

# FAMILY FIELDTRIPS

350+ ITINERARIES ACROSS 120 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

  
ADVENTURESABROAD

*A Journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step*

LAO-TZU (c 570-490 BC)

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF TRAVEL

When Adventures Abroad first started offering travellers unique, life-changing travel experiences in 1987, few appreciated that it marked the beginning of an exciting journey that would change the face of the company and the small group tour industry forever. One thing our staff did appreciate right from the outset, however, was the fact that without a staunch commitment to adhere to the fundamental values upon which the company was founded, the organization's very survival would be in question.

The success and consequential growth of Adventures Abroad since its inception entailed more than just the development of a product as a means to generate profit; it was the evolution of an ideal. Indeed, from the inaugural tour—a 1987 departure to Egypt that company founder and current president Chris Boycott himself led—and for several years thereafter, there was precious little profit to speak of at all.

However, neither profit nor marketplace ascendancy was ever the ultimate goal and now, as then, Adventures Abroad operates not under the tenet of corporate gain, but under the conviction that if people could share in our passion for discovering the world, appreciating its diversity and celebrating its splendour, it'd be a better place for all.

A love of travel and the pursuit of a vision are what this company is built on and while innumerable unremarkable travel companies rise and fall on a daily basis, holding true to these ideals is what sets us apart and assures our future prosperity.

### PRINCIPLES OF TRAVEL

#### QUALITY

Our accommodations, local guides, pre-departure service and suppliers are constantly monitored and consistently evaluated to ensure we uphold the standard of excellence our valued clientele have come to expect. Moreover, our sensitivity to traveller suggestions, requirements and safety are but a few reasons that clients return to book with us year after year.

#### FLEXIBILITY

As afforded by our imodule system, our small groups can venture beyond the well-worn tourist paths and experience a destination's less publicized but equally rewarding attractions. Our itineraries are creative and responsive, with departures set for when you want to travel and sufficient scope to accommodate for unplanned events.

#### EXPERIENCE

Travel is what we love and travel is what we know. The expertise that stems from the staggering number of years of travel experience among our office staff and Tour Leaders shines through in our tours and serves as a lynchpin in our successful operations.

#### SMALL GROUPS

Limiting our groups to no more than 21 participants plus one Adventures Abroad Tour Leader means we can maximize cultural immersion while minimizing environmental disruption. As food always plays an important role in the local cultural experience, we make a point of avoiding large hotel buffets in favour of smaller, local restaurants.

#### VALUE

Since we design, develop and manage our own tours, no one is more familiar with the intricacies of our product than ourselves. When you book with us, you take advantage of this first-hand knowledge and an extensive network of worldwide contacts; you're in good hands with Adventures Abroad.

*As we acquire more knowlege, things do not become more comprehensible, but more mysterious*

ALBERT SCHWEITZER (1875-1965)

## HOW WE TRAVEL

### ITINERARIES

Spontaneity and flexibility are integral aspects of our trips, as are organization and efficient time management. Each of our 400+ itineraries is carefully crafted to be as detailed, accurate and appropriately paced as possible. That said, we also want to allow for special events and experiences that cannot always be planned. A small group can easily venture “off the beaten path” and get around by special means to interesting places that enrich the travel experience. Home visits and markets give special insight into the lives of the local people. Good itineraries are, however, always evolving. Thanks to our well-travelled staff, insightful clients, and tireless Tour Leaders, we are constantly revamping existing trips and brainstorming new and exciting touring ideas.

### OUR TRAVELLERS

Our clients comprise a very special bunch of people: interesting, curious, active, and often very well-travelled singles, couples and friends. Our travellers love to experience new places, peoples, cuisines, philosophies, and points of view. Our English-speaking tours attract travellers from all over Canada, USA, Britain, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. We have no set age restrictions; a reasonable degree of physical fitness combined with an adventurous spirit are the only prerequisites for the majority of our programs.

### INCLUSIONS

Our professionally guided tours include shared accommodation in 3-star, 4-star or 5-star hotel properties. Two meals per day—breakfast and dinner—are included on all tours; occasionally tours include some lunches. All transportation while on tour is included, plus sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in our day-by-day itineraries. Porter service, where available, is included. Arrival and departure transfers are included for all *Land & Air* clients, provided they arrive and depart on the scheduled tour days. For added convenience and value, gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff, drivers, and local guides are also included.

### SINGLES, COUPLES, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

We are singles-friendly! If you are travelling on your own, our guaranteed “share program” saves you money if you are willing to share a room. (Due to the high cost of single rooms in certain destinations, a mandatory single supplement applies to some of our tours.) A limited number of guaranteed singles are available per tour upon payment of a supplement. Although family groups (minimum age 12) are welcome on most of our tours, we offer a special series of trips specifically tailored to the needs of parents or grandparents travelling with younger children.

### ACCOMMODATION

The vast majority of our accommodation choices worldwide reflect our clients’ insistence on clean, well-located, 3-star, 4-star and 5-star properties with private bath facilities. Where such accommodation is not available because of the area or our activities, we use the best hotels available. Though all hotels, inns and lodges are carefully chosen, our tours are not really about accommodation in the same way as beach holidays are; our hotels are clean, safe places to rest our heads and not the main focus of our trip.

### OUR SERVICES

Our itineraries can be downloaded from [www.adventuresabroad.travel](http://www.adventuresabroad.travel), by e-mail, post or fax. Our well-travelled, experienced sales staff are very good at discerning your needs and determining your suitability for a particular program. We are pleased to be able to provide references from previous travellers. In addition to our published airfares from major gateways, we can quote airfares from any city with a major airport in North America, Britain, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand. We are also happy to request special airline meals, seating and stopovers. If you require extra nights’ accommodation either before or after your tour, we can do that too.

*It is only in adventure that some people succeed in knowing themselves—in finding themselves!*

ANDRÉ GIDE (1869-1951)

## AIRFARES & ROUTINGS

### INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES

The airfares indicated in our price book can be used as a close guide to what an economy class air ticket will cost from the indicated major gateway, exclusive of international departure taxes, fuel surcharges and/or airport user fees. These prices are based on the lowest available inventory on a limited number of scheduled air carriers with which we have contracts and are accurate only at the time of printing. Though we are usually able to confirm this price, fares can go up without notice, especially if you book late and lower fare inventory is no longer available. If you would like a no-obligation, tax-inclusive routing/fare quote from your home airport prior to booking your trip, please contact us.

If you want a routing on a specific airline that is different from our contracted carriers, please ask us for a quote, bearing in mind that we do not generally use charter airlines and that bookings made on carriers with which we do not have contracts may require full, non-refundable payment at time of reservation. These fares may also be higher than our published rates.

### LAND ONLY ARRANGEMENTS

If you prefer to make your own air arrangements, you can book most of our tours on a *Land Only* basis. You must confirm the status of your chosen tour before purchasing any non-refundable tickets. Please refer to the booking

terms and conditions section on page 150 for our general terms and conditions pertaining to *Land Only* bookings, reservations, payments, cancellations, refunds, transfers, baggage, and other essential information.

### FREQUENT FLYER POINTS

If you want to redeem frequent flyer points for free travel, you must deal directly with the airline or reward scheme operator. If you want to collect points on an eligible ticket purchased from Adventures Abroad, please provide us with your membership number prior to travel. You should always present your membership card at check-in and retain tickets and boarding card stubs until your account has been fully credited.

### SEATING AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

We will assist in requesting preferred seating for your flights, if possible. Please be aware that it is ultimately up to the airline to honour this request. Airline overbooking practices and/or equipment changes may necessitate unannounced seating changes over which Adventures Abroad has no control. If seating is important to you, we suggest that you call the airline directly to reconfirm your seating at least two days prior to travel, and that you check in for your flight as early as possible. Special meals and other requests should be reconfirmed with the carrier no later than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure.

## KEEP UP TO DATE

### NAVIGATOR

Keep up-to-date with our periodic newsletter, *Navigator*. New tours, destinations, improvements and special offers are outlined six times each year. Special features also include traveller or Tour Leader trip reports, feedback on our trips and entertaining trivia. If you are not already receiving *Navigator* in the mail, or would like to register a friend, please call our Sales Department or register online at [www.adventuresabroad.travel](http://www.adventuresabroad.travel). You can also sign up for *eNavigator*, our electronic newsletter, delivered directly to your inbox.

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# HOW DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?

## CHOOSE THE TRIP STYLE THAT SUITS YOU BEST

Though it may seem complicated at first, our “module system” concept is really quite simple. Modules are segments, usually about a week in duration, into which our tours can be broken. For example, our 14-day Vietnam tour (VN1) can be combined with Cambodia to form a 19-day trip (VN2) to both countries. Fancy some time in Laos while you’re in the area? Our 26-day tour (LA3) covers all three destinations. Take them one at a time, string them together, hop on, hop off—the combinations are virtually endless! This system affords a tremendous flexibility for travellers who want an element of customization in their trip planning. It works particularly well in Central America, Eastern Europe, North Africa and Southeast Asia, where each country represents a module. It also allows us to offer a wider range of tour lengths and content, along with the ability for us to guarantee departures earlier. The itineraries featured in this catalogue constitute either our “core” programs (i.e., most popular), or a full series that can be broken into trips of a shorter duration. The options box outlines itineraries based on the featured trip, or other combinations and extensions. Full details on all our offerings are available on our website or by mail.

INTERESTED IN A PRIVATE JOURNEY?  
WOULD YOU LIKE A CUSTOMIZED ITINERARY  
FOR YOUR CLUB OR GROUP?



## CULTURAL JOURNEYS

Our signature series and far and away the most popular travel alternatives offered by Adventures Abroad, *Cultural Journeys* comprise 400 exhilarating “soft-adventure” itineraries to 120 countries and over seven continents. Experienced Tour Leaders, anthropological and ecological experts, and knowledgeable local guides bring new dimension to our understanding and enjoyment of the environment and culture of our surroundings, allowing us to find the true nature of our destination, while 3-, 4- and 5-star hotels, inns and lodges serve as our clean and comfortable homes away from home. Striking the perfect balance between exploration of the popular tourist attractions and the less publicized yet often more rewarding hidden gems of our destination, our small group *Cultural Journeys* yield valuable insight into a world that lies beyond the realm of most travel companies.

### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on twin-share basis (generally 3- to 4-star) • Arrival/departure transfers (for *Land & Air* passengers, provided they arrive on tour start/end date) • All transportation while on tour • Breakfast and dinner daily (some tours include some lunches) • Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the detailed day-by-day itinerary • Services of an Adventures Abroad Tour Leader • Gratuities for drivers, guides, restaurant and hotel staff

### EXTRAS

Single supplements available on request • Airfare to/from destination • Trip cancellation and medical insurance • Visa fees



## LUXURIOUS EXPERIENCES

The epitome of refinement and class, our *Premier Collection* takes the idea of luxury travel and raises it to new heights. This select series of top-of-the-range tours combines five-star accommodations, all-inclusive amenities and the finest services available, with unique itineraries that explore some of the most naturally stunning and culturally fascinating countries on the planet. The result is an exclusive experience like no other. The premium choice for discerning travellers, *Premier Collection* is just the ticket for those looking to infuse an element of sophistication and panache into their travels and to experience the magic of the world in enchanting fashion: lavish chateaux, deluxe hotels and superlative villas ensure we see the world in style!

premier collection

### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on twin-share basis (5-star) • Arrival/departure transfers • All transportation while on tour • Most meals • Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the detailed day-by-day itinerary • Services of an Adventures Abroad Tour Leader • Gratuities for drivers, guides, restaurant and hotel staff

### EXTRAS

Single supplements available on request • Airfare to/from destination • Trip cancellation and medical insurance • Visa fees



## ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Step it up a notch with our *Active Adventures*, the choice of adventure for the energetic traveller. Specifically designed to satisfy the demands of those who wish to add a physical component to their travel experiences, *Active Adventures* retain the elements of cultural, historic and natural exploration that characterize our *Cultural Journeys*, but place increased focus on energy-fuelled activities that quicken the pulse and invigorate the body. This series encompasses our exciting hiking and walking tours—as well as itineraries that entail canoeing, riding, sailing and other such adventurous means of transportation—and with each trip being categorized into graded levels of difficulty, there exists enough scope to cater to a broad range of active travellers of varying levels of fitness. Since the emphasis is on the “how” over the “where”, accommodation on this stimulating set of trips may be of a simpler standard and may include camping in some locales—all part of the dynamic experience!

### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on twin-share basis (generally 3- and 4-star) • Transfers (for *Land & Air* passengers, provided they arrive on tour start/end date) • All transportation while on tour • Breakfast and dinner daily (some tours include some lunches) • Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the detailed day-by-day itinerary • Services of an Adventures Abroad Tour Leader • Gratuities for drivers, guides, restaurant and hotel staff

### EXTRAS

Single supplements available on request • Airfare to/from destination • Trip cancellation and medical insurance • Visa fees



## FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Forget the average sunshine-and-beach vacations that offer a degree of relaxation and little else; our *Family Holidays* are expressly tailored to suit the needs and desires of parents and grandparents looking to travel with younger generations on informative, stress-free and fun adventures to fascinating lands of plenty. This special selection of modified cultural tours blends relaxation and leisure with organization and education—the best of both worlds—and each trip is scheduled to coincide with school holiday periods. Why not make the prudent choice and forego the highly limited, run-of-the-mill vacations in order to expand your loved ones’ horizons with our entertaining and enlightening range of *Family Holidays*?

### INCLUSIONS

Accommodation on twin-share basis (generally 3- and 4-star) • Transfers (for *Land & Air* passengers, provided they arrive on tour start/end date) • All transportation while on tour • Breakfast and dinner daily (some tours include some lunches) • Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the detailed day-by-day itinerary • Services of an Adventures Abroad Tour Leader • Gratuities for drivers, guides, restaurant and hotel staff

### EXTRAS

Single supplements available on request • Airfare to/from destination • Trip cancellation and medical insurance • Visa fees

# LEGEND

## STYLE



Cultural Journeys



Premier Collection Luxurious Experiences



Active Adventures



Family Holidays

## LEVEL

1

No particular physical activity is involved other than town/city walks and short walks to dinners and sites of interest.

2

Particularly busy tours that feature a lot of moving around, sometimes by train. Walking tours of towns/cities are leisurely but you should be prepared to be on your feet for several hours. Some of our cultural trips that occur at high altitude and/or require greater independence with baggage handling also fall into this

3

Most weekend hikers should have no trouble with our moderate hikes. Some walking at moderate-to-high elevations. Although no previous experience is required, being physically fit and active are important.

4

These treks can occur at moderate-to-high elevations with some walking on steep and difficult trails. Previous mountain walking experience is desirable and physical fitness is essential. A few walking days may be long.

## MAPS



Overnight



Excursion



Road



Air



Ferry/Cruise



Rail

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL? CHOOSE THE TRIP STYLE THAT SUITS YOU BEST

# ECUADOR & GALAPAGOS

ECUADORIAN ESCAPE

AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES



CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

04S



1

6+

13 days from Quito

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided colonial Quito tour
- Four-night luxury Galapagos cruise
- Exciting guided shore excursions
- Condor spotting in Cajas National Park
- Beautiful, colonial Cuenca
- Ingapirca Inca ruins

#### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J **J** A S O N D



CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

03S



1

6+

13 days from Quito

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided colonial Quito tour
- Otavalo Valley-cultural centre
- Famed 'Avenue of Volcanoes'
- Four-night luxury Galapagos cruise

#### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J **J** A S O N D

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Quito, Peru.
- Day 2** • Tour Spanish Colonial Quito. Afternoon trip to the Equator line monument.
- Day 3** • Fly from Quito to Baltra Island. Beginning of Galapagos Islands cruise to one of the world's premier adventure travel destinations.
- Day 4** • Time on Isabela Island, the largest island in the Galapagos.
- Day 5** • Santiago Island exploration, including a dinghy ride by the reefs and excellent opportunities for snorkelling.
- Day 6** • See giant tortoises in the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora. Free time on board.
- Day 7** • Land at Black Turtle Cove near Las Bachas beach. 'Panga' ride through the mangrove, during which the outboard motor of the small boat is turned off.
- Day 8** • Travel by private coach to Cuenca via Cajas National Park and cocoa plantations.
- Day 9** • Cuenca: walking tour and visit to Museo del Banco Central.
- Day 10** • Scenic mountain drive to Ecuador's most important Inca site: Ingapirca.
- Day 11** • Free time in Cuenca.
- Day 12** • Fly to Quito. Excursion to Mindo, located on the west side of Quito in a deep valley, surrounded by native Andean forest.
- Day 13** • Departure from Quito.

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Quito, Ecuador. Quito is nestled against Pichincha Volcano high in the Andes.
- Day 2** • Journey north to the Otavalo Valley region. Visit traditional villages and overnight near Ibarra.
- Day 3** • Visit Otavalo to experience the market. Travel through the Valley of the Volcanoes to La Cienega.
- Day 4** • Continue on to Banos to witness one of the most impressive waterfalls in South America: the Devil's Bowl.
- Day 5** • Travel to Riobamba to have a walking tour and free time in the area.
- Day 6** • Head for Chimborazo Reserve for exploration. Continue north to Quito.
- Day 7** • Quito: city tour.
- Day 8** • Fly to Baltra Island and board cruise vessel bound for the unique and beautiful Galapagos Islands.
- Day 9** • Time on Isabela Island, the largest island in the Galapagos.
- Day 10** • Cruise through the Bolivar channel and land on Santiago Island for wildlife viewing and birdwatching.
- Day 11** • Investigate the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora. Optional trip to the highlands of Santa Cruz.
- Day 12** • Fly to Quito via Guayaquil.

*Cuencacitas, Ecuador; and Giant Tortoise, Galapagos*

LATIN AMERICA

EUROPE

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

ASIA-PACIFIC

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

# COSTA RICA

## VOLCANOES AND RAINFOREST



CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

03C



1

6+

14 days from San Jose

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- INBio Parque educational centre
- Soaking in Baldi Hotsprings
- Horseback riding at Arenal Volcano;
- Monteverde Cloud forest walk
- Manuel Antonio's spectacular beaches
- Exploring the canals of Tortuguero

Available as a 9-day option;  
request tour code 01C

#### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J J A S O N D

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** • Arrival in San Jose, Costa Rica.

**Day 2** • San Jose: visit to INBio Parque, an educational and recreational biodiversity centre.

**Day 3** • Travel to Arenal Volcano area.

**Day 4** • Horseback excursion with expert guide through the forests and hills near Arenal Volcano. Optional activities later.

**Day 5** • Journey to Monteverde Cloud Forest region. Afternoon guided tour of the Butterfly Garden.

**Day 6** • Exploration of Monteverde Cloud Forest with naturalist guide.

**Day 7** • Travel to Quepos, gateway to Manuel Antonio National Park.

**Day 8** • Manuel Antonio National Park.

**Day 9** • Optional mangrove swamp boat tour in Quepos.

**Day 10** • Return to San Jose for free time.

**Day 11** • Bus through Braulio Carillo National Park, one of Costa Rica's largest. Later riverboat journey to the Caribbean coast and Tortuguero Park.

**Day 12** • Tortuguero National Park. Afternoon visit to the village of Tortuguero.

**Day 13** • Bus back to the central highlands. Overnight San Jose.

**Day 14** • Departure from San Jose.



# ITALY

CULTURE, FOOD AND FUN!

# GREECE

BOATS, ISLANDS AND RUINS!

CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

00W



2

7+

14 days from Rome to Venice

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Rome—The Vatican & the Sistine Chapel
- Borghese Gardens—family fun!
- Climb a leaning tower!
- Skyscraper skyline of San Gimignano
- Walking the Cinque Terre
- Water taxi ride on Venice canals

#### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J J A S O N D



Nuns in Rome Jan Culp

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Rome, Italy.
- Day 2** • Rome tour, including the Colosseum and the Spanish Steps.
- Day 3** • Continuation of Rome tour, including St Peter's Basilica.
- Day 4** • Travel by train to Siena, queen of Tuscany's hill towns.
- Day 5** • Siena tour. Travel to mediaeval town of San Gimignano.
- Day 6** • Bus to Pisa for sightseeing, including the famous Leaning Tower. Continue on to Monterosso.
- Day 7** • Cinque Terre hike. Return to Monterosso.
- Day 8** • Train to Florence. Day of sightseeing in Florence.
- Day 9** • Florence exploration, including Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral.
- Day 10** • Florence: Leonardo da Vinci Museum. Afternoon is free.
- Day 11** • Travel by train to Venice.
- Day 12** • Venice: walking program, including St Mark's and Campo San Polo.
- Day 13** • Morning boat trip to see Venetian glass-blowers at work on the island of Murano. Afternoon free to enjoy Venice.
- Day 14** • Departure from Venice.

CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

00G



2

7+

14 days from Athens

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided Athens city tour
- Scenic local ferries
- Beautiful beaches of Mykonos
- Guided Knossos site tour
- Thrapsano: important pottery-making centre

#### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J J A S O N D



Boys in Santorini

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrival in Athens, Greece.
- Day 2** • Guided tour of Athens, the heart and soul of Greece, including the Parthenon.
- Day 3** • Ferry from Athens to the island of Mykonos, stopping off at various islands en route.
- Day 4** • Excursion to the tiny sacred island of Delos. Return to Mykonos.
- Day 5** • Time to enjoy the beaches and pirate-proof streets of Mykonos.
- Day 6** • Ferry or hydrofoil to Santorini.
- Day 7** • Santorini: comprehensive island tour.
- Day 8** • Free Day in Santorini. Possibilities include boat trips to the volcano's centre, shopping, or relaxing on one of Santorini's black-sand beaches.
- Day 9** • Travel by ferry or hydrofoil (depending on scheduling) to Crete. Continue by road eastwards along the northern coast to the small town of Gouves.
- Day 10** • Iraklion: Knossos and the Archaeological Museum.
- Day 11** • Visit the village of Archanes, a Minoan settlement. Continue to the village of Thrapsano.
- Day 12** • Crete: Iraklion walking tour.
- Day 13** • Travel to Athens. Balance of the day at leisure to enjoy this lively city. Optional trip to the beautiful archaeological site of Delphi.
- Day 14** • Departure from Athens.

# TURKEY

## TRAVELS ON THE TURQUOISE COAST

CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

10G



1

10+

13 days from Istanbul

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Timeless Istanbul, guided tours
- Antalya, Roman site of Perge
- Four night wooden gulet sail
- Walk along the Lycian Way
- Guided visits to Ephesus and museum

### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J J A S O N D



*Gulet with llama Lorna Lissner*

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Day 2** • Exploration of Istanbul.
- Day 3** • Fly south to Antalya. Continue on to Perge.
- Day 4** • Drive along the Mediterranean coastal road west to board gulet in Fethiye.
- Day 5** • Cruise to Turquoise Cove to visit the Sunken Baths of Cleopatra. Overnight on gulet in Aga Bay.
- Day 6** • Hike from Aga Bay to Lydea. Later, sail to Gemiler Island. Overnight on gulet at Gemiler Island.
- Day 7** • Cruise from Gemiler Island to Kas. Village tour of Kas on foot. Hike to Kalekoy.
- Day 8** • Sail to Andriace. Drive to the ruins of Myra and to the Eternal Fires of the Chimaera. Overnight in Finike.
- Day 9** • Drive to Bodrum, site of one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: the Mausoleum.
- Day 10** • Travel northward along the Aegean coast to Kusa Dasi, a beautiful port city with a small island fortress.
- Day 11** • Drive to Ephesus, one of the highlights of any visit to Turkey. Fly to Istanbul.
- Day 12** • Istanbul: Topkapi Palace tour.
- Day 13** • Departure from Istanbul.

# EGYPT

## IN SEARCH OF PHAROHS

CODE STYLE LEVEL AGE

02X



1

6+

13 days from Cairo

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Great Pyramids & Sphinx
- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities
- Massive Karnak Temple
- Donkey trek into Valley of the Kings
- Deluxe Nile River cruise
- Camel trek to San Simeon Monastery

### DEPARTURES

J F M A M J J A S O N D



*Sphinx and Pyramid of Khafre, Giza*

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt.
- Day 2** • Tours around Memphis, Saqqara, and the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx.
- Day 3** • Comprehensive exploration of Cairo. Later flight to Luxor.
- Day 4** • Horse-drawn carriage tour of Luxor. Visit Karnak Temple, one of the most fantastic archaeological sites in the world.
- Day 5** • Valley of the Kings excursion on donkeyback. Taxis available as alternative means of transportation.
- Day 6** • Cross the Nile to visit the Valley of the Queens.
- Day 7** • Free time in Luxor. Later Nile cruise on first-class vessel.
- Day 8** • Cruise to Aswan.
- Day 9** • Continuation of Nile Cruise. Stop-off in Kom Ombo.
- Day 10** • Travel from Aswan across the Western Desert to Nubia and Abu Simbel, the imposing rock temples of Rameses II and his queen Nefertari.
- Day 11** • Aswan: camel trek to the Christian monastery of St Simeon.
- Day 12** • Fly from Aswan to Cairo. Exploration of Islamic Cairo.
- Day 13** • Departure from Cairo.

## TREASURES OF EGYPT

CODE	STYLE	LEVEL	AGE
OOX		2	6+

13 days from Cairo

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Great Pyramids & Sphinx
- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities
- Donkey trek into Valley of the Kings
- Sailing the Nile on a traditional sail craft
- Camel trek to San Simeon Monastery

**DEPARTURES**

J F **M** A M J J A S O N D



*Sphinx and Pyramid of Khafre, Giza*

### ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt.
- Day 2** • Cairo City Tour, including the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities and Coptic Cairo.
- Day 3** • Travel to Memphis and Saqqara, chronologically the two most important sites in all of Egypt, and visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx.
- Day 4** • Journey to Aswan.
- Day 5** • Aswan: Free. Optional excursion to Abu Simbel
- Day 6** • Travel by boat across the River Nile to the west bank. St Simeon Camel Trek.
- Day 7** • Board our *felucca* and travel towards Kom Ombo.
- Day 8** • Reach Kom Ombo, once a strategically important as a trading town on the caravan route from Nubia to Cairo.
- Day 9** • Full day of *felucca* sailing. Overnight on the *felucca*. All meals included.
- Day 10** • Visit the Greek temples at Edfu and Luxor.
- Day 11** • Donkey trip along the Valley of the Kings. Taxis arranged for those who would prefer.
- Day 12** • Fly from Luxor to Cairo. Afternoon sightseeing including some of Cairo's most important Islamic monuments.
- Day 13** • Departure from Cairo.

## EGYPT & JORDAN MAGIC OF THE MIDDLE EAST

CODE	STYLE	LEVEL	AGE
03X		2	6+

14 days from Cairo to Amman

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Great Pyramids & Sphinx
- Museum of Egyptian Antiquities
- Donkey trek into Valley of the Kings
- Camel trek to San Simeon Monastery
- Incredible Petra
- Desert camping at Wadi Rum

**DEPARTURES**

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*Sphinx and Pyramid of Khafre, Giza*

### ITINERARY

- Day 1** • Arrive in Cairo, Egypt.
- Day 2** • Morning visit to the famous Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.
- Day 3** • Travel to Memphis and Saqqara, two of the most important archaeological sites in Egypt. Visit the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Overnight sleeper train to Luxor, in Upper Egypt.
- Day 4** • Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the streets of Luxor to one of the most fantastic ancient sites in the world: Karnak Temple. Also see local town and village life in Egypt where we see the *fellabin* (farmers) at work.
- Day 5** • Cross the River Nile by boat and travel into the Valley of the Kings on donkeyback!
- Day 6** • Travel by road to Aswan, stopping at the temples Edfu and Kom Ombo en route.
- Day 7** • Camelback excursion across the sandy desert; take a boat to Kitchener's Island and stroll through the rich botanical gardens.
- Day 8** • Fly to Cairo via the temples of Abu Simbel.
- Day 9** • Morning flight from Cairo to Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Day 10** • Morning tour of Amman; travel to Petra via Mt Nebo and Madaba.
- Day 11** • Incredible Petra site tour—hike up ancient steps to the monastery.
- Day 12** • On to Wadi Rum and a 4WD excursion into the desert; spend the night at a desert camp.
- Day 13** • Return to Amman via Crusader castles of Shobak and Kerak.
- Day 14** • Departure from Amman.

# KENYA & TANZANIA

## SPECTACULAR SAFARI!

*Lion, and Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania*



### ITINERARY

**Day 1** • Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Day 2** • Travel to Lake Nakuru, a shallow soda lake in the Rift Valley. Lake Nakuru National Park is one of the best places in Kenya to view the rare White Rhino as we explore the park on our afternoon game drive.

**Day 3** • Pass Lake Naivasha and Mount Longonot, a relatively young volcanic reminder of the Rift's violent past. Travel to Maasai Mara National Reserve, a natural extension of the Serengeti eco-system and a region that has an amazing concentration of wildlife. Afternoon game drive.

**Day 4** • Exploration of the Maasai Mara National Reserve. 'The Mara' sustains all of the 'Big Five'—lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and buffalo—as well as an astonishing wealth of herding animals and other wildlife. Optional hot air balloon ride.

**Day 5** • Visit Giraffe Manor to feed and photograph the giraffes and warthogs at the manor and wander through the adjoining primeval forest to view bushbuck and dik dik. Evening meal at the famous Carnivore Restaurant (vegetarian meals available).

**Day 6** • Head to Amboseli National Park at the foot of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. Afternoon game drive.

**Day 7** • Make route for Arusha, the starting point for the northern safari routes of Tanzania and one of the country's most attractive towns. Continue on to the Maasai Plains.

**Day 8** • Visit the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge. Witness one of the most bewitching natural dramas on Earth: the annual migration.

**Day 9** • Full day of game viewing on the Serengeti.

**Day 10** • Journey to the Ngorongoro Crater and descend to the crater floor to experience one of the world's most amazing places.

**Day 11** • Travel back to Arusha via Gibb's Farm, which was founded during German colonial times.

**Day 12** • Fly to Zanzibar and transfer to hotel in Stone Town. Zanzibar's local people are an incredible mixture of ethnic backgrounds, indicative of her colourful history

**Day 13** • Visit Jozani Natural Forest Reserve located in the central east region of Zanzibar Island, home to the rare red colobus monkey, which is endemic to Zanzibar. These monkeys are full of character and roam freely.

**Day 14** • Spice tour of plantations just outside Zanzibar town, with a detailed description given about a variety of spices and their uses in cooking and cosmetics.

**Day 15** • Day at leisure to enjoy the beach and relax.

**Day 16** • Free time in morning. Afternoon departure from Zanzibar.

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16 days from Nairobi to Zanzibar

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided game drives through Africa's best game parks
- Maasai Mara/Serengeti: endless plains
- Snows of Kilimanjaro from Kenya's Amboseli Park
- Ngorongoro Crater & Great Rift Valley natural wonders
- Exotic spice island of Zanzibar

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