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AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET



An Expedition to the Lands of the Sky Worshippers
& a Total Solar Eclipse in Australia

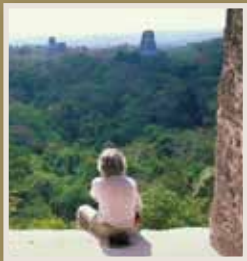


Tikal, Guatemala • Cusco & Machu Picchu, Peru • Easter Island, Chile • Ayers Rock & the Olgas, Australia
The Great Barrier Reef of Australia & a Total Solar Eclipse
Borobudur & Prambanan, Indonesia • Jaipur, India & the Leonid Meteor Shower
Petra & Wadi Rum, Jordan

October 31–November 20, 2012

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Guatemala

Ancient Mayan Ruins of Tikal



Peru

Cusco & the Citadel of Machu Picchu
or the North Coast



Easter Island

The Mysterious Moai



Australia

Ayers Rock, the Olgas, Stargazing
& Aboriginal Mythology

The Great Barrier Reef or
the Daintree Rain Forest
& a Total Solar Eclipse



Indonesia

Buddhist & Hindu Temples
of Borobudur & Prambanan,
Island of Java



India

The Pink City of Jaipur,
the Jantar Mantar Observatory
& the Leonid Meteor Shower



Jordan

The Lost City of Petra
& Lunar-like Wadi Rum, or
Ancient Jerash & the Dead Sea



Dear Club Member

Join us as we explore humankind's powerful connections with heaven and earth, on an extraordinary 21-day adventure to rich cultures and awe-inspiring natural wonders in Guatemala, Peru, Easter Island, Australia, Indonesia, India, and Jordan.

Marvel at the soaring 2,000-year-old temples of Tikal in Guatemala and peer over the jungle canopy just as ancient astronomers and shamans did. Travel by private train to the astonishing Machu Picchu in the cloud forests of Peru. Stand in awe of the mysterious moai statues as you explore Easter Island. Witness a rare total solar eclipse from Australia, behold the wonders of Ayers Rock (Uluru) with an aboriginal guide, and immerse yourself in the underwater splendor of the Great Barrier Reef. Ascend the mist-shrouded devotional stupas of Indonesia's enchanting Buddhist temple, Borobudur. Delve into 18th-century astronomy at a Maharaja's observatory in "the Pink City" of Jaipur, India, and step through the narrow chasm called the Siq, to emerge at Petra, Jordan's ancient "lost city" carved from rose-red sandstone cliffs by the enigmatic Nabataean people.

Fly from one destination to the next aboard our specially outfitted Boeing 757 private jet—configured to generously seat 78 travelers in comfort and style. Accompanying you will be a talented team of experts from renowned educational organizations. A professional expedition staff, including a dedicated physician and a private chef, will also travel with you. As each day's adventure draws to a close, unwind in some of the world's finest accommodations.

To learn more about this extraordinary expedition or to make a reservation, please call me. Don't miss this opportunity to see firsthand how the ancients regarded the heavens and were inspired to greatness—creating some of the most incredible wonders on earth for us to discover. I invite you to take advantage of this wonderful program and travel with us in 2012!

Best Regards,

Kristina Nemeth
Director of Club Travel
(415) 597-6720

P.S. In addition to the planned stargazing activities in Australia and India, we hope to organize informal sky-watching sessions in other destinations. Please let us know if you are interested.



Since the beginning of recorded history, humans have looked to the heavens for guidance, inspiration, and comfort. To read the night sky was to find the way home, discover new lands, and understand the cyclical rhythms of Earth.



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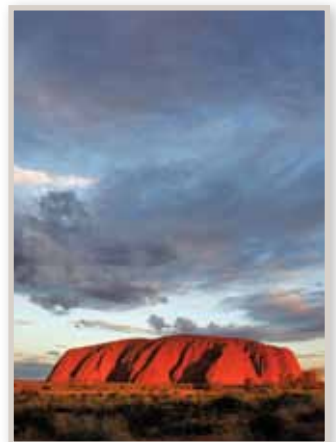
Mayan Pyramids & Temples
Explore the towering pyramids and temples of Tikal, the largest and best-preserved city of the ancient Mayans.



Lima, Cusco & Machu Picchu
Marvel at how Inca and Spanish cultures intertwine in Cusco, and visit Machu Picchu, the great citadel abandoned by the Inca and rediscovered in 1911.



Mysterious Moai
Travel to one of the most isolated places on Earth, Easter Island—home to the *moai* statues, silent clues to the island's enigmatic ancient culture.



Ayers Rock
Stand in awe before the monolithic Ayers Rock (Uluru)—a spectacular sandstone formation and sacred site of Australian Aborigine people.

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Explore in small groups, enjoying your choice of things to do along the way.

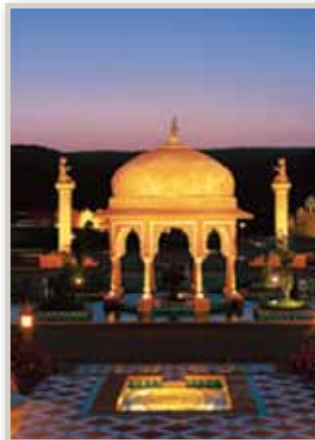
If you have previously visited any of the places on this itinerary, an alternative stop or activity may be possible. Throughout the following pages, we describe these choices.



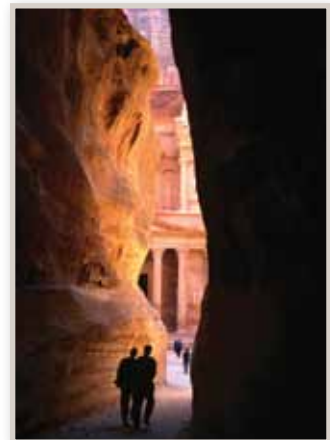
Great Barrier Reef & a Total Solar Eclipse
Witness the rare celestial event of a total solar eclipse, and explore the Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral habitat in the world.



Borobudur & Prambanan
Ascend the world's largest Buddhist temple at Borobudur, and see one of Southeast Asia's most spectacular Hindu temples.



Jaipur, Jantar Mantar & Stargazing
Explore the legendary "Pink City" of Jaipur, marvel at the 18th-century stone instruments of the Jantar Mantar observatory, and look for the Leonid Meteor Shower.



Petra & Wadi Rum
Step through the Siq to one of the wonders of the ancient world at Petra, and explore the lunar-like landscape of Wadi Rum.

Learn While You Explore



Wadi Rum, Jordan



Bas-relief, Borobudur, Indonesia

Enrichment is the key to rewarding exploration. A world-class team of experts will join the expedition, sharing their knowledge of and enthusiasm for the fascinating cultures, art, and architecture we encounter. Our experts use a special in-flight multimedia system for informative lectures, and join travelers in discussions during meals and special events on site. In addition, iPads® are provided on board with a library of books, articles, movies, and documentaries about the destinations for your reference.



Susan Ackerman is the Preston H. Kelsey Professor of Religion and the current chair of Dartmouth's Religion Department. Professor Ackerman is a specialist in ancient religions of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Canaan, and has received the Faculty Award for Service to Alumni Continuing Education in 2006 in recognition for her work on alumni expeditions and events. Her publications include several articles and three books about ancient ritual behaviors, the stories of Gilgamesh and David, and social roles in biblical tradition and in eastern Mediterranean literature.



David Aguilar is Director of Public Affairs and Educational Programs at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A naturalist, astronomer, author, and artist, his expertise is in communicating the wonderment of science. He is the past director of the Fiske Planetarium & Science Center, the originator of the Science Discovery Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and marketing director for PBS's Emmy-winning NOVA series, *Evolution*. He is the author and illustrator of *Planets, Stars & Galaxies* and *11 Planets* published by National Geographic; a lecturer on Smithsonian Journeys; and the popular host of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for the astrophysics "Observatory Nights" program. He has escorted Smithsonian travelers to destinations around the globe to study astronomy and explore deep space, with telescopes and even binoculars. He will join the expedition from Orlando to Australia.



Matt Anderson, Ph.D., is Director of Behavioral Biology at the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research. Originally from England, Dr. Anderson specializes in the study of behavior in conjunction with endocrinology, sensory ecology, and animal welfare and management. He received his Ph.D. from Oxford University, where he studied bushbabies, a group of nocturnal African primates. He was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Cambridge, where he studied Old World monkeys such as rhesus macaques and New World monkeys such as marmosets. Current focal species include koalas, cheetahs, lions, tigers, elephants, and okapis. Dr. Anderson is the recipient of numerous grants and awards in the fields of behavior and reproductive biology, and he has authored more than 50 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals.



Michael Shara is Curator of Astrophysics for the American Museum of Natural History. His research interests include the evolution and explosions of novae and supernovae, planets orbiting other stars, and the populations of stars inhabiting dense clusters and galaxies. He frequently observes the skies with the Hubble Space Telescope and other large ground-based telescopes. An avid stargazer since childhood, he regularly guides audiences across the night sky, combining the mythology of constellations with the evolution of galaxies and the universe. He will join the expedition from Australia to London.



Ayers Rock and an Aborigine man, Australia



Jantar Mantar observatory, Jaipur, India



Azure kingfisher, Daintree Rain Forest, Australia

Make a Difference Along the Way

By joining this expedition, you support efforts to enhance the conditions of the peoples and places we visit. For every destination on this itinerary, we purchase traditional handicrafts made by local artisans, provide supplies for medical centers or schools, or contribute funds for essential programs.



Craftswoman, India

Enjoy the Ultimate in Convenience, Security & Service



FLIGHT TIMINGS FOR THE BOEING 757 PRIVATE JET

Depart	Arrive	Hours/Minutes
Sanford (Orlando), Florida	Flores, Guatemala	2'45"
Flores, Guatemala	Lima, Peru	4'45"
Lima, Peru	Easter Island, Chile	5'10"
Easter Island, Chile	Apia, Samoa (with tech stop)	9'15"
Apia, Samoa	Brisbane, Australia	5'45"
Brisbane, Australia	Ayers Rock, Australia	3'00"
Ayers Rock, Australia	Cairns, Australia	2'45"
Cairns, Australia	Jogyakarta, Indonesia	5'30"
Jogyakarta, Indonesia	Jaipur, India	5'55"
Jaipur, India	Aqaba, Jordan	6'00"
Aqaba, Jordan	Luton (London), England	5'20"

Private Jet Travel

The best way to reach so many far-flung destinations in one itinerary is to fly by private jet. We set our own schedules, fly direct, and avoid layovers. We land in airports that are closer to hard-to-reach destinations. We have the flexibility and freedom to adjust the routing, if necessary—even while an expedition is in progress. We arrange for expedited boarding, luggage handling, and customs and immigration formalities where possible.

Our Boeing 757 generously accommodates 78 travelers in 2-by-2 VIP-style leather seats with ecomfort™ foam support, instead of the standard 233 seats. Our travelers enjoy an unsurpassed educational experience onboard the jet with our experts, who will share their expertise during flights as well as on land.



The Most Experienced Staff in the World

Our expedition staff and flight crew, including a chef and a catering assistant, are the most experienced in the world when it comes to managing multi-destination, educational expeditions by private jet. A physician accompanies each expedition, ready to provide and coordinate healthcare services whenever and wherever they may be needed. Travel worry-free with a talented team of professionals who are recognised for their keen attention to detail, dedication to safety and security, and top-notch hospitality. And enjoy one of the highest crew-to-traveler ratios in the business: 1 to 5.



Hotel Monasterio, Peru

Accommodations & Cuisine

Relax at the grand Hotel Monasterio, a former monastery in Cusco where Andean traditions meet Spanish-Colonial elegance. Enjoy the comforts of Petra's modern Mövenpick Hotel, and gaze at the star-studded night sky away from Jaipur's city lights at the palatial Oberoi Rajvilas. Each property has been chosen for its fine service and convenient location. In remote areas where choices are limited, we have selected the very best available accommodation to ensure your comfort. In many of the properties and at other special venues, we will enjoy festive banquets featuring the finest local cuisine and traditional cultural performances.

Oberoi Rajvilas, India



Mövenpick Hotel, near Petra, Jordan

Follow Your Passion

Take advantage of our flexible itinerary to enjoy excursions of your choice along the way.

In the following pages you'll find special sightseeing opportunities to customize the expedition to your interests. These choices are available at no additional cost; however, they are designed for small groups and have limited space available. Space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. These opportunities are a mere sampling of what's possible.

Whatever the reason, whatever the request, we are committed to ensuring your experience is extraordinary and tailored for you. For more information, please call us.

*The possibilities are endless,
the experience—matchless.*



Kempinski Hotel Ishtar, Dead Sea, Jordan



Our Journey Begins...



Temple of the Masks, Tikal

Tikal National Park; inset: Mayan bas-relief

Orlando, Florida

Wednesday, October 31. Meet fellow travelers, lecturers, and expedition leaders at a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at our fine hotel.

The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

Ancient Mayan Ruins of Tikal, Guatemala

Thursday & Friday, November 1 & 2. Board our private jet bound for the jungles of El Petén in northeast Guatemala. On arrival, transfer to our hotel that overlooks Lake Petén Itza inside the Cerro Cahui Protected Biotope. Discover tropical birds such as brilliantly plumed parrots and large-billed toucans on a birdwatching excursion, or during an independent hike.



Young Flores resident



Harness ride



Mayan textiles, Flores

The next day, explore the awe-inspiring ruins of Tikal, erected 2,000 years ago by the Maya. Tikal flourished for hundreds of years, reaching its peak from A.D. 550 to 850. Mysteriously abandoned, the city was lost to the jungle for a thousand years until its rediscovery in 1848. Visit Tikal's monuments including the Temple of the Great Jaguar and the Temple of the Masks, which tower 300 feet above the jungle; and the Observatory, ingeniously built to display the sun's position during annual solstices. Enjoy your choice of activities such as a hike in Cerro Cahui Natural Reserve, a cruise on Lake Petén Itza, a visit with a local school, a harness ride over the jungle canopy, or a walking tour of Flores, a charming Spanish-Colonial town. *Camino Real Hotel, San José, Petén*

Lima, Cusco & Machu Picchu or the North Coast, Peru

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, November 3, 4 & 5. Fly by private jet to Lima, once a thriving capital in Spain's New World empire. Visit the Larco Herrera Museum, a private, 18th-century mansion built above a pre-Columbian pyramid with a world-class collection of Incan art and artifacts. Enjoy cocktails and a sunset dinner at our hotel. *Miraflores Park Hotel, Lima*

Board a local flight bound for Cusco, center of the Andean world for centuries. See the historic district where Spanish colonists built Baroque palaces, a lovely cathedral, and the grand Plaza de Armas directly above stone foundations laid by the Inca. Marvel at the treasures of the Pre-Columbian Art Museum, and meet with master Andean weaver Nilda Callañaupa, who works with traditional weavers throughout Peru to preserve local textile arts. Travel on the privately chartered, vintage *Hiram Bingham* train through the spectacular Urubamba Valley to Machu Picchu, conveniently arriving after larger crowds have left. Abandoned by the Inca and lost to history until its rediscovery in 1911, the sacred Inca citadel of Machu Picchu is one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological treasures. Examine the artfully cut stone altars, temples, fountains, staircases, terraced gardens, and an observatory that the Inca used to predict equinoxes and other celestial events. *Hotel Monasterio, Cusco*

Alternative: Instead of visiting Cusco and Machu Picchu, head to Peru's North Coast via a local flight and marvel at the region's archaeological treasures. In Chiclayo, see where the ancient Chimú moon worshippers lived, including Chan Chan, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest adobe city in the world. Learn more about indigenous culture and examine artifacts from the richest burial chambers ever found in the Americas at the Museum of the Royal Tombs of Sipán. Near Trujillo, visit Huaca de la Luna (Temple of the Moon), an extraordinary Moche edifice. *Costa Del Sol, Chiclayo or Libertador, Trujillo; Miraflores Park Hotel, Lima*

Note: If you prefer to remain in Lima instead of exploring Cusco and Machu Picchu or the North Coast, we can arrange an alternate program for you. Call for details.



Cathedral of Santo Domingo, Plaza de Armas, Cusco



Hiram Bingham train



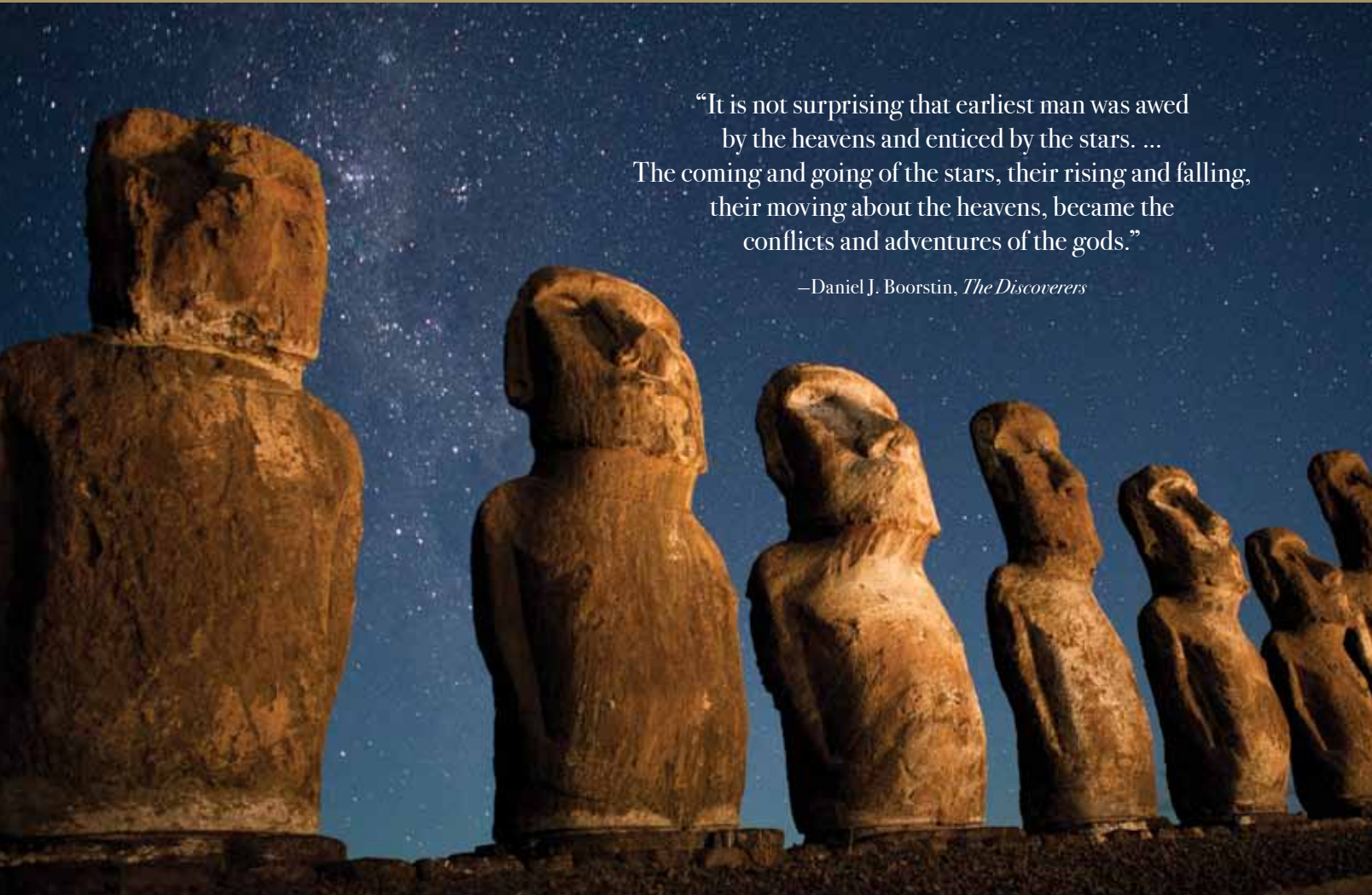
Royal Tombs of Sipán, Chiclayo

Machu Picchu



Quechua weaver, Cusco





“It is not surprising that earliest man was awed by the heavens and enticed by the stars. ... The coming and going of the stars, their rising and falling, their moving about the heavens, became the conflicts and adventures of the gods.”

—Daniel J. Boorstin, *The Discoverers*

Easter Island moai



Dancer, Easter Island

Easter Island, Chile

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 6 & 7. Fly more than 2,300 miles westward across the Pacific Ocean to Easter Island. Scattered with mysterious, colossal stone statues called *moai*, the island is an open-air museum of the ruins of an enigmatic culture. Since the island was first seen by Europeans on Easter Sunday in 1722, it has been the subject of debate. How did its native people use the stars to guide them here? What transpired over the centuries? What do the tall, brooding statues mean? Explore many parts of this island—a UNESCO World Heritage site—with award-winning expert archaeologists who will reveal the stories behind the moai, ceremonial centers, and petroglyphs. Then enjoy a splendid performance by local Rapa Nui dancers. *Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa*



Easter Island

International Date Line / Apia, Samoa

Thursday & Friday, November 8 & 9. We board our private jet and depart for Samoa, crossing the International Date Line en route and arriving the next day in Apia, where we spend the night. *Aggie Grey's Resort & Spa*



Approaching Ayers Rock

Ayers Rock & the Olgas, Australia

Saturday & Sunday, November 10 & 11. Fly deep into the heart of Australia and explore Ayers Rock, one of the world's great landmarks. The mammoth sandstone monolith has long been a sacred place for Australia's indigenous peoples, who call it *Uluru*. Walk the base of the rock with an Aboriginal guide who will share his insights into the mythology, geology, flora, and wildlife such as koalas and kangaroos. Nearby, take in the Olgas (Kata Tjuta), 28 dome-like formations of sedimentary rock scattered across the vast Outback plain. Watch a breathtaking display of the sunset's changing colors on their flanks, followed by a special dinner and stargazing under the sky of the Southern Cross constellation, weather permitting. In addition, we can arrange an optional sunrise excursion to Ayers Rock. *Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Township*



Aboriginal man at Ayers Rock



The Olgas



Thorny Devil, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park



Great Barrier Reef; inset: boat docked at a pontoon on the Great Barrier Reef



Solar eclipse



Mossman Gorge, Daintree Rain Forest

The Great Barrier Reef or the Daintree Rain Forest, Australia & a Total Solar Eclipse

Monday & Tuesday, November 12 & 13. Fly by private jet to Cairns and transfer to Port Douglas on the shores of the South Pacific Ocean. Explore the northern reaches of the pristine Great Barrier Reef, the largest known coral reef in the world and home to an exceptionally rich variety of marine life. Board a glass-bottomed boat or go snorkeling to discover a rainbow variety of sea corals and schools of triggerfish, unicornfish, bumphead parrot fish, and sea turtles. *Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Port Douglas*

Alternative: Instead of exploring the Great Barrier Reef, discover the natural wonders of the world's oldest rain forest—the Daintree—approximately 90 million years older than the Amazon. Go on a Dreamtime walk in Mossman Gorge with an Aboriginal guide—a member of the Kuku Yalanji tribe—to learn about the rain forest's unique flora and fauna and this tribe's special relationship to this captivating environment. We will also visit the Botanical Ark, a private garden and sanctuary for 3,000 species of precious rain forest plants, where we enjoy a special lunch. *Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Port Douglas*

Wednesday, November 14. Early in the morning before leaving Australia, witness firsthand, weather permitting, an extremely rare celestial phenomenon—a total solar eclipse—from a special viewpoint away from city lights. Look for daytime stars, the sun's corona, Baily's Beads, and more. After this event, we board our private jet and fly to Indonesia.



Borobudur

Yogyakarta, Borobudur & Prambanan, Indonesia

Wednesday, November 14 (continued). Arrive in Yogyakarta on the island of Java, the cultural heart of the vast Indonesian archipelago. Visit the island's wondrous temple of Borobudur, the largest Buddhist temple in the world, built 1,200 years ago during the short reign of the Sailendra dynasty and mysteriously abandoned shortly thereafter. In 1006, the eruption of a neighboring volcano concealed the site in ash for centuries, preserving its original form so that what we see today appears much as it did so long ago. Explore this colossal temple, consisting of three main levels which illustrate the main tenets of Buddhist cosmology—Kamadhatu (the world of desires), Rupadhatu (the world of forms), and Arupadhatu (the formless world). As you ascend the levels of this pyramidal structure, marvel at the many decorative panels depicting Buddhist doctrines and everyday life in ancient Java. And at the very top, walk among circular terraces ringed with Buddhas for a panoramic view. At dinner, see a Ramayana Ballet performance that blends Javanese dance, Hindu mythology, and traditional gamelan music.

The next morning, visit Prambanan—an enormous Hindu temple complex whose main shrine soars 154 feet above the lush, green valley of subtropical forest. *Sheraton Mustika Yogyakarta*



Prambanan



Ramayana Ballet



Borobudur



City Palace, Jaipur



Rajasthani women

Rajasthan & the “Pink City” of Jaipur, India

Thursday & Friday, November 15 & 16. Reboard our private jet and fly to Jaipur, the “Pink City,” which refers to the rose color of its prominent buildings that were painted for a citywide makeover to honor a visit by the Prince of Wales in 1876. See the Palace of the Winds, where women of the court hid behind its honeycombed lattice screens to catch the breeze and discreetly observe palace activities. Stroll through the monumental gateway of the ornate City Palace, guarded by stone elephants, and visit its museum to see royal artworks and artifacts, including exquisite robes, toys from the royal playroom, and antique weaponry.

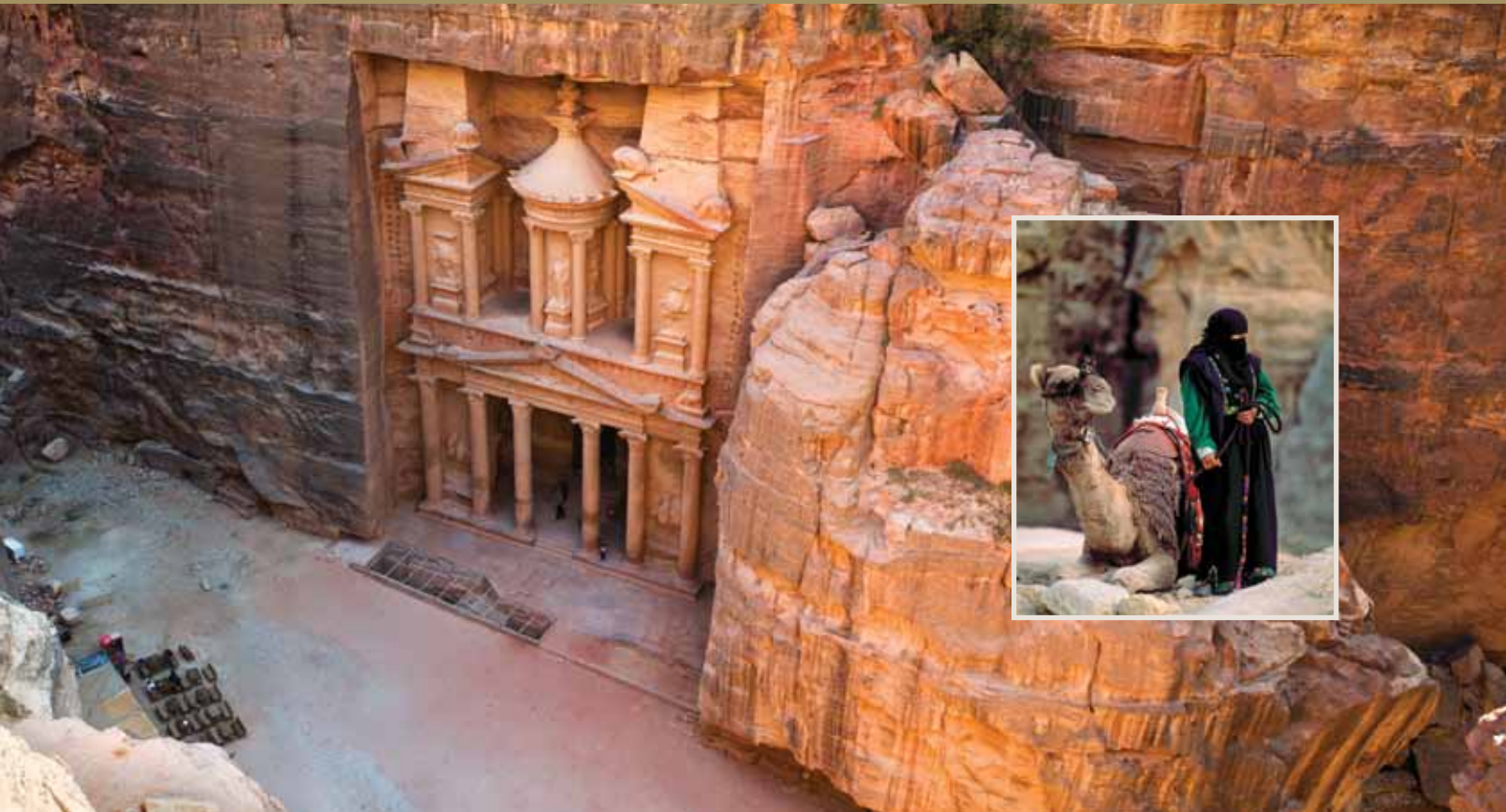
Explore the Jantar Mantar observatory, commissioned by the city founder, Maharaja Jai Singh, an 18th-century philosopher-prince celebrated for his military leadership, scholarship, and passion for astronomy. Wander through the collection of enormous, curiously architectural stone instruments, and consult the stars just as the Maharaja and his soothsayers once did. In the evening, gather for a gala Rajasthani dinner at Dera Amer, beautiful home of the family of Mansinghji, another great Maharaja of Jaipur. Later that night, watchers of the skies can join a local astronomer and stargaze during the famed Leonid Meteor Shower, weather permitting. *Oberoji Rajvilas, Jaipur*



Jantar Mantar observatory



Palace of the Winds



The Treasury, Petra; inset, Bedouin woman, Petra

The Lost City of Petra & Wadi Rum, or Jerash & the Dead Sea, Jordan

Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18. Fly by private jet to Aqaba, Jordan. Step back in history in the ancient city of Petra, half-built, half-carved into rose-red cliffs by the mysterious Nabataean people more than 2,000 years ago. Venture through the Siq, a narrow chasm in the bedrock, and arrive at the iconic Treasury. Explore elaborate buildings and tombs, and observe up close the superb blending of Eastern traditions with Hellenistic architecture. Discover Wadi Rum, a vast lunar-like expanse made famous by British adventurer, T. E. Lawrence—the subject of the film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Take a 4x4 jeep safari to see the spectacular rock formation known as the Seven Pillars of Wisdom. And celebrate the end of our expedition with a gala dinner and folkloric performance. *Mövenpick Hotel, Petra*

Alternative: Instead of visiting Petra and Wadi Rum, take a two-night excursion to the Greco-Roman city of Jerash and the Dead Sea. Known as the “Pompeii of the East” as it remained preserved for eons under blankets of desert sands, Jerash shows signs of human habitation dating back 6,500 years. Wander among its ruins to discover plazas, temples, theaters, baths, colonnaded streets, and stone roads once traveled by chariots. Then unwind in our modern hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea and soak in its rejuvenating, mineral-rich waters, one of the most salinated in the world. *Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea*

London, England / Homeward

Monday & Tuesday, November 19 & 20. Our private jet flies us to London, where we will enjoy a fine meal and bid farewell to fellow travelers. Following breakfast the next morning, transfer to the airport to connect with your regularly scheduled commercial flight home. *The Dorchester, London*



Wadi Rum



Jerash

Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$63,950
Single Supplement: \$8,250

Commercial airfare to Orlando, Florida and from London, England is not included. Please see the Terms & Conditions for details. For your protection and peace of mind, all payments are secured in a bank escrow account that is fully insured by the U.S. Federal Government.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

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Reservations & Payment: To reserve your place on the Expedition, complete the Reservation Form and return it with your deposit of \$2,500 per person. **Make checks payable to "HE-12 Escrow."** The deposit may be made by check; wire transfer; or by a major credit card such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Card. If you pay your initial deposit by credit card, it is fully refundable until you sign the Reservation Form. Mail to The Commonwealth Club, 595 Market St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, or fax to (415) 597-6729, or visit www.commonwealthclub.org/travel. **The second payment of \$15,000 per person is due March 30, 2012. Final payment is due July 31, 2012.** The second and final payments are payable by check or wire transfer only, made out to a secure escrow account. If the expedition is fully booked when your reservation is received, your payment will be returned within 7 days, or with your authorization, we can retain the deposit and place your name on a waiting list in the event other passengers cancel their reservations. Even if you authorize us to put your name on a waiting list and retain your deposit, we will notify you within 7 days that the expedition is fully booked.

Security Agreement: Your payments are held in an escrow account at The Commerce Bank of Washington (Bank), 601 Union Street, Suite 3600, Seattle, WA, 98101-1342. Participants are protected by a Letter of Credit #592 issued by the Bank. Any claims against this letter of credit must be filed with Operator or the Bank within 60 days of the termination of the Expedition. After that time, Operator and the Bank will be released from liability under the security agreement.

Expedition Price: The expedition price of \$63,950 per person (double occupancy) with a \$8,250 single supplement includes a privately chartered Boeing 757 that departs from Sanford-Orlando Airport, Florida, U.S.A. and returns to London Luton Airport, England. **Included in the price** are deluxe or best available accommodations and all applicable taxes in the destinations and options as indicated in the brochure, from arrival at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, in Florida on October 31, 2012 through departure in the morning from the Dorchester, London, England, on November 20, 2012. All meals beginning with dinner on October 31, 2012 and ending with breakfast on November 20, 2012 are included. All taxes; group transportation; excursions; complete program of special events and activities, including an extensive program of customized options at most destinations; enrichment program including lectures by a team of experts; services of professional staff, including an expedition physician, to assist you throughout the trip; cost of philanthropic activities; amenities package; \$100,000 medical evacuation insurance for covered reasons; bottled water throughout the program (during sightseeing, at scheduled meals, and in your room); all beverages, including liquor, aboard the private jet; liquor during special events and cocktail parties on land; house wine and/or beer at lunch and dinner, and coffee, tea, milk, and soft drinks at all scheduled meals on land; baggage handling during the expedition; airport transfers at the beginning of the expedition in Orlando, Florida and in London, England at the end of the expedition; and tips or gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, and waitstaff are included. Any tips or gratuities not specifically mentioned as included in the total expedition price will be at your discretion. **Not included in the price** is commercial airfare from your home city to Orlando, Florida and from London, England to your home city at the end of the expedition; optional and additional accident/baggage/cancellation insurance; passport and visa fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, fax, and Internet charges; all beverages not mentioned above as included; hotel mini-bar charges; meals not scheduled by the Operator; and inoculation and medication costs of any kind. Except for "major changes" as described below, no refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the expedition price that you voluntarily do not use.

Airfare: We are happy to assist you in reserving commercial flights from your home city to Orlando, Florida, and from London, England to your home city, in the class of service that you prefer. Please ask for details.

Insurance: Trip cancellation, health, and accident insurance are available for purchase; we will send you more information upon registration. These important protections can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip. Insurance premium payments are subject to the policies of the insurance carrier.

Baggage: On the private jet, each passenger is limited to 90 pounds of checked baggage in 2 bags (one limited to 50 pounds and the other limited to 40), plus a few smaller carry-on items such as a backpack, purse, camera, and/or laptop. For international flights, the air carrier's liability is limited to the actual value of the baggage but not more than 1,000 Special Drawing Rights, approximately \$1,250 per passenger, unless a higher value is declared at the time of check-in and an appropriate excess valuation charge is paid. Baggage, when not handled by the Operator, and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant.

Aircraft: The private jet flights will be performed using a Boeing 757 jet with 80 VIP-style seats operated by Thomson Airways, TUI Travel PLC, Wigmore House/Wigmore Place, Wigmore Lane, Bedfordshire, Luton LU2 9TN England. Operator and air carrier reserve the right to substitute equivalent aircraft if necessary.

Cancellations & Refunds: If you cancel your reservation, your right to receive a refund is limited, as set forth in the following schedule. All cancellations will become effective as of the date of the postmark or email receipt. All requests for refunds must be sent to us in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail.

If your notice is received...

On or before March 30, 2012
From March 31 to May 31, 2012
From June 1 to July 31, 2012
After July 31, 2012

You will receive a refund of all deposits less a...

\$1,000 per-person cancellation fee.
\$5,000 per-person cancellation fee.
\$15,000 per-person cancellation fee.
No refund.

Refunds will be made within 14 days of receipt of your notice of cancellation.

Leaving an expedition in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of Expedition. If you cancel and provide a substitute participant for this trip, you will receive a full refund of money paid toward the price less an administrative charge of \$25 for effecting the substitution once the substitute participant has paid in full. **Please note that the costs for visas, commercial air tickets, insurance, suite upgrades, and pre- or post-expedition independent arrangements may not be refundable.** If we make major changes prior to departure, you have the right to cancel and receive a full refund. The following are major changes: (1) a change in the departure or return date, unless the change results from a flight delay experienced by the air carrier (if, however, the delay is longer than 48 hours, it will be considered a major change); (2) a change in the origin or destination city for any flight leg, unless the change affects only the order in which cities named in a tour package are visited; (3) a substitute of any hotel of lower standard; (4) a price increase of more than 10 percent occurring 10 or more days before departure. In no event can we increase your price less than 10 days before departure. If a major change must be made in the program, we will notify you within 7 days after first learning of the change, but in any event at least 10 days prior to the scheduled departure. If, less than 10 days before scheduled departure, we become aware that a major change must be made, we will notify you as soon as possible. **Within 7 days after receiving notification of a major change, but in no event later than departure, you may cancel your reservation and you will receive a full refund within 14 days after canceling. If a major change occurs after the departure of the flight, which you are unwilling to accept, we will refund, within 14 days after your scheduled return date, that portion of your payment, which applies to the services not accepted.** If we must cancel the expedition, we will notify you in writing within 7 days of the cancellation, but in no event later than 10 days before the scheduled departure date. **We have no right to cancel the tour less than 10 days before departure, except for circumstances that make it physically impossible to perform the tour.** If such a circumstance occurs, we will notify you as soon as possible, but not later than the scheduled departure date. If the Expedition is canceled, we will make a full refund to you within 14 days after cancellation. The rights and remedies made available under this contract are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, we offer refunds under this contract with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by a traveler waives the additional remedies.

Itinerary Changes: The itineraries and staff presented in this brochure are subject to modification and change by The Club and Operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require our itinerary to be altered, we reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

International Flights: The operation of these flights is subject to the foreign governments involved granting landing rights for the flight. If the air carrier cannot obtain these rights for any particular flight leg of the expedition, that flight leg will be canceled and alternative arrangements may be made, at the discretion of The Club and Operator.

Health Requirements: This expedition is an active program, which requires you to make a realistic assessment of your health. All participants are expected to be in active good health, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace. Walking and climbing stairs are required in many hotels and airports, to board the aircraft, and are part of many excursions. *Prior to traveling, we highly recommend visiting your personal physician for a check-up, so that you may discuss your ability to participate in this type of journey.* To go to certain destinations or participate in certain activities, such as visiting a high-altitude area (7,500 feet above sea level and higher) including Cusco and Machu Picchu in Peru, you will need to obtain your physician's approval. A form will be sent to you for your physician to sign. An alternate destination or activity can be arranged, if your physician recommends it. Malaria and other diseases are present in some of the countries featured in this itinerary; **proof of yellow fever inoculation is required.** For the latest recommendations on specific health precautions for the areas you will visit, consult your physician and the Centers for Disease Control. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported in writing when the reservation is made. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate travelers with special needs; however, we regret that we cannot accommodate wheelchairs. If you require a slower pace, extra assistance, or the use of a cane or walking stick, arrangements will be made for private touring at each destination, if necessary, at the discretion of our tour staff. Any extra cost for such arrangements will be the responsibility of the traveler. If you would like to forego some of the scheduled sightseeing to rejuvenate and relax, please feel free to do so at any time.

Single/Shared Accommodations & Suite Upgrades: A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis. We will do everything possible to assist persons requesting a roommate. If one is not confirmed, the single rate will be charged. Suite rooms are available in some destinations; more information about them, including their extra costs, will be sent to you in the months before departure.

Basis of Rates: All prices are based on two persons sharing a room. All prices and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars. The rates are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, if it is necessary to levy a surcharge, we reserve the right to do so and will notify you at the time of final invoicing. The Club and Operator reserve the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically infeasible to operate. In such a case, a full refund of the expedition cost will be made.

By registering for the Expedition, the participant agrees to the Operator-Participant Contract, Responsibility Statement, and Terms and Conditions herein.

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- I prefer single accommodations where available for an additional \$8,250.
- I plan to share accommodations with:
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- Please arrange a share for me. I am a nonsmoker smoker. *If a share cannot be arranged, I agree to pay the single supplement of \$8,250.*

Information about all suite upgrades and optional programs will be sent to you in the months before departure.

INSURANCE:

- Please send me information about trip cancellation, health, and accident insurance. I understand that pre-existing health conditions require prompt enrollment in the trip insurance package.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

I/We have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions and Operator-Participant Contract for the trip (each traveler must sign).

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

PAYMENT:

- Enclosed is my deposit check for \$ _____ (\$2,500 per person). *Please make checks payable to "HE-12 Escrow."*
- Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$2,500 per person) to: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Account Number Expiration Date

(Charges can be made to most major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Card.)

My credit card billing address, if different from above.

Please mail the completed reservation form to:

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