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Asian Odysseys: From Vietnam to Sri Lanka

The New York Times has just published 37 essential experiences not to miss when visiting Asia — from shopping in Hanoi to a river cruise in Phnom Penh. Based on their suggestions, we've noted select Asian countries below, including a recommended Cox & Kings journey for each, easily customized to your personal interests. [Read the full article here.](#)

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For more information contact Denise Gogarty (Southeast Asia, China, Tibet and Japan) or Seema Prakash (India, Sri Lanka) at 1-800-999-1758.



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This is a great opportunity to take the kids or grandkids — see 13-year-old [Peter Bitman's](#) story of his Egypt trip last summer. With private guides in Cairo and Abu Simbel, and small group touring while on the Nile cruise, 5,000 years of incredible history will unfold before you.

Contact Nicole Beattie at 1-800-999-1758 to book your travel to Egypt.



Cox & Kings relocates its offices — May 4th Grand Opening in Los Angeles

We are moving our U.S. operations (from Tampa) to Los Angeles, and celebrate the grand opening of Cox & Kings' North American headquarters on May 4, 2011. [Read more on our blog.](#)

The new address is:

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The toll-free number (1-800-999-1758) and e-mail addresses remain the same.

Experience Ethiopian Music at 1,000 Stars Festival

Set in Arba Minch in the heart of the Rift Valley in Ethiopia every December, The Festival of 1,000 Stars is a spectacular experience for travelers with a passion for music. The relaxed, three day music celebration features more than 1,000 performers, representing over 56 ethnic tribal groups from southern Ethiopia. A visit to the festival can be arranged as part of our [Omo Valley: Cultures of Southern Ethiopia](#) private journey — a front row seat to a unique, beautiful festival of music and tradition. The 11-day, 10-night journey starts at \$4,235 per person, double occupancy. Cox & Kings can take you to festivals around the world — [read more here.](#)

Contact Megan Bryant at 1-800-999-1758 to book your journey.



Cox & Kings Launches New European Destinations

We now offer both Private and Discovery Group Journeys to Europe! Check our website soon for new tours to Croatia, Iceland, Russia, Swedish Lapland and Turkey. More destinations will continue to be added, culminating in the launch of our 2012 Europe brochure.

Contact our Europe destination manager Thor Forsberg at 1-800-999-1758 to book your trip or to customize your European journey.

Peru: Beyond Machu Picchu

Pisco, Peru is just a short flight south from Lima, and where an ancient people created 100's of shapes and figures on the desert floor. Fly by private plane over the Nazca Lines, take an all-wheel drive trip or sandboard in the dunes. End your stay with a champagne lunch aboard your private yacht while cruising dramatic Paracas Bay. The extension is an easy addition to our [Classic Peru](#) or [Peru & the Galapagos](#).

Contact Viviana Gaeta at 1-800-999-1758 to book your journey.



Just Back From: Bahia, Brazil

Our West Coast Sales Director Dianna Upton recently returned from Brazil. Read about her tips for visiting Bahia and the luxury beach resort of Trancoso on [our blog](#), or [download the pdf](#). See also the private journey [Rhythms of Brazil](#) for more ideas on traveling to Brazil.

Contact our resident Brazilian Renata da Silva at 1-800-999-1758 to book your journey.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites — Ethiopia

Simien National Park

Massive erosion over the years on the Ethiopian plateau has created one of the most spectacular landscapes in the world, with jagged mountain peaks, deep valleys and sharp precipices. The park is home to some extremely rare animals such as the Gelada baboon, the Simien fox and the Walia ibex.

Aksum

Long after its political decline in the 10th C, Ethiopian emperors continued to be crowned in Aksum. The massive ruins, dating from between the 1st and the 13th C A.D., include monolithic obelisks, giant stelae, royal tombs and the ruins of ancient castles.

Fasil Ghebbi, Gondar Region

The fortress city of Fasil Ghebb contains palaces, churches, monasteries and unique public and private buildings marked by Hindu and Arab influences. It was later transformed by the Baroque style brought to Gondar by the Jesuit missionaries.

Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town

This fortified historic town contains 82 mosques, three of which date from the 10th C, and 102 shrines, but the interior

design of the townhouses are some of the most spectacular of Harar's cultural heritage.

Lower Valley of the Awash

The remains found at the site provide evidence of human evolution which has modified our conception of the history of humankind. The most spectacular discovery came in 1974, when 52 fragments of a skeleton enabled the famous Lucy to be reconstructed.

Lower Valley of the Omo

A prehistoric site near Lake Turkana, the lower valley of the Omo is renowned the world over. The discovery of many fossils there, especially *Homo gracilis*, has been of fundamental importance in the study of human evolution.

Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela

Lalibela is a high place of Ethiopian Christianity, and a place of pilgrimage and devotion. The 11 medieval monolithic cave churches of this 13th-century 'New Jerusalem' are situated in a mountainous region in the heart of Ethiopia near a traditional village with circular-shaped dwellings.

Tiya

Tiya is among the most important of the roughly 160 archaeological sites discovered so far in the Soddo region. They are the remains of an ancient Ethiopian culture whose age has not yet been precisely determined.

Visits to Ethiopia's UNESCO World Heritage sites may be easily added to our private journeys [Northern Ethiopia: The Historic Route](#) or [Omo Valley: Cultures of Southern Ethiopia](#). Contact Megan Bryant at 1-800-999-1758 to book your journey.

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