



## Searching for the Bengal Tiger — On Safari in India

Taj Hotels' new Mahua Kothi and Baghvan Lodges are highlights of Cox & Kings' tour [India: In Quest of the Tiger](#). Venturing into the heart of India, this 14-day tour is designed for wildlife lovers, and follows the trail of the endangered Royal Bengal tiger. Traveling by specially designed 4x4 vehicles, and on elephant back, safaris in the national parks of Bandhavgarh and Pench offer an unforgettable opportunity to search for one of the world's most majestic animals. You'll spend six nights in the beautiful Indian jungle in style: With impeccable service and lush luxury, the recently opened Mahua Kothi and Baghvan Lodges have raised the standard of jungle accommodation in India to new levels. Read Mahua Kothi naturalist guide Kartikeya's account, as he recalls his adventures on safari [searching for tiger](#) in Bandhavgarh National Park.

Visits to imperial Delhi, the shopper's delight of Bombay, the Taj Mahal, and the UNESCO World Heritage Temples at Khajuraho are included in this tour. Taj Safaris will open additional lodges later this year: Pashan Garh, Panna National Park, and Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park. To book [India: In Quest of the Tiger](#), or for more information, contact Seema Prakash at 1-800-999-1758.



## Up Close with the Big Ocean Racers in Rio

The around-the-world Volvo Ocean Sailing Race begins in Alicante, Spain, Oct 11, 2008, with stops in ten major ports, including Cochin, India and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Held every four years, this exciting race uses technologically innovative 70-foot monohull sailboats, and will test the endurance and skills of experienced sailors and sailboats alike! Each in-port race village will get you up close to both the participating sailboats and their crews. The “race experience dome”—a yacht racing simulator, and many other activities will be open to the public. Estimated arrival of the race fleet into Cochin, India is Dec 3, 2008, while arrival in Rio is expected around Feb. 20th, 2008. Rio will also play host to exciting in-port races with these sailboats, on its picturesque Guanabara Bay, April 4, 2009.

Spend a few days enjoying these in-port activities at Cochin or Rio, then continue your touring, in [India & Beyond](#), or on one of our Latin American journeys such as [Rhythms of Brazil](#). For more information contact Rachel Robar (Latin America) or Seema Prakash (India) at 1-800-999-1758.



## Malawi — Did You Know?

- ✦ The name Malawi is derived from Marawi, the name of people who migrated to the region hundreds of years ago.
- ✦ English is the official language of the country and Chichewa is the national language.
- ✦ Malawi is smaller in area than Pennsylvania.
- ✦ The highest point in Malawi is Sapitwa Peak (9850 feet).
- ✦ In 1859 David Livingstone, the Scottish missionary and explorer, reached Lake Malawi, which he named Lake Nyasa.
- ✦ Malawi has a number of beautiful national parks: Kasungu, Lengwe, Liwonde and Lake Malawi.
- ✦ Lake Malawi is the third largest lake in Africa, and many of its species of fish are endemic to the lake.
- ✦ In 1991 Friedemann Schrenk discovered the two and a half million year old remains of Homo rudolfensis in northern Malawi.

Malawi's friendly people, and its variety of landscape and wildlife, make this relatively unspoiled country particularly attractive to visitors. View our Private Travel Journey [Malawi: Warm Heart of Africa](#). To book your trip or for more information on travel to Africa, contact Jeanie Fundora at 1-800-999-1758.



### Colorful Cultures of Malaysia

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## World Heritage Sites — Morocco

- ♦ **Medina of Fez:** The urban fabric and the principal monuments in the medina—madrasas, fondouks, palaces, residences, mosques and fountains, date from the 13th and 14th C. Although the political capital was transferred to Rabat in 1912, Fez has retained its status as the country's cultural and spiritual center.
- ♦ **Medina of Marrakesh:** Founded in 1070–72 by the Almoravids, Marrakesh remained a political, economic and cultural center for a long period. Its influence was felt throughout the western Muslim world, from North Africa to Andalusia. It contains several impressive monuments dating from that period.
- ♦ **Historic City of Meknes:** Represents in a very complete and well-preserved way, the urban fabric and monumental buildings of a 17th C Maghreb capital city, harmoniously combining elements of Islamic and European design and planning.
- ♦ **Archaeological Site of Volubilis:** Founded in the 3rd century B.C., Volubilis became an important outpost of the Roman Empire and was graced with many fine buildings. Extensive remains of these survive at site, located in a fertile agricultural area.
- ♦ **Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou:** Ait-Ben-Haddou, in Ouarzazate province, is a striking example of the architecture of southern Morocco. A group of earthen buildings surrounded by high walls, the Ksar is a traditional pre-Saharan habitat.
- ♦ **Medina of Essaouira:** Essaouira is an exceptional example of a late 18th C fortified town, built according to the principles of contemporary European military architecture in a North African setting.

Most or all of these UNESCO World Heritage site visits are featured on either our Private Travel Journeys [Moroccan Odyssey](#) and [Morocco: Kasbahs & Citadels](#). To book your customized trip to Morocco, contact Nicole Beattie at 1-800-999-1758.

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