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your travel imagination



Kenya's Eternal Wilds

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11 **Journeys** *to Inspire
and Engage*



A good vacation gives you a chance to get away from it all; a great vacation changes the way you look at the world forever. Every traveler is different, but we're all searching for those people and places that leave us with nothing to say but **"Oh wow..."**

When you experience something transformative while traveling, it lives in your memory as more than a mental snapshot. You might recall the taste of the air as it blew in from the sea, the smell of a bakery throwing open its doors to meet the morning, the joke you heard in a pub and kept you laughing all day. Transformative experiences are deeply personal, and that's part of the fun—every day on tour is a new chance to discover something new and to write the next chapter of your own story.

In these pages, you'll find eleven tours and eleven indelible memories—the kind that drift into your mind long after you've returned home and snap you back to that day in the Andes, that restaurant in Paris or that small town in Italy.

On your next journey, experience a place you'll never forget.

blaze

/ a trail in rural Ireland

A Walking Tour of Ireland

Galway • Killarney • Cork Region • Limerick
10 days from \$2,489* including airfare

There are two ways to walk anywhere: either you follow a path others have already broken, or you make your own way. And when you walk these landscapes—when you slow down and feel the spring of the Irish turf beneath your boots—you and your fellow travelers will travel down well-worn paths. But we understand if you feel the urge to dart off and see what's beyond the next rise. The Irish spirit wouldn't have it any other way.

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find

/ your own tale of two cities

London & Paris City Stay

London • Paris

9 days from \$2,299 including airfare*

Where do you find the real London and Paris? Is it in the tearooms and cafes, or in the palaces and royal gardens? Is it in the scrum of an open-air market, or in tiny boutiques and department stores? In a word, yes. London and Paris offer nearly endless opportunities for discovery, from world-class museums to landmarks, such as Big Ben and the Eiffel Tower, to quiet idylls along the banks of the Thames and the Seine. There's no right or wrong way to explore these cities—there's only your story, and the next chapter waiting to be written.

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marvel

/ at Michaelangelo's masterpieces

Venice, Florence & Rome

Venice • Florence • Rome

12 days from \$2,849* including airfare

The word “transcendent” gets overused sometimes, but the first time you witness the wonders of Vatican City—the first time you completely lose yourself in the monumental scale of St. Peter’s Basilica—you’ll understand the difference between the merely great and the truly sublime. Every traveler discovers her own piece of perfection in these three historic cities, and when you crane your neck skyward towards St. Peter’s in Rome, the Duomo in Florence, or St. Mark’s in Venice, you’ll join in a tradition as old as Italy itself.

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expand

/ your horizons

Jewels of Alpine Europe

Lucerne • Annecy • Lake Como • St.Moritz • Innsbruck • Munich
13 days from \$2,869* including airfare

With snow-capped peaks above and glittering lakes below, the scenery of Switzerland is awe-inspiring. The first time you reach a summit, you might need to give your eyes a moment to adjust—*Are my eyes playing tricks on me, or do those mountains really go on forever?* Just relax. Breathe, and take it all in. On this journey, you'll visit five countries, cruise on Lake Como, raise your glass in Munich's beer halls and climb a mountain or two. In the Alps, you can see for miles and miles and miles and miles...

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warm

/ up in a cool country

Scandinavia: Capitals to the Fjords

Copenhagen • Fjords Region • Oslo • Stockholm • Baltic Sea Cruise • Helsinki
13 days from \$3,599 including airfare*

When the winter winds blow in Copenhagen, people don't just wait for spring: when the going gets tough, the tough go ice skating. And while the clean, cosmopolitan cities of Scandinavia are routinely ranked among the best places to live in the world, it's the region's natural wonders that make your jaw drop. Man created the canals that greet Copenhagen's apple-cheeked ice skaters every year, but only Mother Nature could carve the fjords. On this tour, you'll not only witness seascapes of ice and stone—you'll also meet the warm-hearted people who call these lands home.

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indulge

/ in the luxury of the Riviera

Best of France & Italy

Paris • Aix-en-Provence • Nice • Florence • Siena • Rome
13 days from \$2,859* including airfare

Learning the local language helps you uncover the soul of a place, though there are always some turns of phrase that don't quite translate into English. Like the French *flâneur*, "one who strolls idly," a nuanced word whose meaning snaps into focus on the sun-kissed streets of Nice. Or the Italian *il dolce far niente*, something like "the sweetness of doing nothing," a carefree way of life you'll uncover in the centuries-old vineyards above Cinque Terre. You can find "the good life" in a lot of places, but in France and Italy, "good" seems like an understatement.

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seek

/ out the treasures of the Ottomans

Grand Tour of Turkey

Istanbul • Canakkale • Kusadasi • Pamukkale • Antalya • Cappadocia
15 days from \$2,389 including airfare*

Unlike other European cities, multiculturalism has always been a part of Istanbul. The Ottomans sultans knew that people called Istanbul “the city of the world’s desire,” and they wanted their capital to reflect a diverse and ever-expanding empire. So when you’re exploring ancient treasures such as the Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque, don’t forget about the friendly folks in the city’s cafes and markets. Because a centuries-old culture of tolerance and open-mindedness is a sight every bit as inspiring as watching the sun set behind Hagia Sophia.

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walk

/ in the footsteps of the Inca

Ancient Peru & Machu Picchu

Lima • Cuzco • Machu Picchu

11 days from \$2,879* including airfare

Cresting the knife-edge ridges of the Andes, the Inca Trail was the New World's answer to the roads of Rome. The Trail connected people and places in the thin air above 10,000 feet and helped the Incas leave their mark on modern-day Peru. In ancient times, most people on the Trail were professional couriers who ran from city to city. Today, most visitors to these peaks and valleys prefer to take things more slowly. That's why we give our travelers a full five days in the Sacred Valley of the Incas and at Machu Picchu—because nothing this beautiful should be rushed.

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煎饼
铁板鱿鱼
香酥鸡排

taste
/ something you can't pronounce

*Imperial China
& the Yangtze River*

*Beijing • Yangtze Cruise • Xi'an • Shanghai
15 days from \$3,139* including airfare*

After the sun sets on Beijing, Wangfujing Street comes alive with the sounds of a thousand spoons scraping a thousand woks and the scent of scallions frying in sesame oil. While you're here, try some of the staples of Chinese street food, like crispy *zhajiangmian*, fresh *xiaolongbao* or fried *jiaozi*. But there's more to a country of a billion people than just one market. On this journey, you'll play with pandas, cruise down the Yangtze and delve into the traditions of the Chinese countryside to discover how this ancient nation is preparing for its next Golden Age.

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hear

/ the music of the Outback

Australia & New Zealand

Cairns • Alice Springs • Ayers Rock • Melbourne • Sydney
Christchurch Region • Queenstown • Rotorua • Auckland
22 days from \$6,299* including airfare

The Australian Outback is a desert, and during the day, the animals that call this red wilderness home seek shelter in the shadows of small trees. Each morning, though, just as the sun begins to rise, the Outback is as lovely a place as you can imagine. Kangaroos, dingos and wallabies use this magical hour to do their daily chores—finding food, drinking water, preparing for the long afternoon ahead. But at dawn each day, the flora and fauna of Australia sing for those who are listening closely.

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dance

/ with the Masai

Kenya Wildlife Safari

Nairobi • Mount Kenya • Great Rift Valley • Masai Mara • Amboseli

13 days from \$4,269* including airfare

On the Kenyan savanna, change is constant. But to the Masai people who live here, there's no need to tinker with time-honored traditions, like the adumu or "jumping dance." These proud people guard their cultural traditions like a lioness protects her cubs, though they're happy to share their way of life with inquisitive visitors. Along with game drives in the Great Rift Valley and Amboseli National Park, this tour offers you the chance to experience Masai culture firsthand. When in the Masai Mara, do as the Masai do—and dance like you never thought you could.

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