

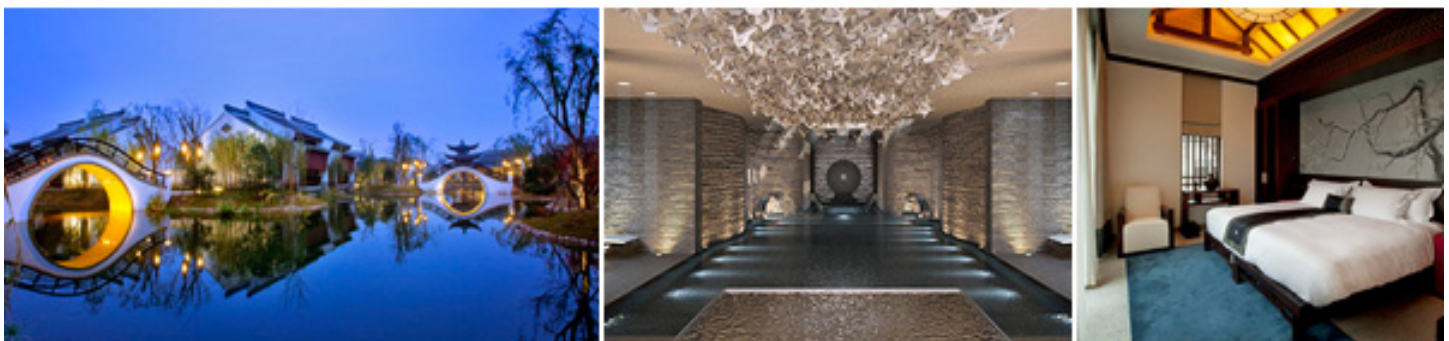


Banyan Tree—Heaven on Earth in Hangzhou, China

In heaven there is paradise, on earth there is Hangzhou—so says a popular Chinese saying. The new [Banyan Tree Hangzhou](#) is located just outside this city, within China’s only wetland reserve and home to an amazing wealth of thriving plant and animal life.

The resort and surroundings have become a truly heavenly place to linger. Feel restored at the hot baths or with a spa treatment inspired by traditional Asian remedies at the Banyan Tree Spa. With its tiled roofs, ivory walls and elaborate decor of each suite and villa, Banyan Tree Hangzhou is an exemplary depiction of traditional Chinese architecture and modern comforts. Reflecting the seasons of the year, each suite and villa is available in four color themes. Visit historic buildings within the reserve, such as the Autumn Snow Temple, and of course Hangzhou itself, one of China’s seven ancient capitals, for 7000 years of history.

Enjoy a complimentary 90-minute spa treatment for one when staying three nights. Valid through Dec 31, 2010. For more information on Banyan Tree Hangzhou, contact [Denise Gogarty](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



New Latin America Group Tour—Introductory Pricing

Join us on this fully escorted travel adventure, as we explore three of South America’s largest and diverse countries—[Chile, Argentina & Brazil](#). From Santiago to Rio, experience spectacular Alpine scenery, valleys of vineyards, cosmopolitan cities, and the incomparable Iguazu Falls.

Take advantage of our Special Introductory Pricing of \$7215 per person double occupancy (valid through Apr 15, 2010 only). Monthly departures begin Oct 9, 2010.

See [Chile, Argentina & Brazil](#) or contact [Rachel Robar](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Desroches Island, Seychelles Launches Saltwater Fly-Fishing Adventures

Anglers can now experience world-renowned saltwater fly-fishing together with luxury accommodation on Desroches Island, a combination of adventure and luxury on a level that hasn't existed here before..

From November to May, anglers are drawn to the outer islands of the Seychelles for the unparalleled experience of standing on the vast coral, sand and turtle grass flats of Poivre Atoll and St. Joseph Atoll, fly-fishing for bonefish, trevally, the mystical Milkfish, Amberjacks, Triggerfish and other pelagic and reef fish. Bluewater fishing on Desroches' first-class fishing boats is also spectacular. Desroches Island offers 5-star private villa accommodation and many other activities for traveling companions.

For more information on these 7-night journeys [click here](#), or contact [Megan Bryant](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

Treasures of Egypt—Summer Group Departures

See the treasures of Egypt with your private Egyptologist: the splendors of Ancient Egypt in Cairo, along the Nile River, and in Abu Simbel. For four days you'll sail from Aswan to Luxor aboard the Sonesta Star Goddess, stopping along the way. Included in this 9-day tour are sound and light shows at both the Pyramids and Karnak, and a visit to Ramses IV tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

With our special summer group departures, one needs only a minimum of 6 people, which is perfect for families or friends traveling together (\$3385 per person double). The Sonesta Star Goddess comes complete with topside swimming pool, all meals, and a Nubian folk show one evening.

[Treasures of Egypt](#) Summer Group Departures begin and end in Cairo, Egypt: May 18, June 15, June 29, July 6, August 3, September 2. Please contact [Nicole Beattie](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



The Marathons of Kenya—Run with the Elite

Rub shoulders (or perhaps elbows) with some of the world's best runners at two major international marathons held in Kenya each year:

Run through some of Africa's most breathtaking scenery when Lewa Wildlife Conservancy hosts the [Safaricom Marathon](#) on June 26, 2010. Under the guidance of the London-based [Tusk Trust](#), the event raises funds for conservation and community development projects. Over 750 runners compete on a dirt road course at an average 5500 feet in altitude. Accommodation for runners and spectators is limited. Deadline for entry is May 14.

In the capital city of Kenya, the [Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon](#) attracts over 15,000 runners from 58 different countries. Held every year in late October, the course is run on city streets and benefits the Seeing is Believing eye care initiative.

Incorporate one of these events with your African safari! For more information on these or other running events in Africa, please contact [Jeanie Fundora](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Just Back From: Lamu, Kenya's Swahili Coast

Logan Stine, our Africa Travel Specialist, recently traveled to Kenya, including the Lamu Archipelago. Read about [travel insights](#) here. The Kenya Coast works easily as a bookend to the start or end of any safari to East Africa—for example, our Private Travel Journey [Quintessential Kenya](#). Contact [Logan Stine](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

Packing for a Purpose—Giving Back

There are many opportunities for giving back to the organizations and communities that we visit. A new project called Pack for a Purpose is helping get the word out to travelers. With the motto "Small Space. Little Effort. Big Impact." they are spreading the word on how to make a difference in the lives of children around the world. A small way to do this is to use available space in your luggage to provide supplies to the communities you visit. Organizations may sign up on the site to detail their special needs. See the [Pack For A Purpose](#) for more information.

For just 5 lbs (2.27 kgs), you can take on your trip:

- + 400 pencils or
- + 5 deflated soccer balls with an inflation device or
- + A stethoscope, a blood pressure cuff, and 500 band-aids

When booking your trip, ask our staff for more ideas on how to support the regions that you will be traveling to.

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