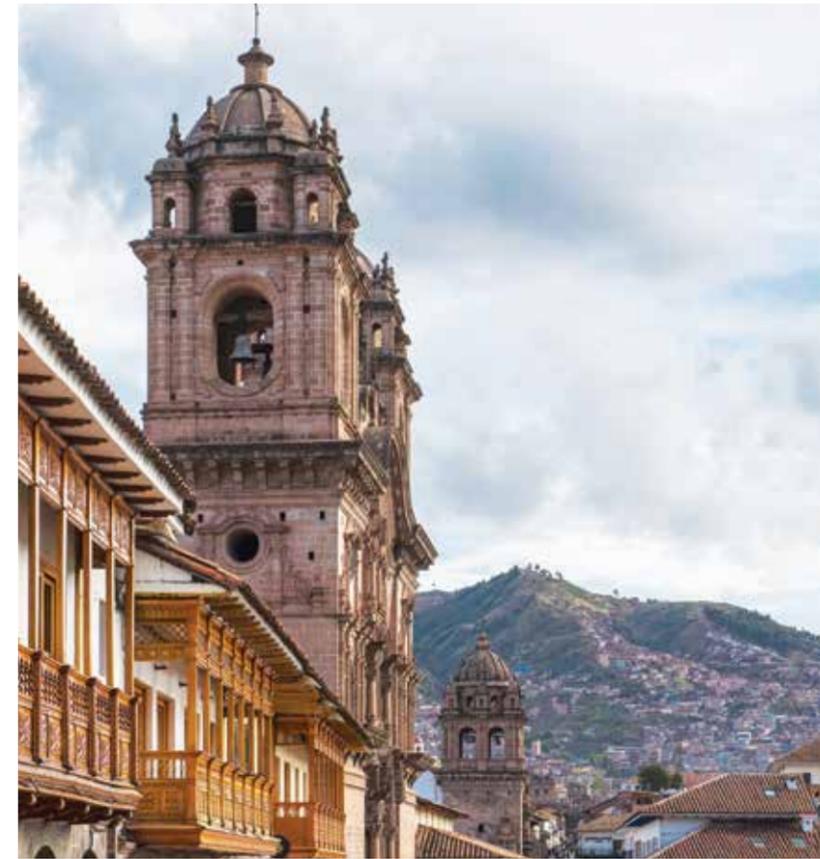


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WITH ADVENTURE AND DISCOVERY.



ORLANDO, FLORIDA ✈️ LIMA, PERU: 6H + LOCAL FLIGHT

## CUSCO AND MACHU PICCHU *or* THE NORTH COAST, PERU

*Discover Peru's rich culture and the grandeur of the Inca empire,  
which was the largest pre-Columbian civilization in the Americas.*

**DAY 1** Arrive in Orlando on your independent flight and meet fellow travelers and expedition staff at the **Four Seasons Resort Orlando**.

**DAYS 2 - 4\*** Machu Picchu is the most outstanding and best-preserved example of Inca architecture in existence today. Ride the privately-chartered historic **Hiram Bingham train** through the **Sacred Valley of the Inca** to the mountaintop stronghold of **Machu Picchu**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the new seven wonders of the world. Wander through the ruins with your expert guide, learning about the Inca civilization and the history of this archaeological treasure.

In historic Cusco—once the capital of the Inca empire and our base for exploring Machu Picchu—trace the legacy of Inca and Spanish rule in the **Plaza de Armas**. Visit the Inca ruins in **Chincho** where the Sapa Inka, or ruler of the empire, had a second home. Meet a master Andean weaver from the **Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco** who is working to preserve traditional Peruvian textile art.

**Alternate:** If you're interested in something other than Machu Picchu, consider traveling by local air to **Peru's North Coast**. Visit the **Moche temples of Trujillo**, whose burial chambers rival those of King Tutankhamun, or explore **Chan Chan**, the world's largest adobe city.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** A former 16th-century Carmelite convent, the **Belmond Palacio Nazarenas** has been restored to become the city's premier luxury hotel.

**Alternate:** Stay in the **Hotel Libertador Trujillo**, situated on Trujillo's main plaza and just minutes away from the area's famed archaeological sites. During our brief stopover in Lima, enjoy the **Belmond Miraflores Park**.

*\*For the September departure, we will enjoy four nights (Days 2 - 5) in Peru. Guests going to Machu Picchu will spend three nights in Cusco and one night in Lima at the Belmond Miraflores Park. Guests choosing the North Coast alternate will have two nights in Trujillo and two nights in Lima.*

**OPPOSITE PAGE:** Inca ruins of Machu Picchu **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Historic city of Cusco; Dinner aboard the Hiram Bingham train; Traditional Peruvian weaving demonstration



LIMA, PERU ✈️ EASTER ISLAND, CHILE: 5H 20M

## EASTER ISLAND, CHILE

*Ponder the enigmatic culture that created the imposing moai on remote Easter Island, known as “the island of a thousand mysteries.”*

**DAYS 5 - 6\*** Local legend tells of a Polynesian chief who first sailed to **Easter Island** in a double canoe 1,500 years ago, a journey that would have taken at least two weeks at sea.

What happened to the Rapa Nui people in the centuries that followed remains a mystery. Their rapid decline has been attributed to everything from environmental degradation, civil war and disease to the impacts of constructing elaborate monuments—called *moai*. Experts still do not fully understand what the statues signify, nor how the Rapa Nui people moved the massive *moai*, which weigh as much as 20 tons.

Gain insight into the island’s fascinating history from former governor Sergio Rapu. Explore the striking ceremonial village of **Orongo**, home of the mysterious cult of the birdman. At the ceremonial complex of **Ahu Tahai**, see *moai* as the artists intended them to be; this site is home to

statues carefully restored by the late archaeologist Dr. William Mulloy. In the fascinating quarry of **Rano Raraku** examine hundreds of *moai* left in various stages of completion and learn how Easter Islanders may have transported the massive statues.

On our last evening, indulge in a festive dinner complete with a scintillating performance of traditional Polynesian music and dance.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The unique **Hangaroa Eco Village and Spa** was designed to honor the ceremonial village of Orongo and inspired by the architectural shapes of the ruins. The hotel features a pool and relaxing spa.

*\*Guests on the September departure will spend one night (Day 6) on Easter Island.*

**Clockwise from left:** *Moai* at Ahu Tongariki; Aerial view of Rano Raraku volcano; Traditional dance performance



EASTER ISLAND, CHILE ✈️ APIA, SAMOA: 9H 45M

## APIA, SAMOA

*Experience Polynesian culture and the warmth of island hospitality in Samoa, a chain of volcanic islands located between Hawaii and New Zealand.*

**DAYS 7 - 8** Cross the international date line, losing a day en route, before arriving in **Samoa**.

The complex celestial navigation and dangerous open ocean voyages taken on by early **Polynesian settlers** is considered one of the greatest stories of human exploration. Even today, the majority of Samoa’s population follows a traditional village lifestyle. During this brief stopover on our way to Australia, enjoy **idyllic island surroundings** and sample **rich Polynesian culture** in the middle of the South Pacific.

Tour **Villa Vailima**, the estate where *Treasure Island* author Robert Louis Stevenson spent the last years of his life. Enjoy a private *kava* ceremony—an important tradition named after the Polynesian signature beverage.

Opt to visit a **Samoan Women’s Committee**, where you will learn more about island life and have the opportunity to support grassroots efforts. Women help manage everyday village affairs through these committees, which are an integral part of Samoan society. See how they weave traditional mats and craft garlands—skills that are passed down through generations—and get an up-close look at local village culture. Enjoy a festive *fia fia* feast and show. Held poolside, this spectacle of indigenous performance includes a dazzling **fire-dance**.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** **Sheraton Samoa Beach Resort**, located by a white-sand beach and sparkling blue lagoon, is renowned for its warm hospitality. Enjoy a spa treatment surrounded by tropical gardens or relax with a cocktail by the lagoon-style pool.

**Clockwise from top:** Palm-lined coast; Harvesting coconuts; Samoan fire dancer



APIA, SAMOA ✈ CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA: 6H 35M

## GREAT BARRIER REEF *or* DAINTREE RAINFOREST, AUSTRALIA

*Two of the world's most incredible ecosystems—the tropical rainforests of Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef—converge on the shores of Australia's northeast coast.*

**DAYS 9 - 10** Deemed one of the seven natural wonders of the world, the **Great Barrier Reef** is considered the largest structure made by living organisms. Though reefs cover about one percent of the ocean floor, they support roughly 25 percent of marine life. They also provide an important role as buffers against storms and waves.

Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef's northern reaches and explore the famous seascape with a marine biologist. Many of the **1,500 species of tropical fish** and **30 whale species** that inhabit the reef can be found here. Explore the intricate marine ecosystem and meet the colorful inhabitants face-to-face on a guided snorkel tour. **Turtle sightings** are always likely—the reef is home to six species of sea turtles, including the endangered loggerhead.

Alternatively, embark on an expedition into one of Australia's last pristine areas: the **Daintree Rainforest**. Stroll the winding paths through the old-growth forest with an **aboriginal guide** from the **Kuku Yalanji people**. Learn about their special relationship with the environment as you spot tropical birds darting through the trees and refresh in the mist of sparkling waterfalls.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Set on nearly 10 acres on the secluded beachfront of Four Mile Beach, the **Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort and Spa** boasts extensive gardens, an expansive lagoon-style pool and a beautiful palm-lined beach.

**Clockwise from top:** Aerial view of the Great Barrier Reef; Sea turtle; Daintree Rainforest



CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA ✈ SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA: 7H 25M

## ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

*Discover the spiritual majesty of Angkor, the once-lost capital of the Khmer empire that ruled the dense jungles and fruitful plains of Southeast Asia.*

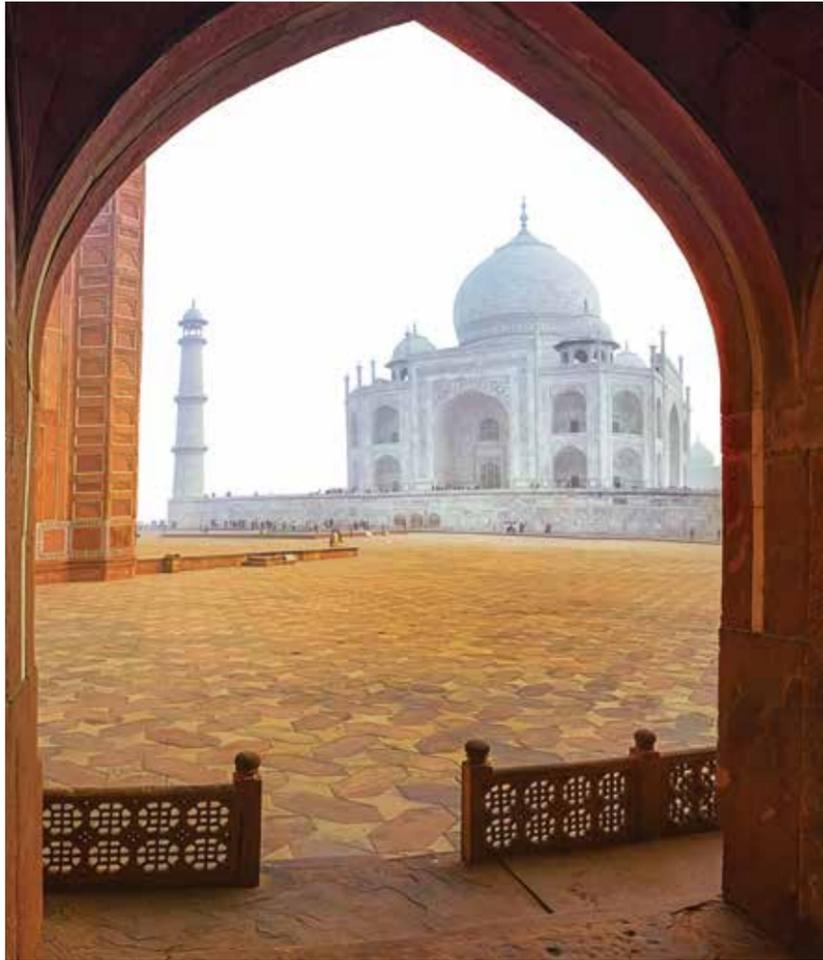
**DAYS 11 - 13** Stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Angkor Wat** with a local guide. Cross the temple's protective moat and trace history as you admire intricate towers, polished stones and elaborate relief work created in the 12th century. The world's largest religious monument, this architectural masterpiece was dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu and the Khmer King Suryavarman II.

The many expansive temples near Angkor Wat speak to the strength and grandeur of the Khmer empire. Explore the vast **Terrace of the Elephants**, the intricate **Terrace of the Leper King** and the enigmatic faces of the **Bayon Temple**. Trek into the jungle to the remains of **Ta Prohm**, a partially excavated temple with giant trees growing up through its ancient stone walls.

In the evening, discover the culinary landscape of **Siem Reap** on a private excursion aboard the local mode of transportation—the *tuk-tuk*. Sample Cambodia's national dish, curried fish steamed in banana leaves, and refreshing green mango salad and spring rolls. Conclude your visit with an **Apsara dance performance** in which graceful dancers relate ancient myths with subtle gestures and sinuous poses.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Just five miles from Angkor Wat, the **Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor** has been restored to its original colonial architecture. It features elegant guest rooms, a pool inspired by ancient royal bathing pools and nearly 15 acres of tropical gardens.

**Clockwise from left:** Angkor Wat; Bayon Temple carving; Buddhist monks at Ta Prohm



SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA ✈️ AGRA, INDIA: 4H 40M

## TAJ MAHAL, INDIA

*Marvel at this monumental testament to enduring love—a luminous white marble tomb that combines Persian, Hindu and Islamic architectural styles.*

**DAYS 14 - 15** Awake early for a morning visit to the **Taj Mahal** when the rising sun bathes the mausoleum's white marble exterior in varying shades of orange and purple. Explore the **UNESCO World Heritage site**, one of the new **seven wonders of the world**, with your expert guide, learning about its construction, as well as the history of the Mughal Empire. Emperor Shah Jahan dedicated 22 years of his life to building the Taj, a memorial to his beloved third wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

Walk the raised pathways and ponder the vision that brought white minarets, red sandstone walls and rich green landscaping together under vast blue skies. Discover the Taj's inner sanctuary and admire the intricate **Islamic geometrical designs** in the marble. Designed as much for inner beauty as it was for its striking exterior, the Taj's interior features white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones, calligraphy, lattice and floral designs.

While in Agra opt to visit the **Agra Fort**; legend has it Shah Jahan spent his final days imprisoned here by his son. Tour **Emperor Akbar's grand tomb**, which includes stonework and minarets similar to the Taj Mahal. Cross the **Yamuna River** for a taste of local life in the **village of Kachhpura**. Here you will witness a lifestyle rarely seen by visitors and experience the warmth and hospitality of India's people. Before departing, join fellow guests and staff for a **grand gala of Indian pageantry**.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** One of the finest hotels in the world, **The Oberoi Amarvilas** overlooks the Taj Mahal, providing stunning views of this monument. Take a walk through the peaceful Mughal-inspired gardens, refresh your spirit at the reflection pools and marvel at the richly detailed interiors.

**Clockwise from left:** Taj Mahal; Indian henna application; Local performers



AGRA, INDIA ✈️ KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA: 7H 45M + LOCAL FLIGHT

## SERENGETI PLAIN *or* NGORONGORO CRATER, TANZANIA

*One of the world's greatest wildlife destinations, Tanzania is home to the legendary big five: lions, leopards, cape buffaloes, elephants and rhinos.*

**DAYS 16 - 18** Your safari adventure begins immediately upon landing in the middle of the **Serengeti**, Tanzania's largest national park. In the morning, start the day on a hot air balloon, the perfect way to view the scale and grandeur of the ecosystem known to the Masai as the **"Endless Plains."**

Embark on game drives to witness one of the most ancient migration rituals on Earth. Throughout the year, more than **one million wildebeest**, accompanied by **gazelles** and **zebras**, trek across the Serengeti, seeking out fresh grazing and water. Along the way, they encounter **lions, leopards, crocodiles** and other carnivores always on the hunt. Because this cycle is continuous, the Serengeti is always teeming with a dizzying array of wildlife.

**Alternate:** If you'd like to see a different side of Tanzania, opt to visit the **Ngorongoro Crater**, the largest unbroken caldera in the world. Observe its permanent population of about 25,000 animals, including critically endangered black rhinos.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Deep within Africa's finest game reserve, **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti** delivers an unparalleled luxury safari experience. Enjoy stylish, comfortable guest rooms, and keep an eye out for elephants at the local watering hole as you float in the infinity pool.

**Alternate:** On the edge of the caldera, the **andBeyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge** is the perfect base for crater exploration. Guest rooms immerse you in colonial-style luxury and your private viewing deck offers panoramic views of the crater.

**Clockwise from top:** Elephants in Serengeti; Hot air balloon over the Serengeti; Masai walking at sunset



KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA ✈️ AQABA, JORDAN: 5H 10M

## LOST CITY OF PETRA AND WADI RUM, JORDAN

*Abandoned more than 1,500 years ago, the Lost City of Petra was once a thriving center of trade.*

**DAYS 19 - 20** Nearly two-thirds of Jordan is covered by great expanses of arid desert. Gold-tinged red sandstone cliffs arch up into the sky, while plateaus eroded by winds stretch toward the horizon. In the middle of this stark beauty lies **Petra**.

This naturally fortified city was located at an important crossroads used by caravans on trade routes accessing much of the Middle East. Elaborate water storage systems allowed its inhabitants to create a rich, sprawling metropolis in the arid desert environment. Petra's architecture reflects a fusion of ideas and styles, combining traditional **Nabataean rock-cut buildings** with **Hellenistic façades** featuring columns and intricate sculptures.

Walk through **the Siq**, a narrow chasm in the bedrock, and emerge before the **elaborate Treasury**. If you're feeling adventurous, join your guide on

the 1,000-step climb to the **enigmatic Monastery**. In the evening, enjoy a private celebration featuring local cuisine and a **Bedouin folk show**.

Early the next morning, embark in a four-by-four vehicle to explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, made famous in the film "Lawrence of Arabia." Spot exquisite Nabataean rock carvings in the **Khaz'ali Canyon** before marveling at the awe-inspiring views of the desert from **Lawrence's Spring**.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Situated just steps away from the entrance to the Lost City of Petra, the **Mövenpick Resort Petra** smoothly blends Middle Eastern craftsmanship with modern conveniences.

**Clockwise from top:** The Treasury at Petra; Camels; Exploring Wadi Rum



AQABA, JORDAN ✈️ MARRAKECH, MOROCCO: 6H 40M

## MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

*In the first imperial city of Morocco, experience a feast of the senses as you wind along the narrow, twisting paths of the medina.*

**DAYS 21 - 22** Perhaps the highlight of Marrakech, **Jemaa el-Fna** square is the heart of one of the most vibrant and historic medinas in the world. This ancient walled quarter is filled with narrow, mazelike streets crowded with merchants, fire-eaters, snake charmers, musicians and entertainers. In the evening, sip a sweet mint tea while gazing out over the square as the sun descends behind the surrounding mountains.

Explore the venerable **Ali Ben Youssef Medersa**, founded more than 400 years ago as a center of learning. Stop to visit local craftsmen plying their traditional trades of leatherwork, metalwork and jewelry. Stroll through the dreamlike landscapes of the **Jardin Majorelle**, arriving at the blue fountain that occupies the heart of the gardens. Alternatively, trek into the **Atlas Mountains** to visit a Berber village. Meet the chieftain, tour traditional homes and eat lunch before returning to Marrakech.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Opened in 1923, **La Mamounia** has long been a favorite among travelers to Marrakech. This century-old glamorous retreat continues to define luxury with opulent guest rooms, decorated in traditional Berber style and offering striking views of the city.

**DAYS 23 - 24 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

*Flight time to Orlando, Florida from Marrakech, Morocco: 12h 15m, including tech stop*

We depart Morocco and fly to Orlando, where we will enjoy a farewell dinner at the **Hyatt Regency**. You will return home on your independent flight the following day.

**Clockwise from left:** Jemaa el-Fna; Spices in the market; Jardin Majorelle



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**OPPOSITE PAGE:** The customized Boeing 757 private jet **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top left):** In-flight entertainment; Leather VIP-style seats; Highly personalized service

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**ROSS ARNOLD** | *January Departure*

Ross Arnold is a popular communicator, teacher and lecturer who has been the featured speaker on several luxury trips. Ross is currently Founding Director and Senior Lecturer at the Lakeside Institute of Theology and Senior Pastor of Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Ajijic, Mexico. His areas of expertise range from world religions to the ancient and modern Middle East.



**PATTY HOSTIUCK** | *January Departure*

Patty Hostiuck has traveled the globe as a naturalist for nearly three decades. Her academic background in biology and geography shapes a perspective that spotlights the importance of place, the abiding interdependence of living things, and the critical influence of nature on human cultures. She has served as a National Forest Ranger and National Park Ranger and has worked extensively leading trips from the tropics to both polar regions, where she loves to share her insights with thoughtful travelers.



**GEORGEANNE IRVINE** | *January Departure*

Georgeanne Irvine has devoted more than four decades of her career to raising awareness about animals and wildlife conservation. She is director of corporate publishing for San Diego Zoo Global, where she has worked for 40 years. George is the author of more than two dozen children's books about animals, including the Zoo's new Hope and Inspiration series. She has also written hundreds of magazine, newspaper and web articles, many of which are illustrated with her photographs. George's extensive worldwide adventures have taken her to many of Earth's most extraordinary destinations.



**PETER BOBROWSKY** | *September Departure*

Dr. Peter Bobrowsky is an anthropologist, archaeologist and geologist who has explored some 100 countries during his 40-year career as consultant, university scholar, mentor and research scientist. An elected Fellow to the Explorers Club of New York and the Geological Society of America, he is a current and former president of several international learned societies and NGOs. An expert in the last two million years of Earth history, he brings to life the crucial link between landscapes and society.



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**THIS PAGE** (clockwise from left): Belmond Palacio Nazarenas, Cusco, Peru; and Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Tanzania; Festive welcome in India