



Alila Villas Soori—An Invitation For Giving Back

Discover Bali's picturesque southwest at [Alila Villas Soori](#), where emerald rice terraces meet black-sand beaches and the azure ocean. Each luxurious villa is perfectly positioned to enjoy panoramic ocean views and breezes.

Alila Villas Soori is generously offering a Gift to Share program, benefiting their Balinese community. For every three nights booked, the fourth is complimentary. Guests are asked to support one of three local programs in place of their complimentary night's stay—the East Bali Poverty Project, two neighboring elementary schools, or an environmental development project called Bali Focus. [Read more on these worthwhile projects](#). This is a great way for visitors to give back, and we thank Alila Villas Soori for making this endeavor possible.

Gift to Share offer is valid for guests staying in between Jun 1-Jul 15, 2010. For more information on [Alila Villas Soori](#), contact [Denise Gogarty](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



The Zambezi Queen Luxury Riverboat Safari

An elephant trumpets on the riverbank. Morning tea in hand, you step out onto the cool tile of your private terrace, comfortably situated deep within the African wilderness. The new Zambezi Queen drifts gracefully down the Chobe River, carved between Namibia's Caprivi Strip and Botswana's Chobe National Park. The 2- and 3-night programs on this 14-cabin luxury riverboat combine plush comfort and chic elegance with the awe of massive elephant herds, enchanting big cats and rare birds.

[Read more](#) or contact [Jeanie Fundora](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



North Island, Seychelles Introduces Rare Bird Species

Three years ago, 25 Seychelles White-eyes were introduced to North Island, Seychelles. The bird species was regarded as critically endangered, with a global population of 350 birds. Today, the estimated total of White-eyes on the island is over 60, making the introduction an unqualified success. [See pictures and read more.](#)

This private island is a true sanctuary, where many endangered plant and animal species have been carefully reintroduced—a special place where visitors have minimal impact on the environment. For more information on [North Island](#), contact [Megan Bryant](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Textiles of India: An Introduction

For those of you who love textiles, this trip will have many highlights: Banarasi fine cotton and silk brocade weaving centers in Varanasi, intricate hand embroidery in Luknow, Kanchipuram's handwoven zara silk fabrics and sarees, Jaipur for its block printed cotton fabrics and handmade paper, Gujarat mirror work embroidery and beadwork, plus the glorious stonework and inlay of the Taj Mahal.

[Read more](#), or view our [Textiles of India: An Introduction](#). Contact [Seema Prakash](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Lebanon & Syria: Empires Past

We've designed a new tour to Arabia combining two neighboring countries: Lebanon and Syria. Both have a long history of domination by outsiders and are filled with relics from these past empires. Today they reveal a mesmerizing mix of cultural influences. In 2009, The New York Times listed Beirut, Lebanon at #1 in its [44 Places to Go](#), and Damascus, Syria was listed in the New York Times' [31 Places to Go in 2010](#).

[Read more](#) or view our [Lebanon & Syria: Empires Past](#). Contact [Nicole Beattie](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



Client Spotlight—Chile

The Gottwalds recently traveled to Chile, where one of their favorite places was the Atacama Desert. Read about what they found in the Atacama Desert, and their other [travel experiences](#). For more on Chile, see our Private Travel Journey [Chilean Odyssey](#), or contact [Rachel Robar](#) at 1-800-999-1758.



UNESCO World Heritage Site—Belize

Belize Barrier Reef Reserve

The coastal area of Belize is an outstanding natural system consisting of the largest barrier reef in the northern hemisphere, as well as offshore atolls, several hundred sand cays, mangrove forests, coastal lagoons and estuaries. The system's seven sites are a significant habitat for threatened species, including marine turtles, manatees and the American marine crocodile.

This UNESCO World Heritage site is included in our Private Travel Journey [Belize: Diving with Whale Sharks](#). To book your customized trip, contact [Rachel Robar](#) at 1-800-999-1758.

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