



Cliffs Preserve at Patagonia, Chile

A brand new luxurious eco-resort **The Cliffs at Patagonia** is now situated along six miles of Pacific coastline in northern Patagonia. A beautiful, Chilean-crafted Lodge & Spa has been designed to take advantage of the views of the rugged seascape. Choose between private Suites, or reserve an entire Residence for your family's stay. Enjoy meals prepared fresh from their organic garden, and locally caught seafood—in the Lodge, or prepared by the chef in your private Residence.

Within the 8,000 pristine acres of the preserve, the land invites you to walk, bike or ride horseback in unspoiled nature. The sea will coax you offshore to discover penguin colonies, majestic sea lions and whales. Activity options include Patagonia cultural and culinary tours, kayaking, white water rafting and sport fishing. Experienced guides, who have a passion for the area and a dedication to hospitality, will host your entire adventure.

Opens March 2008. Contact Rachel Robar at 1-800-999-1758 for booking or more information.



Thai Kickboxing—Behind the Scenes

Spend an evening watching the national sport of Thailand: kickboxing (Muay Thai). With a professional Thai kickboxer by your side and your guide as interpreter, watch a match at Ratchadamnoen Stadium, Bangkok. Before the start of the match, each boxer performs a ceremony of honor and respect. Unlike western boxing with its two points (fists) of contact allowed, Muay Thai is known as “The Science of the Eight Limbs,” where strikes are executed using eight points of contact. After the match, go backstage to see a new champion of the evening get congratulated. For more information, contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.



Just Back From: Thailand

Our Asia product manager Dianna Upton recently returned from two weeks in [Thailand](#). Travel to Thailand with our Signature Travel Journey [Thailand: Land of Smiles](#), or Private Travel Journey [Northern Thailand & Krabi](#). To book your journey, contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.

Client Spotlight

Jon and Sue Snow were looking for a different kind of Africa travel experience, and they found it with their exploration of northern Ethiopia: ancient carved stone churches, wildflower-covered Simien Mountains, friendly people, and an opportunity to view a way of life that has existed for centuries. [Read their story here](#). For more information see our Private Travel Journey [Ethiopian Odyssey](#) or contact Jeanie Fundora at 1-800-999-1758.



Ethiopia: Did you Know?

- ✦ Formerly called Abyssinia, Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa and one of the oldest in the world.
- ✦ Having converted during the fourth century AD, Ethiopia is the second-oldest country to become officially Christian, after Armenia.
- ✦ Ethiopia's culture and traditions date back over 3,000 years, with over 80 different ethnic groups.
- ✦ Ethiopia uses an ancient Coptic calendar, which squeezes 13 months into every year.
- ✦ Ethiopia's main export crop is coffee, and has been cultivated in Ethiopia for over a thousand years.
- ✦ Addis Ababa is the highest capital city in Africa at 8,000 ft.
- ✦ In Ethiopia lie what are believed to be the oldest remains of a human ancestor ever found--dated as being some five million years old.
- ✦ The church of St Mary of Zion (Axum) is said to be the location of the Ark of the Covenant.

Blessings of Bhutan & the Druk Path Trek

Enjoy a challenging wilderness trek—the perfect way to experience the Bhutanese people and their culture. Join a small group between three and 12 travelers for this all-inclusive itinerary. You will spend seven nights at Uma Paro, where you can relax and explore the enchanted Paro and Haa Valleys during four organized day trips, including a visit to the magical Tiger's Nest Monastery.

For the next four days, follow the historic Druk Path Trek from Paro to Thimpu, crossing remote Himalayan valleys, reaching heights of up to 13,800 ft. Dates are 17-27 April 2008 and priced from \$4,884 per person (single occupancy) including full board. Minimum number of participants applies. To book, contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758. For more travel to Bhutan, see our [Bhutan: The Hidden Kingdom](#).

World Heritage Sites—Laos

Our UNESCO focus this month features one of Southeast Asia's emerging travel destinations.

Luang Prabang: The town is an outstanding example of the fusion of traditional architecture and Lao urban structures with those built by the European colonial authorities in the 19th and 20th centuries. Its unique, remarkably well-preserved townscape illustrates a key stage in the blending of these two distinct cultural traditions.

Vat Phou: The Champasak cultural landscape, including the Vat Phou Temple complex, is a remarkably well-preserved planned landscape more than 1,000 years old. It was shaped to express the Hindu vision of the relationship between nature and humanity, using an axis from mountaintop to riverbank to lay out a geometric pattern of temples, shrines and waterworks extending over six miles.

Our Signature Travel Journey [Laos: Jewel of Indochina](#) includes visits to both sites. To book your trip, contact Dianna Upton at 1-800-999-1758.

Celebrate 250 Years of Luxury Travel With Us: The Cox & Kings USA Anniversary Edition Catalog

Our comprehensive brochure is filled with Cox & Kings' Exquisite Cultural & Wildlife Adventures, featuring Africa, India, Asia, Latin America, and Arabia and Northern Africa. Request one online at www.coxandkingsusa.com or email tours@coxandkingsusa.com.

©2002-2008 Cox & Kings USA. All rights reserved. Exquisite Cultural & Wildlife Adventures is a service mark of Cox & Kings USA. All trademarks are the property of their respective holders.

Thank you for registering to receive our email newsletters. We welcome your feedback about these announcements or about our website—just send a note to tours@coxandkingsusa.com.