















# **Everywhere is**

Everywhere we go, from the biggest cities to the tiniest villages, we opt for local businesses and services whenever we can. In 2016, we became the first travel company to conduct a supply chain assessment based on our core values - the G Local Survey - to study the real-world impact of our travellers on the communities we visit. The numbers speak for themselves.





#### 112,000

Number of people employed globally by G Adventures' contracted service providers.



#### SUSTAINABILITY

97% of our on-tour suppliers employ sustainability practices in their operations.



#### **FRESH**

9/10 of our suppliers purchase more than half of their supplies from local producers, markets, and farms.



#### GLOBAL

Nearly 100 of our on-tour experiences in over 40 countries include visits to indigenous communities.



#### LOCAL

91% of our on-tour hotels, restaurants, and tour providers are owned by legal residents.



#### **FAMILIES**

On average, 3 dependants are supported by each employee of our service providers.



#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS

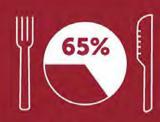
Value of economic stimulus for every dollar you spend on souvenirs or handicrafts.





#### SUPPORT

50% of suppliers worldwide contribute to non-profit organizations or local groups.



### LOCAL STAFF

83% of supplier management staff are local.

### FOOD

65% of included meals are based on local food and traditional cuisine.

All figures derived from G Adventures' global sustainability framework developed in partnership with Sustainable Travel International (STI) and the Planeterra Foundation to evaluate localized impacts and guide G Adventures' decisions about



# One of my favourite things about G Adventures,

and trust me, it's a long list, is how readily and eagerly we adapt to change. We were founded on the idea of changing travel, and for the past 25-plus years, we've never stopped changing. In that time, we've pioneered a new approach to travel, shook up the industry by being the first to offer 100% Guaranteed Departures, dreamed up unconventional new tours, forged dozens of partnerships, and even founded our own non-profit organization, the Planeterra Foundation.

On paper, that looks like a lot. But there's so much more to do. And we can't do it alone.

It takes a network of values-based, purpose-driven people to change the world. This year, we've established G Local, a new way to measure the localized impact your tour has on your destination. Every choice our suppliers and we make has an effect. For the first time anywhere, G Local will tell us how far those effects reach and how we can improve them.

No company succeeds if it refuses to improve. A few years back, we developed the G Adventures Animal Welfare Policy. We audited every tour that included experiences with animals and worked with our partners to promote the humane treatment of wildlife. If our partners put animals at risk, they cease to become partners. Coolest of all, our policy has won the enthusiastic endorsement of one of my childhood heroes, revered primatologist Dr Jane Goodall. In her honour, we've put together a special collection of animal-centric tours that reflect Jane's mission as well as that of the institute that bears her name. These 20 tours bring you into close contact with the world's most fascinating creatures in ways that respect their freedom. (See insert for more about the Jane Goodall Collection.)

Change is good, and it's best when it's for the right reasons. Travel has the power to do great things, but it doesn't happen without you. This year, make it happen with us.

Peace,

Bruce Poon Tip
Founder and Captain



# IMAGINE

A new way to experience the world

Introducing National Geographic Journeys with G Adventures – an exclusive collection of small-group tours designed to take you deeper into the cultures and habitats of the world's greatest destinations.

These aren't just trips; they're opportunities to see the world through the eyes of National Geographic-supported wildlife researchers, historians, nature conservationists, and others. And with upgraded accommodations, and more inclusions and private transport than on other G Adventures tours, you won't sacrifice comfort when you're roaming the planet.

You've waited your whole life to explore the world like they do in National Geographic magazine. Now's your chance.







# **IMAGINE**

# travel built on exploration, storytelling, and fun

National Geographic Journeys deliver the ideal blend of must-see highlights, hands-on exploration, free time, and opportunities to forge true, human connections — with the people we visit, as well as those we meet along the way.

#### LOCAL TRANSPORT

There are few better ways to really connect with a destination than by riding through it on transport you can't find at home. Here's to a tuk tuk or river boat ride you'll remember forever.

#### UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS

Ever thought of spending the night in a Jordanian desert camp? Maybe a converted fort in India? Whenever possible, our accommodations reflect the unique character of the places we visit.

#### YOUR LOCAL GUIDE

Every trip comes with its own local CEO (Chief Experience Officer). Unique perspective, insider access, and local knowledge about where to explore or dine are always at hand.

#### **FEEL THE FREEDOM**

We also include free time for you to do anything you wish. Before departing, you'll receive articles and tips from National Geographic to help you make the most out of your travels.

#### CHANGE THE WORLD

Travel with us and you help fund G Adventures' community development initiatives. You also support National Geographic's non-profit work in conservation, research, and exploration.

#### LEARN ALL YOU CAN

Every tour includes opportunities to learn about our world through unique interactive experiences with local experts, like marine biologists, sommeliers, Buddhist monks, and others.

#### LEARN MORE

Visit gadventures.com/journeys or talk to your travel agent.



#### 100% GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

The security that comes from knowing your tour is locked in is an amazing feeling. So go ahead and feel it! Every G Adventures departure is guaranteed to run, meaning once you've booked and paid, you're going. Your tour won't be cancelled by us for any reason (beyond harsh weather or safety issues).

#### LIFETIME DEPOSITS™

Our Lifetime Deposit policy protects you from unexpected events that may cause you (for any reason) to cancel or delay your tour. Whether you opt to use it again for the same tour, transfer it to another one, or just hold onto it for now, we've got you covered. You can even pass it on to a friend.

#### 24/7 SERVICE

When your business covers the whole world like ours does, you have to be available and accountable all the time. If you've got a question about a tour – even if it's the one you're currently on – we're here to help. Always. We never sleep. NEVER.

#### NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

We treat solo travellers to the same benefits as the rest of the group, which is why we don't charge single supplements. We'll partner you up with a same-sex roommate (or several for multi-share accommodations) to ensure you pay the same as everyone else.

#### CHOICE

Not to toot our own horn or anything, but we offer the widest variety of destinations, departure dates, Travel Styles and Service Levels in the business. No matter where, when, how, or why you want to travel, we've got the tour of a lifetime for you. (Toot.)

#### VALUE

What you saw and did should be the most memorable part of your tour, not the price you paid for it. We offer unforgettable travel experiences at the most competitive prices you'll find anywhere. How? By following an approach to travel that keeps operating costs low and savings high.

#### **SATISFACTION**

We're pretty proud of our customer satisfaction record. A whopping 99% of our travellers report satisfaction with the service we offered them on their tour. How do we do that? By listening to them. It's just one of the many ways we lead with service.

#### **GLOBAL NETWORK**

There's a great big world out there, and with almost two dozen sales and operations offices worldwide, you're never far from one. With a fleet of exclusive boats, lodges, and vehicles at our disposal, we can deliver an experience that's consistently G Adventures-y from start to finish.

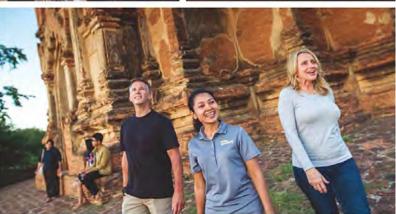
#### **PRIVATE GROUPS**

Group tours are a great way to meet people, but sometimes you just want to keep the experience between family and friends. Take any existing G Adventures departure and block it off for your group's private use. Ask our private groups team for more information.











Book your airfare at the same time as your tour and travel insurance, all in a single call.

#### Why book your flights with us?

#### Choice

We work with more than 80 international airlines and know which one will suit you the best. The only thing we can't help you with? Packing.

#### **Expertise**

We'll find flights that match your tour's start and end dates (and notify you if you need to book extra hotel nights to get the rate you want).

#### No extra fees, always great rates

We're all friends here, and friends don't charge friends service charges. And don't forget to ask about special fares and promotions throughout the year.

#### Tour, flight, and insurance; one call does it all

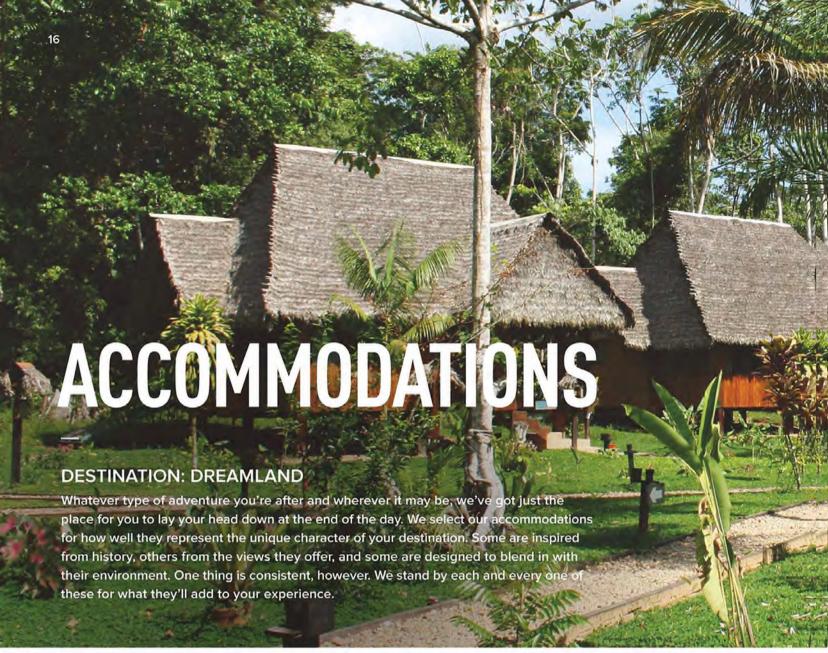
Our dedicated Flight Team is always ready to lend a hand to find the best route and airline for you.

#### **Extend your stay**

Get to know your connecting cities a little better by extending your stay with pre- or post-tour hotel stays.

#### Get more legroom

Upgrade your flights to business or premium economy class and stretch out those adventurin' legs.







#### **DEWACHEN HOTEL**

GANGTEY VALLEY, BHUTAN

Located in the hidden valley of Phobjikha, this sparkling gem of a hotel offers some outstanding views of the surrounding mountainscapes. It also has additional activities like horseback riding and traditional hot stone baths to relax at the end of a busy day of exploration.

#### WILDLIFE CRUISE

DOUBTFUL SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

Take a spin around one of New Zealand's most scenic locales aboard your floating hotel. On this one-night cruise, you'll spot dolphins, penguins, and other marine life by day, then pull into a secluded cove for a delicious dinner before dropping anchor for the night.







#### **DESIGN SUITES**

BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA

Surrounded by the Andean foothills in beautiful Bariloche, you're pretty much guaranteed a room with a view at the stylish Design Suites. Drawing design inspiration from the environment, this spot manages to bring nature indoors and somehow improve on it.

#### G LODGE AMAZON

TAMBOPATA NATIONAL RESERVE, PERU

Nestled deep within the lush Amazon rainforest is our own smartly outfitted G Lodge Amazon. Sleep in a cozy bungalow equipped with your own private terrace, en suite bathroom, and hot water – a rare and welcome treat this far into the woods.



### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

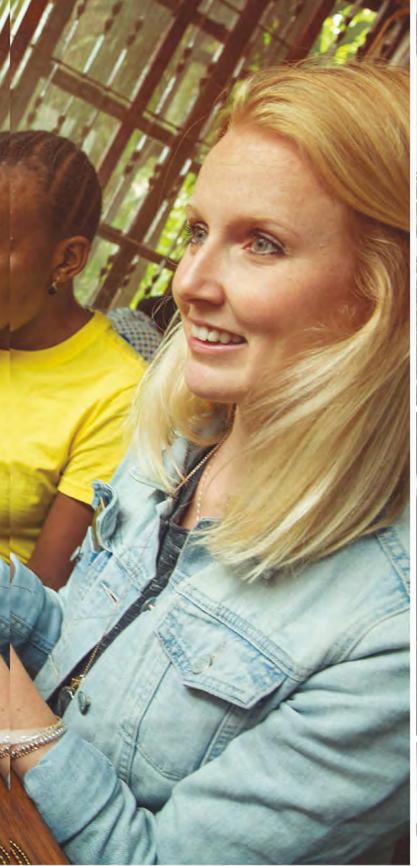
Gain behind-the-scenes access to research facilities, historical sites, local experts, and other National Geographic experiences.

#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD**

Genuine and immersive experiences with our amazing G Adventures-supported community development projects.

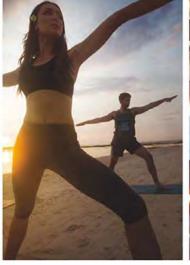
#### HANDS-ON

Come home with a new set of skills learned from an expert. Master the mojito, learn to dance the tango like a local, try your skills at dumpling making, and more.











#### **CARTE BLANCHE**

Your adventure belongs to you, so there's time to do as you wish. Fill your free time with your choice of optional activities, go exploring on your own, or simply kick back.

#### **RECHARGE**

Adventuring is tough work. Take care of yourself out there with post-hike massages, tai chi in the park, scrub-downs at hammams and more.





DANIEL B. CENTRAL AMERICA

"I love my job because when I'm walking through a tropical cloud forest or ancient ruins, I can call it my office. I get to meet people from all over the world and share with them great moments that will become cherished memories. I love the chance to illustrate the partnership between G Adventures and National Geographic."

# PERSONALIZE YOUR TOUR

Extras are the perfect way to make your adventure a little more yours. We've got ones for all types of travellers including foodies, photographers, culture lovers, and adrenaline junkies. Here are some optional add-ons you can book in advance, for those days on your tour that have free time built in.

#### ASIA

#### JAIPUR BALLOON RIDE

#### IAIPLIR 1 HR

Begin your day early, just as the sun starts to rise over the city of Jaipur. Drift into the sky, enjoying the silence of the morning and floating over ancient forts, exquisite palaces, and lively villages.

FROM €225

Available on tours: AHING, AHLNG, AHHNG. AHDNG, AHNNG

#### **BEIJING KUNG FU SHOW**

#### BEIJING, 1 HR

Follow the tale of a young boy on his journey to becoming a kung fu master. This performance of traditional Chinese art and modern dance was created by some of China's top stage directors.

€38

Available on tours: ACBNG, ACCNG

#### **BALLOONS OVER BAGAN**

#### BAGAN, 45 MIN

Take to the air at sunrise to experience the serenity of early-morning Bagan. Drift high above villages, temples, and silent landscapes. Upon landing. toast your journey with a glass of champagne.

€294

Available on tour: ARANG

#### FLIGHT OF THE GIBBON

#### CHIANG MAI, HALF-DAY

Soar through 7km (4.3 mi) of lush Thai jungle on thrilling ziplines, and learn about the local lore, wildlife, and geology from an expert guide. You might wish never to come down again.

€89

Available on tours: ATING, ATTNG, ATHNG

#### **AFRICA**

#### **OKAVANGO DELTA FLIGHT**

#### MALIN 45 MIN

Get a fresh perspective on Africa only a few ever see. Watch hippos in the waterways and elephants in the tree line, all the while tracing the region's winding water channels through the delta.

€108

Available on tours: DZBNG, DSKNG, DSHNG

#### CHOBE PHOTO SAFARI DRIVE

#### CHORE HALE-DAY

Explore Chobe NP on a safari jeep built for photo enthusiasts. Includes transfers, park fees. camera usage (Nikon D7000 with 150-500mm zoom lens), photo permit, and DVD/memory card.

Available on tours: DZBNG, DSKNG, DSHNG

#### **CHOBE PHOTO RIVER SAFARI**

#### CHORE, HALF-DAY

Discover the waters of Chobe NP on a customdesigned boat. Includes transfers, park fees, camera usage (Nikon D7000 with 150-500mm zoom lens), photo permit, and DVD/memory card.

Available on tours: DZBNG, DSKNG, DSHNG

#### VICTORIA FALLS HELICOPTER RIDE

#### VICTORIA FALLS 12-15 MIN

Experience Victoria Falls from above. Watch the raging Zambezi River make its way toward the gorge and form one of the largest waterfalls in the world. Includes transfers and a 12-15min flight.

€146

Available on tours: DZBNG. DSKNG, DSHNG, DSUNG, DSLNG

#### VICTORIA FALLS RIVER RAFTING

#### VICTORIA FALLS, FULL-DAY

Depart in the morning for the opportunity to go whitewater-rafting on the Zambezi River while Victoria Falls roars above you. Includes park fees, lunch, and a full day of rafting on grade 3-5 rapids.

FROM €144

Available on tours: DSKNG, DSHNG, DSUNG DSLNG DZBNG

#### SERENGETI BALLOON SAFARI

#### SERENGETI, 1 HR

Floating quietly above the Serengeti, you'll get a view of the teeming wildlife and terrain only birds usually get to see. Enjoy a breakfast with champagne and keep your camera at the ready.

€491

Available on tours: DKTNG. DTTNG

#### MASAI MARA BALLOON SAFARI

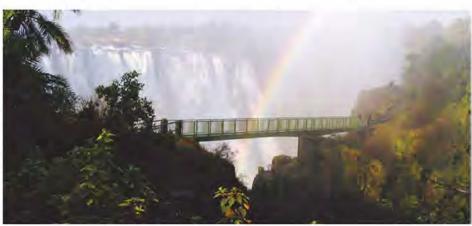
#### ΜΑSΑΙ ΜΑRΑ 1 HR

The adventure begins just before dawn and lasts an hour. Fly over the Mara River, plains, and forests of the Masai Mara. Toast your return with a champagne breakfast, cooked wherever you land.

FROM €603

Available on tour. DKKNG





#### **AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

#### SYDNEY BRIDGE CLIMB

SYDNEY, 3.5 HRS

Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge high above the water while an expert guide tells you stories about the history and construction of the bridge. The panoramic view of the city will take your breath away.

€206

Available on tours: OANNG OAXNG

#### SYDNEY ADRENALINE BUNDLE

#### SYDNEY BRIDGE CLIMB

SYDNEY, 3.5 HRS

#### JET BOATING

#### SYDNEY, 30 MIN

Board a jet boat and enjoy the thrilling rush of spins, slides, and fish tails against a scenic backdrop. Spot iconic landmarks like the Opera House, Taronga Zoo, and Shark Island.

€244

Available on tours OANNG OAXNG

#### **AUCKLAND SAILING: AMERICA'S CUP EXPERIENCE**

AUCKLAND, 2 HRS

As part of the crew, work with your teammates to sail around Auckland's Waitemata Harbour in this competitive yacht. Either take the helm or sit back and enjoy the ride.

€104

Available on tour: ONING



#### CENTRAL AMERICA

#### **COSTA RICA ADRENALINE BUNDLE**

#### CANYONEERING

ARENAL, HALF-DAY

Rappel, down-climb, river-trace, and descend huge waterfalls in the rugged mountains and lush rainforests around Costa Rica's Arenal Volcano.

#### ZIPLINING

MONTEVERDE, HALF-DAY

Get a true bird's-eye view of the cloudforest canopy as you soar through the trees on a Tarzan swing, a giant rappel, and a 137m (450 ft) zipline.

FROM €125

Available on tours: CGGNG, CGXNG

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

#### **IGUASSU FALLS BOAT RIDE**

IGUASSU FALLS, 1 HR

Board a speedboat and prepare for an up-close (and very wet) introduction to this incredible natural wonder. Note: US, Canadian, and Australian citizens will need to pay a reciprocity tax in Argentina to do this activity.

€59

Available on tours: SAZNG, SCANG

#### **PERU CULINARY BUNDLE**

LIMA, HALF-DAY CUSCO, HALF-DAY

Take part in cooking classes in Lima and Cusco. In each city, visit a market with a local chef to shop for ingredients. Then head back to prepare lunch. Note: We recommend bundling this activity with a pre- or post-trip stay.

Available on tours: SPSNG, SPING. SPQNG. SPENG

#### FLIGHT OVER THE NAZCA LINES

NAZCA, 45 MIN

Take to the skies for the best view of the enigmatic Nazca Lines, a series of patterns and pictures etched on a wide area of flat desert. See depictions of birds, insects, and animals only recognizable from the air.

€110

Available on tour:



#### **NORTH AMERICA**

#### GRAND CANYON HELI RIDE

GRAND CANYON, 45 MIN

Enjoy a bird's-eve view for 45 minutes as you fly over this wonder of the world, taking in one of the greatest geological spectacles anywhere.

Available on tours: NUVNG, NUNNG





# IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER TEMPLE VISIT It's your chance to meet the resident monks at the Kyan Sithar Umin monastery, discuss their daily life, and look out over the enchanting region they call home just one possibility in this mystical part of the world. Imagine riding through Nepal's Chitwan National Park in search of Bengal tigers, experiencing Old Yogyakarta by cycle-rickshaw, or climbing the steps of the ancient Sigiriya Rock Fortress in Sri Lanka. Encounter the many faces of Asia with National Geographic Journeys. KYAN SITHAR UMIN MONASTERY, BAGAN, MYANMA



Treat yourself to 15 unforgettable days of discovery in Delhi, Jaipur, Varanasi, and more. Enjoy a guided tour of the world's most magnificent testimonial to love – the Taj Mahal. Visit the birthplace of Buddhism and Hinduism, spend a night in a traditional village, witness holy rituals on a sunrise Ganges cruise, and discover the hidden side of Delhi with a former street youth now taking part in a G Adventures-supported project. Don't just see India; get inside its soul.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture on the Ganges • Breakfast at Open Hand vocational training café • Cooking demonstration and dinner in a family home • G Adventures for Good: Women on Wheels arrival transfer • Walking tour with a guide from the New Delhi Streetkids Project • Recharge: Yoga class. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Rickshaw tour of Old Deihi • Orientation walk of Varanasi • Excursion to Sarnath • Sunset and sunrise boat trips on the Ganges River • Tour of the Khajuraho temples • Tours of the Taj Majal and the Red Fort • Two safarl drives • Visit Ranthambore Fort and the Ganesh temple • Tour Jalpur and visit Amber Fort • Village stay at Rawla Jojawar In a historic heritage hotel • Tour Udaipur • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 DELHI Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included through Women on Wheels, a G Adventures-supported project. DAY 2 DELHI Walk through the backstreets of Delhi with a young adult from the G Adventures-supported New Delhi Streetkids Project. Later, explore Old Delhi with our CEO and enjoy a rickshaw ride through the busy streets. DAYS 3-4 VARANASI Fly to Varanasi, one of India's holiest cities. In the afternoon, enjoy a lecture at the ghats of the Ganges about the river's spiritual, social, and economic significance; then embark on a boat to take in the sunset from the river. The next day, rise early for a dawn-lit boat ride on the Ganges and observe rituals of bathing and burial. Then have breakfast at Open Hand Cafe, a G Adventures partner, to learn how this social enterprise is improving livelihoods in the local community. Later, visit Sarnath, the site of the Buddha's first sermon. DAY 5 KHAJURAHO Fly to Khajuraho and visit the Western Temple complex, famed for its erotic sculptures depicting the Kama Sutra. This evening, relax with a yoga class in the country where the practice began. DAY 6 AGRA Today, travel by road before mingling with locals on the train ride to Agra. DAY 7 AGRA/RANTHAM-BORE NP This morning, explore the magnificent Taj Mahal and visit the Agra Fort. Later, travel by private vehicle to Ranthambore National Park, DAY 8 RANTHAMBORE NP

Enjoy safari drives through the park with local naturalists/ rangers to spot leopards and monkeys (and with some luck, one of the elusive tigers). Then, walk with some of the locals to the ruins of Ranthambore Fort and visit the Ganesh Temple. DAYS 9-10 JAIPUR Drive to Jaipur and delve into India's history with visits to the City Palace, Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), and the impressive Amber Fort. Enjoy a traditional culinary experience with a local family; visit a nearby market with them and then sit down to a meal in their home DAY 11 JOJAWAR Travel to the village of Jojawar and spend the nightin a historic heritage hotel. Explore the village and meet some of its residents. Opt to take a rural train safari through the Aravali Hills, DAYS 12-13 UDAIPUR Travel to Udaipur and take an orientation walk and a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Explore the City Palaceand Jagdish Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. DAY 14 DELHI Fly to Delhi for the final evening with the option to join a farewell dinner, DAY 15 DELHI Depart at any time.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### JAIPUR BALLOON RIDE

Check out the view. Book your balloon ride before you go. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

### **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

departures / month





### Visit gadventures.com or consult your travel agent

Tour Code AHHNG

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### FAMILY CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Visit Jaipur's vegetable and spice market with a local family to learn about popular ingredients in Indian cuisine. Then return to their home with them to prepare traditional dishes and sit down to eat together.

#### GANGES RIVER TALK

While in Varanasi, sit down for a talk with a scholar at the picturesque ghats (stairs) of the Ganges. Discuss the river and the spiritual and social role it plays in daily life here.



# €2049

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €979

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 14 nts

#### **MEALS**

14 breakfasts, 4 dinners Allow USD320-420 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

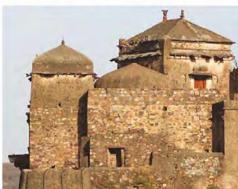
Minibus, train, auto-rickshaws, cyclerickshaws, boat, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







#### G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT

BREAKFAST AT OPEN HAND

Open Hand is a vocational café that provides fair wages, safe housing, and social resources to underprivileged people in India. Enjoy breakfast at this G Adventures-supported project in Varanasi and know you're making a difference simply by being here.





Venture into the lively streets of Kathmandu, spend a night at a Buddhist monastery guesthouse, and take in astounding views of the Himalaya in Pokhara. These are just a few of the many adventures that await on this 10-day journey through Nepal. You'll explore Chitwan National Park, famous for its rhino population, and visit the ancient temples of the Kathmandu Valley, making for an unforgettable encounter with both wildlife and culture.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture at SASANE Sisterhood of Survivors Project • Lecture on traditional weaving • Experience monastic life at Neydo Monastery • Visit a Tibetan refugee settlement • G Adventures for Good: Lunch at Sisterhood of Survivors Project • Carte Blanche: Free time In Pokhara for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Tour of Kathmandu • Bhaktapur guided tour • Tour of Patan Durbar Square • Visit Swayambhunath • Chitwan National Park including a village walking tour and jeep safari • Pokhara lake tour and hike to the World Peace Pagoda • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 KATHMANDU Arrive any time. Arrival transfer and six-course welcome dinner of fine Nepali cuisine are included. DAY 2 KATHMANDU Spend the day exploring Kathmandu. Highlights include Boudhanath Stupa, one

of the world's largest Buddhist shrines, and the royal city of Bhaktapur. Later, visit the Sisterhood of Survivors Project and learn how to make Nepalese momos (dumplings). Enjoy an authentic local lunch and a talk with one of the women who have graduated from the SASANE paralegal program. Visit a local home, and then meet with representatives from the Himalavan Indigenous Society to learn about National Geographic grantee Chhing Lhomi's efforts to preserve ancient weaving traditions In the Upper Mustang region. DAY 3 PHARPING Opt to take in the breathtaking views of Everest on a morning flight. Later, explore Patan Durbar Square. Drive to Pharping for an overnight stay at a Buddhist monastery guesthouse. Opt to meditate alongside the monks or walk in the surrounding village. DAY 4 KURINTAR Enjoy the sunrise from the monastery while hearing the monks chant. Then drive to Kurintar and hike to our remote lodge on the banks of Trishuli River and valley. Opt to relax and enjoy the pool or take a hike in the surrounding countryside. DAYS 5-6 CHITWAN NP Drive to Chitwan National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site - for two days of nature and culture walks, boating, and a jeep safari in search of the incredible wildlife here. DAYS 7-8 POKHARA Drive across the mountains to beautiful Pokhara. Go boating in Phewa Lake and then hike to the World Peace Pagoda. Also visit a Tibetan refugee settlement to learn

more about this community, visit a photo gallery and enjoy a local lunch. Opt to try paragliding. DAY 9 KATHMANDU Catch a flight back to Kathmandu. DAY 10 KATHMANDU Depart at any time.



Number of departures / month







#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### TRADITIONAL WEAVING EXPERIENCE

In fabled Kathmandu, National Geographic grantee Chhing Lhomi works to preserve the ancient weaving traditions of the Upper Mustang region by transferring skills to younger generations. Learn about Chhing's Himalayan Indigenous Society and their ongoing efforts.

#### SASANE LECTURE

Talk with a woman who has graduated from the SASANE program (mentioned below). Gain valuable insight and learn about the struggles these brave women face in helping others in their new roles as paralegals.

#### TIBETAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Visit the Tashiling Tibetan Refugee Camp, established as a temporary settlement in 1964. Walk through this friendly quarter (now home to over 500 people) before enjoying a traditional lunch at its restaurant to support the community.

#### **OVERNIGHT AT A MONASTERY**

Experience the serenity of a Tibetan Buddhist monastery by spending the night in the comfortable accommodations of its guesthouse. Chart and participate in rituals with the approximately 200 resident monks to gain understanding of their everyday life.



Visit gadventures.com or consult your travel agent

Tour Code **ANENG** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €779

GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 8 nts, monastery guesthouse - 1 nt

#### **MEALS**

9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD170-225 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private bus, plane, boat, walking

#### GROUP LEADER

CEO throughout, local guides.

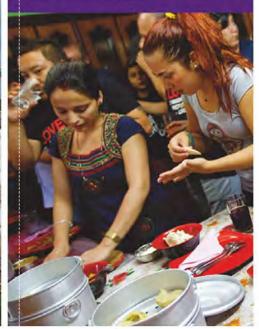




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Take 17 exceptional days to discover northern India's famed Golden Triangle and enjoy a priceless immersion in the heart of Nepalese culture. Explore the Taj Mahal and encounter the iconic colours of Rajasthan. Spend a night at a Buddhist monastery and meet with one of the brave women from SASANE, a program that trains former victims of trafficking to become paralegals. From big highlights to intimate moments, this unique itinerary is truly unforgettable.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Talk with a local historian/
scholar • Lecture at SASANE Sisterhood of
Survivors Project • Lecture on traditional weaving •
Experience monastic life at Neydo Monastery • Visit
a Tibetan refugee settlement • G Adventures for
Good: Women on Wheels arrival transfer • Walking
tour with a guide from the New Delhi Streetkids
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Carte Blanche: Free time in Pokhara for optional
activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own.
(To learn more, see page 18)

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SASANE paralegal program. Visit a nearby home and then meet with representatives from the Himalayan Indigenous Society to learn about ancient weaving traditions. DAY 10 PHARPING Opt to take in the breathtaking views of Everest on a morning flight. Later, explore Patan Durbar Square. Drive to Pharping for an overnight stay at a Buddhist monastery guesthouse. Opt to meditate alongside the monks or walk in the surrounding village. DAY 11 KURINTAR Enjoy the sunrise from the monastery, then drive to Kurintar and hike to our remote lodge on the banks of Trishuli River. Opt to swim in the pool or hike in the countryside. DAYS 12-13 CHITWAN NP Drive to Chitwan National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site - for two days of nature and culture walks, boating, and a jeep safari. DAYS 14-15 POKHARA Drive across the mountains to beautiful Pokhara. Go boating in Phewa Lake and then hike to the World Peace Pagoda. Also visit a Tibetan refugee settlement and a photo gallery before sitting down for lunch. This afternoon, opt to try paragliding. DAY 16 KATHMANDU Catch a flight back to Kathmandu. DAY 17 KATHMANDU Depart at any time.





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#### MEET A LOCAL HISTORIAN

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#### TRADITIONAL WEAVING EXPERIENCE

In fabled Kathmandu, National Geographic grantee Chhing Lhomi works to preserve the ancient weaving traditions of the Upper Mustang region by transferring skills to younger generations. Learn about Chhing's Himalayan Indigenous Society and their ongoing efforts.

#### SASANE LECTURE

Talk with a woman who has graduated from the SASANE program (mentioned below). Gain valuable insight and learn about the struggles these brave women face in helping others in their new roles as paralegals.

#### TIBETAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Visit the Tashiling Tibetan Refugee Camp, established as a temporary settlement in 1964. Walk through this friendly quarter (now home to over 500 people) before enjoying a traditional lunch at its restaurant to support the community.

#### DISCOVER VILLAGE LIFE

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## **€2459**

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1149
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10

PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels -14 nts, heritage hotel -1 nt, monastery guesthouse -1 nt

#### **MEALS**

16 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners Allow USD325-425 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Van, bus, auto-rickshaw. cycle-rickshaw, walking, plane, boat

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides



#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

#### JAIPUR BALLOON RIDE

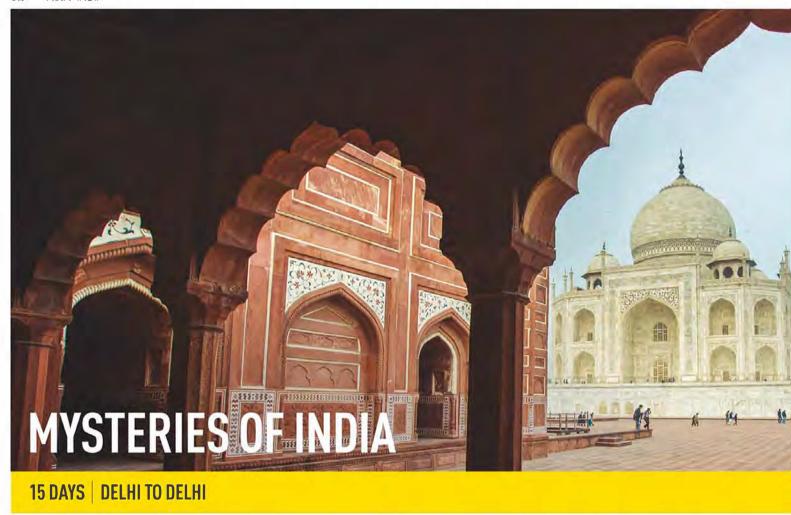
Check out the view. Book your balloon ride before you go. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

#### WOMEN ON WHEELS

Women on Wheels is a G Adventures-supported program that trains women from New Delhi's slums to earn driver's licenses and become taxi drivers, giving them more social and economic independence. When you arrive at the airport, you'll be met by one of these drivers for the transfer into town.





This outstanding adventure through India's colourful interior offers a look at its history and heritage, bringing you to the imperial Mughal cities of Agra and New Delhi, stunning capitals of the former princely states and home to sprawling mansions and palaces. Meet the town elders of the traditional village of Chandelao. Explore the markets of the old city of Bikaner alongside a local expert in trade. This is the India so many travellers dream about.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Explore traditional markets in the old city of Bikaner with a local expert • Meet with elders of Chandelao village • Barefoot College visit • G Adventures for Good: Women on Wheels arrival transfer • Walking tour with a guide from the New Delhi Streetkids Project. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Orientation tour of colonial Delhi • Tour of frescoed havelis of Shekhawati • Visit Junagarh Fort and Deshnoke's Karni Mata Temple (or Rat Temple) • Visit Mehrangarh Fort and Clock Tower • Excursion to rural hamlets of Chandelao and Jojawar • Explore Udalpur • Visit Ranakpur Jain temples • Explore Jaipur and Amber Fort • Visit Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, and the Red Fort of Agra • All transport between destinations and to/ from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

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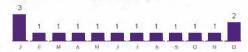
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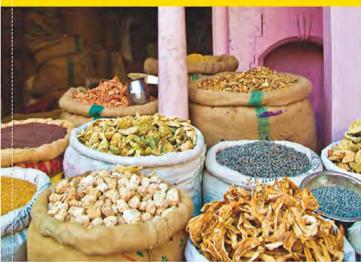
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#### **EXPLORE THE CARAVAN ROUTE**

Explore the traditional markets of the old city of Bikaner with a local expert. Learn the age-old tradition of bartering and find out how these ancient caravan routes have influenced modern business in India.

#### BAREFOOT COLLEGE VISIT

Barefoot College is an NGO in Jaipur that provides basic solutions to a variety of issues concerning rural India. Meet with some of the college's administrators to learn about the initiative's advances in clean water, education, and the empowerment of women.



€1749

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1109
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels/heritage homes - 14 nts

#### **MEALS**

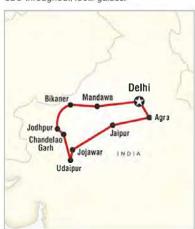
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#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Van, bus, jeep, train, cycle-rickshaw, walking

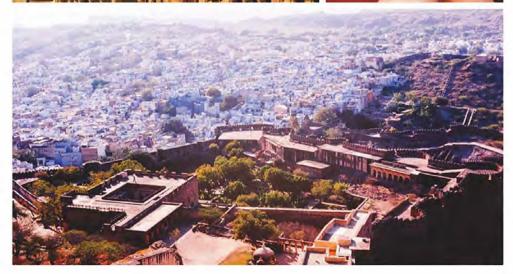
#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.











The Taj Mahal took 20,000 workers and 1,000 elephants 22 years to complete, yet it only takes a single moment to realize how utterly beautiful it is. From strolling in its serene shadows to walking the streets of Delhi with a local young adult in the G Adventures-supported New Delhi Streetkids Project, to spending a night in a traditional village home, these eight days are an incredible introduction to the evocative beauty of India.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €599 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 6 nts, heritage hotel - 1 nt

7 breakfasts, 1 dinner Allow USD190-250 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Van, bus, auto-rickshaw, cycle-rickshaw, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides



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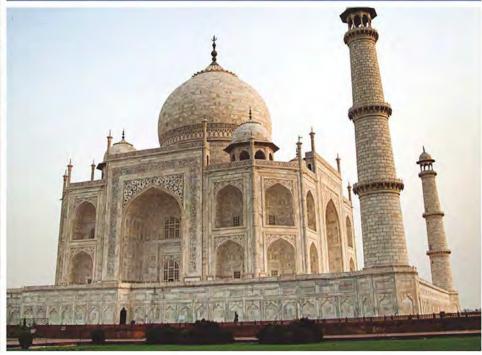
#### JAIPUR BALLOON RIDE

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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### THE TAJ MAHAL

Adornments in the Taj Mahal feature more than 25 types of precious stones, including jade and crystal from China, turquoise from Tibet, and sapphire from Sri Lanka.





If the north of India offers brilliant fuschia and turquoise, its south offers the coolest, most luxuriant greens anywhere. This compact trip offers the perfect taste of Kerala's stunning tropical beauty. Stroll its beaches, ride in a canoe through its backwaters along quiet canals, explore southern palaces, and enjoy some of the country's most incredible flavours. Experience a part of India that's truly off the beaten path.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Learn about spices with a local expert • Homestay with cooking demonstration and meal with local family • Visit Vembanad Wetlands Conservation Programme and a clam sanctuary. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Walking tour of old Kochi • Kathakali cultural performance • Visit Tripunithura Hill Palace • Kumarakom canoe ride • Walking tour of the paddy fields and Chempu village • Houseboat day trip along the Kerala backwaters • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 KOCHI (COCHIN) Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 KOCHI (COCHIN) Enjoy a walking tour of old Fort Kochi, including the fish market, the Dutch Palace, and the Jewish Quarter. Meet a local spice expert and learn the medicinal and culinary uses of spices and their importance in the life of Kerala and all of India. Later, take in a traditional Kathakali dance performance. DAY 3 KUMARAKOM Visit Tripunithura Hill Palace before continuing on to Kumarakom on

Vembanad Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Kerala. Paddle a canoe along its narrow canals and take a walking tour through the paddy fields and the village of Chempu. DAY 4 ALLEPPEY/KERALA BACKWATERS Spend the day on a comfortable houseboat, cruising the Kerala backwaters and observing local village life. Later, arrive at our homestay in Alleppey to enjoy a traditional cooking demonstration and dinner with a local family, DAYS 5-6 CHERRAI BEACH/VYPIN ISLAND Meet with a representative from the Ashoka Trust (ATREE) and learn about the ongoing efforts by local communities and National Geographic to conserve the Vembanad Wetlands. Also visit a clam sanctuary and watch the local fishermen in action. The next day enjoy free time to explore the beaches, village, or scenic backwaters of Vypīn Island. Opt to visit an Ayurvedic spa or go cycling. DAY 7 CHERRAI BEACH/VYPĪN ISLAND Depart at any time.

€899

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €579
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels/resorts - 5 nts, homestay - 1 nt

#### MEALS

6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners Allow USD140-185 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Minibus, houseboat, canoe, taxi, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**





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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### FAMILY HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE

Get a taste of southern Indian culture during a stay in a family home in Alleppey, which borders the scenic backwaters of this lush region. Visit the local fish market to select our evening meal and then return home to prepare it with our welcoming hosts.

#### KERALA SPICE EXPERT

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Why decide between India's north or south when you can do both on an unforgettable two-week introduction to this incredible country? Explore Rajasthan's grand forts and palaces, discover a new level of relaxation on a houseboat in Kerala's backwaters, and learn about traditional culture in the small village of Sawarda. Throw in the glorious Taj Mahal, the "Pink City" of Jaipur, and Kochi's fishing markets and you've got two weeks you'll remember forever.

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PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

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#### **MEALS**

13 breakfasts. 1 lunch, 3 dinners Allow USD300-390 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private van/bus, auto-rickshaw, cycle-rickshaw, walking, plane, boat, canoe

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

#### NEW DELHI STREETKIDS

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#### SAIL TO THE HEART OF INDIA

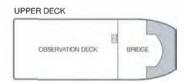
Sacred to Hindus and essential to the everyday life of hundreds of millions of people, the Ganges is arguably one of the most important rivers in the world. Step aboard our Ganges riverboat and cruise past majestic palaces, historic battlegrounds, and remote villages. Discover a part of Indian life you won't find in the big cities, on an exceptional journey you'll remember forever.



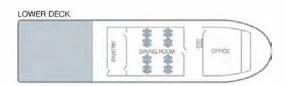
# WELCOME ABOARD THE VARUNA

Designed specifically to navigate the turns of the Ganges, the *Varuna* opens up to travellers a whole new side of India. At 40m long (130 ft), she's roomy and comfortable, with plenty of outdoor space and excellent sightlines. Interior spaces feature large windows and panoramic views, and when it comes to dining onboard, our kitchen and expert staff are at the ready to deliver a stellar array of meals. Expect a mix of traditional Indian cuisine and Western favourites.

# THE VARUNA IS THE PERFECT AMBASSADOR TO INDIA'S MOST STORIED WATERWAY.



# MAIN DECK WG WG WG WG WG WG WG CABIN CABI



#### CAPACITY

24 passengers.

#### **CABINS**

Ten main-deck twin bed cabins with window.
Two main-deck double bed cabins with window.
All with en suite bathrooms.

#### **BOAT LAYOUT**

Large observation deck with cane rattan chairs and loungers on upper deck. Cabins, spacious lounge with front-deck balcony on main deck. Dining room, spa on lower deck



Immensely powerful and deeply vital to those who call its banks home, the Ganges River is a must-see travel destination in and of itself. Take this rare opportunity to cruise its storied waters on a 12-day adventure on riverboat and land. Sail to picturesque local villages to explore stunning temples and palaces. Wrap up with a four-day land excursion to the city of Varanasi, often considered the spiritual capital of India.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Explore the Mahabodhi temple complex and meet with a local monk • Lecture on the Ganges • Breakfast at Open Hand vocational training café. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Excursion to Rajmahal • Visit Bateshwar and Vikramshlla Buddhist Monastery • Visit Jehangira Island • Rickshaw excursion to Monghyr • Explore Nalanda Buddhist Monastery and museum • Visit Pawapuri Lake and a Jain temple • Patna city tour • Orientation walk of Varanasi • Sunset and sunrise boat trips on the Ganges River • All transport between destinations and to/from Included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 KOLKATA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 FARAKKA Catch a train from Kolkata to Farakka and embark on the riverboat this afternoon. DAY 3 MANIHARI GHAT Sail upstream to Rajmahal and explore the remains of palaces, forts, and mosques submerged in vegetation before sailing on as far as

Manihari Ghat DAY 4 BATESHWAR/SUITANGAN I Cruise upriver to idyllic Bateshwar and visit 6th-century rock carvings. Afterwards, explore the impressive ruins of a Buddhist monastery at Vikramshila. DAY 5 MUNGER Keep an eve out for South Asian river dolphins this morning as you sail to Bhagalpur, a centre of silk production. Visit a mansion and silk-weaving village. Continue on to Jehangira Island and enjoy an excursion to view ancient Hindu rock carvings. DAY 6 SITA KUND Sail to Munger and take a rickshaw ride through the town to view the remnants of a Mughal fort and an East India Company cemetery. Visit the local bazaar, Pirpahar Hill, and Sitakund hot springs. Walk through the village and fields before getting back on board, DAY 7 BARH This morning pass under the great bridge at Mokama. Stop to visit a bankside village and stretch your legs. Cruise on to Barh and moor for the evening. DAY 8 PATNA Enjoy a full-day excursion to Nalanda, Visit an excavated Buddhist monastery and stupa, and the picturesque Jain temple at Pawapuri. Continue to Patna and reboard the boat for a final night. DAY 9 BODH GAYA Disembark and discover Patna on a morning tour. Afterwards, transfer to the small town of Bodh Gaya to explore the Mahabodhi Temple Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Meet with a monk to discuss the history of the area and visit the spot where the Buddha found enlightenment.

DAY 10 VARANASI Drive to Varanasi and enjoy a lecture at the ghats of the Ganges by a Research Scholar from Benaras Hindu University. Then, embark on a boat trip to catch the sunset from the river. Enjoy a candle-and-flower ceremony and observe an evening aarti (prayer) ceremony. DAY 11 VARANASI Rise early for a sunrise boat ride along the Ganges to observe the dawn rituals of bathing and burial. Have breakfast at Open Hand, a vocational training cafe and one of G Adventures' grassroots partners. This afternoon take an excursion to Sarnath, a pilgrimage site where it is said the Buddha preached his first sermon. DAY 12 VARANASI Depart at any time.

# **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

This trip has one special departure

Jan 19 - Jan 30





#### GANGES RIVER TALK

While in Varanasi, sit down for a talk with a scholar at the picturesque ghats (stairs) of the Ganges. Discuss the river and the spiritual and social role it plays in daily life here.

#### MEET A BUDDHIST MONK

Meet with a monk at the Mahabodhi Vihar temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the spot where it's claimed Buddha attained enlightenment. Learn about the history of this pilgrimage site and its significance to Buddhists.

#### BREAKFAST AT OPEN HAND

Open Hand is a vocational café that provides fair wages, safe housing, and social resources to underprivileged people in India. Enjoy breakfast at this G Adventures-supported project in Varanasi and know you're making a difference simply by being here.



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GROUP SIZE: Max 24 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 4 nts, riverboat - 7 nts

#### MEALS

12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners Allow USD135-175 for meats not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Riverboat, minibus, train. auto-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











Imagine the rare opportunity to experience India's greatest highlights and cruise the mighty Ganges River in one extraordinary adventure. This unique 16-day itinerary covers the lively rush of Delhi, the tranquility of the Taj Mahal, the character of rural villages, and the pure serenity of sailing the river from temple to palace and everything in between. This once-in-a-lifetime journey on water and land will have you wanting to return to the glory of India sooner than later.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Talk with a local historian/ scholar • Visit the village of Sawarda and overnight in a heritage home • G Adventures for Good: Women on Wheels arrival transfer • Walking tour with a guide from the New Deihi Streetkids Project. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Tour of Old Delhi • Visit the Taj Mahal, Baby Taj, and Agra Fort • Excursion to Fatehpur Sikri and the Abhanerl step wells • Explore Jaipur • Explore Barrackpore • Visit Chandernagore and the imambara at Hooghly • Excursion to Kaina by cycle-rickshaws • Visit Mayapur • Excursion to the brass-working village of Matlarl • Entrance to Khushbagh Mughal-style gardens and Hazarduarl Palace • Visit the Katra Mosque, Nashlpara Palace, and Katgola Palace • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 DELHI Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included through Women on Wheels, a G Adventures-supported project, DAY 2 DELHI/AGRA Walk through the backstreets of Delhi with a young adult from the G Adventuressupported New Delhi Streetkids Project. Later. explore Old Delhi with our CEO before an afternoon drive to Agra. DAY 3 AGRA Spend the day visiting the highlights of the walled city of Agra including the famed Taj Mahal, Baby Taj, and Agra Fort. DAYS 4-5 JAIPUR On the way to Jaipur, visit the deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri and the village of Abhaneri, which has one of India's deepest and largest step wells (tank gardens). The next day, explore the "Pink City" of Jaipur, including the Amber Fort and City Palace, and view the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds). Enjoy a talk with a local historian about India's social fabric and customs. DAY 6 SAWARDA Drive to the traditional, rural village of Sawarda and step back in time. Meet the town elders to discuss life here, and stay the night in a heritage home. DAY 7 DELHI Drive back to bustling Delhi. DAY 8 DELHI/KOLKATA Fly to Kolkata and transfer to your hotel. DAY 9 KOLKATA Transfer to the riverboat and settle into your cabin. As the trip gets underway, sail up past the old Danish colony of Serampore, and head out to explore Barrackpore. DAY 10 CHANDANNAGAR/KALNA Sail to Chandannagar,

a former French possession, to explore, Continue to Chinsurah, to visit the historic Dutch cemetery and the Imambara before reboarding the vessel. Moor near Kalna for the night, DAY 11 KALNA/MATIARI Land at the country town of Kalna and take cycle rickshaws to the terracotta temples, as well as the unique Shiva temple. Explore Mayapur, which is dominated by the vast Hare Krishna temple. Sail on through the night to a mooring near Matiari. DAY 12 MURSHIDABAD Start the day with a visit to the brassworking village of Matiari to witness their ancient techniques. Continue on the river to a rural mooring near the battlefield of Plassev and opt to walk to the commemorative obelisk. DAY 13 KATRA Explore the Khushbagh this morning, a peaceful Mughul-style garden housing several tombs. Continue upstream to visit the impressive Hazarduari Palace, Katra Mosque, Nashipara Palace, and Katgola Palace. Overnight on the river across from town. DAY 14 FARAKKA Explore the rural village of Baranagar and walk through farmers' fields to visit three miniature terracotta temples. Continue up the river and take in the idyllic scenery as you cruise to a mooring near the Farakka Barrage. DAY 15 FARAKKA Enjoy a full-day excursion by road to Gaur, once the Muslim capital of eastern India. Visit a number of sights from the 12th-century Hindus and 14th-century Muslims, including mosques and palaces. Rejoin the boat in the evening. DAY 16 FARAKKA Transfer to Farakka station at dawn to catch. the morning train and journey back to Kolkata.





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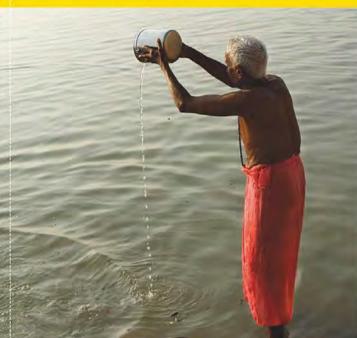
#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### SAWARDA VILLAGE

Step back in time and explore the traditional culture of the rural village of Sawarda. Meet with town elders to discuss how modernization is affecting village life.

#### MEET A LOCAL HISTORIAN

In Jaipur, known as the "Pink City," meet with a local historian and sociology scholar to learn about India's complex social fabric and traditions, and discuss a range of topics from the country's belief systems to its architecture.



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GROUP SIZE: Max 24 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels -7 nts, heritage hotel -1 nt, riverboat -7 nts

#### **MEALS**

15 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners Allow USD225-295 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Van, bus, rickshaw, train, walking, plane, riverboat

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides



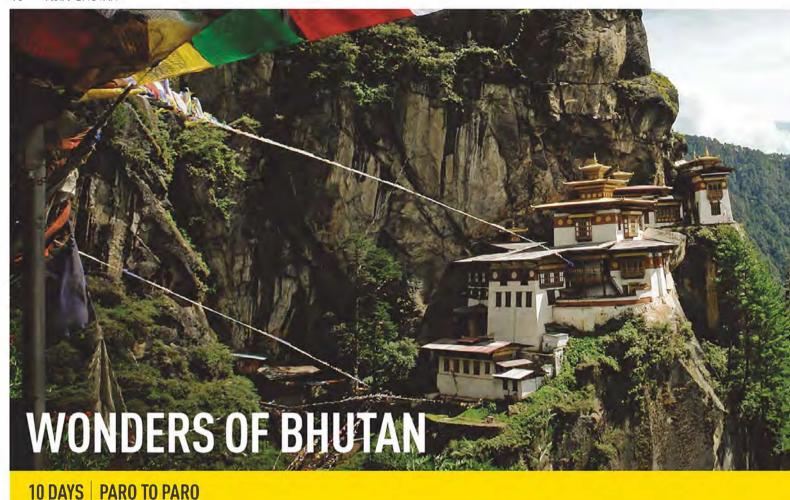


#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### THE HOLY GANGES

The Ganges is the greatest river on the Indian subcontinent. Sacred to millions of followers of the Hindu religion, the river's water is said to purify the soul and heal the body.





Anyone with an interest in Buddhist culture will be fascinated by this 10-day adventure into the heart of Bhutan, the only country in the world that measures its well-being in GNH – Gross National Happiness. Explore remote villages and shrines in the mountains. Climb magnificent heights to the cliff-side Taktsang Monastery, 900m (2,953 ft) above the valley floor. Discover your own capacity for happiness within Bhutan's ancient culture.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lunch and cooking demonstration at a family farm • Lecture on Buddhist culture. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival and departure transfer • Visit the RImpung Dzong • Hike to Punakha Dzong monastery and fertility shrine • Visit the town of Wangdue and walk to Khamsum Yueley Chorten shrine • Visit the village of Khewa • Hike to the monastery of Gangtey Goempa • Walk across Phobjikha and Khewa valleys • Visit the National Library, the Institute for Zorig Chusum (arts and crafts) and the Thimphu Chorten • Hike to Kila Goempa nunnery • Explore shrines and temples of the Haa Valley • Visit the fortress of Drukgyal Dzong and hike to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) • Visit Kyichu Lhakhang Temple • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 PARO Arrive at any time and transfer to hotel. Later, enjoy a welcome dinner and visit Rimpung Dzong, a school for monks, and take an orientation walk in the town. DAYS 2-3 PUNAKHA Drive to Punakha, cross the scenic Dochula pass and enjoy stunning views of the Himalayas through flickering prayer flags. The next day, visit the imposing administrative building Punakha Dzong, and hike to Chimi Lhakhang monastery and the town of Wangdue Phodrang. In the afternoon, walk through rice terraces and forests to Khamsum Yuelev Chorten, a shrine built by the Queen of Bhutan. DAYS 4-5 GANGTEY VALLEY Travel to the village of Khewa before continuing on to the beautiful Gangtey Valley to visit the farm of a local family and eat a home-cooked dinner. The next day, walk to the monastery of Gangtey Goempa, known to hold some of the most sacred relics in Bhutan. Walk through incredibly green valleys between soaring peaks and visit an age-old temple to make an offering. DAY 6 THIMPHU Drive to the capital to visit the National Library and the Thimphu Chorten, and watch students work with clay and wood at the Institute for Zorig Chusum, an arts-and-crafts school. Meet with a monk to discuss Buddhist beliefs and values, and learn about his way of life here. DAY 7 HAA VALLEY Drive to one of the most remote and sacred valleys in Bhutan.

via the Chelela pass, and hike to Kila Goempa Nunnery. which clings to a rocky cliff. Later visit the Lhakhang Nagpo (Black Temple), and Lhakhang Karpo (White Temple). DAYS 8-9 PARO Return to Paro and visit the ruined fortress of Drukgyal Dzong. Embark on a vigorous hike up to the famous Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), one of the most venerated pilgrimage sites in Bhutan. Take in some of the best views in the region. Later, visit Kyichu Lhakhang Temple and the local archery grounds. DAY 10 PARO Depart at any time. Airport transfer included.







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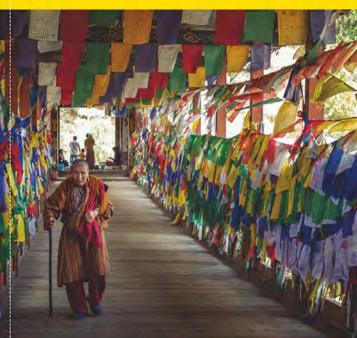
#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### MEET A BUDDHIST MONK

Meet with a Buddhist monk and scholar in the scenic capital city of Thimphu. Hear him talk about his daily life and Buddhism in general, and gain insight into this tiny kingdom where happiness is the common goal.

#### FAMILY FARM EXPERIENCE

Visit a family farmhouse in Gangtey Valley for a cooking demonstration and traditional meal. Learn how to make the very spicy *ema datshi* (chili cheese) and sit down to eat with these welcoming people.





OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1329

GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 10

PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/lodges – 9 nts

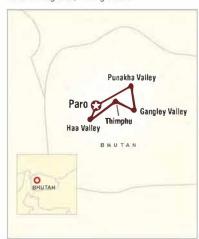
#### MEALS

9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners

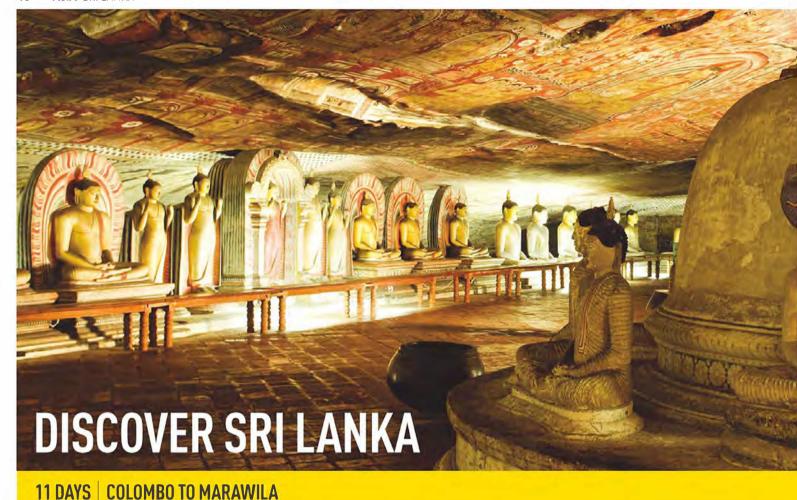
#### TRANSPORTATION

Private vehicle, walking, hiking

#### GROUP LEADER







Take 11 unforgettable days to discover the exceptional island country of Sri Lanka. Explore Sigiriya Rock Fortress and find your own peace at the unusual Dambulla Cave Temple – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through spice gardens and tea plantations, and ride through Wilpattu National Park with a forest ranger in search of elephants and leopards. Experience a unique part of the world so few travellers get to.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Expert lecture and demonstration on Ayurveda • Farming project visit and traditional farmhouse meal • Ranger-guided Wilpattu National Park jeep safari and conservation talk. (To learn more, see page 18)

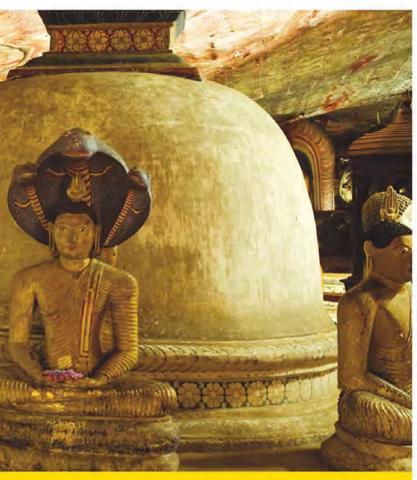
Arrival transfer • Colombo city tour • Picnic and hike in Horton Plains National Park • High tea at the Grand Hotel • Evening tuk tuk tour of Nuwara Ellya village • Kandy city tour and Ceylon tea plantation visit • Temple of the Tooth guided tour • Hiking excursion in Knuckles mountains range • Visit a Matale spice garden • Visit Nalanda Gedige Temple ruins • Dambulla cave temple visit • Tour the Sigiriya rock fortress • Tour of Anuradhapura ruins and monasteries • All transport between destinations and to/from included activitles.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 COLOMBO Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 COLOMBO/NUWARA ELIYA Discover the colonial and modern mix of Colombo on a city tour before travelling to the tea-producing town of Nuwara Eliya, stopping in the lush town of Kitulgala en route. The next day, enjoy a picnic breakfast and hike in Horton Plains National Park, then take high tea at the historical Grand Hotel. Embark on an evening tuk-tuk ride and visit the town centre and market. Opt for a rafting excursion on the Kelani River, DAYS 4-5 KANDY/MADULKELE Travel to Kandy, stopping at a Ceylon tea plantation en route. Enjoy a tour around the city and lake, with a guided visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Then head to the lodge in Madulkele - located on a tea estate - for the night. The next day, hike in the Knuckles Mountains, following lush forest trails past villages and tea plantations. Later, enjoy a lecture and demonstration on Ayurveda by a knowledgeable local practitioner. DAYS 6-7 MATALE/ DAMBULLA/SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS Visit a spice garden in Matale before arriving at the archaeological (and beautiful) site of Nalanda Gedige. Continue to the Dambulla cave temple to admire ancient murals and statues. The next day, visit the CIC Hingurakgoda farm and learn about traditional agricultural practices.

Prepare a fresh lunch with a farming family before climbing the steps to the top of Sigiriya (Lion) rock fortress to discover UNESCO-listed ruins and take in stellar views. DAY 8 WILPATTU NP Travel north to Wilpattu National Park, known for its leopard population. Explore the park by jeep and meet with a knowledgeable forest ranger to learn about conservation efforts. Continue to Anuradhapura for the night. DAYS 9-10 ANURADHAPURA/MARAWILA Explore the sacred city of Anuradhapura – a UNESCO World Heritage site – and discover ancient Buddhist monasteries. Later, travel south to coastal Marawila and spend the next day relaxing at the beach. DAY 11 MARAWILA Depart at any time.





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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### UNDERSTANDING AYURVEDA

Attend a talk on Ayurveda by a local practitioner. Delve into the history of this alternative form of medicine and find out how herbs and spices are used to help cure common ailments, from headaches to fever.

#### SEED FARM EXPERIENCE

Witness local farming techniques on a visit to the CIC Seed Farm, which works with over 20,000 farmers in Sri Lanka to improve their crop quality. Then head to a nearby farmhouse to learn about traditional Sri Lankan cuisine and make lunch with your hosts.

#### WILPATTU SAFARI AND TALK

One of Sri Lanka's largest national parks, Wilpattu is renowned for its leopard population. Join a forest ranger to explore its landscapes by jeep, on the lookout for leopards and other wildlife. Then meet with a park representative to discuss local conservation efforts.



€1659

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €879
GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12

PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/Resorts - 10 nts

#### **MEALS**

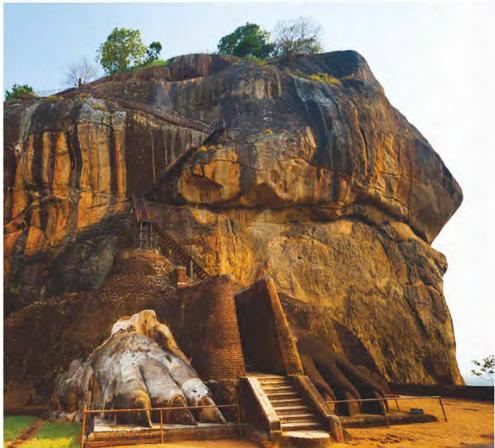
10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners Allow USD220-290 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private A/C van/minibus, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**







Get over the wall for a life-changing adventure through China's awe-inspiring interior. Explore the unforgettable city of Beijing and meet pandas at a breeding centre in Sichuan. Discover daily life in Tibet and cruise the incredible Yangtze River on a riverboat. Cycle atop the city walls of Xi'an, and face its standing army of terracotta warriors before eating lunch with a local family. Get into China's very heart and it will most certainly get into yours.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Visit an academy for tangka painting • Tibetan momo cooking class • Shanghai acrobats show and behind-the-scenes tour • Carte Blanche: Free time in Shanghal for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

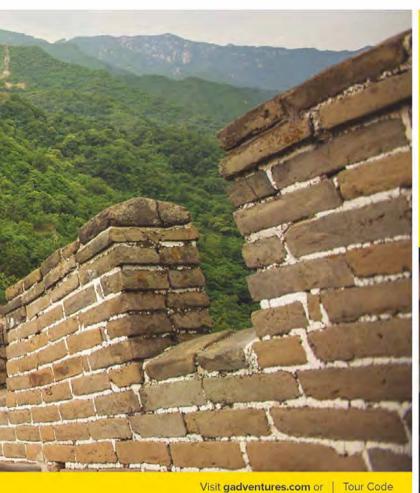
Arrival transfer • Tour of Tiananmen Square,
Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven • Visit
the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall • Bike ride
along the Xi'an city walls • Orientation walk through
Xi'an's Muslim Quarter and street markets • Tour
the museum of the terracotta warriors • Orientation
walk in Barkhor square • Tour of Jokhang Temple,
Potala Palace, and the Tibetan Medicine Institute •
Sera Monastery visit • Visit a panda breeding
centre • Yangtze River cruise • Three Gorges
Dam tour • Internal flights • All transport between
destinations and to/from Included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BEIJING Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer and welcome dinner included. DAY 2 BEIJING Explore the renowned Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven with free time in the afternoon to explore. DAY 3 BEIJING Take a walk along the Great Wall, exploring its towers and their outstanding views. This evening, board an overnight sleeper train to Xi'an. DAYS 4-5 XI'AN Take in incredible views of Xi'an with a bike ride atop its city walls. In the evening, stroll through the vibrant Muslim Quarter and local markets for some of the best street food in China. The next day, visit the fascinating terracotta warriors - one of the most archaeologically significant findings of the 20th century - and then have lunch in a local village, DAY 6 LHASA Fly over the Himalayas to Tibet. Take an orientation walk with a local guide through Barkhor Square. DAYS 7-8 LHASA Enjoy a guided visit to the Potala Palace and the Tibetan Medicine Institute. Also drop by a tangka academy to observe this ancient and intricate art form, considered sacred to Buddhists. The next day, explore the sacred Jokhang Temple and incredible Sera Monastery, then take a cooking class with a local chef to make (and eat) Tibetan momo beef dumplings. DAY 9 CHENGDU Fly to Chengdu and sample the fantastic and fiery Sichuan cuisine for dinner, DAY 10 CHENGDU/

CHONGQING Go to a panda breeding centre to learn about and observe these gentle animals. Then, catch a train to Chongqing and board a riverboat for your first of three nights on the Yangtze. DAYS 11-12 YANGTZE RIVER Over two days, cruise the mighty Yangtze River with daily shore excursions that may include Fengdu Ghost City or the serene and unusual Shibaozhai hill. Sail through the idyllic Shennong Stream or through the Three Gorges Dam ship locks themselves - a fascinating experience. Also opt to take an excursion to the ancient temple complex at Baidicheng ("white emperor walled city"), depending on the season and river conditions. Relax in your well-appointed cabin or take in shipboard activities like tai chi, tea-tasting, and calligraphy classes. DAY 13 SHANGHAI Take a tour of Three Gorges Dam before flying to Shanghai. DAY 14 SHANGHAI Take advantage of free time to explore on your own, or opt to visit Yuyuan Gardens or the Shanghai Museum. This evening, get a behind-the-scenes peek at the celebrated Shanghai acrobats, visiting their training room to interact with them and learn about this ancient tradition. After, sit down for an awe-inspiring performance. DAY 15 SHANGHAI Depart at any time.





#### DUMPLING-MAKING LESSON

Momos are dumplings native to Tibet. Join a local chef for a lesson in making these tasty little bites. When it comes to time to eat them, they'll be served with a special milk tea. Delicious!

#### ACADEMY FOR TANGKA PAINTING

Visit a school in Lhasa that teaches the ancient Tibetan art form known as tangka painting. These intricate works, often depicting mandalas or deities, are considered sacred to Buddhism and are tied to teaching and meditation.

#### MEET THE SHANGHAI ACROBATS

Go behind the scenes and meet the performers of the world-class Shanghai Acrobatic Show. Visit their training room and learn about this ancient tradition before taking in a mesmerizing performance.



€3299

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: 

1099

GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 10

PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels -10 nts, soft-sleeper overnight train -1 nt, Yangtze riverboat -3 nts

#### **MEALS**

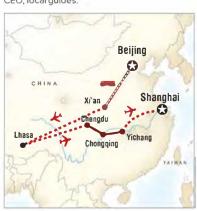
14 breakfasts. 4 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD365-475 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Train, minibus, cruise boat, small canal boat, ferry, bicycle, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO, local guides.





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#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### **BEIJING KUNG FU SHOW**

Don't miss out – book a Kung Fu show before you go. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.







This trip blends the perfect mix of China's major metropolises with a priceless opportunity to experience traditional rural life. Explore hidden corners of Beijing's Forbidden City. Cycle along ancient city walls and learn about Xi'an's famed terracotta soldiers. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the gorgeous Li River. Meet and interact with Shanghai's celebrated acrobats and watch them train. Our local CEO knows just where to take you for the best highlights of this incredible country.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Tal chi class • Shanghal acrobats show and behind-the-scenes tour • Hands-on: Cooking class and dinner in Yangshuo • Carte Blanche: Free time in Shanghai for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven • Visit Beijing's traditional hutongs • Excursion to the Great Wall • Xi'an Muslim quarter orientation walk • Cycle along the Xi'an city walls • Terracotta warriors tour • Lunch in a local village • Li River boat ride • Walk through the countryside with village visits • Shanghai orientation walk • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/ from Included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 BEIJING Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer is included. Enjoy a first taste of Chinese cuisine with a welcome dinner of Peking Duck. DAYS 2-4 BEIJING Take a walk along the 500-year-old Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. Spend time exploring the towers, views, and the magnificent structure of this unique wonder, Explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven. Walk through hutongs (narrow alleys). Continue to explore Beljing with our CEO and enjoy some free time on your own. In the evening, catch an overnight train to Xi'an. DAYS 5-6 XI'AN Take in incredible views of Xi'an with a bike ride atop its city walls. In the evening, stroll through the vibrant Muslim Quarter and local markets for some of the best street food in China. The next day, visit the fascinating terracotta warriors - one of the most archaeologically significant findings of the 20th century - and then have lunch in a local village. This evening, opt for a Tang Dynasty dinner banquet. DAYS 7-9 YANGSHUO Fly to Guilin and continue on to China's lush south to experience the rural culture and unique limestone karst scenery of the Yangshuo area. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Li River. Trek through the beautiful

countryside, passing through villages and rice and fruit fields. Later, try preparing local cuisine at a cooking school and enjoy the results for dinner. Rise early for a private tai chi class with a local expert. Later, you'll have an opportunity to wander the shop and cafe-lined streets or relax with a drink. Fly to Shanghai and take an orientation walk along the Bund waterfront area. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes peek at the famed Shanghai acrobats, visiting their training room and learning about this tradition. After, enjoy an awe-inspiring performance. DAY 12 SHANGHAI Depart at any time.

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#### TAI CHI CLASS

Wake early for a private tai chi class led by a local expert. Learn the basic principles of this ancient practice and discover firsthand why it's revered for such health benefits as stress relief, improved balance, and overall well-being.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

#### THE GREAT WALL

At 8,850km (5,500 mi) long, the Great Wall of China is the largest manmade object in history, built over a period of two thousand years to stave off waves of invaders. Due to erosion and human activity, the wall does slowly break down, so to help ensure it's around for future generations, the country has implemented laws making it illegal to remove pieces of it.



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €869
GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 10 nts, soft-sleeper train - 1 nt

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners Allow USD325-425 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private bus, plane, boat, train, bicycle, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











Japan is a land of contrasts. Begin your 12-day adventure in glittering (and massive) Tokyo before heading by rail into the countryside to visit traditional villages and tranquil shrines. Include strolls through geisha districts and restorative time in hot springs, and you've got a marvellous introduction to a country that reveres its past and embraces its future.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Fish market visit and sushi-making class • Buddhism lecture with meditation and calligraphy • Sword lesson and Samurai performance • Hands-on: Chopstick-making and gold leaf painting experience • Enjoy a tea ceremony • Recharge: Relax in onsen hot springs. (To learn more, see page 18)

Tour of Tokyo including Meiji JIngu Shrine and Asakusa and Harajuka districts • Walking tour of Tsumago village and countryside • Kaiseki dinner • Visit Kanazawa samurai and geisha districts • Visit Nomura Family Samurai Residence and Myoryuli Ninja Temple • Visit Himeji Castle • Explore Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum • Excursion to Miyajima Island • Tour Kyoto and Nara including Fushimi Inari, Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion, Todalji Temple and Kasuga Taisha Shrine • Visit Gion Geisha district • Japan Rail (JR) pass (7 days) • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 TOKYO Arrive at any time. DAYS 2-3 TOKYO Spend the day exploring enormous Tokyo by public transportation. Experience its traditional side with visits to Meiji Shrine and the district of old Asakusa, as well as its modern, quirky side with a walk through the pop culture-obsessed Harajuka district. The next day, visit the renowned Tsukiji Fish Market to learn about the country's fishing industry and take in a sushi-making class. This afternoon is free to roam the streets of Tokyo on your own. DAY 4 TOKYO/TSUMAGO Depart Tokyo by train for the small, quaint town of Nagiso. Take a countryside walk passing farms and hamlets and into the rural village of Tsumago. Then continue to our traditional ryokan accommodation to feast on a multi-course kaiseki meal and soak in the natural hot springs here. DAYS 5-6 KANAZAWA Travel farther by train to historic Kanazawa. Explore the ancient samurai culture with a walk through the well-preserved Nagamachi district. Opt to visit the area's stunning gardens or castles. The next day, see the Myoryuji NInja Temple and stroll through the Incredible Higashl Chaya geisha district. Kanazawa is known as a centre for traditional arts and crafts and we'll delve into one of them with a chopstick-making experience. Then opt to visit Omi-cho Market for some of the best sushi you'll ever eat. DAYS 7-8 HIROSHIMA Begin the day at the gorgeous hilltop Himeji Castle, considered the best

preserved castle in Japan. Then speed by bullet train to Hiroshima and visit the Peace Park and Memorial Museum to learn more about a dark chapter in human history. The next day, ride a ferry over to the placid island of Miyajima to see the famous floating torii, considered one of the country's most beautiful and sacred shrines. This afternoon is free; opt to catch the ferry to other islands to explore on your own, DAY 9 HIROSHIMA/KYOTO Head by train to the former Imperial capital of Kyoto. This afternoon, stroll through the Gion geisha district and visit a tea house to participate in a tea ceremony. DAYS 10-11 KYOTO Spend the day exploring sites around Nara, visiting the temple at Todai-ji and Kasuga Taisha Shrine. Also meet with a local monk who'll instruct us in Zen meditation. The next day, discover the beautiful Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion and Fushimi Inari before going to a dojo for a presentation about samurai etiquette and to learn some traditional moves for yourself. Later, explore this gorgeous area on your own. DAY 12 KYOTO Depart at any time.





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#### TSUKIJI SUSHI EXPERIENCE

Walk through Tokyo's famous Tsukiji Fish Market (the largest in the world) alongside insiders that know its ins and outs. Take a sushi-making class with recognized masters, learning how to select, prepare, and fillet ingredients. Finally, enjoy a taste of your own creation.

#### ZEN BUDDHIST MEDITATION

Visit a local temple to learn about the history and practice of Zen Buddhism in Japan. One of the monks there will instruct us in Zen meditation and Zen calligraphy, allowing us deeper insight into Japanese culture and beliefs, and ultimately teaching techniques to help reduce stress in our daily lives.

#### KEMBU MASTERS

Stop by a traditional dojo to gain an understanding of kembu. an ancient martial art form that honours the culture of the samurai. Watch masters practice this delicate combination of dance and swordplay and learn Japanese sword techniques which were said to build a samurai's courage and improve concentration.



<sup>€</sup>4099

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1239

GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 10 nts, traditional onsen spa - 1 nt

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD475-620 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Bullet train, express train, local train, ferry, metro. taxi, public bus, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











With their vibrant cultures steeped in tradition, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand offer so much to see on this outstanding adventure through Indochina. Cruise Halong Bay, explore incredible Angkor Wat, interact with local families, and get to the night markets of Chiang Mai for some of the best street food in the world. Don't come all this way without experiencing all you can in this corner of the globe.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Rural village visit with authentic Khantoke dinner in a local family's home • Wat Visoun temples visit with a monk • Lunch at Hoa Sua training restaurant • Performance and talk at Phare, The Cambodian Circus • Hands-on: Thal cooking class with market visit • G Adventures for Good: Lunch at New Hope. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Tour of Bangkok including boat ride on the klong (canals) • Visit the temple at Doi Suthep • Orientation walk of Chiang Mai night market • Tour of Luang Prabang • Boat tour to Pak Ou cave temples • Kuang Sil waterfall excursion • Hanol old town cyclo tour • Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum visit • Halong Bay overnight cruise • Ho Chi Minh City cyclo tour • Cu Chi tunnels tour • Phnom Penh cyclo tour • Tuol Sleng Prison Museum tour and Choeung Ek memorial (the "killing fields") tour • Slem Reap orientation walk and night market • Two-day guided tour of Angkor Wat • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/ from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 BANGKOK Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 CHIANG MAI Explore the thriving city of Bangkok and take a boat along the canals. Visit the Grand Palace and sacred Emerald Buddha at Wat Phra Kaew temple, Later, catch a flight to Chiang Mai. DAYS 3-4 CHIANG MAI Visit the market with a local chef before enjoying a cooking class and lunch. Later, enjoy a sunset visit to the Doi Suthep Buddhist temple. The next day is free to explore Chiang Mai. Then visit a local village and sit down with a local family for an authentic khantoke dinner in their home. Opt to visit the bustling night market. DAY 5 LUANG PRABANG Fly to Luang Prabang, Laos, and take an orientation walk of this World Heritage-listed town. DAYS 6-7 LUANG PRABANG Rise at dawn to meet and receive a blessing from local monks. Visit the Royal Palace Museum and Wat Xiengthong. Continue on to Wat Visoun and walk through the temple with a local monk. Then, catch a boat to Pak Ou Temple caves, stop in local villages, and visit Phousi Temple to watch the sunset. The next day, visit Kuang Sil waterfall before some free time to explore the night market. DAY 8 HANOI Fly to Hanoi and enjoy a guided cyclo ride and orientation tour of the Old Quarter. Have lunch at Hoa Sua, a training school for disadvantaged youth. DAY 9 HALONG BAY Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum before continuing to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise in a traditional junk

boat with a local guide. Explore the limestone caves, sit down to a feast of fresh seafood, and relax on deck as you drift past dramatic karst peaks. DAY 10 HANOI Continue cruising the bay aboard our junk this morning before transferring back to Hanoi. This afternoon is free, so explore the area. DAYS 11-12 HO CHI MINH CITY Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and take a thrilling cyclo tour of this vibrant city. The next day, go on a guided tour of the infamous Cu Chi tunnels, legendary for the vital part they played during the Vietnam War, DAYS 13-14 PHNOM PENH Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Set out on an NGO-supported cyclo city tour along the waterfront to see key city sites, and opt to visit the famous Foreign Correspondents' Club for sunset drinks. The next day. reflect on the darker side of history with visits to Choeung Ek memorial and Tuol Sleng prison. DAY 15 SIEM REAP Drive to Siem Reap, where we'll take an orientation walk and visit the exciting night market. DAYS 16-17 ANGKOR WAT/SIEM REAP Spend two days exploring the ruins of the Angkor Wat temple complex with a local guide. Take in a traditional Khmer lunch at New Hope, a G Adventuressupported vocational training school for adults. This evening, sit down for a performance at Phare, the Cambodian Circus, a social enterprise that provides employment opportunities to Cambodian youth. DAY 18 SIEM REAP Depart at any time.





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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### PHARE, THE CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

Attend a live performance that blends music, theatre, dance, and acrobatics at Phare, the Cambodian Circus. This social enterprise provides training and employment opportunities to disadvantaged Cambodian youths — not to mention a show that's out of this world.

#### WAT VISOUN VISIT

Originally built in 1513, Wat Visoun is Luang Prabang's oldest operating temple. Walk through with a Buddhist monk, who'll discuss the site's dramatic history, the Buddhist art that was once housed here, and its unusually shaped stupa – known as the "watermelon stupa."

#### DINNER IN A VILLAGE HOME

Visit a family home in a village outside of Chiang Mai and sit down to a traditional (and so delicious) Khanktoke dinner. Learn about life in rural Thailand from the family and walk through their lovely garden to discuss herbs and spices used in local cuisine.

#### LUNCH AT HOA SUA

Hoa Sua is a cooking school and restaurant that prepares disadvantaged youths for careers in the hospitality industry. In 19 years, it's trained more than 7,000 young people, giving them skills to combat poverty. Enjoy traditional Vietnamese dishes here while supporting a worthy effort.



€2999

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: **£1549**GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 16 nts, junk boat - 1 nt

#### **MEALS**

17 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD230-300 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private vehicle, first-class public bus, boat, tuk tuk, plane. cyclo, traditional junk boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





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#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

#### FLIGHT OF THE GIBBON

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#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

NEW HOPE RESTAURANT

Drop by New Hope Restaurant in Siem Reap, which provides training in the hospitality industry to underprivileged Khmers. Proceeds from our visit here help support free education and healthcare for students and nearby residents.





Immerse yourself in the incredibly vibrant culture of Vietnam with this 13-day introduction to some of its greatest highlights. Spend a night on a traditional junk boat in stunning Halong Bay, roam the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hoi An, trek through hilltribe villages to gain a glimpse of traditional rural life, and enjoy a cyclo ride through the heart of bustling Hanoi. Rediscover what a real adventure should feel like as you make your way through Vietnam.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Breakfast at Hoa Sua training restaurant • Oodles of Noodles local market tour • Lifestart Lantern-making class • G Adventures for Good: Cooking class and lunch at Oodles of Noodles project. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visit Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton) and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum • Cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter • Overnight on a junk boat on Halong Bay • Guided tour of Emperor's Tomb and Imperial Citadel Hue • Walking tour of Hoi An Old Town • Guided tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 HANOI Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

DAYS 2-3 MAI CHAU Enjoy breakfast at Hoa Sua —
a training restaurant for underprivileged Hanoi youth
— before heading to the lush Mai Chau Valley. Spend two
nights in a rural lodge, the perfect base for exploration
of the area. Take in an included countryside hike to a local

village. The next day, opt to go kayaking or cycling, or simply relax at the lodge. DAY 4 HANOI Return to Hanoi to explore Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton), visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum with a local guide, and go on a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter, DAY 5 HALONG BAY Transfer to Halong Bay and spend the night on a traditional junk boat surrounded by turquoise waters, from which numerous limestone islands rise. Opt to go kayaking. DAYS 6-7 HUE After a morning on the bay, transfer back to Hanoi for a flight to Hue. The next day, visit the ancient walled Citadel containing the former Imperial Palace and travel into the countryside to visit the final resting place of former emperors. DAYS 8-10 HOI AN Enjoy a scenic drive to Hoi An and take a walking tour. Learn to make traditional lanterns at the G Adventures-supported Lifestart Foundation. The next day, take an Oodles of Noodles cooking class during which you'll visit the market to learn about local cuisine, then have a lesson and cook lunch. The next day is free to explore anything you like. DAYS 11-12 HO CHI MINH CITY Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and opt to take a cyclo tour around the markets and shops. Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, legendary for the vital role they played during the Vietnam War. DAY 13 HO CHI MINH CITY Depart at any time.







#### MAKE A TRADITIONAL LANTERN

Add a little light to your life in Hoi An, the lantern capital of Vietnam. Visit the G Adventures-supported Lifestart Foundation to learn how to make a miniature lantern to take home. Proceeds from this initiative help provide lasting employment to local residents with chronic disabilities.

#### LUNCH AT HOA SUA

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# €1599

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1139
GROUP SIZE: May 16 avg 10

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 9 nts, junk boat - 1 nt, lodge - 2 nt

#### MEALS

12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD155-205 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Bus, boat, cyclo, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.



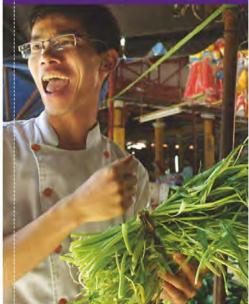




#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

OODLES OF NOODLES YOUTH TOUR

Take a walking tour of Hoi An led by youths who have come to Oodles of Noodles, a G Adventures-supported program, to be trained in the culinary arts. Shop the local market with your young guides and their trainer and then return to the kitchen to learn to prepare a noodle dish for lunch.





8 DAYS | BANGKOK TO BANGKOK

Discover as much of northern Thailand as you can on this eight-day trip packed with unforgettable cultural experiences. Explore the serene UNESCO World Heritage site Ayutthaya Historical Park and enjoy dinner on a converted rice barge. Travel to a traditional village outside of Chiang Mai and visit the home of a local family. Introduce yourself to a colourful and enchanting part of the world.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Rural village visit with authentic Khantoke dinner in a local family's home • Wat Chedi Luang visit and conversation with a monk • Hands-on: Thal cooking class with market visit. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Entrance to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre war museum and train ride • Visit to Erawan National Park • Guided tour at Ayutthaya Historical Park • Dinner on a converted rice barge • Sunset visit to Doi Suthep monastery • Explore Bangkok and take a klong boat ride • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINFRARY

DAY 1 BANGKOK Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 KANCHANABURI Travel to Kanchanaburi, home to the "Bridge on the River Kwai." Take a train over the bridge and reflect on a piece of World War II history. DAY 3 AYUTTHAYA Explore Erawan National Park and waterfall in the morning before continuing on to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre war museum and cemetery. This afternoon, travel to the exquisite city of

Ayutthaya and enjoy dinner on a converted 1930s rice barge, DAY 4 AYUTTHAYA/CHIANG MAI Explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ayutthaya Historical Park, then return to Bangkok to catch a flight to Chiang Mai. DAYS 5-6 CHIANG MAI Take a Thai cooking class at a private culinary school, walking through the local market with the chef before enjoying the lunch you've helped prepare. Then, stop by the historic Wat Chedi Luang temple and meet one of its young monks to discuss Buddhism and daily life. Later, listen to monks chant at Doi Suthep, one of the most stunning golden temples in Thailand. The next day, take advantage of free time for exploration before travelling to a local village to enjoy an authentic khantoke dinner in a family home. DAY 7 BANGKOK Fly to bustling Bangkok for a klong boat ride through the city's canals. Visit Wat Po, the famed Temple of the Reclining Buddha. DAY 8 BANGKOK Depart at any time.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES
If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



€1069

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €649
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 7 nts

#### MEALS

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners Allow USD100-130 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private bus/minivan, tuk tuk, train, boat, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**



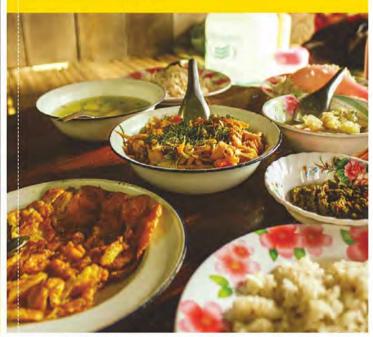
#### DINNER IN A VILLAGE HOME

Visit a family home in a village outside of Chiang Mai and sit down to a traditional (and so delicious) Khantoke dinner. Learn about life in rural Thailand from the family and walk through their lovely garden to discuss herbs and spices used in local cuisine.

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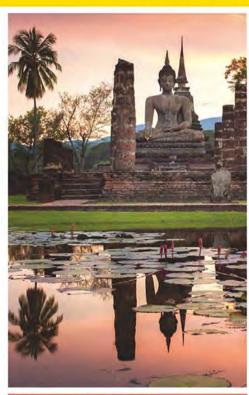
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Travellers have been seeking out the south of Thailand for years for its laid-back culture and welcoming people. This compact one-week trip offers a convenient but unhurried way to see the hotspots of Koh Samui and Krabi and get a real feel for the south. And whether you choose to stroll its beaches, trek through its lush rainforest near our lodge there, or snorkel your way through its clear waters, there's no better way to experience southern Thailand.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Rainforest walk and local dinner • Koh Klang cultural excursion, (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Boat tour to Ang Thong Marine
National Park • Kayak trip in Koh Mae Ko • Jungle
trek to the green lagoon • Internal flights • All
transport between destinations and to/from
included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 BANGKOK Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 KOH SAMUI Catch a flight to the tropical island of Koh Samui. Settle in at the resort hotel and opt to visit the beach or walk through the town. The next day, go on a boat tour to Ang Thong Marine Park, which includes a kayak trip along Koh Mae Ko and an easy jungle trek to the green lagoon. DAYS 4-5 KHAO SOK Catch the ferry back to the mainland and drive to Anurak Community lodge, located just outside Khao Sok National Park. Surrounded by lush rainforest, the lodge focuses on environmental sustainability and the local community. This evening, head out for a rainforest walk

with a local guide before a campfire dInner under the canopy. Then, take advantage of a free day to relax at the lodge or take part in various optional jungle activities. DAYS 6-7 KRABI Transfer to the tropical paradise of Krabi. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion with a local guide by typical long-tail boat, then jump in tricycle tuk tuks to explore local communities and farms, learning about the culture and daily life of rural southern Thailand. The following day, opt to visit spas and relax, rent kayaks, or snorkel. DAY 8 BANGKOK Return to colourful Bangkok. The tour ends at the airport.

**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



€1369

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €689
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 7 nts

#### MEALS

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD110-145 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private bus, minivan, boat, walking, plane

#### **GROUP LEADER**





#### KRABI RIVER VILLAGE EXCURSION

Cross the scenic and serene Krabi River and explore some of its caves aboard a long-tail boat. Then step onto a tuk tuk to be whisked through nearby villages and rice fields, and say hello to the locals who tend to the crops and neighbouring vegetable farms.

#### RAINFOREST ECO-WALK & DINNER

Explore the lush rainforest of Klong Phanom National Park with an expert tracker dedicated to the conservation of large animals. Learn about the park's incredible wildlife as you walk, before sitting down with our host at a campfire dinner of rainforest specialties.



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An excellent blend of culture and beach, activities and relaxation, this 15-day adventure hits all the Thai highlights. Up north, ponder the River Kwai and eat your way through Chiang Mai. Then head to the south's stunning beaches for some downtime at Koh Samui and Krabi. Include visits to golden temples, cooking classes, long-tail boat rides, and unforgettable time immersed in local village life, and you've got two outstanding weeks you'll reminisce about for years to come.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Rural village visit with authentic Khantoke dinner in a local family's home • Wat Chedi Luang visit and conversation with a monk • Rainforest lodge stay with nature walk and local dinner • Cultural tuk tuk excursion • Hands-on: Thal cooking class with market visit • Carte Blanche: Free time in Bangkok for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Entrance to Thai-Burma war museum and train ride • Visit to Erawan National Park • Guided tour at Ayutthaya Historical Park • Dinner on a converted rice barge • Bangkok boat tour of the klongs (canals) and Wat Phra Kaew temple • Boat tour to Angthong Marine National Park Including kayaking to Mae Koh • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

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day on your own with free time to visit the city's temples, museums, or a spa. DAYS 9-10 KOH SAMUI Catch a flight to the tropical island of Koh Samui. Get settled in at our resort hotel and relax at the pool bar. Opt to visit the beach or town. Embark on a boat tour the following day to Ang Thong Marine Park, including a kayak trip along Koh Mae Ko. Then go on an easy jungle trek to the green lagoon. DAYS 11-12 KHAO SOK Catch the ferry then drive to Anurak Community Lodge, located just outside Khao Sok National Park, Surrounded by lush rainforest, the lodge focuses on environmental sustainability and the local community. This evening. take a rainforest walk with a local guide and enjoy a campfire dinner under the canopy. The next day is free to relax at the lodge or enjoy various optional jungle activities. DAYS 13-14 KRABI Transfer to Krabi an meet a local guide to explore local villages by typical long-tail boat and tuk tuk. Interact with villagers going about their daily lives farming rice and vegetables. The next day, opt to visit spas and relax, rent kayaks, or snorket. DAY 15 KRAB!/BANGKOK Return to bustling Bangkok. The tour ends at the airport.

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€**2349** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1239

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 12 nts, lodge - 2 nts

#### **MEALS**

14 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners Allow USD190-250 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private bus/minivan, tuk tuk, tricycle, boat, train, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







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12 DAYS YOGYAKARTA TO SANUR

Free your spiritual side against a backdrop of stunning beaches and jungles in Bali and Java. Travel by cycle-rickshaw to local markets and the Sultan's Palace in Yogyakarta. Find your inner peace at ancient Hindu and Buddhist temples. Take high tea at the Mangkunegaran Palace and stroll the coastline of the unforgettable beaches in Sanur. Discover the perfect blend of beauty and Buddhist zen in this incredible corner of the world.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Mangkunegaran Palace with traditional dance class and high tea • Mt Bromo volcanology office visit • Ubud home cooking class. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Orientation tour of Yogyakarta by cycle-rickshaws • Excursions to Borobudur and Prambanan temple complexes • Excursion to Mt Lawu • Hiking and jeep trip to Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park • Visit Tirta Empul Temple, Gunung Kawi Hindu temple complex and Kintamani • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 YOGYAKARTA Arrive at any time. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner. DAYS 2-3 YOGYAKARTA Explore the city by cycle-rickshaws. See the Sultan's Palace, city markets, and the batik workshops of Yogya. Go on an excursion to the Buddhist temple complex of Borobudur. DAYS 4-5 SOLO (SURAKARTA) Visit Prambanan, the largest

Hindu temple complex in Java. Continue on to Solo and visit the Mangkunegaran Palace for a traditional dance class and high tea. The next day, travel to Mount Lawu to visit the Candi Cetho and Candi Sukuh temples. DAYS 6-7 MALANG Journey by train to the beautiful colonial city of Malang, the second largest city in East Java. The next day, enjoy a 4x4 ride to catch the sunrise at Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park. Ascend to the top of active volcano Mt Bromo and later, visit the volcanology office to meet with one of the researchers there. DAY 8 UBUD Catch a flight and transfer to Ubud, the cultural and artistic heart of Bali and our base for the next three nights. DAYS 9-10 UBUD Visit markets and rice fields with a local chef. Then it's on to a lively cooking class to learn the basics and enjoy lunch. The next day, explore spiritual Bali, following mountain roads through the jungle to visit Tirta Empul Temple, 11th-century temple Gunung Kawi, and the village of Kintamani, perched atop the edge of a giant crater. DAY 11 SANUR Head to the coastal village of Sanur and enjoy free time with the option to visit a gorgeous beach. DAY 12 SANUR Depart at any time.







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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### VOLCANOLOGY AT MT BROMO

Visit the volcanology office at Mt Bromo, one of the most iconic volcanoes in Indonesia. Here you'll meet the experts who study and monitor this active wonder.

#### BALINESE HOME COOKING

Head to the morning market with a local chef who'll introduce you to the foods and flavours used in Balinese cooking. Continue to nearby rice fields to learn about this staple, then head back to the chef's home for a cooking lesson.

#### MANGKUNEGARAN PALACE DANCE

Built in 1757, the Mangkunegaran Palace is a stunning mix of European and Javanese architecture. This is our setting for a traditional Javanese dance class. After you've learned some steps, sit down to high tea.



€1799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1359 GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 11 nts

#### MEALS

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD175-230 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Minibus/van, cycle-rickshaw, plane, train, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











Try on a new kind of adventure and immerse yourself in the warm and mysterious culture of Myanmar (Burma). Cruise the mighty Irrawaddy River to the ancient city of Bagan, home to over 2200 beautiful temples and pagodas. Drift to the floating villages on serene Inle Lake. Visit Kyan Sithar Umin monastery to meet a Buddhist monk and climb Mandalay Hill to reflect on lovely views of the surrounding countryside. From its welcoming people to its exceptional sights, the time is right to discover this underexplored destination.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Visit Kyan Sithar Umin monastery and talk with a monk • Local home cooking class • Rural village hike with expert guide. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Welcome dinner at House of Memories • Tour of Mandalay • Boat trip and tour of Mingun village • Visit Sagaing and the ancient city of Amarapura • Irrawaddy River boat trip • Guided tour of Bagan archaeological zone • Visit Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery • Tour Nyaung Shwe by trishaw • Boat tour of Inle Lake including floating villages and markets • Visit a cheroot factory • Visit Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda • Tour Shwedagon Pagoda • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from Included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 YANGON Arrive at any time today. Arrival transfer and welcome dinner included. DAYS 2-4 MANDALAY Fly to the ancient city of Mandalay to explore its highlights including the Golden Palace Monastery, Kuyuk Taw Gyi Pagoda, Kuthodaw Pagoda, and Mahamuni Temple. Also climb Mandalay Hill for views of the surrounding countryside. The next day, take a boat to the village of Mingun to visit its pagodas and local craftspeople. Visit the spiritual centre of Burma at Sagaing and the ancient royal capital of Amarapura. Enjoy free time the next day to continue exploring Mandalay. DAY 5 BAGAN Sit back and enjoy the sights on a full-day cruise down the Irrawaddy River to ancient Bagan. DAYS 6-7 BAGAN Explore the ancient sites of Bagan including Shwezigon Pagoda and Gubyaukgyi (Wetkyi-in) cave temple. Visit Kyan Sithar Umin monastery and discuss daily life with a Buddhist monk. The next day, travel to the outskirts of town to a village in the middle of a toddy palm farm. Watch as the locals scale the trees and harvest the palm fruit and then process the juice into alcohol or molasses. Then, opt to take a hot-air balloon ride. DAYS 8-9 INLE LAKE Travel by plane, bus, and boat to serene Inle Lake, visiting Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery and Nyaung Shwe

along the way. The next day, explore the lake by boat and visit floating villages, a cheroot factory, and the daily market, with stops at Phaung Daw Oo pagoda and Inthien temple complex. Along the way. visit the home of a local chef and learn the basics of Burmese cooking. Relax in this charming setting on the lake and have a scrumptious home-cooked meal. DAY 10 KALAW Travel to this former British hill station where you'll enjoy a hike to hill-tribe villages that have been helped by the Rural Development Society, a community-based organization providing water supply, microfinance. libraries, and schools to rural areas. DAY 11 YANGON Fly back to Yangon and visit the Shwedagon Pagoda. Enjoy free time to explore the old capital. DAY 12 YANGON Depart any time today.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### BALLOONS OVER BAGAN

Check hundreds of temples from the air on a top-notch balloon ride. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.



Number of departures / month



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**ABANG** 

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### MONASTERY VISIT

You're invited to the Kyan Sithar Umin monastery to discuss Buddhism and daily life with one of the resident monks. You'll come away feeling at peace and in a new frame of mind.

#### LOCAL VILLAGE TREK

Take a half-day hike into the hills around Kaiaw. Visit villages that have been helped by the Rural Development Society, a community-based organization that provides water, builds schools and libraries, and finances small-scale community projects.

#### BURMESE COOKING CLASS

Step into the home of a local chef and learn the basics of Burmese cooking. After your class, kick back and relax at this charming spot on Inle Lake before enjoying the delicious meal you helped make.



**€2499** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1879 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 11 nts

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD200-260 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private bus/van, plane, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











# IT'S NOT JUST ANY FOREST STROLL It's your guided passage with a naturalist among the giants of California's Sequoia National Park – a reserve so precious, the National Geographic Society funded its expansion in 1916. This continent is rich with extraordinary places. Imagine watching the sunset from the edge of the Grand Canyon, travelling by ferry to the foot of the Statue of Liberty, or whale-watching off the coast of British Columbia. Discovering North America with National Geographic Journeys is a travel experience like no other. EQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, UNITED STATES



Awe-inspiring scenery and fascinating wildlife are simply everywhere in Western Canada. This 12-day adventure offers the Rocky Mountain highs of crisp Jasper and serene Lake Louise, a scenic ferry crossing to Vancouver Island, a river safari through Grizzly Bear Valley, and a drive along the jaw-dropping Icefields Parkway. Whether you're walking atop a glacier or meandering the gorgeous streets of Whistler Village, you're discovering some of the most iconic parts of Canada.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Banff historical walking tour • Recharge: Miette Hot Springs • Carte Blanche: Free time in Victoria, Whistler, and Jasper NP for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

All park fees in Jasper and Banff National Parks • Scenic ferry to Vancouver Island • Vancouver, Calgary, Victoria, Whistler, and Banff orientation walks • Stops at Joffre Lake and Marble Canyon • River safari through Grizzly Bear Valley • Visit Mount Robson Visitor Centre • Excursion to the Columbia Icefields and ice walk on the Athabasca Glacler • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 VANCOUVER Arrive at any time. DAYS 2-3 VICTORIA Enjoy a stop at Stanley Park and Gastown before boarding a scenic ferry to Victoria, where we'll take an orientation walk with our CEO. The next day is free for optional activities such as a Zodiac whale-

watching cruise, museum and Butchart Gardens visits, or high tea at a historical hotel. DAYS 4-5 WHISTLER Catch the ferry back to the mainland and drive the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway to the picturesque village of Whistler, which hosted downhill skiing, luge, and other events during the 2010 Winter Olympics. The next day is free to walk through the village, ride the gondola up the mountain, hike, or go ziplining. DAY 6 BLUE RIVER Travel into the Caribou Mountains, with stops at emeraldcoloured Joffre Lake and Marble Canyon before arriving in the stunning surroundings of the Blue River community. DAYS 7-8 JASPER NP Take an amazing river safari through Grizzly Bear Valley and the world's only inland temperate rainforest. Search out wildlife including grizzly bears, moose, and eagles. Head to Jasper National Park and view the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Mt Robson. The next day, take advantage of free time to hike at Maligne Canyon, take a boat cruise, or go whitewater rafting. Later, soak in the hot springs at Miette. DAY 9 ICEFIELDS PARKWAY/LAKE LOUISE Travel the Icefields Parkway - considered one of the most scenic drives in the world - to the astoundingly blue Peyto Lake. Embark on a glacier walk with a local guide on the Lower Athabasca Glacier. Continue to picturesque Lake Louise. DAY 10 BANFF Spend the morning at Lake Louise with an option to hike to the Tea House. Continue to Banff and

take a walk back in time with an expert from the Whyte Museum, exploring this historical town. DAY 11 CALGARY Drive to Calgary for a short tour, and opt to visit museums, cowboy bars, or the Olympic Park. DAY 12 CALGARY Depart at any time.

#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

DISCOVER THE CANADIAN ROCKIES—WESTBOUND

This trip also runs in reverse. See tour **NCCNG** online.



Number of departures / month





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#### Tour Code NCRNG

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVE

BANFF HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Explore the beautiful town of Banff on a scenic walking tour led by an expert from the Whyte Museum. Learn about the fascinating history of this town, its people, and the iconic Canadian Pacific Railway.



€**2949** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €899
GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 10

GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/lodges - 11 nts

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 1 dinner Allow USD470-615 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Air-conditioned private touring van, hiking, walking, ferry, boat

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### ATHABASCA GLACIER

The Athabasca Glacier is the most visited glacier in North America. It currently recedes at a rate of approximately 5m (16 ft) per year, meaning it's lost half of its volume over the past 125 years.



Imagine watching polar bears in their natural habitat alongside a naturalist expert from Polar Bears International, one of the world's leading organizations dedicated to protecting these amazing animals. This opportunity is yours in the vast wilderness of the Canadian Arctic. Sit down to a picnic lunch on the tundra and opt to go dogsledding in the region's breathtaking landscapes. An unconventional wildlife adventure for the unconventional traveller.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Reception with experts from Polar Bears International • Parks Canada Interpretive Centre visit and presentation • Cultural presentation on life In Churchill • Polar Bears International researcher on one Tundra Buggy Excursion. (To learn more, see page 18)

Churchill historical tour • Eskimo museum • Northern lights viewing (weather dependent) • Tundra Buggy polar bear excursions (2 days) • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 WINNIPEG Arrive at any time. DAY 2 CHURCHILL Catch our early morning flight to Churchill, Manitoba. Upon arrival, enjoy a historical tour of some of the area's sites including Cape Merry, the Port of Churchill, and Manitoba Conservation's polar bear holding facility. Then visit the Eskimo Museum which features one of the best out on a drive through the remote landscape to view the outstanding northern lights (weather dependent).

DAY 3 CHURCHILL Head out with a local expert on an incredible full-day excursion of polar bear-viewing by Tundra Buggy. Take in the majestic landscape, and search for polar bears, arctic foxes, and ptarmigans and enjoy a full picnic lunch on the tundra. This evening, Join representatives from Polar Bears International (PBI) for a private cocktail reception. The world's leading polar bear conservation organization, PBI has collaborated with National Geographic on a variety of research and education projects. DAY 4 CHURCHILL Enjoy a free morning to visit some of the local shops or opt to take a dogsledding excursion. After lunch, visit the Parks Canada Centre for an educational presentation about the National Park service and its history in the Churchill area. This evening, enjoy an informal talk with a local from Churchill who will discuss what life is like in a far-north, remote Canadian town. DAY 5 WINNIPEG Enloy a second excursion onto the tundra in search of polar bears and other arctic wildlife alongside an expert from PBI. This evening, fly back to Winnipegfor our final night. DAY 6 WINNIPEG Depart at any time.

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Nov 04 - Nov 09

€**5399** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1129 GROUP SIZE: Max 25

PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

Hotel - 5 nts

MEALS

5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD300-390 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Plane, bus/van, Tundra Buggy, walking

**GROUP LEADER** 

CEO throughout, local experts and guides.





#### POLAR BEAR DRIVE

Enjoy a full-day Tundra Buggy excursion, in search of polar bears as they gather in numbers along the coast of Hudson Bay. We'll be joined on board by a scientist from Polar Bears International (PBI) who will teach us about climate change and ongoing efforts to protect these amazing creatures.

#### PARKS CANADA EXPERIENCE

Drop by the visitors' centre at the Churchill Heritage Railway Station for a lecture about the area by a Parks Canada representative. The centre features a collection of Hudson's Bay Company muskets and replicas of 18th century merchandise.

#### POLAR BEAR CONSERVATION EVENT

Attend a private cocktail reception with ambassadors from PBI, and hear firsthand about their work. National Geographic and PBI have been collaborating over the last 15 years on a variety of conservation and education projects.

#### LOCAL LIFE IN CHURCHILL

Sit down with a resident of Churchill who will entertain us with a presentation and stories about what life is like in an isolated Northern Canadian town – a place where it's not unusual to walk out your front door and run into a polar bear.









A selection of wildlife-focused tours endorsed by world-renowned primatologist, Dr Jane Goodall. G Adventures is proud to support the Jane Goodall Institute's mission to protect wildlife and empower local communities.



Discover the beauty of the great state of Alaska over ten days of jaw-dropping coastline vistas, astounding encounters with wildlife, and the towering majesty of Denali. Spy caribou and moose; keep your eyes peeled for orcas; and go behind the scenes at the celebrated Alaska SeaLife Center in picturesque Seward. Experience the raw beauty of nature on an unforgettable journey to wild Alaska.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Behind-the-scenes tour of the Alaska SeaLife Center • Lecture on subarctic ecosystems of Denali • Denali-area hike with naturalist guide • Lecture on daily life and culture in Denali. (To learn more, see page 18)

Kenai Fjords wildlife cruise • National Park
Service excursion in Denali • Orientation walk of
Anchorage • All transport between destinations
and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 ANCHORAGE Arrive at any time. DAYS 2-3 HOMER Travel along the stunning glacial coast of the Kenai Peninsula. Keep your eye out for beluga whales playing out at sea, as well as for volcanoes across the Cook Inlet. Opt to go for a hike outside of Homer. The next day, take a free day to explore this pretty town, discovering its museum, restaurants, and art galleries. If you're feeling more adventurous, opt to kayak in Kachemak Bay, go hiking, catch a floatplane for remote grizzly bear viewing, or try your hand at halibut-fishing. DAYS 4-5 SEWARD Continue to the tip of the Kenai Peninsula for a behind-the-scenes tour of

the renowned Alaska SeaLife Center, This incredible marine science facility has collaborated with National Geographic on projects such as CritterCam, which documents wildlife behaviour from an animal's perspective. Visit the labs here and meet a researcher for a presentation on current projects. The next day, set out by ship to explore the Kenai Fjords, viewing glaciers, seabird colonies, puffins, sea lions, and whales (and if we're lucky. maybe orcas). The afternoon is free; opt to go hiking or explore the town. DAY 6 SEWARD/DENAL! NATIONAL PARK Enjoy a scenic drive, stopping for photos along the way to Denali National Park and Preserve, home of the highest mountain in North America. Settle in this afternoon and meet with an expert from the Denali Education Center to learn about the natural history of the park and National Geographic's long legacy of exploration and scientific research here. DAYS 7-8 DENALI NP Take a day-long excursion to the Eielson Visitor Center at the heart of the park for a tour run by the National Parks Service. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Alaska Range and its many peaks. Have your camera at the ready to capture images of caribou, grizzly bears, moose, and more. The next morning, hike with a naturalist guide, taking in the awe-inspiring natural beauty of the wilderness. This afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the great outdoors with options to visit a kennel for a dog sled demonstration by the National Parks Service.

This evening, meet up with a local resident for a personal perspective on the history, culture, and everyday life of the area. DAY 9 ANCHORAGE Enjoy the scenic drive back to Anchorage for our final evening. DAY 10 ANCHORAGE Depart at any time.

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#### DENALI IMMERSION

Visit the esteemed Denali Education Center for two lectures about the park's natural and human history. Learn about its complex geology, and discover how native peoples have survived here for generations. Head out on a hike with a naturalist guide to take in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Denali wilderness.

#### ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the world-renowned Alaska SeaLife Center, an incredible marine science facility that has collaborated with National Geographic on a variety of wildlife initiatives. Visit the centre's labs and meet a researcher for a presentation on current projects.



€3299

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €**649**GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel - 6 nts, cabins - 3 nts

#### **MEALS**

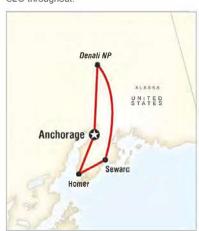
9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD440-575 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private vehicle, boat, hiking, walking, shuttle

#### **GROUP LEADER**

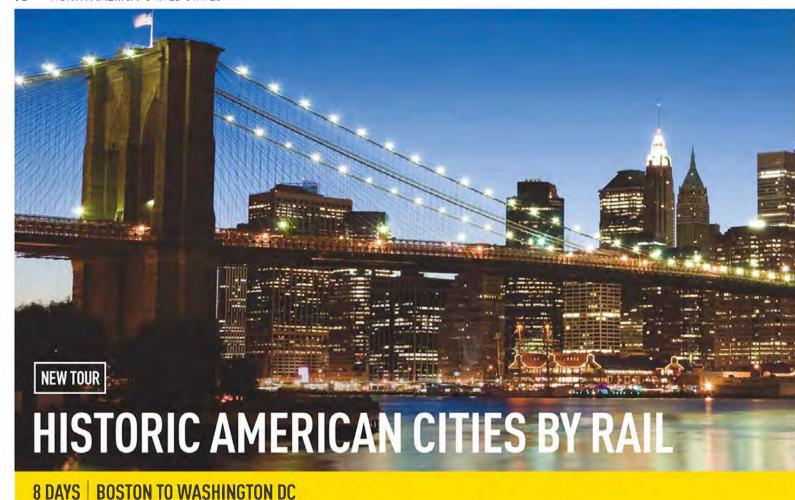
CEO throughout.











Step back in time at the historic sites along the American Eastern Seaboard on a week-long tour by rail. Stroll the cobblestone streets of colonial Boston, take in landmarks of New York City and the serene marble monuments and vast green spaces of Washington DC (with a visit to the more-than-a-century-old offices of National Geographic). This is a side of the United States every

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

history buff should see.

Journeys Exclusive: Freedom Trail history walk • New York City photo walking tour • Behind the scenes tour of the National Geographic Society • Carte Blanche: Free time in Boston, New York, and Washington DC for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall • Evening walk along the Washington Mall • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BOSTON Arrive at any time. DAY 2 BOSTON With a local history expert, walk the Freedom Trail, which showcases some of the most historically significant sites that shaped the founding of America. This afternoon, roam the city and opt to visit Faneuil Hall, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, or Fenway Park for a Red Sox game (season permitting). DAY 3 NEW YORK CITY Catch the train to the Big Appte. This afternoon, enjoy a photo-walk with a local photographer through the trendy Bushwick nelghbourhood. With its vibrant street art and melting

pot of culture, we'll have several opportunities to take great shots and enjoy some tastings at local shops. DAY 4 NEW YORK CITY Take advantage of a full free day (and evening) to explore NYC. Opt to stroll through Times Square or Central Park, catch a show, or visit museums, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, or the 9/11 Memorial. DAY 5 PHILADELPHIA Continue by train to Philadelphia. Visit some of the Important sites from the American Revolution including the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed. DAY 6 WASHINGTON DC Continue by train to the nation's capital. This afternoon, drop by the headquarters of National Geographic for a tour of the museum and a behind-the-scenes look at how the iconic magazine is produced and how photos are selected, DAY 7 WASHINGTON DC Take advantage of a free afternoon to explore this lovely city, visit some of its museums, or go for a hike in Rock Creek Park. This evening, enjoy a walk with our CEO along the National Mall with the opportunity to view its stately monuments like the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the National World War II Memorial. DAY 8 WASHINGTON DC Depart at any time.







#### THE FREEDOM TRAIL

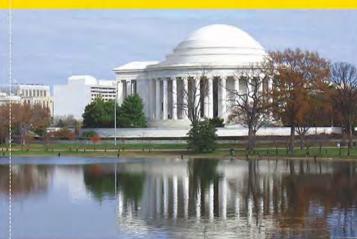
Step back in time on Boston's renowned Freedom Trail in the company of an interpretive guide in period costume. Follow the 2.5-mile route to historic sites including museums, churches, cemeteries, parks, and a ship – weaving together a seminal chapter in the history of a nation.

#### NYC PHOTO WALK

Set out on a guided photo walk with a locally renowned photographer in the vibrant Brooklyn neighbourhood of Bushwick. Learn new photography skills white sampling the local favourities on offer such as craft beer, charcuterie, and chocolate.

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HEADQUARTERS

Visit the stately headquarters of the National Geographic Society, located just a few blocks north of the White House. Gain insider access to learn about the colourful history of National Geographic and its explorers, find out about ongoing projects, and see how the magazine is produced.



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**€2499** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1619
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12

# PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 7 nts

#### **MEALS**

7 breakfasts Allow USD410-535 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Train, taxi, walking

#### GROUP LEADER









Here's an adventure-filled eight days among the striking natural towers and red plateaus of the American canyonlands. Walk along the edge of the Grand Canyon with a recognized expert to view 2000-year-old rock art, hike among the astounding rock formations of Zion National Park, and discover the beauty of Antelope Canyon alongside a Navajo guide. Experience for yourself the inspiring beauty of these legendary landscapes.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Grand Canyon full-day excursion with instructor-guide • Lowell Observatory behind the scenes visit and lecture. (To learn more, see page 18)

All national park fees • Zion NP visit and guided hike to the Narrows • Bryce Canyon NP visit • Antelope Canyon guided visit • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 LAS VEGAS Arrive at any time. DAYS 2-3 ZION NATIONAL PARK Depart early for Zion, Utah's oldest park, where narrow gorges and waterfalls spilling over red-rock cliffs make for some of the most scenic canyon country in the United States. The next day, set out on a guided hike to the picturesque Narrows. Wade into the river which cuts though this stunning slot canyon and view the awe-inspiring beauty of the high plateaus, towers, temples, mesas, and one of the Earth's tallest, known sheer sandstone walls. DAY 4 BRYCE CANYON NP/PAGE Visit Bryce Canyon National Park, famed for the multi-coloured rock pinnacles that jut skyward from

the canyon floor, Be sure to have your camera at the ready to snap shots of these spectacular, natural towers. Later, continue toward Page, Arizona. DAY 5 ANTELOPE CANYON/GRAND CANYON Start the day at the incredibly scenic Antelope Canyon with a local Navajo guide. Located on native land and accessible only with an authorized escort, this landmark is considered one of the most visually stunning slot-canyon formations in the world. Later, travel to the Grand Canyon with a stop en route at Horseshoe Bend. DAY 6 GRANDCANYON NP Spend the day exploring the canyon alongside an expert from the Grand Canvon Association Field Institute. Take a walk along the South Rim and find out how generations of National Geographic scientists and explorers have mapped, studied, and documented this national treasure. Then visit the Historic Village District and continue down the Bright Angel Trail below the canyon rim to view 2000-year-old rock art and 250-million-year-old fossils. Also drop by Kolb Studio, home to photography pioneers Emery and Ellsworth Kolb, who shared with the world some of the first pictures of the epic canyon in the August 1914 issue of National Geographic magazine. DAY 7 FLAGSTAFF/ROUTE 66/LAS VEGAS Visit Lowell Observatory for a tour of the giant telescopes and to hear about their past collaboration with National Geographic. Continue back to Las Vegas, but not before

getting your kicks on Route 66 in Seligman, Arizona, known as the birthplace of this famed highway. **DAY 8 LAS VEGAS** Depart at any time.

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#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER RIDE

Get the best seat in the house to check out the impressive size and incredible views of the Grand Canyon by adding on the Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride extra. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.





#### GRAND CANYON EXCLUSIVE

On this specially designed experience for National Geographic Journeys travellers, spend a day with a researcher from the Grand Canyon Association Field Institute. Walk along the scenic South Rim and into the canyon, discussing the park's geology, history, and culture.

#### LOWELL OBSERVATORY EXPERIENCE

Visit the renowned Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona for a behind-thescenes tour of the facility. Established in 1894, the centre focuses on educating the general public about astronomy. As far back as the 1950s, National Geographic has provided funding to astronomers based here.



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1349 GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel - 7 nts

#### **MEALS**

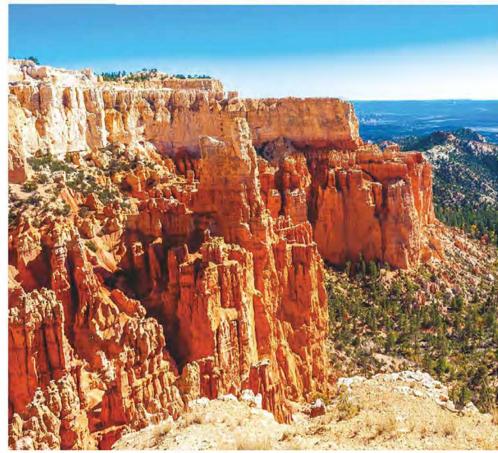
7 breakfasts, 1 lunch Allow USD390-510 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Air-conditioned private touring van, hiking, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**







This nine-day quest through some of California's greatest national parks covers almost every type of terrain imaginable. From the arid, sun-scorched landscapes of Death Valley to the astonishing giant redwoods of Sequoia National Park and Yosemite's awe-inspiring panorama of granite domes, the sites in this region of the United States simply have to be seen to be believed.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Sequoia NP excursion with naturalist-guide • Guided stargazing • Monterey Aquarium behind the scenes tour. (To learn more, see page 18)

All national park fees • Yosemite NP excursion • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 LAS VEGAS Arrive at any time. DAY 2 DEATH VALLEY Leave the glitz of Las Vegas behind and travel to Death Valley, the lowest, hottest, and driest place in North America. Marvel at the extremes of this landscape and opt to take a jeep tour. DAYS 3-4 YOSEMITE NP Sit back and enjoy the views on a full-day drive through the mountain town of Bishop and across the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Arrive this evening in the Yosemite area. The next day, explore jaw-dropping Yosemite National Park. Set out on foot to view majestic waterfalls, crystal-clear lakes, and lush green meadows. DAY 5 SEQUOIA NP Depart early for Sequoia National Park, which National Geographic was instrumental in expanding a century ago. Meet with a naturalist from

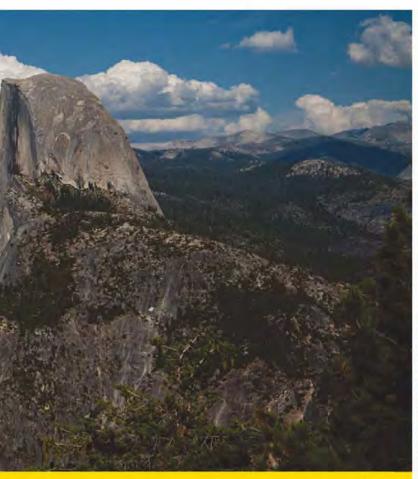
the Sequoia Parks Conservancy learn about ongoing research. After a picnic lunch, hike to legendary trees and keep an eye out for a plaque commemorating National Geographic's contributions to the park. Later. return to the park for an evening of stargazing with an expert from the Conservancy. DAYS 6-7 MONTEREY Travel to Monterey, stopping along the way at rugged Big Sur and picturesque Cambria. The next day, go behind the scenes at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on a tour specially arranged for National Geographic Journeys travellers. Get an inside look at the workings of the aquarium as well as at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, where numerous National Geographicsupported scientists have conducted their work. Enjoy a free afternoon, opting to explore the bay or wander historic Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row. DAY 8 SAN FRANCISCO Continue on a scenic coastal drive to San Francisco for our final evening. Catch a glimpse of the Golden Gate Bridge on the way into one of America's most beloved cities. Opt to catch a cable car ride over the steep hills, explore the city by bicycle, or sail into the setting sun on a small hired craft. DAY 9 SAN FRANCISCO Depart at any time.



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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### MONTEREY AQUARIUM EXCLUSIVE

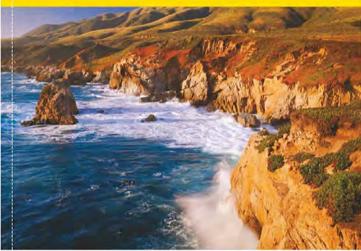
Jump the line at this world-renowned aquarium on an experience customized for National Geographic Journeys travellers. Get an inside look at the workings of the facility and find out how National Geographic grantees based at the aquarium have worked to understand and protect the marine world.

#### SEQUOIA HIKE

Walk through California's Sequoia National Park alongside a naturalist. Learn about these impressive giant trees, enjoy a picnic lunch on the trail, and then drive to Big Tree Trail for an afternoon hike in a part of the park National Geographic helped protect.

#### SEQUOIA NP STARGAZING

Peer upward with an astronomy expert into the night skies above Sequoia National Park, Learn about the myriad of constellations, planets, and stars in one of California's most dazzling spots for stargazing.





OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1709

GROUP SIZE: Max 15. avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel - 8 nts

#### **MEALS**

8 breakfasts, 2 dinners Allow USD400-520 for meals not included.

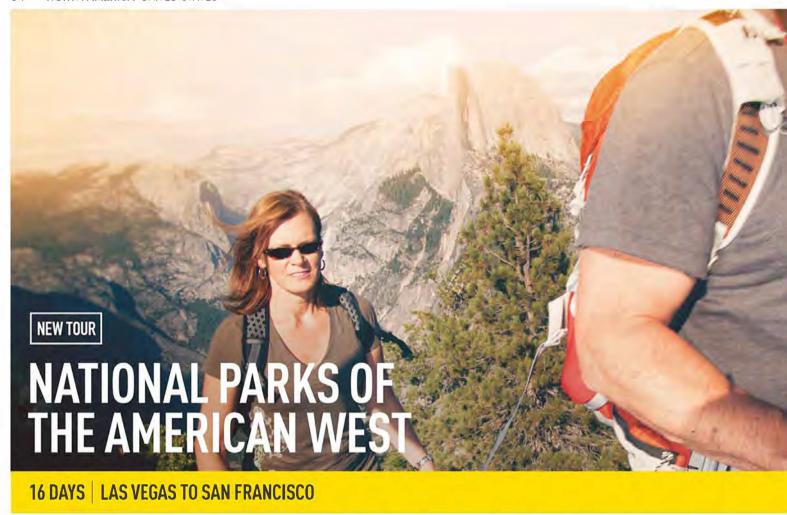
#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned private touring van, hiking, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**







Spend two weeks in the American West, discovering the beauty of many of its most iconic national parks. Encounter the crimson-striped cliffs of the Grand Canyon and hear the thundering surf at Big Sur. Stroll among the giants of Sequoia National Park and step behind the scenes at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on a tour designed for National Geographic Journeys. From Yosemite to Death Valley, escape to some of the greatest natural wonders anywhere.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Grand Canyon full-day excursion with instructor-guide • Lowell Observatory behind the scenes visit • Full day Sequoia NP excursion with naturalist-guide • Guided stargazing • Monterey Aquarium behind the scenes tour. (To learn more, see page 18)

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#### **ITINERARY**

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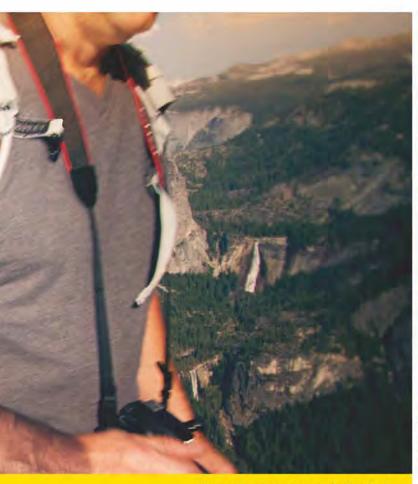
#### GRAND CANYON HELICOPTER RIDE

Get the best seat in the house to check out the impressive size and incredible views of the Grand Canyon by adding on the Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride extra. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

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#### GRAND CANYON EXCLUSIVE

On this specialty designed experience for National Geographic Journeys travellers, spend a day with a researcher from the Grand Canyon Association Field Institute. Walk along the scenic South Rim and into the canyon, discussing the park's geology, history, and culture.

#### LOWELL OBSERVATORY EXPERIENCE

Visit the renowned Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona for a behind-thescenes tour of the facility. Established in 1894, the centre focuses on educating the general public about astronomy. As far back as the 1950s, National Geographic has provided funding to astronomers based here.

#### MONTEREY AQUARIUM EXCLUSIVE

Jump the line at this world-renowned aquarium on an experience customized for National Geographic Journeys travellers. Get an inside look at the workings of the facility and find out how National Geographic grantees based at the aguarium have worked to understand and protect the marine world.

#### SEQUOIA HIKE

Walk through California's Seguoia National Park alongside a naturalist. Learn about these impressive giant trees, enjoy a picnic lunch on the trail, and then drive to Big Tree Trail for an afternoon hike in a part of the park National Geographic helped protect.



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €3059

GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel - 15 nts

#### **MEALS**

15 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners Allow USD730-950 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

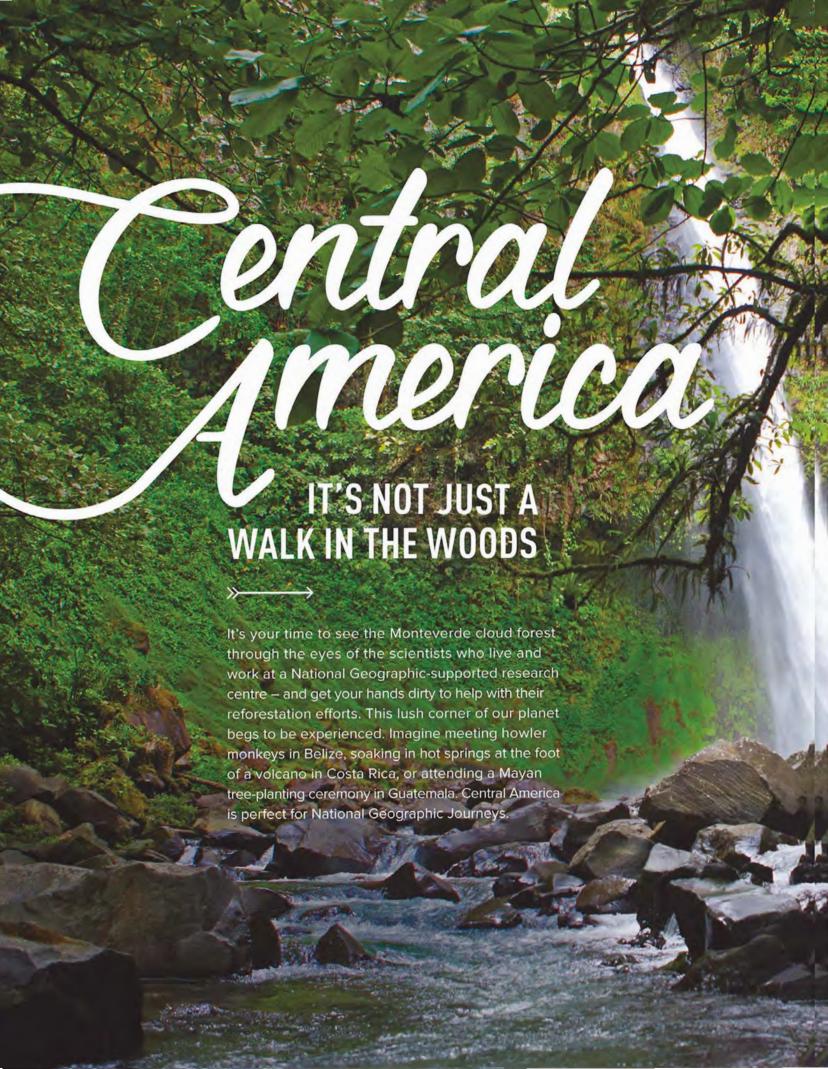
Air-conditioned private touring van, hiking, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**













Costa Rica may be small but it's loaded with opportunity for adventure. This two-week itinerary is ideal for anyone looking to get off the beaten path and discover a lush and wild world. Stop in at a reforestation project, visit a sea turtle conservancy program, opt to zipline through the jungle canopy, and soak in volcanic hot springs. Getting your hands dirty (and clean again) never felt so good.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Sea Turtle Conservancy visit and lecture • Tortilla making and dinner in local home • Visit to Monteverde Institute reforestation project • G Adventures for Good: Mi Cafecito coffee tour and local lunch • Carte Blanche: Free time in La Fortuna, Monteverde, and Manuel Antonio for optional activities, refaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Boat tour and wildlife viewing in Tortuguero Natlonal Park • Guided nature walk in the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve • Guided excursion to Manuel Antonio National Park • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 SAN JOSÉ Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 TORTUGUERO Travel to Tortuguero National Park where we'll take guided boat trips through the waterways in search of caimans, howler monkeys, and sloths. Take advantage of free time to relax at our

secluded lodge or, in the evening, take an optional night-boat excursion. The next day, visit and meet with a researcher from the Sea Turtle Conservancy Program, co-founded by National Geographic grantee Archie Carr. DAY 4 LA FORTUNA/ARENAL Depart early and drive to a G Adventures-supported coffee co-op for a tour and lunch, Later, arrive in gorgeous La Fortuna and opt to relax at the pool in the midst of stunning scenery. DAYS 5-6 LA FORTUNA/ARENAL Over two days, explore La Fortuna and take advantage of plenty of optional activities, such as rafting, waterfall rappelling, soaking in local hot springs, or taking a boat tour of the Caño Negro Wildlife Refuge. On the first evening, learn the art of tortilla-making and enjoy dinner with a local family in their home. DAY 7 MONTEVERDE Make our way, by road and boat, to the misty air of the Monteverde region, a bird-lover's paradise. DAYS 8-9 MONTEVERDE Go on a guided nature hike in the Santa Flena Cloud Forest Reserve. Opt to visit a butterfly garden or coffee farm, zipline through the canopy, or go horseback riding. Visit the Monteverde Institute, which has served as the base for numerous National Geographic-funded explorers and researchers studying this vital cloud forest. Meet some of the researchers and then get your hands dirty by either planting trees, assisting in the nurseries, or collecting field data to aid in the success of tropical reforestation

programs. DAYS 10-12 MANUEL ANTONIO Drive to Manuel Antonio and take in a guided walk in the scenic national park. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the Paclfic coast and opt to surf, go horseback riding, or visit nearby picturesque beaches. DAY 13 SAN JOSÉ Return to San José for an optional farewell dinner with the group. DAY 14 SAN JOSÉ Depart at any time.

#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

#### COSTA RICA ADRENALINE BUNDLE

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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### CLOUD FOREST RESTORATION

Visit the Monteverde Institute, a researchcentre where many National Geographic grantees have been based, and dig into reforestation efforts firsthand, either by planting trees or assisting with tree care in the nurseries.

#### SEA TURTLE CONSERVANCY

Meet with researchers on a visit to the Sea Turtle Conservancy, co-founded by Archie Carr, a National Geographic grantee. The team here will teach us all about the four species of sea turtles found in Tortuguero and the threats they face.

#### MAKE TORTILLAS IN A FAMILY HOME

Learn the art of tortilla-making from Doña Mara in her home. Grind the corn, then mix the dough and bake it in a wood-burning stove. When the tortillas are ready, sit down to a tasty *casado* (traditional Costa Rican dish) prepared with the tortillas you've made.



€1799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: **£1279**GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 11 nts, rustic jungle lodge - 2 nts

#### MEALS

13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners Allow USD485-630 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van, shuttle van, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**





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#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

#### OFFEE CO-OP VISIT

There's nothing like the taste of a fresh cup of Costa Rican coffee. Head to the idyllic community of San Miguel de Sarapiquí for a tour of Mi Cafecito, a G Adventures-supported project that has helped transform this region through the economic benefit of tourism.





9 DAYS | SAN JOSÉ TO SAN JOSÉ

Home to some of the most unforgettable landscapes, unique wildlife, and lush rainforests in the world, Costa Rica is a celebrated pioneer in protecting natural heritage. Forge your own path through this gorgeous country over nine days of outstanding adventure. Trek across the foot of a volcano to photograph giant blue butterflies, visit a coffee co-op, and search for monkeys while hiking park trails. Get in touch with nature's best in Costa Rica.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Tortilla-making and dinner in a local home • Monteverde Institute visit and lecture • G Adventures for Good: Mi Cafecito coffee tour and local lunch • Carte Blanche: Free time in La Fortuna, Monteverde, and Manuel Antonio for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Guided nature walk in the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve • Guided excursion of Manuel Antonio National Park • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 SAN JOSÉ Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 LA FORTUNA/ARENAL Visit a G Adventures-supported coffee co-op for a tour and lunch. Continue on to La Fortuna, the country's adventure hub. Visit a local home to learn the art of tortilla-making, then sample your handiwork during dinner with the family. The next day, take advantage of free time to explore this region through a variety of

optional activities. DAYS 4-5 MONTEVERDE Go on a guided nature hike in the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve, where you can opt to visit a butterfly garden. zipline through the canopy, or go horseback riding. Visit the Monteverde Institute, which has served as the base for numerous National Geographic-funded explorers and researchers studying this vital cloud forest. Meet some of the researchers and learn about ongoing projects on insect and bird studies and tropical reforestation and conservation, DAYS 6-7 MANUEL ANTONIO Continue to the stunning Pacific coast and take a guided walk through Manuel Antonio National Park, famed for its stunning beaches and abundant wildlife including monkeys and sloths. Take in the laid-back atmosphere of the area with options to go surfing, horseback riding, or dolphin-watching by catamaran; or visit other nearby picturesque beaches. DAY 8 SAN JOSÉ Return to San José and opt to join a farewell dinner on the town. DAY 9 SAN JOSÉ Depart at any time.

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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### MAKE TORTILLAS IN A FAMILY HOME

Learn the art of tortilla-making from Doña Mara in her home. Grind the corn, then mix the dough and bake it in a wood-burning stove. When the tortillas are ready, sit down to a tasty casado (traditional Costa Rican dish) prepared with the tortillas you've made.

#### MONTEVERDE INSTITUTE LECTURE

The Monteverde Institute has served as the base for numerous National Geographic explorers and researchers studying the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Tour the institute and learn about its trees, wildlife, and conservation efforts.





OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1019
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 8 nts

#### MEALS

8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD355-465 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**







Step away from your daily routine to a special place in the sun. Imagine some soul-recharging beach time, but with added cultural experiences that give you a look at what life is like in Belize. Explore some of the best-preserved Mayan ruins anywhere, take in a Garifuna drumming lesson, discover a monkey sanctuary and remote jungle villages, and swim in the luxuriously warm waters off Caye Caulker. Introduce yourself to a different pace of life in Belize.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Howler monkey experience • Visit to the Cayo Women's Co-op with local lunch • Garifuna drumming lesson and show • Carte Blanche: Free time in San Ignacio and Caye Caulker for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Lamanai ruins guided tour • Tour a hot sauce factory • Visit Belize Tropical Education Center • Farewell dinner at a local Caye Caulker restaurant • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BELIZE CITY/BURRELL BOOM Arrive at any time in Belize City and transfer to the hotel just outside the city in the village of Burrell Boom. DAY 2 BURRELL BOOM Explore Lamanai, a renowned Mayan ceremonial site consisting of over 800 structures surrounded by lush jungle. Return to the lodge to relax at the patio bar and pool, visit the spa, or walk the grounds enjoying the local wildlife. DAYS 3-5 SAN IGNACIO Drive to the rustic town of San Ignacio and visit the Community Baboon Sanctuary,

founded by five-time National Geographic grantee Dr. Robert Horwich. Learn about the black howler monkey before going on a rainforest walk to observe monkeys in the wild. After, visit a Cayo women's cooperative where we learn about the centuries-old tradition of throwing pots and tortilla making. Enjoy a local lunch before continuing on to our rainforest hotel. Then indulge in two free days of exploration. Opt to visit Tikal. Guatemala, explore the Mayan cave of Actun Tunichil Muknal or the ruins of Xunantunich, visit the butterfly gardens, or canoe through the some of the region's natural limestone caves, DAYS 6-7 HOPKINS Travel to the coastal town of Hopkins with a visit to Marie Sharp's Hot Sauce factory en route. Explore the fascinating Garifuna culture and take a drumming lesson before opting to explore the area by bicycle or visit nearby palmed Tobacco Caye to do some snorkelling or visit a wildlife sanctuary, DAYS 8-9 CAYE CAULKER Drive up the coast and visit an animal conservation centre before catching the ferry to Cave Caulker, a true tropical paradise. Opt to join a full-day sailing-and-snorkelling trip to Hol Chan Marine Reserve and the Belize Barrier Reef, enjoy sunset sailing, or just indulge in some valuable relaxation time. On the final evening, enjoy a fun farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. DAY 10 CAYE CAULKER Depart at any time.









#### GARIFUNA DRUMMING LESSON

Follow the sound of the beat to the Lebeha Drumming Center in Hopkins. Help create the music while participating in a traditional Garifuna drum lesson. After your lesson is over, enjoy an inspiring musical performance put on by the instructors.

#### CAYO WOMEN'S CO-OP

The process of throwing (hand-forming) pottery has been passed down for centuries through generations of women in the village of San Ignacio. Head to a co-op here to learn the process of this art, as well as how to make traditional corn tortillas. Then sit down to the lunch you helped prepare.

#### HOWLER MONKEY EXPERIENCE

Go for a nature walk in the rainforest with a guide from the Community Baboon Sanctuary, which was founded by National Geographic grantee Dr Robert Horwich. Observe black howler monkeys and learn how the centre works with local populations to protect this species while improving economic opportunities-a model of sustainable tourism.



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €769

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 9 nts

#### **MEALS**

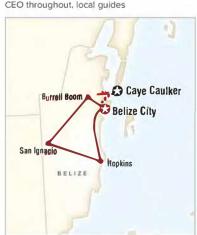
9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD320-420 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private van/minibus, water taxi, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides





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Experience Semana Santa (Holy Week), one of the most vibrant celebrations in Central America, on this remarkable 10-day adventure based in Antigua, Guatemala. Line the parade route along cobblestoned streets decorated in flower petals, explore the famous Chichicastenango Market, and venture with a local guide to meet local Mayan villagers amidst the volcanic scenery of Lake Atitlán. Be part of an exceptional time in an exceptional place.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Cultural walking tour of Antigua • Chichicastenango "Beyond the Market" tour • G Adventures for Good: Visit to San Juan la Laguna community including a local lunch and a tree-planting ceremony • Hands-on: Participate in building an elaborate traditional carpet of flowers on the streets of Antigua • Carte Blanche: Free time in Antigua for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Observing Good Friday processions • Boat ride around Lake Atitlán • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 ANTIGUA Arrive at the Guatemala City airport and transfer to Antigua. DAYS 2-4 LAKE ATITLÁN/
JAIBALITO Travel to Lake Atitlán and catch a boat to the small town of Jaibalito, our base for the next three nights. From here, explore indigenous lakeside villages around San Juan la Laguna, where you can take

a guided walk, sit down for lunch, and attend a Mayan tree-planting ceremony. Also explore with a local expert beyond the famed Chichicastenango Market for a deeper understanding of the local culture and faith, visiting Santo Tomas Church, the cemetery, and Cerro Turcaj. DAYS 5-9 ANTIGUA Travel back across the lake and transfer to Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a guided walking tour of this fascinating city with a local historian. Over the next five days here, take in the many parades and ceremonies of this incredible week, not just as a spectator, but as a participant in the celebrations. Options include volcano treks, salsa dancing lessons, touring a coffee farm, and relaxing with a massage. DAY 10 ANTIGUA Depart at any time.

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April 09 - April 18

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €809 GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels – 9 nts

MEALS

9 breakfasts, 1 lunch Allow USD360-470 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Private van, boat, walking

**GROUP LEADER** 





#### ANTIGUA HISTORY WALK

Stroll the cobblestoned streets in the colonial treasure of Antigua. A local historian will be our guide to the city's history, culture, and restoration efforts. See the City Hall Palace, Palace of the Captains Generals, and many more of Antigua's baroque gems.

#### SEMANA SANTA

With their bright carpets made of flowers, the festivals and processions that take place throughout Guatemala in the week leading up to Easter are some of the most colourful in Central America. Be sure to have your camera at the ready, day and night.

#### CHICHICASTENANGO MARKET AND BEYOND

Twice a week, thousands of indigenous people from the surrounding Mayan villages visit this market to sell hand-woven textiles, pottery, jewelry, and more. Tour the market and then travel beyond its limits to nearby Guatemalan pilgrimage sites.



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LAKE ATITLÁN EXPERIENCE

Visit the remote village of San Juan La Laguna on picturesque Lake Atitlán and enjoy a local lunch. Then take a cultural tour of the village's handicraft and art cooperatives.



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7 DAYS | OAXACA - PUERTO ESCONDIDO

Experience Mexico's most colourful and fascinating cultural festival in a weeklong carnival of parades, parties, and R&R. See **CMOP** online.

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9 DAYS | REYKJAVÍK — REYKJAVÍK

Witness the natural wonders of Iceland's volcanic landscape, take to the sea in search of whales, and enjoy always-unusual Reykjavik, all for less. See **ELRR** online.

#### La Tomatina Festival

4 DAYS | VALENCIA — VALENCIA

Become part of the world's largest food fight and celebrate all things tomato at Spain's infamous tomato festival. See **ESVV** online.

#### Sziget Festival Experience

4 DAYS | BUDAPEST - BUDAPEST

Check out the Sziget Festival – one of Europe's largest music festivals. (Did we mention it's held on an island?) See EJHH online.

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5 DAYS | CHIANG MAI - CHIANG MAI

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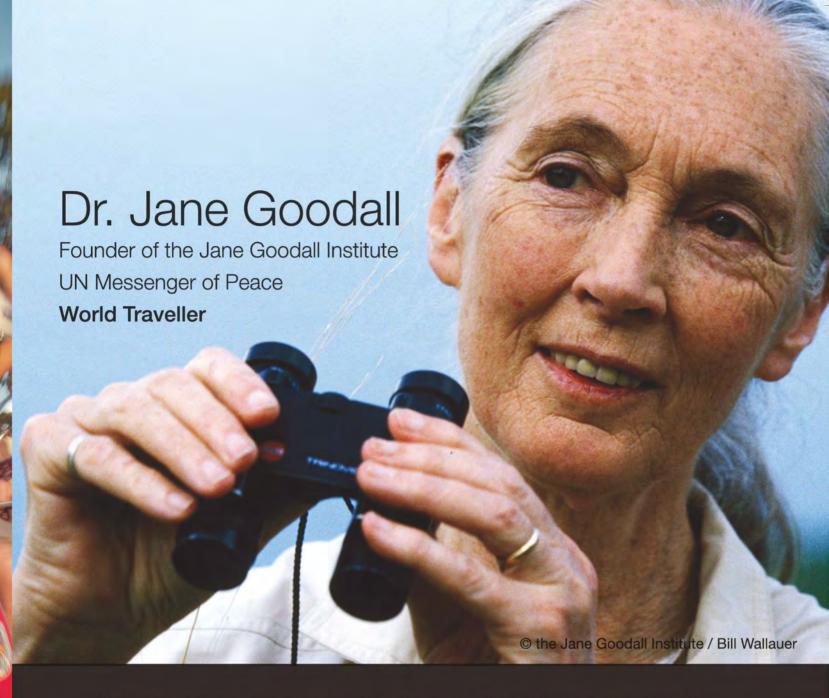




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Both intriguing and unusual, the Day of the Dead festival is both a celebration of ancestors and a huge party, and here is your backstage pass. Join us in Oaxaca, Mexico's artistic heartland, for a truly different perspective of the country. With street dances, painted faces, incredible ruins, surrounding picturesque landscapes, delicious flavours, and maybe a margarita or two, it'll be easy to get into the macabre spirit of "Dia de los Muertos."

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Oaxaca culinary experience and dinner • Carte Blanche: Free time in Oaxaca for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visits to observe cemetery vigils in the towns of Xoxocotlán and Atzompa • Oaxaca and Etla Valley Day of the Dead parades • Orientation walk and market visit in Oaxaca • Tour nearby artisan villages • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 OAXACA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-6 OAXACA Spend five unforgettable days exploring the culture, spirituality, and festivities of the famed Day of the Dead festival. Take an orientation walk around Oaxaca with our CEO, shop at local markets, and visit cemeteries in Xoxocotlán and Atzompa to observe the families gathering at dusk. Take short trips to nearby villages to meet artisans at work, and view Day of the Dead parades in both Oaxaca and the Etla Valley. Explore the culinary delights of the region with

a local host who takes us to the market, the chocolate grinding mills, and a tortilla-making workshop. Continue to a local family's kitchen to taste an array of Oaxacan dishes and learn traditional cooking methods. Enjoy plenty of free time for independent discovery, and opt to visit the nearby ruins of Monte Albán or Mitla, or relax at a café in the city's main square. You will never forget your Day of the Dead experience. DAY 7 OAXACA Depart at any time.

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Oct 28 - Nov 03



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €659
GROUP SIZE: Max 16
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

Hotels - 6 nts

MEALS

6 breakfasts, 1 lunch Allow USD265-345 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Private van, walking

GROUP LEADER

CEO throughout, local guides.





#### OAXACA CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the culinary delights of Oaxaca with a local host. Stop at a market and a chocolate-grinding mill along the way, and participate in a tortilla-making workshop. Then head to the home of a local family to sit down to a meal together.



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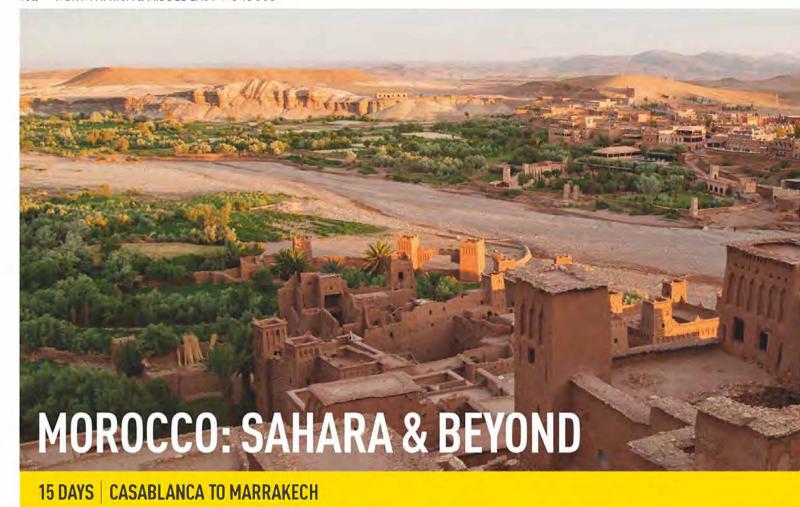
El Día de los Muertos is a holiday in Mexico to honour and pray for loved ones who've departed. During this period in Oaxaca – centre-stage for Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico – cemetery vigils and street parades are not to be missed.



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The culture of the Berbers in northern Africa dates back as many as 5,000 years. Come discover their world on this 15-day experience through the most incredible cultural highlights Morocco has to offer. Explore the souks and streets of Marrakech and Fes; spend a night in a comfortable tented camp; enjoy dinner with a traditional Berber family; and unwind in the coastal beauty of Essaouira. Come to Morocco and return home with a new understanding of this unique part of the world.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Islamic calligraphy class • Marrakech cooking class in historic Riad • G Adventures for Good: Traditional lunch. (To learn more, see page 18)

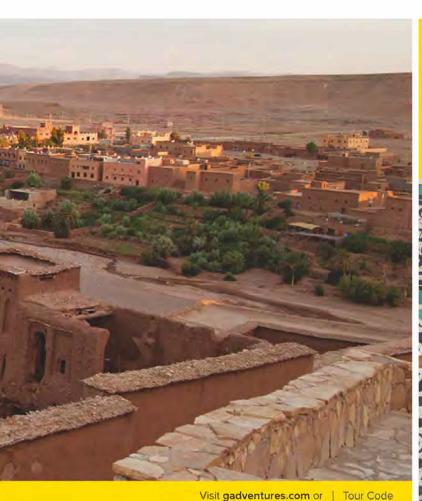
Arrival transfer • Tour the city of Meknes and ruins at Volubilis • Guided walking tour of Fes medina • Guided night walk of Djemaa el Fna square with local meal • Explore Marrakech with a local guide • Visit the ancient kasbah of Aït Ben Haddou • Sahara Desert excursion by 4x4 with overnight in a comfortable desert camp • Explore the Draa region • Visit to Tafraoute • Explore Essaouira • Visit Menara Gardens and the Jardin Majorelle • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 CASABLANCA Arrive at any time, Arrival transfer included. Enjoy a welcome dinner. DAY 2 MEKNES/ VOLUBILIS/FES Embark on a guided tour of the imperial city of Meknes. Continue on to the ruins of Volubilis - the best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco - then onto Fes for the night. DAY 3 FES Step back in time on a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Fes medina. Explore its winding tanes, tanneries, and allevs with a knowledgeable guide. Enjoy a traditional tagine lunch at a G Adventures-supported cooperative that benefits rural Moroccan women and children. Later, visit a local café for a demonstration and class on Islamic calligraphy. DAYS 4-5 MARRAKECH Travel to Marrakech to experience its colour and chaos firsthand. Watch storytellers and acrobats while enjoying a simple and delicious meal at a market food stall. The next day, set out for a guided tour of this incredible city, including the Bahia Palace and Saadian Tombs. Visit a historic riad (traditional house) for a hands-on cooking class from a master Moroccan chef, and enjoy the lunch that you have prepared. DAY 6 AIT BEN HADDOU Travel to Ait Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the Atlas Mountains, and explore this ancient kasbah village. DAY 7 ERG CHIGAGA Travel through the Draa Valley to Zagora and set off on 4x4s into the desert. Stop at Tamegroute to visit the library of

ancient Islamic texts. Continue off-road to the great dunes of Erg Chigaga and stay at a comfortable desert camp. Opt to take a camel ride or to climb to the top of the dunes for views of the vast Sahara before a dinner under the stars. DAY 8 ZAGORA Cross the desert back to Zagora and enjoy a talk on the history of the Draa region as well as a visit to nearby historical sites. DAY 9 TAROUDANT Head toward the Anti-Atlas region to the carpet towns of Tazenakht and Taliouine, where saffron is harvested. In Taroudant, visit the famed leather tanneries and local markets. DAYS 10-11 TAFRAOUT Enter the Anti-Atlas region to view natural rock formations and explore the town centre of Tafraout and its local markets. The following day, visit Ait Mansour Gorge, the Painted Rocks, and the Chapeau de Napoleon. Walk through a palm oasis and have lunch in a village house. Visit a women's cooperative that produces handicrafts and argan oil. DAYS 12-13 ESSAOUIRA Travel to the Atlantic coast to the port town of Essaouira. Head down to the port to see the fishing fleet unload their catch. Pick out the best of the bunch, then take it to a nearby restaurant to cook up for lunch. Opt to visit a hammam (traditional spa and steam baths), stroll the beach, visit shops and galleries, or go surfing or sailing. DAY 14 MARRAKECH Return to Marrakech and visit the Menara Gardens and the Jardin Majorelle. Opt to enjoy a farewell dinner at a palace-style restaurant with folkloric entertainment, DAY 15 MARRAKECH Depart at any time.



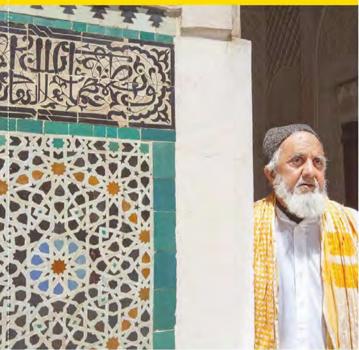


ISLAMIC CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

Islamic calligraphy is considered one of the highest art forms in the Arab world. Try your hand at the elegant sweeps and flicks of the brush that define this form.

MOROCCAN FOODIE EXPERIENCE

In the heart of bustling Marrakech, visit a historic riad for a hands-on cooking class led by a renowned Moroccan chef. Learn some techniques of this unforgettable national cuisine and prepare lunch as a group, which we'll then sit down to eat.



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €729 GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 13 nts.

comfortable desert camp - 1 nt

#### **MEALS**

14 breakfasts. 5 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD380-495 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private air-con minivan, walking, 4x4

#### **GROUP LEADER**





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#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN LUNCH

Visit a G Adventures-supported initiative that provides rural Moroccan women and children with access to education and healthcare. Sit down for a delicious home-cooked meal with some of the women and learn a few words in Arabic.





From the highest dunes in Morocco, peer across the sands to watch the sun rise over another North African day. Experience some of the country's most unforgettable highlights over nine days of culture and nature. Discover the fresh cedar forests of the Atlas Mountains, meander the winding lanes of old Marrakech, and ride into the desert on a 4x4. Meet musicians, Berbers, and artisans and soak up the exotic beauty of Morocco.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Sahara 4x4 dunes excursion • Marrakech cooking class in historic Riad • Meet Gnaoua musicians and enjoy a performance • G Adventures for Good: Traditional lunch. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Guided city tour of Meknes including the ancient granaries and stables of Moulay Ismail and Bab Mansour • Guided visit to Volubilis • Guided walking tour of the Fes medina including Medersa Bou Inanya and tanneries • Visit Taourirt Kasbah and Ait Ben Haddou • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

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tanneries, and alleys with a knowledgeable guide. Enjoy a traditional tagine lunch at a G Adventures-supported cooperative that benefits rural Moroccan women and children. DAY 4 MERZOUGA Travel through the Middle Atlas Mountains to the Sahara Desert, overnighting in a kasbah-style desert hotel at the edge of the awe-inspiring dunes, DAY 5 TODRA GORGE/TINGHIR Explore the Sahara on a thrilling 4x4 dunes tour. Visit the village of Khamliya to meet Gnaoua musicians and take in an amazing performance. Drink mint tea with local Berbers and then continue to Tineghir. DAY 6 DADES GORGE/ **OUARZAZATE** Visit Dades Valley and then head along the "Route of 1,000 Kasbahs" with an included visit to Kasbah Jaourirt, DAY 7 AÏT BEN HADDOU/MARRAKECH Visit Ait Ben Haddou Kasbah, a UNESCO World Heritage site, then continue to the incredible city of Marrakech. Visit its medina alongside a local resident. DAY 8 MARRAKECH Enjoy a full day in Marrakech. Visit a historic riad for a hands-on cooking class with a local chef. Then opt to take a historical tour or wander the souks. DAY 9 MARRAKECH Depart at any time.









#### MARRAKECH COOKING CLASS

Visit the Marrakech medina with a local resident. You'll be taken to the best spice shops and learn all about the different flavours essential to Moroccan cooking. After grabbing your ingredients, continue to a traditional Berber house to cook up a storm.

#### **DESERT 4x4 EXCURSION**

Shade your eyes from the sun to scan the endless sea of sand around you on your ride through the Sahara desert. Ride a 4x4 to the village of Khamliya to meet some Gnaoua musicians and enjoy a performance.



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €479 GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 8 nts

#### **MEALS**

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD255-335 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private air-con minivan/coach, 4x4 vehicle, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







Israel holds a unique place in the Middle East. With sacred sites central to three of humanity's major religions, you could spend a lifetime here and never experience all of its wonders. Look over Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, stay in a kibbutz hotel at the Sea of Galilee, walk the ruins at Capernaum, and eat lunch at the home of a Palestinian family. Make your own pilgrimage to this beloved and complex place.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Dual-narrative walking tours of Old Jerusalem and Bethlehem • Lecture with a rabbi • Cooking class and traditional meal a with Palestinian family. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations • Entrance to Yad Vashem (the Holocaust memorial) • Visit the Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls • Tour Bethlehem • Visit a Palestinian refugee camp • Visit Herodion • Guided visit to Masada • Explore the Sea of Galilee area including Capernaum and Nazareth • Visit Haifa, Caesarea Maritima, and Jaffa • All transport between destinations and to/ from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 JERUSALEM Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 JERUSALEM Take a specially designed walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem with both Israeli and Palestinian guides trained by National Geographic Emerging Explorer Aziz Abu Sarah. This unique dual-narrative tour allows travellers a deeper understanding of the diverse cultural, religious, and

political aspects of Israel. Visit key sites including the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock, and the Al Agsa Mosque. Continue to the Western Wall, then walk through the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This afternoon, visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of All Nations. Later. enjoy a discussion on the current state of affairs with a leading Israeli scholar. DAYS 3-4 JERUSALEM Recall the tragedy of the Holocaust at the evocative Yad Vashem Memorial, and then step further back in history among the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum. The next day, take another exclusively designed dual-narrative tour of Bethlehem with Israeli and Palestinian guides. Visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Walk through a nearby Palestinian refugee camp and then head to a Palestinian family's home for a cooking class and lunch. Later discover Herodion, a hill fortress built by Herod the Great. DAYS 5-6 MASADA/DEAD SEA/NAZARETH/SEA OF GALILEE Take a guided visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Masada. Next, we're off to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Head to the Dead Sea before continuing to the Sea of Galilee to stay in a kibbutz hotel for two nights. The next day, see the Mount of Beatitudes, the ruins at Capernaum and Nazareth, where the Basilica of the Annunciation is. DAY 7 TEL AVIV Continue to the Mediterranean coastal city of Haifa before travelling southward to Caesarea

Maritima to stroll among the ruins of Herod's harbour city. Then it's off to the ancient port city of Jaffa and to bustling Tel Aviv for our final evening. DAY 8 TEL AVIV Depart at any time.





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#### DISCUSSION WITH AN ISRAELI SCHOLAR

Discuss present-day Israel with a local rabbi who specializes in conflict resolution. Sit down with this leading Israeli scholar to talk about the current state of affairs here, gaining insight into both Israel and the Middle East.

#### PALESTINIAN FAMILY MEAL

Visit the home of a Palestinian family and participate in a cooking class to make some of their favourite recipes. Around the family table is the ideal place to learn what daily life is really like in present-day Bethlehem.



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €749

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 7 nts

#### **MEALS**

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch Allow USD300-390 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

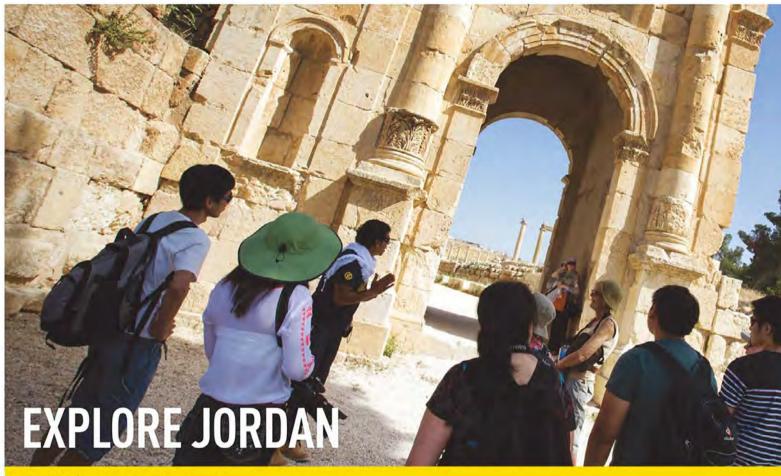
Private van/bus, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







7 DAYS AMMAN TO DEAD SEA

UNESCO has called the ancient stone city of Petra one of the most precious cultural properties in the world. Experience it for yourself on this seven-day adventure through Jordan's past and present. Float in the Dead Sea, explore incredible archaeological ruins, take an exciting 4x4 drive into the desert, and walk through Petra itself after a lecture by a local archaeologist. Make your own history in a place that's seen so much.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture with an archaeologist • Night walk with Bedouin guide • Hands-on: Cooking demonstration and dinner in Wadi Musa • Recharge: Visit the Dead Sea. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visit to the Amman Citadel and the National Archaeological Museum • Gulded visit to Jerash • Guided tour to the Madaba mosaics • VIsit Mount Nebo • Petra guided tour • Wadi Rum desert 4x4 jeep excursion • Guided visit to Bethany • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 AMMAN Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 AMMAN/JERASH Take an orientation drive through Amman and visit the National Museum and archaeological site of the Citadel. Head onward to Jerash, one of the largest and best-preserved Roman ruins outside of Italy. DAY 3 MT NEBO/MADABA/WADI MUSA Visit the ancient town of Madaba, famous for its

mosaics and churches. Continue to Mt Nebo and experience the stunning views from its summit. This evening, take in a lecture by a local archaeologist to discuss the importance and ongoing excavations at Petra. a UNESCO World Heritage site, DAY 4 PETRA/WADI MUSA Enjoy a guided tour of Petra with free time to explore on your own. Later, attend a cooking demonstration and traditional dinner. DAY 5 WAD! RUM Head to Wadi Rum in the heart of the desert. After lunch at our lodge, take an exciting 4x4 ride over the dunes. This evening, sit down to a Bedouin feast with local music and dancing, before walking into the desert to admire the night sky alongside a local Bedouin guide. DAY 6 DEAD SEA Visit the archaeological site of Bethany. believed to be the site of Jesus's baptism, before going on to the Dead Sea, where you have the option to swim and enjoy health treatments that use natural sea salts and mud. DAY 7 DEAD SEA Depart at any time.

# GUARANTEED DEPARTURES If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month.



€1399

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €439
GROUP SIZE: Max 16. avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels -5 nts, desert camp -1 nt

#### MEALS

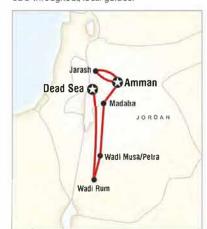
6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners Allow USD190-250 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private van/bus. 4x4, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





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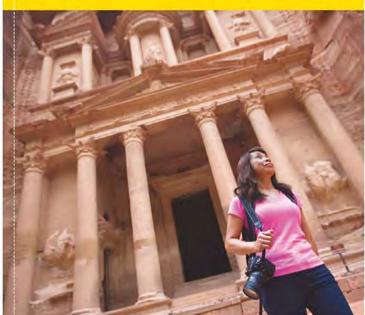
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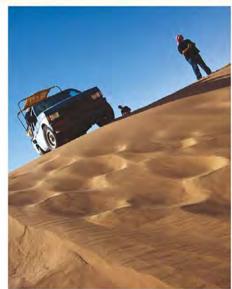
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#### NIGHT WALK IN WADI RUM

There's nothing quite like counting stars in the night sky from the desert below, away from the noise and light pollution of our modern world. Enjoy this experience while walking with a Bedouin guide who's lived in this remote region his entire life.









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Step into an ancient world on a two-week Middle Eastern journey that combines the highlights of Israel and Jordan. Discover life in Jerusalem on a dual-perspective walking tour with Israeli and Palestinian guides, explore the Roman ruins of Jerash, ride through the desert on a 4x4, and venture into the awesome and ancient city of Petra. Connect with the past while tasting contemporary life in this incredible region.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1189 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels – 12 nts, desert camp – 1 nt

#### MEALS

13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners Allow USD445-580 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van/bus, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







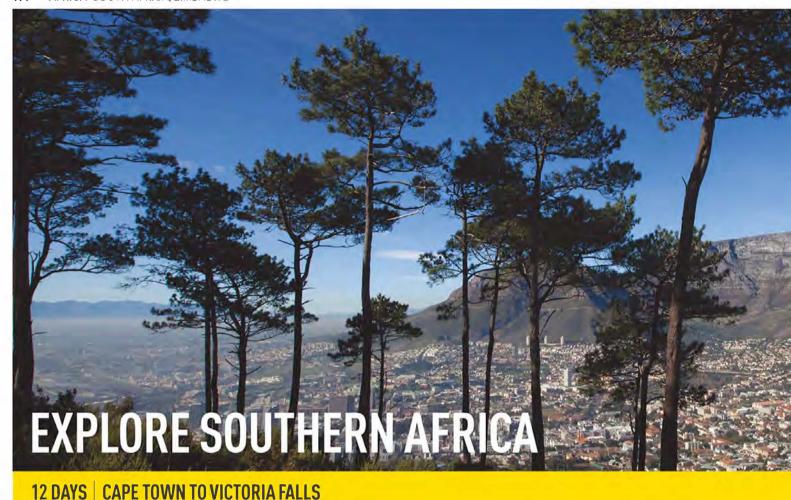
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Experience southern Africa's diverse wonders on this 12-day adventure, from the glittering beauty of Cape Town to the vast wilderness of Kruger National Park – home of the Big Five and countless photo ops. Then it's onward to Victoria Falls to feel their awesome roar for yourself. Take in the most memorable highlights of the region's wildlife, nature, and culture on this journey of a lifetime.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Expert-led tour of
Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden •
Lecture and wildlife safari drive with a researcher •
Traditional dinner at a Zimbabwean family home •
Carte Blanche: Free time in Cape Town and Victoria
Falls for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Orientation tour of Cape Town • Excursion to Cape Point including the penguins at Boulders Beach • Panorama Route scenic drive • Kruger National Park wildlife safari drive in open vehicle • Private nature reserve wildlife safari drive in open safari vehicles • Tour of Victoria Falls • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 CAPE TOWN Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 CAPE TOWN Visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden alongside an expert guide. National Geographic Traveler named these gardens among the top ten in the world. Continue on to explore

penguins at Boulders Beach. Enjoy free time the next day to visit Robben Island or Table Mountain, or embark on a wine tour around Stellenbosch, DAY 4 JOHANNESBURG Fly to Johannesburg. Meet your CEO and enjoy a traditional South African braai (barbecue) welcome dinner. DAYS 5-6 PANORAMA ROUTE/KRUGER NP Enjoy a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route. Continue to our safari camp, conveniently located just outside Kruger National Park. The next morning, opt to take a sunrise safari drive or nature walk. Later this afternoon embark on an included drive in an open safari vehicle. DAYS 7-8 KARONGWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE Continue on to Karongwe Private Game Reserve for two days. Enjoy morning and evening open-vehicle safari drives while searching for Africa's Big Five - lion. leopard, elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo. Meet with a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Programme, a project headed by National Geographic Big Cats Initiative grantee Kelly Marnewick. A member of Kelly's team will tell us about their ongoing research and join us on one of our drives. DAY 9 JOHANNESBURG After one last wildlife drive, head back to the city. This evening, enjoy a home-cooked dinner at our local guest house. DAYS 10-11 VICTORIA FALLS Fly to Zimbabwe and set out on a guided tour of the famous falls. Then walk through

vibrant Cape Town and Cape Point, with a visit to see the

the local market before visiting the homestead of a local family to have dinner with them and share stories. The next day is free to explore the area with optional activities including a river safari, whitewater rafting, canoeing, or a flight over the falls. DAY 12 VICTORIA FALLS Depart at any time.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

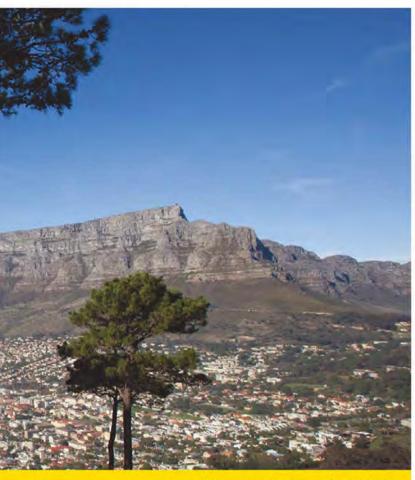
VICTORIA FALLS RIVER RAFTING
Feeling adventurous? Book your rafting today.
See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

#### VICTORIA FALLS HELICOPTER RIDE

Soar above the falls. Pre-book your flight now. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.







#### KIRSTENBOSCH NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Stop and smell the flowers on a tour specially designed for National Geographic travellers. Walk with a botanist through the incredible Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, named one of the "10 most magnificent gardens in the world" by National Geographic.

#### CARNIVORE CONSERVATION DRIVE

A researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Programme will join us on a wildlife drive to share insights into the behaviour of cheetahs and other carnivores – and efforts to protect them. This National Geographic-sponsored project is part of the Big Cats Initiative.

#### ZIMBABWEAN FAMILY DINNER

Visit Flatter Ncube's home and meet her extended family. On her homestead, you'll sit down to a traditional Zimbabwean dinner made with produce fresh from the gardens. Hear what daily life is like for Ncube and her family over a delicious meal.



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# €2799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1239 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Guest house -2 nts, hotel -5 nts, comfortable safari camp -2 nts, comfortable tent or chalet -2 nts

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners Allow USD280-365 for meals not Included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, open safari vehicle, walking, plane

#### GROUP LEADER

Local G representative in Cape Town and Victoria Falls, CEO for the Kruger portion, local guides/rangers.

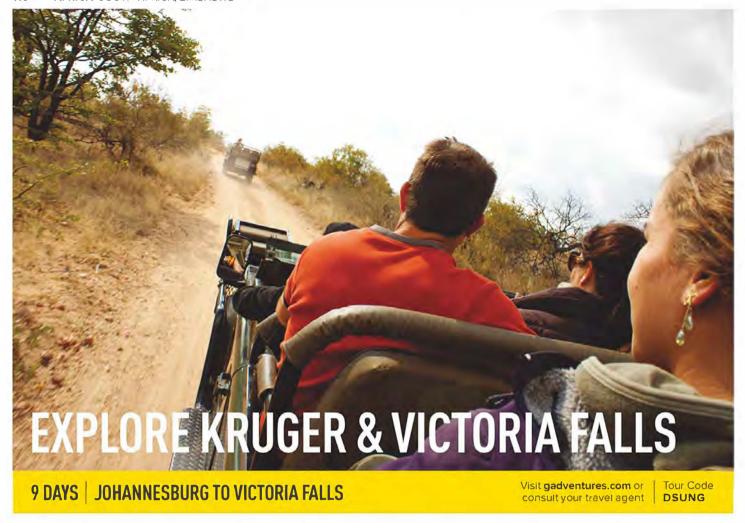


#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### A LEOPARD'S SPOTS

A leopard's distinctive dark spots are called rosettes because they resemble the shape of a rose. Unlike lions, leopards are solitary creatures. Males live most of their lives alone and females only break their solitude when they are raising cubs.





Enjoy a quick taste of this outstanding region. Begin with a safari in the Greater Kruger area, where you'll get the chance to photograph elephants on their own turf. Then, jet off to introduce yourself to Victoria Falls, which can be heard from a distance of 40km (25 mi). Southern Africa will astound you.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture and wildlife safari drive with a researcher • Traditional dinner at a Zimbabwean family home • Carte Blanche: Free time in Victoria Falls for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Panorama Route scenic drive • Kruger National Park and private nature reserve wildlife safari drives in open vehicles • Tour of Victoria Falls • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer and welcome dinner included. DAYS 2-3 PANORAMA ROUTE/KRUGER NP Take a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route. Continue to our safari camp, justoutside Kruger National Park. The next morning, opt to take a morning bush walk. This afternoon, embark on a wildlife drive in an open safari vehicle. Later, sit down to dinner on the deck at our lodge or in the boma. DAYS 4-5 KARONGWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE Continue on to Karongwe Private Game Reserve for two days of morning and evening safari drives. Meet with a researcher from the Endangered

Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Programme to learn about their ongoing research. DAY 6 JOHANNES-BURG After one last safari drive, head back to the city. This evening, enjoy a home-cooked dinner at our local guest house. DAYS 7-8 VICTORIA FALLS Fly to Zimbabwe and take a guided tour of the famous falls. Then gain insight into typical African life with a walk through the local market and dinner at a family homestead. The next day, take advantage of a free day to explore the area with options that include a river safari, whitewater rafting, canoeing, and a flight over the falls. DAY 9 VICTORIA FALLS Depart at any time.

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Number of departures / month



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: <sup>€</sup>**879**GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

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#### MEALS

8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners Allow USD175-230 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, open safari vehicle, walking, plane

#### GROUP LEADER

CEO & driver for Kruger portion, local G representative in Victoria Falls, local guides/rangers.





#### **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK TOURS**

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#### EXPLORE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

7 days • Johannesburg to Johannesburg • Tour Code DSENG

Explore the Greater Kruger area during seven thrilling days. Search for elephants, lions, and rhinos at a private reserve. Go on safari with a researcher from the Carnivore Conservation Programme.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture and wildlife safari drive with a researcher. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Panorama Route scenic drive • Kruger National Park and private nature reserve wildlife safari drives in open vehicles • All transport between destinations and to/from Included activities.

# €1599

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €619
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light



#### **EXPLORE CAPE TOWN & KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

10 days • Cape Town to Johannesburg • Tour Code DSCNG

Discover for yourself why Cape Town is consistently named one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Then fly on to Johannesburg, our gateway to some of the world's most renowned wildlife.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Expert-led tour of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden • Lecture and wildlife safari drive with a wildlife researcher • Carte Blanche: Free time in Cape Town for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

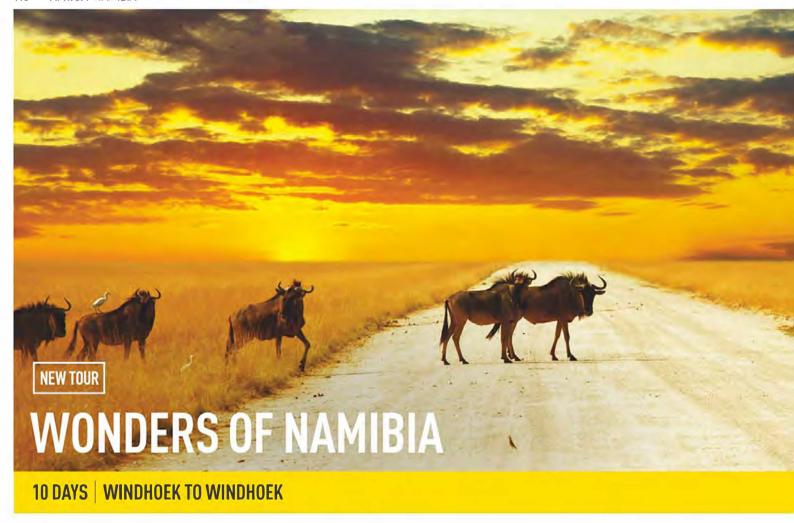
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and to/from included activities.

**€2249** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €969 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 · Light





For the wildlife and cultural enthusiast looking for a new kind of adventure, Namibia is the ideal destination. Set out on open-vehicle wildlife drives in search of elephants, giraffes, and lions in Etosha National Park, and drop by the Cheetah Conservation Fund for an outstanding up-close opportunity with these endangered cats. Include time in one of the most dramatically beautiful desert landscapes anywhere and you've got a journey you'll talk about for years to come.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Township cultural walk and dinner • Visit the Cheetah Conservation Fund • Carte Blanche: Free time in Swakopmund for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Sossusvlei desert excursion • Desert excursion with a local • View the Twyfelfontein ancient petroglyphs • Visit the petrified forest • Two open-vehicle wildlife safari drives • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

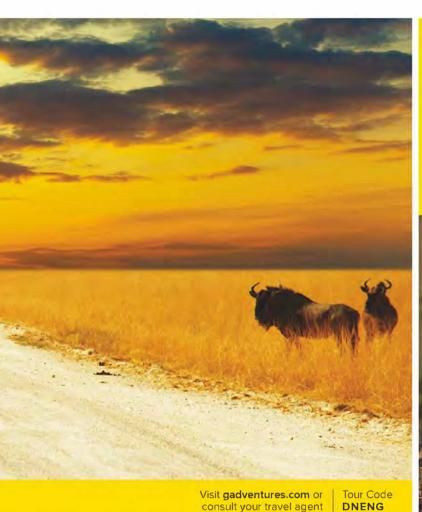
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€**2399** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €619
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels/lodges - 9 nts

#### **MEALS**

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD230-300 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, 4x4, open safari vehicle, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

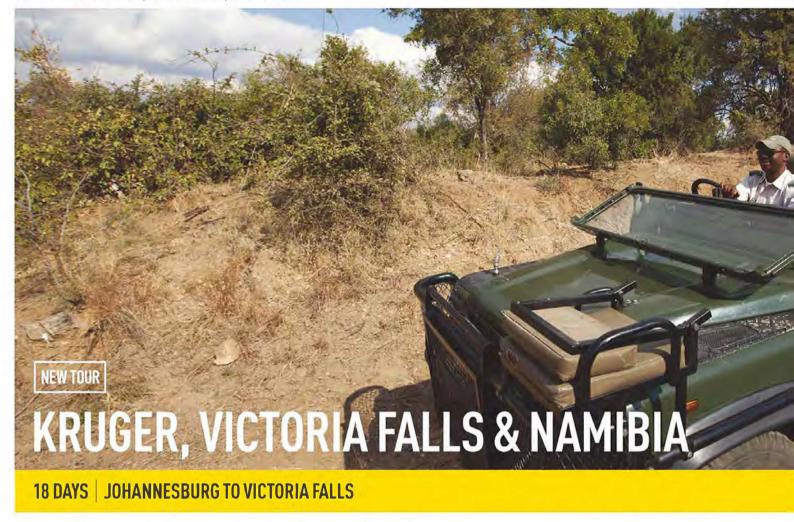
CEO throughout, local guides and rangers.











Ever dreamed of getting up close to the Big Five? Or standing in front of one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world? Do both and so much more on this 18-day adventure. Photograph elephants in Kruger National Park, meet a researcher at the National Geographic-supported Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, and explore the lush area around glorious Victoria Falls. Go south for the journey of a lifetime.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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June 06 - June 23, June 20 - July 07, Aug 22 - Sept 08, Nov 14 - Dec 01, Dec 12 - Dec 29



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€4599

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PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Guest house -2 nts, hotel/lodge -11 nt, comfortable safari camp -2 nt, comfortable tent or chalets -2 nts

#### MEALS

17 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 10 dinners Allow USD365-475 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, 4x4, open safari vehicle, plane, walking

#### GROUP LEADER

CEO, local guides and rangers, G representative in Victoria Falls





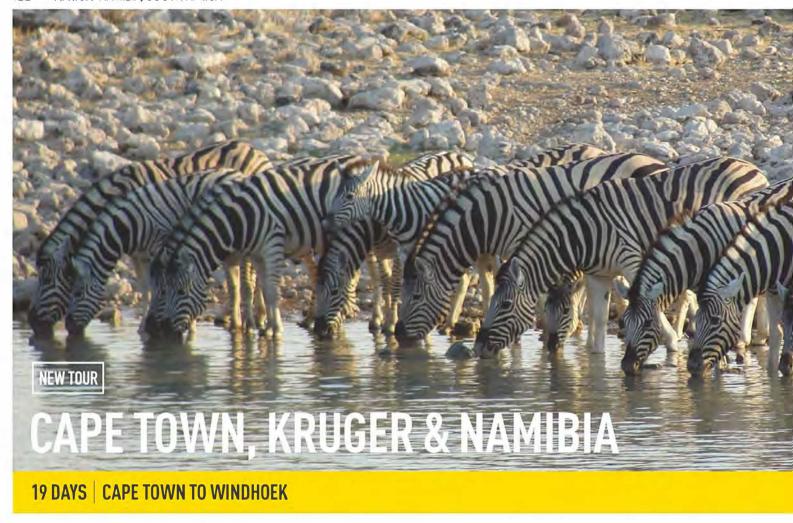
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#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Expert-led tour of
Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden • Lecture
and wildlife safari drive with a researcher •
Township cultural walk and dinner • Visit the
Cheetah Conservation Fund • Carte Blanche: Free
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#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 CAPE TOWN Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 CAPE TOWN Visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden alongside an expert guide. Continue on to explore vibrant Cape Town. The next day is yours to explore the city. DAY 4 JOHANNESBURG Fly to Johannesburg and enjoy a traditional South African braai (barbecue). DAYS 5-6 PANORAMA ROUTE! KRUGER NP Enjoy a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route to our safari camp just outside Kruger National Park. The next morning, opt to take a sunrise wildlife drive. Later this afternoon embark on an included drive in an open safari vehicle. DAYS 7-8 KARONGWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE Continue on to Karongwe Private Game Reserve for two days of morning and evening drives. Meet with a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Programme to learn about their ongoing research. DAY 9 JOHANNESBURG After a morning wildlife drive, head back to the city. This evening, enjoy a home-cooked dinner at our local guest house. DAY 10 WINDHOEK Fly to Windhoek and transfer to our hotel with free time this afternoon to explore this charming city. DAYS 11-12 SESRIEM Take in the dramatic Namibian landscapes on the drive to the desert town of Sesriem. The next day, embark on an excursion into the dramatic scenery of Namib-Naukluft National Park, including

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This trip has five special departures

June 03 - June 21, June 17 - July 05, Aug 19 - Sept 06, Nov 11 - Nov 29, Dec 09 - Dec 27



#### KIRSTENBOSCH NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Stop and smell the flowers on a tour specially designed for National Geographic travellers. Walk with a botanist through the incredible Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, named one of the "10 most magnificent gardens in the world" by National Geographic.

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€4799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: 
1589
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Guest house -2 nts, hotel/lodge -12 nt, comfortable safari camp -2 nt, comfortable tent or chalets -2 nts

#### **MEALS**

18 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners Allow USD420-550 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, 4x4, open safari vehicle, plane, walking

#### GROUP LEADER

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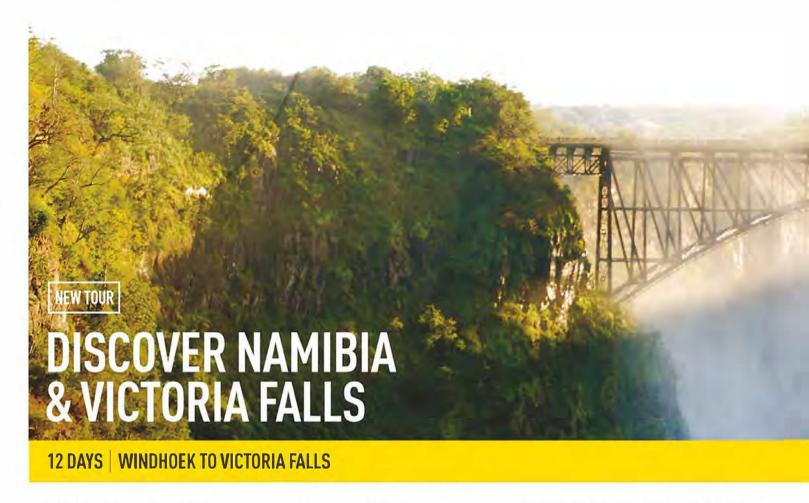


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This 12-day adventure combines an incredible adventure in Namibia with a two-day visit to the wonder of Victoria Falls. From the burnt red and orange parched landscapes of Namib-Nauklut National Park to the astounding wildlife sanctuary at Etosha and finally the the awe-inspiring thunder and rush of the falls on Zimbabwe's edge, this experience will bring out your inner explorer.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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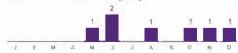
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Tour Code
DNWNG



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €879

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/lodge - 11 nts

#### **MEALS**

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners Allow USD280-365 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

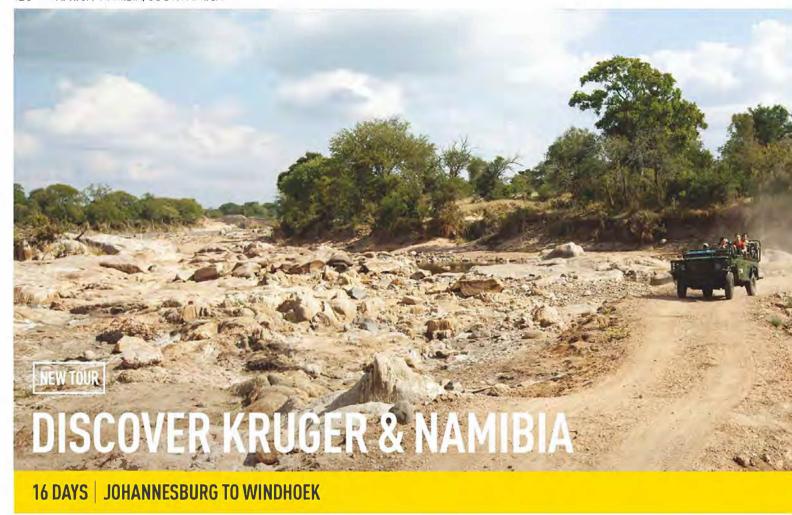
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#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO, local guides and rangers,
G representative in Victoria Falls







Combine seven days in South Africa's top wilderness with a nine-day adventure in Namibia and you'll have an unforgettable experience with southern Africa's wildlife and culture. From searching for the Big Five with a National Geographic researcher to exploring desert dunes, to visiting scientists at Namibia's National Geographic-supported Cheetah Conservation Fund, this itinerary will take you into places ruled by the animals and the elements.

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#### ITINERARY

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employment opportunities to local youth. Later, continue to a family home for dinner as well as entertainment by the town choir. DAY 12 TWYFELFON-TEIN Travel to Twyfelfontein to visit the ancient petroglyphs, Namibia's first UNESCO World Heritage site which dates back over 5,000 years. DAYS 13-14 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK Depart early to visit the 280-million-year-old Petrified Forest national monument before continuing to our lodge near Etosha National Park. This afternoon, take an open-vehicle safari drive. The next morning at sunrise, embark on another open-vehicle drive with a guide. The rest of the day is yours to relax at our lodge, swim, or join our CEO for another drive. DAY 15 WINDHOEK Visit the Cheetah Conservation Fund, a global field research facility founded by Dr. Laurie Marker whose research has been supported by National Geographic. Tour the facility and learn about its ongoing work before enjoying a drive to view cheetahs up close, Finally, head on to Windhoek for our final evening. DAY 16 WINDHOEK Depart at any time.

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June 06 - June 21, June 20 - July 05, Aug 22 - Sept 06, Nov 14 - Nov 29, Dec 12 - Dec 27



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Tour Code
DSNNG

**€4099** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1239
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Guest house -2 nts, hotel/lodge -9 nt, comfortable safari camp -2 nt, comfortable tent or chalets -2 nts

# **MEALS**

15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners Allow USD315-410 for meals not included.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, 4x4, open safari vehicle, plane, walking

# GROUP LEADER

CEO, local guides and rangers







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€**5299** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: ©1849
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PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Guest house – 2 nts, hotel/lodge – 14 nt, comfortable safari camp – 2 nt, comfortable tent or chalets – 2 nts

# **MEALS**

20 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 10 dinners Allow USD470-615 for meals not included.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

Air-conditioned touring vehicle, 4x4, open safari vehicle, plane, walking

# GROUP LEADER

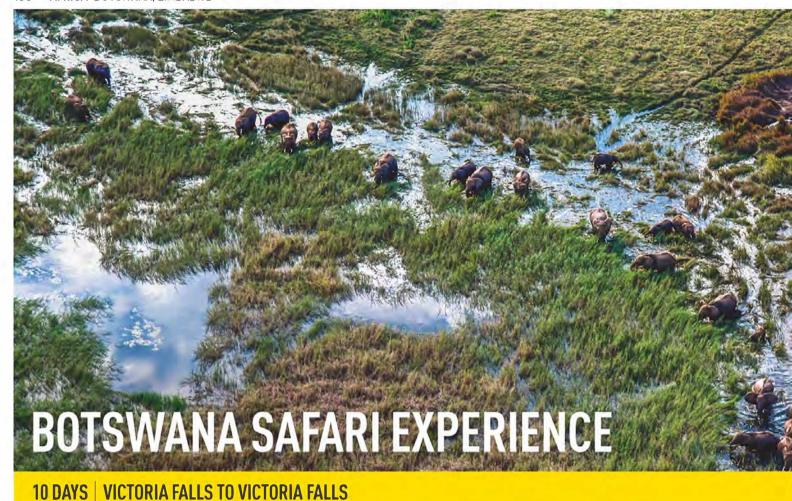
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# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Cultural storytelling and traditional dinner • Savuti-Chobe lecture. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Open-vehicle wildlife safari drives in Savuti area, Chobe National Park, Khwai River, and Moremi area • Okavango Panhandle two-night houseboat stay • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# ITINERARY

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Tour Code
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# <sup>€</sup>4799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1149

GROUP SIZE: Max 9, avg 7
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

 $\label{eq:hotels-4} \mbox{Hotels} - 4 \mbox{ nts, comfortable safari tents } - 3 \mbox{ nts,} \\ \mbox{houseboat} - 2 \mbox{ nts}$ 

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9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners Allow USD150-195 for meals not included.

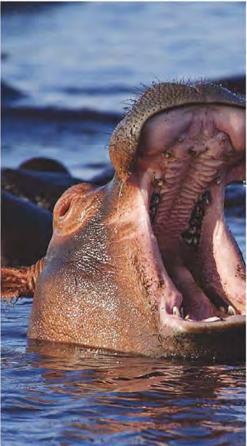
# TRANSPORTATION

4x4 vehicle, van, walking, boat

# **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





# **DID YOU KNOW?**

# OKAVANGO DELTA

Visible from space, Botswana's Okavongo Delta supports the largest-remaining elephant population on earth. This important refuge for biodiversity has over 530 bird species, 155 reptile species, 160 different mammals, 35 amphibian species, and thousands of plants and insects.





As the sun rises above Kruger National Park, an elephant and her young calf wander past and you can just hear the crunch of the grass underfoot. Discover such moments for yourself on this 21-day adventure through iconic southern Africa. Fall for Cape Town's remarkable beauty, feel the power of Victoria Falls reverberate in your core, and keep your eyes open for the Big Five alongside a researcher from National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative.

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €2759

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 14 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

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# **MEALS**

20 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 12 dinners Allow USD385-500 for meals not included.

# TRANSPORTATION

Plane, air-conditioned touring vehicle, open safari vehicle, 4x4 vehicle, van, walking, boat

# **GROUP LEADER**

G representative in Cape Town and Victoria Falls. CEO for Kruger portion, CEO/driver in Botswana, local guides/rangers.





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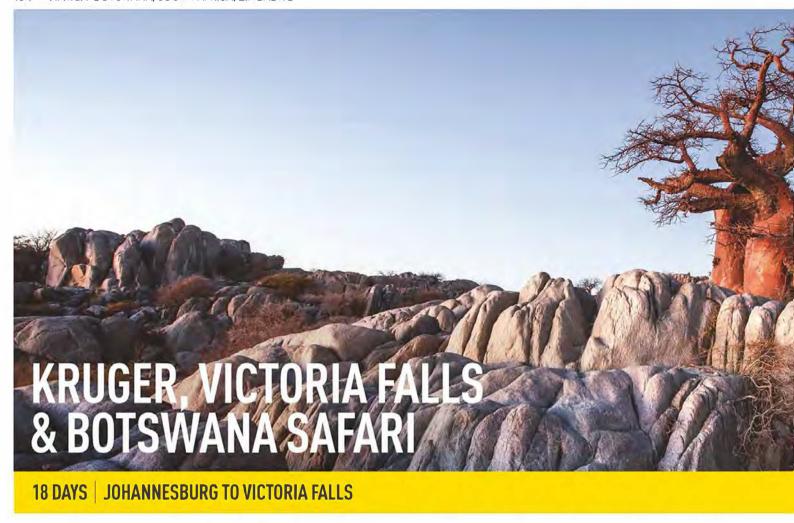
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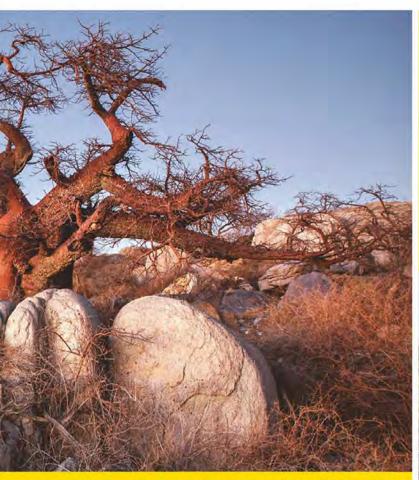
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Take seven days in Tanzania for an adventure you'll never forget, searching for the Big Five in incredible places like scenic Lake Manyara, the wildlife-teeming Ngorongoro Crater, and the plains of the Serengeti. Explore the area around the Olduvai Gorge, which has been occupied by humans (or their ancient ancestors) for almost two million years. Tanzania holds so much history; make some of your own in its awe-inspiring landscapes.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Serengeti Wildlife Research
Centre lecture • Cookstove project lecture •
G Adventures for Good: Masai village visit and the
Clean Cookstove project. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Wildlife safari drives in Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara, and Serengeti National Park • Entrance to Olduvai Gorge • Guided walk and lunch in a local community • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 ARUSHA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 MTO WA MBU VILLAGE/LAKE MANYARA NP Visit Mto wa Mbu village to take in a guided cultural walk and traditional Junch with a local family. Continue to our safari lodge located outside Lake Manyara National Park, with unobstructed views of the Rift Valley escarpment. Embark on an afternoon wildlife drive with phenomenal wildlife-viewing and search out the famed tree-climbing lions, DAY 3 OLDUVAI GORGE/SERENGETINP Travel through the Rift Valley and stop for a guided tour of

a Maasai village. Visit the G Adventures-supported Clean Cookstoves Project and enjoy an exclusive presentation by some of the "Maasai mamas." Afterward, visit the archaeological site of Olduvai Gorge, and travel to our safari camp located inside Serengeti National Park. DAY 4 SERENGETI NP Opt to take a sunrise balloon safari. Embark on an incredible full-day wildlife drive and drop by the Serengeti Wildlife Research Centre for a talk by one of its visiting researchers. DAY 5 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA Continue wildlife-viewing on the drive out of the Serengeti to our comfortable tented camp. Later, relax and enjoy the African sunset as you overlook scenic Lake Eyasi. DAY 6 NGORONGORO CRATER/ARUSHA Depart early into Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCOWorld Heritage site, for a safari drive and picnic lunch. In the afternoon, drive to Arusha for the final night. DAY 7 ARUSHA Depart at any time.

# GUARANTEED DEPARTURES | Number of departures / month.

€2899

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €969 GROUP SIZE: Max 6, avg 5 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels -2 nts, safari lodge -1 nt, comfortable tented camp -3 nts

# **MEALS**

6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD170-225 for meals not included.

# TRANSPORTATION

7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle, walking

# **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, certified driver/guide.





# SERENGETI WILDLIFE CENTRE

Set in Serengeti National Park, the Serengeti Wildlife Research Centre is a base for many of the region's top wildlife researchers and scientists. Meet one of its researchers for a talk about the centre's ongoing studies.

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A selection of wildlife-focused tours endorsed by world-renowned primatologist, Dr Jane Goodall. G Adventures is proud to support the Jane Goodall Institute's mission to protect wildlife and empower local communities.

# ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

# SERENGETI BALLOON SAFARI

Soar over the Serengeti. Pre-book your balloon ride today. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

# **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

MAASAI CLEAN COOKSTOVES PROJECT

Household air pollution from traditional, open-fire cooking methods is a very serious health risk. G Adventures has partnered with the Maasai Stoves and Solar Project to install safer cookstoves across the Serengeti. Meet with the women that install these stoves and then lay a few bricks yourself.





There are few travel experiences in the world quite like tracking the Big Five across the Serengeti and Masai Mara, alongside expert naturalists. This two-week trip through the grasslands of Kenya and Tanzania will see you riding between incredible national parks and beautifully outfitted safari lodges and camps, while giving you the chance to get out and really experience the East African savannah with all five senses.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Ubuntu Café centre and farm tour • Lecture on conservation with Kenya Wildlife Service • Serengeti Wildlife Research Centre lecture • Cookstove project lecture • G Adventures for Good: Visit the Ubuntu Café for lunch • Masai village visit and the Clean Cookstove project. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Wildlife safari drives in Masai Mara National Reserve, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Lake Nakuru, Amboseli, Lake Manyara, and the Serengeti • Entrance to Olduvai Gorge • Guided walk and lunch in a local community • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# ITINERARY

DAY 1 NAIROBI Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE Travel to our comfortable tented camp located in the heart of the wildlife reserve. Enjoy daily safari drives in Kenya's premier wildlife park, with options to visit

a Maasai village or embark on a balloon safari. In the evenings, settle back at camp and marvel at the views of the plains DAY 4 LAKE NAKURU NP Depart early for the G Adventures-supported Ubuntu Café, an initiative that offers employment opportunities to local women. Tour the craft centre and farm before sitting down to a delicious farm-to-table lunch. Continue to our safari lodge inside Nakuru NP. Take an afternoon wildlife drive around Lake Nakuru, on the lookout for the rare rhinos that live here. Gain a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding poaching and rhino conservation during a lecture by a speaker from the Kenya Wildlife Service. DAYS 5-6 AMBOSELI GAME RESERVE Embark on a sunrise wildlife drive before continuing on to Amboseli National Park and our tented safari camp. Head out on afternoon drives the following day and relax at our comfy camp, enjoying views of Kilimanjaro and the wildlife that visit the camp's watering holes. DAY 7 ARUSHA Aftera morning of wildlife viewing, continue the journey to Arusha, gateway to the Serengeti and the northern parks of Tanzania. DAY 8 MTO WA MBU VILLAGE/LAKE MANYARA NP Visit Mto wa Mbu village and enjoy a guided cultural walk and traditional lunch with a local family. Continue to our safari camp located outside Lake Manyara National Park to embark on an afternoon drive with phenomenal wildlife viewing. DAYS 9-10

SERENGETI NP Travel through the Rift Valley and visit a Maasai village to learn about its people and the G Adventures-supported Clean Cookstoves project. Take a guided tour of the village, meet the women that have been trained as stove engineers, and opt to help build a stove. Then visit the Olduvai Gorge before heading on to our safari camp. Embark on more drives and visit the Serengeti Wildlife Research Centre for a lecture by a researcher. Opt to take a sunrise balloon safari, DAY 11 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA Continue wildlife viewing on the drive out of the Serengeti to our comfortable tented camp. Relax this evening watching an African sunset over the hills. DAY 12 NGORONGORO CRATER/ARUSHA Depart early into Ngorongoro Crater - a UNESCO World Heritage site - for a wildlife drive and picnic lunch. In the afternoon, drive to Arusha for the final night. DAY 13 ARUSHA Depart at any time.

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1849 GROUP SIZE: Max 6, avg 5 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 3 nts. safari lodge - 1 nt. comfortable tented camps - 8 nts

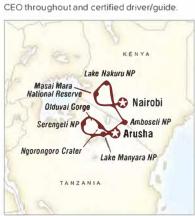
# **MEALS**

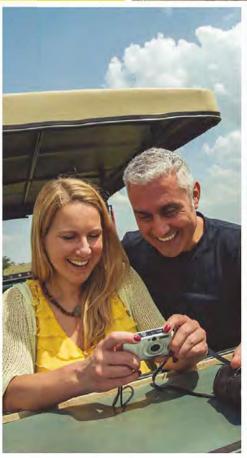
12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners Allow USD165-215 for meals not included,

# TRANSPORTATION

7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle. private minibus, walking

# **GROUP LEADER**

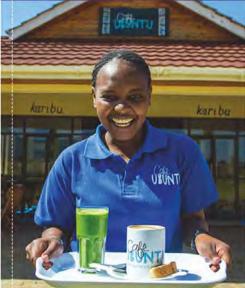




# G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT

# UBUNTU CAFÉ AND ORGANIC FARM

In the rural settlement of Maai Mahiu is the Ubuntu Café - an initiative that creates local jobs for mothers who have children with disabilities, and supports pediatric health and education in the region. Tour the centre to meet some of the mothers who work here. Then sit down to a delicious and meaningful





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# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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Arrival transfer . Entrances and wildlife safari drives in Masai Mara National Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park, and Amboseli National Park . All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

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**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES** If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €879 GROUP SIZE: Max 6, avg 5 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 2 nts. safari lodge - 1 nt. comfortable tented camps - 4 nts

# MEALS

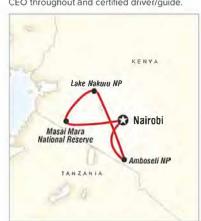
7 breakfasts, 6 lunches. 5 dinners Allow USD100-130 for meals not included,

# TRANSPORTATION

7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle

# **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout and certified driver/guide.



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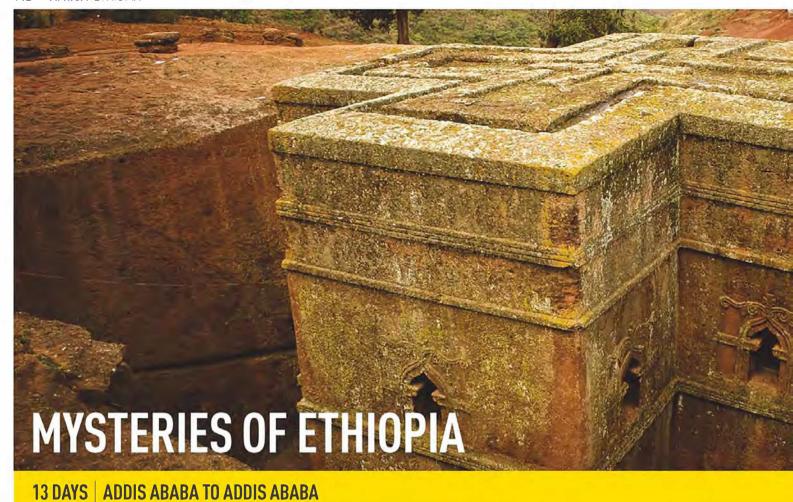
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Ethiopia holds a culturally unique place between Africa and the Middle East. Discover it for yourself over 13 days experiencing the country's diverse offerings. Trek into the unforgettably stunning Simien Mountains, get up close to the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, and introduce yourself to the residents of the innovative village of Awra Amba. Grab yourself an adventure you'll be talking about for years to come.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Awera Amba Community visit • Ploughshare Women's Association Visit • Kossoye Community cooking lesson and dinner. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Excursion to Blue Nile Falls • Boat trip on Lake Tana • Bahir Dar market visit • Guided tour of Debre Berhan Selassie Church, Fasiladas's Bath, and historic castles In Gondar • Simien Mountains trek • Visit to Axum historical sites • Guided tour of the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela • Asheton Maryam hike • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# ITINFRARY

DAY 1 ADDIS ABABA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 BAHIR DAR Fly to Bahir Dar for an excursion to the Blue Nile Falls. Take a boat trip on Lake Tana to enjoy stunning views, and visit local monasteries and Bahir Dar Market. DAYS 4-5 GONDAR Travel to Gondar and visit the unique egalitarian community of Awra Amba along the way. Explore Fasiladas's Castle, Debre Berhan SelassieChurch, and Queen Mentawab's

Castle. Visit Ploughshare Women's Crafts Training Center and then the Kossoye community to learn about the staples of Ethiopian food, with a demonstration and traditional dinner, DAYS 6-7 SIMIEN MOUNTAINS NP Travel to Debark, our base for visiting Simien Mountains National Park. Take guided hiking excursions in the park. looking out at spectacular views in every direction. DAYS 8-9 AXUM Travel to Axum, one of Ethiopia's oldest and holiest cities and once home to the Queen of Sheba. Enjoy guided tours of the city's archaeological sites and Axum Tsion Church. DAYS 10-11 LALIBELA Take a morning flight to Lalibela for two incredible days. Explore the subterranean, rock-hewn churches of this World Heritage site, including St George Church. Also head out on a hike to Asheton Maryam for panoramic views of the town and countryside. DAY 12 ADDIS ABABA Morning flight to Addis Ababa. Opt to enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. DAY 13 ADDIS ABABA Depart at any time.



€**2599** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1389 GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

Hotels - 12 nts

MEALS

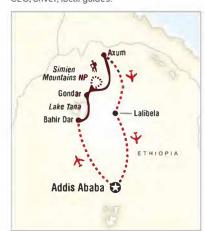
12 breakfasts, 1 dinner Allow USD260-340 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Plane, minivan/bus, boat, walking, hiking

**GROUP LEADER** 

CEO, driver, local guides.





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# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

# AWRA AMBA COMMUNITY VISIT

Spend some time in the egalitarian community of Awera Amba. Founded as a progressive experiment in 1980, the village aims to improve the socio-economic status of its residents and provide social security by treating everyone as equals, regardless of sex, age, or religious upbringing.

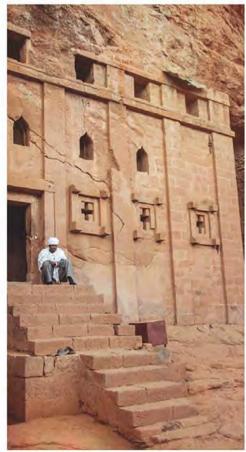
# PLOUGHSHARE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meet local women who have learned pottery, weaving, and other technical skills that allow them to live independently. Tour the workshops and try your hand at some of the crafts.

# INJERA-MAKING DEMO

Venture to the Kossoye community to discover the key ingredients of local dishes and try making *injera*, the flatbread that accompanies most meals. Then sit down to a traditional dinner, scooping up savoury stews with bread that's fresh off the griddle.







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When your guide puts his hand up and motions for you to crouch down, you'll know why. Not too far away a silverback gorilla settles down to eat. Experience these breathtaking moments for yourself while tracking gorillas and other wildlife in the forests of Rwanda and Uganda. Deepen your understanding of Africa's primates and you'll deepen your understanding of all of us.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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(To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • All national park entrance fees • Genocide memorial entrance • Guided mountain gorilla trek with permits • Golden monkey trek with permits • Guided chimpanzee trek with permits • Local village walk • Safari drives in Queen Elizabeth National Park • Wildlife boat cruise in Kazinga Channel • Visit to the Equator • Drum workshop • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# ITINERARY

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Take guided treks in the park to observe golden monkeys as well as gorillas in their natural habitats, and enjoy a lecture by a park warden. Then meet with scientists at the Karisoke Research Center, founded by National Geographic grantee Dian Fossey. Later, stroll through a local village. DAYS 5-7 QUEEN ELIZABETH NP Cross into Uganda and arrive in Queen Elizabeth National Park. Trek in search of playful primates and enjoy a safari drive with possible sightings of buffalo and lions. Then cruise the Kazinga Channel to view hippos and birds, and, with a bit of luck, elephants or big cats. DAY 8 ENTEBBE After breakfast, head to Entebbe with a stop at the Equator and a visit to a royal drum maker's workshop. DAY 9 ENTEBBE Depart at any time.

# **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



<sup>€</sup>4299

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: **€1239**GROUP SIZE: Max 6, avg 5
PHYSICAL RATING: 4 - Demanding

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotel/lodges - 8 nts

# **MEALS**

8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners Allow USD85-110 for meals not included.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

4x4 safari vehicle, walking, hiking, boat

# **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides, experienced gorilla trackers, park rangers.





# GORILLA LECTURE

Gain a greater understanding of the mountain gorillas that live deep in the jungle during an in-depth talk by a Volcanoes National Park warden. Topics include gorilla behaviour, threats to their survival, and ongoing conservation efforts.

# MOUNTAIN GORILLA CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

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Some of the greatest wildlife viewing on the continent is combined here for two weeks of outstanding adventure in the wild. Trek into the Rwandan jungle for the rare opportunity to watch a family of gorillas living their lives, head out in search of playful chimpanzees in Uganda, and then finish it off with a week of viewing and learning about elephants and rhinos in Kenya. Make this trip to East Africa for so much more than a vacation.

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# €**7199**

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €2279
GROUP SIZE: Max 6, avg, 5

PHYSICAL RATING: 4 - Demanding

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/Lodge – 11 nts, comfortable tented camps – 4 nts

# **MEALS**

15 breakfasts, 13 lunches. 11 dinners Allow USD180-235 for meals not included.

# TRANSPORTATION

7-seat 4x4 safari vehicle, walking, hiking, boat, plane

# GROUP LEADER

CEO, local guides, experienced gorilla trackers, park rangers, certified driver/guide in Kenya.





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# MASAI MARA BALLOON SAFARI

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On the crossroads between east and west, the Balkan Peninsula is full of hidden gems waiting to be discovered. These 12 rich days are the ideal introduction to the stunning Dalmatian coast of Croatia, the dramatic history of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the lush waterways of Montenegro. Plus, enjoy an exclusive experience walking through Sarajevo with a local war historian. Culture, food, nature, history, and people. This one's got it all.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Slege of Sarajevo Tour ● Agroturizam visit and local lunch. (To learn more, see page 18)

Plitvice Lakes National Park walk • Traditional peka dinner • Split orientation walk around Diocletian's Palace • Excursion to Mostar visiting the Stari Most (Old Bridge) • Kotor orientation walk • Dubrovnik city wall walk • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 ZAGREB Arrive at any time. DAY 2 PLITVICE LAKES NP Travel to the stunning Plitvice Lakes National Park, the largest national park in Croatia, and enjoy a walk with a local park guide. Later, sit down for a traditional "peka" dinner that's been prepared over hot coals. DAYS 3-4 SPLIT Enjoy a morning walk in the national park to admire its incredible karst rock formations. Then continue to Split for a guided walk around Diocletian's Palace. The next day, take advantage of free time to explore the city, visit its archaeology museum, or take a short

excursion to Trogir. DAY 5 MOSTAR/SARAJEVO Travel to Mostar to walk the ancient town and visit the Stari Most (Old Bridge) before continuing on to Sarajevo in the evening. DAYS 6-7 SARAJEVO Explore this historic city and learn about the Siege of Sarajevo from a local expert who lived through it. See the Tunnel of Hope and Trebević Mountain, and gain insight into how the people of this city moved beyond conflict. Stop in at a local restaurant for lunch. The next day is free for exploration. DAYS 8-9 BAY OF KOTOR Cross over to Montenegro for two days on the Bay of Kotor. Opt to see the Roman mosaics in Risan, take a leisurely stroll in Perast and visit the islands. or go sea kayaking in the spectacular bay. DAYS 10-11 DUBROVNIK Visit a family-run agroturizam villa that's surrounded by Mediterranean gardens and enjoy a traditional lunch of local hams, cheeses, and wine. Continue to Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic," and walk the old city walls. Enjoy a free day to explore the city, take a boat trlp to one of the nearby islands, or go sea kayaking. DAY 12 DUBROVNIK Depart at any time.

# GUARANTEED DEPARTURES If you're booked, you're going

This trip has four special departures

June 16 - June 27, July 14 - July 25, Aug 11 - Aug 22, Sept 15 - Sept 26 €**2399** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €**529**GROUP SIZE: Max 16. avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

Hotels – 11 nts

MEALS

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD455-595 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Private minivan, walking, bus, boat

**GROUP LEADER** 

CEO throughout, local guides.



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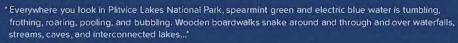
# AGROTURIZAM EXPERIENCE

In Croatia's lush Konavle Valley, visit a family-run agroturizam villa surrounded by Mediterranean gardens and sweeping views of the Adriatic. Explore the property's gardens with our host and then enjoy a traditional lunch of local hams, cheeses, and wines.



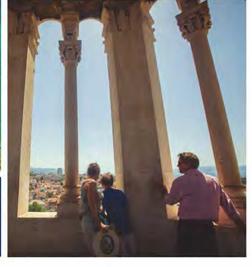
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-MARILYN TERRELL, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER







Home to some of the world's most celebrated cultural touchstones, Central Europe was built for exploration. This nine-day adventure crosses four countries and makes stops in four of Europe's most fascinating cities – Berlin, Vienna, Prague, and Budapest. Connect with the past at a 16th-century market in Vienna, and by walking along the Berlin Wall with a historian. Make some special memories against a backdrop rich with art, music, and unforgettable flavours.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Berlin Wall historical walk • Naschmarkt Walk with an expert food-guide. (To learn more, see page 18)

Orientation walk in Budapest • Tour Prague's old town including the Jewish quarter, clock tower, Charles Bridge, and Wenceslas Square • Visit the historic Hotel Sacher and sample the Sacher Torte • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BERLIN Arrive at any time. DAY 2 BERLIN Enjoy an orientation walk with your CEO before exploring sections of the Berlin Wall with a local historian. Opt to take a river tour, or visit galleries and museums during a free afternoon. DAYS 3-4 PRAGUE Head to Prague by train to enjoy a guided tour of the old town, including the Jewish Quarter, the astronomical clock, and Wenceslas Square. The next day, opt to visit Prague Castle, Letna beer gardens, or museums. DAY 5 ČESKÝ KRUMLOV Travel to the charming town of Český Krumlov and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. Opt to

take a guided ghost story walk or visit the castle. DAYS 6-7 VIENNA Drive across the border into Austria, and visit the famous Hotel Sacher for a taste of the world-famous Sacher Torte. Next day, visit the famed Naschmarkt with a culinary expert, then have free time to explore the city's opera house, walk through some of Europe's most incredible museums, or experience mass with the Vienna Boys' Choir. DAY 8 BUDAPEST Catch a train to Budapest. Join an orientation walk and opt to "take the waters" at a thermal bathhouse, or visit the stunning castle. DAY 9 BUDAPEST Depart at any time.

# GUARANTEED DEPARTURES If you're booked, you're going

This trip has five special departures

May 20 - May 28, June 17 - June 25, July 15 - July 23, Aug 12 - Aug 20, Sept 02 - Sept 10



€1899

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €799
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel/pensions - 8 nts

MEALS

8 breakfasts

Allow USD425-555 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Train, bus, private van, local bus, walking

**GROUP LEADER** 

CEO throughout.





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Tour Code EDENG

# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

# BERLIN WALL WALK

Walk sections of the Berlin Wall with a local historian. Along the way, you'll hear about the political, social, and cultural impact of the wall from when it was erected to its eventual fall.

# NASCHMARKT WALK

Walk through Vienna's 16th century Naschmarkt alongside a local chef. Learn about the market's storied history and gain insight into the city's local cuisine and food culture. (And of course, enjoy numerous tastings of cheeses, sausages, and oils.)







-- PETER ROSS, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER







Experience two inspirational weeks in Italy, connecting with the some of the greatest cultural highlights in the world. Get in touch with the ancient past alongside an archaeologist among the ash-preserved ruins of Pompeii, marvel at Renaissance treasures in iconic Venice and enchanting Florence, and stop and smell the lemons in the quaint cliff-side villages of the Amalfi Coast. Introduce yourself to the Italian lifestyle and it'll remain with you always.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Guided tour of the ruins of Pompeii with an archaeologist • Visit to a lemon farm with limoncello tasting • Lunch at a local agriturismo • Carte Blanche: Free time in Venice, Florence, and Rome for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Orientation walks in Venice, Florence, and Rome • Cinque Terre boat trip • Amalfi "Walk of the Gods" hike • All transport between destinations and to/ from included activities.

# ITINERARY

DAY 1 VENICE Arrive at any time. DAY 2 VENICE Take an orientation walk through the spectacular lanes and piazzas of Venice. The afternoon is free, opt to visit museums and churches or relax at a café and people watch. DAY 3 CINQUE TERRE Head to Cinque Terre for an overnight stay in a charming village perched on the rocky coast, and take a boat ride on the crystal-clear Ligurian Sea. DAYS 4-6 FLORENCE Travel to Florence and take an orientation walk with our CEO through its

lively streets. Then, enjoy two free days to explore the city including the duomo, the Uffizi, and the Ponte Vecchio; or take an excursion to Pisa DAY 7 NAPLES Catch the train to Naples with the option to enjoy a fantastic meal in the birthplace of pizza. Opt to visit the National Archaeological Museum. DAY 8 POMPEII/SORRENTO This morning, head out of town to explore the ruins of Pompeii with an archaeologist. Continue to Sorrento and visit an organic lemon farm to get a deeper look at (and taste of) limoncello. DAY 9 SORRENTO Enjoy a free day in Sorrento. Opt to visit the nearby islands of Capri or Ischia. DAYS 10-11 AMALFI Travel to the awe-inspiring Amalfi Coast and tour a local agriturismo. Meet the family that lives there and stroll the beautiful property, a converted 17th-century monastery. Head into the fields and gardens to learn about local produce and herbs, then sit down for an unforgettable meal overlooking the Mediterranean. The next day hike the famous "Walk of the Gods." following ancient trails linking isolated farms, villages, churches, and monasteries, DAYS 12-13 ROME Travel to Rome and take an orientation walk with the CEO. Enjoy a free day to explore this ancient city. Opt to visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum or the Vatican, or just wander the streets, taking time for a café or gelato. DAY 14 ROME Depart at any time.







# SORRENTO ORCHARD EXPERIENCE

Stop at an organic lemon orchard and try one of Italy's most beloved exports: limoncello. As you stroll through the fragrant lemon groves, marvel at panoramic views of the sea below.

# AGRITURISMO VISIT

On a terrace overlooking the Mediterranean, cook up (and then eat) a classic Italian feast at a charming agriturismo. This converted 17th-century monastery specializes in homegrown, delicious produce.

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL POMPEIL

Walk with an archaeologist through the ruins of Pompeii, the ancient Roman city buried under ash and pumice when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. See the forum, the baths, and the many homes that have remained frozen in time over two millennia.



€2999

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1679

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 13 nts

# **MEALS**

13 breakfasts, 1 lunch Allow USD550-715 for meals not included.

# TRANSPORTATION

Train, private minivan/bus, boat, walking

# **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.











France is a gold mine for history lovers and this week of exploration in Norman villages and WWII military sites was made for the lifelong learner. Stroll through Claude Monet's Garden, marvel at the medieval cities of Bayeux and Rouen, and visit the Paris studio of acclaimed National Geographic photographer and explorer Reza. Finish it all off with two days of exploration in Paris itself and you'll be saying "Je ne veux pas partir."

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: D-Day Academy with accredited expert • Visit a National Geographic photographer's studio • Carte Blanche: Free time in Paris for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Tour of Monet Gardens • Visit D-Day landing beaches, cemeteries and memorials • Excursion to Mont-Saint-Michel • Paris orientation walk • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

# **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 PARIS Arrive at any time. DAY 2 BAYEUX Depart for Giverny to visit Claude Monet's garden, which National Geographic named one of the "10 most magnificent gardens in the world." Continue to the scenic port town of Honfleur for some free time. Arrive this evening in postcard-pretty Bayeux and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local crêperie. DAY 3 BAYEUX This morning we immerse ourselves in WWII history with the guidance of a local, recognized expert. Take in a lecture on the Allied invasion and visit a museum with our expert to

view and handle relics from the war. Then ride in a genuine WWII transport vehicle to Secqueville-en-Bessin War Cemetery for a guided tour. This afternoon, visit Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and the American Cemetery and memorial with your CEO. DAYS 4-5 BAYEUX Today visit the imposing medieval fortress of Mont-Saint-Michel, an amazing UNESCO World Heritage site built on a tidal island. Take an orientation walk and then have free time to visit the island's abbey or museums, or simply to wander its winding cobblestone lanes. Enjoy the next day to yourself to explore the town of Bayeux. DAY 6 PARIS Depart for the river port city of Rouen and enjoy free time to stroll medieval streets past the cathedral Monet famously painted. Then continue to Paris to visit the studio of renowned National Geographic photographer and explorer Reza. Take a behind-the-scenes tour with one of Reza's assistants to learn about his work in conflict zones around the world and enjoy a wine-and-cheese reception. If we're lucky, we may get to meet Reza himself. DAY 7 PARIS Go on a morning walk with our CEO throughout the medieval centre of Paris to see the Île de la Cité. Opt to visit inside Notre Dame and/or the Sainte-Chapelle. This afternoon, explore the city on your own. DAY 8 PARIS Depart at any time.



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June 11 - June 18, July 23 - July 30, Aug 13 - Aug 20, Sept 10 - Sept 17, Nov 05 - Nov 12



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# D-DAY HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE

In the Norman town of Bayeux, meet a recognized war historian who will lead a lecture about the Allied invasion and how it continues to shape this region. Visit a hands-on museum with him and then board an authentic WWII transport vehicle to travel to the British War Cemetery at Secqueville-en-Bessin.



GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 7 nts

# MEALS

7 breakfasts, 1 dinner Allow USD380-495 for meals not included.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

Private vehicle, antique WWII vehicle, walking

# **GROUP LEADER**

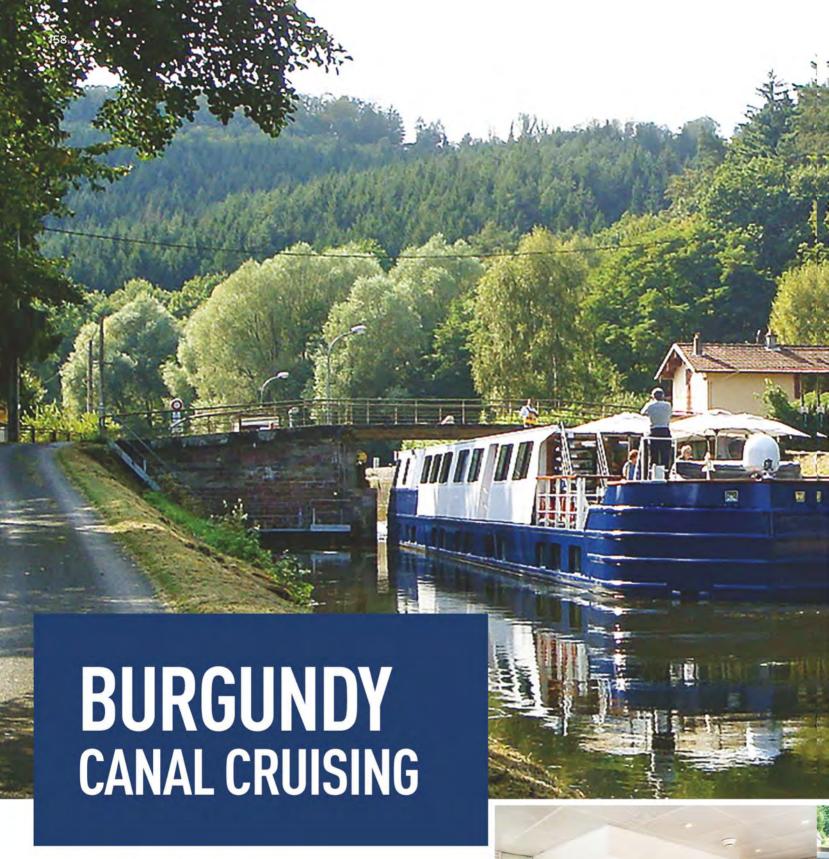
CEO throughout, local guides.











# **GET DEEPER INTO FRANCE**

Burgundy is famous for its wine and scenery and there's simply no better way to explore the region with all your senses than by the network of rivers and centuries-old canals that crisscross it. The canal barge, the *Daniele* makes the most of these intricate waterways, delivering you to tiny villages, medieval vineyards, and idyllic slices of scenery you'd never see from the road.





# WELCOME ABOARD THE DANIELE

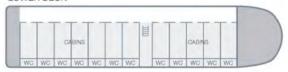
The Daniele is tailor-made for a region as scenic as Burgundy. Cozy and charming, she features room for 22 passengers, keeping the experience intimate and relaxed, all in a sharp arrangement that maximizes available space. Her communal areas include a well-appointed lounge, a barbecue deck, and a large observation deck up top. Plus, she comes with a selection of touring bicycles that you and your fellow travellers are free to use whenever you like.

# THE DANIELE IS YOUR IDEAL COMPANION THROUGH THE SERENE LANDSCAPES OF BURGUNDY.

# MAIN DECK



# LOWER DECK



# CAPACITY

22 passengers.

# CABINS

11 lower-deck twin bed cabins with en suite bathrooms, A/C, TV, and large windows.

# **BOAT LAYOUT**

Spacious lounge with bar, dining area, observation deck with loungers and parasols, Jacuzzi, and onboard wi-fi. Bicycles available for passenger use.



10 DAYS DIJON TO PARIS

There may be no more beautiful way to explore the countryside villages of timeless Burgundy than from a river barge coasting the Saône River. Drift from one stunning landscape to another, stopping to roam the region's famous vineyards, ride bikes through its vast forests, and indulge in its unforgettable flavours. Then head to Paris for two nights of exploration for all of your senses. This is the unique perspective of France you've dreamed about. Embrace it.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Tour the Hospices de Beaune with a history docent • Wine talk and horizontal tasting • Paris culinary experience • Hands-on: Cycling in the vineyards of Côte de Beaune with wine tasting • Wine tasting at the Château de Marsannay. (To learn more, see page 18)

Six nights aboard the *Daniele* canal river barge • Orientation walk of Dijon and Ducal Palace • Verdun-sur-le-Doubs walking excursion • Visits to Saint-Jean-de-Losne, Auxonne, and Longecourt-en-Plaine • Cycle through Gevrey-Chambertin • Côte de Nuits visit • Use of bicycles during shore excursions • All transport to/from included activities and between destinations.

# ITINERARY

DAY 1 DIJON Arrive at any time. DAY 2 DIJON Enjoy a morning orientation walk to explore majestic Dijon. Visit the Ducal Palace, the local market, and the old town. This afternoon, roam on your own before transferring to our river barge home for the next week, the Daniele.

DAY 3 LONGECOURT-EN-PLAINE Cycle to Gevrey-Chambertin, a charming Burgundian village. Enjoy wine tasting at the Château de Marsannay and continue to Côte du Nuit before meeting the barge in Longecourten-Plaine. This mostly flat route is the best way to experience quintessential Burgundy. DAY 4 AUXONNE Start the day with a walk around the beautiful lush gardens of the Château de Longecourt. Continue along the canal, stopping in quaint villages along the way. Take in a presentation by a local winemaker and enjoy a tasting. This evening, take advantage of free time to visit centuries-old Auxonne. DAY 5 SEURRE Have a relaxing morning on board before continuing on to beautiful little Seurre. Roam this charming town on this free afternoon. DAY 6 VERDUN-SUR-LE-DOUBS Spend the morning discovering the area around Verdun. Return to the barge to continue toward Verdun-sur-le-Doubs with free time to explore. DAY 7 FRAGNES Cycle along the Côte de Beaune, stopping at villages and vineyards along the way. Explore the vineyards of Puligny Montrachet and Meursault and taste some wines. Opt for lunch in town before returning to the barge. DAY 8 PARIS Transfer to Beaune for a guided walking tour of the renowned Hospices de Beaune, a 15th-century charitable hospital that's been funded for 155 years by the annual wine auction here. Explore the area on your own and then

catch the train to Paris. DAY 9 PARIS Explore the historic covered Marché d'Aligre with a local chef and food expert. Rarely visited by tourists, this market is where locals come to shop for food. This afternoon, explore the city on your own. DAY 10 PARIS Depart at any time or remain in this iconic city.

# ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

QUINTESSENTIAL BURGUNDY
Check out our high water version of the barge cruise. See tour EFLHNG online.



Number of departures / month.





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# WINE TALK AND TASTING

Sit down with a local winemaker and learn about some of Burgundy's renowned vineyards. Enjoy a horizontal tasting (different wines from the same year) of the region's celebrated Côte de Nuits reds and Côte d'Or whites.

# HOSPICES DE BEAUNE

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# **EXPLORE A PARIS MARKET**

Step off the tourist track and visit one of the great markets where Parisians shop for food, Walk through the Marché d'Aligre with a local chef, learning about cheeses, charcuteries, and the fresh ingredients of French cuisine.



€2299

GROUP SIZE: Max 22 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

# ACCOMMODATIONS

Aboard the *Daniele* river barge – **6** nts, hotel – **3** nts

# **MEALS**

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD355-465 for meals not included.

# TRANSPORTATION

Private vehicles, *Daniele* river barge, bicycle, train, walking

# GROUP LEADER

CEO throughout.











Combine a once-in-a-lifetime Burgundy river barge experience with the rich history of Paris and Normandy's WWII sites on a historical and gastronomical adventure you'll remember forever. Float by canal barge to medieval sites, quaint villages, and pastoral vineyards along the Saône, visit the Normandy beaches and indulge in plenty of free time to roam centuries-old cities, gardens, and grounds. France awakens all your senses.

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Aug 04 - Aug 20, Sept 01 - Sept 17, Oct 27 - Nov 12



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GROUP SIZE: Max 22 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Aboard the *Daniele* river barge – 6 nts, hotel – 10 nts

#### MEALS

16 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners Allow USD675-880 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private vehicles, *Daniele* river barge, bicycle, train, walking, antique WWII vehicle, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











7 DAYS | REYKJAVÍK TO REYKJAVÍK

At the place where two continental plates brush up against each other is Iceland, land of fire and ice. Take one week to get up close to this unique country's natural highlights. Make your way through lava tube caves, watch the living Earth in action at some of the island's volcanoes, relax in incredible hot springs, and keep your eyes peeled for whales off the coast. Get to Iceland – elemental greatness and epic memories guaranteed.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Geothermal farm visit and meal • Visit Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant. (To learn more, see page 18)

Golden Circle tour with a walk in Thingvellir National Park • Visit Gulfoss waterfall and Geysir Hot Springs • Walk behind Seljalandsfoss waterfall • Visit black sand beaches • Take an ice walk on a glacier in Skaftafell National Park • Visit Jökulsárlón Lagoon • Visit Skogafoss waterfall • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 REYKJAVÍK Arrive at any time. DAY 2 REYKJAVÍK/
GOLDEN CIRCLE/SELFOSS Explore the natural wonders
that have been shaping Iceland for millions of years on
a tour of the Golden Circle Including Thingvellir National
Park, Gullfoss waterfall, and Geysir Hot Springs. Visit
a geothermal farm and enjoy a simple, freshly prepared
lunch, then head to a local power plant to gain a better
understanding of how geothermal energy is used

throughout the country. DAY 3 SOUTH SHORE/VÍK Discover the awe-inspiring sights of Iceland's south coast; visit the picturesque Selialandsfoss waterfall. hike a hidden path to the secret waterfall of Gljúfrabúi, and view the black sands of Reynisfjara. DAY 4 SKAFTAFELL Continue along the south shore, past sandy plains and moss-covered lava fields, to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon where we'll watch the icebergs floating by. Later, visit the Throbergur Cultural Heritage Museum and enjoy a traditional dinner. Opt for a boat ride on the lagoon (May-October). DAY 5 SKAFTAFELL Embark with a local guide on an amazingly scenic glacier hike in Skaftafell National Park. DAY 6 REYKJAVÍK Travel back to Reykjavík stopping to visit the Skogarsafn Museum and the famous Skogafoss waterfall. Opt to climb the 400 steps next to the falls and take in spectacular views. DAY 7 REYKJAVÍK Depart at any time.



€2699

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €819
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 6 nts

#### MEALS

6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD345-450 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private minivan/bus, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**





#### GEOTHERMAL FARM

Visit the geothermally heated Friðheimar farm to tour its celebrated greenhouse and learn how some Icelandic farmers harness the power of the Earth. After touring the grounds, sit down to enjoy the farm's famous tomato soup and fresh-baked bread.

#### GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT VISIT

Explore how Iceland harnesses the power of its turbulent landscapes at the Hellisheiði geothermal power plant. Gain a better understanding of how geothermal energy is used in Iceland and how it could be utilized globally as a renewable and sustainable power source.



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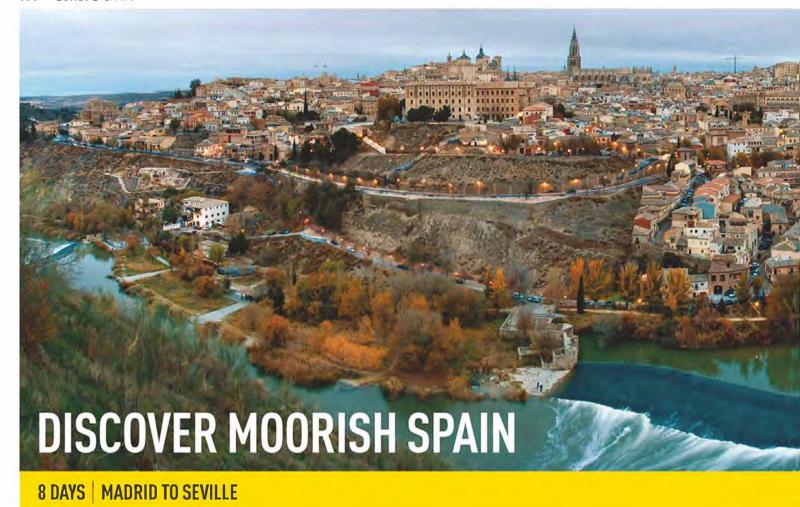
#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### A COUNTRY DIVIDED

Iceland is one of the only places in the world where you can touch two continental tectonic plates at once. Divers and snorkellers in the incredibly clear waters at the Silfra fissure – where the Atlantic seabed is virtually tearing apart.







Discover the history and romance of Andalucia on this eight-day trip to five amazing cities with plenty of free time discover them. Explore Madrid's famous museums, walk the cobblestoned streets of El Greco's Toledo with a local historian, take a flamenco lesson in Granada, and embrace the region's Moorish spirit in Granada and Córdoba. From the taste of new flavours to the sound of music you've never heard, wrap yourself in a culture 1300 years in the making.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Tour of Toledo with a historian • Private Flamenco lesson. (To learn more, see page 18)

Explore Cordoba including the Mezquita (mosque) and the medieval Jewish quarter • Granada orientation walk including a guided visit of the Alhambra • El Tajo Gorge excursion and walk • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 MADRID Arrive at any time. DAY 2 TOLEDO/ MADRID Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Toledo with a local historian, exploring the old quarter, which is considered an open-air museum. Return to Madrid and opt to visit some of its world-class museums or walk around outside and discover the hidden corners of this amazing city. DAY 3 CÓRDOBA Travel by high-speed train to Córdoba and visit the Mezquita (mosque). Then, stroll the medieval Jewish quarter, full of narrow winding lanes and traditional houses. DAYS 4-5 GRANADA Travel to the Andalusian city of Granada and

take an orientation walk before taking in a flamenco lesson led by a local expert. Enjoy a guided visit to the Alhambra, one of the greatest accomplishments in Moorish architecture and a major highlight of this trip. Afterward, take advantage of free time for a bike tour or a visit to the cathedral. DAY 6 RONDA Catch a train and explore the town of Ronda on the El Tajo Gorge. Cross the Puente Nuevo and go down into the gorge itself for incredible views. This afternoon, take some of your own time to explore the town or opt to go caving. DAY 7 SEVILLE Travel to Seville and take an orientation walk with our CEO. Opt to takea walking tour of the Santa Cruz quarter of the city, visit the impressive Giralda Cathedral, or see a traditional flamenco show. DAY 8 SEVILLE Depart at any time.

**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



€1529

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €709 GROUP SIZE: Max 12, avg 9 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 7 nts

MEALS

7 breakfasts
Allow USD230-300 for meals not included.

**TRANSPORTATION** 

Public bus, train, walking

**GROUP LEADER** 

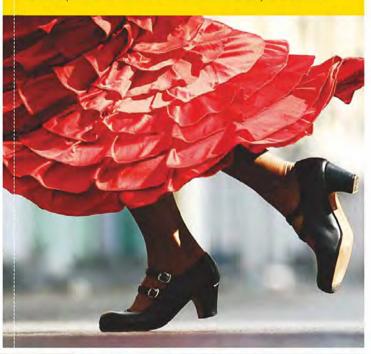


#### THE ART OF FLAMENCO

Welcome to Granada, the birthplace of flamenco. Visit a studio in the heart of the city to enjoy a private dance lesson from a professional dancer – the perfect introduction for when you head out later that evening.

#### HISTORIC TOUR OF TOLEDO

Make your way through the UNESCO World Heritage site of Toledo with a local historian. Walk through the beautifully preserved old quarter to visit the historic churches, palaces, and fortresses that make this storied city so memorable.



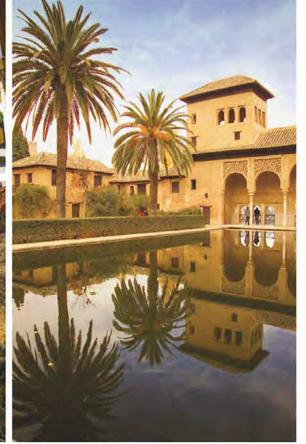
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It's your occasion to discover by the changing light of the setting sun, the sacred space around Uluru – an area National Geographic called one of the most spiritual places in Australia. Discover all kinds of transcendent moments in Oceania. Imagine dolphin-watching off the coast of New Zealand, going behind the scenes at the James Cook University Aquarium, or walking through the rainforest with a member of the indigenous Janbanbarra Jirrbal people – all special memories waiting to be made with National Geographic Journeys.



Imagine getting to Australia's greatest highlights in 12 legendary, stress-free days. From its world-class cities and sacred Red Centre, to the Great Barrier Reef and some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, this itinerary leaves no stone unturned. With meaningful cultural immersion, included internal flights, and a guided foodie walk through Melbourne, this is a trip Down Under you might wish to take again and again.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: James Cook University
Aquarium visit • Cultural excursion with the Jirrbal
Rainforest people • Melbourne foodie walk and
three-course meal with local author and culinary
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Cultural Museum & Jirrbal Aboriginal Art
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Cairns for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring
on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Sydney Harbour cruise and orientation walk • Aboriginal dreamtime walk through the Daintree Rainforest at Mossman Gorge • Sunrise interpretive walk at Uluru • Walk through the Valley of the Winds in Kata Tjuta • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 SYDNEY Arrive at any time. DAY 2 SYDNEY Welcome to unforgettable Sydney Harbour. Walk to the iconic Opera House and through The Rocks historical neighbourhood. Later, board a private yacht for a sunset

cruise with barbecue dinner throughout Sydney Harbour's beautiful bays and coves. DAY 3 PORT DOUGLAS Fly to Cairns then travel up the stunning coastal road to Mossman Gorge near Port Douglas. Take an interpretive walk with a local aboriginal guide and learn about life in the Daintree Rainforest. DAY 4 PORT DOUGLAS Enjoy the colourful resort town of Port Douglas. Take time to stroll the main streets, enjoy the beach, or opt to go snorkelling or diving on the Great Barrier Reef. DAY 5 CAIRNS Return to tropical Cairns and visit the James Cook University research aquarium, founded by marine biologist and National Geographic grant recipient Dr. Jamie Seymour. Take an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour and get up close with the marvellous creatures that live there. DAY 6 CAIRNS Travel southward to the tiny town of Tully for a G Adventures-supported indigenous experience. Take in a lecture to learn how the people of the Janbanbarra Jirrbal Rainforest have lived here in harmony with nature for thousands of years. Enjoy a traditional lunch and participate in a painting class with aboriginal artists. DAY 7 CAIRNS Cairns is the adventure capital of Queensland and a whole free day is yours to explore it. Opt to go snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, or soar above the rainforest on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. DAY 8 ULURU Catch a flight to Australia's Red Centre and witness an outstanding sunset in the

presence of Uluru with a glass of bubbly. DAY 9 ULURU Awaken early to watch the sun rise over this sacred rock. Continue on with a guided walk around its base, visit a nearby cultural centre, and learn about Uluru's significance to the people who around it. Later, take a walk in Kata Tjuta National Park and view the beautiful red-domed rock formations. The afternoon is at your leisure. DAYS 10-11 MELBOURNE Enjoy another sunrise over Uluru before catching a flight to cosmopolitan Melbourne. The next day, go on a guided foodie walk through the laneways of the city with a local author and culinary storyteller for a three-course progressive lunch. Later, enjoy free time to explore Melbourne or the many wineries in the area. DAY 12 MELBOURNE Depart at any time.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

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#### JANBANBARRA JIRRBAL RAINFOREST PEOPLE

In rural Tully, spend time with the indigenous Janbanbarra Jirrbal people. Learn from an elder about their history and their deep connection to their natural environment. Enjoy a traditional lunch with them and take part in a painting class with local artists.

#### MELBOURNE FOODIE WALK

Explore the food-lover's paradise of Melbourne on a National Geographic Journeys-exclusive guided walk, led by local author and culinary storyteller. Monique Bayer. Discover the history, culture, and celebrated laneways of the city by dining at three popular venues.



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€3799

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1529

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 11 nts

**MEALS** 

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD585-760 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Mini-bus, plane, boat, walking

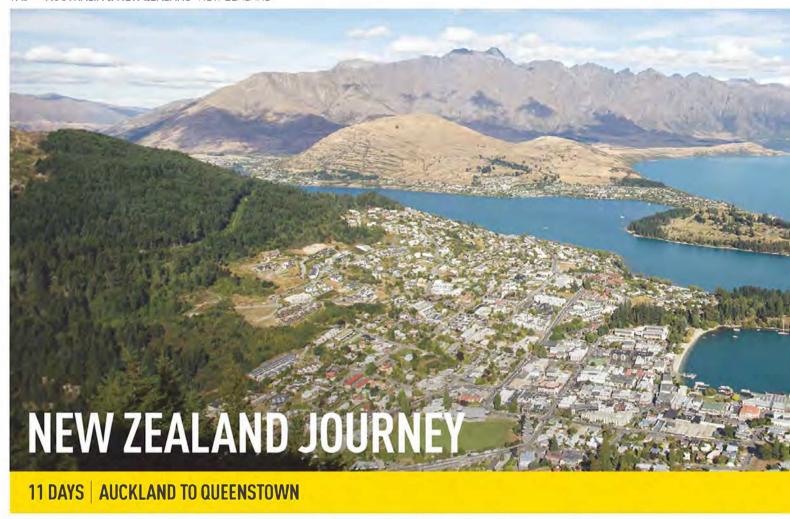
**GROUP LEADER** 











These 11 days exploring New Zealand's North and South Islands are the ideal introduction to this small country that feels huge. Travelling by train, gondola, boat, and plane, you'll connect with locals in artsy beach towns, roam through an ancient rainforest, learn about local legend and cuisine from the Maori, and breathe in all the clean air you possibly can. Come to New Zealand a stranger. Return home an honorary Kiwi.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Hauraki Gulf Marine Park whale and dolphin experience • Meet a Maori elder • Carte Blanche: Free time in Auckland and Franz Josef for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Visit scenic Bridal Veil Falls • Farm visit with local lunch • Raglan Harbour cruise • Tour Waitomo Caves • Enjoy a traditional Maori hangi feast and entertainment • Orientation walk in Christchurch • Scenic TranzAlpine train • Ride the Queenstown gondola • Wilderness day cruise (winter) or overnight cruise (summer) on Doubtful Sound • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from Included activities.

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 AUCKLAND Arrive at any time. DAY 2 AUCKLAND Cruise Hauraki Gulf Marine Park on a research boat in search of whales and dolphins. Then spend time with a crew member for a deeper discussion on marine wildlife. Later, take some free time to explore this lovely city,

DAY 3 RAGLAN Drive a scenic route, visiting an eel farm that focuses on developing sustainable aquaculture. Enjoy a lunch that features sustainably produced ingredients from the farm. Continue to the artsy town of Raglan, stopping at Bridal Veil Falls en route, and enjoy a cruise on the stunning harbour. DAY 4 ROTORUA Enroute to Rotorua, visit Waitomo Caves for a boat ride through the dark to see thousands of flickering glowworms lighting up the walls. This evening, visit Tamaki Maori Village and enjoy a private welcome and talk by a "kaumātua" (an elder in Maori society). Then take in a performance about local myth and legend while dining on traditional hangi cuisine. DAY 5 CHRISTCHURCH Enjoy free time this morning in Rotorua before catching a flight to Christchurch. Take an orientation walk with the CEO to get a feel for the city. DAYS 6-7 FRANZ JOSEF Go on one of the world's great scenic rail rides on the TranzAlpine to New Zealand's glacier region. Transfer to a beautiful rainforest lodge. our home for the next two nights. Opt to take a helicopter hike, walk over the glacier or relax in the hot pools DAY 8 QUEENSTOWN Travel southward along the coast, through the rugged rainforest to Queenstown. Enjoy an evening gondola ride with spectacular views of the city and the option to eat dinner at a skyline restaurant. DAY 9 DOUBTFUL SOUND Embark on an amazing wilderness crulse through surely-scenic Doubtful Sound. Led by

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#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

AUCKLAND SAILING; AMERICA'S CUP MATCH RACE

Love sailing? Join a crew to sail around Auckland's Waitemata Harbour on a competitive yacht. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.









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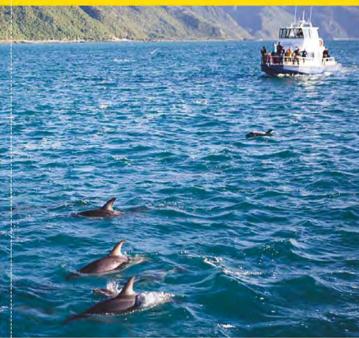
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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1439

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 9 nts, cruise boat - seasonal - 1 nt

#### MEALS

10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners Allow USD325-425 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Mini-bus, plane, train, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











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€6599

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GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 20 nts, cruise boat - seasonal - 1 nt

#### MEALS

21 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners Allow USD860-1120 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Mini-bus, plane, train, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





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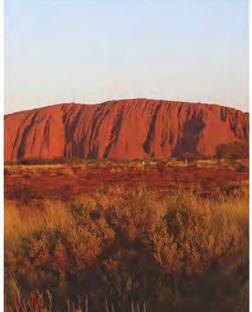
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"Pressing onward as the Rock emerges out of the darkness in earthly hues of brick and burnt umber, we make our way clockwise around the base, passing through pockets of acacia woodlands and hugging the contours of dried-up streams."

—BARBARA NOE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER





# TILLI MENTER IT'S NOT JUST ANY PATH It's your shot at retracing the steps of National Geographic grantee Hiram Bingham, on his way to rediscovering the lost city of the Inca, Machu Picchu in 1911. The time is always right to make your own history in South America. Imagine standing in the monumental shadow of Christ the Redeemer in Rio, feeling the thunder and mist of Iguassu Falls alongside a local botanist, or dancing at a late-night tango joint in Buenos Aires. Go south with National Geographic Journeys. MACHU PICCHU, PERU



Patagonia rewards its visitors with a stunning combination of massive peaks, welcoming people, and incredible foods to fall for. Take in the colours of Buenos Aires and try new footwork during a local tango lesson. Then head into nature to explore Torres del Paine National Park and the humbling Perito Moreno Glacier. Standing at the end of the Earth at Ushuaia is an experience the adventurous side of you will never forget.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Glacier lecture by local expert • Penguin rookery and Beagle Channel excursion • Local Buenos Aires tango experience • Carte Blanche: Free time in Bariloche for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Bariloche Circuito Chico tour • Scenlc lake crossing aboard the "Cruce de Lagos." Excursion into Torres del Paine National Park • Guided tour to the Perito Moreno Glacier • Buenos Aires city tour • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

#### ITINERARY

DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included, DAYS 2-3 BARILOCHE Catch a flight to northern Patagonia. Enjoy the highlights of scenic San Carlos de Bariloche on a Circuito Chico tour, with stops at local artisanal producers specializing in chocolate, beer, and jams. Enjoy the next day free to

explore this incredible region by foot or bike. DAYS 4-5 PUERTO VARAS Travel by bus and ferry to Puerto Varas in the stunning Chilean Lake District. Enjoy the sights while on the Cruce de Lagos, considered one of the most scenic ferry cruises in the world. The next day, opt to take a daytime excursion to the picturesque Chiloé Island. DAYS 6-7 TORRES DEL PAINE NP Catch a flight to Punta Arenas then transfer to Torres del Paine National Park. The next day, take a full-day trip into the park alongside a guide. Marvel at pristine lakes, glaciers, and waterfalls in this vast and gorgeous region. DAYS 8-9 EL CALAFATE Enjoy the scenic drive to El Calafate. The following day, take in a lecture on glaciers from a local expert, then travel into Glacier National Park to view the stunning Perito Moreno Glacier. Opt to travel by boat to its base. DAYS 10-11 USHUAIA Fly to Ushuaia at the end of the Earth. The next day, introduce yourself to the penguins on Martillo Island with a naturalist guide. Later, return to Ushuaia by navigating the Beagle Channel on a catamaran, admiring the End of the World Lighthouse, Seal's Island, and Bird's Island. DAYS 12-13 BUENOS AIRES Fly back to Buenos Aires and enjoy some free time for exploring the "Paris of the Americas." In the evenIng, head out for a light dinner in a café and a lesson from local tango dancers at a popular venue. Then it's time for a milonga,

a neighbourhood tradition where students and teachers show up to practice their moves. Sit back and enjoy or join in if you are brave. The next day, enjoy a tour of the city's highlights including the Plaza de Mayo (home to Eva Perón's famous balcony), La Boca, and the Recoleta Cernetery. DAY 14 BUENOS AIRES Depart at any time.

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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### PENGUIN ROOKERY

Make the march to the penguins. Travel to Martillo Island by minibus and boat to explore the rookery, home to some 1,000 penguin nests. Follow your naturalist guide along trails amongst Magellanic and gentoo penguins (who live there between September and April).

#### GLACIER TALK

In the scenic town of El Calafate, take in a lecture by a local glacier expert and learn all about the Perito Moreno Glacier and the Southern Patagonian Ice Field that feeds it.

#### TANGO LESSON

Take part in a tango lesson taught by dancers at a local studio rarely visited by travellers. Once you've practiced your new steps, it's time for a milonga, a local tradition where students and teachers drop by the studio to practice their moves. Sit back and enjoy, or join in if you're feeling brave.



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1499

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 13 nts

#### **MEALS**

13 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners Allow USD545-710 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Bus/van, plane, boat, ferry, hiking, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### TORRES DEL PAINE

The name Torres del Paine comes from the Spanish word "torre" meaning tower (referring to the granite peaks of the mountains) and a Tehuelche Indian word meaning "blue." The stunning turquoise colour of the lake is caused, in part, by blue algae.



Take in natural and cultural wonders during a nine-day introduction to the best of Argentina and Brazil. Explore the sophisticated architecture and steamy spirit of Buenos Aires one day and discover the green beauty and cool mist of Iguassu Falls the next. Big city samba, local village lifestyle, rainforest teeming with life, and spicy tango never came together so effortlessly.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Lecture with a biologist and botanist • Visit an Afro-Brazilian community and enjoy a local meal • Carte Blanche: Free time in Rio de Janeiro for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Tour the Argentine and Brazilian sides of Iguassu Falls • Local walking tour in Sao Paulo • Schooner tour • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BUENOS AIRES Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 IGUASSU FALLS Fly to Iguassu falls and explore the Brazilian side to get the best panoramic view. This evening enjoy a lecture with local biologist/botanist who will talk to us about the flora and fauna around the falls, and the uses of local plants for medicinal and healing purposes. DAY 3 IGUASSU FALLS Explore the Argentine side of the falls, then opt to ride a boat to the base of the falls or visit a nearby bird park. DAY 4 SÃO PAULO Fly to São Paulo and discover the city through gastronomy and architecture. Visit some of the city's most noted sites and along the way a specialist guide

will also share knowledge of popular local cuisine. DAYS 5-6 PARATY Drive to colonial Paraty. Visit an Afro-Brazilian community for a unique cultural interaction and enjoy a traditional meal. The next day, hop on an amazing schooner tour of the harbour's many islands and beaches. DAYS 7-8 RIO DE JANEIRO Carry on by private van to Rio de Janeiro for two days of free time to explore the city using our centrally located hotel in Copacabana as a base. Opt for a city tour or samba show, or head to Christ the Redeemer, spend time on the beach, or take part in the city's vibrant nightlife. DAY 9 RIO DE JANEIRO Depart at any time.

#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

#### **IGUASSU FALLS BOAT RIDE**

Get up close and personal with thundering Iguassu. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

#### GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

If you're booked, you're going

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## **€2599**

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1019
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 8 nts

#### MEALS

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD415-540 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private van, plane, buses, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**



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#### Tour Code SAZNG

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### AFRO-BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY VISIT

Travel to an Afro-Brazilian community near Paraty to get to know this unique, centuries-old culture founded by former slaves. Explore the town and meet members of the community over a delicious lunch of local dishes and fresh fruit juice.

#### IGUASSU FALLS TALK

Experience the sheer thunder of Iguassu Falls up close alongside a local biologist and botanist. You'll learn about all things flora and fauna in this unique region, including medicinal and healing uses of local plants.









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From the tranquil wineries of the Maipo Valley to the green landscapes of northern Patagonia and steamy tango joints in Buenos Aires, this nine-day adventure offers a lively quick taste of South America. Build up a thirst hiking through Chile's Lake District and take what is considered one of the most scenic ferry cruises in the world before sampling the region's outstanding wines. Travel days are well paced and include short flights. Find a fresh adventure in the true deep south.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Maipo Valley winery tour and tastings with an expert • Visit a local family and enjoy a traditional curanto meal • Local Buenos Aires tango experience • Carte Blanche: Free time in Bariloche, and Buenos Aires for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Visit Petrohue Falls • Scenic lake crossing aboard the "Cruce de Lagos." Buenos Aires city tour • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 SANTIAGO Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 SANTIAGO Visit a family-run winery outside Santiago, alongside a local wine expert, and learn about the process that makes Chilean wine some of the world's best. Sample various wines and enjoy a vertical tasting. DAYS 3-4 PUERTO VARAS Fly southward and transfer to scenic Puerto Varas in the stunning Chilean Lake District. Enjoy views of Osorno Volcano while exploring the Angelmó fish market, and sit down

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If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month

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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €969 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 8 nts

MEALS

8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD365-475 for meals not included.

TRANSPORTATION

Private van, plane, buses, ferry, walking

**GROUP LEADER** 





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#### Tour Code SCZNG

#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### CHILEAN COMMUNITY LUNCH

Embrace Chilean culture in the scenic town of Puerto Varas. Visit the home of a local family for a cooking lesson and help make the curanto – a traditional dish cooked in a deep pit in the ground. Then enjoy a glass of wine with the lunch you've helped prepare.

#### CHILEAN WINE EXPERIENCE

Visit a winery outside Santiago and learn about local vintages and winemaking from a certified enologist. Discover what makes Chilean wine some of the best in world and help out with the production process before sampling some of the delicious offerings.

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#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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of the world's best. Sample various wines and enjoy a vertical tasting. DAYS 3-4 PUERTO VARAS Fly southward and transfer to scenic Puerto Varas in the stunning Chilean Lake District. Enjoy views of Osorno Volcano while exploring the Angelmó fish market, and sit down with a local family for a traditional meal. The next day, opt to take an excursion to Chiloé Island. DAYS 5-6 SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE Travel by bus and ferry to Puerto Varas in the stunning Chilean Lake District. Enjoy the sights while on the Cruce de Lagos, considered one of the most scenic ferry cruises in the world. The next day, enjoy free time to explore this stunning region. Opt to hike, stroll the town, or take a bike tour. DAYS 7-9 BUENOS AIRES Fly back to Buenos Aires and enjoy some free time for exploring the "Paris of the Americas." This evening, head out for a light dinner in a café and a lesson from local tango dancers at a popular venue. Then it's time for a milonga, a neighbourhood tradition where students and teachers show up to practice their moves. Sit back and enjoy or join in if you are brave. The next day, enjoy a tour of the city's highlights including the Plaza de Mayo (home to Eva Perón's famous balcony), La Boca, and the Recoleta Cemetery. Then enjoy free time this evening and the next day, opting to visit the San Telmo antiques market, street art displays, or any of the city's charming cafés or amazing museums.

DAYS 10-11 IGUASSU FALLS Fly to Iguassu Falls for two days of exploration from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides. Opt to ride a boat to the base of the falls or visit a nearby bird park. The first evening, take in a lecture by a local biologist/botanist who will talk to us about the area's flora and fauna. DAY 12 SÃO PAULO Fly to São Paulo and discover the city through its gastronomy and architecture alongside a local specialist guide. DAYS 13-14 PARATY Drive to colonial Paraty. Visit an Afro-Brazilian community for a unique cultural interaction and enjoy a traditional meal. The next day, hop on an amazing schooner tour of the harbour's many islands and beaches. DAYS 15-16 RIO DE JANEIRO Carry on by private van to Rio de Janeiro for two days of free time to explore the city using our centrally located hotel in Copacabana as a base. Opt for a city tour or samba show, or head to Christ the Redeemer, spend time on the beach, or take part in the city's vibrant nightlife. DAY 17 RIO DE JANEIRO Depart at any time.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### IGUASSU FALLS BOAT RIDE

Experience the power of Iguassu Falls on this adventure-filled boat ride. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.



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#### CHILEAN COMMUNITY LUNCH

Embrace Chilean culture in the scenic town of Puerto Varas. Visit the home of a local family for a cooking lesson and help make the *curanto* – a traditional dish cooked in a deep pit in the ground. Then enjoy a glass of wine with the lunch you've helped prepare.

#### CHILEAN WINE EXPERIENCE

Visit a winery outside Santiago and learn about local vintages and winemaking from a certified enologist. Discover what makes Chilean wine some of the best in world and help out with the production process before sampling some of the delicious offerings.

#### AFRO-BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY VISIT

Travel to an Afro-Brazilian community near Paraty to get to know this unique, centuries-old culture founded by former slaves. Explore the town and meet members of the community over a delicious lunch of local dishes and fresh fruit juice.

#### IGUASSU FALLS TALK

Experience the sheer thunder of Iguassu Falls up close alongside a local biologist and botanist. You'll learn about all things flora and fauna in this unique region, including medicinal and healing uses of local plants.



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OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: 
1899
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 16 nts

#### **MEALS**

16 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD720-940 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Buses, ferry, plane, private van, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

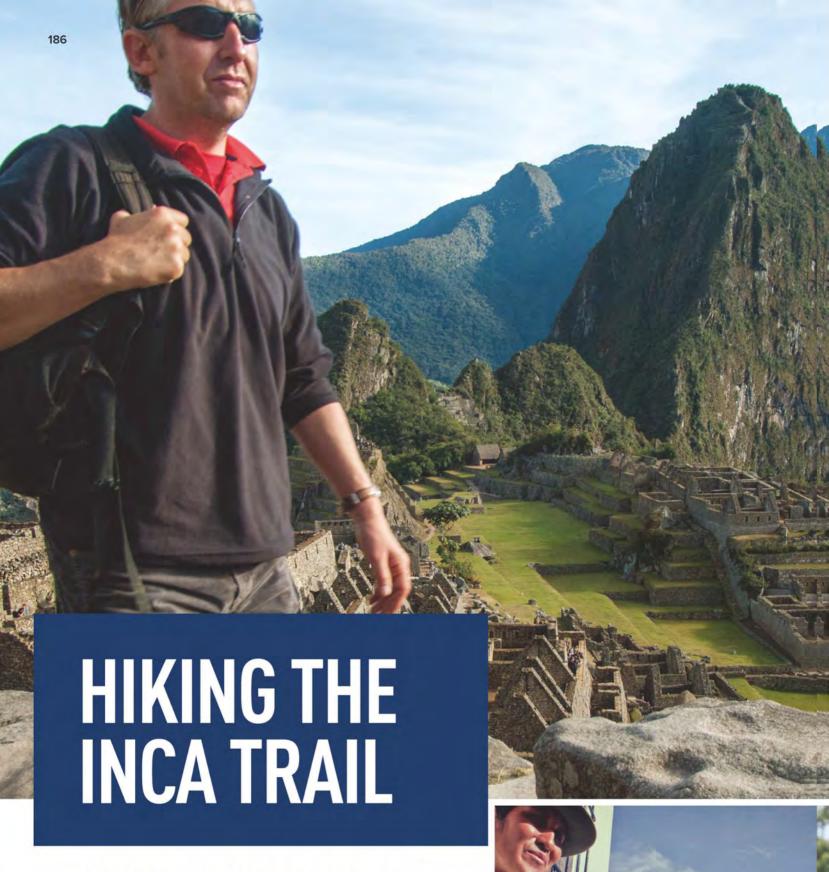








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#### A TRIUMPH FOR THE BODY AND SOUL

Follow the footpaths of the Inca to the roof of the Andes, passing ancient ruins and breathing in the mountain air. Memorable moments are plentiful on the four-day trek, but none can compare to when you walk through the Sun Gate and catch your first glimpse of Machu Picchu. It's not just an accomplishment; it's a transformative moment.





## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Trekking the Inca Trail is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, so we approach each of our departures with that perspective in mind. Here's how:

#### • GLOBAL LEADERS

We are the single largest tour operator on the Inca Trail, helping well over 10,000 travellers hike it every year. We've been bringing travellers here for over 15 years.

#### **EMBEDDED EXPERTS**

Tours are led by skilled staff recruited from local communities and employed directly by us. Every trip is managed and equipped from our dedicated operations base in Cusco.

#### QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE

On-trip meals are prepared from fresh, locally sourced ingredients, and our high-quality tents and camping gear are set up and maintained by our support staff.

#### LOCAL COMMITMENT

All our guides, porters, support staff, and cooks work under the region's best employment conditions and are fairly compensated for their efforts.

#### WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER

Our groups are afforded plenty of time to bond before and after the trek. Each itinerary is planned to give you the best possible experience.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DEPARTURES**

Other companies pool different travellers together to maximize profits, but our departures are exclusive; everyone in your group will be one of our travellers.





The Inca Trail is popular because it's the ideal adventure for those who want to combine some incredible cultural highlights with the challenge of one of the world's best-known hikes. Since its rediscovery over a century ago by Hiram Bingham, much has been done to excavate and study the site. The stretch referred to as the Inca Trail today is, in fact, merely the final, dramatic stretch of the old road to Machu Picchu. This part of the trail is a challenging four-day trek from the floor of the Sacred Valley, across and over high mountain passes and through cloud forest, testing the limits of mind, body, and spirit. While it's physically demanding, the hike of 40km (25 mi) remains within reach of most reasonably fit travellers. Some parts are steep - especially the three high passes. But the end, appropriately nicknamed the "Sun Gate" and blessed with an awe-inspiring view of Machu Picchu, proves the climb is worth it.

## CAN INDIVIDUALS OBTAIN THEIR OWN PERMITS?

Only tour operators can acquire permits. Operators are subject to thorough annual inspections by the government agencies that oversee the Inca Trail.

#### WHY DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Before permits were introduced, there were no regulations; trekkers often camped wherever they pleased, used the ruins as latrines, and generally made a mess of the place. In 2002, regulations were introduced to protect the site and surrounding ecosystem. They restrict the number of annual visitors and prevent undocumented trekkers from hiking the trail.

#### **HOW ARE PERMITS SECURED?**

As the world's largest Inca Trail operator, we have an established set of protocols to secure your permit. With years of experience, our Cusco-based team is on hand to book and collect your permit in person.

1450
THE APPROXIMATE YEAR
MACHU PICCHU
WAS CONSTRUCTED

43 KILOMETRES
THE LENGTH OF THE INCA TRAIL







Whether you're challenging yourself by hiking the Inca Trail or peering up into the canopy to search for jungle wildlife, this two-week trip throughout Peru is the ideal Incan-Amazon adventure. Catch the scenic train to Machu Picchu or embark on one of the world's best-known hikes to its peaks, and you'll be rewarded with a stunning combination of ruins, mountainscapes and cloud forests. This is the Peru you've been looking for.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Visit Cusco Planetarium •
Traditional Andean Experience • Visit the
Luquina community and enjoy a home lunch •
G Adventures for Good: Lunch at Sacred Valley
Community Restaurant • Carte Blanche: Free time
in Cusco for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring
on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Three-day excursion to the G Adventures exclusive rainforest lodge (two nights) • Sacred Valley tour including Pisac and Ollantaytambo ruins • Choice of four-day Inca Trail hike with local guide, cook and porters, or Cusco/Aguas Callentes stay with scenic train • Guided tour of Machu Picchu • Guided tour of Taquile and Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 LIMA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 AMAZON JUNGLE Fly to Puerto

Maldonado and continue by motorized canoe to the comfortable and exclusive G Lodge Amazon located in the Tambopata Rainforest. Take guided lungle excursions led by knowledgeable naturalists. Enjoy free time at the lodge to relax or swim. DAY 4 CUSCO Travel by boat out of the jungle to catch our flight over the Andes to Cusco. This evening, look to the stars through the telescopes of the local Cusco Planetarium. DAY 5 SACRED VALLEY Board an early flight to Cusco and head to the Sacred Valley to visit the Parque de la Papa ("Potato Park"), an experience exclusive to National Geographic Journeys travellers and part of G Adventures for Good. Walk through this rural community with a local guide to learn about potato cultivation and traditional weaving, and the importance of both to Andean culture. Then, explore the Pisac ruins and visit the G Adventuressupported Sacred Valley Community Restaurant in Huchuy Qosgo, DAYS 6-9 INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO All roads lead to Machu Picchu, either by foot or rail. Choose to undertake the four-day guided Inca Trail hike, or enjoy two full free days in Cusco and catch a scenic train ride to Aquas Calientes, our base for visiting the famed site. Explore Machu Picchu with an expert guide, before returning to Cusco by train. DAY 10 CUSCO Take advantage of a free day in Cusco to explore its museums and ruins, or try whitewater

rafting or rock climbing. DAYS 11-12 PUNO/LAKE TITICACA Take in the scenic views while travelling through the high Altiplano region to the unique town of Puno. The next day, enjoy a guided boat tour of Lake Titicaca, visiting the floating Islands of Uros and Taquiie. Also visit the Luquina community and sit down for a traditional lunch in a family's home. DAY 13 LIMA Transfer to Juliaca and fly back to Lima to enjoy your last night in Peru. DAY 14 LIMA Depart at any time.

#### **ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE**

PERU CULINARY BUNDLE

Don't miss out – pre-book Peruvian cooking classes now. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.







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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

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"Peru has the greatest number of historic sites of any country in South America. These include not only the famed "lost city of the Inca" but also a bewildering array of cliffs, fortresses, towers, pyramids, tombs, and temples that date back to more than 4,000 years before the Inca."

- ROB RACHOWIECKI, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER

€**2589** 

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €619
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 4 - Demanding

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels – 8 nts, G Lodge Amazon – 2 nts, Inca Trail camping or Cusco-stay hotel – 3 nts

#### **MEALS**

13 breakfasts. 7 lunches, 5 dinners Allow USD295-385 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van, plane, train, boat, canoe, hiking, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, specialist Inca Trail CEO on hike







#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

INCA TRAIL SOAP PRODUCTS

This G Adventures-supported initiative funds the production of biodegradable soaps, detergents, and other natural products. Meet the women behind the project and sample some of their fantastic creations.





This eight-day Peruvian cultural and historical adventure is the ideal introduction to Machu Picchu — one of the world's most spectacular travel destinations. Take a scenic train to the famous site and enjoy free time to explore its corners. Roam the Sacred Valley, which is surrounded by incredible views of the Andes. As the leading operator in the region, be assured we'll leave no stone unturned.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Traditional Andean
Experience • Visit the Cusco Planetarium •
G Adventures for Good: Lunch at Sacred Valley
Community Restaurant • Carte Blanche: Free
time in Cusco for optional activities, relaxing, or
exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Two-day Sacred Valley tour including Ollantaytambo, Moray, and Pisac ruins and pre-Incan salt pans • Traditional pachamanca-style dinner • Scenic train and guided tour of Machu Picchu • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

#### ITINERARY

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Huchuy Qosqo. The next day, it's off to see the pre-Inca salt pans of Las Salineras. DAY 4 AGUAS CALIENTES Catch an early transfer to Ollantaytambo station, then board the scenic train to Aguas Calientes. DAY 5 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO Enjoy a guided tour of the Machu Picchuruins, as well as free time to explore on your own or take an optional hike to the Inca Bridge. Later, return to Cusco by train. DAY 6 CUSCO Explore historic Cusco with options to visit museums; or go whitewater rafting, horseback riding, or mountain biking. This evening, look to the night sky through the telescopes of the Cusco Planetarium. DAY 7 LIMA Fly back to Lima for the final evening, DAY 8 LIMA Depart at any time.

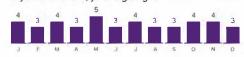
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## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month



€1399

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €579
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 12
PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 7 nts

#### **MEALS**

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner Allow USD255-335 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Minibus/van, train, plane, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**





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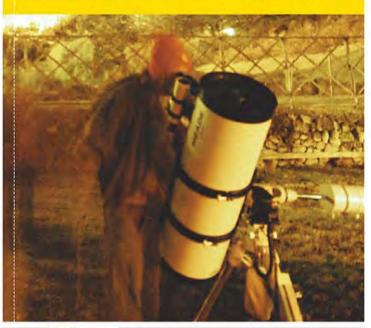
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#### **G ADVENTURES FOR GOOD PROJECT**

## SACRED VALLEYCOMMUNITY RESTAURANT

What's cooking? Visit the village of Huchuy Qosqo, near Cusco, to find out. This community-owned and -operated restaurant, a G Adventures-supported project, serves up mouthwatering dishes using fresh ingredients and local recipes.











For anyone who's wanted to experience the great wonder of Machu Picchu as well as discover the mysterious Amazon River by boat, here's an 11-day tour that's just right. Roam the famous ruins travellers typically hike for days to see. (We'll get there by train.) Then head into the darkest reaches of the rainforest on an outstanding riverboat wildlife experience you'll never forget. Rekindle your passion for adventure in Peru.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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Experience • Visit the Cusco Planetarium •
Iquitos Butterfly Experience • G Adventures for
Good: Lunch at Sacred Valley Community
Restaurant • Carte Blanche: Free time In Cusco
for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your
own.(To learn more, see page 18

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Amazonian eco-system. Then transfer to the riverboat, our home for the next two nights. Settle in to your comfortable cabin before relaxing on board hearing a briefing from the ship crew. The river exploration begins with an evening boat excursion by motorized skiff with our expert guide. Watch as the jungle comes alive with nocturnal species. DAY 9 PACAYA SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE/AMAZON CRUISE Head out into Pacaya-Samiria Reserve on a boat excursion and search for monkeys sloths, and macaws. This afternoon, take a walk through the jungle and visit a local community to learn about their traditions. After dinner, opt to go on a night excursion to Piranha Creek. DAY 10 LIMA Explore the shoreline by boat, keeping your eyes peeled for wildlife. In the afternoon, leave the peacefulness of the river behind and visit the manatee rescue centre en route to catch your flight back to Lima. Enjoy the evening in the city. DAY 11 LIMA Depart at any time.

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#### **BUTTERFLY FARM**

Visit the renowned Pilpintuwasi Butterfly Farm, a facility which has replicated the natural environment of 17 different butterfly species. Learn about the centre's conservation work and if you're lucky, get to witness a release of facility-bred butterflies into the wild.



## €2699

GROUP SIZE: Max 16 (land), Max 30 (riverboat) PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels - 8 nts,

Amatista Amazon Riverboat - 2 nts

#### **MEALS**

10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD270-355 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Minibus/van, train, plane, walking, Amatista riverboat

#### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO from day 1-8, Iquitos CEO, 2 Certified Amazon Reserve naturalist guide and support staff aboard the *Amatista*.











Watch for wildlife, explore Incan culture, and marvel at the strange, mysterious beauty of the Nazca Lines – a UNESCO World Heritage site. This tour of Peru's highlights is ideal for those looking to discover its many treasures. Meet the vibrant local people of Lake Titicaca, walk the halls of a historical convent in colonial Arequipa, and delight in views of the Sacred Valley from the comfort of the train to Machu Picchu. Introduce yourself to Peru.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Cooking class with a local chef • Traditional Andean Experience • Visit the Luquina community for a home lunch • Visit Cusco Planetarium • Hands-on: Visit a pisco winery • G Adventures for Good: Lunch at Sacred Valley Community Restaurant • Carte Blanche: Free time in Cusco for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Ballestas Islands boat trip • Visit the Chauchilla cemetery and potter's workshop in Nazca • Arequipa city tour including the Santa Catalina Convent • Guided boat tour of Taquile and Uros Islands on Lake Titicaca • Sacred Valley and Ollantaytambo rulns guided tour • Scenic train and guided tour of Machu Picchu • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/ from included activities.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 LIMA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 PARACAS Travel to Paracas National Park. Relax in this gorgeous seaside town and sample a pisco sour for two). DAY 3 BALLESTAS ISLANDS/NAZCA Take a boat to the Rallestas Islands to view sealion colonies and penguins Visit the Tacama Winery to learn about Peruvian wine and pisco production. This afternoon, continue southward to mysterious Nazca, with a stop at the Huacachina sand dunes. DAY 4 NAZCA Tour a pre-Inca cemetery in the desert at Nazca to get up close with 1.500-year-old mummies and pottery. Then visit a traditional pottery studio. Later, sit down for a pachamanca-style dinner. Opt to take a flight over the unusual Nazca Lines. DAYS 5-6 AREQUIPA Make the full-day drive down the coastal desert to colonial Arequipa. The next day, take a city tour, including a visit to the Santa Catalina convent. Then take a cooking class led by one of the chefs at a traditional "picantería" restaurant. DAY 7 CUSCO Fly to Cusco and explore its old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, DAY 8 SACRED VALLEY Head to the Sacred Valley to visit the Parque de la Papa ("Potato Park") a G Adventures for Good experience exclusive to National Geographic Journeys travellers. Walk through this rural community with a local guide to learn about potato cultivation and traditional weaving. Then explore the Pisac ruins and visit the G Adventures-supported Sacred Valley Community Restaurant. DAY 9 AGUAS CALIENTES Travel by train (for outstanding scenery)

along the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes, Opt to visit its hot springs. DAY 10 MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Machu Picchu alongside a local guide. Enjoy free time to discover some of it on your own and opt to visit the Inca Bridge before returning by train to Cusco. DAY 11 CUSCO During free time in historical Cusco, enjoy options to visit museums and ruins; or go whitewater rafting, horseback riding, or mountain biking. This evening, look to the stars through the telescopes of the local Cusco Planetarium. DAYS 12-13 PUNO/LAKE TITICACA Take in the scenic views while travelling through the high Altiplano region to the unique town of Puno. The next day, enjoy a guided boat tour of Lake Titicaca, visiting the floating Islands of Uros and Taquile. Also visit the Luquina community and sit down for a traditional lunch in a home there. DAY 14 LIMA Fly to Lima for the final night. Opt to visit a museum or enjoy free time to explore. DAY 15 LIMA Depart at any time.

#### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

#### PERU CULINARY BUNDLE

Are you a foodie? Don't miss out on Peruvian cooking classes. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.

#### FLIGHT OVER THE NAZCA LINES

The best view is from above. Pre-book your Nazca flight. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.





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#### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS EXCLUSIVES

#### AREQUIPA COOKING CLASS

Dig into Arequipa's famous regional cuisine and take part in a cooking class with an award-winning local chef. Be sure to sample *rocoto relleno* (stuffed spicy peppers) and a glass or two of *chicha* (corn beer).

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€**2299** 

PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €879
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 14 nts

#### **MEALS**

14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner Allow USD455-595 for meals not included.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van, plane, train, boat, walking

#### **GROUP LEADER**











These ten days are a brief but full introduction to the very best natural wonders and local culture Peru has on offer. Get in touch with the Andean past in the former Inca capital of Cusco, spend two unforgettable nights in our jungle lodge listening to the wildlife orchestra all around you, and hike the Inca Trail (or catch the scenic train) to the once-in-a-lifetime destination of Machu Picchu. Be assured you're travelling with the region's leading experts.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

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#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 LIMA Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 AMAZON JUNGLE Fly to Puerto Maldonado and continue by motorizedcanoe to the comfortable and exclusive G Lodge Amazon located in the lush Tambopata National Reserve. Head out on guided jungle excursions led by knowledgeable naturalists to spot wildlife. Take advantage of free time to relax or swim and then go for a caiman-spotting cruise after dinner. DAY 4 CUSCO Travel by boat out of the jungle to catch our flight over the

Andes to Cusco. This evening, look to the stars through the telescopes of the local Cusco Planetarium. DAY 5 SACRED VALLEY Board an early flight to Cusco and head to the Sacred Valley to visit the Parque de la Papa ("Potato Park"), an experience exclusive to National Geographic Journeys travellers and part of G Adventures for Good. Walk through this rural community with a local guide to learn about potato cultivation and traditional weaving, and the importance of both to Andean culture. Then, explore the Pisac ruins and visit the G Adventuressupported Sacred Valley Community Restaurant in Huchuy Qosqo. DAYS 6-9 INCA TRAIL TO MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO All roads lead to Machu Picchu, either by foot or rail. Choose to undertake the four-day guided Inca Trail hike, or enjoy two full free days in Cusco and catch a scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes, our base for visiting the famed site. Explore Machu Picchu with an expert guide before returning to Cusco by train. DAY 10 CUSCO Depart at any time.

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES | Number of departures / month

€1899

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €439
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 4 - Demanding

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

 $\label{eq:condition} \mbox{Hotels} - \mbox{\bf 4} \mbox{ nts, G Lodge Amazon} - \mbox{\bf 2} \mbox{ nts,} \\ \mbox{Inca Trail camping or Cusco-stay hotel} - \mbox{\bf 3} \mbox{ nts} \\$ 

#### **MEALS**

9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners Allow USD170-225 for meals not included.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Private van, plane, train, boat, canoe, hiking, walking

#### GROUPLEADER

CEO throughout, specialist Inca Trail CEO on hike, local guides.





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### ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

PERU CULINARY BUNDLE

Love Peruvian cuisine? Pre-book your cooking classes now. See Personalize Your Tour on page 22.







Get in touch with the power of the Earth on this nine-day adventure packed with many of Ecuador's must-see highlights. Hike through the greener-than-green Amazon jungle with a local naturalist guide at your side, slip into the celebrated (and restorative) hot springs of Papallacta, enjoy lunch with the residents of an Andean community, and spend a night at a historic hacienda. Feel the warmth of Ecuador's spirit and make some memories.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Visit the community of San Clemente for a local lunch • Traditional weaving lesson and studio visit • Amazon family home visit • Recharge: Soak in the Papallacta hot springs • Carte Blanche: Free time in Baños for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Overnight In an historic hacienda • Explore the Otavalo handicraft market • Cloud forest reserve visit • Two nights at an Amazon lodge with jungle excursions • Guided tour of Omaere Ethnobotanical Park • Excursion to Cotopaxi National Park • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

### ITINERARY

DAY 1 QUITO Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. DAY 2 OTAVALO Drive to the highlands with a stop at the community of San Clemente for a local lunch. Continue to the indigenous town of Otavalo and explore its celebrated market. Spend the night at a historical

hacienda, DAY 3 PAPALLACTA Visit the studio of Don Miguel to learn about local weaving traditions. Continue to the Papallacta Hot Springs Resort for on-site hot springs, optional spa treatments, and hiking excursions. Enjoy plenty of free time to soak, relax, and enjoy the mountain views. DAY 4 AMAZON RAINFOREST Visit the private cloud forest reserve of Guango for a walk with our CEO to learn about this unique region. Enjoy a lunchtime visit to the town of Misahuallí to view the cheeky capuchin monkeys who live here. Continue on to Tena to catch a motorized canoe to the Amazon lodge. Settle in and receive a briefing from the local naturalist guide about the lodge and area. Later, embark on a night walk with our quide to learn about nocturnal creatures of the Amazon, DAY 5 AMAZON RAINFOREST Depart early by canoe to visit a parrot clay lick (saladero). Watch parrots and parakeets gather to eat the mineral-rich clay which helps them digest fruits and seeds. Return to the lodge for breakfast and then continue on to visit AmaZOOnico, an animal rescue centre that rehabilitates. reintroduces, and cares for animals who are victims of illegal trafficking. Later, visit a family home in the jungle for an amazing cultural experience. DAYS 6-7 BAÑOS Depart the Amazon along the "Avenue of Volcanoes" to Baños. On the way, visit the Omaere Ethnobotanical Park to learn how Ecuador's indigenous cultures have

found medicinal, culinary, and spiritual uses for native plant species. The next day is free; opt to go hiking, horseback riding, or mountain biking, or visit hot springs. DAY 8 QUITO Drive back to Quito, visiting Cotopaxi National Park en route. Enjoy stunning views of this peak, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world. DAY 9 QUITO Depart at any time.

# **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**If you're booked, you're going

Number of departures / month...







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### OMAERE ETHNOBOTANICAL PARK

Learn about the relationship between culture and botany in this lush park. Set out on the trails with an expert guide to learn how the indigenous Shuar and Waorani people use native plants in their daily lives – in cooking, medicine, and more.

### AMAZON HOME EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an unforgettable cultural experience with a local Ecuadorian family who'll host us for the afternoon at their home in the jungle. Fish with them and then watch and listen as they prepare lunch and share insight about their traditional way of life here and the encroaching modern world.



€1269

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €969
GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10
PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels -4 nts, historic hacienda -1 nt, jungle lodge -2 nts, hot springs resort -1 nt

### **MEALS**

8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners Allow USD250-325 for meals not included.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Private van, motorized canoe. walking

### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.







Experience some of the best South America has to offer on this 16-day journey that brings together the awe-inspiring landscapes of Ecuador and the vivid cultures of Peru. Stroll the Amazon rainforest beneath its living, orchestral canopy during two days at our lodge; retrace the paths of the Incas at iconic Machu Picchu; and feel at home among the people of the Sacred Valley. Take an adventure for the body and soul.

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<sup>€</sup>2649

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €1539 GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10

GROUP SIZE: Max 16, avg 10 PHYSICAL RATING: 2 - Light

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels  $\sim 11$  nts, historic hacienda  $\sim 1$  nt, jungle lodge  $\sim 2$  nts, hot springs resort  $\sim 1$  nt

### **MEALS**

15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners Allow USD460-600 for meals not included.

### TRANSPORTATION

Private van/bus, boat, plane, train, walking

### **GROUP LEADER**

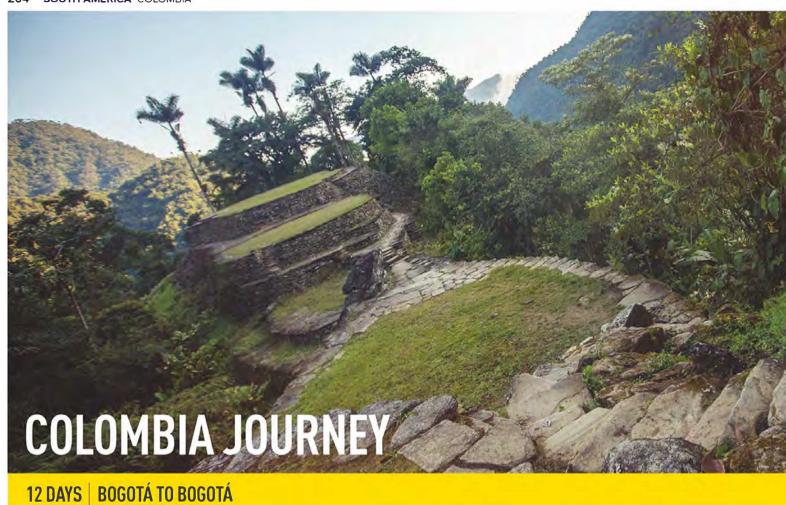
CEO throughout, local guides.





"Visiting Inca sites in the Sacred Valley will expose you not only to centuries of history but also the wonders and adversities of modern rural life in the Andes. Here, campesinos dressed in traditional ponchos and hats work their fields by hand and carry their produce to the colorful markets in Pisac, Chinchero, and other towns nearby."

- ROB RACHOWIECKI, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER



Discover Colombia – a corner of South America that's once again becoming a must-see destination. Spend two nights at a traditional hacienda on a working coffee farm, ride the famous hillside escalators of Medellín, indulge in the Caribbean beauty of Tayrona's lush jungle and perfectly pristine beaches, and

wander the cobblestoned streets of historical Cartagena. Get to Colombia before the rest of the world catches on.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Journeys Exclusive: Stay at a traditional hacienda with coffee tour and tasting • Medellín community walk • Salsa dance class • Carte Blanche: Free time in Cartagena for optional activities, relaxing, or exploring on your own. (To learn more, see page 18)

Arrival transfer • Excursion to Salento and Cocora Valley • Santa Marta orientation tour • Admission and hike in Tayrona National Park • Gabriel García Márquez Old City walk • Internal flights • All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 BOGOTÁ Arrival transfer included. DAYS 2-3 ARMENIA Catch a flight to Armenia and immerse yourself into coffee culture, staying two nights at a traditional hacienda on a working coffee farm. Spend the afternoon with a coffee expert tasting and learning about production. The next day, take a trip to Salento for hiking in the Cocora Valley. DAYS 4-5 MEDELLÍN Drive to Medellín and visit Comuna 13, a community transformed

into a shining example of Colombia's progress in overcoming its notorious past. Meet a local guide and ride upward on the city's unique public cable cars and escalator system, discussing Colombia's history and revitalization. Enjoy free time for some exploration. DAYS 6-7 TAYRONA NP AREA Catch a morning flight to Santa Marta and continue to our lodge near Tayrona National Park on the Caribbean coast. Enjoy fresh seafood and some unforgettable beach time on the white sand. Opt to hike in the park or into the jungle to see the ruins of El Pueblito, or just lie back and relax by the water. DAYS 8-10 CARTAGENA Drive to tropical Cartagena. Take a walking tour to the key sites of the old city that served as inspiration for Colombia's most famous author, Gabriel García Márquez. This evening, learn the basics of salsa during a private lesson with two local dancers. The next day, there's more free time to visit Playa Blanca or soak in an incredible mud volcano. DAY 11 BOGOTÁ Fly back to Bogotá and opt to visit the National Museum or the Gold Museum, or just wander one of the city's many quaint neighbourhoods. (And there are plenty.) DAY 12 BOGOTÁ Depart at any time.







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### MEDELLÍN COMMUNITY WALK

Head to Comuna 13 with your local guide. Wander through this revitalized community and ride its unique public cable cars that cling to the hillside. At the top, grab your camera and snap some shots of the stunning views of the city below.

### SALSA DANCE CLASS

Get out on the dance floor for a private lesson from two professional salsa dancers. They'll teach you the steps of the Colombian salsa and explain how dance is integral to social life in Latin America.

### COFFEE FARM VISIT

Spend a couple nights at a traditional hacienda on a coffee farm. Wake to a fresh pot and then tour the farm with a coffee expert. Learn what makes Colombia's coffee some of the world's finest.



<sup>€</sup>2549

OPTIONAL MY OWN ROOM: €969 GROUP SIZE: Max 15, avg 6 PHYSICAL RATING: 3 - Average

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels - 9 nts, hacienda/farm - 2 nts

### MEALS

11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners Allow USD330-430 for meals not included.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Bus, van, jeep, plane, walking

### **GROUP LEADER**

CEO throughout, local guides.





### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

All tours are operated by G Adventures (no., a Barbados company, ("G Adventures" or the "Tour Operator"). Your booking contract may be with the Tour Operator or with booking contract limited, an Anglish company ("G Adventures Limited"), as a disclosed agent of the Tour Operator, which will be indicated on your involuce. By booking or participating in a tour and any related products or services (a "Tour") with the Tour Operator, you ("you") agree to these Terms & Conditions (the "Terms").

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- Expedition = 29(C)
   National Geographic Journeys with G Adventures = 29(D)

Conditions of Carriage: If your Tour includes parriage by sea, the Canditions of Carriage available at www.gadventures.com/larme/ponditions/ponditions-of-carriage/ also apply to your Tour, are expressly incorporated into these Terms and form part of your booking contract with the Tour Opinitate.

By booking a Tour you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to be bound by finese Terms. If you make a booking on behalf of other participants, you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept these Terms on behalf of the other participants if your party.

### 1. THE BOOKING CONTRACT

Your booking is confirmed and a contract exists when the Tour-Operator or its disclosed agent issues a written confirmation after receipt of the applicable deposit amount. Please check your confirmation carefully and report any incornet or incomplete information to the Tour-Operator or its displaced agent immediately. Please ensure that names are exactly as stated in the relevant passporare.

You must be at least 18 years of age to make a booking. You agree to provide full, complete and accurate information to the Tour Operator.

### 2. BOOKING ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

By booking on behalf of other participants, you are deemed to be the designated context person for every participant included on that booking. This means that you are responsible or making all payments due in connection with your Tourbooking, motifying the Tour Operator or its authorized agent if any changes or cancellations are required and keeping your party informed.

By booking on behalf of another person or persons, you represent and warrant that you have obtained all required consents. You are responsible to enrighing that any information you provide on behalf of another participant is complete and occurate and the Tour Operator will under no circumstancium at all bable for any errors or omissions in the information provided to complete a booking.

### 3. REQUIRED MEDICAL INFORMATION

You must provide any medical information reasonably requiested by the Operator's medical information to requiest do complete the Tour Operator's medical information form (the "Medical Form"), available on the Tour Operator's website at http://www.deventures.com/medical\_form.

Medical Forms are mandatory for certain Tours. If you have any pre-existing medical conditions which may impact your ability to travel, participate in a Tour, travel to remote areas without access to medical facilities or may adversely affect the experience of others or your Tour, you must return a Medical Form, signed by a licensed and practicing physician to the Tour Oberator price to grat the time of final payment for the applicable booking.

You agree to complete the Medical Form honestly and to disclose all relevant medical information socurately and fully. The Tour Operator will maintain the information in accordance with its Frivacy Policy available at https://www.gadventures.com/terms-com/times/privacy/.

The Tour Operator reserves the right to request further information or professional medical opinions where necessary, as determined in its discretion, for your safety or the safe operation of a Tour.

The Tour Operator reserves the right to deny you permission to have or participate in any aspect of a Tour at any time and at your own risk and expense where the Tour Operator retermines that your physical or imental condition renders you unfit for travel or you represent a danger to yourself or others.

Pregnancy is considered a medical condition and must be disclosed to the Tour Operator at the time of booking. The Tour Operator may refuse to beary pregnant warner over 24 weeks. The Tour Operator may refuse to carry anyone with certain medical conditions (if reasonable accommodation or alternatives cannot be arranged.

In the event that you do not complete the required Medical Form or provide medical information reasonably required by the Tour Operator for any reason by the deadline indicated above, the Tour Operator reserves the right to: cancel your booking and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

You are responsible for assessing whether a Tour is suitable for you. You should consult your physician to confirm your fitness for travel and participation in any planned activities. You should seek your physician's advice on vaccinations and medical precautions. G Adventures does not provide medical advice. It is your responsibility to assess the risks and requirements of each aspect of the Tour based on your own unique circumstances, limitations, fitness level and medical requirements.

Travel with the Tour Operator may involve visiting remote or developing regions, where medical care may not be easily accessible and medical facilities may not meet the standards of those found in your home country. The condition of medical facilities in the countries you may valid on your bur varies and the Tour Operator makes no representations and gives no warranties in relation to the availability or standard of medical facilities in those regions.

### 4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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Any special requirements must be disclosed to the Tour Operator at the time of booking. The Tour Operator will use reasonable efforts to accommodate special requirements or requests but this is not always possible given the nature of the destinations visited and availability of options outside a planned timerary. Certain activities may be inaccessible to you! Your mobility is similated in any way. All food attempts and distany restrictions misst be disclosed to the Tour Operator at the time of bookings but the Tour Operator connot guarantee that sistary nessis or restrictions can be accommodated, any special requestor or requirements do not form part of these farms or the contract between you and the Tour Operator and Tour Operator and Tour Operator and Tour

5. AGE REQUIREMENTS Anyone under the age of 19 on the date of first travels is ponsidered to be a minor. Minoris must always be accompanied by an adult. One adulf may accompany up to two minoris. Unless otherwise indicated in the Tour description. or by the Tour Operator, the minimum age for minors travelling on any Tour = 12 years old

All bookings with a million are subject to review and approval by the Your Operator. If the concent of a parent, guardian party other parson is required by applicable law for any more party of the parson is required by applicable law for any more to travial, the accompanying actuit is responsible for social consensation, documentation and signature first help and the milhority inseet all legal requirements to brave, to once and opport from applicable countries and regions. The Operator will not be responsible for any fees, damages, or losses indured as a result of lawy feature to decore increasing permits, and approvats.

Each adult on a booking with a minor or minor(s) is jointly and severally responsible for the behavior, wellbeing, supervision and monitoring of such minor(s), and jointly and severally accepts these Terms for and on behalf of any minor(a) on their booking, including all assumptions of risk and limitations of liability. The Tour Operator does not provide agree services for minors, and expressly disclaims any responsibility for obscinctions or controlled any minorate.

### 6. MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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You must have travel insurance with a minimum medical,
evacuation and repartiation coverage of US\$200,000
covering all applicable dates of travel with the Tour
Operator. This insurance must cover personal injury and
amergency medical expenses. On the first day of each Tour,
a representative of the Tour Operator will variety that you have
sufficient insurance in place. You are strongly recommended
to extend your coverage is included cancellation, curtailment,
and all other expenses that may arise as a result of loss,
damaga, injury, delay or inconvenience while traveling. You
acknowledge that insurance coverage a not included under one
cost of any Tour offered by the Tour Operator and you are
required to obtain separate coverage at an additional cost. It is
your responsebility to ensure that you have sufficient coverage
and comply with the terms of the applicable insurance plans.
You are responsible for advising your insurer of the type of
travel, destination(s) and activities included in your booking so
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7. PRICES, SURCHARGES AND TAXES
The published price of the Tour and any products or services affered by the Tour Operator is subject to change by the Tour Operator is subject to change by the Tour Operator is subject to change confirmation, up to 30 days before departure. Tours are roled and advertised exclusive of applicable sales taxes. Affer a confirmation invoice has been insued by the Tour Operator. The Tour Operator reserves the right to Impose surchinges on any products or services booked for ressons arising from increases in transportation costs, fuel costs, clues, Taxes or fees chargeable for services such as banding faces or embarkation or cliemberhakilot fees at ports and airport charges, local operator costs, currency and exchange fluctuations, increases in tease, or government action which imposts the price of the applicable products or services, provided however, the Tour Operator will crivly do so where the increase in question is greater than 2% of the original price paid for the products or services (excluding add-one, insurance, and taxes). Upon learning of the necessity to impose a sustainage in accordance with this section the Tour Operator of its disclosed agent will provide notice to you as soon as reasonably possible.

Where the increase in force is greater than 7% of the original.

Where the increase in price is greater than 7% of the original price of the applicable products or services (excluding add-one, insurance and laxes), you may choose to either. (a) cancel the applicable booking without incurring any

penalty, or (b) accept the change of price.

You must notify the Tour Operator or its disclosed agent of your choice within 14 days of receipt of notice of the increase or you will be dearned to have accepted the price shange and will be liable for payment of the increase.

From time-to-time the Tour Operator may offer reduced pricing on certain products or services. Reduced pricing applies only to new bookings, Bookings where payment of at least a deposit has been received by the Tour Operator or its disclosed againt are not entitlest to reduced pricing.

8. VALIDITY All dates, thereries and prices of Tows are subject to change at any time and the current price will be quoted and confirmed at the time of booking, subject to any surcharges that may be levied in approximate with these Terms.

You admowledge that you are responsible for keeping up to date on the specific details of your Tour and any other products or services, recluding but not limited to checking the four Operation's weeking at least 72 hours pror to departure as minor changes may have been made after the time o booking.

9. DEPOSITS.
At the time of beoking, a non-refundable deposit of USD\$250, GBP\$100, EURE250, CAD\$250, AUD\$250, CHF250, ZAR1000 or NZD\$250, as applicable, per person per Tour list due to the Tour Operator. If the beoking is made 80 days or less prior to departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. The non-refundable deposit should be sent to the Tour Operator or authorized agent, as applicable.

Certain products of services the Tour Operator, including bookings on the Espedition (see 29(C) below) may require you to provide a higher deposit of make full payment at the time of booking. The Tour Operator will advise you of any such requirements prior to confirmation of the applicable booking.

Lifetime Deposits: If you cancel your booking, and that cancellation is not a result of nonpayment or any other breach of these Terms, the deposit amount will be held as a "Lifetime Deposit" with the Tour Operator, subject to these Terms. Lifetime Deposits have no expiry and may be applied towards payment of a deposit on any other Tour offered by the Tour Operator. The Lifetime Deposit is transferable and may be transferable by you to another individual of your choiceing by providing notice to the Tour Operator in writing.

For the avoidance of doubt, only the deposit amount will form part of the Lifetime Deposit. The Lifetime Deposit has no eash value. Only one Lifetime Deposit may be applied for person per product booked. A Lifetime Deposit must be applied to a new Tour booking that a of equal or greater value to the cancelled Tour for which the Lifetime Deposit was originally received. A Lifetime Deposit may not be applied to the same or similar dates of travel.

### 10. DETAILS REQUIRED FOR BOOKING

As a condition of booking, you must provide the information requested by the Tour Operator along with final payment. If you fall to provide all required information prior to the date

on which full payment is due, an administrativa fee will be charged for any coots incurred by the Tour Operator as a result of your failure to provide the incurred to the Court of your failure to provide the incurred to the Court of your failure to provide the facilities despite for a telests, permits, or other inclusions, you will also use failer for any costs, fees or classes including failure to obtain or provide that inclusion, in the event that you fail to supply information required by the Tour Operator, the Tour Operator stor reserves the right to treat your booking (or the relevant component of your booking) as cancelled and lovy any cancellation these deemed reasonable by the Tour Operator, in its cold officeration. The information required by the Tour Operator, will vary by Tour and will be communicated to you are to the Tour Operator will not be held reaponable for any fees you require as a result of errors, commanded, as a conscious, alter, misplaced or otherwise incomplete information you have provided.

### 11. AIRFARE

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Tour prices do not include international or other airfare unless expressly mentioned in the Tour's descriptions. The Tour Operator will quote the best price available for the travel tender requested of the time the quote is prepared. Quotes provide an estimate only and are not a firm price commitment by the Tour Operator or the applicable air carrier(s).

The four Operator acts only as a shales agent for the applicable air carrier and the all carrier terms and conditions apply to the purchase and use of the air travel ticket. Please consult the air carrier's applicable terms and conditions and conditions of carrier's applicable terms and conditions and conditions and conditions of carrier's applicable concellation terms. The Tour Operator is not responsible for changes in air timeraries or flight times and does not provide advice or alerts regarding air travel tickets, flight status or delays.

might status or oblays. Many of the flights and flight-inclusive holidays sold by G Adventures Limited as disclosed agent of the Tour Operator are financially protected by the ATOL scheme, G Adventures Limited's ATOL number is 1888. Please note that ATOL protection does not apply for all holiday and travel services Limited as Its disclosed agent, Please ask us to confirm what protection may apply to your booking if you do not review an ATOL Certificate upon booking then the booking will not be ATOL protected. If you do neare well not be ATOL protected. If you do neare and into the ATOL protected, for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate but not be ATOL protected. For more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate out.

ATOLCertificate

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from G Adventures Limited as disclosed agent of the Tour Operator you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get Information on what this means for you and who to contact if things gowing. You will be provided with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where it's not possible to provide the listed services for reasons of inactivency, an alternative ATOL notder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to appear that in those colourstances the alternative ATOL notder will be a formation of the provider of t

If G Adventures Limited as disclosed agent of the Tour Operator is unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable attenative, through an attenative ATOL holder or otherwise) for massare of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Tavel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolitely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against G Adventures Limited, the travel agent for your credit cord issuer where applicable, You also agree that any such claims, be the assigned to another body. If that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

pad sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. When you buy an ATOL-protected flight-based holiday from a travel agent, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by the travel agent on behalf and for the benefit of the Travel Trustees of the AF Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay it to G Adventures Limited according to the Town Operator for no long as G Adventures Limited does not fail. If G Adventures Limited does fail, any money held at that time by the travel agent, or subsequently accepted from you by that travel agent, is and confluides to be held no hernof of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Arr Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to G Adventures Limited as disclosed agent of the Tour Operator.

When you buy a holiday from a travel agent that does not include a flight, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by the travel agent on behalf of the Tour Operator or G Adventures Limited as its disclosed agent at all times.

### 12 FINAL PAYMENT & ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING

BOOKING
The confirmation-sent by the Tour Operator or your travel agent will contain details of final payment required for any booking. Payment of the balance of the price for any products or services booked (esoluting Expedition (see 28(C) below) and, custom-talioned products or services) is due 80 days and contained the product of service included in the applicable booking. If full payment is not received by the applicable booking. If full payment is not received by the applicable due date, the Tour Operator may, at its sole discretion, change the rate payable for the booking, or teat the booking as cancellation fee. If a booking is made test than booking as a cancellation fee. If a booking is made test than the sole of the payable for the operator and the time of booking. (her the full amount must be paid at the time of booking, if her the full amount must be paid at the time of booking, if her my product or service booked, payment terms differ from those outlined in this section, the applicable forms will be communicated to you prior to booking and will also be detailed on the applicable involce.

The Tour Operator is not responsible for any charges levied by third parties or financial institutions and payable by you as a result of redict card or other opyment fransactions and will not return or fees charged by third parties or financial institutions at connection with payments made by you to the Tour Operator

### 13. CANCELLATION BY THE PARTICIPANT

You may pancel you backing by notifying the Tour Operator. Cancellation fees, if any, will be determined with reference to the date on which notice of cancellation is received by the Tour Operator and size expressed its a percentage of the total price goal for the cancellation for price paid for the cancellated Tour, product or service (excluding any insurance products).

Cancellation of a Tour:
(a) Cancellation received 60 days or more before departure of first product or service in relevant booking: Lifetime Deposit

will be neld by the Tour Operator in accordance with these Terms, the remainder of the payments made to the Tour Operator in respect of the canonitied product will be refunded, (b) Cancellation reserved 59-30 days before departure of first product or service or refevant booking: Lifetime Deposit will be neld by the Tour Operator in accordance with these Terms, an amount equal to 50% of the remainder of the payments made to the Tour Operator in respect of the cancelled Tour will be refunded.

(c) Cancellation less than 30 days before departure of first product or service in relevant booking: Ufetime Deposit will be held by the Toile Operator in accordance with these Torms, and no further returnd will be payable.

For certain products of services the Tour Operator, including bookings on or related to the M.S. Expedition (see 29Cb) below), alternative cancellation terms may apply. The Operator will advise you of any such requirements prior to confirmation of the applicable booking.

Cancellation of Arrival Transfers, Pre and Post Night Accommodations, My Own Room and optional activities booked directly with the Tour Operator;

(a) Concellation 31 days or more before departure; you will

(a) Cancellation 31 days or more before departure; you will receive a full refund in respect of cancelled Arrival Trateflers, Pie and Post Night Accommodations, My Owin Room and optional activities.
(b) Cancellation 30 days or less before departure; No refund will be payable in respect of any cancelled Arrival Transfers, Pie and Post Night Accommodations, My Own Boom and optional neithulise.

### 14. GUARANTEED DEPARTURES & CANCELLATION OF A TOUR BY THE TOUR **OPERATOR**

OPERATOR
A departure date for a Tour offered by the Tour Operator will become a guaranteed departure when at least one booking secured by a valid deposit has been made on that departure.

The Tour Operator guarantees that all scheduled Tour departures booked and secured with a valid deposit will depart as indicated on the applicable confirmation, subject to reasonable tillineary changes as described in these Terris or good faith health and safety concerns. This guarantee is not applicable in the case of Force Majeure. Up to vale Tour and allignering information is available on the Tour Operator. Brothures and other printed materials displaying Tour information and departure datase are subject to change may not be relied upon for purposes of this guarantee.

If a Tour is cancelled by the Tour Operator before the date of departure for reasons other than Force Majeure and the cancellation is not caused by your fault or negligence, you will have the choice of accepting from

(a) a substitute Tour of squivalent or superior value; or (b) a substitute Tour of fesser value if no Tour of squivalent or superior value is reasonably available and to recover from the Tour Operator the difference in price between the price of the Tour originally purchased and the substitute Tour; or (c) a full refund of all monies paid for the cancelled Tour.

The Tour Operator is not responsible for any incidental expenses or consequential losses that you incur as a result of the cancelled booking including Vess, vaccinations, non-indundable lights or rail, non refundable light of control results of the conselled booking including Vess, vaccinations, non-indundable lights of save a full refund in lieu of the choices above, in its sole discretion. Where a significant element of a Tour as described cannot be provided after departure, the Tour Operator will make suitable alternative arrangements where possible, if it is not possible to provide a suitable alternative or if you reasonably reject any suitable alternative in the Tour Operator may provide you with a refund for unused products or services as determined in its discretion.

products of services as determined in its discretion.

G activentures Limited in a member of ABTA (ABTA number Y8125). ABTA passats travellers if and when things do not go according to plan. If your booking is with G Adventures Limited as disclosed agent of the Tour Operator, this arrangement means your money will be refunded or, where your contracted arrangements include esturn travel to the UK, you will be brought back to the point where your contracted arrangements with the Tour Operator commenced if affected patrons of the UK, you will be brought back to the point where your contracted arrangements with the Tour Operator commenced if affected your holdings due to G Adventuries Limited is incolvened or company failure. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection, Certification only, flight only or holdings each cutalise the UK, may not be protected under this scheme. Clienta should pheck with G Adventures Limited to see if this protection applies to their booking.

### 15. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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It is your responsibility to obtain information and to have in your possession at the required documentation and identification required for entry, departure and travel to each country or region. This includes a valid passport and all travel documents included by the relevant governmental authorities including all views, permits and certificates (including but not limited to veccination or medical certificates) and insurance policies. You must have a passport that it valid 6 months after the last dot of travel with the Tour Operator as set out on your literary. You accept full responsibility for obtaining all such documents, who accept full responsibility for obtaining all such documents, who accept full responsibility for obtaining or dependent of the full amount of operated and reading or defective documentation. You agree that you are spelly responsible for the full amount of operation and your full will be responsible for the full amount of operation and your full will be responsible for the full amount of operation of expense involved by the Tour Operator that is a direct result of your full will be considered by the full of the proper travel documentation. The Tour or operation of proper travel documents and makes no representations of warrantees as to the accuracy or completeness of any information provided on vistas vescinations, climate, clothars, baggage, or special equipment and you give that the Tour Operator is not responsible to any errors or ormisescep in this information; not responsible to any errors or ormisescep in this information;

### 16. FLEXIBILITY & UNUSED SERVICES

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You acknowledge that the nature of adventure travel
requires flexibility and acknowledges that they will permit
reaponable alterations to products, services or timeruries by
the Tour Operator. The route, schedules, accommoditions,
activities, umenities and mode of transportation are
subject to shange without notice due to unforeseable. sudject to change without notice due to unnorneaseable obcumitationgs or events outside the control of the Tour Operator (including but not limited to Force Majeure, litiness, mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, strikes, political events and entry or border difficulties). No embrusements, discounts or refunds will be saued for services that are missed or unused after departure due to no fault of the Tour Operator, including your removal from a Tour because of your negligence or breach of these Terms.

### 17 CHANGES

17. CHANGES
Changes made by the Tour Operator: The Tour Operator may modify your titnerary where reasonably required in its sole discretion. If the Tour Operator makes a change affecting at least one in three fail days of the timerary

or which materially affects the character of a product or service in its entirety (a "Material Change"), the Tou Operator will provide notice to you es soon as reasonably possible, provided that there is sufficient time to do as before departure. If a Material Change is made more than 14 days before departure, you may choose to:

) accept the Material Change and proceed with the amended

product or service;
ii) book another product or service of equal or greater value,
if available (you will be responsible for paying any difference

if available (you will be responsible in Faying any summand in price); or iii) book another product or service of sease value, if available (with a refund payable to you for the difference in price); or iv) cancel the anended product or service and receive a full refund for the land-only portion of the applicable product or services (a refund is not available for other products or services booked which are not subject to a Material Change).

You must notify the Tour Operator of your choice within 7 days of receiving notice or you will be deemed to accept the amended timerary.

Once a four has departed, litherary changes may be necessary as a result of unforescen circumstance, operational concerns, or concern for you health, safety, enjoyment or comfort. Any changes are at the discretion of the Tour Operator. Who acknowledge that you must have reasonable financial resources to cover insidental expenses during all travel with the Tour Operator, whether or not such expenses area from a change of timerary, and the four operator, the not liable for your failure to prepare adequately for fravel and unforescent circumstances which may area during revert. The Tour Operator will not be liable for any indirect and or consequential losses associated with any changes to a locking or litherary. booking or itinerary.

Changes made by you: You are responsible for ensuring that information provided to the Tour Operator is accurate and up-to-date. Any changes to your name on any booking are subject to the Tour Operators approval. Any changes to a booking depend on availability and are subject to the Tour Operator's approval and these farms. Any extra costs incurred for meking the change will be charged to you along with an administrative fee. Cancellation of any Tour, product or service included an a booking will not be considered a change for purposes of this section and will be governed by the applicable cancellation terms. No changes are permitted, to any booking within 10 days of departure of the first product or service on the applicable booking.

### 18 ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that adventures travel and the products and services offered by the Tour Operator may involve a significant amount of risk to your health and safety. By traveling with the Tour Operator you absorbed got that you have considered any potential risks to health and safety. You hereby assume responsibility for all such risk and releases the Tour Operator from all cleims and causes of action arising from any losses, damages or injuries or death resulting from risks inherent in trovel, molition, and perticipating in adventurous activities such as those included in Tour Illineraries or otherwise offered by the Tour Operator.

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You acknowledge that the degree and nature of personal real involved depends on the products or services booled and the location(s) in which a product or service operates, and that there may be a significant degree of personal risk involved in participating, particularly participating in physical activities, where to remote locations, contrale by waterpath, participation in "extreme sports" or other high-risk activities, or travel to constrict with developing inflavoratorus. Standards of hygiene, accommodation and transport in certain countries where Tours take place are often lower than the standards you may reasonably expect in your home country or region. You may reasonably expect in your home country or region from a first than the form of personal participation or put darane with respect to local outstors, weather conditions, specific safety concerns, physical challenges or laws in affect in any locations where a Tour product or service in operated. You acknowledge you have considered the potential risks, dangers and challenges and your own personal capabilities and needs, and you expressly assume the risks sesciolated with travel under such conditions.

You must at all times strictly bomply with all applicable laws and regulations of all countries and regions. Should you fail to comply with the above or commit any illegal act when on Tour or, if in the opinion of the Tour Operator (acting reasonably), or in time opinion of the four Operator (acting reasonably) your behavior is autising or is likely to assist danger, distress or material amoyance to others, the Tour Operator may terminate your travel amangements or any product or service immediately at your expense and without any liability on the Tour Operator's part. You will not be entitled to any refund for virulesd or made services or goods incurred as a result of fermination of your travel arrangements, including, without limitation, return travel, secommodations, meals, and incidentals.

You are responsible for any costs (including repair, replacement and pleaning fees) incurred by the Tour Operator or the Tour Operator so the Tour Operator so the Tour Operator so the Tour Operator so the Tour Operator is applied to immediately report any pre-existing damage to a representative of the Tour Operator and salf of the accommodation, transportation service, or facility as soon as possible upon discovery.

You agree to take all prudent measures in relation to your own safety white on Tour including, but not limited to the propie use of safety deviewes (including eathelfs, an resease, flotation deviews and helmets) and obeying all posted sigms and oral or written warnings regarding health and safety, Neither the Tour Operator nor its Third Party Suppliers (as defined herein) are flate for loss or damages caused by your failure to comply with safety instructions or warnings.

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You agree to bring any complaints to the Tour Operator as soon as possible in order to provide the Tour Operator with the opportunity to properly address your compalant. You agree to inform your four leader, another representative of the Tour Operator so sustemer service department directly. The Tour Operator sessumes no flatility for complaints that are not properly brought to the attention of the Tour Operator and cannot resolve or attempt to resolve complaints until proper notice is provided. If your fall to notify the Tour Operator and cannot resolve or attempt to represent or doesnighaints or concerns while no Tour, the Tour Operator of complaints or concerns while no Tour, the Tour Operator will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint immediately and the may affect your rights under these Terms. Any complaint made after the completion of a Tour must be received in writing by the Tour Operator within 30 days of the least day of travel of the booking in question.

### 19. G ADVENTURES IS NOT LIABLE FOR THIRD

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Q Adventures makes arrangements with accommodation providers, activity providers, artifluss, cruise lines, coach companies, transfer operators, shore excursion operators, tour and local guides, and other independent parties ("Third Party Suppliers") to provide you with some or all of the components of your booking. Third Party Suppliers may also engage the services of local operators and sub-contractors. Although the Tour Operator takes all

reasonable care in selecting Third Party Suppliers, the Tour Operator is unable to control Third Party Suppliers, does not supervise Third Party Suppliers and their6one annot be responsible for their acts or presistories. Any services provided by Third Party Suppliers are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by these Third Party Suppliers and their liability is limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, tickets and volumes and international conventions and agreements that govern the provision of their services. These may limit by oscillade liability of the Third Party Supplier (You acknowledge that Third Party Suppliers operate in compliance with the Toliu Operator does not warrant that any Third Party Supplier is in compliance with the laws of your bountry of residence or any other jurisdiction.

The tour operator is not liable and will not assume responsibility for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising aut of inconvenience, loss of enjoyment upset, disappointment, distress or frustration, whether physical or mental, resulting from the act or emission of any party other than the tour operator and its employees.

The Tour Operator is not liable for the acts or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of Third Party Suppliers or any independent contractors.

### 20, OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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"Obtional Extras" refers to any activity, transportation, med, product or service not expressly included in the Tour itinierary or price of the Tour and do not form part of the Tour itinierary or price of the Tour and do not form part of the Tour You agree that any assistance given by the Tour Operator representative(s) in aironging, selecting, or booking, any Optional Extras is purely at your request and the Tour Operator makes no warranties and expressly discipline and its transport of the Tour Operator form participation in Optional Extras of any information provided by any representative of the Tour Operator from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages, loss of enjoyment, inconvenience, or injuries related to or arising from participation in or booking of Optional Extras.

You acknowledge and agree that any linbility for loss damages, death, personal injury, liness, emotional distress mental suffering or psychological injury or loss of or damage to property associated with Optional Extras is the sole responsibility of the lithic party providing that service or activity.

### 21. LIABILITY

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The Tour Operator and tild parents, subsidiarities and their respective employees, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, representatives, and assigns shall not be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or cleath of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not similated for any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider; and (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, act or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions or any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by act or God, strikes, fire, Bood, we sebellion, terorism, insurection, slotness, quarantine, epidemics, thefit, or any other cause(s) beyond their control.

In the event that any lose, death, injury or lilness is caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Tour Operator or of the Third Party Suppliers of any services which form part of the booking contract then the Tour Operator innts its liability, where applicable by all applicable international conventions.

where applicable by all applicable international conventions. Carriage of passengers and their fuggage by sea is governed, by the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea (PAL), as amended the "Athens Convention") which is supressly incorporated into these Terms and any lability of the Tour Operator and Carriage of Sea (Sea that seem is estimated in the Athens Convention) for death or personal injury or for loss or demage to luggage arising but of carriage by sea will be determined solely in accordance with this Convention. The Athens Convention limits the Carriers' liability for death or personal injury or concess or ammage to luggage and makes special provision for vollubles. It presumes that luggage has been delivered undamaged to the Guest unless written notice is given to the Tour Operator and/or the Cerrier:

(a) in the case of apparent damage, before or at the time of desembarkation or redelivery, or

(b) in the case of damage which is not apparent or of loss, v 15 days from the date of disembarkation or redelivery or the time when such redelivery should have taken place.

Any damage payable by the Tour Operator us to the Athers Convention limits will be reduced in proportion to any contributory negligence by you and by the maximum deductable specified in Article 8 (4) of the Athers Convention. Copies of the Athers Convention are available from the Tour Operator on request.

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In so far as the Tour Operator may be liable to you in respect of foliams ansing out of carriage by sea, the Tour Operator is entitled to all the rights, defenses, immunities and limitations available, respectively, to the actual carrier and under the relation of Conventions, and nothing in these farms will be deemed as a surrender thereof. To the extent that any provision in these Terms is mode nutl and void by the Athers Convention or any legislation compalization, applicable or so therewer underfoceable, it shall be viold to that extent but not further, The Tour Operator's liability with not at any time exceed that of the carrier under its Conditions of Carriage and applicable or incorporated conventions or other legislation. Any liability in respect of death and personal injury and loss of and damage to luggage which the Tour Operator may incur, whether under the Control, with you in accordance with these Fermic or otherwise, will always be subject to the limits of liability postioned in the Athers Convention for death or personal injury. or personal injury

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in these Terms, the Tour Operator will not in any circumstances be liable to you for any loss or multiplated tobs of profit, loss of snjoyment, loss of revenue, loss of use, loss of contract or other opportunity nor for any other consequential or indirect loss or damage of a slimitar nature.

For claims of involving personal injury, death or illness or which are not subject to the Conventions referred to above, any liability the Tour Operator may incur for the negligant act or orisistics of its suppliers will be limited to a maximum of the price which you paid for the applicable Tour, not including insurance premiums and administration charges. Where this relates to loss or damage to luggage and other personal possessions then the Tour Operator will not at any time be liable or any loss of or damage to valuable of any nature. Volu agree that you will be precluded from midning a double recovery by making the same claims and anking incovery against the Tour Operator and its suppliers, contractors or other third parties.

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Constator will not be liable in any way for death,

bodily injury, illness, damage, delay or other loss or detriment to person or property, or financial costs both direct and indirect incurred, or for the Toxic Operator failure to commensus, perform or complete any duly owed to you if such death, delay, bodily injury (including enotional distress or injury), illness, damage or other loss or detriment to person or property is caused by Act of God, was or war like operations, mechanical brankdowns, terrorist activities or threat thereof, sivil commotions, labor difficulties, interference by multiportiess, political distributiones, however and where so ever any of the same may arise or be caused, riot, insurrection and government restraint, fire, extreme weather or any other cause windsceiver beyond the reasonable control of the Toxic Operator, or an avent which the Toxic Operator or the Third Perty Supplier of services, even with all due care, could not foresee any and all of which, individually and collectively, constitute "Force Majeure".

### 23. IMAGES AND MARKETING

23, IMAGES AND MARKETING
You agree that, while participating in any Tour, images, photose or videos may be taken by other participants, the four Operator or its representatives that may contain or feature you. You consent to only such pictures being taken and grants as perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, inrevocable license to the Tour Operator, its contractors, sub-contractors and assigns, to reproduce for any purpose whatever including marketing, promotions and the creation of promotional materials by or with sub-licenseed, in any machine whatever, whether currently income or remarked to the contractive force of the contractive of

### 24. PRIVACY POLICY

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The Tour Operator must collect your personal information to deliver the Tour and any products or services booked. The Tour Operator collects, uses and discloses only that information reasonably required to enable the Tour Operator and its Third Party Suppliers to provide the particular Tour, products and the services that you have requested as described in the Tour Operator's Privacy Policy, which can be accessed any time at http://www.gadventures.com/terms-conditions/privacy/and.is expressly incorporated into these Terms. By submitting any personal information to the Tour Operator's Privacy Policy.

### 25. SEVERABILITY

25. SEVERABILITY If any provision of these Terms is so broad as to be unentorceable, such provision will be interpreted to be only so broad as its enforceable. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision hereof will in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

### 26. CONTRACT PARTIES & SUCCESSORS

These Terms will mure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, and their respective heirs, legal and personal representatives, executors, estate trustees, successors and assigns.

### 27. APPLICABLE LAW & ABTA ARBITRATION SCHEME

SCHEME.

The Confract and these Terms are subject to the laws of the United Kingdom and you agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in London, United Kingdom for the resolution of any dispute under these Terms or concerning a Product.

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G Adventures Limited is a member of ABTA Limited, with member number and is obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of dispulse which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards institute, if we can't resolve your complaint, go to www.abta.com to use ABTA's almple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on yww.abta.com. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODP) Resolution platform at http://ce.europa.eu/consumers/od/. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

### 28 AMENDMENTS

28. AMENDMENTS
The Tour Operator reserves the right to update or alter these Terms at any time, and will post the amended Terms on the Tour Operator's website at gadvertures, com/terms-conditions/. Any amendment will take effect 10 days after being posted to the Tour Operator's website. An up to date copy of these Terms, as amended, may be accessed at any time on the Tour Operator's website and will be sent to you promitted request to the Tour Operator's website. The area of the tour Operator's website, the area of the tour operator's website. The Tour Operator is website, The Tour Operator is website. The Tour Operator is website, the Tour Operator is website. The Tour Operator is operator is website. The Tour Operator is operator is website. The Tour Operator is operator is operator in the Tour Operator is website. The Tour Operator is operator is operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator in the Tour Operator is operator in the Tour Operator in the T

### 29. ADDITIONAL TERMS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN TRAVEL STYLES

(A) FAMILY TOURS
The following terms and conditions will only apply if booking or traveling on Family Tours with the Tour Opi

Family Tour Requirements: In order to book a Tour designated Family, Tour Requiremental in order to book a Taux designated as a "Formly faul" by the Tour Operation, you must be trivering as part of a "Family Unit". A "Family Unit" is a group of two or more persons: travelling and booking together, where at least one person is a minor in the care of at least one person is a minor in the care of at least one person is a minor in the care of at least one person is a minor in the care of at least one person is a minor in the care of at least one person is a minor in the care of a few and the second that operation and the care of the second that operation and the second that operation is a few and the second that of the second that operation is a few and the second that operation is a few and the second that of the second that operation is a featily Tour in the Tour Operator's requirements for participation in a Family Tour.

### (B) YOLO TOURS

a following terms and conditions will only apply if you are sking or traveling on Yolo Tours with the Tour Operator:

To travel on a "Yolo" Tour, you must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of that travel and comply with any other age restrictors as may be promulgated from time to time by G Advantures.

### (C) EXPEDITION

The following terms and conditions will only apply if you are booking or traveling on Expedition Tours with G Adventures:

Deposit: If you are travelling on Expedition Tours a non-refundable ideposit of GBP2400, EURES00, USD\$750, CAD\$750, AUD\$750, CHF750, ZAR3000 on NZD\$750, as applicable, per person per Tour booked is due to the Tour Operator at the time of booking, if any booking on an Expedition Tour is made 90 days or less prior to the departure of such trip, full payment is due at the time of booking.

Medical Form for Expedition Tours; The Tour Operator's Medical Form is mandatory for all Expedition Tours, You must return your Medical Form signed by a licensed and practicing physician to the Tour Operator prior to or at the time of final

payment for the applicable booking.

Payment and Canabillation. Peyment for the full amount due for any Expedition Tour is due 90 days before the departure date of the first product of service on your socking. If full payment is not received by the due date, the Tour Operator may change the rate payable or may treat the booking as cancelled and may, in it as old ediscretion, retain the deposit paid on blooking as a cancellation fiee. If a Tour is booked less than 90 days before the deporture date of the that scheduled departure on your itinerary where an Expedition Tour is included, then the full amount is payable at the time of booking. If payment terms differ from those cultined in the section, the applicable terms will be communicated to you prior to booking and will also be detailed on your involce.

You may cancel your booking by notifying the Tour Operator. Cancellation fees, if any, will be determined with reference to the date on which notice of cancellation is received by the Tour Operator and are expressed as a percentage of the total price paid for the cancelled Tour, product or service (excluding any insurance producte).

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Cancellation Terms for Expedition Trips:
(a) Gancellation 90 days or more before first departure on relevant booking. Lifetime Deposit will be held by the Tour Operator in accordance with these Terms and the renhander of the payments to the Tour Operator for the cancelled Tour will be refunded.
(b) Gancellation 89-80 days before first departure on relevant tooking. Lifetime Deposit will be held by the Tour Operator in accordance with these Terms and an amount equal to 50% of the remainded of the payments made to the Tour Operator in the cancelled Tour will be refunded.
(c) Cancellation jess than 60 days before first departure on relevant booking: Lifetime Deposit will be held by the Tour Operator in accordance with these Terms arist no further refund will be physible.

Cancellation of Pre and Post Cruise Add-One (including Transfers, Pre and Post Cruise Accommodations, and flights pooked with Expedition Tours).

(a) Cancellation 90 days or more before first departure on relevant booking. All payments made to the Tour Operator for the cancelled Pre or Post Cruise Add-On will be refunded.

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ASI	A			
26	DISCOVER INDIA	AHHNG	15	INDIA
28	NEPAL: HIMALAYA HIGHLIGHTS	ANENG	10	NEPAL
30	EXPLORE INDIA & NEPAL	AHDNG	17	NEPAL, INDIA
32	MYSTERIES OF INDIA	AHLNG	15	INDIA
34	NORTH INDIA HIGHLIGHTS	AHING	8	INDIA
36	SOUTH INDIA: EXPLORE KERALA	AHSNG	7	INDIA
38	ICONIC INDIA	AHNNG	14	INDIA
42	CRUISE THE GANGES	AHLKNG	12	INDIA
44	EXPLORE NORTH INDIA & THE GANGES	AHLFNG	16	INDIA
46	WONDERS OF BHUTAN	ADWNG	10	BHUTAN
48	DISCOVER SRI LANKA	ASING	11	SRILANKA
50	EXPLORE CHINA & TIBET	ACCNG	15	CHINA, TIBET
52	BEST OF CHINA	ACBNG	12	CHINA
54	ICONIC JAPAN	AJENG	12	JAPAN
56	DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ASIA	ATING	18	VIETNAM, THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA
58	EXPLORE VIETNAM	AVHNG	13	VIETNAM
60	THAILAND JOURNEY	ATTNG	8	THAILAND
62	EXPLORE SOUTHERN THAILAND	ATSNG	8	THAILAND
64	ICONIC THAILAND	ATHNG	15	THAILAND
66	EXPLORE BALI & JAVA	AEBNG	12	INDONESIA
68	THE HEART OF MYANMAR (BURMA)	ABANG	12	MYANMAR (BURMA)
NO	RTH AMERICA			
72	DISCOVER THE CANADIAN ROCKIES - EASTBOUND	NCRNG	12	CANADA
74	CANADIAN POLAR BEAR EXPERIENCE	NCPNG	6	CANADA
76	ALASKA JOURNEY	NUANG	10	UNITED STATES
78	HISTORIC AMERICAN CITIES BY RAIL	NUBNG	8	UNITED STATES
80	DISCOVER AMERICAN CANYONLANDS	NUVNG	8	UNITED STATES
82	NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF CALIFORNIA	NUCNG	9	UNITED STATES
84	NATIONAL PARKS OF THE AMERICAN WEST	NUNNG	16	UNITED STATES
CF	NTRAL AMERICA			
88	EXPLORE COSTA RICA	CRENG	14	COSTA DICA
90	NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF COSTA RICA	CRENG	9	COSTA RICA COSTA RICA
90	EXPLORE BELIZE	CRNNG	10	BELIZE
94	SEMANA SANTA: EASTER IN GUATEMALA	CGENG	10	GUATEMALA
98	MEXICO'S DAY OF THE DEAD IN OAXACA	CMDNG	7	MEXICO
		CIVIDING	17	MEXICO
	RTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	Teasure	146	initial and the second
	MOROCCO: SAHARA & BEYOND	DCBNG	15	MOROCCO
104		DCMNG	9	MOROCCO
106		DOHNG	8	ISRAEL
108	EXPLORE JORDAN	DJJNG	7	JORDAN
	EXPLORE ISRAEL & JORDAN	DOJNG	14	ISRAEL, JORDAN



DSLNG	12	ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA
DSUNG	9	ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA
DSENG	7	SOUTH AFRICA
DSCNG	10	SOUTH AFRICA
DNENG	10	NAMIBIA
DSVNG	18	ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA
DSANG	19	NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA
DNWNG	12	ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA
DSNNG	16	NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA
DSTNG	21	ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA
DZBNG	10	BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE
DSHNG	21	BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA
DSKNG	18	BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA
DTTNG	7	TANZANIA
DKTNG	13	TANZANIA
DKKNG	8	KENYA
DEHNG	13	ETHIOPIA
DRGNG	9	UGANDA, RWANDA
DRKNG	16	UGANDA, KENYA, RWANDA
FCWNG	12	MONTENEGRO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA
		AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY
		ITALY
		FRANCE
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		ICELAND
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OAVNC	12	AUSTRALIA
		NEW ZEALAND
OANNG	22	NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA
		ARGENTINA, CHILE, PATAGONIA
SAZNG		ARGENTINA, BRAZIL
SCZNG		ARGENTINA, CHILE, PATAGONIA
SCANG		ARGENTINA, CHILE, BRAZIL, PATAGONIA
SPQNG		PERU, AMAZON
SPENG		PERU
PVING	11	PERU, AMAZON
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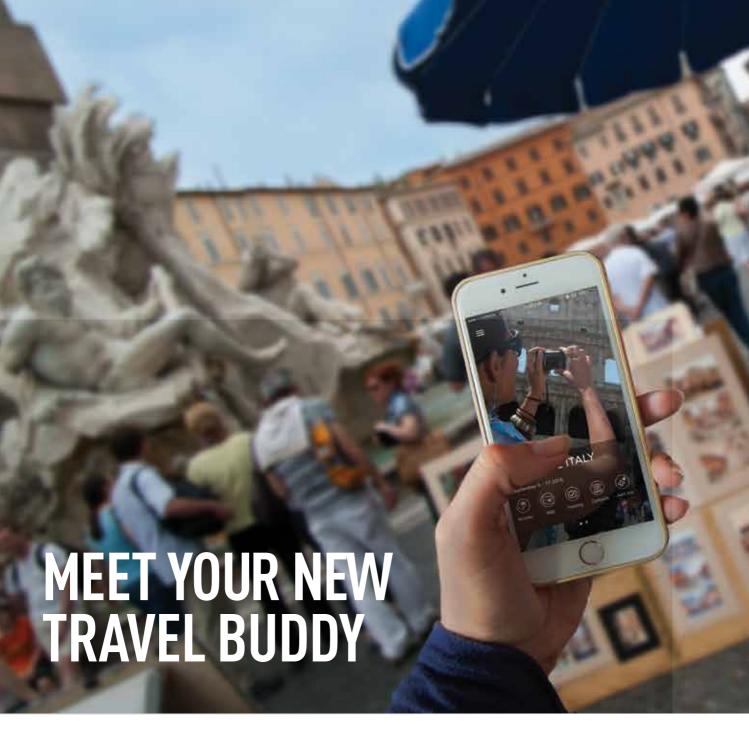
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