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EXOTICS

2020



LAND JOURNEYS AND SELECT SMALL SHIP CRUISES

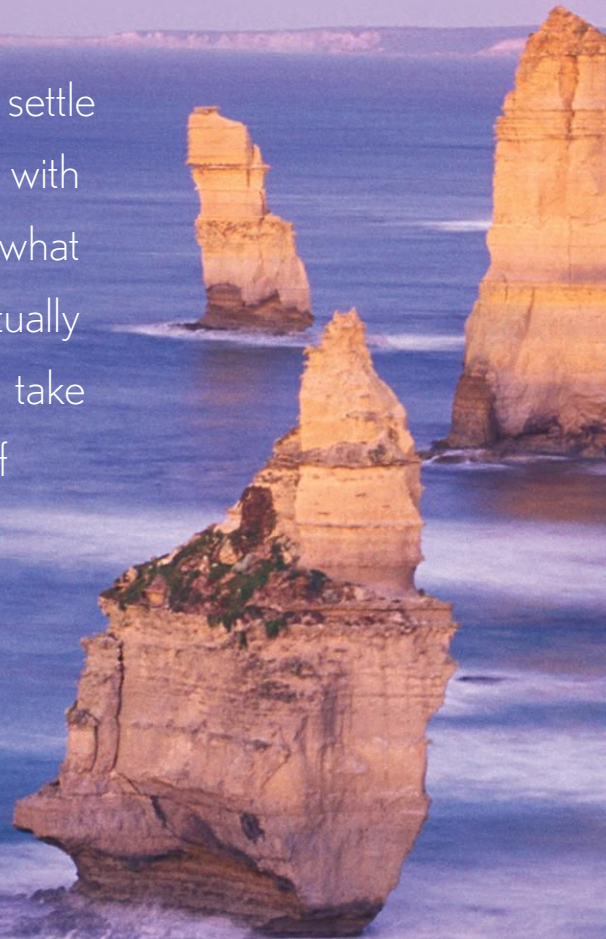
Australia ~ Asia ~ Africa ~ Egypt ~ Latin America ~ North America

HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD MATTERS™

We believe that when you travel, you should never settle for ordinary. You deserve to travel in good company, with someone who cares. We believe that you should get what you pay for, and then some, in one upfront price with virtually everything included. Leave your worries at home; we take on all the planning, all the logistics. To you, it's peace of mind travel. To us, it's 90+ years of integrity.

So read on. Be inspired.

Make every moment count. Starting now.





The Twelve Apostles, Australia

MAKING HISTORY ANEW



I remember the first time I stood in wonder at the tomb of Egypt’s boy king, Tutankhamen, imagining what life must have been like for this young royal thousands of years past. The feeling of awe and astonishment as I entered the tomb was palpable and I

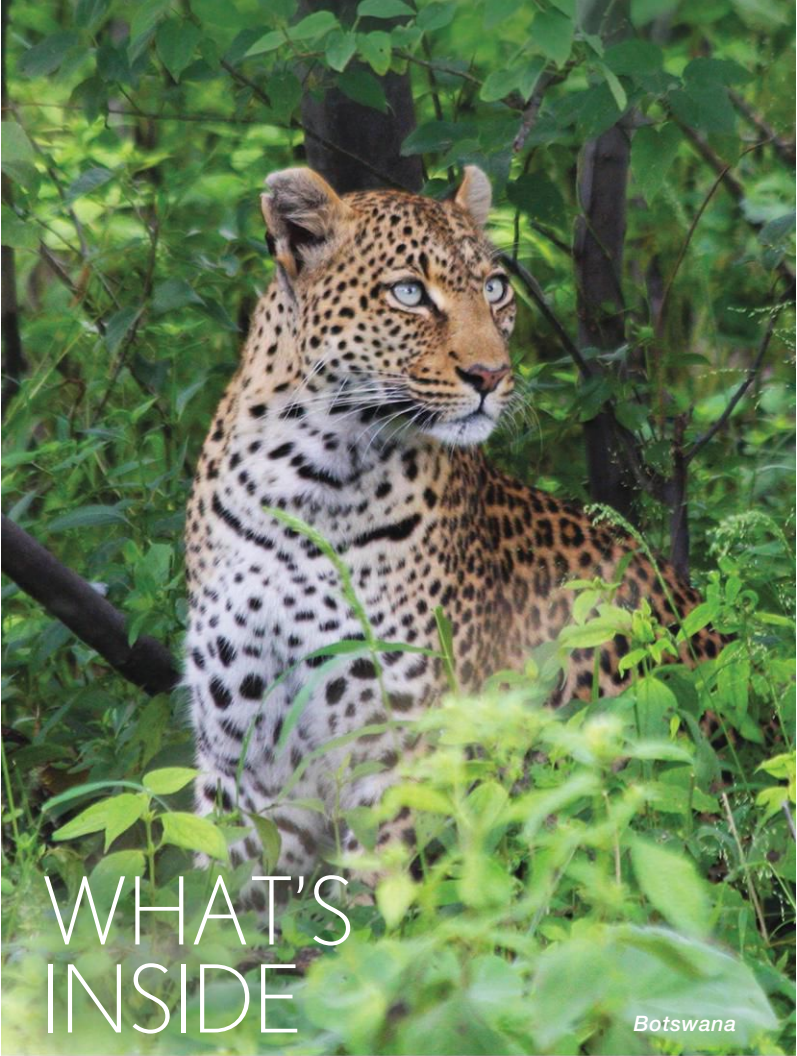
was moved beyond words. It’s been several years since we’ve been back to Egypt and as we get ready to revisit this storied land in 2020 with two new trips, I can’t help but think how you may feel when you venture inside King Tut’s tomb in the Valley of the Kings, after hours when the crowds are gone – just one of many intimate moments with history that await here with Tauck.

The world’s extraordinary places astound with experiences unlike anywhere else. Where else but Australia can you hang out with kangaroos during a stay at a super lodge on Kangaroo Island, a highlight on our new *Australia Adventure*. Only in New Zealand can you jet boat into real life scenic settings from *The Lord of the Rings*, included on our new *North & South Island Adventure*. Of course, Africa holds the distinction of having the most amazing wildlife encounters in the world, but when you experience them on foot in a private reserve thrumming with animals and at a sanctuary in Zimbabwe where you’ll interact with elephants in the bush, our new African safari is in a league of its own.

Join us in 2020 as we rediscover treasured places through new perspectives, sharing memories – and marvels – that are uniquely life altering and ultimately unforgettable.

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Daniel W. Mahar, CEO



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BBC Earth Journeys

Crafted by Ken Burns

Go by Ship




Stories by Ken Burns





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Feluccas on the Nile River



Botswana's Chobe National Park



Glaciers in New Zealand



Pyramids of Giza



Kangaroo Island

More ways to experience some of our favorite places...

Egypt has captivated travelers' imaginations for centuries with visions of ancient pyramids, temples and tombs unearthed anew to reveal treasures millennia old and breathtaking still; rediscover them as we cruise down the Nile aboard a luxury Oberoi riverboat, ride camels and carts to sculpted sandstone wonders and experience a private after-hours visit to the Valley of the Kings and King Tut's tomb (pages 36, 40). If Africa's Big Five top your bucket list, then make tracks for our new safari in wildlife-rich national parks in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, eye-opening with an up-close look at life in the bush and heartwarming with an intimate encounter with elephant families (page 44). The land down under never fails to surprise with landscapes, legends and locals unlike anywhere else and is best explored by jet boat, motorbike, helicopter, cruiser and 4x4 off-road vehicle, making our new walkabouts in Australia and New Zealand more fun and exciting than ever (pages 26, 30).

TAUCK VALUE... ALL
THIS AND MORE.



Great Wall of China



STAY IN PREMIUM ACCOMMODATIONS

We've carefully selected all accommodations for location, comfort, service and convenience, from elegant safari lodges to "world's best" award winning hotels, hideaway eco resorts, handpicked ships & riverboats...



EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH BBC EARTH

We've spent years working with BBC Earth natural history experts developing Tauck Earth Journeys, which include films custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth – an exclusive partnership bringing you closer access on our amazing natural history journeys.



LOCAL GUIDES AND EXPERTS

We introduce you to local experts who share their insights and information, from safari trackers and naturalists to winemakers, chefs, photographers, musicians, professors, sherpas, and more.



OUR TAUCK DIRECTORS

Averaging 10 years of service with Tauck, they come from 35 countries and collectively speak 46 languages. They're the difference between a trip, and the trip of a lifetime... and they're on hand to personally show you the world in ways you couldn't experience on your own.



SAVOR LOCAL CUISINES

Dining local means you – attend a South African *braai* barbecue, make sushi with a sushi chef, dine at a Peruvian hacienda, sample green-lipped mussels in New Zealand, enjoy Bedouin hospitality in Jordan...



UNIQUE TRAVEL EXPERIENCES, INCLUDED

Exclusive access means you go flightseeing within sight of Mt. Everest, explore Rio's Samba City with a local guide, take a wine-blending workshop in Australia, go on a gorilla trek in Rwanda, make a full transit of the Panama Canal, ride a camel in Morocco, cruise the Nile...



ALL DETAILS MANAGED FOR YOU

Your luggage is handled for you from start to finish. Transportation from the airport to and from your hotels and riverboat is included. Your Tauck Director takes care of hotel check-in, check out, and much more.



EASE OF TRAVELING FOR ONE PRICE

No extra costs, no hidden fees, no surprises, no options sold – just about every travel expense is included in one upfront price, so you can relax and enjoy your trip without distractions or worries.

STAY IN TAUCK STYLE



The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra



Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island



Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires



Old Drift Lodge, Zimbabwe



The Chedi Club Tanah Gajah, Bali



Marriott Mena House, Cairo



Wake up happy in places you've dreamed about... during stays at some of the most remarkable hotels in the world. You'll feel a part of history at the opulent **Alvear Palace Hotel** in Buenos Aires exemplifying the city's past European influences in Belle Époque splendor in the stylish La Recoleta neighborhood. Sleeping in nature is an essential part of an authentic safari and your tented suites at **The Old Drift Lodge** in Zimbabwe, overlooking the wildlife-rich Zambezi River, promise animal sightings from dawn to dusk. Serenity reigns at resorts like **The Chedi Club Tanah Gajah** in Bali, where daily life is infused with the scent of temple flowers in a setting that will take your breath away. Nothing compares to viewing iconic sites that define the destination from the privacy of your hotel room, which you'll do in Cairo at the **Marriott Mena House** overlooking the ancient Pyramids of Giza, and at **The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra** where the incomparable Taj Mahal is right outside your window. The height of luxury meets wilderness wonders at the award-winning **Southern Ocean Lodge** commanding spectacular ocean vistas from its airy coastal perch on Kangaroo Island, Australia's answer to the Galápagos. Uniquely distinctive, each is an important part of your Tauck trip.

YOUR JOURNEY IS PERSONAL



TRAVEL IN GOOD COMPANY

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary

Everything about Tauck is personal. Your journey is fully guided by expert Tauck Directors who average over 10 years of service with us, come from 35 countries, speak 46 languages collectively, and are renowned as the world's best travel companions. They will be more than just your guide. They're your planning expert. Your helping hand. They're the difference between a trip, and the trip of a lifetime... and they show you the world in ways you couldn't experience on your own. Our Tauck Directors introduce you to handpicked local guides and experts who share insights and information, from naturalists to winemakers, chefs, musicians, professors, sherpas, safari trackers and more.



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A reputation for square dealing and fairness is behind every Tauck Tour.

—ARTHUR TAUCK, SR. (1931)



1925 First Tauck Tour

OUR PEACE OF MIND PROMISE

RELIABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, DEPENDABILITY

We take to heart the confidence you place in us to make your travel dreams come true. In today's world, we've learned to expect the unexpected – and while there may be situations that are beyond our control, you can trust that we will:

Do the right thing

All of our efforts are focused on earning your satisfaction from start to finish.

Your comfort and safety are paramount.

Communicate with you

While we cannot predict forces outside of our control, such as the whims of Mother Nature, we will always share what we know, when we know it.

Preserve your experience

We are committed to delivering the trip you've dreamed about. Should we need to significantly alter plans, you will be given choices – and in the rare event of a cancellation, you will be refunded the tour cost.

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We were in a small group of friendly, compatible and courteous travelers – which definitely enhances the experience.

– John Tobin



Iguazú Falls, Brazil

THE ART OF GOING SMALL

We don't believe in one size fits all travel. Our trips are tailored to your interests, including over 80 small group journeys averaging only 24 Tauck guests.

Authentic Connections

Smaller group sizes encourage camaraderie and lasting friendships among like-minded guests. They enable you to more closely connect with your Tauck Director and local experts who enrich your perspectives through insider stories personally shared.

Make Every Moment Count

Fewer guests on sightseeing excursions mean less time spent traveling from place to place, fewer lines and crowds, and more room to move about. You'll benefit from the freedom and flexibility to spend more time exploring the sights you've planned to see.

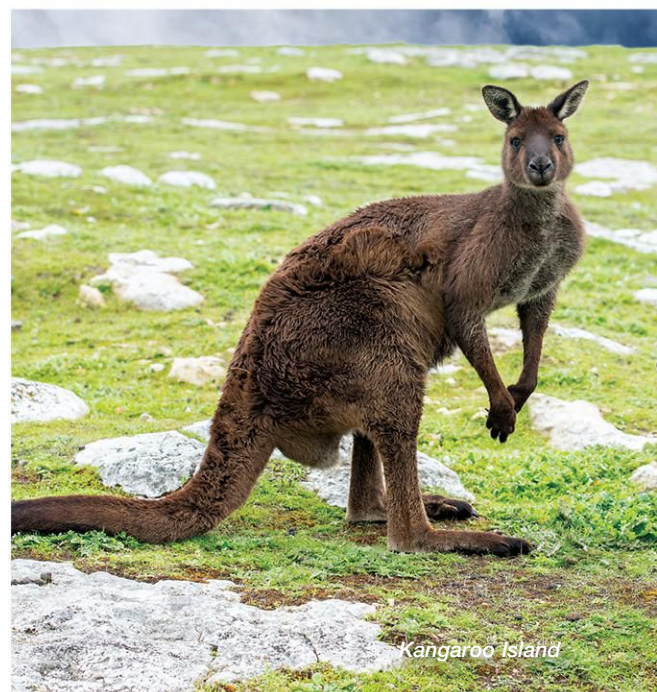
Get Closer to the World

To meet our guests' growing interest in more intimate travel experiences, we've included small group departure dates on many trips, marked in blue on the itinerary pages. Want to travel with a group of your friends and family? Book 10 or more travelers on the same departure and one person gets to go free – or book a private departure for your group only.

Go to tauck.com/small-group-travel for details.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS





Zimbabwe

Go glacial in New Zealand

Get set for an amazing face-to-ice encounter with New Zealand's largest glacier as you ride aboard a custom MAC boat on a glacial lake studded with sculpted icebergs and scenic wonders from another time and place.

New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure, page 30

Walk with elephants in Zimbabwe

Not your ordinary walk in the park! When you visit a sanctuary in Zimbabwe, you'll not only enjoy a private visit with elephants protected from harm, you'll be able to feed them special treats on a guided walk in the bush.

Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe, page 44

Have dinner with a Cambodian artist

Have dinner with artist Lim Muy Theam at his home in Siem Reap, a treasure trove of art that speaks volumes about Cambodia's cultural riches – and his efforts to reclaim art that was secreted away during the reign of the Khmer Rouge.

Essence of Indochina: Vietnam & Cambodia, page 76



King Tut

Visit King Tut's tomb after hours

Hidden from the world for centuries when it was rediscovered in 1922 and newly restored to protect its treasured sites, King Tut's tomb will be open to Tauck guests only during an unforgettable after-hours visit to Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

Egypt: Jewels of the Nile, page 40

Meet the locals on Kangaroo Island

Its name alone speaks volumes about the exotic wildlife you'll see on Kangaroo Island, Australia's answer to the Galápagos. Meet kangaroos, as well as koalas, sea lions, penguins and more as you stay at a naturally inspired resort equally amazing.

Australia Adventure: Kangaroo Island, Tasmania & Sydney, page 26

Dine under a desert tent in Petra

Join us for an exclusive candle-lit dinner in the desert near Petra when you experience an ancient nomadic culture come to life with Bedouin sword dancers, camel rides, hubbly bubbly and traditional fare served under romantic canopied tents.

Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids, page 36





EARTH JOURNEYS

CREATED BY TAUCK WITH BBC EARTH

Amazing natural history travel experiences are true hallmarks of Tauck's Exotics journeys. We've spent years working closely with BBC Earth natural history experts developing Earth Journeys, reflecting Tauck's commitment to offer you original content that appeals to your adventurous spirit... intellectual inquisitiveness... yearning for something special... and love of nature. From frozen worlds to tropical forests... shallow seas to African plains... our planet is filled with unforgettable adventures in natural realms. On BBC Earth Journeys you'll experience the amazing stories told by BBC Earth, nature's premier storyteller, firsthand, in new and innovative ways.

Travel with BBC Earth Certified Tauck Directors and discover the natural world as you have never seen it before. With Tauck, you'll enjoy a backstage pass to the people, places and wildlife reflected in the BBC's award-winning documentaries through compelling on-tour film vignettes produced exclusively for Tauck by BBC Earth in the same style of their documentaries – a moving pageantry of behind-the-scenes stories, observations and insights that are filled with humor and heart.



NEW FOR 2020, *Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe* joins our Earth Journeys collection with new perspectives of African life. Explore Chobe and Kruger national parks through the eyes of your expert safari guides, view the majesty of Victoria Falls on a guided walk and meet elephant families up close and personally in Zimbabwe. See details on p. 44.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Promising head-turning surprises by land and sea, life in the lands down under astounds with technicolor reefs, rainbowed fish, dreamtime legends and Maori memories in coastal cities, cosmopolitan chic, and country isles, welcoming with wine, natural wonders and wildlife found nowhere else. Discover them up close and personally during guided visits to a crocodile lagoon, a mystical rock, a sheep farm, a winery and a museum on the move. Explore them by rooftop, jet boat, helicopter, harbour cruise, gondola, Harley, 4x4, bicycle and ferry boat amidst scenic settings distinctive and diverse. Experience street art, punting, glaciers, sunset canapés, wine blending, green-lipped mussels, a foodie tour, Tasmanian devils, rainforest revelry, beachfront bliss and a kangaroo island that takes your breath away. And upend your expectations.



Sydney Opera House







MARVELS BOTH NATURAL AND MONUMENTAL astound throughout your journey in the lands down under. Explore the red rock monolith of Uluru (Ayers Rock) rising out of Australia's "Red Centre"... savor local wines and green-lipped mussels in Marlborough Sounds... experience Sydney on a foodie tour and a harbour cruise... go natural at the Great Barrier Reef during a three-night stay in a Queensland rainforest... savor daily life in Blenheim, scenic sights in Milford Sound and high adventure in Queenstown, with jet boating, and a helicopter and gondola ride... toast wines on Waiheke and cultural traditions in Auckland...

1. ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, The Langham, Melbourne. A transfer is included from Melbourne Airport to The Langham, Melbourne; you'll enjoy a river-view room. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

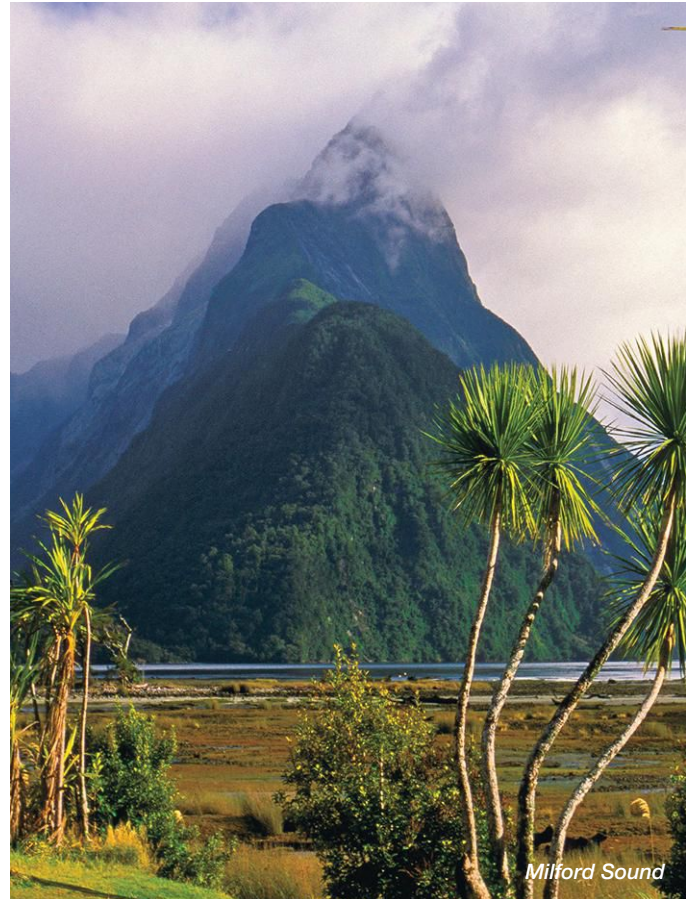
2. DISCOVER MELBOURNE'S CHARM

Melbourne's hidden secrets are revealed on a guided walking tour this morning, from its famous coffee to its cosmopolitan charms. Discover monumental sites on a drive through the city's modern business district and other local sites. The rest of your day is free. **Meals B**



Traveling Well Includes...

- Choice of activities at the Great Barrier Reef
- “Foodie Tour” of Sydney on a three-night stay; visit to the Opera House and a harbour cruise
- Visit to Uluru (Ayers Rock); rainforest skyrail, crocodiles and a rainforest eco-lodge stay
- Luncheon cruise on New Zealand’s Marlborough Sounds with wine and green-lipped mussels
- Two nights in Blenheim; a farm visit, wine-pairing lunch, and a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the acclaimed Omas Aviation Heritage Centre
- In Queenstown, a jet boat ride on the Shotover River, helicopter sightseeing and a gondola ride
- On-Tour Air included (6 flights)
- 42 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes & portorage



3. FLY TO ULURU & THE OUTBACK

Fly to the desert Outback via private charter this morning, arriving at Uluru (Ayers Rock) in the country’s “Red Centre.” As evening approaches, the light of the setting sun bathes the mystical sandstone monolith with a rich palette of ever-changing colors, an experience you’ll long remember as you see it with canapés and champagne tonight. **Meals BL**

4. ULURU TO A SKYRAIL & MORE IN QUEENSLAND

Aboriginal traditions define life in the Outback; discover its “dreamtime” legends on a guided tour around the base of the Ayers Rock. Then, fly via private charter to Cairns in Queensland. Upon your arrival, enjoy a gondola ride over the rainforest, followed by a guided nature walk. Continue on to your rainforest lodge for a three-night stay. **Meals BD**

5. CHOICES AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Activity choices at the Great Barrier Reef – an incredible “living site” and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – include a

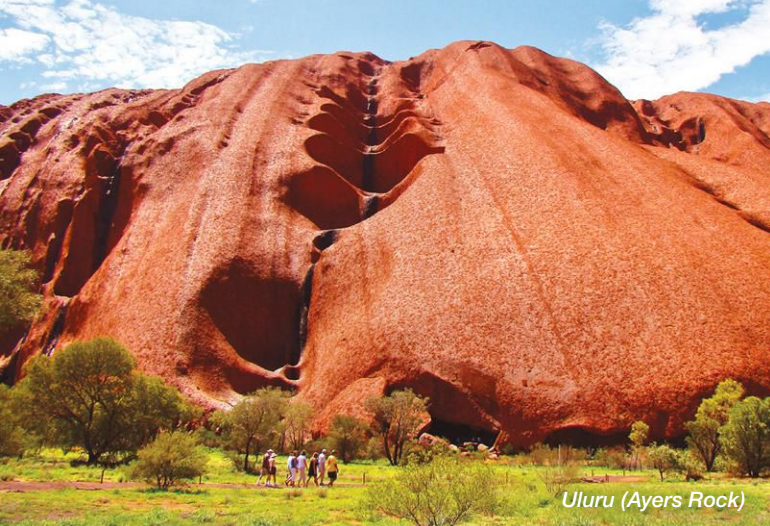
catamaran cruise to the Agincourt Reef; a boat trip to three different reefs for swimming and snorkeling; a helicopter ride over the reefs; or a relaxing spa day. **Meals BLD**

6. OPTIONAL BALLOON RIDE / DAY AT LEISURE

Early risers may choose to soar over Queensland’s vast, fertile Atherton Tablelands on an optional hot air balloon ride* at dawn (at an additional cost per person). Spend the rest of the day at leisure, joining us this evening for a special “Aussie” themed dinner. **Meals BLD**

7. CROCODILES & ON TO SYDNEY

Learn all about crocodiles at Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures, where a tour and private feeding presentation precedes an exclusive boat cruise on the lagoon. After lunch, fly via private charter to Sydney for a three-night stay; your luxury hotel in the vibrant Darling Harbour precinct faces the city center and offers breathtaking views of the Harbour and Sydney’s iconic skyline. **Meals BLD**



Uluru (Ayers Rock)

8. A HARBOUR CRUISE & A TASTE OF THE CITY

Begin the day with a private cruise on beautiful Sydney Harbour, with views of the city's world-famous skyline. A taste of Sydney follows on a foodie tour that celebrates the multicultural heritage of the city with tastings at some locally famous places... including seafood at a fish market, beer tasting at a 100-year-old pub, a sweet sampling of gelato and more. See more of the city on an afternoon sightseeing tour. Dinner is included at a local restaurant tonight or tomorrow night; it's your choice. **Meals BD**

9. INSIDE THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Recognized the world over, one of Australia's most iconic landmarks takes center stage today when you visit the white-sailed Sydney Opera House on a guided insider tour. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. There are museums to visit, gardens and parks to stroll in, beautiful beaches to bask on and dining venues galore. **Meals B**

10. FLY TO WELLINGTON

This morning, fly across the Tasman Sea to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, changing your clocks ahead two hours as you change countries. Arrive at your hotel, adjacent to the city's waterfront, late afternoon for a two-night stay; dinner tonight is at your leisure. **Meals BD**

11. WELLINGTON WONDERS

Sightseeing discoveries in Wellington begin with a cable car excursion up to the city's Botanic Garden and a tour of the Parliament buildings. At Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand's national museum, a guide introduces you to five floors of exhibits focusing on the country's natural wonders, art, history, and Pacific and Maori cultures. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening pursuing what interests you most in Wellington. **Meals B**

12. BLENHEIM & MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Tauck's charter flight brings you to Blenheim on New Zealand's South Island, prized for its seafood and wine-growing expertise, for a two-night stay. Touch down for a private wine and green-lipped mussel cruise on Marlborough Sounds, sailing amidst forested landscapes rising steeply from the sea around a scenic coastline of sheltered inlets and sandy bays. Check into your hotel where dinner is included at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

13. THE BOUNTY OF BLENHEIM

Savor a taste of life in Blenheim today. The day begins with a visit to a working farm where you'll see sheepdog and sheep shearing demonstrations and have tea at the homestead with the farmer and his family. You'll attend a wine-pairing lunch at a heritage winery in the heart of New Zealand's Marlborough region, producers of the first-ever Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. The treats continue during a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, home to historic "warbirds" and exhibits that tell the story of aviation during two World Wars. **Meals BLD**

14. FLY TO TE ANAU

Fly to Manapouri and continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound. Built on the edge of pristine lakes surrounded by World Heritage-status mountains, these towns are the living heart of Fiordland. Have lunch at your hotel, nestled on the shores of Lake Te Anau, and spend the rest of the day as you wish. **Meals BL**

15. CRUISE MILFORD SOUND

Drive through Fiordland National Park and set off aboard a private boat (with a naturalist onboard) for a luncheon



Maori Haka dance



Queenstown

cruise amidst the dramatic scenery of Milford Sound. After a free afternoon, dine at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

16. A TOAST TO QUEENSTOWN

Drive to Queenstown, stopping for lunch at a winery well known for its Pinot Noir wines and set amidst stunning scenery, en route to your city-center hotel. Tonight, discover the sights and culinary scene as you wish. **Meals BL**

17. A JET BOAT & A HELICOPTER RIDE

Experience outdoor adventures today, first on a thrilling jet boat excursion* through the rapids on the Shotover River, followed by a helicopter ride* out of the canyon and a gondola ride back to town for free time. **Meals B**

18. AUCKLAND'S MAORI CULTURE

Tauck's private charter flies you to Auckland today. After lunch, visit the Auckland Museum, housing the world's largest collection of Maori and Polynesian artifacts, and settle into your hotel where dinner is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

19. WAIHEKE ISLAND WINE & AUCKLAND

Take a ferry to nearby Waiheke Island. A sightseeing drive around the island brings you to Mudbrick Vineyard for lunch and a wine tasting, before a return ferry ride to Auckland. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

20. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Auckland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour to Auckland Airport. Allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

20 DAYS FROM \$13,590*

Includes On-Tour Air

(19 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 12 Dinners)

BEGINS MELBOURNE

Jan 2, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Feb 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27
Mar 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30 Apr 2, 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 21 Aug 10, 31
Sep 14, 21, 28 Oct 1, 5, 8, 12, 19, 22, 24, 26 Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Dec 7, 10, 14, 21 **/= Sold Out!**

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$18,390 per person double including on-tour air; specific dates apply – ask at time of booking.

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – April 19; August 31 – December 13

***LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 exclusive charter flights)**
= TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$10,690	+	\$3500	=	\$14,190
Single	\$13,379	+	\$3500	=	\$16,879
Triple	\$10,136	+	\$3500	=	\$13,636

April 20 – August 30

***LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 exclusive charter flights)**
= TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$10,290	+	\$3300	=	\$13,590
Single	\$12,722	+	\$3300	=	\$16,022
Triple	\$9826	+	\$3300	=	\$13,126

December 14 – 31

***LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 exclusive charter flights)**
= TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$11,090	+	\$3500	=	\$14,590
Single	\$13,826	+	\$3500	=	\$17,326
Triple	\$10,518	+	\$3500	=	\$14,018

On-tour air included (6 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.**

Total price does not include the Sydney – Wellington trans-Tasman flight on Day 10, which must be purchased with your international air ticket.

Hot Air Balloon – Day 6: add \$239 per person (ask at booking).

Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 12*	THE LANGHAM, MELBOURNE	Melbourne, Aus.
Night 3	SAILS IN THE DESERT	Ayers Rock, Aus.
Night 4-6**	SILKY OAKS LODGE	Mossman, Aus.
Night 7-9	SOFITEL SYDNEY DARLINGTON HARBOUR	Sydney, Aus.
Night 10,11	INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON	Wellington, NZ
Night 12,13	CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH	Blenheim, NZ
Night 14,15	DISTINCTION TE ANAU HOTEL & VILLAS	Te Anau, NZ
Night 16,17***	SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL AND SPA	Queenstown, NZ
Night 18,19	SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR	Auckland, NZ

*Tours of Jan 9, 16, 30; Feb 6, 8, 20, 27; Oct 1, 8, 22; and Dec 10 (small group departures) will stay at the Park Hyatt. **Tours of Jan 11, 16, 20; Feb 1, 8; and Oct 24 will stay at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Port Douglas. ***Tour of Feb 13 will stay at QT Queenstown.

NEW!

The Twelve Apostles

AUSTRALIA ADVENTURE: KANGAROO ISLAND, TASMANIA & SYDNEY

THE BEST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA awaits on our new 15-day journey that takes you off the beaten path to explore what makes Australia unique. Food and wine adventures in Adelaide, the Barossa Valley, Hobart, Melbourne, Richmond, and Sydney... with an occasional step onto the wild side: sea lion encounters on Kangaroo Island... a safari in search of sea eagles and white wallabies on Bruny Island... a kangaroo mob-watching party with wine and canapés... a unique wildlife rescue center... mystical landscapes on a magical island... art neighborhoods, culinary discoveries, and the iconic opera house in Sydney...

1. ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Mayfair Hotel, Adelaide. Welcome to Adelaide, the laidback capital city of South Australia, and gateway to Barossa Valley wine country. A transfer is included from Adelaide Airport to the Mayfair Hotel in the heart of the city. Join us at the National Wine Centre of Australia for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. ADELAIDE SIGHTSEEING

Experience the intoxicating aromas of Central Market, one of the largest food emporiums in the Southern Hemisphere; 80 stalls offer a dazzling array of mouth-watering local produce, seafood, artisan cheeses, and baked goods,



Traveling Well Includes...

- ALL SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES averaging 20 Tauck guests for a more personal travel experience
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Walk in a sea lion colony at Seal Bay with a naturalist guide
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Visit a kangaroo sanctuary and watch the sun set with South Australia beverages and canapés
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Wine-blending workshop at a winery in the Barossa Valley
- Visit to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary for indigenous animals in Tasmania & a wildlife safari on Bruny Island
- 3 nights at the fabulous Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island & 2 nights at a premier waterfront hotel on Darling Harbour in Sydney
- On-Tour Air included (3 flights)
- 35 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



where you'll taste and explore with a local guide. Then you have a choice of sightseeing excursions: ride a Segway* on a tour of the Riverbank district; view the city sights from the back of a pedicab; or walk on the wild side along the billowing rooftops of the Adelaide Oval stadium* with stunning views of the coast and the city. Tonight, dine at a choice of select restaurants near your hotel. **Meals BD**

3. BAROSSA WINE COUNTRY

Drive to Barossa Valley, Australia's premier wine region. At Jacob Creek Winery, an expert will guide you in creating your own wine blend (and bottle it for you on the spot). At Seppeltsfield Winery you can taste vintage port from years of major historical events, such as the Moon Landing (1969) and the Wall Street Stock Market Crash (1929). **Meals BL**

4. KANGAROO ISLAND

Pack a duffel bag for three nights and depart the hotel for Cape Jervis, where you will sail by ferry to Kangaroo

Island and check in at the Southern Ocean Lodge, a stylish clifftop hotel with sweeping views of the Southern Ocean; floor-to-ceiling windows offer an immersive, mesmerizing experience of unspoiled land and seascapes. **Meals BLD**

5. REMARKABLE ROCKS AND WILDLIFE

Kangaroo Island is known as Australia's Galápagos, home to sea lions, koalas, kangaroos, black swans, glossy black cockatoos, and wedge-tailed eagles. A guided tour includes Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, and Admirals Arch. Return to the lodge for lunch, and hike the scenic trails that wander the coastal cliffs. Later, a naturalist lectures on the island's natural history. **Meals BLD**

6. HANGING WITH ROOS

With an expert guide, venture onto the beach at Seal Bay and walk amid a large colony of wild Australian sea lions (a privilege unique to Kangaroo Island), where you can see them at play, resting on the sand, or surfing in

the waves. Return to the lodge for lunch, then venture out to Grassdale, where you can watch kangaroo mobs forage and play in their natural habitat as you sip premium Australian beverages and nibble on canapes. **Meals BLD**

7. MELBOURNE

Fly from Kingscote via Adelaide to Melbourne. A guided walking tour takes you along Melbourne's laneways where you'll discover street art, arcades, cafes, and small shops that give the city its intimate charm and character. Check into your regal hotel in Parliament Square. **Meals BD**

8. THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Drive from Melbourne to Port Campbell along the scenic Great Ocean Road. Pause at Split Point Lighthouse for stunning views of the rugged coast; stroll along the Kennet River for a chance to see koalas and king parrots in the wild; lunch at Apollo Bay, and hike in the cool rainforest at Great Otway National Park. At Port Campbell, the otherworldly, towering array of limestone stacks known as the Twelve Apostles rising along the shore as if built by gods or aliens will leave you awestruck. At Loch Ard Gorge explore an inlet of idyllic white beach and turquoise water. Return to Melbourne late in the evening. **Meals BL**

9. HOBART AND ART

Fly to Hobart, Tasmania, on the Derwent Estuary. Begun as a penal colony in 1804, Hobart today is a city of hip contemporary art and culture. Check into your waterfront hotel then board a fast ferry to the Museum of Old and New Art, located inside the Moorilla Winery on the Berriedale peninsula; the playful MONA offers old and new "conceptual" art in an underground museum; enjoy an after-hours reception here followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**



10. PORT ARTHUR PRISON AND CRUISE

The prison at Port Arthur was built in the 19th century to house hardened criminals sent from Britain. The haunting remains of its buildings are now an open-air museum where you'll take a guided tour, hear compelling stories, and learn about convict life there; take a cruise around the rocky islands and towering cliffs for a sense of why Port Arthur was believed to be "inescapable." Return to Hobart and dine at your choice of select restaurants. **Meals BLD**

11. WILD BRUNY ISLAND

Take a ferry to Bruny Island for a choice of activities: Cruise the D'Entrecasteaux Channel for close-up looks at the spectacular sheer cliffs, rock islands, and marine life. Or go on a wildlife safari in search of white wallabies, fur seals, and exotic birds; see the Truganini Monument, dedicated to the 19th-century Aboriginal woman who worked to unify indigenous communities; visit the Bligh Museum; hike to the top of Mt. Mangana; discover the Cape Bruny Lighthouse; taste Tasmanian oysters, salmon, and fresh island berries. Return to Hobart for an evening on your own. **Meals BL**



12. RICHMOND WINERIES AND BONORONG

Drive to the charming village of Richmond and drop in at Pooley Wines for a cellar-door wine tasting, and Wicked Cheese Company for its award-winning artisan cheeses. Lunch at Frogmore Creek Winery with breathtaking views of rolling hills and vineyards. Continue on to Brighton for a visit to Bonorong, a wildlife rescue center where you can meet Tassie devils, blue-tongued lizards, bettongs, koalas, and quolls. The center's mission is rehabilitating endangered, indigenous animals and returning them to the wild. Dinner is at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

13. SYDNEY, BONDI BEACH, DARLING HARBOUR

Fly to Sydney and get an introductory sightseeing tour of the city that includes Bondi Beach, known for its warmth, surf, and pristine sands. Your premier waterfront hotel is in the Darling Harbour district, one of Sydney's largest dining, shopping and entertainment locations, in easy reach of the Sea Life Aquarium as well as wine bars, bistros, and nightlife. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. **Meals BD**

14. SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE AND MORE

Take a privately guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House, a performing arts center housing multiple venues under its famous roofs, which echo shells or billowing sails; then take a sightseeing cruise with lunch around Sydney Harbour. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Sydney as you please. We invite you to join us this evening for a memorable farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

15. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Sydney. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour to Sydney Airport. Allow at least three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



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PRICE PER PERSON

January – March; September – November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$13,115	+	\$575	=	\$13,690
Single	\$17,637	+	\$575	=	\$18,212
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$12,415	+	\$575	=	\$12,990
Single	\$16,853	+	\$575	=	\$17,428
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

On-tour air included (3 flights)

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Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	MAYFAIR HOTEL	Adelaide
Night 4-6	SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE	Kangaroo Island
Night 7,8	PARK HYATT MELBOURNE	Melbourne
Night 9-12	MACq 01 HOTEL	Tasmania
Night 13,14	SOFITEL SYDNEY DARLING HARBOUR	Sydney

NEW!

NEW ZEALAND: A NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND ADVENTURE

Te Mata Peak

DISCOVER KIWI SECRETS AND AWE-INSPIRING LANDSCAPES, cultures, and cuisines on this 14-day New Zealand trip to both the North and South islands. See Christchurch on the passenger seat of a Harley... explore Tasman Glacier and lose yourself in the night sky over Mount Cook... jetboat the Dart River in Queenstown... walk through the forest of Middle Earth in Glenorchy... cruise the sunken valleys of Marlborough Sound... revel at a Gatsby-style gala evening... discover Maori culture and a Hobbit village in Auckland... with visits to sheep farms, wineries, and award-winning chefs' creations along the way.

1. ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH

Tour begins: 5:30 PM. A transfer is included from Christchurch Airport to the George Hotel in the heart of the city, overlooking Hagley Park and the Avon River. Ride a private tram car to Canterbury Museum, with sightseeing along the way. The museum, renowned for its fossils, art, and Maori artifacts, is the companionable, after-hours setting for our welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. QUAKE CITY AND SIGHTSEEING

Begin the day with a visit to Quake City, a museum that documents the disastrous earthquakes that struck Christchurch and the surrounding Canterbury region



Traveling Well Includes...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – A sparkling 1930s party with a live swing band in Napier
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Private after-hours dinner at Canterbury Museum
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Private Maori performance at Auckland Museum and a tour of the Maori exhibit guided by the performers
- A jetboat ride on Dart River, and a Lord of the Rings tour in Mt. Aspiring National Park
- Wine tastings with artisan foods in Blenheim
- Stargazing the night sky over Aoraki / Mt. Cook National Park with an expert guide
- On-Tour Air included (3 flights)
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 31 meals; gratuities to local guides and drivers, service charges, taxes, and portage



Dart River

in September 2010 and February 2011; exhibits tell of heroism, the science behind earthquakes, and recovery projects still going on. Then go punting on the River Avon; a punter in an Edwardian outfit will pole your flat-bottomed boat along the idyllic Avon from the boatsheds to the Botanical Gardens. Lunch at the historic Mona Vale homestead, then take your choice of afternoon adventures. See the city from the back of a Harley* (helmet, jacket, and gloves provided); take a walking tour of the city's amazing street art with an art historian; explore Hagley Park and the riverside on a bicycle* (manual or electric, as you prefer); or choose a guided tour of the famous Botanical Gardens. Spend the rest of the day and evening as you like. **Meals BL**

3. AORAKI / MT. COOK NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Aoraki / Mt. Cook National Park, a land of skyscraping peaks and expansive glaciers in the heart of South Island, a mountain-climbers' mecca; here Sir Edmund Hillary practiced his climbing skills on Mount Cook before tackling Everest. After lunch, board a MAC boat*

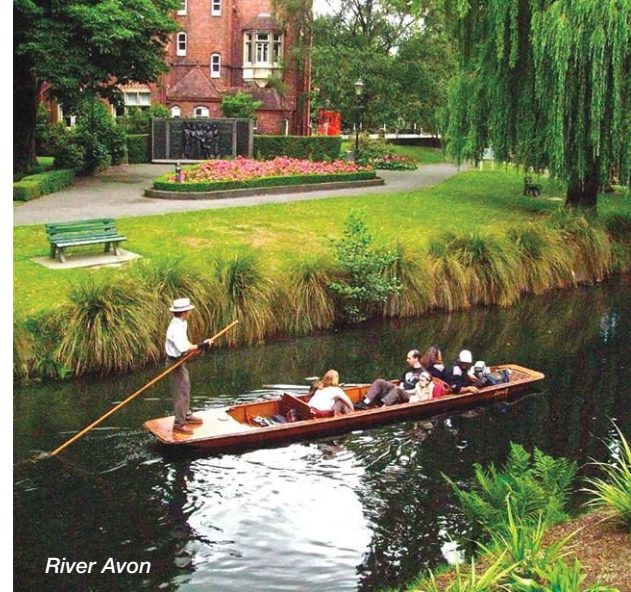
for a close-up look at Tasman Glacier. The 16 mile-long glacier is continually melting and calving, creating an ever-expanding lake with icebergs; cruise the awe-inspiring lake with its eerie iceberg-islands to the towering walls of the glacier. Dine at your hotel inside the park; tonight, you'll have a chance to go stargazing with an expert who will guide you through the constellations. The park is one of the few places in world officially recognized as an International Dark-Sky Reserve, free of ground lights, which means the night skies here are rare and spectacular. **Meals BLD**

4. FROM GLACIERS TO QUEENSTOWN

Today you have a choice of excursions. Tour Tasman Valley in a 4WD vehicle* with an expert guide who will share insights on the valley's geology, ecology, and pioneering history; fly in a skiplane* over the breathtaking Southern Alps and land on Tasman Glacier for a stroll; or take a helicopter* to the Tasman Glacier to learn how glaciers work, and get an eagle-eye's view of the astonishing Hockstetter Icefall; or visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine



Tasman Lake



River Avon

Center, which showcases the great explorer, the region, and its people. Enjoy a scenic drive to Queenstown and arrive at your luxury hotel on Lake Wakapitu. **Meals BLD**

5. NATURE TRAILS AND JET BOATS

Drive to Glenorchy for an exhilarating jet boat ride* through Mt. Aspiring National Park along the Dart River; the park's diverse landscapes are laced with braided rivers and easy hiking trails where local guides will introduce you to the area's history and Maori legends. The beech forest along the Greenstone trail feels like a forest in Tolkien's Middle Earth; in fact, it was used as a location in Sir Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* movies. Fly by helicopter* back to Queenstown where the rest of the day is yours. **Meals B**

6. MISTY MOUNTAINS, ZIP LINES & FLY FISHING

You have a choice of excursions: ride in a 4WD vehicle* through breathtaking scenery on a *Lord of the Rings* safari to locations used in the movies, including Minas Tirith, Misty Mountains, the Ford of Bruinen, and more; follow

a historic mining road along the Arrow River and try your hand at panning for gold. Or zip line* through the treetops of a beech forest for incredible scenic views; or go fly fishing along waterways that suit you. This evening, dine at a choice of select restaurants in Queenstown. **Meals BD**

7. PLANES, GARDENS & WINE TASTING

Fly to Blenheim (via Wellington) in the Marlborough region, where your first stop is Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, a museum with an astonishing array of vintage aircraft from the world wars, including several planes from filmmaker Sir Peter Jackson's personal collection. Depart for a sheep farm, where a garden tour with lunch is followed by sheep-dog and sheep-shearing demonstrations. Enjoy tastings at Yealands Winery in Awatere Valley (and see their adorable baby doll sheep) then arrive in Blenheim. Dinner tonight is at local restaurant featuring an extensive wine list and Marlborough stories. **Meals BLD**

8. MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS CRUISE

Cruise the enchanting Marlborough Sounds, a vast network of sunken valleys, islands, and fjord-like vistas at the tip of South Island. Return to the hotel for free time on your own, then set out for an adventure in what the region is famous for: food and wine. At the Wine Station you can sample from a selection of 80 premium local wines along with a range of gourmet platters from artisan producers. **Meals BLD**

9. ART DECO TREASURES IN NAPIER

Fly (via Wellington) to Napier in Hawke's Bay; destroyed by an earthquake in 1931 and rebuilt in the Art Deco style popular at the time, today the city is called the Art Deco Capital of New Zealand. A short documentary briefs you on



Yealands Winery

the earthquake and its aftermath, then see the city on foot and in a chauffeured vintage car with local guides. **Meals BD**

10. TE MATA PEAK & A GALA 1930S EVENING

Enjoy morning coffee on Te Mata Peak, with panoramic views of the city, and the bay. Drop in at Birdwoods Gallery, an art gallery with a sculpture garden, café, and old-fashioned sweet shop. Visit Mangara Farm for a tour of their sustainable farming methods and a barbecue lunch. Tonight at the hotel get dressed (in costume) for our evening event, a Gangsters and Flappers Party with “Prohibition cocktails,” dinner, and a swing band. **Meals BLD**

11. ADVENTURES IN HAWKE’S BAY

Explore Napier on your own, then lunch at Elephant Hill, an eco-friendly wine estate. Your choice of activities includes a bicycle tour* through Napier with a visit to an Art Deco landmark and winery, a ride around the coastline and outlying farms, and a sunset cocktail at a waterside bar; or choose a “Walk with Ancestors” tour with a member of the Waimarama Tribe who will walk you through a sacred site and share stories of his family’s history and culture; or visit three local craft breweries and meet their owners. **Meals BL**

12. NAPIER TO AUCKLAND

Fly to Auckland and visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum, one of New Zealand’s most treasured institutions; the museum is also a war memorial for the Auckland province. Enjoy a private Maori performance and guided tour of the Maori exhibit. Check into your premier hotel in the city’s new Wynyard waterfront district. **Meals BLD**

13. AUCKLAND SIGHTS

City sightseeing includes Eden Park, home of the rugby champions All Blacks, and views from the top of Mount Eden, an extinct volcano; or visit Waiheke Island, the Island of Wine; or take a coastal drive to the artisan enclave of Matakana; or visit Hobbiton (aka The Shire), the movie-set village where the *Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed; or choose a boat ride through Waitomo Caves, where thousands of glow worms illuminate the dark like a constellation of stars. Spend time on your own, then join us for a farewell reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals BD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Auckland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Park Hyatt Auckland to Auckland Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



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	*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON				*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON			
Double	\$8610	+	\$380	=	\$8990			
Single	\$10,318	+	\$380	=	\$10,698			
Triple	\$8337	+	\$380	=	\$8717			

	April				*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON			
Double	\$8310	+	\$380	=	\$8690			
Single	\$9917	+	\$380	=	\$10,297			
Triple	\$8052	+	\$380	=	\$8432			

On-tour air included (3 flights)

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	THE GEORGE CHRISTCHURCH	Christchurch
Night 3	THE HERMITAGE HOTEL	Mt Cook
Night 4-6	THE REES HOTEL	Queenstown
Night 7,8	CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH	Blenheim
Night 9-11	ART DECO MASONIC HOTEL	Napier
Night 12,13	PARK HYATT AUCKLAND	Auckland

AFRICA

Witnessing life on the African continent where it literally began is head-turning, heartwarming and humbling at every turn. Cruise the River Nile, the lifeblood of Egypt, to temples and tombs that honor lives past. Wander through ancient *souks* and *medinas* in Morocco alive with culture and color, and historic cobblestone streets in Stone Town, fragrant with spices. Track the Big Five in Kruger National Park, eye-opening with sightings of big cats, elephants, giraffes and more. Move with the animals of the Serengeti as they migrate to greener pastures in the Maasai Mara. Soar over the bush in a hot air balloon, spying wildlife waking up to a new day. Walk with rhinos in Zambia and San Bushmen in Botswana. Meet gorillas in Rwanda and baby elephants in Zimbabwe, learning firsthand unforgettable stories about survival in astonishing Africa.







NEW!

JORDAN & EGYPT: PETRA TO THE PYRAMIDS

EXPLORE BIBLICAL LANDS untouched by time from atop Mt. Nebo, at sandstone Petra, and in ancient Roman cities surrounding Jordan's Dead Sea shores. Sail down the River Nile on a journey that spans 5,000 years of history in the world's oldest civilization. Visit pyramids, temples and tombs that speak volumes about the lives of Egyptian kings and queens, traveling by *felucca*, camel and small boat to places immortal and intriguing, staying at premier hotels with views of the iconic sites you've come to see.

1. ARRIVE AMMAN, JORDAN

Tour begins: 6 PM, Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea. A transfer is included from Amman airport to the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea, a luxurious beachfront resort nestled on the shores of the ancient salt lake at the lowest point on Earth. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight. **Meals D**

Temple of Zeus, the South Theatre, built to accommodate some 5,000 spectators, and the meticulously restored North Theatre. Drive through Amman en route back to your resort hotel after lunch, where free time and a cooking demonstration precede dinner at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

2. ROMAN ANTIQUITIES IN JERASH

Set off on an excursion to Jerash, site of one of the best-preserved ancient Roman cities in the Middle East. Your local guide shares expert insights about the sites you will see, including Roman temples, squares, arches, baths and theatres, often colonnaded and always astounding. See Hadrian's Arch, built in 129 AD, the ruins of the

3. MT. NEBO, MADABA & PETRA

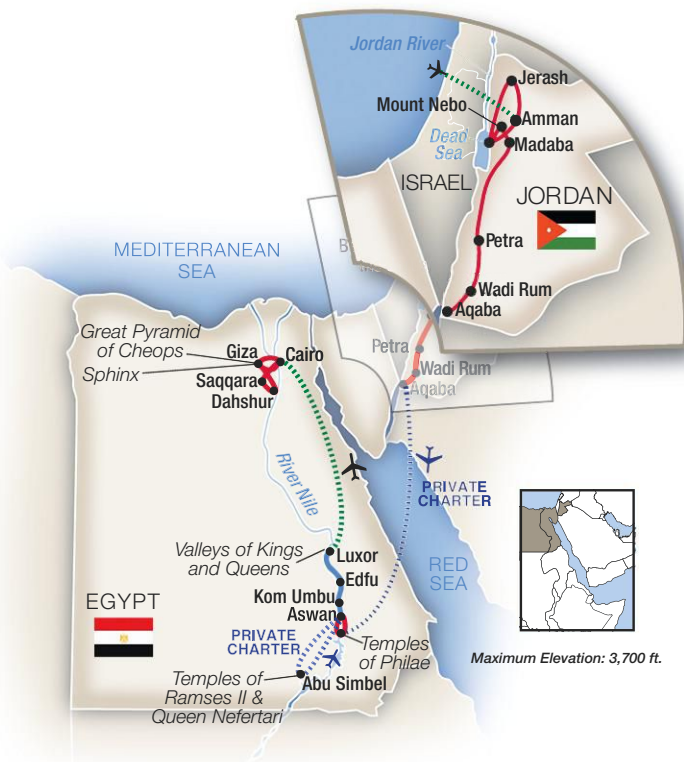
Thousands of years of biblical history reveal themselves today on a visit to Mt. Nebo where you will see what Moses saw when he looked out over the Promised Land. Continue to Madaba for a visit to St. George Greek Orthodox Church where the remains of the oldest known map of the Holy Land, painstakingly assembled from more than a million pieces of colored stone, cover the church floor. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and drive to the ancient Nabataean

Traveling Well Includes...

- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A private tented dinner in the desert in Petra featuring traditional entertainment by sword dancers
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – An after-hours private visit to the Valley of the Kings and King Tut's tomb
- A 3-night Nile River cruise aboard *Oberoï Zahra* with included shore excursions in Egypt
- A boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the Temple of Isis at Philae and tea in a Nubian Village
- Guided exploration of the Great Pyramids of Giza, including the Sphinx and Solar Boat Museum, during a 3-night stay in Cairo in pyramid-view rooms
- A 4x4 adventure in Wadi Rum; a camel ride to a monastery on Elephantine Island; and a horse cart ride to the Temple of Horus at Edfu
- Private charter flight to and from Abu Simbel
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 33 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees & portage



Feluccas on the Nile



city of Petra, carved out of sandstone cliffs around 6 BC, where your hotel is just steps away from the archaeological site. Dinner is at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. A CAMEL RIDE TO PETRA

Imagine riding a camel through a hidden desert canyon that opens up to a magnificent red rose city dating back to the 1st century BC. Ancient master builders carved palaces, temples, tombs and more into the stone cliffs you will see here today. Picture yourself standing in awe at the 130-foot-high Khazneh (The Treasury), intricately decorated with Corinthian capitals, friezes, statues and more, like Indiana Jones did in the movie, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. Discover Royal Tombs, celebrating the achievements of the dead long gone and built high on the mountainside, and marvel at the ancient amphitheatre capable of seating more than 8,000 spectators, along with numerous temples sculpted in sandstone. Have lunch at a local restaurant, before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Join us tonight for a private tented

dinner in the desert, enjoying a fruit-infused hubbly-bubbly (water pipe) smoke, music and dancing by a local troupe of Bedouin sword dancers. **Meals BLD**

5. DESERT ADVENTURES IN WADI RUM

Take a morning excursion to the otherworldly landscapes of Wadi Rum, known as the Valley of the Moon for the lunar-like dunes and towering sandstone cliffs found here. Exploring by 4x4 vehicle* with an option to ride a camel* makes your visit unforgettable. Fly to Aswan this afternoon touching down for a guided visit to the Aswan High Dam, built across the River Nile. Settle into your hotel overlooking the cataracts on the Nile and dine at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. FLY TO ABU SIMBEL

A morning flight brings you to the Nubian village of Abu Simbel for a locally guided visit to its massive temples cut into a solid rock cliff and created during the reign of Ramesses II in the 1200s BC. Fly back to Aswan for a free afternoon and have dinner in the hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ A VILLAGE LIFE & ISLAND TEMPLES

A full day of Egyptian exploration includes a boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the sacred Temple of Isis at Philae and



a visit to a Nubian village for an opportunity to discover an authentic taste of daily life – and local tea. Embark your Oberoi ship in time for lunch, followed by a camel ride* to the ruins of Saint Simeon Monastery on Elephantine Island in the Nile River. End your day with a *felucca* cruise as the sun sets on the Nile and have dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ TEMPLES OF KOM OMBU & EDFU

Cruise to Kom Ombo, where its unusual twin temples are just a walk away from your ship. Ride aboard a horse cart to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, considered to be one of the most beautiful and best-preserved temples in Egypt. It took 180 years for the temple to be built and during your guided visit you'll discover why. Return to your ship by horse cart for an evening at leisure. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ LUXOR & VALLEY OF THE KINGS & QUEENS

Buried under the sand for more than 1,000 years, Luxor's Temple of Karnak is the largest complex of its time ever built, developed over a thousand years. Explore the site with an expert guide who shares insights about its history and construction, including the 134-columned Great Hypostyle Hall. A locally guided visit to Luxor Temple, connected to Karnak by an avenue of sphinxes, follows. Return to your Nile cruiser for lunch and an afternoon excursion to the Valley of the Queens with a visit to the beautiful tomb of Nefertari, the great wife of Pharaoh Ramesses II, where the hieroglyphics amaze. Continue to the Valley of the Kings for an after-hours private visit that includes entry to King Tutankhamun's tomb. **Meals BLD**

10. CAIRO & THE TEMPLES OF SAQQARA

Disembark ship for an early flight to Cairo, touching down late morning. Visit the pyramids at Saqqara after lunch, site of the necropolis (burial ground) for the ancient Egyptian



SEE PETRA LIKE A LOCAL

Hidden from the Western world for centuries, the ancient city of Petra was sculpted into the landscapes of southern Jordan in 3 BC. To view it today with Tauck calls for a camel ride through a high-walled *siq* – a large crack in the rock most likely caused by the earthquake in 55 AD that caused the demise of this once thriving trade route city – that leads to the Treasury, Theatre and Royal Tombs you will discover here. While lunch amidst the breathtaking sites is memorable, your dinner tonight, served in a private tent out in the desert surrounding the city, will be unforgettable as you experience local traditions, including a sword dance that's rooted in a culture thousands of years old.

capital of Memphis. Your riverside hotel in Cairo invites with views of the Great Pyramids of Giza, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

11. PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Drive to nearby Giza this morning for a guided tour of its storied pyramids, including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. During your visit you will have a choice of entering one of the pyramids – and riding a camel*. See the Great Sphinx, mysteriously reclining atop its Giza plateau for more than 3,000 years. Your visit includes entry to the Solar Boat Museum, built to house a replica of the cedar ship that was unearthed next to the Great Pyramid by archaeologists more than 5,000 years after it was buried under the sand. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meals B**

12. TREASURES OF OLD CAIRO

A guided tour of Old Cairo today includes Roman ruins, ancient Coptic churches and the Al Rifai Mosque or the Sultan Hassan Mosque a short drive away. Have lunch at a local restaurant in the Khan El Khalili Market, a bustling souk in the city’s historic center, and enjoy free time to experience the labyrinthine lanes of this colorful bazaar. Join our local guide for a visit to the Old Egyptian Museum this afternoon, housing the world’s largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts, including many of the treasures found in King Tutankhamun’s tomb. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

13. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Cairo. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Marriott Mena House to Cairo Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



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PRICE PER PERSON

January 19 – November 21					
LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$9105	+	\$885	= \$9990
	Single	\$12,027	+	\$885	= \$12,912
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$9480	+	\$885	= \$10,365
	Single	\$12,773	+	\$885	= \$13,658
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$9805	+	\$885	= \$10,690
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$11,005	+	\$885	= \$11,890
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A
November 22 – December 19					
LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$8105	+	\$885	= \$8990
	Single	\$11,027	+	\$885	= \$11,912
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$8480	+	\$885	= \$9365
	Single	\$11,773	+	\$885	= \$12,658
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$8805	+	\$885	= \$9690
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$10,005	+	\$885	= \$10,890
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A
December 20 – 31					
LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$9505	+	\$885	= 10,390
	Single	\$12,427	+	\$885	= \$13,312
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$9880	+	\$885	= \$10,765
	Single	\$13,173	+	\$885	= \$14,058
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$10,205	+	\$885	= \$11,090
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$11,405	+	\$885	= \$12,290
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	= N/A

On-tour air included (4 flights)
***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).
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ACTIVITY

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR	Amman, Jordan
Night 3,4	MOVENPICK RESORT PETRA	Petra, Jordan
Night 5,6*	SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT	Aswan, Egypt
Night 7-9*	ABOARD OBEROI ZAHRA	Nile River
Night 10-12	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo, Egypt

*Tours of Sep 21 and Nov 26 will stay at the Sofitel Aswan night 5 and aboard *Oberoi Philae* nights 6 – 9.

NEW!

EGYPT: JEWELS OF THE NILE

Giza

FEW PLACES INSPIRE WITH ANCIENT SITES AND TREASURES UNTOLD quite like Egypt does, home to a storied legacy of history that dates back to the days of the Neolithic Age in 6000 BC. Considered a cradle of civilization, Egypt's enduring achievements are chronicled in temples, tombs and pyramids thousands of years old, in humble feluccas and sailing ships seaworthy still, along the banks of the life-giving Nile, and in traditions and celebrations timeless all. Discover places and antiquities immortalized in movies, books and the annals of time as you experience Egypt's wonders by land and river with Tauck at the helm.

1. ARRIVE CAIRO

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Marriott Mena House. A transfer is included from Cairo International Airport to the Marriott Mena House, a sumptuous former royal hunting lodge, where your room enjoys views of the pyramids. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Drive to nearby Giza this morning for a guided tour of its storied pyramids, including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. During your visit you will have a choice of going inside one of the pyramids and taking

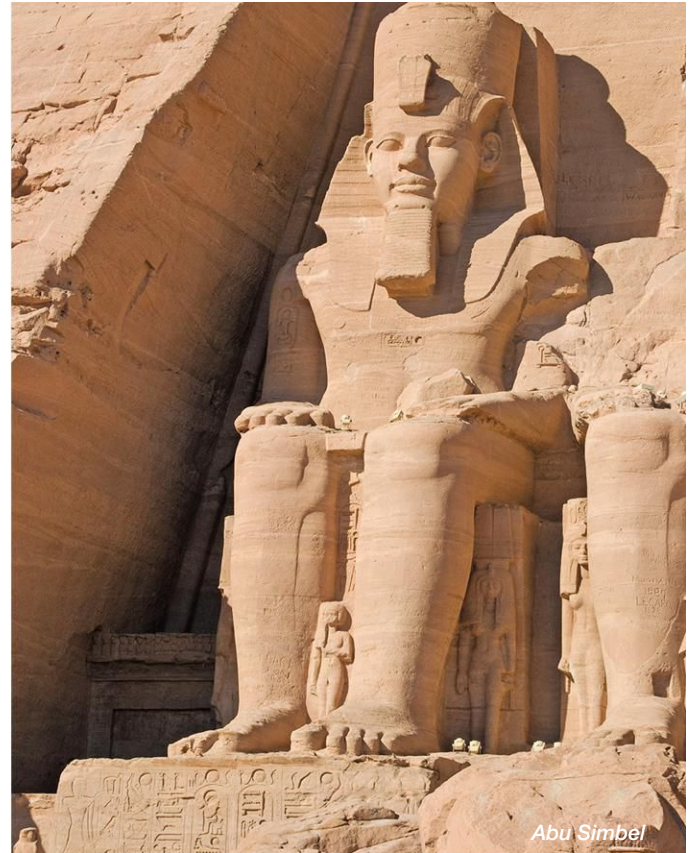
a camel ride*. See the Great Sphinx, guarding the unanswered secret of who built it 3,000 years ago and why, and visit the Solar Boat Museum, housing a replica of the cedar ship that was unearthed next to the Great Pyramid by archaeologists 5,000 years after it was buried under the sand. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and spend the rest of day at leisure. **Meals BL**

3. ■ FLY TO LUXOR AND EMBARK SHIP

Fly to Luxor this morning, site of the ancient city of Thebes, where your Nile cruiser awaits, embarking ship in time for an onboard lunch. This afternoon, join us for an excursion to the Valley of the Queens with a visit to the tomb of Nefertari, wife of Pharaoh Ramesses II, where the

Traveling Well Includes...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – An after-hours private visit to the Valley of the Kings with entry to King Tutankhamun's Tomb
- 4-night River Nile cruise aboard *Oberoi Philae* or *Oberoi Zahra* in luxury staterooms and suites
- Camel rides at the Pyramids of Giza and Saint Simeon Monastery on Elephantine Island
- A ride aboard a horse cart to the beautiful Temple of Horus at Edfu, remarkably preserved
- A boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the Temple of Isis at Philae and tea in a Nubian village
- Private charter flight to and from Abu Simbel
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 24 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



Abu Simbel

hieroglyphics amaze. Continue to the Valley of the Kings for an after-hours private visit that includes entry to King Tutankhamun's tomb. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ TIMELESS TEMPLES & CRUISE TO ESNA

Luxor's Temple of Karnak is the largest complex of its time ever built. Explore the site with an expert guide who shares insights about its history and construction, including the 134-columned Great Hypostyle Hall. A locally guided visit to Luxor Temple, connected to Karnak by an avenue of sphinxes, follows. Return to your Nile cruiser for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise to Esna. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ TEMPLES OF EDFU AND KOM OMBO

Disembark in Esna for a ride aboard a horse cart to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of the most beautiful and best-preserved temples in Egypt. Return to your ship by horse cart and cruise to Kom Ombo, where its unusual twin temples with carvings of early medical instruments are just a walk away from your ship. **Meals BLD**



6. ■ ISLAND TEMPLES & A NUBIAN VILLAGE

A full day of Egyptian exploration includes a camel ride* to the ruins of Saint Simeon Monastery on Elephantine Island in the Nile River; a boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the sacred Temple of Isis at Philae; and a visit to a Nubian village for an opportunity to discover an authentic taste of daily life – and local tea. Back aboard ship, enjoy a relaxing afternoon charting a course towards Aswan, highlighted by a sunset *felucca* cruise and dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

7. DISEMBARK SHIP & FLY TO ABU SIMBEL

A morning flight brings you to the Nubian village of Abu Simbel for a locally guided visit to its massive temples cut into a solid rock cliff and created during the reign of Ramesses II in the 1200s BC. Fly back to Aswan for an overnight stay in the Nubian Desert where your colonial-era palace hotel is located on the banks of the River Nile. Enjoy views of the cataracts from your suite. **Meals BLD**

8. FLY TO CAIRO

Fly back to Cairo this morning. Visit the pyramids at Saqqara after lunch, site of the necropolis (burial ground) for the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis. Check into your riverside hotel ideally located in the heart of Cairo and inviting with views of the Nile, where the remainder of the day is free for you to enjoy as you wish. **Meals BL**

9. TREASURES OF OLD CAIRO

Located on the right bank of the River Nile, the historic district of Old Coptic Cairo welcomes with sites that date back to 6th century BC, including ones allegedly visited by the holy family of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. A guided tour includes Roman ruins, ancient Coptic churches, mosques and later visits the Al Rifai Mosque or the Sultan Hassan Mosque a short drive away. Have lunch at a local restaurant in the Khan El Khalili Market, a bustling souk in the city's historic center, and enjoy free time to experience the labyrinthine lanes of this colorful bazaar. Enjoy a guided visit to the Old Egyptian Museum, housing the world's largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts including many of the treasures found in King Tutankhamun's tomb. Join us for a farewell dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

10. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Cairo. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza to Cairo International Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

10 DAYS FROM \$6,990*

Includes On-Tour Air

(9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS CAIRO

Jan 19, **30** Feb **9, 23** Mar **8, 15** Apr **5**, 19 Sep 6, **27**
Oct **4, 8, 18**, 25 Nov 1, **5, 15**, 22, 29 Dec **3**, 20 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$8190 per person double includes on-tour air. Small group departures sail aboard *Oberoi Philae*; specific dates apply. Go to **tauck.com** for complete small group pricing.

PRICE PER PERSON

January 19 – November 14

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$7410	+	\$580	=	\$7990
	Single	\$10,164	+	\$580	=	\$10,744
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$7910	+	\$580	=	\$8490
	Single	\$11,164	+	\$580	=	\$11,744
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$8310	+	\$580	=	\$8890
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$9810	+	\$580	=	\$10,390
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

November 15 – December 19

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$6410	+	\$580	=	\$6990
	Single	\$9164	+	\$580	=	\$9744
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$6910	+	\$580	=	\$7490
	Single	\$10,164	+	\$580	=	\$10,744
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$7310	+	\$580	=	\$7890
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$8810	+	\$580	=	\$9390
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

December 20 – 31

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A (Luxury Stateroom Deck B)	Double	\$8410	+	\$580	=	\$8990
	Single	\$11,164	+	\$580	=	\$11,744
Category B (Luxury Stateroom Deck C)	Double	\$8910	+	\$580	=	\$9490
	Single	\$12,164	+	\$580	=	\$12,744
Category C (Luxury Stateroom Deck D)	Double	\$9310	+	\$580	=	\$9890
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A
Category D (Luxury Suite Deck D)	Double	\$10,810	+	\$580	=	\$11,390
	Single	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

On-tour air included (4 flights)

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo
Night 3-6	ABOARD OBEROI CRUISER	Nile River
Night 7	SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT	Aswan
Night 8,9	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT NILE PLAZA	Cairo



OBEROI ZAHRA

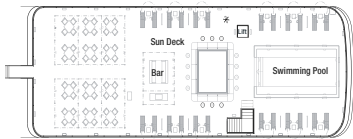
Sail the River Nile aboard the *Oberoi Zahra*, masterfully designed with luxury and comfort for your unforgettable four-night cruise through 5,000 years of history.

The *Oberoi Zahra* (pictured above) has 27 spacious staterooms and suites, each with an outside facing window, a luxurious private bathroom and complimentary Internet. See deck plans below.



Category A - Deck B, Luxury Cabin	Category B - Deck C, Luxury Cabin
Category C - Deck D, Luxury Cabin	Category D - Deck D, Luxury Suite

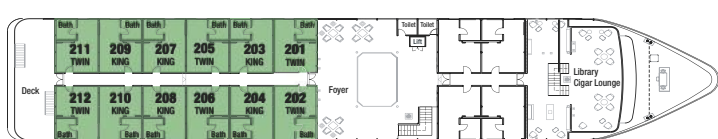
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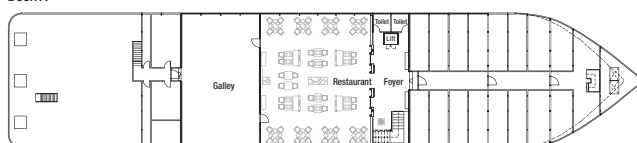
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OBEROI PHILAE

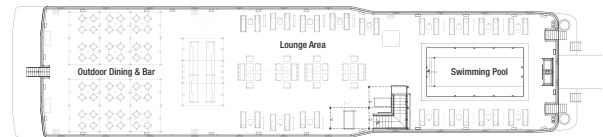
Small group departures cruise aboard *Oberoi Philae* offering spacious accommodations in 22 staterooms and suites, each featuring outside windows, a private bathroom and complimentary Internet. See deck plans below.

Public spaces on both ships are similar and include dining in a choice of venues, a fitness center, a spa, a swimming pool on the Sun Deck, a movie theater and dance floor.



Category A - Deck B, Luxury Cabin	Category B - Deck C, Luxury Cabin
Category C - Deck D, Luxury Cabin	Category D - Deck D, Luxury Suite

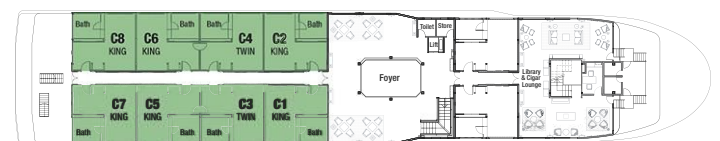
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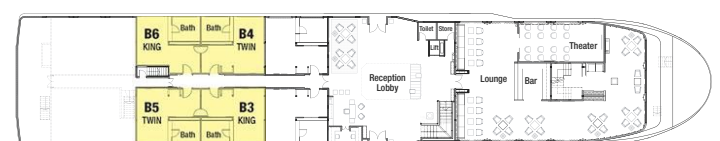
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Deck C



Deck B



Deck A



NEW!

EARTH JOURNEYS

CREATED BY TAUCK WITH BBC EARTH

WILDLIFE ODYSSEY: SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE



PART SAFARI, PART CULTURAL IMMERSION, ALL AMAZING... Indulge your imagination for safari expeditions of old à la Dr. Livingstone during two nights in Victoria Falls. Make tracks for wildlife-rich game drives in the heart of Chobe and Kruger national parks during stays in luxury lodges in the heart of the wilderness. And explore the stunning landscapes and vineyards of Cape Town, enjoying regionally inspired arts, culinary treats and more. This is a trip of a lifetime you won't want to miss.

1. ARRIVE VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Old Drift Lodge. A transfer is included upon arrival from the airport to the Old Drift Lodge, a tented camp on the banks of the Zambezi River upstream from iconic Victoria Falls. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

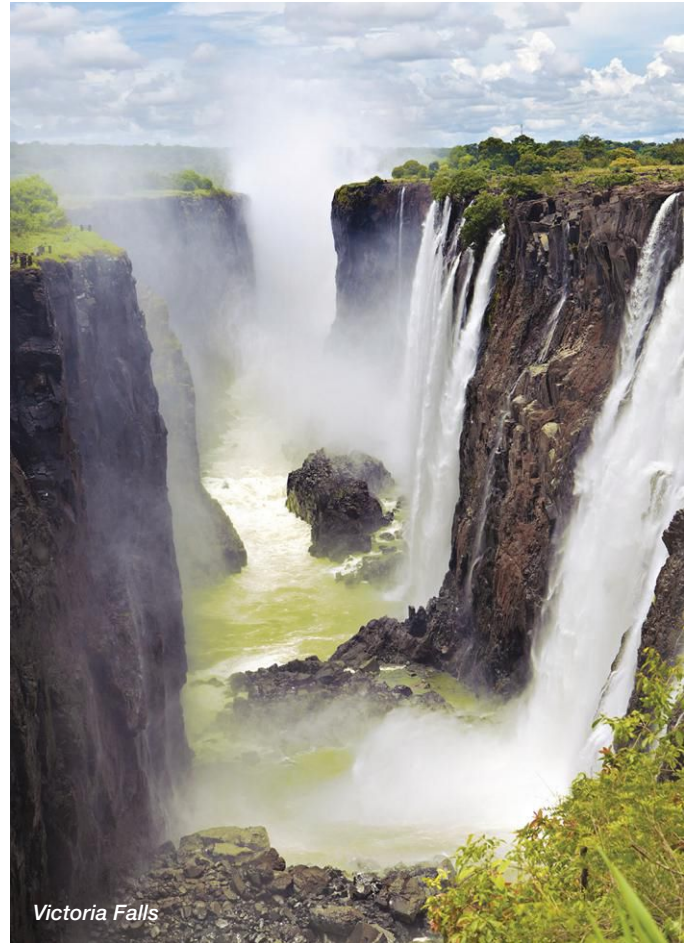
2. NATURAL WONDERS OF VICTORIA FALLS

Join our local guide for a walking tour of Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore trails that offer different perspectives of the magnificent falls, considered

the largest waterfalls in the world. Have lunch with a view of the Zambezi River before heading to an elephant sanctuary for a private visit with a family of elephants out in the bush, patiently waiting for the treats you'll bring. The Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Clinic is renowned for promoting environmental conservation in southern Africa, and operates a medical care facility and orphanage dedicated to the health and welfare of Africa's wildlife. Tour the facility and meet the naturalists and doctors who work here, learning about their efforts to protect animals injured by traps, snares and poachers and meeting the wildlife they have rescued. The evening is yours to enjoy as you wish, dining at the hotel at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- A visit with an elephant family at a sanctuary and a private visit to a wildlife clinic in Victoria Falls
- Private game drives and motorboat safaris in Chobe National Park
- Morning and afternoon game drives in Kruger National Park to spot the Big Five; a guided walking safari in a private reserve bordering Kruger National Park
- A look at tribal life in a village in Botswana
- Wine tastings and a wine pairing lunch in the Cape Winelands or an artisan and culinary tour with a cooking lesson in Cape Town; helicopter flightseeing over the Cape Peninsula
- On-Tour Air included (3 flights)
- 27 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portage



Victoria Falls



3. CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Cross into Botswana this morning en route to your riverside lodge in world-renowned Chobe National Park. An afternoon game drive with an expert safari guide introduces you to the locals, furred, feathered and fleet-footed. Botswana's first national park, Chobe attracts large herds of elephants and Cape buffalo that frequent the Chobe River; lions, antelopes and hippos linger near lagoons; and numerous bird species and zebras favor the floodplains. Enjoy dinner at the lodge this evening. **Meals BLD**

4. A GAME DRIVE & A MOTORBOAT SAFARI

Rise early for a game drive that spies wildlife starting their day in the bush as dawn breaks over the park. Wildlife whisperers, your guides follow tracks and interpret signs that lead to animal sightings out of nowhere and everywhere. See the ever-present impala, puku antelopes



Cape Town

and majestic giraffes snacking on treetops more than 16 feet high, and look for lions, wild dogs and leopards on the hunt. Return to your lodge for lunch, then join us on a private motorboat safari aboard a skimmer boat along the Zambezi River. Watch for an array of birds, elephants, hippos and herd animals stopping by for a drink while crocodiles lie in wait in the water or on the shore, along with other thirsty predators that lurk nearby. Dine indoors or out at your lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**



Chobe National Park

UNFORGETTABLE ELEPHANT ENCOUNTERS

Elephants are a huge part of the draw on an African safari, where you'll see herds of different sizes lumbering on the landscapes you explore. They thrive in Botswana's Chobe National Park, boasting Africa's largest elephant population, and in South Africa's Kruger National Park, where they are protected from ivory-seeking poachers. And thanks to the elephant sanctuary and wildlife clinic in Victoria Falls, those that are orphaned or hurt are rehabilitated and released to the wild, when possible. Meet them up close with caretakers who talk about their characteristics and personalities and enjoy an opportunity to feed them, for a unique elephant encounter impossible to replicate... or forget!

5. A LOOK AT LOCAL LIFE

Meet the people native to Botswana when you visit a local village this morning. Learn about their daily lives and deep-rooted cultural traditions and see baskets handwoven to perfection. Depending on the season, ride aboard a safari vehicle or a skimmer boat in search of up close wildlife sightings that never get old. Enjoy panoramic views of the Chobe River from the elevated boardwalks at your lodge during your free time, a great spot to watch the ever-changing wildlife parade across the river, on the islands and the surrounding floodplains, before night falls with an awe-inspiring starlit sky. **Meals BLD**

6. KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Take a final morning game drive in Chobe National Park before driving to the airport for a flight to Johannesburg, followed by another flight to your safari lodge in the Timbavati Game Reserve, bordering Kruger National Park. Stay in a thatched roof cottage with your own private verandah for animal sightings – a watering hole on the property is a favorite gathering place for wildlife of all shapes and sizes – and enjoy dinner as you wish. **Meals BD**

7. GAME DRIVES IN THE PARK

Rise early and set off in search of Africa's Big Five – lions, leopards, buffaloes, elephants and rhinos – along with wild dogs, hippos, cheetahs and herd animals with your expert guides. Morning and afternoon game drives offer ample opportunities to see predators and prey in their natural habitat. Kruger National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves, is world-renowned and is home to hundreds of species of animals and birds, including vultures, storks and eagles. After dinner, embark on an evening game drive as nocturnal animals – pangolins, armadillos, bush babies and honey badgers among them – start to stir. **Meals BLD**

8. WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

Rise early for a game drive followed by a nature walk unlike any you may have experienced before. Join your safari guides on a walking safari that offers an opportunity to learn about the bush and its fascinating fauna and flora from the ground up. Follow in the tracks of Africa's wildlife as your guide shares tracking tips with you, seeking out signs and scents that reveal which animals have passed this way before you. Catch a glimpse of smaller game, like impalas or gazelles, or see elephants lumbering on distant landscapes. Walking safaris are only permitted on private lands and not in Africa's national parks. Enjoy an afternoon game drive and join us under the stars for a private dinner tonight out in the bush. **Meals BLD**

9. FLY TO CAPE TOWN

Take a final game drive this morning before flying to cosmopolitan Cape Town for a three-night stay. Your hotel, painted pink for peace in 1918, is nestled on a lush garden estate at the foot of Table Mountain. Dinner is at your leisure in the hotel tonight. **Meals BD**

10. EXPLORE CAPE TOWN YOUR WAY

A choice of sightseeing excursions today includes a tour of the Cape Winelands with tastings at two prestigious wineries, along with a wine pairing luncheon that tempts with regional fare and time to explore the quaint streets of Franschhoek. Or, join us for an artisan and culinary tour of Cape Town, stopping to meet a jewelry designer who makes pieces from prison fences from Robben Island; taking part in a cooking lesson in making traditional Cape Malay appetizers before lunch at a hidden gem of a restaurant and visiting an art gallery featuring the works of South African artists – your local guide enriches your tour with insights about Cape Town’s history and highlights. The rest of the day is free to explore as you please. **Meals B**

11. HELICOPTER HIGHS

Experience a bird’s-eye view of Cape Town as you soar over the city aboard a helicopter that follows the coast to see Table Mountain, the Twelve Apostles, Chapman’s Peak and the bays and towns that line the shores of the Cape Peninsula. Spend the remainder of the day exploring the

waterfront delights of Victoria & Albert Waterfront, a mecca for shopping, art galleries, restaurants and entertaining street performers. Tauck’s shuttle will bring you back to the hotel at your convenience this afternoon. Tonight, join us for an African-inspired farewell dinner at a local restaurant, renowned for its local culinary fare. **Meals BD**

12. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Cape Town. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to Cape Town Airport from Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

12 DAYS FROM \$12,490*

Includes On-Tour Air
(11 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

BEGINS VICTORIA FALLS

May 21 Jun 4 Jul 2, 16, 30 Aug 13, 27 Sep 8, 11, 21, 24
Oct 5, 8, 22 Nov 5 Dec 17 / = Sold Out!

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

May – August					
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Double	\$11,290	+	\$1200	=	\$12,490
Single	\$14,134	+	\$1200	=	\$15,334
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

September – December					
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Double	\$12,290	+	\$1200	=	\$13,490
Single	\$14,915	+	\$1200	=	\$16,115
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

On-tour air included (3 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2*	OLD DRIFT LODGE	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Night 3-5	CHOBE GAME LODGE	Chobe National Park, Botswana
Night 6-8	&BEYOND NGALA SAFARI LODGE	Timbavati Game Reserve, South Africa
Night 9-11	BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL	Cape Town, South Africa

*Tours of Jul 16, 30; Aug 27; Sep 8, 24; and Oct 22 will stay at The Elephant Camp.





SOUTH AFRICA: AN ELEGANT ADVENTURE



YOUR SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA'S PRIVATE GAME RESERVES excites with stays in and near Kruger National Park and wildlife sightings that stir the soul on game drives expertly led by trackers who have a sixth sense about where even the most elusive animals can be seen. It indulges with scenic beauty in and around Cape Town, cultural insights in Johannesburg and images of Dr. Livingstone in Victoria Falls for a portrait of life in South Africa that's personally rewarding in every way.

1. ARRIVE CAPE TOWN

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Cape Grace. A transfer is included from Cape Town International Airport to the Cape Grace, where all guest rooms have harbor views; see page 51 for an opportunity to purchase upgraded accommodations with iconic views at this landmark hotel. We invite you to join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D**

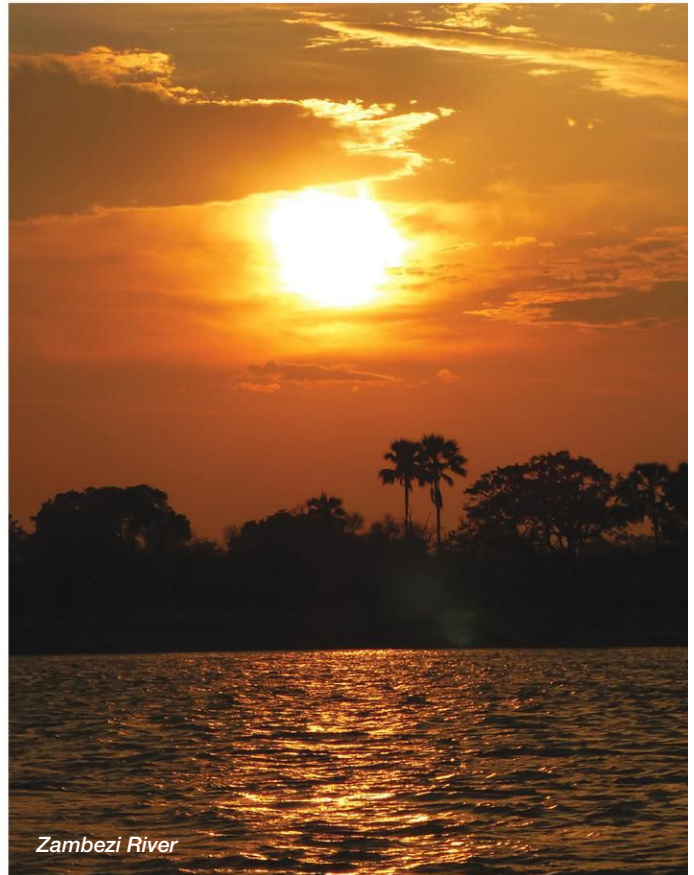
2. EXPLORE CAPE TOWN & THE WINELANDS

Begin your South Africa adventure today with a private lecture on apartheid before exploring Cape Town on an orientation sightseeing tour in and around the city.

Sightseeing includes views of City Hall, Parliament and St. George's Cathedral (where Desmond Tutu was inaugurated as archbishop). Following a journey by rotating cable car, you'll find yourself atop famous Table Mountain. Enjoy magnificent 360-degree views of the city and bay during the ride up and on a walk at the top. After lunch, enjoy a walking tour of Kirstenbosch Gardens, highlighting the unique plant life of southern Africa, and stop at the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA). Enjoy free time as you please in Cape Town before driving to the suburb of Constantia in the Cape Winelands for a private wine-pairing dinner at award-winning Steenberg Winery. The Cape's oldest farm, Steenberg is steeped in history and dates back to 1682. **Meals BLD**

Earth Journeys Highlights...

- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE - On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus select BBC Earth touches
- Four nights at luxury game lodges in or bordering the incomparable Kruger National Park
- Game drives in private wildlife reserves with excellent wildlife viewing & expert trackers
- A wine-pairing dinner in the Cape Winelands
- A private lecture in Johannesburg on the history of apartheid
- A guided visit at Victoria Falls & a private sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 28 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portage



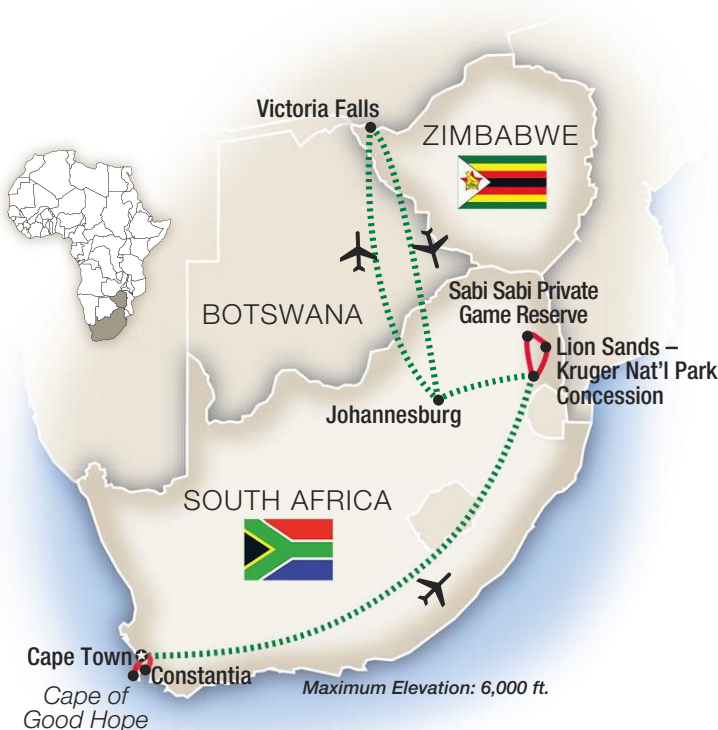
Zambezi River

3. ON AND AROUND THE CAPE PENINSULA

First up today, travel to Cape Point and take a funicular up to the historic lighthouse. The views are outstanding, and you'll be overlooking the Cape of Good Hope, the point that is thought to be where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian Ocean, and False Bay. Following lunch, travel to Simon's Town for a unique opportunity to meet African penguins in a boulder-laced coastal park before returning to your hotel. This evening, enjoy the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront at leisure. **Meals BL**

4. FLY TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Depart Cape Town and board a flight for Skukuza airstrip and the incomparable Kruger National Park, where your safari experience begins at Lion Sands – Kruger Nat'l Park Concession. Set in the South African lowveldt, it is one of the best game-viewing areas of the park; your classic safari accommodations are in a private riverside setting inside the park – the waters are a magnet for park wildlife. The area is home to many endangered and rare animals, as you'll soon discover beginning with a late afternoon game drive with an expert safari guide before dinner. **Meals BLD**





AT THE SABI SABI BUSH LODGE the magic begins the moment you drive into the Sabi Sabi Private Reserve bordering Kruger National Park. One of four Sabi Sabi lodges located in the heart of the reserve, your accommodations, contemporary in style, are designed to capture the moment as it happens... with moving views of the bushveldt from your luxury suite... endless wildlife sightings at the watering hole feet from the lounge, atrium and bar area... with an ever-vigilant guide on private game drives, twice daily, from dawn to dusk... during afternoon tea served with tradition... and at sundowners indulgent under a crimson sky.

5. LION SANDS - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Your safari lodge is located within the 12,000+-acre Kruger National Park, where wildlife viewing is rich. The park boasts one of the highest recorded densities of predators – especially of leopards – in Africa. Guests have spotted elephants, cheetahs, rhinos, wild dogs and, of course, leopards in Kruger during their stay. You'll have opportunities to spot the animals who live here on morning and afternoon game drives with expert trackers. This evening, feast on African cuisine at your lodge. **Meals BLD**

6. EXCLUSIVE GAME DRIVES IN SABI SABI

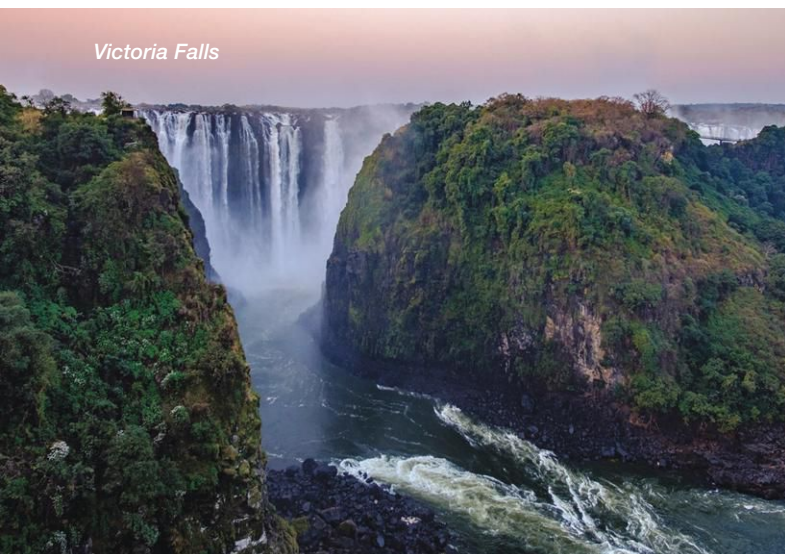
A final game drive and an optional guided walk through the bush mark the end of your stay in Kruger National Park. Next, move on to Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge, situated within the Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve. Bordering expansive

Kruger National Park, it is composed of several smaller private game reserves along the Sabie River. Designed with viewing decks that overlook a watering hole and plain, the lodge is located in habitats that are home to Africa's "Big Five" – elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard – as well as wild dogs, cheetahs and over 300 species of birds. Enjoy lunch at the lodge and time at leisure before embarking on an afternoon game drive that takes you deep into the African bushveldt. Have dinner at your leisure tonight at your safari lodge. **Meals BLD**

7. THE SAFARI LIFE IN SABI SABI, DAWN TO DUSK

Morning and afternoon game drives aboard four-wheel-drive, open-top Land Rovers today provide the possibility of up-close sightings of African game. Expert trackers and experienced rangers help you to spot the animals who migrate through the reserve, including gazelles, antelopes, kudu, impalas and giraffes. You'll have opportunities to enjoy life at your lodge as well, which is reminiscent of safaris in days gone by, perhaps with afternoon tea, or a swim between game drives. Experience a traditional *braai* dinner tonight, a South African barbecue tradition. **Meals BLD**

Victoria Falls



8. JOHANNESBURG

Spend the morning at leisure before flying to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city and commercial hub, for a two-night stay. Johannesburg is the world's biggest city not situated on a river, lake or coastline. Among the most modern and prosperous cities in South Africa, "Jo'burg" has derived much of its wealth from the major gold- and diamond-mining industries based here. Learn about gemstones at a special presentation early this evening. Your hotel, 54 on Bath, is centrally located in the lovely Johannesburg suburb of Rosebank; dine at your hotel restaurant this evening. **Meals BD**

9. SIGHTSEE IN HISTORIC JOHANNESBURG

Cultural discoveries enrich your educational sightseeing tour of Johannesburg – from its thriving business environment of today to its historical importance. Visit the Apartheid Museum, the pre-eminent museum in the world dealing with 20th-century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story; the museum illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid. You'll see the homes of leading South Africans Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as well as South Africa's Constitutional Court building. Return to your hotel, where the remainder of the day is free to spend as you please. **Meals BL**

10. MAGNIFICENT FALLS & AN EXPLORER'S TALE

Fly to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe for two nights at The Victoria Falls Hotel, with an included high tea today or tomorrow. Stroll along the hotel's private pathways for stunning views. Late this afternoon a local historian shares the story of African explorer and missionary David Livingstone while you enjoy refreshments aboard a private sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. Dine in your choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BD**

11. VICTORIA FALLS & AN ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

First up this morning is a guided walk at Victoria Falls National Park, with stops at viewpoints to take in the falls and the surrounding rainforest. Gain insights from a naturalist into the life of an African elephant at an elephant sanctuary, and have lunch. Join us for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner on your hotel's elegant terrace. **Meals BLD**

12. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: O.R. Tambo International Airport. Enjoy time at leisure in Victoria Falls before your return flight to Johannesburg this afternoon. Flights home should be scheduled to depart Johannesburg after 6:30 PM. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

UPGRADE TO TABLE MOUNTAIN VIEWS AT CAPE GRACE

You have an opportunity to purchase upgraded accommodations to Table Mountain views at Cape Grace in Cape Town at an additional cost per person; please note, **limited availability**. Please go to tauck.com for room descriptions – ask for details at booking:

Double \$300 Single \$586 Triple N/A



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BEGINS CAPE TOWN

Jan 8, **10**, 17, **24**, 31 Feb 7, **12**, 21, **26**, 28 Mar 6, 20 Apr 3, **17**
May 8, **15**, 22, 29 Jun **12**, 19, 26 Jul **3**, **10**, 17, 24, 31 Aug **5**, 14, **19**, 21, 28
Sep **2**, **4**, 11, **16**, **18**, 25, **30** Oct 2, **7**, **14**, 16, **21**, **28**, 30 Nov **4**, **13**, 27
Dec **4**, 16 **/= Sold Out!**

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$10,990 per person double includes on-tour air; specific dates apply.

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – April; September – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9990	+	\$900	=	\$10,890
Single	\$12,638	+	\$900	=	\$13,538
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

May – August

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9090	+	\$900	=	\$9990
Single	\$11,744	+	\$900	=	\$12,644
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

On-tour air included (4 flights)

Accommodation Upgrade – Limited Availability: Upgrading your accommodations on Nights 1 – 3 to a premier room is available at additional cost per person; see details.

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights and about our Guest Protection Product.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	CAPE GRACE	Cape Town
Night 4,5*	LION SANDS - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK	Lion Sands - Kruger NP Concession
Night 6,7**	SABI SABI BUSH LODGE	Sabi Sabi Private Reserve
Night 8,9	54 ON BATH	Johannesburg
Night 10,11	THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

*Tours of Jan 31, Feb 12 and Dec 4 will stay nights 4-7 at Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge. Tour of Sep 11 will stay nights 4-7 at Lion Sands – Kruger NP Concession. **Tours of Jan 24, Apr 17 and Dec 16 will stay nights 4 & 5 at Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge and nights 6 & 7 at Lion Sands.



BOTSWANA, SOUTH AFRICA & ZAMBIA

Victoria Falls

WELCOME TO A CELEBRATION OF NATURE... Start with a two-night stay in Livingstone, Zambia, where you'll begin a life-altering safari adventure that takes you through the awe-inspiring national parks of Zambia and Botswana, home to some of the largest concentrations of big game on the planet, with stays in amazing wilderness lodges that put you in the heart of it all. Your journey concludes with three nights in Cape Town, South Africa, at the continent's southernmost tip – a dazzling metropolis with a kaleidoscope of cultural traditions, art, history and more. This is the Africa you've been looking for. *Siya namkela nonke!* (Welcome!)

1. ARRIVE LIVINGSTONE

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara. Transfers are included from Livingstone Airport to The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara, Zambia, named for 19th-century missionary and explorer, Dr. David Livingstone, the first European to document the region. Settle in at the Royal Livingstone Hotel, a colonial-style luxury hotel on the Zambezi River in the heart of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park; the hotel's lounges and shaded verandahs evoke the elegance of a bygone era. Join us this evening for our welcome reception and dinner during a romantic journey through the bushveld

aboard a vintage 1920s steam train. View the park's wildlife (which includes elephants, giraffes, and zebras) from the stylish comfort of elegantly restored Pullman lounge and dining cars as you enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a five-course gourmet dinner. **Meals D**

2. RHINO WALKING SAFARI & VICTORIA FALLS

A guided walking safari* through a rhino sanctuary offers you a chance to see these great horned animals, endangered wildlife, in their natural habitat. Enjoy a lunch cruise on the Zambezi River, one of the longest rivers in

Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus select BBC Earth touches
- Safari groups averaging 20 Tauck guests; 6-passenger, open-top vehicles with window seats for everyone on game drives led by expert safari guides
- A walking safari with San Bushmen in Botswana for a close-up look at daily life and culture
- A guided walk through a rhino sanctuary
- Helicopter ride over the Okavango Delta
- A visit with meerkats on the Makgadikgadi Pans
- A 4x4 adventure on the Pans
- A traditional *braai* (barbecue) dinner at a private home in Cape Town
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 29 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portage

AFRICA



Africa. Then follow the sound of roaring water on a walking tour to Mosi-oa-Tunya, “The Smoke That Thunders,” which explorer David Livingstone named Victoria Falls. You’ll learn about the historic bridges, flora and fauna as you walk along a series of trails. The site where the mile-wide Zambezi River plunges powerfully into a chasm more than 350 feet deep, sending billowing clouds of spray skyward like inverted rain, is sure to leave you speechless! Have dinner at your fabulous hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

3. ACROSS THE ZAMBEZI TO BOTSWANA

Cross the Zambezi River to Botswana by ferry, where you’ll embark on a motorboat safari on the Chobe River. After lunch, fly to the Moremi Game Reserve on the Okavango River, in the world’s largest inland delta, and settle into your lodge on the Khwai River. During seasonal flooding, the delta might swell to three times its size, becoming an oasis in an arid country and attracting wildlife – and predators, including lions and leopards. View the wildlife after dark on a night safari before dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**





4. ON SAFARI IN MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Embark on a game drive in an open-top safari vehicle in Moremi Game Reserve with local guides who demonstrate their remarkable skills in tracking animals. Return to camp for lunch and leisure before a late afternoon game drive and a *boma* dinner under the stars. **Meals BLD**

5. THE HEART OF THE OKAVANGO DELTA

Begin the day with a morning game drive and an optional walking safari. Today you'll fly from Khwai further into the Okavango Delta to Eagle Island Camp. Situated on remote Xaxaba Island among a web of waterways and lush vegetation, it overlooks a lagoon that attracts a breathtaking variety of wildlife. This afternoon, take a motorboat safari along the intricate waterways of the Okavango Delta in search of elephants and birds. With incredible views across the Okavango Delta, dining at Eagle Island Camp tonight will be memorable. **Meals BLD**

6. OKAVANGO DELTA BY CANOE & HELICOPTER

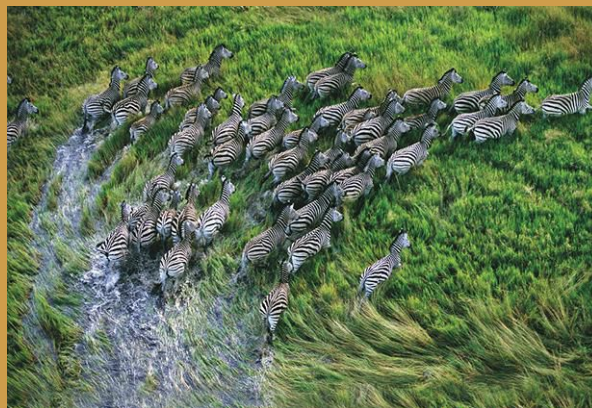
Explore the Okavango Delta by air and water today. Take a helicopter ride over the delta, where you'll be treated to amazing wildlife sightings, water and land contrasts and a visual kaleidoscope of nature. After lunch, a *mokoro* canoe safari aboard a traditional dugout canoe takes you gliding over shallow, clear waters past brilliant water lilies and papyrus grasses to areas inaccessible by boat. Listen to the gentle, rhythmic splash as you are poled along and then attune your ears to other sounds of nature. Spot long reed frogs, spinning spiders and wildlife from antelope to giraffes. But it's the variety of birds in this ornithological paradise – egrets, cormorants, malachite kingfishers – that steal the show. Should water levels prohibit boat rides today, enjoy a game drive on land in safari vehicles with a visit to a local village. Dine at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

7. MAKGADIKGADI PANS / THE SAN BUSHMEN

Fly from Okavango to Makgadikgadi Pans, the salt plains at the edge of the Kalahari Desert, and arrive at Camp Kalahari. A parched wasteland most of the year, seasonally the plains come alive with water and grass, drawing different types of wildlife. Venture out on a walking safari with Zu'hoasi San Bushmen, learning how they use their legendary hunting and survival skills in this usually inhospitable environment. A traditional sundowner and dinner end a most remarkable day. **Meals BLD**

8. MEET THE MEERKATS / SALT PAN ADVENTURE

Get acquainted with a family of fascinating meerkats today as they go about their business, digging for termites, frolicking, and standing at attention, forever on the lookout for predators; they have no fear of humans. Spend time as you please at camp in the afternoon before a fantastic late afternoon trip to the salt pans of Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Nothing says adventure like a ride in a 4-wheel-drive all-terrain vehicle (ATV)* – and this afternoon, you'll be transported in one out onto the salt pans that are located in the middle of the dry Botswana savanna for dinner. Watching the sun set in the heart of one of the most remote regions of the Kalahari Desert is an amazing experience – the silence is golden, the spectacle of the panoramic sky nothing short of inspirational. **Meals BLD**



VIEW THE OKAVANGO DELTA BY HELICOPTER

When you take a safari by canoe through the Okavango Delta you'll see some amazing sights – but when you take a helicopter sightseeing flight over the region you'll enjoy quite a different perspective. Photo ops are endless, and the opportunities to observe wildlife going about their day's activities unique. It's no wonder guests often refer to this as "the experience of a lifetime."



9. ARRIVE CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Depart Camp Kalahari today for flights first to Maun, then to the fabulous city of Cape Town, where you'll spend the next three nights. Your waterfront resort, designed around a series of artificial islands, offers contemporary glamour with an African flair and captivating views. Your evening is free to explore and spend as you please. **Meals B**

10. CAPE TOWN IS WHERE IT'S HAPPENING

Cape Town nestles in a setting of spectacular natural beauty, between an azure sea and towering Table Mountain. But its real fascination is in its contrasts – modern towers beside ornate colonial architecture, and the mix of cultures (Dutch, French, English, African, Afrikaans, Malaysian, Indian and more) that blend in the vast enclave known as the City Bowl. Visit the Cape Malay quarter (also known as Bo-Kaap), a colorful neighborhood of cobbled streets, spice shops, and brightly painted houses; the original residents were slaves from Dutch colonies in Southeast Asia, and their legacy thrives in Bo-Kaap's Muslim culture, artisan skills, and spiced cuisine. Visit the District Six Museum, weather permitting, then enjoy free time, perhaps exploring the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Join us this evening at sunset for a traditional *braai* (barbecue) at a chef's private home. **Meals BD**

11. SEALS, SHARKS & THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Drive to Cape Point and the Cape Point Nature Reserve, home to antelope, zebra, ostriches, baboons, and breathtaking seascapes this morning. Ride the funicular to Cape Point overlook for views of the Cape of Good Hope and enjoy lunch overlooking False Bay. Continue to Simon's Town where you will set sail for Seal Island, a rock off the coast that is home to upwards of 40,000 fur seals... and a magnet for other residents of the sea – including the Great

White Shark – that coexist off the Cape of Good Hope. Return to the hotel and join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel's signature restaurant tonight. **Meals BLD**

12. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Cape Town. Fly home anytime. Transfers to Cape Town International Airport from One&Only Cape Town are included. Allow at least 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

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BEGINS LIVINGSTONE

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Sep 3, 12, 19, 26 Oct 3, 10 / = Sold Out!

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability. **Group size averages 20!**
 All departures average 20 guests to ensure a more intimate safari experience!

PRICE PER PERSON

March – April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$11,090	+	\$1900	=	\$12,990
Single	\$13,263	+	\$1900	=	\$15,163
Triple	\$11,047	+	\$1900	=	\$12,947

May – October

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$12,090	+	\$1900	=	\$13,990
Single	\$14,866	+	\$1900	=	\$16,766
Triple	\$12,044	+	\$1900	=	\$13,944

On-tour air included (4 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL BY ANANTARA	Livingstone, Zambia
Night 3,4	BELMOND KHWAI RIVER LODGE	Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana
Night 5,6	BELMOND EAGLE ISLAND LODGE	Okavango Delta, Botswana
Night 7,8	CAMP KALAHARI	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, Botswana
Night 9-11	ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN	Cape Town, South Africa

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GREAT MIGRATION: TANZANIA & KENYA

Serengeti National Park



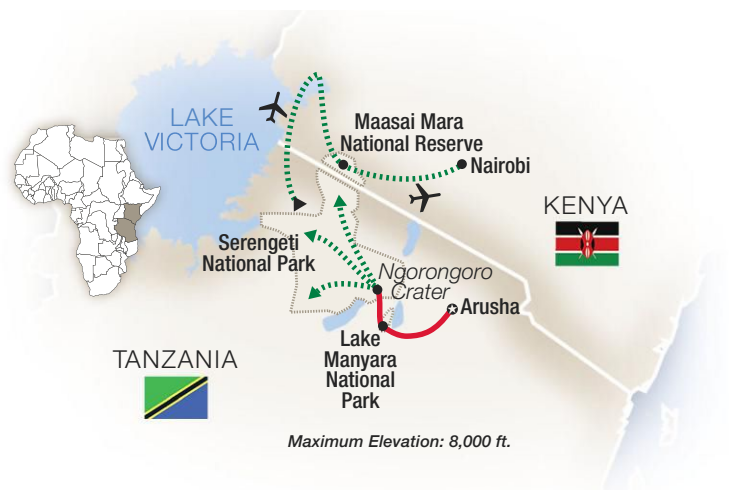
AN EPIC WILDLIFE SPECTACLE UNRIVALED ANYWHERE, the great migration is a moving pageantry with a cast of millions as herds of animals parade through Africa on the ultimate quest for food, water and survival. Staggering numbers of wildebeest thunder across the plains alongside zebras and gazelles that sprint their way through the wilderness, predators in wait, on an annual march from Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya and back again.

1. ARRIVE ARUSHA

Tour begins: Rivertrees Country Inn. Transfers are included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Rivertrees Country Inn, nestled on the grounds of an old coffee farm in the foothills of majestic Mount Meru, for an overnight stay. Meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

2. NGORONGORO CRATER VIA LAKE MANYARA

Set out this morning for a two-night stay near Ngorongoro Crater; nearly three million years old, this ancient caldera was once a gigantic volcano and today is a haven for African wildlife. Drive into the Tanzanian wilderness, stopping en route for lunch overlooking Lake Manyara



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- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus select BBC Earth touches
- All small group departures – 18 guests maximum
- A picnic and game drive in Ngorongoro Crater
- Three nights in a mobile camp in the Serengeti, located near migrating wildlife
- Two nights at a luxury tented camp in the Maasai Mara Reserve in Kenya with a hot air balloon ride
- Game drives with expert trackers in the Serengeti and the Maasai Mara Reserve to see wildebeest, zebras, Thomson's gazelles and more on the move
- Visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
- On-Tour Air included (3 flights)
- 24 meals, airport transfers as noted on arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes & portorage



Maasai Mara

National Park and the lake, its shores forested by fig, acacia and mahogany trees. A variety of animals gather here too, from giraffes, baboons, elephants, wildebeest and zebras to a multitude of waterbirds, including flocks of pink flamingos. Continue on to your intimate lodge and spa, set above a valley with stunning views, for a two-night stay. The surrounding Ngorongoro Conservation Area is home to some 30,000 large mammals and offers a glimpse of the migratory wildlife you've come here hoping to see. Join us for a welcome dinner at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. GARDEN OF EDEN IN NGORONGORO CRATER

Experience the Africa of days gone by when you go on a game drive in the "lost world" of Ngorongoro Crater, fondly referred to as Africa's "Garden of Eden." Travel aboard a four-wheel-drive vehicle for an opportunity to spot Africa's renowned Big Five: buffalo, elephant, leopard, the lion and the endangered, rare black rhinoceros, as well as herds of zebras, wildebeest and gazelles roaming across life-giving

landscapes of grasslands, swamps and forests. Return to your lodge for free time and dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

4. FLY TO THE SERENGETI

In Maasai, the word Serengeti means "the place where the land moves on forever." See why when you fly to Serengeti National Park this morning where over a million wildebeest and some 200,000 zebras make a trek from the southern Serengeti to the Maasai Mara and back again every year. In spite of the dangers they face from crocodiles, lions or weather conditions, they are driven by a deeply held instinct to constantly search for food and water. Their annual trek takes them through a variety of parks, reserves and protected areas with different habitats. Check into your mobile camp for a memorable three-night stay in the heart of the park. Your mobile camp is strategically positioned for sightings of the migration, giving you a front-row seat to this amazing spectacle. After lunch, join an expert tracker for an eye-opening afternoon game drive into the Serengeti

FRONT-ROW ACCOMMODATIONS

Wildlife is the draw for our intimate safaris so where you stay is an important part of the experience. Located in the path of the Great Migration along the banks of the Sabaringo River in the Masai Mara region of Kenya, &Beyond Kichwa Tembo combines an authentic dose of wildlife, panoramic views of the Masai Mara Reserve, and legendary Kenyan hospitality. Tented accommodations here are timeless and stylish with oversized beds, spacious living rooms, en-suite bathrooms and secluded private verandas.

Set up in three different locations in the Serengeti during different times of the year, Legendary Serengeti Mobile Camp follows the migration of wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles and zebras with 11 private luxury en-suite canvas tents, with separate on-site dining and lounge facilities.



&Beyond Kichwa Tembo



Legendary Serengeti Mobile Camp

wilderness; look for wildebeest, zebras and Thomson's gazelles. Return to the camp for dinner. **Meals BLD**

5. DAILY LIFE IN THE SERENGETI

As dawn breaks over the Serengeti savanna, the morning rituals of the park's wildlife herald a new day. Look for lions, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, gazelles, zebras, elephants, hippos and more on a morning game drive. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in your wilderness camp, immersing in the kind of quintessential

African experience that thrilled early explorers like David Livingstone and inspired the writer Ernest Hemingway, where the only crowds you will encounter are of the furred, four-footed kind. **Meals BLD**

6. GAME DRIVES IN THE SERENGETI

Morning and afternoon game drives keep you on the move with the animals that pass through the Serengeti in their relentless search for food and water; on days when the migration is in full force, spend the entire day experiencing this amazing wildlife phenomenon as herds of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras thunder by with a few hungry big cats and hyenas tailing closely behind. Witness unscripted moments you'll not soon forget. **Meals BLD**

7. FLY TO MAASAI MARA IN KENYA

An early morning flight out of the Serengeti whisks you to the shores of Lake Victoria, then on to Kenya where you land in the Maasai Mara National Reserve for a two-night stay. Your tented camp looks out at the Sabaringo River and the plains of the Maasai Mara, one of the world's richest wildlife reserves. Head out into the reserve after lunch for a game drive that offers the opportunity to view an array of animals, including zebras, cheetahs, wildebeest, gazelles and the "Big Five," up close. Enjoy dinner at the camp, then retire to your tented accommodations, where groups of warthogs, piglets in tow, often wander right outside your door! **Meals BLD**



*David Sheldrick
Wildlife Trust*

8. BALLOON RIDE OVER THE MAASAI MARA

Wake up early for a hot air balloon ride* at dawn this morning that takes you above the treetops for panoramic views of the wildlife herds that roam the Maasai Mara Reserve. Look down as you sail above the reserve for signs of life in the landscapes below. You may see herds of animals, giraffes, elephants, gazelles, hippos and other grazers among them, moving toward the water to drink and bathe. You may spy hyenas feasting on the remains of a kill or a cheetah or lioness on the hunt for food in lush grasslands; the possibilities of sightings are wide open. Touch down for breakfast and champagne in the bush before a game drive en route back to your lodge. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Your luxury camp boasts a massage room where you can indulge in a relaxing treatment and a rim-flow swimming pool set on the edge of the reserve where animals often wander by. **Meals BLD**

9. FLY TO NAIROBI / JOURNEY HOME

Depart your tented camp after breakfast this morning for a flight to Nairobi and a drive to the quiet suburb of Karen, Kenya. Enjoy a private, heartwarming visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust this afternoon, founded in an effort



WILDEBEEST, BORN TO MOVE

One of the largest members of the antelope family, wildebeest (gnus) make their homes in the plains and open woodlands of Africa. Herd animals active both day and night, they are constantly on the move in search of grass and water. In the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, they make a migratory circle each year of hundreds of miles. A march of millions, their migration is relentless, taking them across land, rivers and lakes in huge groups of young and old that are incredible to watch and impossible to forget.

to save baby elephants that are orphaned due to poachers' attacks. As a special experience, you will be allowed to watch baby elephants during feeding time. Tauck has reserved day rooms at Hemingways hotel so you can relax and repack before your flight home. Have dinner at the hotel before your included transfer from Hemingways Nairobi to Nairobi International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in. **Meals BLD**

9 DAYS FROM \$10,590*

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BEGINS ARUSHA

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Aug 6, 9, 16, 20, 27, 30 Sep 6, 10, 27 Oct 1 Nov 19 **/= Sold Out!**

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PRICE PER PERSON

January - February; June - October

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$10,690	+	\$1300	=	\$11,990
Single	\$11,639	+	\$1300	=	\$12,939
Triple	\$10,598	+	\$1300	=	\$11,898

March

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9990	+	\$1300	=	\$11,290
Single	\$10,755	+	\$1300	=	\$12,055
Triple	\$9897	+	\$1300	=	\$11,197

November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9290	+	\$1300	=	\$10,590
Single	\$9947	+	\$1300	=	\$11,247
Triple	\$9236	+	\$1300	=	\$10,536

On-tour air included (3 flights)

Group size limited to 18! All departures are limited to 18 guests to ensure a more intimate safari experience!

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on int'l air for travel originating in the US & Canada (subject to availability).

Hot Air Balloon Experience Included. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Maasai Mara on Day 8... \$475 value!

Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN	Makumira, Tanzania
Night 2,3	KITELA LODGE	Karatu, Tanzania
Night 4-6	LEGENDARY SERENGETI MOBILE CAMP	Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Night 7,8	&BEYOND KICHWA TEMBO	Maasai Mara, Kenya



TANZANIA: SERENGETI TO ZANZIBAR



THE SAFARI JOURNEY IN TANZANIA YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

Visit some of East Africa's best game reserves to observe the Big Five – elephant, leopard, lion, rhinoceros, and buffalo – in their natural habitats and daily lives. Enjoy a wide range of experiences that reveal the essence of this part of Africa – from a hot air balloon flight high above the Serengeti for unparalleled views of the wildlife to stays in luxury safari lodges and a two-night visit to the archipelago of Zanzibar, where

you'll discover farm-fresh spices, sail aboard a hand-crafted *dhow*, and go snorkeling on a secluded beach!

1. ARRIVE ARUSHA

Tour begins: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa. A transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa is included. Your hotel sits at the foot of sacred Mount Meru on the shores of Lake Duluti. Sleep to the sounds of the wilderness tonight.

villagers. Continue on to Lake Manyara for lunch overlooking Lake Manyara National Park and the lake, its shores forested by fig, acacia and mahogany trees. Elephants, hippos, zebras, giraffes, buffaloes and wildebeest are often seen in the park along with tree-climbing lions. Continue to your lodge in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area; built on the dormant volcano's rim, the hotel offers views of the "lost world" below. **Meals BLD**

2. TO NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

Visit a traditional Maasai village this morning. Learn about daily life in the African bush during talks with the tribal chief and local

3. NGORONGORO CRATER

Explore Ngorongoro Crater on a game drive this morning, followed by a picnic lunch in the crater. Long regarded

Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus select BBC Earth touches
- Intimate safari groups limited to just 24 Tauck guests; private game drives in Tauck's open-top safari vehicles in Serengeti National Park – led by expert trackers and guides
- Hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti, followed by a champagne breakfast
- Two nights in Zanzibar with a historic Stone Town cultural walking tour, a *dhow* boat cruise on the Indian Ocean to a secluded beach
- Picnic lunch in Ngorongoro Crater
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 24 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



Meet the Maasai



as Africa's "Garden of Eden," the landscapes you'll see today include grasslands, forests and a saltwater lake, inspiring a continual migration of animals. From the comfort of your four-wheel-drive vehicle, you may spot the "Big Five" – buffalo, elephant, leopard, the black-maned lion and the rare black rhinoceros. Return to your safari lodge, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Pack up your Tauck-supplied duffle bag tonight for your upcoming four-night stay in the Serengeti. **Meals BLD**

4. OLDUPAI GORGE / THE SERENGETI

Drive to Oldupai Gorge this morning where archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey discovered fossilized remains of some of the earliest humans ever found – 1.8 million years old. Visit the museum and enjoy a private lecture by a resident expert about the site, before setting off over unpaved roads across the plains and grasslands of the Serengeti. You'll have many opportunities for wildlife viewing en route to your safari lodge in the Central Serengeti; its authentic décor was inspired by Maasai tribal dwellings. Have dinner at leisure and enjoy local entertainment in the lounge this evening. **Meals BLD**



ZANZIBAR BY LAND & SEA

Exotic and enticing no matter when you visit, Zanzibar is home to some of the world's most beautiful beaches, an array of local spices, fragrant with heady aromas and a rich cultural history that includes a mesmerizing mix of influences from Africa, Arabia, India and Europe. Become acclimated to island life by land and sea, including an ocean safari aboard a handcrafted *dhow* sailboat, with an opportunity for snorkeling in crystalline waters and lunch on a private white coral sand beach.



A TASTE OF DAILY LIFE

Walk through the old market in Stone Town and one of the first things you'll notice are the fragrances, reminiscent of bakery-rich confections you've had before. Cloves, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, vanilla and more have been a cultural and economic mainstay in the spice islands for centuries, grown in plantations, private kitchen gardens and wild places throughout the archipelago and traded around the world. During your two-night stay, you will have an opportunity to join a local guide to discover spices at their roots, in scented twigs, leaves and fruits that remind you of home.

5. HOT AIR BALLOON ABOVE THE SERENGETI

A hot air balloon flight* at dawn soars over the Serengeti savanna giving you the unique opportunity to observe the morning rituals of the reserve's wildlife as they wake up to a new day; experience unforgettable panoramic views and photo opportunities, then a champagne breakfast in the bush helps bring you back down to Earth! Look for hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, gazelles, zebras, elephants, hippos and more as you drive back to your lodge for lunch in the Serengeti; it's also one of the best places on the African continent to find prides of lions. Following lunch and time at leisure at the lodge, head off for an afternoon game drive. A sundowner, dinner and entertainment at the lodge end a wonderful day in the Serengeti. **Meals BLD**

6. KIRAWIRA TENTED CAMP

Travel to the Western Serengeti for a two-night stay at the Kirawira Tented Camp – sitting on a hilltop overlooking the vast plains of the Serengeti, it is styled after the hunting camps of the Edwardian era. Arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive with an experienced guide who points out wildlife sightings along the way. Dinner tonight is at your leisure in the camp's dining tent. **Meals BLD**

7. WESTERN SERENGETI SAFARI GAME DRIVES

Spend the day enjoying morning and afternoon game drives with time at leisure to enjoy the amenities of your luxurious tented camp, including a swimming pool, bar and spa. Wildlife sightings today may include lions, leopards, elephants, wildebeest and more. **Meals BLD**

8. ZANZIBAR – A CULTURAL MELTING POT

Enjoy a final game drive this morning before flying to the archipelago of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean, a land of spices, exotic wildlife, and white sand beaches; stay two nights at a beachfront hotel in the heart of Stone Town, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy lunch upon arrival, then set off with a local guide on a walking tour of historic Stone Town in the main port of Zanzibar City; you'll learn about the unique mix of cultures here – a blend of African, Arab, Indian, Persian, and European influences. The evening is free for exploring as you wish. The town's key attractions are just steps from your hotel. **Meals BL**

9. A *DHOW* ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

Dhows – handcrafted sailboats – have sailed the archipelago waters for millennia, trading and fishing from one island port to the next. Set out to sea aboard a



10. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Zanzibar. Visit a spice farm for a guided tour this morning or enjoy time at leisure before checking out of your hotel. Fly to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, mid- to late afternoon, en route to Julius Nyerere International Airport for your flight home. Allow 3½ hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Note:** International flights should be booked after 10:00 AM. **Meals B**

10 DAYS FROM \$6,990*

Includes On-Tour Air

(9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS ARUSHA

Jan 13, 27 Feb 10 Mar 9 May 18, 25 Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jul 13, 20, 27
Aug 3, 10, 24, 31 Sep 7, 21 Oct 5, 19 Dec 21 / = **Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability; additional departure dates may become available as these sell out.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – February 23; June – October; December 21 – 31

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7540	+	\$850	=	\$8390
Single	\$8596	+	\$850	=	\$9446
Triple	\$7263	+	\$850	=	\$8113

February 24 – May; December 1 – 20

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$6195	+	\$795	=	\$6990
Single	\$6879	+	\$795	=	\$7674
Triple	\$5997	+	\$795	=	\$6792

On-tour air included (2 flights)

Group size limited to 24! All departures are limited to 24 guests to ensure a more intimate safari experience!

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Hot Air Balloon Experience Included. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Serengeti on Day 5... \$475 value!

Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA	Arusha
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater
Night 4,5	SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Serengeti National Park
Night 6,7	KIRAWIRA TENTED CAMP	Serengeti National Park
Night 8,9	PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR	Stone Town, Zanzibar



EARTH JOURNEYS

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KENYA & TANZANIA: A CLASSIC SAFARI



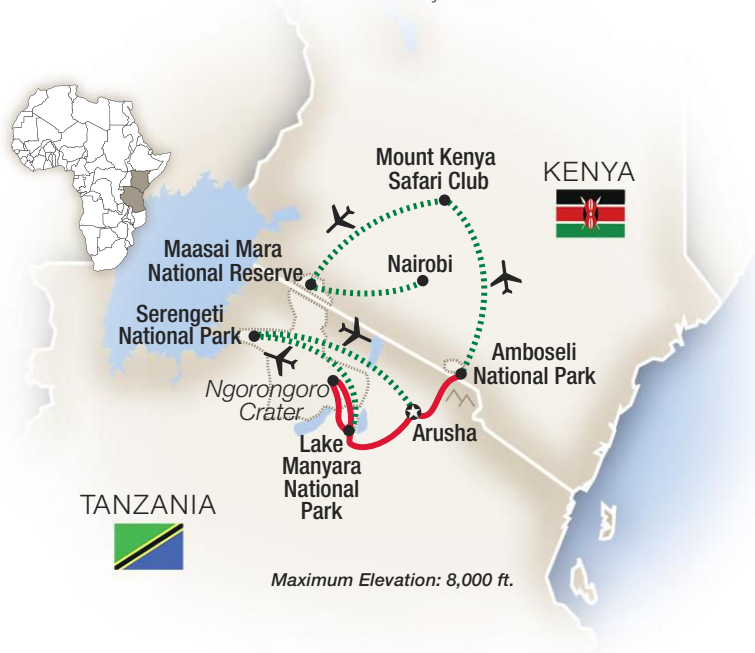
AFRICA'S "BIG FIVE" are among the wildlife that can be spotted on our classic safari evoking expeditions of yesteryear... but with modern-day touches. Discover Ngorongoro Crater, fondly called Africa's Garden of Eden... a place where the Serengeti and Maasai Mara harbor umbrella-like acacia trees and rocky outcrops known as "kopje"... and the circle of life unfolds around you.

1. ARRIVE ARUSHA

Tour begins: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa. Transfers are included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa for an overnight stay. Meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

2. NGORONGORO CRATER VIA LAKE MANYARA

Set out for a five-night safari to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti plains. Stop for lunch overlooking Lake Manyara. Along with abundant giraffes, baboons and elephants, Lake Manyara is home to a multitude of birds, including great birds of prey. Continue on to Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge for a two-night stay in the Ngorongoro Conservation



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- Three nights in the Serengeti and two nights in Amboseli National Park and the Maasai Mara National Reserve, all with daily game drives
- Hot air balloon ride at dawn over the Maasai Mara National Reserve and a champagne breakfast
- Visits to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary & William Holden Wildlife Foundation
- Private lecture by an elephant researcher in Amboseli National Park
- Barbecue dinner at Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti with a Maasai cultural performance
- On-Tour Air included (5 flights)
- 36 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes & portage



Maasai villager in Amboseli

Area, home to some 30,000 large mammals. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

3. GARDEN OF EDEN - NGORONGORO CRATER

Experience the Africa of bygone days when you explore the “lost world” of Ngorongoro Crater. From aboard your four-wheel-drive vehicle, you’ll have an opportunity to spot Africa’s renowned Big Five: buffalo, elephant, leopard, the lion and the endangered, rare black rhinoceros, as well as herds of zebras, wildebeests and gazelles roaming life-giving landscapes of grasslands, swamps and forests. Today’s picnic in the crater will be a highlight of your trip. Pack your Tauck duffle bag tonight for your upcoming three-night stay in Serengeti National Park. **Meals BLD**

4. FLY TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Fly to the Serengeti this morning, arriving in time for lunch at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge. An afternoon game

drive in the park excites with up-close sightings of the many animals who make their home here from the safety and comfort of your open-top safari vehicle. Your expert guide will point out any animals that may be hidden in the bush! Enjoy a barbecue dinner tonight, along with a Maasai cultural performance with dancing. **Meals BLD**

5. ENDLESS PLAINS IN SERENGETI NAT’L PARK

A morning game drive takes you into the golden Serengeti savanna today, one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth able to sustain an abundance of flora and fauna. You may spot numerous prides of lions, zebras, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, black rhinoceros, hippos, buffaloes, jackals, gazelles and primates. The Serengeti is also the starting point for the annual migration of herds of wildebeest that make their way to the Maasai Mara every year in their endless quest for survival. Spend the afternoon as you wish, enjoy the evening under the sunset and savor a taste of Pan-African cuisine during a leisurely dinner at the lodge restaurant of your choice. **Meals BLD**



SEE AFRICA'S "BIG FIVE"

LIONS (*Panthera leo*) are often seen in Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya), Serengeti & Tarangire national parks, and Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Tanzania). **BUFFALO** (*Syncerus caffer*) can weigh as much as 1,500 lbs. – big and dangerous enough to keep most predators at bay. Buffalo roam the Sabi Sands Game Reserve (South Africa) and Serengeti National Park (Tanzania). **BLACK RHINOCEROS** (*Diceros bicornis*) may be spotted in Ngorongoro Crater and the Maasai Mara. **LEOPARDS** (*Panthera pardus*) are prevalent in most parks and reserves in east and southern Africa; you'll often need to look up to spot one... since they spend much of their time in trees. **AFRICAN ELEPHANT** (*Loxodonta africana*), the world's largest land mammal, is a fixture throughout the Maasai Mara, as well as Amboseli and Serengeti national parks.

6. SAVOR THE SERENGETI

Spend the entire day in Serengeti National Park embarking on morning and afternoon game drives, balanced with time at leisure to enjoy the amenities and serenity of your safari lodge, one of the most luxurious in the park and ideally located for wildlife viewing at your pleasure. Elephant families are drawn to the watering hole near the lodge's swimming pool, a great place to relax and cool off after your game drives. **Meals BLD**

7. AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Fly to Arusha early this morning where majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro peaks over surrounding landscapes at more

than 15,000 feet up. We're headed for Kenya today for a two-night stay in Amboseli National Park, whose savanna grasslands spread across the Kenya – Tanzania border. Enjoy lunch en route to your lodge and settle into your Maasai-inspired room, boasting a private balcony for moments of scenic relaxation. Your lodge accommodations are set in a secluded grove of acacia trees, overlooking the plains and Kilimanjaro. Close by, a series of emerald green swamps entice huge numbers of free-ranging elephants, hippos, buffaloes and other game animals. **Meals BLD**

8. MEET THE MAASAI & ENJOY A GAME DRIVE

Visit a nearby Maasai village this morning for a glimpse of daily life in the African bush; meet the chief and go inside

a private home as you learn about their tribal culture. Head out on your first game drive for opportunities to see elephants, hippos, buffaloes, antelopes, jackals, warthogs, baboons and monkeys. After lunch and an afternoon game drive, learn about the famous elephants of Amboseli during a private reception and lecture before dinner. **Meals BLD**

9. MT. KENYA CLUB & AN ANIMAL ORPHANAGE

A morning flight and short drive bring you to the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, where the Equator literally runs right through the center of the hotel. The hotel was founded in 1959 by the late film star William Holden and is known for attracting a celebrity clientele. Enjoy lunch at the lodge and join in a special Equatorial ceremony before a private visit to the William Holden Wildlife Foundation's animal orphanage and education center. The orphanage provides care for orphaned, injured, neglected, abused or frightened wild animals with the goal to release them back into the wild. Have dinner at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

10. OL PEJETA PARK, CHIMPANZEES & WEAVERS

An exciting day begins at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, boasting East Africa's largest resident black rhino population, and others of the Big Five. It's also home to the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, which shelters orphaned and abused chimpanzees. The town of Nanyuki is known for its colorful rugs, hangings and shawls; on a private visit with local weavers, see them shearing, spinning, dyeing and weaving sheep's wool by hand. Dine under the stars tonight at a private barbecue. **Meals BLD**

11. FLY TO THE MAASAI MARA

Pack your Tauck duffle bag for a two-night stay at the Fairmont Mara Safari Club, surrounded on three sides by the Mara River and on the edge of the Seventh "New" Wonder of the World. Fly from Nanyuki to the Maasai Mara, touching down to a welcome by a Maasai warrior. Spend the afternoon as you wish, then enjoy an eye-opening evening game drive on the Mara plains. **Meals BLD**

12. BALLOON RIDE & A BUSH BREAKFAST

Rise early for an exciting hot air balloon* flight high above the treetops' height. As dawn breaks, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the wildlife herds that roam the Maasai Mara reserve, one of the world's richest wildlife reserves and home to zebras, cheetahs, wildebeests, gazelles and the Big Five. Descend to enjoy a champagne breakfast served in the bush. Enjoy a game drive en route to the lodge and spend the afternoon as you wish. A final game drive this evening is followed by a farewell reception and *boma* dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

13. FLY TO NAIROBI & JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Fly to Nairobi for a midday arrival. We have reserved a day room for you at the Nairobi Serena Hotel; depart the hotel for the airport after dinner. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BLD**

13 DAYS FROM \$10,590*

Includes On-Tour Air

(12 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 12 Dinners)

BEGINS ARUSHA

Jan 11, 18, 25 Feb 8, 15 Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9, 23, 27, 30
Jun 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 Jul 1, 4, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29
Aug 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 26, 29 Sep 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov 4 Dec 16, 23 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – March; June – October 16; December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$11,065	+	\$1125	=	\$12,190
Single	\$11,968	+	\$1125	=	\$13,093
Triple	\$10,873	+	\$1125	=	\$11,998

April – May; October 17 – November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9465	+	\$1125	=	\$10,590
Single	\$10,227	+	\$1125	=	\$11,352
Triple	\$9359	+	\$1125	=	\$10,484

On-tour air included (5 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Hot Air Balloon Experience Included. The price of your journey includes a hot air balloon adventure over the Maasai Mara on Day 12... a \$470 value!

Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

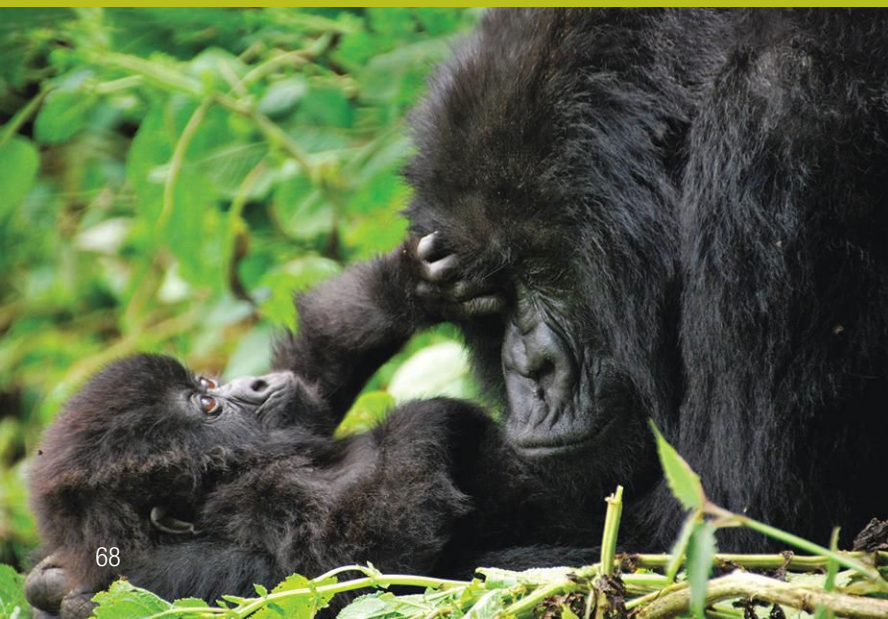
Night 1	ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA	Arusha, Tanzania
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
Night 4-6*	FOUR SEASONS SAFARI LODGE SERENGETI	Serengeti Nat'l Park, Tanzania
Night 7,8	AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Amboseli Nat'l Park, Kenya
Night 9,10	FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB	Nanyuki, Kenya
Night 11,12	FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB	Maasai Mara Nat'l Reserve, Kenya

*Tours of Jun 13, 20; Sep 16 and 19 will stay at the Melia Serengeti

GORILLA TREKS IN RWANDA



Your gorilla safari brings you face-to-face with a gorilla family living in the wilds of Rwanda, and includes a traditional Rwandan dance performance, a tour of a Kigali coffee cooperative, and a visit to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum dedicated to saving the endangered mountain gorilla.



GORILLAS IN YOUR MIDST

Spend the last three nights of your African safari in Rwanda, home to some of the last remaining mountain gorillas on Earth. Benefit from insights and observations about gorilla behavior at private lectures and during a visit to the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum before your once-in-a-lifetime gorilla trek begins. A private porter will carry your provisions as an expert guide leads you into the wilderness for your gorilla encounter. Once the gorillas are located, you will have the rare opportunity to watch them interact with each other – and you if they choose! Your adventure includes talks by conservationists working to save these endangered gorillas from extinction.

See all the day-by-day details at tauck.com.





MOUNTAIN GORILLA SAFARI: TANZANIA, ZANZIBAR & RWANDA

13 DAYS FROM \$15,990*

Includes On-Tour Air (3 flights)
(12 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

BEGINS ARUSHA

Jan 20 Aug ~~17~~ Sep 14 Dec 28 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability,
complete itinerary and prices.

Group size limited to 24.

***International Airfare is additional.**



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SAFARI AT A GLANCE

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Arusha – Arusha Serena Hotel
2, 3	Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater, private game drive & picnic – Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
4, 5	Oldupai Gorge and early man, Serengeti National Park, hot air balloon ride and a champagne breakfast, private game drives – Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
6, 7	Western Serengeti National Park, morning and afternoon game drives with expert trackers – Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp
8, 9	Fly to Zanzibar, Stone Town walking tour, private dhow ocean safari & beach picnic – Park Hyatt Zanzibar
10	Fly to Kigali, Rwanda – Kigali Serena Hotel
11, 12	Coffee tour, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum, Volcanoes National Park, gorilla trek – One&Only Gorilla's Nest
13	Genocide Memorial Museum, Kigali Serena Hotel Depart Kigali

MOUNTAIN GORILLA SAFARI: KENYA, TANZANIA & RWANDA

16 DAYS FROM \$19,290*

Includes On-Tour Air (6 flights)
(15 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches & 14 Dinners)

BEGINS ARUSHA

Jan 4 Jul ~~18~~ Aug ~~2, 24~~ Dec 12 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability,
complete itinerary and prices.

Group size limited to 24.

***International Airfare is additional.**



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SAFARI AT A GLANCE

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Arusha – Arusha Serena Hotel
2, 3	Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater, private game drive & a picnic – Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
4-6	Daily game drives & wildlife viewing from your lodge in Serengeti National Park – Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti
7, 8	Amboseli National Park, private game drives, Maasai village visit – Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge
9, 10	Mt. Kenya club, a visit to a wildlife orphanage, Ol Pejeta, chimpanzees and weavers – Fairmont Mt. Kenya Safari Club
11, 12	Maasai Mara, hot air balloon ride, champagne breakfast in the bush, daily game drives in the reserve – Fairmont Mara Safari Club
13	Fly to Kigali, Rwanda – Kigali Serena Hotel
14, 15	Coffee tour, Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum, Volcanoes National Park, gorilla trek – One&Only Gorilla's Nest
16	Genocide Memorial Museum, Kigali Serena Hotel Depart Kigali

MAGIC OF MOROCCO



MYSTICAL, MYSTERIOUS, FOREVER FASCINATING MOROCCO, with its mix of Arabic and European cultures, unfolds its treasures on this 10-day tour that includes the great ancient cities of Rabat, Fes, Meknes, Casablanca and Marrakech... along the twisting, labyrinthine streets of medinas teeming with aromatic spice bazaars, souks, and street food vendors... down wide boulevards lined with palm trees and French colonial architecture... in stunning palaces, mosques, and sultans' tombs... in the piano bar at Rick's in Casablanca... on a camel ride... in a Berber tent under a desert sky...

1. ARRIVE RABAT

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, La Tour Hassan. A transfer is included from Rabat-Salé Airport or Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport to La Tour Hassan, ideally located close to Hassan Tower. Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner with music at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. RABAT, MOROCCO'S CAPITAL & ON TO FES

Morocco's seaside capital city is an intriguing blend of medieval Arabic and modern European influences, wide palm-lined boulevards, enclaves of elegant French colonial architecture, and Moorish-style palaces, mosques, and ramparts that echo the city's golden age as an Almahad



Traveling Well Includes...

- Sightseeing in Marrakech, including the Saadian Tombs
- Visit to Volubilis, with lunch at a private home and a talk by a university scholar about the role of women in Moroccan society
- Lunch at Rick's Café in Casablanca, modeled on the "gin joint" in the film *Casablanca*
- An evening of Berber culture and cuisine, including dining, music and entertainment under a desert tent, and a camel ride
- Visit to the stables and granary at Sultan Moulay Ismail's 17th-century palace in Meknes
- A choice of discoveries in Fes, including a culinary or artisan-focused walking tour or exploration of the Jewish Quarter, followed by a visit to the tanneries and dinner at a riad
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 23 meals, gratuities to local guides, taxes, service charges, admission fees and portage



Hassan II Mosque

stronghold. Sightseeing in Rabat includes a walk through the clifftop 10th-century fortress Kasbah of Oudaïas, a constant presence in the history of the city and charming with whitewashed houses and brightly colored doors. Stop at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, a masterpiece of Alaouite-style architecture with stunning ornamental carvings and chandeliers. View the massive Hassan Tower, the city's most imposing landmark; built in the 12th century and rising 140 feet high, the minaret is the centerpiece of a great mosque that was never finished, begun at the height of the Almohad Dynasty. Drive through the grounds of Dar-el-Makhzen, the Royal Palace and residence of the king of Morocco, built in 1864, with its sumptuous Islamic ornaments and exquisite formal gardens. Leave Rabat and head for Fes, enjoying lunch at a winery on the way. Have dinner at leisure at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. THE SOUKS & BAZAARS OF ANCIENT FES

The sprawling city of Fes is over 1,200 years old, and its well-preserved old town is a vast maze of winding streets and alleys, crowded aromatic bazaars, and eclectic

architecture; no cars are allowed so transport here is in the ancient, traditional style, on foot. A choice of sightseeing today includes a culinary walking tour to sample the local cuisine; an insider's look at the craftsmanship of the artisans who make intricate carvings, rugs, leatherwork, and metalwork; or exploration of the Jewish Quarter to learn about its influence on cuisine and culture. Have lunch in the medina, then get an eye-opening tour of the city's tanneries; preparing leather is still done by hand in the same way as in medieval times, including dipping it in deep, multicolored pools of dye. Dinner tonight is at an elegant riad, where its architecture reflects old and new, and its cuisine respects traditional Fassi fare. **Meals BLD**

4. ROMAN RUINS AT VOLUBILIS

Visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis, set among the rolling hills and fertile farmland between Fes and Meknes. Volubilis was a remote military outpost of the Roman Empire that fell to local tribes in 285 AD and was never retaken; it is one of the richest archaeological sites in North Africa, a well-preserved example of a Roman colonial town which



Meknes Gate



Volubilis

still retains its triumphal arch and remnants of its mansions, temples, forum, and glorious mosaics. Have lunch at a private home for a taste of present day life, with a talk by a local university professor who shares her insights and perspective on the role of women in Moroccan society. Return to Fes for an evening at leisure. **Meals BL**

5. WALLED MEKNES & ICONIC CASABLANCA

This morning, drive to the walled city of Meknes for a guided walking tour through the medina. Visit a historic *madrasa* (Arabic school) boasting stunning Islamic architecture and see the lavish stables and granary of Dar el-Ma, the former palace of Sultan Moulay Ismail. Moulay Ismail was known as The Warrior King, a powerful and ruthless leader who liberated Morocco from the Ottomans and Europeans. Large enough to house 12,000 horses, the Sultan's stables were designed to water and feed them with an aqueduct and granary. Enjoy lunch at a private home, then depart Meknes for Casablanca. Arrive at your elegant seaside Four Seasons hotel in late afternoon; dine at your leisure in the hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

6. CASABLANCA & LUNCH AT RICK'S CAFÉ

Drive to the majestic Hassan II Mosque, set on a promontory on the Atlantic with a towering minaret, 689 feet high, for a private guided tour. Built in 1993, it is the largest mosque in the country, designed to accommodate 25,000 worshippers inside and another 80,000 on the grounds. (Touring this site, women and men must dress appropriately with shoulders and knees covered and

shoes off.) Stop at the Musée Abderrahman Slaoui to view its interesting collection of Moroccan art, before having lunch at Rick's Café, a re-creation of Humphrey Bogart's lair in *Casablanca*, complete with piano bar. Continue to Marrakech for a four-night stay at your Four Seasons resort. Dinner is at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

7. MAGICAL MARRAKECH

Drive to the 16th-century Saadian Tombs, pausing en route for an opportunity to see the famous Berber watermen dressed in red with colorful hats. One of Morocco's most resplendent examples of magnificent Islamic architecture, the tombs are the burial site of 166 members of the Saadian Dynasty. Decorated with jewel-like tiles and elaborate carvings, the tombs were sealed up and forgotten for centuries until they were rediscovered in 1917. Next, visit the Jardin Majorelle, which is the masterpiece of 20th-century French artist Jacques Majorelle, who spent nearly 40 years developing elaborate gardens around his 1930s-era villa-studio. Your explorations include the small Berber museum located on the grounds, followed by a visit to the Yves Saint Laurent Museum, dedicated to the life and work of the legendary fashion designer. Drive to Marrakech for lunch in the trendy district of Gueliz, followed by a walking tour through Jemaa el-Fna Square in the heart of the city. UNESCO recognized the square for its "Intangible Cultural Heritage as a true open-air theater that always amazes visitors." See snake charmers, fortune tellers, henna artists, medicine men, street performers, musicians, dancers and vendors of all kinds perform their magic before returning to your hotel for time as you please and dinner as you wish. **Meals BL**

8. AN IDYLL IN THE DESERT

This morning, explore Marrakech on your own, then join us for a special afternoon and evening in the desert outside of the city. Ride aboard a 4x4 vehicle to a small desert village for tea with the village chief and continue on to our desert camp. Dinner is served Berber-style under a tent with musical entertainment. Experience local customs as you wish by riding a camel and smoking *shisha* – using a hubbly-bubbly pipe (hookah) to smoke flavored tobacco – and, if you wish, have your hands or feet decorated with traditional designs by a talented henna artist. **Meals BD**

9. CHOICES IN MARRAKECH & ESSAOUIRA

A choice of activities today includes learning to make typical Moroccan dishes at a cooking school; joining a local photographer for an informative pictorial walk in the ancient walled seaside port of Essaouira; or enjoying a morning of pampering at your hotel's *hammam* (steam bath), where you'll experience a rejuvenating, skin-smoothing bath treatment that's rooted in Moroccan culture. Spend the afternoon at your leisure and join us this evening for a luxurious farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Marrakech. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Four Seasons Marrakech to the Marrakech Menara Airport or Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport. Allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**



Marrakech



10 DAYS FROM \$5,990*

(9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS RABAT

Jan 12, 19 Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 Mar 1, 8, 12, 15, 22, 26, 29
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Dec 6, 20 / = Sold Out!

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – November 14

Double \$6190	Single \$7712	Triple \$5923
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November 15 – December 19

Double \$5990	Single \$7457	Triple \$5738
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December 20 – 31

Double \$7790	Single \$10,066	Triple \$7277
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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	LA TOUR HASSAN	Rabat
Night 2-4	HOTEL SAHRAI	Fes
Night 5	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CASABLANCA	Casablanca
Night 6-9	FOUR SEASONS RESORT MARRAKECH	Marrakech

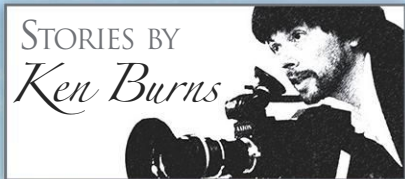
ASIA

A tapestry of ancient wonders and sacred spaces, Asia intrigues with cultural traditions and modern technologies that span the centuries and the continent. Gleaming skyscrapers soar over golden temples and storied streets steeped in history. Bullet trains speed past rickshaws, *cyclos* and *tuk tuks* weaving their way to open-air markets, hidden *hutongs* and perfumed gardens. Humble Japanese *ryokans*, sumptuous Indian palaces, serene Balinese retreats, soothing Dead Sea resorts and gracious landmark hotels in cities throughout Asia redefine hospitality with unequalled splendors. Man-made monuments memorialize times past and manifest in marble sonnets, great walls and colossal statues. Nature speaks in river tongues that flow with *sampans*, houseboats, row boats and cruisers. Pandas pose, tigers hide and Komodo dragons reign in habitats pristine still. And culinary fare, locally flavored, welcomes with the spice of daily life in the oldest civilizations on Earth.





NEW FOR 2020!



ESSENCE OF INDOCHINA: VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Ha Long Bay

OPENING DOORS TO UNSEEN WORLDS, this journey may cause you to rethink everything you know. Today the treasures of the past meet the renewal of the present... and dreams for the future. Explore the uniquely rich artistic heritage of each country, their ethnic groups, and complex histories... meet the people, from chefs and Vespa drivers to performers... experience the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor... countryside dotted with rice paddies and floating villages... ancient temples, pagodas, gardens... cultural stories reclaimed from a turbulent past, plus an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay. Expand your world.

1. WELCOME TO HANOI

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. A transfer from Noi Bai International Airport to Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi is included. Please join us at our welcome cocktail reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. HISTORY IN HANOI & THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM

In Ba Dinh Square, view Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum... the Presidential Palace... Ho's "house on stilts"... and the One-Pillar Pagoda, rising from a pool of water like a lotus flower. Visit the Temple of Literature, originally built as a university dedicated to Confucius, scholars, and sages; discover the Well of Heavenly Clarity, landscaped gardens, turtle steles, pavilions, courtyards, and passageways



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- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Dinner and Cambodian entertainment at the home of an artist
- Overnight Ha Long Bay cruise on *Paradise Elegance*
- An AO Vietnamese cultural show in Hoi An
- In Ho Chi Minh City, a culinary experience at Grain, the cooking school of Master Chef Luke Nguyen; a foodie Vespa tour of the city at night
- In Siem Reap, a performance by Phare, a blend of theatre, dance, music, and circus
- On-Tour Air included (3 flights)
- 29 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, service charges, taxes and portage



once used only by royalty before exceptional students of all social strata were invited to enter. Following an authentic Vietnamese lunch of bun cha, visit the Museum of Ethnology for insights into the histories and lives of Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups. Enjoy a water puppet performance, a North Vietnamese art form more than 1,000 years old that celebrates rural life and folklore. Please note: the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed each year for annual renovations from September to December; Ho Chi Minh's stilt house and the One-Pillar Pagoda remain open. **Meals BL**

3. CRUISING HA LONG BAY

Watch rural Vietnamese daily life unfold as you pass water buffalo, temples, and farmers at work in rice paddies en route to Ha Long Bay – the “Bay of the Descending Dragons.” Legend has it that dragons sent by the gods to help defend the land against ancient invaders spat out jewels and jade that became the many emerald green islands and islets dotting the bay. Embark *Paradise Elegance*, which combines classic Asian design with modern amenities, for an overnight cruise among the thousands of limestone islands. After lunch onboard

ship and more sightseeing on the bay, enjoy free time for swimming or kayaking, followed by a cooking demonstration before dinner onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

4. FROM HA LONG BAY TO DA NANG

After spending part of the morning cruising, disembark *Paradise Elegance* and return to Hanoi for your flight to Da Nang on the South China Sea, where you'll spend the next two nights at Furama Resort Da Nang. **Meals BLD**

5. A DAY IN HOI AN

Discover how the traditions of the past are treasured in the present in Hoi An, a key international trading port during the 16th to 19th centuries – now a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its centuries-old zigzag streets, yellow buildings, temples and pagodas, iconic Japanese-style bridge, and riverside street market. After exploring Hoi An's historic highlights via *cyclo* and a guided walking tour, enjoy free time in town or return to your resort. This evening you're in for an inspiring treat – the AO Show, a unique cultural

ABOARD *PARADISE ELEGANCE*



Sail amidst the forested limestone islets of the Ha Long Bay aboard a sleek luxury cruiser that lives up to its name as it transports you in comfort and style to another time and place. Shipboard accommodations aboard the *Paradise Elegance* are meticulously designed with 31 spacious, all outside-facing cabins, beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms, private balconies, terraces and walk-in closets. Public spaces invite your enjoyment with a piano bar, sun deck, wellness spa and dine anywhere conveniences. Attentive butler service and gourmet Vietnamese cuisine, chef-prepared to your pleasure, add to the allure.

performance that combines acrobatics, dance, and drama with bamboo and fishing baskets. Dinner is at leisure at a choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BD**

6. HO CHI MINH CITY AND THE CU CHI TUNNELS

Fly from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City; head to the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ben Duoc for a close-up look at life in wartime Vietnam. Stretching out in a 120-mile underground network of meeting rooms, triage centers, and kitchens, this vast complex allowed North Vietnamese combatants to evade discovery as they moved freely throughout the area. Enjoy dinner tonight at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. HO CHI MINH CITY, PAST AND PRESENT

Ho Chi Minh City bustles with the forward-looking energy of glittering skyscrapers, street vendors, and open-air cafés. A sightseeing tour takes in vestiges of its past, including Reunification Hall, formerly South Vietnam's presidential palace, and the ornate French colonial architecture of the Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral. A culinary and cultural immersion experience at the cooking school Grain, a brainchild of Master Chef Luke Nguyen, gives you a taste

of Vietnamese cuisine. Spend the evening touring the city on the back of a vintage Vespa* – and stopping at local foodie spots. This unusual look at city life after dark is sure to be a highlight of your stay in Ho Chi Minh City. **Meals BL**

8. FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day with a morning to yourself; your hotel is ideally located for exploring as you please in the heart of the city. Fly to Phnom Penh for an overview tour followed by your choice of either dinner at your hotel or a foodie tour of the city to sample local specialties in markets, mom and pop restaurants, and bars. **Meals BD**

9. THE MANY FACES OF PHNOM PENH

Board a *cyclo* bound for the Royal Palace, where you'll find solid silver tiles on the floor of the Silver Pagoda, home to religious and cultural treasures; the architecture is extraordinary. Visit the National Museum, housing the world's premier collection of Khmer art for insights into Cambodia's history and culture. After lunch at a local restaurant, you have a choice of activities. One is a poignant trip to the "Killing Fields" of Choeung Ek. Alternatively, visit the Tuol Sleng Museum, memorializing the victims of the "S-21" prison once operated here. Another choice is a visit to the Russian Market, named for the days when it was frequented by Soviets who lived in the area. Or go on a behind-the-scenes tour at the Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Center to view animals saved from the illegal wildlife trade. **Meals BL**

10. TO SIEM REAP... AND ANGKOR WAT

Drive through the countryside to Siem Reap and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor, the ancient Khmer metropolitan areas. Enjoy a guided visit to Angkor Wat, thought to be the largest temple ruins in the world; the bas-reliefs that adorn the temple are among the finest examples of 12th-century Khmer art. Attend a performance





Cu Chi Tunnels

at Phare, a unique combination of theatre, dance, music, and circus that tells stories of Cambodian culture and history that were erased by the Khmer Rouge and have now been revived by the energy and passion of the performers, whom you'll meet after the show. **Meals BLD**

11. ANGKOR TEMPLES & A CULTURAL EVENING

Visit Ta Prohm, a temple where more than 12,000 people once lived – today an eerie ghost town with silk-cotton trees growing out of its walls. Explore Angkor Thom, home to the Bayon Temple and the Elephant Terrace, a huge platform adorned with carvings of elephants once used as a reviewing stand for public ceremonies. After lunch, you have a choice of activities. One is a helicopter ride* over Angkor Wat to remote jungle temples and floating villages. Another choice is an opportunity to meet the artists, designers, and curators making waves and hosting exhibitions in the galleries, workshops, and boutiques of Siem Reap; see the best of art and design, from jewelry and textiles to photography and contemporary art. Or go on a Vespa tour*, visiting rural villages and a pagoda, where you'll learn about Khmer beliefs and receive a Buddhist blessing. Or join us for zip lining* through the jungle! Alternatively, relax with a spa treatment at your hotel. Tonight a special experience unfolds – dinner and Cambodian entertainment at the home of a celebrated artist. A war refugee in 1980, he was trained as an artist and designer in Paris then returned home to help rebuild his country and its artistic life. His residence is a showplace that embodies the country's rich artistic heritage. **Meals BLD**

12. BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE & APOPO

Discover the pink "citadel of the women," a small gem of a temple covered with carvings of female deities, dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. Then pay a visit to APOPO, an organization that trains "HeroRATS" to help detect landmines; see these life-saving animals in action! Enjoy our farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

13. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Siem Reap. Fly home anytime. A transfer from Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor to Siem Reap International Airport is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

13 DAYS FROM \$6,890*

Includes On-Tour Air

(12 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS HANOI

Jan **3**, **10**, **17**, **24**, 31 Feb **7**, 14, **21**, **28** Mar **6** Sep **25**
Oct **9**, 23 Nov **6** Dec 18

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – February; October – December
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7090	+	\$400	=	\$7490
Single	\$9197	+	\$400	=	\$9597
Triple	\$6938	+	\$400	=	\$7338

March – September
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$6490	+	\$400	=	\$6890
Single	\$8458	+	\$400	=	\$8858
Triple	\$6376	+	\$400	=	\$6776

On-tour air included (3 flights)

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Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

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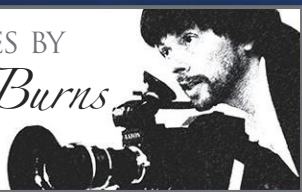


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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI	Hanoi, Vietnam
Night 3	ABOARD PARADISE ELEGANCE	Ha Long Bay, Vietnam
Night 4,5	FURAMA RESORT DA NANG	Da Nang, Vietnam
Night 6,7	PARK HYATT SAIGON	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Night 8,9	ROSEWOOD PHNOM PENH	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Night 10-12	BELMOND LA RÉSIDENCE D'ANGKOR	Siem Reap, Cambodia

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Chiang Mai, Thailand

ONE TRIP. THREE COUNTRIES. INFINITE STORIES. Immerse in history, culture, and religion on an eye-opening and moving journey through time... travel by *cyclo*, buggy, and boat like the locals do... visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites... tour the ancient Khmer temples of Angkor, the imperial Forbidden Purple City of Hué, the streets of Old Hanoi... linger on the waterways of Bangkok and in the lush hills of Chiang Mai... see how locals really live – in traditional Thai tribes, in a Vietnamese home, in outdoor markets. And discover the most relaxing (and relaxed) Buddha ever!

1. ARRIVE HANOI

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. A transfer is included from Noi Bai International Airport to Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, close to the historic Old Quarter of Vietnam's capital city. This evening enjoy our welcome reception and dinner at Le Beaulieu. **Meals D**

2. HANOI: FRENCH HERITAGE, ASIAN TRADITION

Explore Hanoi on a buggy ride that takes you past old and new, a historic city turning stylish metropolis. Sightseeing begins in Ba Dinh Square, a mecca for the Vietnamese in central Hanoi. Lined with architecture that speaks to the contrasts of the city's past, the square houses Ho Chi



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- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Angkor, Hué and Hoi An
- A drive to 14th-century Wat Phra That temple, overlooking the landscape of Chiang Mai; Hill tribe village visits to meet people of the Padong and Palong tribes of Chiang Mai; a boat cruise that explores daily life along the *klongs* (canals) of Bangkok
- On-Tour Air included (5 flights)
- 36 meals, airport transfers as noted, service charges, taxes, gratuities to local guides and portage



Minh's Soviet-style mausoleum, his simple teak home on stilts, and the French colonial palace once home to the governor general of Indochina. Nearby, visit the One Pillar Pagoda rising out of a lotus pond and Hoa Lo Prison (called the “Hanoi Hilton” by American POWs). Late afternoon, join us for a traditional water puppet show, an art form unique to Vietnam. Dine as you wish tonight. **Meals BL**

3. HUÉ, VIETNAM'S ANCIENT CAPITAL

Take a short flight to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hué, one of Vietnam's most beautiful cities, where you will visit the tomb of Tu Duc en route to your riverfront hotel. After lunch, hop aboard a pedal-powered *cyclo* for an open-air tour of Hué's Imperial Citadel. Once the nation's capital, the remains of this 19th-century city include an outer court of gardens, an inner court where the emperor once met with dignitaries, a Forbidden Purple City, and a palace – for use only by the royal family and trusted senior advisors. Dine at leisure in your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. IMPERIAL SIGHTS / DA NANG'S CHINA BEACH

Visit the Thien Mu (Celestial Lady) Pagoda, a seven-tiered Buddhist tower built in the 1600s, followed by a boat cruise along the Perfume River. Disembark and depart Hué, driving through the emerald landscapes of Hai Van Pass (and Hai Van Mountain) to the seaside town of Da Nang for a two-night stay at your China Beach waterfront resort. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BLD**

5. HISTORY AND CHARM IN HOI AN

Meeting the locals is one of the best ways to connect with a destination and today promises a close-up look at daily life in Vietnam from a stop at a kindergarten school in Da Nang to a *cyclo* tour of picturesque Hoi An and an insider visit in a typical house. Memorable highlights include Hoi An's 18th-century Japanese bridge topped with a pagoda, the Phung Hung House, and a riverside street market bustling with colorful sights and sounds. **Meals BD**

6. CU CHI TUNNELS AND SAIGON HERITAGE

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, known as Saigon until after the end of the Vietnam War, and head to the Cu Chi tunnels. This immense underground network, dug by hand beginning in the 1940s during the fight for independence from the French, was expanded during the Vietnam War to include bomb shelters and medical and storage facilities. A guided walk explores the tunnels which grew to house entire underground villages. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

7. HO CHI MINH CITY

Exploring Ho Chi Minh City, visit Ben Thanh Market and the former presidential palace of South Vietnam, renamed “Reunification Hall.” An overview of the city’s key sights follows, including the US Consulate; the former US Embassy, a witness to the crucial events of 1975; the Central Post Office designed by Paris’ Gustave Eiffel of Eiffel Tower fame; and Notre Dame Cathedral. **Meals BLD**

8. SIEM REAP’S ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES

Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, for a stay near the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor. Inside are scores of temples and palaces, built by the Khmer people from the 9th – 15th centuries, tributes to an exemplary civilization. Your visit focuses on the best-preserved temple, Angkor Wat; surrounded by a moat dug by thousands of workers, its towers are nested in an alignment precisely oriented along the Earth’s north-south axis. **Meals BLD**

9. SCULPTED TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Left in the clutches of centuries-old vines, the Ta Prohm temple’s delicate reliefs are covered by creeping plants;



its massive stones are cleaved by green; the effect is otherworldly yet magnificent. Sightseeing continues in Angkor Thom, at the Terrace of the Elephants, and the elaborately carved Bayon Temple. After lunch at a local restaurant, you may choose to go on a boat cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, where you’ll see floating villages! **Meals BLD**

10. NORTH TO CHIANG MAI & UP TO DOI SUTHEP

Morning flights bring you, via Bangkok, to Chiang Mai, Thailand’s “Rose of the North,” known for its artistic heritage. Venture into Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, a wildlife reserve set in a mountain forest. At the summit of Doi Suthep lies one of Thailand’s most sacred sites, Wat Phra That temple; its golden tower overlooks the hills of Chiang Mai. Settle into the Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, nestled in terraced rice fields with mountain views. Dine at a choice of restaurants at your resort. **Meals BD**

11. LEARN ABOUT THAILAND’S ELEPHANTS

Elephants are Thailand’s national animal; drive out through countryside to visit an elephant sanctuary*, where you’ll have an opportunity to observe and go for a walk with them. Return to your resort, where the rest of the day is spent enjoying the pleasures of this true sanctuary as you please, whether for you that means a swim in the pool, time in the fitness club, exploring nature trails, golf, or tennis (some activities at additional cost). **Meals BD**

12. COLORFUL, CULTURALLY RICH HILL TRIBES

Become acquainted with the region’s hill tribes in traditional farming communities outside of Chiang Mai. Each tribe has its own language, beliefs, and customs. Go village hopping



in the region today, meeting members of the Palong and Padong tribes before returning to your Chiang Mai resort for a free afternoon followed by dinner. **Meals BD**

13. ON THE RIVER OF KINGS IN BANGKOK

Your return flight to Bangkok touches down in late morning. Have lunch at a local restaurant before checking into your hotel, where your room overlooks the Chao Phraya River, the “River of Kings.” Enjoy time at leisure, followed by a choice of dining venues this evening. **Meals BLD**

14. A GRAND PALACE & A RECLINING BUDDHA

Take an express boat to the Maharaj Pier for a walking tour to Wat Pho temple, home of the golden Reclining Buddha, more than 141 feet long and 49 feet high! Visit the 18th-century Grand Palace, and go inside Wat Phra Kaew to see the revered small Buddha carved from a single piece of jade. Savor a flavorful Thai lunch before a motorboat ride takes you back to your hotel for free time. **Meals BL**

15. EXPLORING BANGKOK’S KLONGS

Get a close-up look at daily life along the Chao Phraya River on a cruise of Bangkok’s canals or *klongs*. Stop to visit Wat Arun and the Jim Thompson House museum. Join us this evening for a special farewell dinner. **Meals BD**

16. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Bangkok. A transfer is included from Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok to Bangkok International Airport; allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in. **Meals B**



One Pillar Pagoda, Hanoi

16 DAYS FROM \$8,590*

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – February; October – December 17

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Double	\$8290	+	\$1300	=	\$9590
Single	\$10,695	+	\$1300	=	\$11,995
Triple	\$8063	+	\$1300	=	\$9363

December 18 – 31

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$9590	+	\$1300	=	\$10,890
Single	\$13,098	+	\$1300	=	\$14,398
Triple	\$8994	+	\$1300	=	\$10,294

March – September

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7290	+	\$1300	=	\$8590
Single	\$9542	+	\$1300	=	\$10,842
Triple	\$7065	+	\$1300	=	\$8365

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI	Hanoi, Vietnam
Night 3	LA RÉSIDENCE HOTEL & SPA	Huế, Vietnam
Night 4,5	FURAMA RESORT DA NANG	Da Nang, Vietnam
Night 6,7	PARK HYATT SAIGON	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Night 8,9	RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Night 10-12*	FOUR SEASONS RESORT CHIANG MAI	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Night 13-15	SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, BANGKOK	Bangkok, Thailand

*Tour of Feb 14 will stay at 137 Pillars House.



KINGDOMS & DRAGONS: SINGAPORE TO BALI

Borobudur Temple

SINGAPORE SIGHTS, GEMS OF JAVA, BALI HIGHS AND KOMODO GIANTS combine with stays in luxurious exotic resorts to make this small group adventure culturally enriching in every way. Go back to the future in sophisticated Singapore... discover jeweled palaces and sandstone temples in Borobudur... overnight in Yogyakarta for dinner and a ballet performance at 10th-century Prambanan Temple... experience the beauty of Bali in Ubud... take a private boat ride to Komodo National Park for a walk amidst dragons found nowhere else... and find bliss as you cast your kites and cares to the wind on Bali's beaches.

1. ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Raffles Hotel Singapore. A transfer is included from Singapore's Changi International Airport to the historic Raffles Hotel Singapore, a landmark of colonial elegance since it opened in 1887; declared a National Monument by the Singapore government, the hotel recently reopened after a meticulous restoration worthy of its iconic reputation as one of the city's most luxurious retreats. During its 131-year reign, it has witnessed Singapore's early colonial era, the Japanese Occupation in World War II, and Singapore's independence as an island city-state. Join us for a private welcome reception and dinner in this legendary setting tonight with a taste of the hotel's famous Singapore Sling. **Meals D**



Traveling Well Includes...

- All small groups; no more than 24 guests
- Three nights at Raffles Hotel Singapore; lunch at a private house and a Gardens by the Bay visit
- Two nights at Amanjiwo, with a visit to Borobudur Temple, the largest Buddhist temple in the world
- An overnight stay in Yogyakarta including dinner and a ballet show at the Prambanan Temple and a visit to a sultan's palace
- Three nights in Ubud with a Monkey Forest visit, a village walk and a choice of a cooking class, an art museum visit or a hike in the rice fields with a local guide
- Two nights at a beachfront resort in the Komodo Islands with a boat ride, dragon walk and picnic
- Two nights at a Four Seasons Resort in Jimbaran Bay with a visit to a cliff-top temple
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 30 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes & portage



2. SINGAPORE SIGHTS

Always a surprise to first time visitors, Singapore blends tradition with technology, evoking images of a futuristic and efficient Jetson-style setting with a nod to its storied past. Explore the sights, past and present, on a walking tour of the colonial district followed by a traditional bumboat ride through history on a cruise along the Singapore River. Discover the distinctive architecture of the city on a sightseeing drive with an informative guide, stopping at a private house for lunch with your local host, an author, playwright and environmentalist with a passion for the arts. Learn what it's like to live in this modern-day metropolis, before returning to your hotel for time at leisure. **Meals BL**

3. FUTURISTIC GARDENS BY THE BAY

Start the day with a lecture by a local expert before embarking on a visit to Gardens by the Bay, themed gardens "where wonder blooms" in a 250-acre fantasy land of space age biodomes, high-tech Supertrees and whimsical sculptures. Your guided tour includes time to

wander amidst flowers that thrive in dry Mediterranean climates around the world in the Garden Dome and through rainforest vegetation in its tropical Cloud Forest complete with a waterfall. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the gardens on your own or returning to your hotel in the heart of the city. Easy to navigate, Singapore is a compact city with an array of fascinating ethnic neighborhoods, designer boutiques and a legendary street food and restaurant scene tempting with culinary creations difficult to resist. **Meals B**

4. FLY TO THE ISLAND OF JAVA IN INDONESIA

A morning flight brings you to another world when you land in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Step off the plane into a cultural hub of puppetry, arts, sandstone temples and jeweled palaces that speak volumes about the soul city of Indonesia. Ride a bicycle-powered *becak* to the royal sultan palace in the *kraton*, effectively a walled city with shops, cottage industries and mosques, where the sultan and his family live today. After lunch at a local restaurant, climb aboard a *becak* for a ride to Taman Sari (Water



Uluwatu Temple

Castle). Taman Sari (meaning perfumed garden) was the former royal garden and pleasure park of the Sultanate of Yogyakarta with palaces, pools and waterways built between 1758 and 1765. Drive through the countryside to Magelang in central Java, where your hotel offers views of the world's largest Buddhist temple. Dinner at your hotel is a special affair tonight, featuring traditional entertainment and Indonesian specialties. **Meals BLD**

5. BOROBUDUR TEMPLE

Sunrise is an extraordinary time to take in the 1,200-year grandeur of Borobudur, a colossal Buddhist temple whose resilience equals its longstanding legacy as a mountain of a thousand statues. Join us at dawn as we visit this 9th-century wonder, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for treasures untold. Its sculpted bas-relief panels depict the teachings of the Buddha and are allegedly designed to guide "the faithful" on a journey of spiritual enlightenment. After breakfast, explore Candirejo village by horse cart, bicycle or on foot, as you choose. Spend the afternoon at leisure, before joining us for a lecture on the historic kingdoms of Java. **Meals BLD**

6. YOGYAKARTA & PRAMBANAN TEMPLE

Enjoy a leisurely morning before driving to your hotel in Yogyakarta, renowned as a center of traditional arts and cultural heritage. Continue to Prambanan Temple, built in the 10th century; a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is the largest temple compound dedicated to the Hindu deity, Shiva, in Indonesia. Your visit sparkles with a special dinner and a ballet show that come to life through more than 200 professional dancers and musicians who perform on an open-air stage with the temples as a backdrop. **Meals BLD**

7. FLY TO BALI, AN ISLAND PARADISE

Fly early this morning to a Balinese island paradise steeped in flowered blessings and spectacular natural beauty. Touch down for a drive to Ubud in the middle of the island, stopping for lunch in a local restaurant and a visit to the Ubud Monkey Forest in the village of Padangtegal. Arrive at your tranquil resort late this afternoon where dinner tonight is included at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

8. VILLAGE LIFE & LANDSCAPES IN UBUD

Experience a taste of daily life in one of the prettiest places on Earth as you embark on a walking tour of the Subak Guliang Village. See how its residents live as your guide shares anecdotes about the local customs and culture. Lunch in the village is overlooking the rice fields that blanket the landscapes here and is followed by a visit to the village temple. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy as you like. If you wish, join us for an optional hike in the rice fields led by a local guide. **Meals BL**

9. DISCOVER A TASTE OF UBUD, YOUR WAY!

Accompany a local on a visit to the village market this morning, where baskets of fruits, vegetables and flower petals are replaced by works of art in the afternoon, before your choice of activities. Learn how to cook traditional Balinese recipes during a cooking class or visit an art museum and attend a talk on Balinese art. Everyone enjoys lunch at the cooking school before returning to your hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. **Meals BL**



Prambanan Temple

10. FLY TO FLORES ISLAND

Visit the Bali Museum in Denpasar this morning, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. An afternoon flight brings you to the island of Flores for a two-night stay at a secluded seaside resort nestled in a quiet cove on Waecicu Beach and a boat ride away from the island in Komodo National Park where the famous dragons roam. Join us tonight for a sundowner and barbecue dinner on the beach where you will be introduced to traditional music and dance. **Meals BLD**



11. BOAT RIDE TO THE LAND OF THE DRAGONS

Cruise aboard a traditional wooden boat to Rinca Island in Komodo National Park*, home to the unique and rare Komodo dragons. Your local guide will lead you down paths to see these giant lizards in their natural habitat, providing insights about their behavior and pointing out the wildlife that share the landscapes with them. You may spot horses, buffalo, deer, wild boar, snakes and monkeys along the way. Board your boat again for a ride to an isolated tropical island, private to Tauck, and enjoy a seafood lunch and time at leisure for swimming and snorkeling. An optional motorboat ride to Manta Point offers an opportunity to snorkel with manta rays. Return to your resort for dinner at a choice of restaurants. **Meals BLD**

12. FLY BACK TO BALI

Fly back to Bali for a two-night stay at the Four Seasons Resort in Jimbaran Bay. For many, this part of Bali is paradise found. It's a land of jeweled beaches, forested mountain slopes, emerald hued, mangroved bays and tiered terraces adorned with rice and flowers as far as the eye can see. Join us for a favorite island pastime, kite flying, learning tips and techniques from the locals as you take over the reins of your very own kite. Check into your resort and enjoy a sundowner cocktail and traditional Balinese Kecak dance performance this evening. **Meals B**

13. CLIFFTOP ULUWATU TEMPLE

Temples play an important role in life on Bali. This morning's visit to clifftop Uluwatu Temple helps you understand why. Watch out for the monkeys as you gaze out at the views 230 feet above the sea. Stop at GWK Park to see the Garuda Wisnu (Vishnu) statue, before time at leisure. Join us poolside for our farewell dinner. **Meals BD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Denpasar. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to I Gusti Ngurah Rai Int'l airport from the Four Seasons Resort Bali. Allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

14 DAYS FROM \$10,690*

Includes On-Tour Air

(13 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS SINGAPORE

May 16, 23, 30 Jun 6, 13, 27 Jul 11, 25 Aug 8, 22, 29
Sep 7, 8, 12, 26 Oct 3, 10 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

All small group departures with a maximum of 24 guests ensure a more intimate trip.

PRICE PER PERSON

May – June 26; October

***LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON**

Double	\$9990	+	\$700	=	\$10,690
Single	\$13,433	+	\$700	=	\$14,133
Triple	\$9297	+	\$700	=	\$9997

June 27 – September

***LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON**

Double	\$10,590	+	\$700	=	\$11,290
Single	\$14,155	+	\$700	=	\$14,855
Triple	\$9854	+	\$700	=	\$10,554

On-tour air included (4 flights)

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Ask at booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. To enjoy this tour's itinerary, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surfaces. This itinerary cannot accommodate oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, or motorized scooters. Consult the personalized documents that will be sent to you after booking for packing instructions.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	RAFFLES HOTEL SINGAPORE	Singapore
Night 4,5	AMANJIWO	Borobudur, Indonesia
Night 6	THE PHOENIX HOTEL YOGYAKARTA - MGALLERY BY SOFTEL	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Night 7-9	THE CHEDI CLUB TANAH GAJAH	Ubud, Bali
Night 10,11	PLATARAN KOMODO RESORT & SPA	Labuan Bajo, Indonesia
Night 12,13	FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI	Jimbaran Bay, Bali



5,000 YEARS OF STORIED SIGHTS Great walls that weave ancient empires into modern-day wonders... palatial monuments with forbidden treasures in Beijing... Xi'an warriors standing in stony silence for thousands of years... a river transforming the course of history... Shanghai acrobats & a city engineered to soar... a funicular up Victoria Peak in Hong Kong...

1. ARRIVE IN BEIJING

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, The Peninsula Beijing. Transfers are included from Beijing Capital International Airport to The Peninsula Beijing. Join us for a taste of local specialties at this evening's welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

Imperial China's emperors dwelt for centuries; tour the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Imperial Garden and more. Just beyond the Forbidden City, continue on to famous Tiananmen Square and the mausoleum of Mao Zedong. Dine at your choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

2. THE GREAT WALL & LIFE IN THE HUTONGS

Take a walk atop the highest point of the Great Wall at the Badaling section, descending down a stone path to the bottom on foot. Board a rickshaw for a ride to Beijing's *hutongs* – unique traditional neighborhoods – where a visit with a local family adds to the memories of the day. **Meals BL**

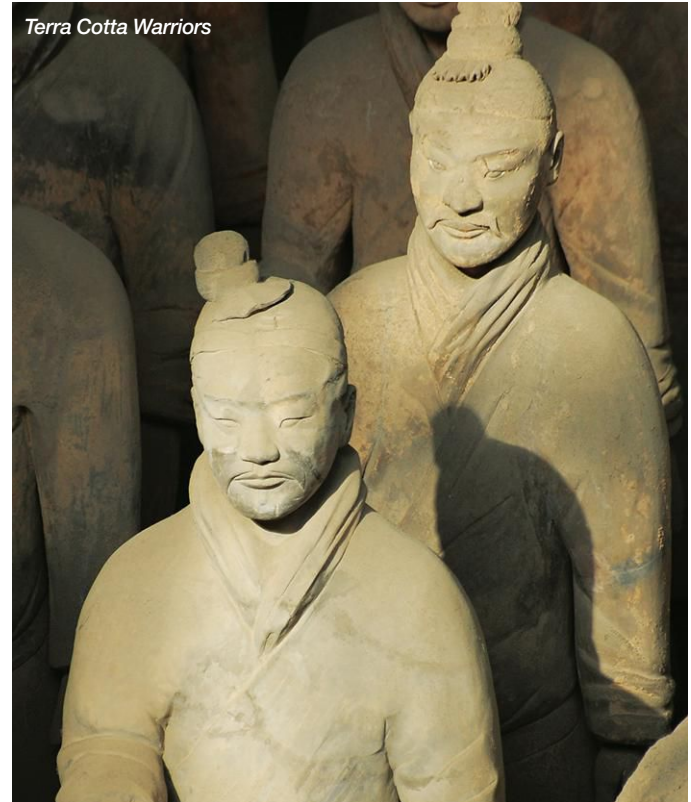
3. A FORBIDDEN CITY & A HEAVENLY TEMPLE

Visit Beijing's architecturally resplendent Temple of Heaven this morning. Watch locals practice Tai Chi and learn the moves yourself, before exploring the Forbidden City, where



Traveling Well Includes...

- 3-night Yangtze River cruise on the refurbished *Yangzi Explorer* through the Three Gorges
- Private tour, rickshaw ride and visit with a family inside one of Beijing's disappearing hutongs
- Private talk with a conservation expert at the Terra Cotta Warriors museum in Xi'an
- Special visits to the Han Yang Ling Underground Museum and Muslim culture sites in Xi'an
- Private cruise along the Li River in Guilin, past mist-shrouded limestone peaks
- Performance of Shanghai's daring, hi-tech ERA acrobatic show
- On-Tour Air included (5 flights)
- 37 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to ship staff & local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



4. FLY TO XI'AN & GO UNDERGROUND

Fly to Xi'an, one of the oldest cities in China and home to more than 3,100 years of history. Visit the Han Yang Ling Underground Mausoleum – undisturbed for about 2,100 years before it was recently opened to the public – and its museum, where you'll find cultural relics depicting life during the Western Han Dynasty. **Meals BD**

5. TERRA COTTA WARRIORS & MUSLIM CULTURE

Some 8,000 lifelike terra cotta soldiers, with life-sized horses, have guarded their emperor's tomb for 2,000 years. Get an insider's view of the Terra Cotta Warriors from a leading museum staffer. After a local lunch, explore the history of Islamic culture in China with a visit to a Muslim street and an ancient mosque in Xi'an. **Meals BLD**

6. FLY TO GUILIN & ENJOY A LI RIVER CRUISE

After a leisurely morning, fly to Guilin, set amidst ethereal landscapes of limestone mountains, and spend the afternoon on a private Tauck cruise along the scenic and tranquil Li River. Check in at your mountain resort and enjoy its amenities as you please this evening. **Meals BD**

7. YANGSHUO, FULI & A COOKING LESSON

Stop in the ancient village of Fuli to explore its market, attend a fan making demonstration, and see a "new socialism" village; visit Yangshuo Town. Choose lunch at your hotel, or a cooking lesson at a nearby cooking school, where you'll eat what you helped to prepare. **Meals BLD**

8. CHONGQING / ■ EMBARK YANGTZE CRUISE

Travel to Chongqing (by either air or high-speed rail, depending on schedules and availability). Visit the Chongqing Zoo – known for its giant pandas – before boarding the recently renovated *Yangzi Explorer* for the start of your three-night Yangtze River cruise. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ CHOICES ALONG THE YANGTZE RIVER

Arrive in Fuling and choose between excursions to the White Crane Ridge Underwater Museum, or the 816 Underground Project, one of the world's largest artificial military caves. This evening, join your captain for an onboard cocktail reception and dinner before a choice of an open-air theater show about the Han Dynasty or a cultural performance by the ship's crew. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ CRUISING THE THREE GORGES

Today, navigate through Qutang and Wu gorges; explore Shennong Stream on a private Tauck shore excursion via *sampan* (local longboat); and enjoy a calligraphy lesson as *Yangzi Explorer* sails through Xiling Gorge. **Meals BLD**

11. THREE GORGES DAM & ON TO SHANGHAI

Tour the site of the Three Gorges Dam, an engineering marvel; disembark in Yichang for your flight to Shanghai. Take a walking tour of the Bund this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

12. SHANGHAI'S BUND, ACROBATS & MORE

In Shanghai, explore more of the waterfront Bund; visit harmonious Yu Gardens; and watch the daring acrobatic performers of the acclaimed ERA show tonight. **Meals BL**

13. THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE IN SHANGHAI

"Time travel" at Shanghai's Urban Planning Center; view premier artifacts at the Shanghai Museum; and see historic *shikumen* homes on a walk through Xintiandi. **Meals BD**

14. WELCOME TO HONG KONG

Fly to Hong Kong and explore the city as you wish today from your brand new, world-class high-rise hotel in a skyscraper overlooking Victoria Harbour. **Meals B**

15. HONG KONG FROM MANY VIEWPOINTS

Rides on the Star Ferry, a private double-decker bus, and a funicular tram up Victoria Peak are followed by a local lunch and a choice of visiting the Hong Kong Museum or free time. Join us for a farewell dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

16. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Hong Kong. Fly home anytime; a transfer is included from Rosewood Hong Kong to Hong Kong Int'l Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	THE PENINSULA BEIJING	Beijing
Night 4,5	HYATT REGENCY XI'AN	Xi'an
Night 6,7	BANYAN TREE YANGSHUO	Gulin
Night 8-10	ABOARD YANGZI EXPLORER	Yangtze River
Night 11-13	FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL	Shanghai
Night 14,15	ROSEWOOD HONG KONG	Hong Kong

16 DAYS FROM \$8,790*

Includes On-Tour Air

(15 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 12 Dinners)

BEGINS BEIJING

Apr **2, 9, 16, 23, 30** May 7, 14, **21, 28** Jun 4, **11** Aug **27**
Sep 3, **10, 17, 24** Oct **1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$9790 per person, includes on-tour air; specific dates apply – ask at booking.

Special Solo Traveler Savings: dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$500 on the single room price; inquire at time of booking.

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PRICE PER PERSON

April 2 – April 8; June 4 – August 26; October 15 – October 31

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Main Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$7490	+	\$1300	=	\$8790
	Single	\$9957	+	\$1300	=	\$11,257
	Triple	\$7122	+	\$1300	=	\$8422
■ Xiling Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$7615	+	\$1300	=	\$8915
	Single	\$10,198	+	\$1300	=	\$11,498
	Triple	\$7245	+	\$1300	=	\$8545
■ Wu Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$7745	+	\$1300	=	\$9045
	Single	\$10,383	+	\$1300	=	\$11,683
	Triple	\$7333	+	\$1300	=	\$8633
■ Wu Deck (Standard Suites)	Double	\$9095	+	\$1300	=	\$10,395
	Single	\$11,296	+	\$1300	=	\$12,596
	Triple	\$7772	+	\$1300	=	\$9072
■ Qutang Deck (Standard Suites)	Double	\$9285	+	\$1300	=	\$10,585
	Single	\$11,461	+	\$1300	=	\$12,761
	Triple	\$7854	+	\$1300	=	\$9154
■ Qutang Deck (Jade Suite)	Double	\$10,015	+	\$1300	=	\$11,315
	Single	\$13,836	+	\$1300	=	\$15,136
	Triple	\$8997	+	\$1300	=	\$10,297

April 9 – June 3; August 27 – October 14

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Main Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$7990	+	\$1300	=	\$9290
	Single	\$10,575	+	\$1300	=	\$11,875
	Triple	\$7645	+	\$1300	=	\$8945
■ Xiling Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$8115	+	\$1300	=	\$9415
	Single	\$10,822	+	\$1300	=	\$12,122
	Triple	\$7768	+	\$1300	=	\$9068
■ Wu Deck (Deluxe Cabins)	Double	\$8245	+	\$1300	=	\$9545
	Single	\$10,998	+	\$1300	=	\$12,298
	Triple	\$7856	+	\$1300	=	\$9156
■ Wu Deck (Standard Suites)	Double	\$9595	+	\$1300	=	\$10,895
	Single	\$11,914	+	\$1300	=	\$13,214
	Triple	\$8295	+	\$1300	=	\$9595
■ Qutang Deck (Standard Suites)	Double	\$9785	+	\$1300	=	\$11,085
	Single	\$12,079	+	\$1300	=	\$13,379
	Triple	\$8377	+	\$1300	=	\$9677
■ Qutang Deck (Jade Suite)	Double	\$10,515	+	\$1300	=	\$11,815
	Single	\$14,454	+	\$1300	=	\$15,754
	Triple	\$9523	+	\$1300	=	\$10,823

On-Tour Air included (5 flights)

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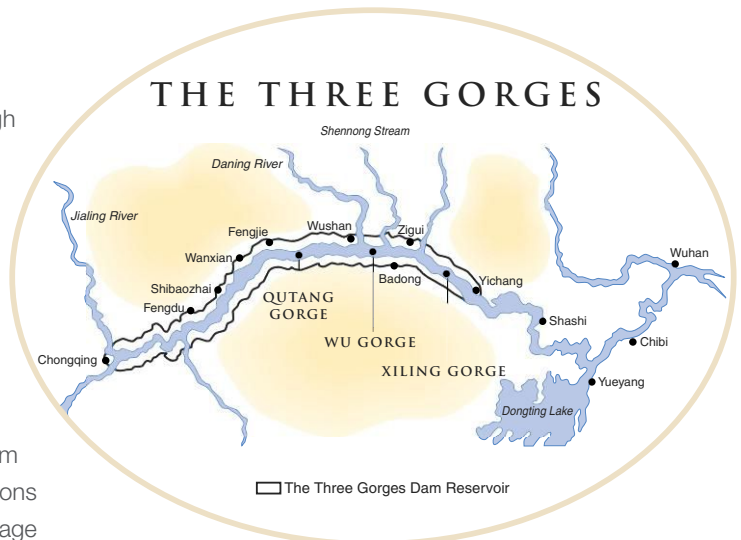
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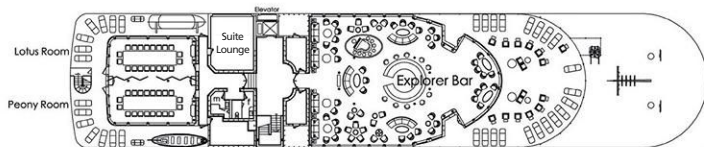
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YANGZI EXPLORER

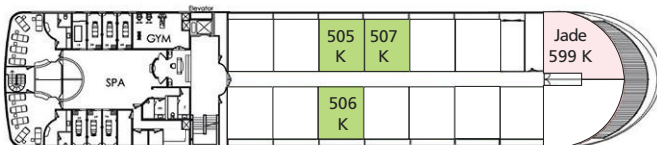
Our 3-night cruise aboard *Yangzi Explorer* takes you through the scenic heart of the Yangtze River, the Three Gorges, with included shore excursions. Carrying no more than 124 guests with a crew of 130, *Yangzi Explorer* boasts the highest ship's staff-to-guest ratio on the Yangtze. The ship's Deluxe Cabins – equipped with a minibar, bathrobes and slippers, phone, safe, TV, hair dryer, and private balcony – were recently revamped with new furnishings, wall coverings, carpeting, curtains, bed linens and more... while all suites have undergone a complete renovation showcasing contemporary Chinese design elements and featuring new amenities from bed linens to bathrobes and slippers. *Yangzi Explorer* offers many options for your leisure-time activities, including a fitness center, multi-language library, spa facilities, theater, lounge, and espresso bar. Enjoy international buffets at breakfast and lunch, while dinner tempts with fine dining and a variety of international and Chinese specialties in a new restaurant. The *Yangzi Explorer* cruise runs east from Chongqing to Yichang. Ask at booking about cabin selection for solo and small group departures.



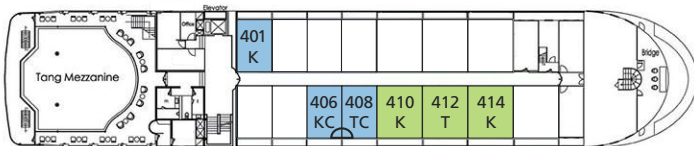
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Jade Suite		



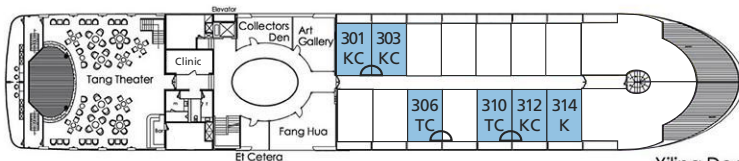
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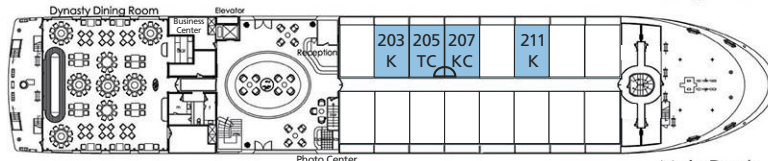
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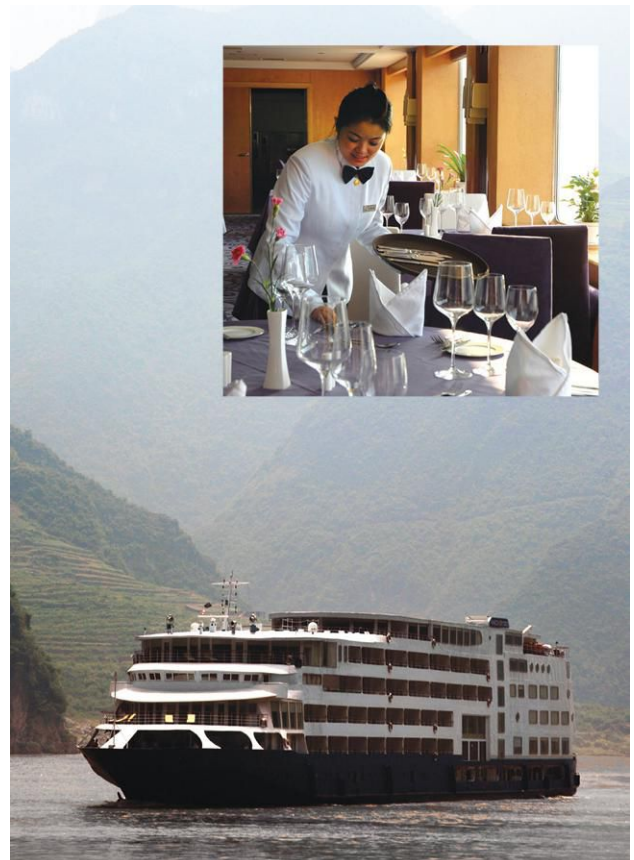
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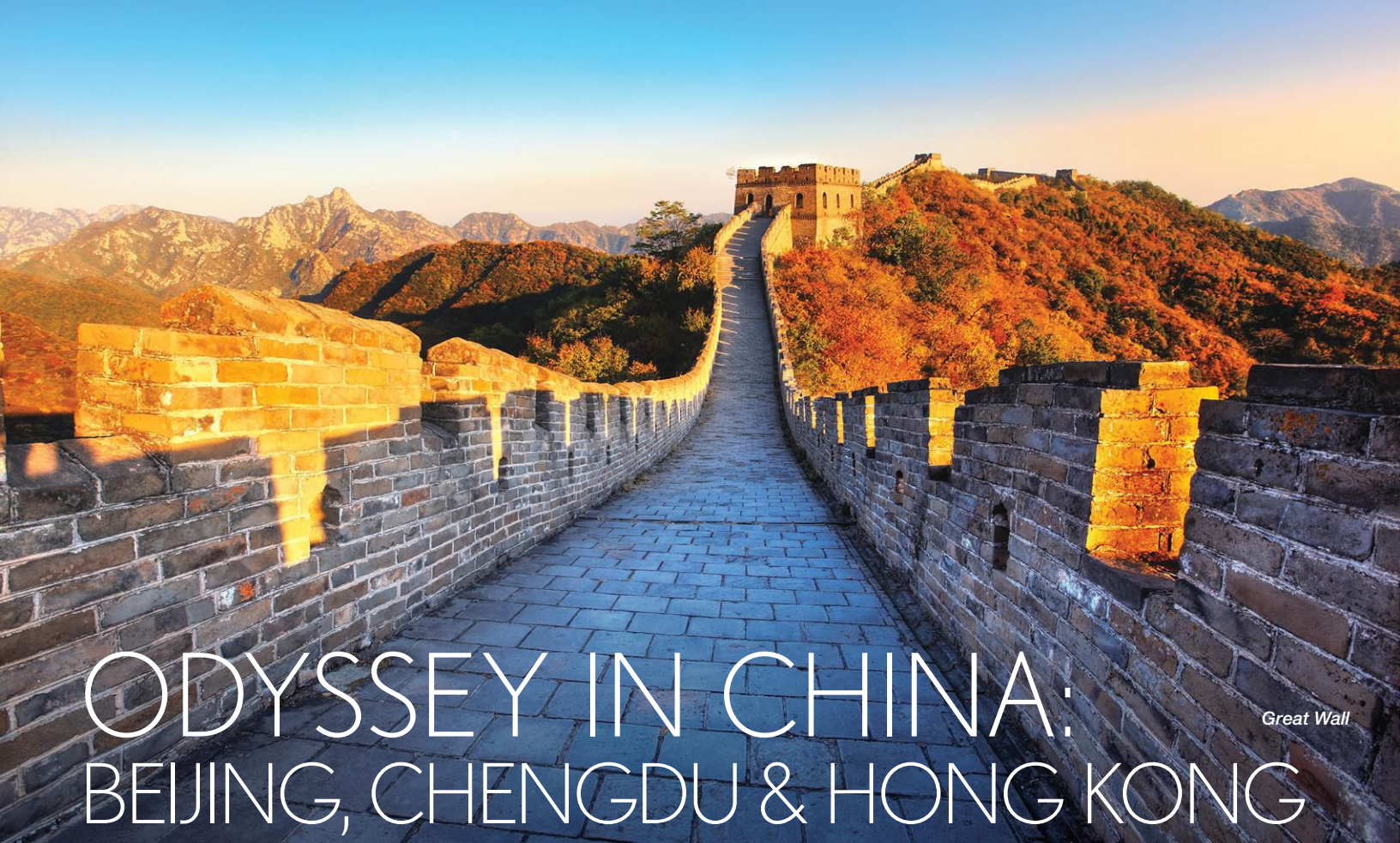


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Main Deck





Great Wall

ODYSSEY IN CHINA: BEIJING, CHENGDU & HONG KONG

WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND CUTE ALL OVER? The Giant Pandas you'll observe at their breeding and conservation center in Chengdu! That will be just one of your many bucket list experiences during your journey through China, discovering ancient treasures and gaining insights into modern life. Explore centuries past from the Great Wall, where you'll walk along the top... to Xi'an's great archaeological find, thousands of life-size Terra Cotta Warriors, where you'll hear a talk by a conservationist... to Leshan's Giant Buddha, almost too massive to believe. Go back in time on a rickshaw ride and visit with a family in one of Beijing's *hutong* neighborhoods; their traditional way of life is almost gone. Step into the palaces, temples, and gardens of Imperial China – Beijing's Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven, where you'll take a Tai Chi lesson... Shanghai's Yu Gardens and Bund... Xi'an's Han Yang Ling Underground Mausoleum... and Chengdu's Wenshu Temple filled with art, gardens, and 300 Buddhas. Cruise along the Li River to experience rural life, passing limestone peaks and rice paddies

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Day Destination

- 1 **Arrive Beijing**
- 2 Beijing
- 3 Beijing
- 4 Fly to Xi'an
- 5 Xi'an
- 6 High-speed train to Chengdu
- 7 Chengdu
- 8 Chengdu, Leshan
- 9 Fly to Guilin, Yangshuo
- 10 Yangshuo
- 11 Fly to Shanghai
- 12 Shanghai
- 13 Shanghai
- 14 Fly to Hong Kong
- 15 Hong Kong
- 16 **Depart Hong Kong**



Traveling Well Includes...

- Visit to Chengdu Panda Base, a conservation and breeding center for the vulnerable Giant Panda – with an opportunity to feed a panda
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Private talk by a conservation expert at the Terra Cotta Warriors museum in Xi'an
- Insider experience in one of Beijing's traditional *hutong* neighborhoods, including a rickshaw ride and a visit with a local family
- Ancient "face-changing" Sichuan Opera performance in Chengdu and an excursion to the Giant Buddha of Leshan
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- Traditional boat cruise along the Li River
- 34 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, taxes, service charges & more

patrolled by water buffalo, and make lunch with a local chef. A magical performance of "face-changing" Sichuan Opera in Chengdu will enchant you as will an acrobatic performance by Shanghai's acclaimed ERA troupe. In Beijing and Shanghai, get a feel for the dynamic cities that shape China today; visit Tiananmen Square, home to Mao's mausoleum, and the Shanghai Urban Planning Center. And you'll explore Hong Kong on the Star Ferry, a private double-decker bus, and a drive up Victoria Peak, where the views are as impressive as the high-end residential properties!

Go to tauck.com for complete day-by-day itinerary.



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BEGINS BEIJING

Apr **5**, 12, 19, **26** May 10, **17** Aug **30** Sep **13**, 20 Oct **4**, 11, **25**

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Special Solo Traveler Savings: dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$500 on the single room price; inquire at time of booking.

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PRICE PER PERSON

April 5 – 18; October 25 – 31

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7490	+	\$1300	=	\$8790
Single	\$9665	+	\$1300	=	\$10,965
Triple	\$7211	+	\$1300	=	\$8511

April 19 – October 24

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7990	+	\$1300	=	\$9290
Single	\$10,161	+	\$1300	=	\$11,461
Triple	\$7713	+	\$1300	=	\$9013

On-tour air included (4 flights)

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	WALDORF ASTORIA BEIJING	Beijing
Night 4,5	HYATT REGENCY XI'AN	Xi'an
Night 6-8	THE ST. REGIS CHENGDU	Chengdu
Night 9,10	BANYAN TREE YANGSHUO RESORT	Yangshuo
Night 11-13	FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL	Shanghai
Night 14,15	ROSEWOOD HONG KONG	Hong Kong

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ESSENCE OF JAPAN

Mt. Fuji

DISCOVER THE REVERED TRADITIONS AND SERENE BEAUTY THAT INFUSE LIFE HERE...

On the main island of Honshu, from Tokyo to the hot springs town of Hakone and on through the “Japanese Alps” to Kanazawa, the cultural treasures of Kyoto and the poignant sites of Hiroshima. Visit a private home for a tea ceremony and Origami... explore castles, temples, shrines, a Samurai home, and world-class gardens... make sushi, taste sake, cruise Lake Ashi, see Mt. Fuji... enjoy *taiko* drumming, a Kagura performance, sumo wrestling, a Samurai show... and learn about the world of the geisha.

1. ARRIVE TOKYO

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Park Hyatt Tokyo. A transfer is included from Tokyo’s Narita and Haneda airports to the Park Hyatt Tokyo, in the heart of Shinjuku, Tokyo’s business and entertainment district. Join us for a sumo wrestling demonstration and our welcome dinner. Japan’s national sport, sumo wrestling, dates to ancient times when it was performed to entertain the Shinto deities. **Meals D**

2. CITY SIGHTS & TRADITIONAL ARTS

Life in Tokyo is a lively mix of traditions, past and present. This morning, visit the Meiji Shrine, built in 1915, on a guided walking tour, followed by a Kagura dance



Traveling Well Includes...

- Multiple-night stays in premier hotels in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hakone and a night at a traditional hot springs resort in Matsumoto
- Tokyo – Meiji Shrine, Kagura performance, Edo-Tokyo Museum visit, *teppanyaki* lunch, *taiko* drumming lesson, and a sumo wrestling demonstration
- Kyoto – a private home visit with tea ceremony and Origami demonstration; explorations with a local Geisha expert; visits to Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji Temple, and Kiyomizu Temple
- A cruise on Lake Ashi beneath Mt. Fuji; a flower arranging workshop in Hakone; sake tasting in Takayama; a private Samurai show and Kenroku-en Garden in Kanazawa; and a visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome)
- 30 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portage



Matsumoto Castle

performance whose origins date back to the 8th century as a dance of the Gods in Japan's mythological age. Visit the outer market area of Tsukiji Market brimming with local food specialties, where culinary trends are born. Then you're off to have lunch at Nobu followed by a hands-on class in traditional drumming called *taiko*. The evening is free for exploring the dynamic metropolis of Tokyo as you wish. Your hotel is near many restaurants, and your Tauck Director can make suggestions for places to try. **Meals BL**

3. ROOTS OF TOKYO

Begin the day with a guided visit at Edo-Tokyo Museum that tells the story of Tokyo's development from its roots as a fishing village called Edo. Then it's on to Asakusa Kannon Temple, built as a tribute to the goddess of mercy; legend has it that two brothers fished a statue of the goddess out of a river and threw her back into the water... but she kept returning to them. Stroll along adjacent Nakamise Street, where the locals have shopped for centuries. Enjoy

a *teppanyaki* lunch of food cooked on an iron griddle, followed by a guided walking tour of the luxury shopping district of Ginza. Your evening is free for exploring more of the city as you please. **Meals BL**

4. EXPLORING TRADITIONS IN HAKONE

This morning board the bullet train (*shinkansen*) for a short ride south to Odawara and continue on to the scenic hot springs resort town of Hakone. Enjoy a cruise by private boat on Lake Ashi – “lake of reeds” – a crater of the volcano Mt. Hakone; weather permitting, you'll see views of Mt. Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, looming over the landscape, a national symbol known the world over. Have lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, a sushi and miso making demonstration invites you to join the English-speaking chefs in creating these Japanese culinary specialties. Tonight, you'll have a chance to relax over a special “homey” dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF A GEISHA WITH AN EXPERT...



An insider leads you through the geisha districts of Kyoto, sharing stories along the way. Kyoto is the birthplace of Japan's geisha culture, and the historic Gion neighborhood is its heart. To become a *geiko*, the preferred term for geisha, women must spend years in training as a *maiko*, perfecting their arts – traditional dance, playing musical instruments, flower arrangement, tea ceremonies, calligraphy, painting, and conversation. Seeing a *geiko* or *maiko* perform is a privilege – and will be a highlight of your visit to Japan.

5. KIMONOS, MOUNTAINS, WHISKY & ART

Stop at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to see its prized collection of kimonos before driving through the towering “Japanese Alps,” forested mountains reaching a height of 9,000+ feet. Have lunch at a local restaurant and then choose to visit the Kirin Fuji Gotemba distillery to learn about and taste the whisky they produce here... or explore the Hakone Open Air Museum, the first open-air museum in Japan with an outdoor sculpture park, home to works by artists including Rodin and Miro. Later, you have an opportunity to learn *ikebana* – Japanese flower arranging – with a teacher who gives a class and demonstration. Have dinner in the hotel's restaurant. **Meals BLD**

6. A FARM VISIT AND MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Visit a local farm before continuing on to Matsumoto, where you'll see 400-year-old Matsumoto Castle; Japan's oldest castle and a national treasure, it is also known as the “Crow Castle” because of its black exterior. Your hotel combines the authenticity of a traditional Japanese inn with the comforts of a contemporary hotel; you have your choice of a western-style or Japanese guest room. Enjoy dinner Japanese style, shoes off, *yukatas* and slippers on, in a private room with musical entertainment. **Meals BLD**

7. SAKE BREWERY IN TAKAYAMA

Head off for the mountain town of Takayama, arriving in time for lunch at a restaurant famous for its *Hida* beef. This afternoon, take a lesson in sake (Japanese rice wine) making and tasting at a local brewery. Continue on to Kanazawa, just inland from the Sea of Japan, for a two-night stay; the town is well known for its well-preserved Edo-era districts, art museums and handicrafts. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants in Kanazawa. **Meals BLD**

8. SAMURAI AND GARDENS IN KANAZAWA

A full day's sightseeing begins in the historic Samurai District with a visit to the restored Nomura Samurai Family Residence showcasing the lifestyle of the Samurai during feudal times, when they were prosperous. Next, take a guided stroll through Kenroku-en Garden, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan. Have lunch at a signature brasserie restaurant of acclaimed French chef Paul Bocuse, then join us on a cultural walk along the covered streets lined with shops in the Omicho Market. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive private Samurai show at a temple this afternoon before spending the rest of the day as you wish. **Meals BL**

9. A TRAIN RIDE TO HIROSHIMA

Depart Kanazawa by train for Hiroshima. After lunch at your hotel, you have a choice. One possibility is a ferry ride to Miyajima Island – dubbed the Island of the Gods and shrine island. Or visit the local Mazda factory. **Meals BLD**



Hiroshima



Taiko, traditional drumming

10. MONUMENTS OF HIROSHIMA

See the Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Hiroshima museum in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Experience the modern Orizuru Tower – named for a folded crane, a symbol of peace. Its wooden observatory space with an open outlook provides an extraordinary perspective on Hiroshima from on high. After lunch at a local restaurant, take the bullet train to Kyoto. **Meals BLD**

11. KYOTO... A TEMPLE AND A CASTLE

One of Japan's most alluring cities and its craft capital, Kyoto exudes tranquility and charm in ancient temples, palaces and shrines that date back 1,100 years... and along streets lined with gardens, wooden houses and artisan shops that depict present day life. Today's sightseeing begins with a visit to the golden-topped Kinkaku-ji Temple, set in a garden on the edge of a lake, a position symbolizing its place "between heaven and Earth." Hear the story of how this 14th-century temple was burned to the ground by a young monk and then completely reconstructed. Continue to the moated Nijo Castle, a 17th-century shogun's residence and UNESCO World Heritage Site; discover the secret of its "nightingale" floors on a guided tour, shoes off. After lunch, join our geisha expert for a tour of the back streets of one of Kyoto's geisha districts, sharing personal insights on the "flower and willow" world of the geishas, past and present. **Meals BL**

12. TRADITIONAL ARTS IN KYOTO

Begin your day with a prayer at the Kiyomizudera (Pure Water Temple) established in 778. Drink the water here in long-handled cups as you wish for longevity, success or

love. Experience the revered customs of Japanese culture firsthand during a visit to a private home in Kyoto; take your shoes off, come in, and your gracious hostess will demonstrate the very specific rituals of a Japanese tea ceremony, followed by a lesson in the paper art of Origami. This evening we invite you to join us for our special farewell reception and dinner at a local restaurant featuring a performance by a *maiko*. **Meals BD**

13. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Kyoto. Fly home anytime. An airport transfer is included from Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

13 DAYS FROM \$10,990*

(12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS TOKYO

Mar **23, 26, 30** Apr **2, 4, 6, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 30**
 May **4, 7, 11, 14, 18** Jun **1, 4, 15** Aug **24, 27** Sep **21, 24**
 Oct **1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22** Nov **2, 5, 16** **/= Sold Out!**

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PRICE PER PERSON

March 16 – 25; November 2 – 15

Double \$12,390 Single \$15,936 Triple \$11,466

March 26 – August 23; September 7 – November 1

Double \$12,990 Single \$16,464 Triple \$12,132

August 24 – September 6; November 16 – 30

Double \$10,990 Single \$14,212 Triple \$10,198

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1-3	PARK HYATT TOKYO	Tokyo
Night 4,5	HYATT REGENCY HAKONE RESORT & SPA	Hakone
Night 6	TOBIRA ONSEN MYOJINKAN	Matsumoto
Night 7,8	HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA	Kanazawa
Night 9	SHERATON GRAND HIROSHIMA	Hiroshima
Night 10-12	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KYOTO	Kyoto



INDIA THROUGH THE AGES reveals itself in architectural wonders, royal feasts, ceremonies reflecting spiritual traditions, and opulent palaces, some reborn today as unrivaled Oberoi luxury hotels where you will stay during visits to Agra, Jaipur and Udaipur... Indulge in services and sights reserved for royalty as you explore New Delhi... experience sacred rituals of Varanasi on the River Ganges... find eternal love at the Taj Mahal and a fairy tale city at the Red Fort of Agra... and let yourself be mesmerized by Maharajah gems in Jaipur, a jeweled lake in Udaipur, the art of living in Kerala, and Mumbai's metropolis and Elephanta Island.

1. ARRIVE NEW DELHI

Tour begins: 2:00 PM, The Leela Palace Hotel, New Delhi. A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Leela Palace Hotel, New Delhi, a landmark hotel ideally located in the heart of downtown. Most international flights arrive between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM local time, 10.5 hours ahead of North America (EST). To ease jet lag, we recommend arriving in India a day early; ask at booking. An orientation drive this afternoon with a local guide gives you a preview of the city's landmark sights, including the Secretariat buildings, the Parliament House, the Presidential Palace and the India Gate, and visits Gandhi Smriti, the home where Gandhi was staying when he was assassinated in 1948, today a museum. Join us tonight for a private welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**



Traveling Well Includes...

- Multiple-night stays at three hotels ranked among the “World’s Best” hotels by *Travel + Leisure* readers – The Oberoi Udaivilas, The Oberoi Rajvilas and The Oberoi Amarvilas
- Two nights in Jaipur, with a Maharajah dinner
- An exclusive visit to the home of a Keralan chef for a cooking demonstration and lunch
- A luncheon cruise in Kumarakom on a rice boat; a cruise to Elephanta Island in Mumbai
- Dance performances & a martial arts demo
- A lesson in the art of wearing a sari or turban in Jaipur & a boat ride on Udaipur’s Lake Pichola
- On-Tour Air included (5 flights)
- 45 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portage



Qutb Minar

2. HISTORIC DELHI

Discover more iconic sites of Delhi today on a guided sightseeing excursion. Explore Humayun’s Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site erected in 1570 of sandstone and marble and modeled after Islamic paradise gardens. Sightseeing continues after lunch with a visit to the ancient Qutb Minar Victory Tower, built in 1193 of red sandstone; it is one of the highest minarets in the world, soaring upward to 240 ft. high. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, pursuing your interests as you like. **Meals BL**

3. FLY TO SPIRITUAL VARANASI

Take a morning flight to Varanasi, set along the banks of the River Ganges. With a guide, visit the ruins, temple and museum at Sarnath, the site of Buddha’s first sermon, and the National Museum. Witness the evening prayer spectacle along the Ganges tonight as hundreds of pilgrims line the steps to chant, pray and “put the river to sleep”; then board small oar-powered boats to row along the river. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. GANGES RIVER CRUISE AND ON TO AGRA

Join us for a private sunrise cruise on the river, before flying to Agra for a two-night stay; your room at the Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra overlooks the Taj Mahal. Enjoy lunch upon your arrival. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

5. THE TAJ MAHAL AND AGRA FORT

A guided visit to the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, promises a close-up look at this monument to love, richly decorated with precious and semi-precious stones. Sightseeing continues at the 16th-century Red Fort of Agra, home to palaces and stunning marble mosques. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. JOURNEY TO JAIPUR & PALATIAL SITES

Drive to Jaipur for a two-night stay at a luxury Oberoi hotel, arriving in time for lunch. This afternoon, join us for a guided visit to the City Palace Museum to see exhibits

of historic royal costumes, Pashmina shawls and silk saris; see accurate astronomical instruments dating to the early 18th century at the Jantar Mantar Observatory. The day ends with a special Maharajah evening. **Meals BLD**

7. AMBER GEMS OF JAIPUR

Visit Amber Fort today, discovering a palace whose walls are covered with paintings, carvings, precious stones and mirrors. Following a guided tour, a puppet show and lunch at the Raj Palace, the rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

8. HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE & FLY TO UDAIPUR

Soar over the city this morning aboard a hot air balloon*, followed by time at leisure at your Oberoi hotel. Learn the art of dressing in a sari and turban during a demonstration before lunch today. An afternoon flight brings you to Udaipur for a three-night stay at The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur, consistently voted among the top luxury hotels in the world. Dine at leisure at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

9. ROYAL TEMPLES AND PALACES

Visit the City Palace complex, see the Jagdish Mandir Temple and explore the museum along with the former living quarters of the Maharajah of Udaipur. After lunch, visit the fountain gardens of Saheliyon-ki-Bari; have lunch at a terrace restaurant; and enjoy a sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola. You're invited to a private residence of a family who served as ministers in the Maharajah's court for a very special Tauck Exclusive dinner. **Meals BLD**



Udaipur

10. A RICKSHAW RIDE TO THE LOCAL MARKETS

Climb aboard a traditional rickshaw for a sightseeing ride through Udaipur's colorful spice and vegetable markets, a great way to get a sense of local life. Explore as you like for the rest of the day; dinner is included at the hotel. **Meals BD**

11. FLY TO KOCHI

Fly to Kochi (via Mumbai) on the scenic west coast of India. A relaxing boat ride along picturesque waterways reveals fishermen collecting their day's catch, before a sunset sail on the Arabian Sea. See world-renowned Kathakali dancers perform at your hotel before dinner tonight. **Meals BD**

12. KERALA HISTORY & FLAVORFUL CUISINE

Board a boat for Kochi's Mattancherry district this morning, disembarking for guided exploration of the Dutch Castle and 16th-century Paradesi Synagogue. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and lunch at a chef's private home before visiting Fort Kochi. Return to your hotel by boat. **Meals BLD**

13. HOUSEBOATS & CLASSICAL DANCERS

Drive to Alleppey where you'll board a thatched-roof rice boat, which has been transformed into a luxury houseboat, for a luncheon cruise to your lakefront resort on the banks of Vembanad Lake. Mohiniattam dancers provide sparkling evening entertainment during dinner. **Meals BLD**

SPOTLIGHT ON INDIA



AN 11-DAY TRIP

Tailor-made for travelers wishing to experience a shorter trip in India, Tauck's 11-day *Spotlight on India* explores the "Golden Triangle" of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, with three nights in Udaipur and an overnight in Varanasi as you travel in style through northern India. *Spotlight on India* is priced from \$6,990 including on-tour air, departing January 12 and 26, March 1, October 4, November 8, 2020. Visit tauck.com for complete details.

14. RESORT PLEASURES ON THE LAKE

Join a local guide for a walk through the enchanting village of Kumarakom. Spend the afternoon as you wish; enjoy a private martial arts demonstration before dinner. **Meals BLD**

15. FLY TO MUMBAI

Spend the morning at leisure and have lunch before your flight to Mumbai, India's economic powerhouse. Enjoy a brief orientation tour of the city en route to your hotel and have dinner tonight at a choice of restaurants. **Meals BLD**

16. MUMBAI PAST AND PRESENT

Guided sightseeing includes a walk through India's colonial past that visits the Gates of India and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (once known as Victoria Terminus), and offers a chance to see the *dabbawalas* (tiffin providers) at work in the metro. This afternoon, visit Dharavi, neighborhoods made famous in the movie *Slumdog Millionaire* and today the heart of thriving small businesses. You'll have an opportunity to meet some of the people who live and work there. The remainder of the day is free to explore as you wish. **Meals BL**

17. CAVES AND TEMPLES OF ELEPHANTA ISLAND

Cruise to Elephanta Island for a guided visit of its ancient caves and rock-cut temples, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a free afternoon in Mumbai, join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight. **Meals BD**

18. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Mumbai (Bombay). Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Chhatrapati Shivaji Int'l Airport. Most of the international flights depart between 2:00 and 3:00 AM; allow 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



18 DAYS FROM \$9,590*

Includes On-Tour Air

(17 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 15 Dinners)

BEGINS NEW DELHI

Jan **5, 8, 22, 29** Feb 5, **12, 16, 19, 26** Mar **4** Sep **30**
Oct **7, 18, 25, 28** Nov **4, 29** Dec **20**

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – February 25; October – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$10,090	+	\$800	=	\$10,890
Single	\$13,149	+	\$800	=	\$13,949

February 26 – September

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$8790	+	\$800	=	\$9590
Single	\$11,657	+	\$800	=	\$12,457

On-tour air included (5 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Ask about additional hotel nights and about our Guest Protection Product.



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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	THE LEELA PALACE HOTEL, NEW DELHI	New Delhi
Night 3	THE GATEWAY HOTEL GANGES, VARANASI	Varanasi
Night 4,5	THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA	Agra
Night 6,7	THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR	Jaipur
Night 8-10	THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR	Udaipur
Night 11,12	GRAND HYATT KOCHI BOLGATTY	Kochi
Night 13,14	KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT	Kumarakom
Night 15-17	THE OBEROI, MUMBAI	Mumbai

ON-TOUR FLIGHTS IN INDIA

India is the world's seventh largest country with vast differences in geography, climate, culture, language and ethnicity. So that you can see many of its fascinating sights, we have scheduled five included on-tour flights to speed us from place to place. Please be advised that some routes require long travel days and multiple flights due to a lack of non-stop options, but the experiences that await in every destination make each journey worthwhile.

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NORTHERN INDIA & NEPAL



FROM THE HIMALAYAS TO THE ARABIAN SEA... and Chitwan and Bandhavgarh national parks... discover the cultural diversity, spiritual complexity, compelling history, and natural beauty of Nepal and Northern India... set off on game-viewing safaris by boat and Jeep in search of the single-horned Asiatic rhino and the elusive Bengal tiger... fly over Mt. Everest on a flightseeing charter... meet a Sherpa and meditate with monks... visit the Taj Mahal, the Temples of Khajuraho and Mumbai.

1. ARRIVE NEW DELHI

Tour begins: The Imperial. A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Imperial hotel. Most international flights arrive between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM. To ease jet lag, consider traveling to India a day early; ask at booking. An orientation tour includes a drive through Vijay Chowk to see the Secretariat building, Parliament House, the Presidential Palace and the India Gate, and a visit to Gandhi Smriti, the house where Gandhi was assassinated. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight. **Meals D**

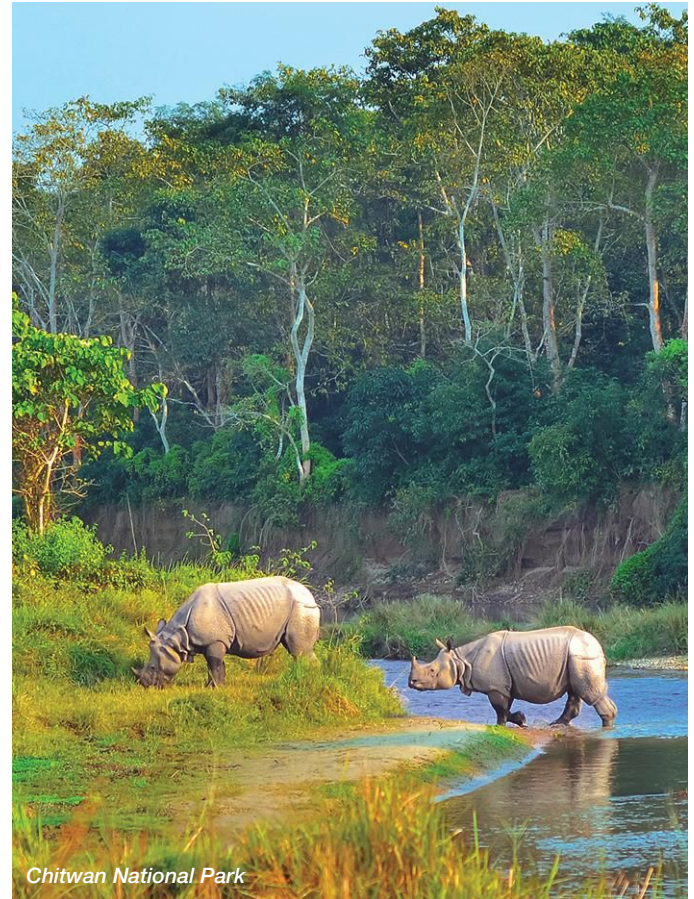
2. OLD & NEW DELHI, PAST AND PRESENT

Explore Old and New Delhi today on a sightseeing excursion that includes the UNESCO World Heritage Site of



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- Small group adventure averaging 20 guests per departure
- Stays at luxurious Oberoi hotels in Mumbai and Agra (within sight of the Taj Mahal)
- Two nights in Chitwan National Park & 3 nights in Bandhavgarh National Park with daily safaris
- A private flightseeing charter flight over the Himalayas for views of Mount Everest
- On-Tour Air included (6 flights)
- 41 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



Chitwan National Park

Humayun's Tomb, built in 1570 of sandstone and marble and modeled after an Islamic paradise garden. After lunch at a local restaurant, sightseeing continues with a visit to the extraordinary Qutb Minar Victory Tower, built of red sandstone in 1193 and one of the highest minarets in the world soaring upwards at 240 feet high. **Meals BL**

3. A FLIGHT TO KATHMANDU

Board a plane bound for Kathmandu in Nepal. Touch down for a three-night stay at a family-run hotel. This afternoon, visit Pashupatinath Temple on the bank of the sacred Bagmati River; one of the holiest Hindu temples, it is renowned for its golden roof and silver doors. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BD**

4. HIMALAYAS FLIGHTSEEING AND A SHERPA

Rise early this morning for a flightseeing* adventure that soars above the alpine landscapes of Mount Everest. Touch down for a tour of Durbar Square, where ancient temples

and pagodas are clustered around the old royal palace, and visit Kasthamandap, the namesake of Kathmandu said to be built from a single mythical tree. Tour the marketplace of Thamel by rickshaw and have lunch in a local restaurant. Before a traditional Nepalese dinner tonight, meet a female Sherpa who's climbed Mount Everest several times; her presentation is followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions about her many expeditions. **Meals BLD**

5. MONKS, A MEDIEVAL TOWN, AND ARTISANS

At nearby Kopan Monastery the monks start their day in prayer and meditation; take your shoes off and join them during a morning visit before heading to the colossal *stupa* of Boudhanath; it is encircled by images of Buddha and hundreds of prayer wheels. Explore medieval Bhaktapur with a local guide; see opulent palaces, temples and squares in a maze of cobblestone streets free of traffic. Craftsmen, potters, woodcarvers and weavers produce their wares here as they have for centuries; you'll have an opportunity to view their handiwork. **Meals BL**

MEET MAYA SHERPA IN KATHMANDU

The first Nepalese woman to have climbed Mount Everest three times (2006, 2007 and 2016), Maya Sherpa has always been an adventurer at heart. After studying business and working as a licensed trekking guide, she led her first expedition to Mount Everest in 2006. Since then she has reached the summit of some of the world's most difficult mountains and is an inspiration to women the world over. Fearless and ever humble, she says "Despite the challenges and hindrances along the way, nothing is more awesome than knowing I have stepped on the top of the world." Chat with her on Day 4, schedule permitting. *In the rare case Maya is not available, you'll meet another sherpa who has climbed Mt. Everest.*



6. FLY TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Fly to Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the foothills of the Himalayas. Home to one of the few remaining groups of single-horned Asiatic rhinoceros, it's also one of the last refuges of the Bengal tiger. After lunch, go on a river safari* by boat and enjoy a sundowner before returning to your lodge for dinner. **Meals BLD**

7. EXPLORE CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK BY JEEP

Explore Chitwan National Park on a jeep safari and join a naturalist for an opportunity to interact with the elephants at your lodge. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

8. A MOUNTAIN RESORT IN DHULIKHEL

Take an early morning jeep safari before flying to Kathmandu. Drive to your mountainside resort in Dhulikhel for an overnight stay, where demonstrations in singing bowls and cooking give you a glimpse of life here. **Meals BLD**

9. FLY TO DELHI AND ON TO AGRA

Fly to Delhi and continue to Agra, home to the white marble wonder that is the Taj Mahal. Stay at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, and dine at your choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BD**

10. THE TAJ MAHAL AND AGRA FORT

After breakfast, if you wish, explore the mesmerizing Taj Mahal up close on a morning visit. Then, it's off to the city of Agra and the 16th-century red sandstone Agra Fort, a huge complex of palaces and mosques. This evening's Maharajah dinner requires special preparations, with ladies being shown how to wear a traditional sari (with a touch of henna painting) and gentlemen donning turbans. **Meals BLD**

11. THE TEMPLES OF KHAJURAHO

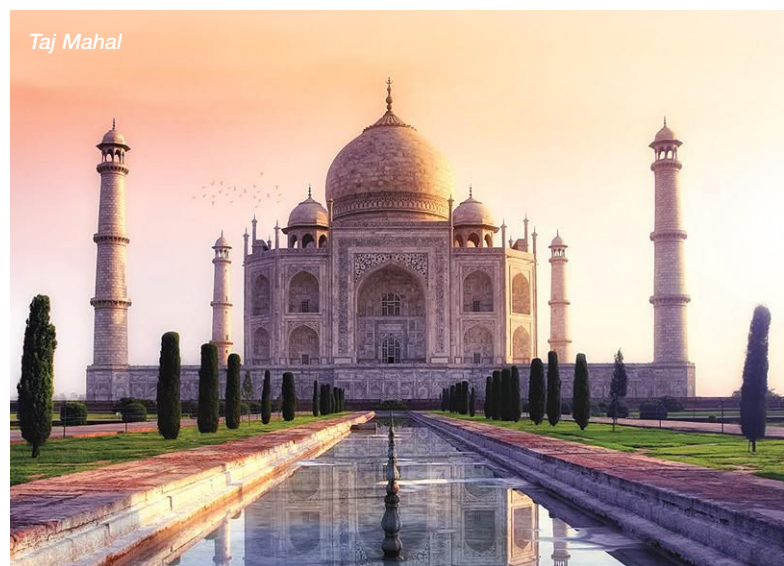
Depending on your departure, fly or ride a train to Khajuraho for an overnight stay. Visit the town's ancient temples built between the 9th and 10th centuries and praised by UNESCO for striking a perfect balance of architecture and sculpture. Dinner is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

12. BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Bandhavgarh National Park today, a wildlife-rich reserve where leopards, deer, jungle cats, wild dogs, and very elusive, masterfully camouflaged tigers live; you'll go on a jungle safari in an open-topped jeep for a chance to spy resident wildlife. Dine at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

13. JUNGLE SAFARIS MORNING & AFTERNOON

At daybreak, drive with expert trackers into the heart of the Bandhavgarh Forest, one of India's most scenic areas. Keep your camera handy – the wildlife at home here include tigers, leopards, sloth bears, wild boar, jackals and a variety of birds. Following lunch, spend the afternoon on another jungle safari in Bandhavgarh. **Meals BLD**





Sacred Elders, Kathmandu

14. SAFARI DRIVES AND VILLAGE LIFE

Enjoy a picnic breakfast on this morning's jungle safari. After lunch, you have a choice of another jungle safari this afternoon, or a visit to a local village. An interactive cooking demonstration precedes dinner at the hotel. **Meals BLD**

15. FLIGHT TO MUMBAI

An early morning journey brings you to the airport for your flight to Mumbai (Bombay). Take an orientation tour of landmark sights – and colorful *dhobi ghats* – en route to your waterfront hotel, where dinner is at leisure. **Meals BD**

16. COLONIAL MUMBAI

A guided tour of Mumbai today takes you to the Gateway of India, commemorating the landing of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911, walks past heritage sites that chronicle the city's historic roots, and goes inside the railway station, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, formerly known as the Victoria Terminus. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is resplendent with vaulted roofs, arches, Gothic spires, flying buttresses, gables crowned by neoclassical sculptures, stone carvings, and friezes. Have lunch and spend the afternoon exploring the sights as you wish. Join us for a farewell cocktail reception this evening. **Meals BL**

17. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Mumbai (Bombay). Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. Most international flights depart between 2:00 – 3:00 AM; allow a minimum of three hours for your international flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

17 DAYS FROM \$11,690*

Includes On-Tour Air

(16 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 13 Dinners)

BEGINS DELHI

Jan 5, 12, 26 Feb 2, 16, 23 Mar 8 Oct 4, 18, 25
Nov 8, 15, 22 Dec 20 **/= Sold Out!**

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability. All departures are small groups averaging 20 guests each, ensuring a more intimate travel experience!

PRICE PER PERSON

January – March; October – December 19

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$11,140	+	\$550	=	\$11,690
Single	\$14,419	+	\$550	=	\$14,969
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

December 20 – 31

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$12,040	+	\$550	=	\$12,590
Single	\$15,416	+	\$550	=	\$15,966
Triple	N/A	+	N/A	=	N/A

On-tour air included (6 flights)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Please ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	THE IMPERIAL	Delhi, India
Night 3-5	DWARIKA'S HOTEL	Kathmandu, Nepal
Night 6,7	MEGHAULI SERAI, A TAJ SAFARI	Chitwan Nat'l Park, Nepal
Night 8	DWARIKA'S RESORT DHULIKHEL	Dhulikhel, Nepal
Night 9,10	THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA	Agra, India
Night 11	THE LALIT TEMPLE VIEW KHAJURAHO	Khajuraho, India
Night 12-14	MAHUA KOTHI, A TAJ SAFARI	Bandhavgarh Nat'l Park, India
Night 15,16	THE OBEROI, MUMBAI	Mumbai (Bombay), India

Special note about traveling on Northern India & Nepal:

In order to access Bandhavgarh National Park, we will be traveling on two-lane roads which may be very bumpy and uneven. Driving in India is unlike driving at home, and you may be unaccustomed to – or even surprised by – the local rules of the road. This journey is designed for guests who have a spirit of adventure and are comfortable traveling in vehicles for longer periods of time; the trip will not be suitable for anyone who has back problems.





Dome of the Rock

ISRAEL & JORDAN

LANDS OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS Discover the rich diversity of Israel and Jordan: the cultures, faiths and ethnicities that coexist in this land of prophets, iconic locales and turbulent history. Sail the Sea of Galilee on a replica ancient fishing vessel, explore the crusader citadel at Akko, and ride camelback in the “lost city” of Petra. Guided sightseeing to legendary sites – like the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Via Dolorosa – offers unique insights into Judaism, Islam and Christianity, while cultural experiences connect you to the hearts of the people who live in this complex crossroads of ancient and modern worlds.

1. ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Tour begins: 6:30 PM, InterContinental David Tel Aviv.

A transfer is included from Ben Gurion Airport to InterContinental David Tel Aviv, noted for sweeping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Please join us this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. ANCIENT JAFFA AND TEL AVIV

Your day begins with a Hebrew lesson, followed by a walking tour of Jaffa, the ancient Arab seaport at the heart of the modern city. This enclave is home to a diverse population of Jews, Muslims, and Christians, its winding stone streets and alleys a maze of galleries, antique shops,

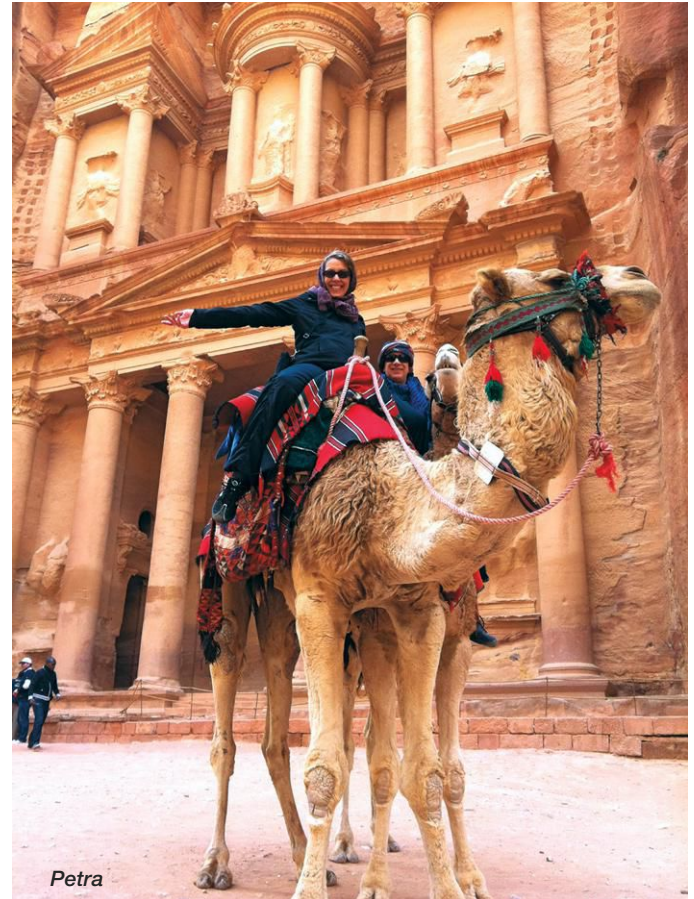
and restaurants. After lunch at a local café, a city tour offers a striking contrast to the mud and stone look of Jaffa and reveals why Tel Aviv earned a UNESCO World Heritage designation. The “White City” by the sea is famous for its wealth of Bauhaus architecture – plain white modernist houses that reflect simplicity and practicality – brought here by European immigrants in the 1930s. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this hip young city on your own. Your hotel is within easy walking distance of the beach, restaurants and a nightlife second to none. **Meals BL**

3. ANCIENT CAESAREA AND HAIFA

Travel to Caesarea, named for the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus, for a walking tour of its ruins. Leave the

Traveling Well Includes...

- Guided visits to diverse sites such as the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, Sephardic Synagogues, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Jezzar Pasha Mosque
- A special Bedouin-style traditional feast, in Little Petra, featuring a sword dance
- Private reception at the Tower of David and the amazing sound and light show across the walls of the Tower of David
- Lunch at the famed seafood restaurant Uri Buri in Akko; Sea of Galilee cruise aboard a working replica of a 2,000-year-old fishing boat; walking tours exploring Israel's and Jordan's antiquities including a private walking tour inside Baha'i Shrine and Gardens; modern-day discussions include a "Prophet Sharing" panel
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 32 meals, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes and portorage



Petra

sun-baked sands for the green foothills of Mount Carmel and a private walking tour inside Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on the slope of Mount Carmel, featuring terraces and immaculate gardens that lead to the golden-domed tomb of the Bab, messenger of the Baha'i Faith, which teaches that no religion has a monopoly on the truth. Dine at your hotel, high atop Mount Carmel, with great city views. **Meals BLD**

4. ALONG THE SEA OF GALILEE

Visit the Yigal Allon Museum and learn about the Galilee Boat, a 2,000-year-old fishing vessel discovered in 1986. Board a working replica of the boat and sail the Sea of Galilee on a guided tour to see how fishermen in Jesus' time lived and worked. Stop in Nazareth for lunch; this rural area contains many kibbutzim – farming communities which teach self-reliance, collective action, and civic responsibility. Return to Haifa, where guests can participate in a "Prophet Sharing" panel discussion, a unique opportunity to ask questions and share information about the major religions coexisting in this multicultural land. Your evening is free to spend as you please. **Meals BL**





Amman



Baha'i Gardens

5. AKKO, PLACE OF MANY RULERS

Today you'll explore the old citadel of the walled seaport city of Akko, with its warren of streets and alleys, arches, towers, tunnels and underground chambers; experience the tranquility of the 18th-century Jezzar Pasha Mosque and view its graceful minarets and stunning mosaics, built over the ruins of a Crusader church. Enjoy lunch at one of the city's best-known, most sought-after restaurants, Uri Buri, run by Chef Uri Yirmias; casual with understated elegance, his seafood restaurant is famous all over. Arrive in Jerusalem via the Mount of Olives before arriving at your award-winning hotel, one of the newest and most luxurious in Israel, set in the heart of the ancient city. **Meals BL**

6. JERUSALEM - CITY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

A guided Jerusalem walking tour includes a visit to the Western Wall, last remnant of Solomon's Temple. The wide plaza before the wall is an open-air place of reflection where Jews gather daily to pray and offer supplications to God, sometimes written on paper and stuffed into cracks between the massive stones. Take a walk along the Cardo; visit the Jewish Quarter; and descend into the ingeniously engineered Sephardic Synagogues, built below street level. Following lunch at a café, visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, where a guide walks you through the images, survivors' accounts, and artifacts that put human faces on the Holocaust. Dine at the hotel tonight. **Meals BL**

7. THE OLD CITY / DOME OF THE ROCK

Return to the Old City for a visit to the Dome of the Rock, a 7th-century Islamic shrine built on the Temple Mount. Its golden dome shelters the rock from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended to Heaven; for Jews, it covers the holiest spot on Earth, the Foundation Stone of Solomon's inner temple, which contained the Ark of the Covenant.

Retrace the steps Jesus took on the Via Dolorosa en route to the Crucifixion; the winding path ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, enclosing the place where Jesus was crucified and buried. An ancient tasting menu, centuries old, highlights a special dining experience and presentation at The Eucalyptus, one of Jerusalem's popular restaurants. Dinner is followed by a dessert reception at the Tower of David prior to a spectacular sound and light show. **Meals BLD**

8. BETHLEHEM / DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Spend time in Jerusalem or join us for a locally guided visit to the West Bank and Bethlehem. Tourism is the primary industry, but Bethlehem is also home to fine art by local craftsmen with centuries-old skills. Here you'll visit the 4th-century Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches in the world. Enter through a low door, known as The Door of Humility; a cave below the basilica is known as the Grotto of the Nativity. Walk from Manger Square to the Milk Grotto, carved out of soft white rock, where the Holy Family took refuge before their flight into Egypt. Then return to Jerusalem for a visit to the Israel Museum where you'll view the Dead Sea Scrolls, the earliest known manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible; they were discovered in caves in the West Bank in the 1940s. **Meals B**

9. MASADA / CROSSING INTO JORDAN

Depart for Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Dead Sea. A Jewish revolt against the Romans ended on this windswept plateau in 73 AD; view its restored ancient buildings, rebels' houses, and synagogue. Today, Masada has an important connection to the modern state as it is the place where Israeli soldiers swear their oath of allegiance. Cross into Jordan for a mid-afternoon arrival – a highlight of your stay are premium pool-view rooms at your resort on the Dead Sea. **Meals BLD**

10. DAY ALONG THE DEAD SEA OR JERASH

Visitors to the Dead Sea marvel at its dramatic landscape, float in its buoyant salt waters, or cover themselves in its mineral-rich, therapeutic black mud. Spend a relaxing day at the resort, enjoy the spa, or join us for a trip to the ancient city of Jerash. Step back in time 2,000 years and explore well-preserved remains of Roman architecture including Hadrian’s Arch, the Hippodrome, temples, baths, colonnaded streets and more in this fascinating archaeological site. Dine tonight at the resort. **Meals BLD**

11. TO MOUNT NEBO AND PETRA

Depart the Dead Sea for the ancient “lost city” of Petra; on the way, stop at Mount Nebo, where Moses looked out upon the “Promised Land.” You’ll also visit the Memorial Church of Moses to see its ancient mosaics, located inside the excavated Old Baptistery. Biblical history is everywhere en route, most notably in Madaba; visit St. George’s Greek Orthodox Church to view a map from the 6th century detailing major biblical sites. Enjoy a lunch of traditional Jordanian specialties then arrive in Petra late afternoon; stay in Junior Suites at Mövenpick Resort Petra. **Meals BLD**

12. PINK CITY OF PETRA & BEDOUIN EVENING

Spend the morning discovering the 2,000-year-old pink city of Petra, carved out of rose-colored sandstone cliffs. The temples, tombs and the Treasury remained hidden in the mountains for thousands of years before discovery in 1812. Explore on foot and by horse cart; visit the elaborately sculpted Treasury – after lunch in the old city, return to your hotel by camel and horse cart. Spend the afternoon at leisure at the hotel, then get set for tonight’s special farewell dinner! As a Tauck Exclusive, join us this evening for a real taste of Jordan when you’ll dine Bedouin-style at a traditional feast near Petra. A dance troupe of Jordanian

men, dressed in customary Bedouin garments, entertains with a performance of the Dabkeh sword dance for a look at captivating centuries-old traditions. **Meals BLD**

13. AMAZING KING’S HIGHWAY TO AMMAN

Drive along the winding 5,000-year-old King’s Highway to Amman, one of the world’s oldest continuously used roads; take a brief city tour prior to arriving at the hotel. Guests with early evening flights will be taken directly to Queen Alia International Airport while those departing late night or early the next morning will stay at Amman Rotana. **Meals BLD**

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Amman. Transfer is included from Amman Rotana to Queen Alia International Airport. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

14 DAYS FROM \$6,590*
(13 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 8 Dinners)

BEGINS TEL AVIV

Feb 11, 18, 25 Mar 7, 5, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29
Apr 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30 May 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24
Sep 1, 3, 8, 15, 17 Oct 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29
Nov 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 17, 19 **/ = Sold Out!**

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$7790 per person double; specific dates apply, ask at booking.

Special Solo Traveler Savings: dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save \$400 on the single room price; inquire at time of booking.

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

February and November

Double \$6590 Single \$8287 Triple \$6336

March – October

Double \$7490 Single \$9254 Triple \$7225

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights and about our Guest Protection Product.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	INTERCONTINENTAL DAVID TEL AVIV	Tel Aviv, Israel
Night 3,4	DAN CARMEL HAIFA	Haifa, Israel
Night 5-8	WALDORF ASTORIA JERUSALEM	Jerusalem, Israel
Night 9,10	MOVENPICK RESORT & SPA DEAD SEA	Dead Sea, Jordan
Night 11,12	MOVENPICK RESORT PETRA	Petra, Jordan
Night 13	AMMAN ROTANA	Amman, Jordan



THE AMERICAS

There's a rhythm to the living landscapes here that defines cultures distinctive and diverse. Brazil sizzles with the passion of the *samba*, parading through Rio in

culturally rich costumed color. The *tango* is inextricably linked with the history of Buenos Aires, chronicling stories of life and love in every step. Chile woos with wines and alpine wonders that never fail to hit the high notes. Traditional *folklorico* music weaves past and present in Peru, fusing ancient empires with Andean charms spiritually inspiring. Cuba dances to the beat of the street, celebrating local culture with *salsa*, jazz, serenades and strumming guitars. Nature sings in Costa Rica's tropical jungles and rainforests, with the sounds of wildlife taking center stage. Even in the stillness of winter, Yellowstone National Park moves to its own tempo, putting on a spectacular snow-covered show.







CUBA: CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE & CULTURE

OUR 7-DAY HAVANA-BASED PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TRIP... brings Tauck travelers to this enigmatic Caribbean island nation for true cultural exchange with Cubans in and around Havana to share insights about their daily lives and their rich cultural heritage. Around key themes of Cuban culture, the arts, history, architecture, agriculture, baseball and more, travelers interact directly with the people of Cuba. Meet Cuban students, teachers, architects, artists, artisans, dancers, musicians, ballplayers and coaches... discover Hemingway's Cuba... visit with agricultural workers... dine at privately operated paladares and more.

1. ARRIVE MIAMI

Trip begins: 4:30 PM, The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove, Miami. Travelers flying to Miami should plan to arrive at Miami International Airport by 2:00 PM, and take a taxi from the airport to The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove; your cab fare will be reimbursed by your Tauck Director. Gather for a mandatory Tauck Director briefing, followed by a welcome reception, then dinner at The Ritz-Carlton. **Meals D**

2. BIENVENIDOS A LA HABANA

An included flight takes you to Havana's José Martí International Airport, where your local Cuban guide greets you. En route to your hotel this afternoon, visit the Museum of the Revolution, housed in the Neoclassical building in Habana Vieja that had served as Cuba's Presidential Palace from 1920 through 1959, for your first People-to-People cultural exchange in Cuba. Continue to the Meliá Habana, where you'll have lunch at one of the hotel's restaurants, check in, and settle into your home for the next five nights. Enjoy dinner at your leisure at the hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. HISTORIC HAVANA & THE ARTS

At the Habana Compás dance group, meet members and see a demonstration. Take walking tours of vast Colón Cemetery and 500-year-old Habana Vieja with a local historian. Go on a walking tour of Old Havana; attend a discussion on US – Cuban relations at the hotel. **Meals BLD**





Havana

Traveling Well Includes...

- All hotel accommodations – 1 night in Miami and 5 nights at the Meliá Habana
- Flights between Miami and Havana
- Escorted People-to-People travel accompanied by a Tauck Director and bilingual Cuban guides
- Five days of “People-to-People” exchange
- All gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers, hotel & restaurant staff; ground transportation, airport transfers, taxes, admission fees and portage
- All meals – 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

4. CUBAN BASEBALL, CRAFTS & MORE

Take a close-up look at a passion shared by Cubans and Americans alike – baseball! After a morning discussion with a noted Cuban player, meet players, coaches and parents of a Havana Little League-level team. Following a cooking demonstration and lunch, relax at your hotel or join us for a visit to Havana’s bustling San José crafts market. **Meals BLD**

5. AGRICULTURE IN THE VIÑALES VALLEY

Travel into the countryside to the tobacco fields of the Viñales Valley, where you’ll talk to agricultural workers about agrarian life and tobacco production in Cuba. After lunch, meet workers who process tobacco leaves before they reach the cigar factory at El Despalillo. **Meals BLD**

6. HEMINGWAY’S CUBA & CENTRO HABANA

Today, you’ll head outside the city to American novelist Ernest Hemingway’s Finca Vigía (“Lookout Farm”), the author’s winter home between 1939 and 1960; on a walk

of the grounds around the house, see his 9,000-volume library and his beloved fishing boat, *Pilar*, and talk with a docent about “Ernesto’s” life and work in Cuba and his strong connections to the Cuban people. Return to Havana for lunch, then engage with students and staff at Havana’s La Casa del Niño y la Niña (House of the Boy & Girl), an educational outreach program in Centro Habana. Please join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner at a paladar. **Meals BLD**

7. JOURNEY HOME

Transfer from the Meliá Habana to Havana’s José Martí Int’l Airport for your included return flight to Miami. **Your People-to-People trip ends at Miami Int’l Airport.** Please book flights from Miami to your final destination no earlier than 3:00 PM; allow two hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

7 DAYS FROM \$5,790*

(6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

BEGINS MIAMI

Jan 16 Feb 13 Mar 12 Apr 9 Oct 15 Nov 5 Dec 3

Note: Additional dates may become available as these sell out.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – March; December

Double \$5990

Single \$6719

Triple \$5814

April; October – November

Double \$5790

Single \$6523

Triple \$5622

***Airfare to and from Miami is additional;** round-trip air between Miami and Havana is included.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights at The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove, Miami and about our Guest Protection Product.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	THE RITZ-CARLTON COCONUT GROVE	Miami, FL
Night 2-6	MELIÁ HABANA	Havana, Cuba

Note: Due to the nature of People-to-People travel in Cuba, itinerary is subject to change; order and individual components of itinerary may change depending on day of the week, but a full People-to-People itinerary will be preserved.



ESSENCE OF SOUTH AMERICA

Rio de Janeiro

CHILE... ARGENTINA... BRAZIL... Experience a trio of South American jewels that sparkle in landscapes both rugged and refined, with stays at some of South America's favorite hotels. Savor a taste of Chilean wine country outside Santiago and discover crystalline Patagonian lakes. Enjoy ever stylish Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America," with a private tour of the world-famous opera house, visits to historic grand boulevards and artsy neighborhoods, and a perfect tango. Fall for scenic beauty times two at Iguazú Falls. And in Rio, indulge your passion for *samba*, sightseeing and *Carnaval* traditions...

1. ARRIVE SANTIAGO, CHILE

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago. A transfer is included from Santiago Airport to The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago, for a memorable two-night stay. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

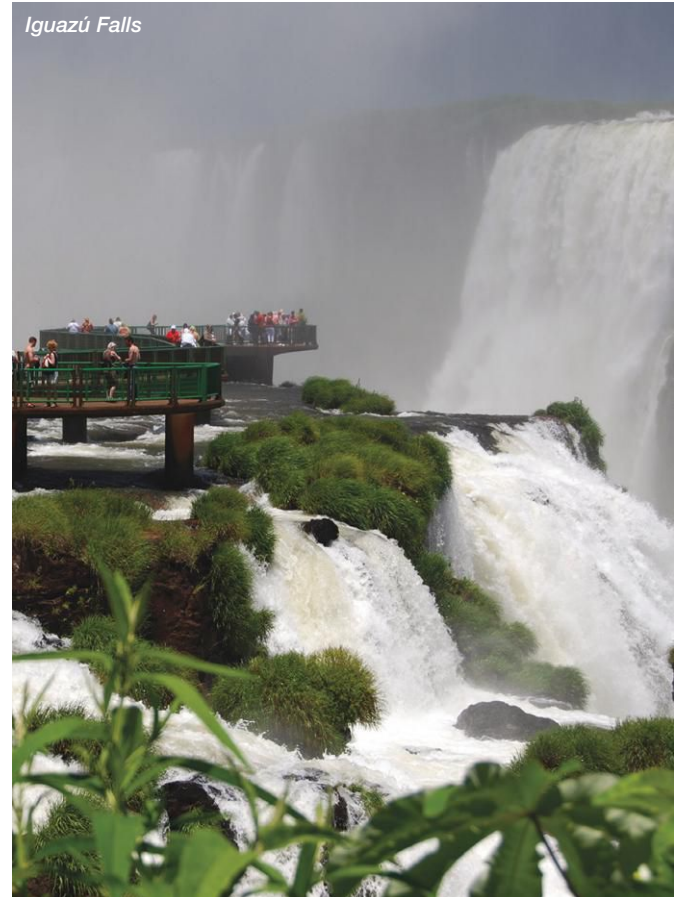
2. SANTIAGO & A WINERY LUNCH

Get acquainted with Santiago today beginning with a visit to the Plaza de Armas – the city is a mix of skyscrapers and classical buildings. Head outside of the city this afternoon to a local winery for a tasting tour, followed by lunch. Back in Santiago, the rest of your day is free. **Meals BL**



Traveling Well Includes...

- A walk along the base of Iguazú Falls during two nights at a hotel near the waterfalls
- Three nights in Buenos Aires – a tango show and a choice between a private visit to the opera house with a visit to the Latin American Art Museum or a Jewish Heritage tour
- Three nights in Rio de Janeiro on Copacabana Beach, featuring dazzling oceanside views
- Private tour of Rio's Samba City and a private boat cruise on Guanabara Bay
- A boat cruise to Bariloche, the "Switzerland of South America," for a two-night stay
- A tour and gourmet lunch at a renowned Chilean winery during two nights in Santiago
- On-Tour Air included (4 flights)
- 32 meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage



Iguazú Falls

3. PATAGONIA'S BEAUTIFUL LAKE DISTRICT

Fly this morning to the Lake District of southern Chile, renowned as a wonderland of mountain lakes, snowcapped volcanoes, waterfalls and lush forests. Have lunch in Puerto Montt, reflecting the German heritage of the area's original settlers, en route to the Patagonian resort town of Puerto Varas on the shore of one of Chile's largest lakes, Lago Llanquihue. Explore the sights of this charming town as you please and dine at leisure in your hotel. **Meals BLD**

4. CROSSING THE ANDES BY LAND AND BOAT

Sail the tranquil glacial waters to Bariloche today aboard three boat cruises. View snowcapped mountain peaks and forested islands, with the possibility of watching Andean condors soaring effortlessly above you. With wingspans of up to ten feet, they are able to glide atop thermal currents when they reach high altitudes, seldom flapping their wings. Disembark a short distance from your resort, where you'll stay in water-view suites in the Moreno Wing with panoramic windows overlooking the beautiful lake. **Meals BLD**

5. LLAO LLAO RESORT PLEASURES

Today you have the entire day to immerse in the natural splendors of your idyllic lakeside setting as you wish. Indulge in the amenities at your award-winning resort (some at an additional charge) including archery, golf, tennis and sailing or spa treatments. You may wish to explore the ski-resort downtown area of Bariloche on your own. This afternoon, we invite you to come and join us for a private tango lesson – and it is for Tauck guests only. **Meals BD**

6. FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

You've basked in the beauty of Patagonia from the ground up. Today you will experience it from a different perspective when you take a chairlift up Cerro Campanario for stunning views of the surrounding mountains, wide open sky and the lake waters below. Another change of scenery awaits following a flight to Buenos Aires for a very special three-night stay at the elegant Alvear Palace Hotel, which has been a city landmark since 1932 and is the undisputed "grande dame" of Buenos Aires hotels. **Meals BLD**



Llao Llao Hotel & Resort

STAY AT THREE ICONIC HOTELS

Historic *Llao Llao Hotel & Resort* is perched high on a hill between Lake Nahuel and Lake Moreno – panoramic views are equally complemented by the gracious accommodations and amenities. *Alvear Palace Hotel* opened in 1932 as a luxury hotel for European visitors and continues to exude Belle Époque splendor in the heart of Buenos Aires’ fashionable Recoleta neighborhood. Art Deco-inspired *Belmond Copacabana Palace* overlooks Rio’s world-famous Copacabana Beach; having first opened its doors to a celebrity clientele in 1923, the hotel welcomes guests with an impeccable reputation for graciousness and service, and guest rooms feature original works of art.



Alvear Palace Hotel



Belmond Copacabana Palace

7. BUENOS AIRES ALLURE

Sightseeing with a local guide includes visits to Plaza de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral and Casa Rosada (government palace) where you’ll see the balcony made famous by Eva (“Evita”) Perón. Explore the colorful La Boca neighborhood and enjoy lunch in the San Telmo District, a mix of colonial-style homes, narrow lanes, artist lofts and hip bars. Tonight, a dinner show reveals the passion of the tango with performances by expert dancers. **Meals BLD**

8. EXPLORING THE ARTS OR JEWISH HERITAGE

You have a choice of activities today. One provides a look at artistic life with a behind-the-scenes tour of the city’s opera house, Teatro Colón – among the best concert venues in the world – followed by a visit to the Latin American Art Museum of Buenos Aires. Your other choice is a Jewish Heritage tour that visits a synagogue and the AMIA, the memorial building on the site where a historic Jewish community center was destroyed in 1996. **Meals B**

9. CITY TREASURES & WATERFALL PLEASURES

Sightseeing continues on the “widest avenue in the world,” Avenida 9 de Julio, a stately thoroughfare modeled after Paris’ Champs-Élysées in the 1930s, along with the posh Embassy District and the Rose Garden, an oasis of green. On foot, explore Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Perón and many of Argentina’s famous and wealthiest families. Have lunch before taking an afternoon flight to Iguazú; your hotel is located in the heart of Iguazú National Park, famous for the spectacular Iguazú Falls. Dine tonight at the hotel’s restaurant at your leisure, located near the thundering waters. **Meals BLD**

10. THE “GREAT WATERS” OF IGUAZÚ

Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguazú Falls was named a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and one of the “New Seven Wonders of Nature.” You’ll have to visit two countries to get a complete look at the falls – 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape across two miles of the Iguazú River, straddling the borders of Argentina and Brazil. Today experience the Argentinian side, walking along grated metal walkways and climbing steps as you view the thundering water. Take as many walks as you like; names like the “Devil’s Throat,” the “Superior Circuit,” and the “Lower Circuit” offer a hint of what you’ll see. Optional activities, including boat rides, hikes and other excursions, are available at an additional charge – and immerse you in nature at its most spectacular. **Meals BL**

11. THE “OTHER” SIDE - CASCADING BEAUTY

This morning travel over to the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls for a walk across the river on catwalks, followed by lunch overlooking the river. Afterwards, take a flight to bustling Rio de Janeiro and settle into the oceanfront Belmond Copacabana Palace, an Art Deco jewel and landmark overlooking famed Copacabana Beach, late this afternoon. Your accommodations are steps from the storied beach and the city’s world-class attractions. **Meals BLD**

12. SUMMIT OF CORCOVADO & SAMBA CITY

Journey by train to the summit of Corcovado to see the iconic *Christ the Redeemer* statue, standing high above Rio and the sea below. Back down the mountain, visit Samba City for a behind-the-scenes look at *Carnaval* traditions and a *samba* dance show. Lunch at a tea room and a tour of the heart of historic Rio evoke memories of its Belle Époque era. Spend the evening exploring Rio as you wish. **Meals BL**

13. A CRUISE & SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN

Enjoy a private boat cruise on Guanabara Bay, dotted with 130 islands, for awe-inspiring views of Rio’s skyline and beachside gems. A two-stage cable car ride takes you to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain for more dramatic views. We invite you to join us for a special farewell reception in one of the hotel’s famed ballrooms followed by a farewell dinner at an acclaimed local restaurant. **Meals BLD**



La Boca, Buenos Aires

14. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Rio de Janeiro. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Belmond Copacabana Palace to Rio de Janeiro International Airport. You should allow a minimum of 3½ hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

14 DAYS FROM \$8,990*

Includes On-Tour Air
(13 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS SANTIAGO

Jan 7, 10, 17, 21, 24, 31 Feb 4, 7, 21, 25, 28 Mar 3, 6, 10, 13, 27
Sep 11, 25 Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 20 Dec 15

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – February 17; February 21 – March; September 25 – December 14				
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON				
Double	\$8790	+	\$1100	= \$9890
Single	\$11,292	+	\$1100	= \$12,392
Triple	\$8325	+	\$1100	= \$9425

February 18 – 20; December 15 – 31				
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON				
Double	\$9890	+	\$1100	= \$10,990
Single	\$12,364	+	\$1100	= \$13,464
Triple	\$9422	+	\$1100	= \$10,522

September 1 – 24				
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON				
Double	\$7890	+	\$1100	= \$8990
Single	\$10,198	+	\$1100	= \$11,298
Triple	\$7487	+	\$1100	= \$8587

On-tour air included (4 flights)

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ACTIVITY

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PACE

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	THE RITZ-CARLTON, SANTIAGO	Santiago, Chile
Night 3	HOTEL CUMBRES PUERTO VARAS	Puerto Varas, Chile
Night 4,5	LLAO LLAO HOTEL & RESORT	Bariloche, Argentina
Night 6-8	ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Night 9,10	HOTEL MELIÁ IGUAZÚ	Iguazú, Argentina
Night 11-13	BELMOND COPACABANA PALACE	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



PATAGONIA

Torres del Paine National Park

PACK YOUR BOOTS AND BINOCULARS for an adventure on the southern tip of South America, where Argentina and Chile meet in a spectacular landscape defined by glaciers and the southern Andes... explore dramatic national parks, including the eerily groaning and cracking Perito Moreno Glacier – a UNESCO World Heritage Site... take a scenic cruise on Última Esperanza Sound and another beautiful cruise on Lake Argentino... spot guanacos and rheas... get to know *gauchos*, shepherds, a horse whisperer, and world-famous silversmiths... and enjoy tango, *mate* tea, and stays at premier hotels.

1. ARRIVE SANTIAGO

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Singular Santiago. We'll meet you at the airport. A transfer is included upon arrival from Santiago International Airport to The Singular Santiago, a luxury hotel in the heart of downtown Santiago. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. PICTURESQUE PUERTO NATALES

This morning fly south from Santiago to Punta Arenas. This "city of red roofs," established in the 19th century as a penal colony and coaling station for steamships, is often a jumping-off point for Antarctic expeditions, but today it's a leg on your journey to the otherworldly landscapes



Traveling Well Includes...

- A cruise through the Última Esperanza Sound and a walk overlooking Serrano Glacier
- A private 4x4 adventure at Estancia Cristina, a cattle ranch in a remote region of Patagonia
- Visit to the workshop of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths of Argentina
- Private *gaucho* show, where cowboys of the Argentine outback demonstrate their riding and horse-whispering skills
- Lunch at a picturesque restaurant near the Perito Moreno Glacier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tango show in Buenos Aires, where the passionate *pas de deux* was born
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 26 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portage

Perito Moreno Glacier



found in Torres del Paine National Park. From here you travel to Puerto Natales, a city on the shores of the Última Esperanza (Last Hope) Sound. Named by a 16th-century Spanish explorer who became lost in a maze of channels and fjords while searching for the Strait of Magellan, the area was settled in the early 20th century by European immigrants as a shipping port for the local wool and meat-packing industry. Arrive late afternoon and check in to The Singular Patagonia, formerly a waterfront factory built in 1915, and now an award-winning luxury resort at the end of the Última Esperanza Sound with floor-to-ceiling views of mountain ranges and the Señoret Channel. **Meals BD**

3. CRUISE AROUND PATAGONIAN FJORDS

Weather permitting, a cruise through Última Esperanza Sound introduces you to a mystical landscape of fjords, mountains, cliffs and caves, plunging waterfalls, and ice floes. Keep your eyes peeled for cormorants and nesting condors. Disembark at glacier-filled Bernardo O'Higgins National Park for an easy trek through the unspoiled wilderness to a viewpoint overlooking massive Serrano

Glacier, and take in bluish white Balmaceda Glacier creeping over Monte Balmaceda. Back at your hotel, enjoy a tour of this historical building – converted from a factory built over a century ago. Join us in the hotel's award-winning restaurant for a special wine-pairing dinner featuring Chilean wines and regional cuisine. **Meals BLD**

4. TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Journey north from Puerto Natales into the heart of one of South America's most spectacular nature preserves, a photographer's paradise of glacier-carved fjords, valleys, mountains, steppes, and sub-polar forests – all dominated by the grandeur of Torres del Paine, a unique trio of granite peaks with serrated edges that jut dramatically skyward, also known as Cleopatra's Needles. Against this rocky backdrop the park's lakes are remarkably vivid – in shades of emerald and turquoise – owing to the rock flour produced by the restless grinding of the mountains by glaciers. The palette of the lakes is offset by rolling plains covered with red wildflowers. Keep your eyes peeled for the foxes, pumas, guanacos, rheas, and large birds of prey

who call this rugged landscape home. For a taste of local life and cuisine, have lunch at a restaurant inside the park. Continue exploring the park before heading back to your hotel for dinner tonight in the main restaurant. **Meals BLD**

5. PUERTO NATALES AS YOU LIKE IT

Spend the day in this stunning setting just as you choose. At your resort, a variety of activities* are included, such as kayaking, bicycling, condor-watching, hiking, cave exploring, and horseback riding. Your hotel is an official national monument for its significance in the region's heritage, so in addition to great activities and amenities, you'll find a museum of local history and the restored machinery from its factory days. You can also investigate the city of Puerto Natales, learn about its mix of European and indigenous cultures, and discover its array of cafés and bars catering to international tastes. Another possibility is a full-day trek in Torres del Paine National Park. Tonight enjoy a private Tauck family-style dinner at The Grill in your hotel, feasting on fresh lamb prepared with regional ingredients cooked on an open wood-burning grill. **Meals BLD**

6. EL CALAFATE AND LAGO ARGENTINO

Cross the border into Argentina today and arrive at El Calafate in time for lunch at a local restaurant. A small, picturesque village on the shores of Lake Argentino, El Calafate is named for a wild bush with yellow flowers and blue berries that flourishes here; El Calafate is also known as the "Village of the Glaciers," the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Continue on to your



Horsemanship demonstration

accommodations at Hotel Xelena. Nestled beside the lake, Hotel Xelena offers tranquility in a unique natural environment. Visit a local museum, the Glaciarium, dedicated to the science of glaciers and the geological history of the area – a good introduction to your discovery of astonishing Los Glaciares National Park. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. ESTANCIA CRISTINA AND UPSALA GLACIER

All aboard at Punta Bandera for a cruise on Lake Argentino. The vast lake is fed by runoff from dozens of glaciers. Sail by one of the largest, Upsala Glacier, a towering wall of ice (100 feet higher than Niagara Falls) that meets the water and stretches for miles through an alien landscape of granite peaks and icebergs in a startling palette of colors; the green of the lake beside the vivid blue, white and gold hues of the mountains, forests and ice offers dramatic photo ops. Disembark at Estancia Cristina, a cattle and sheep ranch founded by an English immigrant in the early 1900s (and named after his daughter). Take a ride in a 4x4 vehicle, then go on a hike for a stunning panoramic view of Upsala Glacier. Get a close-up look at life on the ranch, including a visit to a museum dedicated to Argentina's cowboys, the *gauchos*. Enjoy a lunch of local cuisine, and learn to make *mate* tea (the national drink), brewed and served in a calabash gourd with a metal straw. **Meals BL**

8. PERITO MORENO GLACIER

Drive into Los Glaciares National Park to witness one of the world's most breathtaking natural wonders, Perito Moreno Glacier. Fronting Lake Argentino for three miles, rising



Tango

240 feet from the water in dense clusters of jagged white skyscrapers, Perito Moreno is one of the few glaciers in the icefield that is advancing, its restless movement unseen but sometimes heard – its groaning, cracking, and rumbling is eerie! From high walkways on the shore opposite the glacier, you can appreciate its overwhelming scale and might even see an iceberg calve away from the ice wall, collapsing like a tall building in an explosion of thunder and water. Enjoy lunch in the presence of this mystical phenomenon, observing how the ice changes color from white to turquoise, sapphire, and indigo with the changing light. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon and evening in El Calafate; dinner in town is included. Be sure to take in the night sky, a brilliant starry show unimpeded by man-made lights in this corner of the world. **Meals BLD**

9. FLY TO BUENOS AIRES

Fly from El Calafate, in remote Patagonia, to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires for an orientation tour of the “Paris of South America” en route to your hotel. Dinner is served in the main restaurant at your hotel this evening. **Meals BD**

10. SILVERSMITHS, GAUCHOS, AND TANGO

Head outside the city through lush farmlands to the artist community at San Antonio de Areco. Meet members of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths; visit their shop and studio to view their exquisite silver and saddlery, evoking the cowboy culture and heritage of the region. Next up, naturally, is a private lunch and *gaucho fiesta*, where cowboys of the Argentine outback demonstrate

their legendary equestrian skills – an impressive display of acrobatic riding, herding, ring-racing and horse dancing. Return to your hotel to freshen up, then join us for a farewell dinner and tango show out on the town. **Meals BLD**

11. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Buenos Aires. Check-out time at your hotel is noon. Transfers are included from Alvear Palace Hotel to Buenos Aires International Airport. You should allow at least three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

11 DAYS FROM \$7,990*

Includes On-Tour Air
(10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS SANTIAGO

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb 7, 14, 28 Mar 6 Oct 2, 16 Nov 20 Dec 4, 18
/= Sold Out!

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PRICE PER PERSON

January – March; October – December 17					
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Double	\$7365	+	\$625	=	\$7990
Single	\$8648	+	\$625	=	\$9273
Triple	\$7192	+	\$625	=	\$7817

December 18 – 31					
LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON					
Double	\$8065	+	\$625	=	\$8690
Single	\$9472	+	\$625	=	\$10,097
Triple	\$7899	+	\$625	=	\$8524

On-tour air included (2 flights)

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Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. To enjoy this tour’s itinerary, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surfaces. This itinerary cannot accommodate oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, or motorized scooters. Consult the personalized documents that will be sent to you after booking for packing instructions.

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ACTIVITY

4

PACE

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1*	THE SINGULAR SANTIAGO	Santiago, Chile
Night 2-5	THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA	Puerto Natales, Chile
Night 6-8	HOTEL XELENA	El Calafate, Argentina
Night 9,10	ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Tour of Jan 31 will stay at the Mandarin Oriental Santiago.





EMPIRE OF THE INCAS: PERU & BOLIVIA

Lake Titicaca

MOUNTAIN MAJESTY & COLORFUL CULTURES AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD...

From oceanside Lima's vestiges of Spanish Colonial rule... to the villages and ancient Incan ruins of the Sacred Valley, surrounded by rugged slopes... to Machu Picchu, tucked into mist-shrouded mountains, ever mysterious... to Cusco, where Baroque Colonial architecture sits atop the ruins of an Incan city... to Lake Titicaca and the unique inhabitants of its floating reed islands... to La Paz, with its quirky beauty and spectacular heights...

1. ARRIVE LIMA

Tour begins: Belmond Miraflores Park. A transfer is included from Lima's Jorge Chávez International Airport to Belmond Miraflores Park, your city-center accommodations for your two-night stay; your hotel is beautifully situated on Lima's oceanfront, surrounded by parks and gardens.

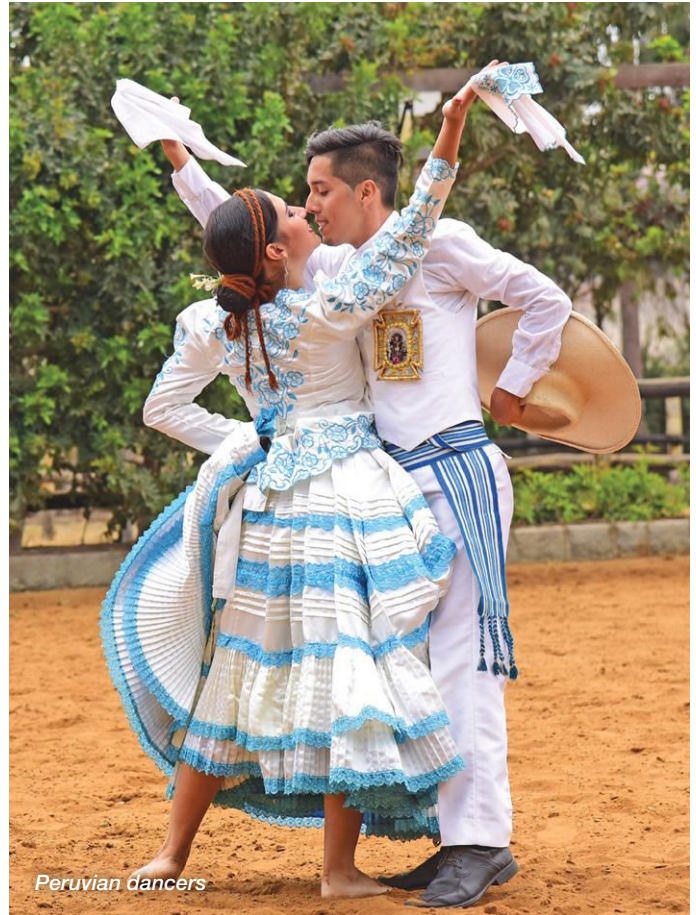
2. COLONIAL GEMS & PRE-COLUMBIAN ART

After breakfast this morning, head off on a sightseeing tour that introduces you to the historic gems of this "city of kings." Visit the heart of colonial Lima on a walking tour of Plaza Mayor, seeing the ornate Archbishop's Residence,



Traveling Well Includes...

- Spectacular journey through the Andes by rail aboard the *Vistadome*
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Lima, Cusco, and Machu Picchu
- Private folklore performance
- A shaman's blessing
- Special lunch and Peruvian Paso horse show at a local ranch in the Urubamba (Sacred) Valley
- A visit to floating islands on Lake Titicaca, home to the Uros people
- Four-course farm-to-table dinner in a top-rated restaurant founded by chef Claus Meyer
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 28 meals, airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, taxes, service charges, admission fees and portage



Peruvian dancers

the Government Palace, and the Convent of San Pedro, a jewel of Peruvian Baroque architecture. After lunch, a guided tour of the Museo Larco, housed in an 18th-century viceroy's mansion and built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple, showcases one of the largest displays of ceramic art in Lima, spanning three thousand years. Join us this evening for a private welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant inviting with Peruvian specialties. **Meals BLD**

3. ENTER THE SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco this morning, then continue on to the Urubamba (Sacred) Valley, a region of villages and Incan ruins. Enjoy a lunch fresh off the grill at a local ranch and watch a horsemanship demonstration starring elegant Peruvian Paso horses, known for their graceful side-to-side gait, high spirits, and luxurious manes. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon where a local shaman will bless our journey and share spiritual insights about the region. Dinner is served at leisure this evening, allowing for time at ease to help you adjust to the significant climb in altitude. **Meals BLD**

4. SACRED RUINS, BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS

Like Egypt's pyramids, mystery surrounds the construction methods used to build the massive stone Temple of the Sun and the Incan village of Ollantaytambo. Explore the remains of the well-preserved Fortress of Ollantaytambo, built from huge blocks of stone in the 1400s and boasting steep terraces and rewarding views. The buildings you will see here include the huge Sun Temple and the Princess Baths fountain where ceremonial bathing took place. The village's ancient old town, built atop the area's hilly terrain, is an Inca-era grid of narrow cobblestoned streets and adobe buildings continuously lived in since the 1300s and entered through doorways leading to central courtyards. A guided walk in this living museum reveals the keen Incan eye for urban planning. Enjoy a Peruvian cooking demonstration, followed by a lunch of the freshly prepared dishes, and learn how to make a perfect Pisco Sour. This evening, a live performance by a renowned theatre group that uses dance and music to revive age-old Quechan lore and Incan mythology kicks off a barbecue dinner of local fare straight from the grill. **Meals BLD**



5. TO MYSTICAL MACHU PICCHU BY RAIL

Travel aboard the *Vistadome* train to Aguas Calientes at the foot of the Sacred Valley and then drive higher into the Andes to Machu Picchu. With a guide, explore the mist-shrouded ruins that have captured the world's imagination as the "Lost City of the Incas" since their re-discovery in 1911. Standing nearly 8,000 feet above sea level in the middle of a tropical forest, Machu Picchu is considered by UNESCO an outstanding example of man's interaction with his natural environment; the citadel was recently named one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World." Its walls, terraces and ramps work in harmony with mountains – a tribute to the creativity and skill of the Incas. Return to Aguas Calientes for an overnight stay where dinner is included at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. TO CUSCO, CAPITAL OF THE INCAN EMPIRE

While the morning is free to enjoy as you like, you may want to take the opportunity to join us for a guided sunrise tour of Machu Picchu when the light and clouds play atop this mystical site. Later, you can go on a guided nature walk through beautiful rainforest gardens – hundreds of different types of orchids and bird species are found here. Other choices include visiting the local market or perhaps indulging in a spa treatment (at an additional cost). After lunch, board the *Vistadome* train for the return to Ollantaytambo, and drive to Cusco's historic center for a two-night stay at the stylish Belmond Hotel Monasterio, which was originally a monastery built in 1592. **Meals BLD**

7. CUSCO: OF INCANS & CONQUISTADORES

Cusco, the longest continually inhabited city of the Americas and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a storied city of stone streets, cathedrals and squares that speak volumes about the people who have lived here through

the ages and continue to make their homes here today. You have two choices this morning. One activity you can choose is a culinary walking tour that takes you to a series of restaurants and markets to learn about the mestizo food culture of Peru. Or choose to go on a city tour that visits the 16th-century Convent of Santo Domingo, built upon the walls of ancient Incan temples, and the ruins of the citadel of Sacsayhuamán, often referred to as "the house of the sun," on a steep hill on the outskirts of Cusco overlooking the city. Composed of three large terraced walls said to represent the "Teeth of the Jaguar" that correspond to the shape of the original city of Cusco, this Incan fortress was built of massive stones carefully cut to fit together securely without the use of mortar. Also visit the recently restored 16th-century Baroque Cathedral of Cusco – one of the most splendid Spanish colonial churches in the Americas. Look for the Incan pumas carved on its doors! **Meals B**

8. CUSCO SIGHTS & FLY TO LAKE TITICACA

Fly from Cusco to Juliaca and then drive to your hotel in Puno, nestled on the shore of Esteves Island on Lake



Titicaca. Following lunch, if you wish, join us for an excursion to the pre-Incan cemetery in Sillustani to see its ancient well-preserved funerary towers called *chullpas*. Dinner is served at leisure at the hotel. **Meals BLD**

9. LIFE ON THE HEIGHTS OF LAKE TITICACA

Explore life on South America's largest lake by taking a powerboat to one of its floating islands for a private visit; home to the Uros people who have long made their lives here, the artificial islands are made of the Totora reeds which grow naturally on the lake. Next, on the naturally formed island of Taquile, learn about the Aymara people who live here; they are known for their hand-woven textiles and traditional way of life changed little from that of their ancestors; they live without electricity or vehicles. Enjoy an Aymaran dance performance after lunch before returning to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. **Meals BLD**

10. ARRIVE IN LA PAZ, BOLIVIA'S HUB

Following a drive along the Peruvian coast of Lake Titicaca, cross the border and turn your clocks ahead one hour as you enter Bolivia. Your route takes you through the legendary birthplace of the founders of the Incan civilization. A visit to the ancient Incan site of Puma Punku (or Pumapunku), part of the large temple complex of Tiwanaku, explores Incan traditions – and the architectural and technological mysteries within the site. Enjoy the amazing views during a Bolivian lunch, then continue through the South American Altiplano toward La Paz, Bolivia – the world's highest administrative capital. **Meals BLD**

11. DISCOVER LOFTY LA PAZ

Not far from downtown, discover what are truly lunar-like landscapes at the Valley of the Moon, then return to Plaza Murillo, the city's main square; it was named after a freedom fighter hung here in 1810. A sightseeing tour of La Paz includes views of the Presidential Palace, Congress Hall and the Mercado de las Brujas (Witches' Market). Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at a restaurant founded by Danish chef Claus Meyer, dining on a four-course tasting menu of traditional Bolivian fare, paired with local wine, beer and spirits. **Meals BD**

12. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: La Paz. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Camino Real Suites Hotel to La Paz El Alto International Airport. You should allow three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



12 DAYS FROM \$6,790*

Includes On-Tour Air
(11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

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Mar 25 Apr 15, 22 May 13, 20 Jun 10, 17 Jul 15
Sep 2, 16, 23 Oct 14, 21

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PRICE PER PERSON

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$6465	+	\$325	=	\$6790
Single	\$7873	+	\$325	=	\$8198

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FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	BELMOND MIRAFLORES PARK	Lima, Peru
Night 3,4	TAMBO DEL INKA - LUXURY COLLECTION, VALLE SAGRADO	Sacred Valley, Peru
Night 5	INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL	Aguas Calientes, Peru
Night 6,7	BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO	Cusco, Peru
Night 8,9	LIBERTADOR LAKE TITICACA	Puno, Peru
Night 10,11	CAMINO REAL SUITES HOTEL	La Paz, Bolivia



San Blas Islands



MARVELS OF ENGINEERING AND THE SEA... Building the Panama Canal was a feat of human ingenuity and effort that revolutionized shipping patterns... and it's a source of fascination to this day. Just as fascinating, the tropical forests, secluded beaches, diverse wildlife, and clear waters of Costa Rica and Panama remain undisturbed by development. Discover lifestyles that seem as remote from the forces of change as their locations... modern cities with Spanish colonial influences, a coffee plantation, and unique natural beauty.

1. BIENVENIDOS A PANAMA

Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Hilton Panama or JW Marriott

Panama. Welcome to Panama! A transfer awaits to take you from Tocumen International Airport to the Hilton Panama or JW Marriott Panama. Meet your Tauck Director and your fellow travelers at our welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening at your hotel. **Meals D**

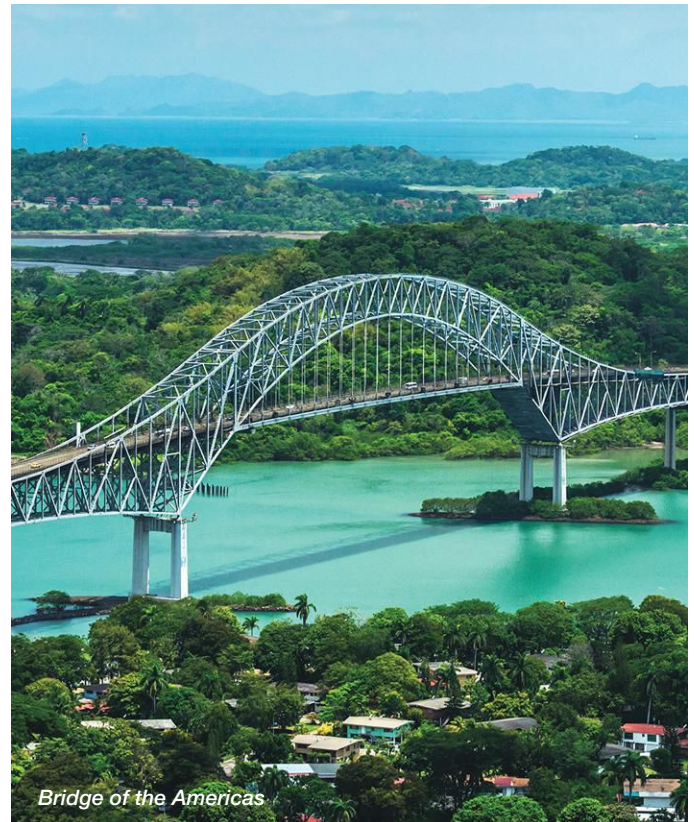
2. EXPLORING PANAMA CITY

Begin today's exploration of Panama City in its key historic district, Casco Viejo; a walking tour will show you this walled cobblestoned city, built in the 1670s at the foot of Ancon Hill, to provide safety from attack. The area is a



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- All gratuities to Tauck Directors, local guides, and ship staff
- Full daylight transit of the Panama Canal with insights from a local canal guide; excursions ashore for enriching experiences of jungle, wildlife, and flora
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits; premium wine and spirits available at extra cost
- 30 meals, airport transfers, applicable fuel surcharges, service charges, portage & more



gem of Spanish colonial architecture in various stages of redevelopment, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site; you'll also have free time to explore on your own. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour the former Canal Zone, driving through Ancon Hill, a lush residential enclave that was home to US military facilities until a 1977 treaty granted Panamanian sovereignty over the "Zone"; Albrook, a former US Air Force Base; and Clayton, once a US Army base. Then enjoy a fascinating visit to the exhibits and gardens of the Biomuseo, the Panama City biodiversity museum designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry. The evening is yours to spend as you please in Panama City. **Meals BL**

3. GAMBOA RAINFOREST / ■ EMBARK CRUISE

From Panama City, start across the Isthmus of Panama; during a stop at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort, choose between an aerial tram ride through the rainforest at eye-level with exotic birds and animals (aboard the only gondola of its kind in Panama), or a boat cruise along waterways leading to hidden islands, where you might spot monkeys at play. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn more about the Panama Canal on a visit to the Agua Clara Locks. In the late afternoon, arrive at the pier in Colón to

board your state-of-the-art Explorer Class yacht for your 7-night Panama Canal cruise. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ THE GUNA PEOPLE OF THE SAN BLAS

Your yacht arrives in the archipelago of San Blas today, where you'll be tendered ashore by Zodiac for a wet landing at Holandes Cay. Here, you'll visit Guna Indians, whose language and customs reflect lives with few outside influences, women sell handmade molas – reverse-appliquéd fabrics with brilliant images of fish, birds and jungle animals – and fishing is still done by canoe. After your visit to a Guna village, you can spend a leisurely afternoon swimming, snorkeling or sunbathing before returning by Zodiac to your ship. This evening, enjoy a leisurely dinner onboard – tomorrow you'll embark on your transit of the Panama Canal. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ TRANSITING THE PANAMA CANAL

Opened in 1914, and considered an engineering marvel of the 20th century, the Panama Canal opened trade to the Americas by creating a transit path between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Thanks to the canal, today



CRUISE WITH BBC EARTH'S TIM MARTIN

January 28
Departure Only

Travel with BBC Earth wildlife filmmaker Tim Martin, enjoying expert insights about the local wildlife and natural wonders found in Costa Rica and Panama, on this very special cruise departure.

ships traveling from New York to San Francisco save over 7,000 miles by not having to chart a course around South America. Early this morning, your ship will arrive at Gatun and position outside the canal for her full transit from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We'll welcome aboard a canal pilot, the local navigation professional who will guide our ship into the Gatun Locks, Gatun Lake and into the narrow Gaillard Cut. Later, we transit the Pedro Miguel Locks before finally clearing the Miraflores Locks and passing beneath the Bridge of the Americas to the Pacific Ocean at Balboa. Your Tauck Director, Tauck Naturalist and an official of the Panama Canal Authority will provide both technical and historical information about this engineering wonder. The process may take approx. eight to ten hours; while passing through the three locks, your ship will be raised up a total of 85 feet before reaching the Pacific Ocean. Your transit is an amazing travel experience, start to finish. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ THE EMBERÁ PEOPLE OF THE DARIÉN

Explore the beautiful but remote Darién region of Panama, calling on Playa del Muerto for a wet landing by Zodiac to visit an indigenous community of the Emberá people, whose lifestyle remains largely unaffected by modern times. During your visit, you'll meet the locals, watch them perform traditional dances, see how they live and view their "Cocobolo" wood or "Tagua" vegetable ivory carvings. Enjoy a naturalist lecture onboard this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ DAY AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea on the Pacific Ocean today, taking advantage of your ship's many amenities. Throughout the day, your Tauck Directors and naturalist guides will be on hand to share their experiences and scan the horizon for marine mammals and pelagic birds – and will also offer compelling lectures. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ QUEPOS

Call on the city of Quepos this morning, a perfect jumping off point for your choice of excursions. Sightseeing choices take you to Manuel Antonio National Park, where you'll find coral reefs and white sand beaches, considered among the most beautiful in Costa Rica, lined with rainforest; here you have a choice of two walking tours of the park with local naturalist guides, or a float trip* on the Savegre River. Your other excursion choice today is horseback riding through a mountain forest. Enjoy dinner at your leisure as you sail from Quepos tonight to Playa Herradura. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ PLAYA HERRADURA

Your ship arrives at Playa Herradura for a choice of shore excursions. One includes a walking tour and a mangrove cruise in Carara National Park with a local naturalist guide. Enjoy a local lunch before learning about coastal wildlife species on a mangrove boat tour. Another choice features a visit to Tropical Forest Sky Walk near Carara Biological Reserve, where you'll hike across suspended cable bridges skimming the rainforest; from your perch, you'll see the marshlands of the Tárcoles River and the ocean in the distance. Your guide will point out species of birds, butterflies and mammals that you may encounter. Still another possibility is a visit to the Pura Vida Gardens, whose manicured gardens are bordered by one of the tallest waterfalls in the country. Pura Vida is home to over 60,000 flowering plants, including 60 varieties of heliconia, ten varieties of ginger, and orchids; look for butterflies, macaws, parrots, parakeets, toucans, kingfishers, birds of prey, and waterfowl; have a traditional lunch in the garden restaurant. Spend a final evening onboard ship as you cruise to your final port, Puerto Caldera. **Meals BLD**

10. OX CARTS IN SARCHÍ & GOLD IN SAN JOSÉ

Disembark ship in Puerto Caldera and set off to discover Costa Rica's fascinating interior en route to the capital city of San José. Visit the artisan village of Sarchí, known for the production and painting of the traditional ox carts (*carretas*) and other handmade products seen all over the country, bearing the colorful starburst designs that have become a symbol of Costa Rica. Continue on to San José. Here, sightseeing includes a visit to the National Theatre, an ornate symbol of civic pride dating back to 1897; the theatre's interior shines with Baroque gold and Carrara marble. You'll also take in the Museo del Oro Precolombino (Pre-Columbian Gold Museum) and its collection of artistic works and artifacts created in gold – long a symbol of authority in Costa Rica – including the country's first coins, amulets, and animal figurines. After lunch at a local restaurant, arrive and settle in at your hotel; the evening is yours to spend as you wish. **Meals BL**

11. COFFEE, WATERFALLS & RAINFOREST WILDLIFE

Visit the Doka Coffee Plantation on the slopes of Poás Volcano. Also explore La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a rainforest eco-park and wildlife refuge known for its waterfalls, white rivers, and wildlife – toucans, butterflies, spider monkeys, sloths and red-eyed tree frogs... Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

12. HOMEWARD BOUND

Tour ends: San José, Costa Rica. Fly home anytime. Transfers from the Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José or InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall to Juan Santamaría International Airport are included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

Land / Cruise Price includes everything outlined in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day aboard ship, including house wines and spirits (premium wines and spirits available at extra cost); and gratuities to Tauck Directors and ship staff.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections.

Note: For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Cruise Protection Product. Cruise operates east or west; go to tauck.ca for details of eastbound itinerary. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$2,386.



FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	HILTON PANAMA / JW MARRIOTT PANAMA	Panama City
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE DUMONT D'URVILLE	Cruising
Night 10,11	INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL / COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ	San José



LE DUMONT D'URVILLE

Enjoy the sophisticated styling, innovative "green" technology, and attentive service of this new Explorer ship with 92 staterooms and suites, and all-included bar and restaurant beverages aboard ship, including house wines and spirits.

12 DAYS FROM \$7,890 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS PANAMA CITY OR SAN JOSÉ

Westbound - Panama City to San José

Jan 28 Feb 25

Eastbound - San José to Panama City

Jan 21 Mar 3 **/= Sold Out!**

Date in **green** indicates a special departure accompanied by a BBC Earth wildlife filmmaker; see box at left.

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

January 1 – 27 & February 25 – March

Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3		
Double \$7890	Single \$11,046	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4		
Double \$8590	Single \$12,026	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5		
Double \$8890	Single \$12,446	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6		
Double \$9090	Single \$12,726	Triple N/A
Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6		
Double \$10,390	Single \$14,546	Triple N/A
Prestige Suite – Deck 5		
Double \$12,390	Single N/A	Triple \$8912
Prestige Suite – Deck 6		
Double \$12,890	Single N/A	Triple \$9241
Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6		
Double \$13,390	Single N/A	Triple \$9575
Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6		
Double \$14,390	Single N/A	Triple N/A
Owner's Suite – Deck 6		
Double \$14,890	Single N/A	Triple N/A

January 28 – February 24

Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3		
Double \$7990	Single \$11,186	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4		
Double \$8690	Single \$12,166	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5		
Double \$8990	Single \$12,586	Triple N/A
Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6		
Double \$9190	Single \$12,866	Triple N/A
Deluxe Suite – Deck 3, 4, 5, 6		
Double \$10,490	Single \$14,686	Triple N/A
Prestige Suite – Deck 5		
Double \$12,490	Single N/A	Triple \$8975
Prestige Suite – Deck 6		
Double \$12,990	Single N/A	Triple \$9312
Privilege Suite – Deck 5, 6		
Double \$13,490	Single N/A	Triple \$9641
Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6		
Double \$14,490	Single N/A	Triple N/A
Owner's Suite – Deck 6		
Double \$14,990	Single N/A	Triple N/A

EARTH JOURNEYS

CREATED BY TAUCK WITH BBC EARTH

Arenal Volcano
National Park

COSTA RICA – PURA VIDA



PURA VIDA IS A WAY OF LIFE IN COSTA RICA – an expression of optimism that means “pure life,” enjoying yourself and being happy, which is what this eco-adventure is all about. See it in the faces of the locals you meet, from naturalist guides and conservationists to a rural family, a coffee farmer, and a chocolatier. Feel it zip lining through a rainforest canopy, on cloud forest hikes, a float trip, and in hot springs soaks. Experience it day and night with inspiring BBC Earth insights.

1. ARRIVE SAN JOSÉ

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Grano de Oro. A transfer is included from San José’s Juan Santamaría International Airport to Hotel Grano de Oro, a tropical Victorian boutique hotel on a quiet street in the heart of the city. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner, where you’ll be introduced to Costa Rican hospitality and cuisine, Tauck style. **Meals D**

2. GOLD, TOUCANS, AND A SPA RESORT

Visit the Gold Museum this morning; spread out on three floors, its collection of golden artistry and artifacts dates to pre-Columbian times and chronicles a history of colonial-era quests, conquests, and excesses. Costa Rica’s



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- A privately guided hike with naturalists in Selvatura Park in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- An exclusive farewell tasting and dinner at an artisan chocolate workshop in San José
- Zip lining through the rainforest canopy; a float trip on the Peñas Blancas River; a presentation by one of Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve's residents; a private tasting tour at a coffee plantation
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 20 meals, gratuities to local guides, service charges, admission fees, taxes & portage



fertile landscapes provide lush habitats for its feathered and furred residents, along with a striking mix of chromatic insects – think brilliantly hued butterflies like the blue morpho – and amphibians in a rainbow of colors, like the red-eyed tree frog. In fact, as the home of myriad different species, Costa Rica has one of the densest biodiversities in the world. While often elusive in the wild, a parade of exotic animals and birds lives at the Toucan Rescue Ranch, where you'll go for a guided visit this morning; the center is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of jungle and rainforest animals. Meet resident sloths, monkeys and parrots, including the toucans that are bred here. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant beside a river, before driving through the countryside to your hot springs spa resort, located at the base of Arenal Volcano, Costa Rica's most active volcano, in the heart of a rainforest in Arenal Volcano National Park; by day you might see smoke and cinder blocks billowing from Arenal's top, while at night you can observe fiery red lava pour down its steep sides. Settle in for a two-night stay. You're invited to join us for dinner this evening at a local restaurant. **Meals BLD**

3. A FLOAT TRIP, HOT SPRINGS & LOCAL FARE

Start your day on a float trip* rafting down the scenic Peñas Blancas River, fed by the pristine waters of several private cloud forest reserves in Monteverde and surrounded by rainforest, waterfalls and forested canyons. Your bilingual naturalist guide helps you spot wildlife in the water and on the riverbanks, including tropical birds, monkeys, sloths, crocodiles and iguanas. Listen for bird calls and monkey howls, the rush of the falls, and the burble of volcanic hot springs. Visit a farming family who has lived on the river all their lives, much like their ancestors before them, without modern technologies and conveniences. Return to your resort in the heart of one of Costa Rica's most richly diverse ecosystems for lunch, followed by a free afternoon to enjoy the resort's natural hot springs – a soak or two in the thermally heated water that runs throughout the resort is both therapeutic and relaxing. You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy your resort's other amenities, spa, and public spaces that make the most of the natural setting. Dinner is served at leisure this evening. **Meals BLD**



TABACON GRAND SPA & THERMAL RESORT IN ARENAL

Discover Costa Rica's largest network of natural thermal mineral springs in Arenal's most beautiful private, rainforest reserve. During your two-night stay at this five-star resort, you'll have your pick of pools to soak in; some are vast and calm, others are small, private, or enlivened by falls. And yes, there's a swim-up bar!



4. ZIP LINING, A NATURE WALK & MONTEVERDE

Let your spirit of adventure soar at the Sky Trek zip lining circuit in the rainforest in the shadow of Arenal Volcano today. The excitement begins with a gondola ride that takes you above the canopy to the jumping off point for a zip line ride* through the rainforest canopy. Whizzing along the cables slung between canyons will give you a feeling that's as close to flying as anyone can have – and a bird's-eye view of rainforest wildlife and plant life. If zip lining doesn't appeal to you, we invite you to go on an equally inspiring guided nature walk along the forest floor where you'll get a close-up look at the flora – and possibly fauna – that thrives closer to the ground. Having worked up an appetite nature's way, enjoy a lunch of regional fare at a local restaurant. Then you're off for a drive to Monteverde for a three-night stay in forest-view rooms at a rustic lodge secluded in the jungle at the edge of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, one of the most ecologically diverse cloud forests in the world. En route, pause for a sugar cane demonstration and "moonshine" tasting. **Meals BLD**

5. EXPERT LOCAL INSIGHTS & BUTTERFLIES

This morning, explore Selvatura Park in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve on a guided two-hour nature walk with professional naturalists who provide an overview of the cloud forest eco-system and their expert perspectives. You'll walk across hanging bridges that suspend you high among the trees, as if you were simply one of the other animals who make their home here. Stroll past towering trees festooned with orchids, bromeliads, moss, and ferns all the while keeping a sharp lookout for wildlife that might include jungle cats, monkeys, tapirs, and birds like the three-wattled bellbird. After a family-style lunch and free time back at your lodge, you're off to visit a domed, climate-controlled Butterfly Garden, aflutter with some 50 different species of butterflies from an array of altitudes and climates found throughout Costa Rica, including the stunning blue morpho. Our naturalists share their insights on the butterflies' complex life cycles. Then join us at a local restaurant, featuring eclectic Costa Rican and fusion cuisine in a lovely tropical setting, for a private lecture by

one of the Monteverde Conservation Area's naturalists, followed by dinner. This evening, relax in the gardens, alive with the orchids that grow in abundance here, back at Monteverde Lodge. **Meals BLD**

6. MORNING COFFEE & A NIGHTTIME WALK

Rise early and head to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve for a guided walk with a naturalist. Then... there's nothing like well-made Costa Rican coffee... and today you'll get to see how it's produced from start to finish with your local guide on a private tour at a nearby coffee plantation. Learn about the various stages of coffee cultivation and production; see how ripe "cherries" are harvested, dried, roasted and ground before making their way to your morning mug; and learn about coffee's place in Costa Rican history. Have lunch and spend a free afternoon back at Monteverde Lodge. When the sun goes down, much of the local wildlife wakes up and gets active. If you like, join us for a nighttime nature walk to view the nocturnal animals as they look for prey and mates, and tend their young. Our guide will share insights about the wide range of Costa Rican wildlife you might be lucky enough to spot, including tree frogs, coatimundis, agoutis, sloths, and armadillos. **Meals BLD**

7. ON THE WAY TO SAN JOSÉ

Leave the cloud forest and mountains behind as you make your way back to San José, arriving in time for lunch at your hotel. After spending some free time at your hotel this afternoon, head over to Sibú, a noted organic artisan chocolatier, where you'll learn everything you ever wanted to know about making chocolate – another Costa Rican specialty. Long before coffee, Costa Ricans drank chocolate. Their forests produced prized cacao, cherished by neighboring civilizations and used as currency; inevitably word traveled and cacao enticed conquerors who traded it for precious commodities. Today Sibú chocolatiers craft their chocolates by hand with organic cacao and the freshest all-natural ingredients. Observe the process of transforming the cacao fruit into chocolate during a hands-on demonstration with a little tasting, followed by our farewell dinner – with more chocolate! **Meals BLD**

8. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: San José. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Grano de Oro Hotel to Juan Santamaría International Airport. You should allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



Peñas Blancas River

8 DAYS FROM \$3,890*

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS SAN JOSÉ

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Apr 5, 12 Dec 6

Dates in **blue** indicate **Small Group Departures** averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$4390 per person double; specific dates apply – inquire at time of booking.

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability; additional departure dates may become available as these sell out.

PRICE PER PERSON

January – March 28

Double \$4190 Single \$5114 Triple \$3977

March 29 – December

Double \$3890 Single \$4815 Triple \$3682

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the United States and Canada (subject to availability).

Ask about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in the day-by-day itinerary, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,7	GRANO DE ORO HOTEL	San José
Night 2,3	TABACON GRAND SPA & THERMAL RESORT	Arenal
Night 4-6	MONTEVERDE LODGE & GARDENS	Monteverde



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& *Ken Burns*

WONDERLAND: YELLOWSTONE IN WINTER

1. WELCOME TO MONTANA

Tour begins: 6:30 PM, Chico Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa. A transfer is included from Bozeman Yellowstone Int'l Airport to Chico Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa in the foothills of the Absaroka Mountain Range. Join us for a welcome reception with cocktails and dinner. **Meals D**

2. HOT SPRINGS PLUNGE

Take a plunge into the natural hot springs at your resort, before meeting a dog sledding pro to get up to speed on the world of dogsled racing. This afternoon you have a choice of ways to explore Yellowstone in winter: go on a guided snowshoe walk through the woods and meadows near Chico Hot Springs, or enjoy a horse and carriage ride. Before dinner, naturalist, writer and wildlife photographer MacNeil Lyons gives a presentation about the park's wolves, bears and other wildlife. **Meals BLD**

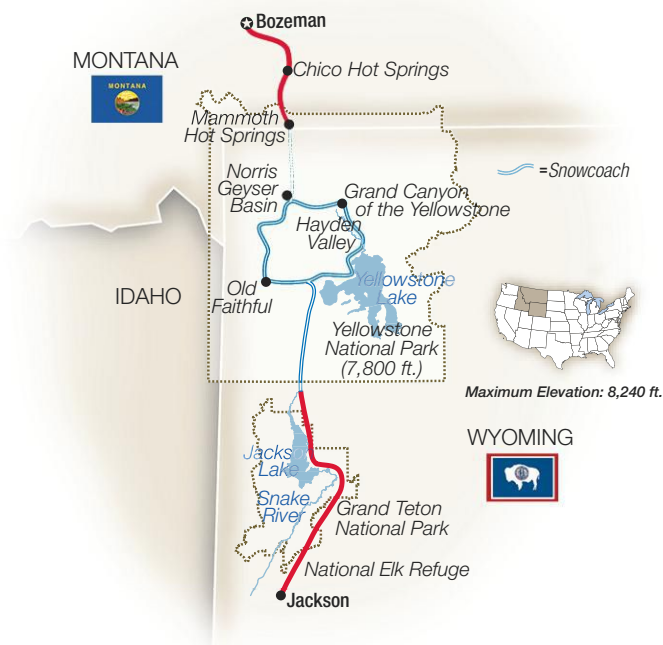
3. YELLOWSTONE'S GEOTHERMAL PHENOMENA

Explore the Blacktail Deer Plateau en route to the Lamar Valley. The wilderness, silent and peaceful in shades of white, offers otherworldly views. Keep your camera poised; elk, bison, and bear frequent the Blacktail Deer Plateau, and you might spot a wolf or an eagle in the Lamar Valley, wide open to the sky. Arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs

and explore this enormous complex of hot springs on a hill of travertine; Yellowstone's geothermal features are wildlife magnets in winter. Learn more about the park in the Albright Visitor Center housed in a historic building. **Meals BD**

4. OLD FAITHFUL & A SNOWSHOEING TREK

Sharing the road with wandering bison as you ride in our snow vehicle en route to Old Faithful Snow Lodge, discover geysers, fumaroles, mud pots, and boiling springs putting





Traveling Well Includes...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Filmed narratives by filmmakers Ken Burns & Dayton Duncan
- All departures are small group departures with no more than 24 guests
- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Farewell dinner at the National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Your accommodations are inside the national park – highly sought after, limited and remote
- Snowshoeing or a wagon ride; presentation by MacNeil Lyons, naturalist, writer and wildlife photographer; Yellowstone by snowcoach & National Elk Refuge by sleigh
- 16 meals, airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides & more

on a spectacular show. The cold air makes plumes of steam that is much more prominent, and the beards of bison gathered near thermal spots are white with hoarfrost. You'll explore the park's geothermal areas before arriving at the lodge, where Old Faithful is at your doorstep. Relax by the fire or join our easy snowshoeing trek that takes you over the Firehole River into an old growth forest. Stand in the midst of the Old Faithful area at twilight and you could literally be the only people there; just you, the dwindling light, and the geysers, including Grand Geyser, the largest regularly erupting geyser in the world. **Meals BD**

5. THE "OTHER" GRAND CANYON

Board your snow coach for a full day tour into the interior of the park; weather permitting, visit West Thumb Geyser Basin, Mud Pot and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. In the Hayden Valley, wildlife dot the landscape of changing hues and mountainous snow drifts. **Meals BLD**

6. A SLEIGH RIDE IN AN ELK REFUGE

Continue your journey south to Grand Teton National Park, where mountain views rule. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride in the National Elk Refuge for a closer look at the elk that winter here, then arrive in Jackson for the evening. **Meals BL**

7. A FREE DAY IN AND AROUND JACKSON

Today is free; go for a dogsled or a snowmobile ride (both require advance booking through your hotel concierge); explore Jackson; or relax in front of a fire. Enjoy a private farewell reception and dinner at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, for Tauck guests only. **Meals BD**

8. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Jackson. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Wort Hotel to Jackson Hole Airport. Allow a minimum of two hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

8 DAYS FROM \$5,390*

(7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

BEGINS BOZEMAN

Jan 3, 6, 12, 15, 21, 30 Feb 2, 5, 8, 14, 17, 22

All departures are Small Group Departures with no more than 24 Tauck guests.

Go to **tauck.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$5390

Single \$6392

Triple \$5098
(double with rollaway)

*Airfare is additional.

Ask about our private group departures, additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our comprehensive Guest Protection Product.

Some days include walking on uneven terrain, including a snowshoe trek on day 4; optional outdoor activities are available in the park. The pace is up to you.

Note: You may be required to sign Tauck's liability waiver for participation in certain activities. Winter months in Yellowstone are cold; pack wisely and dress warmly; layers are highly recommended.



Go to page 153
for activity and
pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	CHICO HOT SPRINGS RESORT & DAY SPA	Pray, MT
Night 3	MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS HOTEL	Yellowstone Nat'l Park
Night 4,5	OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE	Yellowstone Nat'l Park
Night 6,7	THE WORT HOTEL	Jackson, WY



Picture your family someplace exotic as you share vacation memories as amazing as the places you'll go! Imagine the stories you'll tell when you snorkel with seals, swim with penguins and sail aboard an expeditionary ship to sun-drenched Galápagos Islands time forgot. Think about the fun you'll

have together zip lining, river rafting, chocolate tasting, pineapple picking, bird-spotting, boating and turtle hunting in Costa Rican playgrounds naturally exciting. What if you and the kids could soar over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon, picnic in a prehistoric crater, track the Big Five on game drives, bond with Maasai warriors and stay in family-friendly safari lodges where the animals roam free? See Peru through their eyes as you all take a train up a mountain to a lost city hidden in the clouds, meet spectacled "Paddington" bears, see Paso horses dance, make Adobe bricks, ride donkeys, learn about llamas, and play pan flutes on a trip remembered for lifetimes. The adventures start here.





EARTH JOURNEYS

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TANZANIA: A GRAND FAMILY SAFARI

Serengeti National Park



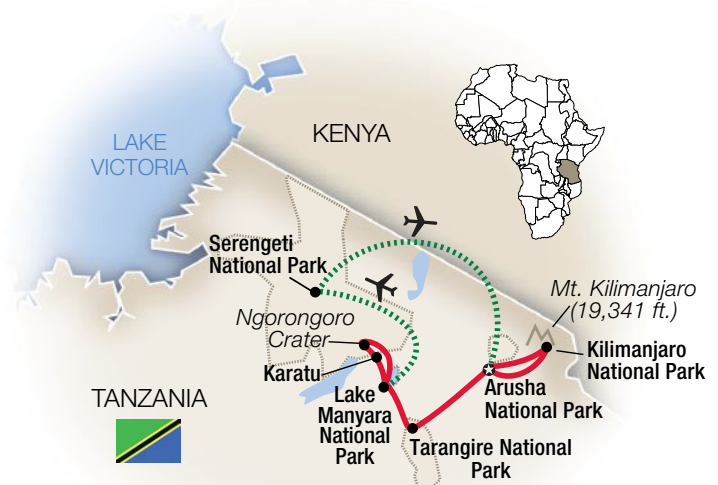
YOUR FAMILY'S SAFARI OF A LIFETIME... Ballooning over the Serengeti to watch the wildlife, meeting local schoolchildren who share their tribal traditions, visiting a Maasai *boma*, and trying your hand at spear throwing... game drives with expert trackers in Tarangire and Serengeti national parks to look for the Big Five... a picnic lunch in a prehistoric crater where the animals roam... and sleeping to the sounds of the wilderness during stays at premium safari lodges perfect for family discoveries!

1. ARRIVE ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Tour departs: Kilimanjaro International Airport. A transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to the Gran Meliá Arusha is included. Your newly built resort hotel, set amidst coffee and tea plantations, is ideally located at the gateway to the African wilderness in the shadow of Mount Meru.

2. KILIMANJARO OR ARUSHA NATIONAL PARKS

A choice of adventures awaits your family today. You can choose to hike with us in Kilimanjaro National Park – home to Mount Kilimanjaro, one of the world's highest mountains. While you won't be going all the way to the top, you'll take an exciting walk up Kilimanjaro's Marangu Trail, keeping



Maximum Elevation: 7,550 ft.



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- Stays at premium safari lodges in prime locations, including Meliá Serengeti Lodge
- Private game drives in open-top safari vehicles in four national parks where the Big Five thrive
- Hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti at dawn
- Learning Maasai traditions on a visit to a *boma*
- Visit to a local school to meet the children
- Picnics under the vast African sky and much more
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 27 meals; airport transfers as noted; gratuities to Tauck Director, drivers and local guides; service charges, taxes, admission fees and portage



an eye out for inquisitive monkeys and the abundant birds who live on the mountain. After hiking back down, visit the open-air Chagga Live Museum to learn about the daily life of the Chagga tribe. Your family's other possibility for the day is to join an experienced local guide and head out to Arusha National Park for a full day of game viewing and a picnic lunch in the park. You'll be on the lookout for giraffe, zebra, buffalo, baboons, waterbuck, flamingoes, and other wildlife during your drive. Everyone returns to the lodge for our welcome reception and dinner this evening. To add to the family fun, learn how to make and play an African drum tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

It's off on a game drive as you set out for a two-night stay in a comfortable tented camp in Tarangire National Park – the place where life began, according to Maasai legend, immortalized in many movies about Africa. See the classic African savannah stretching out all around you, the wildlife-rich plains studded with baobab trees. As your

family heads out of camp for an afternoon game drive, have your camera at the ready; you may see zebra, gazelles, buffalo, antelope and lots of lumbering elephants, close up! Have dinner at your lodge this evening. **Meals BLD**

4. WILDLIFE VIEWING ON TWO GAME DRIVES

Wake up to the wildlife sounds of the bush this morning. After breakfast, hop aboard your open-top safari vehicle with six passengers to a car and a window seat for everyone. Make tracks along the river circuit in Tarangire National Park, where the promise of water in the rivers and swamps attracts African wildlife like elephants, giraffes, impalas, and ostriches looking to quench their thirst. Return to your lodge for lunch and take some time to cool off in the swimming pool before embarking on an afternoon game drive in the park for an opportunity to see more animals. Your day ends under the setting sun with a magical sundowner. You won't believe the crimson colors of the sky! Afterward enjoy a leisurely dinner. **Meals BLD**

SAFARI LODGES YOUR FAMILY WILL LOVE

When you're on safari in Tanzania, your accommodations are not only the best available, they're located right in the heart of the wilderness with game viewing just outside your door! Stay at **Gran Meliá Arusha** located in the shadow of Mt. Meru; **Tarangire Safari Lodge** overlooking a river where the animals gather; explore a prehistoric crater next to the **Tloma Lodge** and take a dip in the swimming pool as the "locals" pass by at **Melia Serengeti Lodge**, where nature and nurture create lifelong memories of your safari adventure!

5. A MAASAI BOMA & ON TO NGORONGORO

Depart for the Ngorongoro Highlands, stopping on the way in a Maasai *boma*, a nomadic village of small huts made of mud and cow dung for sleeping and cooking. Can you picture living here with your family? During your visit, you will meet the chief who tells you about life in the village, before learning firsthand about the tribe's spear-throwing and bow-and-arrow skills. Enjoy lunch with a view of Lake Manyara, a bird-lover's paradise, before visiting a local primary school to talk with the children and their teacher. After arriving at your lodge, there will be time for swimming, lawn games, and elephant dung paper crafts. **Meals BLD**

6. GAME VIEWING INSIDE AN AGE-OLD CRATER

All aboard for a game drive and a picnic lunch in the Ngorongoro Crater, part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ancient Ngorongoro Crater is the largest intact, unflooded caldera in the world, formed by the collapse of the center of a volcano; often called Africa's "Garden of Eden," it is home

to almost every species in Africa... except the giraffe, which can't negotiate the steep incline down into the caldera. Keep a lookout for lions, Black Rhinos (this is one of the best places to spot them), and elephants. Back at the lodge in Karatu after a buffet dinner, pack your duffel bags for your upcoming three-night stay at a safari lodge located in the very heart of the Serengeti. **Meals BLD**

7. SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Fly to the Serengeti this morning arriving at your safari lodge in time for lunch. Your lodge blends into the bush with traditional decor and open decks perfect for wildlife sightings of the animals who happen to pass by day and night. Embark on your first game drive in the park this afternoon; the seemingly endless plains of the Serengeti, is a magnet for wildebeest and zebras, numbering in the thousands, not to mention prides of lions, cheetah, leopard, elephant, hippo along with herds of antelope, impala, baboon, giraffe, warhogs and more. Dinner is served at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

8. HOT AIR BALLOONING OVER THE SERENGETI

Rise early this morning for a whole new perspective on the vast landscapes and remarkable wildlife of Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site – an unforgettable ride in a hot air balloon* that soars over the Serengeti's savannah and open woodlands, home to herds of grazing animals and the carnivores that prey on them. Touch down for a champagne breakfast in the bush, followed by a morning game drive closer to the animals you may have spotted from on high. Look for zebras, hyenas, elephants, leopards, great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of giraffes, and lots of eland, topi, impala and Grant's gazelle and more. Return to your lodge for lunch and discover local Maasai traditions. Your family can learn about local Maasai crafts as well as taking an informative





Maasai schoolchildren ready to play



nature walk with the Maasai staff. Have dinner tonight at the lodge at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

9. FAREWELL TO THE SERENGETI

Enjoy a farewell game drive in Serengeti National Park this morning after breakfast, for a last chance to experience the unforgettable spectacle of Africa's circle of life. Serengeti National Park, one of the best-known wildlife sanctuaries in the world, has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa, including wildebeests, Thomson's gazelles and zebras, and lions and cheetahs who are often close by. Look for them as you drive through stunning landscapes. Enjoy a final sundowner before our farewell dinner and Maasai fun in the lodge's Boma restaurant. **Meals BLD**

10. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Kilimanjaro International Airport. Fly to Arusha and visit a community project that creates handicrafts out of recycled materials, before having lunch at the Cultural Heritage Center. A day room for relaxing, repacking, and buffet dining is reserved for you at the Meliá Arusha lodge until your late night flight home. A transfer is included from Meliá Arusha to Kilimanjaro International Airport. Allow three hours for your flight check in at the airport. **Meals BLD**

10 DAYS FROM \$8,060*

Includes On-Tour Air
(9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

BEGINS ARUSHA

Jun 3, **7**, 10, 14, 17, **21**, 24, 26, 28 Jul **1**, 5, **8**, 10, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29
Aug 2, 9, 12, 16
Dec **18**, **20**, **23**, **25**, **27** **/= Sold Out!**

Dates in **green** indicate special holiday departures.
Go to **tauckbridges.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

Group size limited to 30! All departures are limited to 30 guests to ensure a more intimate safari experience.

PRICE PER PERSON

June – August

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$7890	+	\$400	=	\$8290
Triple	\$7660	+	\$400	=	\$8060
Single	\$8812	+	\$400	=	\$9212

Holiday Departures – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$8290	+	\$400	=	\$8690
Triple	\$8060	+	\$400	=	\$8460
Single	\$9214	+	\$400	=	\$9614

On-tour air included (2 flights)

\$500 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a two-bedded room plus one rollaway cot, when available. Quad accommodations are not available on this tour.

Gratuities to Tauck Director, drivers & local guides are included.

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Recommended age: 8+. Minimum age for this trip is 5; children must be at least 8 or older to participate in the hot air balloon ride on Day 8.

Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product. We recommend booking an additional hotel night before your journey begins. **Note:** For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	GRAN MELIÁ ARUSHA	Arusha
Night 3,4	TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE	Tarangire National Park
Night 5,6	TLOMA LODGE	Ngorongoro - Karatu
Night 7-9	MELIÁ SERENGETI LODGE	Serengeti Nat'l Park



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

EARTH JOURNEYS

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GALÁPAGOS: WILDLIFE WONDERLAND



THE ULTIMATE FAMILY CRUISE ADVENTURE... Learn about the islands that time forgot from Galápagos naturalists who travel with you... come face to face with fur seal pups, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, and creatures found nowhere else on Earth as you explore lava landscapes and white coral beaches. Snorkel, kayak... discover Ecuador's cultural traditions... and visit the Equator!

1. ARRIVE QUITO, ECUADOR

Tour begins: Swissôtel Quito. A transfer is included from Quito's Mariscal Sucre Int'l Airport to the Swissôtel Quito, located more than 9,000 feet above "seal level." Enjoy our special welcome reception with local entertainment and dinner at your hotel this evening. Get acclimated and settle in tonight for tomorrow's early start. **Meals D**

2. AT THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD IN QUITO

Sightseeing begins at the Equator – "the middle of the world" – and you'll have the opportunity today to put one foot in the Northern Hemisphere and the other in the Southern Hemisphere at the same time. Visit the Inti Ñan





Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus other select BBC Earth touches
- 4-night cruise aboard *Santa Cruz II*, designed especially for Galápagos Islands cruising; dry and wet landings; entrance fee to Galápagos National Park included
- 2 nights in Quito, with a visit to the Equator
- Daily shore excursions with naturalists on different islands in the Galápagos; visit to a tortoise reserve on Santa Cruz Island
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 18 meals; aboard ship daily cocktail hour and all day soft drinks, wine and beer with dinner; airport transfers; all gratuities; service charges, most taxes, and portage

FAMILY TRAVEL



The Equator

Museum and have an Ecuadorian lunch on the edge of the crater of Pululahua Volcano. Set off with a local guide to explore Quito's colonial quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; see Carondelet Palace, Independence Plaza, the cathedral, and the archbishop's palace. Then spend the rest of the day and evening at leisure. Tomorrow you fly to the Galápagos Islands and embark your ship. **Meals BL**

3. ■ FLY TO THE ISLANDS THAT TIME FORGOT

Fly to Baltra Island, starting point of your Galápagos cruise* aboard ship. Your first cruise stop will be a wet landing, which means taking a *panga* Zodiac-style boat from your ship and then stepping into knee-deep water and wading onshore at Santa Cruz Island's *Playa las Bachas*, named for the US military barges (*bachas*) that were abandoned there after WWII – a nesting area for the East Pacific green sea turtle. With a naturalist, explore saltwater lagoons that attract pintail ducks, flamingos, and stilts. Back aboard ship, meet your captain and ship's officers and enjoy a welcome cocktail or soda, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ SANTIAGO ISLAND LOCALS

Discover Santiago Island, a haunt of British pirates and whalers of old. Take a *panga* ride along Buccaneer Cove, where they would anchor and stock up on tortoise meat before continuing to raid the coastal towns and waterways. Looking out for frigates, pelicans, boobies, see how many different seabirds you can spot on the cliffs and red sand beach. Go snorkeling off the *panga*; Galápagos sea lions are happy to share the waters. Make a wet landing at Puerto Egas, looking for seabirds, fur seals, and black marine iguanas, the only sea-going lizards in the world; during his voyage aboard *HMS Beagle*, Charles Darwin was impressed by their evolution from terrestrial to marine animals and dubbed them "imps of darkness." Then you're off for more snorkeling and swimming! **Meals BLD**

5. ■ "NOISY" RÁBIDA & BARTOLOMÉ VIEWS

Get ready to get wet as we wade ashore onto the red-sand beach of Rábida (Jervis) Island, which offers great snorkeling from the beach. And if you like, go exploring

ONLY IN THE GALÁPAGOS

Learn about species found nowhere else on Earth from Tauck's naturalist guides. Undisturbed by human visitors, and unfazed, many of these locals are friendly and inquisitive.



Sally Lightfoot Crabs are energetic, entertaining, and just about everywhere in the rocks above the sea spray, feeding on algae, or sampling plant matter. Quick moving and agile, they are hard to catch but are easily photographed!



Their brilliant blue feet are giveaways as you look for the boobies you may have read about. But you're not the only ones blue-footed boobies attract; the males put on an ostentatious courtship show with their feet in hopes of attracting a lady friend!



Hunted almost to extinction, the Giant Galápagos Tortoise is one of the most ancient of reptiles and among the rarest. They can live for more than a century as they plod along slowly munching cacti, grasses, lichens, and berries.



Pink flamingos live in the salt-water lagoons of lava fields. Gregarious and sociable, they can only eat with their head upside down and rest standing on one leg. They have good hearing, but little sense of smell – and define natural elegance.



Cute, curious, and unflappable, Galápagos fur seal pups fortunately have no constant predators. Protected from poachers by law since 1959, they spend most of the day on the rocky shores, sunning and "smiling" for visitors.

on a glass-bottom boat ride. This afternoon, an excursion brings you to Bartolomé Island for a hike up to the island's summit for views of James Island and Pinnacle Rock. Or head for Pinnacle Rock aboard a *panga* with opportunities to see Galápagos penguins, the only penguins who live north of the Equator in the wild. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ GENOVESA BIRD SPOTTING & MORE

Ride aboard a *panga* along the shore of Genovesa (Tower) Island as you look for marine life hidden in the crevices of its volcanic cliffs. Make a dry landing at Prince Philip's Steps, named for the United Kingdom's Prince Philip, who visited the island twice. Climb the extraordinarily steep path leading through a seabird colony full of life, up to a hike along a high trail on a flat rocky plateau that continues inland, passing more seabird colonies in a thin palo santo forest. Nine of the Galápagos Big 15 species are birds, making the archipelago and this island a birdwatcher's paradise. This afternoon, cruise to Darwin Bay for a wet landing, more bird spotting, and a nature hike, if you're game. We invite you to join us this evening for your captain's farewell dinner onboard your ship. **Meals BLD**

7. DISEMBARK / FLY TO GUAYAQUIL

Disembark *Santa Cruz II* on Santa Cruz Island for a visit to a tortoise reserve to observe a rare form of wildlife that continues to thrive in the islands – the Giant Galápagos Tortoise, who naps 16 hours a day and can go for a whole year without eating or drinking. Learn about the efforts being made by the Ecuadorian National Park Service to preserve and protect wildlife on the islands for future generations. Then fly to Guayaquil; join us this evening for a fun-filled farewell party at your hotel. **Meals BD**

8. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Guayaquil. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Wyndham Guayaquil to Guayaquil's José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport; allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

SPECIAL DECEMBER DEPARTURE!

Spend the holidays in the Galápagos with your family on our exclusive 8-day December 19 cruise departure for Tauck Bridges families priced from \$7,670 per triple including on-tour air; same itinerary at a great time to travel!



Your family will cruise aboard the state-of-the-art expeditionary ship *Santa Cruz II* equipped with a glass-bottom boat for observing underwater life and *pangas* for island landings

SANTA CRUZ II

This 5-deck ship carries just 90 guests in air-conditioned comfort to tropical islands inhabited by wildlife happy to welcome you. There are 50 cabins with private bathrooms and a host of personal amenities. Public spaces are generously sized and handsomely appointed. Enjoy dining areas inside and out, a bar and lounge, a fitness center and Jacuzzi, plus a library where you can read up on the “locals” you meet and the locales you discover on daily excursions with our onboard naturalists. The Tauck group may share the ship with non-Tauck guests. View deck plans and ship specifications at tauck.com.

On-tour air included (2 flights)

\$500 Child Savings: Children 11 and under

Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triple accommodations are not available for more than two adults, age 18 or older, sharing a room. **Interconnecting cabins (subject to availability) can be booked onboard *Santa Cruz II*.** Quads will be accommodated in two double rooms. Aboard ship, triple cabins are two beds and a pull-out couch; they are limited to two adults (age 18 or older) sharing a room with one child under age 18. In hotels, triples are usually a two-bedded room plus one rollaway bed.

Gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides and ship staff included.

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). Ask us about booking an additional hotel night before or after your journey and our Cruise Protection Product.

Recommended age: 8+

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Departures are hosted by one Tauck Director for approx. every 40 guests. We may not visit each of the islands in the order outlined, but typically visit two different sites per day. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives.

Note: Mar 24, Apr 7, Jun 16 & 30, Jul 14 & 28, and Aug 11 departures follow a Western Islands itinerary that visits different islands than the itinerary detailed here; ask at booking.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1,2	SWISSÔTEL QUITO	Quito
Night 3-6	ABOARD SANTA CRUZ II	Galápagos Islands
Night 7	WYNDHAM GUAYAQUIL	Guayaquil

8 DAYS FROM \$6,130*

Includes On-Tour Air

(7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

BEGINS QUITO

Mar 14, 24 Apr 7, 11 Jun 6, 16, 20, 30 Jul 4, 14, 18, 28 Aug 1, 11, 15 Dec 19*

Go to tauckbridges.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

March – July 13

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Explorer Double Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	\$6295	+	\$395	=	\$6690
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$7903	+	\$395	=	\$8298
Explorer Triple Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	N/A				
	Triple	\$6135	+	\$395	=	\$6530
	Single	N/A				
Explorer Double Cabin – Expedition Deck	Double	\$6445	+	\$395	=	\$6840
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$8083	+	\$395	=	\$8478
Explorer Double Cabin – Panorama Deck	Double	\$6575	+	\$395	=	\$6970
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$8223	+	\$395	=	\$8618
Darwin Suite	Double	\$7125	+	\$395	=	\$7520
	Triple	\$6998	+	\$395	=	\$7393
	Single	\$8833	+	\$395	=	\$9228

July 14 – August

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Explorer Double Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	\$5895	+	\$395	=	\$6290
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$7503	+	\$395	=	\$7898
Explorer Triple Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	N/A				
	Triple	\$5735	+	\$395	=	\$6130
	Single	N/A				
Explorer Double Cabin – Expedition Deck	Double	\$6045	+	\$395	=	\$6440
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$7683	+	\$395	=	\$8078
Explorer Double Cabin – Panorama Deck	Double	\$6175	+	\$395	=	\$6570
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$7823	+	\$395	=	\$8218
Darwin Suite	Double	\$6725	+	\$395	=	\$7120
	Triple	\$6598	+	\$395	=	\$6993
	Single	\$8433	+	\$395	=	\$8828

December

*LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Explorer Double Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	\$7495	+	\$395	=	\$7890
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$9743	+	\$395	=	\$10,138
Explorer Triple Cabin – Horizon Deck	Double	N/A				
	Triple	\$7275	+	\$395	=	\$7670
	Single	N/A				
Explorer Double Cabin – Expedition Deck	Double	\$7645	+	\$395	=	\$8040
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$9933	+	\$395	=	\$10,328
Explorer Double Cabin – Panorama Deck	Double	\$7775	+	\$395	=	\$8170
	Triple	N/A				
	Single	\$10,043	+	\$395	=	\$10,438
Darwin Suite	Double	\$8325	+	\$395	=	\$8720
	Triple	\$8198	+	\$395	=	\$8593
	Single	\$10,693	+	\$395	=	\$11,088



Machu Picchu

MYSTICAL PERU

THE HEIGHT OF ADVENTURE... and centuries-old mysteries come together for your family as you make adobe bricks and create your own signature graffiti, meet llamas and alpacas, paint pottery, get blessed by a shaman, explore the Sacred Valley by horse or raft, see Peruvian Pasos dance, play games with local schoolchildren, ride the rails to the “lost city” of Machu Picchu, learn about spectacled “Paddington” bears, visit mysterious Incan monuments, take a chocolate-making class, and learn to play a pan flute!

1. ARRIVE LIMA

Tour begins: JW Marriott Hotel Lima. A transfer is included from Lima Airport to the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, located in one of the city’s best neighborhoods. Most international flights arrive late in the evening, so settle into your room for a snack and a good night’s rest.

2. GRAFFITI ART BY THE SEA

Head to the seaside village of Callao for a tour of the local modern art scene – before picking up a can of spray paint to create your own graffiti masterpiece. After lunch at a local restaurant, fly to Cusco. Drive to the Urubamba Valley, rich in Incan culture and village life. Enjoy our welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

3. URUBAMBA... THE SACRED VALLEY

Spend the morning in a local community participating in your choice of activities – donkey riding, making adobe





Traveling Well Includes...

- Visits to mystical Machu Picchu and sacred Sacsayhuamán
- Scenic train travel through Andean vistas aboard Peru's *Vistadome* train in premier class
- A choice of activities with the locals in a rural village – adobe brick making, weaving, tree planting, and donkey riding
- Pottery painting & games with local schoolchildren
- A choice of a river rafting adventure, horseback riding, or a one-hour massage in the Sacred Valley
- A tasty chocolate-making demonstration and a visit to an alpaca and llama farm in Cusco
- On-Tour Air included (2 flights)
- 19 meals; airport transfers as noted; gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers; service charges, taxes and portage



Peruvian tile painting



Sacred Valley

bricks by stomping in mud, weaving, and tree planting. This afternoon your creative spirit takes flight at one of Peru's premier pottery studios, where you'll discover the meanings behind the sacred markings of the ancient Incas and paint your own ceramic tiles. Join us this evening for dinner at a local restaurant in the small village of Yucay. **Meals BLD**

4. PASOS, RIVER RAFTING OR RIDING

You have a choice of activities* today. One possibility is to join us for a horseback riding adventure through a small village and along a countryside trail. Another choice is to don a wet suit for a river rafting adventure that's fun for all ages. Or you can get pampered with a one-hour massage at the hotel's spa. Everyone meets up for a barbecue lunch at a private ranch, followed by a cowboy horsemanship show starring the country's smooth-gaited Peruvian Pasos; these horses are protected as part of the *Patrimonio Cultural* (Cultural Heritage) of Peru. A local shaman joins you to bless your journey and share spiritual stories about the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu before dinner on the patio at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

5. A RAIL RIDE TO A LOST INCAN CITY

Pack just enough clothes in your Tauck-provided duffel bag for an overnight stay in a valley near a mist-shrouded mountain. En route to the train station, visit a local school for games and conversation with the schoolchildren and teachers. It's all aboard your *Vistadome* train for a rail ride to Aguas Calientes and a drive up to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. This ancient citadel was hidden from the western world until archaeologist Hiram Bingham accidentally stumbled upon it in 1911. Spend the afternoon exploring this World Heritage Site with our expert guides who share stories along the way. Stay overnight in the Sacred Valley, in the town of Aguas Calientes, at a pueblo-style hotel; dinner is at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. DAILY LIFE, BEARS, AND ONWARD TO CUSCO

Spend the morning as you please. You may enjoy taking a guided nature walk on the grounds of your hotel to see the collection of orchids and herb gardens that thrive here. Another possibility is to head into the colorful market in

Aguas Calientes for browsing the local arts and crafts – woven tapestries, ponchos, jewelry, and more. Or listen to a private talk by a naturalist who will tell you all about the nearly extinct spectacled bears once found throughout the Andes, like the author Michael Bond’s marmalade-loving Paddington Bear from “darkest Peru,” and visit the spectacled bears that live on the grounds of the hotel. Board the *Vistadome* for a rail ride down to Ollantaytambo station and a drive to Cusco. **Meals BLD**

7. INCAS, CHOCOLATE, AND ALPACAS

A city built in the shape of a puma, Cusco abounds with both Incan relics and Spanish Colonial architecture. Visit one of the most mysterious Incan sites today when you explore Sacsayhuamán, a walled complex near the old city of Cusco, at an altitude of 12,000 feet. This UNESCO World Heritage site will astound you with its advanced construction techniques. Massive stones – one is estimated to weigh 70 tons – fit together so perfectly that no blade of grass or steel can slide between them. There is no mortar to hold them together even though they are joined in complex and irregular surfaces that would be difficult to replicate today. You’ll also take part in a hands-on chocolate-making class at the ChocoMuseo, with goody bags for everyone! Then meet the four-footed residents of the region at a local farm, where you will get tips on telling the difference between an alpaca and a llama. Following a free afternoon, music is on the menu this evening during our farewell dinner at a local restaurant; learn how to play Peruvian pan flutes – yours to take home. **Meals BD**

8. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Lima. Fly from Cusco to Lima for lunch; rooms have been reserved for you at the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, whether you choose to fly out tonight or stay overnight and



take a morning flight home. A transfer is included to Lima Airport from the JW Marriott Hotel Lima. Please allow three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BL**

8 DAYS FROM \$4,580*

Includes On-Tour Air

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 6 Dinners)

BEGINS LIMA

Apr 12 Jun 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug 2, 9, 16

Go to [tauckbridges.com](#) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON				
Double	\$4275	+	\$415	= \$4690
Single	\$5136	+	\$415	= \$5551
Triple	\$4165	+	\$415	= \$4580

On-tour air included (2 flights)

\$200 Child Savings: Children 12 and under
Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a two-bedded room with a rollaway cot or a sofa bed. Quad accommodations are not available on this tour.

Gratuities to Tauck Director, drivers & local guides are included.

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Recommended age: 8+

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

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ACTIVITY

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PACE

Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	JW MARRIOTT HOTEL LIMA	Lima
Night 2-4	ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS	Urubamba
Night 5	INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL	Aguas Calientes
Night 6,7	JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO CUSCO	Cusco

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COSTA RICA: JUNGLES AND RAINFORESTS

Arenal Volcano

SPY BLUE JEANS TREE FROGS AND ELECTRIC BLUE BUTTERFLIES.

Ride a boat to your rainforest lodge. Zip line through the treetops for a bird's-eye view of tropical wildlife. Cruise the canals in Tortuguero. See a cool volcano up close. Taste pineapple freshly picked, tree-ripened chocolate artfully made, and life giving coconuts with medicinal benefits. Observe monkeys, turtles and toucans in the wild and discover the secrets of one of Earth's most biologically diverse regions.

1. ARRIVE SAN JOSÉ

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall. A transfer is included from Juan Santamaría International Airport to InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall in the heart of San José. Join us for our welcome reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D**

2. TOUCANS, CHOCOLATE & TORTUGUERO

Pay a morning visit to the Toucan Rescue Center, where you'll meet some of the toucans, sloths, monkeys, otters, macaws, and other sick, injured, and rescued wildlife





August, after dinner you'll go on a special trip to the beach at night for a chance to see endangered green sea turtles slowly making their way out of the sea to lay their eggs on the black sand beach. **Meals BLD**

4. FLY TO ARENAL & SARAPIQUI RIVER RAFTING

This morning you'll fly to Arenal before enjoying an exciting river-rafting excursion on the historic Sarapiquí River; a national monument today, the river played an important role in suppressing an armed incursion into Costa Rica in 1856, serving as a highway that transported soldiers, weapons and food. Board a rubber river raft for a Class II rafting trip* through the jungle; try to spot turtles, sloths, monkeys, iguanas and other wildlife along the riverbank that call the Sarapiquí region home. Following your fun rafting adventure, drive to your spa resort, where you'll enjoy dinner at leisure this evening. **Meals BLD**

being rehabilitated with the goal of returning them to the wild. Next, learn about the history of chocolate making at an artisan chocolatier. Enjoy a hands-on demonstration of turning cacao fruit into chocolate, do a little tasting, and have lunch. This afternoon, board a boat for a cruise to Aninga Lodge, your rustic rainforest retreat adjacent to Tortuguero National Park – where most travel is by water, and howler monkeys provide a natural wake-up call in the morning. Have dinner at your lodge this evening. **Meals BLD**

3. GO WILD IN TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK

Begin your day with a morning canal cruise for some bird-spotting and nature viewing with our local guides. After lunch, take a boat to the village of Tortuguero to learn about the medicinal benefits of coconuts, and the "tree of life" they come from, with a coconut demonstration. Later, join us for a canal boat cruise inside Tortuguero National Park, or relax at the lodge. If you travel with us in July and

5. ZIP LINING AT ARENAL & A PINEAPPLE TOUR

The Arenal region is the home of the Arenal Volcano, 7,000 years old – and still alive! Since 2010 the volcano has been "sleeping," with no eruptions or lava flows, but it's still a breathtaking sight. You'll get an extraordinary bird's-eye view of the volcano during a thrilling zip-line ride* at Sky Trek Adventure Park, where you'll soar over and through the treetops of the rainforest canopy (voted "Best Zip-lining Tour in Costa Rica" by *Travel + Leisure*). Guests who aren't interested in zip lining can take a nature walk instead. Then your family is off to a pineapple farm for a tour and a farm-fresh tasting of just picked pineapple. Return to your resort for free time and dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

6. ACROSS THE INTERIOR TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN

This morning make your way across Costa Rica's interior to the province of Guanacaste on the Pacific Ocean. Stop for lunch and continue on to your beachfront resort, El



STAY TWO NIGHTS AT EL MANGROOVE

Your environmentally friendly resort El Mangroove looks and feels like part of the rainforest... but the décor is modern and cool. Your family will love this oceanfront spot on Playa Panama beach, perfect for making the most of your free time for water sports and swimming, not to mention our beach party with live music. Best of all, your family will go for a boat cruise off the coast for snorkeling – and dolphin spotting!



Earth Journeys Highlights...

- **TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – On-tour film vignettes custom-made for Tauck by BBC Earth natural history experts plus select BBC Earth touches
- Family adventure includes zip lining in the lush rainforest canopy; jungle river-rafting adventure with a wildlife expert; a dolphin-spotting cruise
- Guided pineapple plantation tour; hands-on demonstration to learn how to make artisan chocolate; visit to the Toucan Rescue Center to meet the wildlife cared for there
- Tortuguero National Park with expert naturalists
- On-Tour Air included (1 flight)
- 20 meals; gratuities to Tauck Directors, drivers and local guides; airport transfers as noted; service charges; admission fees; taxes & portorage

Mangroove, on Playa Panama – *playa* means beach. Your afternoon is free for you to enjoy family fun, exploring and relaxing at your environmentally friendly resort, where man meets mangrove (and beach). **Meals BLD**

7. DOLPHIN SPOTTING & SNORKELING

From your oceanfront resort, your family will take off on a boat adventure today to go snorkeling and look for dolphins; you may get an opportunity to see how they ride the waves of the wake of your boat. You'll also have free time at your resort for water sports, including swimming, as you wish. This evening, head to the beach for our farewell reception featuring the traditional music of Costa Rica by a *marimba* band, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

8. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Guanacaste. Fly home anytime. A transfer from El Mangroove to Liberia International Airport is included. You should allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

8 DAYS FROM \$3,490*

Includes On-Tour Air

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS SAN JOSÉ

Feb 16 Mar 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr 5, 12, 19 Jun 7, 14, 21, 28

Jul 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug 2, 9, 16 Dec 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28

/= Sold Out!

Dates in **green** indicate special holiday departures.

Go to **tauckbridges.com** for up-to-the-minute space availability.

PRICE PER PERSON

February – April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$3845	+	\$145	=	\$3990
Triple	\$3595	+	\$145	=	\$3740
Quad	\$3645	+	\$145	=	\$3790
Single	\$4822	+	\$145	=	\$4967

June – August

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$3545	+	\$145	=	\$3690
Triple	\$3345	+	\$145	=	\$3490
Quad	\$3435	+	\$145	=	\$3580
Single	\$4336	+	\$145	=	\$4481

Holiday Departures – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$4145	+	\$145	=	\$4290
Triple	\$3815	+	\$145	=	\$3960
Quad	\$3895	+	\$145	=	\$4040
Single	\$5307	+	\$145	=	\$5452

\$200 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triple and quad accommodations are two-bedded rooms.

Gratuities to Tauck Director, drivers and local guides are included.

On-tour air included (1 flight)

***International Airfare is additional.** Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability).

Recommended age: 8+

Children must be 8 or older to experience the zip-line ride.

Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before or after your tour and about our Guest Protection Product.

Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Nighttime beach visit on Day 3 for the possibility of seeing sea turtles is only offered on July – August departures.



Go to page 153 for activity and pace level details.

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

Night 1	INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL	San José
Night 2,3	ANINGA LODGE	Tortuguero
Night 4,5	TABACON GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT	La Fortuna
Night 6,7	EL MANGROOVE	Guanacaste



Watch our video at tauck.com/familycostarica

Inclusive Prices

2020 tour prices are per person in US dollars. Prices include all accommodations, airport transfers as detailed in tour, entertainment, special dinners, land and cruise transportation, sightseeing, shore excursions, luggage handling, and services of bilingual local guides, naturalists and Tauck Directors. Meals are included as specified in the itinerary.

Hotel & Ship Accommodations – Tauck's price includes all hotel & ship accommodations with private baths. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually two-bedded rooms plus a rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort; aboard ship, triples may include a sofa or an upper berth.

Internet – Complimentary basic Internet where available in hotel rooms; service levels are not guaranteed.

Tauck Director – Tours are conducted by a Tauck Director. They are professional, trained employees of Tauck.

Gratuities Included – All appropriate gratuities for bellmen, doormen, dining room servers, ship staff & local guides included. For exceptions, see "Tauck Director Gratuities."

Luggage Handling & Restrictions – Luggage handling is included in the tour cost; however, due to space limitations aboard motor coaches, we ask that you limit your checked luggage to one average-size suitcase per person. Most airlines require that checked luggage not exceed a weight of 50 lbs. per piece. Luggage exceeding the maximum restrictions is subject to expensive overage fees or is at risk of being left behind. Many airlines are now charging fees for checked luggage, regardless of the number of bags. Airlines revise luggage policies frequently, and often without notice; therefore Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by the airline. We urge you to check with your airline before traveling to verify current number, size and weight limits. **Note:** Tours with on-tour flights as part of the itinerary are subject to separate weight restrictions for checked luggage. Please inquire upon booking or refer to your destination at tauck.com for these restrictions. Guests on tour should limit hand luggage to a small carry-on piece and only those items needed during the day. Most modern sightseeing motor coaches offer limited space for numerous or larger items. Space under seats or in overhead racks is typically small, and designed to accommodate items like coats, hats, purses, small camera bags, etc. Items too large to fit underneath seats or in overhead racks must be stored in the luggage bays beneath the motor coach and may not allow for access during daytime travel.

On-Tour Flights

On-Tour Flights – Some itineraries require on-tour flights as specified on applicable tour pages. On-tour airfare is included in the tour cost as part of the tour package. Refer to pricing information on tour pages or ask at booking.

Not Included

Airfare to the tour departure point and from the tour ending point is not included. Airport tax and departure taxes are not included. Visa fees, if applicable, are not included.

Tauck Director & Driver Gratuities are not included on land trips and should be extended on a voluntary, individual basis. As exceptions, Tauck Director and driver gratuities are included on cruises and on all Tauck Bridges family trips.

Hotel Rooms Before or After Tours – To avoid jet lag, many guests prefer to make hotel arrangements before their tour starts. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before or after your trip on a space available basis upon request. Hotel charges will be added to your total cost.

Personal Expenses such as phone calls, hotel room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, mineral water, soft drinks, laundry, airline excess luggage charges and other optional incidental extras are not included.

Luggage Responsibility – Although every effort is made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is important to have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. See Tauck's "Guest and Cruise Protection Product."

Before You Go

Itinerary Changes & Price Flexibility – Tauck pledges to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Tauck reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports, hotels, and / or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to passengers. Any resultant added expense will be covered by Tauck. **Note:** Although not expected, prices in this brochure may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing.

Passports / Visas – For international travel, US citizens need a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond completion of the tour or cruise. Non-US citizens should contact their booking agent or appropriate consulate for information on all necessary documents required. Visas may also be required; contact your travel agent or appropriate consulate for documentation information.

Transportation Security Measures – The Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers to provide their name as it appears on the passport or government-issued ID to be used while traveling, their date of birth and gender when making airline reservations to fly to, from and over the US to the airlines. Travelers must provide their passport number and date of birth to Tauck at time of booking for all cruises. Tauck must provide this information to the cruise line before departure or you may be denied boarding. This information will be requested at booking.

Membership & Health – Membership will be granted to all persons. Please consult your physician for pre-departure health advice. Tauck reserves the right to terminate the trip of any persons who are abusive of others or whose behavior disrupts the tour.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance – Tauck regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a guest for walking, wheelchairs, motorized scooters, dining or other personal needs. Guests needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorized scooters.

Air Services – Airfare may be purchased through Tauck for international travel originating in the US & Canada. By using Tauck's air services, you agree that Tauck, in purchasing, selling or otherwise arranging air transportation, is acting only as your agent and is not liable or responsible for any accident, death, personal injury, illness, property damage, delay or other loss or expense of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of any act of God, or any actions or omissions (including any failure to provide services) or default of, any carrier. All carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by Tauck. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airline (and not Tauck), even if purchased through Tauck. Tauck is not liable for, and does not assume responsibility or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes, cancellations, claims for a refund or reimbursement of airline ticket fees, or any other loss or expense incurred by you for any reason whatsoever (including, without limitation to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization of a carrier or similar relief from creditors) when purchasing or using the carrier's services. Tauck must handle ticketing for Tauck's special fares, which are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed until reserved. Special fares cannot be combined with any other promotional offer. Tauck's air services must be purchased in conjunction with a Tauck tour. Electronic ticket numbers will be mailed with final documents. Should you cancel or change your air before or after departure, all airline cancellation and change fees will apply.

Shore Excursion Selection – Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections (included in tour price but subject to availability).

Photography and Video on Tour – Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and / or video taken by fellow guests or your Tauck Director for print, Internet and other media promotional purposes. If you prefer that your image not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Tauck Director at the start of your tour.

How To Make A Reservation

To Make a Reservation, see your travel agent, or phone Tauck with full first and last name (as it appears on your passport), address and hometown of all persons. We will verbally give a "Deposit Due Date" up to which time space is tentatively held.

Tauck

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Wilton, CT 06897-4548 United States

Phone: (800) 468-2825 Email: info@tauck.com

Mon – Fri: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM New York City time

Sat: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM New York City time

Sun: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM New York City time

For additional contact information
and international inquiries,
visit www.tauck.com/contact-us

Tour Pricing – Doubles are priced for two people sharing a room or cabin; two-bedded rooms or cabins with a private bath are usually reserved for doubles. Triples are often a two-bedded room plus a rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort.

Deposit Date – To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each tour booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or space is automatically released. Deposits are as follows:

\$350 per person – Costa Rica Tours; *Mystical Peru*

\$350 per person – *Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter*

\$600 per person – Cuba, Africa & Asia Land Tours

\$600 per person – Australia / New Zealand Land Tours

\$600 per person – Egypt and Jordan Land Tours

\$600 per person – *Spotlight on India*

\$700 per person – Most South America Land Tours

\$1000 per person – Most India Tours

\$1500 per person – Latin America Cruises

Final Payment is due at Tauck's Wilton, CT office 60 days before departure for land tours and 90 days for small ship cruises. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice.

Final Documents, which may include electronic airline ticket numbers when applicable, are sent by first class mail prior to departure. They include joining instructions, ship information, hotel lists, reading list, clothing suggestions, tour itinerary, luggage tags, and other pertinent information. We recommend overnight mailing service for any reservation that is made within 30 days of the cruise or tour departure date to ensure timely delivery. The additional expense will be added to your cruise or tour cost and must be included in your final payment.

TAUCK'S  **GUEST & CRUISE PROTECTION**

Under Tauck's Guest and Cruise Protection Product, you will receive the following:

Cancellation Fee Waiver – Provided by Tauck

Should you have to cancel your trip for any reason, Tauck's Cancellation Fee Waiver reduces the regular cancellation fees outlined herein, provided we are notified of cancellation before your trip departs. Certain terms and restrictions apply – see below*.

***Extreme Circumstances:** In the event of an act of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorism, accident, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, or other event or circumstance beyond our control that contributes to or results in cancellation rates above our historical cancellation rates in the absence of such event or occurrence, Tauck reserves the right to issue a credit to you in lieu of a money-back refund, applicable to a future Tauck journey.

Travel Insurance Benefits – Underwritten by United States

Fire Insurance Company Should you have to cancel your trip due to illness, injury, death or other covered reason, any cancellation or airline penalties not refunded by Tauck under the Cancellation Fee Waiver may be reimbursable under Trip Cancellation. This Protection also provides benefits for:

- **Trip Interruption** – If you have to interrupt your tour for covered reasons, the plan provides reimbursement to catch up to your tour or return home.
- **Travel Delay** – Provides reimbursement for missed, prepaid travel arrangements if you are delayed by a common carrier, natural disaster, unannounced strike, or other reasons as cited in the certificate.
- **Medical Expense** – Reimburses covered medical expenses incurred in the event you become injured or sick during your trip.
- **Baggage / Personal Effects Protection** – Provides reimbursement in the event your luggage or personal effects are lost, stolen, damaged or delayed during your trip.
- **Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services – Provided by On Call International** – 24-hour emergency telephone assistance hotline for medical and travel-related problems.

The Cruise Protection costs for cruises are as follows:

\$529 per person – Galápagos: *Wildlife Wonderland*
\$629 per person – Most Latin America Cruises

The Guest Protection costs for land journeys are as follows:

\$249 per person – Costa Rica Tours; *Mystical Peru*
\$269 per person – *Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter*
\$425 per person – Cuba Tour
\$529 per person – *New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure*; *Australia Adventure: Kangaroo Island, Tasmania & Sydney*
\$539 per person – *Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari*
\$599 per person – Most South America Land Tours
\$629 per person – Asia Land Tours; *Spotlight on India*
\$639 per person – *Grand Australia & New Zealand*
\$639 per person – Africa Land Tours; *Israel & Jordan*
\$639 per person – Egypt and Jordan Land Tours
\$689 per person – Most India Tours

Tauck's optional Guest and Cruise Protection must be requested at time of booking and fee must be included in initial payment. Fees are based on costs as of July 2019, and are subject to change. Reimbursements will be made according to original method of payment. The amount of any refund shall be reduced by any recoveries obtained by you from any third parties. Travel agent commissions are not covered under these products.

The protection plans discussed above provide insurance coverage that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home and automobile policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer, insurance agent or broker.

If You Have To Cancel

Cancellation Fees – Regardless of reason, cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by canceling confirmed bookings. Therefore, the fees listed herein will apply. Guests choosing to purchase Tauck's Guest or Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties per person as follows:

Land Journeys

Guests choosing to purchase Tauck's Guest Protection will incur Loss of Guest Protection fee, per person.

Cruises

Guests choosing to purchase Tauck's Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties as follows:

90 days or more before departure
 Loss of Cruise Protection fee per person

89–46 days before departure
 Loss of 25% of cost of cruise per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee

45–1 day before departure
 Loss of 50% of cost of cruise per person, not including air (if applicable), plus loss of Cruise Protection fee

Guests choosing **not** to purchase Tauck's Guest or Cruise Protection will incur cancellation penalties as follows:

Land Tours

60 days or more before departure

\$350 per person – Costa Rica Tours; *Mystical Peru*
 \$350 per person – *Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter*
 \$600 per person – Cuba, Africa & Asia Land Tours
 \$600 per person – Egypt and Jordan Land Tours
 \$600 per person – Australia / New Zealand Land Tours
 \$600 per person – *Spotlight on India*
 \$700 per person – Most South America Land Tours
 \$1000 per person – Most India Tours

59–8 days before departure

\$600 per person – Costa Rica Tours; *Mystical Peru*
 \$600 per person – *Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter*
 \$900 per person – Cuba Tour
 \$1250 per person – Africa Land Tours
 \$1250 per person – Egypt and Jordan Land Tours
 \$1250 per person – Australia / NZ & Asia Land Tours
 \$1250 per person – *Spotlight on India*
 \$1500 per person – Most India Tours

59–30 days before departure

\$1400 per person – Most South America Land Tours

29–1 day before departure

\$2000 per person – Most South America Land Tours

7–1 day before departure

\$900 per person – Costa Rica Tours; *Mystical Peru*
 \$900 per person – *Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter*
 \$1500 per person – Cuba Tour
 \$2000 per person – Africa Land Tours
 \$2000 per person – Egypt and Jordan Land Tours
 \$2000 per person – Australia / NZ & Asia Land Tours
 \$2000 per person – India Tours

Cruises

90 days or more before departure

\$1500 per person – Latin America Cruises

89–46 days before departure

Loss of 50% of cost of cruise, not including air (if applicable) per person

45–1 day before departure

Loss of 100% of cost of cruise, not including air (if applicable) per person

Time of cancellation will be when notice is received in our Wilton, CT office.

In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, Tauck reserves the right to amend the Guest or Cruise Protection and cancellation terms outlined herein.

Tour Interruption Fees – If you have to interrupt your tour en route, you may be entitled to a refund for the unused land portion if it exceeds 24 hours; certain restrictions apply. Such refunds are based upon the number of overnights missed less a fee of \$40 per person per day for unused transportation and other fixed expenses.

Partial Room Cancellation – A person who cancels or leaves a tour while a roommate remains constitutes a cancellation of one type of accommodation and rebooking of another type of accommodation. The price charged the remaining person is the new, higher price for the new accommodation.

Single Rooms – Since hotel rates are per room, the price for rooms occupied by one person is higher than those where two or more persons share the cost of a room. Special solo traveler rates are available on select departures of select journeys as noted on individual tour pages; these special single rates are not transferable to other departure dates.

Before You Book

Your comfort and satisfaction is of utmost importance to us. Before booking please be advised that many of these tours and cruises are active and may include exploring and cruising in remote destinations with variable sea conditions and in emerging ecosystems where modern amenities, like US-standard air conditioning, are not available. On cruises, use of tenders and / or small, rubberized crafts are required to go ashore. Travelers may need to step in the water to access touring locations where considerable amounts of walking and standing on uneven terrain are required. Some touring includes high elevations. Travelers must be in good health. Consult your physician for pre-departure health advice.

ACTIVITY & PACE LEVELS

Activity & pace icons on all of our trips give you a better idea of physical activity level – higher numbers mean more active journeys.

Activity Icon

1. Walking / standing for up to one hour at a time, stairs and level ground
2. Walking / standing for one to two miles at a time, uneven steps & cobblestones
3. Active hiking, biking & walking for two to three miles, up hills & uneven terrain
4. Active walking, hiking, biking & sea kayaking with distances of 3+ miles for up to 3 hours at a time



Pace Icon

1. Generally easy – with time to rest and relax
2. Moderate – with some early morning starts
3. Often robust – long days, active sightseeing, early starts, evening activities, significant travel times
4. Consistently robust – very full and active days, extended travel times, and may include use of different modes of local transport



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JOURNEY

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AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

Grand Australia & New Zealand	22	\$13,590	20	Land
New! Australia Adventure: Kangaroo Island, Tasmania & Sydney	26	\$12,990	15	Land
New! New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure	30	\$8,690	14	Land

AFRICA

New! Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids	36	\$8,990	13	Land
New! Egypt: Jewels of the Nile	40	\$6,990	10	Land
New! Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe	44	\$12,490	12	Land
South Africa: An Elegant Adventure	48	\$9,990	12	Land
Botswana, South Africa & Zambia	52	\$12,990	12	Land
Great Migration: Tanzania & Kenya	56	\$10,590	9	Land
Tanzania: Serengeti to Zanzibar	60	\$6,990	10	Land
Kenya & Tanzania: A Classic Safari	64	\$10,590	13	Land
Mountain Gorilla Safari: Tanzania, Zanzibar & Rwanda	68	\$15,990	13	Land
Mountain Gorilla Safari: Kenya, Tanzania & Rwanda	69	\$19,290	16	Land
Magic of Morocco	70	\$5,990	10	Land

ASIA

New for 2020! Essence of Indochina: Vietnam & Cambodia	76	\$6,890	13	Land
Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand	80	\$8,590	16	Land
Kingdoms & Dragons: Singapore to Bali	84	\$10,690	14	Land
China, the Yangtze River & Hong Kong	88	\$8,790	16	Land
Odyssey in China: Beijing, Chengdu & Hong Kong	92	\$8,790	16	Land
New for 2020! Essence of Japan	94	\$10,990	13	Land
A Portrait of India	98	\$9,590	18	Land
Northern India & Nepal	102	\$11,690	17	Land
Israel & Jordan	106	\$6,590	14	Land

THE AMERICAS

Cuba: Connecting with People & Culture	112	\$5,790	7	Land
Essence of South America	114	\$8,990	14	Land
Patagonia	118	\$7,990	11	Land
Empire of the Incas: Peru & Bolivia	122	\$6,790	12	Land
The Panama Canal & Costa Rica	126	\$7,890	12	Cruise
Costa Rica – Pura Vida	130	\$3,890	8	Land
Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter	134	\$5,390	8	Land

BRIDGES

Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari	138	\$8,060	10	Family
Galápagos: Wildlife Wonderland	142	\$6,130	8	Family
Mystical Peru	146	\$4,580	8	Family
Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests	149	\$3,490	8	Family

EXOTICS JOURNEYS CALENDAR

DEPARTURE MONTHS

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SMALL SHIP CRUISING

Small is big aboard our ships carrying fewer than 300 guests. Enjoy all-inclusive cultural journeys and expeditions, experiencing the best of land by sea on destination-focused shore excursions.



TAUCK BRIDGES FAMILY VACATIONS

Designed for families of all generations, these adventures feature family-friendly hotels, guided sightseeing and interactive experiences that are fun for everyone to do together.



SMALL GROUPS

Our 80+ small group land tours mean more personalized travel experiences with more flexibility and more time to explore. Travel with an average of 24 guests who share your desire for authentic up-close discoveries.



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