



Magical Petra, By Day and Night

Often described as the eighth wonder of the ancient world, Petra is Jordan's most valuable treasure and greatest attraction. The vast city was carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, who settled here more than 2000 years ago. They created an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome.

Entrance to the city is through the Siq, a narrow gorge, over a half mile in length, which is flanked on either side by soaring, 263 feet high cliffs. The colors and formations of the rocks are dazzling. As you reach the end of the Siq you catch your first glimpse of Al-Khazneh (The Treasury). A massive facade carved out of the dusky pink rock-face, the building dwarfs everything around it. Carved in the early 1st century as the tomb of an important Nabataean king, it best represents the engineering genius of these ancient people.

Petra by day is remarkable. At night, lit by hundreds of luminaria, the place is truly magical. Bedouin musicians play softly, with the haunting music echoing around the walls. Our Private Travel Journey [Jordan: Legends in Stone](#) visits Petra by day and by night [candlelight tours operate Mon/Wed/Thurs]. For more information, contact [Nicole Beattie](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Uganda's Gorillas of Bwindi

A beautiful brand new lodge just opened, from which to trek to the Bwindi Forest's star attraction: mountain gorillas. Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge has its very own group of gorillas in Bwindi, ensuring gorilla permit availability for guests. The Lodge has 8 bedrooms, including two connecting family units. Each room has an en suite bathroom and a cozy fireplace. The main lodge is finished with turned wood, and commissioned artwork from Ugandan artists adorn the walls. Views from the main balcony area stretch across to Rwanda and the Virungas Mountains. This is the first lodge in Uganda built by and for the local community, with the dual goal of supporting humans and protecting the mountain gorilla.

A stay at Clouds may easily be added to our Private Travel Safari [Uganda: Pearl of Africa](#), for a complete Ugandan safari experience. To book your trip or for more information on travel to Africa contact [Jeanie Fundora](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



China, Beijing & Shanghai Highlights

We are excited to announce this fantastic winter promotion for travel to China, valid for travel from December 1 - March 15, 2009. Spend 8 days privately exploring the highlights of [Beijing and Shanghai](#). Stay at two superb hotels – The Ritz Carlton in Beijing and the Grand Hyatt in Shanghai. From \$2645 per person, double occupancy (including internal air Beijing to Shanghai), breakfast daily, and most lunches. For more information, contact [Sunita Hedaoo](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Off the Beaten Path in Tahiti

Tahiti and her islands are the ultimate South Seas paradise – lush mountains, crystalline lagoons, magnificent coral reefs and a rich cultural heritage. Cox & Kings' Private Travel Journey [Tahiti: Islands in Time](#) offers more just than stays at some of French Polynesia's finest resorts. For two days and nights, your journey will also take you to a remote island, where you will be treated to the best in Tahitian camping. Your local guide will teach you the natural history of the island, and take you snorkeling and fishing in the pristine waters of the coral atoll. As you enjoy the spectacular sunset, feast on dinner prepared for you over the open fire. From \$10,545 per person double occupancy. Contact [Sunita Hedao](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



UNESCO World Heritage Sites — Tunisia

♦ Amphitheater of El Jem

El Jem is the largest Roman coliseum in Northern Africa. Its huge amphitheater could hold up to 35,000 spectators.

♦ Medina of Tunis

From the 12th to the 16th century, Tunis was considered one of the greatest and wealthiest cities in the Islamic world. Some 700 monuments, including palaces, mosques, mausoleums, madrasas and fountains, testify to this remarkable past.

♦ Site of Carthage

Carthage was founded in the 9th century B.C. From the 6th century onwards, it developed into a great trading empire covering much of the Mediterranean and was home to a brilliant civilization.

♦ Ichkeul National Park

Ichkeul Lake and surrounding wetlands are a major stopover point for hundreds of thousands of migrating birds, which come to feed and nest there. Ichkeul is the last remaining lake in a chain that once extended across North Africa.

♦ Punic Town of Kerkuane and its Necropolis

The remains constitute the only example of a Phoenicio-Punic city to have survived. It was built using a sophisticated town planning system.

♦ **Kairouan**

Founded in 670, Kairouan flourished under the Aghlabid dynasty in the 9th century. Its rich architectural heritage includes the Great Mosque, and the Mosque of the Three Gates.

♦ **Medina of Sousse**

Sousse was an important commercial and military port during the Aghlabid period (800–909).

♦ **Dougga/Thugga**

Built on an elevated site overlooking a fertile plain, Dougga is the best-preserved Roman small town in North Africa and provides an exceptional picture of everyday life in antiquity.

UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured on our Private Travel Journey [Roman Treasures of Tunisia](#). To book your customized trip to Tunisia, contact [Nicole Beattie](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

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