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A Dream African Hideaway—Bilila Lodge Kempinski

Kempinski Hotels has opened a most amazing lodge, right in the middle of Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park: [Bilila Lodge Kempinski](#). With spectacular views of wildlife roaming over miles of bush, an active water hole and magical sunsets of the African savannah, it offers guests a taste of Africa in its purest state.

Bilila Lodge’s spacious rooms, suites and villas are individually decorated with handpicked local and regional artwork and richly textured materials collected from all over Africa. The infinity pool and Anantara Spa provide for supreme relaxation after an exciting game drive. An elegant restaurant offers top Pan-African and international cuisine in a modern African setting.

To experience this lavish Kempinski addition to the safari world, please contact [Jeanie Fundora](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



The King’s Cup Elephant Polo Tournament, Thailand

Hang out with the players and make friends with the elephants as Anantara Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai plays host to the King’s Cup Elephant Polo Tournament. A blessing ceremony by monks, a parade of traditional dancers, costumed hilltribe villagers, elephant spirit men, colorfully decorated pachyderms and each country’s teams, will kick off the weeklong competition. Proceeds from the event go to a Thai elephant welfare organization. Tournament dates are Mar 14-23, 2010.

This spectator event may be added to our Private Travel Journey [Thailand Land of Smiles](#) or [Northern Thailand & Krabi](#). Please contact [Denise Gogarty](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Antiquarian Book, India

A Mecca for book connoisseurs, publishers and students, the [antiquarian book fairs](#) held in Calcutta and Delhi are unique experiences for lovers of books. Delhi's mega book fair offers a glimpse into the multilingual publishing industry and what's new and old in book publishing from around the world. Calcutta's annual book extravaganza showcases the best of not only Indian publishers, but also booksellers, writers and bibliophiles from all corners of the globe. A visit to the Taj Mahal is included in this Private Travel Journey.

From \$3995 per person double. Jan 26-Feb 7, 2010; 10 days, 9 nights. For more information please contact [Seema Prakash](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

Syria—Through the Ages

This modern, efficient country is a storehouse of wondrous monuments from successive empires of the past. Visit the beautiful ruined cities of Palmyra and Bosra, the crusader's fortress of Crac des Chevalier, and the Qalaat Salahuddin castle, once inhabited by the Knights Templar. In Syria's ancient (but very much living) cities of Damascus and Aleppo, stay at luxuriously restored palaces—each in the heart of the old quarter.

Private Travel Journey [Syria Through the Ages](#). From \$4165 per person double. Contact [Nicole Beattie](#) at 1-800-999-1758 for more information.



India Festival Departure in 2010—Limited Space Available

Take in the spectacular Jaipur Elephant Festival and the Khajuraho Dance Festival on this tour of India's Splendor. From \$8315 per person double. Departs the U.S. Feb 20, 2010; 16 days, 14 nights.

For more information on [India's Splendor](#), please contact [Seema Prakash](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

Seychelles Inner Islands—More than a Pretty Beach

It is easy to spend two weeks or more exploring [Seychelles](#). Staying on Mahé, Praslin or one of the several private Inner Islands affords easy access by boat, small plane or helicopter to the other islands. On Mahé, visit the lively capital of Victoria with her fish markets, or trek up to Mission Lodge for a bird's eye view. Praslin offers the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vallée de Mai, a prehistoric jungle home to the rare Coco de Mer palm and fruit, found only here. La Digue Island is home to Anse Source D'Argent, a pristine beach lined with profound granite boulders, along with colonial buildings, tortoises and great local cuisine.

For more information please contact [Megan Bryant](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

Just Back From: Seychelles Island Hopping

Megan Bryant, our Indian Ocean Product Manager recently spent several days [island hopping](#) in the Seychelles. To learn more about where to go now in this region, contact [Megan Bryant](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Guatemala

Antigua

A former capital of Guatemala, Antigua was founded in the early 16th C. Surrounded by volcanoes, the city was built on a grid pattern inspired by the Italian Renaissance, and largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1773. Its principal monuments are still preserved as ruins.

Tikal National Park

In the heart of the jungle, surrounded by lush vegetation, lies one of the major sites of Mayan civilization. The ceremonial center contains superb temples and palaces, and public squares.

Archaeological Park & Ruins of Quirigua

The ruins of Quirigua contain some outstanding 8th C monuments and an impressive series of carved stelae and sculpted calendars which are considered an essential source for the study of Mayan civilization.

Select UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured on our Private Travel Journey Classic Guatemala: Antigua & Tikal, and Guatemala & Honduras: Mayan Treasures. To book your customized trip to Guatemala, contact Rachel Robar at 1-800-999-1758.





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