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**Day 1 - Monday, August 21: Anchorage, AK**

Meeting point:  
Anchorage, Alaska

We will meet in Anchorage - known as the City of Lights and Flowers – where Air Journey will greet you at the Anchorage Marriott.

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

In the afternoon there will be a meeting where all participants will attend a very detailed briefing covering the general procedures of our Journey. We'll cover the route, regulations, flight plan, safety, weather, etc.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

We'll end the day with a welcome cocktail before dinner

Hotel : Anchorage Marriott

included

**Day 1 - Tuesday, August 22 & Wednesday, August 23: Anchorage, AK ? Anadyr, Russia (900nm) ? Petropavlovsk, Russia (910nm)**

Fly to Petropavlovsk, Russia. We'll cross the International Date Line, losing a day en route, then arriving in Anadyr for a technical stop.

Hotel : Hotel Complex Petropavlovsk

included

**Day 1 - Thursday, August 24: Petropavlovsk, Russia ? Sapporo, Japan (920nm) ? Seoul, South Korea (750nm)**

Fly to Seoul. There will be a technical stop in Sapporo, Japan.

Hotel : Banyan Tree Club

included

**Day 1 - Monday, August 21: Seoul, South Korea**

?Enjoy a full day tour with a local guide as we explore more than 600 years of South Korean history. Visit the 14th-century ?Gyeongbok Palace and view the royal guard changing ceremony in front of the main gate. Explore the National Folk Museum and neighboring Insadong alley, popular for its colorful handcrafts shops and art galleries.

?In the afternoon we'll visit the traditional Bukchon Hanok Village area, with its Royal palace, Royal

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shrine, and countless hanoks (traditional Korean houses). Explore these unique traditional workshops and museums, including those for embroidery and kite making. We'll end the day exploring Seoul's traditional Namdaemun Market.

**Hotel :** **Banyan Tree Club**  
**included**  
**Meeting point:**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

**Day 1 - Tuesday, August 22: Seoul, South Korea**  
**Length:**  
**59 days / 58 nights**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.  
**Mileage:**  
**23,235 NM**

**Hotel :** **Banyan Tree Club**  
**included**

**Day 1 - Wednesday, August 23: Seoul, South Korea ? Taipei, Taiwan (800nm)**

Fly to Taipei in the "Republic of China". Taiwan is one of the most culturally diverse countries and we'll experience a traveler's bird's eye view of modern Taiwanese life.

**Hotel :** **Villa 32**  
**included**

**Day 1 - Thursday, August 24: Taipei, Taiwan**

There will be a half-day city tour including a visit to the National Palace Museum.

There will be free time to relax or explore on your own.

**Hotel :** **Villa 32**  
**included**

**Day 1 - Friday, August 25: Taipei, Taiwan ? Caticlan, Philippines (RPVE) (805nm)**

Fly to Caticlan in the Philippines. Upon arrival, we will board the resort's private speedboat for our transfer to the Shangri-La Boracay Resort.

**Hotel :** **Shangri-La Boracay Resort**  
**included**

**Day 1 - Saturday, August 26: Boracay, Philippines** Date:  
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Today is at leisure to relax and enjoy the resort activities.  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Hotel : Shangri-La Boracay Resort

included

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

**Day 1 - Sunday, August 27: Boracay, Philippines**

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Shangri-La Boracay Resort

included

**Day 1 - Monday, August 28: Caticlan, Philippines ? Cebu (310nm) ? Palau, Micronesia (650nm)**

Fly to Palau. There will be a technical stop in Cebu, Philippines.

?Situated on the western shore of Ngerkebesang Island, the Palau Pacific Resort is the ultimate tropical resort in Micronesia, with 64 acres of beautiful tropical gardens and pristine white sandy beaches.

Hotel : Palau Pacific Lodge

included

**Day 1 - Tuesday, August 29: Palau, Micronesia**

We'll enjoy a snorkeling excursion to explore the serenity of the Rock Islands - a UNESCO world heritage site comprised of 445 uninhabited limestone islands.

Covered in vegetation right to the waterline, these green islands, vertically erected from the water, create a labyrinth in perfectly calm turquoise lagoons, with hidden marine lakes, rocky arches, caverns and surrounded by a rich reef (home to over 700 coral species and over a 1,000 species of fish, dugongs, sharks and more).

Lunch on a beautiful white sand beach is included.

Hotel : Palau Pacific Lodge

included

**Day 1 - Wednesday, August 30: Palau, Micronesia** Date:  
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Hotel : Palau Pacific Lodge

included

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

**Day 1 - Thursday, August 31: Palau, Micronesia ? Wewak, New Guinea (860nm) ? Tari, New Guinea (140nm)**

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

Fly to Tari, New Guinea. There will be a technical stop in Wewak. ?Nestled amongst the Doma Peaks near Tari, almost 7000' above sea level, is Ambua Lodge - an award-winning, eco- friendly lodge boasting magnificent panoramic views of the Tari Valley below.

?Tari is home to one of the most immediately recognizable cultures in Papua New Guinea, "Huli Wigmen" - a proud, flamboyant tribe known for their ornate ceremonial "wigs" with dances and songs fashioned on that of the mating ?rituals of the Birds of Paradise.

Hotel : Ambua Lodge

included

**Day 1 - Friday, September 1: Tari, New Guinea**

?We'll explore the area with a local guide as we learn about the Highland culture and traditions of the famed Huli Wigmen.

??We begin with a nature walk through the alpine forest. Bird life proliferates in the forests of Papua New Guinea, including many species of Birds of Paradise—of the 43 known species, 38 are found in Papua New Guinea.

?These birds can be seen performing bizarre ritualistic and mating dances. Hunted by early traders for their brilliantly colored feathers, the flamboyant Huli Wigmen of the Tari Valley formed a strong bond between themselves and these beautiful birds. The Huli culture is the most vibrant intact and colorful to be seen anywhere.

Hotel : Ambua Lodge

included

**Day 1 - Saturday, September 2: Tari, New Guinea**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Ambua Lodge

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included

Meeting point:

**Day 1 - Sunday, September 3: Tari, New Guinea 2 Port Moresby, New Guinea (410nm) ? Cairns, Australia (460nm) to Lizard Island**

Length:

59 days / 58 nights

Fly to Cairns, Australia to clear customs. There will be a technical stop at Port Moresby, New Guinea.

We will fly from Cairns to Hamilton Island, the most northernly island resort located directly on the Great Barrier Reef. Voted one of the top ten island resorts in the world, it is renowned for spectacular fishing and world famous diving opportunities.

Mileage:

23,235 NM

There'll be time for afternoon tea and a visit the 'Beach Club' to be personally fitted with fins, masks and snorkels for the duration of your stay. The hotel offers complimentary use of motorized dinghies, paddle skis, sailboards, glass bottom boat trips, as well as many island activities.

Experience an island so untouched that when you walk one of the twenty-four secluded beaches there are no other footprints. Enjoy the reef and crystal blue water surrounding the island and explore the Lizard Island terrain with scenic nature walks across the island.

Hotel : Lizard Island

included

**Day 1 - Monday, September 4: Lizard Island**

This morning there will be a guided natural walking tour where our guide will share the secrets of Lizard Island with you. Discover more about the history, fauna and flora of Lizard Island.

Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch on a secluded beach. Spend time exploring, snorkeling and enjoying your magnificent surroundings.

Later we'll transfer to the research station via glass bottom boat or 4WD, dependent on the tide, to meet one of the directors of the island's research centre for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.

After your tour at the research station you will enjoy an intimate cruise along the beaches with uninterrupted views of a glorious Lizard Island sunset (weather permitting).

Hotel : Lizard Island

included

**Day 1 - Tuesday, September 5: Lizard Island**

Today is at leisure to enjoy snorkeling on the outer reef.

Hotel : Lizard Island

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Meeting point:

**Day 1 - Wednesday, September 6: Lizard Island to Cairns? Gold Coast, Australia (530nm)**

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Length:

Fly back to Cairns and then on to the Gold Coast. Upon arrival, enjoy a private half-day Mount Tamborine Tour with a local guide.

59 days / 58 nights

Hotel : Palazzo Versace

Mileage:

included

23,235 NM

**Day 1 - Thursday, September 7: Gold Coast, Australia**

Always a surprise, always an impressive sight! Arrive at the launch site to see the amazing hot air balloon inflation display. Hop on board to experience the fun and unique sensation of your first Gold Coast hot air balloon ride, floating gently above the spectacular Gold Coast Hinterland, in Queensland, Australia.

Come down to earth and transfer to O'Reilly's Grand Homestead & Boutique Vineyard. Your breakfast is a real highlight! Enjoy exclusive access to O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard - relax in the historic surroundings with a glass of champagne to toast your morning. A full freshly cooked breakfast, pastries, fresh juices, eggs & bacon, cereals & fruit is all yours as you relax in the serenity of the vineyard on the verandah of this picturesque grand Queenslander. Afterwards we'll return to the hotel where the remainder of the morning is at leisure.

This afternoon embark on the adventure of a lifetime aboard a world-class Jetboat, in a world-class location, enjoying a world-class experience. Operating in areas of the Broadwater and Marine Park, enjoy a mix of Jetboat thrills and stunning scenery and sightseeing. Experience full 360° spins, high speed drifting, incredible beach buzzing and other exciting maneuvers in as little as 10cms of water while we explore the Gold Coast's unique Broadwater. It's the complete Jetboating Adventure!

Hotel : Palazzo Versace

included

**Day 1 - Friday, September 8: Gold Coast, Australia ? Sydney, Australia (365nm)**

Fly to Sydney. The most populous city in Australia, Sydney is located on the southeast coast along the Tasman Sea and surrounding one of the world's largest natural harbors.

Situated directly on Sydney Harbour in the city's historic Rocks area, Park Hyatt Sydney is just a short walk from Sydney's major shopping and business districts and provides dramatic views of the famous Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Hotel : Park Hyatt Sydney  
included

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Meeting point:  
**Day 1 - Saturday, September 9: Sydney, Australia**

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

Enjoy a tour of Sydney with a local guide, including an Aboriginal walk, a tour of the Sydney Opera House and a visit to Icebergs for lunch.

Hotel : Park Hyatt Sydney  
included

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

**Day 1 - Sunday, September 10: Sydney, Australia**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore Sydney on your own.

Optional activities include a four-hour cruise on Sydney Harbour, an Aboriginal Art Experience with a private guide focusing on private galleries throughout Sydney and highlighting the very best that Sydney has to offer, a climb of your life to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (includes lunch at O Bar & Dining), or ?the ultimate Sydney dining experience while taking in the most spectacular views of Sydney Harbour and the ?Northern Beaches on a seaplane to Jonahs at Whale Beach.

Hotel : Park Hyatt Sydney  
included

**Day 1 - Monday, September 11: Sydney, Australia ? Kingscote, Australia (370nm)**

Fly to Kingscote and transfer to the Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island.

Renowned as Australia’s Galapagos, Kangaroo Island offers diverse wildlife and remarkable landscapes. Situated at its heart, Southern Ocean Lodge is your ‘basecamp’ as you explore the island’s many wonders. Exceptional guided experiences and adventures are included. You’ll receive a personalized experiential touring itinerary of the Island’s unique natural attractions for the complete Kangaroo Island experience.

This afternoon we’ll enjoy scenic walk from theLodge atop the limestone cliffs of Hanson Bay. This easy walk offers a bird’s eye view of waves crashing along the coastline. From the top of the cliff look out to sea and recognize there is nothing but ocean between here and Antarctica. Experience and learn about local flora, fauna and coastline ecosystems. Discover this photographers dream!

Later there will be a short, informative visual presentation hosted by the resident naturalist staff providing insight into the Island’s discovery and natural history as well as offering an overview of the many spectacular attractions.

Hotel : Southern Ocean Lodge  
included

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Meeting point:  
**Day 1 - Tuesday, September 12: Kangaroo Island, Australia**

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

This morning we'll enjoy a half-day introduction to Kangaroo Island's wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes. Cape du Couedic lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and a unique Fur Seal Colony are just some of the highlights.

Lunch will be at the lodge.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

This afternoon we'll visit Seal Bay - home to Australia's third largest colony of Australian sea lions. A naturalist guide will lead us for this exclusive tour on the beach with these amazing animals. We'll learn about their unique breeding cycle and the ongoing research programs implemented on site.

Hotel : Southern Ocean Lodge  
included

**Day 1 - Wednesday, September 13: Kingscote, Australia ? Adelaide, Australia (70nm)**

Fly to Adelaide where we will transfer to the Barossa Valley - one of Australia's most celebrated wine growing regions. Situated on top of a gentle hill, The Louise is a luxury vineyard retreat surrounded by hundreds of acres of vines overlooking the world-renowned Barossa Valley.

Hotel : The Louise  
included

**Day 1 - Thursday, September 14: Barossa Valley, Adelaide, Australia**

Enjoy a full day private tour of Barossa Valley. You'll taste excellent local wines and enjoy a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant. The tour includes a VIP private tasting at Peter Lehmann Wines where a selection of Super Premium and Cellar Door Exclusive wines are showcased in an intimate private room and are paired with a taste plate of fresh regional produce.

Enjoy the 'Make Your Own Blend' Tour - an interactive and fun wine experience where you are invited to the Winemakers Laboratory to try your hand at making your very own wine from Genache, Shiraz and Mourvedre. It's a fascinating and satisfying experience as you blend to suit your own personal taste. Then, take your wine home in a personalized bottle!

Hotel : The Louise  
included



**Day 1 - Friday, September 15: Adelaide, Australia ? Yulara, Australia (705nm)**

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Fly to Yulara and transfer to Sails in the Desert. Enjoy a wilderness experience at a luxury retreat in the outback!

Meeting point:  
Anchorage, Alaska

In the late afternoon a drive into the dual World Heritage-listed National Park begins the evening, followed by a leisurely walk through the Cultural Length: where the informative and interactive displays provide insight into the spiritual and cultural meaning of Uluru (formerly Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta.

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

Continue on to the twilight viewing area where you can take in the iconic sunset over Uluru.

Hotel : Sails in the Desert

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

included

**Day 1 - Saturday, September 16: Yulara, Australia ? Kununurra, Australia (580nm)**

Fly to Kununurra.

The Homestead at El Questro is an exclusive retreat situated atop the Chamberlain Gorge. The resort features magnificent panoramic views of the Chamberlain Gorge and river systems from sunrise to sunset. Nestled in the rustic Australian wilderness, this is the ideal place to fully appreciate the untamed beauty of the Kimberley.

Enjoy exclusive use of Zebedee Springs this afternoon. Let an El Questro Ranger drive you in style to the most romantic of hideaways. While he stands watch, you take a short walk through the dense, tropical vegetation to a series of thermal pools and small waterfalls. Set amongst a back drop of sheer cliffs and Livistonia palms, Zebedee Springs is a magical place to relax and rejuvenate after a busy day.

Hotel : Homestead

included

**Day 1 - Sunday, September 17: Kununurra, Australia**

Design your morning by selecting from a bird watching tour, a gorge walk or a culture, history and nature tour. All three tours are guided.

Lunch at the Homestead.

Boating through the Chamberlain Gorge is a must! During the 3km journey, you will enjoy the diverse flora and fauna, resident Rock Wallabies, Johnston Crocodiles and the always cheeky Archer Fish, which are all familiar inhabitants of the gorge.

Hotel : Homestead

included

**Day 1 - Monday, September 18: Kununurra, Australia**  
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Meeting point:  
Anchorage, Alaska

Optional activities include one of Australia's natural wonders, the World Heritage-listed Bungle Bungle Range, a unique sandstone formation dating back 350 million years. This two-hour airplane flight from El Questro's airstrip takes you first over Lake Argyle and the Carboyd Range.

Length  
59 days / 58 nights

Before entering the 240,000 ha Purnululu National Park, the Bungle Bungle massif rises 300m out of the desert to meet you. For the next 20 minutes you will discover the awe inspiring striped bee hive domes and gorges of this 350 million-year-old icon. Orbiting the range, take a photo or two of the Gibb Face. See the famous Cathedral Gorge and Piccaninny Gorge, the longest and deepest in the massif.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

On the return journey to El Questro, pass over the Argyle Diamond Mine, the largest producer of pink and colored diamonds in the world. It's a once in a life time experience!

Lunch at the Homestead.

This afternoon, visit the newest lookout, named after the famed Kimberley character, Buddy Tyson. With 360-degree views of the property, you look down on the station township, up the Chamberlain River and follow the Pentecost out to the Gibb River Road. At the top of the point you can enjoy the amazing Kimberley sunset views.

Hotel : Homestead

included

**Day 1 - Tuesday, September 19: Kununurra, Australia ? Broome, Australia (395nm) ? Bali, Indonesia (690nm)**

Fly to Bali where we will transfer to the Amankila resort. Perched on a cliff side overlooking the Lombok Strait, Amankila is a haven of tranquility and is possibly one of the most romantic destinations in Bali.

Hotel : Amankila Resort- Bali, Indonesia

included

**Day 1 - Wednesday, September 20: Bali, Indonesia**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Amankila Resort- Bali, Indonesia

included

**Day 1 - Thursday, September 21: Bali, Indonesia**

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Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Amankila Resort- Bali, Indonesia

included

Meeting point:  
Anchorage, Alaska

Day 1 - Friday, September 22: Bali ? Singapore (910nm)

Length:  
59 days / 58 nights

Fly to Singapore for our stay at the Raffles hotel – an oasis of colonial style, calm and charm in the heart of modern Singapore - exclusive, historic, and one of a kind! Raffles Singapore epitomizes the romance of the Far East – an intoxicating blend of luxury, history and colonial ambiance.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

Luxuriate in the history and fresh scent of frangipani in the evening while the unique air of romantic grandeur transports you back to a more elegant time.

Hotel : The Raffles Hotel Singapore

included

Day 1 - Saturday, September 23: Singapore

There will be a half-day city tour and free time to discover Orchard Road Street - a shopping paradise!

Hotel : The Raffles Hotel Singapore

included

Day 1 - Sunday, September 24: Singapore ? Banda Aceh, Indonesia (565nm) ? Mattalla, Sri Lanka (855nm)

Fly to Mattalla. A contemporary beach retreat on the south coast of Sri Lanka, Amanwella is a tranquil hideaway encompassing a peaceful crescent of coastline where nature, wellness and the surrounding community are intimately intertwined.

Hotel : Amanwella

included

Day 1 - Monday, September 25: Mattala, Sri Lanka

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Amanwella

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included

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Day 1 - Tuesday, September 26: Mattala, Sri Lanka Anchorage, Alaska

Length:

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.  
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Hotel : Amanwella

included

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 27: Mattala, Sri Lanka ? Male, Maldives (470nm)

Fly to Male. Experience the charm of a Maldivian island village surrounded by crystal clear waters at the Four Season Maldives Resort.

Hotel : Four Seasons Kuda Huraa

included

Day 1 - Thursday, September 28: Male, Maldives

Today is at leisure to relax, unwind and enjoy this delightful environment of beaches and lagoons. Simply relax on the beach or enjoy some of the resort amenities.

Complimentary snorkels, masks, fins and non-motorized water-sports equipment such as sailboats, kayaks, catamarans and state-of-the-art windsurfing gear are available at the hotel water sports center.

Optional activities include parasailing, a Baraabar cooking class, a shark safari, big game fishing, an island picnic and more! For the adventurous, try the X-Jetpacks. You'll whizz above the ocean like a Marvel comic book hero with

this latest evolution in hydro-flight jetpack technology. Each 45-minute session includes beach training, which should enable pilots to reach a level of free flight (get completely out of the water).

Hotel : Four Seasons Kuda Huraa

included

Day 1 - Friday, September 29: Male, Maldives

Today is at leisure to relax or enjoy the resort activities.

Hotel : Four Seasons Kuda Huraa  
included

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Meeting point:  
**Day 1 - Saturday, September 30: Male, Maldives ? Mumbai, India (900nm)**

Length:  
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Fly to Mumbai – formerly known as Bombay. Located in the heart of India’s Maximum City, The St. Regis Mumbai, the country’s tallest hotel tower, is a timeless address in the city’s premier entertainment and commercial district of Lower Parel. All resident guests enjoy the uncompromising service of the St. Regis Butler, a first in the country.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

Adjacent to the hotel is the Palladium mall, the city’s most luxurious shopping address and home to the finest brands,upscale boutiques and restaurants and bars.

Hotel : St. Regis Mumbai  
included

**Day 1 - Sunday, October 1: Mumbai, India**

Enjoy a half day city tour with our local guide to visit the highlights of Mumbai.

Hotel : St. Regis Mumbai  
included

**Day 1 - Monday, October 2: Mumbai, India ? Muscat, Oman (860nm) ? Abu Dhabi, UAE (215nm)**

Fly to Abu Dhabi, There will be a technical stop in Muscat to refuel and have lunch. Abu Dhabi is the capital city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the largest of the seven emirates federation.

Hotel : Jumeirah Etihad Towers  
included

**Day 1 - Tuesday, October 3: Abu Dhabi**

You finally have the chance to live the Ferrari dream you never imagined possible! Experience thrills that legends are made of at Ferrarri World Abu Dhabi. From touring the factory to feeling the rush of an F1 race, it’s finally your turn to get behind the wheel, to fly across the Tuscan hills and take the challenge.

Hotel : Jumeirah Etihad Towers

included

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**Day 1 - Wednesday, October 4: Abu Dhabi**

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Anchorage, Alaska

Enjoy your free time relaxing by one of the hotel's three swimming pools, strolling along the magnificent private beach, treating yourself to some of the best retail shopping to be found in the Middle East, or being pampered in the Talise Spa.

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Hotel : Jumeirah Etihad Towers

included

Mileage:  
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**Day 1 - Thursday, October 5: Abu Dhabi ? Hail, Saudi Arabia (715nm) ? Luxor, Egypt (500nm)**

Fly to Luxor.

Upon arrival, transfer to the Winter Palace. Perched on the Nile River amid luxuriant tropical gardens and ancient temples, this opulent hotel was built in 1886 by British explorers and was once a winter retreat for the Egyptian royal family. Agatha Christie wrote about it in her famed 1937 novel Death on the Nile.

After an early dinner we will transfer by horse and carriage to the Luxor temple with the illumination, a beautiful experience.

Hotel : Sofitel Winter Palace

included

**Day 1 - Friday, October 6: Luxor, Egypt**

Early morning (due to the hot June weather) depart the hotel as we begin our exploration of Luxor. We'll cross the Nile by motor boat for a visit to the West Bank to see the Valley of the Kings and Queens and Tombs of the Nobles.

Cross back over to the East Bank for a visit to the Luxor Museum. This elegant modern museum boasts a fabulous collection of artifacts from ancient Thebes. The collection includes pottery, jewelry, furniture and other artifacts from the ancient city, as well as a group of magnificent New Kingdom statues found in 1989 buried beneath Luxor Temple. There will be a stop for lunch in the village of Karnak.

Weather permitting, in the late afternoon we'll experience a relaxing way to enjoy the scenery at Luxor with a view from the Nile as we ride a felucca, the traditional sailboat of Egypt, drifting towards Banana Island and Crocodile Island a few miles upriver.

After dinner we'll attend the Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple, a fascinating walking tour through the history of the world's largest-ever temple complex.

Hotel : Sofitel Winter Palace  
included

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Day 1 - Saturday, October 7: Luxor ? Heraklion, Greece (700nm)

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Fly to Heraklion on the Greek island of Crete - a land of myths and music, poets and painters. Add one of the world's top archaeological sites, Knossos, and some of the Mediterranean's best beaches to the mix for the experience of a lifetime.

Mileage:  
23,235 NM

The Heraklio region has Crete's most important and fascinating archeological sites. The island's rich & unique cultural heritage comes alive when traipsing through the Minoan palaces of Knossos, Phaestos, Malia & Gortyna.

Hotel : Amirandes Resort  
included

Day 1 - Sunday, October 8: Heraklion, Greece

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. It is also the home of the great Minoan Civilization and the mythological home of Zeus.

On our half day city tour today we'll visit Knossos Palace and archaeological site, Heraklio town and the Archaeological Museum. Our visit will take us back in time and some 4000 years to 2000 BC. Knossos and her Palace, famous throughout the world through the myths of Europe, the Minotaur, the Labyrinth and These us, Daedal us and Ikarus, will open up a window to the most ancient civilization of Europe.

The many treasures unearthed at the Minoan palace sites are in the exceptional collection of the Archaeological Museum.

Hotel : Amirandes Resort  
included

Day 1 - Monday, October 9: Heraklion, Greece

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Hotel : Amirandes Resort  
included

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 10: Heraklion, Greece ? Budapest, Hungary (775nm)

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Fly to Budapest – the jewel of the Danube. Straddling the romantic Danube River, Budapest is the most beautiful city in central Europe. The human legacy is just as remarkable as Mother Nature's.

Architecturally, Budapest is a gem, with enough baroque, neoclassical, Eclectic and art nouveau (or Secessionist) buildings to satisfy anyone's appetite. The city's history dates back to the Celtic civilization of Aquincum whose ruins can be found in Budapest.

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Hotel : Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace

included

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**Day 1 - Wednesday, October 11: Budapest, Hungary**

Mileage:

23,235 NM

Explore Budapest's two regions: Buda, the western bank's historic Castle District; and Pest, the commercial district and seat of government. See all the sights including Hero's Square, Parliament House, Gellert Hill, Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion.

Hotel : Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace

included

**Day 1 - Thursday, October 12: Budapest ? Stavanger, Norway (840nm) ? Reykjavik, Iceland (845nm)**

After an in-depth briefing, we will launch for our over-water crossing to Iceland. There will be a technical stop in Stavanger to refuel and have lunch.

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, we'll transfer to the Hotel Borg where we will enjoy luxury accommodations in the very center of town. The Hotel Borg overlooks the beautiful square of Austurvöllur, and is situated across from Althingi, the Icelandic parliament and the cathedral.

After dinner, you may want to venture on your own to experience the local nightlife.

Hotel : Hotel Borg

included

**Day 1 - Friday, October 13: Reykjavik ? Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (730nm) ? Goose Bay, Canada (670nm) ? Bangor, ME (660nm)**

After breakfast and another in-depth briefing, we will head for Bangor.

Our first technical stop is Narsarsuaq for lunch and to refuel before taking our final over-water crossing and touching down on the North American continent in Canada for a second technical stop in Goose Bay before arriving in Bangor.



Hotel : Four Points by Sheraton Bangor Airport  
included

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We will go our separate ways as we head home today  
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