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Join us on a classic journey to the world's most celebrated places. Explore the mysteries of the *moai* on Easter Island. Visit the ancient world of Jordan's "Lost City" of Petra. Spot wildlife on safari in Tanzania, and so much more. Every destination on this itinerary would top any traveler's "must-see" list. By combining these places into one seamless, elegant trip, this is truly the opportunity of a lifetime. Plus, everywhere you go, you'll meet with local experts, stay in outstanding luxury accommodations, and enjoy special dining experiences in unique settings. Our team of seasoned expedition staff attends to every logistical detail to ensure your comfort and enjoyment.

Itinerary

October 23 — Orlando, Florida

Depart your hometown independently on a commercial flight to Orlando, Florida. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers and the expedition staff during a festive welcome dinner at the hotel. *The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes*

October 24 - 26 — Cuzco and Machu Picchu or the North Coast, Peru

Fly to **Lima (a World Heritage Site)**, once a thriving capital in Spain's New World empire. Arrive in the evening, and stay overnight. *Hilton Miraflores, Lima*

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In the morning, fly by local air to **Cuzco**, the base of our explorations. Then ride the historic **Hiram Bingham** train through the spectacularly scenic Urubamba Valley to **Machu Picchu**, one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological treasures. Skyhigh mountains frame this impressive Inca site brimming with stone altars, temples, and terraced gardens. Inca and Spanish cultures intermingle in **Cuzco**, which is filled with colonial architecture and ancient Inca foundations. Meet with master Andean weaver **Nilda Callañaupa**, who works to preserve traditional Peruvian textile art.

Alternate: For guests who have visited Machu Picchu or have difficulty at high altitudes, travel by local air to Peru's **North Coast**, home to the temples of **Trujillo and Chiclayo**, the richest burial chambers ever found in the Americas. The area is also home to the **World Heritage site of Chan Chan**, the largest adobe city in the world. *Belmond Palacio Nazarenas, Cuzco, and Hotel Costa del Sol, Trujillo*

October 27 - 28 — Easter Island, Chile

Discover life on **Easter Island**, located more than 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile. Approximately 850 massive stone figures, known as *moai*, are concentrated in **Rapa Nui National Park, a World Heritage site**.

Explore the **Rano Raraku** quarry where the *moai* appear frozen in time. Discuss the history of these phenomenal statues with renowned archaeologists as they reveal the stories behind the discoveries and disputed theories. In the evening celebrate **Rapa Nui** culture with a dance performance showcasing local musicians and elaborate costumes. *Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa*

October 29-31 Fiji

We cross the International Date Line on October 29th, losing a day en route, and arrive in **Fiji** on October 30th. These 333 islands in the heart of the South Pacific enchant with thie white-sand beaches, azure waters, and palm trees swaying in a balmy tropical breeze.

Opt for an off-road cave safari and take in the **Sigatoka Valley** followed by a barbecue lunch. Or choose to venture up the **Sigatoka River** on a custom-built jet boat to view the area's natural beauty and visit a nearby village for a traditional Fijian Kava ceremony. A golf option is also available at the **Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course**, a mix of seaside and mountain golf with elevated tee boxes and fabulous views. *InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa*

November 1 - 2 — Great Barrier Reef or Daintree Rainforest, Australia

Tropical North Queensland is home to two of the world's most impressive natural wonders—the **Great Barrier Reef** and **Daintree Rainforest**.

After landing in **Cairns** and enjoying a scenic drive, prepare for a full day of sea adventures at the **Great Barrier Reef, a World Heritage site** and the largest known coral reef on the planet. Cruise to its northern reaches and snorkel among a diverse display of corals, fish, and sea turtles for an unforgettable experience.

Alternate: In the Daintree, take a tour with an Aboriginal guide through the world's oldest living rain forest, approximately 90 million years older than the Amazon and home to more than 400 species of birds. *Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa*

November 3 - 5 — Angkor or Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Angkor, a World Heritage site, is a source of immense pride for

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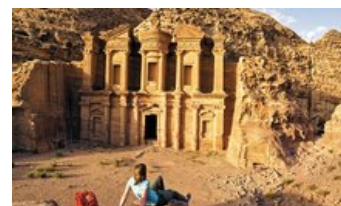
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Cambodians and rich in cultural and spiritual significance. The city of **Angkor Thom** represents ancient urban planning at its best. This “city of temples” incorporates canals, large water reservoirs, and, of course, temples, including the famous **Angkor Wat, Bayon, and Ta Prohm**. This entire Angkor area, approximately 150 square miles, is a testament to the forward-thinking design of the Khmer Empire.

At sunrise join monks for a blessing ceremony at Angkor Wat. Explore and reflect during a visit to the verdant lost temple in the jungle, **Beng Mealea**. Meet children and teachers at a nearby school for a glimpse into daily life. Shop for unique souvenirs like Khmer silks and handicrafts at **Artisans Angkor**, an organization dedicated to supporting Cambodia’s artists and craftspeople.

Alternate: If you have already visited Angkor, fly by local air to the capital of **Phnom Penh** for a two-day exploration of Cambodia’s tumultuous history, including the **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and Choeung Ek**, the infamous “killing fields,” and the **National Museum**, home to many works from Angkor. *Raffles Grand Hotel d’Angkor, Siem Reap or Raffles Le Royal, Phnom Penh*

November 6 – 7 — Taj Mahal, India

No trip to India is complete without a visit to the **Taj Mahal**, the white marble mausoleum that took over 22 years, 20,000 people, and 1,000 elephants to construct.

Opt for a sunrise visit to the Taj to see it bathed in foggy shades of pink and orange. Outstanding royal works are also near this iconic site. **Akbar’s Tomb** showcases eccentric design, a melding of Hindu and Islamic styles. Inside the **Red Fort of Agra** see the exquisitely designed **Gem Mosque**, built as a quiet place for contemplation and prayer.

Alternate: **Fatehpur Sikri**, “the City of Victory,” is the former capital of the Mughal Empire and features one of the largest mosques in India—and an immense chessboard that was played with people instead of pieces. *Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra*

November 8 – 9 — Serengeti Plain or Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania

The **Serengeti Plain** is home to **Tanzania’s** largest national park and Africa’s densest “big cat” predator population. It’s also the site of the most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on the planet.

Arrive in **Kilimanjaro** and transfer to the Serengeti Plain via light aircraft. Your safari begins the moment you land with a game drive to the lodge. Watch lions and antelope dart across the seemingly endless landscape. The following day, take in the plain’s wildebeest, zebra, and more than 500 species of birds. Toast to your adventures back at the lodge.

Alternate: If you have already visited the Serengeti, take light aircraft to the **Ngorongoro Crater**, the largest unbroken caldera in the world, to observe its permanent population of about 25,000 animals. *Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti or Ngorongoro Crater Lodge*

November 10 – 11 — Petra and Wadi Rum, Jordan

Jordanians are known for their tremendous hospitality and communal meals. To receive a “Jordanian invitation” means to show up with nothing and eat everything offered. Hospitality permeates all aspects of the culture, and locals



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EXPERT

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David founded the Institute for Global Studies in 1999 to promote responsible study abroad and innovative research in ecology and the social sciences. He has taught and directed academic field studies for top universities including U.C. Santa Barbara and San Francisco State University. A cultural anthropologist, David received his doctorate from the University of Hawaii and holds master's degrees in anthropology and religion. His research interests include the relationship between religion and ecology, environmental ethics, and wilderness preservation. An avid traveler who has spent three months or more in 12 different countries, David is the author of

take great pride in welcoming visitors.

Half-built, half-carved into rose-red cliffs by the mysterious Nabataean people more than 2,000 years ago, **Petra** was once a rich, sprawling metropolis of lush gardens, fountains, and villas. Imagine this long-forgotten era as you walk through the **Siq**, a narrow chasm in the bedrock, and emerge before the elaborate **Treasury**. In the evening, dine on local dishes while Bedouin dancers provide traditional entertainment. Then go on a jeep safari to explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, made famous in the film *Lawrence of Arabia*. *Mövenpick Petra*

November 12-13 Marrakech, Morocco

Steeped in Berber tradition, **Marrakech** enchants from the moment you set foot upon its vibrant, sun-soaked streets. There is no shortage of scenery to delight—this bustling center of business and tourism is filled with gardens, *souks*, and lively people.

The **Bahia Palace** is renowned for its extravagant tile work and symmetrical gardens, perfect when combined with a visit to **Majorelle Gardens'** artful blue-and-green landscapes. Take in the **Koutoubia Mosque** and its distinctive minaret, and nearby **Jemaa el-Fna**, a traditional city square filled with musicians, fortune tellers, and snake charmers.

Alternate: Find adventure in the **Atlas Mountains**, exploring the ruggedly beautiful terrain and stopping for a traditional lunch with a rejuvenating Moroccan mint tea. *La Mamounia*

November 14 – 15 — Orlando, Florida

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two books, *Season of the Loon* and *Samsara*, both of which explore the relationships between cultures and the natural environment.

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