *Loire Valley*, known as the 'Garden of France'. Visit the most recognisable châteaux, local vineyards and a cognac distillery. Continue to *Bordeaux* in the heart of the wine country, enjoy wine tasting at a local winery. Visit the beautifully preserved and completely walled medieval town of *Carcassonne*. Follow the smell of lavender fields as we tour Provence's Roman city of *Nîmes*, and *Avignon*, considered to be one of the most ancient towns in Europe. Conclude our trip in France's third largest city - *Lyon*.

Iberian Inspirations

From \$ 1850

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



A region full of cultured cities, stretches of untamed coastline, a burgeoning wine culture, and culinary delights, the *Iberian Peninsula* is a perfect destination for a trip teamed with culture and history. Begin in Spain's graceful capital of *Madrid*, you will immediately merge into its full Spanish energy and zest for life. Discover Portugal's colourful *Lisbon* and its ruins and castles. Visit the Sanctuary of Fatima, one of the world's main Marian shrines. Admire Andalusia's fine art and architecture in the historic cities of *Caceres* and *Cordoba* as well as the Moorish influenced buildings in *Granada* and *Seville*. Travel along the Mediterranean coast to *Valencia* and end in the charming city of *Barcelona* with its narrow, labyrinthine streets that are cultural heritage from the Roman and Medieval eras..





Magic Cities of Germany

From \$ 1790

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Germany stands at the heart of Europe and at the centre of the continent's history. The cities of *Berlin, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and Stuttgart* are perfectly connected by Deutsche Bahn in a loop journey. Together they bring you into the stories of Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire, Bismarck, the German Reich, Nazism and the fall of the Berlin Wall as well as Germany's fundamental role in shaping today's Europe. The reunification of the East and the West has changed these cities but with reminders of the past, they are all vibrant, atmospheric and pulse with life.

Tales of Deutschland



From \$ 1450

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Saxony's two large cities, Dresden and Leipzig, are home to some of the most famous and influential people in the German history such as Bach, Luther and Goethe. Begin in *Dresden* as we visit its attractive Baroque architecture and *Pillnitz Castle*, the only European palace in Chinese style. Head to *Leipzig*, walk on its distinctive passageways and explore its churches, museums and galleries. Enjoy a cultural evening at the Gewandhaus with the Leipzig Opera or the world-famous Boys Choir. Tour the *Moritzburg Castle* and visit *Meissen's* famous porcelain factory. End in *Berlin*, Germany's capital and cultural centre.

Jewels of Romantic Bavaria

From \$ 1995

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Amidst the peak of the Alps, Bavaria is culturally unique with its beautiful forests and charming cities like Munich, Tirol and Salzburg. Explore *Munich's* outstanding museums, churches and palaces, and exquisite parks and gardens. Head further south and enjoy the serenity of the Bavarian countryside and the beautiful castles along the way to the Austrian border. Climb Germany's highest peak, the *Zugspitze* and take in the amazing view. Visit the snow-capped summits surrounded *Innsbruck* and *Salzburg*, the birthplace of Mozart and "The Sound of Music". Enjoy the culture and music in the magical surroundings.

Scenic Trains of Switzerland



From \$ 2295

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Switzerland is famed for its hypnotic vistas and Alpine villages along with chic chalets, watches, cheese and the smoothest chocolate. Explore Switzerland in style by Swiss Rail as we begin in *Zurich*, tour *Lucerne* and ride *Bernese Oberland* up to *Jungfrau* for the unforgettable views. From the heart of Switzerland in *Interlaken*, we ride on the *Golden Pass Line* to *Geneva* where we tour the city and the United Nations centre. Visit a cheese factory in *La Gruyère* and the Matterhorn village of *Zermatt*. Ride the world's famous *Glacier Express* from *Brig to Chur* and finish our trip with a transfer to *Zurich* airport.



The Austro-Hungarian Empire

From \$2065

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



We begin in *Prague* where we visit the city's fortress castle, perched high above the *Vltava River*. Wander through the maze of the old town square with countless cathedrals and palaces clamouring for attention. Next, head to *Vienna* - the "City of the Waltz" and home to the magnificent Hofburg and the former residence of the Hapsburg emperors. Enjoy an evening concert listening to *Strauss* or *Mozart*. Finally, follow the Danube to the waters of beautiful *Budapest*, a city of hot springs, Hungarian hospitality and some of Eastern Europe's most impressive neoclassical, Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture.

Magic Quartet

From \$1439

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Discover four jewels of Central Europe as we set foot on *Warsaw's* Stare Miasto, the old town, entirely rebuilt after the Second World War. Drive along the city's famous Royal Route and not to miss a Chopin concert. Next stop is *Berlin*, a city reliving a golden age more than 20 years after the fall of the Wall. See Germany's capital from the Karl-Marx-Allee through the Brandenburg Gate to the famous Kurfuerstendamm boulevard. Tour the beautiful Saxony Baroque city of *Dresden* before we make our way to *Prague*, Europe's historic gem and a treasure-trove of architecture that needs no introduction or comparison.

The Treasures of Poland

From \$1650

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Sitting on the crossroads, Poland has acted as both a barrier and a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe over time and its turbulent history creating a fascinating culture. Begin in *Warsaw*. After touring the intriguing city, take a musical journey through Chopin's piano recital. Travel through the resort town of *Zakopane* in the Tatra Mountains to *Krakow* and visit Wawel, the Royal Castle, *Auschwitz* and Wieliczka Salt Mine. Continue to visit UNESCO's heritage city of *Torun* and see Poland's largest Gothic church in *Gdansk*. Explore the historic *Tricity* with Europe's largest brick building *Teutonic Knights Castle*.

Roses of Bulgaria

From \$1785

12 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Bulgaria is a small country but not "small" in history. Begin in *Sofia* by visiting its basilicas, mosques, synagogues, and amazing museums. Drive through the wild landscape of forests and granite cliffs to *Rila Monastery*, a unity of spirituality, culture, and nature. Explore the town of *Melnik*, Roman mosaics and painted tombs in *Plovdiv*, and *Kazanlak* - the Valley of Roses and Thracian Kings. Drive to the Black Sea coast to visit *Burgas*, *Varna*, the Danube riverside *Sexaginta Prista*, and the mediaeval fortress in *Cherven*. Explore the capital of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom, *Veliko Tarnovo* before returning to Sofia.





Waterways and Trails of Britain



From \$ 2180

12 Days Minimum: 4 Offered: Mar - Oct Private Group & Custom



Canals and rivers stretch for over 2000 miles throughout the green and pleasant land of Britain. See the country in one week with a *self-drive narrow boat* starting from one of our 16 locations. This will give you a new perspective to an area or a historic town that you have always meant to explore. Continue on a *self guided walking* trip along UK's best loved national trails such as the "*Trails of Lizard Peninsula in Cornwall*" from *Penzance* to *Falmouth*. You are not likely to see any lizards on the trail but will breeze through some of Britain's most spectacular coastline, rugged caves, exquisite coves, and an endlessly churning sea. Although it makes up a mere fraction of the South West Coast Path, you could happily spend 6 days exploring its serpentine nooks and filmic crannies.



Hidden Treasures of Channel Islands

From \$ 1500

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



British crown dependencies Jersey and Guernsey are just off the coast of France, a part of the Channel Islands that have a rich cultural history of French and English rule. Begin in *Jersey* as we explore the vibrant capital *St Helier*. See the town square, markets, churches including St. Matthews Glass Church, War tunnel and try its famous royal potatoes and the Jersey black butter. Take a scenic drive and stop for photos. On to *Guernsey*, visit the picturesque harbour town of *Saint Peter Port*, discover Little Chapel at Les Vauxbelets, attend gold and silversmiths workshops, and see the home of Victor Hugo where he completed his famous '*Les Miserables*' while in exile on Guernsey. A day excursion to *Sark*, visit La Seigneurie Gardens, the formal walled garden is one of the finest on the Channel Islands.

Best of Ireland

From \$ 650

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



The emerald rolling hills and unspoiled nature of Ireland is delightfully unlike any other European destinations. Driving is a great way to take in Ireland's fabulous scenery and our suggested self-drive tour combines some of the country's most spectacular touring routes in a loop from Dublin, through Cork, Killarney, County Clare and then back to Dublin. Learn about *Dublin*'s fascinating history and get an insider's experience at the Guinness Storehouse. While in *Cork*, visit the Cork Blarney Castle and Cobh, the final port of call of the Titanic. Drive along the *Ring of Kerry* to *Killarney*, then to *Doonbeg* on the Atlantic coast of *County Clare*. Explore the Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle and the rocky hills of the Burren. Wrap up your trip at Shannon Airport.



Britain | Ireland | Iceland | Scandinavia



Grand Iceland Circle

From \$ 1500

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Iceland literally bursts with natural attractions from erupting geysers, waterfalls, hot springs, lava fields to the Northern Lights putting on a surreal show in the skies above. Your Icelandic circle trip begins the moment you touchdown in **Reykjavik**. Join an escorted coach tour traverse the **Golden Circle**, Iceland's most famous circuit of natural sites. Discover stunning scenery and dramatic landscapes. A local expert guide helps you explore the unspoiled Icelandic countryside with volcanoes, lava fields, hot springs, mountains, fjords, glaciers and waterfalls. This escorted tour takes you to classic nature hot spots as well as lesser-known sights. The tour includes several soft adventures and cultural visits. Some outdoor activities may differ between seasons depending on weather and road conditions.

Northern Lights Exploration

From \$2530

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered on Selected Dates Group & Custom



Winter is a time to explore and experience the beauty of Iceland's wide snow fields, the famous Northern Lights, and to find out why Iceland is green while Greenland is icy. The **Northern Lights** season extends from late September through the winter and well into April. This eight-day fully escorted coach tour stays at comfortable three-star hotels and country guesthouses, takes in the best of Iceland's winter, and includes six evenings of lectures and guided excursions at locations most likely to offer a glimpse of the magical Northern Lights. Experience Icelandic winter as good as it gets. Head to the countryside: from the regions of **Snæfellsnes Peninsula** in the west to the **Vatnajökull glacier** in the southeast. It is all about to search for the Aurora Borealis away from the big city lights.



Fabulous Scandinavia

From \$ 2295

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



The sculpted mountains soar over the glassy fjords, the Midnight Sun, the Vikings, and the nomadic reindeer. This is what Scandinavia is all about! Begin in **Copenhagen** as we see the famous Little Mermaid and feel the exciting, atmospheric, nostalgic Danish Capital. Tour Scandinavia's oldest capital **Oslo**. Visit the picturesque village of **Geilo** before heading to the historic west coast port city of **Bergen** and capture the essence of **Norway's magnificent fjords**, mountains and valleys. Visit **Fagernes** and try out Norwegian national cuisine. Conclude your journey in **Stockholm**, Sweden's charming capital. Explore the attractive Old Town area and visit the nearby national parks. In the evening, sample a restaurant scene that is among the best in Europe and join the locals as they let their hair down.





Russian Capitals & the Golden Ring

From \$ 1350

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Russia remains an enigma. The country has been undergoing an incredible and rapid change. From the chaotic yet compelling charm of Moscow, to the enchanting ancient towns on the Golden Ring, to the glitteringly romantic St Petersburg, there is much to discover in this vast country. Begin in **St. Petersburg**, known as "the Venice of the North" as we visit many treasures, highlighted by St. Isaac's Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, the Hermitage and Peterhof Palace. Take a high speed train to **Moscow** and cover the "must sees and dos" such as the Red Square, the Kremlin and a performance of Russian Ballet or Circus. Explore the ancient towns of the medieval masterpieces on the **Golden Ring** in Vladimir City, Suzdal and Bogolyubovo, and be touched by a real sense of old Russia.



Legacy of the Russian Czars

From \$ 3995

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Russia is at once breathtaking and baffling. Winston Churchill's much-quoted line that the world's largest nation represented "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" is as true today as it was back then. Russia reveals its legacy with two of its extraordinary cities, **St Petersburg** and **Moscow**, in the format of modern yet medieval architecture, mysterious and brutal revolution, life of Russian Czars, poetic but cynical literary, and romantic and beautiful music and arts. This trip is uniquely designed for the discerning travellers or groups looking for a trip with a theme focus. No matter if the theme is arts and architecture, archeology, Jewish heritage, history of the Russian Revolution, magic world of theatres, or music and ballet, we will be delighted to craft your trip with your specific interest.

Classic Ukraine

From \$ 2650

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Ukraine welcomes its visitors with its raw history, magnificent architecture, mosaics and miles of rolling steppes. Ukraine has much to offer. Begin in **Odessa**, known as the **Pearl of the Black Sea**. Walk on the city's Primorsky Boulevard, visit museums, winery, and the Akkerman Fortress, and enjoy the succulent Ukrainian cuisine. Travel by an intercity train to **Kiev**, Ukraine's capital. The wealth of its history is far greater than its current importance would suggest. Visit the Shevchenko park, Kiev-Pecherska Lavra Monastery, Chernobyl museum and enjoy a cruise on the Dnieper River. Continue by train to **Lviv**, located at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, where we discover its Central European flavour with strikingly beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture.



Baltic Highlights

From \$ 850

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Apr - Sep Group & Custom



Nestled between Russia and Scandinavia, the Baltic are becoming Europe's most unexpected rising star with medieval cities, spired churches, outlying islands, and untouched forests. Peel away the stalwarts of Soviet rule, you will discover the three nations - Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia maturing into their independence and witness the influences by the East and the West. An eight-day escorted tour through the Baltic nations begins in **Vilnius**, Lithuania's colourful capital and a beautiful blend of new and old. From there, the tour takes us to historic **Riga**, capital of Latvia and home to some of Europe's most impressive Art Nouveau architecture. Finally, we head to the Estonian capital **Tallinn**, where we spend two memorable days unfolding the delights of the city's medieval old town on the edge of the Baltic Sea.



Around the Gulf of Finland

From \$ 1050

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: May - Sep Group & Custom



The easternmost arm of the Baltic Sea extends between Finland and Estonia, all the way to St Petersburg in Russia, where the river Neva drains into it. A cup of Estonia, one teaspoon of Finland and a drop of Russia - mixed all together creating a perfect exploring recipe for those looking to discover the Baltic culture and history. Begin in **Tallinn**, a medieval old town with cobbled streets, red-capped towers and steeping spires. Visit the great architectural monument of Toompea Castle and Raekoja Plats, a cobbled market as old as the city itself. A 90-minute ferry ride takes us across the Gulf of Finland to **Helsinki** to see the Helsinki Senate Square and the Rock Church. Take advantage of an excellent shopping opportunity and enjoy a lively nightlife. Continue eastbound to **St. Petersburg**, a city that still feels like frozen in time.



Tallinn, Estonia

Croatia | Slovenia | Balkan Peninsular



Treasures of Croatia & Slovenia

From \$ 1689

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Discover medieval towns, celebrated cities, UNESCO World Heritages, unspoiled landscape and sparkling sapphire lakes on a journey through Balkan's two storied countries: Croatia and Slovenia. Begin in **Dubrovnik**, the crown jewel of Croatia and the Adriatic coast. Next stop is **Split**. Built around a Roman palace, Split is a lively, cosmopolitan centre full of Venetian Gothic buildings. Explore nearby historic **Trogir** and head inland to the breathtaking mountains, forests, waterfalls, and lakes encapsulated in the **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Cross the border into Slovenia. Explore the Postojna caves, tour the fairytale **Lake Bled** and **Castle**. Visit **Ljubljana**, where you will find fine Baroque and Hapsburg architecture guarded by an imposing hilltop castle. End in **Zagreb**, Croatia's capital city.

Dalmatian Rhapsody

From \$ 1350

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Mar - Oct Private Custom & Group



Croatia's dramatic Dalmatian Coast offers an artful blend of old and new, relaxation and cultural excellence. Begin in **Dubrovnik**, its beauty and charm has put the area on the tourist map, now has gained even more fame as the fictional "King's Landing" in HBO's epic fantasy series **Game of Thrones**. Traditional **Korcula** is our next stop. Here we'll walk the olive groves, stumble-upon empty coves and pebble beaches, take in live folk music and dance. Next stop will be one of Croatia's many spectacular walled cities, **Hvar**, its marbled walking streets and Gothic palaces are beautifully maintained, and the bustling atmosphere is anything but museum-like. Continue to **Bol**, relax on Dalmatian's premiere bathing spots and ends in **Split** - the UNESCO Heritage city also offers a modern cityscape..



Balkan Odyssey

From \$ 1595

10 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Group & Custom



No other European region contains as many ethnic groups as the Balkans. The highlands and the storied past of this region have sheltered abundant World Heritage monasteries, unique painted churches, and museum-like towns left by the waves of migrating Goths, Huns, Avars, Slavs, Bulgars and Byzantines that swept across the territory. Begin in **Sofia, Bulgaria** and head to the **Greek city of Thessaloniki**, named after Alexander the Great's half-sister. Enter **Macedonia** and visit **Bitola, Ohrid** and its capital **Skopje**. Travel to **Montenegro** through **Albania** and explore **Budva and Kotor** before heading to **Dubrovnik, Croatia**. Back on road to **Mostar and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina** before finishing our journey in **Belgrade**, capital of **Serbia** as well as of the former Yugoslavia.



Plitvice Lakes, Croatia



Islands & Cyclades of Greece

From \$ 1269

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group 

There are very few experiences in the world quite like 'hopping' around the Greek islands. Whilst the Greek islands share some general characteristics, each island has its own landscape and culturally rich sites. Begin in **Mykonos**, a popular tourist destination, fashionable for intellectuals, artists, and ordinary tourists from all over the world. Visit **Delos** by boat. Mythology linked the island with the birth of Artemis and Apollo, god of light, wisdom and poetry. A ferry transfer to **Paros** and walk in the port of Parikia and the ancient marbles of the Gulf of Marathi. Tour **Naxos** by boat and see the museum with findings of the Cycladic civilization and the ancient church. By ferry to **Santorini**, be amazed by its bright white buildings and deep blue domes set against the dramatic black volcanic sand.



Classic Greece

From \$ 2200

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group 

Greece is the cradle of Western civilization, responsible for drama and democracy. Begin in the country's second largest city, **Thessaloniki** and see its main landmarks and pay a visit to the holy **Mount Athos**. Head to **Meteora**, behold the breathtaking views from the monasteries of **Megalo Meteoro**, perched precariously on rocks above the Plains of **Thessaly**. Next to **Delphi**, stand in the 'centre of the universe' at the ancient ruins and admire the Doric Temple of Apollo. Visit the birthplace of the Olympic Games - **Olympia** and the fortified town of **Mystra**. Unearth the history of the Mycenaean civilization in **Mycenae**, **Epidauros**, and **Corinth**. In **Athens**, visit the **Acropolis** dominating the city for over 2,000 years; See the **Pantheon**; and explore **Cape Sounion** - the southernmost tip of Attica peninsula and the Temple of Poseidon.

The Americas



Christ the Redeemer, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil



Best of South America

From \$ 3050

15 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



South America is a destination so colourful and magnificent that you will be reeling to see more. Start in **Lima**, tour its colonial neighborhoods and then set off to the **Sacred Valley** and the wondrous ruins of **Machu Picchu**. Explore charming **Cusco** and sip a cup of Coca Tea in a local cafe and tuck into hearty bowls of aji de gallina. Travel to the beautiful **Lake Titicaca** to visit the local communities. Fly to **Iguazú Falls** to view the breathtaking waterfalls straddling the borders of three countries. Enjoy **Buenos Aires** where you will wash down a perfectly cooked steak with a glass of Malbec, take in a tango show or lesson, and explore the historic neighborhoods, boutiques, and vibrant gallery scene. Conclude the trip in **Rio de Janeiro** as we lie on its famous beaches and hike the mountains that dramatically hover above the city.



Wines of Chile & Argentina



From \$ 2295

7 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Group & Custom

Experience the wealth of Chile and Argentina's cultural offerings while enjoying both destinations' best wines. Begin in **Santiago** as we visit the city and its lovely colonial architecture. Tour the nearby town of **Vina del Mar** and **Valparaiso** and visit vineyards in **Colchagua Valley** for wine tasting and to learn about the intricacies of wine production, from grape harvesting to the correct storage temperature. Continue to Argentina's **Mendoza**, known for its year-round sunshine, gourmet restaurants and delicious wines. Visit this lovely leafy town, full of sidewalk cafes and large parks. While here, we will spend a day to visit vineyards and be able to compare the Argentinian wine making to the Chilean. Explore one of the city's **Tango** bars and enjoy an excursion to high **Andes** for some of the most beautiful mountain scenery on the continent.



Machu Picchu, Peru



Jeff, Ben & Jerry explored South America in May, 2016

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Southern Natural Wonders From \$ 3295

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

South America is filled with natural wonders. Start with modern **Santiago**, we visit the city and the famed **Vina del Mar** and **Valparaiso**. Travel to **Puerto Varas** in the Lake District for an enchanting night amidst the breathtaking landscape of snow-capped volcanoes and deep, blue lakes. Embark on a stunning journey by boat across two of South America's most beautiful countries through the **Andes Lake District**. Stay in the mountain resort town of **Bariloche**, where we can enjoy a scenic boat ride on **Nahuel Huapi Lake**. Fly to **Buenos Aires** - the "Paris of South America" as we discover this metropolis and the best Tango show. Behold the power of the **Iguazu Falls** from both Argentinian and Brazilian vantage points and explore Iguazu National Park. Finish our trip with Samba beats and the glittering beaches of **Rio de Janeiro**.

Peru | Ecuador | Galápagos



Peru - Mundo Inca

 From \$ 2795

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Peru is most famous for its Incan city of *Machu Picchu*, often referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas". We begin in the capital city of *Lima*, shrouded in history and full of colonial surprises. Fly to *Arequipa*, explore the sweeping landscapes of Colca Canyon, and watch the flight of the condor. Drive through the high mountain plains to legendary *Puno*. Take a boat ride on the stunning *Lake Titicaca* and see the floating islands of the *Uros*. Continue on to *Cusco* with its famous narrow streets lined by Inca walls. Through *Sacred Valley*, we arrive at the awe-inspiring ruins of *Machu Picchu* where we have our grand finale.

Trek the Secret Inca Trails

From \$ 560

4 - 5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



The Inca Trail is one of the most famous hikes in all of South America - an experience that you will remember forever. Our 4 to 5 days hiking trip is of moderate activity level and is fit for any reasonably healthy traveller. Walk along the original Inca pathways, view the Inca ruins, observe the exuberant and diverse vegetation, flora and fauna especially its over 350 species of orchids as well as the abundant wildlife. Marvel at the magnificent mountain landscape, watch sunrise at the campsite, and climb on top the opposite site of Machu Picchu for a view of entire Machu Picchu Citadel. It is just spectacular!

Best of Ecuador

From \$ 1895

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Ecuador is small, but nonetheless it is rich in treasures. In one day, you can watch dawn break over the jungle, have lunch in the high Andes, and then watch the sun slip into the Pacific Ocean. Begin in the capital *Quito*, founded on top of an ancient Incan metropolis. Head north to *Otavalo* and discover the indigenous textiles and crafts. Explore *Cotopaxi National Park* and the famous volcanic lake of *Quilotoa*. Sit atop the passenger car and enjoy the view as we roll along the scenic *Devil's Nose Railway*. See the impressive Incan ruins at *Ingapirca* then enjoy a traditional folk dance in *Cuenca*. Trip ends in *Guayaquil*.

Explore Galápagos Islands

From \$ 3895

7 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



A trip to the Galápagos Islands is an unforgettable experience. These islands are renowned for their fearless wildlife giving us the extraordinary and up close encounters. Start from *Baltra Santa Cruz Island*. We will snorkel in *Las Grietas*, visit the *Charles Darwin Station*, watch giant tortoises lumber through cactus forests and behold the courtship displays of the blue-footed booby and frigate bird. Continue to the *Isabela Island* as we tour *la Cueva de Sucre* and *Sierra Negra Volcano*, and snorkel with penguins, sea lions, and seal pups. Stay at one of the island-based eco-friendly lodges to get the most from your visit.



Pulse of Tango & Samba

From \$1325

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro are two of the most chic and colourful cities in South America. Begin with **Buenos Aires** with its highlights including European-inspired sites and a sultry Tango show. Next, fly to **Iguazú Falls** for its range of waterfalls that straddle the borders of Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay. Its 275 waterfalls span nearly 3 km and are truly a wonder of South America. Wrap up the journey in the marvellous **Rio de Janeiro**. Check out the must-sees such as Christ the Redeemer at the Corcovado Mountain and the Sugar Loaf Mountain and enjoy its famous beaches, mountains, and beautiful people.



Chilean Explorer



From \$ 4495

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Nearly 3,000 miles long but only 150 miles across at its widest point, Chile's long and thin shape contains a startling array of topography. After touring the capital **Santiago**, we head to **Atacama Desert** and explore the spectacular landscapes. We then head south into the heart of **Patagonia**, a windswept region of towering snow-capped peaks, vast grass-covered plains and spectacular glaciers. Our accommodation in Atacama and Patagonia are with choices of luxury all inclusive properties that offer stylish accommodation in breathtaking locations, wonderful food, world-class facilities, and amazing excursions.



Best of Colombia

From \$ 2050

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Colombia is a country saturated with splendours - home to seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Begin in **Bogota** with visits to the historic neighbourhood of La Candelaria, well known for its Spanish colonial architecture filled with art exhibits and museums. Fly to **Armenia**, the gateway to the coffee region of the country where we tour plantations and sample coffees brewed amongst the steep hills and fertile green valleys. Conclude our trip in the coastal town of **Cartagena**, a seaside jewel with a charming colonial atmosphere. An excursion takes us to the Islands of **Rosario** for a light hike and warm sunshine.



Highlights of Bolivia

From \$3100

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Land-locked Bolivia offers a look at the traditional Andean South America. Our Bolivia trip starts from the ancient city of **La Paz**. Explore the whitewashed streets of **Sucre's** colonial centre, trace **Dinosaur Footprints** at Cal Orck'o, and learn the history of the lucrative silver mines of **Potosi**. Next to **Salar de Uyuni**, take in the most unique and beautiful landscapes and overnight in luxury amidst the world's largest salt flat. Embrace the panoramas at **Lake Titicaca**, South America's largest body of water, and visit both the **Sun and Moon Islands**, from which per the local legend, the Inca civilization emerged 1,000 years ago.



All Inclusive Stays of Distinction

Patagonia, Chile



Awasi- Atacama

3 Days From \$ 1650

(San Pedro de Atacama, Chile)

Blended seamlessly with a backdrop of salt marshes, soaring volcanoes, and dunes, Awasi is an oasis of luxury in the world's driest desert offering its guests an intimate experience, with comfort and world-class hospitality of a Relais & Châteaux collection Hotel.



Explora Rapa Nui

4 Days From \$ 2550

(Easter Island, Chile)

Perched on a hilltop on the remotest inhabited island on the planet, Explora en Rapa Nui is one of the most respected "green" lodges. All 30 rooms offer ocean views in this classic Explora property. Local seafood and sweet potato add a local flavour to the international menu.

Explora Patagonia

5 Days From \$ 3000

(Torres del Paine N.P., Chile)

Undeniably the most luxurious lodge in the stunning Torres del Paine National Park, the Explora Salto Chico offers stunning views, world class accommodation, and many choices of excursions that suits every fitness level in their all inclusive packages.



La Selva – Amazon

4 Days From \$ 1215

La Selva Ecological Lodge Ecuador)

Located just outside the Yasuni National Park and within the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve, La Selva Lodge is perfect for any families and adventurous travelers. Everyone will find something to love at the luxury resort in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest!



The Singular Patagonia

2 Days From \$ 680

(San Pedro de Atacama, Chile)

Set on 25 acres lining the Fjord of Last Hope in the surroundings of Torres del Paine National Park, the Singular is a sleek, eco-conscious property with 57 rooms of floor-ceiling windows taking in majestic views of mountains and fjords that the Chilean Patagonia has to offer.



Eolo Patagonia Spirit

3 Days From \$ 1900

(La Anita Valley, Chile)

Eolo is located just thirty minutes from El Calafate and close to Perito Moreno Glacier. The vast tract of land on which the property nestles gives a sense of Patagonia's enormity. Only he who lives things from within can capture their essence. This is Eolo's raison d'être.

Authentic Estancias

3 Days From \$ 825

(Mendoza, Argentina)

Relax in one of the top estancias in Argentina near Mendoza, Rancho 'e Cuero offers each guest an exclusive and unsurpassed level of customized service and personalized attention. Experience the countryside with excursions on horseback or mountain bikes.



Montana Magica

3 Days From \$ 889

(Lakes District, Chile)

This magical lodge is set in the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve and excites your imagination with its unusual design and is the perfect place to relax in the midst of the Patagonian forest. Include it in your next holiday to the Lakes District in Chile.



Antarctica | The Arctic | Patagonia

The Antarctic Peninsula

From \$ 5550

10 or 11 or 12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Nov - Mar Cruise



At the earth's farthest reach, Antarctica is a stunning land of surreal terrains and magnificent creatures where we are dwarfed by gigantic icebergs and whale pods. We may fear that our memory does not have the capacity to hold onto them. Embark in *Ushuaia, Argentina* and head south into the *Drake Passage* towards the Antarctic Peninsula with only fleets of seabirds bringing the seas and skies to life until we spot our first icebergs. Spend the next few days weaving in and out for such incredible ice and sea-mountain passages and islands; picture penguins slide down snowy peaks and seals bask during the austral summer; watch the very moment a glacier splits to form a colossal iceberg; kayak through a sleeping whale's spray and even camp out under the Southern Polar skies.



Arctic Polar Bears

From \$ 3900

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: May - Oct Cruise



The Arctic is the land of the midnight sun, ice, Aurora and the white Polar Bear. It is so fiercely compelling to the adventurous and nature lovers. The Arctic's landscapes and frozen seas are ideally explored by boat and the *North Spitsbergen Cruise* is all about wildlife sightings including seabirds, reindeers, seals, walruses, whales, and in particular *the Polar Bear* - Kings of the North. Begin in Longyearbyen, the administrative capital of the Spitsbergen archipelago as we head to Raudfjord and Liefdefjorden on the north coast of West Spitsbergen to see polar bears and other wildlife. Continue sailing into the Hinlopen Strait, home to seals, polar bears and ivory gulls. Reach our northernmost point at Phippsøya. Here we are at 81 degrees north, just 540 miles from the geographic *North Pole*.

Glaciers of Patagonia

From \$ 1180

3 - 7 Nights Minimum: 2 Offered: Sep - Apr Cruise



Vast and wild Patagonia captures our hearts instantly. Its national parks are among the most spectacular ones in the world. Join *Australis'* all-inclusive luxury voyage from *Punta Arenas to Ushuaia*. Sail through the Magellan Straits, Beagle Channel and its "glacier alley", and often rounding Cape Horn. Enjoy the region's most beautiful and remarkable landmarks, get up close to glaciers with zodiac boat excursions, and step ashore to mingle with the wonderfully Patagonian wildlife. Or aboard the *Skorpions Cruise* to sail from *Puerto Natales* through the *Southern Ice Fields*. We will contemplate and admire the magnificent glaciers in the area, walk up to their front and moraines, sail through multi-coloured ice-floes, and observe varied Patagonian flora and fauna in all its natural glory.



The United States of America | Canada

Grand Canyon, USA



City Sampler of the United States

From \$ 2995

16 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Year-round Private Custom



The great cities in the United States are scattered from coast to coast - New York, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Denver, Miami and many more. It is no surprise that New York City and San Francisco are among many visitors' top choices. Based on this, we recommend to include three cities in the West and another three in the East as a sampler of the cities in the United States that offers amazing diversity, cultural heritage, natural beauty, great architecture and unrivalled hospitality. *San Francisco* 3 Nights | *Los Angeles* 2 Nights | *Las Vegas* 2 Nights | *Washington DC* 3 Nights | *New York* 3 Nights | *Boston* 2 Nights.

Hawaii Serenades

From \$ 1450

6 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom

Beyond the stereotype of surfers, colourful shirts and hula dancing locals, Hawaii's great treks, dramatic landscapes, world-class resorts, tasty food and a multicultural society welcome everyone. Head over to Oahu or Maui's resorts with all the conveniences, to the Big Island or Kauai for adventures, or to get off the beaten path in Lanai or Molokai. Wherever you go, you will feel like you are in paradise. *Oahu* 3 Nights | *Kauai* 2 Nights | *Kona* 2 Nights | *Maui* 3 Nights - 5-night accommodation, all airport transfers, tours: *Pearl Harbour* and *Arizona Memorial*, *Waimea Canyon*, *Circle Grand Island* and a *sunset cruise*.

National Parks of the United States

From \$ 1995

11 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



America's national parks are a genuine highlight for many of us. Discover the best in the western states on this self-drive journey that includes car rental, prebooked accommodation and personalized itinerary like this sample: Day 1: Arrive *Las Vegas* | Day 2-3: *Grand Canyon* | Flightseeing, Amazing Vistas | Day 4-5: *Zion National Park* | Towering Sandstone Canyons | Day 6-7: *Bryce Canyon* | Hoodoos and Hiking & Exploring Utah | Day 8: *Capitol Reef National Park* | Ranch Life | Day 9: *Moab* | Spirit of the Desert | Day 10: *Arches National Park* | Incredible Arched Formations | Day 11: Depart *Grand Junction*, Colorado.

The Wilderness of Alaska

From \$ 1944

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Apr - Oct Group & Custom



Alaska is an iconic destination, a story of pristine waterways, calving glaciers, towering mountain peaks, and the gold rush era towns. Start from *Anchorage* as we visit the Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Head to Alaska's little Switzerland - *Valdez*. Cruise in *Prince William Sound* to view the Columbia Glacier and look out for seals, sea lions, otters, whales and puffins. Explore the gold rush town of *Fairbanks* and *Chena River*. Take in the wilderness of *Denali National Park*, view of *Mt McKinley* and wildlife on the *Susitna River* along the way while travelling on the deluxe *Dome Rail Car* to Anchorage.



In Search of Aurora

From \$ 1395

5 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



Canada's famous Northern Lights, the Aurora Borealis, have their origin in the solar flare creating gigantic electrical storms in the earth's magnetic fields over the North Pole. The Aurora is active all year round, and best to be viewed when there is so little daylight in the higher latitudes of Northern Canada. Our trip begins in *Whitehorse, Yukon*, enjoy *flightseeing* over the terrain, visit *Yukon Wildlife Preserve* and soak in *Takhini Hot Springs*. Enjoy the fun of *Dog sledding* and *Snowmobiling* during the day and set out for *Aurora viewing* in the evening to take in the beauty of the electrically charged sky.



Wonderland of Canadian Rockies

From \$ 1895

6 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: May - Oct Group & Custom



Canadian Rockies are a land of endless beautiful lakes, glaciers, mountains and valleys offering you unparalleled pleasure for adventure and sightseeing - a joy for the keen nature lovers. From *Calgary*, we enter the Rockies along the Trans-Canada Highway. Take in the aerial view of *Banff National Park* atop the *Sulphur Mountain*. Visit *Lake Louise* and the gorgeous *Chateau Lake Louise*. Go on a lake photo spree at the dazzling lakes of *Emerald, Peyto, Moraine, and Bow*. Finally, head north into Jasper National Park for *Columbia Icefield* and feed your adrenaline on the exciting *cliff-top Glacier Skywalk*.



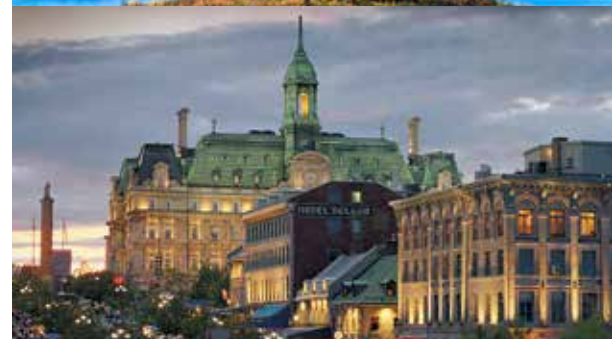
Gems of Ontario & Quebec

From \$ 2995

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group



Discover *Ontario* and *Quebec* and get the flavour of both English and French Canada. Begin in *Toronto* as we visit the highlights and dine in the *Distillery District*. Journey to the *Niagara Falls* for a cruise near the plunging waters of this natural wonder. En route to *Ottawa*, visit *Black River Cheese* in *Prince Edward County* and enjoy a cruise through the scenic *Thousand Islands*. Visit *Canada's capital* before exploring the *Old Montreal*. Travel along the St. Lawrence River and make a stop at *historic Trois Rivières*. Enjoy a tram ride at the *Montmorency Falls* and end on the historic city ramparts of *Old Quebec City*.



The Natural World of Newfoundland

From \$ 2100

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Apr - Oct Group & Custom



There is never a place quite like *Newfoundland & Labrador*. Its jagged coastlines and wild waters are known for their icebergs, whales, seabirds, and a unique seven seasons. Start from *Corner Brook* and hike the red Tablelands at *Gros Morne National Park*, a UNESCO World Heritage. Make our way to the east coast where we visit coastal *fishing villages* and meet the locals who keep rural Newfoundland alive. Hop on a *boat tour* and watch for whales, seabirds, and passing icebergs. Visit North America's most easterly point in *Cape Spear* before wrapping up in *St. John's*, North America's oldest city.





Hiking in the Viñales Valley of Cuba



From \$ 1350

9 Days Minimum: 6 Offered Year-round Private Group & Custom

This hiking journey connects you to the authentic heart of the vibrant, evolving Cuba. Begin in *Havana* and greeted by smiling faces, classic Chevys, and street-side displays of daily life—impromptu music sessions. Explore the city's political life at the Plaza de la Revolucion, social life in the Malecón. Venture into the heart of Havana Vieja and taste traditional Cuban dishes in superb paladars. From Havana we will head for the bucolic Viñales Valley, a stunning natural gem and UNESCO World Heritage. Hike the tails of "Maravillas de Viñales," San Vicente to Ancon and "Cocosolo until Palmarito", see how tobacco is harvested and prepared for cigars at a family-run tobacco farm, and be humbled by the passionate locals, astounding natural beauty along our way.



Costa Rica's Volcano, Rainforest & Beach

From \$ 3145

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Costa Rica is one of the most popular Central America travel destinations for good reasons. This one-week vacation is perfect for people who enjoy nature from cloud forests, to lush and stunning waterfalls, and to exotic wildlife with endless coastline. Fly to the capital *San Jose* and visit the historic architecture and lively street life. Continue to the *Arenal Volcano Region* and neighbouring *Monteverde Cloud Forest* to explore the natural beauty, to enjoy hiking or horseback riding, or to tour the Arenal Butterfly Conservatory with many great photographic opportunities. Conclude the trip at Costa Rica's idyllic beaches, stay in a wonderful *eco-lodge* either on the pacific side in the *Nicoya Peninsula* or on the *Caribbean coast* where you can hike, horseback ride, kayak, surf, or simply relax in a hammock.

Best of Costa Rica Adventures

From \$ 3785

10 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom



After touring the capital *San José*, we depart for the *San Carlos lowlands*, home to the Arenal Volcano. Explore the *Penas Blancas River* on a float and *La Fortuna Waterfall* on horseback. We may see toucans, monkeys, peccaries, coatis, hummingbirds, and many other tropical creatures. Spend a day on a rainforest adventure as we ride the Sky Tram through the Arenal Reserve. Zip line through the canopy and enjoy the soaking in the Tabacón Hot Springs. Transfer next to the Pacific Coast and hike in the rainforests of *Manuel Antonio National Park* to spot three species of monkeys, sloths, iguanas, coatimundis, and a wide range of birds and reptiles. Relax under the sun in a wonderful eco-lodge overlooking the Pacific Ocean and enjoy exclusive accommodations, fun filled eco-activities, and fantastic views of the ocean. Head back to San Jose for your return flight home.



Cuba | Costa Rica | Mexico | Central America

Colonial Highlights of Mexico

From \$ 1750

14 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Year-round Group & Custom



This journey focuses on Mexico's cultural highlights and brilliant Mexico City. Begin our journey in **Puebla de los Angeles**, one of the oldest Mexican cities attributed to angels and also a UNESCO world heritage. Take a walking tour to visit the Amparo Museum and Palafoxiana Library. Excursion to **Cholula** to discover the largest pyramid in the world. Head to the **Oaxaca Valley** and tour Tehuacan, the ancient capital of the Zapotecs Monte Alban, Zapotecan ruins of Mitla, and Santa Maria's 2,000-year-old Montezuma cypress, the world's thickest tree. In **Mexico City**, visit the National Anthropology Museum, Guadalupe Shrine and Teotihuacan Pyramids, walk around the magnificent architecture of the amazing downtown, and enjoy a traditional night show at Plaza Garibaldi.



Explore Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula

From \$ 2125

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Year-round Group & Custom



With its eastern border complimented by the Caribbean Sea, the **Yucatan Peninsula** possesses ancient ruins, intact rain forests, underground caves, colonial cities, offshore islands with luxury resorts, and natural wonders that will satisfy even the most seasoned travelers. Begin in **Cancun** as we visit the famed archaeological site of **Chichen Itza**, the best restored and most famous of the Maya ceremonial centres, **Ek Balam**, and the **Rio Lagartos Pink Flamingo Reserve**. Journey into the heart of Maya and visit **Izamal**, **Merida**, **Uxmal**, and **Tulum**. Explore the once fortified pirate city of **Campeche**, **Kabah** and many Mexico's grandest archaeological ruins. Discover the only site in the Mayan Riviera located right on the sea, believed to have been the main port of the Mayan Empire.

Panama Discovery

From \$2050

8 Days Minimum: 2 Offered: Year-round Private Custom

The spotlight shines brightly on Panama's ageing charm, exquisite nature, and on the century-old famous canal that transformed the global shipping routes. This Central American nation blends azure seas, mist-shrouded highlands, and snaking rivers with pristine tropical wilderness. Anchored in **Panama City**, we will travel from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean on the same day to discover the juxtaposing Spanish colonial ruins and the virgin rainforest of **Gamboa Rainforest Reserve**. See **Panama Canal's Miraflores** and **Pedro Miguel locks** and watch cargo ships negotiating the narrow strait on to their final destinations across the globe. A train ride to port of **Portobelo** to reminisce the glory days of pirates and buccaneers and a dugout canoe ride to explore the life at the **Embera Indian village**.



Best of Central America

From \$ 2415

12 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Private Custom & Group

Although Central America does not take up much space on the world map, but the region is indeed loaded with incredible cultural and natural treasures, Start from **Guatemala's** old Spanish colonial capital of **Antigua**, walk under it's famous arch to the Parque Central, view the architecture and feel atmosphere. Head to the western highlands, we visit the small town of **Chichicastenango**, renowned for it's brilliantly colourful markets and take a boat on volcanic **Lake Atitlán**. Follow the Flower's Route entering **El Salvador**, visit **Izalco Volcano**, known as the Lighthouse of the Pacific and Lake "Coatepeque". Explore the enchanting city of **Suchitoto** and American's Pompeii - **Joya de Cerén**, the Mayan Civilization. Conclude the Central America tour with beautiful beaches of **El Salvador**

Tastes of Mesoamerica

From \$ 1250

9 Days Minimum: 2 Offered Year-round Group & Custom



Begin our journey in **San Pedro Sula, Honduras**. Stroll the handicraft market before travelling to **Copán Ruina** for its world famous Mayan ruins. Explore charming **Santa Rosa de Copán** and tour the coffee plantation in **Finca Santa Isabel** and the famous **Flor de Copán tobacco factory**. Visit Honduras's capital **Tegucigalpa** and the colonial mining towns **Santa Lucia** and **Valle de Ángeles**. Cross the border to **León**, Nicaragua's historical, cultural and religious capital and visit Central America's largest cathedral. Explore the **Ruins of León Viejo** before continuing on to **Granada** for the city's highlights from a horse-drawn carriage. Climb to the top of the bell tower for the sprawling views of the colonial city, **Lake Nicaragua** and the **Mombacho Volcano**. Explore Nicaragua's first and biggest national park - **Volcano Masaya National Park** comprising two volcanoes and five craters.



Luxury Rail Journeys



Rocky Mountaineer

From \$ 1590

4 Days Offered: Apr - Oct on Selected Dates

Discover the **Canadian Rockies** by Rail from Vancouver - Kamloops - Lake Louise - Banff - Calgary aboard the award-winning **Rocky Mountaineer** train that takes us on an inspiring, all-daylight journey through the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies. With refined service, gourmet cuisine, and breathtaking scenery, Rocky Mountaineer creates a truly unforgettable travel experience.



Maharajas' Express

From \$ 3850

4 or 8 Days Offered: Sep - Apr on Selected Dates

Maharajas' Express is the most luxurious train in India. In addition to its romantic fashion and modern comforts, **Maharajas' Express** provides **five** fascinating journeys crisscrossing some of the most vibrant destinations and iconic attractions and offers a vista of breathtaking landscape, culture and heritage with which India is blessed. This is a journey that will leave you with fond memories of Incredible India!



China Orient Express

From \$ 5500

14 Days Offered: Apr - Sep on Charter Service

China Orient Express is the best available chartered train in the country operating on the Silk Road route between **Beijing** and **Urumqi**. Follow in the footsteps of explorers, aboard the comfortable **China Orient Express** to retrace the epic Silk Road and unveil the mysteries and excitement of this legendary route as it takes us through desolate mountains and deserts, bustling bazaars, and crumbling mud-brick towns.

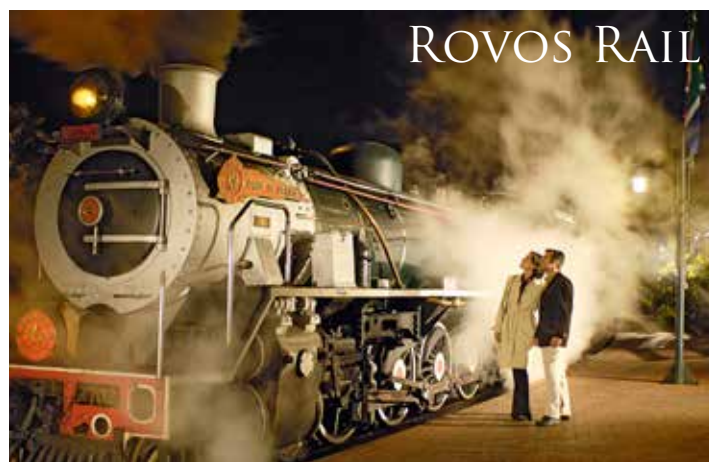


Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian

From \$ 15895

15 Days Offered on Selected Dates

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the opening of the *Trans-Siberian* railway. Undoubtedly, it is one of the world's greatest railway journeys and a dream for everyone. A journey on board the *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express* is a grand and unprecedented luxury that will reward you with an epic trip of a lifetime! Begin or end in the Russian Far East Pacific port of *Vladivostok*, through the capital of the largely Mongolian Buddhist Buryat Republic - *Ulan Ude*, wind along the lake shore of the great *Baikal* to visit the architecturally and historically fascinating city *Irkutsk* and *Novosibirsk*. Continue our journey over the Urals and tour the cities of *Kazan* and *Yekaterinburg* before we reach the Russian capital - *Moscow*. This rail journey crosses eight time zones and 6,600 miles and guarantees to leave you with unsurpassed experience!



Road to Victoria Falls

From \$ 1720

4 Days Offered on Selected Dates

A three-night royal experience onboard the beautifully restored *Rovos* trains. Enjoy its splendidly refurbished wagonlists or sleepers and the observation and dining cars in the style of the old period but with an eye for modern comfort. Travel from Pretoria, South Africa to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and take in the savage beauty of Africa.

Cape Town to Dar es Salaam

From \$ 12450

15 Days Offered on Selected Dates

Rovos Rail offers unique rail safaris through some of the most spectacular scenery in Africa. This 15-day the golden age luxury train journey from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam. Travel through the heartland of the African bush through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania and is one of the most famous rail journeys in the world.

Southern Cross

From \$ 3850

12 Days Offered on Selected Dates

The sumptuous Shongololo Express accommodates a maximum of 72 guests in comfortable en-suite cabins with double or twin beds. It travels through the night to give time for sightseeing during the day. This journey between *Pretoria* and *Victoria Falls* stops at carefully selected locations in South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Dune Express

From \$ 4450

15 Days Offered on Selected Dates

The upscale First Class Shongololo offers true safari experience by rail. This 12-day journey between *Pretoria*, *South Africa* and *Swakopmund*, *Namibia* travels across Southern Africa plains from the Highveld in the east to the Atlantic Ocean in the west, exploring some of the continent's greatest destinations along the way.





Yangtze & the Three Gorges

From \$ 380

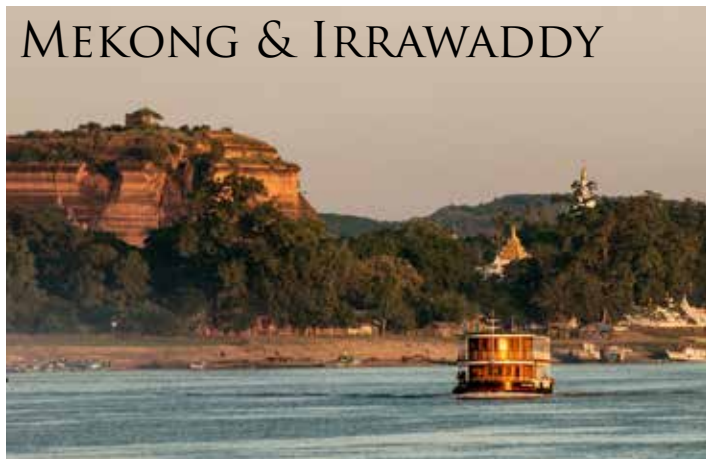
3 Nights Downstream 4 Nights Upstream Offered: Apr - Nov

The *Yangtze River* or *Chang Jiang* is the longest river in Asia. It rises from the melting glaciers of the Tibetan Plateau, plunges eastwards towards the silty fleshpots of Shanghai before finally ejecting into the salty East China Sea. Aboard one of the *Century Cruises* or *President Cruises*, begin or end your *Yangtze River cruise* in *Chongqing*, and sail through the *Three Gorges*, a region that enthralls the Chinese people, poets and politicians with thousands of years of history and ageless beauty. Whether it's the *Shibaozhai Temple*, *Fengdu*, *Wuxia Gorge*, *Xiling Gorge*, *Qutang Gorge*, the *Shennong Stream Three Gorges Dam Project*, the hanging coffins, or the cheeky river monkeys, travel writers love to wax lyrical about this old river. Enjoy daily shore excursions led by expert guides along with inspiring onboard activities.

YANGTZE



MEKONG & IRRAWADDY



Classic Mekong

From \$ 1755

7 Nights Offered: Jul - Mar

There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the river Mekong. Aboard *RV Mekong Pandaw* from vibrant *Saigon*, through the vast delta, to *Siem Reap* or vice versa. Observe life along the river between bustling *Vietnam* and tranquil *Cambodia* with a full day exploring the charming Cambodian capital, *Phnom Penh*.

Myanmar - Golden Land

From \$ 2980

10 Nights Offered: Jul - Apr

Sail through Myanmar's heartland on a *Pandaw* ship from *Prome*, near *Yangon*, to one of Asia's best-preserved ancient cities - *Bagan* and the ancient capital *Mandalay*. Visit small villages and towns, old monasteries and temples remote from the modern world offering a glimpse of a timeless and lost Myanmar far from the usual tourist track.

Russian Waterways

From \$ 1250

9 - 10 Nights Offered: May - Oct

A voyage through the scenic rivers, lakes and canals linking *Moscow* with *St. Petersburg* or the *Mother Volga* between *Moscow* and *Rostov on Don*, is one of the best ways to explore the world's largest country. Aboard one of our intimate small ships - *MS Anton Chekhov* or *MS Sergey Rakhmaninov* (with a big fleet of other ships to choose from) and start sailing from one of the two glorious cultural capitals *Moscow* or *St. Petersburg*, through the countryside where golden-domed churches rise out of the early morning mist and wooden villages and old-world farms dot the verdant landscape, to reach the other. Along the way, visit the *Island of Kizhi* on *Lake Onega* with its scores of wooden buildings and the *Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery* near *Goritsy*. This entire itinerary features nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

RUSSIAN WATERWAYS



River Cruises | Small Ship Voyages



Jewels of Adriatic

From \$ 1599

7 Nights Offered: Apr - Oct

There is no better way to discover Croatia's dramatic Dalmatian Coast than from the deck of a sailboat! Aboard *M/S Princess Aloha*, *M/S Karizma*, or *M/S Prestige* and indulge all your senses while exploring inspiring destinations, charming fishermen's villages, unique national parks, picturesque coves and tasty local Mediterranean cuisine. Begin in an epic centre of Dalmatian culture along the shores of Croatia. *Split* will intrigue you with its thriving boutiques and cafes nestled within the walls of *Diocletian's Palace*. Walk through the 13th century walled city of *Hvar* and explore the Adriatic olive groves of *Korcula*. Discover the unspoiled wilderness of *Mljet National Park* and sail around the *Elaphiti Islands*. Visit picturesque *Dubrovnik*, with its marble streets, red-tiled roofs, and distinctive old town perched on limestone seafloor.

Idyllic Aegean

From \$ 582

3 or 4 or 7 Nights Offered: Mar - Oct

With stark white cities that tumble into piercing blue waters, it is no wonder Greece is a perennial favourite on the "places to go before you die" list. Discover the best of the Mediterranean aboard a medium sized vessel that will take you to the hidden gems of Greece - tranquil ports, small islands and beautiful beaches. Learn ancient Greek history and culture through onboard lectures and exciting shore excursions. Enjoy the authentic Greek cuisine with superb wines and entertainments. A typical 3-night itinerary begins in *Athens*, then sails to *Mykonos*, *Kusadasi* in *Turkey* for the ancient city of *Ephesus*, then *Samos* and *Milos* before returning to Athens while a 4-night cruise starts in Athens, sails through the capital of the Cyclades - *Syros*, *Cesme (Turkey)*, *Kos*, *Ios* and *Santorini* - the most beautiful and romantic island in the Aegean.



Galápagos Island

From \$ 2529

3 or 4 or 7 Nights Offered Year-round

The Galápagos Islands are one of the world's most remarkable destinations. They are an open-air wildlife museum that stir the explorer mind within everyone. The majesty of the giant tortoises, sea lions, blue-footed boobies, penguins, albatross, marine iguanas and many other rare and intriguing species is revealed as soon as you enter their territories. Discover Galapagos aboard *M/Y Galapagos Sea Star* or *M/C Galapagos Seaman*. These boats combine a contemporary design & décor, privacy, and comfort all within the marvellous setting of the Galapagos Islands. Both *M/Y Galapagos Sea Star* and *M/C Galapagos Seaman* have a capacity of up to 16 passengers in eight cabins equipped with panoramic windows. Always in mind to protect the fragile environment of the Galapagos archipelago, the boats have implemented sustainable practices thought the journey.

Amazon Rainforest

From \$ 2800

3 or 4 or 7 Nights Offered Year-round

Sail down the Amazon in a luxury cruiser like *El Delfin* or *Aqua Aria* and enter the natural, timeless world of undulating strangler vines wrapped jungle's spectrum. Sounds of parrots call out from the dense tree canopy and squirrel oriole birds soar across the clear cerulean sky. Your luxury cruiser's large air-conditioned cabins rival any top-ranked hotel. One of the most attention-getting features is the broad panoramic windows allowing you to enjoy the natural splendours even from your comfortable cabin bed. *Excursions* are held *mornings and afternoons* by cruiser's own motorboat and led by *guides specializing in nature and adventure travel* to bring you in close contact with the flora and fauna of each place. Rest with a drink in the bar lounge or sock in the cruiser's relaxing open-air hot tub after a strenuous day of excursions.



Travellers Information

THIS DOCUMENT CREATES A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIP CONNOISSEURS INC. (hereafter referred to as "Trip Connoisseurs") AND YOU, THE CUSTOMER/CLIENT/PARTICIPANT (hereafter referred to as the "Client") WHO PURCHASED ANY TRAVEL SERVICES FROM TRIP CONNOISSEURS. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ANY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED BY TRIP CONNOISSEURS. TO RESERVE A TRIP WITH TRIP CONNOISSEURS AND BY SIGNING OUR AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FORM INDICATES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF, AND YOUR AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREUNDER.

PRICING

Trip Connoisseurs's products are available for purchase using US Dollars (USD\$) and Canadian Dollars (CAD\$). The currency applied to the Client's booking will be determined by Trip Connoisseurs, in consideration of the booking location of the Client. The Client will be advised of the applicable currency prior to making any payment to Trip Connoisseurs.

Prices shown herein are calculated in US funds. Canadian Dollar prices will be converted from US Dollar prices based on Bank of Canada's exchange rate on the date of booking. All prices are on a per person basis for double occupancy accommodation including the current taxes & V.A.T. of each destination. All prices are dependent on fuel costs, applicable V.A.T. and local taxes, rates of currency exchange and other variable factors and are subject to change at any time should major circumstances and currency fluctuates. We reserve the right to increase the price of any product should these costs increase. In the event that the increase in price is greater than of 7% (unless caused by an increase in government taxes), upon receiving notification from Trip Connoisseurs, the Client may choose to either (a) accept the change of price; or (b) cancel the applicable item without incurring a penalty. The Client must notify Trip Connoisseurs of their decision within 14 days of receipt of notice of the increase, or they shall have been deemed to have accepted the price change and have accepted liability for payment of the increase. Every effort will be made to advise the Client of any price increase at least 30 days prior to their departure date.

Prices in the brochure are valid for travel until 31 March 2018. Trip Connoisseurs will guarantee the land rates for travel beyond March 2016 once the trip is paid in full and the Client receives trip confirmation in writing.

CHILDREN RATES

Children 12 years of age or above at time of travel will be charged adult rate. Child rate may apply for children younger than 12 (at the time of return) and proof of age is required at the time of booking and can only apply when a child is accompanied by two paying adults. Child rates vary from airline to airline and hotel to hotel, and normally between 15% and 20% discount of the adult rate, provided they share the same room with two adults with an extra bed. Otherwise the full adult fare applies.

AIRFARE

The intra tour airfares are normally included (unless otherwise specified). The miscellaneous surcharges such as airport taxes airline fuel surcharges are excluded.

The international airfares are additional and we will quote it separately at the time of quoting for the travel dates requested. Quotes provide an indicative price only, and represent no price commitment by Trip Connoisseurs or the applicable airline(s). Trip Connoisseurs acts only as a sales agent for the applicable airline(s) and the terms and conditions of the air ticket apply to the purchase and use of such ticket. Please consult the airline's applicable terms and conditions for disclaimers. Trip Connoisseurs is not responsible for changes in air itineraries, flight times and flight statuses.

HOTELS & MEALS

Trip Connoisseurs offers accommodation at the hotels stated in the programs including daily breakfast (if indicated), service charges and taxes.

We reserve the rights to substitute the hotels with same category when necessary. Specific bed types should be requested at time of booking and cannot be guaranteed. Single supplement is chargeable to individual traveller who wishes to secure a private room on a trip. Specific meal must be requested in advance and cannot be guaranteed.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Sightseeing tour is conducted with English-speaking guide (Guide speaks other languages available upon request, surcharges may apply) as shown in the itinerary, including entrance fees for places visited. Air-conditioned vehicles are utilized when available. The sequence of the itinerary may change.

BAGGAGE

The Client must consult with their travel agent or the specific airlines on which the client is travelling for the dimensions and weight restrictions.

However, since most of the intra tour flights operated by regional carriers have a baggage restriction of only 1 piece, 44 lbs per person, therefore, we highly recommend 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 soft carry-on baggage per person. Baggage and personal effects are at owners risk throughout the tour.

EXCLUSIONS

Prices exclude any expenses of personal nature, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, gratuity, travel insurance, cost of obtaining passport or visas, and other items not mentioned as being included.

ADMINISTRATIVE QUOTE FEES

Quotes provided to Clients regarding private and tailor-made tour arrangements are subject to a nonrefundable Administrative Quote Fee of CAD or USD \$25 (as applicable). Should the booking be confirmed, the amount will be deducted from the final payment owing to Trip Connoisseurs by that Client. Trip Connoisseurs also reserves the right to apply other Administrative Quote Fee of CAD or USD \$50 at its discretion to certain bookings which require a higher level of service and/or support. Such Administrative Quote Fees will be communicated to the Client by Trip Connoisseurs prior to initiating a quotation.

RESERVATION & PAYMENTS

Early reservations are essential. To reserve a trip, we require a nonrefundable deposit plus any applicable insurance premium. Deposits and all payments may be made by cheque, web banking or credit card (Visa & MasterCard) on Trip Connoisseurs Inc. or directly on vendors (if applicable). Deposit schedules are for tour arrangement costs only. Air payment schedules are determined by the airlines' policies. If the Client has selected instant purchase, nonrefundable air, the Client is required to pay the full air cost in addition to the land arrangement deposit at the time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). The following are our payment schedule:

Land only tour arrangements without special restrictions: CAD or USD \$400 per person at the time of reservation.

Land only tour arrangements with rail, cruise, and/or special restrictions: CAD or USD \$400 plus additional deposit amount and alternate cancellation terms (if applicable) at the time of reservation.

We reserve the right to request additional deposit for any booking if required by hotels and vendor, specially for peak season such as (but not limited to) Christmas, New Year and Chinese New Year, Easter and Thanksgiving.

The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure (except bookings of rail, cruise and tour arrangements with special restrictions which will be advised on the invoice). Any booking made within 60 days of departure must be payable in full at time of confirmation. To confirm the reservation, traveller and/or their representative must provide us with complete mandatory information of traveller, sign and return the relevant documents no more than 3 days after receipt.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

The Client's authorization to use their credit card to pay for travel services provided by Trip Connoisseurs indicates the Client's acceptance of and compliance with Trip Connoisseurs's booking Terms & Conditions, regardless if the Client have physically signed the appropriate credit card slip. Verbal authorization for the use of a credit card confirms the reservation and simultaneously the Client is also acknowledging their acceptance of our Terms and Conditions. Therefore, by providing the Client's Travel Agent or Trip Connoisseurs with authorization to use their credit card to pay for travel services, the Client is confirming that he/she will pay the total amount charged for those services to the card issuer according to the Client's cardholder agreement.

CANCELLATION PENALTY

Any cancellation request must be received in writing. Both cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If the Client needs to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to departure, written notice of cancellation must be received within the time periods described below, and following cancellation fees will apply.

Days prior to departure	Cancellation Fee
90 +	A nonrefundable deposit will be retained
89 - 60	25% of the trip price or 100% total cost if the booking value is less than \$400
59 - 30	50% of the trip price or 100% total cost if the booking value is less than \$600
29 - 15	80% of the trip price or 100% total cost if the booking value is less than \$600
14 - 0	100% of the trip price

Cancellation for air reservations are subject to airline fare rules and normally is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full.

Trip Connoisseurs reserves the right to cancel, re-schedule or amend any itinerary in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control or if the quality of the trip or the safety of

travellers is judged to be compromised. In such a case, refund of payments received by Trip Connoisseurs shall constitute full settlement.

Trip Connoisseurs is not responsible for any other travel arrangement affected due to our cancellations. Where amendments beyond our control require us to add or amend a service(s) resulting in an increased cost, a sur-charge may be payable by the Client for the additional or amended service(s). Trip Connoisseurs cannot assume responsibility for any loss incurred on account of non-refundable air tickets.

REVISION AND SWITCH TRIPS

More than 60 days prior to a Client's original departure date, the Client will have a sole opportunity to switch the land only arrangements to a different date in the same calendar year upon payment of a fee of CAD or USD\$ 100 per person. Other fees may be applicable for tour arrangements with rail, cruise or special restrictions. Within 60 days of departure, no change can be made and the applicable cancellation fees will apply.

A revision fee of \$50 per person applies to any alternation or revision made to a confirmed booking.

ACCURACY OF INFORMATION

Trip Connoisseurs makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information contained herein and to the best of its knowledge, all information is accurate at the time of publication. We attempt to ensure that the prices in the brochure and on the website are accurate; however, errors do occur and we reserve the right to refuse to accept bookings at any price published in error. Updates are published on our website when new information becomes available including updates on our terms and conditions.

In addition, Trip Connoisseurs reserves the rights to change the itinerary when necessary for reasons beyond our control and provided the travel facilities or other services are of at least the same standard or value. We strongly recommend that you to visit our website www.tripconnoisseurs.com for the most up-to-date information.

DOCUMENTATION

The Client is responsible for obtaining and paying for all visas and entry documents, for meeting all health and other requirements, and for any documents required by the laws, regulations, orders, and/or requirements of the countries the Client will visit and for their return home. Canadian citizens can contact Foreign Affairs Canada at www.travel.gc.ca and US citizens can contact the U.S. Department of State at www.state.gov/travel for assistance in obtaining this information. Citizens of other countries should check with their corresponding Tourism Board or Consular Office of the destination which they are intending to visit. Visa and entry documents must be obtained independently prior to departure. Trip Connoisseurs will assume no responsibility whatsoever for passenger(s) denied carriage by the airline or refused entry into any country.

Trip Connoisseurs strongly recommends that the Client carries a valid passport when travelling outside of their home country. Please note that most countries now require your passport to be valid for up to six months after the completion of your travel in order to be accepted by them as a valid travel document. Trip Connoisseurs cannot accept liability for any passenger refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure of the passenger to carry the correct documentation by the time required.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Trip Connoisseurs strongly recommends that all travellers review and purchase their trip cancellation and health insurance to ensure they have coverage appropriate to meet their needs when confirming on a trip, in case of any cancellation penalty, loss of property, or liability of medical treatment

during the trip. Please consult your travel agent or Trip Connoisseurs for premium. If we do not receive payment for the insurance at the time of the Client's deposit, it will be assumed that the Client has declined coverage.

HEALTH

Clients are responsible for assessing their own suitability and capability to participate in the tour arrangements such Client has booked. Trip Connoisseurs encourages all Clients to seek their physician's advice regarding the Client's fitness for travel, necessary vaccinations, medical precautions, or other medical concerns regarding the entirety of the Client's travel with Trip Connoisseurs. Trip Connoisseurs does not provide medical advice. Certain Products may not be suitable for all people. It is the Client's responsibility to assess the risks and requirements of each tour arrangement in light of such Client's limitations due to physical, mobility or cognitive disability, pregnancy or various other physical or mental conditions of such Client.

By sending a deposit to Trip Connoisseurs towards the Client's trip purchase and/or completing traveller information form, the Client certifies that he/she does not have any physical, mobility or cognitive disability or any other limitations that would create a hazard for him/her or to other travellers and that the Client has received all appropriate mandatory vaccinations.

Travellers who need special assistance due to any limitation(s) must be brought up to the attention of Trip Connoisseurs in writing at the time of booking. Trip Connoisseurs will not be liable for any consequences resulted from the Client's failure to notify their limitations at the time of booking.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We promise to make sure that all travel arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide, as applicable, as part of our contract with the Client are made, performed or provided with reasonable skills and care. The Client's purchase of travel services provided by Trip Connoisseurs is based on the traveller's agreeing to this Limitation of Liability.

Travellers must accept each and all terms and conditions herein and assume full responsibility for any loss, injury, death or damage to them, their family or their dependents arising in connection with their participation in the trips. Travellers must have their own insurance appropriate to their needs and the needs of their family or dependents in respect of such loss, injury, death or damage. On the Client's behalf, Trip Connoisseurs arranges with airlines, independent ground suppliers to provide the Client with the travel services the Client has purchased. We use our best efforts in selecting these companies with respect to their performance and reliability. However, we have no direct or indirect control over these suppliers; and therefore, Trip Connoisseurs cannot be held responsible for injury, loss or damage whether mental, emotional or physical howsoever sustained, resulting from any error, omission or negligence of any company or person, agent, employee or sub-contractor supplying any of the services, flights, transfers, tours or accommodation provided as part of the Client's trip. Trip Connoisseurs as the tour operator and/or its agents does not assume responsibility for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising out of personal injury or death, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, illness, distress or frustration whether physical, emotional or mental, resulting from any of the following:

- i) Any negligent act or omission by the airlines, transportation companies, coach tour operators, car rental organizations, hotel/resort properties or other suppliers or their personnel or any company or person not under our direct control;
- ii) Government actions, political issues, weather, equipment failure, labour disputes, sickness, theft or

- any other cause beyond our direct control;
- iii) Failure of the passenger to obtain the necessary documentation or meet the required health regulations in order to complete their travel arrangements;
- iv) Failure of the passenger to arrive at the airport by specific airline's check-in deadlines on the day of departure whether due to missed connections, adverse weather conditions, mechanical failures or any other reason whatsoever;
- v) The need for us to change itineraries or substitute accommodation or services, provided that every effort is made to supply the most comparable services and accommodations available;
- vi) Cancellation of trip arrangements made by Trip Connoisseurs, provide all monies paid by travellers are fully refunded back to travellers;
- vii) While every effort has been undertaken to ensure accuracy, photographs, artist rendering and written descriptions in this brochure are representational only and are not a guarantee that everything will be exactly the same as at the destinations.

ACT OF GOD/FORCE MAJEURE

Trip Connoisseurs and/or its agents, act only as agent(s) for travellers in all matters pertaining to the trips. We shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, delays or loss of enjoyment, of any nature or kind whatsoever, resulting from events beyond our or a supplier's reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts or restraints imposed by government authorities. Trip Connoisseurs shall be excused, discharged or released from its performance to the extent such performance is so limited or prevented, without liability of any kind.

Travellers agree that Trip Connoisseurs is the trustee of the respective rights under this Limitation of Liability, which will apply to a traveller's trips with Trip Connoisseurs, and any transfer of a reservation to another trip, including any deviations or extensions. This Limitation of Liability is binding upon all members of the traveller's family, dependents, estate, heirs, successors and legal personal representatives. Any claim or dispute arising out of or relating to this Limitation of Liability or its interpretation, the trip, or the traveller's relationship with Trip Connoisseurs will be resolved exclusively in the courts of the Province of Canada in which the particular office of Trip Connoisseurs is located and with which traveller had contracted their trip and will be governed exclusively by laws of that province of Canada.

CLAIMS & REFUND POLICY

Except for verifiable extenuating circumstances, there are no refunds, whatsoever, for any unused travel arrangements and services including but not limited to accommodations, meals, intra tour transportation or sightseeing. Any refunds for unused travel arrangements and services shall be issued in the sole discretion of Trip Connoisseurs. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual cost of the service involved and not on a per diem basis.

All claims must be made in writing to the Client's travel agent and accompanied by receipts, reports and other documents pertaining to the claim and must be received by Trip Connoisseurs for investigation no later than 14 days after the Client returns from their trip. We will not consider any request for refund received by it after 30 days of tour termination.

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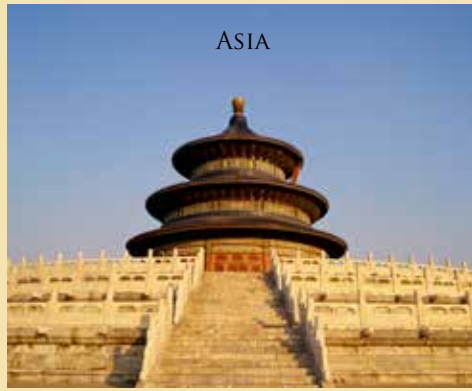
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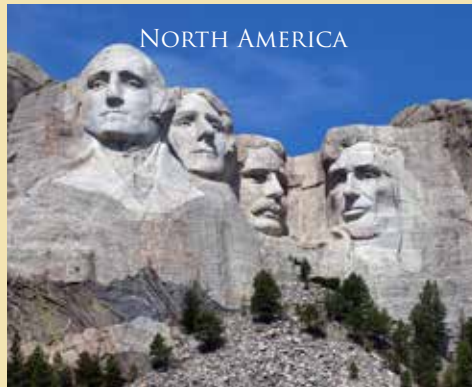
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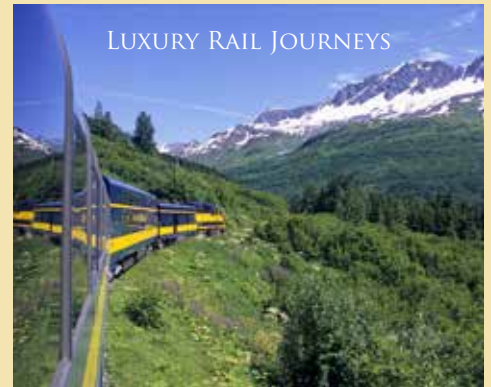
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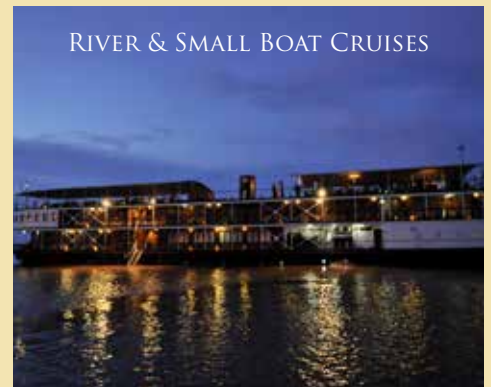
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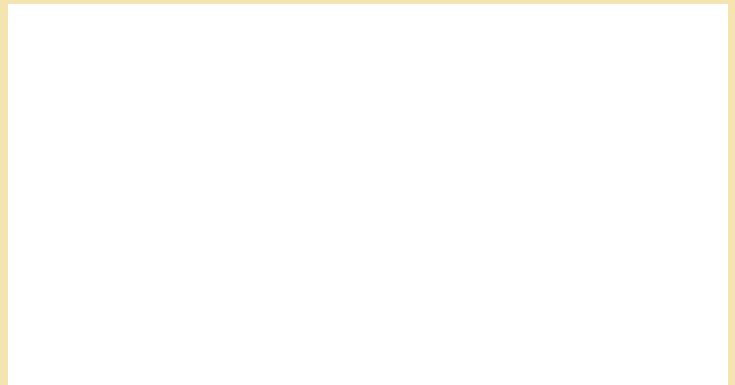
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