

PRIVATE & HOSTED JOURNEYS

A personal invitation to join an array of our upcoming escorted journeys. Each of these tours have a unique theme and are hosted by renowned personalities accomplished in their fields of interest. Each tour has been artistically tailored and will be guided by local English speaking guides in each country.



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A SPIRITUAL AND YOGA JOURNEY OF INDIA

Host: Reiki Master and Yoga teacher Cheri Gross

FEBRUARY 18 - 29, 2016

This journey of India has combined all the elements that make India so unique and revered. In this 12-day journey, we will experience serenity at holy places like Varanasi & Khajuraho; explore history and culture at Delhi, Jaipur and Orcha; and be guided through gardens and lakes at Udaipur and the Taj Mahal in Agra. All tours will be conducted by local English speaking guides. Yoga teacher and Reiki Master Cheri Gross hosts this tour. Cheri has been teaching yoga since 2005, and has a regular practice of Asana, Pranayama and Meditation.



A CULINARY AND CULTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH THAILAND

Host: Chef Michael Hoy

FEBRUARY 22 - 29, 2016

Discover the secrets of Thai cuisine at its source and taste some of the finest recipes on the planet. Host Michael Hoy, is an award winning chef, teacher and a well-known international culinary tour leader who has led culinary tours in the past. We will learn to prepare some of the most exquisite Thai dishes—a lot easier than one would think. This 8-day Thai Culinary and Cultural Journey not only introduces us to Thai cooking, but also takes us to some places popular with foodies. We enjoy bike rides in Ayutthaya, ride on elephants, go river rafting and visit cultural sites in Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Mae Sai and Chiang Mai.



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE INDONESIA

Host: Eclipse Specialist Dr. B. Ralph Chou

MARCH 6 - 18, 2016

Nearly a year after braving the frigid North Atlantic to observe a total eclipse of the Sun in March 2015, eclipse chasers can look forward to returning to tropical climes to observe the next total solar eclipse. Join Professor Emeritus Dr. Ralph Chou on a journey through Indonesia, the only country where the total eclipse track has a landfall on March 9, 2016. A unique opportunity to explore an exotic country like Indonesia and also view a total solar eclipse.



INDIA PHOTO SAFARI

Host: Lead Photographer Clay Ross

MARCH 14 - 27, 2016

This photo safari is open to photographers of all skills. We cover the best of India including Delhi, Amritsar, Varanasi, Agra and Jaipur. Timed to coincide with the colourful Holi Festival, we visit the Taj Mahal, Golden Temple and several World Heritage Sites. We cruise on the Ganges and enjoy the cultural experience that is India. Hosted by veteran photographer, Clay Ross who recently traveled to India on a photo safari and has fallen in love with the country.



PERSIAN GARDENS AND THE TREASURES OF IRAN

Host: Horticulturist Jill Cherry

APRIL 24 - MAY 8, 2016

From legendary to the modern Persian gardens, a heritage of nearly 3000 years, this tour focuses on the artistic and architectural traditions of Persia with a special emphasis on gardens. Led by garden and landscape expert Jill Cherry, we explore Iran's historical sites, palaces, mansions, mosques, museums and above all, the Persian Gardens. The tour itinerary follows the very successful 2015 tour hosted also by Jill Cherry.



CULTURAL & PHOTOGRAPHIC TOURS OF PERU

Host: International Photographer and Lecturer Peter Langer

MAY 5 - 14, 2016 & MAY 14 - 27, 2016

Explore legendary Peru in a combination of two tours: “The Lost Cities & Treasures of Northern Peru” explores the amazing archaeological finds of Sipan, the imposing Kuelap Fortress of the Cloud people, colonial Trujillo and Chan Chan, largest adobe city in the world. We then follow “In the Footsteps of the Incas”, visiting Lima and Arequipa, photograph condors in the Colca Canyon, explore Lake Titicaca, Cusco during the Corpus Christi celebrations, travel the Sacred Valley and experience sunrise in Machu Picchu tour. Hosted by Peter Langer, one of Canada’s leading travel lecturers and photographers. He is a cultural geographer, has traveled to over 170 countries and peaks Spanish.



ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE AND WILD GAME SAFARI

Host: Eclipse Specialist Dr. B. Ralph Chou

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

The Annular Solar Eclipse is going to take place on September 01, 2016 and one of the best viewing sites is by the small town of Mbeya in South-West Tanzania. As with our past eclipse tours, we have once again put together an exciting journey that combines the eclipse viewing with two wild game safaris. The best thing is that annular is timed for one of the best game-viewing season. Our safari will take us on game drives in Lake Manyara, the plains of the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, the incredible Tarangire and the Southern game reserve of Ruaha. Hosted by Dr. Ralph Chou known for his expertise in eclipses. Dr Chou has led 12 solar eclipse tours to various countries.



SOUTHERN AFRICA PHOTO SAFARI

Host: Lead Photographer Clay Ross

SEPTEMBER 12 - 25, 2016

An exciting 14-day Southern Africa safari, one that captures the wildlife, landscapes, peoples and cultures of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. A photographer’s dream, come true! Hosted by veteran photographer, Clay Ross who was born and raised in Southern Africa where he developed a lifelong appreciation of nature. Clay was associated with the veterinarian world before pursuing ranching on a cattle and game ranch in what was then Rhodesia. His experiences from close observation of the people, nature and animal with bird life are all part of what he will share with us on this once in a lifetime safari.



INDIA WITH PAUL SALTZMAN

Host: Paul Saltzman

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 8, 2016

Paul is a two-time Emmy Award-winning film and television producer-director. This is the third tour to India that Paul has hosted with Bestway Tours & Safaris. Early in 1968 he learned meditation at the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi’s ashram in Rishikesh, where, he spent time with and photographed the Beatles. In 2000 he released the book The Beatles in Rishikesh. This journey is Paul’s story of India, his love for the culture and people of India, his 1968 meeting with the Beatles, his over 50 travels to India and, above all, his role as a film director having directed movies with actors like Morgan Freeman, Harry Belafonte & Delay de la Beckwith.



MADAGASCAR PHOTO SAFARI

Host: International Photographer & Lecturer Peter Langer

OCTOBER 1 - 16, 2016

Often referred to as the Eighth Continent, the island’s legendary uniqueness is best reflected by its playful lemurs, colorful chameleons, endemic birds and remarkable flora. On this journey we will photograph the amazing Baobab Alley, explore Tsingy de Bemaraha, the rainforests of the Atsinanana, Isalo National Park and the coast along the Indian ocean, amongst many highlights. Hosted by Peter Langer, one of Canada’s leading travel lecturers and photographers. He is a cultural geographer and has traveled to over 170 countries.



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