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THE PACIFIC



even the most ordinary moments in India were
infused with grace.

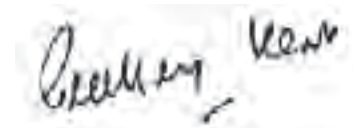
The rewards of travel.

We at Abercrombie & Kent regard travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit.

Whether we travel with family, lifelong friends or simply others who share our curiosity about the world; whether we travel to mark a milestone or to experience one; like you, we expect to return from a journey transformed, to have expanded our view of both the world and ourselves. Abercrombie & Kent is dedicated to offering this reward on every journey we operate, and no one does it better.

Yet there is perhaps an even greater reward: the satisfaction of making a positive contribution to the people and places you visit. In conjunction with Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, we have added numerous opportunities for you to visit, and in some cases directly participate in, local projects dedicated to habitat preservation, wildlife conservation and community development.

The true rewards of travel are intangible: discovering a new destination at its most intimate and authentic, and helping to improve the lives of the people you visit. Let us make your next journey the most rewarding you ever take.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Geoffrey Kent
Founder, Chairman & CEO
Abercrombie & Kent



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the lanterns, lined like sentries, led our way to the
Kibune Shrine in Kyoto.

Setting the standard for more than 48 years.

Our pioneering approach continues to earn the praise of travellers and professionals alike.

Since 1962, Abercrombie & Kent has continually redefined what is possible in luxury travel. Our service and reputation are tested every day against the dreams and expectations of the world's most discerning travellers. Time and

again, we pass the test. We listen to both our clients and to travel agents, who rate us against our competitors, and the message is clear: A&K sets the standard for luxury and service in the travel industry.



World Savers Awards | 2008
The Greatest Travel Pros on Earth
2003 - 2008
Readers' Choice Award: World's Best
Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2009



Best Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters
1996 - 2008
Star Egyptologist: Akram Allam
Top Guides in Africa:
Joseph Ndunguru & Gavin Ford



Best Adventure Travel Companies | 2009
Best Luxury Outfitters on Earth | 2007



Best Worldwide Tour Operator
2005 - 2009



Best Luxury Tour Operator - International
Best Africa Tour Operator | 2004 - 2008
World's Best Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2007



Best Luxury Tour Operator | 2008
Top Luxury Destination Management
Company Worldwide | 2008
Top Custom Ground Operator Worldwide
2008



Best Tour Operator Africa | 2009
Best Tour Operator Africa/Middle East
2007 - 2008
Most Knowledgeable Reservation Staff
2006 - 2007



Best Africa/Middle East Tour Operator
2000 - 2008
Best Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2007



the priest lit his camphor lamp to begin the sunset ceremony on the Ganges.



The “& Moment.”

What sets Abercrombie & Kent apart?

Picture yourself taking up a mallet and joining in a private elephant polo match in Jaipur. Or practicing the tango in the ballroom of a historic mansion in Buenos Aires with a local expert guiding your steps. Imagine going behind the scenes at Sydney’s Taronga Zoo, studying the Medicis’ private art collection in Florence or descending into the magnificently decorated tomb of Seti I, where access is only granted to a select few.

We call these “& moments,” the occasions of surprise and delight that make travel with Abercrombie & Kent so distinctly inspiring. An “& moment” might be a private opening of a museum or historical site, an impromptu visit to a Maasai village or dinner with a hospitable Egyptian family in their home. All introduce you to your destination with an intimacy beyond the reach of any other travel company.

Look for these “& moments” as you read and discover what makes every Abercrombie & Kent journey unforgettable.



we waved to the crew of the *junk* as it made its way through Ha Long Bay.



Creating the effortless journey.

Our feet-on-the-ground approach is unique in the travel industry.

Every Abercrombie & Kent departure is backed by a handpicked staff in our 60 offices worldwide. Our full-time staff members are on call every day around the clock, ensuring that every stop on your journey meets A&K's highest standard of quality.

As well as ensuring your comfort, our long-standing connections allow us to uncover local secrets and experiences beyond the reach of the ordinary traveller. Anyone can take you to the Terra Cotta Warriors, but only Abercrombie & Kent gives you special photographic access at the excavation site. From exotic dining opportunities to once-in-a-lifetime encounters with friendly local people, we can arrange the kind of privileged access that sets an Abercrombie & Kent journey beyond all others.

Our expertise extends to every aspect of your journey: we're experts in not only luxury but in culture, wildlife and history, and we know how to blend them all seamlessly to reveal your destination. Our guides are chosen for their absolute (sometimes lifelong) dedication to understanding those wonders that make every place unique.

Contrast our approach with ordinary travel companies, who rely on third parties to create their programs and to support them on the ground. We take personal responsibility for every stage of your journey, sparing no effort to deliver the most inspiring travel experience possible.



we saw for ourselves how this forest was being preserved for future visitors.



A&K Philanthropy.

Make a difference on your journey.

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) is a nonprofit organization with 25 years of dedication to preserving and aiding the world's habitats, wildlife and indigenous peoples. Working through A&K's global offices under the direction of A&K Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, AKP sponsors proven grassroots projects that benefit local habitats and communities.

We are proud to share with A&K travellers the opportunity to visit these efforts, observing our work firsthand and directly helping local people and their environment.

PHILANTHROPIC VISITS

Abercrombie & Kent has tailored many traditional departures to include visits to AKP projects, allowing you to combine philanthropy with your destination's customary sightseeing and activities.

On **Wonders of Imperial China**, meet and talk with an expert from the Nature Conservancy and visit some of their project sites in Lijiang.

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

If you plan to travel independently, A&K can arrange for you to participate in philanthropic activities at your destination. Speak to your travel professional or an A&K Destination Specialist.

PHILANTHROPIC JOURNEYS

A&K has created a limited number of Philanthropic Journeys exclusively focused on visits to humanitarian and ecological projects in Africa, Asia, the Galápagos and Antarctica.

Learn more about the projects we support by visiting akphilanthropy.org.



Programs marked with this symbol include philanthropic activities in which guests may take part.



as we approached the giant Buddha, we smelled the flowers that had been left in offering.

A&K's escorted journeys satisfy every traveller and every taste.

Experience the Abercrombie & Kent difference with like-minded fellow travellers.

Abercrombie & Kent provides a range of escorted journeys, all of which share the signature benefits of A&K travel. Journey with an intimate party usually numbering 14 or so guests (never more than 24). Fill your days with sightseeing conducted by seasoned A&K guides and enhanced with our trademark insider-access experiences; spend your nights in comfort at your destination's finest hotels. Your airport transfers are always included, regardless of what airline you choose. And of course, all escorted programs include around-the-clock support from local experts in 60 offices throughout the world.

Choose the escorted journey for you from the options below.

THE CONNOISSEURS SERIES

The finest inclusive A&K travel experience

- Comprehensive, fully escorted sightseeing
- Enjoy the activity of your choice with Design Your DaySM options in select destinations
- Most meals included
- Guaranteed early check-in at many destinations

THE DISCOVERY SERIES

Freedom and flexibility to discover your destination on your own

- A shorter journey focusing on the "must-see" sites at each destination
- Escorted sightseeing with time set aside to explore independently
- Many meals included

THE EXPLORER SERIES

Rugged adventure in untouched destinations

- Emphasis on exotic, often difficult-to-reach destinations
- Fully escorted by an A&K Tour Director specially trained for remote adventuring
- Most meals included; some prepared by your expedition cook
- Best accommodations available in these remote destinations

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Exploration from a woman's perspective

- Prominent women guides and guest speakers
- All the customary highlights of a destination included
- Excellent option for solo female travellers, friends and generations of family



we learned that in the Australian Outback, even the rocks
have stories to tell.

For some travellers, the best itinerary is their own.

Let us show you the world ... exactly how you want to see it.

Abercrombie & Kent's independent journeys allow you to travel in privacy and on your own schedule, while still enjoying the same comfort, enriching sightseeing and attentive service as our escorted programs. Choose an ideal pre-arranged itinerary or let us create one with only the sights you long to see. All of our independent travel programs feature local A&K guides, private airport transfers on arrival and departure and the trademark support of A&K's top-notch staff around the world.

Follow your own path with the independent journey of your choice.

THE SIGNATURE SERIES

The perfect independent journey, researched and ready to book

- The best itinerary of “must-sees” at each destination, arranged for you by A&K
- A complete journey ready to confirm with a single phone call
- The best hotels recommended from A&K's hotel portfolio
- Silver and Gold itineraries to allow choice between four- and five-star properties
- Pre- and post-journey extensions available

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Completely customizable travel for any size party

- Start from our suggestions or create a journey completely from scratch
- Choose from any of A&K's recommended hotels
- Completely private sightseeing based on your interests, accompanied by the finest A&K local guides
- An expert A&K destination specialist works with you to tailor the perfect journey



climbing the steps of the Great Wall was like taking our children
for a walk through China's history.

A&K & Family.

Abercrombie & Kent offers Family Holidays for every age and every style of travel.

Abercrombie & Kent's Family Holidays include enriching activities for all ages and a range of exciting destinations for both escorted and independent family journeys.

TRAVEL IN THE BEST COMPANY

Abercrombie & Kent's escorted Family Holidays are designed from the ground up with the family in mind. They take place over holidays and school breaks and include mostly three-night stays at each destination to minimize packing and unpacking. Selected departures are accompanied by a Children's Activity Coordinator; all departures include fun and age-appropriate activities.

DISCOVER THE WORLD ON YOUR OWN – TOGETHER

Every family is unique — why not travel together on a holiday designed specifically for yours? Tailor Made Family Travel allows you to come and go as you like, choosing only the destinations and sights you long to experience together. We are happy to work with you to create your ideal private Family Holiday.

FOR YOUNG TRAVELLERS, THE WORLD AWAITS

Ignite the spark of adventure in a traveller age 14 and under with a free membership in Abercrombie & Kent's Adventure Crew. Once booked on an A&K journey, children can visit the Crew's web site, akadventurecrew.com, and learn about their destination, find out about kids in other parts of the world, meet some of A&K's guides and play a variety of fun games.



we wondered how many *saris* she would fashion from the colorful fabric.

Your guides to the Orient, India & the Pacific.

Meet the people eager to transform your understanding of the Orient, India & the Pacific, its culture and its people. Intelligent, knowledgeable and supremely organized, our guides become such an indispensable part of your journey you'll scarcely be able to imagine going anywhere else without them.



A Kenyan who started his career with Abercrombie & Kent in Africa as an accomplished safari guide, **Bill Hurst** is notable for his strong sensitivity to each country visited. While Hurst has travelled throughout the world, he concentrates primarily on Asia, including China (his adopted home), Mongolia, Pakistan and Southeast Asia. Hurst led many of the initial travel groups into China, including the first cruise on the Yangzi River. Having made hundreds of voyages on the river, he is regarded as an authority on river life and history and has published many of his Yangzi River photographs.



A former fashion designer and hotel sales and marketing manager, **Stella Kwong** gravitated toward the travel industry because of her Chinese ancestry and command of both Cantonese and Mandarin. Her contacts in the hotel industry benefit any China group she leads. Kwong joined A&K in 1996, and her caring personality, sense of humor and strong commitment to service have made her one of our most popular tour leaders in China and Southeast Asia.



When he's not guiding archaeological tours or escorting CEOs, Congressmen or the International Chairman of the World President Organization, A&K Tour Director **Vishal Ghai** is helping his A&K clients fall in love with India. "I became a guide because I wanted to explore all of India," he says. And he has. Over the past 14 years, Ghai has travelled to all four corners of this diverse land. "Every 50 miles is a new country," he says. Ghai resides in New Delhi and is on the board of the Dutch foundation Children of Tomorrow, working with the foundation to educate and provide vocational training to the underprivileged.



Born and raised in Osaka, Japan, **Chieko Sakihana** jumped at the opportunity to obtain a graduate degree in linguistics at the University of Washington in Seattle. After teaching in high school and college, Sakihana decided to become a tour guide. During her 25-year career, she's had the privilege of escorting European royalty, heads of state and leaders of business communities throughout Japan. When she isn't showing visitors the country she knows so well, Sakihana spends time with her two grandsons, teaching them about Japanese traditional cooking, knitting and the tea ceremony.



Vikram Singh Shaktawat is an experienced tour guide and naturalist who has led many of Abercrombie & Kent's programs in India. His keen interest in the wildlife, flora and fauna of India, combined with his knowledge of art and culture, give Singh Shaktawat great insight into the places and people of the region. He has been a tour guide for the last decade and has had the privilege of escorting many dignitaries and prominent officials throughout India. Singh Shaktawat resides in Udaipur, where his family has long-held close ties with the noble family of Mewar.



Susanne Weress is a well-travelled tour manager, writer and past winner of the NSW State Medal for tour guiding. Weress brings a wealth of knowledge of Australia and its aboriginal and colonial history. From the stark wild beauty of the Kimberley in the far northwest to Tasmania's Bay of Fires and Wineglass Bay in the south, Weress has explored it all and is eager to share her knowledge and experience with A&K travellers.



World Traveller Plus



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It's as clear as the air above the clouds.

Booking your air reservation through Abercrombie & Kent is the best way to fly.

Our special fares are available only through A&K, on flights timed to work best with your itinerary. While airline prices are guaranteed only on the day you buy your ticket, you can reserve our quoted rates now and pay for your ticket later on the same schedule as the rest of your trip. Airline fuel surcharges may apply.

A&K can cancel and refund air tickets up to the day before departure, less a fee, for our special British Airways fares. (Tickets you book yourself may be non-refundable.)

Get the mileage credit offered by your frequent-flyer club. Most special-rate tickets don't earn miles, but reservations booked through A&K earn mileage credit where applicable.

Choose your seat when you make your reservation. A&K's special relationship with British Airways allows us to reserve your preferred seat at time of booking.

Fly British Airways. With 19 gateway cities throughout the U.S. and 4 in Canada, British Airways flies more people to more countries than any other airline. Its wide range of seating arrangements all incorporate the very latest in comfortable ergonomic design — including fully flat beds, where available, in First Class and new Club World (Business Class). Club World's new seats give you your own space to do what you want, when you want. Bigger, wider and more comfortable than ever, Club World seating guarantees complete comfort in any position.

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China, Mongolia & Japan

China is an exotic land that turns simple experiences into magical adventures. It draws people in to its postcard-like landscapes, timeless traditions and 5,000 years of history.

Old buildings and boarding houses have been replaced with antique shops and art galleries, but reminders of China's dynastic history remain in larger than life monuments, such as the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and the thousands of Terra Cotta Warriors that guard Xian. Nearby are thriving cities speeding into recognition in a modern world.

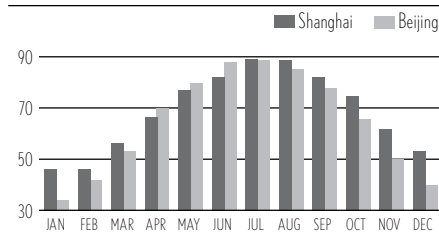
Mongolia's rugged landscape and extraordinary people remain true to ancient traditions in their everyday life as they maintain a nomadic lifestyle in the Gobi Desert.

Japan is everything you imagine it to be: ancient castles, serene gardens, opulent temples and shrines contrasting with high-tech gadgetry and climbing skyscrapers.



CHINA

Average daily temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



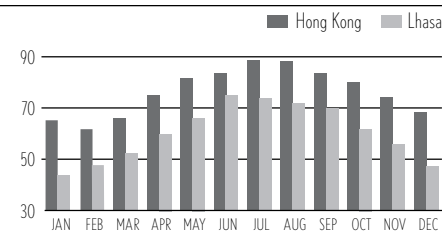
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 13 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

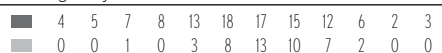
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

HONG KONG & TIBET

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



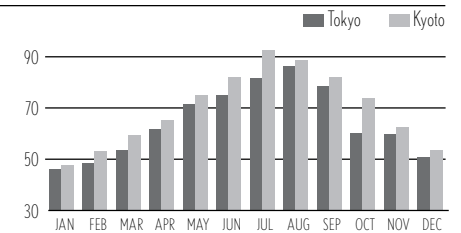
TIME DIFFERENCE: Hong Kong — EST plus 13 hours; Tibet — EST plus 14 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders to Hong Kong. Visa required for U.S. passport holders to Tibet.

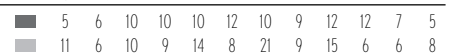
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

JAPAN

Average daily temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 14 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Cruising the Yangzi River

Aboard Sanctuary MS 'Yangzi Explorer'



The elegant 'Yangzi Explorer'

Embark on a journey through scenery that has inspired centuries of artists. A&K presents four programs in China that include a very special cruise on the Yangzi River. Board the only luxury boutique river cruiser on the fabled Yangzi and set sail along some of its most picturesque stretches — and to the site of the monumental Three Gorges Dam. Forever tied to the cultural evolution of China, the region has been celebrated in poetry and painting for at least 2,000 years. During the disunity of the Three Kingdoms period, the gorges played an important role in the course of China's history. Through World War II, the region provided protection against the onslaught of the Japanese invasion. In recent years, the Three Gorges area has won international attention both for majestic scenic beauty and the growing concern over the construction of the Three Gorges Dam — the largest dam project ever attempted. Begun in 1992, the dam is unprecedented in modern Chinese history — a Great Wall for the future.

MS 'YANGZI EXPLORER'

Your cruise down the Yangzi is in the utmost luxury aboard the five-star MS 'Yangzi Explorer.' With 62 spacious cabins, including 24 suites — all with private balconies — 'Yangzi Explorer' is the smallest and most exclusive cruise boat plying the waters of the stunning Three Gorges region of China. With a staff to guest ratio of better than 1:1, you can expect all the amenities of a luxury hotel, including unparalleled service, an award-winning spa, Internet access, a fitness center, a multi-language library,

theater and espresso bar. À la carte dining options feature Chinese specialties as well as international cuisine, with wine and beer included with meals. On-board lectures by a leading China expert, cultural workshops and performances, an observation deck and environmentally friendly operations all contribute to making a cruise on 'Yangzi Explorer' a truly extraordinary experience.

WHY TRAVEL WITH A&K ON THE YANGZI?

Whether you want to join like-minded travellers or discover your destination independently, A&K has a program for the way you want to travel — and when you want to travel. With a cruising season that runs from April through November, booking the time that fits around your schedule is as easy as calling an A&K destination specialist.

LOCAL EXPERTISE

Since 1983, when the first on-site office in Hong Kong opened, Abercrombie & Kent has expanded to become the only Western tour operator to have three local offices in China (Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai) providing support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



The living area of the Mandarin Suite



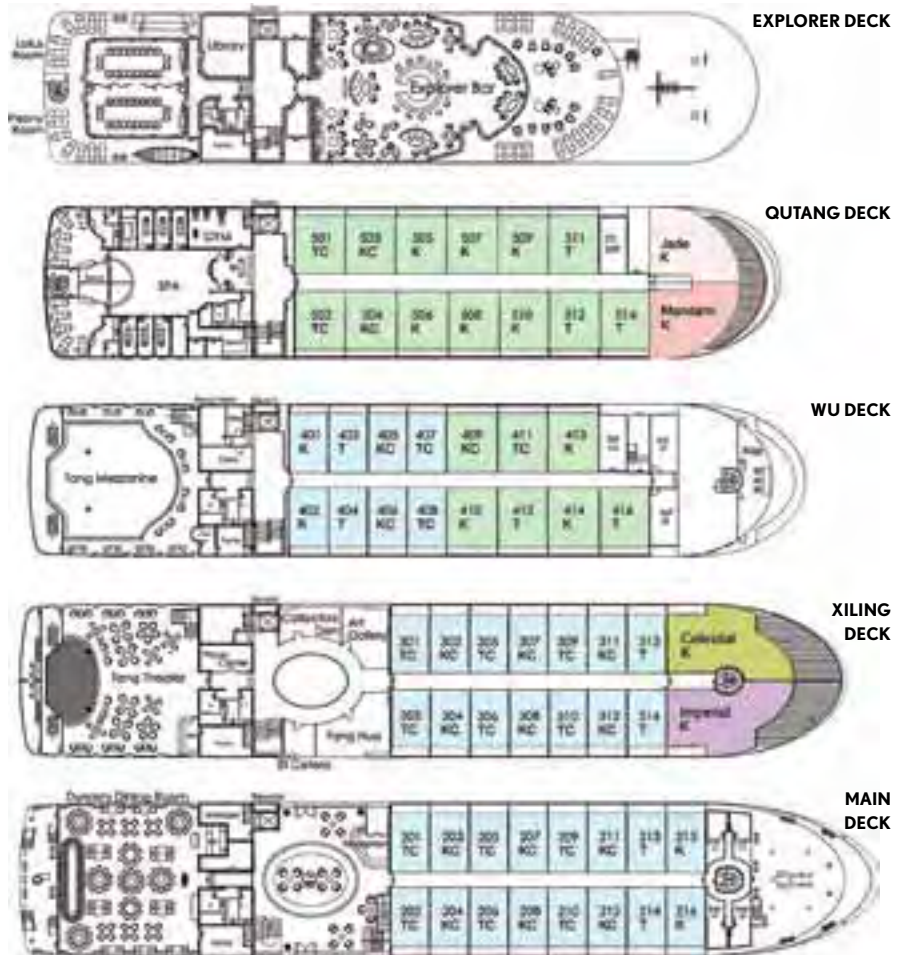
A spacious Deluxe Cabin on board 'Yangzi Explorer'

A&K EXCLUSIVES

- Enjoy personalized service in an on-board dining room reserved exclusively for A&K guests on **Highlights of China, Yangzi Passage and China: Dynasties & Discoveries** (for groups of six or more).
- Private shore excursions bring you to sites of scenic beauty and cultural significance, all in the company of our hand-picked experts (for groups of six or more).

QUICK FACTS

- 38 Deluxe Cabins, 20 Suites and four specialty suites, all with:
 - Private balcony
 - Mini bar
 - Bathrobes and slippers
 - Telephone
 - Plasma screen television
 - Private security box
 - Hair dryer
- Viewing lounge with bar
- International restaurant offering a wide array of menu options
- Espresso lounge
- Fitness center
- Spa and hair salon
- Well-appointed function rooms
- Double-decker theater area with bar
- Multi-language library with Internet



■ Deluxe Cabin (333 sq. ft.) ■ Mandarin Suite (871 sq. ft.) K = King bed
■ Suite (420 sq. ft.) ■ Celestial Suite (1,183 sq. ft.) T = Twin bed
■ Jade Suite (871 sq. ft.) ■ Imperial Suite (1,183 sq. ft.) C = Connecting cabin

Highlights of China

DISCOVERY SERIES

12 Days | Departs Friday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers



The Great Wall winding its way through China



Walk along the best-preserved and less-visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall • Privately cruise Lake Kunming amid the verdant Imperial Gardens of the Summer Palace in Beijing • View the magnificent, life-size Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian, with special photographic access • Meet a local family along the Yangzi to learn about their hopes and concerns

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Beijing, China

Fly overnight to Beijing, the capital and cultural heart of China.

DAY 2: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, where your day is at leisure. The lovely city has undergone a face-lift to its historic monuments and added stunning buildings, theaters and stadiums by world-renowned architects to its impressive skyline. *The Peninsula Beijing*

DAY 3: Beijing

Visit Tiananmen Square, a place that conjures up deep emotions in locals and visitors alike. Pass through the Gate of Heavenly Peace and follow in the footsteps of emperors to the Forbidden City. Now known as the National Palace Museum, the Forbidden City was the imperial residence of the emperors and their families from the 1400s until 1911. It once housed up to 100,000 people, including servants, soldiers and attendants. After lunch, take a walking tour of the 19th-century Summer Palace and enjoy a private cruise on Lake Kunming, its manicured islands designed to evoke the landscapes

along the Yangzi River. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 4: Beijing

Travel to the less-visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall, one of the great wonders of the world. The wall rides the highest point of the mountaintops and provides stunning views of the countryside. Spend the late afternoon browsing the tiny shops of the Hongqiao Market. *The Peninsula Beijing B L*

DAY 5: Beijing/Xian

This morning's visit is to the Temple of Heaven, an exquisite example of Chinese craftsmanship. With its unique circular shape, blue roof and intricate gold inlay work, the Temple of Heaven has been called the single most outstanding example of 15th-century Chinese architecture. Later, fly to Xian, the ancient cradle of Chinese civilization. Explore the Yangling Museum, whose highlight is its 2,000-year-old mausoleum; then visit the Ancient Gate of the City Walls. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L*

DAY 6: Xian

Visit the magnificent site of the Terra Cotta Warriors; more than 8,000 life-size military figures are said to represent second-century Chinese military might. The site is just a portion of a vast funerary complex, larger than the Great Pyramid in Egypt, which includes the emperor's tomb and satellite tombs of his extended family. This afternoon, explore the markets and winding lanes of the old city quarter, experience exquisite beauty and a warm welcome at its Great Mosque, gain entry to the vault of the Provincial Museum and take in the wonders of ages past. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L*

DAY 7: Xian/Chongqing

Fly to Chongqing, gateway to the Three Gorges region of the Yangzi River. Visit the Huguang Guild Hall and salute World War II history at the Stilwell Museum. Later, board your river cruiser to begin your Yangzi adventure. *Sanctuary MS 'Yangzi Explorer' B L D*

DAYS 8-9: Cruising the Yangzi River

Sail through history as you travel the magnificent Three Gorges. On-board lectures keep you informed, shore excursions keep you engaged and each day brings something new. Meet with a local family along the Yangzi to learn about their hopes. Visit a school to witness China's educational challenges firsthand. Along your route, sail the pristine waters of a tributary river as you pass the world's largest dam project. *Sanctuary MS 'Yangzi Explorer' B L D*

DAY 10: Yichang/Shanghai

Before disembarking at Yichang, visit the Three Gorges Project Exhibition Center to learn about this amazing and controversial undertaking that produces 22,500 megawatts of electrical energy. Next, fly to Shanghai, China's most sophisticated city.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L

DAY 11: Shanghai

Visit the Yu Garden, a 16th-century private garden/residence in the heart of Shanghai's old Chinese Quarter, a neighborhood of twisting lanes that boast wonderful boutiques. The phenomenal Ming-period garden architecture, built in traditional Chinese style, includes many ponds, dragon-lined walls and bridges separating the unique garden areas and pavilions. Continue to the Shanghai Museum, considered among the finest museums of Chinese art in the world, and the Jade Buddha Temple, containing two jade Buddha statues from Burma. Later, gather for cocktails and dinner.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L D

DAY 12: Shanghai/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*



AK Phil ANTHROPOLOGY: Observe local students in class. You have the opportunity to purchase and donate supplies to the school.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

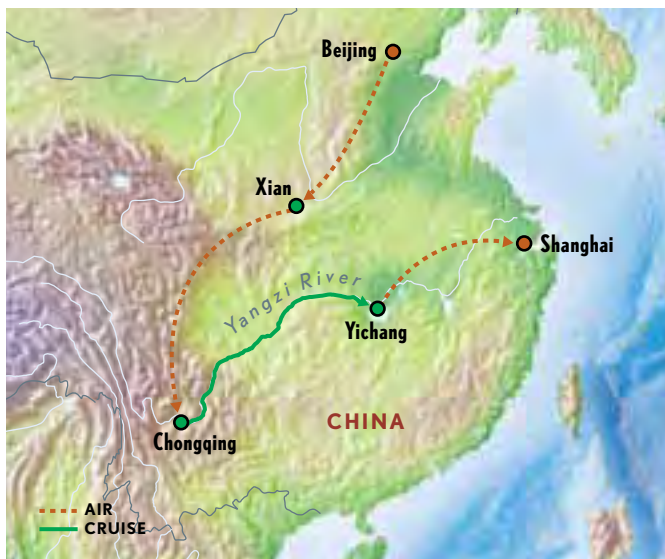
See pages 44-45 for suggestions for extending your stay in Guilin, Hong Kong, Yunnan or Japan, or ask about a Tailor Made extension created exclusively for you.

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

The September 24 departure offers the opportunity to experience China from a woman's perspective. Ask A&K for details.



Shanghai's glittering Bund



PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Jun - Sep 03	Apr - May Sep 10 - Nov
DELUXE CABIN		
Double occupancy	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,625
Single supplement	\$ 2,120	\$ 2,695
SUITE		
Double occupancy	\$ 6,830	\$ 7,795
Single supplement	\$ 2,880	\$ 3,755
Internal airfare Beijing/Xian/Chongqing; Yichang/Shanghai Economy class		from \$ 810

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 09 - 20	Jun 04 - 15	Sep 17 - 28
	Apr 16 - 27	Jun 11 - 22	Sep 24 - Oct 05 [†]
	Apr 23 - May 04	Jun 18 - 29	Oct 01 - 12
	Apr 30 - May 11	Jul 09 - 20	Oct 08 - 19
	May 07 - 18	Aug 13 - 24	Oct 15 - 26
	May 14 - 25	Aug 27 - Sep 07	Oct 22 - Nov 02
	May 21 - Jun 01	Sep 03 - 14	Oct 29 - Nov 09
	May 28 - Jun 08	Sep 10 - 21	Nov 05 - 16

[†] Journeys for Women departure; itinerary and price will vary. Refer to page 15 for details.

Yangzi Passage

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

16 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers



A riverside scene along the Yangzi



Explore the wild gorges of the Yangzi River on private shore excursions • Visit Shanghai with an expert historian • Experience the explosion of sound, light and color of *Impressions of Yangshuo* against a backdrop of otherworldly scenery in Guilin • Cruise the picturesque Li River in Guilin, enjoying spectacular vistas from your private deck

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Shanghai, China

Fly to Shanghai, the exciting economic and style capital of China.

The Peninsula Shanghai

DAY 3: Shanghai

Your Tour Director briefs you on the days to come, after which you set off to discover China's most dynamic city. Walk through Shanghai as a resident historian brings its history to life. Join the throngs of people strolling the Bund, Shanghai's most popular promenade, and wander among the maze of alleys in the Old Town. Stop at the renowned Shanghai Museum to marvel at the stunning artistic achievements on display. Later, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *The Peninsula Shanghai B L D*

DAY 4: Shanghai/Zhujiajiao/Shanghai

In the morning, explore the beautiful water village of Zhujiajiao, a delightful canal town that recalls China's past. In the evening, attend a Shanghai Acrobatic performance.

The Peninsula Shanghai B L D

DAY 5: Shanghai/Yichang

Fly to Yichang and board your elegant river cruiser for an engaging adventure on the Yangzi River.

Sanctuary MS 'Yangzi Explorer' B L D

DAYS 6-8: Cruising the Yangzi River

Cruise the mighty Yangzi, passing through the legendary Three Gorges: Xiling, Wu and Qutang. This is perhaps the most picturesque region in China, and your voyage is enhanced with informative shore excursions led by expert historians and naturalists. 🌿 Also visit a school to witness China's educational challenges firsthand. *Sanctuary MS 'Yangzi Explorer' B L D*

DAY 9: Chongqing/Guilin

Disembark in Chongqing, China's largest city, with a population of 33 million, where you learn about the hardships and triumphs of early migrant workers at the Huguang Guild Hall. If time permits, visit the Stilwell Museum. This afternoon, fly to picturesque and postcard-perfect Guilin. *Hotel of Modern Art B L D*

DAY 10: Guilin

The Chinese have a saying: “The scenery of Guilin is the finest under heaven; the scenery of Yangshuo surpasses Guilin.” Discover it for yourself. Sail the Li River amid forests of towering karst pinnacles, disembarking at Yangshuo to explore its cobblestone lanes and bustling market. The evening explodes with color, sound and light during a performance of *Impressions of Yangshuo*, directed by film director Zhang Yimou, the impresario behind the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games’ opening and closing ceremonies.

Hotel of Modern Art B L

DAY 11: Guilin/Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient cradle of Chinese civilization, where you have special entry with enhanced viewing of the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, one of the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th century. Sit down this evening to a dinner featuring dumplings, a Xian specialty. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L D*


DAY 12: Xian/Beijing

Join a leading archaeologist for a special tour of the Yangling Museum, one of the wonders of Chinese archaeology. Then enjoy a private viewing of the remarkably well-preserved Tang Murals at the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum. Afterward, climb the Ancient Gate of the City Walls and cycle along its ramparts. This afternoon, fly to Beijing. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAYS 13-14: Beijing

Discover the wonders of Beijing. Follow in the footsteps of emperors in the Forbidden City and join the locals in Tiananmen Square. Then walk the ramparts of the best preserved section of the Great Wall before sitting down to a homestyle lunch. See the best of old and new Beijing with visits to the Ming Tomb and Spirit Way and photo stops at the Bird’s Nest and Water Cube Olympic sites. Later, sail Lake Kunming, surrounded by the Imperial Gardens of the Summer Palace. *The Peninsula Beijing B L (Day 14: D)*

DAY 15: Beijing

The Temple of Heaven is said to be the single most beautiful example of Ming period architecture. Decide for yourself when you visit this morning. Then shop for souvenirs at either Silk Alley or Hongqiao Market, where you can buy everything from a beautiful traditional Chinese dress to the latest, most technologically advanced gadgets in the world. In the afternoon, choose from the  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options are listed below. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 16: Beijing/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your journey home. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — BEIJING: Tour the winding alleys fronted by stately courtyard compounds of a traditional *hutong* neighborhood with a resident expert guide, or visit the Lama Temple, the largest Tibetan Buddhist Temple in Beijing and Liulichang, once the abode of imperial artisans and now home to a number of fine antique, craft, and curio shops.



A&K Philanthropy: Observe local students in class. You have the opportunity to purchase and donate supplies to the school.



The Terra Cotta Warriors with their individual portraits



PRICE PER PERSON			
Land/cruise arrangements	Jun - Sep 1	Apr - May	Sep 08 - Nov
DELUXE CABIN			
Double occupancy	\$ 8,595	\$ 8,850	
Single supplement	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,310	
SUITE			
Double occupancy	\$ 9,395	\$ 9,650	
Single supplement	\$ 3,555	\$ 4,000	
Internal airfare Shanghai/Yichang; Chongqing/Guilin/Xian/Beijing	Economy class		from \$1,155

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2010	Apr 07 - 22	Jun 02 - 17	Sep 15 - 30
	Apr 14 - 29	Jun 09 - 24	Sep 22 - Oct 07
	Apr 21 - May 06	Jun 16 - Jul 01	Sep 29 - Oct 14
	Apr 28 - May 13	Jul 14 - 29	Oct 06 - 21
	May 05 - 20	Aug 11 - 26	Oct 13 - 28
	May 12 - 27	Aug 25 - Sep 09	Oct 20 - Nov 04
	May 19 - Jun 03	Sep 01 - 16	Oct 27 - Nov 11
	May 26 - Jun 10	Sep 08 - 23	Nov 03 - 18

Wonders of Imperial China

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

14 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Friday | Limited to 24 passengers



Naxi women in Lijiang's old town



Explore local Naxi villages in beautiful Lijiang • Embark on a journey to the incredible Tiger Leaping Gorge • View the magnificent Terra Cotta Warriors, with special photographic access • Cruise the picturesque Li River in Guilin, enjoying spectacular vistas from your private deck • Attend a Shanghai Acrobatic performance

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Shanghai, China

Board an overnight flight to Shanghai.

DAY 2: Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai and settle in to this exciting city, the economic and financial heart of China. *Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai*

DAY 3: Shanghai

Explore Shanghai with the city's most renowned historian. Stroll the historic Bund waterfront, taking in amazing views of the ultra-modern Pudong skyline across the river. Wind your way through the historic alleyways of the Old Town, stopping to reflect at the 16th-century Yu Garden. After lunch, choose your

☀️ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** activity from the box at the end of the itinerary. Tonight, join fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and dinner. *Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai B L D*

DAY 4: Shanghai/Zhujiajiao/Shanghai

This morning, travel to Zhujiajiao, a fan-shaped "water village" with ancient stone bridges and buildings from the Ming and

Qing Dynasties. Later in the afternoon, visit the Shanghai Museum. Then change pace when you visit the intriguing Urban Planning Museum. End your day watching a Shanghai Acrobatic performance. *Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai B L D*

DAY 5: Shanghai/Lijiang

This morning, fly to picturesque Lijiang, with far-reaching vistas from snow-capped mountains to bubbling streams. After lunch, take a walking tour of the Old Town of Lijiang, the best preserved ancient town in China and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

🌿 Then listen to an expert from the Nature Conservancy discuss conservation in Yunnan province. *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L D*

DAY 6: Lijiang

Visit two ethnic Naxi villages: Baisha, the first capital of the Naxi Kingdom, and Longquan, a traditional rural community with more than 800 years of history. After lunch, explore Black Dragon Pool Park and the Dongha Museum. This evening, attend a traditional Naxi dance and music performance. *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L D*

DAY 7: Lijiang

Travel to breathtaking Tiger Leaping Gorge, with stops en route at the First Bend of the mighty Yangzi River and the charming Naxi village of Shigu (Stone Drum). *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L D*

DAY 8: Lijiang/Kunming/Guilin

Fly to Guilin, the picturesque region of limestone pinnacles that embodies the quintessential image of the Chinese landscape, celebrated by poets and painters. *Hotel of Modern Art B L D*

DAY 9: Guilin

A cruise this morning on the Li River brings you to the rural village of Yangshuo, widely regarded to be blessed with scenery that eclipses even Guilin. Walk through the Yangshuo Market, built during the Sui Dynasty in AD 590. This evening, witness the dazzling sound and light spectacle *Impressions of Yangshuo* by film director Zhang Yimou. *Hotel of Modern Art B L D*

DAY 10: Guilin/Xian

This morning, fly to Xian. Spend the afternoon with a leading archaeologist for a special tour of the Yangling Museum, featuring recent discoveries from Han Dynasty tombs. Then visit the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum for a private viewing of the Tang Murals. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L D*

DAY 11: Xian/Beijing

View the Terra Cotta Warriors site, one of the most amazing relics from the First Emperor of China, dating back to 210 BC. More than 8,000 unique life-size statues have been excavated and reassembled, and more are still being discovered. Then climb the Ancient Gate of the City Walls and cycle along its ramparts. This afternoon, fly to Beijing. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 12: Beijing

A full day of sightseeing in Beijing includes Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, considered to be the world's largest palace complex. It also served as the Chinese imperial palace from the mid-Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty. Later, cruise serene Lake Kunming and explore the Summer Palace. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 13: Beijing

Explore the less-visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall with its magnificent countryside views, followed by a stop at the Temple of Heaven. Built in AD 1420 during the Ming Dynasty, the temple was used by emperors to offer a sacrifice to heaven on the day of the Winter Solstice. Spend the remainder of the day shopping at the colorful Hongqiao Market. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 14: Beijing/USA or Canada

Board your onward flight. *B*



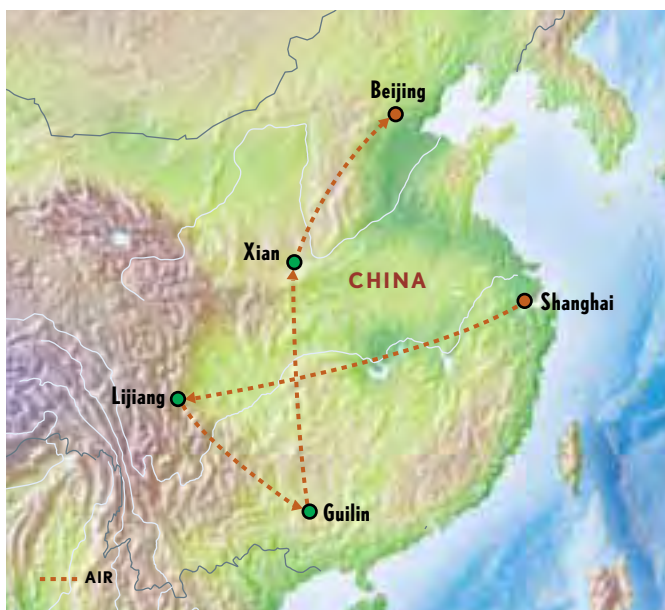
DESIGN YOUR DAY — SHANGHAI: Travel through the colorful light show tunnel to Pudong and enjoy a bird's-eye view of Shanghai's skyline from the observation deck of the sleek World Financial Center, or go on a guided shopping expedition.



AK Philanthropy: Meet an expert from the Nature Conservancy, who discusses the group's work in Yunnan.



Cormorant fishing on the Li River

**PRICE PER PERSON**

Land arrangements	Apr	May 08 - 21
	May 22 - Jun	Sep 04 - Oct
Double occupancy	\$ 8,895	\$ 9,170
Single supplement	\$ 2,850	\$ 3,100
Internal airfare Shanghai/Lijiang/Kunming/Guilin/Xian/Beijing Economy class	from \$ 1,735	

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 10 - 23	Jun 12 - 25	Oct 02 - 15
	May 08 - 21	Sep 04 - 17	Oct 16 - 29
	May 22 - Jun 04	Sep 11 - 24	Oct 23 - Nov 05

Classic Japan

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

12 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 passengers



The Golden Pavilion, Kinkaku-ji



Dine in an artist's private garden retreat • Spend a night at *Iwaso ryokan* (Japanese inn) on tranquil Miyajima Island • Visit the secluded Miho Museum built by I. M. Pei • View the rock garden at Ryoan-ji in the quiet of the early morning • Enjoy a classic *kaiseki* banquet in Kyoto, with entertainment by a *geisha* and *maiko* (apprentice *geisha*)

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Tokyo, Japan

Depart on an overnight flight to Tokyo.

DAY 2: Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo, a modern and culturally rich city that boasts cutting-edge architecture and contemplative gardens. Tonight, join fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and dinner. *Imperial Hotel D*

DAY 3: Tokyo

Journey to the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo Tower and Asakusa Temple, taking time to shop for souvenirs in the tiny shops of Nakamise-dori. In the afternoon, enjoy the verdant grounds of Meiji-Jingu Shrine and then take part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the tranquil Happoen Garden. After dinner at a local *izakaya* (Japanese pub), stroll the neon streets of the glamorous Ginza shopping district. *Imperial Hotel B L D*

DAY 4: Tokyo

Today, choose a 🌀 **DESIGN YOUR DAY** activity from the box at the end of the itinerary. *Imperial Hotel B D*

DAY 5: Tokyo/Kamakura/Hakone

Take a scenic drive to Kamakura to see the Great Buddha at Kotoku-in. Then visit Hase Kannon Temple; its flower-laden garden is unusual among Japanese gardens which normally focus on structure and greenery. After lunch, continue to the forested slopes of Hakone National Park. Cruise Lake Ashi and board a gondola on the Komagatake Ropeway for a spectacular view of Mount Fuji.

Hyatt Regency Hakone Resort & Spa B L D

DAY 6: Hakone/Odawara/Kyoto

Board the bullet train bound for Kyoto, regarded as the cultural heart of Japan. Kyoto has more than 2,000 temples and shrines; 17 are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Formerly the capital of Japan, Kyoto was the emperor's residence from AD 794 until 1868. Because Kyoto was largely avoided by Allied bombers during World War II, its hidden temples and parks are some of the true treasures of this fascinating city. Start your exploration with a visit to Ginkaku-ji (the Silver Pavilion), followed by lunch at an artist's

private estate and lavish gardens. In the afternoon, stroll along bustling Teapot Alley to Kiyomizu Temple, known for its massive verandah and stunning views of the city. Next, see the 1,001 statues of Kannon (enlightened beings who stay on earth to help others attain enlightenment) at Sanjusangendo Temple.

Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D

DAY 7: Kyoto

This morning, explore northwest Kyoto to view some important examples of *karesansui* (dry landscape gardens) at Ryoan-ji, Daitoku-ji and the often-photographed Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion). After a multi-course vegetarian lunch within Daitoku-ji's grounds, take a drive to the Shigaraki nature preserve, where a world class art collection awaits at I.M. Pei's stunning Miho Museum. *Kyoto Hotel Okura B L*

DAY 8: Kyoto/Nara/Kyoto

Drive to ancient Nara, Japan's first capital, where you stroll through Nara Park, home to more than 1,000 tame deer. Continue to Todai-ji Temple, the world's largest wooden structure, housing the largest bronze Buddha in Japan. After lunch, visit Kasuga-taisha Shrine, famous for its many bronze and stone lanterns, before returning to Kyoto. This evening, celebrate your final night in Kyoto in grand style with an exclusive multi-course *kaiseki* banquet complete with a *geisha* (*geiko* in Kyoto) and *maiko* in attendance to dance, sing, pour sake and converse about their fascinating lives.

Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D

DAY 9: Kyoto/Hiroshima

Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima. Visit Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum, dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack. Following lunch, travel by ferry to the picturesque island of Miyajima to see the stunning Itsukushima shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight you have the distinct advantage of remaining on this peaceful island while the other visitors return to the mainland. You stay in the nearly 150-year-old Iwaso *ryokan*, ideally located amid Japanese maples. *Iwaso B L D*

DAY 10: Hiroshima/Osaka

Travel by ferry and bullet train to the port city of Osaka. The afternoon is yours to relax as you wish; alternatively, you may set out to sample Osaka's parks, temples and shopping centers on your own. *Imperial Hotel Osaka B*

DAY 11: Osaka

A full day of sightseeing includes a visit to 17th-century Osaka Castle (rebuilt after World War II) and a leisurely cruise along the Okawa river. Also, see Tempozan Harbor Village on Osaka Bay, where the Kaiyukan Aquarium is the main feature. Tonight, celebrate the end of your fascinating journey with cocktails and dinner with your fellow travellers. *Imperial Hotel Osaka B L D*

DAY 12: Osaka/USA or Canada

Transfer to Kansai or Itami Airport for your return flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — TOKYO: Embark on a guided tour of Roppongi, Tokyo's new center for cutting-edge art, or spend an afternoon shopping with your guide.



Participating in the ancient ritual of the tea ceremony



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 11,730
Single supplement	\$ 2,020

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 25 - Apr 05	May 06 - 17	Sep 30 - Oct 11
	Apr 01 - 12	May 13 - 24	Oct 28 - Nov 08
2011	Mar 17 - 28		

New dates and prices may apply in 2011.

Exploring Ancient China

EXPLORER SERIES

15 Days | Departs Friday, returns Friday | Limited to 16 passengers



The pavilion and wushu monument at Shaolin Temple



Look behind the façade of modern China on an adventure that travels the highway of Chinese history • Listen to ancient Buddhist chants thought to be lost to the world • Explore the Mogao Caves, one of the wonders of the Silk Road • Set off on a camel safari into the wild Gobi Desert • Meet with warrior monks of the famed Shaolin Temple

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Beijing, China

Fly to Beijing, the capital and cultural heart of China.

The Peninsula Beijing

DAYS 3-4: Beijing

After an informative briefing by your Tour Director, spend two full days in fascinating Beijing. Follow in the footsteps of emperors in the Forbidden City and wander through Tiananmen Square, the world's largest public plaza. Walk the ramparts of the Great Wall and embark on a cruise on Lake Kunming, set amid the verdant beauty of the Imperial Gardens of the Summer Palace.

The Peninsula Beijing B L D

DAY 5: Beijing/Dunhuang

Fly to Dunhuang, the ancient wonder of the Silk Road, where you meet and mingle with local high school students during a senior English class. Peruse the central market, a modern Silk Road wonder, and possibly pick up some unique souvenirs of your journey. *The Dunhuang Hotel B L D*

DAY 6: Dunhuang

Scholars from the Dunhuang Institute brief you on the history and importance of the Mogao Caves. Then, flashlight in hand, join an expert guide for a tour of select caves that herald the rise of Buddhism in China. Later in the afternoon, mount your “ship of the desert” and retrace the routes of the ancient Silk Road traders on a fascinating camel safari. *The Dunhuang Hotel B L D*

DAY 7: Dunhuang/Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient cradle of Chinese civilization, and join a leading archaeologist for a special tour of Han Yangling, one of the great wonders of Chinese archaeology. Climb the Ancient Gate of the City Walls and cycle along its ramparts. Sit down this evening to a dinner of dumplings, the defining culinary tradition of Xian.

Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L D

DAY 8: Xian

You have special entry and enhanced viewing of the amazing Terra Cotta Warriors, one of the most important archaeological

discoveries of the 20th century, when you visit with your Tour Director. The find is just a part of a greater funerary site that could contain the tomb and satellite tombs of the emperor and his retinue. This afternoon, explore Xian's markets and the winding lanes of the old city quarter, experience the warm welcome and exquisite beauty at its Great Mosque and enter the vault of the Provincial Museum to take in the wonders of ages past.

Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L

DAY 9: Xian/Taiyuan/Pingyao

Set off along China's great highway of history with a flight to Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi province and gateway to historic Pingyao. Immerse yourself in the Buddhist and Daoist traditions at Jinci. In Qi Xian, visit the Qiao Family Compound, the stately Qing period family mansion immortalized in the film *Raise the Red Lantern*. Later, arrive in medieval, majestic and magnificent Pingyao.

International Financier Club B L D

DAY 10: Pingyao

Experience the grandeur of Chinese history and enjoy your day in the city of Pingyao, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famous for its narrow lanes and fascinating streets, Pingyao's shops and businesses were built with brick and stone by influential men in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. March the ramparts of the Ming period city wall, meet local residents and visit a Daoist temple. Later, barter in the marvelous Pingyao market.

International Financier Club B L D

DAY 11: Pingyao/Taiyuan/Zhengzhou

Set off for Taiyuan and fly to Zhengzhou, the capital of Henan province. Play ping-pong with provincial prodigies and sit down to a special performance of ancient Chinese music.

The Yu Da Palace Hotel B L D

DAY 12: Zhengzhou

Spend the day among the warrior monks of Shaolin, the great Chan (Zen) Temple at the foot of Mount Song and the central pillar of the Daoist world. Meet the monks when you tour the temple. Later, attend an exciting private performance of Shaolin *wushu* (martial arts), forged over centuries of grueling discipline. This evening, marvel at the creativity of Zhang Yimou's world-renowned entertainment experience, *Impressions of Shaolin*.

The Yu Da Palace Hotel B L D

DAY 13: Zhengzhou

Spend the balance of the day in ancient Kaifeng. Relive the history of the city that was capital of the Northern Song Dynasty. Marvel at its palaces and visit the city's most unusual living legacy, the tiny Jewish community that was founded 1,000 years ago.

The Yu Da Palace Hotel B L D

DAY 14: Zhengzhou/Beijing

Fly back to Beijing for a farewell dinner that celebrates the wonders of this walk through history. *The Peninsula Beijing B D*

DAY 15: Beijing/USA or Canada

Board your departure flight. *B*



Maintaining old traditions in Dunhuang



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jun - Aug	Sep - Oct
Double occupancy	\$ 7,995	\$ 8,245
Single supplement	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,895
Internal airfare Beijing/Dunhuang/Xian/Taiyuan/Zhengzhou/Beijing Economy class	from \$ 1,500	

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jun 11 - 25 Aug 13 - 27	Sep 10 - 24	Oct 08 - 22
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Tibet & Beyond

EXPLORER SERIES

13 Days | Departs Friday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 16 passengers



The striking Potala Palace in the mountains of Lhasa, Tibet



Attend a traditional Naxi dance and musical performance in Lijiang • Turn the world's largest prayer wheel and receive the blessing of the Living Buddha • Climb the sacred Dabaosi, a holy site of pilgrimage • Sit down to butter tea with a Tibetan family • Explore the dark and winding hallways of the amazing Potala Palace, the crowning glory of Lhasa

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Shanghai, China

Depart on an overnight flight to Shanghai.

DAY 2: Shanghai

After arrival, the remainder of your day is at leisure. With its numerous museums, parks, restaurants and markets, Shanghai is rich in culture and an inspiration for the senses.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton

DAY 3: Shanghai

Explore China's "city of the future" with a walk along the Bund and a stroll through Yu Garden, a 16th-century Ming period private garden/residence. After lunch, visit the Shanghai Museum, home to some of the finest Chinese art in the world, and the Urban Planning Museum. Tonight, join fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L D

DAY 4: Shanghai/Lijiang

Fly to Lijiang, the gateway to the wonders of Yunnan, China's mountainous southwestern province. After settling in to your

resort, embark on a walking tour of Lijiang's historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that retains the architecture and symbolic designs of both Han and Naxi traditions. 🌿 Sit down to a special briefing by an expert from the Nature Conservancy who discusses regional conservation. *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L D*

DAY 5: Lijiang

The Naxi are one of China's 56 officially recognized ethnic groups, a people inhabiting the Himalayan foothills. Explore two Naxi villages: Baisha, the first capital of the Naxi Kingdom, and Longquan, a tranquil community that lends perfect insight into a China almost forgotten. After lunch, visit the Heilongtan (Black Dragon Pool Park) and the Dongha Museum that showcases Naxi religious traditions. This evening, attend a traditional Naxi dance and musical performance. *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L D*

DAY 6: Lijiang/Ringha

Drive along the great Yunnan/Tibet Highway, stopping at the charming village of Shigu (Stone Drum) that sits above the historic

First Bend in the Yangzi River and the stunning Tiger Leaping Gorge. Late this afternoon, arrive at your hotel in the traditional Khampa village of Ringha. *Banyan Tree Ringha B L D*

DAY 7: Ringha/Zhongdian/Ringha

Drive to Zhongdian, considered the seat of Tibetan culture in Yunnan. Visit Songzangling Monastery, the largest Tibetan monastery in Yunnan and home to the Living Buddha. Also explore the Central Market, held daily in the heart of the new city and a wonderful place to buy everything from local clothes to jewelry. Back in Ringha, hike to the summit of the sacred hill of Ringha (Dabaosi), believed to be a source of religious power. All Tibetans in Yunnan must take a pilgrimage to this hill before going to Lhasa. Then visit with a local farming family before joining the locals for singing and dancing in Old Town. *Banyan Tree Ringha B L D*

DAY 8: Ringha/Lhasa

Board a morning flight to Lhasa and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, take a short walk with your guide through the city center to adjust to the altitude. *Four Points By Sheraton Lhasa B L D*

DAYS 9-10: Lhasa

Spend two full days exploring fascinating Lhasa. Visit the seventh-century former home of the Dalai Lama, the Potala Palace — the crowning glory of Lhasa. Its towering red and white edifice with a gold roof rises 985 feet above the valley floor and can be seen for miles around. Explore Jokhang Temple, the spiritual center of the country, as well as the 15th-century Sera, one of Tibet’s six great monasteries. Head to Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lamas, located on the outskirts of town and filled with gardens, palaces and pavilions. Then visit the Tibetan Museum, a complex of buildings that includes the Storehouse for Cultural Relics, home to *thangkas* (Tibetan scrolls) and gilded copper and bronze Buddhist statues. Visit Braille Without Borders, an NGO dedicated to giving the blind and severely sight-impaired children of Tibet a chance at living a full and productive life.

Four Points By Sheraton Lhasa B L D

DAY 11: Lhasa

Today, visit Nechung Temple, the former home of the State Oracle, Drepung Monastery and Anni Taskhu Nunnery. Tonight, join fellow travellers over farewell cocktails and dinner.

Four Points By Sheraton Lhasa B L D

DAY 12: Lhasa/Chengdu/Shanghai

Fly to Chengdu, connecting to Shanghai. This evening, enjoy dinner at your choice of A&K’s recommended restaurants.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L D

DAY 13: Shanghai/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*

This program contains some active elements; please refer to page 140 or ask A&K for details.



A&K PHILANTHROPY: Meet an expert from the Nature Conservancy, who discusses the group’s work in Yunnan.

At Braille Without Borders, meet the project leaders, sit in on classes, tour the facility and learn to type the Braille alphabet.



Black Dragon Pool in Lijiang



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	May - Jun	Jul - Oct
Double occupancy	\$ 8,570	\$ 8,715
Single supplement	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,400

Internal airfare Shanghai/Lijiang; Zhongdian/Lhasa/Chengdu/Shanghai
Economy class from \$1,905

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	May 07 - 19	Jul 02 - 14	Oct 08 - 20
	Jun 04 - 16	Sep 10 - 22	

China: Dynasties & Discoveries

FAMILY SERIES

14 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 Passengers



Waving flags in Tiananmen Square



Attend a traditional Shanghai Acrobatic show and the contemporary *Impressions of Yangshuo* light show • Bicycle in Yangshuo, pedicab through Beijing and take a cable car up (and toboggan down) the Great Wall of China • Learn to cook Chinese cuisine at a cooking school • Meet a family living along the Yangzi River

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Shanghai, China

Fly overnight to Shanghai, the heart of one of the oldest continuous civilizations in the world. You and your family go back in history when you walk along narrow streets to see bustling bazaars and Ming Dynasty gardens. Turn around, and steel towers, skyscrapers and modern shopping malls show you new Shanghai.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton

DAY 3: Shanghai

Explore Shanghai, a diversity of old and new, Europe and Asia, high-tech innovations and old traditions. Glimpse Chinese life when you go by electric pedestrian tram under the Huangpu River through the Bund sightseeing tunnel. Watch for puppets that pop up along the way. At the Shanghai History Museum, see ancient bronze bells, prehistoric jade knives and ethnic costumes and ornaments from different parts of China. After lunch, wander the Yu Garden, adorned with pavilions, streams and pools. Don't miss the huge Dragon Wall; the red fish swimming in the Lotus Pool; and

the Bridge of Nine Turns, designed to foil the demons. Shop for a souvenir Chinese toy or paper dragon to take home.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L D

DAY 4: Shanghai/Zhujiajiao/Shanghai

Travel to Zhujiajiao, a picturesque "water village" with stone bridges and buildings from the Ming and Qing Dynasties. After lunch, your family learns how to prepare your favorite Chinese dishes at a local cooking school. Tonight, see the dazzling balancing acts and pretzel-like acrobatics at the famous Shanghai Acrobatic show.

The Portman Ritz-Carlton B L

DAY 5: Shanghai/Guilin

Fly to picturesque Guilin. This afternoon, take an art class on the grounds of your hotel and paint your own postcard view of this scenic wonderland. *Hotel of Modern Art B L*

DAY 6: Guilin

Cruise the Li River past scenery that has inspired painters and poets throughout the centuries. Disembark in Yangshuo and bicycle along

cobbled lanes and bustling markets, as well as through emerald green rice paddies where farmers plow by hand. Then the evening explodes with color, sound and light during a performance of *Impressions of Yangshuo*. *Hotel of Modern Art B L*

DAY 7: Guilin/Xian

Fly to Xian and see where Chinese peasants digging a well in 1974 discovered an incredible ancient burial site. It was the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, the thousands of life-size ceramic soldiers and horses “guarding” the tomb of China’s first emperor. Then climb the Ancient Gate of the City Walls, one of the few existing city walls left in China. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L*

DAY 8: Xian/Chongqing/MS ‘Yangzi Explorer’

Learn to make your own terra cotta soldiers when your family visits a pottery factory. After lunch, explore the Stone Tablets Forest, housing engraved slabs of ancient calligraphy. Afterward, fly to Chongqing and board your boutique river cruiser for the experience of a lifetime, travelling through the scenic Three Gorges. *Sanctuary MS ‘Yangzi Explorer’ B L D*


DAYS 9-10: Cruising the Yangzi River

Spend two adventurous days on the ship and exploring the shore. Meet with a local family and pass through the world’s largest dam project. On board, an activity coordinator engages young travellers in calligraphy and Mandarin lessons, as well as crafts and games. *Sanctuary MS ‘Yangzi Explorer’ B L D*

DAY 11: Yichang/Beijing

Disembark in Yichang and head to the Three Travellers Cave. Later, fly to Beijing. This fascinating city is the capital and cultural heart of China. *The Peninsula Beijing B L*

DAY 12: Beijing

Walk in the footsteps of emperors in the Forbidden City and wander through Tiananmen Square, the world’s largest public plaza. Later in the afternoon, choose your  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** activity from the options listed below. *The Peninsula Beijing B L*

DAY 13: Beijing

Visit sites from the 2008 Summer Olympics, including the Beijing National Stadium, also known as the “Bird’s Nest.” Continue to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall and walk or take a cable car to the top; then hop onto a toboggan for an exciting ride down the curvy path. Later, visit the Temple of Heaven and climb into a pedicab to thread your way through the winding lanes of a *hutong* neighborhood. *The Peninsula Beijing B L D*

DAY 14: Beijing/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*



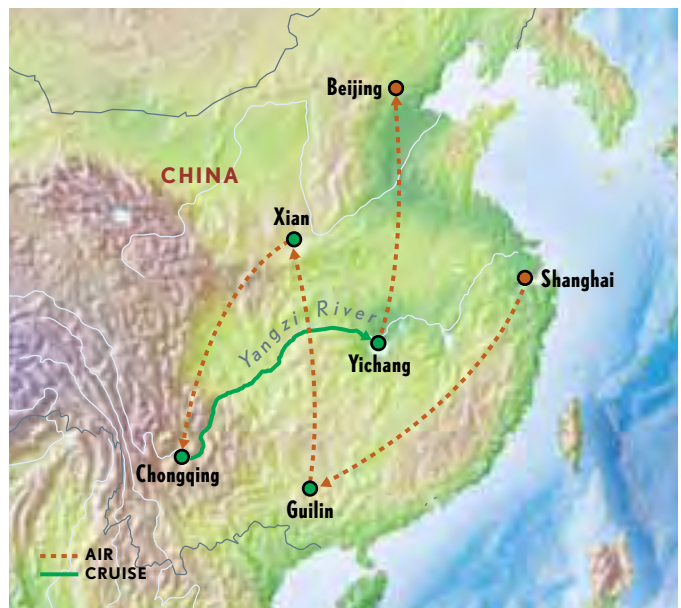
DESIGN YOUR DAY — BEIJING: Visit one of the most well-known kite companies in the world to try your hand at kite flying or visit the Beijing Shaolin Wushu School for a *wushu* (martial arts) demonstration and lesson.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay in Hong Kong or let us “tailor make” an extension exclusively for you.



Young Chinese boys practicing martial arts



PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Deluxe Cabin	Suite
Double occupancy	\$ 7,970	\$ 8,770
Single supplement	\$ 2,580	\$ 3,335
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 7,290	\$ 7,990
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 5,240	\$ 5,550

Internal airfare Shanghai/Guilin/Xian/Chongqing; Yichang/Beijing
Economy class child under 12 from \$ 915 adult from \$ 1,190

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jun 10 - 23	Jul 01 - 14	Jul 29 - Aug 11
	Jun 17 - 30	Jul 15 - 28	Aug 19 - Sep 01

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Tokyo's Rainbow Bridge



Learn to play the *taiko*, a massive traditional Japanese drum • Leave an origami blessing for peace at the Children's Memorial in Hiroshima • Hike through thousands of vermillion *torii* gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine • Bike through bamboo groves in Kyoto's last rural refuge, spotting homes preserved from centuries ago • Participate in a *kendo* (Japanese sword fencing) lesson

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Tokyo, Japan

Arrive by overnight flight in Tokyo, a modern city steeped in tradition, located in a safe, welcoming country with sleek, high-tech wonders and beautiful contemplative gardens. Tonight, gather your family for a welcome reception and dinner with other travellers.

Imperial Hotel D

DAY 3: Tokyo

Start your day at the orange and white-striped Tokyo Tower. Ascend the thousand-foot steel structure for panoramic views of the city. Continue to the futuristic Odaiba area to visit Miraikan, the National Museum of Emerging Sciences, and Sega Joypolis, a theme park full of virtual reality games. In the afternoon, cruise the Sumida River to Shitamachi, the "old town" of Tokyo. Stop at the Taiko Center Museum where you have free rein to touch and play drums from around the world. Next, pass under a giant red lantern to enter the Buddhist Asakusa Kannon temple. Legend has it that in the seventh century two fishermen discovered a statue of Kannon,

the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy, in their nets. The temple was built to house the statue, which is supposedly buried underneath.

Imperial Hotel B

DAY 4: Tokyo

Your morning is at leisure to explore on your own. 🌀 **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options fill the afternoon hours; see the next page for details. *Imperial Hotel B D*

DAY 5: Tokyo/Kamakura/Hakone

Take a scenic drive to Kamakura. At Kotoku-in, your children may want to enter the "body" of the statue of the Great Buddha. Climb the staircase to the shoulders for a unique view from inside. Then visit the beautiful flower garden at Hase Temple. Cruise Lake Ashi and then see it from above when you ascend the mountain by gondola on the Komagatake Ropeway. Later, participate in an origami lesson. *Hyatt Regency Hakone Resort & Spa B L D*

DAY 6: Hakone/Odawara/Hiroshima

Take the super-fast bullet train to Hiroshima. On arrival, learn to

make *okonomiyaki*, a traditional savory pancake, when you take a cooking class at the Otafuku Sauce Factory. Later, continue to the Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum, dedicated to the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city in the world to suffer a nuclear attack. *Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima B L*

DAY 7: Hiroshima

After a lesson on sea kayaking, you and your family paddle your own inflatable kayaks to the picturesque island of Miyajima and the stunning Itsukushima shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its O-Tori gate, rising out of the waters in front of the shrine, is one of the iconic images of Japan. *Rihga Royal Hotel Hiroshima B L*

DAY 8: Hiroshima/Kyoto

Board the bullet train for Kyoto, known as the cultural heart of Japan, with more than 2,000 Buddhist temples and shrines. At Sanjusangendo, see the 1,001 intricately carved statues of Kannon (enlightened beings who stay on earth to help others reach enlightenment). Continue to Nijo Castle, the Kyoto residence of the Tokugawa Shogunate, and visit Kiyomizu Temple. The temple is known for its massive verandah. It is said that when a person makes a big decision, he “leaps off the balcony at Kiyomizu.” Afterward, stroll along Chawan-zaka (Teapot Alley) to look at the quaint shops. *Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D*

DAY 9: Kyoto

Set out to see the 15 rocks carefully placed in a sea of raked gravel at the iconic rock garden at Ryoan-ji, a symbol of Zen Buddhism. Then visit the beautiful and often-photographed Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), covered in gold leaf. After lunch, continue to Arashiyama, one of the last remaining rural areas in Kyoto. Bike through peaceful bamboo groves and past serene temples, arriving at some well-preserved *minka* (folk houses) that show what Japanese country life was like centuries ago. *Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D*

DAY 10: Kyoto/Nara/Kyoto

Take a guided tour of the International Manga Museum to see its collection of 200,000 Japanese comic books. Then embark on an exhilarating hike through the thousands of vermilion *torii* (gates) at Fushimi Inari Shrine. Continue to ancient Nara, where you stroll through Nara Park, home to over 1,000 tame deer. At Todai-ji, see Japan’s largest bronze Buddha. Look for the hole in the wooden column behind the Buddha. Squeeze through it, and you may find enlightenment. *Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D*

DAY 11: Kyoto

This morning, your family takes part in a *kendo* (Japanese sword fencing) lesson. The 12th-century *samurai* warriors trained in *kendo*, wearing armor and using two-handed bamboo swords. The afternoon is yours to explore Kyoto’s famous gardens, stroll the Gion Geisha district or finish your last-minute shopping. This evening, celebrate the end of your fascinating journey with dinner with your fellow travellers. *Kyoto Hotel Okura B L D*

DAY 12: Kyoto/USA or Canada

Transfer to Kansai or Itami airport for your homebound flight. *B*



An actor in Edo period costume at the Oedo Onsen Monogatari



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 9,525
Single supplement	\$ 1,700
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 9,350
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 8,735

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 18 - 29	Jun 30 - Jul 11*	Dec 16 - 27
	Jun 17 - 28	Jul 29 - Aug 09	
2011	Mar 17 - 28		

**Departs Wednesday, returns Sunday.
New dates and prices may apply in 2011.*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — TOKYO: Embark on a guided tour of Harajuku, ground zero for teen fashion, or visit the Oedo Onsen, a public hot spring bath recreated in Edo-era style.

China & Japan Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to create your own itinerary.



GUILIN

With the glittering Li River flowing at the feet of limestone mountains, a visit here is a sojourn inside a Chinese scroll painting.

DAY 1: Guilin

On arrival, you are met and transferred to your unique hotel.

Hotel of Modern Art

DAY 2: Guilin

Set sail along the Li River, taking in a visual wonderland of limestone pinnacles, bamboo forest and bucolic villages.

Disembark at the bustling riverside market and explore its charming cobblestone lanes. This evening, attend a performance of *Impressions of Yangshuo*, the stunning sound and light extravaganza directed by the creative force behind the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies. *Hotel of Modern Art B L*

DAY 3: Depart Guilin

This morning, relax on Fubo Hill, an ideal vantage point for enjoying the Guilin scenery. Then continue to Reed Flute Cave. Take in the visual kaleidoscope of images at the Ximen Farmers' market and attend a talk on traditional landscape painting at the Guilin Teachers Art Academy. Later, fly home or continue your journey. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$1,230



HONG KONG

Hong Kong pulses with the energy of modernity, while maintaining the spiritual traditions of its past.

DAY 1: Hong Kong

You are met on arrival and privately transferred to your hotel.

Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

DAY 2: Hong Kong

Begin the morning at the busy Sheung Wan Market, followed by a stop at Man Mo Temple on Hollywood Road. Board the tram for a short ride to the top of Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the city; then travel by motorized *sampan* to the fishing village of Aberdeen. After a traditional *dim sum* lunch, the afternoon is yours to spend as you wish.

Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong B L

DAY 3: Lantau Island

Travel by ferry from Hong Kong to Lantau Island. View the world's largest seated outdoor bronze statue, Tian Tan Buddha; then stroll through the village experiencing the interactive attractions that reflect the cultural and spiritual integrity of the area. Explore the grand Po Lin Monastery and the Ngong Ping Village. *Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong B*

DAY 4: Depart Hong Kong

Board your onward flight to your next destination or to the USA or Canada. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$1,995



YUNNAN

Yunnan is the land “south of the clouds,” with snow-crowned mountains, deep verdant valleys and a cross-current of cultures.

DAY 1: Lijiang

Arrive in Lijiang and transfer to your beautiful resort.

Banyan Tree Lijiang

DAY 2: Lijiang

Visit Lijiang’s surrounding villages before exploring the labyrinth of cobblestone lanes that thread the Old Town, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a thousand years of history. This evening, take in a performance by the Naxi Ancient Music Ensemble. *Banyan Tree Lijiang B L*

DAY 3: Lijiang/Zhongdian

Drive along the stunning Yunnan/Tibet Highway, visiting the charming village of Shigu (Stone Drum) en route. Lunch beside the mighty Tiger Leaping Gorge before arriving in Shangri-la, the ancestral homeland of the proud Khampa Tibetan people. *Banyan Tree Ringha B L*

DAY 4: Zhongdian

Meet with monks at the Songzangling Monastery, push the world’s largest prayer wheel and visit the farming families of Ringha village. *Banyan Tree Ringha B L*

DAY 5: Depart Zhongdian

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,175



JAPAN

Japan is a unique and intriguing mixture of ultra-modernity, tightly held tradition and incredible hospitality.

DAY 1: Tokyo, Japan

Arrive in Tokyo, the capital of modern Japan, and transfer to your elegant hotel. *The Peninsula Tokyo*

DAY 2: Tokyo

Spend the day exploring the sights and sounds of Tokyo. Visit the Asakusa Kannon Temple and the Imperial Palace Plaza. Take part in a tea ceremony at tranquil Happo-en garden and enjoy world-class art at the Mori Art Museum.

The Peninsula Tokyo B L

DAY 3: Tokyo

You are at leisure to discover this vibrant city or indulge in one of your hotel’s many amenities. *The Peninsula Tokyo B*

DAY 4: Tokyo/Kyoto

Ride the bullet train to Kyoto and transfer to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. *Hyatt Regency Kyoto B*

DAY 5: Kyoto

Today’s highlights include visits to the Golden Pavilion, Ryoan-ji and Kiyomizu-dera, with lunch at a local restaurant. *Hyatt Regency Kyoto B L*

DAY 6: Depart Kyoto

Transfer to the Kansai airport for your onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 7,995



Signature China

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14 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Tuesday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Shanghai, China

Depart on an overnight flight to Shanghai where you are met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. *The Peninsula Shanghai*

DAY 3: Shanghai

Start your day with a stroll through Yu Garden, a magnificent private garden and residence from the 16th-century Ming Dynasty. This afternoon, visit the Shanghai Museum to view some of the most beautiful works of Chinese art in the world. In the evening, attend a Shanghai Acrobatic performance.

The Peninsula Shanghai B

DAY 4: Shanghai/Zhujiajiao/Shanghai

This morning, travel to Zhujiajiao, a fan shaped “water village” with ancient stone bridges and buildings from the Ming and Qing Dynasties. After lunch, walk along the Bund, enjoying the view across the water of Pudong, a district of Shanghai that has emerged as China’s financial and commercial center. Travel through the Bund light show sightseeing tunnel for a display of Shanghai life.

The Peninsula Shanghai B L

DAY 5: Shanghai/Yichang

Fly to Yichang to board your luxury cruiser for a voyage through the legendary Three Gorges. *Sanctuary MS ‘Yangzi Explorer’ B D*

DAYS 6-8: Cruising the Yangzi River

Cruise the mighty Yangzi, enjoying its scenic splendor with stops at the Three Gorges. Visit a school to witness China’s educational challenges firsthand. *Sanctuary MS ‘Yangzi Explorer’ B L D*

DAY 9: Chongqing/Xian

Disembark and explore the Huguang Guild Hall. Fly to Xian and visit the Yangling Museum that houses recent discoveries from the Han Dynasty tombs. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B*

DAY 10: Xian

Tour the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuangdi and its Terra Cotta Warriors. Then explore the Shaanxi Museum, the finest museum of ancient Chinese history, and enjoy a private viewing of the Tang Murals. *Shangri-La Hotel, Xian B L*

DAY 11: Xian/Beijing

This morning, visit the Xian Museum, with more than 120,000 relics and sculptures. Then cycle along the Ancient Gate of the City Walls before flying to Beijing. *The Peninsula Beijing B*

DAYS 12-13: Beijing

Spend two days at this vibrant city’s sites: Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall.

The Peninsula Beijing B (Day 13: L D)

DAY 14: Beijing/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



A&K PHILANTHROPY: Observe local students in class. You have the opportunity to purchase and donate supplies to the school.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

See pages 44–45 for to extend your stay in Guilin, Hong Kong or Yunnan, or ask about a Tailor Made extension created exclusively for you.



A stoic archer at the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum in Xian



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jun - Sep 01	Apr - May Sep 08 - Nov
Double occupancy	\$ 6,965	\$ 7,955
Single supplement	\$ 3,290	\$ 4,165

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

Land/cruise arrangements based on suite accommodations on the vessel.

Prices for additional suites available on request.

Internal airfare Shanghai/Yichang; Chongqing/Xian/Beijing
Economy class from \$ 810

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 07 - 20	Jun 02 - 15	Sep 15 - 28
	Apr 14 - 27	Jun 09 - 22	Sep 22 - Oct 05
	Apr 21 - May 04	Jun 16 - 29	Sep 29 - Oct 12
	Apr 28 - May 11	Jun 30 - Jul 13	Oct 06 - 19
	May 05 - 18	Jul 14 - 27	Oct 13 - 26
	May 12 - 25	Aug 11 - 24	Oct 20 - Nov 02
	May 19 - Jun 01	Sep 01 - 14	Oct 27 - Nov 09
	May 26 - Jun 08	Sep 08 - 21	Nov 03 - 16



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Mountains & Waterways

Beijing • Chengdu • Jiuzhaigou • Guilin • Shanghai • Huangshan

China's diverse landscapes include rugged mountains, crystalline waters, stately forests and ethereal beauty. Experience it all on your journey through mountains and waterways.

DAY 1: Arrive in Beijing and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: Meet a family living in one of the city's historic districts, explore areas of the Forbidden City not on tourist itineraries and enjoy an orientation to Beijing's iconic new architecture.

DAY 3: Walk the ramparts of the mighty Great Wall. This afternoon, sail the crystalline waters of Lake Kunming.

DAY 4: Fly to Chengdu, full of great history and engaging charm.

DAY 5: Keep company with China's favorite mascots, the giant pandas, at the world-famous Panda Research Center. Later, travel back through history with a visit to the extraordinary Sanxingdui Excavation, one of the great bronze cultural finds of Asia.

DAY 6: Fly to the verdant forests, aquamarine lakes and pristine Tibetan villages of Jiuzhaigou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 7: Spend a day in Amdo with northern Tibetans who live in China's most idyllic region.

DAY 8: Fly to Guilin, an ethereal wonderland of karst limestone pinnacles, bucolic villages and the silvery waters of the Li River. This evening, take in *Impression of Liu San Jie*, a sound and light show spectacle.

DAY 9: Take a morning art class, enjoy a river rafting experience or bicycle through Guilin's magnificent countryside.

DAY 10: Hike among the emerald rice terraces of Ping An that climb over 1,000 feet up verdant mountain slopes. This area is home to Miao, Zhuang and Yao peoples.

DAYS 11-12: Fly to Shanghai, China's window on the world. Thrill to a rollicking performance by Shanghai's world-famous acrobatics troupe. Later, listen as a noted historian shares Shanghai's museum marvels, as well as those of the futuristic Pudong.

DAY 13: Fly to Tunxi to see Huangshan, China's most famous mountain. Its 72 craggy peaks are called the "Lotus Buds."

DAY 14: Pass through a moon gate and visit the UNESCO World Heritage villages scattered amid fertile farmlands.

DAY 15: Ascend by cable car to Huangshan's summit for stunning views. Return to Shanghai this evening.

DAY 16: Board your departure flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made China

The Chinese Silk Road

Beijing • Lanzhou • Dunhuang • Ürümqi • Turfan • Kashgar

The lure of the Silk Road continues to draw the adventurous to China. Begin your adventure in Beijing and follow in the footsteps of the traders, pilgrims and explorers of the past.

DAY 1: Arrive in Beijing and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: Enjoy the highlights of Beijing when you meet a local family, explore remote areas of the Forbidden City and observe the city's iconic new architecture.

DAY 3: Fly to Lanzhou, capital of Gansu province and one of the most important regions along the Chinese Silk Road.

DAY 4: Set off on a day trip by road and by boat along the Yellow River to the stunning Binglingsi Buddhist Grottoes.

DAY 5: Take in the outstanding collection of Silk Road treasures at the Gansu Provincial Museum before an afternoon flight to Dunhuang, one of the greatest of all Silk Road sites.

DAY 6: Explore the magnificent Mogao Caves, site of the greatest concentration of Buddhist cave art on earth; take in the bustling markets of Dunhuang; and set off on your “ship of the desert” for a special camel safari into the Gobi Desert.

DAY 7: Fly to Ürümqi, capital of China's intriguing Xinjiang-Uighur Autonomous Region.

DAY 8: Embark on a day trip to dazzling Turfan. Take in the ancient cities of Gaochang and Jiaohe and the elegant Suliman's minaret. Pause for lunch and a glimpse of local life at the home of a Uighur farming family.

DAY 9: Journey to the lovely alpine pastures favored by the local Kazakh herdsmen and enjoy their traditional displays of horsemanship and hospitality. This afternoon, return to Ürümqi for a city orientation and visit to the Xinjiang Museum.

DAY 10: Fly to Kashgar, the seat of Uighur culture.

DAY 11: Take in some of the most stunning scenery on earth during a day trip along the Karakorum Highway, known as “the Roof of the World.”

DAY 12: According to *A Thousand and One Nights*, Kashgar's Sunday market is the one to end all market experiences. See for yourself when you visit.

DAY 13: Return to Ürümqi to connect with a flight to Beijing.

DAY 14: Board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Mongolia

Beijing • Ulaan Baatar • Dalanzadgad • South Gobi • Karakorum

In the extremities of China, the landscape is beautiful yet rugged. In this land that was home to Genghis Khan, meet the nomads of Mongolia who remain true to their ancient traditions in their everyday lives.

DAY 1: You are met and transferred to your hotel in Beijing.

DAY 2: Enjoy the highlights of Beijing, including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven.

DAY 3: Fly to Mongolia's capital, Ulaan Baatar, where you visit the Natural History Museum, renowned for its dinosaur bones and fossils from the Gobi Desert. Enjoy a traditional music and dance performance during dinner.

DAY 4: Get your first taste of the Mongolian "Outback" when you fly to Dalanzadgad. Drive to Yolyn Am for a walk through a river gorge so deep and shaded that its floor is a permanent ice sheet. This evening, spend the night in a traditional *ger* (tent) camp.

DAY 5: Drive across the red cliffs of Bayanzag to the scrubby plains of the northern Gobi Desert. Meet nomadic camel breeders and herdsmen as you travel across the desert to the ruins of the Ongiin Monastery.

DAY 6: Reach the sweeping steppe land that frames the Orkhan River Valley, the cradle of Mongolian civilization. Drive through the grassy plains, stopping to visit with local nomad families.

DAY 7: Explore the ruins of ancient Karakorum, once the capital of Genghis Khan's Mongolian empire and inspiration for Xanadu in Coleridge's poem "Kubla Khan." Continue with a visit to the Erdene Zuu Monastery. Built without a single nail, it was Mongolia's first great center of tantric Buddhism. In previous times, the grounds held more than 60 temples used for daily worship by 10,000 monks.

DAY 8: Travel overland to Ulaan Baatar, stopping at the Khustain Nature Reserve to learn about the resurgence of the *takhi* (wild horse). Famous for their role in the empire-building conquests of Genghis Khan, by the 1960s, after years of hunting and livestock overgrazing, the *takhi* were nearly extinct until they were secured in the protective steppe of the reserve.

DAY 9: Say "*boyartai*" to Mongolia as you depart on your flight for Beijing and the final night of your journey.

DAY 10: Board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Japan

Tokyo • Nagoya • Takayama • Kanazawa

Begin your independent journey in Tokyo, modern and culturally rich yet serene. Travel to the former post towns of Tsumago and Magome on the old Nakasendo Road. Ride the train through Japan's Alps and drive to hidden hamlets, ending in culturally rich Kanazawa.

DAY 1: Arrive in Tokyo, a city unlike any other — supremely modern and culturally rich, but interspersed with peaceful gardens.

DAY 2: Explore Tokyo as you choose. You may wish to visit the Imperial Palace Plaza; Meiji-Jingu Shrine; and Asakusa Kannon Temple, Japan's oldest. Art lovers can view the folk art collection in the inspiring Japan Folkcraft Museum (Nihon Mingeikan). Shop for the latest fashions in Roppongi and sample some of the many Michelin-starred restaurants.

DAY 3: Board the bullet train to Nagoya; then travel overland to the old post towns of Tsumago and Magome, once stops along the Nakasendo Road, a former “highway” that connected Tokyo and Kyoto.

DAY 4: Journey by train through the lovely valleys of the Japan Alps to Takayama, known as “Little Kyoto,” rich with traditional

timber-framed buildings. Sample regional brew at *sake* breweries, browse antique shops and enjoy the mountain cuisine.

DAY 5: Drive to the hidden hamlets of Gokayama and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go, whose thatched roof *gassho-zukuri* houses are rapidly disappearing from Japan's countryside. Enjoy lunch with a local family to learn what daily life was like in the not-too-distant past before continuing to Kanazawa, located on the Sea of Japan.

DAYS 6-7: Kanazawa, like Kyoto, escaped bombing during World War II, and many of its elegant tile-roofed houses are still intact. Once the domain of the Maeda clan, it was one of the wealthiest and most cultured cities in Japan. Visit the well-preserved, spacious estates of the Nagamichi *samurai* quarter and stroll along the elegant lattice-front teahouses of the former pleasure quarters. Shop for Kutani pottery, cherished for its bold and colorful glazework, and visit a gold leaf workshop where artisans still pound gold leaf by hand. Stroll the expansive grounds of Kenrokuen garden, one of the three most famous gardens in Japan. Its gracious elegance recalls the aristocratic living of days long past.

DAY 8: Board your onward or homebound flight.



Hotel Portfolio: China, Hong Kong & Japan

A selection of recommended hotels



THE PENINSULA SHANGHAI Shanghai, China

Opened in late 2009, The Peninsula Shanghai offers supremely comfortable rooms and suites. Inspired by the Art Deco period and “Golden Age” when Shanghai was the “Paris of the East,” this stylish new hotel provides a glamorous setting together with breathtaking views of the Bund, Huangpu River, Pudong and the gardens of the former British Consulate. The Peninsula Shanghai has a selection of five restaurants and bars offering a variety of menu choices. With an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, seven treatment rooms, two VIP suites, heat experiences and highly trained therapists, The Peninsula Spa by ESPA is a luxurious haven for both body and mind.



THE PENINSULA HONG KONG
Hong Kong, China

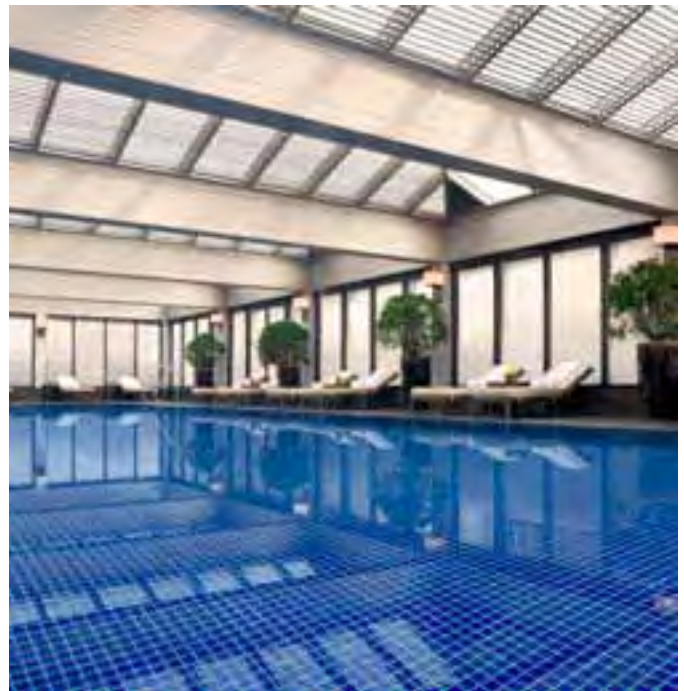
Having first opened its doors in 1928, The Peninsula Hong Kong is the “Grande Dame of the East” and one of the most legendary hotels in the world, offering elegant accommodations, stunning harbor views and innovative services. The décor throughout the hotel, including its rooms and suites, combines nostalgic charm with the most advanced technological innovations. Acclaimed restaurants, helicopter services, a fleet of Rolls-Royce limousines, a huge Roman-style swimming pool and The Peninsula Spa by ESPA all add to its appeal. The Peninsula Hong Kong is ideally located on the harbor in the center of Kowloon’s shopping and entertainment district.



THE PENINSULA TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan

The Peninsula Tokyo is superbly located in the prestigious financial district of Marunouchi, opposite the Imperial Palace and a three-minute walk from the shopping capital of Ginza. This gracious, free-standing hotel offers 314 spacious guestrooms, including 47 suites, five unique restaurants, a fitness center and The Peninsula Spa by ESPA. Modern and contemporary with Japanese accents, each guestroom blends traditional Peninsula standards of comfort and innovative technology. Offering a city retreat permeated by indulgence and deep relaxation, The Peninsula Spa by ESPA has eight treatment rooms, separate changing rooms, saunas and relaxation areas for men and women, indoor heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi, a fully equipped fitness center and a balcony overlooking the Imperial Palace Gardens.



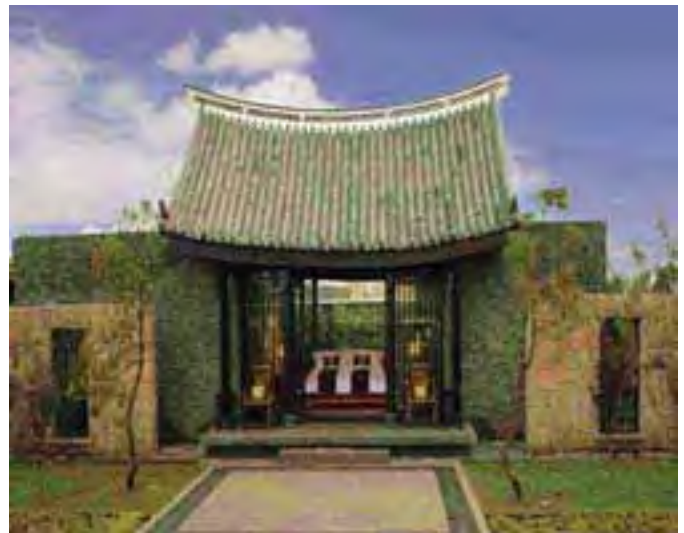
THE PENINSULA BEIJING
Beijing, China

The Peninsula Beijing is the perfect mix of sophistication and innovation. Indulge in rooms and suites equipped with state-of-the-art Peninsula technology yet subtly blended with Chinese influence. Experience the award-winning cuisine at stylish Jing, complemented by superb dining in the classical elegance of Huang Ting. The new Peninsula Spa by ESPA offers a range of treatments drawing upon Eastern and Western wellness and relaxation philosophies, emphasizing a back-to-basics approach with authentic treatments delivered by high-trained therapists. Located in the heart of Beijing, the hotel is within walking distance of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Museum of Chinese History.



HOTEL NEW OTANI
Tokyo, Japan

Surrounded by nature, Hotel New Otani is conveniently located in the center of Tokyo. Enjoy superb views of its renowned 10-acre Japanese garden with 400 years of history from floor to ceiling windows. The hotel is known for its contributions to the environment — cutting CO₂ emissions and recycling resources in its own compost plant. Executive House Zen, located within the hotel, is an entirely new brand concept of a luxury hotel. Its exclusive staff offers business support and concierge services around the clock.



BANYAN TREE LIJIANG
Lijiang, China

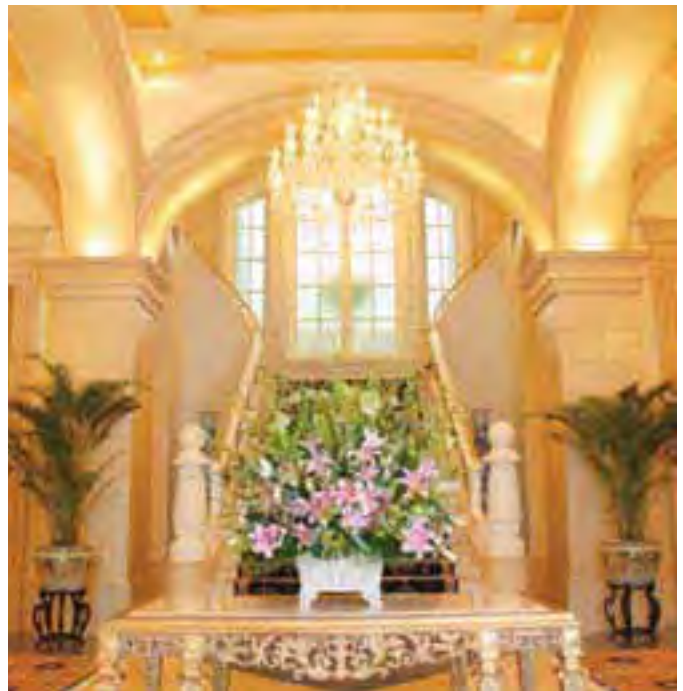
Explore the architectural intricacies of an ethnic Naxi household at Banyan Tree Lijiang. The hotel features luxurious villas that reflect the rich fabric of this locale through their design and furnishings. Created to inspire and provide the perfect setting for contemplation, each villa offers views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Shop for handicrafts at the Banyan Tree Spa, enjoy local cuisine at the Bai Yun or Ming Hue restaurants or sample some of the finest selections of tea in the tea lounge.



IMPERIAL HOTEL
Tokyo, Japan

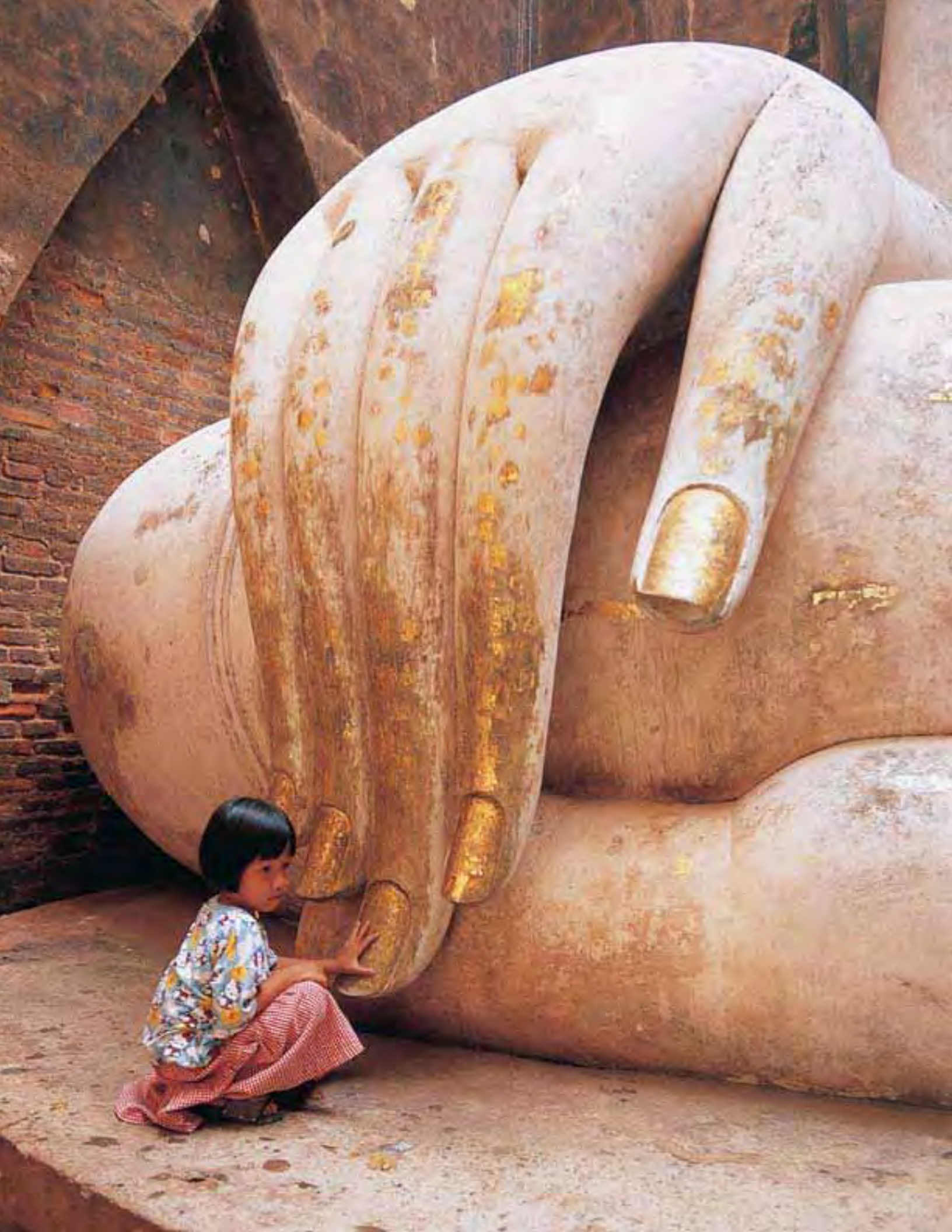
A one-of-a-kind Japanese landmark since 1890, Tokyo's world-renowned Imperial is a grand hotel in the very heart of this inspiring Far East capital city. It promises a tableau of stupendous dining, extraordinary accommodations and legendary hospitality. From a one-of-a-kind Frank Lloyd Wright Suite to an exquisite, classical tea pavilion and the serene, unstinting luxury of its premier Imperial Floors, the Imperial continually delights the eye, rewards the palate and soothes the spirit. After a busy day of sightseeing, enjoy luscious, star-studded cuisine by Chef Thierry Voisin in the lovely Les Saisons or unwind with a relaxing swim in the beautiful pool, enjoying breathtaking views of the vibrant city of Tokyo from floor-to-ceiling windows. Located just steps away from the Imperial Palace and the glamorous shops of Ginza, the impeccably managed Imperial Hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the Far East's most sophisticated destination.





RAFFLES BEIJING HOTEL
Beijing, China

Earning a place on *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2007 "Hot List," Raffles Beijing Hotel has long stood as an icon of Beijing's heritage. The 171 guest rooms and suites are some of the most spacious in the city, with beautifully appointed interiors featuring French and Oriental accents. Dine in one of the four restaurants offering a variety of cuisine created by award-winning chefs. Afterward, visit the Writers Bar, a tribute to the literary dignitaries who have stayed at the hotel, for cocktails, caviar and oysters. Take time to enjoy the 24-hour indoor swimming pool with adjacent spa tub that sits below a glass ceiling. The hotel's commanding French-infused colonnade façade that faces prestigious Chang An Avenue is just steps from Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. It backs onto historic blocks full of stately homes and lush, beautifully maintained parks, making it an idea location from which to explore the city.



Thailand, Myanmar, Indochina & Indonesia

In most of Southeast Asia, devotion to Buddhism is reflected in every facet of life — in silent, statuesque mountains, mist that hovers over tranquil lakes and pagodas that stand guard over their communities. Even so, the nations of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia are varied in histories and are evolving into very different countries.

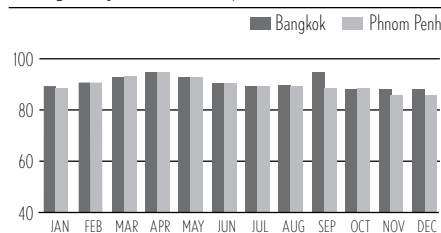
Thailand is well-known for its bustling *klongs* and markets in Bangkok and world-class beaches and resorts. Cambodia and Vietnam have weathered a tumultuous past, yet they are making their way into the 21st century while preserving ancient traditions and showcasing Khmer heritage.

Laos is a beautiful country that often seems to have stopped time, much like its neighbor Myanmar, whose borders have just recently opened to Western travellers. Indonesia offers some of the most tranquil resorts and exotic cultures in the world.



THAILAND / CAMBODIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



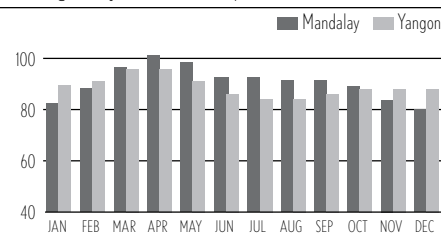
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 12 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders to Thailand. Visa required for U.S. passport holders to Cambodia.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

MYANMAR

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



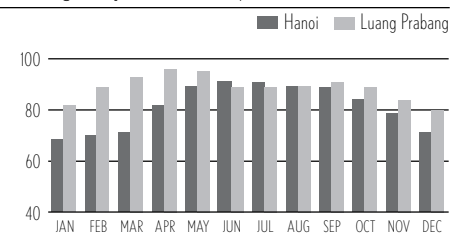
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 11 hours and 30 minutes

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

VIETNAM / LAOS

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 12 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Wonders of Thailand & Cambodia

DISCOVERY SERIES

13 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Friday | Limited to 24 passengers



A Cambodian *apsara* dancer in her ornate costume



See the often-missed exhibit of royal regalia at the Grand Palace • Paint with elephants in Chiang Mai with your own private *mahout* (elephant trainer) • Take a private boat trip on Tonle Sap • Visit a local orphanage in Siem Reap • Privately tour Bangkok's Prasart Museum, home to ancient Thai artifacts • Sip local Thai wine as the sun sets on the Golden Triangle

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Bangkok, Thailand

Depart on an overnight flight to Bangkok.

DAY 2: Bangkok

Bangkok is a unique city with a fascinating waterborne life, where business is often carried out on the intricate systems of *klongs* (canals). Divided in two by the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok proper is on the east side and Thonburi on the west; your hotel is ideally located on the shores of the river. *The Peninsula Bangkok*

DAY 3: Bangkok

Begin your day with a private visit to the Prasart Museum. Located in a lush tropical garden, the museum houses replicas of traditional buildings, including a golden teak palace inspired by the royal residence, a Sukhothai Period teak library, a Chinese temple and water garden, a Khmer shrine and a 19th-century European-style mansion. Later, join fellow travellers for cocktails and dinner to welcome the start of your exciting adventure.

The Peninsula Bangkok B L D

DAY 4: Bangkok

This morning, you have the opportunity to make a food offering to the monks and receive a blessing of good karma in return.

Then cruise along Bangkok's famous canals. As your long-tail boat travels along the hidden *klongs* of the Chao Phaya River, discover the unspoiled way of life of the people who live along her banks. Continue to visit the Grand Palace and Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Your afternoon is at leisure. *The Peninsula Bangkok B L*

DAY 5: Bangkok/Chiang Rai

Fly to Chiang Rai, founded in 1262 by King Mengrai as the nation's first independent kingdom. Transfer to your resort located in the picturesque Golden Triangle, the area where Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. In the afternoon, head to Chiang Saen where you board a boat for a cruise on the Khong River. Gazing from the bow of your riverboat, take in the breathtaking view over three countries as you pass through the Golden Triangle.

Anantara Golden Triangle Resort & Spa B

DAY 6: Chiang Rai

Spend a full day exploring the hill tribe area, the mountainous northern border district of Mae Sai and Doi Tung, where members of the semi-nomadic ethnic minorities live. After lunch, visit the fascinating Opium Museum. *Anantara Golden Triangle Resort & Spa B L*

DAY 7: Chiang Rai/Chiang Mai

Depart overland for Chiang Mai, visiting a hill tribe village en route. Caught somewhere between the sixth and 20th centuries, the hill tribe people are gradually being assimilated into modern Thai life. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy your luxurious resort. This evening, shop for silks, clothing, handicrafts and other treasures at Chiang Mai's famous Night Market.

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai B L D

DAY 8: Chiang Mai

Explore Chiang Mai by rickshaw and then visit Wat Phra Singh, a beautiful Buddhist temple complex. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the luxurious amenities of your resort.

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai B L

DAY 9: Chiang Mai

Spend the morning with elephants at the Mae Sa Elephant Training Camp. Learn to communicate with these gentle giants with the help of personal *mahout* training. Don an indigo blue uniform and learn the basic commands that enable you to ride, bathe and even paint with the elephants. After sampling the specialties of Chiang Mai cuisine at a local restaurant, return to your idyllic resort, where the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy as you choose.

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai B L

DAY 10: Chiang Mai/Bangkok/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Siem Reap to explore the astounding ruins of Angkor Wat, once the seat of the mighty Khmer Empire and now one of the world's great architectural marvels. Transfer to your elegant, historic hotel. *Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor B L*

DAY 11: Siem Reap

A guided tour of the vast Angkor complex includes a stop at Bayon, Ta Prohm and Preah Khan Temples. After returning to your hotel for lunch, explore Angkor Wat, the best-preserved and perhaps the grandest site of the Angkor complex. This evening, toast your journey with cocktails and a farewell dinner.

Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor B L D

DAY 12: Siem Reap/Bangkok

Visit a local orphanage this morning, followed by a boat trip on Tonle Sap. After lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. *Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport B L*

DAY 13: Bangkok/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

An independent extension can show you new sights in Laos, Myanmar, Bali or Singapore. See pages 70–71 or ask A&K about a Tailor Made extension created exclusively for you.

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

The February 21 departure offers the opportunity to experience Thailand and Cambodia from a woman's perspective. Ask A&K for details.



The ornate gilded exterior of Wat Prathat Doi Suthep



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Oct	Jan - Feb Nov - Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 6,390	\$ 6,690
Single supplement	\$ 1,660	\$ 1,945
Internal airfare Bangkok/Chiang Rai; Chiang Mai/Bangkok/ Siem Reap/Bangkok Economy class	from \$ 675	

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 03 - 15	Feb 21 - Mar 05 [†]	Nov 28 - Dec 10
	Jan 24 - Feb 05	Oct 24 - Nov 05	Dec 19 - 31*
2011	Jan 02 - 14	Jan 23 - Feb 04	Feb 20 - Mar 04

*Holiday surcharge will apply.

[†]Journeys for Women departure; itinerary and price will vary.

Refer to page 15 for details. New dates and prices may apply in 2011.



Wonders of the Orient

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

15 Days | Departs Monday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 passengers



Incense burning on Thien Hau Pagoda's altar in Ho Chi Minh City



Experience traditional Chinese life firsthand with a cruise by *sampan* to the floating community of Aberdeen • Discover magnificent Angkor Wat with your expert guide • Explore the colossal Cu Chi network of connecting underground tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City • Watch the sunset over the Chao Phraya River during your private cocktail reception

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Hong Kong, China

Board your overnight flight to Hong Kong.

DAY 2: Hong Kong

Arrive in sophisticated Hong Kong and transfer to your hotel.
Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

DAY 3: Hong Kong

Begin your day at the busy Sheung Wan Market, which provides you with an authentic glimpse into the daily lives of the average Hong Kong resident. It offers some excellent shopping choices as well, with everything from local foods to tasteful trinkets to elegant furnishings. Afterward, take a tram ride to Victoria Peak for spectacular views of the city. Continue to the floating fishing community in Aberdeen on a motorized *sampan* cruise, where you once again have the opportunity to see local Chinese life up close. After a traditional *dim sum* lunch, your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers over cocktails and a welcome dinner. *Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong B L D*

DAY 4: Hong Kong/Hanoi, Vietnam

Fly to Hanoi, the capital and political heart of modern Vietnam. Afternoon sightseeing includes a *cyclo* ride through the winding lanes of the colorful Old Quarter. Tonight, enjoy a performance of traditional water puppetry, for which Hanoi is famous.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D

DAY 5: Hanoi

Today's sightseeing reflects the cultural link between Europe and Vietnam. Hanoi still retains pockets of French colonial architecture, while café culture flourishes, lending the city a sophisticated European flare. Spend the day visiting its essential sights, including Ho Chi Minh's house and One-Pillared Pagoda, which was built in 1049 in the shape of the symbolic lotus flower. After lunch, visit the Fine Arts Museum, housed in a building that once served as the French Ministry of Information. It holds both ancient and modern works of art. Finally, stroll the halls and gardens of the Confucian Temple of Literature. *Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D*

DAY 6: Hanoi

Choose your ✨ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** option from the activities presented at the end of the itinerary.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D

DAY 7: Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City

Fly this morning to the largest and most vibrant city in Vietnam. Formerly known as Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City is a bustling hub of activity in sharp contrast to the traditional ambience of life in Hanoi and the far north. Visit the 19th-century Thien Hau Pagoda, the most important pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City, that serves as a site for prayers to the Buddha as well as to the Chinese deity Thien Hau Thanh Mau. Explore the surrounding neighborhood of Cholon, which is the city's colorful Chinatown and the largest Chinese district in all of Vietnam. *Park Hyatt Saigon B L D*

DAY 8: Ho Chi Minh City

Travel to Cu Chi, where an immense network of connecting underground tunnels provided Vietcong soldiers with a key tactical advantage during the Vietnam War. After lunch, return to the city to tour the Presidential Palace with a stop at Notre Dame Cathedral, a huge architectural monument with beautiful twin spires. Built between 1877 and 1883, it lies at the heart of the city.

Park Hyatt Saigon B L D

DAY 9: Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Siem Reap, a province located in the northwest of Cambodia. Capture your first glimpse of the fabled Angkor complex, one of the most important archaeological sites in all of Asia, known for its



Thai children wearing traditional clothing



A monk sitting in the doorway of Wat Xieng Thong

remarkable remnants of the different periods of the Khmer Empire. Your in-depth discovery starts at the well-known temple of Angkor Wat, which you explore until sunset. It is one of the largest religious structures in the world and still a thriving spiritual center.

La Residence d'Angkor B L D

DAY 10: Siem Reap

A full day of sightseeing at the Angkor complex begins at the South Gate of Angkor Thom and continues to Bayon Temple, considered to be the single most outstanding monument to Khmer culture. Then visit the unforgettable spectacle of Ta Prohm, a temple complex in the process of being swallowed by the surrounding jungle, its stonework grown over with creeping strangler figs. After lunch, travel to the isolated monument of Banteay Srei, renowned for its pink sandstone carvings. *La Residence d'Angkor B L D*

DAY 11: Siem Reap/Luang Prabang, Laos

Today, fly to Luang Prabang. Laos is a charming, slow-moving country that offers visitors an unparalleled glimpse of old Southeast Asia. Watch from the plane as the dense, lush rainforest below suddenly opens into a cluster of several colorful, gently sloping temple roofs — your first peek at one of the most beautiful cities in all of Indochina. Spend the day exploring this UNESCO World Heritage city that has recently been enjoying a face-lift on its colonial buildings, ancient temples and cobblestone streets.

A deeply spiritual city, the beautiful temples are a must-see. Among them, the magnificent Phoussy Temple located on Phoussy Hill presents a panoramic vista of the city. Tonight, you are honored with a Lao *baci* (welcome) ceremony.

La Residence Phou Vao B L D

DAY 12: Luang Prabang

Wake at dawn and watch the procession of saffron-robed Buddhist monks quietly walk down the streets of the city, accepting offerings from local people who then receive blessings of good karma by the holy men. If you are so inclined, feel free to take part in this ritual. Afterward, enjoy breakfast, followed by a visit to the Pak Ou Caves (only accessible by boat), known for their Lao-style sculptures of Buddha that were bestowed over the centuries by pilgrims and local residents. Visit Thamting and Thamphoum caves, followed by the beautiful Wat Longkhoun and the village of Ban Xanghai, known for its production of Lao liquor (rice wine).

La Residence Phou Vao B L D

DAY 13: Luang Prabang/Bangkok, Thailand

After a morning at leisure, fly to Bangkok, one of the most modern and vibrant cities in Southeast Asia. Bangkok was once called the “Venice of the East” for its famous canals, or *klongs*. The city’s temples are redolent with serene images of Buddha and Bodhisattvas; the streets and canals are alive with flower, fruit and vegetable stalls, bustling with activity.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B L

DAY 14: Bangkok

Select your  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** option from the box below. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Grand Palace, a complex of brightly colored buildings, golden spires and glittering mosaics, and one of the most beautiful examples of an ancient Siamese court. Nearby is the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Thailand’s most important and sacred temple. It houses the small but revered Emerald Buddha, made not of emerald but rather of green jade or jasper. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private cocktail cruise on the Chao Phraya River, followed by a farewell dinner.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B D

DAY 15: Bangkok/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — HANOI: Journey to scenic Ha Long, the “Bay of the Descending Dragon,” for a private cruise among its scenic grottoes and islands or relax at your hotel’s world-renowned spa.

DESIGN YOUR DAY — BANGKOK: Choose from an indulgent spa treatment at the world famous Oriental Spa or enjoy a round of golf at the fabulous Thai Country Club.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay with a three-night extension to Chiang Mai, featuring the Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, or select from one of our suggestions on pages 70–71.



Amazing Hong Kong at night



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jan - Mar	Oct - Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 9,695	\$ 9,995
Single supplement	\$ 3,525	\$ 3,705
Internal airfare Hong Kong/Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap/ Luang Prabang/Bangkok Economy class	from \$1,160	

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 11 - 25	Mar 08 - 22	Nov 01 - 15
	Feb 01 - 15	Oct 18 - Nov 01	Dec 13 - 27*
2011	Jan 10 - 24	Feb 07 - 21	Mar 07 - 21

**Holiday surcharge will apply.
New dates and prices may apply in 2011.*

Memories of Myanmar

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Friday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers



Nuns going to a temple in Bagan



Experience the serenity of the Myanmar countryside during private shore excursions on your 'Road to Mandalay' cruise • Reflect on your journey in the Buddhist monastery at the summit of Mount Popa, a dormant volcano • Float by hot-air balloon and watch the sunrise over the sand-colored stupas and pagoda-filled plains of Bagan

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Bangkok, Thailand

Depart on an overnight flight to Bangkok.

DAY 2: Bangkok

Bangkok is one of the most vibrant cities in Southeast Asia, distinctly modern while keeping its Eastern flavor. It has been called the "Venice of the East" for its system of canals, or *klongs*, traversed by distinctive long-tailed boats. The city is divided into two parts by the Chao Phraya River, with Bangkok proper on the east side and Thonburi on the west. Your hotel is ideally located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok*

DAY 3: Bangkok

Explore Bangkok by boat, stopping at the magnificent Grand Palace, a complex of brightly colored buildings, golden spires and glittering mosaics dating back to 1782, when the city was founded. It served as the official residence of the king of Thailand from the 18th century to the mid-20th century. Nearby is the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Constructed at the end of the 18th century by King Rama I,

this splendid example of Thai aesthetics and religious architecture houses Thailand's most venerated image, the Emerald Buddha, made of green jade or jasper. Tonight, join fellow travellers for cocktails and a welcome dinner. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B L D*

DAY 4: Bangkok/Yangon, Myanmar/Heho

Depart Thailand for Myanmar, a profoundly Buddhist country that has kept many of its ancient traditions. Your journey starts in Heho, the gateway to Inle Lake. The freshwater lake is set in the mountains of Myanmar's Shan State and is the second largest lake in Myanmar. It is also one of the highest in altitude. On arrival, travel by boat to your hotel. *Inle Princess Resort B L D*

DAY 5: Heho

Begin your day with a private cruise on Inle Lake and a visit to Phaung Dao U Pagoda. Next, admire the beautiful floating gardens that are typical of Heho. Afterward, watch the skills of local silk weavers at the Mya Set Kyar Ikat silk weaving factory. End your day at Ngapechaung Monastery. *Inle Princess Resort B L D*

DAY 6: Heho/Mandalay

Fly to Mandalay, the country's major commercial center. Board the newly renovated 'Road to Mandalay' for lunch before exploring the city's treasures, including Mandalay Hill, Shwenandaw Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda. 'Road to Mandalay' B L D

DAY 7: Mandalay/Bagan

After a tour of Sagaing, continue along the Ayeyarwady River aboard your river cruiser, en route to Bagan, the 11th-century capital of the country and one of Asia's most extraordinary travel experiences. 'Road to Mandalay' B L D

DAY 8: Bagan

More than 2,000 pagodas, temples and *stupas* (memorials commemorating Buddha or a Buddhist saint) cover the plains of Bagan, a treasure trove of Buddhist art history. Spend a full day exploring these incomparable treasures, returning for lunch on board between guided trips. Highlights include a visit to the 11th-century Ananda Temple, the best-preserved temple in Bagan, with four massive golden statues of Buddha and delicate murals depicting Burmese life from the 11th through the 13th centuries. 'Road to Mandalay' B L D

DAY 9: Bagan/Mount Popa/Bagan


Disembark and drive to Mount Popa, a dormant volcano. The Buddhist monastery at its summit makes it a popular pilgrimage site. Local superstition holds that wearing red or black on Mount Popa angers the mountain *nats*, or spirits. Return to Bagan this evening.

Bagan Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort/Aureum Palace Hotel B L D

DAY 10: Bagan/Yangon

Take an early morning balloon ride over Bagan, watching the sun illuminate the gold and sand-colored *stupas* that stretch out as far as the eye can see. Then fly to Yangon, a handsome city where contemporary and colonial Myanmar continue to co-exist decades after British departure. Visit the Shwedagon Pagoda, a fantasy of golden *stupas*, serene Buddhas and mythical beasts. Continue your visit to the third-century BC Sule Pagoda. *The Strand B L D*

DAY 11: Yangon

This morning, visit Bago. In the afternoon,  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** with the activity of your choice from the box below. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. *The Strand B L D*

DAY 12: Yangon/Bangkok

An early afternoon flight takes you to Bangkok, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B*

DAY 13: Bangkok/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — YANGON: Stroll with a guide through Scott Market to shop for gems, jade or clothing or discover more of Myanmar's Buddhist heritage at the Reclining Buddha, the National Museum and Botataung Pagoda.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Discover more of Asia with an extension to Laos, Bali or Singapore. See pages 70-71 for details, or ask A&K about a Tailor Made extension created exclusively for you.



An example of ornate Buddhist statuary in Mandalay



PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Superior Cabin	Deluxe Cabin	State Cabin	Single Cabin
Double occupancy	\$ 8,440	\$ 9,095	\$ 9,965	\$ 10,315
Single supplement	\$ 2,415	\$ 2,910	\$ 4,640	N/A

Internal airfare Bangkok/Yangon/Heho/Mandalay; Bagan/Yangon/Bangkok Economy class from \$ 980

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 15 - 27	Feb 26 - Mar 10	Nov 12 - 24
	Jan 29 - Feb 10	Oct 15 - 27	Dec 18 - 30*
2011	Jan 07 - 19	Jan 28 - Feb 09	Mar 25 - Apr 06

*Holiday surcharge will apply. Departs Saturday, returns Thursday. New dates and prices may apply in 2011.

Images of Indochina

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 passengers



Perfume River, Vietnam



At Thailand's Grand Palace, discover hidden treasures in an often-missed exhibit of royal regalia, decorations and coins • Watch the sunset illuminate the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat • Visit Ta Prohm in the golden light of sunrise, before other visitors arrive for the day • Savor the beauty of Hoi An with a boat trip at sunset • Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter on a *cyclo*

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/ Bangkok, Thailand

Depart on an overnight flight to Bangkok and transfer to your legendary hotel on the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok

DAY 3: Bangkok

Begin your exploration of this modern Southeast Asian city by visiting the Grand Palace. The compound includes more than 100 colorful buildings; golden spires; mosaics; and the Wat Phra Kaew, Thailand's most important shrine, where the Emerald Buddha is kept. Little is known about this statue, except that it is actually made of green jade or jasper. This evening, join fellow travellers at a festive welcome cocktail party and dinner.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B L D


DAY 4: Bangkok/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Siem Reap and enjoy VIP treatment as you are whisked through immigration and customs, as A&K takes care of all the details. Transfer to your historic hotel, have lunch at a restaurant

of your choice and then set off for an afternoon of exploration with your expert guide. Discover Angkor Thom, Bayon Temple, and the Elephant and Leper King Terraces — all timeless examples of Khmer engineering and artistry.

Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor B L D

DAY 5: Siem Reap

Travel early this morning to Ta Prohm, entangled in the jungle and one of the most photographed temples of the Angkor complex, as it is bathed in the golden light of sunrise. You can explore the temple at leisure and take winning photographs before other visitors arrive for the day. Then stop at two less-visited areas: Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre.  Also visit Sam's Brothers Clean Water Project, an A&K Philanthropy project that endeavors to provide clean drinking water to rural villages. After lunch, explore Angkor Wat — one of the wonders of the world and a masterpiece from the Khmer Empire. *Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor B L D*

DAY 6: Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, a beautiful mélange of French colonial and Southeast Asian styles. After lunch, wander the city’s colorful Chinatown and explore the Thien Hau Pagoda, the most important pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City. It serves for prayers to the Buddha as well as to the Chinese deity Thien Hau Thanh Mau. *Park Hyatt Saigon B L*

DAY 7: Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, explore the Cu Chi Tunnel network, a key Vietcong resource during the Vietnam War. These tunnels, which total hundreds of miles in length, once housed storage rooms, makeshift hospitals and sleeping quarters that accommodated rebel fighters for up to two weeks at a time. ☀️ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** this afternoon with the activity of your choice, selected from the options below.

Park Hyatt Saigon B L

DAYS 8-9: Ho Chi Minh City/Danang/Hoi An

Arrive in Danang and continue to The Nam Hai, an award-winning resort on pristine China Beach. After lunch, visit the small traditional town of Hoi An and enjoy a sunset boat trip. You have a chance to view the daily lives of the local people up close. The next day is yours to enjoy the amenities of your spacious, luxurious villa.

The Nam Hai B L D

DAY 10: Hoi An/Danang/Hanoi

Arrive in charming Hanoi, the cultural heart of Vietnam that still bears the traces of centuries of changing cultures and dynasties. This evening, enjoy a traditional water puppetry show.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D

DAY 11: Hanoi

Visit Ho Chi Minh’s residence, a simple two-story wooden house located among banyan, frangipani, poinciana and milkweed trees. Continue to the lotus-shaped One Pillared Pagoda, dating back to the first Vietnamese empire independent from China in the 11th century; the Quanh Tanh Temple, housing a huge bronze bell; and the Fine Arts Museum. Later, travel by *cyclo* through the Old Quarter. *Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D*

DAY 12: Hanoi

☀️ **DESIGN YOUR DAY** from the options presented below. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L D

DAY 13: Hanoi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — HO CHI MINH CITY: Visit the Presidential Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral or embark on a guided shopping expedition in Ho Chi Minh City.

DESIGN YOUR DAY — HANOI: Journey to scenic Ha Long, the “Bay of the Descending Dragon,” for a private cruise among its scenic grottoes and islands or take a morning cooking lesson, followed by shopping in the afternoon.



A&K PHILANTHROPY: Visit well construction sites, interact with community members or visit communities needing wells.



Shopping in a Vietnamese fruit and vegetable market



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 7,520
Single supplement	\$ 2,975
Internal airfare Bangkok/Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh City/Danang/Hanoi	
Economy class	from \$ 620

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 13 - 25	Mar 10 - 22	Oct 27 - Nov 08
	Jan 27 - Feb 08	Mar 24 - Apr 05	Dec 01 - 13
	Feb 10 - 22	Sep 29 - Oct 11	Dec 15 - 27*
	Feb 24 - Mar 08		
2011	Jan 12 - 24	Feb 09 - 21	Mar 09 - 21
	Jan 26 - Feb 07	Feb 23 - Mar 07	Mar 23 - Apr 04

**Holiday surcharge will apply.
New dates and prices may apply in 2011.*

Southeast Asia Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to create your own itinerary.



MYANMAR

The 'Road To Mandalay' offers a luxurious and elegant way to cruise through the country's most spectacular sights.

DAY 1: Yangon, Myanmar

Arrive in Yangon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. *The Strand D*

DAY 2: Yangon

A full day of sightseeing includes a sunset stop at the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda, gilded with eight tons of gold and believed by Buddhists to be more than 2,500 years old.

The Strand B L

DAY 3: Yangon/Mandalay

Board the 'Road To Mandalay' river cruiser, operated by Orient-Express. Meet your crew and set out on your voyage down the Ayeyarwady River. *'Road To Mandalay' B L D*

DAYS 4-5: Mandalay/Bagan

Visit the temples and monasteries in Sagaing and the Ayeyarwady River plains with an escorted sunset stroll through Bagan's temple areas. *'Road To Mandalay' B L D*

DAY 6: Bagan/Yangon/Bangkok, Thailand

Fly to Bangkok and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport B

DAY 7: Depart Bangkok

Transfer to the airport and board your onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy from \$ 4,225

Internal airfare Yangon/Bangkok
Economy class from \$ 320



LAOS

Peaceful Luang Prabang is the centerpiece of Laos, blessed with great natural beauty and a wealth of historic architecture.

DAY 1: Luang Prabang, Laos

Arrive in charming Luang Prabang, once the royal capital of the Kingdom of Laos. Stroll through the grounds of Phoussy Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before taking the brisk 328-step climb to the peak of Phoussy Hill for a spectacular sweeping view over Luang Prabang. Take part in the *baci*, a time-honored Lao welcoming ceremony that is meant to bestow the protective power of the spirits on the visitor. *La Residence Phou Vao*

DAY 2: Luang Prabang

Participate in a food offering to the local Buddhist monks. Explore the sacred Pak Ou Buddhist caves, a weaving village and the royal temple of Vat Longkhoun.

La Residence Phou Vao B L

DAY 3: Depart Luang Prabang

This morning, view the collection of the Royal Palace Museum, part of the sprawling Grand Palace estate, and stop at the local market. Your journey concludes when you are transferred to the airport to board your onward flight. *B L*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy from \$ 1,335



BALI

Hindu temples, verdant rice terraces, azure water and gracious people create the most magical of island holiday adventures.

DAY 1: Ubud, Bali

On arrival at the Denpasar Airport you are met and transferred to Ubud, Bali's capital of art and culture. Enjoy the romantic atmosphere and stunning setting of your delightful resort.

Kupu Kupu Barong

DAY 2: Ubud

Spend a day among the artisans and architecture to immerse yourself in the traditions that embody any visit to Ubud.

Kupu Kupu Barong B L

DAY 3: Ubud/Jimbaran

Leave the verdant hills behind and head to the beach and the elegant Four Seasons, a tropical wonderland.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay B

DAYS 4-5: Jimbaran

Set off with your guide for a day of discovery: the temples at Uluwatu and Tanah Lot, the artistic highlights of the Bali Museum and shopping at Kuta Market.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay B (L Day 4)

DAY 6: Depart Bali

Today you are met and transferred to the Denpasar Airport for your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,930



SINGAPORE

An island of true diversity, Singapore is home to Chinatown, Little India and Malaysian fishing villages.

DAY 1: Singapore

On arrival in Singapore you are met and transferred to your legendary hotel. *Raffles Hotel Singapore*

DAY 2: Singapore

Visit the Botanic Gardens and explore Chinatown, known as Niu Che Shui in Chinese. Then stroll around Little India, the colorful center for the large Indian community. Take a bumboat ride along the Singapore River to the spot where Sir Stamford Raffles first landed and explore the Asian Civilizations Museum. *Raffles Hotel Singapore B*

DAY 3: Singapore

A cable car takes you to Sentosa Island, which means "isle of tranquility" in Malay. Experience Images of Singapore, a museum that portrays the history of Singapore from its days as a fishing village to the metropolitan city-state it is today. Visit Carlsberg Sky Tower for panoramic views and conclude your sightseeing at Underwater World, showcasing the rich variety of local marine life. From here, go on a "voyage to the bottom of the sea." *Raffles Hotel Singapore B*

DAY 4: Depart Singapore

Board your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$ 2,480



Signature Thailand & Cambodia

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



13 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Bangkok, Thailand

Depart on an overnight flight, arriving in Thailand's capital city of Bangkok. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok*

DAY 3: Bangkok

Begin your sightseeing on Bangkok's famous *klongs* (canals) and then visit the Grand Palace. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B L*

DAY 4: Bangkok

Travel outside the city to the Prasart Museum and join Mr. Prasart Vangsakul for a private tour of his personal collection. *Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok B L*

DAYS 5-6: Chiang Rai

Fly to the remote village of Chiang Rai, where you spend two secluded nights. Your sightseeing includes the Opium Museum and a river tour with visits to remote villages.

Anantara Golden Triangle Resort & Spa B (Day 6: L)

DAY 7: Chiang Rai/Chiang Mai

After breakfast, travel overland to Chiang Mai to settle in to your idyllic resort. This evening, shop at the famous Night Market — a kaleidoscope of crafts, merchants, entertainment and local food carts. *Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai B L*

DAYS 8-9: Chiang Mai

Enjoy the natural and cultural charms of Chiang Mai, including a private *mahout* training session with elephants. Travel by rickshaw on a city tour and visit Waroros Market, teeming with food, flowers and silks. Spend time at Wat Phra Singh, Chiang Mai's principal monastery and home to Phra Buddha Sing.

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai B

DAY 10: Chiang Mai/Bangkok/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Siem Reap for your first experience in the Angkor complex. Once the heart of the Khmer empire, this collection of temples and monuments is one of the world's great architectural treasures.

La Residence d'Angkor B

DAY 11: Siem Reap

Spend the morning on a guided tour of the Angkor complex, including its most renowned site, Angkor Wat. This afternoon, explore Preah Khan Temple and Ta Prohm, where strangler figs and other jungle vegetation are slowly reclaiming the site.

La Residence d'Angkor B

DAY 12: Siem Reap/Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok, arriving at your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport B

DAY 13: Bangkok/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*



The Khmer masterpiece, Angkor Wat in Siem Reap



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Apr - Oct	Jan 12 - Mar Nov - Dec	Jan 05
Double occupancy	\$ 5,765	\$ 6,065	\$ 6,335
Single supplement	\$ 1,960	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,490

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

Internal airfare Bangkok/Chiang Rai; Chiang Mai/Bangkok/Siem Reap/Bangkok
Economy class from \$ 710

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 05 - 17	May 04 - 16	Sep 07 - 19
	Jan 12 - 24	May 18 - 30	Sep 21 - Oct 03
	Jan 26 - Feb 07	Jun 01 - 13	Sep 28 - Oct 10
	Feb 16 - 28	Jun 15 - 27	Oct 12 - 24
	Mar 02 - 14	Jun 29 - Jul 11	Nov 02 - 14
	Mar 16 - 28	Jul 13 - 25	Nov 09 - 21
	Mar 23 - Apr 04	Jul 27 - Aug 08	Nov 23 - Dec 05
	Apr 13 - 25	Aug 10 - 22	Dec 07 - 19
	Apr 27 - May 09	Aug 24 - Sep 05	Dec 28 - Jan 09 '11*

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A&K RECOMMENDS ...

- Upgrade to the Four Seasons Golden Triangle in Chiang Rai. Ask A&K for details.
- An independent extension can show you new sights in neighboring Myanmar, Laos, Bali and Singapore. See pages 70–71 for our suggestions or ask about a Tailor Made extension created exclusively for you.



Signature Indochina

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



16 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Wednesday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/ Bangkok, Thailand

Depart on an overnight flight to Bangkok and transfer to your hotel. *The Peninsula Bangkok*

DAY 3: Bangkok

Explore the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. *The Peninsula Bangkok B*

DAY 4: Bangkok/Luang Prabang, Laos

Fly to charming Luang Prabang. Climb Phoussy Hill to visit Phoussy Temple and to enjoy a panoramic vista of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, you are honored with a Lao *baci* (welcome) ceremony. *La Residence Phou Vao B D*

DAY 5: Luang Prabang

Take part in a food offering to the local Buddhist monks. Sightseeing today includes stops at the Pak Ou Caves Thamting and Thamphoum, as well as Wat Longkhoun and the village of Ban Xanghai. *La Residence Phou Vao B L D*

DAY 6: Luang Prabang

This morning, explore the Royal Palace Museum, local market and Kuang Si Waterfall. Your afternoon is at leisure.

La Residence Phou Vao B L D

DAY 7: Luang Prabang/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Fly to Siem Reap. Begin your exploration of the treasures of the Angkor complex with Angkor Thom, Bayon Temple, Elephant and Leper King Terraces and Ta Prohm. *La Residence d'Angkor B*

DAY 8: Siem Reap

Explore two less-visited areas: Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Sunset finds you at Angkor Wat. *La Residence d'Angkor B*

DAY 9: Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. Visit the Thien Hua Pagoda in the colorful Chinatown of Cholon. *Park Hyatt Saigon B*

DAY 10: Ho Chi Minh City

Explore the Cu Chi Tunnel network, one of the most notorious battlefields of the Vietnam War. *Park Hyatt Saigon B*

DAY 11: Ho Chi Minh City/Hoi An

Arrive in Danang and transfer to The Nam Hai on pristine China Beach. Your afternoon includes a sunset boat trip in the small traditional town of Hoi An. *The Nam Hai B*

DAY 12: Hoi An

The day is yours to enjoy the amenities of your luxurious villa. *The Nam Hai B*

DAY 13: Hoi An/Hanoi

This afternoon, fly to charming Hanoi. Tonight, enjoy a traditional water puppetry show. *Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B*

DAYS 14-15: Hanoi

Visit Ho Chi Minh's house, One Pillared Pagoda, Quan Thanh Temple and the Fine Arts Museum. Later, travel by *cyclo* through the Old Quarter. On the next day, journey overland to Ha Long Bay for a cruise among its scenic grottoes and islands.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi B L

DAY 16: Hanoi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



The cascades of Kuang Si Waterfall in Luang Prabang



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	May - Sep	Jan - Apr Oct - Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 7,435	\$ 7,915
Single supplement	\$ 3,395	\$ 3,840
<i>Solo traveller price is available upon request.</i>		

Internal airfare Bangkok/Luang Prabang/Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh City/Danang/Hanoi
Economy class from \$ 1,005

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 05 - 20	Mar 16 - 31	Oct 19 - Nov 03
	Jan 12 - 27	Apr 06 - 21	Nov 09 - 24
	Jan 19 - Feb 03	May 18 - Jun 02	Nov 16 - Dec 01
	Feb 02 - 17	Jun 15 - 30	Nov 30 - Dec 15
	Feb 09 - 24	Jul 13 - 28	Dec 07 - 22
	Feb 16 - Mar 03	Aug 10 - 25	Dec 14 - 29
	Feb 23 - Mar 10	Sep 14 - 29	Dec 21 - Jan 05 '11
	Mar 02 - 17	Oct 05 - 20	Dec 28 - Jan 12 '11*
	Mar 09 - 24	Oct 12 - 27	

**Holiday surcharge will apply.*



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Indonesia

Singapore • Yogyakarta • Tana Toraja • Bali • Hong Kong

A *mélange* of religions, cultures and traditions, Indonesia's beauty is everywhere, from its lush mountain forests and emerald rice terraces to its stunning island retreats.

DAY 1: Arrive in Singapore and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: Enjoy a day out experiencing Singapore. Explore Little India and Arab Street, wander famous botanical gardens and sample the flavors of Singapore's varied culinary traditions.

DAY 3: Fly to Yogyakarta, the former royal capital of Java, a city steeped in classical Javanese culture and artistic traditions.

DAY 4: Experience the magic of Borobudur, the Buddhist temple fortress, in the early light of day. Then experience Yogyakarta's arts, including batik; *wayang kulit* (shadow puppetry); and *gamelan*, the haunting music of the royal court.

DAY 5: Travel to ancient Prambanan, the largest Hindu temple complex in Southeast Asia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 6: Fly to Ujung Pandang on the island of Sulawesi and transfer to Tana Toraja (Torajaland) where Christian, animist and Muslim beliefs create a unique local cultural tradition.

DAY 7: Explore the villages and experience the intriguing traditions of the people of Toraja, renowned for their elaborate funeral rites, burial sites carved into rocky cliffs and massive peaked-roof traditional houses.

DAY 8: Enjoy a final day amid the lush mountain forests and stunning local village architecture, believed to represent the prow of ancient ships that brought the people of Toraja from Cambodia.

DAY 9: After driving to Ujung Pandang, fly to Denpasar, Bali, and transfer to your island retreat.

DAY 10: Spend the day in Ubud, set amid the towering emerald rice terraces that seem to step to the heavens.

DAY 11: Enjoy the amenities of your lovely resort and experience the hospitality of the gracious Balinese people.

DAY 12: Fly to Hong Kong, the great port city of the Far East and your final stop on your journey.

DAY 13: Explore the herbal medicine markets, enjoy the views from the summit of Victoria Peak and sail the waters of Aberdeen before sitting down to a delicious *dim sum* lunch, a Hong Kong favorite.

DAY 14: Board your onward flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Myanmar

Yangon • Inle Lake • Keng Tung • Mrauk U • Yangon

On this customized private journey, you are in the heart of Myanmar's culture. Glimpse traditional village life, view magnificent pagodas and temples and traverse forested rivers, rolling hills, rice paddies and jungles.

DAY 1: Arrive in Yangon for an afternoon of sightseeing. Visit the Sule Pagoda and the Botataung Pagoda. End the day with the breathtaking sight of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

DAY 2: Fly from Yangon to Heho and travel overland to the beautiful Inle Lake region. This afternoon, visit Phaung Daw U Pagoda and the Jumping Cat Monastery.

DAY 3: Wander the Five Day market and then visit a silk weaving factory. Glimpse traditional village life in Nam Pan, and after lunch, cruise a densely forested river, reaching the magnificent pagodas of Indein on the hillside above Inle Lake.

DAY 4: Board a flight to Keng Tung and explore the old town.

DAY 5: Embark on a scenic drive to Loimwe, passing ethnic villages, forests and terraced rice paddies along the way. After lunch, visit Joe Phyu, a village of the ethnic Wa tribe, who are former headhunters and were expert opium producers. Then stroll through

numerous Akha ethnic villages. Return to Keng Tung, stopping en route at a Shan village to admire the wood-carved houses.

DAY 6: Wander through the bustling central market and later fly to Yangon to spend the night.

DAY 7: Fly to Sittwe and drive to Mrauk U. On the way, visit Mahamuni Pagoda in Kyauktaw.

DAY 8: Visit the 16th-century Shittaung Temple. Travel to Htutkan Thei, Andaw Thein, Thet Village and Koe Thaug Temple. This afternoon, explore the Mrauk U Museum and then climb the Haritaung Pagoda for a breathtaking sunset view of the rolling hills, medieval pagodas and quaint rural villages.

DAY 9: Travel by boat along the Lemro River, stopping for a picnic before entering the jungle-clad Chin hills. Observe Chin ladies with tattooed faces in Sin Ge, and then walk through the jungle to Kyee Chaung and Kone Chaung.

DAY 10: After flying to Yangon, your sightseeing includes visits to the inspiring National Museum and the Reclining Buddha. At 180 feet long and 53 feet high, it is one of the largest reclining Buddha statues in Southeast Asia.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Vietnam

Hanoi • Sapa • Ho Chi Minh City • Phan Thiet

Enjoy the full breadth of Vietnam, from the lesser-travelled, steep peaks and terraced rice fields of the north villages to Hanoi, the bustling political center, concluding your journey by relaxing on the shores of the South China Sea.

DAY 1: Arrive in Hanoi and settle in to your hotel. This evening, attend a traditional water puppetry performance.

DAY 2: Take in the essential sights: Ho Chi Minh's house, the One Pillared Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Enjoy a *cyclo* ride through the old quarter. Later, board an overnight train to Lao Cai.

DAY 3: Transfer overland to the remote and mountainous region of Sapa and your hotel. Embark on a trek along buffalo paths, trails covered with terraced rice fields and through several hill-tribe villages, home to Black H'mong and Dzay people.

DAY 4: Bargain with the locals at the Can Cau Saturday Market and then trek to Ban Pho village.

DAY 5: Arrive in Hanoi and then travel by private car to Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a private cruise along this beautiful coast.

DAY 6: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, a beautiful mixture of French colonial and Southeast Asian influences. Visit the Thien Hau Pagoda, the most important pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City, where prayers are offered both to Buddha and the Chinese deity Thien Hau Thanh Mau.

DAY 7: Explore the tunnel network at Cu Chi, one of the most notorious battlefields of the Vietnam War. After lunch, tour the Presidential Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral.

DAYS 8-10: Journey east to Phan Thiet, where you have three full days at leisure. Overlooking the South China Sea, this coastal town is home to stunning beaches, tropical forest, Sahara-like sand dunes, a beautiful harbor, ancient Cham buildings and one of Vietnam's finest golf courses. The coastal area surrounding Phan Thiet is dotted with quaint seaside villages and rural markets that you can explore and is an important fishing area. Just north, the villages give way to Cape Mui Ne's sprawling red sand dunes, offering great views of the town and countryside.

DAY 11: Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City to connect to your homebound flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Southeast Asia

By Private Plane

Bangkok • Luang Prabang • Bagan • Siem Reap • Ho Chi Minh City

See some of Southeast Asia's most impressive monuments, temples and shrines by small private aircraft. Explore Luang Prabang's colonial buildings, Bagan's Shwedagon Pagoda, the Angkor complex in Siem Reap and the *klongs* of Bangkok.

DAY 1: Arrive in Bangkok, a waterborne city of *klongs* (canals).

DAY 2: Morning sightseeing includes the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

DAY 3: Board your very own private plane (either a Beechcraft Super King 350 or a Hawker 850 XP) to the well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site of Luang Prabang, Laos. Spend the afternoon exploring the city's colonial buildings, cobbled streets and ancient temples, including Phoussy Temple. Tonight, you are honored with a traditional Lao *baci* (welcome) ceremony.

DAY 4: Wake at dawn and watch a procession of saffron-robed Buddhist monks accepting the offerings from local people, who in turn receive blessings of good karma. Visit the Pak Ou Caves, known for their sculptures of Buddha, and then stop at Wat Longkhoun and Ban Xanghai village that produces rice wine.

DAY 5: Explore the Royal Palace Museum, the local market and Kuang Si Waterfall. Your afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 6: Fly to Myanmar, a profoundly Buddhist country that has kept many of its ancient traditions. Begin in Bagan, where you explore the local market, as well as temples and pagodas that include Shwezigon Pagoda, Htilominlo Temple and Kubyaukgyi Temple.

DAY 7: Watch the sun illuminate the gold- and sand-colored *stupas* (Buddhist memorials) when you take a hot air balloon ride over Bagan. Then visit Mount Popa, a dormant volcano with a Buddhist monastery at its summit; the village of Minnanthu; and Sulamani Temple.

DAY 8: Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, once the heart of the Khmer empire. Visit the architectural treasures of Angkor Thom, Bayon Temple, Elephant and Leper King Terraces and Ta Prohm.

DAY 9: Explore two less-visited areas, Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre, and view Angkor Wat at sunset.

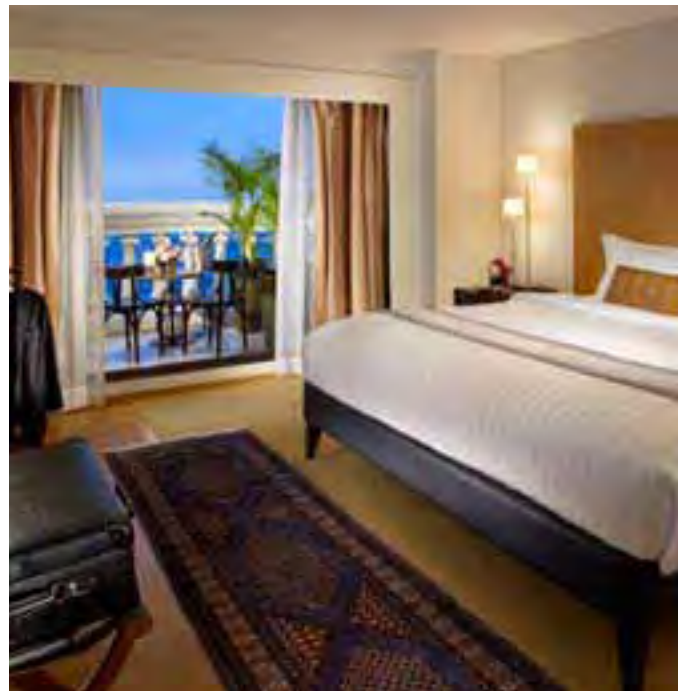
DAY 10: After a morning boat ride on tranquil Tonle Sap, fly to cosmopolitan Bangkok.

DAY 11: Board your homebound flight.



Hotel Portfolio: Southeast Asia

A selection of recommended hotels



LEBUA AT STATE TOWER Bangkok, Thailand

The all-suite hotel, lebua at State Tower, Bangkok, is a perfect embodiment of quintessential luxury. Every suite at lebua provides breathtaking views of Bangkok and promises its guests unrivaled hospitality. Featuring the most spacious suites in their category with Bvlgari room amenities, Petrossian delights in the mini bar, 330-thread count linen and an in-suite cooking option by its *Condé Nast* accredited chefs, lebua is certainly the place for discerning guests craving a taste of luxury. The hotel has received several accolades, including Overall Best Luxury Hotel in the World Luxury Hotel Awards 2008 and HAPA Signature Luxury Hotel by the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards 2008–2010. Apart from fabulous accommodation, lebua at State Tower houses internationally acclaimed restaurants under the name the Dome at lebua. The Dome includes celebrated restaurants like Sirocco, as well as Breeze, Mezzaluna and Distil, offering the perfect luxury dining venues within the enchanting environs of lebua.



SONEVA KIRI
Kood Island, Thailand

Exclusively and luxuriously appointed, Soneva Kiri offers intelligent luxury together with an unparalleled reputation for excellence and cutting-edge eco-concepts. The resort is located on a 102-acre site on Kood Island. Known for its spectacular tropical landscapes, crystal-clear waters and white sandy beaches, the location is one of the most pristine and untouched islands of Thailand. Soneva Kiri offers 29 pool villas along the beach front and on the hillside, plus Junior Beach and Cliff Retreats, the Private Beach and Cliff Reserves and the Eco Villa. The spacious and simple, yet sophisticated accommodations are enhanced by continually embracing innovations, resulting in the creation of unique experiences blending luxurious lifestyles with spectacular panoramas.



THE PENINSULA BANGKOK
Bangkok, Thailand

For style unsurpassed, The Peninsula Bangkok is a city resort with gracious Thai hospitality. Its serene garden pools, charming river boats and award-winning cuisine make a stay a truly uplifting experience. Voted Best Hotel in Bangkok for five consecutive years by readers of *Travel+Leisure*, The Peninsula Bangkok offers stunning panoramic river views. A magnificent three-tiered swimming pool, state-of-the-art fitness center and the acclaimed Peninsula Spa by ESPA offer a full-service oasis in the heart of the city. Hotel guests also have special access to the exclusive Thai Country Club golf course.



BANYAN TREE BANGKOK
Bangkok, Thailand

Located in the heart of Bangkok's central business and embassy district, with easy access to the shopping and entertainment area, the Banyan Tree Bangkok offers a wide array of leisure facilities for its discerning guests.



EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS
Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore

This classic rail journey recreates a style of travel lost to most visitors. Managed by Orient-Express, the E&OE travels between Singapore and Thailand via the River Kwai, Penang and Kuala Lumpur; you may join or leave at any main stop. The train's refurbished vintage-style carriages incorporate every modern luxury.



**PHULAY BAY
A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE**
Krabi, Thailand

Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve with 54 stunning villas, is situated in a pristine and secluded area of virgin forest. Villas have magnificent views of the mountains, beaches, clear blue sea and exotic islands. Relax in the spa and enjoy the variety of dining options.



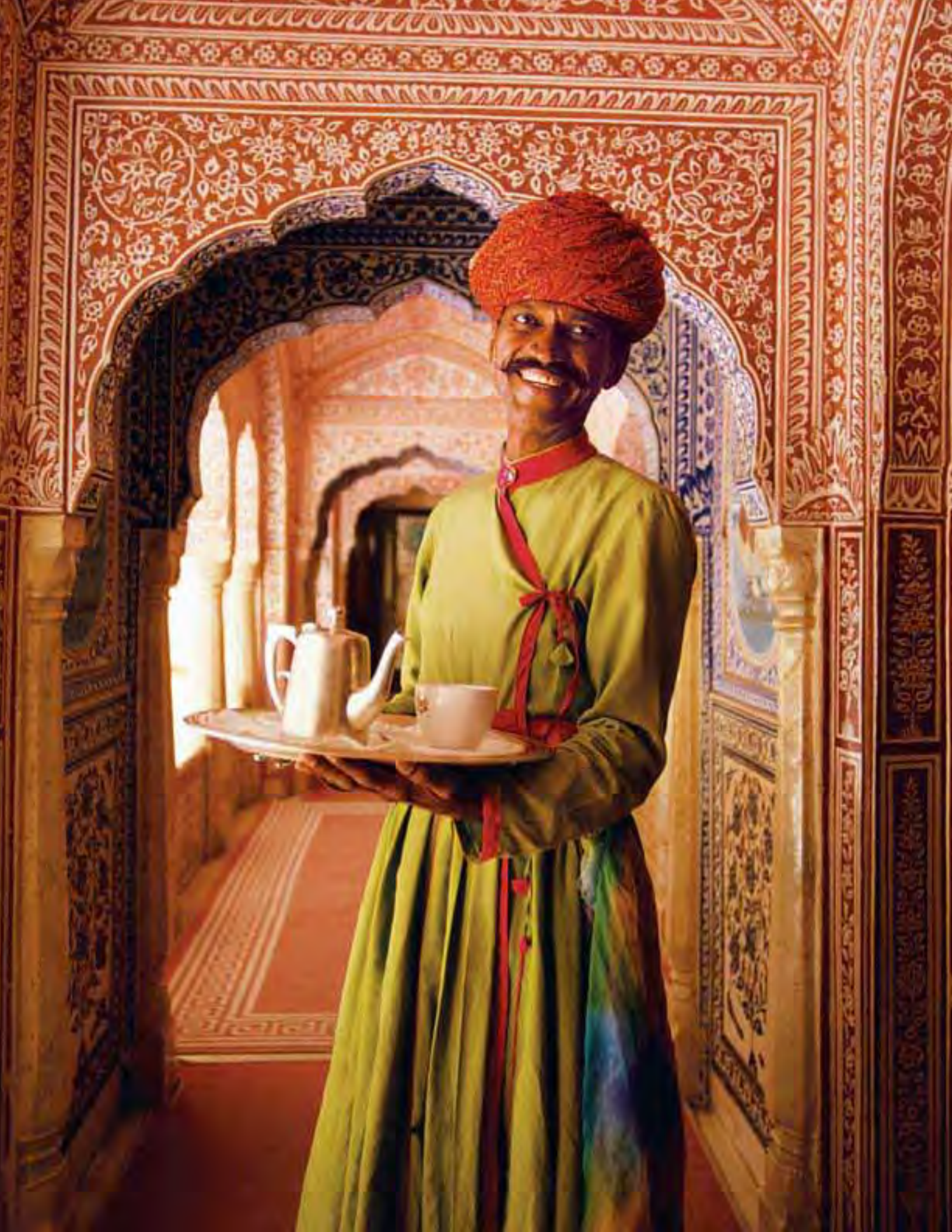
RAFFLES HOTEL SINGAPORE Singapore

Raffles Hotel, a legendary symbol for all “the fables of the Exotic East,” was established in 1887 and is one of the few remaining great 19th-century hotels in the world. This lovely hotel has been restored to the style its guests were once accustomed to and features 103 tastefully appointed suites. With its unique blend of a tropical garden setting and neo-Renaissance architecture, Raffles Hotel is one of the most memorable travel experiences offered today. Palm Court Suites are among those closest to the lush fauna of the hotel, lending an unmatched ambience of tranquility. With lofty 14-foot ceilings and elegant furnishings, including oriental carpets on the teak, marble and tiled floors, each suite exudes warmth and character and features private parlors and dining areas.



RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR Siem Reap, Cambodia

Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor was named by *Condé Nast Traveler* lists as one of the “World’s Best Places to Stay” five years in a row and granted the “World’s Best Service” award in *Travel+Leisure’s* Annual World’s Best readers’ poll in 2009. The hotel has 119 guest rooms and suites, each tastefully appointed with art deco, country-style furnishings and Cambodian *objets d’art*, reflecting the period architectural theme. Explore the exotic tastes of Royal Khmer cuisine at Restaurant Le Grand or international cuisine at Café d’Angkor, followed by a signature cocktail at the famous Elephant Bar. Established in 1932, the hotel is located on the edge of Siem Reap, only five miles away from the famous Angkor temples.



India, Bhutan, Nepal & Maldives

India's culture is a spicy mix, bringing with it boundless energy. Walk through the streets to see women in colorful *saris*, vendors with baskets of pungent spices in various shades of brown and gold and buildings flashing their filigreed façades. The sights, sounds and scents are certain to captivate you at every turn.

Bhutan shares a border, but it is more like a quiet cousin to boisterous India. For thousands of years, it was cut off from the "outside." Now Bhutan is opening its gorgeous vistas, peaceful farms and unique traditions to a select few lucky visitors.

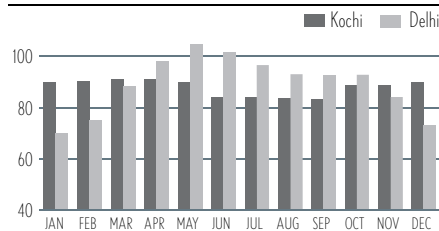
Nepal, deeply steeped in Buddhist and Hindu traditions, inspires visitors with its serenity — in the peaceful chanting of monks, the revered temples and the majestic Himalaya that stand guard from above.

If there is one place to unwind, reflect and recharge, it is the Maldives, with a pristine environment, glorious sunshine and white-sand beaches.

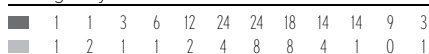


INDIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



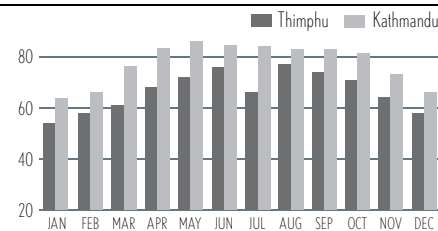
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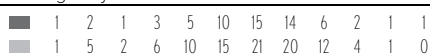
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

BHUTAN / NEPAL

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



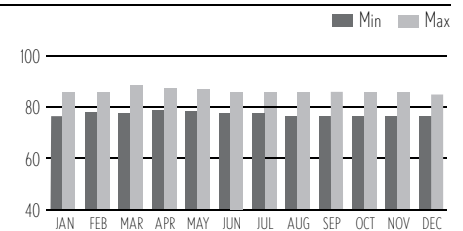
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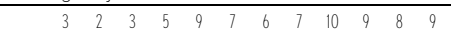
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MALDIVES

Average daily temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 11 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.



Treasures of Northern India

DISCOVERY SERIES

14 Days | Departs Friday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers



Women washing along the Ganges River



Cruise the sacred River Ganges at sunrise during morning worship at the *ghats* • Visit India's most significant UNESCO World Heritage Sites • Privately tour the Maharana's Crystal Gallery in Udaipur • Pay an exclusive visit to a *mahout* in a local Jaipur village and go for an elephant ride • View the spectacular Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset to see the colors change

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Delhi, India

Depart on your overnight flight to Delhi.

DAY 2: Delhi

Delhi is an ideal introduction to India's unmistakable vitality. Arrive at your hotel, conveniently located in an exclusive residential area.


The Taj Mahal Hotel

DAY 3: Delhi

Embark on a full day of exploration of Old and New Delhi.

Highlights include the Red Fort, which represents the pinnacle of Mughal architecture during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan (AD 1639); the Jama Masjid, the most important mosque in India; Chandni Chowk bazaar; and Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi on the banks of the Yamuna River. After lunch, visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Qutub Minar, the highest tower in India, and Humayun's Tomb, an early example of Mughal architecture. Meet fellow travellers tonight for cocktails and a welcome dinner. *The Taj Mahal Hotel B L D*

DAY 4: Delhi/Udaipur

 This morning, you have an opportunity to visit the Deepalaya School before flying to Udaipur. After settling in to your romantic hotel, board a motorboat launch (water levels permitting) for a lake cruise with views of Udaipur. Then visit the 17th-century Jag Mandir Palace, built for royal parties and functions on its very own island. The approach is fronted by a row of splendidly carved elephants. *Taj Lake Palace B D*

DAY 5: Udaipur

After exploring the City Palace along the shores of Lake Pichola, enjoy a private visit to the Crystal Gallery, located in Fateh Prakesh Palace. Continue to Sahelion Ki Bari, the "Garden of the Maids of Honor." The afternoon is at leisure. *Taj Lake Palace B L*

DAY 6: Udaipur/Jaipur

After a flight to Jaipur, begin an afternoon of exploration. Visit the spectacular outdoor Jantar Mantar Observatory that houses instruments for measuring and calculating the sun's position and

Treasures of Northern India continued

Hindu calendar. View Jaipur's most famous building, the pink sandstone Hawa Mahal or "Palace of the Winds," that allowed women of the court to watch life in the bazaar from behind stone-carved screens. *Rambagh Palace B L D*

DAY 7: Jaipur

Begin the day at the Amber Fort. An exclusive visit to a local village includes an elephant ride with a skilled *mahout*. *Rambagh Palace B L*

DAY 8: Jaipur/Agra

Journey through rural India, stopping at Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world. After arriving in Agra, attend the musical performance *Mohabbat-E-Taj*, depicting the epic love story of the Emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved Mumtaz Mahal. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B L*

DAY 9: Agra

Early this morning, greet the sunrise from the Taj Mahal. After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Agra, including a visit to the Agra Fort. At sunset, return to view the Taj Mahal, considered the world's finest example of Mughal architecture. Watch as the light dances off the crisp white marble and rich *pietra dura* (designs inlaid with colored stones). *The Oberoi Amarvilás B D*

DAY 10: Agra/Jhansi/Orchha/Khajuraho

Travel by express train to Jhansi, gateway to the abandoned Hindu temples of Orchha. After lunch, continue overland to Khajuraho. *Hotel Chandela B L D*

DAY 11: Khajuraho

Khajuraho is one of the most popular tourist spots in India, with the largest group of medieval Hindu and Jain temples in the country. These temples are famous for their erotic sculpture, as well as their depiction of life in all its forms. Spend a full day amid Khajuraho's exquisitely carved temples that pay homage in delicate detail to Hindu deities. *Hotel Chandela B D*

DAY 12: Khajuraho/Varanasi

After a morning at leisure, fly to Varanasi to explore the buried Buddhist city of Sarnath, where the Great Gautama Buddha gave his first sermon 25 centuries ago. Visit the ruins of a once flourishing monastery and a wonderful museum with an excellent collection of Buddhist art and sculpture. Tonight, join fellow travellers for cocktails and a farewell dinner.

Gateway Hotel The Ganges Varanasi B D

DAY 13: Varanasi/Delhi

Take a private sunrise cruise on the sacred River Ganges to view the *ghats*, the embankments of wide stone steps leading down to the water where locals and pilgrims alike cleanse themselves — literally and spiritually. Return to Delhi this afternoon. *The Taj Mahal Hotel B*

DAY 14: Delhi/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*



A&K Phil ANT hropy: Deliver supplies to the Deepalaya School in Delhi to help destitute and handicapped children.

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

The October 8 departure offers the opportunity to experience India from a woman's perspective. Ask A&K for details.



The unique Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Sep 10 - 23	Sep 24 - Oct 07	Jan - Apr	Oct 22 - Dec 03
Double occupancy	\$ 6,255	\$ 6,690	\$ 7,080	\$ 7,470
Single supplement	\$ 2,255	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,955	\$ 3,325

Internal airfare Delhi/Udaipur/Jaipur; Khajuraho/Varanasi/Delhi
Economy class from \$ 975

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 08 - 21	Mar 19 - Apr 01	Nov 05 - 18
	Jan 22 - Feb 04	Sep 10 - 23	Nov 12 - 27 ^o
	Feb 05 - 18	Sep 24 - Oct 07	Dec 03 - 16
	Feb 19 - Mar 04	Oct 08 - 21 ^t	Dec 10 - 23 ^o
	Mar 05 - 18	Oct 22 - Nov 04	
2011	Jan 07 - 20	Feb 04 - 17	Mar 04 - 17
	Jan 21 - Feb 03	Feb 18 - Mar 03	Mar 18 - 31

^oSpecial Pushkar itinerary; see page 89 for details.

^tJourneys for Women; itinerary and price will vary. Refer to page 15 for details.

^oAlternate itinerary and price adds Jodhpur and deletes Varanasi and Khajuraho. Contact A&K for details.

New dates and prices may apply in 2011.



Pushkar Fair with A&K

The Pushkar Fair is Mughal India on joyous display and the center of an incredible extravaganza.

Every November, a quiet country town in northern India transforms itself into the place where everyone wants to be.

Throughout the year, pious Hindus flock to Pushkar on pilgrimage to worship at Lord Brahma's temple on an auspicious day. A dip in the waters of Pushkar and a visit to the temple ensure Hindus eternal salvation. However, during November Pushkar becomes much more. Livestock traders curvy their finest horses and head for the annual camel and cattle sale. Tribal villagers, dressed in their dazzling traditional best, come together for a kaleidoscopic open-air festival filled with camel races, acrobats, fortune tellers, dancing and feasting. Everything from gaudy camel tassels to ancient gypsy dowry bags is for sale here.

Spend a full day with your expert A&K Tour Director and local guide enjoying the wonder and incredible photographic opportunities, or spend a quiet morning as you walk amid the gypsy campfires. Experience Pushkar Fair with A&K and choose from one of A&K's two itineraries ideally designed to match your personal travel expectations.



TREASURES OF NORTHERN INDIA – WITH THE PUSHKAR FAIR

Delhi • Udaipur • Pushkar • Jaipur • Agra • Khajuraho •
Varanasi • Delhi
November 12-27, 2010

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy	from \$ 8,110
Internal airfare Delhi/Udaipur/Jaipur; Khajuraho/Varanasi/Delhi Economy class	from \$ 975



ESSENCE OF INDIA – WITH THE PUSHKAR FAIR

Delhi • Agra • Jaipur • Pushkar • Jodhpur • Udaipur • Mumbai
November 10-26, 2010
(see pages 92-93)

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy	from \$ 11,300
Internal airfare Udaipur/Mumbai Economy class	from \$ 515

Journey Through Incredible India

DISCOVERY SERIES

15 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Saturday | Limited to 24 passengers



Cruising Kerala's backwaters aboard a rice barge



Cruise Kerala's rich backwaters on your very own private rice barge • Have lunch at a traditional spice plantation farmhouse with the owners • See the extraordinary birdlife of Vembanad Lake on an early morning nature walk • Visit remote villages in the Rajasthan countryside • View the Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset to see how the marble seems to change color in the light

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Kochi, India

Depart on a flight to Kochi, located on the west coast of India.

DAY 2: Kochi

Arrive in Kochi, India's city of peninsulas and islands and the commercial hub of Kerala. *Taj Malabar*

DAY 3: Kochi/Vembanad Lake

This morning, tour Fort Kochi, St. Francis Church, Dutch Palace and the Jewish Synagogue. After lunch, transfer to your individual *kettuvallam* (rice barge). Two boatmen using punting poles propel the palm-covered *kettuvallam* gently through the backwaters of Kerala, a truly unforgettable experience. *Houseboat B L D*

DAY 4: Vembanad Lake/Kumarakom

After breakfast, disembark the houseboat in Kumarakom at your next destination's jetty. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax at the resort, stroll along the shores of Vembanad Lake or enjoy an Ayurvedic spa treatment at your deluxe resort. *Zuri Kumarakom Kerala Resort & Spa B D*

DAY 5: Kumarakom

An early morning nature tour introduces you to both resident and migratory birds around the banks of Vembanad Lake. Then travel through lush backwaters by private boat to the Spice Plantation Farmhouse for lunch with the owner and his family.

Zuri Kumarakom Kerala Resort & Spa B L

DAY 6: Kumarakom/Kochi/Mumbai

Travel to Kochi for a flight to Mumbai. The afternoon is at leisure. *Four Seasons Hotel Mumbai B D*

DAY 7: Mumbai

A privately chartered cruise through Mumbai Harbour brings you to the rock-cut cave temples on Elephanta Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, visit the Prince of Wales Museum to view its excellent collection of ancient Indus Valley artifacts, in addition to priceless Tibetan and Nepalese art. Continue to the Gateway of India, an 85-foot-high arch on the harbor, and Mani Bhawan, the former residence of Mahatma

Gandhi. Here you see a reference library with more than 2,000 books, a photo exhibition of Gandhi's life and an old *charkha* (spinning wheel) that he once used. Afterward, view the colossal Dhobi Ghat, Mumbai's outdoor hand laundry.

Four Seasons Hotel Mumbai B L

DAY 8: Mumbai/Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur; then travel to the Aravali Hills to your spectacular fort-palace hotel. Enjoy an evocative visit to the temples of Eklingji and Nagda. *Devi Garh B D*

DAY 9: Udaipur

Spend a full day in the lovely city of Udaipur. Visit the City Palace; take a private tour of the Crystal Gallery; and visit Sahelion Ki Bari, the "Garden of the Maids of Honor." Later, cruise Lake Pichola (water levels permitting) and view the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Rajasthan desert. Your cruise also includes a stop at the island palace of Jag Mandir.

Later, enjoy a sunset camel safari in the Aravali Hills. *Devi Garh B L*

DAY 10: Udaipur/Jaipur/Alwar

This morning's flight brings you to Jaipur for a day of exploration. Visit the spectacular outdoor Jantar Mantar Observatory, which houses precise instruments for measuring and calculating the sun's position and Hindu calendar. View Jaipur's most famous building, the pink sandstone Hawa Mahal, or "Palace of the Winds." Then explore the Amber Fort and stop at a local Indian village for an elephant ride with a skilled *mahout*. After lunch, travel to Alwar and your spectacular resort. *Amanbagh B L*

DAY 11: Alwar

The morning is free to enjoy the facilities and activities of your resort. This afternoon, travel by resort Jeep to Bhargarh to view the splendid ruins of this now uninhabited city. Then proceed to the surrounding villages for a glimpse of local life. *Amanbagh B L D*

DAY 12: Alwar/Agra

Travel overland through rural India, stopping at Fatehpur Sikri, built to be Emperor Akbar's capital and palace in the late 16th century. Continue to the Bulund Darwaza, largest gateway in the world. This evening, visit the spectacular Taj Mahal at sunset.

The Oberoi Amarvilás B D

DAY 13: Agra/Delhi

After greeting the sunrise at the Taj Mahal, visit the Agra Fort. Then travel overland toward Delhi, stopping en route at Sikandra, the tomb of the great Mughal emperor Akbar. *The Imperial B L*

DAY 14: Delhi

This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi that includes a visit to Jama Masjid mosque and a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk bazaar, with views of the Red Fort and Raj Ghat. After lunch, visit Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, Rajpath and the India Gate. This evening, bid farewell to your fellow travellers over dinner. *The Imperial B L D*

DAY 15: Delhi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay in India with a journey to Varanasi; see page 99 for details.



The stunning Taj Mahal



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jan - Mar	Oct - Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 8,685	\$ 8,995
Single supplement	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,940
Internal airfare Kochi/Mumbai/Udaipur/Jaipur Economy class	from \$ 970	

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 02 - 16	Oct 02 - 16	Dec 04 - 18
	Feb 06 - 20	Nov 06 - 20	Dec 18 - Jan 01 '11*
	Mar 06 - 20		
2011	Jan 01 - 15	Feb 05 - 19	Mar 05 - 19

*Holiday surcharge will apply.

New dates and prices may apply in 2011.

Essence of India

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

15 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Thursday | Limited to 20 passengers



Decorated elephants outside the Palace of the Winds



Journey on an exclusive chartered cruise through Mumbai Harbour and explore the remarkable rock-cut cave temples of Elephanta Island • Visit the Jain pilgrimage town of Ranakpur and a Bishnoi village • Enjoy cocktails on a *gangaur* (royal boat) on romantic Lake Pichola • Privately view the Maharana's Crystal Gallery in Udaipur

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Mumbai, India

Depart on an overnight flight to Mumbai.

DAY 3: Mumbai


Arrive in Mumbai, where your room is available for immediate occupancy. This afternoon, visit the Prince of Wales Museum and the Gateway of India, an 85-foot-high arch on the waterfront. Continue to Mani Bhawan, the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi, and the colossal Dhobi Ghat. Tonight, join fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *The Oberoi Mumbai B D*

DAY 4: Mumbai/Udaipur

Privately cruise Mumbai Harbour to the rock-cut cave temples on Elephanta Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you ride a toy train to the steps leading up to the sculptures. Later, fly to Udaipur. *The Oberoi Udaivilás B L*

DAYS 5-6: Udaipur

Spend two days in the romantic, wistful and serene city of Udaipur. Visit the City Palace and take a private tour of the Crystal Gallery,

located in Fateh Prakash Palace. Stroll through Sahelion Ki Bari, the “Garden of the Maids of Honor.” Explore the temples of Eklingji and Nagda and have lunch at Devi Garh, a fort-palace hotel in the Aravali Hills. Take a private cruise to Jag Mandir on Lake Pichola (water levels permitting) and enjoy a private dance performance during dinner. Choose how you want to explore Udaipur further from the  **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options on the next page.

The Oberoi Udaivilás B D (Day 6: L)

DAY 7: Udaipur/Ranakpur/Jodhpur

Drive through the picturesque Aravali Hills to the Jain pilgrimage center of Ranakpur. More than 1,444 exquisitely detailed marble pillars support the temple. After lunch, continue to Jodhpur, once the capital of the former princely state of Marwar and an important stop on the ancient silk route. *Umaid Bhawan Palace B L*

DAY 8: Jodhpur

After breakfast, embark on a four-wheel-drive safari to the Salawas area and spend time with local potters in a Bishnoi village.

A wise local man observed that the famine was the result of the deforestation in the region and formulated a list of 29 rules (Bishnoi means “29” in the Hindi language) that form the basis of the Bishnoi philosophy. Explore the Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest forts in India, and Jaswant Thada, a 19th-century cenotaph. *Umaid Bhawan Palace B L D*

DAY 9: Jodhpur/Jaipur

After a morning at leisure, board a flight to Jaipur, known as the “pink city” for its abundance of pink plastered stone in its massive forts, magnificent palaces and exquisite temples. The pink color of the buildings was created to give the impression of the red sandstone buildings of Mughal cities. *The Oberoi Rajvilás B D*

DAY 10: Jaipur

Explore the Amber Fort, among the best hilltop forts in India. Its stern Mughal exteriors of white marble and red sandstone seem to grow out of the rugged hills. Afterward, head to a local village for an elephant ride in the company of a professional *mahout*. Then visit Jantar Mantar Observatory and view the Palace of the Winds. *The Oberoi Rajvilás B L*

DAY 11: Jaipur/Agra

Travel through rural India, stopping at Fatehpur Sikri. Built by Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the 16th century, “ruined” Fatehpur Sikri is in pristine condition, a fairy tale city built of red sandstone. Then stop at the Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world. After arriving in Agra, attend the musical performance *Mohabbat-E-Taj*, depicting the epic love story of the Emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved Mumtaz Mahal. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B L D*

DAY 12: Agra

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Agra, visiting two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the imposing Agra Fort, built of red sandstone and marble, and the Taj Mahal. Watch the breathtaking sunset over the Taj Mahal. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B D*

DAY 13: Agra/Delhi

After a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, travel overland toward Delhi, stopping en route at Sikandra, the tomb of the great Mughal Emperor Akbar. Celebrate an end to this fascinating journey with fellow travellers over cocktails and a farewell dinner. *The Oberoi New Delhi B D*

DAY 14: Delhi

Explore the cultures and contrasts of both Old and New Delhi. View the awe-inspiring Red Fort; pause at Ghandi’s memorial on the banks of the Yamuna River; and visit Humayun’s Tomb, a Mughal complex whose designs prefigured the Taj Mahal. *The Oberoi New Delhi B L*

DAY 15: Delhi/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight. *B*



DESIGN YOUR DAY — UDAIPUR: Visit a school of Mewar art for a session of miniature painting or attend a culinary demonstration of Rajasthani cuisine.

A&K RECOMMENDS

Extend your stay in India with a journey to South India or Varanasi; see page 99 for details.



An Indian woman showing tremendous balancing skills



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Sep	Jan - Mar	Oct - Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 9,335	\$ 9,595	\$ 10,315
Single supplement	\$ 3,475	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,365
Internal airfare Mumbai/Udaipur; Jodhpur/Jaipur Economy class			from \$ 660

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 07 - 21	Mar 04 - 18	Nov 04 - 18
	Jan 21 - Feb 04	Mar 18 - Apr 01	Nov 10 - 26°
	Feb 04 - 18	Sep 09 - 23	Dec 02 - 16
	Feb 26 - Mar 11	Oct 07 - 21	Dec 16 - 30*
2011	Jan 06 - 20	Feb 03 - 17	Mar 03 - 17
	Jan 20 - Feb 03	Feb 17 - Mar 03	Mar 17 - 31

°Special Pushkar itinerary; please see page 89 for details.

*Holiday surcharge will apply.

New dates and prices may apply in 2011.

Temples & Dragons of Bhutan & Darjeeling

EXPLORER SERIES

14 Days | Departs Monday, returns Sunday | Limited to 12 passengers



Buddhist actors at Tashichhodzong during the Thimphu Festival



Dine in Thimphu in the company of a Bhutanese dignitary • Participate in a traditional Bhutanese cooking demonstration
• Hike to the spectacular Taktsang “Tiger’s Nest” Monastery which juts out from a cliff 3,000 feet above the Paro valley
• Ride through some of Darjeeling’s most spectacular scenery on the fabled Toy Train

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Delhi, India

Depart on a flight bound for Delhi.

DAY 3: Delhi

After a morning at leisure, explore Old and New Delhi. Highlights include the Red Fort and the Jama Masjid mosque, both built by Emperor Shah Jahan; the Chandni Chowk bazaar; and Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi on the banks of the Yamuna River. Also, visit Humayun’s Tomb, a complex of Mughal-style buildings and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, join fellow travellers for cocktails and dinner. *The Imperial B D*

DAY 4: Delhi/Paro, Bhutan/Thimphu

A scenic flight to Bhutan offers a once-in-a-lifetime bird’s-eye view of the Himalayan peaks and Mount Everest. Arrive in Paro in time for lunch and a drive to the capital city of Thimphu, which has the largest population in the country. The architecture is colossal in style, with huge exterior walls surrounding a complex of courtyards, temples, administrative offices and monks’ accommodations.

Tonight, a Bhutanese dignitary joins you as guest speaker and host for dinner. *Taj Tashi B L D*

DAY 5: Thimphu

Visit the Textile Museum to view varying weaving styles from different parts of Bhutan. In earlier times, noble families kept their own weavers, and the products were traded within Bhutan. Stop at the Folk Heritage Museum and the School of Arts and Crafts. Spend time with the nuns of the Druptop Temple. Explore your first *dzong* — a distinctive type of fortress architecture found in the former and present Buddhist kingdoms of the Himalaya. This evening, participate in a traditional Bhutanese cooking demonstration. *Taj Tashi B L D*

DAY 6: Thimphu/Punakha/Thimphu

Drive over the 10,500-foot high Dochula Pass. This is the highest elevation on your journey, and the drive should provide some of the most breathtaking Himalayan scenery as well. After lunch, a short drive brings you to the Wangdi Phodrang Dzong and the

Temple of the Divine Madman (also known as Drukpa Kinley), a beloved Bhutanese saint and famous teacher. Continue your journey, dropping in elevation to sub-tropical Punakha, the former capital of Bhutan, at just 3,300 feet above sea level. Visit the 17th-century Punakha Dzong before returning to Thimphu.

Taj Tashi B L D

DAY 7: Thimphu/Paro

Begin your day with a visit to the lively market, followed by a display of archery with the local Bhutanese. Drive to Paro, site of one of Bhutan's oldest and most important temples, eighth-century Kyichu Lhakhang. Arrive at your hotel retreat late in the afternoon.

Uma Paro B L D

DAY 8: Paro

After breakfast, embark on a hike to the picturesque Taktsang ("Tiger's Nest") Monastery, which clings to a cliff 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Spend the day among the monks at this sacred pilgrimage site where the great tantric mystic Guru Rinpoche (also known as Padmasambhava) is believed to have flown on the back of the tiger to bring the teachings of the Buddhist Dharma to Bhutan.

Uma Paro B L D

DAY 9: Paro/Phuntsholing

Explore the National Museum, which was originally the Watch Tower of the Paro Rinpung Dzong. Continue overland toward Phuntsholing on a scenic drive through terraced fields with an en route stop at Kharbandi Gumpa. *Hotel Druk/Hotel Lhaki B L D*

DAY 10: Phuntsholing/Darjeeling, India

After breakfast, travel through rural Bhutan, crossing the border into India and the foothills of the Indian Himalaya as you make your way to Darjeeling. Once a holiday resort during the British Raj, this charming hill station retains its British flavor, with colonial buildings clinging to the slopes that provide awe-inspiring views.

Hotel Mayfair B L D

DAY 11: Darjeeling

Travel to Tiger Hill to see the sun rise over Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world. Visit Ghoom Monastery, home to the Gelukpa "Yellow Hat" Buddhist sect. Later, ride the narrow-gauge Toy Train in the emerald green valleys in the shadow of Kanchenjunga. *Hotel Mayfair B L D*

DAY 12: Darjeeling

A city tour of Darjeeling shows you the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the small but bustling market. Enjoy a private lunch at a tea garden estate. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner this evening. *Hotel Mayfair B L D*

DAY 13: Darjeeling/Bagdogra/Delhi

Return to Delhi for an evening at leisure.

The Imperial B D

DAY 14: Delhi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

This program contains some active elements; please refer to page 140 or ask A&K for details.



Bhutanese children in their traditional clothing



PRICE PER PERSON

	Balance of Year	Oct
Land arrangements		
Double occupancy	\$ 9,340	\$ 9,595
Single supplement	\$ 2,840	\$ 2,980
Internal airfare Delhi/Paro; Bagdogra/Delhi		
Economy class		from \$ 915

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Apr 05 - 18 May 03 - 16	Sep 06 - 19	Oct 04 - 17
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India: A Kaleidoscopic Adventure

FAMILY SERIES

13 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers



A woman and her child peering through a door of the City Palace



Visit the Dancing Bear Rescue Center to learn about the shy sloth bear and wildlife conservation • Learn to make child-friendly Indian delicacies and desserts when you are “junior chef” for a day • Dress in traditional *maharaja* or *maharani* costumes for an exclusive photo shoot • Join a special family treasure hunt at the Bada Mahal Wildlife Conservatory

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Delhi, India

Board an overnight flight to Delhi, awash with a colorful mix of people, aromas and tastes — from its dazzling palaces to its bustling bazaars. *The Imperial*

DAY 3: Delhi

This afternoon, join your guide to explore Humayun’s Tomb. From its terraces you have an excellent view over the surrounding countryside. Then visit the soaring Qutub Minar tower and see India’s first mosque, the Quwwatul-Islam Masjid. According to legend, if you can make your fingers touch while your back is to the iron pillar that stands before it, your wishes are granted. Drive past the Rajpath (the King’s Way) to the India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan, the president’s residence. Join the other families sharing your adventure at tonight’s welcome dinner. *The Imperial B D*

DAY 4: Delhi

Explore Old Delhi this morning, visiting the Jama Masjid, also known as the “Friday Mosque” for the Muslim day of worship.

The largest in India, its courtyard can hold 25,000 people. Then take a thrilling rickshaw ride through the narrow, winding streets of the Chandni Chowk bazaar, a historic shopping district. Continue to the Red Fort with its red sandstone walls and the Raj Ghat, the square platform where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated following his assassination in 1948. You and your family spend the afternoon exploring on your own, perhaps imagining how life was in the time of the Indian emperors. *The Imperial B L D*

DAY 5: Delhi/Agra

En route to Agra, visit the Dancing Bear Rescue Center to learn about the shy sloth bear and wildlife conservation in India. This evening, as the sun is about to set, climb into a horse-drawn carriage for a visit to the famous Taj Mahal, the eternal monument to love, built for the Empress Mumtaz Mahal by her husband, Shah Jahan. See how the white marble seems to turn a rosy pink from the reflection of the setting sun. Return to the hotel to have your future told by an astrologer before dinner. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B D*

DAY 6: Agra

Return to the Taj Mahal at sunrise when the colors change the marble's appearance yet again. Then go to the bend of the Yamuna River, almost in the heart of town, to visit the Agra Fort. Enter it through two enormous red sandstone gates and imagine how the moat that encircles it protected the three emperors who lived here in the 16th century. Tonight, your family attends an engaging live performance of the *Mohabbat-E-Taj*, a tribute to the love saga of Shah Jahan and his wife. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B L*

DAY 7: Agra/Jaipur

Stop at Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by Akbar as his palace in the 16th century. It is not hard to take yourself back in time to the days of imperial splendor when the Mughal emperor rode triumphantly through the Bulund Darwaza (Gate of Magnificence). Then observe trumpeting flocks of crane overhead as thousands of water birds forage in the shallows at the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary. Arrive by rickshaw or boat to see as many as 100 species of birds, including the endangered Siberian crane. *The Oberoi Rajvilás B L*

DAY 8: Jaipur

Embark on an exclusive elephant-back safari at a private farm behind the hills of the famous Amber Fort. Travel through villages, fields and hills in search of animals that could be lurking in the jungle: hyena, wolf, antelope and possibly jackal. Then visit the beautiful Amber Fort. This afternoon, young travellers become junior chefs when they don custom-made Rajvilás chef's aprons and hats and learn to prepare Indian delicacies and desserts. This evening, put on traditional Rajasthani costumes for an exclusive photo shoot. *The Oberoi Rajvilás B D*

DAY 9: Jaipur

Your sightseeing includes a photo stop at the famous Hawa Mahal, the pink sandstone façade of a palace built for the ladies of the harem. Continue to the City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, where you can view instruments to measure "the harmony of heavens." This evening, watch as brightly dressed wooden puppets come alive in a musical dance performance. *The Oberoi Rajvilás B L*

DAY 10: Jaipur/Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, a city built around shimmering, clear blue lakes. See the many balconies, cupolas and terraces of the City Palace; the collection of crystal ornaments, fountains and vases at the Crystal Gallery; and the beautiful lawns and flower-lined parks of Sahelion-Ki-Bari, the "Garden of the Maids of Honor." Tonight, embark on a motor launch cruise (water levels permitting) to Jag Mandir Palace, sitting on its own island in the middle of Lake Pichola. *The Oberoi Udaivilás B D*

The Oberoi Udaivilás B D

DAY 11: Udaipur

Explore the Eklingji and Nagda Temples. This evening, hunt for the treasure of the magic Indian doll (finder's keepers) at the Bada Mahal Wildlife Conservatory. *The Oberoi Udaivilás B L D*

DAY 12: Udaipur/Delhi

After a morning at leisure, board a flight to Delhi.

Trident Gurgaon B L

DAY 13: Delhi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the international airport for your homebound flight. *B*



A traditional welcome in Jaipur

**PRICE PER PERSON**

Land arrangements	Jul	Mar - Apr, Dec
Double occupancy	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,870
Single supplement	\$ 2,630	\$ 3,100
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,690
Internal airfare Jaipur/Udaipur/Delhi		
Economy class	child under 12 from \$ 310	adult from \$ 450

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 18 - 30	Jul 22 - Aug 03	Dec 16 - 28*
	Apr 01 - 13		
2011	Mar 17 - 29	Mar 31 - Apr 12	

*Holiday surcharge will apply.

New dates and prices may apply in 2011.

India, Bhutan & Nepal Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries – or modify them to create your own itinerary.



NEPAL

Explore temples and browse exotic shops before descending to Chitwan National Park.

DAY 1: Kathmandu, Nepal

After you are met and transferred to your hotel, enjoy an afternoon sightseeing tour of Swayambhunath.

Dwarika's Hotel

DAY 2: Kathmandu

This morning, tour the city and then drive to Bhaktapur. Time and weather permitting, enjoy an optional scenic flight over the Himalaya. *Dwarika's Hotel B*

DAY 3: Kathmandu/Chitwan National Park

Fly to Nepal's Chitwan National Park, where exploration begins with an elephant-back trek.

Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge B L D

DAY 4: Chitwan National Park

Spend the morning searching for the elusive Bengal tiger, the Asian one-horned rhino, gaur (Indian bison), sloth bear and leopard. *Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge B L D*

DAY 5: Chitwan/Kathmandu

After breakfast, drive to Meghauly for your return flight to Kathmandu. *Dwarika's Hotel B*

DAY 6: Depart Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport and board your onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy from \$ 2,890

Internal airfare Kathmandu/Meghauly/Kathmandu
Economy class from \$ 275



BHUTAN

View the gorgeous Himalayan vistas and revered temples in this country that was once hidden from the outside world.

DAY 1: Paro, Bhutan/Thimphu

Flying into Bhutan provides breathtaking views of Himalayan scenery. Arrive in Paro and transfer to Thimphu and your resort. *Amankora Thimphu D*

DAY 2: Thimphu/Paro

This morning's sightseeing includes the National Memorial Chorten, majestic Tashichhodzong, the Handicrafts Emporium and the main shopping area of Thimphu. After lunch, travel overland to Paro where there is an opportunity for a stroll to the nearby ruins or a visit to some of the valley's oldest and holiest religious monuments. *Amankora Paro B L D*

DAY 3: Paro

Start the day with a hike to view one of Bhutan's most revered monuments, the Taktsang Goemba, more commonly referred to as "Tiger's Nest." You may also visit the National Museum, housed in the Ta Dzong, where a collection of artifacts provides an introduction to the rich culture of the kingdom. Nearby is the Paro Rinpung Dzong, a fine example of Bhutanese historic architecture. *Amankora Paro B L D*

DAY 4: Depart Paro

Transfer to the airport to board your onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy from \$ 5,095



SOUTH INDIA

Explore lesser-visited South India, from the tropical backwaters of Kerala to the port town of Kochi.

DAY 1: Kochi/Kumarakom

You are met in Kochi and transferred overland to Kumarakom, where daily life continues unaltered as it has for centuries.

Zuri Kumarakom Kerala Resort & Spa

DAY 2: Kumarakom

After a leisurely morning enjoying your resort, travel through lush backwaters by private boat to the Spice Plantation Farmhouse for lunch with the owner and family.

Zuri Kumarakom Kerala Resort & Spa B L

DAY 3: Kumarakom/Kochi

Travel by private boat toward Alleppey for a glimpse of Kerala's village lifestyle; then travel to Kochi, India's city of peninsulas and islands. This evening, visit a local theater and enjoy a traditional Kathakali dance performance. *Taj Malabar B*

DAY 4: Kochi

Tour Kochi's Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, Fort Kochi and St. Francis Church, the oldest church constructed by Europeans in India. The afternoon is at leisure. *Taj Malabar B*

DAY 5: Depart Kochi

Transfer to the airport and board your onward connection to another area of India or your homebound flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$1,340



VARANASI

Witness the ageless rituals of Hinduism at Varanasi on the banks of the River Ganges.

DAY 1: Delhi/Varanasi

Transfer to the Delhi airport and board your flight for the holy city of Varanasi. Visit the *ghats* on the Ganges and witness the evening Aarti ceremony. *Nadesar Palace*

DAY 2: Varanasi

This morning, enjoy a city tour that takes you to the Bharat Mata and Durga temples, as well as Banaras Hindu University. This afternoon, visit the fascinating city of nearby Sarnath, filled with Buddhist monuments and as holy to Buddhists as Varanasi is to Hindus. Observe the ruins of this once-flourishing Buddhist monastery and explore a museum that houses an excellent collection of Buddhist art and sculpture.

Nadesar Palace B

DAY 3: Varanasi/Delhi/Depart

Take an early morning boat ride on the River Ganges to see burning and bathing *ghats*. For the devout Hindu, Varanasi, the holiest and oldest living city in India, must be visited at least once in a lifetime to wash away sins. This afternoon, fly to Delhi and connect to your onward flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

from \$1,070

Internal airfare Delhi/Varanasi/Delhi
Economy class

from \$ 580



Signature India

Explore independently on this ready-to-book itinerary



12 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Monday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Delhi, India


Board an overnight flight to Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

The Oberoi New Delhi/The Taj Mahal Hotel

DAY 3: Delhi

Explore New Delhi, including Qutub Minar, Humayun’s Tomb, the India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan. In Old Delhi, visit Raj Ghat, Delhi’s monument to Mahatma Gandhi; the Red Fort citadel; and Jama Masjid. *The Oberoi New Delhi/The Taj Mahal Hotel B L*

DAY 4: Delhi/Udaipur

 This morning, you have an opportunity to visit the Deepalaya School before flying to Udaipur, where you are transferred to your spectacular fort-palace hotel in the Aravali Hills. Later, enjoy a sunset camel safari. *Devi Garh B*

DAY 5: Udaipur

Make an evocative visit to the temples of Eklingji and Nagda. Later, board a motor launch (water levels permitting) for a lake cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola, visiting Jag Mandir Palace that rests on its own island. *The Oberoi Udaivilás/Taj Lake Palace B*

DAY 6: Udaipur

After exploring the City Palace along the shores of Lake Pichola, stop at the Crystal Gallery located in Fateh Prakesh Palace. Continue to Sahelion Ki Bari, also known as the “Garden of the Maids of Honor.” *The Oberoi Udaivilás/Taj Lake Palace B*

DAYS 7-8: Udaipur/Jaipur

Fly to Jaipur this morning; then begin an afternoon of exploration. Admire the amazing astronomical devices at the outdoor Jantar Mantar Observatory and visit Jaipur’s most famous building, the pink sandstone Hawa Mahal or “Palace of the Winds.” The next day, explore the Amber Fort and go for an elephant ride in the company of a *mahout*. *The Oberoi Rajvilás/Rambagh Palace B (Day 8: L)*

DAY 9: Jaipur/Agra

Travel overland through rural India, stopping at the red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Continue to the Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B L*

DAY 10: Agra

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Agra; then visit the imposing Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built of red sandstone and marble. *The Oberoi Amarvilás B*

DAY 11: Agra/Delhi

After a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, return to Delhi, stopping en route at Sikandra, the tomb of the great Mughal emperor Akbar. *Trident Gurgaon B*

DAY 12: Delhi/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

New for 2010: Select from either Taj Hotels and Resorts or Oberoi Hotels and Resorts in Delhi, Udaipur and Jaipur.



Strolling through the filigreed interior of the Red Fort in Delhi



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jan - Apr	Sep - Oct Nov 25 - Dec	Nov 04 - 24
Double occupancy	\$ 5,795	\$ 6,340	\$ 6,670
Single supplement	\$ 3,110	\$ 3,695	\$ 4,005

Solo traveller price is available upon request.

Internal airfare Delhi/Udaipur/Jaipur
Economy class from \$ 500

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Jan 07 - 18	Mar 11 - 22	Nov 04 - 15
	Jan 14 - 25	Mar 18 - 29	Nov 11 - 22
	Jan 21 - Feb 01	Mar 25 - Apr 05	Nov 18 - 29
	Jan 28 - Feb 08	Apr 01 - 12	Nov 25 - Dec 06
	Feb 04 - 15	Sep 30 - Oct 11	Dec 02 - 13
	Feb 11 - 22	Oct 07 - 18	Dec 09 - 20
	Feb 18 - Mar 01	Oct 14 - 25	Dec 16 - 27*
	Feb 25 - Mar 08	Oct 21 - Nov 01	Dec 23 - Jan 03 '11*
	Mar 04 - 15	Oct 28 - Nov 08	Dec 30 - Jan 10 '11*

**Holiday surcharge will apply.*



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Wildlife India

Mumbai • Kanha • Pench • Delhi • Alwar • Agra

Experience rural India when you explore Kanha National Park by four-wheel-drive vehicle and search for the elusive tiger in the Kanha Tiger Preserve. Throughout your journey, glimpse local life in villages and cities.

DAY 1: Arrive in Mumbai and this afternoon, visit the Prince of Wales Museum; the Gateway of India; and Mani Bhawan, the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi.

DAY 2: Fly to Nagpur and transfer to Kanha National Park, 360 square miles of sal and bamboo forests interspersed with grasslands and meandering streams. The park is the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve.

DAY 3: View game, including chital (spotted deer), gaur (Indian bison), sambar (large Indian deer), antelope and tiger by four-wheel-drive vehicle.

DAY 4: Transfer to Pench and embark on a game drive in Pench National Park, the setting for Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. It is known for sambar, gaur and leopard, as well as tiger and civet.

DAY 5: Enjoy morning and afternoon safari drives in 4x4 vehicles.

DAY 6: After morning game viewing, fly to Delhi from Nagpur.

DAY 7: This morning, embark on a tour of Old Delhi that includes Jama Masjid mosque and a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk bazaar, with views of the Red Fort and Raj Ghat. This afternoon, visit Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, Rajpath and the India Gate.

DAY 8: Fly to Jaipur and take a scenic drive to Alwar, deep in the heart of the Rajasthan countryside.

DAY 9: The morning is free to enjoy the facilities and activities of your resort. This afternoon, travel by Jeep to Bhangarh and sit down to a picnic lunch while you view the splendid ruins of this now uninhabited city. Then proceed to the surrounding villages for a glimpse of local life.

DAY 10: Travel overland through rural India, stopping at Fatehpur Sikri en route. Built by 16th-century Emperor Akbar as an act of gratitude to a penniless saint, Fatehpur Sikri is a beautifully preserved red sandstone city. Continue to the Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world. Then watch as the sun sets and the light reflects on the marble of the Taj Mahal.

DAY 11: After a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal and a morning tour of Agra Fort and Itmad-Ud-Daulah, fly to Delhi.

DAY 12: Board your homebound flight.



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Heritage India

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Discover the multi-faceted culture of India when you visit Hindu and Jain pilgrimage centers and temples, Muslim mosques and Bishnoi villages. Observe the intricate architecture and colorful art while staying at many of India's most famous palace hotels.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Kolkata for a full-day tour that includes visits to the Botanical Garden, Victoria Memorial and the Indian Museum. See Shahid Minar, a combination of Turkish, Egyptian and Syrian architectural elements, and Dakshineswar Kali Temple, a great Hindu pilgrimage center.

DAY 3: Fly to Bhubaneswar to visit Lingaraj Temple, considered the finest Shiva temple in India, as well as Mukteswara Temple and the Rajarani Temple.

DAY 4: Journey to Konark and Puri to see the unique carvings at the Sun Temple and the sacred Hindu Sri Jagannath.

DAY 5: Fly to Delhi with the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 6: Explore New Delhi's highlights (Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, the India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan) and the Raj Ghat, Red Fort and Jama Masjid in Old Delhi.

DAYS 7-8: Fly to Jodhpur. Embark on a safari to the Salawas area and spend time with local potters in a Bishnoi village. Later, explore the Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada, a 19th-century cenotaph.

DAY 9: Drive through the picturesque Aravali Hills to the Jain pilgrimage center of Ranakpur. Continue to Delwara. This evening, enjoy a sunset camel safari in the Aravali Hills.

DAY 10: Visit the temples of Eklingji and Nagda. Later, cruise Lake Pichola and visit Jag Mandir Palace on its very own island.

DAY 11: Explore the City Palace, Crystal Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari, also known as the "Garden of the Maids of Honor."

DAYS 12-13: Fly to Jaipur this morning and explore the city this afternoon. Admire the amazing astronomical devices at the outdoor Jantar Mantar Observatory and visit the fascinating Hawa Mahal, the "Palace of the Winds." The next day, stop at the Amber Fort and ride an elephant, accompanied by a professional *mahout*.

DAY 14: Fly to Varanasi to explore the buried Buddhist city of Sarnath. This evening, witness the Aarti ceremony.

DAY 15: A boat ride on the River Ganges shows you the burning and bathing *ghats* where Hindus wash away their sins. Later, fly to Delhi.

DAY 16: Board your homebound flight.



Hotel Portfolio: India, Bhutan & Maldives

A selection of recommended hotels



THE IMPERIAL New Delhi, India

Renowned as one of Asia's finest hotels, The Imperial earned a place on the "World's Best Places to Stay, Gold List", by *Condé Nast Traveler* in 2009 as well as mention as one of the "World's Best 500 Hotels" by *Travel+Leisure* in 2009. It is an ode to India's independence from the British Raj and was meant to be a jewel in the crown of the outgoing rulers. Located on Janpath, the erstwhile Queensway, The Imperial is steps away from the city's fabulous shopping district and major attractions. With high ceilings, award-winning service, impeccable décor and modern conveniences, the 233 rooms and suites overlook verdant gardens, exuding luxury and serenity. Six dining options circle the culinary globe, ranging from Italian to South Asian, including the award-winning Spice Route restaurant. Choose *al fresco* dining in fair weather and soak in the history at Patiala Peg, one of the most popular bars in Delhi .



ANANDA IN THE HIMALAYAS

Narendra Nagar, India

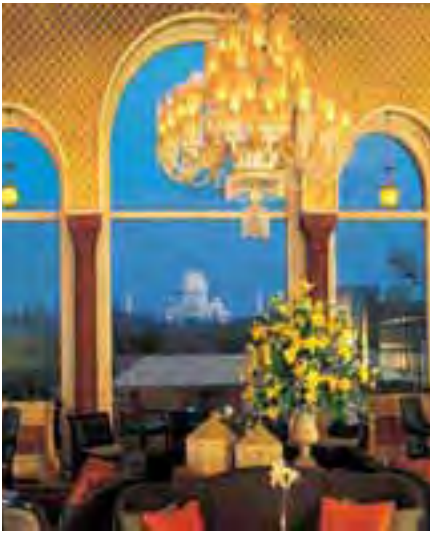
Ananda in the Himalayas, ranked as the World's Number One Destination Spa by *Condé Nast Traveler* for three consecutive years, was once the residence of the Maharajah of Tehri-Garhwal. It is dedicated to the discerning traveller looking for innovative ways to restore and rejuvenate. Ananda offers 70 deluxe rooms, five suites and three villas, each with an unparalleled view of the River Ganges, the town of Rishikesh or the palace. Ananda uses the well-known traditional Indian wellness regimes of Ayurveda, Yoga and Vedanta combined with best of international wellness experiences to bring about the union of mind, body and soul. The 24,000-square-foot spa offers an extensive menu of more than 79 body and beauty treatments, while the customized, Ayurvedic cuisine is designed to bring about this ultimate harmony in each traveller.



DEVI GARH

Udaipur, India

The 18th-century Devi Garh Fort Palace is a magnificently renovated all-suite hotel set amid the Aravali Hills. The contemporary Indian design is complemented by personalized service. Just 45 minutes from the airport, it is an ideal place to optimize well-being. Guest amenities include a variety of outdoor and indoor activities, spa, pool and health club. All 39 suites combine elegant modern lines with traditional fort architecture. Each suite is unique; decorative accents include hand-stenciled gold leaf walls, marble inlaid with semi-precious stones and handmade textiles crafted by local artisans. In addition, there are several exotic private dining options available.



THE OBEROI AMARVILÁS
Agra, India

The Oberoi Amarvilás, just 600 yards from Agra's Taj Mahal, offers uninterrupted views of India's fabled "Monument to Love" from most of its 102 bedrooms and suites. Each room is superbly appointed with exquisite furniture and spacious marble bathrooms. The resort has a spa and therapy suites overlooking the Taj Mahal. Butler service is also available.



THE OBEROI NEW DELHI
New Delhi, India

Located in India's capital city, The Oberoi reflects the city's spirit in a blend of tradition and contemporary sophistication. Close to the commercial and shopping districts, the hotel overlooks Delhi's prestigious Golf Club and the heritage site of Humayun's Tomb. Exquisite interiors, impeccable service and fine cuisine combine to make this a standout New Delhi hotel.



WILDFLOWER HALL
Mashobra, India

Located at 8,350 feet in the magnificent Himalaya, Wildflower Hall is a fairy tale luxury resort set in 23 acres of virgin woods and recreated in the grand style of the colonial era. Enjoy beautiful views of mountains and valleys from the guest rooms, restaurants, outdoor Jacuzzi and the heated swimming pool. The luxury spa pavilions are tranquil havens for revitalizing the body and soul.



THE OBEROI VANYAVILÁS
Ranthambore, India

India's first luxury jungle resort is adjacent to the famed Ranthambore National Park, once a *maharajah's* hunting ground and now Project Tiger Reserve. All 25 luxury tents have private gardens and an outside deck. The tents feature king size four-poster beds, freestanding rolltop baths and separate showers. Amenities include a spa with therapy suites.



THE OBEROI MUMBAI
Mumbai, India

Located in the heart of Mumbai, this elegant luxury hotel overlooking the Arabian Sea offers impeccable service and excellent facilities, including an exclusive spa and fitness center by Banyan Tree. All 327 rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully decorated, arranged around a vast marble floored atrium at the center of the hotel.



THE OBEROI RAJVILÁS
Jaipur, India

Recreating the magnificence of princely Rajasthan in a beautiful fort setting in Jaipur, The Oberoi Rajvilás is set in 32 acres of landscaped gardens with pavilions and reflection pools. The 54 rooms, 14 fully air-conditioned luxury tents and three villas with private pools are clustered around private courtyards in traditional Rajasthani style.



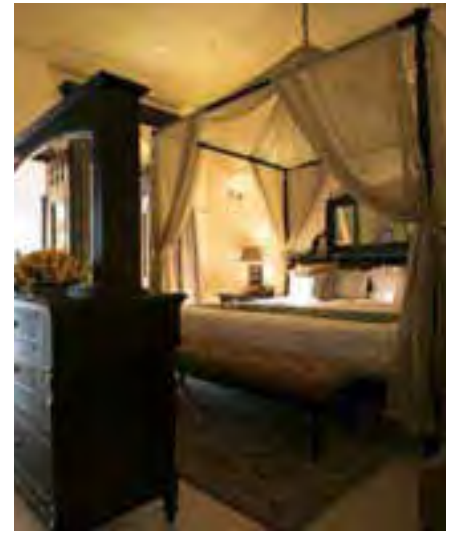
TAJ LAKE PALACE
Udaipur, India

Visitors feel like honored guests of the *maharana* at this exquisite white marble palace that seems to float on the still waters of Lake Pichola. Originally built as a summer palace, Taj Lake Palace has recently been transformed to its former glory; its sole purpose is the pursuit of leisure. Every room has a stunning view of the lake, the terrace or a peaceful lily pond.



RAMBAGH PALACE
Jaipur, India

Formerly the residence of the Maharajah of Jaipur, this historic palace is quintessentially royal from its antique chandeliers to the peacocks on the lawn. The 79 rooms include two Grand Presidential Suites, two Grand Royal Suites and five Royal Suites, decorated in fabrics and silks in the colorful style of Rajasthan, while the luxurious Jiva Grande Spa offers the best in Indian therapies.



NADESAR PALACE
Varanasi, India

Situated in one of the oldest living cities of the world on the banks of the river Ganges, Nadesar Palace has hosted royalty, statesmen and celebrities since 1835. It is set amid verdant gardens, mango orchards, marigold and jasmine fields. Works of art from the Maharaja's collection decorate the walls of the palace's 10 luxurious suites, furnished to reflect the ambience of a bygone era.



UMAID BHAWAN PALACE
Jodhpur, India

Perched high above the desert capital of Jodhpur, Umaid Bhawan Palace is one of the largest residences in the world and features the popular Jiva Grande Spa. This sandstone monument, a blend of Eastern and Western architectural influences, was conceived on the grandest possible scale. Choose from 64 luxurious rooms and suites.



TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER
Mumbai, India

Built in 1903, this hotel is an architectural marvel. Offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the Gateway of India, the hotel is a gracious landmark of the city. Showcasing contemporary Indian influences along with beautiful vaulted alabaster ceilings, onyx columns and silk carpets, The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower is a Mumbai regal gem.



TAJ MALABAR
Kochi, India

Located on Willingdon Island with a magnificent view of Kochi Harbor, the Taj Malabar combines old-world elegance with modern day convenience. Its tower wing houses newly renovated guest room suites, each of which is a delicate mix of the classic with the contemporary.



AMAN NEW DELHI
New Delhi, India

Opened in 2009 in the heart of New Delhi, the Aman New Delhi is a city-based resort with extensive recreation and leisure facilities. 39 rooms and suites have private plunge pools, while 28 deluxe suites with one, two and three-bedrooms, half of which feature private pools, surround a central courtyard. All are designed with a contemporary flair, using Khareda stone, handmade rugs and rich dark timber panels, while traditional *jaali* screens adorn building terraces and exteriors, lending an aura of mystery.



UMA PARO
Paro, Bhutan

Spread over a private and pristine 38-acre estate, Uma Paro offers a subtle fusion of indigenous style with clean-lined modernism. This intimate resort has just 20 rooms and nine villas, and its COMO Shambhala Retreat provides guests with pampering holistic therapies. Activities include hiking, mountain hiking, bird watching and excursions to local monasteries and markets.



RAINBOW CRUISES
Allepey, India

Cruise Kerala's leisurely backwater snuggled in five-star luxury with Rainbow Cruises. Board a *kettuvallam* (traditional houseboat) and set sail in Alleppey. Laced on the west by a golden stretch of beach and the Arabian Sea, this natural wonderland is networked by silvery rivers, natural fresh water lakes, serene lagoons and majestic palm groves. Attentive staff, fine local and continental cuisine and luxurious amenities all add up to an unforgettable and unique holiday adventure.



ZURI KUMARAKOM KERALA RESORT
Kumarakom, India

Rare is the occasion when comfort and natural beauty come together so that time seems to stand still. Experience the serene landscapes of Kerala at their tranquil best with a stay at Zuri Kumarakom Resort & Spa. Relax in one of the beautiful rooms, cottages or pool villas amid one of India's most scenic regions. Unwind by the pool, rejuvenate in the spa or enjoy a workout in the gym.



COCOA ISLAND
Maldives

This jewel-like private island resort features white sandy beaches and clear turquoise waters with some of the world's best dive sites. Rooms on Cocoa Island resemble local Dhoni fishing boats and are designed with understated elegance with direct access to the lagoon. The Ufaa restaurant boasts a world-class international menu as well as healthful COMO Shambhala cuisine. Relax with a range of Asian-inspired treatments, including Ayurveda at COMO Shambhala Retreat.



SONEVA FUSHI & SPA
Maldives

Soneva Fushi, in the North Baa Atoll region of the Maldives, is the ultimate island experience. A little off the beaten track, the adventure begins with a 30-minute seaplane journey from Malé. Limited to 65 residences, this island paradise is surrounded by a coral lagoon. Take advantage of a host of activities or do nothing at all. The Six Senses Spa offers a menu of rejuvenating, pampering and holistic wellness treatments to calm the mind and body.



BANYAN TREE MADIVARU
Maldives

Madivaru Island features a pristine white sandy beach and a beautiful lagoon. It is surrounded by breathtaking house reefs, where guests can expect a high level of privacy coupled with impeccable service. The resort features an exclusive cluster of freestanding Tented Pool Villas — the first of its kind in the Maldives. Each boasts inspired desert island decor with timber flooring, two outdoor showers, handcrafted wood furniture and luxurious tent canopies.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANDAA GIRAAVARU
Maldives

A scenic 30-minute seaplane flight takes you to this private island oasis of powder-soft white-sand beaches and verdant natural vegetation. Immerse in the Resort's pristine two-kilometre lagoon and discover an underwater nautical wonderland. Stay in beach accommodations that have private pools and an abundance of outdoor space, or in water villas with sea-gazing lofts that offer panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Endless diversions await — from diving and snorkeling to sunset fishing and dolphin cruises.

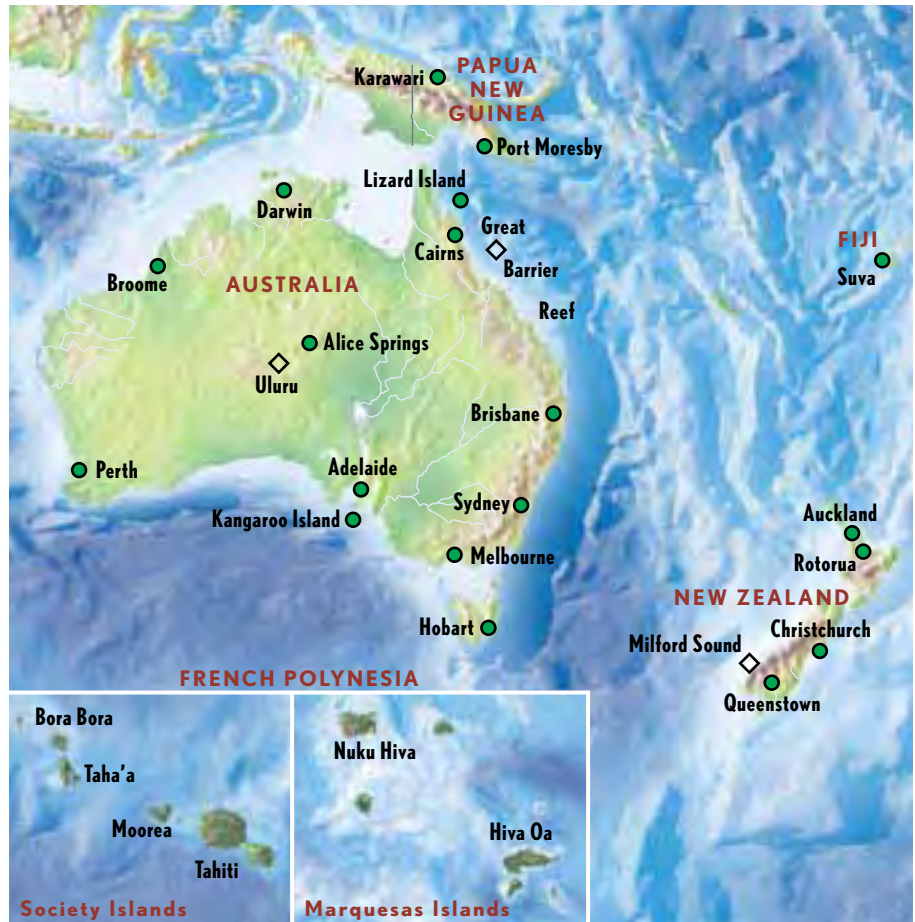


Australia, New Zealand & Beyond

Australia feels like home away from home. The Aussies are friendly, speak English and their lifestyle is relaxed and informal. Australia offers diverse experiences for all ages, from snorkeling the blue waters of the Great Barrier Reef to exploring the Outback by ATV and settling in for a night on the town in vibrant Sydney.

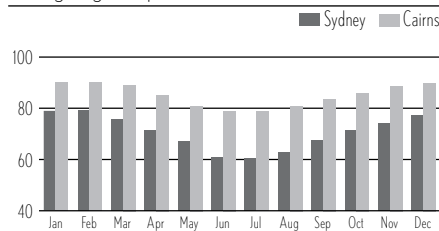
New Zealand is teeming with unique wildlife, rugged landscapes and warm “kiwi” charm. Explore hidden coves, rolling farmland or enter a geothermal wonderland of geysers and hot springs. It’s all available in New Zealand.

Travel into the Stone Age to the “Last Unknown,” the island of Papua New Guinea, where even the most common modern amenity is foreign to the islanders of this beautiful land. French Polynesia has seduced the imaginations of explorers, artists and writers for centuries with its verdant mountains, jungle-clad valleys and white sand beaches of a tropical paradise.



AUSTRALIA

Average high temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



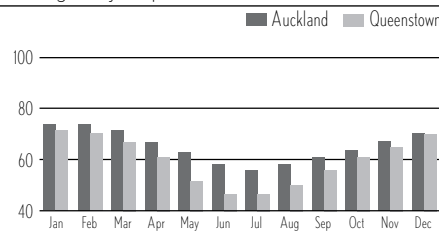
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 15 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

NEW ZEALAND

Average daily temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall



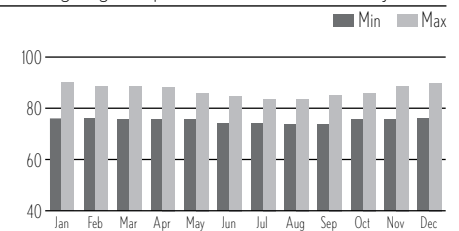
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 17 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Average high temperature in F° – Port Moresby



Average days with rainfall



TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 15 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Grand Australian Adventure

FAMILY SERIES

12 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers | Minimum age 6 years



Surf's up at Bondi Beach



Head out in four-wheel-drive vehicles to explore Kangaroo Island and jump on an ATV for a visit to a private cattle station • Take surfing lessons at Bondi Beach, practice boomerang throwing in Alice Springs and snorkel at the Great Barrier Reef • Visit the School of the Air in the Outback • Learn traditional Aboriginal hunting techniques at Cooya Beach

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Sydney, Australia

Depart on an overnight flight to Australia for an exciting journey with many opportunities for you and your family to enjoy outdoor adventures. Cross the International Dateline and “lose” a day.

DAY 3: Sydney

Sydney's history dates back to the 18th century when it was a penal colony. You may want to wander around the Rocks area, the original settlement of the city. This afternoon, enjoy a private afternoon tea cruise of Sydney Harbour. *Four Seasons Hotel Sydney*

DAY 4: Sydney

Depart by ferry for a privately guided visit to Taronga Zoo, complete with an aquarium, rainforest aviary, an abode built for nocturnal animals and a koala house. Enjoy magnificent harbor views as you zigzag along the paths around the animal enclosures, and come face-to-face with local “residents” that include emu, kangaroo, wombat, koala and kookaburra. Then head to famous Bondi Beach to meet a real Aussie lifesaver and learn to ride the

waves during a surfing lesson (minimum age is seven). Tonight, attend a welcome dinner and meet other families sharing your Australian adventure. *Four Seasons Hotel Sydney B L D*

DAY 5: Sydney/Adelaide

🌀 **DESIGN YOUR DAY** options fill the morning; see the next page for details. Board an afternoon flight to Adelaide, founded in the Gold Rush boom years. Its Mediterranean climate and immense parklands make it ideal for mountain biking and exploring. An orientation tour takes you through the city known for its many churches and wineries. *Hyatt Regency B D*

DAY 6: Adelaide/Kangaroo Island/Adelaide

Fly to Kangaroo Island, renowned as nature's wonderland and brimming with diverse, abundant wildlife untouched by modern development. The island is often referred to as the “Galápagos of Australia.” You and your family explore by four-wheel-drive vehicle, walk among the seals and enjoy a barbecue lunch. Later, board your return flight to Adelaide. *Hyatt Regency B L D*

DAY 7: Adelaide/Alice Springs

Board a flight to Alice Springs in the Australian Outback. In this vast land of deserts and semi-arid plains, witness a mixture of light and color seen nowhere else on earth. The sky is a bright blue, and the clear air makes the sun sparkle as it reflects on the red rocks. This afternoon's adventure includes an ATV ride on a private cattle station that takes you and your family over bush tracks, dry riverbeds and close to mountain ranges. Tonight, attend an Aussie-style barbecue in a natural bush setting under the stars.

Alice Springs Resort B D

DAY 8: Alice Springs/Uluru

Visit the School of the Air, a program of radio instruction that brings home schooling to isolated children living in the Outback. Board a flight to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and visit this sacred Aboriginal site. Take part in a few short walks along its base, viewing hallowed sites and paintings of ancient Aboriginal tribal myths. Then enjoy canapés and beverages at sunset. *Sails in the Desert B*

DAY 9: Uluru/Cairns/Port Douglas

This morning, drive to the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). Discover why the desert snakes and lizards are so important to the local Anangu people and listen as they tell creation stories during a private viewing of *Predators of the Desert*. Later, fly to Cairns and transfer to your luxurious resort in the seaside town of Port Douglas. *Sea Temple Port Douglas B D*

DAY 10: Great Barrier Reef

Swim and snorkel among the colorful fish in the crystal-blue waters surrounding the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a day of sun and surf as you explore various coral sites that make up this great wonder of the world. *Sea Temple Port Douglas B L*

DAY 11: Port Douglas/Cooya Beach/Port Douglas

This morning, travel to Cooya Beach. Meander through these primordial habitats with your Aboriginal guide who tells you the ancient stories and history of the area. Gather food, throw spears and learn about traditional hunting in the mudflats, mangroves and beaches. Tonight, attend a special farewell dinner at your resort. *Sea Temple Port Douglas B D*

Sea Temple Port Douglas B D

DAY 12: Port Douglas/Cairns/USA or Canada

Take advantage of some time left for last-minute shopping before your departure flight takes you back across the International Date Line toward home. *B*

This program contains some active element; please refer to page 140 or ask A&K for details.



DESIGN YOUR DAY — SYDNEY: Privately tour the Sydney Opera House, or embark on an exhilarating jet boat ride on the harbor or soar to new heights atop Sky Tower.

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Admiring Uluru, a sacred Aboriginal site



PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	\$ 7,600
Single supplement	\$ 2,145
Child (under 12 sharing with 1 adult)	\$ 7,260
Child (under 12 sharing with 2 adults)	\$ 5,585
Internal airfare Sydney/Adelaide/Alice Springs/Uluru/Cairns	
Economy class	from \$ 1,350

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DEPARTURE DATES

2010	Mar 27 - Apr 07	Jul 24 - Aug 04	Dec 16 - 27**
	Jun 19 - 30	Aug 21 - Sep 01	
2011	Mar 26 - Apr 06		

**Holiday surcharge will apply.*

***Departs Thursday, returns Monday.*

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Tailor Made Australia

Classic Australia

Melbourne • Uluru • Palm Cove • Lizard Island • Sydney

Enter a land of extraordinary contrasts. From the cosmopolitan cities of Melbourne and Sydney to the natural beauty of Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef, embark on a private journey that immerses you in the essence of Australia.

DAY 1: After settling in to your Melbourne hotel, set out on a brief exploration of this beautiful and contemporary city.

DAY 2: Leave the city for the day and drive to Coliban Park, a private sheep station established in 1917. The Barber family hosts your lunch at this historic homestead, nestled in an idyllic valley.

DAY 3: Fly to the rich, red Outback. Explore the beautiful valleys at Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), sacred to the Aborigines. Gaze up at Uluru (Ayers Rock), one of the oldest rock formations on Earth.

DAY 4: View Uluru as the sunrise illuminates it in a wash of magnificent colors. Later today, fly to yet another face of Australia, Palm Cove's beach in the tropics of Far North Queensland.

DAY 5: Fly from Cairns to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system. Explore the wonders of Lizard Island — one of just two Barrier Reef islands completely

surrounded by the reef itself — including white sand beaches, luxurious accommodations and fine food.

DAYS 6-7: Sample an array of activities, such as scuba diving at the famous "Cod Hole," or reef or bluewater fishing. Then meet the directors of the Lizard Island Research Station to learn firsthand about the coral reef systems.

DAY 8: Arrive in Sydney with time to enjoy dinner at a fine harborside restaurant or to explore the city on your own.

DAY 9: You are a guest this morning on a private tour of the famous Sydney Opera House. Afterward, enjoy the magnificent view during a lunch cruise of Sydney Harbour.

DAY 10: Today is at your leisure. You may wish to have coffee at an outdoor cafe, browse in a gallery, stroll along Circular Quay or shop in the magnificently restored Queen Victoria Building or the Rocks area, Sydney's original settlement. Adventurers may choose to climb the Harbour Bridge, go sea kayaking or hike in the magnificent Blue Mountains.

DAY 11: Take advantage of your time today with an optional activity such as a visit to Taronga Zoo, the Museum of Contemporary Art or another of Sydney's myriad attractions. Later, depart for your flight home.



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Tailor Made Australia

Wings Over the Outback

Melbourne • Kars Station • Clare Valley • Flinders Ranges • Coober Pedy • Uluru • Sydney

Board a privately chartered plane and fly low over the Australian Outback; touch down to explore incredible destinations including Melbourne, Kars Station, Clare Valley, Flinders Ranges, Coober Pedy and unforgettable Uluru.

DAY 1: Meet your guide for an afternoon orientation tour that includes stops at Melbourne's Fitzroy Gardens and Federation Square.

DAY 2: Visit the Royal Botanic Gardens with your own Aboriginal guide for an Aboriginal welcome smoking ceremony.

DAY 3: Board a private plane and travel into the bush to begin your Outback adventure. Your aircraft lands in Mildura for lunch, then at Kars Station, a private 150,000-acre sheep station.

DAY 4: Leave for North Bundaleer, a grand pastoral homestead built in 1901. Enjoy lunch overlooking the garden, followed by exclusive visits to a number of Clare Valley wineries. Dine under the stars tonight at the homestead.

DAY 5: Fly low over the spectacular Flinders Ranges toward Wilpena Pound before arriving at the Prairie Hotel, one of

Australia's most awarded Outback hotels. After lunch, explore the Flinders Ranges, home to some of the oldest land masses on earth.

DAY 6: Begin today with a scenic flight that takes you to the Outback township of Coober Pedy ("white man in a hole") for a private tour of the underground opal mines. See if you can glimpse some of the underground dugout homes, popular here since the end of World War I. Continue to Uluru for a scenic flight over Ayers Rock and the Olgas before landing at Longitude 131°, your eco-sensitive luxury resort.

DAY 7: Embark on a tour showcasing the spectacular geography and biodiversity of Central Australia, as well as the ancient culture of the Anangu (Aboriginal people) who have traversed the land for thousands of years.

DAY 8: After a morning of touring, transfer to the airport for your flight to Sydney. Spend an evening at leisure in this harbor city.

DAY 9: Enjoy an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the Taronga Zoo's unique animal collection. Visit the Sydney Opera House for a private guided tour. End your day at the historic Rocks area, exploring its narrow cobbled streets and chic boutiques.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport to board your onward flight.



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Dreamtime Artists by Private Air

Alice Springs • Halls Creek • Bullo River Station • Darwin

Discover the Dreamtime – in Aboriginal mythology, the creation of all things, an infinite spiritual circle encompassing past, present and future – through the work of Aboriginal artists. Visit the artists' work environments, cooperatives, galleries and museums.

DAY 1: Arrive in Alice Springs. Visit Arulu Centre, which exhibits a rotating collection of contemporary Aboriginal art, to gain an early understanding of the scope and meaning of this unique style.

DAY 2: This morning, meet the Arrernte owners of Mparntwe (Alice Springs) at the Aboriginal Art & Cultural Centre. Spend the day visiting local artists in the Alice Springs region, including the Papunya Tula Artists' Cooperative, where you have the rare opportunity to join them in their work environment.

DAY 3: Arrive by private plane at Yuendumu, where you view artwork at the Warlukurlangu Art Centre, representing some 160 Warlpiri and Anmatjerre artists. This 20-year-old art center is owned by the Aboriginal people and offers brightly colored paintings, mostly in the dot style, to admire or purchase. After lunch, continue to Balgo Hills, a remote Aboriginal

community where the painters are considered the most innovative of central Australia.

DAY 4: This morning, travel to another Aboriginal community, Warmun, home to dozens of internationally renowned ochre painters. View or purchase their work at Warmun Art Center at Turkey Creek; every dollar of revenue is returned back to the artists' community. Fly over the Bungle Bungles for a bird's-eye view of its colorful sandstone domes. Arrive at Bullo River Station, home to more than 9,000 cattle, and enjoy a relaxing day and evening with the station's owners. Bullo River Station was made famous by top-selling author Sara Henderson, whose American husband Charles Henderson developed Bullo River in the 1950s; their story of station life is vividly chronicled in Sara's books.

DAY 5: Fly to Darwin, where you spend the afternoon exploring galleries and museums, enjoying the melting pot of cultures that forms modern Darwin. Deepen your appreciation for the region's art and culture by touring the Gallery of Indigenous Art and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

DAY 6: Continue your exploration of Darwin's galleries or explore additional sights in this culturally diverse city before transferring to the airport for your scheduled homebound flight.



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Tailor Made Australia

South Australian Splendors

Adelaide • Barossa Valley • Flinders Ranges • Jamestown • Kangaroo Island

South Australia is a land of contrasts. Explore the rugged desert environment of the Flinders Ranges, the wine regions of the Barossa Valley and Clare Valley, as well as the “Galápagos of Australia,” Kangaroo Island.

DAY 1: Meet your guide and drive north of Adelaide to the picturesque Barossa Valley. Visit the famous Penfolds winery, with its highly collected label, Grand Hermitage. Tour the winery and cellars before trying your hand at making your own wine. Taste iconic regional wines and meet noted locals, such as Diana Laidlaw. After lunch, the afternoon’s touring is tailored to your tastes.

DAY 2: This morning, depart for the Flinders Ranges. Tree-lined gorges, rugged mountain ranges, rolling plains, native wildlife and rich colors are all features of this ancient land. Arrive at Rawnsley Park Station, a working sheep station in the heart of the Flinders Ranges. These contemporary yet deliberately authentic eco-villas provide a comfortable and secluded experience of the region. The remainder of the day is left to relax in the stunning surroundings.

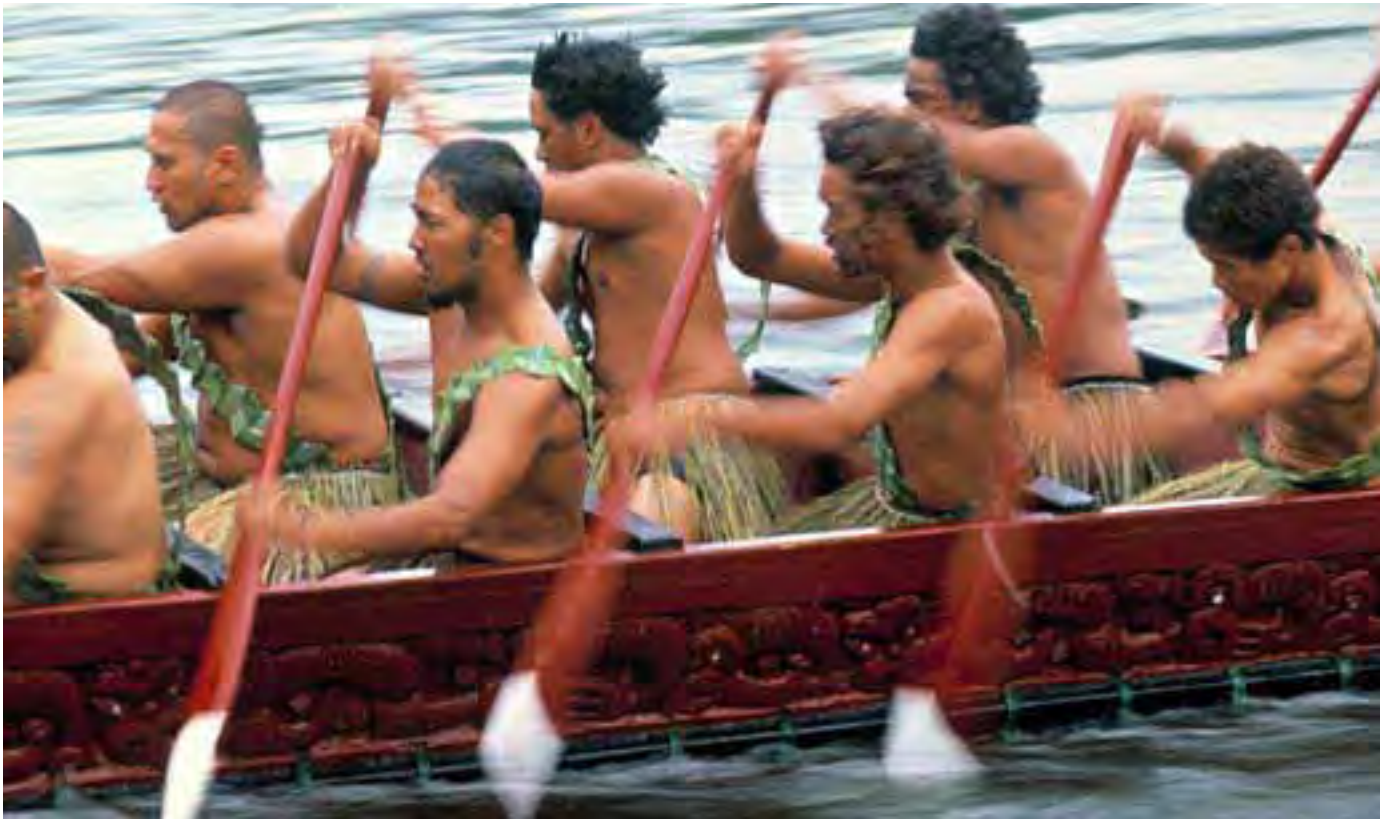
DAY 3: Enjoy a private four-wheel-drive tour of the Flinders Ranges through spectacular gorges, discovering Ediacaran fossils

embedded in the rock. Enjoy a warm welcome at North Bundaleer, one of the last grand pastoral homesteads built in South Australia. This heritage-listed property was established on 400 acres of native bush and farmland next to the historic Bundaleer Forest.

DAY 4: Visit Sevenhill Cellars, the oldest vineyard in the Clare Valley, established by Austrian Jesuits in 1851 to produce altar wine. Depart Clare Valley and fly from Adelaide to Kangaroo Island. Here you are guests at the stunning Southern Ocean Lodge, a world-class, award-winning wilderness lodge. Located at Hanson Bay and commanding spectacular ocean, beach and wilderness views, the 21-suite lodge offers the ultimate fusion of nature and luxury.

DAY 5: Discover the magnificent coastal scenery and abundant wildlife for which the island is renowned. Today’s activity options for lodge guests include a spectacular introduction to Kangaroo Island’s wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal scenery. Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks and Admiral Arch are just some of the highlights.

DAY 6: This morning, visit Seal Bay, home to Australia’s third largest colony of Australian sea lions. Join a naturalist guide for an exclusive tour of the beach with these wild animals. Late this afternoon, board your return flight to Adelaide.



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Tailor Made New Zealand

Two Island Journey


Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua • Queenstown • Christchurch

Embark on a journey that encompasses the highlights of the country's main islands: metropolitan Auckland and the geothermal region of Rotorua on the North Island and the rugged landscapes on the South Island.

DAY 1: Arrive in Auckland and settle in to your hotel. This afternoon, set off for an overview of the city from the summit of Mount Eden, a dormant volcano that is the highest natural point in Auckland, before embarking on a private cruise of the Waitemata Harbor.

DAY 2: This morning, drive north to the Bay of Islands. Visit the historic Waitangi Treaty House, commemorating the end of the Maori wars in the 18th century; then continue to stunning Kauri Cliffs.

DAY 3: Choose to play a round of golf, go sea fishing along the coast or embark on a dolphin watching cruise.

DAY 4: Board an early flight to Rotorua, known as "Sulphur City" for the volcanic furnaces that fuel its bubbling mud pools and geysers. Visit a local geyser attraction, the Rotorua Museum and  Kiwi Encounter before arriving at your luxurious lodge.

DAY 5: Enjoy a leisurely morning at your lodge, located on Lake Tarawera. Then board 'Clearwater' for a private lunch cruise and a relaxing swim in the natural thermal waters at Hot Water Beach.

DAY 6: Enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to a Maori community and listen to their ancient legends. Later, fly to Queenstown, a city that draws adventurous travellers from all over the world.

DAY 7: Weather permitting, a helicopter whisks you off for a flightseeing excursion to Milford Sound. Land at a scenic lookout of one of the world's most picturesque areas for a delicious picnic lunch. Return to Queenstown, where the afternoon is free to explore the local charm.

DAY 8: Queenstown lives up to its reputation for rugged adventure. Select from activity options, including a Dart River jetboat safari, a vineyard and artists excursion, a round of golf at Millbrook or a Skipper's Canyon private tour through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand.

DAY 9: Spend a morning at leisure before flying to Christchurch for a tour and a relaxing cruise in a punt on the tree-lined Avon River.

DAY 10: This morning, board a flight for your onward journey.



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Tailor Made New Zealand

A Gastronomic Journey of New Zealand

Auckland • Hawkes Bay • Palliser Bay • Christchurch • Queenstown

New Zealand's cuisine is as inspiring as its landscapes. Throughout your journey, visit the vineyards, farms and groves that supply the flavors and ingredients for award-winning restaurants and lodges, while you sample along the way.

DAY 1: Arrive in Auckland and settle in to your hotel. Later this morning, board the classic yacht 'The Lady Gay' and cruise from the Viaduct Basin to Waiheke Island, home to boutique wineries.

DAY 2: Fly to Napier and embark on an art deco walk to discover Napier's story of history and architecture.

DAY 3: Privately tour the Hawkes Bay region, meeting local growers and sampling produce. Visit an olive grove and have lunch at a boutique winery. Enjoy wine tasting at a selection of vineyards throughout one of New Zealand's premier wine producing regions.

DAY 4: Depart Napier, heading south to Palliser Bay. Drive through dramatic landscape toward your luxury coastal accommodation.

DAY 5: Stop in Martinborough before visiting the Murdoch James winery for a day as an honorary cellar hand. Go underground to the barrel caves and taste vintage wine to pair with your lunch.

DAY 6: Fly to Christchurch, an English town set on the Canterbury Plains. Go on a sightseeing drive past Cathedral Square, Christ College, the Arts Centre and the Botanical Gardens before taking a relaxing punt along the Avon River.

DAY 7: Spend a day of exploration at Otahuna Lodge. Begin with a guided tour of the estate's 30 acres of botanical and organic gardens, followed by a gourmet picnic lunch. In the afternoon, a hands-on cooking lesson with the executive chef provides an overview of the lodge's celebrated food and wine program.

DAY 8: Fly south to Queenstown, the "action capital" of New Zealand. Enjoy an orientation tour of Queenstown that includes a ride to the top of the Queenstown gondola for a spectacular view of Lake Wakatipu.

DAY 9: This morning, embark on an exhilarating flightseeing tour to Milford Sound. Cruise the majestic *fjord* before lunch in a remote alpine setting.

DAY 10: Visit local art studios and sample wines at a variety of vineyards. Meet a wine expert during tastings in a wine cave and enjoy lunch in the vineyard restaurant. Tonight, take a culinary journey with dinner prepared by a renowned chef.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport and board your onward flight.



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Tailor Made New Zealand

Glaciers & Lakes

Auckland • Taupo • Rotorua • Christchurch • Cass • Franz Josef • Queenstown

Follow the water's manifestations on a journey encompassing the bubbling geysers of Rotorua, the flowing ice river of Franz Josef Glacier, the serpentine shores of Lake Wakatipu and the peaks of Milford Sound.

DAYS 1-2: Arrive in Auckland and continue to your luxurious Taupo retreat. Embark on a nature walk from Kinloch, on the shores of Lake Taupo, to Kawakawa Bay. Then set out on a luncheon lake cruise across Lake Taupo. At Mine Bay, admire a Maori artist's magnificent rock carvings that tower above the deep waters.

DAY 3: Explore the geothermal wonders of Rotorua, including Wai-O-Tapu. Continue to Rainbow Springs where you have the opportunity to see the kiwi bird before your flight to Christchurch.

DAY 4: Ride the Tranz Alpine Express train across Canterbury Plains toward Cass — one of the most picturesque rail experiences in New Zealand. This afternoon, take a four-wheel-drive tour around the property and surrounding farmland.

DAY 5: Today is at leisure to enjoy the surroundings of the property. For the adventurous, take an exhilarating kayak trip or

explore the wild tussock country on mountain bikes. Alternatively, visit one of the nearby lakes or rivers and cast a line for the area's legendary trout.

DAY 6: Reboard the Tranz Alpine Express to Greymouth and transfer to Franz Josef, home to a flowing river of ice. Stop en route for a behind-the-scenes tour of a local greenstone gem gallery.

DAY 7: Take off on a heli-glacier flight to Franz Josef Glacier, a relic of the last ice age. Your next spectacle is Lake Moeraki. Today's journey offers amazing scenery from snow-capped peaks on the left and the ocean on the right.

DAY 8: Stand at the shore of serpentine Lake Wakatipu and watch the waters rise and fall — in Maori legend, the heart of a giant beats below. View the stunning scenery throughout Queenstown, a city surrounded by mountains and farmland.

DAY 9: This morning, embark on a breathtaking flightseeing heli-tour to Milford Sound. Cruise the majestic *fjord* that Kipling called the eighth wonder of the world as you enjoy lunch onboard.

DAY 10: Drive to Glenorchy, known as the "Gateway to Paradise," and experience a Funyak safari on the Dart River. Later, join your guide for a short bush walk.

DAY 11: Transfer to the airport and board your onward flight.



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Tailor Made New Zealand

Wilderness & Nature Escape

Auckland • Dunedin • Invercargill • Stewart Island • Queenstown

Explore New Zealand's rich tapestry of wilderness, nature, culture and adventure – and gain an understanding of the Kiwi people's respect for their natural surroundings.

DAY 1: Arrive in Auckland and spend a few hours relaxing in your hotel before your guide whisks you off to see the sights in this “City of Sails.”

DAY 2: Board an early flight to Dunedin, the “Edinburgh of the South.” After arriving at your historic hotel, join the head chef for a culinary experience.

DAY 3: Today you have a close encounter with nature, with unrivaled viewing of penguin, fur seal and sea lion. Travel past lush pastures, small bays and inlets, rugged hills and white sandy beaches. Witness the rarest penguin in the world waddle up a beach after a day of feeding or Hooker's sea lion dozing in the sun.

DAY 4: Depart Dunedin for a scenic journey through the coastal Catlins Forest Park to Invercargill. This area is famous for its stunning scenery and plethora of wildlife. Stop at Nugget Point to view the local colonies of seal and penguin.

DAY 5: A day of adventure and exploration begins with a breathtaking scenic flight to forested Stewart Island. Explore the island with your expert nature guide; then embark on an in-depth walk in the Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary.

DAY 6: Your journey continues as you travel overland through a series of settlements along the Oreti River. The scenery becomes gradually more alpine. After visiting Kingston, site of a remarkable vintage steam train, continue through picturesque countryside to Queenstown.

DAY 7: This morning, depart on an exclusive experience by private helicopter as you fly to Milford Sound. Soar among mountains, age-old glaciers and prehistoric rainforests in a habitat seldom frequented by man. Stroll on an uninhabited beach and enjoy lunch at a remote alpine lake.

DAY 8: Start a memorable day with a Dart River jet boat excursion that takes you to the heart of the Southern Alps, an untouched wilderness. Later, with your expert guide, venture further into Mount Aspiring National Park and enjoy a picnic lunch while absorbing the beauty of your surrounds.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



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Tailor Made Papua New Guinea

Port Moresby • Madang • Mt. Hagen • Karawari • Ambua

Encounter the people and places that comprise one of the world's most fascinating cultures. Snorkel amid tropical reef fish, explore the rainforests and waterfalls of the highlands and visit villages where life continues much as it has for centuries.

DAY 1: Arrive in Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea, and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: A morning flight brings you to Madang, where your first excursion is a tour of the North Coast and its surrounding area. This afternoon, snorkel in the protected waters of a lagoon abounding with tropical reef fish and undulating soft corals.

DAY 3: Your full-day tour begins with a drive past villages, copra and cocoa plantations before arriving at Siar Village, an example of a "modern-day" village. Pass roadside markets before visiting the main town market and Madang Cultural Museum.

DAY 4: Fly this morning to the capital of the highlands area and your lodge, located in an area of magnificent views of the Wahgi Valley. After lunch, embark on a guided nature walk featuring the birds and flora of the area.

DAYS 5-6: Spend two full days exploring the Hagen area and Wahgi Valley. The Mount Hagen area is the home of the Melpa people, who still live largely a traditional subsistence lifestyle.

DAY 7: Board your charter flight to Karawari, where you are transferred by river boat and four-wheel-drive vehicle to your lodge. Sitting on a ridge above the Karawari River, it boasts a spectacular view over the vast tropical jungle.

DAYS 8-9: Wake up to the chattering of lorikeet and eclectus parrot. Enjoy sightseeing that provides insight into the amazing ecology and culture of the Karawari area.

DAY 10: Your charter flight takes you over some of the most rugged and impressive landscapes in the world. The Tari Valley is the home of the Huli, a proud and colorful people living the same way their ancestors did. Spend the afternoon exploring the mountain forests and roaring waterfalls surrounding your lodge.

DAY 11: Spend your day with ecological and culturally based touring. For the adventurous, there is an opportunity for a bona fide village experience. The Tari area is home to an incredible 13 species of birds of paradise, as well as numerous orchid species.

DAY 12: Late this morning, fly from Tari to Port Moresby.

DAY 13: Transfer to the airport for your departing flight.



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made French Polynesia

Papeete • Nuku Hiva • Hiva Oa

Journey through these islands dotting the South Pacific, havens of exotic beauty. Explore Nuku Hiva's sacred ceremonial grounds and coconut groves, as well as Hiva Oa's lush rainforests and seaside villages.

DAY 1: On arrival in Tahiti's capital city, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2: This morning, board your flight to Nuku Hiva and settle in to your lodge, which boasts views of the valley of Tapueahu, the Marquesan "Grand Canyon." This afternoon, visit Taiohae, a village bordering the sea, and Tohua Temehea, a ceremonial site rich with stone carvings inspired by local legends. Stop at Notre Dame Cathedral, built on the site of an ancient *tohua* (sacred ceremonial ground).

DAY 3: Travel the island by four-wheel-drive vehicle with your guide, stopping first in the valley of Hatiheu on the north coast. Examine archaeological sites as your guide narrates stories of the grand ceremonies held on these sacred grounds. Continue your journey through the coconut groves of Taipivai's valley, made famous by Herman Melville

in his novel *Typee*. As you return to your hotel, visit the outstanding archaeological sites of Tohua Hikokua and Kamuiheo that have been restored to their original form.

DAY 4: Arrive at Hiva Oa, the largest and most fertile island, with its deep valleys, lush plateaus and thickly wooded forests. Your first destination on the island is the port village of Atuona, former home to painter Paul Gauguin and singer Jacques Brel. Visit their homes, along with museums that house copies of Gauguin's work.

DAY 5: Enjoy a full day exploring this beautiful island. Begin with a breathtaking drive along the winding coastline to the picturesque village of Puamau. Located on the northeastern tip of the island, it is home to Takai, the tallest stone *tiki* in all of Polynesia. Lunch on homemade Marquesan dishes.

DAY 6: After a morning at leisure, board a flight to Papeete. Enjoy an evening looking out over the city and reflecting on your explorations of the Marquesas.

DAY 7: Begin the day with a morning at leisure. Then discover the tropical treasures of Tahiti during an excursion around the island.

DAY 8: Take advantage of late check-out before transferring to the airport for your onward flight.



Hotel Portfolio: Australia

A selection of recommended hotels



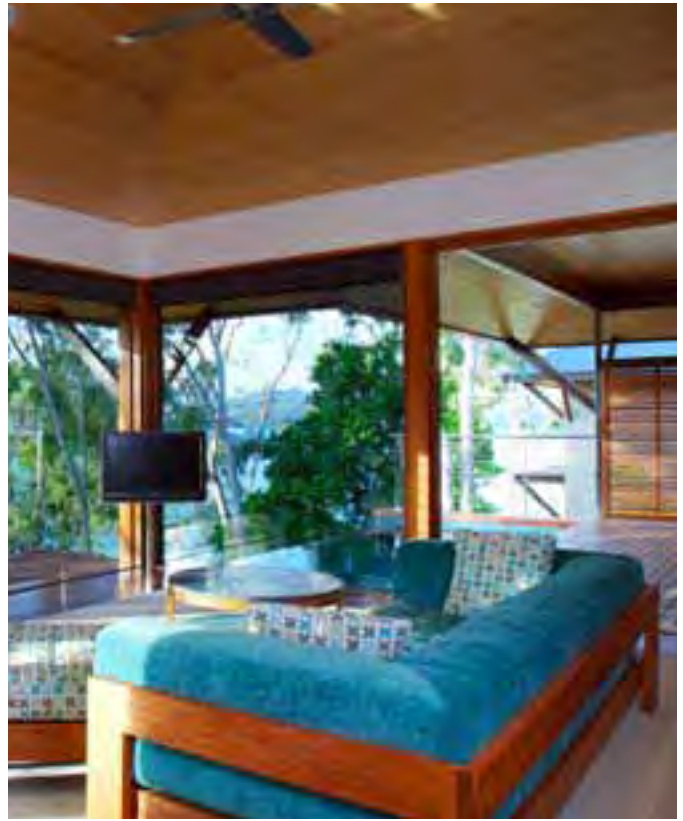
WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT & SPA
New South Wales

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Australian wilderness at Emirates' conservation-led Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, located in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Nestled between two national parks, Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa is set within its own private conservation and wildlife reserve. The secluded resort features 40 individual suites, each having its own indoor/outdoor swimming pool. The main homestead offers distinctive dining and luxury facilities and the stand-alone Timeless Spa.



MOONLIGHT HEAD PRIVATE LODGES
Otways, Victoria

At the midpoint of the Great Ocean Road, discover Moonlight Head Private Lodges — remote, all-inclusive retreats hidden in the Australian bush. Matchless Australian hospitality, defined by immaculate service and hedonistic levels of comfort, is key to Moonlight Head's appeal. Days can be spent hiking the Great Ocean Road Walk, fishing, playing golf, horse riding through the Otways, exploring wilderness or enjoying stories about the unique Aboriginal settlements and the 300 shipwrecks that define the coastline.



QUALIA, GREAT BARRIER REEF
Hamilton Island

Surrounded by the unsurpassed beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, qualia is located on the secluded northernmost tip of Hamilton Island. The resort immerses you in a relaxed atmosphere, offering personalized and intuitive service. The 60 guest pavilions blend harmoniously with the rare, natural beauty of the island, providing an indulgent space to relax and unwind. Every detail at qualia has been meticulously considered to relax the mind while completely indulging the senses. For a truly memorable experience, step inside Spa qualia which offers an extensive range of luxurious local and international treatments. No sensory experience would be complete without the opportunity to sample the fresh and innovative cuisine at qualia's two restaurants, Pebble Beach and the Long Pavilion. With a direct flight taking only two to three hours from international gateway cities on Australia's east coast, qualia truly is a world-class destination without the journey.



SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE
Kangaroo Island

Southern Ocean Lodge commands spectacular ocean, beach and wilderness views on Kangaroo Island. With its own definitive organic luxe style and sustainable philosophy, Southern Ocean Lodge allows guests to discover the magnificent coastal scenery and abundant wildlife for which the island is renowned. Twenty indulgent suites have been designed with uncompromising sensitivity to the pristine environment and feature lavish king sleeping areas, a sunken lounge, stunning glass-walled bathrooms and outdoor terrace with breathtaking views.



THE LODGE AT TARRALEAH
Tasmania

Stunning vistas on the edge of wilderness; outstanding food complemented by 300 wines and 200 single malts; and guest rooms with silk-filled duvets, mohair throws, Tasmanian art and oversize luxe bathrooms have earned The Lodge at Tarraleah a rating as a *Vogue* “Cool Hotel.” Soak up the view from the cliff-top hot tubs and consider massage, golf, walks, fishing and wildlife adventures. Have breakfast with the platypus; then stalk wild trout for tea. This is an exclusive and intimate retreat showcasing the very best of Tasmania.



BAMARRU PLAINS
Northern Territory

Bamarru Plains is a luxury safari camp and an extraordinary bush experience on the edge of Kakadu National Park. This exclusive camp, with just nine Safari Bungalows, exudes “wild bush luxury,” ensuring that guests are exposed to the sights and sounds of a spectacular environment in style and exclusivity. Activities focus on exploring the surrounding country, with airboat trips on the wetlands, river cruises in search of crocodiles, bush drives and guided walks.



HOME VALLEY STATION
The Kimberley, Western Australia

Home Valley Station takes pride in providing guests with the ultimate Australian Outback experience. It offers a range of authentic activities and new accommodation options for all types of travellers, from those who prefer their rugged Outback adventure with a twist of luxury to those seeking a more intimate experience. The spacious Grass Castles are lavishly appointed, providing guests with the ultimate in Outback lodging. Homestead Guesthouse Rooms provide a comfortable retreat — perfect for couples and families.



'TRUE NORTH'

Australia, Papua New Guinea, and the South Pacific

North Star Cruises Australia is the winner of numerous awards for excellence. The company offers adventure-cruises all around the Australian coastline and in the stunning waters of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Sea. All cruises include frequent daily excursions and feature the 'True North's' unequalled style, modern cuisine and an enthusiastic Australian crew. Multiple expedition boats (not Zodiacs) take guests away in small groups to encounter wilderness up close. To add yet another dimension to adventure, the 'True North' sails with her very own air-conditioned helicopter. Enjoy panoramic views from the dining rooms or the forward observation lounge. All 18 cabins are beautifully appointed with en suite facilities, in-house entertainment and satellite telephones.



LIZARD ISLAND
Great Barrier Reef

A tiny gem adorning the translucent waters of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, Voyages' Lizard Island Resort and Spa is a fishing and diving paradise. Boat trips, picnics, snorkeling and water sports fill your days. You can learn to scuba dive or marvel at rare underwater species from a glass-bottomed boat. Fine food and wine is served in the restaurant or on the beach, while accommodation is provided in 40 lavish rooms. Lizard Island's indulgence is ideal for extending any journey in Australia, New Zealand or the South Pacific.



LONGITUDE 131°
Uluru

Safari ambience comes to the Australian Outback in this luxurious tented camp, close to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and bordering the beautiful Uluru/Kata Tjuta National Park. Fifteen elevated, air-conditioned tents have picture windows overlooking the rock itself and offer comfortable en suite accommodations. Experienced guides introduce the area's attractions, and each day ends under the stars.



PARK HYATT MELBOURNE
Melbourne

Contemporary elegance surrounds you in a luxurious sanctuary of fine dining and exquisite appointments at Park Hyatt Melbourne. Located just minutes from the heart of Melbourne's cosmopolitan central business district, it offers the city's largest guest rooms, with inviting king beds and white, spa-inspired Italian marble bathrooms in each. The hotel features the award-winning Raddi restaurant and bar and the divine Park Club Health & Day Spa with its indoor 82-foot lap pool, spa, sauna and steam room.



PARK HYATT SYDNEY
Sydney

Seated majestically in the dress circle to one of the world's most glittering harbors, Park Hyatt Sydney is located in the historic Rocks area, just minutes from the cultural and shopping districts of Sydney. Most of the 155 guest rooms and suites feature private balconies with views overlooking Sydney's spectacular harbor, Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Unparalleled views, private boat access and butler service make Park Hyatt Sydney popular with the most discerning traveller.



SEA TEMPLE PORT DOUGLAS
Port Douglas

The Sea Temple Resort & Spa Port Douglas has been designed with unsurpassed luxury and sophisticated relaxation in mind. The resort blends seamlessly with the surrounding landscape of this tropical oasis, centering around an expansive lagoon and island bar. There are 194 rooms, a day spa, restaurant, bars and a signature 18-hole links-style golf course, all in one of the most internationally famous locations in Australia.



THE OBSERVATORY HOTEL
Sydney

A member of the exclusive Orient-Express collection, The Observatory Hotel is an acclaimed property, where stylish tradition meets modern efficiency. It's superbly located in the heart of the Rocks, only minutes from the central business district and King Street Wharf. In every detail, the 100-room hotel puts guests at their ease and offers a relaxed atmosphere. Facilities include the award-winning Galileo restaurant serving French cuisine, an indulgent day spa and health club, subterranean heated pool and a tennis court.



SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS
Melbourne

Located in prestigious Collins Street, the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins features 363 rooms with breathtaking views, contemporary furnishings, marble bathrooms, Sofitel MyBeds and modern technology. Discover the exclusive Club Sofitel with upper level accommodation and an executive lounge offering refreshments all day, wireless Internet and a fireplace to sit beside and relax. Other hotel services include a modern dining restaurant and two bar areas.



LILLIANFELS BLUE MOUNTAINS RESORT & SPA
Blue Mountains

Nestled on the edge of the magnificent Jamison Valley, overlooking the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains National Park, Lillianfels is a breathtaking escape for romantics, a delight for gourmets and a wonder for lovers of nature. Enjoy a pampering session in The Spa or treat yourself to a lavish dinner in award winning Darley's. Only a 90-minute drive from Sydney, this 85-room, five-star European style country house is a true oasis for the senses.



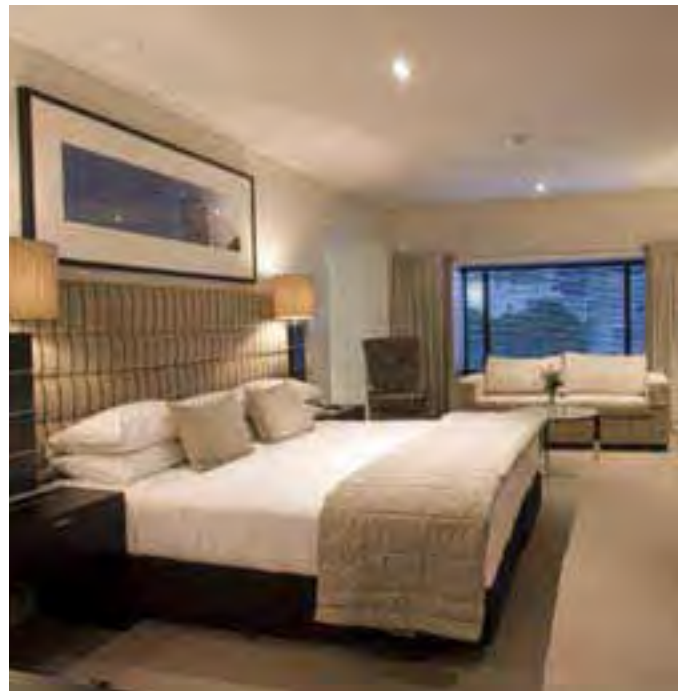
Hotel Portfolio: New Zealand

A selection of recommended hotels



LAKE OKAREKA LODGE
Rotorua

Nestled by the water's edge on the tip of a bush-clad peninsula, the luxurious Lake Okareka Lodge by lebua offers the ultimate in private, personalized hospitality in three spacious suites. Facilities include a living room, library and den, breakfast room, dining room, climate controlled wine cellar, massage and spa room, as well as a gym and fitness center. Full access to a 24-hour butler/concierge service and a personal internationally trained chef add to the exclusivity. A private jetty offers access to a variety of water activities.



THE GEORGE
Christchurch

The George is the essence of supreme comfort, with 53 spacious rooms designed with an eye for stylish detail and luxury amenities. With a one-to-one ratio of staff to guests, impeccable service is guaranteed. Recognized as New Zealand's Leading Boutique Hotel for three consecutive years in the World Travel Awards, The George offers discerning travellers superb comfort in an intimate ambience. Located exclusively on Hagley Park and the river Avon, The George is just steps from Christchurch's city center and cultural precinct.



THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS

Bay of Islands

Just a one-hour flight from Auckland, The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs is a 6,000-acre property surrounded by rolling hills, white sand and spectacular cliffs that plunge to the sea. This stunning property is listed in *Golf* magazine's Top 100 Courses in the World for its 72-par golf course with Pacific Ocean views and six holes situated along the dramatic ocean bluffs. The 11 cottages, nestled on the edge of a native forest overlooking the ocean and golf course, include a 4,200-square-foot Owner's Cottage with its own infinity pool and subtropical garden. The cottages are in a staggered row to the north of the main lodge building along a meandering tree-studded path. The spa is nestled at the edge of a totara forest and overlooks a verdant fern glen and winding stream. Each treatment room is equipped with a shower and changing area, has floor to ceiling views and opens into a private outdoor space where guests can enjoy garden-inspired treatment *al fresco* and fireside.



THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS

Hawkes Bay

Cape Kidnappers is located in one of New Zealand's most important wine districts, Hawkes Bay. The area has a rich history, beginning with its discovery by Captain James Cook in 1769. Set atop 6,000 rolling acres of pasture land, The Farm encompasses terrain that is reminiscent of Montana but plunges 800 feet into the sea. The cluster of lodge buildings is suggestive of a working farm. A combination of stone and weathered wood, the buildings combine rustic materials with comfortable, up-to-date furniture, creating the feeling of being in a fine and welcoming home. Each suite has room-controlled air conditioning, high-speed wireless Internet, remote controlled flat-screen LCD TV, CD player with iPod connection, security safe, fully stocked complimentary mini-bar, walk-in closet, spacious bathroom with heated towel rack, oversized bath tub and twin vanities. From each suite's private balcony, guests have 180-degree panoramic views of the farm, golf course and Pacific Ocean.



TREETOPS LODGE & WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

Rotorua

Nestled in 2,500 acres of 800-year old native forest, award-winning Treetops Lodge & Wilderness Experience is a life-long dream realized by owner and passionate naturalist John Sax. This uniquely New Zealand experience is a sanctuary and retreat of breathtaking terrain, offering the ultimate in world-class accommodation and adventure. Located in Rotorua, the Maori heartland and trout fishing capital of the world, the lodge's elegant, ecology-inspired architectural style was derived from the country's pioneering past, with timber and stone finishes echoing the natural beauty and simplicity of the great outdoors. Treetops offers seven streams, on-site trout fishing, four lakes and over 43 miles of adventure trails. New family experiences include photography safaris, helicopter tours, geocaching hunts, luxury treks to spectacular waterfalls, and a four-wheel-drive experience. Additionally, guests can stay in the owners villa, Pheasant House, which sleeps up to eight. This is a perfect accommodation option for families or groups of couples looking for flexibility in self-catering in a unique environment.



WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE & VILLAS

Palliser Bay

Recapturing the gracious lifestyle of a bygone era, Wharekauhau Country Estate is a luxury lodge with award-winning style situated on a 5,000-acre working farm on the southeast coast of New Zealand's North Island. Framed by the Rimutaka Ranges to the West and Palliser Bay to the East, the lodge is surrounded by ancient native forest, spectacular beaches, rivers and lakes. Each of the charming cottages dotted throughout the extensive grounds enjoys magnificent ocean views and offers complete privacy and seclusion. Located within the grounds of the Wharekauhau's native forest, idyllic lakes and rivers are two luxury villas with breathtaking views over the South Wairarapa coastline. These are perfect for families or groups of friends, offering privacy but with absolute access to all services and activities of the main lodge. Choose the way you dine. Go self-catering and revel in the Wairarapa's amazing produce and wines, dine à la carte at the main lodge daily or make every day memorable and let Wharekauhau Lodge provide you with a private chef.



CAVALLI ISLAND RETREAT & SPA

Cavalli Island

In the faraway waters of Aotearoa amid New Zealand's northernmost islands is a private hideaway that redefines island living. Cavalli Island Retreat & Spa is located in a protected marine and wildlife sanctuary. You are welcomed with a Maori *powhiri* and then can indulge daily in the opulence of traditional Maori well-being spa treatments, from therapists voted the best in the Pacific. Explore the island's waters via jet ski or take an eight-wheeled Argo over its hills and dales. You can even have 'Missonhills' at your call, a 72-foot luxury motor-yacht fully crewed and for exclusive use around the Bay of Islands. Whether it is an outdoor picnic, beach barbecue or candle-lit banqueting, you always dine on the freshest seafood and organic produce, complemented by the finest New Zealand and old world wines. Off the island, perhaps play golf at Kauri Cliffs, one of the world's top courses; go wine tasting; or visit historic Waitangi. Cavalli is designed for secure total seclusion. With a small party of six, enjoy exclusive use of the island resort or just enjoy it for year-round spa-villa getaways for two.



GREENHILL LODGE

Hawkes Bay

Greenhill Lodge is an opulent and tranquil retreat, situated on a hilltop overlooking classic farm and grazing land in the heart of New Zealand's food and wine country, Hawkes Bay. The main lodge building houses six en suite guest rooms, most of which open to the terrace with sensational views over a magnificent restored pergola. Behind the house's immaculate spa house, gymnasium, swimming pool and orchard lies Little Greenhill, a two-guestroom private villa.



THE BOATSHED

Waiheke Island

The Boatshed is located on a sun-drenched bay on the island of Waiheke, off the coast of Auckland. This boutique seaside hotel is inspired by boatsheds of the early 1900s that scatter the country's shores. Offering panoramic ocean views from five designer suites, two villas and a salt-inspired spa, the Boatshed invites you to rediscover the simple pleasures. Take a stroll among an eclectic mix of award-winning vineyards, *al fresco* restaurants, artists' studios and galleries or along one of the many deserted, sandy beaches.

Special Interest Group Travel



Gather your group for a one-of-a-kind journey

A JOURNEY FOR EVERY INTEREST

Abercrombie & Kent's group travel department creates rewarding journeys for any interest, from art and architecture to history and contemporary culture. We work hand in hand with your alumni society, museum group, wine and food group or employee rewards program. The result is a carefully crafted distinctive journey perfectly tailored to your unique interests:

- A journey for your historical society to the Middle East, where expert guides weave history, archaeology and storytelling into a unique and enriching experience
- A food-lover's journey with a private visit to a *gelateria*, a picnic on a Provençal hilltop or fresh seafood served on an ice-carved table atop a glacier
- A visit to Peru, where your group adopts a school and works directly with the children or assists the local residents as they work their fields
- A chance for your environmental group to help anti-poaching efforts in Masai Mara or replant bamboo in the Wulong Panda Reserve in China
- An artistic journey with a private visit to a Chinese opera academy or a private choral concert in a beautiful cathedral

LET US ARRANGE THE DETAILS

Your journey begins with a phone call to one of our group specialists, who oversees your program from beginning to end. With Abercrombie & Kent's 48-year reputation, we can arrange for special access and opportunities for your group that no other travel company can match.

**Contact your travel professional or an
Abercrombie & Kent Group Specialist at 866 572 1665.**

Celebrate with Abercrombie & Kent



Mark the milestones with the gift of travel

A CELEBRATION UNIQUELY YOURS

Whether a honeymoon, anniversary, family reunion or a special birthday, Abercrombie & Kent can make any event flawless and unforgettable. A dedicated Celebrations Specialist sees to every detail, from the perfect place to stay to memorable meals, children's activities and adult adventures.

- Celebrate your birthday with a day of shopping in London's boutiques, accompanied by your own fashion consultant
- Mark your anniversary by renewing your vows with a Hindu *pandit* (priest) in the Shiva Temple in Jaipur
- Gather the family for a reunion in China, where you visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and fly a kite from the ramparts of the Great Wall

THE ABERCROMBIE & KENT GIFT REGISTRY

Travel is the perfect gift, and Abercrombie & Kent makes giving it a pleasure. Our Gift Registry works just like the registry from a fine department store. Choose the dates and destinations for your itinerary on our web site; then use our email alert feature to notify friends and family of your desired gift. We'll even help you send responses with our simple, personalized email "thank you cards."

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Abercrombie & Kent Gift Certificates are another great way to give the gift of travel. Gift certificates can be purchased online in denominations as low as \$500; they have no blackout dates and never expire. Whether you want to contribute toward a best friend's honeymoon or send your top earners on safari, the starting point is your imagination and the options are endless.

**Speak to your Travel Professional or a Celebrations Specialist at
800 595 0169 to begin planning the celebration of a lifetime.**

Marco Polo Club



Taken by Katharine Villard, 2007 1st place Marco Polo Club photo contest winner

The world's finest travel community

Abercrombie & Kent's Marco Polo Club was created in 1984 as a way to thank — and reward — our most dedicated and loyal travellers. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys the company of like-minded travellers eager for inspiring adventures in exotic destinations.

INVITATIONAL TRAVEL

The cornerstone of Marco Polo Club membership is the Invitational Program, a specially arranged journey only offered to Club members. These are often the first A&K journeys offered to emerging destinations — Marco Polo Club members were the first A&K travellers to visit Madagascar and North Korea. Invitational Programs are led by A&K's finest guides, men and women whose presence makes any journey unforgettable — and whose dedication has earned them recognition in *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Travel+Leisure* and other publications.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

For a nominal membership fee, Marco Polo Club members enjoy numerous privileges and benefits, including:

- Exclusive Invitational journeys — around 25 every year
- Priority waitlist access to sold-out programs
- Savings of five percent on A&K travel after your first trip*
- Waiver of \$300 Tailor Made planning fee
- Chance to win credit for future travel in the Club's photo contest
- Exclusive offers from our partners

* Some restrictions apply.



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The Passenger Travel Protection Plan



One more reason to travel with A&K

Abercrombie & Kent knows the value of planning for every travel contingency. Circumstances can force you to cancel your trip at the last minute, return home early or seek emergency medical treatment overseas. That's why we've developed our unique Passenger Travel Protection Plan in conjunction with America's number one travel insurance provider, Travel Guard.

The option to buy is included on your departure invoice. There are no forms to fill out; simply pay the amount shown and you are enrolled automatically.

Passenger Travel Protection is designed to give you broad coverage that includes*:

- Coverage for pre-existing medical conditions
- Medical coverage for illness or injury sustained while abroad. Optional upgrade is available for primary coverage
- Baggage loss, theft, delay or damage coverage including an option to upgrade to primary coverage for an additional \$20
- Toll-free 24/7 assistance with medical, dental or legal emergencies, lost travel documents, emergency cash transfers and more

Enjoy the world with greater peace of mind – with Abercrombie & Kent's passenger travel protection plan.

*Insurance is underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Pennsylvania Insurance Company (NAIC #19445), currently authorized to transact business in all states and the District of Columbia. The policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Not all coverages are available in all states.

Abercrombie & Kent / EXTREME ADVENTURES



EXPLORE A NEW FRONTIER

Defying expectations has always been a hallmark of Abercrombie & Kent travel. With Extreme Adventures, A&K once again finds itself pushing the envelope – beginning our expeditions where others end.

At A&K, we understand that experiencing nature's most demanding landscapes can reveal exactly who you are, testing your physical, psychological and maybe even spiritual selves. The fifteen journeys in our Extreme Adventures portfolio cover a breadth of activities and range from mildly demanding to profoundly challenging. They take you from the world's highest peaks to its most remote terrains, from the polar ice caps to the sun-bleached deserts of Africa and all points between. Brave the planet's

Choose your Extreme Adventure from the six categories below.

MAN AND MACHINE EXTREME

Experience the rush of speed, from the driver's seat of a Formula One racer to the cockpit of a supersonic fighter jet.

TO THE EDGES OF THE EARTH

Reach the South Pole on skis or find the polar bear in its Arctic habitat on these rugged polar adventures.

EXTREME SAFARI

See Africa's wildlife by canoe, on foot or even from a helicopter on unique safaris led by the continent's most intrepid guides.

South Africa—Seeking the Ultimate Thrill



Norway—On the Trail of the Polar Bear



Tanzania—The Selous on Foot





harshest environments, come face-to-face with its most exotic wildlife and blaze paths where humans rarely venture. Return from your journey a different person from when you embarked, with new insight into the power of nature and your ability to overcome it. How many people can say they set out for the South Pole at the point where the great explorer Ernest Shackleton turned back? Only A&K Extreme Adventures give you the chance to find out.

Visit akextremeadventures.com for more details.

MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Reach Mount Everest Base Camp or the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, two of the world's most challenging mountain treks.

Kilimanjaro—Lemosho & the Western Breach



UNDERSEA ADVENTURES

Dive into the waters off Belize for up-close encounters with its extraordinary sea life, including the elusive whale shark.

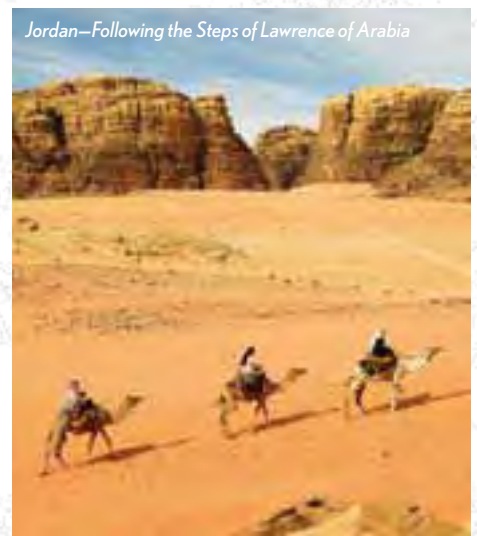
Belize—Diving the Blue Hole



DESERT EXPEDITIONS

Experience life in the unforgiving desert, following the path of Lawrence of Arabia in Jordan or exploring Egypt's White Desert.

Jordan—Following the Steps of Lawrence of Arabia



Terms & Conditions

INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAMS: Prices are valid to December 2010 (2011 pricing details will be subject to final confirmation), and include all accommodations as noted in the itinerary; meals as specified; arrival and departure transfers (regardless of arrival and departure days); fully-guided sightseeing as noted in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees); bottled water supplied during sightseeing; selected beverages with group meals; services of an A&K Tour Director* (please see condition noted below); handling of two pieces of baggage per person for international flights (other conditions/ restrictions may apply for internal routes; please refer to Baggage section); hotel taxes; gratuities throughout, except to your Tour Director, and ship's crew of the 'Road to Mandalay'*** (please see separate section on Gratuities for more details).

PLEASE NOTE: *ON GROUP PROGRAMS: If a minimum number of passengers is not reached, A&K may provide local guides in each location, in place of an A&K Tour Director. Services may also be modified to accommodate a smaller group.

ON PROGRAM EXTENSIONS: All extensions are locally guided.

****GRATUITIES ON ESCORTED PROGRAMS:** Gratuities are included for hotel/restaurant staff, portage and local guides/drivers. Gratuities are not included for the A&K Tour Director or for ship's crew on the 'Road to Mandalay,' where applicable, which are at the traveller's discretion and should be based on the level of satisfaction with the service received. Recommended guidelines for each area visited are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

****GRATUITIES ON INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS (SIGNATURE AND TAILOR MADE):** Gratuities are not included in the program price and are at the discretion of the traveller. Recommended guidelines are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

NOT INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAM PRICES: Passenger Travel Protection Program; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; international airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the A&K Tour Director on Escorted Programs or ship's crew as outlined in the Gratuities on Escorted Programs section; meals other than specified in the itinerary; beverages other than noted in your "Pre-Tour Documentation," sightseeing and game drives not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES: All departures are guaranteed, with some dates being subject to a minimum number of passengers to operate (excepting only cases of *force majeure*, which could include any major world event that adversely affects international travel patterns and other circumstances beyond A&K's control). Should the minimum number of passengers not be met, A&K will offer one of the following options: modify the services of the original program to accommodate a smaller group or offer an alternative program. Should no alternative be suitable, A&K will offer a full refund of all monies received.

ITINERARIES: Accommodations (hotel or vessel) and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. A&K also reserves the right to withdraw a program or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking or non-smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure your special request; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Quoted program prices include planning, handling and operational charges, and are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of June 2009. A&K reserves the

right to increase program prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes received after prices are published, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. A&K is under no obligation to give breakdown costs involved in any Escorted or Tailor Made program. Modification of program content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect published program price.

IMMEDIATE CHECK-IN: On programs where immediate check-in has not been included in the program price, A&K does request that hotels do their utmost to facilitate this service; however, it is not guaranteed. Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have your room ready for immediate check-in on arrival, A&K can arrange this for an additional charge. Please ask for details and prices.

EARLY ARRIVAL: A&K recommends that you arrive a day or two before the start of your program to allow time to relax and refresh after your journey and to prepare for the start of your program. A&K has negotiated special overnight rates at many hotels contained within this brochure. Please ask for details at time of booking. Departing early from the U.S. is also recommended in the winter months, due to possible flight disruptions and cancellations caused by inclement weather conditions.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS: On specified programs some active elements have been incorporated into the itinerary. To enjoy the program as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or to other members of the selected program. A&K reserves the right to decline to accept anyone that it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose condition is such that it could create a hazard to himself or herself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program please ask for details at time of booking.

BAGGAGE: Program prices include the handling of two pieces of baggage per person. Weight restrictions on some routes on internal air flights may apply; details will be provided with preliminary tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the travel program. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flights.

A&K'S PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: Our specially designed travel protection program, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the program price and it is strongly recommended. Please see page 137 for more details.

CHILD POLICY: On non-family programs, unless otherwise indicated on the individual tour page, a minimum age of 10 years is required. On

family programs, unless indicated on the individual tour page, there is no minimum age requirement. However, some activities contained within a tour may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the time of booking. Please Note: A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on family programs to accommodate a family.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Valid passports are required for travel to the destinations in this brochure. Check with your travel agent or A&K for the latest visa requirements. Please note that non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. A&K cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to A&K in order to confirm air reservations.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: For all programs in this brochure, a deposit of \$1,250 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. For all India programs operating between November 10 and December 31, 2010, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Special deposit applies. Ask A&K for details.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Cancellations received by A&K 90 days or more prior to departure will be subject to a \$500 per person/ per program cancellation fee; 89-60 days, will be subject to 20% of the program price; 59-30 days will be 50% of the program price and 29 days or less will be subject to 100% of the program price. A 100% cancellation charge applies to internal air cancelled less than 90 days prior to departure, where applicable. For all India programs operating between November 10 and December 31, 2010, special cancellation schedule applies. Ask A&K for details.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES: Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K programs are subject to the following: Cancellations received 31 or more days prior to the service will be refunded in full; cancellations received 30-15 days in advance will be charged 50% of the price; cancellations received less than 15 days in advance will be charged 100% of the price.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International airfares are not included in tour cost. Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC has special agreements with many carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Please ask your tour consultant about our special fares. All international and internal air



ONE NAME: ONE UNPARALLELED STANDARD WORLDWIDE

Throughout this brochure, you'll see references to "Abercrombie & Kent" (or simply "A&K"). This is our shorthand for the many independent A&K companies that work with Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC of Downers Grove, Illinois, to provide its travellers with a consistent worldwide standard of expertise and excellence in travel. Their independence allows our guests to benefit from the unique local knowledge and specialized services available only from destination-based operating companies around the globe.

UNITED STATES TOUR OPERATORS ASSOCIATION



Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC customers in the unlikely event of Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC's bankruptcy, insolvency

or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 Million posted by Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC. Complete details of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, NY 10016, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their Web site at www.USTOA.com.

ASTA TOP TOUR OPERATOR PROGRAM



Abercrombie & Kent USA, LLC is also a member of the American Society of Travel Agents TOP Program, open only to select tour operators.

TRAVEL AGENTS

A travel agent can enhance your trip by providing information and advice not contained in this brochure. A&K has long-standing relationships with the industry's best travel agents and would be pleased to work with yours.

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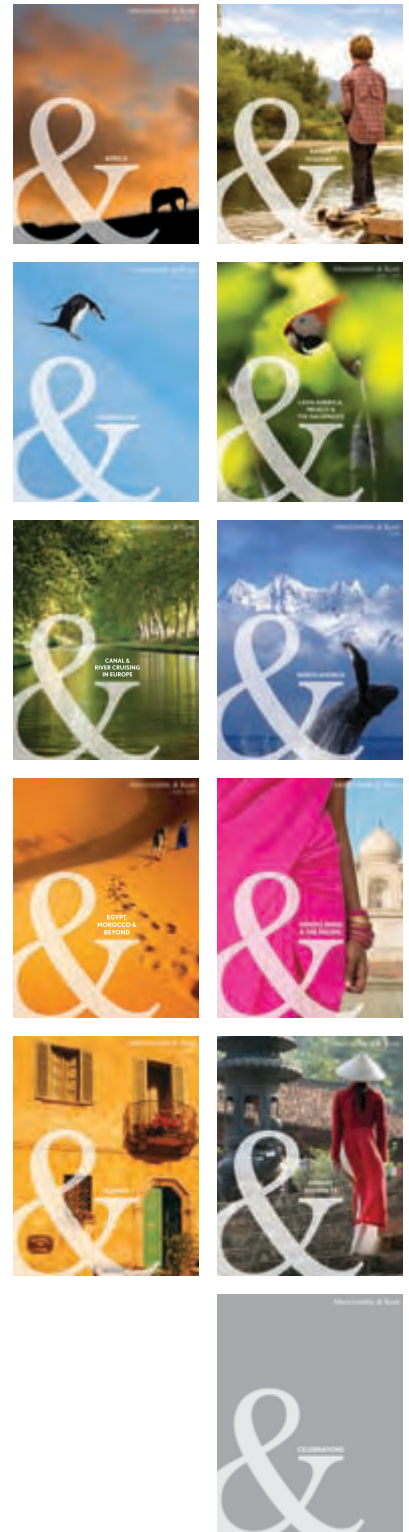
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