



## DEPARTURE DETAILS

From the moment you climb the steps of the private jet to the last farewell, we hope you will savor every moment of excitement and exploration in the itinerary that we have crafted for you. This itinerary should be considered a preliminary guide to the experiences you'll have on our expedition.

As the nature of travel is unpredictable, some unplanned surprises may arise despite this carefully orchestrated itinerary. Weather, political occurrences, and visits by dignitaries may require us to adjust our program, so we ask that you join us with a spirit of adventure and curiosity for the unexpected.

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## FINAL UPDATES

Once we are on the trip, you will receive a daily program detailing the activities scheduled at the upcoming destination. In addition, your Expedition Leader will conduct briefings to keep you apprised of any scheduling changes.

In the MyTCS pre-trip portal, you were given a selection of optional tours at several of our destinations. Included in this document, you will find a list confirming your choices. If you wish to make any changes to your optional tour selections prior to departure, please contact our office, or you may advise our expedition staff at check-in. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate last-minute tour option changes.

### **Wi-Fi Reminder:**

Because this truly is an expedition to some remote areas, there are destinations and/or hotels with Wi-Fi that may not be as fast as you are accustomed to at home. Additionally, the Wi-Fi connection on the jet works well but can be intermittent in some areas.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Upon arrival in Miami, you'll be met by a private car that will transfer you to Four Seasons Hotel Miami for check-in. After you have settled into your room, please join us at the expedition hospitality room to meet the expedition staff. At the hospitality room, the expedition staff will provide you with your name tag as well as other important updates.

### To Do

Please bring the following items with you to check-in:

- Passport (the staff will collect your passport and return it the following morning)
- Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination or waiver

#### **Hospitality Room Hours:**

Saturday, October 4  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## IN-FLIGHT AMENITIES

Discover how we have redefined air travel aboard the customized private jets with convenient amenities and entertainment options. If you require anything beyond the in-flight amenities highlighted here, our attentive cabin crew and staff is always at hand to help you to make every flight an easy and enjoyable experience.



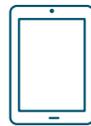
### **Cabin Bag**

On the jet, you will find a personal TUMI cabin bag (yours to keep) containing a baseball cap, slippers, compression socks and an in-flight L'Occitane skincare amenity kit in the overhead bin above your seat.



### **Headphones**

Noise canceling headphones will be provided (for use during the trip). At the end of the journey, please leave them on the aircraft so our staff can sanitize them for use on another journey.



### **Tablet**

An iPad, loaded with movies, TV shows, documentaries and music, will be provided (for use during the trip). We offer power cords and outlets at your seat for maximum convenience.



### **Blanket**

For your comfort, a blanket will be provided (for use during the trip) in the overhead bin above your seat.

### **Additional Items Available on Board**

- Dental Kit
- Nail File
- Lip Balm
- Earplugs
- Eye Mask
- Tissues
- Slippers
- Mints
- iPad Screen Wipes
- Sewing Kit
- Chewing Gum
- Eyeglass Repair Kit

## GUEST LIST

### SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS

*Smithsonian Journeys (SJ)*

*TCS World Travel (TCS)*

CAROL AND ANDY ANDREWS *Raleigh, NC / TCS*

LENA GAIL CASE *Colorado Springs, CO / TCS*

CLINT CHURCHILL *Kailua, HI / TCS*

RONNI DAVID *Plainview, NY / TCS*

BEV AND LYNN EPPEY *Newport Beach, CA / TCS*

JACKIE HART AND JOHN DANCU *Lookout Mountain, TN / TCS*

BERKUEI HUNG *Edison, NJ / TCS*

RUSTY IRONS *Austin, TX / TCS*

TONI AND SCOTT JENKINS *Bloomington, IL / TCS*

DIANE AND ERIC JENSEN *Maunaloa, HI / TCS*

DEANNA AND TOM JONES *Scottsdale, AZ / TCS*

KIM AND DON JONES *Bonita Springs, FL / TCS*

MARLO AND SAM LAPORTE *Elizabethon, TN / TCS*

QUINITA AND CHRIS LAPORTE *Houston, TX / TCS*

LEN LEWIN *Naples, FL / TCS*

TERESITA AND LEE LIM *Kirkland, WA / TCS*

ROBB MCDANIEL AND GENE BURCH *Berryville, AR / SJ*

GERI MORGUELAN *Los Angeles, CA / TCS*

LIZ AND TOM NIEDERMEYER *Chestnut Hill, MA / TCS*

MAGGIE AND STEVE PARKER *Key Largo, FL / TCS*

SUSAN PETRI AND RUDY ANDRIANI *Naples, FL / TCS*

MAX SCHELLMAN *Napa, CA / TCS*

ARLENE TUTTLE *San Marcos, CA / TCS*

LUCY XIE AND JERRY GUO *Windham, NH / TCS*

# Expedition Staff



**GABE MORENO** | *Expedition Leader*

Originally from Costa Rica, Gabriel developed a passion for travel at a young age, and now searches the globe to discover magical moments and share them with his guests. For the past 14 years he has represented a variety of luxury brands as an ambassador and hospitality manager. Gabriel has served as staff on multiple private jet expeditions, and currently lives in Miami Beach, where he spends his free time in his home recording studio.



**TROY JOHNSON** | *Assistant Expedition Leader*

Troy served 20 years as a Navy pilot, retiring at the rank of Commander. He began his international guiding career a decade ago, being part of seven around the world expeditions. He enjoys performing and traveling the world to enjoy scuba diving and hiking. Troy resides with his wife in Seattle, Washington.



**ANITA AXT** | *Assistant Expedition Leader*

Anita has worked in the group travel business for over 25 years traveling with a variety of groups. Her interest in travel began in college when she worked at the International Travel Agency for students, helping piece together fabulous itineraries for international travel. Anita's confident, easy personality connects well with program participants and local staff alike, ensuring a positive outcome for all events she is involved in.



**CAROLINE MEEHAN, MD** | *Expedition Physician*

Dr. Caroline Meehan is an emergency medicine and palliative care physician at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is passionate about improving the experience of seriously ill patients in the emergency department and advancing the integration of palliative care into acute care settings. Originally from the Midwest, Caroline moved to Providence, Rhode Island in 2018, and now calls Boston home. Outside of the hospital, she loves spending time outdoors, especially running, hiking, cross-country skiing and biking.



**CARLOS VALERIO** | *Onboard Chef*

Carlos is an experienced chef who has managed hotels for brands like Intercontinental, Marriott, Le Meridien, Ritz, Virgin Hotels and Hilton. He worked along James Beard chef Stephan Pyles as well as semifinalist chef Matt McAllister. Sharing a life in the kitchen since a young age taught Carlos many life skills.

# Experts



**SHAUNA ISAAC** | *Expert*

Shauna Isaac is an art historian who specializes in art theft and the effect that it has on societies. She has lectured throughout Europe, the United States and Australia. She is a regular speaker at Sotheby's Institute of Art and is widely published in art periodicals and newspapers. Born in Seattle, she currently resides in London with her husband and twin daughters. Shauna studied at Smith College and the Courtauld Institute of Art. As an accredited Arts Society lecturer, Shauna has been fortunate enough to travel all over the world and discuss subjects that she is passionate about.



**JANET DUNCAN JONES** | *Expert*

Janet Duncan Jones is Presidential Professor of Classics at Bucknell University and an active field archaeologist with over 25 years of excavation experience. She is an expert on art and architecture, ancient cultural landscapes, ancient technology and environmental issues in antiquity, and has traveled throughout Greece, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt. She received her B.A. in Latin from the College of William and Mary, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in classical archaeology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**CARINA SKROBECKI** | *Photographer*

Based in Seattle, Washington, Carina is a photographer who has had the unique privilege to combine her deep love and endless wonder of the natural world with what she does professionally. Over the last 10 years, alongside some great companies and organizations, she's gotten to tell stories of inclusivity, awareness and appreciation of our world in places spanning from the Galapagos to New Zealand to Vietnam. When not on assignment, she looks for any other reason to go on an adventure, even if it's in her own backyard.

## Hotel Contact List

The following is the contact information for the hotels we will be using on our expedition. In the event of an emergency, if family and friends cannot reach you at your hotel, they may call our office at 800.454.4149 Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

After hours, all calls will be directed to our 24-hour emergency messaging service and forwarded to our office staff if immediate action is necessary. Our Seattle-based office staff will do their best to return all calls promptly.

### FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MIAMI

*October 4 - 5*

1435 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, FL

TEL: +1 (305) 358 3535

EMAIL: concierge.miami@fourseasons.com

### HILTON HOTEL TAHITI

*October 10 - 11*

Auae Faaa, Papeete 98713  
French Polynesia

TEL: +689 40 86 48 48

EMAIL: reservations.tahiti@hilton.com

### PALACIO NAZARENAS, A BELMOND HOTEL

*October 5 - 8*

Calle Plazoleta Nazarenas, 223  
Cusco, Peru

TEL: +51 84 582 222

EMAIL: guestservice.naz@belmond.com

### SILKY OAKS RESORT

*October 12 - 14*

423 Finlayvale Road  
Mossman QLD 4873 Australia

TEL: +61 7 4089 1666

EMAIL: slkfo@silkyoaks.com.au

OR

### HOTEL PARACAS

*October 5 - 8*

Av. Paracas 173, Paracas  
Pisco, Ica, Perú

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### RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR

*October 14 - 17*

1 Vithei Charles de Gaulle  
Siem Reap, Cambodia

TEL: +855 23 982 598

EMAIL: bookus.siemreap@raffles.com

### NAYARA HANGAROA

*October 8 - 10*

Pont S/N  
Hanga Roa, Isla de Pascua,  
Valparaiso, Chile

TEL: +56 (2) 2957 0141

EMAIL: reservations@nayararesorts.com

### THE OBEROI AMARVILÂS, AGRA

*October 17 - 19*

Taj East Gate Road  
Agra - 282001, Uttar Pradesh, India

TEL: +91 562 240 4880

EMAIL: concierge.agra@oberoihotels.com

**ANGAMA MARA**

*October 19 - 22*

The Mara Triangle Conservancy Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Lolgorien, Kenya

TEL: +254 730 630630

EMAIL: *available upon request via phone*

**THE OBEROI, MARRAKECH**

*October 24 - 26*

Avenue bad Jdid

40040 Marrakech-Medina, Morocco

TEL: +212 (0) 524 388 600

EMAIL: [informations@mamounia.com](mailto:informations@mamounia.com)

**ST. REGIS CAIRO**

*October 22 - 24*

1189 Nile Corniche, Boulaq Num.5, Bulaq, Cairo Governorate 11221,

Egypt

TEL: +20 2 25979000

EMAIL: [reception.cairo@stregis.com](mailto:reception.cairo@stregis.com)

**FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MIAMI**

*October 26 - 27*

1435 Brickell Avenue

Miami, FL

TEL: +1 (305) 358 3535

EMAIL: [concierge.miami@fourseasons.com](mailto:concierge.miami@fourseasons.com)



# 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 4 – 5

# Miami, Florida

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

### Individual Arrivals in Miami, Florida

Upon arrival at the Four Seasons Hotel Miami, 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:

Saturday, October 4 | 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: Four Seasons Hotel Miami*

## 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 Tahiti. Your small suitcase will remain securely locked on the aircraft.



## ACCOMMODATION

### **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MIAMI**

Four Seasons Hotel Miami sits in the heart of the Brickell neighborhood, where gleaming skyscrapers are interwoven with high-end boutiques and trendy restaurants. The city's artistic influences come to life within the hotel's walls, from the art deco flourishes in your guest room to the towering bronze sculptures of Adam and Eve by Colombian artist Fernando Botero in the main lobby.



October 5 – 8

# Cusco & Machu Picchu or Pisco, Peru

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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:** Miami, Florida | 10:00 A.M.

**Arrive:** Pisco, Peru | 3:20 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 6H 20M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

### Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After clearing Peruvian immigration and customs, we board our charter flight to Cusco. Flight time is approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes. Arriving in Cusco, 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*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

### 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

After lunch at a local restaurant, choose between the following afternoon sightseeing options.

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#### Chincheru Weaving Demonstration

Drive an hour and 15 minutes to Chincheru where master Andean weaver, Nilda Callañaupa, and her community of weavers will give a special demonstration of traditional Andean weaving. Choose to either return back to Cusco or head to the Chincheru ruins to see terraces, paths, water channels and temples among the vast landscape.

#### All Guests

Enjoy a lecture from expert Bill Saturno titled, "Poma, Pizarro, Bingham and the Undiscovered Continent." This evening, dine at your choice of local restaurant.

*OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel*

### □ 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 4x4 trucks driven by expert drivers. Drive up and along the sandy dunes, and take in the spectacular scenery around you. Afterward, conclude your outdoor adventure with a picnic of beverages and light snacks with the dunes as your unforgettable backdrop.

*OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

### □ 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.

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, we return to Cusco and our hotel by motor coach.

*OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel*

## Reminder

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

□ **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**

Drive an hour and 20 minutes to Hacienda La Caravedo, the oldest, continuously operating vineyard in the Americas. After watching the Paso horse show and having lunch, enjoy a tasting of pisco, Peru's famed brandy distilled from grapes. Transfer back to the hotel, where you'll enjoy dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas*



ACCOMMODATION

**PALACIO NAZARENAS, A BELMOND HOTEL**

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 8 – 10

## Easter Island, Chile

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

#### 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 1 hour and 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:** Pisco, Peru | 11:10 A.M.

**Arrive:** Easter Island, Chile | 4:55 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 5H 45M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

After clearing Chilean immigration and customs, transfer to the hotel with a stop at Ahu Tahai, the site of three restored moai, the rock statues for which the island is famous. Once at the hotel, check in and enjoy dinner.

*OVERNIGHT: Nayara Hangaroa*

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

#### 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 10 – 11

## Papeete, Tahiti (Logistical Overnight Stop)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

#### Morning Touring in 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 at 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, visit the birdman-era ceremonial stone village of Orongo at the edge of Ranu Kau's volcanic crater. 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 Tahiti.

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

**Arrive: Papeete, Tahiti | 1:00 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 6H**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Clear immigration and customs, then transfer to Papeete Market. En route to the market, pass by notable monuments including the President's Palace, Town Hall, Catholic Cathedral and Protestant Temple.

Once at the market, cross the market to sample a local coconut drink, then explore the market on your own. The first floor is filled with fresh food and a flower section. On the second floor, discover crafts, pearls, unique souvenirs and local arts. Surrounding the market you will find several shops, including upscale pearl stores and art galleries.

After check-in, remain at the hotel for some time at leisure. This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception with entertainment and dinner at leisure at the resort.

*OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hotel Tahiti*



## ACCOMMODATION

### HILTON HOTEL TAHITI

This oceanfront hotel, conveniently located near the airport, looks out to views of the South Pacific and Tahitian islands. The rooms are decorated in Polynesian style, instantly putting guests into island time.



October 12 – 14

# Great Barrier Reef, Australia

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

**Depart:** Papeete, Tahiti | 10:05 A.M.

**Arrive:** Noumea, New Caledonia | 1:45 P.M. (Tech Stop)

**Elapsed Time:** 6H 40M

**Meal Service:** Lunch

*Cross the International Date Line: Arrive Sunday, Oct. 12*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Depart:** Noumea, New Caledonia | 2:15 P.M.

**Arrive:** Cairns, Australia | 4:50 P.M.

**Elapsed Time:** 3H 35M

**Meal Service:** Snack

Clear Australian immigration and customs and transfer approximately one hour to the hotel in Port Douglas. Upon arrival, check in and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

*OVERNIGHT: Silky Oaks Lodge*

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

After breakfast, depart for full-day sightseeing options.

### Early Morning Touring

#### Yoga Class

Held in an open-air pavilion, cares slip away with the soothing sound of the Mossman River as you are guided through a gentle-paced yoga class suited to all experience levels.

### 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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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, gather with fellow guests for cocktails before enjoying individual dinners at one of the hotel restaurants.

*OVERNIGHT: Silky Oaks Lodge*



ACCOMMODATION

**SILKY OAKS LODGE**

The luxurious Silky Oaks Lodge places you in the middle of the ancient rainforest. From your elegant guest room, enjoy beautiful views and the sounds of the jungle. Dine in the open-sided Treehouse Restaurant, perched high above the river, and relax at the Healing Waters Spa.



October 14 – 17

# Angkor Wat, Cambodia

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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 | 11:00 A.M.**

**Arrive: Siem Reap, Cambodia | 3:45 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 7H 45M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

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

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

*OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d’Angkor*

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

### 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

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### 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.

#### Artisans d'Angkor & 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.

#### ☐ 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.

#### Elephants in Kulen Forest

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.

#### All Guests

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

*OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor*

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

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.

#### 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.

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### Afternoon Touring

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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 17 – 19

## Taj Mahal, India

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

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

**Arrive: Varanasi, India | 11:30 A.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 4H**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

**Depart: Varanasi, India | 1:30 P.M.**

**Arrive: Varanasi, India | 2:50 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 1H 20M**

**Meal Service: Snack**

After clearing Indian immigration and customs, transfer directly to the hotel and spend time at leisure. Enjoy a dine around dinner at your choice of on-site restaurants.

*OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi Amarvilâs, Agra*

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

#### Early Morning Touring

This morning, you may choose to rise early for coffee and pastries followed by a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal departing at 5:15 a.m. We will return to the hotel for breakfast and an optional yoga class. Or have a more leisurely paced morning with the mid-morning tour options below.

#### Morning Touring

##### Fatehpur Sikri

Visit the 16th-century, walled city of Fatehpur Sikri. View the red sandstone buildings built by Emperor Akbar that make up the former capital of the Mogul Empire. Admire the Pre-Islamic, Hindu & Jain architectural influences and see Jama Masjid, one of largest mosques in India.

##### Taj Mahal

Start your morning at 8:30 a.m. with a visit to 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.

### Afternoon Touring

Return to the hotel for lunch. This afternoon, choose from the following sightseeing options, or remain at the hotel and relax.

#### Tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah & Kachhpura Village

Visit the Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah, a charming mausoleum often referred to as the "Baby Taj." This grand display of Mughal architecture was commissioned by Empress Nur Jahan for her beloved father, Mirza Ghiyas Beg, and predates the Taj Mahal by five years. Head to Kachhpura village to learn about local life and culture.

#### Amber Fort

Explore this UNESCO World Heritage site that was home to the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty. The double-walled, sandstone fort—built in 1565 by Emperor Akbar—features a lavishly decorated hall, tiny gem mosque and a mini palace.

### Shopping

A guide will take you to a marble factory and store, and Kohinoor Jewelers where you can shop for museum quality tapestries. A shuttle will run regularly to the hotel, allowing you to conclude your outing when you desire.

### All Guests

Engage in a lecture with expert Bill Saturno called, "The Taj: Shah Jahan's Monument to Love and Loss." Then, enjoy a Bollywood-themed reception before having dinner at one of the hotel's restaurants.

*OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi Amarvilâs, Agra*

## Reminders

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



### ACCOMMODATION

## THE OBEROI AMARVILÂS, AGRA

Just minutes from the Taj Mahal, this world-class hotel's attention to detail is reflected in room design, elaborate gardens, terraced lawns, fountains, and reflection pools. Guest room amenities include butler service, a hair dryer, satellite television, computer data port, wireless internet, coffee/tea-making facilities, an in-room safe, and a mini bar.



October 19 – 22

## Maasai Mara, Kenya

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

**Depart: Agra, India | 8:50 A.M.**

**Arrive: Nairobi, Kenya | 1:55 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 7H 35M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Upon clearing Kenyan immigration and customs, board a local charter flight to the hotel. After check-in, relax with drinks and refreshments before dinner on the property.

*OVERNIGHT: Angama Mara*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Today, enjoy your pre-selected hot air balloon ride, spend time at leisure or venture out on a spectacular game drive.

#### Hot-Air Ballooning

Take an early morning hot-air balloon ride over the vast Maasai Mara plains. Sip on coffee and have a snack before transferring approximately one hour to a launch site where we will soar into the air for a spectacular view of the wildlife and scenery. After about an hour in the sky, touch down and indulge in an outdoor champagne breakfast in the plain.

From here, continue on a game drive or return to the lodge for a morning at leisure.

#### Half-Day or Full-Day Game Drive

Set out on a half-day or full-day game drive to see if you can spot The Big Five amongst great herds of zebra, gazelle, and other countless fascinating animals and colorful birds that call Maasai Mara home. The morning game drive will depart around 6:30 a.m. and return to the hotel for lunch; the afternoon game drive will depart from the hotel after lunch. The full-day game drive will have a picnic lunch in the plain instead of returning to the lodge.

#### All Guests

Tonight, gather for sundowners followed by dinner at camp.

*OVERNIGHT: Angama Mara*

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Begin your day with breakfast at camp before taking in the wonders of the Mara on a full-day or half-day game drive.

### Full-Day Game Drive

See more of the vast plains on a full-day game drive. Spend your day in search of the scintillating wildlife that call the Maasai Mara home, including predators like the lion, leopard and cheetah, smaller groups of elephants and giraffes, and countless colorful birds. Enjoy a scenic picnic lunch before continuing your drive.

### Half-Day Game Drive

Choose to spend your morning or afternoon at leisure, while still experiencing the Mara's remarkable wildlife. Set out on a half-day game drive to see if you can spot The Big Five amongst great herds of zebra, gazelle, and other countless fascinating animals and colorful birds that call Maasai Mara home. The morning game drive will depart around 6:30 a.m. and return to the lodge for lunch; the afternoon game drive will depart from the lodge after lunch.

### All Guests

This evening, gather for sundowner drinks and savor a dinner in the bush.

*OVERNIGHT: Angama Mara*



## ACCOMMODATION

### ANGAMA MARA

Situated high on the Oloololo Escarpment above the Great Rift Valley in Kenya, Angama Mara features tented suites with magnificent 180-degree views through 33-foot floor-to-ceiling glass fronts. Congregate with fellow guests on the massive deck or at the infinity-edge swimming pool. Work out in the fitness room and then relax in the handsome library. Savor meals featuring the freshest ingredients that reflect and celebrate the country's bounty.



October 22 – 24

## Cairo, Egypt

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

After breakfast, transfer to the Angama Airport for your charter flight to Nairobi.

**Depart: Nairobi, Kenya | 11:00 A.M.**

**Arrive: Cairo, Egypt | 4:20 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 5H 20M**

**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: St. Regis Cairo*

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

#### Morning Touring

After breakfast, drive 30 minutes to the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization with a collection of 50,000 artifacts, showcasing the Egyptian civilization from prehistoric times to the modern era. Then, transfer to the Old Gates where we'll visit the Qalawun complex, widely regarded as one of the major monuments of Islamic Cairo and of Mamluk architecture, notable for the size and scope of its contributions to legal scholarship and charitable operations as well as for its rich architecture. Wander through the old bazaar nearby to see local vendors and a slice of daily Cairo life.

### Afternoon Touring

After lunch at the hotel, transfer to 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 the Grand Egyptian Museum which houses over 100,000 artifacts from ancient Egyptian civilizations and includes the complete Tutankhamun collection. Enjoy a group dinner at the museum.

*OVERNIGHT: St. Regis Cairo*



### ACCOMMODATION

#### ST. REGIS CAIRO

The St. Regis Cairo stands as a luxurious haven along the Nile, offering 362 rooms, suites and serviced apartments that blend comfort with the legendary St. Regis service. With views stretching across the Nile to the historic landscapes of Old Cairo, the property stands as a tribute to Egypt's rich cultural legacy, featuring handcrafted furniture, traditional Mashrabiya detailing and ornate wall embellishments, embodying the opulence of modern luxury interwoven with age-old Egyptian craftsmanship.



October 24 – 26

## Marrakech, Morocco

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

**Depart: Cairo, Egypt | 12:00 P.M.**

**Arrive: Marrakech, Morocco | 3:50 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 6H**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

After clearing Moroccan immigration and customs, transfer to Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, one of Marrakech's cultural centers, or to the hotel for check-in and enjoy time at leisure.

This evening, dine at the hotel or order in-room dining.

*OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi, Marrakech*

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

#### Full-Day Touring

##### Atlas Mountains

Spend a day in the spectacular scenery of the Atlas Mountains, the highest mountain range in Northern Africa. Amazigh tribes live throughout this rugged land, where farming is central to day-to-day life. Visit an Amazigh village and share tea with a village chief. Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch before we return to Marrakech later this afternoon.

## Morning Touring

### ☐ Marrakech City Tour

Marrakech is a vibrant city filled 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 historic sites such as Mnebhi Palace and Medersa Ben Youssef to admire the stunning Islamic architecture and delve into the history of Marrakech. Enjoy a photo stop at the grandiose Koutoubia Mosque before lunch at a local restaurant.

### ☐ Morning at Leisure

Enjoy the hotel amenities or explore on your own.

## Afternoon Touring

After lunch, depart on your afternoon options:

### Majorelle Gardens

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.

## Souk Visit and Shopping

Take an in-depth exploration of the 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 lively marketplace.

## All Guests

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

*OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi, Marrakech*



## ACCOMMODATION

### **THE OBEROI, MARRAKECH**

Nestled in Mediterranean orchards with fragrant citrus trees and centuries-old olive groves, The Oberoi, Marrakech is a 5-star hotel with authentic Andalusian architecture inspired by ancient Moroccan palaces. The main courtyard incorporates the design of the historic Medersa Ben Youssef, one of Marrakech's most famous historic monuments. Take in picturesque views of the Atlas Mountains while enjoying the hotel's spacious accommodation, personalized wellness offerings, and authentic Moroccan and international cuisines.



October 26 – 27

## Miami, Florida

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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 | 9:30 A.M.**

**Arrive: Ponta Delgada, Portugal 10:30 A.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 3H**

**Meal Service: Snack**

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

**Arrive: Miami, Florida | 4:00 P.M.**

**Elapsed Time: 7H 30M**

**Meal Service: Lunch**

Upon arrival at Miami Airport, you will clear immigration and customs. You may then connect with a commercial flight home, or transfer to the hotel.

#### All Guests

A light buffet dinner will be available upon checking in.

*OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Hotel Miami*

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

This morning, breakfast is available in the hotel before departing for your commercial flights homeward. You will be provided a private transfer to the airport for your departure.

*Welcome Home!*



## ACCOMMODATION

### **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MIAMI**

Four Seasons Hotel Miami sits in the heart of the Brickell neighborhood, where gleaming skyscrapers are interwoven with high-end boutiques and trendy restaurants. The city's artistic influences come to life within the hotel's walls, from the art deco flourishes in your guest room to the towering bronze sculptures of Adam and Eve by Colombian artist Fernando Botero in the main lobby.