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Italy & France

From the rise of ancient Rome to the D-Day landings of Normandy, Italy and France have penned the pivotal chapters of our Western civilization. Here, the locals are as eager to share these stories as they are their infectious love of living well.

Celebrate your own zeal for *la dolce vita* as you delve into the heart and soul of Italy. In Rome, explore the Vatican with an expert guide. Uncover priceless cultural riches in Florence. Lose yourself in the spirit of Venice when you cruise its romantic canals by gondola. Savor the good life in the sea-swept Amalfi Coast, sophisticated Lake Como, fashion-forward Milan, Tuscany’s wine country or sunny Sicily.

Take in the distinctive regional charm of France, the epicenter for all things beautiful, romantic and refined. Experience the magic of Paris as you walk its cobbled streets, cruise the Seine, and discover world-class museums and shopping. Further afield, set off for the bucolic countryside of Provence or the legendary landscapes and sophistication of the Côte d’Azur. Take to France’s gentle canals and rivers on a barge cruise through the wine meccas of Burgundy or the Loire Valley.

Whether it’s your first or 50th time to Italy or France, find the inspiration for your next Grand Tour with the experiences that follow.
Privately view Michelangelo’s consummate masterwork. The cradle of the Renaissance, Florence boasts an unmatched concentration of iconic masterworks — perhaps none more revered than Michelangelo’s David. Gain exclusive, after-hours access to the Galleria dell’Accademia’s famed David exhibit on an expertly guided tour. Take in the radiant glow of this marble masterpiece one-on-one, your guide revealing how Michelangelo’s groundbreaking techniques shaped the very foundations of art as we know it.

Ride and dine like a Roman local. Alive with a cosmopolitan aura all its own, Rome bombards the senses with the wafting aromas of corner cafés and the frenetic bustle of fashionable locals on the move. Experience the contemporary side of this historic city as you ride like a local on a foodie’s Vespa tour of Rome. Your guide reveals the best local haunts for authentic regional cheeses, wines, coffees, pastries and small plates, covering much more ground than you ever could on foot.
Sip limoncello high atop an Amalfi lemon grove.
Perched high atop a valley on the Amalfi Coast, Ravello has entranced celebrities, travellers and artists for centuries with its striking seaside panoramas, glamorous terraces and fragrant citrus groves. These groves supply Ravello’s local distillers of limoncello, a spirited regional lemon liqueur enjoyed the world over. Stroll a local lemon grove, pausing to savor a limoncello tasting as you take in the commanding hilltop vistas.

Explore Milan’s Brera Gallery with a Christie’s art historian.
A grand bastion of Italian style and sophistication, Milan beckons an exploration of all things creative. Delve into Milan’s distinctive heritage in the Brera Gallery as a Christie’s art historian leads the way. Gain insights into the museum’s vast collection spanning classic masterworks from the likes of Raphael, Mantegna, Modigliani, Van Dyck and Rembrandt, as well as a host of more modern pieces.

Sample balsamic vinegar in the foodie mecca of Bologna.
Spanning miles of terra-cotta buildings and porticoes in the heart of Italy, Bologna is widely regarded as this proud foodie nation’s gastronomic center. Here, visit a rustic restaurant owned by a renowned vinegar producer and his family. Learn about the history of vinegar-making, and partake in a tasting. Then, sit down to a light lunch with the family, a chance to learn about daily life in this picturesque setting.
Relive the age of the Roman gladiator with your family. Rome was the capital of one of the greatest empires the world has ever seen, forever altering the course of Western civilization’s art, architecture, science, religion and government. The glory of Rome was not without its darker side, however. Enconced among the masses at the Colosseum, Roman emperors presided over barbaric blood sport, pitting man-against-man-against-beast in a gladiatorial gauntlet of mortal combat. In the Colosseum’s shadow, imagine yourself in the age of the gladiator as you and your family don tunics, pick up your practice swords and take part in a mock tournament led by an expert instructor.

Meet a builder of Puglia’s distinctive trulli dwellings. Secluded on a peninsula of southeastern Italy, the Puglia region is peppered with ancient carved rock dwellings, white stone villages and the distinctive trulli houses of Alberobello. Here, explore these cone-shaped dwellings and meet a maestro trullaro who still builds trulli the old-fashioned way. Continue to the breathtaking medieval village of Polignano a Mare, where you savor a seafood aperitivo and a glass of local wine at a traditional restaurant overlooking the sea.
Gain insider insight into Siena’s freewheeling Palio.

Siena’s broad piazzas, soaring Gothic architecture and time-honored traditions transport travellers back to the 17th century. Enduring largely unchanged from this era, Siena’s vibrant Palio horse race dazzles throngs of frenzied spectators with its spirited blend of pageantry, rivalry and danger. Gain insider insight into the Palio as your guide reveals the city’s museums, hidden passageways and the Piazza del Campo itself, the square where the Palio is held twice a year. After lunch in an apartment overlooking the piazza, visit an estate where a champion fantino (jockey) lives and works with his horses.

Explore Chianti’s classic food and wine pairings.

Once the center of a vast military stronghold, the Tuscan region of Chianti has mellowed to a tranquil countryside of timeworn castles, stone-walled farmhouses, age-old olive groves and rolling vineyards. Today, these groves and vineyards produce the region’s distinctive wines and olive oils — Chianti’s soft, clay-like soil lending each a rustic character all its own. Venture into the Tuscan countryside for the quintessential Chianti food and wine experience, visiting a medieval abbey and its cellars, tasting local wines and olive oils, and savoring classic food and wine pairings at a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Traverse Mount Etna by Jeep.

Mount Etna looms large as Europe’s tallest active volcano, crowning the horizon of eastern Sicily at 9,843 feet. Uncover the seldom-seen sites of this towering “seat of the gods” by Jeep, pausing to explore a lava cave by torch light, summit a scenic crater rim, and enjoy lunch at a nearby DOC winery famed for its volcanic terroir.

Relax in an Italian villa reserved for you and your family.

The phrase “Italian villa” conjures images of lazy, sun-soaked afternoons and quality time spent with loved ones in singularly spectacular surroundings. Unwind with your family in your own private Italian villa as you sunbathe by the pool, head into town for some sightseeing with your local guide and relax over a gourmet dinner prepared by your on-site chef. Your home away from home affords all the comfort, privacy, freedom and flexibility these precious family moments deserve.
Glimpse the earliest reaches of antiquity in Matera.

Matera is among the world’s most ancient cities, its limestone caves drawing the settlement’s first inhabitants some 7,000 years ago. Today, this labyrinth of cave-dwellings and beautiful stone churches affords a window into the earliest reaches of antiquity. Your expert guide reveals the sassi (districts of the city), as you explore rock-hewn churches, 17th-century monasteries and palaces, the caves of the Murgia, and deep cisterns used by the city’s earliest inhabitants.

Taste the simply sensational street food of Naples.

Relatively untouched by mainstream tourism, the southern Italian city of Naples offers its visitors an authentic glimpse into a living, working urban enclave and its unabashed, “live for today” mantra. This city’s broad-shouldered character is reflected in its unpretentious, simply delicious street food. Join your local guide for a stroll through Naples’ bustling downtown, pausing for bites of frittura (deep-fried eggplant, zucchini and mozzarella) and arancini (rice croquettes).

Uncover hidden Renaissance masterworks in Florence.

While the da Vincis and Botticellis of the Uffizi Gallery bask in the limelight, a wealth of unsung masterworks lies hidden throughout the less-frequented corners of Florence. Go off the beaten path to a 13th-century basilica and discover an ambitious restoration project sponsored by A&K Philanthropy. Here, a professional restorer reveals a hidden treasure trove of Renaissance artworks, sharing insider insight into their ongoing rescue from the ravages of time.
Explore the Louis Vuitton legacy in fashion-forward Paris. The name Louis Vuitton is inextricably linked with the Paris fashion scene, a brand synonymous with luxury and sophistication the world over. Explore the man behind the label as you visit Louis Vuitton’s Art Deco-style home and tour the production studio where skilled artisans still stitch the iconic fashion house’s designs by hand. Then, browse the rotating exhibits of the adjacent museum showcasing the latest designer collaborations. Finally, set out on a Parisian shopping trip custom-tailored to your own personal style.

Savor a taste of the French Riviera in Nice. The heart of the French Riviera, Nice blends a cosmopolitan cocktail of French joie de vivre and Italian la dolce vita with its balmy seaside climate, buzzing street life and distinctive regional cuisine. Sample a host of local favorites you won’t find anywhere else as you stroll through the colorful open-air market of Cours Saleya, tasting socca (chickpea-flour pancake), pissaladière, (onion tart) and les petits farcis (vegetables stuffed with sausage).

Feel the tides of history on the beaches of Normandy. Normandy’s tranquil beaches and coastal villages belie the sheer weight of history and sacrifice buried in their sands and streets. Visit the American Sector of Normandy’s coast, a region that bore witness to fierce combat during the D-Day invasions of World War II. Your expert guide’s stories reveal insights into German, French and American perspectives as you explore the pivotal battlegrounds of Sainte-Mère-Église, Pointe du Hoc, and the shores of Omaha Beach, one of five landing zones stormed by Allied forces June 6, 1944. End the day with a poignant visit to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, the final resting place of over 9,300 American soldiers.
Stroll the esplanades and savor the wines of Bordeaux.
As the world’s largest urban UNESCO World Heritage Site, Bordeaux invites visitors to savor its iconic cabernet/merlot blends, discover its captivating museums, linger in charming coffee shops and enjoy a taste of the good life. Here, walk the renovated quays and spectacular Mirroir d’Eau. Stroll through the public garden, crossing the iconic Chaban-Delmas Bridge to see the Cathedral of St. André, Palais Rohan and Bordeaux’s Old Town, home to the Grosse Cloche. Continue to the Saint Pierre District with its defensive Cailhau Gate and Parliament Square. Then, sample a canelé, a French pastry infused with rum and vanilla. After a visit to the magnificent Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux, tour the Cité du Vin (City of Wine) museum to learn about local viticulture. Cap your excursion with a vineyard-hopping visit to the surrounding countryside, pausing to taste flights of Bordeaux’s finest wines at local estates.

Charter a canal barge to mark a special occasion.
The languid canals of France afford a scenic network of serene waterways flowing through the distinctive regions of this diverse nation. Celebrate a special occasion in style as you and your friends escape the crowds aboard your privately chartered canal barge, a floating country inn where you enjoy gourmet food and wine every day while only having to unpack once. Relax on deck as the lovely scenery flows by, or borrow a bicycle for a leisurely pedal along the towpath.
Enjoy a family day at a farm in the French countryside. Immortalized by master painters and writers, the French countryside farmstead endures as a steadfast cornerstone of the national culture. Set out for a day of family fun on an authentic, working farmstead secluded in the French countryside. Here, learn the art of French bread making from your host family. While your baguette is baking, chat with your hosts, stroll around the farm, meet the animals and explore the adjacent woodland. On the ride home, share your warm baguette plucked fresh from the oven with a pat of farm-fresh butter, a simple yet unforgottably delicious treat.

Take in the lights of Paris from a classic French convertible. The shooting iron spire of the Eiffel Tower, the broad ivory span of the Arc de Triomphe, the boutique-lined avenues of the Champs-Élysées — the landmarks of Paris rank among the most recognizable in the world, a timelessly romantic backdrop for generations of fine film, art and story. Explore this quintessential French city in the quintessential French car, the iconic Citroen 2CV. Your expert guide rolls back the roof as dusk fades and the lights of this grand city stage come up, the breeze rustling your hair as a procession of Paris’ brilliantly illuminated landmarks rolls past.
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**Tailor Made Italy: The Vatican to Venice**
10 days visiting Rome, Orvieto, Florence, Tuscany & Venice
Gain VIP access to the Vatican, view the artistic treasures of Florence, learn about an art restoration project sponsored by A&K Philanthropy, and sample Italian cuisine in Tuscany and Venice.

**Tailor Made Italy: A Foodie Adventure**
10 days visiting Rome, Florence, Montalcino, Bologna, Parma & Modena
Embark on a Vespa foodie tour in Rome, bake cantuccini in Florence, taste the wines and cheeses of Montalcino, make pasta in Bologna, dine in one of Parma’s Michelin-starred restaurants, and learn about the fine balsamic vinegars of Modena.

**Tailor Made France: Paris & Normandy**
8 days visiting Paris, Versailles, Giverny, Normandy & Mont Saint-Michel
Discover the many faces of France as you explore the art and architecture of Paris; idyllic Giverny, immortalized by Monet’s brush; and the historic beaches of Normandy, site of the D-Day landings.

**Tailor Made Italy: Sicily West to East**
10 days visiting Palermo, Segeste, Agrigento, Syracuse & Taormina
Revel in the unique charms of the largest island in the Mediterranean, from its bustling capital of Palermo to the shadow of smoldering Mount Etna, and experience the enduring influences of the cultures that have ruled this historic crossroads.

**Tailor Made France: Bordeaux**
4 days visiting Bordeaux & St. Émilion
Uncover the historic city of St. Émilion, see marvelous medieval architecture and sample the unforgettable wines of Bordeaux during tastings at local vineyards.
**Croatia, Greece & Turkey**

Journey to a crossroads of empires past, a region where far-flung fleets once mingled among the jetties of ancient port cities, the first Olympians competed for glory and the very roots of Western civilization took hold.

Croatia’s natural wonders sweep from turquoise waters to forested hills. Explore charming Split, picture-perfect Dubrovnik and the capital Zagreb, each beckoning with historic architecture and local cuisine to rival any in Europe. Travel off the beaten path to taste the local wine of Hvar or sail the Dalmatian Coast.

As it has for millennia, Greece enchants with a joyful chorus of music, dance, food and sunshine. Picnic on the sun-drenched coast, walk cobblestone Byzantine footpaths, sip raki at a seafront tavern in Santorini, immerse yourself in the culture of Crete or sample souvlaki sizzled over the charcoal grill of an authentic Athenian eatery.

With its feet firmly planted on two continents, Turkey blends European and Asian influences into an eclectic cultural cocktail over 3,000 years in the making. In Istanbul, the former center of the Roman Empire, uncover a layer cake of history at the iconic Hagia Sophia. Explore further as you soar over the marvelous fairy chimneys of Cappadocia, embrace more than 8,000 years of history in Izmir, delve into one of the world’s oldest settlements in Ephesus and visit fourth-century Bodrum Castle.

To help blaze a trail through this crossroads of history, we’ve collected a few of our most popular regional experiences in the pages that follow.
Go on location in Dubrovnik.
Coined the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” Dubrovnik is renowned for its fortified old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the Middle Ages, maritime trade spurred Dubrovnik’s remarkable rise to power, an ascent that grew to rival Venice’s dominance of the Adriatic. Today, the port city’s majestic air endures, featuring prominently in the hit series Game of Thrones. Go on location as you explore the mighty fortresses, towering parapets and meandering alleyways that inspired the series’ labyrinthine realm of King’s Landing.

Take in fragrant lavender fields on the island of Hvar.
Untouched by time, the Adriatic island of Hvar lies secluded off Croatia’s southwestern coast, a pastoral paradise of fragrant lavender fields, shady olive groves and timeworn medieval ruins. Here, drive along meandering island roads, stopping in rustic villages and farms to learn about the region’s lavender harvest and sample local goat cheese dishes. Cap off your excursion with a picnic lunch served in a tranquil olive grove.
Swim in the mists of Krka National Park’s waterfalls.

Spanning the Adriatic beachfront to the mountains of the Croatian interior, Krka National Park affords an idyllic enclave of cascading waterfalls, gaping gorges and age-old monasteries celebrated for their storybook beauty. Swim among the mists of the park’s iconic Skradinski Buk waterfalls, and cruise to the tiny island of Visovac to visit its monastery.
Kayak Croatia’s hidden islands.
Once the hidden gem of Croatia’s coast, the beaches of Split have become a bustling summer playground for throngs of European holiday seekers. Travellers in the know escape to the tranquil islands secluded just off Split’s coast, forgoing the crowds for their own slice of sun, sand and surf. Enjoy a leisurely paddle to Croatia’s strikingly scenic Ciovo island, your guide revealing secluded spots to swim, snorkel and beachcomb along the way.

Dine like nobility in the seaside oasis of Opatija.
Fronting Croatia’s northwestern coast, the Adriatic beaches of Opatija have drawn Europe’s sun-seeking elite since the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A number of stately Belle Époque villas remain from this period, a testament to Opatija’s imperial glory days. Join your local host in a luxurious, garden-frocked Opatija villa dating from 1844. Amid these elegant surroundings, enjoy cocktails, chamber music and dinner in the formal dining room.

Hike Slovenia’s scenic Julian Alps with your family.
Easily accessible from the charming Slovenian capital of Ljubljana, the 6,600-foot peak of Debela Pec affords a stunning vantage of the snow-capped Julian Alps beyond. With your expert guide leading the way, make the three-hour hike to the top with your family, pausing for frequent photo stops along the way. Debela Pec’s scenic overlooks command breathtaking views of Lake Bled, the majestic Karavanke range and the Kamnik–Savinja Alps beyond. Celebrate your summit with traditional Slovenian fare at the mountaintop cabin café.

Embark on a foodie’s adventure through Athens.
The birthplace of democracy, Athens also gave rise to one of the world’s most iconic regional cuisines, cross-pollinating ingredients from every corner of its vast, ancient empire. Delve into a culinary adventure through the timeworn lanes of this historic capital, visiting specialty stores and vibrant markets to sample local olive oil, cheeses, honey and sweets. Cap off your exploration in an authentic local restaurant known for its expertly grilled souvlaki.
Set out for a night on the town in Mykonos.
The island of Mykonos draws celebrities and cosmopolitan travellers from every corner of the globe — its whitewashed houses, dramatic seaside overlooks and golden beaches beckoning a moonlight stroll. Join your guide for an evening exploration of the cobbled, labyrinthine streets of Mykonos Town, a vibrant district where you visit cocktail bars, grab bites at local restaurants, and wander through boutiques and jewelry stores that remain open late into the night.
Retrace Spartan footsteps on the cliffs of Santorini.
Around 1600 BC, a massive volcanic eruption rocked the southern Aegean, forming a gaping crater that flooded to form the archipelago of Santorini. Today, the islands’ volcanic slopes are dotted with cliff-hugging villages of whitewashed houses, terraced farmland and timeworn switchback pathways. Journey back in time as you hike the ancient Spartan Trail, your guide revealing a Dorian acropolis and Byzantine chapel. Afterward, unwind in the eucalyptus-shaded square of Megalochori, one of the island’s most serene villages.

Explore the birthplace of the Olympic Games.
In 776 BC, the first Olympians squared off in a crowded stadium set on the wooded slopes of Mount Kronion. Here, among the ruins of Ancient Olympia, the Olympic torch still burns today. Relive the excitement of these first Olympic Games as your expert guide reveals the colossal Temple of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World; the *palaestra*, where athletes trained for the games; and the ancient stadium, its running track still largely intact.

Delve into Istanbul’s distinctive coffeehouse culture.
A melting pot of eastern and western influences, Istanbul enchants visitors with a cosmopolitan kaleidoscope of culture. Istanbul’s richness of heritage is only matched by the warmth of its people, a culture whose genuine zest for life is best experienced in the city’s ubiquitous corner coffeehouses. In an Istanbul café, learn how finely ground arabica beans are painstakingly brewed in *cezves* (small copper pots) and lovingly poured into diminutive porcelain cups. Your local guide reveals insider insight into Turkey’s enduring coffeehouse culture as you sip the perfect demitasse of foamy *kahve*. 
Uncover a lost empire in the ruins of Ephesus.

Flanking an azure Aegean bay, Izmir’s bustling bazaars and laid-back lifestyle belie the weight of antiquity hidden just below the port city’s surface. Delving into the depths of a vast archaeological site, your guide reveals the Ionian ruins of Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Marvel at sprawling frescoes frozen in time, their fascinating scenes of daily life affording insight into an empire lost to the ages.

Master Turkish cooking with a head chef in Bodrum.

A jewel of the Turkish Riviera, Bodrum’s Aegean harbor is guarded under the watchful eye of an imposing medieval castle. Here, the fleets of empires past mingled over countless generations, culminating in an eclectic fusion of culture and cuisine that endures to this day. Explore Turkish cooking with a private lesson at a local restaurant just outside of Bodrum, learning how hand-pressed olive oil has bound this cosmopolitan fusion of flavors together throughout the centuries.
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**Signature Croatia**
8 days visiting Split, Hvar & Dubrovnik
Experience the wonders of Croatia as you discover Roman-influenced Split; the sunny island of Hvar; and Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”

**Tailor Made Greece: An Active Adventure**
10 days visiting Athens, Nafplion & Crete
On an active, family-friendly adventure, climb to the apex of the Parthenon, try your hand at traditional Olympic sports, and swim the iconic waters of Nafplion and Crete.

**Tailor Made Greece: Jewel of the Mediterranean**
13 days visiting Athens, Crete, Santorini, Delos & Mykonos
Visit whitewashed Mediterranean villages; ruins that mark the birth of Western civilization; and the sun-drenched islands of Santorini and Mykonos, where you taste local wine and pastries and absorb the beauty of the rugged coast.

**Tailor Made Turkey: Crossroads of Empires Past**
11 days visiting Istanbul, Cappadocia, Izmir & Bodrum
Explore Topkapi Palace and Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, the archaeological ruins of Ephesus, Bodrum’s rich maritime history, and the marvelous fairy chimneys of Cappadocia.

Flightsee Cappadocia’s iconic fairy chimneys. Distinguished by its fairy chimneys (curious rock spires) and otherworldly landscapes, Cappadocia sprawls across a high plateau of Turkey’s central Anatolia. Here, the echoes of countless civilizations reverberate through Derinkuyu and Kaymakli, subterranean enclaves hewn into the soft volcanic rock. High above this warren of tunnels, enjoy a bird’s-eye view of Cappadocia’s honeycombed hills as your hot air balloon sails the mountain breezes, revealing a breathtaking perspective reserved for a privileged few.
Spain & Portugal

From the vineyard-dotted northern reaches of Spain’s Basque country to the sun-splashed southern region of Andalusia and the tranquil Portuguese jewel of the Douro Valley, experience a distinctive blend of Roman, Jewish and Moorish influences on a custom-designed journey across the Iberian Peninsula.

Take in the distinctive flavors of Iberia’s iconic cities — the vibrant Catalonian culture of Barcelona, the café-lined squares of Madrid, the intimate alleyways of Lisbon, the coastal foodie mecca of San Sebastián, Córdoba’s historic Jewish Quarter, the magnificent architecture of Granada’s Alhambra and the romantic Moorish enclave of Seville.

Spain and Portugal awaken the palate like few places on earth. World-class wines from the Rioja and Douro regions pair perfectly with tapas favorites like decadent cheeses, exquisitely aged Iberian ham, the ubiquitous tortilla Española and a dazzling bounty of seafood plucked fresh from the ocean.

With such a wealth of culture, history and cuisine to explore, we’ve assembled some of our favorite regional experiences to spark your imagination for the Iberian adventure of a lifetime.
Dance the flamenco with your family in Seville. Captivating in its bold, fiery choreography, flamenco embodies the African, European and Eastern influences that lie at the heart of Andalusian culture. After a family exploration of Seville’s Flamenco Museum, head to a local flamenco school for a primer in this quintessentially Spanish dance. Learn the basic steps from your expert instructor, feeling the pulse of the live instrumental accompaniment as you lose yourself in the rhythm of the dance.

Learn to cook paella, a Valencian favorite.
Enjoyed throughout Spain and beyond, paella traces its roots to the hip coastal enclave of Valencia. Here, join a local chef for a cooking class exploring the history and preparation of this iconic regional favorite, learning how a humble dish of rice, chicken, rabbit, snails, onions, tomatoes, beans, garlic and saffron becomes more than the sum of its parts when simmered over a smoldering wood fire in the giant pan for which it’s named.
Sample *pintxos* in the foodie mecca of San Sebastián.

San Sebastián’s foodie following has grown to epic proportions, its distinctive regional and contemporary cuisines making it one of the world’s hottest culinary destinations. Set out along the narrow streets of Parte Vieja — the oldest district in San Sebastián — for a private, *pintxos* (Basque tapas) tour expertly led by your local guide. While strolling through the historic quarter, sample a wide array of these small snacks, common to bars across northern Spain. From fresh prawns and wild-caught squid to succulent veal and pork tenderloin, offerings change nightly and are paired with pours of cider, beer, and local white and red wines.
Uncover Madrid’s musical traditions in a luthier’s workshop. Some of the world’s finest luthiers can be found plying their trade in workshops throughout Madrid, sustaining a fine musical tradition spanning generations. Delve into the enchanting sound of the Spanish guitar on a private visit to the workshop of a master luthier. The artisan reveals the tricks of the trade, articulating the nuances that set these guitars in a league of their own. Listen as the strings are lovingly plucked by their creator and these fine works of art come to life.

Pedal through the heart of cava country.
Secluded in the fertile plains southwest of Barcelona, the Penedès wine region produces some of the world’s finest cava. Grab a bike and pedal through this tranquil Spanish countryside, pausing to visit two charming bodegas for a taste of the region’s phenomenal sparkling and table wines along the way. Then, drop down to the coast for a relaxing seaside lunch in the delightful 19th-century resort town of Sitges.

Explore the Alhambra, vast Moorish enclave of Andalusia.
Set at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Granada was the last bastion of Moorish Spain. Travel back in time as modern-day Granada gives way to the medieval grandeur of the Alhambra, its soaring Royal Palace and Alcazaba fortress complex exemplifying the magnificence and might of Moorish architecture. Your expert guide shares historical nuance, revealing this “pearl set in emeralds” in a whole new light. Then, stroll through the lovely gardens of the nearby Palacio de Generalife, former summer palace and country estate of Granada’s Nasrid royalty.
Go hands-on in Lisbon’s National Tile Museum.

The fabric of Lisbon’s culture is woven from a distinctive blend of Muslim, Christian and Jewish influences, culminating in a richly diverse heritage. Experience this eclectic culture firsthand in the city’s captivating National Tile Museum, a former 15th-century convent housing exhibits spanning the colonial to the contemporary. Take in the museum’s most prized masterwork, a sprawling tile mural depicting the city of Lisbon as it stood before the great earthquake of 1755. Then, try your hand at painting your very own tile with guidance from a local artisan. Your piece is kiln-fired and returned to you at the end of your journey.

Hike the dramatic seaside cliffs of the Algarve.

Portugal’s southernmost region, the Algarve spans a vast coastal playground of sun-soaked beaches, crashing surf, wind-swept bluffs and hidden islets. Hike the cliffs of Cabo Sao Vicente, the quintessential seaside enclave of the Algarve, taking in endless ocean vistas as you make your way to a dramatic precipice guarded by the town’s iconic lighthouse.

Taste the renowned wines of Portugal’s Douro Valley.

The riverine Douro Valley has been quietly churning out stellar ports, whites and reds for centuries, flying under the radar as one of the world’s best unsung wine destinations. Explore this hidden gem as your route winds its way through terraced vineyards carved into the sides of steep bluffs, following the blue ribbon of the Douro River upstream from the city of Porto. Pause for an overnight stay at a local vineyard, where you sample their finest wines while gaining expert insight from the family winemakers who have tended these vines for generations.
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Tailor Made Spain: Inspiring Iberia
10 days visiting Barcelona, Madrid, Córdoba, Seville & Granada
Venture across the Iberian Peninsula, experiencing art and architecture, diverse cities, numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, beautiful landscapes, and wonderful gastronomy — the very best Spain has to offer.

Tailor Made Spain: Basque Traditions
5 days visiting Bilbao, San Sebastián & Rioja
Take in the wonders of the Basque region as you visit the Guggenheim in Bilbao, taste pintxos in San Sebastián, and explore the French Basque and Rioja wine regions.

Tailor Made Portugal: Inspiring Iberia
7 days visiting Lisbon, Coimbra & Porto
Discover the best of Portugal as you explore Lisbon’s iconic architecture, trace the region’s Moorish influences and savor wine tastings in the Douro Valley.
England, Scotland and Ireland enchant with storybook landscapes of surf-battered cliffs, prehistoric henges, hilltop castles and mighty kingdoms both real and imagined. Beyond these lyrical enclaves lie time-trodden cities shrouded in centuries of history, just waiting to be explored.

From London’s iconic landmarks to the Roman-era spas of Bath, England beckons with a wealth of antiquity, architecture and culture rivaled by few places on earth. Here, explore royal palaces, iconic cathedrals, world-renowned museums and countless miles of charming countryside.

Scotland’s windswept islands and highlands paint a brilliant canvas of foam-churned seas, lush heathered hillsides and starkly haunting mountains. Follow royal footsteps in Stirling Castle, take in the historic battlefield of Culloden Moor, hike the Isle of Skye’s soaring mountain passes, make a pilgrimage to golf’s most hallowed grounds and raise a toast with a dram of some of the country’s finest single malts.

Ireland unfurls a soul-stirring tapestry of crashing coastal cliffs, rolling emerald pastures and the timeworn ruins of ages past — its stunning beauty only matched by the charm of its cities, depth of its culture and warmth of its people. Here, legend and history intertwine as you marvel at the majesty of the Giant’s Causeway, drive the Ring of Kerry’s storied lanes and sip a stout in James Joyce’s favorite Dublin pub.

If you’re ready to write your own chapter into the history of these fabled isles, find your muse with the experiences that follow.
Visit Highclere Castle, the famed set of *Downton Abbey*. An enduring icon of Britain’s national identity, the English manor house evokes the Edwardian elegance of a bygone era. Venture into the idyllic Hampshire countryside to visit Highclere Castle, set of the hit series, *Downton Abbey*. Here, walk the halls and grounds, retracing the footsteps of Lord Grantham, Lady Mary and the true Earls of Carnarvon. Finally, view a priceless collection of some 300 Egyptian artifacts recently discovered hidden away in a secret cupboard of the castle.

Sip your way through London’s local history.

Tea, coffee, gin and beer have all played a role in flavoring the cocktail of London’s distinctive culture. Visiting the city’s iconic pubs, distilleries, cafés and tea parlors, sample these four formative beverages as your expert guide reveals London’s curious relationship with beer, 18th-century love affair with gin, contemporary coffeehouse fling and enduring marriage with tea.
Cycle through the scenic Cotswolds countryside.

A picture postcard of the English countryside, the Cotswolds charm with a beguiling procession of quaint villages and idyllic countryside linked by peaceful, winding roads. Cycle this quintessentially English landscape, pausing to explore the elegant, terraced High Street of Chipping Camden with your local guide. End your ride at a gin distillery, where you learn how this distinctive spirit is produced while sampling it from the source.
Delve into the pivotal history of the Churchill War Rooms. In June of 1940, Winston Churchill predicted, “I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization. Upon it depends our own British life, and the long continuity of our institutions and our empire.” In the coming months, he would wage that pivotal battle from the depths of his London bunker complex. Delve into this maze of corridors stretching below Westminster with a private visit to the Churchill War Rooms, your local guide revealing the bunkers that sheltered the Prime Minister and his war cabinet from Nazi bombing raids, seeing them through Britain’s “finest hour,” and onward to ultimate victory.

Savor single malt perfection in Edinburgh.
Edinburgh’s Scotch Malt Whisky Society curates the world’s widest collection of rare and exceptional single malts, bottling each of its distinctive, single cask whiskies at natural strength for the consummate tasting experience. Gain member’s access to the society’s private tasting room and its vast collection of rare whiskies to savor sips of Scotland’s finest.

Hike Scotland’s towering Isle of Skye.
Set off the Scottish mainland’s windswept western shores, the Isle of Skye spans 50 miles of rugged mountains, emerald moors, timeworn castles, crystal lochs and seaside cliffs. Hike this wild island enclave, exploring Dunvegan Castle and Gardens, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland. Return to Fort William via the Cuillin Hills, taking in the majesty of Scotland’s most spectacular peaks.

Visit the home of golf, the Old Course at St. Andrews.
On a rugged stretch of grassy, windblown duneland fronting the North Sea, a handful of Scotsmen are said to have played the first true game of golf some 600 years ago. Since that fateful day, this same hallowed stretch of St. Andrews links has hosted the Open Championship 29 times, giving rise to such legends as Jones, Nicklaus and Woods. Take in the sporting history of golf’s most storied stage as your guide reveals the Old Course’s first tee and 18th green, their fairways linked by iconic Swilcan Bridge.
Gain after-hours access to historic Stirling Castle. Perched atop a commanding hill, Stirling Castle guards a strategic crossing of the River Forth, prompting the Middle-Age maxim, “To hold Stirling is to have Scotland.” Gain VIP access with a privately guided, after-hours tour revealing the castle chambers where Stuart kings held court and the Royal Chapel where infant Mary was crowned the Queen of Scots. Stroll the castle’s gardens, ramparts and distinctive crag-and-tail rock formations, imagining the vast breadth of history witnessed by these towering walls.

Drive the Ring of Kerry, pausing for dinner in a local cottage. Winding along 111 miles of surf-pounded cliffsides, cascading emerald farmland and misty mountain peaks, the Ring of Kerry is one of the world’s most celebrated coastal drives — its jaw-dropping beauty only surpassed by the warmth of its local people. After a spectacular guided drive of the Ring, stop in a local family’s thatched cottage for an evening of home cooking and legendary Irish hospitality. Pull up a chair as your hosts serve traditional Irish fare paired with a perfectly poured pint and a bit of the *craic*.

Take in Loch Ness from Urquhart Castle’s ramparts. Endlessly vast, poetically inspiring and sublimely remote, the Scottish Highlands afford one of Europe’s last bastions of solitude. Here, visit Culloden Moor, the storied battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie suffered his devastating defeat. Then, your guide follows the Great Glen to Loch Ness, keeping watch for fabled Nessie from the timeworn ramparts of Urquhart Castle.
Take flight with a family falconry adventure.

Introduced to Ireland in the 12th century, falconry remains an enduring legacy of the island’s Anglo-Norman forebears, a noble pursuit still thriving in manor houses across the nation. Under the tutelage of a local expert falconer, introduce your family to this time-honored tradition on the sprawling grounds of a historic Irish estate.
Celebrate Ireland’s slow-food movement in Cork.
In recent years, a back-to-basics, slow-food movement has seen a resurgence in Ireland and beyond, celebrating organic, sustainable ingredients brought to life through skilled, thoughtful preparations. Extolling this slow-food philosophy, Cork’s award-winning Ballymaloe Cookery School has been educating culinary students from all over the world since 1983. After a tour of this renowned cooking school’s organic garden, grab an apron and head for the teaching kitchen to prepare and enjoy a three-course lunch.

Cook up some family fun outside Dublin.
The cosmopolitan capital of Dublin boasts a comfort-driven food culture all its own. On the city’s outskirts, introduce your children to classic Irish fare as they prepare a two-course meal of picnic favorites alongside a local chef. After choosing from mainstays like colcannon, Irish stew, apple tart, soda bread and buttermilk scones, help your children prepare these classic dishes in a fun, kid-friendly teaching kitchen. After lunch, pack some takeaways for a picnic on the go.

Uncover the lore and legend of the Giant’s Causeway.
Stretching out from the shores of Northern Ireland into the swelling seas of the North Atlantic, the tightly packed, hexagonal basalt columns of the Giant’s Causeway reach ever seaward toward the distant Scottish coast. Take in the majesty of this geological wonder as your local guide recalls the legend of Finn McCool, a mythical giant long intertwined with the Causeway’s folklore.
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8 days visiting London, Windsor & the Cotswolds
Journey to London and the scenic Cotswolds, experiencing the region’s rich literary history at the Globe Theater, exploring picturesque country villages and visiting Britain’s oldest university.

Tailor Made Scotland: Edinburgh & the Highlands
11 days visiting Edinburgh, Inverness, Inverlochy, the Isle of Eriska & Glasgow
Explore Scotland from Edinburgh to the Highlands, where you discover the sites of great battles, visit the home of golf at St. Andrews, drive the scenic Road to the Isles and sample fine single malt whisky at a small distillery.

Tailor Made Ireland: Coastal Vistas & Country Lanes
11 days visiting Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry & Limerick
Explore the Ring of Kerry and County Clare, discover Dublin’s cultural gems, and stroll among the thatched cottages of Adare, enjoying some of Ireland’s finest accommodations along the way.

Tailor Made Northern Ireland: Belfast
4 days visiting Belfast
Discover the emerging destination of Belfast, exploring the historic dockside that launched ‘Titanic,’ Ireland’s oldest distillery and the awe-inspiring Giant’s Causeway.
Viennese concerts, Dutch masters, Russian novels, Bohemian crystal — the cultural cornerstones of Central and Eastern Europe are indelibly imprinted upon our vernacular, evoking the elegance of life’s finer things.

In Russia, explore a wealth of culture as you take in a ballet at the Bolshoi, uncover Cold War relics in Moscow, trace the footsteps of Peter the Great through the Summer Palace and cruise the storied villages of the Volga.

From iconic cities to idyllic countryside, Germany invites travellers to explore an eclectic blend of the medieval and modern in Berlin’s contemporary galleries, Munich’s Bavarian beer gardens, storybook Alpine villages and a vast riverine wonderland.

Austria enchants with a wealth of old-world charm. Here, browse Vienna’s Schönbrunn Palace after hours and visit Mozart’s Salzburg birthplace.

In the Netherlands, soak in Amsterdam’s iconic canal culture as you cruise the waterways that inspired the Dutch masters, pausing to privately view their works with after-hours tours of the city’s finest museums.

Switzerland’s majestic Matterhorn and placid Lake Lucerne afford a refuge of spectacular natural beauty, while private visits to a Bern clockmaker and Geneva chocolatier reveal a legacy of unparalleled craftsmanship.

From Poland to Belgium, Georgia to Armenia and beyond, the experiences that follow barely begin to scratch the surface of Central and Eastern Europe’s vast wealth of cultural and natural treasures.
Go behind the scenes at Moscow’s iconic Bolshoi Theater. The Bolshoi Theater’s rich balletic and operatic traditions have endured for over 240 years, outlasting both the Tsarist and Soviet eras. Here, go behind the scenes as dancers plié in the rehearsal hall and theater seamstresses hand-stitch elaborate costumes. Then, take your reserved seat for a classic performance on one of the world’s most storied stages.

Savor a traditional Russian tea service in a local home. An enduring cultural staple, the Russian tea service is ubiquitous throughout the nation as an essential ritual of any household visit. Be it close family or a refrigerator repairman, every visitor is welcomed with hot **zavarka** (strong Russian tea) and a tray of **sushkie** (biscuits). Experience this time-honored tradition with tea in the home of a St. Petersburg artist. Gain privileged insight into the city’s heritage as your host family reveals authentic perspectives of daily life in Russia.
Delve below Berlin’s streets to uncover a wartime legacy.

Between 1940 and 1945, the former Nazi capital of Berlin bore the brunt of 363 Allied bombing raids, driving some 1.7 million of its people from the city. Those that remained endured a stark existence in the Berliner Unterwelten, a subterranean labyrinth of tunnels, air raid shelters and bunker complexes. Delve beneath Berlin’s streets, your expert guide revealing the realities of life in these small chambers as the air raid sirens sounded and the rumble of Allied bombers thundered overhead.

Explore Bavaria’s time-honored brewing tradition in Munich.

The capital of Bavaria, Munich is cherished for its rich history, warm hospitality and cold Hefeweizen. Sample all three as you visit the Benedictine monks of Andechs Monastery. Here, your local guide reveals the flamboyant Baroque architecture of the church. Then, join the monks at their on-site brewery for a primer on Bavarian beers, exploring a brewing legacy more than five centuries in the making.

Privately view one of Vienna’s finest art collections.

A city with a renowned flair for the finer things, Vienna enchants with its dazzling procession of palaces, concert halls and museums. Gain before-hours access to one of Vienna’s finest art and antiquities collections at the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, the museum’s curator leading the way. View exhibits spanning ancient Egypt to the modern era, including masterpieces from van Eyck, Bruegel, Dürer and Rubens.

Step back to the 13th century in Bohemian Cesky Krumlov.

Set along a meandering river in the deep south of the Czech Republic, the Bohemian enclave of Cesky Krumlov affords a glimpse into medieval Europe. Step back in time as you climb the State Castle’s tower for a commanding view of the town and its surrounding countryside, a vista that has remained largely unchanged for over 700 years. Then, sample the region’s celebrated beers at a local brewery that’s been operating since the 12th century.
Privately cruise and tour Amsterdam and its Rijksmuseum. The world’s leading seaport in the 17th century, Amsterdam afforded a well-heeled haven for Dutch masters such as Vermeer and later Rembrandt. Explore this artistic legacy as you board your own private canal boat for a leisurely cruise to the Rijksmuseum, home to Vermeer’s *The Milkmaid* and Rembrandt’s *The Night Watch*. Privately tour the museum’s world-class collection before opening hours, your expert guide sharing insights into a host of Dutch masterworks. Then, peruse the world’s oldest and most extensive collection of art history texts at the Cuypers Library.
Dine under the stars in Zermatt.

Known for its spellbindingly scenic setting, the village of Zermatt stands at the foot of one the world’s most iconic peaks, the mighty Matterhorn. Take in its rugged beauty from the Gornergrat, a scenic overlook accessible by the highest open-air railway in all of Europe. Then join stargazing experts for dinner under the stars or at 3100 Kulm Hotel, its viewing deck more than 10,000 feet above sea level.
Bear witness to Warsaw’s defiant stand against Nazi tyranny. Besieged by Nazi forces in 1939, Warsaw was all but destroyed in the devastation of World War II’s darkest days. Today, Warsaw stands as a living memorial to those who suffered the savage onslaught of fascism and so bravely defied its unrelenting tyranny. Explore the city by private vehicle as you see the remains of walls that once marked the boundary of Warsaw’s Jewish ghetto and visit sites that witnessed mass deportations to Treblinka II killing center and the defiant ghetto uprising of 1943. After a stop at the Jewish Historical Institute, join a local family in their home for dinner, reflection and conversation.

Explore the depths of Kraków’s Wieliczka Salt Mine. A hub of trade since the middle ages, Kraków dug its most valued commodity from the depths of the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Delve into this far-reaching history as you descend 150 feet by private elevator into the network of chambers and lakes that have been carved out over the centuries. Here, see the fascinating subterranean Chapel of St. Kinga, with its crystal chandeliers and intricately carved floor. Your evening culminates with dinner in a private chamber of the caves.

Gain exclusive access to a family-run brewery in Bruges. Boasting well over 200 breweries and a monastic brewing tradition going back nearly 500 years, Belgium entices beer lovers with its distinctive lambics, red ales and sours. Explore this rich brewing tradition with a private introduction to a family-run brewery in Bruges, one of the few remaining of its kind. After a tour led by the family brewmaster, head down to the cellars to learn the secret behind the perfect pour.

Go goat trekking through the Swiss Alps with your family. The former hub of a bustling Alpine crossroads, the Swiss village of Andermatt was largely bypassed by the opening of the Gotthard Road Tunnel in 1980. With the traffic now flanked, this charming hamlet has been reclaimed by its wild surroundings, affording a pristine Alpine wilderness just waiting to be explored. Here, embark on a family-friendly goat-trekking excursion through the Urseren valley, your expert guide and furry companions leading the way through riverine valleys and wildflower groves. Reaching a scenic overlook, spread out a blanket for the family picnic of a lifetime.
Sample Swiss chocolate, cheese and pastries in Lucerne.
Fronting a sparkling Alpine lake nestled among snowcapped mountains, Lucerne is renowned the world over for its rich chocolates and distinctive cheeses. Here, join a local expert foodie for a visit to one of Lucerne’s oldest chocolate shops. Continue on to an artisan cheese shop for an expertly curated tasting of the region’s finest. Then, cap off your culinary adventure with lebkuchen (gingerbread) or birnenweggen (pear strudel) in a local bakery.

Sip your way through Georgia’s historic Kakheti wine region.
With stone wine presses dating to the 10th century BC, Georgia’s Kakheti wine region boasts a viticultural legacy rivaling any in the world. The region’s soil is renowned for its cinnamonic terroir, producing distinctive saperavi and cabernet sauvignon varietals. Here, your expert guide skirts the Caucasus Mountains to reveal summits soaring over 9,800 feet, pausing for tastings at local vineyards along the way. Cap your adventure off with a stroll through the narrow streets of Sighnaghi, shaded by ornate wooden balconies dating back to the 18th century.
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See domed St. Basil’s Cathedral in fabled Red Square. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg, witness Pushkin’s Catherine and Pavlovsk Palaces, and explore the opulent summer palace of Peter the Great in Petrodvorets.

Tailor Made Germany, Switzerland & Italy: The Alps from Bavaria to Lake Como
8 days visiting Munich, Lindau, Lucerne, Lugano & Lake Como
Journey from the heart of Bavaria through glacial Lucerne and into Italy, travelling by road and rail, and cruising Lake Como in a private boat.

Tailor Made Poland: Warsaw & Kraków
7 days visiting Warsaw & Kraków
Discover Poland’s great cities, Warsaw and Kraków, admiring fairy-tale cathedrals, palaces and castles, and honoring the past with a visit to the former site of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

Tailor Made Hungary, Austria & Czech Republic: Capitals of Central Europe
10 days visiting Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna & Prague
Explore the great cities of Central Europe, enjoying a private visit to the Hungarian State Opera House in Budapest, a tour of Vienna’s Schönbrunn Palace and a visit to the Jewish Quarter in Prague.

Tailor Made Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia: Cities of the Caucasus
10 days visiting Baku, Kazbegi, Tbilisi & Yerevan
Discover a crossroads of European and Eastern cultures as you visit some of the world’s oldest churches, monasteries and mosques, pausing to take in the natural phenomena of mud volcanoes and the burning mountain of Yanardagh.
Scandinavia & Iceland

Filled with colorful history, trendsetting culture and timeless geological splendors, Scandinavia’s three kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway are bound together by similar languages and a common heritage, with nearby Finland and far-flung Iceland forming a quintet of Nordic nations.

Iceland dazzles with steaming lava fields, bubbling hot springs, cascading waterfalls and alluring black-sand beaches. Here, fishing villages ring the coast, while the capital of Reykjavik affords a distinctive culture all its own.

Denmark readily inspires a sense of wonder. Visit Hamlet’s grand castle of Elsinore as well as Denmark’s chic capital of Copenhagen, where world-class cuisine and charming cobblestone streets await. Across the Oresund lies sophisticated Sweden, with Stockholm’s Nobel Museum and Riddarholm Church. In neighboring Norway, take in the stunning coastline, sail into deep fjords and retrace the Vikings’ footsteps. Against this background stands Oslo’s café culture and glittering nightlife.

A land of thousands of crystal-clear lakes and thriving forests, Finland offers a gorgeous natural setting from which to view the northern lights, shimmering across dark skies some 200 nights a year. What’s more, its capital, Helsinki, is a foodie’s dream and design mecca.

Get a taste for the finest this northern wonderland has to offer with the experiences that follow.
Explore Southern Iceland’s singular landscapes born of fire. Geothermal wonders abound in Southern Iceland’s otherworldly realm of volcanic moonscapes and bubbling hot-spring lagoons. Grab your camera and a sense of adventure as your guide reveals landscapes born of fire and ice along the region’s iconic Golden Circle Route, pausing to delve behind a waterfall, venture into a crevasse-riddled glacier and explore the black-sand beaches featured in the hit series *Game of Thrones*.

Go whale watching off the coast of Reykjavik. The cold, clear waters off Reykjavik’s coast afford an ideal marine habitat for more than 20 species of whales, with humpback and minke whales being the most commonly sighted. Cast off into Faxafloi Bay for a chance encounter with one of these gentle giants, keeping an eye out for the North Atlantic’s resident seals, dolphins and puffins as you cruise.
Gain VIP access to the thermal springs of the Blue Lagoon. Flowing from deep beneath the surface of Iceland’s Reykjanes Peninsula, mineral-rich springs emerge in the bubbling, thermal pools of the world-renowned Blue Lagoon. Take in the dazzlingly azure kaleidoscope of the water’s surface as you let the relaxing currents massage your muscles at a soothing 98 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. You also enjoy privileged access to the lagoon’s Exclusive Lounge, a VIP amenity complete with a private shower and changing room, complimentary refreshments and skin care products, and special access to an exclusive deck overlooking the lagoon.

Dine at Kronborg Castle, a Shakespearean mecca. The featured setting of Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, Copenhagen’s Kronborg Castle echoes the verse of the Bard’s iconic masterwork from its very foundations. Here, a costumed cast reveals the storied halls of the castle, acting out scenes in the location that inspired the play. Afterward, sit down to a private dinner served on location — the perfect closing act to your literary excursion.

Take in a stunning rooftop vista of Stockholm. Intersected by a maze of channels and inlets, the port city of Stockholm spans a 14-island archipelago brimming with colorful atmosphere and architecture. Ascend a scenic rooftop catwalk for a commanding view of this inspiring skyline crowned with the spires of Gothic churches and the masts of historic tall ships.
Encounter the northern lights by snowmobile.
Secluded deep within Finland’s northern Lapland region some 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Saariselka lies on the doorstep of a sprawling remote wilderness. Saariselka’s lack of light pollution and northern latitude afford the ideal conditions to encounter the full celestial majesty of the aurora borealis. Venture deep into the evergreen forest of this Arctic wonderland by snowmobile, pausing once you’ve found the perfect clearing. As you kill the engine and dim the lights, the night sky comes alive, revealing a stellar spectacle you’ll never forget.
Delve into the snowy Lapland forest on a family sleigh ride. Reindeer outnumber people in Finland’s northern Lapland region, an enchanting winter wonderland torn straight from the cover of a holiday greeting card. Here, the indigenous Sámi people herd reindeer in the traditional fashion, sustaining a way of life passed down through the generations. Glimpse this cornerstone of Lapp culture as you and your family visit a reindeer farm in the charming town of Rovaniemi, gaining insight from the herdsmen themselves. Then, venture out on a sleigh ride as a reindeer leads your way through the trails of a snow-covered pine forest. Warm up with a three-course lunch of regional specialties served fireside in a cozy kota (traditional tented dwelling).

Zipline Oslo’s invigorating Holmenkollen ski jump.
Every March, some of the world’s bravest athletes gather at Oslo’s annual Holmenkollen Ski Festival to stare down the 1,368 foot run of its towering Olympic ski jump. Get a feel for this pulse-quickening experience and a bird’s-eye view of Oslo as you swallow hard, kick off and zipline safely down to the landing area, an invigorating thrill you won’t soon forget.
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Tailor Made Iceland: Summer in the Land of Fire & Ice
8 days visiting Reykjavik & Southern Iceland
Discover a land of black-sand beaches, cascading waterfalls and lava-carved moonscapes as you track whales off the coast of Reykjavik, witness the eruption of Strokkur geyser, delve into the heart of Langjokull glacier and soak in the Blue Lagoon.

Tailor Made Norway: Bergen, Flam & the Fjords
5 days visiting Oslo, Flam & Bergen
Journey by train from Oslo to Flam for stunning mountain views; cruise the fjords; and explore historic Hanseatic Bergen, where you visit a museum devoted to composer Edvard Grieg.

Tailor Made Sweden, Denmark & Norway: Scandinavian Capitals
10 days visiting Stockholm, Copenhagen, North Zealand & Oslo
Visit Drottningholm Palace, private residence of the Swedish royal family; discover Viking relics in Copenhagen; and learn about Norwegian polar explorations, local art and ski traditions in Oslo.

Tailor Made Finland: Helsinki & Lapland
8 days visiting Helsinki, Rovaniemi, Saariselka & Helsinki
Visit Finland’s cosmopolitan capital. Drive sled dogs and ride by horse-drawn sleigh in Finnish Lapland. Go snowshoeing and snowmobiling, and seek out the spectacular northern lights.
Your dream safari awaits.

Chances are, you have an idea of what your perfect African safari might look like. Perhaps it’s tracking a pride of lions through the vast plains on a classic safari adventure, visiting with the elders of a nomadic tribe, or gorilla trekking in the volcanic jungles of Uganda. Maybe you have a more luxurious experience in mind, staying in an intimate lodge on a private game reserve, cruising the Chobe River on a chartered riverboat, or dining in one of cosmopolitan Cape Town’s Michelin-starred restaurants.

Whichever African adventure you have in mind, trust A&K to bring it to life with a legacy of luxury safari excellence dating back to 1962, a deeply rooted commitment to the communities we visit, and a full complement of the continent’s finest safari properties, guides and vehicles.

Once you have an idea of the kind of safari that interests you, we can begin to pair your vision with a distinct African region. Here are some regional highlights of southern and eastern Africa to help spark your imagination and shape your vision for the dream safari of a lifetime.

East Africa

Home to the vast Serengeti and Masai Mara as well as the teeming Ngorongoro Crater, East Africa is classic safari country and the birthplace of A&K. Wildlife viewing throughout Kenya and Tanzania is reliably sensational, with the region’s seasonal great wildebeest migration affording one of the world’s most captivating spectacles of nature. The famed Big Five — lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and Cape buffalo — can be seen here on a regular basis, while Uganda and Rwanda offer up-close encounters with endangered mountain gorillas.
Southern Africa features dynamic topography ranging from upland forests to desert, as well as incomparable Victoria Falls. The wildlife is similarly diverse, with iconic big cats always on the prowl. Botswana’s lush Okavango Delta includes hippos, giraffes, crocodiles and baboons, which you encounter in the uncrowded intimacy of private game reserves. In South Africa, first-rate culinary and cultural opportunities abound, such as wine tastings and visits to historic sites in Cape Town.
Glimpse a day on safari with A&K.

Whether your adventure takes you to eastern or southern Africa, each day on safari reveals an expertly woven tapestry of thrilling game drives, enriching excursions and time to unwind amid breathtaking surroundings — all punctuated with the unscripted moments that make your journey uniquely yours. While there are as many ways to safari with A&K as there are travellers, here’s a glimpse of what a typical day in the bush might look like.

Rise early to greet the dawn.
Awaken at dawn with French-press coffee or tea, part of your personal wake-up call delivered by a friendly camp staff member, as a new day in the African bush begins.

Track game with the experts.
Embark on a morning game drive with your local safari guide, a highly-trained expert with inside insight into the region’s distinctive wildlife. As your game drive unfolds, encounter elephants, lions and rhinos roaming free, and perhaps witness firsthand a cheetah bolting after its agile prey.
Connect with the local culture.
Return to camp for a freshly made breakfast, before partaking in an authentic cultural moment, privately meeting with a tribal elder at a local village.

Toast the day’s adventure.
As evening approaches, stop along the trail at an ideal point for a relaxing sundowner, glass of Champagne in hand.

Unwind beneath the African stars.
Return to camp for a gourmet dinner of regional dishes. Share your day around a crackling campfire and, later, drift to sleep to the sounds of night in the wild.
Kenya, Tanzania & Ethiopia

Home to Kenya’s sprawling Masai Mara, the teeming Ngorongoro Crater and the vast Serengeti plains of Tanzania, East Africa has formed the backdrop for legendary safari expeditions since the days of Ernest Hemingway and Isak Dinesen. Nearby, Ethiopia stands as an early cradle of Christianity, adorned with iconic rock-hewn churches and the ruins of empires past.

Explore these epic landscapes from many perspectives, whether coming face to face with chimpanzees in Tanzania’s Mahale Mountains National Park, floating gently over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon or zooming across the Kenyan skies in a vintage biplane, à la Out of Africa. Seek inspiration as you venture inside the stone-carved walls of the Church of Saint George in Lalibela or ascend to the summit of soaring Mount Kilimanjaro. Run with members of the Maasai, or snorkel in the sparkling waters off Zanzibar. Experience daily life in a Samburu village, or learn to cook traditional Ethiopian dishes in ancient Addis Ababa.

With A&K, the opportunities to discover Africa your own way are as limitless as the sparkling sky of the equatorial night.
Witness the epic natural wonder of the Great Migration. While the diversity and profusion of Kenya and Tanzania’s wildlife already distinguish East Africa as one of the world’s greatest safari destinations, the Great Migration sets it apart from all others. Witness this awe-inspiring natural phenomenon, when nearly two million wildebeests, Burchell’s zebras and Thomson’s gazelles make a yearlong, round-trip trek in search of water and fresh grass, while top predators such as lions, cheetahs and crocodiles eagerly await them every step of the way.

Float above the vast, golden grasslands of the Serengeti. Spanning some 10,000 square miles of rolling, golden grassland, Tanzania’s iconic Serengeti National Park supports one of the world’s largest concentrations of wildlife — a vast realm teeming with antelopes, hyenas, leopards, giraffes, lions, buffalo and cheetahs. Take to the skies by hot air balloon for a bird’s-eye view of the Serengeti plains. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow-colored canopy, capture once-in-a-lifetime photographs from this vantage point. Toast your return to earth with a delightful bush breakfast.
Hike the Ngorongoro Highlands at dawn’s first light. Measuring some 2,000 feet deep, Ngorongoro Crater’s chasm was formed when the cone of a massive volcano collapsed eons ago. Today, the crater and its watering holes harbor a unique microcosm of East African wildlife, including buffalo, bushbuck and baboons. Greet the dawn’s blue mist with a morning hike to a majestic waterfall secluded within the forested highlands of Ngorongoro Conservation Area, your ideally located camp affording you a jump on the crowds.

Immerse your family in Maasai tradition. The traditions of the Maasai have sustained their people for countless generations, forging a deep bond with the land and its wildlife. Immerse your family in Maasai tradition as a local tribe member reveals the cultural significance of beading and storytelling. Then, learn about the time-tested bushcraft skills of fire-making, herbal medicine, archery and rungu (spear) throwing. After a brief lesson, try your hand at a bit of target practice in the bush.

Find inspiration at a special school in rural Tanzania. In the rural Tanzanian village of Ilboru, a group of students is beating the longest odds. Here, the dedicated teachers of Ilboru School for Children with Special Needs have partnered with A&K Philanthropy to wipe out the negative stigma that is all too often associated with learning and hearing disabilities. Visit the school to see how vocational programs, complemented with learning tools like digital e-readers, are empowering these remarkable children to reach for a brighter future.

Run with members of the Maasai. The renowned running abilities of the Maasai people were born of their lifestyle. As nomadic pastoralists who graze their cattle across hundreds of square miles of East African plains, the need to move efficiently between locales is fundamental to their survival. In the vast, sun-splashed splendor of the Masai Mara, run with members of the Maasai for the active outdoor experience of a lifetime.
Embark on a family safari from your own mobile tented camp. With Mount Kenya as their backdrop, the vast plains, acacia forests, swamps and rivers of the Laikipia Plateau recall the golden era of the safari — a time when the likes of Hemingway, Roosevelt and Blixen tracked the Big Five from remote, rustic camps. Immerse your family in the safari magic of yesteryear as you embark on game drives through the Laikipia Plateau from your very own mobile tented camp, a canvas-covered oasis complete with airy verandas, crisp sheets, mahogany dressing tables, private showers and flush toilets. Accompanied by a full complement of expert guides, butlers, cooks, waitstaff and safari vehicles, your family expedition reveals Kenya’s iconic wildlife while recalling the romance of a bygone era.
Celebrate an *Out of Africa* moment by private biplane. 
Among the highlights of the classic movie *Out of Africa* is the romantic biplane flight taken by protagonist Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep) and her dashing lover, Denys Finch Hatton (Robert Redford). Now you can experience that same exhilaration, basking in a bird’s-eye view of the 62,000-acre Lewa Wildlife Conservancy from the open cockpit of a vintage biplane. Feel the wind in your hair as you swoop over beautiful valleys and winding rivers, keeping watch for the Big Five — elephants, rhinos, lions, leopards and Cape buffalo — in the shadows of snow-capped Mount Kenya.
Mark a special milestone atop Mount Kilimanjaro.

Tanzania’s majestic Mount Kilimanjaro looms some 19,340 feet above sea level, the highest mountain in the world requiring no previous experience or technical training to climb. Mark a special milestone as you climb amid the highland montane, volcanic lava landscapes and breathtaking canyons of Kilimanjaro. Venture forth confident of reaching your goal, thanks to our excellent summit rate of 97%, made possible by your highly experienced A&K team.

Experience Lewa Wildlife Conservancy after dark.

When the sun goes down over Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, the nocturnal predators awake from their daytime slumber and spring into action, affording some of the most memorable game drive encounters to be had anywhere on earth. Escape the crowds as you venture into the wild, inky darkness on a nocturnal game drive, an exclusive experience you can only access within private conservancies like Lewa.

Immerse yourself in the herding traditions of the Samburu.

The seminomadic Samburu people of north-central Kenya observe a time-honored, pastoral way of life, herding their cattle across the grasslands as they have for generations. Here, immerse yourself in Samburu culture as you listen to a herder serenade his cattle with his own family song, the sounds weaving together to produce an unforgettable tapestry of music.
Track lions in Kenya’s Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Formerly one of Kenya’s largest cattle ranches, Ol Pejeta Conservancy is now the protected pasture of a markedly different sort. Join a specially trained guide to learn about and track the lions of Ol Pejeta Conservancy, contributing to conservation efforts as you do. Help researchers gather vital information needed to monitor collared lions, first locating a pride, and then identifying individual animals using telltale characteristics, during a fascinating wildlife experience beneath the foothills of Mount Kenya.

Cook traditional Tanzanian dishes alongside a local.

To discover the cuisine of a new locale is to understand its people and their history a little better. Savor the opportunity to create traditional Tanzanian dishes in the village of Mto wa Mbu alongside a local woman who meets you at an open-air market to gather fresh ingredients for a homemade meal. Then, ride by tuk-tuk along winding roads to her home, where you learn how to prepare the food in a charcoal-heated clay oven. Once finished, enjoy the lunch you helped create.

Snorkel the magical reefs of Zanzibar.

Secluded off the coast of mainland Tanzania, the island of Zanzibar is graced with sparkling white sand beaches and surrounded by warm Indian Ocean waters teeming with sea life. Set sail along the shores of Zanzibar aboard a traditional wooden dhow, pausing in the Menai Bay Conservation Area to swim and snorkel amid a rainbow of coral reefs and spectacular sand banks. Then, sample a variety of fruits grown on the island, relax on a sunny beach, and go for a dip in a mangrove lagoon.
Marvel at rock-hewn Bet Giyorgis in Lalibela, Ethiopia. One of the first places on earth to adopt Christianity as its state religion, Ethiopia has a long heritage of faith, gloriously reflected in the stone-carved architecture of the churches at Lalibela. Explore hallowed ground as you visit six churches, including the cross-shaped Church of Saint George (Bet Giyorgis), the largest monolithic rock-hewn church in the world. Its interior chambers are so finely crafted, it is said they were carved by angels.
Behold the medieval stone castles of Gondar.

Visitors to a high basaltic ridge in northwestern Ethiopia are greeted by a surprisingly European sight. Gondar, nicknamed the “Camelot of Africa,” was founded in 1636, and its stone castles, churches and monasteries comprise a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn how these citadels were later reimagined in the Baroque style by Jesuit missionaries. Then, continue to Debre Birhan Selassie Church to admire the frescoes on its walls and ceiling depicting magnificent biblical and medieval scenes.

Learn the secrets of Ethiopian cuisine in Addis Ababa.

The distinctively hot and piquant flair of Ethiopian cuisine is derived from the variety of spices used in its wots (stews) and tibs (curry). Learn to cook this popular local fare at a cooking class that reveals tips from a chef in Addis Ababa. Then, taste what you helped create, eating as Ethiopians do from communal plates lined with injera, a traditional fermented bread. Dine family style from a single platter that includes meat, fish, vegetables and lentils, savoring a moment that captures the spirit of everyday life in this ancient land.

Trek the highlands of Simien Mountains National Park.

Situated in northern Ethiopia, Simien Mountains National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — features terrain dotted with deep valleys, escarpments and a high plateau. Explore this rugged homeland of the walia ibex and lion-maned gelada baboon on a guided hike around its tall peaks, such as towering Ras Dashen mountain. Survey dramatic basalt lava landscapes, watching for unique flora and keeping your camera ready for sightings of rarities like the Ethiopian wolf and the lammergeier, an impressive bird of prey.
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Signature Great Migration Safari
14 days visiting Nairobi, Amboseli National Park, Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Serengeti National Park & Masai Mara Game Reserve
Embark on game drives through Kenya and Tanzania’s iconic national parks, visiting a Maasai village and a local primary school along the way.

Tailor Made Kenya: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
9 days visiting Nairobi, Masai Mara Game Reserve & Tsavo National Park
Take yoga classes amid the Kenyan wilds, recharge with bespoke spa treatments, visit elephant and giraffe conservation centers, soar over the Masai Mara by hot air balloon, and run with the Maasai.

Tailor Made Ethiopia: Legacies of Empires Past
11 days visiting Addis Ababa, Hawzen, Axum, Lalibela, Gondar & Bahir Dar
Marvel at Ethiopia’s rock-hewn churches; partake in a time-honored coffee ceremony; and cruise Lake Tana, pausing to visit the island monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret and Azuwa Maryam.

Tailor Made Southern Tanzania: Wildlife Adventure
8 days visiting Dar es Salaam, Selous Game Reserve & Ruaha National Park
Maximize your game viewing in two of Africa’s largest game reserves, taking in a stunning diversity of species and ecosystems.

Signature Tanzania
8 days visiting Arusha, Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area & Serengeti National Park
Track iconic wildlife through diverse game areas in Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, staying at classic tented safari camps along the way.

Tailor Made Kenya: Family Safari
10 days visiting Nairobi, Sweetwaters Game Reserve, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy & Masai Mara Game Reserve
Set out on the quintessential family safari as you track the Big Five in Sweetwaters Game Reserve, spot exotic species in Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, and visit with the Maasai people in their village.
Uganda & Rwanda

Uganda’s rolling hills, sparkling lakes and warm sunny weather set the tone for a thrilling adventure tracking gorillas, chimpanzees and other iconic wildlife at a relaxed and unscripted pace, while the nation’s more than 40 ethnic groups assure a broad range of cultural and culinary experiences to explore.

Look in on mankind’s closest genetic relatives when you observe chimpanzees up close in a Ugandan national park; visit the Bwindi Women Bicycle Enterprise, a project supported by A&K Philanthropy; or embark on a sunset cruise of Lake Victoria to fish for the giant Nile perch.

Rwanda has arisen from a dark chapter in history to reclaim its place as a growing and vibrant country filled with unique culture and cuisine. Get fitted for bespoke clothing in Kigali, its trendsetting, fashion-forward capital, or head out into forested hillsides to meet the growers behind Rwanda’s world-renowned coffee.

And for an active adventure that’s simply unforgettable, trek with experts into Volcanoes National Park or Bwindi Impenetrable National Park to encounter the highly endangered mountain gorilla in one of its last remaining strongholds on earth.

Learn how A&K, now with a full-time local office in Rwanda, can help you discover either country exactly as you wish, on a private journey built just around your interests.
Track the world’s last surviving mountain gorillas. Whether it’s a father reaching out to restrain an unruly juvenile or a mother cradling an infant to her as she goes about her day, the behavioral similarities between humans and gorillas are striking. Join an expert guide to track some of the world’s last wild mountain gorillas in Rwanda’s Volcanoes National Park or Uganda’s Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Come face to face with a gorilla family, observing them play and forage while you commune with one of mankind’s closest, and most endangered, genetic relatives.

Meet the owners of the Bwindi Women Bicycle Enterprise. On the edge of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the women of a local village have sparked an entrepreneurial success that is radiating throughout the region. Hear their inspiring story as you visit the Bwindi Women Bicycle Enterprise, a local co-op established in partnership with A&K Philanthropy. Meet the women who own and operate the shop, learning how they repair and resell secondhand bikes as a means to support their families, broaden community mobility and sustain a host of community outreach programs.
Track the golden monkeys of Volcanoes National Park. Spanning five dormant volcanoes of northern Rwanda’s Virunga Mountains, Volcanoes National Park’s misty slopes, dense vegetation and lush bamboo forests provide one of precious few remaining sanctuaries for the region’s rare golden monkeys. Encounter these intelligent animals up close on a guided morning nature walk, your guide revealing expert insights into these animated primates’ sophisticated behaviors and social structures.
Brew Rwandan coffee with a Kigali roast master.

Grown on hillsides towering some 5,000 feet above sea level, Rwanda’s high-altitude, high-octane arabica coffee beans are coveted the world over for their sweet, full-bodied character and complex flavor profiles. Discover what goes into a cup of Rwandan coffee as you follow an arabica coffee bean from the field to the roasting room. Here, roast your own beans under the eye of a roast master and learn how to pull the perfect espresso shot. Then, savor a cup of Rwanda’s finest as you gaze out over this “Land of a Thousand Hills.”

Discover life in the canopy of Nyungwe Forest National Park.

Harboring a tremendous biodiversity of species, Nyungwe Forest National Park protects a vast wealth of habitat, including one of Africa’s oldest rainforests. Walk the park’s Igishigishigi Trail and Canopy Walkway, gaining a bird’s-eye perspective of this spectacular wilderness as you keep watch for chimpanzees, owl-faced monkeys, colobus monkeys and a host of other primates.
Explore Dian Fossey’s Karisoke Research Center.
Scientist and author Dian Fossey spent decades studying Africa’s primates, culminating in her iconic masterwork, *Gorillas in the Mist*. Discover Fossey’s Karisoke Research Center in Volcanoes National Park during a behind-the-scenes look at exhibits and lab areas, led by a senior gorilla expert. Meet with scientists working on conservation efforts, and learn how Rwanda’s Virunga Mountains provide one of precious few remaining sanctuaries for the region’s endangered mountain gorillas.

Get measured for bespoke fashion in true Kigali style.
Rwanda is fast becoming one of the most fashionable countries in Africa. Designers in its capital, Kigali, have developed their very own style from traditional and modern influences. Meet a designer whose work has been featured at Kigali Fashion Week, and learn what inspired her to enter the field. Visit her workshop, gaining insight into how she brings her creations to life. Then, select material and get measured for a shirt that will be tailored just for you to take home as a keepsake.
Fish for giant Nile perch on a sunset cruise of Lake Victoria. Lake Victoria, the largest of the African Great Lakes, has shared its bounty for centuries with the fishermen who live on its shores. Set out on a serene sunset cruise on Lake Victoria, with an opportunity to fish for the 150-pound Nile perch, a fish capable of reaching more than six feet in length. En route, stop at a traditional fishing village, where you gain insight into the daily lives of residents and discover how the lake impacts the communities that front its shoreline.

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Tailor Made Uganda: Realm of the Primate

9 days visiting Entebbe, Kibale National Park, Queen Elizabeth National Park & Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Track chimpanzees, tree-climbing lions and endangered mountain gorillas throughout Uganda’s iconic national parks.

Tailor Made Rwanda: Gorilla Trekking Adventure

8 days visiting Kigali, Nyungwe Forest National Park, Kibuye & Volcanoes National Park

Trek through Nyungwe Forest National Park in search of primates, and track endangered mountain gorillas in verdant Volcanoes National Park.
South Africa

Graced with a diversity of natural and man-made wonders, South Africa is a destination broad in its appeal. Its cosmopolitan capital, Cape Town, makes an ideal hub for pursuing activities that range from hiking to Lion’s Head peak to take in fabulous vistas of Table Mountain, to a carefree day trip into the famed Cape Winelands to sample some of the region’s most exquisite vintages.

Opportunities to observe and interact with wildlife also abound, on land and offshore. Walk amid African penguins in one of 28 colonies that dot the coast. Embark on a whale-watching expedition to sight the southern right whale, or snorkel the waters off the Cape Peninsula for a family-friendly encounter with Cape fur seals.

South Africa’s complicated history offers even more reasons to discover this vibrant nation. Visit the prison that once held Nelson Mandela to learn firsthand how his time there impacted the anti-apartheid movement, and savor Cape Malay cuisine in the Bo-Kaap neighborhood, which stands as a symbol of both repression and regeneration.

Explore South Africa alongside the finest local experts, and discover its special majesty in stylish luxury with A&K.
Hike Lion’s Head and cycle Sea Point Promenade.
Perched on the southwestern tip of the African continent, Cape Town boasts stunning natural wonders, cutting-edge architecture and a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Hike to the top of nearby Lion’s Head — a landmark peak next to Table Mountain — for breathtaking views of Cape Town and Table Mountain National Park. Return to the city for lunch on trendy Bree Street, and finish the day with a leisurely bicycle ride along the Sea Point Promenade, perusing local art installations along the way.

Slumber in a tree house beneath the stars.
Settle in for a relaxing, luxurious stay in the bush at a safari tree house located within the private Sabi Sands Game Reserve in wildlife-rich Kruger National Park. This extraordinarily biodiverse area is home to elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, rhinos, buffalo, giraffes, hippos and zebras, as well as numerous bird species. Set out on a picnic before relaxing with a sundowner, keeping your camera close at hand for the wildlife roaming nearby. As evening falls, dine by candlelight before returning to your tree house to sleep in five-star comfort beneath twinkling, star-filled skies.
Cook with a local in Cape Town’s Bo-Kaap neighborhood.
Partake in a culinary adventure in the colorful Bo-Kaap neighborhood, a Cape Town suburb marked by brightly painted period houses, cobblestone streets and beautiful mosques. Join your instructor at a spice market, where you gather ingredients in preparation for a Cape Malay meal that blends Middle Eastern, Southeast Asian and Dutch influences. Proceed to your instructor’s home kitchen for a hands-on cooking lesson, and then sit down at your host’s family table to share lively conversation and the meal you helped prepare.

Visit Soweto and the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg.
A symbol both of the injustice of apartheid and the people’s victory over it, the Soweto neighborhood in Johannesburg was created when South Africa’s government began segregating residents. On a drive through Soweto, visit the Hector Pietersen Museum — site of the 1976 uprising — and Vilakazi Street, home to two Nobel prizewinners, Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Also visit Johannesburg’s Apartheid Museum, exploring its powerful exhibitions on how racial discrimination impacted the city’s residents.

Snorkel among Cape fur seals with your family.
Once sought out for its warm, dense fur, the Cape fur seal is prized today for its natural inquisitiveness in the water, which makes it a delightful diving companion to anyone taking a plunge off the Cape Peninsula. Gather your family at Hout Bay’s marine sanctuary to dive and snorkel among the playful seals, marveling at their ability to zoom in for a face-to-face greeting and pirouette away in a flurry of bubbles.
Embark on a whale-watching adventure through Walker Bay. While South Africa is duly renowned for its iconic terrestrial animal species, the marine life off the coast is similarly spectacular. Set out by boat from the port town of Hermanus for Walker Bay — prime mating grounds for southern right whales. Scan the horizon, camera at the ready, to encounter these majestic giants of the deep. You may also glimpse great white sharks, Bryde’s whales, humpback whales, southern giant petrels, Cape gannets and dolphins. Back on land, go for a relaxing coastal stroll.

Revel in tastings of wine and beer in the Cape Winelands. Nestled among the magnificent mountain ranges of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, just a few miles inland from Cape Town, lie the storied Cape Winelands, a region that produces some of the world’s finest chenin blanc, pinotage, shiraz and sparkling whites. Venture through verdant valleys, and explore the historic town of Stellenbosch, with its striking white Georgian mansions. Pause for wine tastings at some of the best vineyards, break for lunch, and then round out your excursion with a craft beer tasting.
View the diverse artwork of Cape Town’s inspiring MOCAA. The collective soul of Africa’s diverse peoples is reflected in the art they create, and Cape Town is home to the continent’s largest collection of art, the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA). Explore it firsthand, poring over an impressive collection of 21st-century works from the continent and its diaspora, as your local guide tailors the visit to your interests. Wander throughout its soaring nine-story interior built from a massive grain elevator, itself an artful wonder of modern architecture.

Contemplate history at the prison that held Nelson Mandela. For many people, the tragic legacy of apartheid in South Africa and the bold, determined resolve required to overcome it are summed up in the life of Nelson Mandela — from activism and imprisonment to liberation and triumph. Explore this poignant chapter of South African history firsthand when you board a ferry to Robben Island to visit the prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. Gain expert insight as you explore the facility alongside a former prisoner, learning how the site shaped South African history.

Meet the endangered African penguin with your family. Rugged and rocky, South Africa’s Cape Point is a haven for a host of diverse marine species, including the endangered African penguin. Take your family off the beaten path as your guide reveals a hidden Cape Point beachfront frequented by the penguins. Secluded from the crowds, stroll or swim among these animated flightless birds, seeing firsthand why they’ve endeared themselves to a growing cadre of conservationists.
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Signature South Africa & Victoria Falls
9 days visiting Cape Town, Lion Sands, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls & Johannesburg
Explore cosmopolitan Cape Town, track wildlife through a private game reserve, and take in spectacular views of Victoria Falls.

Tailor Made South Africa: Family Safari
11 days visiting Johannesburg, Madikwe Game Reserve, Tswalu Kalahari Reserve & Cape Town
Track wildlife through two of the country’s premier game reserves. The family fun continues in Cape Town, where you encounter penguins and take a hands-on cooking lesson.

Tailor Made Southern Africa: A Grand Safari
14 days visiting Johannesburg, Sabi Sands Game Reserve, Victoria Falls, Okavango & Cape Town
Take in the big game of Sabi Sands Game Reserve, the majesty of Victoria Falls and the biodiversity of the Okavango Delta — bookending it all with explorations of Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Tailor Made South Africa: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
11 days visiting Johannesburg, Kapama Private Game Reserve, Cape Town & Grootbos Private Nature Reserve
Experience bushwalks through Big Five country, sunrise yoga in Cape Town, a botanical safari in Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, and visit Soweto and the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg.
Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia & Madagascar

Ranging in a wide swath across much of southern Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Madagascar are five nations distinct in their cultures yet similar in their ability to inspire.

Wildlife and water factor prominently in each country’s allure. In Botswana, explore the lush Okavango Delta, where exotic birds glide above meandering streams ruled by hippos and crocodiles.

The nearly 300-foot cascades of Victoria Falls are shared by Zambia and Zimbabwe, and you can discover their secrets up close from either side, as well as by helicopter, with an expert A&K guide. Further upstream, angle for tiger fish in the Zambezi and watch elephants wading at the river’s edge.

Set in the sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean, the island of Madagascar invites guests to encounter its endemic lemurs and snorkel reefs teeming with exotic marine life.

Namibia’s Skeleton Coast harbors the haunting wrecks of ships that foundered on its foggy shores, beckoning an eerie call to uncover their mysteries. Further inland, trek up the towering red dunes of Sossusvlei, and stargaze with experts at the NamibRand Dark Sky Reserve.

Diversity is the watchword as you seek out enriching experiences across southern Africa with help from your A&K Travel Consultant.
Seek out wildlife in the Okavango Delta on a mokoro ride. The crystal-clear waterways of Botswana’s Okavango Delta — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — provide a lush haven for a wide range of thirsty wildlife. Glide quietly through the reeds aboard a mokoro (dug-out canoe), spotting creatures great and small, from hippos dozing in the afternoon sun to a frog clinging to a papyrus reed. Watch as exotic birds flit overhead, some of the 400 avian species that live in the delta. During the months when the delta is in flood stage, this unique experience is a quintessential part of a Botswana safari.

Behold Victoria Falls by air on a flightseeing adventure. Known as Mosi-oa-Tunya (“The Smoke That Thunders”) by locals, Victoria Falls was named for England’s Queen Victoria by 19th-century Scottish explorer David Livingstone, credited as the first European to gaze upon its sprawling cascades. Revel in a perspective Livingstone never enjoyed when you board a private helicopter for an awe-inspiring flight over this photogenic natural wonder. Afterward, continue along the Zambezi River and over Zambezi National Park to watch for wildlife below.
Marvel at the majesty of the Botswana zebra migration.

East Africa’s annual Great Migration is justly recognized as one of the most awe-inspiring natural phenomena on earth, including millions of wildebeests, zebras and other herd animals. Far lesser known is the mass migration made each March and April by zebras in Botswana, as they roam between the Okavango Delta and Makgadikgadi Pan in search of fresh grasses. Join an expert guide in a four-wheel-drive vehicle to seek out herds of zebra, Botswana’s national animal, and marvel at the life-and-death drama that unfolds during this massive migration.
Meet the inspiring entrepreneurs of Nakatindi.

Set along the border of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, the Zambian village of Nakatindi is witnessing an entrepreneurial renaissance. Challenged with limited employment opportunities, the women of the village partnered with A&K Philanthropy to launch a successful bike shop and, most recently, a burgeoning beading studio and boutique. Visit Nakatindi to meet the local artisans of Sishemo Studio, see how they craft traditional beads from recycled glass, and learn how they are empowering their families and community through entrepreneurship.

Raft the mighty Zambezi River.

Embark on an epic adventure when you raft the Zambezi River. Whatever your skill level, grab a paddle and join your expert guide for the thrill of a lifetime. Widely regarded as one of the world’s best rafting destinations, the Zambezi boasts some serious whitewater excitement, including the class-five rapid “Stairway to Heaven.” If you prefer, choose a more tranquil experience, drifting along as elephants and other species gently pass by on shore.

Cast a line for the prized tiger fish.

Life along the Zambezi River is, in many ways, centered around its rich bounty, including fish that are caught for both sport and sustenance. Try your hand at catching one of Africa’s most sought-after freshwater denizens during a fishing excursion along this mighty river. Sometimes called the “striped water dog,” the tiger fish is an extremely aggressive predator that thrives in swiftly moving fresh water. Anglers, particularly fly fishermen, appreciate how fiercely it fights, thrilling to its dramatic acrobatics once on the line.

Watch for elephants on a river safari.

Living amid a wealth of rivers, marshes and floodplains, the elephants of Chobe National Park are the largest of all African elephants. Board a safari boat to set out in search of these massive animals, watching as they wade with their young along the river’s banks and playfully splash to beat the heat. Keep your binoculars handy for sightings of lions, leopards or Cape buffalo.
Bushwalk in the Kalahari with the Zu/'hoasi people.

Even in the 21st century, there are places on earth where aboriginal inhabitants pursue the hunter-gatherer lifestyle, such as the Zu/'hoasi people of the Makgadikgadi Pan in the vast Kalahari Desert. Set out on an authentic bushwalking experience with members of the Zu/'hoasi, learning about the unique skills they employ to survive in this harsh, arid environment. Hear about their hunting techniques, and the native plants they use for food and medicinal purposes. Discover their spiritual beliefs, observe their crafts and listen to greetings in their local tongue with its clicked consonants.

Track endangered black rhino on foot in Damaraland.

Damaraland is a region of north-central Namibia graced with a kaleidoscope of desert and semiarid landscapes, through which roam some of southern Africa's most intriguing species, such as the critically endangered black rhino. Accompanied by dedicated conservationists, track these desert-adapted giants in the Palmwag Concession. Leave your vehicle to walk single file and silently, as expert trackers do, to approach one or more black rhinos, and learn about the strategies employed to protect and save this irreplaceable species.

Discover a meerkat community living on the Kalahari plains.

Living in groups of about 20, meerkats are members of the mongoose family whose everyday behavior is as fascinating as it is fun to watch. Take in the animated spectacle of a meerkat community on the plains of the Kalahari. Comical and human-like in their mannerisms, these charismatic creatures also maintain sophisticated cooperative relationships. Learn about the nuances of this complex society as you gain insight into their way of life.
Hike the towering red dunes of Sossusvlei.

Sossusvlei is a salt-and-clay pan, or dried-up lake bed, found among the spectacular red-sand dunes of the Namib Desert, which stretches for 1,200 miles along southern Africa’s Atlantic coast. This region of austere, almost otherworldly beauty is renowned for dunes that soar to 1,300 feet. Hike amid them, taking in the stark contrasts of this landscape set in Namib-Naukluft National Park.

Stargaze in Namibia’s dazzling Dark Sky Reserve.

NamibRand, southern Africa’s largest private nature reserve, was established to protect the unique wildlife and ecology of the Namib Desert. In 2012, it was also designated an official Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark-Sky Association, due to its low light pollution and cloudless night skies. Experience the wonders of the desert night in person when you stargaze in the reserve with expert astronomers, learning about conservation efforts and picking out the constellations adorning the vivid southern sky.
Encounter Madagascar’s lemurs and other endemic species.
Set some 250 miles off East Africa’s coast, Madagascar harbors some 100 species of endemic lemurs, a playful bunch known for their curious behavior. While the lemurs steal the limelight, a cast of other colorful endemic species lie waiting in the wings. Head into the field for a front-row seat to this wild spectacle as your naturalist guide teaches you to identify the telltale markings of Madagascar’s myriad lemur species, as well as other endemic species such as the leaf-tailed gecko, Madagascar fody, tomato frog and panther chameleon.

Behold the shipwrecks and wildlife of the Skeleton Coast.
Taking its name from the skeletons of whales that once drifted ashore after being cast off by 19th-century whaling vessels, Namibia’s famed Skeleton Coast includes a hazardous, fog-draped shoreline that has caused many a ship to run aground over the years to leave its own rusting “bones” stranded upon the windblown sands. Be among the few visitors — only 800 allowed annually — to experience this stark landscape, by vehicle and on foot. View eerie tableaus of whale skeletons and shipwrecks firsthand, and learn about the survival techniques of the desert-adapted animals and insects living in this haunting landscape.
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Signature Botswana
10 days visiting Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park & the Okavango Delta
See breathtaking Victoria Falls, take a safari cruise on the Chobe River, and explore the Okavango Delta on exciting game drives and bush walks.

Tailor Made Zimbabwe: Wildlife & Victoria Falls
13 days visiting Johannesburg, Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba, Mana Pools National Park & Victoria Falls
Set out on foot, by boat and via 4x4 vehicle as you explore Hwange National Park, the Lake Kariba area, Mana Pools National Park and Victoria Falls.

Tailor Made Namibia: Deserts & Savannas
9 days visiting Windhoek, Ongava Private Game Reserve, Damaraland, Swakopmund & Sossusvlei
Take in the vast Sossusvlei dunes, desert elephants of Damaraland, petroglyphs of Twyfelfontein, historic Swakopmund and game drives at Ongava.

Tailor Made Madagascar: Living Treasures
12 days visiting Antananarivo, Andasibe-Mantadia National Park, Mandrare River Camp & Sainte Luce Reserve
Spot rare wildlife by day and night, immerse yourself in Antandroy culture during a village visit, and spot several varieties of lemur and chameleon in the country’s finest national parks.
Travel back some 4,000 years to an age where pharaohs rule and grand monuments defy imagination. Here, the blue ribbon of the Nile links the enclaves of Cairo, Giza, Luxor and Aswan, a civilization’s epic story unfolding before you.

Cairo and Giza are the first to reveal their mysteries. Here, the Great Pyramids, the ancient city of Memphis, the Egyptian Museum (soon to be joined by the Grand Egyptian Museum) and the colorful Khan el-Khalili Bazaar bring the magic of this special corner of the world into sharp focus.

For those who sail the Nile southward, each morning brings a new adventure into focus as cities, tombs and temples mingle with unexpected vignettes of everyday life.

Travelling upstream, Luxor once reigned as the capital of ancient Egypt. The city endures as an open-air museum of grand monuments, including the temples of Karnak and Luxor. Nearby, the Valleys of the Kings and Queens conceal the tombs of King Tutankhamun, Seti I and Queen Nefertari.

Further southward, Aswan’s vibrant Nubian villages sprawl from the banks of the Nile to the desert beyond, inviting travellers to relax and take in the gentle flow of the river.

With such a wealth of history to explore, we’ve collected a host of Egypt’s classic experiences to inspire your very own journey through time.
Gain VIP access to the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Towering over the Giza Plateau, the pyramids of Mycerinus and Chefren flank the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Cheops. Step back some 4,000 years in time, your family experiencing VIP access as they explore the Great Pyramid of Cheops from the inside out. Delve deeper as you examine the Great Sphinx, the ancient world’s largest monumental sculpture. Here, become one of the privileged few allowed to see the Sphinx up close and personal, reaching out to touch its limestone “paw.”

Uncover the story of Egypt’s Jewish legacy.
Up until the early 20th century, approximately 80,000 Egyptian Jews lived alongside the nation’s Muslims and Christians. Today, this number has dwindled to less than a dozen. Join a local expert in one of Cairo’s few remaining synagogues to uncover the story behind this vast diaspora and learn how a small group of volunteers is racing to preserve a fast-fading legacy.
Sail the Nile aboard a river cruiser or private charter. As it has for countless millennia, the lifeblood of the Nile nourishes the Egyptian heartland, linking its ancient cities with a riverine highway traversed by the likes of Cleopatra and Tutankhamun. Sail this timeless waterway in style aboard the luxurious river cruisers ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV’ or ‘Sanctuary Nile Adventurer’ as you relax on the sun deck, dine in the vessel’s opulent restaurant and explore historic sites alongside renowned Egyptologists. Or, privately charter the elegantly appointed, traditionally inspired dahebiya (sailboat) ‘Sanctuary Zein Nile Chateau’ for your very own luxurious Nile experience.

Embark on a family treasure hunt in Kom Ombo Temple. Fronting a stretch of the Nile between Luxor and Aswan stands Kom Ombo (the hill of gold), a temple built to honor the ancient Egyptian gods of the sun, Haroeris, and the crocodile, Sobek. Disembark your river cruiser to delve into the mysteries of this distinctive twin temple with your family. Compete in a real-life archaeological treasure hunt as you scan the temple walls, searching for hieroglyphs in a winner-take-all race against your family members. Back aboard the boat, the family fun continues with an Egyptian Night costume party, complete with galabeyyas (traditional regional garments).

Delve into the Valleys of the Kings and Queens. The Valleys of the Kings and Queens mark the final resting places of New Kingdom pharaohs and their families, their hidden tombs filled with treasures for the afterlife. In the Valley of the Kings, gain entry to the tombs of the pharaohs Seti I and “the boy king” Tutankhamun, noting their refined, colorful relief work. Continue your exploration of the Valley of the Queens in the restored, hieroglyph-lined burial chamber of Nefertari.
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Signature Egypt & the Nile

10 days visiting Cairo, Giza, Luxor, the Nile River, Aswan & Abu Simbel

Cruise the Nile River for four nights aboard ‘Sanctuary Sun Boat IV,’ explore an ancient pyramid from the inside out, gain VIP access to the tomb of Seti I, sail the Nile in a felucca and observe life in a Cairo marketplace on this immersive independent journey.
Morocco

From bustling medinas to towering Saharan sand dunes — the romance of Morocco seduces with timeless walled cities, boundless desert horizons and an exuberant energy all its own.

The spirit of Morocco is distilled to its essence in the *souks* (markets) of Marrakech and Fez, their vendors’ eclectic stalls, colorful wares and exotic street food culminating in an intoxicating sensory cocktail of sight, sound and motion. Meandering medinas reveal surprises around every corner, beckoning travellers to sample new delicacies and experience age-old traditions.

A timeless aura pervades Morocco, its Saharan oases, Atlas enclaves and Berber villages affording a window into the region’s storied past. The Roman ruins of Volubilis remain remarkably well-preserved, its arches frozen in time among a vast fertile plain. Twenty miles north, the sleepy enclave of Meknes hides its historic Alaouite architecture in plain sight, just waiting to be explored.

Morocco richly rewards the traveller willing to venture outside their comfort zone. We’ve curated the experiences that follow with this in mind, inviting you to delve into this enchanting destination and lose yourself in every inspiring moment.
Embark on a family treasure hunt through Djemaa el-Fna. Marrakech’s meandering, walled medinas and bustling maze of souks (markets) perfectly capture the frenetic magic of this mesmerizing destination. Set out on a family treasure hunt through Djemaa el-Fna, the heart of Marrakech’s iconic medina, exploring souk stalls selling spices, handicrafts, rugs, clothes and perfume as you track down the items on your list. Next, a local storyteller brings the medina to life with timeless tales passed down through the generations. Then, delve deeper into local culture with hands-on henna, calligraphy, cooking or regional dress experiences.

Set out on Saharan adventure to A&K’s exclusive desert camp. The word “Sahara” stirs the imagination with images of wind-swept dunes and hidden desert oases. Venture into the vast expanse of the Moroccan Sahara, cresting the undulating dune-scape in your own private 4x4. As the sun looms lower on the horizon and the evening cools, continue ever deeper into the sprawling sand sea by camelback, arriving at A&K’s Exclusive Desert Tented Camp, where a crackling fire, tented suite and traditional Moroccan dinner await. Relax by the bonfire, cocktail in hand, as the dusk-painted dunes give way to an endless starlit desert sky.
Learn to cook like a local in the home of a Fez dada.

Epitomizing the diverse fabric of Moroccan culture, the region’s cuisine is celebrated for its delicate harmony of Berber, Arabic, Andalusian, Mediterranean, European and sub-Saharan influences. Join a dada (traditional family cook) in the kitchen of a local Fez home to explore this distinctive regional cuisine. Learn to balance a vibrant palate of felfla (cayenne), karfa (cinnamon), quekoum (turmeric), kamoon (cumin), felfla hlouwa (paprika) and zafrane (saffron) as your host chef reveals the secrets of tajine and other iconic regional dishes. After your hands-on cooking lesson, head to the family dining room to share some casual conversation with your dada host and enjoy the feast you helped prepare.

Explore Morocco’s enduring legacy of craftsmanship.

From fine brassware to luxurious leather goods, the Moroccan tradition of craftsmanship spans diverse skillsets and countless generations. Explore this creative legacy in Marrakech, accompanied by a renowned local designer and crafts expert. Begin with an expertly curated selection of the medina’s stalls, then uncover a wealth of treasures farther afield with private visits to the galleries and showrooms of the of the Gueliz and Sidi Ghanem neighborhoods. Whether you choose to window shop or embark on full-fledged souvenir hunt, your local expert points you to the reputable dealers and helps you seal the deal.

Buzz though the streets of the Red City in a sidecar.

Marrakech’s vibrant kaleidoscope of colorful souk wares, fragrant street food and people in motion captivates the senses like few places on earth. Hop in a motorcycle sidecar for an exhilarating ride through this gauntlet of sights, sounds and smells. Your driver weaves through the narrow, winding lanes of the city, giving you a unique perspective of the medina, souks and outlying neighborhoods. Take in an authentic glimpse of daily life in the Red City with the wind in your hair and a smile on your face.
Soar over Berber villages in a hot air balloon.
Untouched by time, the realm of the Berber remains one of the world’s last great frontiers.
Revel in early morning light and amazing views as you soar in a hot air balloon over Berber villages, rolling hills and other richly scenic Moroccan sights. Your hot air balloon ascends over the Atlas foothills as Berber villagers go about their daily routines and colorful tiled rooftops soak in the brilliant sunlight. Floating above this otherwise impassible mountain terrain, your lofty vantage reveals far more than you could ever hope to see on foot.

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Signature Morocco

12 days visiting Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Volubilis, Meknes, Erfoud, Sahara Desert, Ouarzazate & Marrakech

Explore Fez’s marvelous architecture, the Roman ruins of Meknes and Volubilis, vast Saharan dunes, Marrakech’s mysterious medinas and traditional Berber villages set in the High Atlas Mountains.

Tailor Made Morocco: Family Adventure

9 days visiting Casablanca, Fez, Volubilis, Meknes, Rabat & Marrakech

From Casablanca to Marrakech, discover Morocco’s iconic cities, bustling medinas, ancient Roman ruins and High Atlas Mountains, enjoying a host of family-friendly excursions along the way.
Jordan & Israel

Embark on a journey of mind and spirit through Jordan and Israel, revealing epic histories, lost civilizations and hallowed grounds revered the world over.

Discover Jordan’s historical treasures: The “rose-red city” of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site sculpted from a mountain range by the Nabataeans in the third century BC; Jerash, the well-preserved Roman ruins of a once crucial imperial center; and Amman, Jordan’s political, cultural and commercial hub. In Wadi Rum, experience the Bedouin lifestyle when you join locals for tea. Then, float in the Dead Sea, bathing in its therapeutic salts and minerals.

Explore the birthplace of three of the world’s greatest religions, discovering Israel’s larger-than-life historic sites, deeply rooted spiritual heritage and incredible beauty. Here, visit the Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount of Olives, and Tomb of King David. Experience the juxtaposition of modern Israel in Tel Aviv’s colorful markets, cosmopolitan neighborhoods and welcoming beaches.

Take in this timeless realm with a host of handpicked experiences selected just for you.
Experience the magic of Petra’s Treasury by candlelight. Chiseled from the imposing red cliffsides some 2,000 years ago, the rose-red city of Petra snakes its way through a vast, winding gorge in southwestern Jordan. To see this wonder in the daylight is an awe-inspiring experience, but to see it at night, illuminated by 1,800 flickering candles, is truly magical. The special aura of this lost Nabatean trading empire comes to life as you stroll through the mysterious Siq, turning a corner to reveal the stunning al-Khazneh (Treasury). Here, live music and stories from your expert guide bring Petra’s golden age back to life.

Embark on a 4x4 and camel back adventure in Wadi Rum. For the past 1,000 years, nomadic Bedouin have traversed the valleys of Wadi Rum en route to the Arabian Peninsula. During World War I, T.E. Lawrence lived and fought here alongside his Bedouin allies. Today, embark on your own Lawrence of Arabia-inspired adventure as you explore this vast, rose-tinged dune-scape by 4x4 and camel back, pausing to sip Champagne as the sun sets, stargaze with a local Bedouin, and overnight at an exclusive luxury desert camp.
Feel the profound spirituality of Jerusalem’s timeless lanes. Jerusalem’s Old City embodies a spirit of living history unlike any place on earth. Sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike, the city’s vast trove of holy sites draws pilgrims from every corner of the globe. Discover Jerusalem’s rich history firsthand, your guide revealing sites significant to your interests or your own spiritual heritage. Then, stroll through spice-filled souks and watch the faithful flock to the city’s temples, churches and mosques — a timeless vignette of the Holy Land playing out before you.

Make your mark on Tel Aviv’s street art scene. Tel Aviv is renowned the world over for its Bauhaus architecture, a legacy left by Jewish architects fleeing Nazi persecution in the 1930s. Juxtaposing this “White City” is the bohemian neighborhood of Florentin, a creative enclave of the city’s flourishing street art scene. Here, your local guide reveals the underlying themes of Florentin’s vivid street murals, uncovering a side of the city rarely experienced by outsiders. Then, leave your own mark on Tel Aviv’s street art scene as you create a mural on a blank canvas of Florentin wall reserved just for you.

Share a home-cooked meal with a local Bethlehem family. The universally recognized “little town” of the New Testament, Bethlehem complements its biblical renown with a modern twist of café culture and edgy Banksy stencils. Learn firsthand what daily life is like in this pilgrim’s mecca of the West Bank as you share lunch in a local Bethlehem home. Gather around the family table, exchanging authentic insights into your cultures and backgrounds over a lovingly prepared, home-cooked meal. Later, visit the Church of the Nativity, a holy site revered by Christian believers as the birthplace of Jesus.
Relax with a therapeutic float in the Dead Sea. Since the days of Cleopatra and Herod the Great, generations have flocked to the saline waters of the Dead Sea in pursuit of their anti-inflammatory properties. Smear on a relaxing mud facial, float in the buoyant, mineral-rich waters, and enjoy a therapeutic treatment countless millennia in the making.

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Tailor Made Jordan: Wonders of the Desert
8 days visiting Amman, Ajloun, Jerash, Madaba, Petra, Wadi Rum & the Dead Sea
Experience the best of Jordan, seeing the beautifully preserved ruins of Jerash; crossing Wadi Rum by 4x4; exploring fascinating Petra; and relaxing in the restorative, mineral-rich Dead Sea.

Signature Jordan & Israel
14 days visiting Amman, Jerash, Madaba, Petra, Wadi Rum, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, Acre, Nazareth & Tel Aviv
Experience historic destinations central to three world faiths as you behold magnificent Petra; roam through Wadi Rum; float in the Dead Sea; and discover Israel, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Signature Israel
9 days visiting Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Jerusalem & Masada
Discover Biblical and historic sites in Bethlehem (the West Bank), Nazareth and Jerusalem; and explore Masada and Yad Vashem.
Oman & the Emirates

Rich pre-history and a dynamic present come together in Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a region where traditional influences flavor the contemporary experience, and modern urban oases spring from the ageless desert sands.

In Oman, explore the capital of Muscat, with its resplendent Royal Opera House and Sultan’s Palace. Discover Nizwa and its historic fortress. In Sur, visit the fishermen’s harbor and the dhow (traditional boat) building yard, venturing out to spend a night under the stars in a Bedouin camp.

Crossing the border into the Emirates, the neo-futuristic metropolises of Dubai and Abu Dhabi push the envelope of architecture to the cutting edge. Here, Dubai’s Burj Khalifa skyscraper dwarfs all comers, and the beachfront of Abu Dhabi reaches ever seaward from luxurious man-made peninsulas. Just moments outside these urban oases, the desert dunes reassert themselves, unchanged for centuries.

Served by one of the world’s most accessible airports, savvy travellers have embraced Dubai as a convenient stopover on their Asian and African adventures. While getting there is the easy part, deciding what to do may take some inspiration. We’ve assembled the experiences that follow to whet your appetite for the Arabian adventure of a lifetime.
Flightsee Dubai’s distinctive architecture and beachfront. Jutting up from the shores of the Persian Gulf like a glowing beacon of prosperity, Dubai exudes a boundless aura of ambition, its luxe towers reaching impossibly skyward. Enjoy a thrilling helicopter flightseeing tour over this captivating cityscape, taking in a bird’s-eye view of Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest skyscraper; Palm Jumeirah, a massive man-made peninsula and upscale development; Burj Al Arab, a stunning, sail-shaped architectural gem set on its own islet; and other icons of this neo-futuristic coastal oasis.

Savor the essence of Oman at a rose water distillery. Throughout the Arabian Peninsula, rose water has been prized as a time-honored medicinal, culinary, religious and celebratory essential since the ninth century. In Jebel el-Akhdar, join a master rose water distiller as they demonstrate the timeless tools of their trade — woven baskets overflowing with fragrant flowers, well-worn clay pots, silver rose water dispensers and a generations-old mud-brick oven. Then, sample a handpicked collection of teas, perfumes and other regional favorites infused with this quintessentially Omani elixir.
Share lunch with an Omani family in their home.

See how midday meals anchor Omani families at a local home in Misfat Al Abriyeen, one of the country’s oldest villages. Make yourself at home as your hosts serve up a family-style main dish accompanied by a heaping rice platter; fresh dates; cardamom-infused coffee; and helwa, a sweet confection of clarified butter, honey and spices. Your seat at the family table affords an authentic taste of regional cooking while genuine conversation reveals enlightening local perspectives.

Conquer Wadi Abyad’s dunes on an off-road adventure.

Spanning countless miles of rolling dunes, the endless wadis (dry valleys) of Oman beckon an irresistible call to adventure. Just outside of Muscat, hop aboard a customized 4x4 vehicle for an exhilarating exploration of the towering dunescape of Wadi Abyad. Your expert driver scales and descends the dunes at your own pace, pausing to cap off your desert adventure with a private picnic as the last rays of a dazzling sunset paint the endless evening sky.

Take flight through the Emirati tradition of falconry.

Practiced by the Arab Peninsula’s earliest civilizations, generations of Emirati have embraced falconry for its virtues of patience, tact and perseverance. Experience a hands-on exploration of traditional falconry atop the ageless dunes of the Al Wadi desert. Under the watchful eye of a professional falconer, release a raptor into the vast desert sky — an enduring cultural tradition taking flight before you.
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Tailor Made Oman: Enduring Legacies Revealed
8 days visiting Muscat, Jebel el-Akhdar & Wahiba Sands
Retrace the enduring legacies of Oman as you explore epic landscapes, remarkably preserved architectural sites and cultural touchstones that have stood the test of time.

Tailor Made Emirates: Sands & Skyscrapers
6 days visiting Dubai & Abu Dhabi
Explore Dubai and Abu Dhabi’s striking juxtaposition of neo-futuristic architecture and timeless tradition as you take in soaring skyscrapers, bustling souks, monumental mosques and world-class luxury resorts.

Uncover the insider’s Dubai with a local photographer.
From contemporary neighborhoods to timeworn villages, experience the essence of everyday Dubai through the eyes of an award-winning photographer. Your expert guide reveals secluded streets and local haunts — backdrops of the artist’s most compelling work. This unvarnished glimpse into the insider’s Dubai affords an opportunity to connect with the people of this vibrant city while capturing an authentic slice of daily life through the lens of your own camera.

Meet the talented, trailblazing women of Sidab.
In the small Omani fishing village of Sidab, connect with a group of inspiring local women. Learn how they have bucked traditional gender roles by turning their creative passions for fashion design, cooking and photography into thriving small businesses celebrated by the local community and Omani heads of state.
Unfathomably vast in scale, history and culture, China and Mongolia beckon a call to explore this fast-changing swathe of the planet before the inexorable tides of modernity have washed over its farthest-flung corners.

China looms large with a towering wealth of antiquity, natural beauty, distinctive cuisine and cultural diversity. Beijing’s Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and Great Wall are juxtaposed with an ever-growing number of high-rise hotels, gourmet restaurants and art galleries. Shanghai and Hong Kong mirror this symbiosis of history and modernity, their storied ports bustling with junks and mega-yachts alike. Xian’s steadfast army of Terra Cotta Warriors afford a revealing window into the might of China’s first emperor. The languid riverine enclaves of Guilin, Yangshuo and the Three Gorges region enchant with stunning natural wonder. Deeper inland, Chengdu tempts with a fiery menu of Sichuan favorites, while the Himalayan melting pots of Lijiang, Zhongdian and Lhasa harbor more than half of the country’s minority groups.

The storied realm of Genghis Khan, far-flung Mongolia affords a glimpse into a rugged frontier and an enduring way of life. Here, herders tend their flocks as they have for generations, while the badlands of the Gobi Desert sprawl beyond the distant horizon, untouched by the hands of time.

In the words of the famed philosopher Lao Tzu, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Lace up your favorite travelling shoes and plan your first steps with the experiences that follow.
Sip Champagne on China’s Great Wall.

Winding thousands of miles, China’s Great Wall meanders from the timeworn ruins of the former Manchurian frontier to the windswept badlands of the Gobi Desert and the vast dunes of Gansu. Few of the world’s wonders evoke such awe, or draw as many tourists. Escape to the well-preserved, less-frequented Mutianyu section of the wall, experiencing all of its grandeur with fewer crowds. Take in the battlements’ commanding views of the magnificent countryside, a glass of chilled Champagne in hand.

Cruise the Three Gorges aboard ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.’

Among the most scenic sections of the Yangtze, the Three Gorges of Qutang, Wu and Xiling weave along a riverfront of sheer limestone cliffs and rural towns, enchanting visitors with a vivid canvas of lush green hillsides stippled by soft morning mists. Cruising aboard ‘Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer,’ your elegant stateroom’s private balcony affords a front row seat to the gorges’ beautiful scenery. Your expert guides reveal authentic insights into the distinctive towns and villages that front the riverbank as you disembark for shore excursions along the way.
Encounter the endangered Pandas of Chengdu.
The Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Center affords a rare opportunity to encounter China’s furry ambassadors to the world as they climb among the bamboo groves of their enclosures. Here, gain firsthand insight into the plight and preservation of this iconic endangered species.
Go behind the ropes in Beijing’s Forbidden City.
Reining as one of the largest palatial structures in the world, Beijing’s Forbidden City is home to China’s largest and best-preserved collection of imperial buildings. Here, step behind the ropes for exclusive access to the Chong Hua Gong and Shu Fang Zhai halls, privileged areas typically closed to the public. Marvel at the grand halls and the opera stage where Emperor Qian Long once entertained China’s 18th-century elite as a local historian reveals insights into the 24 emperors who called the Forbidden City home.

Unearth the mysteries of Xian’s Terra Cotta Warriors.
Accidentally unearthed in 1974, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian marked one of the most stunning archaeological discoveries of the 20th century. Take in the majesty of these life-size figures as your expert guide reveals insider insights at the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses dig site, discussing how the discovery of some 8,000 warrior statues has shed new light on a stirring chapter of China’s history. Cap off your visit with the opportunity to mold a clay warrior of your own.

Serve up some family Ping-Pong fun in Chengdu.
Originally a parlor game of Britain’s Victorian-era elite, Ping-Pong gained a fervent following among Chinese military officers in the 1930s, eventually evolving into the highly competitive, professional sport of table tennis we know today. Immerse your family in Chengdu’s deeply rooted table tennis culture as you take an introductory lesson from a former national competitor. Then, compete against local Chengdu students, or watch some of China’s best table-tennis players in action, gaining a deeper appreciation of China’s national sport.

Float through the riverine wonderland of Guilin.
Fronting the banks of the Li River in southern China, Guilin has inspired generations of poets and painters with its limestone peaks, lush forests and sparkling jade waters. Escape the crowds as you float down a tributary of the legendary Li River aboard a bamboo raft, taking in the towering profiles of striking limestone karst peaks. Riding the gentle current downstream, the words of a Chinese poet come to life: “The river is a green silk ribbon, and the hills are jade hairpins.”
Cycle Hong Kong’s idyllic New Territories.
Secluded from the hustle and bustle of Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong’s New Territories afford a tranquil oasis of unspoiled countryside where weary travellers can unwind and reconnect with nature. Alongside your local guide, pedal through the New Territories’ villages as you take in a dramatic backdrop of mountains, temples, rivers, farms and ponds. Conclude your ride by crossing Shan Pui River aboard a small wooden ferry.

Discover the seldom-told story of Shanghai’s Jewish Quarter.
In the opening years of World War II, approximately 32,000 Jewish refugees fled the horrors of Nazi-occupied Europe for the shelter of Shanghai’s Jewish Quarter. Gain privileged insight into this poignant chapter of history as you visit the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum and Ohel Moishe Synagogue, your local guide revealing the seldom-told stories of those who embarked on this far-reaching diaspora.

Connect with a great monastic tradition in Lhasa.
Founded over 1,300 years ago, Lhasa has deep religious connections as the birthplace of Tibetan Buddhism. Here, glimpse monastic life past and present at two of Tibet’s great gompas (Buddhist monasteries). Begin at Drepung Monastery. The former home of over 10,000 monks and novices, it was once the largest monastic institution in the world. Continue on to Sera Monastery, a veritable city occupying nearly 30 acres. Tour the monastery’s Great Assembly Hall, colleges, residential compounds and chapels. Cap off your excursion with a visit to a local Tibetan farmhouse.
Walk the cutting edge of Shanghai’s emerging art scene. Located in Shanghai’s up-and-coming art district, the West Bund Art Center houses more than 100 sleek, cosmopolitan galleries in one sprawling loft space. Here, a local artist reveals contemporary pieces from Asian, European, North American and Latin American artists as you stroll among floor-to-ceiling abstracts and a host of other engaging installations.

Embark on a foodie’s adventure through Shanghai. A global trade hub and port city to the world, Shanghai finds its culinary inspiration from cultures far-flung and familiar. Dive into this melting pot of cuisine as your local guide reveals the iconic street food of Shouning Lu, a local market and social hub of Old Town Shanghai. Here, sample local favorites such as stewed crawfish, grilled eggplant and spicy lamb skewers. Then, head to a local dim sum restaurant for shengjian bao, Shanghai’s legendary pan-fried pork dumpling.

Cruise Victoria Harbour at sunset.
Affording a front-row seat to one of the world’s most captivating skylines, Hong Kong’s Victoria Harbour lies at the beating heart of this vast maritime metropolis. Board a junk (wooden sailing vessel) for a private sunset cruise of the harbor. Take in the iconic waterfront, toasting your travelling companions as the glow of dusk gives way to the glittering evening lights of the skyline.
Immerse yourself in traditional Mongolian culture.

Practiced by Mongolia’s indigenous tribes for countless generations, the art of *khoomi* (throat singing) defies traditional harmonics, the singer maintaining two distinct pitches simultaneously. After exploring the streets of storied Ulaanbaatar, enjoy a live performance of throat singing and traditional Mongolian dance. Then, sit down to an authentic Mongolian dinner, a hearty mix of local meats, cheeses and *buzz* (dumplings).

Stargaze and glamp from a *ger* in the vast Gobi Desert.

Scratching a hard-earned existence from the unforgiving badlands, the nomadic herders of the Gobi Desert tend their livestock from *gers* (traditional Mongolian yurts) in much the same way they have for centuries. Immerse yourself in this time-honored way of life as you help construct a *ger* from wood, felt, leather and canvas alongside a local expert. Later, stargaze and glamp from an exclusive *ger* camp frequented by archaeologists, filmmakers and other intrepid travellers.

Ride a Bactrian camel through the dunes of Moltsog Els.

For centuries, Mongolian nomads have braved the vast Gobi Desert on the backs of hardy Bactrian (two-humped) camels. Saddle up and take to the dunes of Moltsog Els by camelback, glimpsing a corner of the world rarely witnessed by Western eyes. Then, visit with a local camel-herding family for privileged insight into an enduring partnership that has tamed one of the world’s most challenging environments.

Explore the fossil-rich Flaming Cliffs with a paleontologist.

Spanning a vast swath of southern Mongolia, the Gobi Desert’s remote badlands afford a glimpse into a world that time forgot — a place where dinosaur fossils pepper the cliffsides and travellers can still escape the grid. Here, explore the Flaming Cliffs with a local paleontologist, learning how the groundbreaking discoveries of fossilized dinosaur eggs and other treasures from the late Cretaceous period were unearthed from this isolated frontier.
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Witness the thrilling contests of Naadam Festival. Mongolia’s centuries-old Naadam Festival has endured unchanged for countless generations, an epic contest of skill, strength and daring. Gain privileged access to this time-honored tradition of archery, horseback riding and wrestling, a trio of skills that gave rise to the former glory of the vast Mongol empire.

Tailor Made China: Beijing to Shanghai
13 days visiting Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin & Shanghai
Discover China’s enduring icons, including the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Warriors and the pandas of Chengdu. Then, float along the Li River and experience cosmopolitan Shanghai.

Signature China: Tibet & the Yangtze
17 days visiting Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Lhasa, Zhongdian & Shanghai
Explore remarkable cultures as you take a tai chi class in Beijing, visit People’s Park in Chengdu and take in Lhasa’s Potala Palace. Then, cruise through the Three Gorges region of the Yangtze River.

Tailor Made Mongolia: Secrets of the Gobi Desert
5 days visiting Ulaanbaatar & the Gobi Desert
Immerse yourself in traditional Mongolian culture, go glamping in a ger, ride a camel through the dunes of Molsog Els and explore the badlands of the fossil-rich Flaming Cliffs.

Tailor Made China: Wonders of Yunnan
14 days visiting Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Lijiang, Zhongdian & Shanghai
Take in Beijing’s celebrated landmarks, unearth Xian’s archaeological treasures, share stories with Lijiang’s minority groups, visit Songzangling Monastery and cruise Shanghai’s waterfront.
Japan & South Korea

Immerse yourself in a far-flung adventure, feeling the vibrant urban pulse of Tokyo, turning back time in Kyoto’s historic temples and shrines, and savoring Seoul’s exotic night markets.

From neon skylines and speeding bullet trains to imposing castles and breathtaking islands, Japan is a land of incredible contrasts. In Tokyo, marvel at the unique juxtaposition of Japan’s ancient traditions and its sleek, modern outlook. Soak in the legendary hospitality of Hakone’s ryokans (traditional inns). Bullet train back in time to Kyoto, the cultural center of Japan, discovering its historic temples and vibrant food scene. Travel to Osaka and view a 17th-century castle. In Hiroshima, hop a ferry to tranquil Miyajima Island to see its photogenic torii gate.

South Korea dazzles with gleaming skyscrapers, stunning rural beauty, distinctive regional cuisine and a wealth of living history. In Seoul, burn the midnight oil under a glistening skyline of ultra-modern high-rises, or unwind with a traditional facial in the self-proclaimed beauty capital. Discover South Korea’s imperial legacy in the temples and monuments of historic Gyeongju, and take in a dazzling array of exotic seafood in Busan’s bustling Jagalchi fish market. A visit to the demilitarized zone reveals the living history unfolding along the divide between North and South Korea.

The experiences that follow afford a revealing glimpse into two vastly different and evolving national legacies — each steeped in rich heritage and tradition — each poised on the cutting edge of tomorrow’s horizons.
Explore the enduring traditions of kimonos and calligraphy. Kyoto served as Japan’s capital from 794 until the Meiji Restoration of 1868, giving rise to a host of cultural traditions that endure to this day. Explore these traditions as you uncover the history of the kimono at one of Kyoto’s breathtaking temples. Here, a local expert reveals the craftsmanship that goes into each of these elegant robes while offering a chance to try one on for yourself. Afterward, try your hand at shodo (calligraphy), using soft brush strokes to artfully render kanji and hiragana characters in ink.

Celebrate Japan’s spellbindingly brilliant seasonal beauty. Springtime in Japan is glorious with the iconic sakura (cherry blossoms) on full display. Likewise, fall’s red maple leaves are a sight to behold. Time your journey to coincide with one of spring’s vibrant cherry blossom festivals, or seek out a kaleidoscope of orange, red and yellow with a photographer’s momijigari (fall color excursion) through a hand-picked procession of the country’s most atmospheric parklands.
Dive into Tokyo’s deeply rooted seafood culture.
Sprouting from the humble fishing village of Edo over 500 years ago, Tokyo celebrates an enduring bond with the sea and its bounty. Dive into this cultural and culinary legacy at one of the world’s largest seafood emporiums, Tsukiji Market. Tour the vast market floor as every manner of fish, crustacean, and cephalopod is offered up to buyers from the city’s finest restaurants. Then, learn to make sushi like a pro with tips from an expert *itamae* (sushi chef).

Square off in a theatrical samurai swordfight.
Evoking the warrior legacy of the samurai, the tradition of theatrical sword fighting is embraced by performance and martial artists throughout Japan. In Kyoto, watch as two professional stage combat performers wield their *bokutos* (wooden training swords), showcasing this time-honored tradition. Then, don a kimono and grab a *bokuto* as your instructor leads you through a theatrical swordfight inspired by the hit movie *The Last Samurai*.

Test your palate with a master class in sake tasting.
Sake gained its first foothold in Japan during the Nara period (710 to 794). Today, the innumerable incarnations of Japan’s national beverage are celebrated throughout the world for their infinitely diverse rice-fruit-flower flavor profiles. Put your palate to the test as you sample a flight of sakes handpicked from the 41 breweries on offer at Tokyo’s Meishu Center. Here, your local expert reveals the nuances that differentiate the *junmai-shu*, *honjozo-shu*, *ginjo-shu*, *daiginjo-shu* and *nama-zake* varieties.

Drum up some family fun in Tokyo.
The *taiko* (traditional drum) has marked generations of Japan’s most celebrated moments with its resonant, measured beat. Gain privileged insight into these influential instruments with an exclusive tour of a family-run music shop. A Tokyo staple for over 150 years, the shop has crafted instruments for imperial ceremonies and the 1964 Olympic Summer Games. Here, your family glimpses the craftspeople’s secrets and tries their hand at playing the finished *taiko* themselves.
Unwind in Hakone’s hot springs at an exclusive ryokan. Nestled among verdant mountains and bubbling geothermic pools, Hakone affords an onsen (hot spring) retreat for weary travellers looking to unwind and recharge. Here, indulge in the luxurious amenities of one of Japan’s most exclusive ryokans (traditional inns). Experience the elegance of a bygone era with tatami mats, handcrafted futons and kaiseki cuisine.
Experience the wonders of Korean skincare in Seoul.
South Korea’s elaborate, multi-step skincare regimens have crowned Seoul as the self-proclaimed “beauty capital of the world.” Experience the wonders of South Korean skincare at one of Seoul’s leading luxury beauty spas. As you revive and brighten your skin, glean tidbits of beauty wisdom, learning how Korean herbal remedies meld with western beauty practices to deliver dramatic results.

Cut loose with a K-pop family dance party.
A lifestyle and subculture of its own, the global phenomenon of K-pop stormed the international music scene with its viral combination of catchy hooks and upbeat choreography. In a Seoul studio, gather the family to learn the K-pop basics from a team of professional dancers. Then lose yourself to the intoxicating beat as you and your family cut loose on the dance floor.

Join a local chef for a primer in Korean cooking.
Spanning a culinary rainbow of pickled, salted fermented and spicy preparations, Korean cuisine dazzles with an endless array of vibrant *banchan* (side dishes) accompanied by boldly flavored rice dishes. Begin your exploration of this celebrated cuisine at a local market in Seoul. Here, meet a local chef to gather the fresh chilies, garlic, ginger and scallions for your hands-on cooking lesson. Then, head to the kitchen to prepare and enjoy *bulgogi*, *kimchi*, *bibimbap* or other regional favorites.
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Tailor Made Japan: Iconic Cities of the Mainland

11 days visiting Tokyo, Hakone, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara & Osaka

Explore vibrant Tokyo and traditional Hakone, encounter the legacies of feudal Japan in Takayama and Kanazawa, and discover timeless Kyoto.

Signature Japan

9 days visiting Tokyo, Hakone, Osaka, Nara & Kyoto

Stroll a Tokyo seafood market, stay at an exclusive ryokan amid the hot springs of Hakone, savor an Osaka foodie tour, visit a temple in Nara, and experience a tea ceremony in Kyoto.

Tailor Made South Korea: Culture & Cuisine

6 days visiting Seoul, Busan & Gyeongju

In Seoul, sample distinctive regional cuisine, unwind in therapeutic hot springs, refresh with a special beauty treatment, and cut loose with a K-pop dance lesson. Uncover the history of Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto in Gyeongju. Explore the divide between North and South Korea at the DMZ.
India & Sri Lanka

They intoxicate the senses like nowhere else. From the dawn-bathed façade of the Taj Mahal to the fragrant bouquet of the Matale spice gardens, prepare yourself for a symphony of lasting impressions.

Boasting a population in excess of one billion, a vernacular of 23 commonly spoken languages and an area spanning more than one million square miles of land, India looms larger than life, flooding your senses from every direction. In Varanasi, India’s holiest city, stand beside the Ganges at dusk and listen to rhythmic drumming as lantern-bearing priests bid the gods and goddesses a restful slumber. Savor a traditional southern Indian lunch with a local family at a Kerala spice plantation. In Ranthambore National Park, take a private game drive in search of the graceful, elusive Bengal tiger.

An island nation of deeply rooted spirituality, Sri Lanka enchants with lush tropical forests, diverse landscapes and friendly people. The Cultural Triangle and Kandy beckon a call to explore their storied pasts, while abundant national parks harbor a wealth of wildlife.

In the pages that follow, sample a host of our favorite regional experiences to spark the Tailor Made journey of a lifetime.
Marvel as sunrise and sunset bathe the Taj Mahal.

One of the world’s most celebrated monuments, this stunning mausoleum leaves an indelible mark on all who encounter it. The Taj Mahal’s white marble surfaces reflect the colors of the sky and the river Yamuna, evoking different atmospheric nuances throughout the day. Rise early to watch the first rays of dawn bathe the iconic façade, casting a soft white aura punctuated by flares of glinting gold. Return to marvel as the last waves of sunset paint a pallet of soft pastels or dramatic oranges and reds, the sky’s canvas deepening as the silhouetted monument fades to black.

Track Bengal tigers in historic Ranthambore National Park.

A wild jungle interspersed with open valleys and sparkling lakes, Ranthambore National Park was once the private hunting ground of Jaipur’s maharajah. Today, Ranthambore’s wildlife enjoys protected status, while its guests enjoy the park’s resident tigers, forts, temples and mosques. Hop aboard a safari vehicle for a morning game drive as your expert guide and tracker stalks the park’s elusive Bengal tigers.
Witness an aarti ceremony on the River Ganges.

Varanasi is one of Hinduism’s seven holy cities, a deeply spiritual capital where pilgrims come to bathe in the sacred waters of the Ganges. Here, board a private boat to witness the aarti, a solemn ceremony intertwined with the life-giving river’s sanctified waters. Take in the timeless aura of this moment as lantern-bearing priests bid the gods and goddesses a restful slumber, their prayerful chanting and rhythmic drumming marking the close of another day among their Mother Ganges.

Throw your own traditional pottery in a private Jaipur studio.

In the 12th century, potters from Persia and central Asia imported their craft to India’s northern reaches at the behest of the region’s Turkic Muslim rulers, a legacy that endures to this day. Create a custom clay pot in the heart of Jaipur. Explore this time-honored tradition as you join a fine arts graduate for a private pottery lesson in her Jaipur studio. With help from your instructor, throw, mold and carve one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork — the perfect keepsakes to mark your travels.

Immerse yourself in the local village life of rural Rajasthan.

Far removed from the bustling streets of Delhi, life in rural Rajasthan moves at a much more deliberate pace. Here, locals herd goats, cows and buffalo in a daily ritual that has remained unchanged for centuries. Glimpse local village life in rural Rajasthan as you explore by Jeep, pausing to meet with locals as they make their way home for the evening, perhaps even joining a family for chai in their home. This culturally immersive excursion affords a wealth of authentic interactions and the perfect lighting for once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunities.
Saddle up for a rollicking, camelback polo match. Often associated with the English aristocracy, polo was imported to Britain from India in 1869 — a game that India had, in turn, adopted from the horsemen of ancient Persia. In Alwar, experience a regional twist on this sporting classic as you saddle up for a casual game of polo on camelback. Join your party of six or more for a brief introduction and primer on polo basics. Then, mount your camel and head to the field, putting your newfound skills to the test.

Experience Ayurveda, an enduring holistic healing tradition. Developed in India more than 3,000 years ago, Ayurvedic medicine, or simply Ayurveda, is based on the belief that health and wellness depend on a delicate balance of mind, body and universe. Explore this holistic practice during a private consultation with a licensed Ayurvedic doctor in Jaipur. As you discuss the history of this time-honored healing tradition, receive personalized recommendations based on your dosha (body type).

Dance like a Bollywood star in a Mumbai studio. Bollywood cinema embraces a freewheeling mix of action, comedy, romance, melodrama and choreography, accounting for more annual film productions than any other genre the world over. Explore the infectious appeal of this international phenomenon as you join a special Bollywood dance workshop in a local Mumbai studio. Learn the basic steps of popular routines as your instructors bring an enchanting blend of bhangra, hip-hop and salsa styles to life on the dance floor. Cap your lesson off with a Bollywood movie viewing.
Discover how a Rajasthani tribe communes with the desert. Fiercely protective of nature and all living things, the Bishnoi tribe have occupied the same Rajasthani desert community for some 500 years. Delve into the Thar Desert to explore the strong bond between the Bishnoi tribespeople and this unforgiving landscape as you witness a traditional medicinal ceremony, visit with a family of potters and watch local weavers ply their craft — all enriched with insights from your local guide.

Share a home-cooked meal in a local Delhi family’s home. Delhi enchants with a vibrant contrast of old and new, a juxtaposition exemplified by its eclectic regional cuisine. Explore Delhi’s rich, fragrant curries and sauces as you join a family in their kitchen. Your hosts reveal the secrets to flavorful dishes such as chole bhature (fried chickpea pies), murgh makhani (butter chicken) and savory meat kebabs. Then, enjoy your meal in the company of your hosts, gaining insight into local perspectives.

Test your wayfinding skills as a Mumbai dabbawala. Known as dabbawalas, the intrepid food couriers of Mumbai navigate the city’s bustling streets, delivering millions of home-cooked lunches to the desks of hungry office workers every day. Gain insider insight from the head of Mumbai’s Dabbawala Association, revealing the 130-year legacy of this legendary food service. Then, take to the streets with an address book and a stack of tiffins (lunch boxes) to try your hand at wayfinding a manifest of Mumbai deliveries.
Cruise to a fragrant spice plantation in riverine Kumarakom.
A sleepy backwater with more canals than roads, the village of Kumarakom produces some of the world’s finest spices — its fertile soil imparting a distinctive mellowness to its prized cardamom and pepper crops. Embark on a boat ride to a renowned spice plantation, where you stroll the aromatic fields and share lunch with the owners.

Fly kites with the inspiring children of Digantar School.
Challenged with limited resources and opportunities, the children of Jaipur’s rural outskirts face an uphill battle. In 2017, these communities partnered with A&K Philanthropy to level the playing field at the local Digantar School, implementing an innovative, vocational approach to quality education. Join the children and teachers of the school to learn how their democratically elected student leadership breaks down gender stereotypes within the community. Then, craft and fly kites with the schoolchildren as you hear their success stories firsthand.

Explore the heritage of traditional mask-making in Galle.
For countless generations, wooden masks have played an important role in Sri Lanka’s traditional dance performances, healing rituals and cultural festivals. Explore this fascinating heritage with a mask-making workshop in Galle. Learn how the masks are axe-hewn, hand-chiseled, sun-dried, and elaborately painted to resemble demons and other folkloric visages. Then, try your hand at decorating one of these striking pieces as you craft a unique keepsake of your journey.
Dive into Sri Lanka’s bold cuisine with a celebrity chef. Sharing some similarities with the rice-and-curry fare of mainland India, Sri Lankan cuisine turns up the heat with a rainbow of spices reflective of its trade-wind heritage. Explore this boldly distinctive regional cuisine with a local restaurateur and celebrity chef. Meet your host at a local market, rubbing elbows with residents as you select fresh seafood. Return to the restaurant for a private cooking class, preparing and then enjoying an authentic Sri Lankan meal.

Whale watch Sri Lanka’s pristine waters in style. Rich with marine wildlife, the southern and northeastern coasts of Sri Lanka draw sperm and blue whales to their turquoise waters during the breeding season. Board a catamaran yacht for a private whale-watching experience off of Sri Lanka’s breathtaking coastline. Keep your eyes peeled for breaching whales, curious spinner dolphins, sea turtles and other marine life as you take in the fresh ocean air and unwind on the decks of your private charter.

Track leopards in the wilds of Yala National Park. Fronting Sri Lanka’s southeastern coastline, Yala National Park spans some 500 square miles of beaches, forests, bushlands, grassy plains and lagoons, affording a wealth of ecosystems for the park’s diverse species. Embark on a morning game drive in search of the park’s elephants, crocodiles, buffalo and monkeys, keeping your eyes peeled for the elusive leopard — a rare sight spotted by only a lucky few.
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Tailor Made India: Wildlife & the Golden Triangle
10 days visiting Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore National Park & Jaipur
Discover India’s most magical cities and architectural gems, as well as lush jungles where the elusive Bengal tiger roams — all while staying in some of the nation’s most luxurious hotels.

Tailor Made India: Mysteries of the South
14 days visiting Chennai, Trichy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Periyar, Kumarakom, Kochi & Mumbai
Explore extraordinary temple towns, spice villages and tropical coastal cities, all to discover a more languid and lush side of intoxicating India.

Tailor Made India: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
13 days visiting Delhi, Udaipur, Jaipur, Ajabgarh, Agra & Varanasi
Embrace the soul of intoxicating India on a wellness-inspired cultural journey connecting you to the unique spirit and cultures of the Golden Triangle, Rajasthan and Varanasi.

Tailor Made Sri Lanka: Leopards & Tea Country
14 days visiting Colombo, Cultural Triangle, Kandy, Tea Country, Yala National Park & Galle
Explore the breadth of Sri Lanka, from its lush tea country to the rich game viewing of Yala National Park, taking in striking temples, highland wilderness and historic cities — all with time to unwind along the way.
Bhutan & Nepal

Experience the magical realm of Bhutan and Nepal, a world where sky and land intertwine, monasteries cling to mountainsides, and all your earthly cares grow more distant than the lost horizon.

Draped along the mighty Himalaya lies tiny Bhutan, an isolated mountain enclave that has survived largely unchanged for thousands of years. Today, Bhutan is opening its gorgeous vistas, peaceful farms and unique traditions to a few lucky visitors. Travel to Thimphu, Bhutan’s temple-dotted capital, meeting monks in impressive monasteries. Continue into the stunning countryside to climb the twisting steps of the legendary Tiger’s Nest Monastery, impossibly perched some 3,000 feet above the valley floor.

Nestled between China and India, Nepal’s majesty lies in its breathtaking mountain scenery, deep-rooted spirituality, and timeworn temples. Kathmandu is rich in cultural heritage, its UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Durbar Square and the Temple of the Living Goddess.

No journey to Nepal is complete without a Mount Everest encounter. Embark on a lodge-to-lodge Himalayan trekking adventure of your own, or flightsee the peak of Everest itself by helicopter. Nepal’s steamy lowland jungles of Chitwan harbor one-horned rhinos and elusive Bengal tigers waiting to be discovered by jeep or boat.

Soaring in scope, Bhutan and Nepal afford limitless opportunities for exploration. Here are just a few of our favorite experiences to get you started down the path to adventure.
Hike to Tiger’s Nest Monastery, a sacred Buddhist outpost. Clinging to a remote cliffside some 3,000 feet above the floor of Bhutan’s Paro Valley, the mist-shrouded Taktsang (Tiger’s Nest) Monastery dates back to 1692, its construction a mind-boggling feat of engineering and perseverance. Ascend over 10,000 feet above sea level on a climb that Buddhists often make as a pilgrimage. As you reach the monastery, take in sweeping views and explore the interior chambers of this sacred site. Afterward, descend for a private tented picnic lunch, complete with Champagne and entertainment from local musicians.

Celebrate tshechu, a cornerstone of Bhutanese culture. Celebrated throughout Bhutan, the spirited tshechu festival honors the life of a revered Buddhist Guru with traditional dance and storytelling. Part religious holiday, part social event, tshechu draws family and friends together in a communal spirit of love and celebration. Join the festivities as your local guide reveals insights into the colorful kiras and ghos (ceremonial garments), symbolic dance, and mesmerizing music that make this experience so vibrant.
Unwind with a traditional Bhutanese hot stone bath.

The Bhutanese hot stone bath dates back to the seventh century — an enduring treatment long touted for its therapeutic benefits. In your hotel spa’s treatment room, river stones are heated over a fire till they crack, releasing mineral-rich steam. The stones are then added to a wooden chamber that heats your bath and infuses it with minerals, the water massaging your muscles and relaxing your mind. After the treatment, take in views of Bhutan’s awe-inspiring landscapes from the comfort of the spa’s relaxation room.

Marvel at the black-necked cranes of Gangtey Valley.

Comprising a glacial valley of fertile marshland in central Bhutan, the Gangtey Valley (also known as Phobjikha Valley) is a popular roosting ground of Bhutan’s vivacious black-necked cranes, an animated, majestic species measuring some four feet in height. Train your binoculars from the porch of a remote lodge to observe the crane’s distinctive mating dance. Then, visit the Black-Necked Crane Visitor Centre, sighting the cranes through powerful spotting scopes as you gain insider insights from local wildlife experts.

Experience Mount Everest through the eyes of a summiteer.

Soaring 29,029 feet above sea level, the summit of Mount Everest looms as the climbing world’s most rarefied air. Everest’s harsh weather conditions, thin air and treacherous terrain have humbled many a would-be summiteer. Gain firsthand insights from an Everest summiteer, learning about the challenges he faced and discovering how the mountain has changed his life forever.
Tailor Made Bhutan: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
11 days visiting Thimphu, Gangtey, Punakha & Paro
Experience Bhutan’s deeply spiritual culture alongside friendly locals as you learn about traditional medicines, participate in a ceremony with monks in the remote Gangtey Valley, and ascend to the soaring Tiger’s Nest Monastery.

Tailor Made Nepal: Kathmandu
4 days visiting Kathmandu
Discover the cultural heart of Nepal, exploring Kathmandu’s temples, squares and stupas.

Tailor Made Nepal: Trekking in the Shadow of Everest
12 days visiting Kathmandu, Monjo, Namche Bazaar, Tashinga, Pangboche & Dhulikhel
Embark on an accessible trek along the iconic Everest Base Camp Trail, pausing to meditate at a monastery, swap tales with summiteers at Ama Dablam Base Camp, flightsee Everest itself, and visit an organic farm in Dhulikhel.

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Flightsee Mount Everest by helicopter.
While the sheer scale of Mount Everest is difficult to fathom, a helicopter affords one of the best possible vantages to reveal this goliath’s true grandeur. Take off from Kathmandu to explore the peak of the world’s tallest mountain on an awe-inspiring helicopter tour, touching down for stunning views of Everest, Lhotse and Ama Dablam as you savor an experience reserved for a privileged few.
Southeast Asia

From the hushed footsteps of monks ambling through a temple in Bagan to the zoom of Vespas in Ho Chi Minh City and the waft of street food peppered with aromatic spices in Bangkok, Southeast Asia captivates the senses like few places on earth. Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore and Indonesia enchant with their picturesque landscapes, deep-rooted spirituality and storied histories.

Explore the temples, klongs (canals), markets and white-sand beaches of Thailand, journeying from bustling Bangkok to laconic Chiang Rai.

See how Cambodia and Vietnam have weathered tumultuous pasts to preserve their sacred traditions. Cambodia’s crown jewel, Angkor Wat, reveals the incredible artistry and architecture of the mighty Khmer Empire. In Vietnam, uncover the foodie’s Ho Chi Minh City, fall for Hanoi’s French colonial charm, or leave the busy city behind for a cycling excursion through the beautiful villages and rice terraces of Mai Chau.

In Laos, witness traditions untouched by time as Buddhist monks collect alms in the early morning mist. Neighboring Myanmar reveals a dazzling procession of stupas and monasteries, while Indonesia affords an island-hopping adventure of wildlife, culture and active excursions.

With such a wealth of experiences waiting to be explored, find your inspiration in the pages that follow.
Set sail for a private sunset cruise of Koh Samui.
A tropical oasis secluded off of Thailand’s southeastern coast, Koh Samui began as a humble fishing village 15 centuries ago. Today, the island’s warm waters, white-sand beaches, pristine reefs and glamorous collection of luxury resorts afford a peaceful respite from the bustle of the mainland’s buzzing cities. Sail the azure waters of this island paradise, your expert guide revealing secluded bays and beaches as the tropical sunset paints the sky.

See how local artists are reimagining the face of Bangkok.
With gilded temples mingling among modern high-rises, the vibrant city of Bangkok melds traditional and contemporary influences like few places on earth. This distinctive fusion flourishes in Bangkok’s Creative District, an initiative breathing new life into a charming old neighborhood through architectural preservation and creative arts projects. Explore the area as the district’s co-founder reveals its cultural heritage, introducing local designers and artisans along the way. Then, take a tuk-tuk through Bangkok’s backstreets to discover fascinating street art, funky murals and chic boutiques.
Learn kickboxing from a Muay Thai champion.

A cornerstone of Thai culture, the region’s martial arts heritage traces its roots all the way back to the 18th century. Explore this time-honored tradition as you train in the basics of Muay Thai kickboxing, a popular combat sport throughout Thailand. At an exclusive hotel gym in Bangkok, roll up your sleeves and learn to punch, kick, elbow and knee alongside a Muay Thai champion. After a heart-pounding lesson, enjoy a rejuvenating steam and Thai massage.

Venture off the beaten path as you cycle the outskirts of Hue.

Fed by the Perfume River, the fertile countryside surrounding Hue supports an enduring agrarian way of life. On the outskirts of town, pedal a scenic route of local farms, markets and temples. Continue toward a village that’s well off the beaten path, revealing vast verdant rice paddies as you cycle through the remote countryside, your guide pausing to introduce local families along the way.

Hop on a vintage Vespa for a night out in Ho Chi Minh City.

The buzzing energy of Ho Chi Minh City is best experienced at night, when locals come out to mingle and neon shop signs flit to life against a stunning backdrop of French colonial landmarks. Enjoy a night on the town and a culinary adventure as you explore Ho Chi Minh City from the back of a vintage Vespa scooter. Buzz through neon-lit streets en route to lively District 4, where you experience local nightlife, cuisine and café culture rarely glimpsed by other travellers.
Delve into Vietnam’s trendy, distinctive coffee culture. Second only to Brazil, Vietnam is one of the world’s leading coffee growers. The locals of Ho Chi Minh City are as passionate about their coffee as they are prodigious. Here, meet local coffee shop owners, baristas and café experts to learn the nuances that distinguish Vietnam’s bold, dark and nutty robusta coffee from American and African blends. Then, delve deeper into the city’s trendy coffee culture with a hands-on demonstration in preparing *ca phê trung*, a local coffee specialty that substitutes egg for milk.

Uncover the insider’s Ho Chi Minh City. Obscured by the city’s neon flash, a secret world of hidden gems lies waiting to be explored. Stop for coffee in a park where locals congregate to show off their prized pet birds. Shop in a fragrant flower market tucked off the beaten tourist track. Delve into the city’s wartime history as you uncover a secret weapons depot, its remains still shrouded among the city streets. Cap off your adventure with a bowl of *pho* from a favorite local haunt.

Unearth the Cu Chi Tunnels’ secrets with a Vietnam War vet. During the later years of the Vietnam War, the vast underground network of the Cu Chi Tunnels served as a subterranean highway, bomb shelter, hospital and arms depot for the forces of the Vietcong. Travel just outside of Ho Chi Minh City to delve into preserved sections of the tunnels, a sobering experience illuminating what life was like for the Vietnamese during the war. A local veteran walks you through this landmark site, pausing to relate how the war changed the lives of millions.
Receive a traditional welcoming blessing in Luang Prabang.
Set among the bubbling rapids of the Mekong River and mountains of northern Laos, Luang Prabang exudes a distinctly spiritual atmosphere, offering a window into Asia’s past. Connect with this sense of spirituality as you partake in an evening baci ceremony, a Laotian welcoming blessing of flowers, banana leaves and bamboo. Afterward, explore the colorful town, glimpsing a fading way of local life.

Taste authentic Laotian home cooking at a family farm.
The vegetable-centric dishes of Laos burst with fresh hints of basil, cilantro, chili, garlic, ginger mint and lemongrass, satisfying the palate with a clean, balanced finish. Learn the art of Laotian cooking with a hands-on culinary experience at an organic family farm. Join your hosts in the field as you harvest ingredients for your farm-to-table lunch of khao poon, a savory soup made from homemade rice noodles, fresh vegetables, and an aromatic collection of spices and herbs.

Meditate in the mists of Kuang Si Waterfall.
A country steeped in Buddhist culture, Laos has embraced the practices of meditation and spiritual healing since the seventh century. Rise for an early morning meditation with an expert guide at the base of Luang Prabang’s atmospheric Kuang Si Waterfall. Afterward, hike through the neighboring forest, pausing for a cool, refreshing dip in the falls’ shallow wading pools.
Take off on a temple-hopping helicopter adventure.
While Angkor Wat takes center stage among the region’s wonders, a remote series of temples lies hidden deep within the surrounding jungle, seldom seen by Western eyes. Take off on a once-in-a-lifetime exploration of Angkor’s outlying temples by helicopter. Watch the lush countryside pass beneath, giving way to Koh Ker, a vast Khmer temple complex shrouded in strangler figs. Descend to explore its rarely glimpsed pyramid and overgrown satellite temples. Continue on to Beng Mealea, one of the largest temple complexes of the Khmer Empire, and alight to discover the central sanctuary, adjoining galleries and mythological carvings encircled by its moat.

Embark on a progressive dinner through Siem Reap.
An eclectic marriage of Chinese, Indian, European and Asian influences, Cambodian cuisine thrills the palate with its balanced medley of salty, sour, sweet and bitter flavors. Sample Cambodia’s distinctive regional flavors as you set out for a progressive dinner exploring the cuisine and culture of Siem Reap — sampling appetizers at a traditional Khmer house, a main course at a popular local eatery and dessert at a contemporary culinary venue.

Reflect on a solemn chapter of Cambodia’s history.
Of the estimated 20,000 people who entered Pol Pot’s infamous S-21 torture prison, fewer than 12 are believed to have survived. Reflect on this most solemn chapter of Cambodia’s history as you visit Phnom Penh’s Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and bear witness to the prison (just one of some 150-200 such facilities) and killing fields where so many innocent lives were so cruelly snuffed out.

Capture Angkor Wat’s essence with a photo coach.
The largest religious monument on earth, Angkor Wat is the centerpiece of Cambodia’s Khmer civilization. This massive yet intricate structure remains the best preserved of all the Angkor temple complexes, affording a window back to the early 12th century. Capture the essence of Angkor Wat as your professional photography coach reveals the skills, settings and vantages that bring this inspiring wonder into sharp focus.
Bear witness to the life-changing power of clean water.

The stunning beauty of rural Cambodia belies a deadly reality for many local families — waterborne illness. Visit a rural village outside of Siem Reap to see how local families have partnered with A&K Philanthropy to bring clean water to thousands through clean-well collaborations. Hear the stories of local families as you bear witness to the life-changing power of clean water.

Cruise to the secluded island habitat of the Komodo dragon.

The Komodo dragon is the largest living lizard species walking the earth today, a stealthy, powerful hunter rarely glimpsed in the wild. Set out to explore the Komodo dragon’s secluded island habitat, cruising the Coral Triangle aboard luxurious ‘Aqua Blu.’ As your island-hopping adventure unfolds, snorkel biodiverse reefs, swim alongside whale sharks, paddleboard through the Linta Strait and track the elusive Komodo dragon.
Soar over a dawn-lit sea of Bagan’s timeless temples. Staggering in its atmospheric wonder, Bagan dazzles with its sheer scale — its 2,200 temples, stupas and pagodas solemnly perched on the frontier of a lush jungle wilderness. Rise early to ascend by hot air balloon over Bagan as a brilliant sunrise cuts the lingering haze to illuminate a glistening sea of gilded temples spread out beneath you. As you float serenely in the calm of early morning, breathe deep and take in the enduring majesty of this magical place.
Find your creative inspiration with a celebrated Yangon artist. With many of its works deeply rooted in politics and history, Burma’s contemporary art scene offers an unvarnished introspective on the nation’s identity. Draw on the passion of a celebrated local artist as Khin Zaw Latt and a handful of his contemporaries open the doors of his home studio for a hands-on creative workshop. After a brief overview of color theory, find your inspiration as you paint or draw under Latt’s expert guidance.

Celebrate the first steps of a young monk’s spiritual journey. Bagan lies at the spiritual heart of Myanmar, its timeworn lanes bearing the ageless processions of monks shuffling in the shadows of towering temples. Connect with Bagan’s deep-rooted spirituality as you sponsor a shinbyu, a coming-of-age ritual celebrating an aspiring young monk’s first entry to the monastery. Enjoy privileged access to this time-honored tradition and the village festivities.

Sit for a family photo shoot in Burmese wedding attire. Known as mingala saung, or “occasion of good fortune,” Burmese weddings are deeply rooted in tradition, with many brides donning the ornate, heirloom gowns of their ancestors. Take center stage as your family has their hair styled and selects outfits from the studio’s stunning collection of traditional wedding attire. Then, sit for a professional photo shoot and leave with a family keepsake you won’t soon forget.
Tailor Made Thailand: Bangkok to the Beach
11 days visiting Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai & Koh Samui
Discover the breadth of Thailand and its essential sites during visits to the shimmering, gold-plated Reclining Buddha in Bangkok, temple-rich Chiang Mai and the sun-soaked beaches of Koh Samui.

Tailor Made Southeast Asia: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
13 days visiting Bangkok, Luang Prabang, Siem Reap, Krabey Island & Ho Chi Minh City
Nurture mind and body as you take part in a Laotian baci ceremony, meditate alongside a waterfall, explore the temples of Angkor, relax with a spa treatment in Luang Prabang, see how clean water is changing lives in Siem Reap, and unwind on a private tropical island.

Tailor Made Vietnam: North to South
8 days visiting Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An & Ho Chi Minh City
Experience the best of Vietnam from north to south as you visit the Cu Chi Tunnels outside of Ho Chi Minh City, take in the French colonial architecture of Hanoi, and cruise Ha Long Bay.

Tailor Made Vietnam: Farm to Fork
13 days visiting Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Mai Chau, Hue, Hoi An & Ho Chi Minh City
Balance culinary moments with authentic Vietnamese culture as you sample bun cha (grilled pork and noodles) and ca phe trung (egg coffee) in Hanoi, prepare a Zen-inspired menu in Hue, bike through lush rice paddies in Mai Chau, and embark on a craft beer tour in Ho Chi Minh City.

Tailor Made Indonesia: Java, Bali & Komodo National Park
14 days visiting Yogyakarta, Moyo Island, Komodo National Park & Bali
Cruise from Bali to Komodo National Park aboard luxurious 'Aqua Blu' as you explore the Nusa Tenggara arch, snorkel biodiverse reefs, encounter whale sharks and Komodo dragons in the wild, and relax in a secluded island paradise.

Tailor Made Myanmar: Land of Pagodas & Stupas
9 days visiting Yangon, Bagan, Mandalay & Inle Lake
Experience tranquil Inle Lake, Bagan’s stupas and Shwedagon Pagoda. Ascend Mount Popa, where you walk among the devout. Browse the bustling Five Day Market among colorfully garbed locals.

Tailor Made Family Indochina: Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos
9 days visiting Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap & Luang Prabang
Embark on a family adventure through Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos as you cruise the Mekong River, cycle the temples of Angkor, kayak Tonle Sap Lake and visit MandaLao Elephant Sanctuary.

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From the depths of the Great Barrier Reef to the towering peaks of Milford Sound, Australia and New Zealand captivate with a superlative majesty unique to this far-flung corner of the globe.

Australia and New Zealand’s biodiverse ecosystems span rainforests, rivers, bushlands, badlands, deserts, deltas, mountains and marine habitats. Delve into an underwater realm of exotic marine life as you snorkel and dive from your privately chartered yacht or exclusive hideaway on Lizard Island. Discover the secluded alpine lakes, lush rainforest and rugged mountains that flank Milford Sound, a remote wilderness refuge harboring seals, dolphins and penguins.

Looking beyond this breathtaking natural beauty, distinctive cities lie waiting to be explored. Sydney, the oldest, largest and most cosmopolitan of Australian cities boasts the nation’s most recognizable skyline. The former gold rush boomtown of Melbourne is celebrated for its lively music, art, festival and restaurant scenes, while Auckland juxtaposes its modern skyline against a backdrop of rugged coastal beauty.

Australia and New Zealand afford unique opportunities to connect with Aboriginal cultures. Learn the Anangu and Maori traditions honoring the red sandstone monolith of Uluru and Rotorua’s geothermal wonders.

From wine to wildlife and everything in between, find your inspiration for the custom journey of a lifetime with the experiences that follow.
Sail and dive the Great Barrier Reef from a private charter. Spanning more than 1,000 miles of Queensland’s seaboard, the Great Barrier Reef is the largest living thing on earth — so big, in fact, it’s visible from outer space. Sail the iconic Great Barrier Reef aboard your privately chartered luxury catamaran. Drop anchor in a sheltered blue lagoon, where you snorkel or dive amid an underwater paradise of rays, angelfish, damselfish, anemones, giant trevally, sweetlip, fusiliers and green turtles. Then, hit the beach to explore the island itself, or laze on the deck and soak in some sun.

Sample the Barossa Valley’s distinctive shiraz.
The Barossa Valley is one of Australia’s oldest wine-producing regions, its distinctive shiraz celebrated for its bold bouquet of rich chocolate and spice notes. Your local guide leads the way through the region’s high-altitude vineyards as you take in panoramic valley views, keeping watch for colorful songbirds, wedge-tailed eagles and honey-eating eastern spinebills. Cap off your excursion with a cheese and wine tasting at a local estate famed for its carefully crafted shiraz.
Go off the beaten path on Kangaroo Island.

Secluded off the southern coast of Australia, the unspoiled wilderness of Kangaroo Island enchants with its distinctive rock formations, abundant native wildlife, friendly locals, homegrown wine and produce, and casual way of life. Join your expert guide to explore this wild island enclave, tracking kangaroos, wallabies, penguins and koalas along the way.
Hang ten with your family at Bondi Beach.
Set just five miles from Sydney’s city center, Bondi Beach ranks among the world’s most iconic beachfronts, a sun-kissed playground of curling waves and smiling surfers. Gather your family to hang ten with a private surfing lesson from one of Bondi’s world-renowned lifeguards. After you’re fitted for your boards and wetsuits, your instructor teaches you how to read the surf, paddle out and get upright on the board. Then, when you are all comfortable, hit the water to catch your first wave.

Taste a flight of the Tasmanian Whisky Trail’s finest.
Concentrated on the southeastern end of the island, the distilleries of the Tasmanian Whisky Trail craft world-renowned spirits from distinctive barley locally harvested throughout the Coal River Valley, Southern Midlands and Tasman Peninsula. Discover the region’s jaw-dropping beauty as you visit the barley fields, tour the distilleries and taste the award-winning spirits of the Tasmanian Whisky Trail, your experience enriched with privileged insights from local distillers.

Explore Uluru’s enduring Aboriginal heritage.
Secluded in Central Australia’s arid Outback, Uluru towers some 1,150 feet above the surrounding plains, two-thirds of its mass buried in the deep red earth below. Also known as Ayers Rock, this iconic red sandstone monolith bears a deep spiritual significance for the local Aboriginal people. Rise early for an adventure through the desert landscape of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, your expert guide revealing the stone domes, waterholes and rock paintings where the Aboriginal people have shared their tradition of dreaming stories for thousands of years. Then, join local artists to explore the symbols and stories of traditional Aboriginal painting, using what you’ve learned to make a painting of your own story to take home with you.
Hike the stunningly scenic Routeburn Track.
Traversing the Main Divide of New Zealand’s Southern Alps, the spectacularly scenic Routeburn Track links Mount Aspiring to Fiordland National Park — a trail first blazed by Maori hunters and foragers centuries ago. Departing from Queenstown, your guide leads the way as snow-capped peaks soar overhead and grassy meadows reveal themselves around each passing bend.

Encounter a kiwi, New Zealand’s national icon.
An enduring symbol of New Zealand’s national identity, the kiwi is as unique as the land it inhabits. In Rotorua, visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park’s Kiwi Encounter Facility, an A&K Philanthropy-sponsored organization committed to preserving this iconic native species. Enjoy insider access to the facility’s hatchery, feeding room, nursery and outdoor enclosures, gaining expert insights into the plight and preservation of this embattled species.

Sample the best of Art Deco-inspired Napier.
Fronting the east coast of New Zealand’s North Island, Napier was reborn in fantastic Art Deco fashion after it was devastated in a 1931 earthquake. Explore the beaches and vineyards of the surrounding Hawke’s Bay wine region, where you sample the local cabernet, merlot, syrah and chardonnay. Then, delve into the Art Deco architecture of Napier, touring the iconic Temperance & General, Public Trust and Daily Telegraph buildings.

Flightsee Milford Sound by private helicopter.
Set beneath the shadows of towering Mitre Peak, Milford Sound spans a picturesque fjord in the southwest corner of New Zealand’s South Island. Soar above the secluded alpine lakes, lush rainforest, rugged mountains and remote wilderness of Fiordland National Park by private helicopter, alighting to visit a fur seal colony and set foot on the remote Fiordland Glaciers.
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13 days visiting Sydney, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Cairns, Lizard Island & Melbourne

Experience the insider’s Melbourne and Sydney, marvel at Uluru, explore the Great Barrier Reef, and take in the majesty of Blue Mountains National Park.

Tailor Made Southern Australia: Wilderness & Winelands

16 days visiting Melbourne, Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Kangaroo Island & Tasmania

Explore Melbourne’s restaurants, taste Barossa Valley’s wines, explore Freycinet National Park, browse homegrown produce on Kangaroo Island and savor the fine food of Tasmania’s Huon Valley.

Tailor Made New Zealand: Adventure by Land, Air & Sea

8 days visiting Auckland, Rotorua & Queenstown

Discover New Zealand’s hidden coves and a geothermal wonderland of geysers, continuing on to sample fruits of the winelands.
Peru, Bolivia & Colombia

Walk in the footsteps of Inca emperors and Spanish conquistadors, as you reveal lasting indigenous and colonial legacies, and uncover remote natural wonders untouched by the hands of time.

From pre-Colombian ruins to Spanish colonial mansions, Peru beckons with the allure of the magnificent and mysterious. Here, watch the sunrise over Machu Picchu, explore the Inca capital of Cusco, delve into the Andean traditions of the Sacred Valley, experience the colonial grandeur of Lima and venture into the riverine depths of the Amazon basin.

In Bolivia, an untold bounty of natural and cultural wonders awaits. Take in the natural wonders of Lake Titicaca and the Uyuni Salt Flats, their epic proportions unmatched the world over. Immerse yourself in local culture at La Paz’s Witches’ Market, Sucre’s House of Liberty and the Sacred Fountain of Yumani.

Crossing over into Colombia, discover a wealth of art and culture in the chic capital of Bogotá, marvel at Cartagena’s 16th-century old town, celebrate Carnival in Barranquilla, savor the distinctive blends of the Coffee Triangle, and dance the night away in Medellín.

Dazzling in their sheer diversity of experience, Peru, Bolivia and Colombia offer something for every traveller. In the pages that follow, we’ve assembled some of our favorite regional experiences to get you started.
Hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, pride of a lost empire. Overlooking Peru’s Urubamba River from a remote mountainside perch, this 500-year-old citadel still holds the secret of its passing. Journey deep within the Andes to experience the majesty of Machu Picchu — just as emperor Pachacuti would have witnessed it centuries ago.

Traverse a six-mile section of the Inca Trail, a meandering pathway linking the former Inca capital of Cusco to Pachacuti’s sprawling retreat. Tracing the banks of the Urubamba, ascend the foothills to reveal the ruins of Chachabamba and Winay Wayna.

After a Champagne lunch, make the final push upward to Inti Punku (the Sun Gate), a towering vantage revealing the pride of the Inca empire, Machu Picchu. A short descent finds you among the citadel’s ruins, your experience enriched from a day of exhilarating adventure. After your exploration, a professional massage therapist gently eases away the strain of the day’s exertion as images of the mysterious Inca wonder captivate your mind’s eye.
Explore spiritual traditions in the Peruvian Andes.

The spiritual traditions of the Andean people have endured for centuries, sustaining their resolve in one of the world’s most challenging environments. On a wellness-inspired excursion, your expert guide leads you to a remote site secluded among the mountains in search of a time-honored spiritual ceremony. A local shaman greets you, then leads a sacred ritual honoring Pachamama, an Andean deity with deep ties to the earth.

Cruise the Peruvian Amazon in style.

Encompassing the world’s largest river and rainforest, the Amazon basin spans nearly 40 percent of the South American continent. Cruise its namesake river in luxury aboard ‘Aria Amazon,’ embarking on an exploration of vast, unspoiled ecosystems brimming with piranha, caymans, toucans, monkeys and pink river dolphins. On the riverbanks, meet the families of the basin’s indigenous tribes, learning how they live in harmony with the mighty Amazon.

Master Peruvian cooking with a local chef in Lima.

Delve into the cosmopolitan flavors of Peru with a culturally immersive foodie experience in Lima, one of the world’s hottest foodie destinations. Join a local chef for a guided walk through the market to gather locally grown ingredients. Then, head to a neighborhood restaurant for an interactive lesson in preparing authentic Peruvian dishes. Enjoy the meal you helped prepare, an experience enriched with your newfound insights.
Find inspiration in Peru’s Sacred Valley of the Incas. Pay an inspirational visit to the Children of the Rainbow School, a vital resource for the Sacred Valley’s least privileged children. See how the community has partnered with A&K Philanthropy to expand this kindergarten-through-sixth-grade elementary school’s outreach beyond education, growing it into an oasis of nutrition, medical care and hope. Tour the school’s kitchen, garden and classrooms, gaining insights from A&K’s local Philanthropy Coordinator along the way.

Kayak a secluded Andean lake with your family. The Peruvian Andes are dotted with a wealth of natural wonders rarely seen by outsiders. Discover one of these hidden treasures on a family-friendly excursion to the small mountain town of Huaypo, where you kayak a crystal-clear lake nestled some 11,500 feet above sea level. Paddle the pristine waters at your own pace, taking in the stunning mountain-scape before you.

Go subterranean in the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Colombia’s salt miners endured a hard life of danger and exhaustion, often leading them to seek divine intervention. In a small mining town just outside Bogotá, descend into the subterranean Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá to see evidence of this phenomenon firsthand. Here, below the earth’s surface, learn how religious sculptures and cavernous pools were hewn from the tunnels of a former salt mine by the miners themselves — an extraordinary feat of engineering.
Discover Bogotá’s white-hot art scene.
Buoyed by the city’s newfound economic prosperity, Bogotá has seen a massive influx of world-class art galleries. More than 100 commercial gallery spaces have opened in recent years, drawing attention from every corner of the art world. Join a local artist to explore the hottest galleries of the city’s La Macarena, Teusaquillo and Chapinero neighborhoods, pausing to take in independent design boutiques and socially charged street art along the way.

Help conserve the cloud forest of Colombia’s Cocora Valley.
Set amid the misty haze of a vast cloud forest, Colombia’s lush Cocora Valley harbors a protected enclave of wax palms, a tall, slender palm species teetering on the brink. Here, hike Los Nevados National Natural Park, exploring this misty forest as you learn about efforts to conserve this important ecosystem. Then, play your own part in this vital mission as you plant a wax palm at the base of the valley.

Eat like a local in Cartagena.
Cartagena’s 500-year-old walled city brims with squares, cobblestone streets and colorful colonial buildings. Against this vibrant backdrop, locals congregate in the evening to stroll, chat, eat, drink, see and be seen. Immerse yourself in this daily magic hour ritual as your guide reveals the city’s local haunts for authentic food, drink and conversation.
Cruise the sky-blue waters of Lake Titicaca.
Lake Titicaca’s massive size, eerie stillness and piercing blue hue complement a rich history dating back to the early, pre-Incan hill tribes who still call these shores home. Board a sleek vessel for a cruise across the crystal-blue waters of Lake Titicaca by hydrofoil to arrive at Isla del Sol (Sun Island), one of the Inca’s most sacred places. Walk among its many ruins and taste the waters of its sacred fountain, which legend holds can grant eternal youth.

Sample the fine coffees of Colombia.
Colombia’s national identity lies inextricably linked with its richly flavorful, highly caffeinated and craved-by-many export — coffee. Explore Colombia’s most celebrated coffee region as your guide reveals the world-renowned plantation of Hacienda San Alberto. As you stroll the grounds, trace the production process from harvest to table, capping your excursion off with an expertly curated tasting of the plantation’s finest.

Stop to smell the flowers in Medellín.
Second only to the Netherlands, Colombia is one of the world’s largest commercial flower growers. The city of Medellín celebrates this fragrant distinction each August with its annual Festival of Flowers, a colorful tradition nearly 60 years running. Gain an insider’s perspective on Colombia’s floral legacy as you go behind the scenes with a private tour of a family flower plantation on the outskirts of the city.
Meet with a traditional Bolivian healer.
Known as the Kallawayas, the natural healers of the Bolivian Andes strive to heal the body by first healing the soul. On a wellness-inspired excursion, meet with one of these direct descendants of Tiwanaku culture as they offer blessings and answer questions by casting sacred coca leaves, just as they have for centuries.

Discover contemporary Bolivia in the galleries of La Paz. Having endured generations of colonial rule and instability, today’s Bolivia has heralded in a new era of prosperity with a fiercely independent, forward-looking spirit. This identity pervades the booming gallery scene of the Bolivian capital, La Paz. Here, your local guide reveals prominent art galleries showcasing the contemporary masterworks of internationally renowned Bolivian artists, bold testaments to the region’s newfound identity.

Go glamping on the Bolivian salt flats of Uyuni. Punctuated by flamingo-flanked lagoons and rocky outcroppings strewn with cacti, the dry salt lake of Uyuni beckons visitors to explore an unfathomably vast landscape stretching beyond the horizon. Here, your luxuriously appointed Airstream camper affords a basecamp for biking, paragliding and photography excursions. A private chef prepares your meals on-site, a crackling fire accompanying the al fresco dining experience of a lifetime.
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Tailor Made Peru: A Wellness-Inspired Journey
10 days visiting Lima, Cusco & Machu Picchu
Experience the mystical beauty, harmony and sacred rituals of the Incas on a wellness-inspired cultural journey to Peru. Hike Machu Picchu with a guide, meet a shaman in the Sacred Valley, visit a farmstead, kayak Huaypo Lake and get to know students at an A&K Philanthropy-supported school.

Tailor Made Peru: Path of the Incas
8 days visiting Lima, Cusco & Machu Picchu
Explore the last remnants of the Andean and Incan cultures of Peru as you tour the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu and the immense stone marvel of Sacsayhuaman —your expert guide revealing insider insight to bring these inspired sites to life.

Tailor Made: Family Peru
9 days visiting Lima, Cusco & Machu Picchu
Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas and the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu, pausing to feed alpacas, mingle with local farmers and their children, kayak a remote lagoon secluded high in the Andes Mountains, and cruise out to Palomino Island and take a dip with the resident sea lions.

Tailor Made Peru: Machu Picchu & the Amazon
11 days visiting Lima, Cusco, Machu Picchu & the Peruvian Amazon
Explore Machu Picchu and beyond with a deep dive into Peru’s history as you discover the immense stone marvel of Sacsayhuaman, meet with Quechua highlanders and cruise the mighty Amazon to reveal the rainforest’s remote corners.

Tailor Made Bolivia: Lake Titicaca & the Uyuni Salt Flats
10 days visiting Santa Cruz, Sucre, Uyuni, Lake Titicaca & La Paz
From Lake Titicaca to the Uyuni Salt Flats, discover a panorama of Bolivia’s finest as you meander through local markets, cruise by hydrofoil and absorb the region’s fascinating history.

Tailor Made Colombia: Bogotá to Cartagena
9 days visiting Bogotá, Colombia’s Coffee Triangle & Cartagena
Discover diverse, dynamic Colombia, one of South America’s fastest-emerging travel destinations, on a fascinating private journey that ranges from cosmopolitan Bogotá to colonial Cartagena.
Ecuador & the Galápagos

In this far-flung adventurer’s paradise, trace Charles Darwin’s footsteps across the Galápagos, walk in the shadows of the conquistadors’ cathedrals, and marvel at nature’s majesty.

Secluded some 600 miles off the Ecuadorian coast, the Galápagos afford a wild island enclave untouched by time. It was here that biologist Charles Darwin first studied and sketched the exotic species that would ultimately inspire his groundbreaking theory of evolution by natural selection. Today, this volcanic archipelago remains a protected sanctuary for a rich biodiversity of wildlife — a family friendly, active adventurer’s paradise just waiting to be explored by land, expedition voyage or privately chartered vessel. Here, discover the remarkably unique species that so moved Darwin nearly two centuries ago.

Back on mainland Ecuador, a wealth of historic cities and natural wonders await. Explore the Spanish-colonial legacies of Guayaquil, Quito and Otavalo as you uncover remarkably preserved architecture, artwork and religious relics. Then, delve into Ecuador’s natural treasures as you flightsee the Avenue of Volcanoes, hike into the cloud forests of Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve, and ascend the Andean highlands’ snowy peaks.

Whether your perfect adventure entails climbing an island atoll, snorkeling among curious wildlife, or simply relaxing in a sun-kissed colonial plaza, you’re sure to find inspiration in the pages that follow.
Embark on an island-hopping Galápagos voyage of discovery.

The Galápagos Islands harbor a staggeringly rich biodiversity of species, affording endless opportunities for the adventure of a lifetime. Explore this secluded, wild enclave as you embark on a five- to eight-day Galápagos voyage aboard a purpose-built expedition vessel. Accompanied by a team of naturalist guides and a small group of like-minded adventurers, you’ll encounter the island’s endemic iguanas, lizards, giant tortoises, mammals, land birds, sea birds and marine life.

Delve deeper into this active adventurer’s paradise as you snorkel, kayak and hike an island playground of pristine coral reefs and rugged lava formations. Off Santa Cruz Island, snorkel amid a rainbow of tropical fish. Spot the Galápagos’ iconic blue-footed boobies as you kayak off Eden Islet’s shores. On Sombrero Chino, snorkel among white-tipped reef sharks and Galápagos penguins, or paddle the surface for playful sea lion sightings. On Isabela, encounter marine iguanas as you hike to the Wall of Tears. Climb Genovesa’s Prince Philip’s Steps to uncover the island’s variety of colorful seabirds, or summit Bartolomé for one of the archipelago’s most commanding vistas.
Encounter Galápagos wildlife on a private family expedition.

The endemic species of the Galápagos Islands share a curious approachability rarely found among wild animals. Some scientists attribute this behavior to a suppressed fight or flight instinct linked to the islands’ relative isolation, while others chalk it up to unique seasonal factors. Regardless of origin, this easygoing nature lends itself to incredible wildlife encounters ideally suited to young explorers.

To encounter your family’s favorite species face-to-face, charter your very own expedition vessel and explore the Galápagos at your own pace. Disembark with your family to uncover the wild treasures of these remote island enclaves accompanied by a naturalist guide, keeping a lookout for sea lions, hammerhead sharks, marine iguanas, penguins, blue-footed boobies and century-old tortoises.
Flightsee Ecuador’s Avenue of Volcanoes by helicopter. Marked by craggy peaks, deep valleys and molten craters, Ecuador’s Avenue of Volcanoes is crowned by the 15,715-foot Corazon Volcano and 19,347-foot Cotopaxi Volcano. Take off aboard your private helicopter charter for a sweeping view of Cotopaxi, an active volcano that’s erupted over 50 times in the past 300 years. Since the most recent eruption in 2016, it is prohibited to climb the volcano, making this bird’s-eye view the closest you’ll come to this awe-inspiring peak.
Explore the exotic species of the Mashpi rainforest.
Nestled deep within a cloud forest of the Ecuadorian Andes, the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve harbors an astounding array of wildlife, including monkeys, peccaries, pumas and some 500 exotic bird species. Delve into the mist of the cloud forest, your guide revealing the park’s hidden waterfalls and teeming wildlife with activities suited to your interests and abilities.

Expand your artistic horizons in Quito.
Inspired by the religious iconography of colonial Spain, the Andean enclave of Quito witnessed an artistic renaissance that endures to this day. Explore this creative legacy in the private studio of a renowned local artist, discovering their eclectic fusion of classic and contemporary techniques. Then, browse an expansive collection of colonial and religious pieces, capping your visit off with an insightful conversation over lunch.

Whip up some Ecuadorian ice cream with your family.
It could be said that ice cream is the one thing that every culture across the globe can agree on. Gather the family in a local kitchen to explore Ecuador's distinctive take on this ubiquitous sweet treat, helados de paila. Go hands-on as you twirl fresh cream and sugar with citrusy naranjilla, passion fruit, or a rainbow of other local favorites in a paila (shallow pan) over ice. After mastering the spinning technique, grab a spoon and dig into an Ecuadorian ice cream sundae that’s anything but plain vanilla.
Uncover a hidden gem secluded in the Andean highlands.
Set in the Andean highlands of northern Ecuador, Otavalo is renowned for its thriving market brimming with colorful, locally made handicrafts and textiles. Here, stroll the meticulously manicured rose garden of a local hacienda, your guide revealing the history of these lovingly restored regional ranches over a relaxing lunch. Then, head to the center of town for an authentic glimpse of traditional Ecuadorian culture and dress in one of South America’s most vibrant markets.

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Tailor Made Ecuador: Galápagos Cruise

8 days visiting Guayaquil, the Galápagos Islands & Quito

Venture to a pristine universe all its own on a cruise to the otherworldly Galápagos Islands, exploring spectacular volcanic terrain and encountering wildlife not found anywhere else on the planet, followed by a visit to Quito.
Argentina, Chile & Brazil

Whether it’s diving into a full-bodied malbec, exploring a vast Patagonian fjord or celebrating Carnival, this bold region inspires guests to go big. Argentina pairs its cosmopolitan cities with a heaping dose of Patagonian wonder, spicing it all up with a sensuous tango and a dash of European flair. In Buenos Aires, sip fine regional wines, browse trendy galleries and people-watch the local fashionistas. Stand at the foot of Iguazu Falls, taking in the misty might of its roaring cataracts. Farther afield, the country’s famous wine regions give way to a vast Patagonian wilderness of glaciers, mountains and endless blue skies.

Chile boasts its own distinctive blend of chic urban enclaves, idyllic wine country and Patagonian frontier. Here, delve into Santiago’s sophisticated art scene. Up north, the atmospheric Atacama Desert beckons a call to outdoor adventure. The Lake District stands at the doorway of Chile’s southern wilderness, a vast expanse of fjords and iridescent icebergs. Secluded far off the western Pacific coast, Easter Island’s mysterious moai monoliths stand watch over the sea.

Brazil blends yet another bewitching brew of urban adventure and natural beauty. In Rio de Janeiro, samba late into the night and go backstage at Carnival. Then, dive into the riverine wilderness of the Amazon basin and Pantanal wetlands, tracking jaguars and pink river dolphins.

From a sip of the sophisticated to a walk on the wild side, go big with the bold regional experiences that follow.
Go active in Patagonia’s sprawling wilderness. Spanning vast stretches of echoing fjords, towering peaks, icy glaciers, windswept grasslands and Magellanic rainforest, Patagonia’s remote wilderness is best explored with an experienced guide and a good horse, kayak or mountain bike. Grab your crampons and trekking poles, gear up and join your expert guide for an active adventure custom suited to your interests and skill level. Exploring by land or water, your far-flung excursion affords a rare glimpse of a wild frontier encountered by a privileged few.

Delve into Chile’s foodie capital of Santiago. Nestled in a dry valley flanked by the snow-capped Andes, the Chilean capital of Santiago bursts with an exuberant lust for life best experienced through its cosmopolitan cuisine — an eclectic menu of stunningly fresh seafood, crispy empanadas and cazuela (soup) of the day. Join a local chef at Santiago’s Central Market to shop for fresh ingredients. Then, prepare a meal together at the chef’s home, where you toast an aperitif to your authentic Chilean culinary experience.
Go glamping in the atmospheric Atacama Desert.
Infused with high concentrations of quartz and copper, the geological formations of northern Chile’s Atacama Desert are said to exude a positive energy all their own. Soak in these good vibes as you glamp the Atacama in style from the comfort of your A&K-exclusive tented suite. Dine alfresco beside a crackling campfire, a fine Chilean red in hand. Then, watch as the last blush of dusk gives way to the brilliantly starlit desert sky.

Blend your own wine in a private Casablanca Valley estate.
Situated on a coastal plain between Santiago and Valparaiso, some 1,300 feet above sea level, the Casablanca Valley is best known for its crisp sauvignon blanc and chardonnay, though its cooler coastal area also produces quality pinot noirs. Learn the nuances that set the finest Chilean wines apart as you explore a celebrated estate in the heart of Casablanca Valley. Here, gain expert insights from the winery’s enologist, crafting your own custom blend and pitting it against those of your travelling companions in a judged tasting.

Hike the wilds of Los Glaciares National Park.
Set in the Austral Andes of southwest Argentina, this stunning park’s many wonders include Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the world’s few remaining advancing glaciers. Take in magnificent views of the glacier’s northern and southern faces as you hike the park’s scenic trails, your local guide leading the way.
Get a taste of the *gacho* lifestyle on a working *estancia*.

The legacy of the cowboy is alive and well throughout the wide-open valley plains of Patagonia. Here, *gauchos* (Argentine cowboys) run cattle and sheep just as they have for centuries. Get a taste of this enduring lifestyle with a visit to a working *estancia* (ranch). Watch as the gauchos deftly work their livestock. Then, share a ranch-to-table dinner prepared by your gracious hosts.
Flightsee majestic Iguazu Falls by helicopter.

Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguazu Falls straddles the border between Brazil and Argentina. Its 275 cascades tumble over a two-mile-long cleft of rock, beckoning visitors to experience the might of its roaring cataracts. Take off on a private helicopter exploration of Iguazu Falls and the wild tropical forest of Iguazu National Park, enjoying the best possible vantage of this awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Discover the street art of Buenos Aires.
On the surface, the grand boulevards of Buenos Aires seem to follow the artistic and architectural scripts of their European colonial forebears. Look a bit deeper and a world of street art reveals a uniquely Argentine story. Delve into the vast canvas of outsider art in the neighborhoods of Palermo and Villa Crespo, your local guide revealing the themes that bring these vivid murals to life. Then, head to a local studio to try your hand at creating a street-art-inspired mural.

Go backstage at Rio’s vibrant Carnival celebrations.
Nestled among golden beaches and lush tropical mountains, Rio de Janeiro offers a dazzling kaleidoscope of color, sound and sun. As dusk fades, the samba rhythms quicken, and the party goes late into the night, reaching an apex during the iconic festival of Carnival. Go backstage for a taste of Carnival culture as the festival’s costumes and floats are given their finishing touches. Then, don Carnival costumes, learn some samba moves, take a percussion class and join the party.

Dive into the riverine wilds of the Brazilian Amazon.
Comprising some 400 islands dotting an isolated, 50-mile stretch of the Brazilian Amazon, the Anavilhanas Archipelago teems with a seemingly boundless biodiversity. This riverine refuge is only accessible by boat or seaplane, affording a protected sanctuary for its resident jaguars, giant river otters, manatees and pink river dolphins. From the comfort of your riverside lodge, step aboard a canoe and delve into a wild Amazonian adventure, your local guide leading the way.

Stand at the feet of Rio’s iconic Christ the Redeemer.
Perhaps the most iconic of all Rio’s landmarks, Christ the Redeemer stands high atop Corcovado Mountain, soaring some 2,300 feet above the city. In Rio’s Cosme Velho district, board the local cog railway for a steep ascent through dense rainforest to the summit of Corcovado Mountain. Here, at the feet of Christ the Redeemer, peer down on the breathtaking vista — the whole of Rio stretched out before you.
Samba the night away like a Rio local.

Renowned for its intoxicating nightlife, Rio extends the party into the early morning hours with the exuberant mantra: dine, dance, repeat. Dine and dance like a Rio local as your guide accompanies you to a neighborhood restaurant and a live music venue. Samba the night away, or simply marvel at the local carioca on the dance floor.

Uncover the mysteries of Easter Island’s moai monoliths.

Known as Rapa Nui by its indigenous population, Easter Island is best known for its moai, or human-like stone statues. Uncover the mysteries of the moai at the foot of the island’s Rano Raraku volcano. Here, your expert guide reveals 394 moai in various stages of completion, affording insight into their construction while broaching questions that have baffled scientists and visitors throughout the ages.

Track jaguars through Brazil’s Pantanal wetland.

Brazil’s vast Pantanal comprises the largest continuous wetland on the planet. Here, jaguars and caimans preside over a wild aquatic kingdom of predator and prey, its boundaries ever shifting with the ebb and flow of the Paraguay River’s innumerable tributaries, the summer rains and the winter dry season. Venture into the heart of this endless marshland to join a jaguar habituation team as they go about monitoring this near-threatened species.
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Tailor Made Argentina & Chile: Journey to Patagonia
10 days visiting Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, El Calafate, Puerto Natales & Santiago
Walk among Magellanic penguins, exploring rugged Torres del Paine National Park and viewing the astonishing Perito Moreno Glacier.

Tailor Made Argentina & Chile: Patagonia by Land & Sea
13 days visiting Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, El Calafate, Puerto Natales & Punta Arenas
Marvel at the Perito Moreno, Pia and Marinelli glaciers, hike Torres del Paine, and navigate Patagonia’s icy waters by expedition cruiser.

Tailor Made Chile & Argentina: Culinary Discovery
11 days visiting Santiago, Valparaiso, Mendoza & Buenos Aires
Embark on a culinary odyssey as you blend your own wine, dine in fine restaurants and share an authentic meal in a local family home.

Tailor Made Chile: Winelands & Scenic Marvels
9 days visiting Santiago, Pucon & San Pedro de Atacama
Experience the diverse cities, towns and landscapes of Chile on a journey filled with rich culture immersions and a wide range of food, wine and outdoor activities.

Tailor Made Brazil: Rhythms of Rio, Iguazu & Bahia
10 days visiting Rio de Janeiro, Iguazu Falls, Brasilia & Salvador
Explore the diverse tapestry of Brazilian culture, scenery and heritage as you experience Rio’s iconic sights, Iguazu Falls’ magnificent cataracts, Brasilia’s architectural grace and Salvador’s intoxicating Bahia culture.
Costa Rica & Mexico

Delve into a vibrant canvas of lush rainforests, timeworn ruins and billowing volcanoes as you explore the natural wonders, lost civilizations and diverse cultures of Costa Rica and Mexico.

Costa Rica’s ubiquitous welcome, “pura vida,” translates to “pure life.” More than just a friendly “hello,” this mantra is metaphoric of the nation’s collective outlook, reflecting an embrace of Costa Rica’s pristine wilderness, diverse wildlife and active lifestyle. Delve into a realm of wild adventure as you zipline through the rainforest canopy, hike into Monteverde’s misty cloud forest, soak in the volcanic hot springs of Arenal and walk with sea turtles on the beaches of Tortuguero.

Behind Mexico’s veneer of white-sand beaches and all-night hot spots lies a diverse culture rooted in pre-Columbian and European traditions just waiting to be explored. Here, gain VIP access to the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, explore Mexico’s Spanish colonial provenance in Puebla and glimpse a creative renaissance in the trendsetting studios of Mexico City.

Your next adventure lies waiting closer than you might think. Find your inspiration with the experiences that follow.
Zipline through the Costa Rican rainforest with your family. With lush canopies exceeding 100 feet in height, Costa Rica’s rainforests harbor one of the world’s most biodiverse ecosystems. Get an adrenaline rush as you zipline through a Costa Rican rainforest with your family. Strap in with help from your expert safety instructor, and take an exhilarating leap through the misty canopy below.

Walk with the sea turtles of Tortuguero National Park. Originally founded to protect a nesting beach of the Atlantic green sea turtle, Tortuguero National Park now spans 77,000 acres and 11 habitats, harboring river otters, three-toed sloths, capuchin monkeys, caimans, iguanas, river turtles, basilisk lizards and some 320 bird species. Visit anytime from July through October to encounter the nesting season of the park’s iconic sea turtles. With some luck, you may walk the beach’s sands among green, loggerhead, hawksbill or leatherback turtles.
Soak in the vistas and hot springs of Arenal Volcano.

A roiling hotbed of geothermal activity, Arenal Volcano looms large on Costa Rica’s horizon, its foothills dotted with lush rainforest and inviting hot springs. Walk the Místico Arenal Hanging Bridges for a bird’s-eye view of the rainforest canopy and an awe-inspiring perspective of the volcano’s peak. After your bridge walk, venture into the foothills for a rejuvenating dip in the nearby hot springs.

Meet the designers behind Mexico City’s cultural renaissance.

In recent years, Mexico City has reimagined itself with a full-blown cultural renaissance championed by a bold new guard of design influencers. Meet the recognized and emerging artists of this new movement as you visit jewelry, textile and ceramic designers in their local studios, going behind the scenes to hear what inspires these trend-setters and to see how their pieces are created.

Uncover the culinary secrets of Mexico’s national dish, mole.

A treasure trove of remarkably preserved Spanish-colonial architecture, the city of Puebla is also renowned for its iconic culinary contribution, mole poblano. The origins of this complex, chocolate-infused sauce are murky. Some say Mexico’s national dish was an offering from an Aztec king to the conquistadores, others, an improvised concoction prepared by harried nuns anticipating an unannounced visit from the archbishop. Explore the culinary legacy of mole poblano as you join a local chef in the markets of Puebla. After you’ve gathered your ingredients, head back to the hotel’s kitchen to prepare and enjoy this iconic local specialty over a glass of yolixpa, an aromatic, brandy-based cocktail.

Watch the sunrise over Chichen Itza.

Secluded among the jungles of the eastern Yucatan, Chichen Itza was once one of the crown jewels of the Mayan civilization. Today, this complex of fascinating limestone temples remains, its main structures including the Temple of Kukulkan, a platform-topped step pyramid; the Great Ball Court, where carvings indicate a Mayan blood sport was played; and the Sacred Cenote, a water-filled sinkhole to which the Maya ascribed mystical powers. Rise early for a before-hours exploration of Chichen Itza, your expert guide revealing the wonders of this iconic archaeological site before the crowds arrive.
Tailor Made Costa Rica: Under a Rainforest Canopy

10 days visiting San José, Arenal Volcano National Park, Tortuguero & Osa Peninsula
Cross the hanging bridges overlooking Místico Arenal Volcano, discover the breathtaking Osa Peninsula, and keep watch for three-toed sloths and river otters in Tortuguero National Park.

Tailor Made Mexico: Legends of the Maya

9 days visiting Mexico City, Campeche, Uxmal, Merida, Chichen Itza & Cancun
Explore bustling Mexico City, cobblestoned Campeche, the Mayan site of Edzna, and the ruins at Uxmal and Izamal. Cap your adventure with a swim in the Yucatan’s cenotes (underwater caves).
The iconic national parks, stunning coastlines, verdant forests and pristine waterways of the western United States and Canada are among North America’s greatest treasures.

Alaska’s unspoiled wilderness beckons a call to adventure across a vastly diverse frontier of unfathomable proportions, affording an endless outdoor playground waiting right in our own backyard. Against this wild backdrop, cruise Alaska’s Prince William Sound, flightsee Denali National Park, dog sled the forests outside of Anchorage or journey by floatplane over Prince of Wales Island.

Farther south, America’s majesty endures throughout her national parks and sprawling western frontiers. From the rivers and canyon lands of the Southwest to the snowcapped mountains and wildflower-dotted meadows of the Rocky Mountains, the American West has much to offer the intrepid traveller. Raft the red-rock canyons of the mighty Colorado, hike spectacular trails of the Pacific Northwest or cycle through the vineyards of Sonoma valley.

Western Canada beckons visitors with her ancient rainforests, rugged mountains, hanging glaciers and glistening lakes. Here, endless opportunities for fishing, skiing and hiking adventures await — a host of inspiring cities waiting just around the bend.

While some of these destinations may ring familiar, discover how A&K brings them to life in new and exciting ways in the pages that follow.
Cruise the Alaskan wilderness of Kenai Fjords National Park. The ice age seems to have lingered at the edge of Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula, a vast frontier where glaciers flow and wildlife thrives in frigid waters and lush forests. Witness nature’s majesty firsthand on a private cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park, your guide navigating a pristine aquatic ecosystem of humpback whales, orcas, puffins and sea lions. Keep an eye out for calving glaciers as you scan the rocky shoreline for mountain goats, moose, bears, marmots and swooping bald eagles.

Flightsee the peaks of Denali with a private bush pilot. Soaring to 20,310 feet, Denali reigns as North America’s highest peak and the crowning glory of a sprawling, untamed Alaskan wilderness. Climb aboard a specialized, short-takeoff-and-landing aircraft for a bird’s-eye view of this spectacular mountain-scape, your private bush pilot deftly maneuvering a maze of snowcapped canyons and sheer-sided cliffs. Your specialized aircraft affords the opportunity to land on a glacier and step foot on its pristine surface, a thrill of a lifetime enjoyed by a privileged few.
Fish a seasonal salmon run with your family.
The rivers of southwest Alaska are renowned the world over for their abundant salmon runs, drawing anglers from every corner of the globe. Each May, chinook (king) salmon begin their annual run up river to the spawning grounds, followed by sockeye (red) salmon, and then the final coho (silver) salmon of September. Gather the family, don your waders and take to one of Alaska’s pristine rivers with your expert guide, casting a line for a fishing adventure custom suited to novice and expert, young and old alike.

Float the glacier-fed waters of Alaska’s Portage River.
Alaska’s Portage River snakes its way past a series of hanging glaciers, carving a tranquil corridor through one of the world’s last frontiers. Take to the river with your family and guide as you float among spawning silver salmon and soaring bald eagles, drifting lazily past the wildflower-stippled bank. Pause for a lunch of grilled salmon on the riverbank, taking in the bouquet of the fresh forest air.

Cruise the mighty Colorado River.
Spanning vast canyons, tranquil gullies and raging rapids, the Colorado River beckons an irresistible call to adventure. Board a rigid-hulled inflatable boat for a cruise straight through the heart of the Canyonlands. Lazily drift along the upper river as your guide propels you through the shadows of Cataract Canyon en route to a secluded swimming hole. After a relaxing shore lunch, head downstream and hold tight as your guide runs the Colorado’s world-renowned whitewater rapids.
Ride the range of the Tetons with your family.
Jackson Hole evokes the spirit of the old west like few places on earth. Relive the quintessential cowboy experience as you saddle up and head out for a ride on the wide-open range of Wyoming, the snowcapped Grand Tetons looming large on the horizon. Your expert guide leads the way as you try your hand at roping and other cattle-handling techniques.

Flightsee the Grand Canyon by helicopter.
At 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and over a mile deep, Arizona’s Grand Canyon occupies a special place in the mythology of the American West. The canyon welcomes millions annually who come to descend to its cavernous floor. Soar above the crowds as you board a helicopter to take in unforgettable, sweeping views of a landscape carved by the mighty Colorado River from layers of rock over untold millennia. After your flight, recount your adventure over a Champagne toast.

Cycle the vineyards of Sonoma Valley.
Less formal than its Napa counterpart, Sonoma Valley exudes a relaxed vibe that complements its serene landscape of vineyards, wildflowers and rolling hills. This fertile canyon nestled between mountain ranges produces some of the world’s most delectable, accessible wines. Experience the valley’s stunning scenery by bicycle as you pedal through picturesque vineyard estates, finishing with a special tasting of its award-winning wines.
Go canyoneering outside Zion National Park.
Set in southwestern Utah, Zion National Park’s sprawling wonderland of mountains, canyons, buttes, mesas, monoliths, rivers and natural arches beckon an irresistible call to adventure. Set out on a privately guided canyoneering excursion, learning professional techniques from your local expert guides as you hike scenic trails, climb pulse-quickening passes and rappel down slot canyons. Round out the day with a cool swim in a lush desert oasis.

Explore the Vancouver art scene.
The urban jewel of British Columbia, Vancouver stands as a cultural beacon on the doorstep of a vast coastal, mountain and rainforest wilderness. Visitors can stroll the local beaches and Stanley Park’s green spaces right within the city itself. A host of galleries and live music venues offer a host of indoor adventures as well. Join a local anthropologist and art expert for a deep dive into the city’s finest museums, art galleries and parks.

Photograph the wilds of Jasper National Park.
Set within the Canadian Rockies, Jasper National Park spans shimmering glaciers, glassy lakes and snowcapped peaks — among them 11,033-foot-high Mount Edith Cavell. Experience the majesty of this magical landscape on a private eco-tour in a specialized vehicle custom-built for photography. Marvel at dramatic canyons and plummeting waterfalls as you keep your camera poised to capture black bears, bighorn sheep and bald eagles.
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9 days visiting Banff, Jasper & Lake Louise
Discover glacier-fed lakes, soaring mountain peaks and fascinating wildlife as you hike, cruise and heli-flightsee the vast wilderness of Western Canada’s Rocky Mountains.

Tailor Made Family Alaska: Wild Frontiers
8 days visiting Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula, Talkeetna & Denali National Park
Explore magnificent Alaska as a family, getting to know local people and places, and sharing fun, family-friendly activities, such as visiting the kennels of a four-time Iditarod champion to meet Alaskan huskies and learn about dog-sled racing.

Tailor Made Canada: West Coast
10 days visiting Vancouver, Whistler & Great Bear Rainforest
Take in the metropolis of Vancouver, the awe-inspiring Whistler and Blackcomb mountains, and the pristine coastal Great Bear Rainforest — reveling in spectacular views.

Tailor Made National Parks: Arizona to Utah
7 days visiting the Grand Canyon, Slot Canyons, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park & Moab
Experience the spectacular diversity of the American West, exploring national parks in the United States on an action-packed itinerary, travelling the back roads to discover hidden gems and hiking trails seldom seen by other travellers.

Tailor Made Wyoming: Yellowstone Family Adventure
7 days visiting Jackson Hole, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Park
Discover some of the greatest wilderness areas in North America as a family, exploring Jackson Hole, Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park, led by your private naturalist guide.
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Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have a guaranteed room ready for your immediate check-in upon arrival, it requires an additional room night to be confirmed. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Requests for early check-in on base nights or any special request (e.g., smoking or nonsmoking) cannot be guaranteed and are at the sole discretion of the hotel.

ROOM UPGRADES/SPECIAL REQUESTS
Upgrades are typically available on request at individual hotels for an additional cost. Please ask A&K for details and prices. Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that reasonable efforts will be made to secure special requests; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

ITINERARIES
A&K reserves the right to modify program itineraries, including arranged sightseeing and featured experts, and substitute accommodations, including vessels, aircraft and trains, at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K’s control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate itineraries as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. All scheduled sightseeing has been confirmed in advance, but venues including wildlife reserves, museums and other points of interest can change their hours of operations at short notice. If this occurs, your guide will offer alternative arrangements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION
International airfare (to the journey starting point and from the exit point) is not included in program pricing. A&K has special agreements with many air carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Some journeys require internal flights as specified in the itinerary. This airfare is typographical, not prepaid and must be purchased from A&K in addition to the journey. In the instance where charter flights are used and seating is limited, A&K reserves the right to substitute and confirm air reservations on an available alternative scheduled air flight. All internal air is based on economy class seating and is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply). All international and internal air quotes are subject to change until final payment has been made. Payment refers to two (2) pieces of baggage per person; availability cannot be confirmed until a passport copy is received by A&K.

All air carriers are independent contractors and are not owned, managed, controlled or operated by A&K. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between yourself and the airline even if purchased through A&K. A&K shall not be liable and does not assume responsibility for, or accept claims with regard to, seat assignments, name changes, schedule changes, flight changes and/or cancellations. Should you change or cancel your own flight reservations before or after your travel begins, all airline change and cancellation fees will apply.

BAGGAGE
A&K provides portage of up to two (2) pieces of baggage per person. Please note should your journey include internal/domestic or charter flights, your luggage allowance may be less than two (2) pieces of baggage and weight/size restrictions and additional costs may apply. Details will be provided in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner’s risk throughout the travel program, and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Please check with your international carrier for specific baggage restrictions and fees applicable to your international flights.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS
Quoted journey prices are per person, double occupancy except where indicated. Although not expected, published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. A&K is under no obligation to give a breakdown in costs of any journey. Any modifications to a Tailor Made itinerary, including dates or number of people travelling, will require a revised proposal.

CHILD POLICY
No minimum age is required unless noted on the itinerary and all children under 18 years of age will be considered by an adult. Note that some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult. The parent or guardian travelling alone with a child is recommended to carry documentation that proves their relationship to the child (e.g., birth certificate) and evidence that they have permission to travel with the child (e.g., consent letter). Guests travelling with children who are not related are recommended to carry documentation which provides evidence they have permission to travel with the child. Guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authorities concerning the necessary documents required for travel with children. A&K cannot be held responsible should the guest, child or any member of the travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with a country’s requirements.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS & CONDUCT
The suppliers of some activities on journeys may require a minimum age or minimum/maximum height or weight to participate. Some active elements have been incorporated into select itineraries. To enjoy the journeys as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require prior medical certification for a guest condition or disability that would prevent them from participating in active elements of any journey and/or could create a hazard to himself or herself or to other members of the group. Specific journeys have conditions that may require a guest produce a doctor’s certificate to A&K prior to travel. A&K will make reasonable efforts to accommodate a disability-related request for accommodation. However, if A&K, in its sole discretion, is unable to properly accommodate the need of the person(s) concerned or believes that health and safety may be compromised, A&K reserves the right to refuse participation. The guest represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the group. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the guest’s own expense, anyone whose physical condition or conduct negatively impacts the enjoyment of the other guests or disrupts the tour.

A&K’S GUEST PROTECTION PROGRAM
Travel insurance is not included in the price of the journey and is recommended. You may purchase A&K’s Guest Protection Program administered by AON (which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or stolen or damaged luggage) or A&K’s Guest Protection Program with Cancel Any Reason Coverage for an additional fee. Coverage only takes effect upon A&K’s receipt of payment for the plan. The Guest Protection Program is available up to final payment for your journey; however, the plan must be purchased within 14 days of trip deposit in order to waive the pre-existing medical condition exclusion of that policy. The Cancel for Any Reason Program is only available for purchase within 14 days of trip deposit and is not available to New York residents on and selections journeys. The cost of coverage is calculated based on the total cost of your travel arrangements and is nonrefundable 10 days after purchase. For more information, visit affinitytraveltc.com/aak.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS
It is the guest’s sole responsibility to obtain and have available when necessary the appropriate valid travel documents. All guests are advised to check with the appropriate government authority to determine the necessary documents required for their travel. A valid passport is required for U.S. and Canadian citizens travelling to all international destinations. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Many destinations also require a visa for U.S. and Canadian citizens; this will be indicated in your Pre-Travel Documentation. Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey. You may be refused boarding or disembarked from a plane, vessel or train without liability for refund, payment, compensation, or credit of any kind if you do not have proper documentation, and you will be subject to any fine or other costs incurred by A&K which result from improper documentation or noncompliance with applicable regulations. A&K shall not be responsible should any guest be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements.

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE
Any payments made to A&K constitute your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein and in more specific pre-travel documentation, including the guest information form.

A&K accepts all major credit cards.

Deposit per person required at time of booking: A deposit of $1,000 per person for Signature journeys and 25% of the program price for Tailor Made is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 120 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation. Additional deposits may be required for planes, vessels and trains, including private charters; select accommodations as noted in your proposal; exclusive private use of accommodations or venues; groups of 10 or more; or itineraries that fall over holiday or festival seasons. An additional nonrefundable 10% deposit is required for all journeys including Uganda and Rwanda.

CANCELLATION CHARGES
Cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective on the date of receipt, fax or email. Cancellations received by A&K are subject to the following:

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON
121 days prior to departure (or more): Signature: $500. Tailor Made: 10% of the program price up to $2,500 per person.

11-120 days prior to departure (or more): Signature: Not refundable. Tailor Made: 25% of the program price up to $2,500 per person.

Within 11 days of departure: Not refundable.

Additional cancellation penalties may apply to planes, vessels and trains including private charters; select accommodations as noted in your proposal; exclusive private use of
accommodations or venues; groups of 10 or more; or itineraries that fall over holiday or festival seasons.

120-91 days prior to departure: 20% of program price (Signature and Tailor Made)
90-61 days prior to departure: 50% of program price (Signature and Tailor Made)
60 days prior to departure (or less): 100% of the program price (Signature and Tailor Made)

The guest agrees the sums referenced in the cancellation provisions above are not a penalty and represent a reasonable effort on behalf of A&K to establish its loss prospectively and represent liquidated damages. These include amongst other costs but not limited to fees charged by hotels and travel suppliers to A&K for cancelled bookings.

Changes to the Itinerary: The guest will be responsible for any changes or cancellations made to the itinerary at their request or beyond their control, before or during travel, including expenses incurred due to a change, delay or cancellation of any flights.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR INTERNAL AIR
All internal air is 100% non-refundable at time of final payment (some exceptions may apply).

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES
Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in conjunction with A&K’s journeys are subject to specific cancellation penalties. These will be provided at the time of booking and noted on the invoice.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Guest must sign an acknowledgement attesting to their fitness to travel and agreeing to comply with all health protocols as directed by A&K staff during their journey. Guests are not to travel if they test positive for COVID-19 during the 14 days prior to departure; standard cancellation terms will apply. Guest must maintain adequate physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands during their journey. Masks are required in vehicles, indoor spaces, any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to continue on the journey.

FORCE MAJEURE
Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond A&K’s control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither A&K, nor its suppliers, could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war or threat of war; riot; civil strife; terrorist activity (actual or threatened); and ice conditions in oceans and level of water in rivers.

In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the journey as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause, A&K may in its sole and absolute discretion: (i) offer the guest(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or (ii) if alternative travel arrangements or products are not offered by A&K, A&K will provide a travel credit to the guest equal to the value of the trip less any sums A&K is not able to recover from any supplier.

A&K cannot assume responsibility for any other travel related costs included but not limited to air, insurance, visas and other travel arrangements, etc.

CLAIMS AND REFUNDS
A&K will not accept any liability for any claims and will not provide refunds except as may be specifically allowed herein.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL
A&K reserves the right to take photographs and video of guests during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use, re-publish, and republish their image, identity likeness, name, voice, interview, statements, video clips and sound recordings, and/or photographs, posters or pictures in which guest(s) may be included (an “Image”), for promotional purposes during the program and thereafter. By booking a program with A&K, guests acknowledge that A&K is the owner of the aforementioned photographs and video and agree to allow their Image to be used in such photographs and videos, which may thereafter, be used by A&K. Guests who prefer that their images not be used must (1) identity themselves to their Resident Tour Director at the beginning of their Journey; and (2) notify their A&K Travel Consultant by email, not later than thirty (30) days following the end of the guest’s journey. In the event the guest fails to comply with both obligations, the guest shall not be exempt from this section. If a written notice is not timely provided, the guests, individually and on behalf of any minor child travelling with them, have granted unrestricted rights and permission for A&K to use the Images.

LIMITS ON A&K’S RESPONSIBILITY
A&K, its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns, does not own or operate any property or vehicle or does not provide goods or services for your trip. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated A&K companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, A&K is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person. In addition and without limitation, A&K is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury, or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Guest assumes all such risks associated with participating in these trips.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, scuba diving, snorkeling, hot air ballooning, helicopter flights, zip lining, high altitude treks, climbing, whitewater rafting, jet boat rides, snowmobiling, primate tracking and any activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risk of serious illness, injury or death; (b) if you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death in remote areas, for unforeseen, that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release A&K and its affiliates, their agents, employees and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate at any time and on occasion, for any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct), and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by any person (whether related to your participation, or (b) which would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made the claim directly yourself.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS
It is the responsibility of the guest to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U.S. State Department or their respective government agencies. In the event of an active State Department or government agency Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the guest still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory, the guest assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT
Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K’s Responsibility clause, to any A&K brochure, or to any information regarding any A&K journey, service or package, or to any A&K-related trip, activity, service or package, shall be settled in the first instance by binding arbitration before one (1) arbitrator in Chicago, Illinois. Any party or their representative may appear for the arbitration by telephone or video conference. Each party shall bear its own fees, costs and expenses and an equal share of any arbitrator and administrative fees; however, the prevailing party shall be entitled to full recovery of all such costs and fees. Disputes shall be arbitrated on an individual basis, with the prevailing party being entitled to be arbitrated on a class action basis or in a purported representative capacity on behalf of the general public, other travel suppliers or other entities similarly situated.

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AMENDMENTS
A&K reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions in its published materials and to amend these Terms and Conditions without notice and at any time or to amend it material changes to legislation or regulation. All amended Terms and Conditions shall automatically be effective upon being posted by A&K to the website abercrombiékent.com. Accordingly, guests should check the website abercrombiékent.com prior to travel in order to ensure they are aware of any changes.

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