



# ITINERARY

The following pages detail our day-to-day activities. In addition to this itinerary, you will receive a daily program that lists the planned activities for each day with specific timings.

Please remember that this is an expedition in the true sense of the word. You should expect that changes will occur along the way, timings will be adjusted, and unexpected events will affect the program. Your expedition leader will conduct briefings to keep you apprised of any scheduling changes.



## Explorer Destinations

Explorer destinations will be marked with the above icon. These destinations have been chosen due to their remote beauty, historical and cultural significance, unique touring and wildlife access rather than their luxury lodging and dining. For these stops we will stay in more basic, authentic properties that are the best available for the location. Fine dining opportunities may be limited in these locales resulting in more buffet-style group meals due to service limitations. While these stops may require a more adventurous spirit, we believe you will be rewarded with deeply enriching and authentic experiences that can only be found off the beaten path.



October 6 – 7

# Orlando, Florida

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

### Individual Arrivals in Orlando, Florida

Upon arrival at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida, please visit the *Around the World* hospitality room. Please bring your passport and proof of Yellow Fever vaccination or waiver with you. The check-in staff will collect your passport and return it to you the next morning at breakfast. You will also receive your name tag and other important updates.

Further details about check-in will be provided in the welcome letter when you check in to the hotel.

### Hospitality Room Hours:

Sunday, October 6 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This evening, please gather for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner. This is your opportunity to meet your expert staff and fellow travelers. Your expedition leader will brief you on important details for tomorrow morning's departure.

*OVERNIGHT: The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes*

## Reminders

Please do not pack your passport or important documents in your checked luggage, but rather always put them in your hand-carry that you bring on board the jet.

**Machu Picchu Guests:** As you will be traveling to high altitude tomorrow for your visit to Peru, you should start taking your high altitude medication this afternoon. While at altitude, avoid consuming alcohol and drink plenty of water.

**All Guests:** Please prepare your large suitcase with all the items you will need for your stops in Peru, Easter Island and Fiji. Your small suitcase will remain securely locked on the aircraft.



## ACCOMMODATION

### **THE RITZ-CARLTON ORLANDO, GRANDE LAKES**

Inspired by the grand palazzos of Italy, The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes offers a stylish way to stay in Orlando. Views of the lakes and nearby golf course provide serene surroundings for this exceptional resort. The grounds include a 40,000-square-foot spa and wellness center, and an 18-hole Greg Norman-designed championship golf course. Public areas are richly treated in marble, antiques and plush fabrics. Each guest room in this resort features a flat-screen Web TV and private balcony with views of the lakes, pool, or gardens.



October 7 – 10

# Cusco & Machu Picchu or Pisco, Peru

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Pisco. Please remember to stop at the TCS hospitality desk to collect your passport.

**Depart:** Orlando, Florida | 10:00 A.M.

**Arrive:** Pisco, Peru | 3:35 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 6H 35M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

### ☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After clearing Peruvian immigration and customs, you board your charter flight to Cusco. Flight time is approximately one hour, 10 minutes. Arriving in Cusco, you transfer to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel*

### ☐ Pisco Guests

Upon arrival in Pisco, clear Peruvian immigration and customs and then transfer to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

### ☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the train station to board the Hiram Bingham luxury train for the three-hour trip to Aguas Calientes, known as the gateway to Machu Picchu. Sit back and savor the views of the scenic Urubamba Valley while you enjoy a late brunch on the train.

Or if you prefer, you may depart the hotel earlier to enjoy the Urubamba Valley by motor coach, with time to explore the village of Ollantaytambo before joining the group on the Hiram Bingham train.

Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes, board a motor coach for the final half-hour drive up to the Incan city, Machu Picchu, which was rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911.

Explore Machu Picchu with visits to the watchtower, temples, houses, baths and the great “House of the Sun.” Enjoy afternoon tea at a local restaurant after a guided tour of the citadel.

You then transfer back to the village of Aguas Calientes to catch the Hiram Bingham train for your return to Cusco. Dinner is served in the dining cars. From the station, you return to Cusco and your hotel by motor coach.

*OVERNIGHT: Belmond Palacio Nazarenas*



## ❑ Pisco Guests

After breakfast, take an approximately 90-minute flight to take in the fascinating Nazca Lines. Covering over 300 miles of desert hills and sands, some of the over 10,000 pre-Columbian geoglyphs stretch more than 5 miles long and 100 feet wide. The purpose of the Nazca Lines are not fully known, but some think they are religious offerings to the gods who would look down on them from the heavens or sacred pathways used during rituals.

Return to the hotel for lunch before enjoying a late afternoon dune experience. Depart on an adrenaline-filled ride on specially outfitted 4×4 trucks driven by expert drivers. Drive up and along the sandy dunes, and take in the spectacular scenery around you. Afterwards, conclude your outdoor adventure with a picnic of beverages and light snacks with the dunes as your unforgettable backdrop.

*OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

### ❑ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then you may choose between several morning sightseeing options.

#### Morning Touring

##### Sacsayhuaman and Plaza de Armas

Visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a monumental fortress just outside of Cusco. It is believed that Cusco was laid out in the form of a puma, whose head was the hill of Sacsayhuaman. Return to Cusco and explore the Plaza de Armas, including the grand Cusco Cathedral.

##### San Pedro Market and Plaza de Armas

Visit the San Pedro Market, located about a ten minute walk from the Plaza de Armas to take in the lively energy of this hub of local life. Your senses will come alive as you sample local fruits and fresh juice and smell the spices and meat being sold throughout. You will also have a chance to shop for a variety of souvenirs. Afterward, enjoy time to explore the central plaza including the grand Cusco Cathedral.

### Korikancha, Plaza de Armas and Cathedral

Explore the ruins of Korikancha, or Temple of the Sun, where the Convent of San Domingo now stands. This site was formerly the main Inca temple of Cusco, and was famed for its gold-covered walls. Walk back to the Plaza de Armas to see the beautiful Cusco Cathedral. Afterward, enjoy time to shop in the central plaza on your own.

#### Afternoon Touring

This afternoon, all guests will transfer to Chinchero where master Andean weaver, Nilda Callañaupa, and her community of weavers will give a special demonstration of traditional Andean weaving.

#### All Guests

This evening, dine at your choice of local restaurant.

*OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel*

## ❑ Pisco Guests

#### Morning Touring

After breakfast at the hotel, depart by boat for a morning cruise around the Ballestas Islands, the most important wildlife sanctuary on the Peruvian coast. This group of small, rocky islands is home to an abundance of marine birds and mammals, including Humboldt penguins, blue-footed boobies, fur seals and sea lions.

#### Afternoon Touring

Return to the hotel for lunch before transferring to Hacienda La Caravedo, the oldest, continuously operating vineyard in the Americas. Here you will enjoy a tasting of pisco, Peru's famed brandy distilled from grapes, followed by dinner and local entertainment.

#### All Guests

*OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas*

## Reminder

**All Guests:** Please prepare your large suitcase with all the items you will need for your stops on Easter Island and Fiji. Your small suitcase will remain securely locked on the aircraft.



## ACCOMMODATION

### BELMOND PALACIO NAZARENAS

This former 16th-century Carmelite convent has been renovated into Cusco's premier luxury hotel. The hotel is a blend of authentic historical décor and modern luxuries. The site includes an outdoor heated pool, on-site dining and a spa. This all-suite hotel features the original exposed stone walls, heated Peruvian marble bathrooms, Persian rugs and oxygenated rooms. All suites include a widescreen TV, as well as an iPod docking station and an iPad for guest use. 24-hour personal butler service is included in all suites.



## ACCOMMODATION

### HOTEL PARACAS

Located on the coast and surrounded by the Paracas National Reserve, Hotel Paracas offers an outstanding location and upscale accommodations with ocean views. Enjoy two swimming pools, a bar-lounge, a luxury spa and fine dining. In addition, the Ballestas Islands ecological sanctuary is located just off shore in front of the hotel.



October 10 – 12

## 📍Easter Island, Chile

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

#### ☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After breakfast at our hotel, transfer to the Cusco Airport for your charter flight back to Pisco. Flight time is approximately one hour, 10 minutes.

#### ☐ Pisco Guests

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport where you will be reunited with the Cusco and Machu Picchu guests for your flight to Easter Island.

#### All Guests

**Depart:** Lima, Peru | 11:10 A.M.

**Arrive:** Easter Island, Chile | 5:00 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 5H 50M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

After clearing Chilean immigration and customs, transfer directly to your hotel for check-in and dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Nayara Hangarua*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

#### Morning Touring

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of the island.

Near the town of Hanga Roa we encounter Ahu Tahai, the site of three restored moai, the rock statues for which the island is famous. We also stop at the Rano Raraku quarry, where almost 400 giant statues remain in various stages of completion, giving us insights to how these mysterious icons may have been created. At Ahu Tongariki, we visit a monument featuring 15 large statues lined in a row.

#### Afternoon Touring

After a barbecue lunch on the beach, continue to explore the island or spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

You may choose to visit Ahu Akivi, considered to be a particularly sacred site, and home to seven moai, all of which are positioned to face sunset during the spring equinox and have their backs to the sunrise during autumn equinox. The astronomical precision is unique to this location on the island.

Or, you may take a guided walk along the island's beautiful beaches, across semi-rugged terrain to see additional moai at Ovahe and La Perouse. At the foot of a volcanic cliff, these small beaches are less frequented and offer serene views of the Pacific Ocean.

#### **All Guests**

Gather this evening for cocktails, dinner and entertainment.

*OVERNIGHT: Nayara Hangaroa*



## ACCOMMODATION

### NAYARA HANGAROA

The Nayara Hangaroa was designed in homage to the village of Orongo, a ceremonial place on Rapa Nui. Guest rooms are built of natural materials like cypress logs, clay and volcanic rock, immersing guests in the Rapa Nui habitat. Inspired by the shape of caves, the rooms are imbued with smooth, organic shapes. Rooms also feature a clay bath, a separate shower, a music system, a desk, a safe-deposit box, a mini-bar and a private terrace with an ocean view.





October 13 – 14

## Nadi, Fiji (non-touring destination)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

#### Morning Touring Easter Island

This morning, you may choose to rise early for a sunrise photo shoot at Ahu Tongariki. After breakfast, transfer to the airport, stopping to visit Orongo—the ceremonial center of the island’s birdman cult. Members of the cult observed an annual ritual in which they raced to bring the first egg of the manutara, or sooty tern, from a nearby island to Orongo. See petroglyphs which may have been carved to commemorate the race’s winners. Alternatively, you may choose to spend your morning at leisure and transfer directly to the airport.

Upon arrival at the airport, board the private jet for our flight to Fiji.

**Depart:** Easter Island, Chile | 12:00 P.M.

**Arrive:** Papeete, Tahiti | 12:50 P.M. (Tech stop)

**Elapsed Time:** 5H 50M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

*Cross the International Date Line:* **Arrive Sunday, October 13**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**Depart:** Papeete, Tahiti | 1:50 P.M.

**Arrive:** Nadi, Fiji | 5:00 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 5H 10 M

**Meal Service:** Snacks

After clearing Fijian immigration and customs, you will transfer to the hotel to check in.

This overnight stop in Fiji is necessary to accommodate our flight logistics needs between Easter Island and Australia. Due to the brief nature of our time in Fiji, we will stay at a property on the picturesque Denarau Island, approximately 30-minutes from the airport.

We encourage guests to relax and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.

This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception and gala dinner with local entertainment at the resort.

*OVERNIGHT:* Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa



## ACCOMMODATION

### **SOFITEL FIJI RESORT & SPA**

Set on 26 lush acres of gardens and private beachfront along sparkling Nadi Bay, the Sofitel is a tranquil escape tucked away on Fiji's beautiful Denarau Island. All of the resort's rooms and suites face the ocean and set the scene for total relaxation. Fresh, seasonal dining is available at a selection of restaurants, relaxed bars and café-style eateries.



October 14 – 16

## 📍Great Barrier Reef, Australia

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

After breakfast, transfer to the airport where you board the private jet and depart for Australia.

**Depart:** Nadi, Fiji | 11:00 A.M.

**Arrive:** Cairns, Australia | 2:05 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 5H 5M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

Clear Australian immigration and customs and transfer approximately one hour to the hotel in Port Douglas. Upon arrival, check in and gather at the poolside terrace for an evening wine reception and barbecue.

*OVERNIGHT: Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa*

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

After breakfast, depart for full-day sightseeing options.

#### Full-Day Touring

##### ☐ Reef Cruise - Snorkeling

Transfer by coach for the Port Douglas Marina for a cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, composed of roughly 3,000 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for over 1,600 miles. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.

Explore the reef, alongside the guests opting to dive, stopping first to visit a private pontoon where you can experience the vast coral ecosystem from a semi-submersible submarine. Then, head out into the open water where you can enjoy time for snorkeling amid the stunning variety of marine life. Lunch will be served onboard the boat. You return to shore this afternoon, where you may choose to shop in Port Douglas or transfer directly to the hotel.

#### ☐ Reef Cruise - Certified Diving

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We explore the reef, alongside the guests who are snorkeling, stopping at a private pontoon to view the vast coral ecosystem from a semi-submersible submarine. Then, head out into the open water to enjoy a time for diving amid the stunning variety of marine life. Please note that diving is subject to medical clearance by the diving staff and approval of guests' internationally recognized SCUBA certification card. Lunch will be served onboard the boat. We return to shore this afternoon, where you may choose to shop in Port Douglas or transfer directly to the hotel.

#### ☐ Daintree Rainforest

Spend the day exploring the Daintree Rainforest. Start with a Dreamtime Walk through the Mossman Gorge with an Aboriginal guide of the Kuku Yalanji tribe. The gorge is a rainforest sanctuary of rare and exotic fruit trees and wildlife facing extinction. After the walk, discuss rainforest flora and fauna with your guide and learn more about traditional Aboriginal culture. Choose to shop in Port Douglas or return directly to the hotel.

#### ☐ Full-Day at Leisure

Enjoy the hotel amenities or explore on your own.

#### All Guests

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Port Douglas.

*OVERNIGHT: Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa*



#### ACCOMMODATION

### PULLMAN PORT DOUGLAS SEA TEMPLE RESORT & SPA

Set on nearly ten acres of tropical beachfront on Four Mile Beach, Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa creates a haven of relaxation. Resort features include a restaurant and island pool bar, day spa, lagoon-style pool, lap pool with gentle waterfalls, fully equipped fitness center, 18-hole golf course and direct beach access. Each guest apartment includes two bedrooms, one bathroom and a private balcony or terrace. A self-service clothes washer, dryer and laundry detergent are available in each unit should you wish to launder your clothes personally.





October 16 – 19

# Angkor Wat, Cambodia

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

This morning, breakfast is at the hotel before you transfer to the airport for your flight to Cambodia. If you wish, you may stop at a rainforest habitat to learn more about Australia's endemic flora and fauna en route.

**Depart: Cairns, Australia | 10:30 A.M.**

**Arrive: Siem Reap, Cambodia | 3:15 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 7H 45M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Land in Siem Reap and clear Cambodian immigration and customs before transferring to your hotel for check-in.

This evening, enjoy an à la carte dinner at one of the hotel restaurants.

*OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

### Morning Touring

You have two options for your visit to Angkor Wat: an early morning sunrise visit, or a mid-morning tour.

### Early Morning Angkor Wat

Wake up early before sunrise and transfer to Angkor Wat to explore this magnificent temple complex, also known as "the city which is a temple." Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious structure built from stone. Enjoy breakfast before visiting Ta Prohm, which is known for the massive trees that have engulfed the temple walls over the centuries. You also visit the Elephant Terrace and the Bayon Temple, famed for its four massive stone-carved faces of a Bodhisattva.

### Mid-Morning Angkor Wat

Following breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Angkor Wat to explore this magnificent temple complex, also known as "the city which is a temple." Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious structure built from stone. Visit Ta Prohm, which is known for the massive trees that have engulfed the temple walls over the centuries. You also visit the Elephant Terrace and the Bayon Temple, famed for its four massive stone-carved faces of a Bodhisattva.

## Afternoon Touring

This afternoon, you will have lunch at the hotel before departing for your afternoon sightseeing options.

### Floating Villages on Tonle Sap

Transfer to Tonle Sap, Asia's largest freshwater lake that is home to over one hundred floating villages. Explore the floating villages by boat, getting a glimpse into the unique daily life of the local people.

### Satcha Handicraft School & Siem Reap Market

Visit Satcha Handicraft School, where local Cambodian artisans are nurtured to create traditional crafts that preserve Cambodia's heritage and build a stable economic future. After, return to Siem Reap to stroll through the bustling market where locals sell clothing, spices, housewares, fresh food and handicrafts.

### Apopo Hero Rat & Siem Reap Market

Embark on a visit to the Apopo Visitors Center to learn about the remarkable Hero Rat. Learn how the highly developed sense of smell of these skilled rodents makes them ideal detectors of landmines and aid tuberculosis efforts in local clinics. Afterwards, return to Siem Reap to explore the bustling market where locals sell clothing, spices, housewares, fresh food and handicrafts.

### ☐ Countryside Vespa Tour

Hop on the back of a Vespa to enjoy a leisurely afternoon tour of the countryside. A guide will take you past palm-filled pastures and wetlands teeming with lotus blooms. Stop to visit a Buddhist temple and meet with monks for a blessing. You will continue to a rural village to meet the residents before returning to the hotel.

### All Guests

Tonight, you will enjoy a gala dinner with traditional entertainment.

*OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

After breakfast at the hotel, choose how you spend your morning.

### Morning Touring

#### Banteay Srei & Preah Dak Village

Visit Banteay Srei and explore the "citadel of women," where red sandstone Hindu temples are beautifully preserved and magnificent carvings cover nearly every surface. Explore Preah Dak, where you will see palm sugar production and have the opportunity to buy handmade products and stroll through the village. Return to the hotel for lunch.

#### Royal Khmer Cooking Class

Meet a local chef in the hotel lobby to begin your culinary adventure. You will learn how to make a local dish following a hands-on demo at the Restaurant Le Grand. After sharpening your cooking skills, you will enjoy the fruits of your labor for lunch.

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#### Elephants in Kulan Forests

A one-hour drive brings you to the elephant reserve, a forest of over 1,100 protected acres in the foothills of the Kulen Mountains. Your ranger guide will tell you about the past lives of these magnificent creatures and you will follow the elephants through their natural habitat along a circular path and observe their relationships and behaviors.

### Afternoon Touring

In the afternoon, choose from the following sightseeing options:

#### Floating Villages on Tonle Sap

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### Evening Touring

#### ❑ Siem Reap Vespa Food Tour

Escorted by a local guide, spend an evening riding through the flavorful streets of Siem Reap. You'll be driven around on the back of a vintage Vespa, tasting a variety of local dishes and regional favorites from hidden gems.

#### All Guests

Guests not on the Vespa food tour can choose to have dinner at a local restaurant or one of the restaurants at the hotel.

*OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor*



## ACCOMMODATION

### RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR

The Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has all the modern comforts to complement the grandeur of the destination. The nearly 15 acres of gardens provide a spectacular setting with formal, lotus, temple and river-styled gardens. The hotel features an international buffet at the Café d'Angkor and fine dining at Le Grand Restaurant. The state-of-the-art Amrita Spa houses treatment rooms, a gym, sauna, Jacuzzi, and steam bath facilities. Each room in the hotel has been tastefully restored and refurbished to the original colonial architectural style. Amenities include an in-room safe, satellite TV channels, a mini bar and coffee/tea-making facilities.





October 19 – 21

# Taj Mahal & Jaipur, India

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

After breakfast, you transfer to the airport for your flight to India.

**Depart:** Siem Reap, Cambodia | 9:00 A.M.

**Arrive:** Jaipur, India | 12:00 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 4H 50M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

After clearing Indian immigration and customs, explore the beautiful city of Jaipur en route to the hotel.

### Jaipur City Tour

After checking in to the hotel, opt for an exploration of Jaipur's handmade rugs, textiles or jewels in a shopping excursion. Visit the Hawa Mahal, or "Palace of Winds," for a quick photo-op, followed by a visit to the "Pink City," where you will explore the large open-air observatory that belonged to the 18th-century Maharaja Jai Singh II. At the observatory, view the massive instruments created by brilliant mathematicians and astronomers of the era, as well as the world's largest sundial.

### All Guests

Tonight, enjoy an à la carte dinner at one of the hotel restaurants.

*OVERNIGHT: Rambagh Palace*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Following breakfast this morning, depart for a day of exploration in either Agra or Jaipur.

### Agra Day Visit - Taj Mahal

Transfer to the airport and take a 50 minute flight to Agra where you will spend the day visiting India's architectural masterpiece, the Taj Mahal. Transfer to the grand marble mausoleum, which was built for Mumtaz Mahal by her grieving widower Emperor Shah Jahan. A guide will take you through the gardens, where pools perfectly reflect the gleaming façade. After time to take in the spectacular exterior, step into the mausoleum to see the delicately-tiled, domed interior. After the tour, you will enjoy refreshments at a nearby hotel. You will then return to the airport for a 50 minute flight to Jaipur. Upon returning, you may choose to transfer directly to the hotel, or explore Jaipur's local markets and the bazaar before returning to the hotel for dinner.



## Jaipur Touring

Guests opting to remain in Jaipur can choose from the following touring options:

### Amber Fort

Transfer 45-minutes then transition to jeeps for a short journey up the hill to the Fort. Explore the stunning Amber Fort, a 16th-century complex of well-preserved palaces, temples and gardens, with a fascinating blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Please note, this activity requires some moderately strenuous walking on uneven ground, up and down a steep hill, and numerous large steps.

### Shopping

After lunch, enjoy a guided shopping adventure. Your local guide will take you to the shopping destinations of your choice. Whether you are interested in local art, textiles, jewelry or handicrafts, a knowledgeable guide will drive you and like-minded shoppers around the city and guide you to the best local vendors.

### All Guests

This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception and entertainment followed by a gala dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Rambagh Palace*

## Reminders

Tonight, please prepare your small, wheeled suitcase with all the items you will need for our three-night stay in Tanzania. Your larger suitcase will remain securely locked on our aircraft.

Ngorongoro Crater Guests: as we will be traveling to high altitude tomorrow, you should start taking your high altitude medication tonight. While at altitude, avoid consuming alcohol and drink plenty of water.



## ACCOMMODATION

### RAMBAGH PALACE

Built in 1835, Rambagh Palace was home to Jaipur's royal family until 1957, when it was converted into a hotel. The property includes over 47 acres of expansive gardens. Relax and recharge at the holistic spa or indulge in a fine dinner at one of several unique bars and restaurants.



October 21 – 24

# Tanzania

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Breakfast is at our hotel before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Tanzania.

**Depart:** Jaipur, India | 8:45 A.M.

**Arrive:** Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 2:00 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 7H 55M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

Upon clearing Tanzanian immigration and customs, you split into your pre-selected groups, traveling to the Serengeti National Park or Ngorongoro Crater aboard small aircraft charters.

### ❑ Serengeti National Park Guests

Take a charter flight to the Seronera Airstrip in Serengeti National Park. Flight time is approximately one hour.

#### Afternoon Touring

Upon arrival, board safari Jeeps and enjoy your first game drive en route to the lodge. You will then check in and enjoy drinks and a safari briefing before dinner at the lodge.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti*

### ❑ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

Board a charter flight to the Lake Manyara Airstrip. Flight time is approximately 30 minutes.

#### Afternoon Touring

Upon arrival, board safari Jeeps for the scenic drive to your lodge for check-in. After drinks and a safari briefing, enjoy dinner at the lodge.

*OVERNIGHT: &Beyond Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

### ☐ Serengeti National Park Guests

The Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, protects a wide variety of animals, large and small, including more than 30 species of large herbivores and nearly 500 species of birds. Take advantage of this magnificent destination starting with a hot air balloon ride followed by an incredible game drive, or choose to spend your day at leisure.

#### Early Morning Touring

##### ☐ Hot Air Ballooning

Take an early morning hot air balloon ride over the vast Serengeti Plain. We have morning coffee and snacks (approximately 4:30 a.m.), then transfer approximately one hour and 30 minutes to a launch site where we will soar into the air for a spectacular view of the wildlife and scenery from above.

After about an hour in the sky, touch down and indulge in an outdoor champagne breakfast in the plain. From here, guests may continue on a game drive or return to the hotel for the remainder of the morning at leisure.

##### ☐ Early Morning at Leisure

Enjoy a more leisurely paced morning before the rest of the day's touring.

#### Half-Day Touring

##### Game Drive

Set out on a half-day game drive to see great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and countless other animals that call The Serengeti National Park home. The morning game drive will depart around 6:00 a.m. and return to the hotel for lunch, and the afternoon game drive will depart after lunch at the hotel.

##### All Guests

Tonight, gather at the hotel pool for sunset cocktails and a Masai dance performance, followed by dinner at the lodge.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti*

### ☐ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

The Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the world's largest inactive volcanic caldera, teeming with diverse wildlife. Home to over 25,000 large animals, including the Big Five, and over 500 species of birds. Spend today exploring this natural wonder and witness the harmonious coexistence of wildlife on a game drive, or choose to spend your time at leisure.

#### Half-Day Touring

##### Game Drive

Journey into the Ngorongoro Crater in either the morning or afternoon for a half-day game drive. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. It is approximately 10 miles wide and creates a natural amphitheater for one of the densest populations of large animals anywhere. It hosts a spectacular array of wildlife, including rhinos, lions, water buffalo, zebra, elephants, Thompson's gazelles and warthogs.

##### All Guests

This evening, enjoy dinner at the lodge.

*OVERNIGHT: &Beyond Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

### ▣ Serengeti National Park Guests

Today, venture out on a full-day or half-day spectacular game drive.

#### Full-Day Touring

##### Game Drive

See more of the Serengeti on a full-day game drive. Spend your day in search of the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. Enjoy a scenic picnic lunch before continuing your drive.

#### Half-Day Touring

##### Game Drive

Choose to spend your morning or afternoon at leisure, while still experiencing the remarkable wildlife of the Serengeti. Set out on a half-day game drive to see great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and countless other animals that call The Serengeti National Park home. The morning game drive will depart around 7:30 a.m. and return to the hotel for lunch, and the afternoon game drive will depart after lunch at the hotel.

##### All Guests

Tonight, gather for sundowners and a Majuto dance performance, followed by dinner in the bush.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti*

### ▣ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

#### Half-Day Touring

##### Game Drive

Embark on an adventure to the Ngorongoro Crater, choosing between a morning or afternoon half-day game drive. Encounter elephants, lions, buffalo and endangered black rhinos amid diverse habitats. Witness Maasai cultural traditions amid grazing wildlife. Enjoy panoramic views from the crater rim, spotting over 500 bird species, including flamingos. This adventure offers a condensed yet immersive safari, blending natural beauty, wildlife diversity and cultural richness into a captivating experience in Tanzania's wilderness.

#### Afternoon Touring

##### Masai Village Visit and Game Drive

After breakfast, go on a game drive (see description above) before having a bush lunch and visiting a Masai village.

##### All Guests

This evening, sip sundowners alongside local entertainment and have dinner at the lodge.

*OVERNIGHT: &Beyond Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge*





## ACCOMMODATION

### FOUR SEASONS SAFARI LODGE SERENGETI

Located within the Serengeti National Park, this lodge features 77 rooms, all with stunning views of the Serengeti Plains. This property combines the intimacy of a lodge with the facilities expected of a much larger hotel, such as an infinity pool, restaurants that serve a mix of African and international cuisine, a bar, a fitness center and spa. Guest rooms offer luxurious sleeping areas and amenities such as a teak deck overlooking the savanna.



## ACCOMMODATION

### &BEYOND NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

Located on the crater's edge, &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge offers uncompromising views and is the perfect base for game-drive explorations. Guest rooms feature antiques, leather-backed chairs and decks with magnificent views.



October 24 – 26

## 📍Luxor and Cairo, Egypt

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

#### ☐ Serengeti National Park Guests

After breakfast, transfer back to the Seronera Airstrip to board your short charter flight to Kilimanjaro.

#### ☐ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

After breakfast, transfer back to the Lake Manyara Airstrip for your short charter flight to Kilimanjaro.

#### All Guests

In Kilimanjaro, you will board the private jet for your flight to Luxor, Egypt.

**Depart: Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 12:00 P.M.**

**Arrive: Luxor, Egypt | 4:25 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 5H 25M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Upon arrival, clear Egyptian immigration and customs before transferring to the hotel for check-in.

This evening, dinner is à la carte at the hotel.

*OVERNIGHT: Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa*

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

#### Morning Touring

After breakfast, spend the day uncovering the wonders of Luxor, ancient Egypt's royal capital that is often described as the world's finest open-air museum. Begin on the Nile's east bank at the awe-inspiring temple complex of Karnak, dedicated to a quartet of Egyptian gods. Wander among the massive columns of the Great Hypostyle Hall, and take in the painted reliefs and ornate hieroglyphs that adorn these sacred spaces. Visit the small but impressive Temple of Khonsu, which was built under Ramesses III and is considered a stellar example of a complete New Kingdom temple.

Continue along the banks of the Nile to the magnificent Luxor Temple. Constructed over the centuries by a series of pharaohs, including Ramesses II and Tutankhamun, this vast complex retains its towering front wall, dramatic statues and gigantic columns opening onto grandiose squares.

Cross over to the west bank by motorboat and go on a river cruise. Sail through the waters of the Nile, taking in views of Luxor's ancient monuments that rise from the banks of the river and enjoying lunch on board. Return to the hotel via motorboat and enjoy time at leisure after lunch.

#### Afternoon Touring

Later this afternoon, transfer to Luxor's Valley of the Kings, the burial ground for the pharaohs of the New Kingdom, including King Tutankhamun and Ramesses II. At this UNESCO World Heritage site, explore elaborate tombs—intended to pave the way to the afterlife.

#### All Guests

This evening, enjoy an elaborate gala dinner at Medinet Habu Temple, which is strikingly lit up against the night sky.

*OVERNIGHT: Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

#### All Guests - Day Trip to Cairo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before transferring to the airport for our flight to Cairo.

**Depart: Luxor, Egypt | 8:00 A.M.**

**Arrive: Cairo, Egypt | 9:30 A.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 1H 30M**

Upon arrival in Cairo, spend the morning and afternoon discovering the site of the ancient Egyptians' greatest masterpieces, the Pyramids of Giza. Here you explore the Great Pyramid, the largest of the three pyramids. The Great Pyramid is by far the oldest Ancient Wonder of the World and the only one that still exists today. Enjoy time to walk around the pyramid's exterior and continue to a panoramic view point for photo opportunities of this architectural masterpiece.

Continue next door to the Great Sphinx of Giza. The mythical lion body and human head of the Sphinx have puzzled scholars for centuries. Enjoy special private access to the area between the statue's paws and a lecture that offers deeper insight into the mysteries of ancient Egypt.

Following your visit to the Sphinx, transfer to a nearby restaurant for lunch with a stunning view of the pyramids.



#### ACCOMMODATION

### HILTON LUXOR RESORT & SPA

The Hilton Luxor occupies a prime location on the east bank of the Nile River, just minutes away from the Temple of Karnak. Take in stunning views of the river from your comfortable guest room or the edge of the infinity pool, recharge in the on-site spa, or enjoy international cuisine at one of the property's eight restaurants.





October 26 – 28

## Marrakech, Morocco

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 (CONTINUED)

Transfer to the Cairo airport and board the private jet for our flight to Morocco.

**Depart: Cairo, Egypt | 4:00 P.M.**

**Arrive: Marrakech, Morocco | 9:00 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 6H**

**Meal Service: Dinner**

After clearing Moroccan immigration and customs, you transfer to your selected hotel for check-in.

If you are still feeling peckish after your travels, you can help yourself to an à la carte dinner or appetizer in one of the restaurants at your hotel or order in-room dining.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Resort Marrakech*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

After breakfast at your hotel, you may depart for your pre-selected sightseeing option:

#### Full-Day Touring

##### ☐ Atlas Mountains

For those who chose this alternate, spend a day taking in the spectacular scenery of the Atlas Mountains, the highest mountain range in Northern Africa, and experiencing the community and culture of the local people. Berber tribes live throughout this rugged land, where farming is central to day-to-day life. Visit a Berber village and share tea with a village chief. Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch where you will taste locally farmed meats and produce before we return to Marrakech later this afternoon.

##### ☐ Full-Day at Leisure

Enjoy the hotel amenities or explore on your own.



### Morning Touring

#### ☐ Marrakech City Tour

Marrakech is a vibrant city teeming with colorful stalls and fragrant spices. This bustling trading center's medina, with its winding alleys and shops, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at a local bakery and meet the person in charge of heating the furnace of the public bath before exploring the artisan's section of the city's souk, where leather workers, metal craftsmen, and others practice their crafts. Afterward, visit the stunning sites of the city's ancient walled medina. Browse the impressive gallery of the Maison de la Photographie and admire the Islamic and Moroccan style of the 16th-century El Badi Palace. Pass by the grandiose Koutoubia Mosque before returning to the hotel for a poolside lunch.

#### ☐ Morning at Leisure

Enjoy the hotel amenities or explore on your own.

### Afternoon Touring

After lunch, guests who have selected the Marrakech City Tour may depart on your afternoon options:

#### Souk Visit and Shopping

Take an in-depth exploration of the colorful souk with a local guide. Stroll past pyramids of spices, the glow of colored lamps and rich woven carpets, enjoying time for shopping in Marrakech's vibrant marketplace.

#### Majorelle Gardens & Yves-Saint Laurent Museum

The Majorelle Gardens were established in the 1920s by the French painter Jacques Majorelle, with marble pools, raised pathways, banana trees, groves of bamboo, coconut palms, and bougainvillea. After years of neglect, the garden was lovingly restored by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent and his partner Pierre Berge. After our visit, you may opt to transfer to the souk, where we enjoy time to explore the lively Jemaa el-Fna square before returning to the hotel.

### All Guests

Tonight, gather for a festive farewell cocktail party and dinner, where you will enjoy Moroccan entertainment and toast to your shared experiences and new friends.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Resort Marrakech*



## ACCOMMODATION

### FOUR SEASONS RESORT MARRAKECH

Four Seasons Resort Marrakech is situated on 40 acres of arcades and fountain courtyards nestled among mature olive and palm trees. Guest rooms offer a private balcony with views of the grounds, the historic Menara Gardens next door or the rugged Atlas Mountains. Opt to take a refreshing break in the quiet pool, enjoy a traditional clay cleansing ritual at the Moroccan spa, or delight in the fusion of Mediterranean and African cuisines at the resort's restaurants.



October 28 – 29

# Orlando, Florida

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

After breakfast at our hotel, depart Marrakech on our homeward journey. In flight, our team of experts will recap all the places visited on this expedition.

**Depart: Marrakech, Morocco | 10:30 A.M.**

**Arrive: Ponta Delgada, Portugal | 11:30 A.M.**

**(Tech Stop)**

**Elapsed Time: 3H**

**Meal Service: Snack**

**Depart: Ponta Delgada, Portugal | 12:30 P.M.**

**Arrive: Orlando, Florida | 5:00 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 7H 30M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Upon arrival at Orlando International Airport, we clear U.S. Immigration and Customs. You may then connect with a commercial flight home, or transfer to the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport.

### All Guests

A light buffet dinner will be available upon checking in.

*OVERNIGHT: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

This morning, breakfast is available in the hotel before departing for your commercial flights homeward.

Airport departure gates are within easy walking distance from the hotel.

*Welcome Home!*



## ACCOMMODATION

### **HYATT REGENCY ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport is situated in a prime location within the airport terminal to suit your travel plans. Room amenities include an LCD TV.