



## Evason Hideway & Spa at Zighy Bay

Evason Hideway & Spa's brand new [Zighy Bay](#) opens in early 2008. Set between dramatic mountains and a broad sandy beach, the resort is just a 90-minute drive from the Dubai Int'l Airport (UAE), and located on a headland on the northern Musandam Peninsula in the Sultanate of Oman.

Accommodations are a blend of traditional Omani style with modern amenities. Each Pool Villa has 24-hour personal butler service, indoor and outdoor shower and a private infinity-edged pool. Choose a Spa Pool Villa, and enjoy your Six Senses Spa treatments and pampering within the privacy of your own space.

Cultural explorations to Dubai, local villages and archeological sites, biking and hiking are among the activities available (besides lounging on your stretch of private beach). Learn about the fine art of tea, or how to prepare local dishes from an expert cook.

Your stay at [Zighy Bay](#) may be included in a customized Cox & Kings Private Travel Journey to Oman, or added to our Private Travel Journey Dubai: Arabian Nights. Contact Nicole Beatie at 1-800-999-1758 for booking or more information.



## First Baby Elephant Born at Anantara Resort, Thailand

The Elephant Camp at Anantara Resort Golden Triangle welcomes its first [baby elephant](#) to be born in the camp! After 22 months of tender loving care, Makam, the Elephant Camp's 20-year-old Asian elephant delivered a female calf, nicknamed Nong Nam Fon.

The camp is a safe haven for abused elephants or those that are unable to work, and supported in part by the [Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation](#). Resort guests can learn to "drive" an elephant at a unique three-day mahout training course, using mahout's commands (soft touches and voice). Guests may also learn simple log rolling techniques, take their pachyderm charge bathing and partake in mahout camp life.

For travel to Thailand see our Private Travel Journey [Thailand: Land of Smiles](#) or contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.

## Just Back From: Zanzibar

Cox & Kings USA's Logan Stine recently visited the island of Zanzibar, just 20 minutes by plane from the Tanzanian mainland. Read her [report](#), and view our Private Travel Journey [Zanzibar: The Spice Island](#).

## Client Spotlight

Susan Halpern traveled on a private journey to Northern Thailand and Myanmar with Cox & Kings. Read her report on her trip, including pictures and full itinerary, [click here](#). For travel to Thailand or Myanmar, see our Private Travel Journey [Thailand: Land of Smiles](#) and [Burmah Trader](#) or contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.



## World Heritage Sites — Myanmar

This month, our UNESCO list features the eight sites submitted on a Tentative List.

- ♦ **Bagan:** Capital city of the first Myanma Kingdom, contains more than 2500 Buddhist monuments built from the 10th-14th C. Mural paintings inside more than 300 of the temples constitutes a unique corpus of paintings of that time in Southeast Asia.
- ♦ **Wooden Monasteries, Mandalay:** Large timber monasteries, built during the 18th-19th C., decorated with intricate woodcarving. Several of these monasteries contain rich collections of manuscripts, paintings, sculptures and metalware.
- ♦ **Ancient cities of Upper Myanmar:** Former residences of Myanma kings from 1315-1857. Contain numerous religious monuments, temples, stupas and monasteries; Collections of paintings, manuscripts, art objects and inscriptions.
- ♦ **Inle Lake:** Cultural traditions of several ethnic villages rely on the lake for survival, including distinctive floating farms.
- ♦ **Pyu Cities:** The ancient Pyu people spoke an extinct language. Stone inscriptions found in some of their monuments (1st-9th C.) provide the only knowledge of this language.
- ♦ **Badah-lin Group of Caves:** Initial excavations of the first cave provide evidence of the transition from Paleolithic to Neolithic implements.
- ♦ **Myauk-U Archaeological Area:** Capital city of the first Arakanese Kingdom, containing over 200 Buddhist monuments mostly built during the 15th-16th C. Outstanding examples of stone carving and sculpture.
- ♦ **Cities of Bago and Hanthawaddy:** The ancient Mon cities built from the 11th to 17th centuries.

Our Private Travel Journey [Burmah Trader](#) includes visits to the first four proposed UNESCO sites. To book your trip, contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.

## How Many Pages are left in YOUR Passport?

Some countries that we travel to have very stringent government regulations regarding traveler's passport expiration dates and the number of blank pages left. It is important that you check your passports to ensure that you have the correct documentation well in advance of your trip.

For instance, at least two consecutive blank Visa pages (not endorsement pages) are required in your passport on arrival in South Africa. Cox & Kings guests often include more than one country in their journey (in addition to South Africa), so we do in fact recommend that there are at least four to five blank pages in your passport prior to arrival. Please be aware that you may be denied boarding onto your trans-Atlantic flight or entry into the country if the immigration officials do not have enough blank pages on which to place their entry/departure/visa stamps.

## **Delta Airlines—New Service from the U.S.**

Starting in June 2008 to Africa:

- From New York's JFK to Cape Town, South Africa (via Dakar, Senegal)
- From New York's JFK to Nairobi, Kenya (via Dakar, Senegal)
- From New York's JFK to Cairo, Egypt (non-stop)

New to Asia:

- Atlanta to Shanghai, China (non-stop)

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