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ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS & OVERLAND JOURNEYS

from 7 days to 34 weeks

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The time of your life in

ASIA, AFRICA, SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA

ENCOUNTER A DIFFERENT WORLD...

Encounter offers you the opportunity to venture into a unique part of the world—and see it from a different point of view. Encounter's philosophy is to set off with a group of likeminded travellers, to expolore faraway lands and meet their people, to taste some adventure and be challenged by it. But whilst we can provide the obvious ingredients, we need people like you, who want to accept the challenge and search for something different, whether it be for a few weeks on a BRIEF **ENCOUNTER** or for some months on an OVERLAND **ADVENTURE**.

What is a BRIEF **ENCOUNTER**?

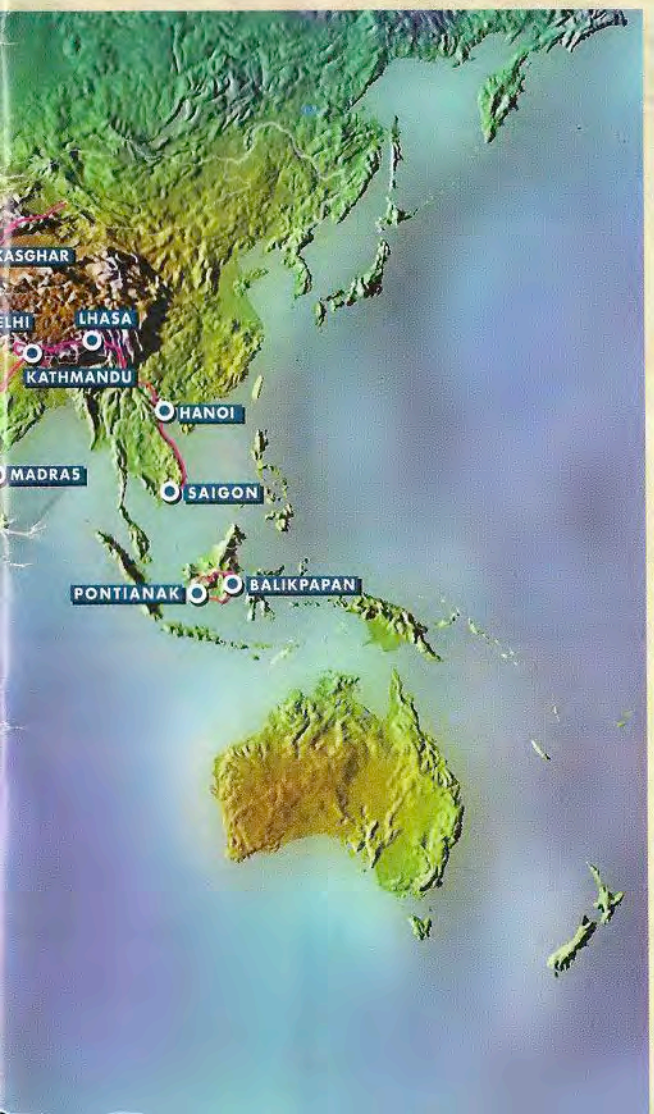
Doing something different, somewhere different in a limited period of time—you've earned that holiday, so go off and do something adventurous. Trek the Himalayas, raft the White Water of Nepal, search for wildlife on the plains of East Africa, hike the Inca Trail, traverse the jungle of Borneo or explore the far reaches of the Sahara.

A BRIEF **ENCOUNTER**—because everywhere is only a journey away, so why not!

What is an OVERLAND **ADVENTURE**?

A Trans-Continental journey that could take you across a greater part of Africa, Asia or South America. Encounter are the founders of overland journeys—and everyone else has followed in our footsteps and tyre tracks, no one organisation is better equipped to embark on such a trip. The continents we cross present a number of challenges, that require us to draw on our decades of experience, but we will also require involvement from you—with this recipe your overland adventure will undoubtedly be the travel event of your lifetime.

THE ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION!



BRIEF ENCOUNTERS
ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS FROM 7 TO 52 DAYS

CENTRAL AMERICA

MEXICO	21 days	Maya & Aztec (MAZ)	P.12
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MEXICO, BELIZE, GUATEMALA	42 days	The Central Americana (CAM)	P.13

SOUTH AMERICA

ECUADOR (& GALAPAGOS)	19 days	Expedicion Ecuadoriana (EEC)	P.9
PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA	34 days	Trans Amazon to the Lost World (TAL)	P.10
PERU, BOLIVIA	28 days	Peru & the Incas (PIN)	P.11
BOLIVIA	21 days	Bolivia & the Amazonas (BAM)	P.11
PERU, BOLIVIA	48 days	Peru & Bolivia (PBO)	P.11

NORTH AFRICA

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EGYPT, LIBYA, TUNISIA	42 days	The Saharan Outback (SOU)	P.20
MOROCCO	15 days	Morocco, High Atlas & Oases (MHA)	P.21
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SOUTHERN AFRICA

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ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA	25 days	A Journey to the Interior (JIN)	P.25
S. AFRICA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE	28 days	The Roots of Southern Africa (RSA)	P.26
KENYA, TANZANIA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE	28 days	African Genesis (AGE)	P.27
ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, S. AFRICA	35 days	Southern Cross of Africa (SCA)	P.27

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ETHIOPIA	15 days	Ethiopian Highlands (EHI)	P.24

CENTRAL ASIA

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PAKISTAN & BEYOND	35 (50) days	Central Asia Recon. (+ extension) (CAR)	P.40

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EASTERN NEPAL	10 days	Sun Kosi, River of Gold (SKR)	P.52
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AFRICA & ASIA

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ENCOUNTER

Encounter Overland has 35 years experience journeying into the world's most fascinating places. During this time, tens of thousands of people from all over the world have joined our projects in search of adventure and most of all to fulfil that dream of seeing far away lands, their peoples and amazing cultures.

Whether you are thinking of travelling with us for ten days or six months it is important that you know with whom you will be sharing perhaps the most rewarding experience of your life. Encounter was amongst the first adventure travel companies to develop overland journeys through Asia, Africa and South and Central America—the experience we have gained is second to none.

We respect the people on our projects as individuals rather than passengers. Whether you are rafting the white waters of Nepal, tackling the heights of the Himalayas, exploring the Inca Trail, bargaining the price of vegetables in an African market or helping to dig a truck out of a bogged road in the Amazon basin—you definitely need to be open minded, flexible and enjoy a challenge.

Encounter has a unique approach to organising trips. We are famous throughout the world for our innovative travelling equipment, our expedition trucks, our competence and most of all a commitment to providing you with the journey of a lifetime.

In The Beginning...

BENGAL—1964

We had one landrover and the belief that it is not so much the arrival at a destination but the experience of the journey that is important. Now we have a fleet of expedition trucks specifically designed for all terrains and the knowledge and experience that lead us to yet another hidden route or untouched part of the world en route to our destination.

and still on the move....

JORDAN—1998

The world is constantly changing and Encounter responds to those changes by always seeking to explore new ground. We often run reconnaissance trips, where past group members will join us to investigate new routes so that we can come back and take you there....

STEP INTO A WORLD OF ADVENTURE

CROSSING LIBYA—1998

COST AND VALUE

It is impossible to put a price on experience, reassurance, quality and true adventure—it's impossible because these things are priceless. Encounter are not the cheapest overland adventure operator because we cannot afford to be. The nature of overlanding means that we need to provide you with the best Leaders, the best equipment and transport, the best food and the best experiences. These do not come cheap. We charge an inclusive price and everything stated in the project "key facts" is included. No hidden costs are involved. Transport, food, accommodation and all highlights mentioned in the individual "key facts" are included.

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEE—ON ALL LAND PRICES

This means that both the local payment and project cost is protected once you have booked and paid your deposit. Even if you decide to travel in 18 months time from the deposit date your price will stay the same.

The project costs do not include the areas of a journey which are beyond our control or considered to be the individual's choice. These are:

*Passports and Visas (and the cost of obtaining them)

*Travel Insurance (required on all Encounter projects)

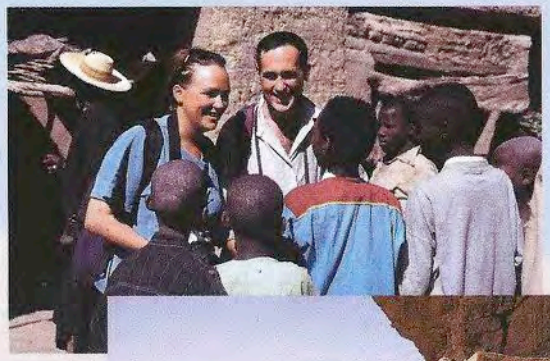
*Vaccinations

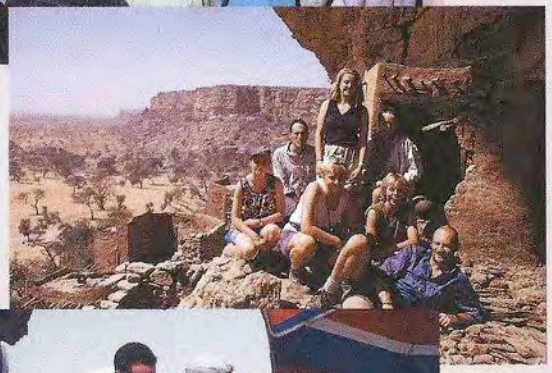
*Integral flight costs that are scheduled in a project (stated in departure dates and prices)

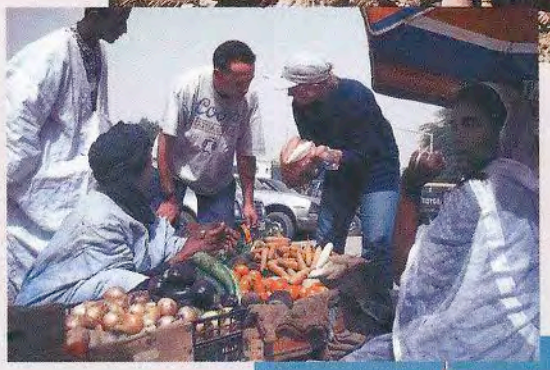
*Optional visits and excursions that are available en route (approximate costs detailed in "key facts")

*Personal spending money for snacks, drinks and occasional lunches, some meals on certain projects—these are stated in individual project "key facts".

WE'RE READY TO TAKE YOU....







....ARE YOU READY TO GO?

INCLUSIVE PRICE STRUCTURE

The published prices stated on each project page are the inclusive land only prices for the duration of the trip. The payment is divided into **two amounts, payable separately.**

The Project Price (the higher figure) is payable to Encounter or your agent as invoiced. The Local Payment is always listed in $US Dollars and must be paid to the Project Leader upon joining the Project. It must be paid in $US cash or traveller's cheques. Once both these payments are made you have completed the total inclusive price.

PROJECT DOSSIERS

All the necessary information you require to choose and book your trip is contained in this brochure. However, we also provide Project Dossiers that contain more detailed information and background on all the countries to which you will be travelling, individual and optional expenses and other facts that are relevant to your planning. The dossiers are available on request from Encounter or your agent by quoting the project code (e.g. COV for Classic Overland) as stated on all the project pages.

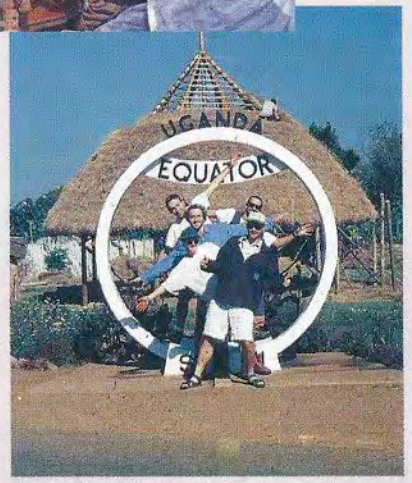
WHEN & HOW TO BOOK

Due to the popularity of our projects, many are booked up well in advance. It is advisable to book your trip as early as possible to ensure a place on the adventure of your choice and to take advantage of the 'no surcharge guarantee'.

1.Read all the relevant pages of this brochure and the Conditions of Contract.

2.Read the declaration and complete the Booking Form on the back page.

3.Send it with the required 10% deposit to Encounter or your agent. Upon receipt of your deposit your place will then be confirmed and Project Dossiers and Pre-departure Information will be sent on to you.



WHAT SORT OF PERSON TRAVELS WITH ENCOUNTER?

People from all nationalities and walks of life.

We like to state from the beginning that a project, whether it be a Brief Encounter or an Overland Adventure, demands a flexible and easy going approach. The people are from all walks of life and a wide range of countries. The gender ratio is usually even and really the **practical age range is 18-45 with most people in their 20's & 30's**. Although some people travel with friends or as a couple, most people find that Encounter is the perfect way to travel if you are on your own.

Travelling together we can learn from each others' cultures to form a strong, supportive and fun team. No one will be pampered or taken special care of so each person will need to be independent with a cooperative attitude to work in a team.

Whether you find yourself cooking over a campfire for twenty people or helping to dig the truck out of an uncompromising situation you will find it a challenging yet rewarding experience. It certainly is not a trip for the fainthearted who enjoy the security of a five star hotel environment.

WHAT IS IT LIKE ON THE ROAD?

It is a nomadic life on all of our projects.

An Encounter project is not so demanding that you require previous experience of adventure travel. Many people who join us have never camped or travelled extensively before.

Often our home for the night is where we get to at nightfall. We live by nature's timetable and use as many daylight hours as possible. A typical day's travelling might involve seven to eight hours of driving with breaks for produce shopping, a picnic lunch and stopping off at a site, point of interest or local village. On non-travelling days you will always have sufficient time to explore a city or historic site—or just relax. **Encounter does not commit you to following a strict schedule**: we give you space and freedom to choose what suits you.

WHO LEADS THE PROJECTS?

The very best leaders

The success of any Encounter project is largely due to the Project Leader. We specifically choose those with natural 'people' skills and they then undergo a very **broad training schedule over nine months**. This will involve mechanical instruction, safety and first aid training and equipment repair. They undertake tough 'Passenger Vehicle' driving tests then specific training on our specialist trucks in the field.

Further training is given in administration, visa and embassy procedures and dealing with different cultures. Most importantly they are trained in group dynamics and all the aspects of leadership related to the very best project management.

Our leaders are not tour guides nor are they heroes and they won't pamper you, but you can be sure that you can rely on them for a laugh and most importantly, to be totally dependable in a crisis.

WHAT KIND OF BACK UP SHOULD WE EXPECT?

The very best, from a qualified team.

No organisation is more experienced in the operation of projects of this nature than Encounter. We have learned a tremendous amount over our 35 years in operation, so you can be confident that **we are prepared to cope with any eventuality**. Being well equipped in both staff and knowledge, our team can deal with pre-travel planning, arranging visas, flights, insurance and vaccinations and in this way unnecessary problems can be avoided. Once our project is on the road then our operational staff work closely with the leader to ensure the success of each project.

THERE'S OVERLANDING....

WHAT TYPE OF TRANSPORT DO WE USE?

The best equipped for the job.

Our **specially designed expedition trucks** have been developed over 35 years experience on the road. They are built for many different terrains and they can handle, better than any other conventional vehicle, all kinds of conditions. Where we do not use our own vehicles we use a wide range of alternative transport: canoes, Nile feluccas, whitewater rafts, 4WD jeeps, buses, trains and small planes. In places such as Borneo, Central America, the Amazon and Nepal we revert to the best form of transport known to man....our feet!

WHAT KIND OF ACCOMODATION IS USED?

The best suited for the project.

We camp on the majority of our projects and we provide all the necessary equipment to create a home away from home. Custom built two person tents, camp beds, camp stools, mosquito nets and cook tents are standard on every expedition truck. This equipment provides us with the opportunity to get off the beaten track with the freedom to choose our site for the night.

Travellers' hotels and well equipped camp sites are also utilised as and where necessary. On a few selected projects we virtually carry our temporary home on our backs.

ARE THE PROJECTS PHYSICALLY DEMANDING?

Some are, most are not!

Yet the projects are challenging and some of them require a certain level of fitness. The natural demands of hiking in extreme temperatures, primitive conditions and at varying altitudes will take their toll and wherever any of these apply they are specifically noted in the individual Project Dossiers. **You don't have to be superman or wonderwoman** to undertake any of our projects, but you do have to be flexible and willing to muck in!!

...AND THEN THERE'S ENCOUNTER.

SO WHAT MAKES ENCOUNTER UNIQUE?

✓ THE ORIGINAL

We have been operating for ten years longer than any other adventure travel company—our experience is unquestionable, we are the leaders, others tend to follow.

✓ ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE POLICY

No unexpected hidden extras for sites, gameparks and highlights, what you see is what you get.

✓ NO FOOD KITTIES

We avoid group division in what is spent and on what, where money can be filtered off for other activities. It is important to have a balanced diet without limits on quantity

✓ SPECIALIST VEHICLES

Experience has guided us to design or choose specific vehicles for each continent or region.

✓ TRAILERS

By using trailers on certain continents, we carry more equipment without truck congestion. Weight distribution when crossing makeshift bridges in Africa is improved. The trailers are hard topped and lockable for security.

✓ PROJECT LEADERS

Our project leaders are fulltime employees, they undergo lengthy training—but they are **NOT** tour guides. They always encourage maximum involvement and participation from all group members—you will not be treated as a passenger.

✓ SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT

Campbeds and mosquito nets in addition to the high quality equipment we provide on all truck projects are there for your comfort and protection. Well tried and tested first aid/medical kits are carried on all projects.

✓ MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS

There is an increased Malaria risk throughout most of Africa—we take this seriously and therefore provide you the prophylaxis (tablets) on all projects on this continent.

ALL OF THIS IS WHY WE COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

AN INTRODUCTION TO... SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA

If, on your travels, you ever come across a man with no food, no clothes and no shelter to his name, yet sitting tall and proud on his own pot of gold, you could be rest assured you were in South or Central America.

The continent holds so much magic and so many secrets. It is a vast expanse of this planet rich in magnificent landscape, proud peoples and fascinating history.

Dense jungles hold an abundance of natural resources. Flamboyant cities mask the shady dealings of legendary drug cartels. Colourful Indian villages demonstrate a harmonious and skilful way of life that derives directly from the ancient ways of the Incas & the Mayans.

Adventures on this continent offer the chance to marvel at the power of the Iguassu Falls, to witness the blaze of dust that settles across the Altiplano plains and to explore alluring depths of the Amazon tributaries. Any into these lands offers a taste of vibrant culture, a glimpse of awe-inspiring natural beauty—and an abiding air of mystery.

South & Central America have a lot to teach us about living for each precious, life filled moment. We should learn from their ways....

FIRST IN SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA

In 1972 we crossed the Atlantic and set off to pioneer overland routes around this very different and exciting continent. Its extremes and contrasts have enabled Encounter to develop some 12 different projects from the depths of Patagonia to the jungles of Central America, always drawing on over 25 years of experience.

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DATES & PRICES

EXPEDICION ECUADORIANA

Quito to Quito		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	16 Feb (Tue) - 06 Mar (Sat)	425	2520
	09 Mar (Tue) - 27 Mar (Sat)	425	2520
	30 Mar (Tue) - 17 Apr (Sat)	425	2520
	20 Apr (Tue) - 08 May (Sat)	425	2520
	27 Jul (Tue) - 14 Aug (Sat)	425	2580
	17 Aug (Tue) - 04 Sep (Sat)	425	2580
	07 Sep (Tue) - 25 Sep (Sat)	425	2580
	23 Nov (Tue) - 11 Dec (Sat)	425	2580
	14 Dec (Tue) - 01 Jan (Sat)	425	2580
2000	15 Feb (Tue) - 04 Mar (Sat)	450	2640
	07 Mar (Tue) - 25 Mar (Sat)	450	2640
	28 Mar (Tue) - 15 Apr (Sat)	450	2640
	18 Apr (Tue) - 06 May (Sat)	450	2640
	25 Jul (Tue) - 12 Aug (Sat)	450	2695
	15 Aug (Tue) - 02 Sep (Sat)	450	2695
	05 Sep (Tue) - 23 Sep (Sat)	450	2695
	21 Nov (Tue) - 09 Dec (Sat)	450	2695
	12 Dec (Tue) - 30 Dec (Sat)	450	2695

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (GIS)

A 5 day or 8 day escorted boat trip around the islands can be arranged by Encounter for anyone joining a project starting or ending in Quito. Cruises start/end in Baltra on Fridays or Tuesdays.

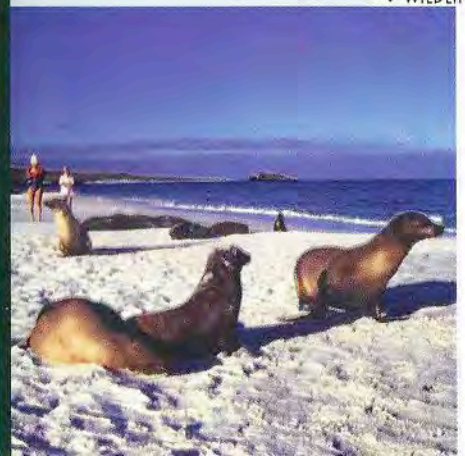
The costs vary between US$600 low season for 5 days to US$1,200 high season for 8 days. The domestic flight to/from Quito is additional at approx. $US380.

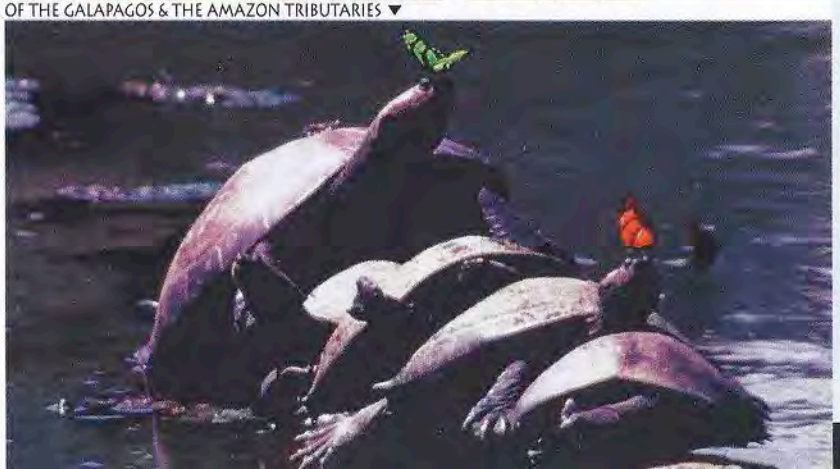
Full details available in the Project Dossier, Code: GIS.

RIVER CRAFT OF THE UPPER AMAZON BASIN ▲

▼ ON BOARD GALAPAGOS VESSEL

▼ WILDLIFE OF THE GALAPAGOS & THE AMAZON TRIBUTARIES ▼





QUITO to QUITO

EXPEDICION ECUADORIANA (EEC) | **19 DAYS**

What Is An Expedicion Ecuadoriana Encounter?

Ecuador is a diverse and fascinating back country and on this journey we will reveal her secrets. The Avenue of Volcanoes gives way to the Amazon basin and tribal territories. Rafting the rapids of the western Cordillera and lazing on Pacific Ocean beaches gives us the complete Ecuadorian experience.

A Land Ignored

From Quito, once the northern centre of the Inca Empire we drive south into the Avenue of Volcanoes, visiting Mt Cotopaxi National Park. From its slopes you will view numerous volcanic peaks that make up the Ecuadorian Andes. We hike to the rim of Quilotoa Crater, beneath us the still emerald water of the crater lake. To Banos; hot springs in mountain trails are ours to enjoy before the long drive down into the Amazon basin to Lago Agrio. We travel by motorised long boats, guided through remote river tributaries of the Rio Agua Rico viewing an abundance of birdlife, and searching for ever elusive Caiman and fresh water dolphins N.B. Seasonally we may visit Cuyabeno Reserve when the waterways are accessable. It is here that we will only now understand the real wealth of the jungle and its desperate struggle to survive the pressures of our "modern" world. We return via Quito to prepare for the white water challenges of the Rio Blanco before travelling to the Pacific coast to relax on the beaches at Atacames. We return to Quito but not before visiting the colourful Otavalo market with its abundance of crafts and artifacts.

Untouched By Progress

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ECUADOR
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Locally chartered transport, river boat and rafting, day treks in mountains and on jungle project.
- 1,150 kms by land and river including approx 80 kms of rafting and day hikes.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 60% traveller's hotels and simple lodges, 40% camping in jungle and on rafting trip. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 16 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Restaurant meals, cantinas and village meals in remoter regions Camp cooked meals in jungle and on rafting trip. Meals in Quito are <u>not</u> included in the project cost.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Days 1 & 2*** In Quito, old city & markets, then south to Latacunga in the Avenue of Volcanoes. ***Days 3 & 4*** Visit Mt Cotopaxi National Park and Quillotoa Crater. ***Days 5 & 6*** To Banos, hot springs and the opportunity to pony trek or mountain bike. ***Days 7 to 12*** Drive down into the Amazon basin to Lago Agrio then by jungle bus to the Rio Agua Rico or Cuyabeno Reserve - by boat and day treks we are guided to explore jungle fauna & flora. ***Days 13 to 15*** Return to Quito by road or air then white water rafting for two days on the Rio Blanco. ***Days 16 to 19*** To the Pacific Coast to relax on the beaches at Atacames, return to Quito via the markets of Otavalo.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Quito, Cotopaxi National park, Quilatoa crater, Banos, Amazon jungle project, 2 days white water rafting, Pacific Coast, Otavalo market.
  N.B. The Galapogos Islands can be visited before or after this project, see details opposite & request dossier.
- **DOSSIER CODE: EEC & GIS**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

LIMA to CARACAS

TRANS AMAZON TO THE LOST WORLD (TAL) — 34 OR 41 DAYS

What Is A Trans Amazon To The Lost World Encounter?

This is an exploration into the lost world of El Dorado through the heart of the Amazon. By foot we climb Mt Roraima and by river we explore Canaima. This is a varied journey through three countries using the Amazon basin as the crux of our journey.

Remember The Forgotten Worlds...

Starting early in Lima we can first fly up to Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Incas. From a base here and supported by local staff we can hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. After time at leisure we return to Lima. If Lima is our starting point for the 34 day itinerary then we have time to explore its colonial past before flying to Iquitos, Peru's Amazon 'capital'. The Amazon riverboat downstream from Iquitos is a journey into the understanding of the power of this river. It is a lifeline that flows through the country and a vein that flows through the culture of the people. Manaus is the great trading port in the heart of the Amazon. This place has a dark and chequered past. The tight monopoly that once ruled Manaus has walked freely upstream and with it so did the money that once made this city beautiful.

Through Venezuela, trekking to the top of Mt Roraima and the Canaima River Expedition. From base camp to base camp we climb Mount Roraima. It is a "Lost World" here, untouched formation, valleys and flora. And when mists gather and early evenings gently rest not far above our heads it is difficult to remember that this is the home of snakes, jaguars and carnivorous plants—fortunately they only observe our visit from a distance. No less dramatic is the Canaima River Expedition. From riverside Indian settlements that welcome us to the heart of the rainforests to Angel Falls, the most magnificent water spectacle in the world unbelievably unknown until 1937. Further into our journey, crossing the Orinoco to the Caribbean coast.

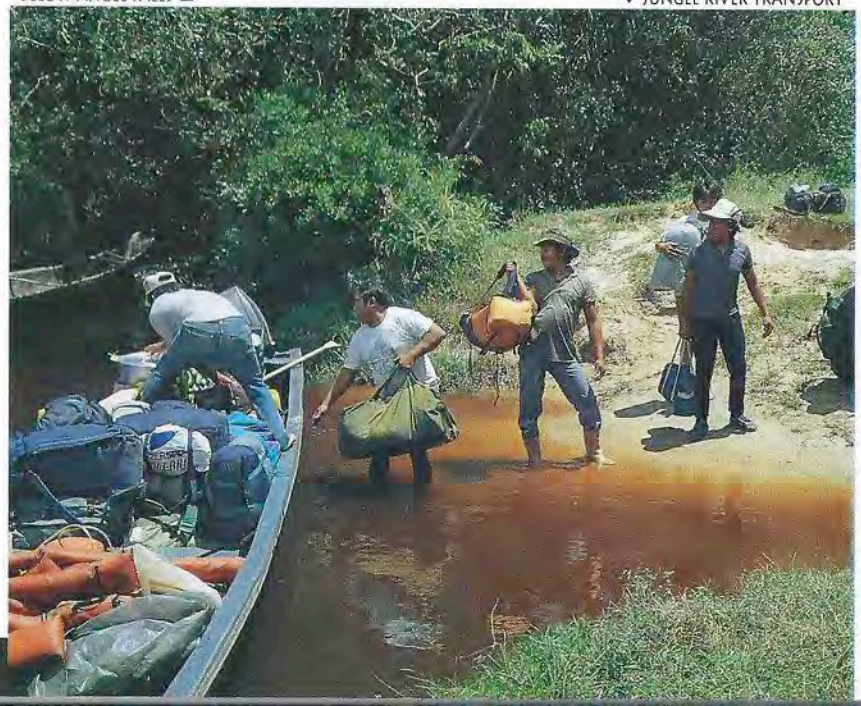
...A Little Drama, A Lot Of Pleasure

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Scheduled internal flights, chartered aircraft. Motorised canoe for river project, chartered buses, 4WD vehicles and on foot. ●3,000 or 3150 kms (by land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels, jungle lodges, self catering accommodation, camping in jungle and on treks. Hammocks on riverside shelters in Venezuela. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 15 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Restaurant and hotel meals in Lima and/or Cuzco, Manaus & Caracas are the only meals **not** included in cost. Camp cooked meals prepared by local staff on trek and river expeditions. Fresh food bought and prepared by everyone on rota basis in Mochima.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***If taking the Cuzco & the Inca Trail extension the Days 1 to 7 take us to Cuzco, Ollantaytambo, the trek of the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu before returning to Lima to connect with those joining us to fly to Iquitos. Thus Days 2 to 34 (below) are effectively days 8 to 41.***
  Days 1 & 2 Peru. In Lima and project preparation, fly to Iquitos. ***Days 3 to 6*** In Iquitos then 3 day jungle trip on the upper Amazon. ***Days 7*** By fast boat on the Amazon, downstream to Tabatinga, Brazil. ***Days 8 to 10*** Fly to Manaus, explore the city and visit the confluence of the Rio Negro & Amazon Rivers. ***Days 11 & 12*** Overland by public bus via Boa Vista to Santa Elena in Venezuela. ***Days 13 to 18*** From Santa Elena we trek for 6 days up to & on top of Mt. Roraima. ***Days 19 to 21*** Rest day & opportunity to visit waterfalls, then drive north to Cuidad Bolivar. ***Days 22 to 26*** Fly to Kavak then by river craft for 4 days to the base of Angel Falls. ***Days 27 to 29*** Fly back to Cuidad Bolivar then drive to Caripe & Guacharo Caves. ***Days 30 to 32*** Drive to Mochima on the Caribbean, relaxation on beaches. ***Days 33 to 34*** Drive to & in Caracas.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** One week extension for Cuzco & the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Lima, Iquitos: three day jungle expedition. Amazon river boat to Tabatinga. Manaus. Six day trek on Mt Roraima. Four day river expedition to Angel Falls, nocturnal birds at Guacharo Caves, Carribean Coast.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Half day rafting near Cuzco US$25
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **TAL**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

BELOW ANGEL FALLS ▲ ▼ JUNGLE RIVER TRANSPORT



DATES & PRICES

TRANS AMAZON TO THE LOST WORLD

Lima to Caracas		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	24 May (Mon) - 26 Jun (Sat)	800	4595
	05 Jul (Mon) - 07 Aug (Sat)	800	4595
	16 Aug (Mon) - 18 Sep (Sat)	800	4695
	27 Sep (Mon) - 30 Oct (Sat)	800	4695
	08 Nov (Mon) - 11 Dec (Sat)	800	4695
2000	22 May (Mon) - 24 Jun (Sat)	840	4810
	03 Jul (Mon) - 05 Aug (Sat)	840	4810
	14 Aug (Mon) - 16 Sep (Sat)	840	4930
	25 Sep (Mon) - 28 Oct (Sat)	840	4930
	06 Nov (Mon) - 09 Dec (Sat)	840	4930

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TRANS AMAZON TO THE LOST WORLD PLUS CUZCO & THE INCA TRAIL EXTENSION

Lima to Caracas		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	28 Jun (Mon) - 07 Aug (Sat)	960	5550
	09 Aug (Mon) - 18 Sep (Sat)	960	5550
	20 Sep (Mon) - 30 Oct (Sat)	960	5550
	01 Nov (Mon) - 11 Dec (Sat)	960	5550
2000	26 Jun (Mon) - 05 Aug (Sat)	1000	5820
	07 Aug (Mon) - 16 Sep (Sat)	1000	5820
	18 Sep (Mon) - 28 Oct (Sat)	1000	5820
	30 Oct (Mon) - 09 Dec (Sat)	1000	5820

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PERU & THE INCAS

From Lima to La Paz		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	06 Jun (Sun) - 03 Jul (Sat)	450	2675
	29 Aug (Sun) - 25 Sep (Sat)	450	2675
	14 Nov (Sun) - 11 Dec (Sat)	450	2675
2000	23 Jan (Sun) - 19 Feb (Sat)	470	2675
	04 Jun (Sun) - 01 Jul (Sat)	470	2675
	27 Aug (Sun) - 23 Sep (Sat)	470	2675
	12 Nov (Sun) - 09 Dec (Sat)	470	2675

From La Paz to Lima		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	24 Jul (Sat) - 20 Aug (Fri)	450	2675
	16 Oct (Sat) - 12 Nov (Fri)	450	2675
	18 Dec (Sat) - 14 Jan (Fri)	450	2675
2000	20 Feb (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	470	2675
	22 Jul (Sat) - 18 Aug (Fri)	470	2675
	14 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	470	2675
	16 Dec (Sat) - 12 Jan (Fri)	470	2675

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BOLIVIA & THE AMAZONAS

From La Paz to La Paz		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Jul (Sat) - 23 Jul (Fri)	480	2860
	25 Sep (Sat) - 15 Oct (Fri)	480	2860
2000	01 Jul (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	500	2995
	23 Sep (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	500	2995

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PERU & BOLIVIA

From Lima to La Paz		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	06 Jun (Sun) - 23 Jul (Fri)	960	5590
	29 Aug (Sun) - 15 Oct (Fri)	960	5590
2000	04 Jun (Sun) - 21 Jul (Fri)	1000	5590
	27 Aug (Sun) - 13 Oct (Fri)	1000	5590

From La Paz to Lima		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Jul (Sat) - 20 Aug (Fri)	960	5590
	25 Sep (Sat) - 12 Nov (Fri)	960	5590
2000	01 Jul (Sat) - 18 Aug (Fri)	1000	5590
	23 Sep (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	1000	5590

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LIMA to LA PAZ
(or LA PAZ to LIMA)

PERU & THE INCAS (PIN) | **28 DAYS**

What Is A Peru And Incas Encounter?

It is a journey by expedition truck, boat and by foot through Peru to Bolivia—crossing the Andes, visiting Inca sites and sharing the traditions of local Indians. A journey that will encompass the very heart of the Andes.

This Is A Journey Beyond Time And Above Reality...

South of Lima, a short boat trip takes us out to the Ballestas Islands, a beautifully rugged haven of marine wildlife. At Nazca slashing scars and enormous outlines of animals and birds are etched into the desert—although unexplained theories abound. We reach Arequipa set in an enchanting valley dominated by the snow-capped cone of Volcan Misti. Beyond in the wild countryside is Colca Canyon, twice the size of the Grand Canyon. We camp on the rim of this vast chasm whose protective walls are sanctuary for the fabled Condor—a last retreat for these great birds among the high volcanoes, giant cacti and scattered Indian villages. We climb through the Cordilleras to Cuzco, royal capital of the great Inca empire. Every street has its walls, arches and doorways of such precisely carved stone that the Spaniards were unable to destroy them. Instead they built their own cruder top-work. Cathedrals crammed with looted Inca gold rose on the foundations of 'idolatrous temples'. Overlooking the city is the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, citadel of the Sapa Inca. Stone blocks weighing hundreds of tons are fitted so perfectly that a knife blade can scarcely be slid between them.

To trek the Inca Trail is to follow the same route to Machu Picchu as the loaded llamas and messengers of the empire. Three days hiking along passes high above the steep gorges of the Urubamba river, leads us to the stairway of the Sun Gate and Machu Picchu—Lost City of the Incas. Returning to Cuzco by train, we take the road through the mountains and Altiplano to the still waters of Lake Titicaca. We can travel by boat across the lake to the floating reed islands of the Uros Indians who live here in humble reed dwellings—and eternal, slow motion.

From the lakeside town of Puno we cross the Bolivian frontier to an unforgettable cliff-edge view of La Paz, 3600 metres and the highest capital in the world.

...What Was Once Lost Can Now Be Found

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** PERU, BOLIVIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, four days walking with boat trips on Lake Titicaca and the Ballestas Islands. ● 3000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 80% camping with hotels in Lima, Arequipa, Cuzco and La Paz. (see Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Daily fresh food and truck supplies. Meals at hotel stops Lima, Arequipa, Cuzco, La Paz are the only meals not included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY?**
  Days 1&2 In Lima visiting colonial cathedrals and museums, drive to Paracas. ***Days 3 to7*** Boat trip to view wildlife of the Ballestas Islands. South to Nazca, then via costal villages to the "White City" of Arequipa. ***Days 8 to 11*** High desert and volcanoes to the deep Colca Canyon - over Andean passes to Cuzco. ***Day 12*** In Cuzco and preparation for the Inca Trail hike. ***Days 13 to16*** Three days walking the trail and a day exploring Machu Picchu the lost city of the Incas. ***Days 17 to 19*** In and around Cuzco Inca sights, Indian markets and colonial architecture. ***Days 20 to 22*** From Cuzco across the altiplano to Puno and Lake Titicaca. ***Days 23 to 28*** By boat to the floating reed islands and overnight with local farmers on Amantani Island. Crossing into Bolivia and to La Paz, this unique high altitutde capital with its bustling narrow streets, handicrafts and witchcraft markets.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Lima, Ballestas islands, Nazca, Arequipa, Colca Canyon, Cuzco, Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Urubamba Valley, Lake Titicaca, Floating reed islands, La Paz.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Light aircraft flight over the Nazca Lines US$45. Half day rafting near Cuzco US$15. Porters on Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20.
- **DOSSIER CODE: PIN**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

LIMA to LA PAZ
(or LA PAZ to LIMA)

PERU & BOLIVIA (PBO) | **48 DAYS**

If you are undecided about these 2 trips, why not combine them into one: **Peru & Bolivia.**

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM...

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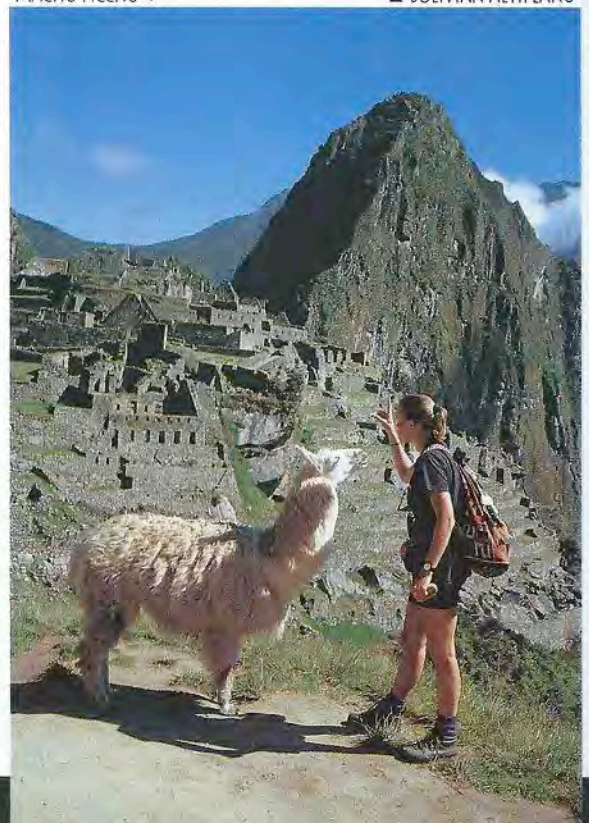
MACHU PICCHU ▼ ▲ BOLIVIAN ALTIPLANO



LA PAZ to LA PAZ

BOLIVIA & THE AMAZONAS (BAM) | **21 DAYS**

What is a Bolivia and Amazonas Encounter?

It is an overland and water journey by expedition truck and riverboats from the world's highest capital, La Paz, through the colonial city of Sucre and the jungle and river projects of Llanos de Mojos. We travel through a multitude of temperatures and visit some of the rarest sights in the world.

An irresistibe invitation to life....

The Bolivia and Amazonas encounters all the extremes of South America's best kept secret. Bolivia is a country that is often forgotten in a Latin America journey yet it suprises everyone who is fortunate enough to visit this land. From La Paz, Bolivia's unofficial capital, we drive south along remote Altiplano roads skirting the shores of Lake Poopo which is seasonally the home of many migratory birds. To the Salar de Uyuni, the huge expanse of salt flats surrounded by distant Andean peaks—it is hard to believe that you are anywhere here on this earth. We visit the colonial silver mining town of Potosi, noted for once being one of the wealthiest cities of colonial South America—even today primitive mining methods continue to extract silver and tin from the nearby "Cerro Rico". We visit the colourful Sunday market at Tarabuco where local Indians proudly display their crafts, then to Sucre, the attractive "official" capital of Bolivia. We travel the forested eastern slopes of the Andes to Cochabamba where we prepare for our expedition by river craft into the jungle of the Llano de Mojos. This region is untouched and harsh but here we will experience life as it is in the jungle as this is home to alligator, jungle cats, anacondas and stingray. From Trinidad we return to La Paz by domestic flight to sit back and contemplate a country of such diversity.

...South America's best kept secret

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** BOLIVIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, riverboat for 3-4 days on jungle project, flight from Trinidad to La Paz. ● 2,500kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 85% camping, hotels in La Paz, Potosi, Sucre, Cochabamba and Trinidad, some jungle camps and some travellers' hotels. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Meals at hotel stops La Paz, Potosi, Sucre, Cochabamba, Trinidad are not included. Fresh food will be available in most places. All meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 In La Paz, Indian markets of the old city. ***Days 2 & 3*** Crossing the Altiplano via Lake Poopo to the Salar de Uyuni - salt flats and the Isla de Pescadores. ***Days 4 to 6*** Travel into the Cordillera de Chichas to the hot spring of Tarapaya, then to Potosi. ***Days 7 to 9*** In Potosi visitng the Silver Mine in the depths of Cerro Rico then down the eastern Andes to Tarabuco and Sucre. ***Days 10 to 13*** In the colonial city of Sucre and north to Cochabamba, the gateway to the Bolivian Amazonas. ***Days 14 to 19*** Drive down into the Amazon basin via El Puente then aboard river craft to explore the remote tributaries and lagunas of Llano de Mojos, the wildlife and Indian life of Isiboro Reserve. ***Days 20 & 21*** In Trinidad and return by air to La Paz.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  La Paz, indian markets, Altiplano Lakes, Uyuni salt flats, thermal springs and baths at Tarapaya, Potosi silver mines, Tarabuco Sunday market, Sucre, Cochabamba, jungle projects of Llanos de Mojos to Trinidad.
- **DOSSIER CODE: BAM**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

MEXICO CITY to CANCUN
(or CANCUN to MEXICO CITY)

MAYA & AZTEC (MAZ) | **21 DAYS**

What Is A Maya & Aztec Encounter?

A journey by specialised expedition bus. We travel Mexico, coast to coast through mountain communities and colonial cities in search of ancient Mayan and Aztec sites. The Pacific coast resorts of Punta Ixtapa and Acapulco to Oaxaca and San Cristobel leads us to the Yucatan Peninsula and the great Mayan pyramids of Chichen Itza.

A Dramatic Dance Through Life...

Mexico city, a stolen city filled with colourful people and colourful lives dwelling snugly below the volcano of Popocatepetl —this is our start to an extraordinary journey through a very diverse country. Even today the people of Mexico show their distinctive links to a dramatic past dating back to 1500 BC. We drive through the Sierra Nevada mountains to the Pacific Ocean coast visiting the resorts of Punta Ixtapa and Acapulco—the thundering surf at Puerto Escondido will be a great contrast to calm waters of the Caribbean.

Mountain passes will take us to the colonial towns of Oaxaca and San Cristobel de las Casas where Indian markets overflow onto the streets. Beyond here we enter tropical rain forests that produce the dramatic waterfalls and cascades of Agua Azul and Misol-Ha. The Mayan hilltop temples of Palenque will lead us into the Tabasco and Yucatan provinces.

Merida and Chichen Itza are visited before our journey ends in Cancun. This is a journey that will suprise you—the day to day changes are amazing and most of all the culture and tradition will be imposed on you.

...Where Pirates And Bandits Loved To Roam

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MEXICO.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Specialised expedition bus & launch in Sumidero Canyon. ● 3000 kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 95% Camping with hotel accommodation in Mexico City. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 8 - 16 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Restaurant meals in Mexico City. (Only meals **not** inclusive in the cost) Meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 Mexico City is the ancient city of Teotihuacan. ***Days 3 to 7*** Via Taxco & its silver crafts through the Sierras to the Pacific coast, Punta Ixtapa, Acapulco & Puerto Escondido. ***Days 8 to 13*** Ascending back into the mountains to Oaxaca the Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban to Sumidero Canyon & Chiappas Province & the colonial town of San Cristobal. ***Days 14 & 15*** To the cascades of Agua Azul & Misol-Ha then to jungle temples of Palenque. ***Days 16 to 19*** Through the hot Tabasco province, the Gulf of Mexico to Merida, its palaces & cathedrals. ***Days 20 & 21*** Into the Yucatan Peninsula visiting the great Mayan site of Chichen Itza then to Cancun & its resort beaches.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon at Teotihuacan. Taxco, Punta Ixtapa—marine wildlife of Pacific Coast. Oaxaca—ruins and markets. Sumidero Canyon, San Cristobal de Las Casas. Misol-Ha waterfalls. Mayan Temples of Palenque & Chichen Itza. Cancun
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **MAZ**

CAMPED OUT ON THE YUCATAN COAST ▲

▼ STREET BAND— OAXACA

DATES & PRICES

MAYA & AZTEC

Mexico City to Cancun		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	07 Feb (Sun) - 27 Feb (Sat)	380	2320
	08 Aug (Sun) - 28 Aug (Sat)	380	2320
	07 Nov (Sun) - 27 Nov (Sat)	380	2320
2000	06 Feb (Sun) - 26 Feb (Sat)	400	2425
	06 Aug (Sun) - 26 Aug (Sat)	400	2480
	05 Nov (Sun) - 25 Nov (Sat)	400	2480

Cancun to Mexico City		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	10 Jan (Sun) - 30 Jan (Sat)	380	2320
	11 Apr (Sun) - 01 May (Sat)	380	2320
	17 Oct (Sun) - 06 Nov (Sat)	380	2370
2000	09 Jan (Sun) - 29 Jan (Sat)	400	2425
	09 Apr (Sun) - 29 Apr (Sat)	400	2425
	15 Oct (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	400	2480

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YUCATAN, BELIZE & GUATEMALA

Cancun to Guatemala City		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	28 Feb (Sun) - 20 Mar (Sat)	430	2540
	29 Aug (Sun) - 18 Sep (Sat)	430	2610
	28 Nov (Sun) - 18 Dec (Sat)	430	2610
2000	27 Feb (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	450	2640
	27 Aug (Sun) - 16 Sep (Sat)	450	2730
	26 Nov (Sun) - 16 Dec (Sat)	450	2730

Guatemala City to Cancun		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Mar (Sun) - 10 Apr (Sat)	430	2545
	26 Sep (Sun) - 16 Oct (Sat)	430	2610
	19 Dec (Sun) - 08 Jan (Sat)	430	2610
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 08 Apr (Sat)	450	2640
	24 Sep (Sun) - 14 Oct (Sat)	450	2730
	17 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan (Sat)	450	2730

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THE CENTRAL AMERICANA

Mexico City to Guatemala City		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	07 Feb (Sun) - 20 Mar (Sat)	810	4760
	08 Aug (Sun) - 18 Sep (Sat)	810	4860
	07 Nov (Sun) - 18 Dec (Sat)	810	4860
2000	06 Feb (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	850	4980
	06 Aug (Sun) - 16 Sep (Sat)	850	5090
	05 Nov (Sun) - 16 Dec (Sat)	850	5090

Guatemala City to Mexico City		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Mar (Sun) - 01 May (Sat)	810	4760
	26 Sep (Sun) - 06 Nov (Sat)	810	4860
	19 Dec (Sun) - 29 Jan (Sat)	810	4860
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 29 Apr (Sat)	850	4980
	24 Sep (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	850	5090
	17 Dec (Sun) - 27 Jan (Sat)	850	5090

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NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

MEXICO CITY to GUATEMALA CITY
(or GUATEMALA CITY to MEXICO CITY)

THE CENTRAL AMERICANA (CAM) | **42 DAYS**

If you are undecided about these 2 trips, why not combine them into one: The Central Americana.

GO ALL THE WAY....

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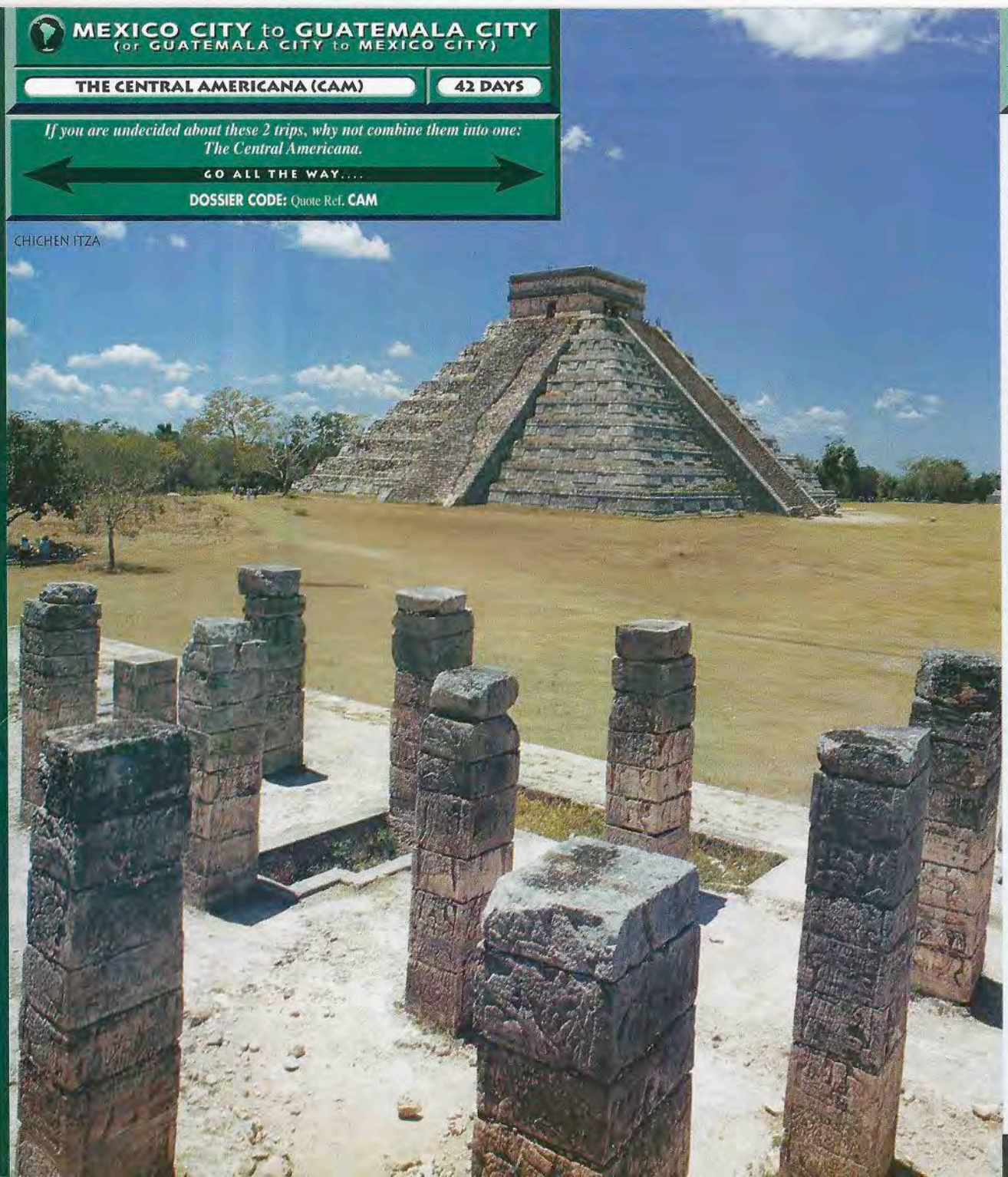

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CANCUN to GUATEMALA CITY
(or GUATEMALA CITY to CANCUN)

YUCATAN, BELIZE & GUATEMALA (YBG) | **21 DAYS**

What Is A Yucatan, Belize & Guatemala Encounter?

A journey through the great contrasts of Central America using a specialised expedition bus and various river craft to access remote jungle sites. It combines ancient Mayan sites from the Yucatan to Honduras, the wildlife havens of Belize and Guatemala, and the highlight of the coral reef islands of the Caribbean.

Challenge Your Curiosity...

Central America is as diverse as it is wild, as calm and peaceful as it is colourful and fun—this journey encompasses all this and more. From Cancun we leave the "holiday resort" to experience the more remote beaches to the south, visiting Xel-Ha Marine Lagoon, Tulum before crossing to Belize. Formerly British Honduras, Belize is a small country with a big heart, a mixture of Mayan Indians with Cajun and Creole people provide an unusual culture, but one that is easy to share. Nothing happens quickly here but we are able to experience great contrasts of this small land—the remote Mayan site of Lamani, Crooked Tree Bird Sanctuary and several days on Caye Caulker. Entering Guatemala brings us to the real heart of Central America, the great temples and pyramids of Tikal are serene in their jungle site. Our journey through Guatemala will be demanding, the roads, the heat and humidity can be tiring but the rewards are wonderful. This is a colourful country, her people are very traditional and the markets are vibrant. We also cross into Honduras for a day to visit Copan, the southern most Mayan site—we then rise to the highlands to visit Antigua and Lake Atitlan set with the backdrop of prominent volcanoes. Our journey ends in Guatemala City, in just three weeks you will have lived Central America.

...New Found Places, Ancient Ways

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MEXICO, BELIZE, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Specialised expedition bus with riverboats on rivers in Belize & Guatemala. Motorized boats on Lake Atitlan, water taxis to Caye Islands. ● 2000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 85% camping with hotel in Antigua and guesthouse on Caye Caulker Island. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 8 - 16 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches.Restaurant meals in Antigua and Caye Caulker Island are only meals **not** included in the cost. Fresh food always available. Camp meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 3 Cancun, south to the Caribbean beaches of Playa de Carmen to Tulum & its Maya-Toltec temple of Frescoes. Visit the Xel-Ha lagoon Marine Park. ***Days 4 & 5*** To Chetumal, crossing into Belize to Orange Walk. ***Days 6 to 8*** With river craft we visit New River lagoon & the Mayan site of Lamanai, Crooked Tree bird sanctuary to Belize City. ***Days 9 to 11*** To the reef islands, staying on Caye Caulker and time to relax or snorkel. ***Days 12 to 14*** Into Guatemala via San Ignacio & Xunantunich - to the Mayan complex of Tikal. ***Days 15 to 17*** South via Poptun to Honduras, crossing for the day to visit Copan before heading to the heart of Guatemala, Antigua. ***Days 18 to 21*** Colonial towns, Indian markets, and Volcanoes lead to Lake Atitlan and Guatemala City.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Caribbean beaches. Toltec temples of Tulum, Xel-Ha Lagoon Marine Park. Jungle Mayan site of Lamanai, Crooked Tree Bird Sanctuary, Caye Islands and Coral reefs, Pyramids at Xunantunich, Tikal, Mayan ruins of Copan in Honduras, Antigua, Lake Atitlan, volcanoes and Indian markets.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **YBG**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

SANTIAGO to QUITO
(or QUITO to SANTIAGO)

TRANS ANDEAN EXPLORER (TAE) | **9 WEEKS**

What Is A Trans Andean Explorer?

A nomadic journey along the spine of South America. From Chile to Bolivia and the wonders of Peru. The Andes and Inca sites, Colca Canyon and the Atacama Desert to the tropical delights of Ecuador.

Discovering Ancient Worlds...

It is a world of wonder, of magic and of madness, and this trip encompasses all of South America's features in nine nomadic weeks. Santiago is a city of wide boulevards, palaces, gardens and Chile's best vineyards. Chile is a country of beautiful scenery and surprising for its calm and quiet aura, probably the only calm and quiet place in South America. We travel to the rugged lands of San Pedro de Atacama before ascending into the Western Andes. The Altiplano in Bolivia, a region of high valleys and plateaus, of volcanoes and silver mines. It is a heady experience to look down from the highest capital of the world, and then down into Lake Titicaca. The people of Titicaca are hard and resilient yet welcome us to their homes to share in their unique environment. We next cross through Altiplano farmlands to Cuzco, the one time capital of the Inca empire. Walking the Inca Trail is a demanding but rewarding trek—it hides its secrets well, but we find them. The spectacular views, the ancient ruins and the natural habitat, are an eventual route to the preserved city of Machu Picchu. From the Peruvian Desert to Lima with it's gilded cathedrals and palaces, it is a vast change in scenery occupied by a close and welcoming culture. Into the tropical warmth of Ecuador and finally the jungles of the upper Amazon. By boat and on foot we are guided into another world, one that lives beneath the canopy of jungle—a subtle reminder that this is a world to treasure and save.

...A Land Alive With Culture

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** CHILE, BOLIVIA, PERU, EQUADOR.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, motorboats, jungle longboats, on foot for Inca Trail.
- 9,500kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, hotels in major centres. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food always available. Restaurant meals at hotel stops Potosi/Sucre, La Paz, Cuzco, Arequipa, Lima are only ones **not** included in the price. All meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 From Santiago drive north to La Serena & into the Atacama Desert. Moon Valley & San Pedro de Atacama. ***Week 2*** Bolivia, volcanoes & salt lakes of the Altiplano, Potosi & Sucre. ***Week 3*** La Paz to Peru, Indians & reed islands of Lake Titicaca. ***Week 4*** Cuzco & the sacred Urubamba valley. Hike the Inca trail to Machu Picchu. ***Week 5*** Western Andes & Colca Canyon to Arequipa. ***Week 6*** Northern Atacama, mysteries of the Nazca Lines, Ballestas Islands - Pacific seals & seabirds. ***Week 7*** Lima, Trujillo & Chan Chan, north to Ecuador. ***Week 8*** Cuenca & Banos to Amazonia. ***Week 9*** By boat & on foot through the rainforest & tributaries of the Amazon. Papallacta to Quito.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Santiago, Atacama Desert, Potosi silver mines, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Inca Trail, Colca Canyon, Arequipa, Nazca, Chan Chan, Amazon Tributaries & river project
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Half day rafting near Cuzco US$15. Porters on the Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20. Flight over Nazca Lines US$45.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **TAE**

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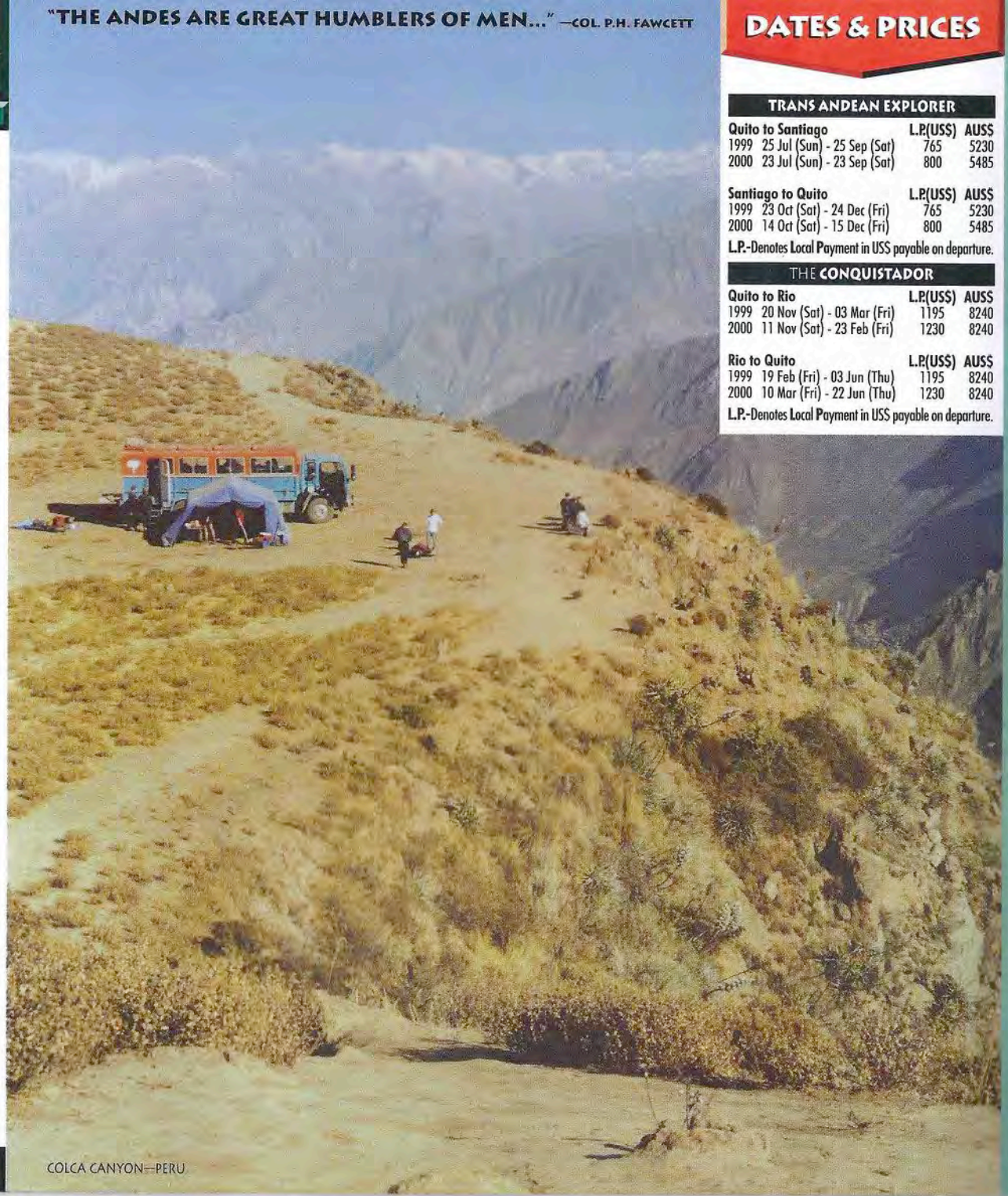
"THE ANDES ARE GREAT HUMBLERS OF MEN..." —COL. P.H. FAWCETT



COLCA CANYON—PERU

DATES & PRICES

TRANS ANDEAN EXPLORER

Quito to Santiago	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 25 Jul (Sun) - 25 Sep (Sat)	765	5230
2000 23 Jul (Sun) - 23 Sep (Sat)	800	5485

Santiago to Quito	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 23 Oct (Sat) - 24 Dec (Fri)	765	5230
2000 14 Oct (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	800	5485

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

THE CONQUISTADOR

Quito to Rio	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 20 Nov (Sat) - 03 Mar (Fri)	1195	8240
2000 11 Nov (Sat) - 23 Feb (Fri)	1230	8240

Rio to Quito	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 19 Feb (Fri) - 03 Jun (Thu)	1195	8240
2000 10 Mar (Fri) - 22 Jun (Thu)	1230	8240

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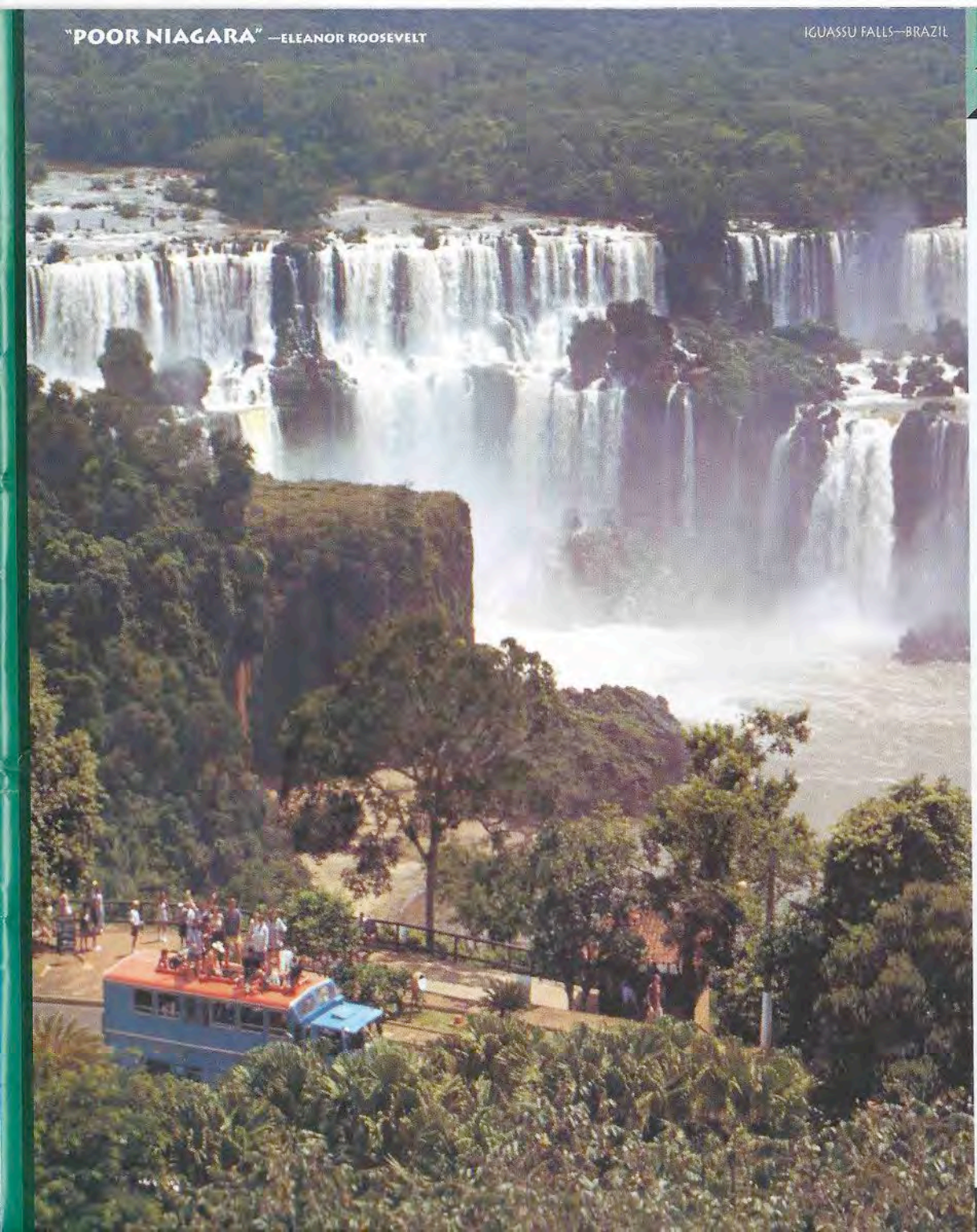

RIO to QUITO
(or QUITO to RIO)

THE **CONQUISTADOR (CON)** | **15 WEEKS**

What Is A Conquistador Encounter?

Stretching to some of South America's most remote places, this is a journey by expedition truck, boat and foot. From Rio de Janiero to Patagonia, this journey combines the culture and tradition of a varied continent. It is a demanding exploration of South America's extremes, the Atacama desert, the Andes, hidden Inca sites and Amazon Jungle—it is the ultimate journey.

A Wild Flirtation with Life...

They say opposites attract. The Conquistador is a journey through lands which, both in natural habitat and in culture are completely opposite to each other, though seem to live in harmony together. Rio, one of the most beautiful and erotic cities of all time, is a quite startling beginning to a journey that soon leads us to the awesome Iguassu Falls, then to Buenos Aires, a cosmopolitan city of grace and style. Our journey will take us deep into the windswept lands of Patagonia, the Valdez Peninsula, Moreno Glacier and spectacular Andean peaks. Crossing into Chile we virtually drive the length of the country through the scenic lake district to Santiago, north through the Atacama desert before climbing Andean passes to the barren but spectacular Altiplano of Bolivia.We skirt the Uyuni salt lakes to Potosi and Sucre, colonial cities built on the wealth of silver deposits. The journey takes us to La Paz, Bolivia's unofficial capital set in a crater at 3600 metres above sea level—then to Lake Titicaca, the floating reed island communities of the Uros Indians. Here we are accommodated by local Indian farmers on Amantani Island where we can observe their unique self sufficient farming methods. Across the Peruvian Altiplano to Cuzco with its ancient Inca remains and our opportunity to trek the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Crossing the western Andes to the dramatic Colca Canyon, the home of the condors. We re-enter the Atacama desert as its sand falls away into the Pacific, travelling north to Ecuador, a tropical paradise of forests, volcanoes, waterfalls, and jungle. By boat and on foot we are led by local guides into the upper tributaries of the Amazon, exploring the flora and fauna searching for hidden wildlife. Our journey ends in the old colonial city of Quito.

:..Live Life To The Extreme

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** BRAZIL, PARAGUAY, ARGENTINA, CHILE, BOLIVIA, PERU, ECUADOR.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, motorboats, jungle longboats and on foot. ● 21,500 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 85% camping with hotels in major centres. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and packed lunches. Meals in city stops (Asuncion, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Potosi/Sucre, La Paz, Cuzco, Arequipa, Lima) are the only meals not included in cost. Fresh food always available. Camp meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Week 1*** Rio de Janiero to Parati, Brazilian coast & islands, Curitiba & Iguassu Falls. ***Week 2*** Paraguay, to Asuncion. Jesuit Misiones & lowland pampas of Northern Argentina. ***Week 3*** Buenos Aires & Valdez Peninsula with its variety of South Atlantic sea mammals and birds. ***Week 4*** South through Patagonia to the Moreno Glacier. ***Week 5*** Fitzroy Massif, Chiles southen peaks & fjords to Puerto Montt. ***Week 6*** Chilean Lake District, Pucon, to Santiago. ***Week 7*** La Serena, Antofagusta & the Atacama to Bolivia. ***Week 8*** Altiplano; salt lakes & volcanoes to Potosi and Sucre. ***Week 9*** La Paz. Peru & Lake Titicaca, Indians & reed islands. ***Week 10*** Cuzco & the Urubamba valley. Hike Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. ***Week 11*** Dry Western Andes, condors of Colca Canyon to Arequipa. ***Week 12*** Northern Atacama & the Nazca Lines. Ballestas Islands - Pacific seals & seabirds. Lima. ***Week 13*** Chan Chan & Trujillo into Ecuador. ***Week 14*** Cuenca & Banos to Amazonia. ***Week 15*** Rainforest & tributaries of the upper Amazon. Papallacta & Quito.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Iguassu Falls, Valdez Peninsula, Moreno Glacier, Chilean Lake District, Potosi silver mines, Lake Titicaca, Inca Trail, Nazca, Ballestas Islands, Jungle Project on Amazon tributaries, Quito.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Half day rafting near Cuzco US$15. Porters on the Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20. Flight over Nazca Lines US$45. Boat ride off Valdez Peninsula US$50.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **CON**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

QUITO to RIO
(or RIO to QUITO)

AMAZON & ANDES (AAN) | **9 WEEKS**

What Is An Amazon & Andes Encounter?

It is a journey overland by expedition truck and by river boat through various climates; from the heights of the Andes to the heat of the jungle. From Ecuador to the uncertainties of Colombia, to the beauty of Venezuela and its open and calm aura. Brazil, with its intensity of nature and finally to Rio de Janiero and Carnival—Party Time !!!!

An Exciting Paradox Of Latin American...

Our journey will take us through the extremes of the northern half of South America, the Colombian Andes, the white sand beaches of the Caribbean, the Orinoco and Gran Sabana of Venezuela, the mighty Amazon and the wilderness area of the Mato Grosso. From Quito we cross the Equator, visit the colourful markets of Otavalo before crossing into Colombia. Our route will pass through the colonial town of Popayan to San Agustin where amazing relics record ancient Indian tribes. The Cordillera are a range of mountains that will lead us to Bogota with its famous Gold Museum containing Inca and other pre Columbian artefacts that escaped the Spaniards. North to the Caribbean coast and the beaches at Cartagena before crossing to Venezuela, Caracas then to the Orinoco where we join riverboats to explore the Indian communities and the wildlife of the river's Delta. From Ciudad Bolivar there is the opportunity to take a flight over Angel Falls as they drop off 1 km to the jungle floor (optional). Our route to Brazil takes us through the amazing Tepuys of the Gran Sabana before dropping into the Amazon Basin to Manaus—the hectic river port built on wealth extracted from the greatest jungle on earth. Here we explore river tributaries and Indian communities that dwell on their banks. The so called Trans Amazon highway to the south is now impassable so we board ferries that carry us up the Rio Madiera to Porto Velho. These are lazy days and nights spent in hammocks on deck as the sounds of the jungle pass us by. From Porto Velho we drive the Trans Amazon to the Mato Grosso and the Pantanal marshlands that teems with birdlife, alligator, and rare mammals unique to South America. To Brasilia, Brazil's modern satellite capital, then we explore the old gold mining region around Ouro Preto before ending this incredibly diverse journey in Rio de Janiero where the party is just beginning—Carnival !!!!

...An Irresistible Journey Into Life

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, motorised jungle longboats and canoes on jungle projects in Venezuela and Brazil, river ferry boat and barges. ● 10,000 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, hotels in major centres, river huts in Orinoco Delta and 3-4 nights on ferry in Brazil, basic conditions (See Meals & Food.)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, packed lunches. Restaurant meals at hotel stops in Bogota, Cartagena, Caracas, Ciudad Bolivar, Manaus and Porto Velho are the only meals not included in the cost. Fresh food where available.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 From Quito, Otavalo market then north to Colombia, San Agustin & Popayan. ***Week 2*** To Bogota & its Gold museum, through the Cordilleras to Cartagena & the Caribbean. ***Week 3*** To Venezeula, Caracas & the Caribbean beaches then south to the Orinoco Delta. ***Week 4*** On the Orinoco, Indian villages & wildlife then south to Ciudad Bolivar. ***Week 5*** South into La Gran Sabana & flat mountain Tepuys, joining the Trans Amazon highway into Brazil to Manaus. ***Week 6*** In Manaus, exploring tributaries of the Amazon & visiting local communities by boat & on foot. Then by local ferry up the Rio Madiera. ***Week 7*** To Porto Velho deep in Amazonia then by road into the Mato Grosso. ***Week 8*** Exploring the backwaters & marshes of the Pantanal, Brazil's vast haven of wildlife, to Brasilia. ***Week 9*** In Brasilia, south to Ouro Preto, Brazil's historical past & into Rio de Janiero in time for Carnival.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Quito, Otavalo market, San Agustin, Bogota, Cartagena, Orinoco Delta project, Gran Sabana of Venezuela, Manaus, Amazon river & jungle project, Pantanal marshes and wildlife, Ouro Preto, Rio de Janeiro.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Flight over Angel Falls US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **AAN**

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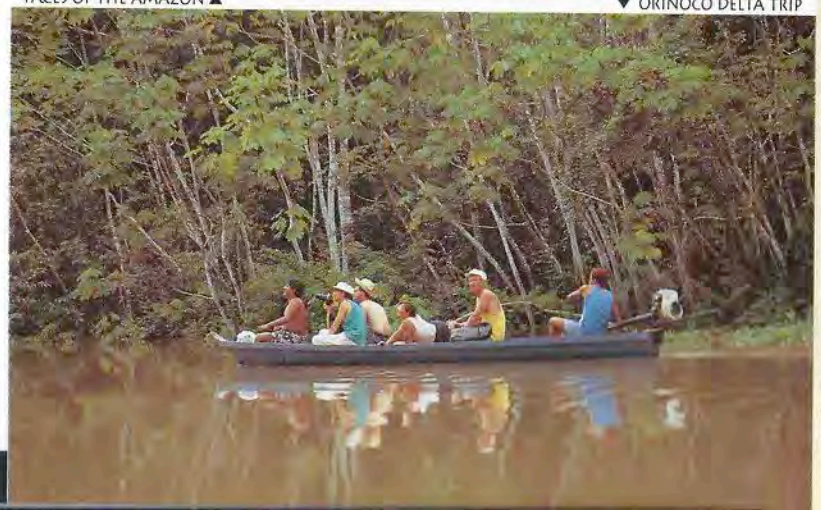

DATES & PRICES

AMAZON & ANDES

Quito to Rio	L.P(US$)	AUS$
2000 01 Jan (Sat) - 03 Mar (Fri)	715	4860
2000 23 Dec (Sat) - 23 Feb (Fri)	750	4860

Rio to Quito	L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999 19 Feb (Fri) - 22 Apr (Thu)	715	4860
2000 10 Mar (Fri) - 11 May (Thu)	750	4860

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

SOUTH AMERICAN CIRCLE

Quito to Quito	L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999 20 Nov (Sat) - 11 May (Thu)*	1870	12825
2000 11 Nov (Sat) - 03 May (Thu)*	1930	12825

Quito to Quito	L.P(US$)	AUS$
2000 01 Jan (Sat) - 22 Jun (Thu)*	1870	12825
2000 23 Dec (Sat) - 14 Jun (Thu)*	1930	12825

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

*All departures spend 7 or 8 days in Rio for midway layover at your own expense at carnival time. All projects actually 24 weeks and 6 days for scheduling purposes.

EXPERIENCE TELLS

I have just returned from Peru and the Incas and would like to thank all of you for the excellent work you do. I had an absolutely wonderful time, saw some amazing sights and met some really great people.
In particular, our Tour Leader was just superb; kind, compassionate, organised, trustworthy, dependable, knowledgeable - Really Inspiring. I would without hesitation, recommend Encounter to anyone and I look forward to joining another trip as soon as I get a chance

Once again thank you for everything
RACHEL BLUN

I had a brilliant, fascinating, challenging, unforgettable, superb trip on E.O.'s Conquistador. I didn't expect it to live up to the previous trips in Africa. I was wrong. It surpassed them. Thanks for a really smooth trip

When can I fit another trip in?.....
PATRICIA CROSS

OURO PRETO—BRAZIL ▲

▼ REED ISLAND PEOPLE—TITICACA

QUITO to SANTIAGO to RIO to QUITO
(or QUITO to RIO to SANTIAGO to QUITO)

SOUTH AMERICAN CIRCLE (SAC) | **25 WEEKS**

What Is A South American Circle Encounter?

This is the ultimate in-depth Encounter with the many faces of South America. The journey in two phases combines the 15 week Conquistador project with the nine week Amazon and Andes project to form a circular trip encompassing this unique continent.

A Journey Of Extremes...

From the cobbled streets of Quito we visit the colourful markets of Otavalo before crossing to Columbia. Our journey will now take us through the forested mountain passes of the Northern Andes to San Agustin, Bogota and its famous gold museum then to the Caribbean coast and the beaches of Cartagena. To Venezuela and the secrets of the "Lost World", the Orinoco Delta and Angel Falls crossing the Gran Sabana into Brazil. We join the Amazon at Manaus, Brazil's jungle capital from where there is the opportunity to explore the Amazon River tributaries and Indian communities. The Trans-Amazon highway will be our route across Brazil to the wilds of the Mato Grosso, Brasilia and Ouro Preto and so to Rio. Carnival time in Rio will occupy our one week layover before setting off on our journey south to Paraguay and Argentina. The Iguassu Falls bordering Brazil and Argentina are an awesome sight—they are the largest on earth. To Buenos Aires, the cosmopolitan capital of grace and style before our journey deep into Patagonia, the Valdes peninsula and Moreno Glacier. Entering Chile through the spectacular southern Andes we explore the Lake District with its backdrop of Volcanic peaks. Santiago is a welcome city stop before our journey takes us north into the Atacama desert crossing windswept Andean passes onto the altiplano and salt lakes of Bolivia. Potosi and Sucre are the old colonial towns that lead us to La Paz, Bolivia's 'unofficial' capital. We cross to Peru and on Lake Titicaca we take the opportunity to visit island communities before driving to Cuzco, the one time centre of the Inca Empire. We trek the ancient trail to the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu. Crossing the western Andes to Colca Canyon—wild and remote it is the deepest in the Americas. The Peruvian Atacama desert will lead us to Nazca, Paracas and Lima our last city stop before travelling north to Ecuador, a tropical paradise of volcanic mountains, Amazon jungle and colourful Indian culture. We explore the upper tributaries of the Amazon before ending this ultimate South American journey in Quito.

...South America—Live For The Moment

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, PARAGUAY, ARGENTINA, CHILE, BOLIVIA, PERU.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, motorboats, motorised jungle longboats, canoes, river ferry boats and on foot. ● 31,500kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 85% camping, hotels in major centres, 3-4 nights on river ferries in Brazil, basic accomodation. (See Meals & Food)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches, fresh food where available. Restaurant meals at hotel stops are the only meals **not** included in the cost **(see The Conquistador and Amazon & Andes)**. All camp meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Weeks 1 & 2 Quito to Otavalo market. North to Colombia; San Agustin & Popayan, Bogota, Cartagena & the Caribbean. ***Weeks 3 & 4*** To Venezeula & Caracas, south to Orinoco Delta, Ciudad Bolivar. ***Weeks 5 & 6*** Through La Gran Sabana, Trans Amazon highway into Brazil to Manaus. ***Weeks 6 & 7*** Exploring the Amazon by boat & on foot, local ferry to Porto Velho, by road into the Mato Grosso. ***Weeks 8 & 9*** Pantanal marshes & wildlife to Brasilia. South to Ouro Preto & into Rio de Janiero for Carnival. ***Week 10*** **Own arrangements in Rio de Janiero.** ***Weeks 11 & 12*** From Rio the Brazilian coast & islands, Curitiba & Iguassu Falls. Paraguay, to Asuncion, Jesuit misiones & pampas of Northern Argentina. ***Weeks 13 & 14*** Buenos Aires & Valdez Peninsula, south through Patagonia to Moreno Glacier. ***Weeks 15 & 16*** Fitzroy Massif, Chile's southern peaks & fjords to Puerto Montt, Chilean Lake District, Pucon to Santiago. ***Weeks 17 & 18*** La Serena, Antofagasta & the Atacama to Bolivia. Altiplano; salt lakes & volcanoes to Potosi & Sucre. ***Weeks 19 & 20*** La Paz: Peru & Lake Titicaca, Indians & reed islands. Cuzco & the Urubamba valley. Hike Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. ***Weeks 21 & 22*** Condors of Colca Canyon to Arequipa. Northern Atacama, Nazca Lines & Ballestas Islands. Lima. ***Weeks 23 & 24*** Trujillo & Chan Chan. Into Ecuador; Cuenca & Banos to Amazonia. ***Week 25*** Upper Amazon rainforest & tributaries. Papallacta & Quito.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  San Agustin, Caribbean Coast, Orinocco Delta Trip, Gran Sabana, Amazon jungle river project, Rio, Iguassu Falls, Patagonia, Moreno Glacier, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Colca Canyon, Lima, jungle project on Amazon tributaries in Ecuador.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPOX COST)**
  Flight over Angel Falls US$100. Half day rafting near Cuzco US$15. Porters on Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20. Flight over Nazca Lines US$45. Boat ride off Valdez Peninsula US$50
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SAC**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

AN **INTRODUCTION** TO...
AFRICA

Africa has a different concept of time because it is a different world. A world far beyond our imagination, but it is not quite beyond our reach. It is immense and wild, but above all, free in spirit—and for a while we can experience this tremendous sense of freedom; in primeval equatorial forests, on the great rivers of the Nile, the Niger, the Congo and the Zambezi, and in the awe inspiring vastness of the Sahara desert.

Africa is also one of the world's happiest places. The laughter of the children and the women as they go about their simple daily lives is totally infectious. It will reach into your soul, for their joy in the face of so much adversity at times is truly inspiring. Today Africa protects its wildest and proudest animals. Where man once hunted buffalo, rhino and elephant we now go merely to watch, fascinated, in the ways of these immense and enthralling creatures. In Africa we can learn much from the beauty and the freedom of these vast herds of wild animals and at close proximity witness the fight for survival of zebra, giraffe, antelope, lion, leopard and cheetah. The central highlands offer us a unique opportunity to observe the great silverbacked gorilla. It is only on this continent that we can touch such vastness of experience.

We've explored all its depth so that we may take you there—come with us ...

FIRST IN AFRICA

In 1969 Encounter were the first among few who considered crossing this tough but rewarding continent. Africa is all about being there and living it—and we live it! Whether you join a Great Safari or track wildlife on the Serengeti plains, you will always be with the best equipped operator, secure in the knowledge of our 30 years of experience in Africa.

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DATES & PRICES

TUNISIA, LIBYA & THE SAHARA

Tunis to Tunis		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	30 Oct (Sat) - 26 Nov (Fri)	300	1790
	04 Dec (Sat) - 31 Dec (Fri)	300	1790
2000	12 Feb (Sat) - 10 Mar (Fri)	320	1830
	11 Mar (Sat) - 07 Apr (Fri)	320	1830
	28 Oct (Sat) - 24 Nov (Fri)	320	1880
	02 Dec (Sat) - 29 Dec (Fri)	320	1880

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

EXPERIENCE TELLS

Just recently I returned home from Africa after a five week journey entitled The Southern Cross of Africa. I still have not yet come down from my high as it was the best thing I have ever done in my life. Not one single word can describe how truly fantastic the trip was, a trip that by far exceeded all of my expectations. I can honestly say it has changed me and my life for the better. Climbing Table Mountain, hiking down Fish River Canyon and white water rafting on the Zambezi are just a few things that tested my inner strength but also gave me confidence and made me look at life in a completely different light. I now have a new appreciation for all that I have after seeing so many people with nothing and yet so happy. Women having to walk a mile for water, children with no shoes and families living in thatched huts.

Compared to them we have everything and yet so many of us constantly complain and worry about things that now seem so insignificant. The people I met on my journey were the happiest people I have ever met in my lifetime—their smiles warm your heart and I was truly inspired.

This journey was the beginning of a new life for me. I now want to see the world and every wonder in it, and thanks to a great company like Encounter....I can!

NIKI KASPARD

I just did the Morocco—High Atlas trip with Geoff Spillett. I have to say this is my second trip with your company and I'm even more impressed this time! Geoff is a true asset to you. His drive, humour and enthusiasm was the heartbeat of our group. Four of us are already planning our next trip with you—South America??!

Keep up the great work.

P.S. I met my best friend of all time in 1991 on the Rajasthan trip!

YASMIN HAUPSCHILD

THE 'FORMS' OF LEPTIS MAGNA—LIBYA ▲

DESERT SAFARI GROUP—TUNISIA ▼

▲ MAKING FRIENDS—LIBYA

TUNIS to TUNIS NEW

TUNISIA, LIBYA & THE SAHARA (TLS) | **28 DAYS**

What is a Tunisia, Libya & the Sahara Encounter?

It is a journey into ancient and remote lands. The great Roman cities of North Africa, Mediterranean beaches and of course the Sahara—the greatest of deserts. We will explore her hidden sites and meet her mystic people.

A Combination Of Two Amazing Lands...

Our journey will take us from the known sites of Tunisia to the unknown heart of the Sahara in the deep south of Libya. Encounter has ventured into Tunisia for many years, but it was only very recently that Libya was visited by one of our exploratory groups. We will begin with Carthage, then the holy city of Kairouan—famous for its Great Mosque—then southward via Sfax and Gabes we enter Libya where our journey will take us to Ghadames, the Pearl of the Desert, with its unique desert architecture. Distances are long but the journey is worth it as we follow desert tracks to Sabha, the 'capital' of Fezzan, then south to Ghat. Here, bordering on Algeria, we explore the dramatic Jabal Acacus with its pinnacle rock formations that hide ancient cave art—probably the best in the whole of Africa. We return to Sabha, where a short excursion will take us to the picturesque desert lakes near Al Fjayj. We now travel north to the Libyan coast where the Roman city of Leptis Magna, the greatest site on the Mediterranean, presents itself in all its glory. To Tripoli, the capital, to wander its Soukh before visiting the site of Sabratha and re-entering Tunisia. A day to relax on Jerba, then off to explore the Troglodyte caves at Matmata. Skirting the Grand Erg Oriental we set off from Douz to trek on camel-back for two days to sample a different side of the Sahara. The rugged ranges seclude the mountain oases of Tamerza & Mides as our route takes us north to Le Kef, Dougga and to Tunis. In just 28 days we will have explored two amazing countries. How many others have done this?

..Now You Can Go, So Do It.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** TUNISIA, LIBYA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck. Jeeps in the Fezzan, camels on trek ● 4,950kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout, with occasional resthouses in Libya.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals. picnic lunches—fresh food where possible. Some truck supplies required in desert. All meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Arrive Tunis, visit Carthage. ***Days 2 & 3*** Drive south to Kariouan, Sfax and Gabes. ***Day 4 & 5*** We enter Libya, to Zuaran the south to Ghadames. ***Days 6 to 8*** In Ghadames, then crossing desert tracks to Sabha, in the Fezzan. ***Days 9 & 10*** Travelling further south to Ghat and the Jabal Acacus. ***Days 11 to 13*** Utilising local 4WD we explore the dramatic Acacus region and hidden cave art. ***Days 14 to 17*** Returning via Sabha we visit the lakes at Al Fjayj before driving north to the Mediterranean. ***Days 19 & 20*** Visit the Roman site of Leptis Magna, the soukh of Tripoli & the site of Sabratha. ***Days 21 to 23*** Cross back into Tunisia to the Isle of Jerba then to the Troglodyte caves at Matmata & to Douz. ***Days 24 to 26*** Camel safari into the Grand Erg Occidental then to Tozeur & Tamerza. ***Days 27 & 28*** We travel through rugged ranges to Le Kef, Dougga and back to Tunis.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Tunis, Roman site of Carthage, Kairouan, Ghadames, Ghat & the Acacus, Roman city of Leptis Magna, Tripoli, Sabratha, Troglodyte caves at Matmata, Camel Safari (2 days), Le Kef, Dougga.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **TLS**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

CAIRO to TUNIS
(or TUNIS to CAIRO)

NEW

THE **SAHARAN OUTBACK (SOU)** | **42 DAYS**

What is the Saharan Outback Encounter?

Undoubtedly the 'must do' journey now that these lands are accessible. Northern Egypt, the Libyan Sahara and all its hidden treasures & the great Roman sites of the Mediterranean to end up in the fantastic medina of Tunis. What are you waiting for?

A Real Saharan Expedition...

Following our successful reconnaissance trip in March/April 1998, we are now very excited to introduce this unique opportunity to explore the rarely visited lands of the Sahara. We will first visit Egypt's western desert and Siwa Oasis, then having crossed into Libya we will explore the Jabal Akhdar. Our route then takes us deep into the Sahara. Crossing the greatest desert on earth takes some effort and guidance—from Tazerbo prepared with fuel, food & water we will take a local guide to lead us along desert tracks to the extinct volcano of Waw al Namus, at times it will be everyone out to dig, push and sand-mat our way through soft sand seas.

It is only now that you will know that you are in the heart of the Sahara, but the varied desert scenery is amazing—sand seas, great dunes, rock outcrops and hidden oases are what we came for. The highlight is Fezzan in the deep south bordering on Algeria—the Jabal Acacus that surrounds the Tuareg town Ghat has the most stunning scenery in Libya & possibly the Sahara. The cave art is some of the finest in Africa.Our journey north will lead to Sabha, the great dunes and hidden lakes near Al Fjay. Again, following the desert tracks we travel west to the ancient oasis town of Ghadames, 'Pearl of the Desert', renowned for its unique desert architecture. Then to the Mediterranean and the great Roman sites of Leptis Magna and Sabratha. We explore the bazaars of Tripoli, the nation's capital. Into Tunisia, we first relax on the Isle of Jerba, then journey inland to the Chott El Jerid, a vast salt flat on the edge of Grand Erg Oriental. From Douz there is the opportunity to take an overnight camel trek into the dunes. Our route to Tunis takes us through the rugged ranges north-west of Tozeur and the settlements of Tamerza & Mides. Finally our expedition ends with a visit to Carthage, once the most dominant Roman City in North Africa—finally it is the vast medina of Tunis which will challenge your bargaining and shopping skills.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EGYPT, LIBYA, TUNISIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck.
- 7,100kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout, with occasional resthouses in Libya.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches—fresh food where possible, supplemented by packaged truck supplies in remoter regions. All meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Trip preparation in Cairo, then north to Alexandria, Egypt's Mediterranean port. ***Days 3 to 6*** Following the coast to El Alamein, the WWII site, to Marsa Matruh, south to the oasis town of Siwa, then to the Libyan border. ***Days 7 to 11*** We cross into Libya, travelling via Tobruk, the Roman site of Apollonia, Benghazi before turning south into the Libyan Sahara to Tazerbo. ***Days 12 to 17*** With local guides we negotiate desert tracks, often sand-matting—via Waw al Namus Kabir to Murzua. To Ghat, deep in the south of the Fezzan. ***Days 18 to 21*** From Ghat utilising lighter weight 4W Drives we explore the dramatic Jabal Acacus—outcrops of rock, ancient rock paintings & carvings. ***Days 22 to 24*** Returning via Sabha, we visit the dunes & lakes near Al Fjayj. ***Days 25 to 27*** We now travel north to the oasis town of Ghadames. ***Days 28 to 31*** To the Mediterranean coast & the Roman site of Leptis Magna, then to Tripoli, the capital and on to Sabratha. ***Days 32 to 34*** At Ras Ajdir we cross into Tunisia and travel to the Ile de Jerbar to relax on the beaches. ***Days 35 to 39*** We now enter the Tunisian Sahara travelling to Douz in the Chott Wel Jerid (opportunity to take a 2 day camel trek), then to Tozeur, Tamerza & Le Kef. ***Days 40 to 42*** To Hammam, the Roman site of Carthage and the medina of Tunis.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Alexandria & El Alamein, Siwa Oasis, Apollonia, desert crossing & extinct volcanoes at Waw al Namus, the Acacus, dunes & lakes at Al Fjayj, Ghadames, Leptis Magna, Sabratha, Douz, Carthage, Tunis.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  2 day camel trek from Douz US$30.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SOU**

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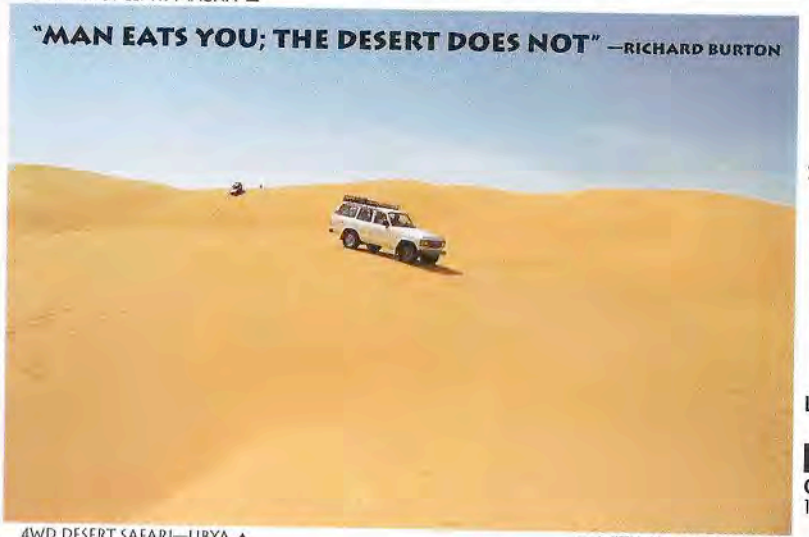
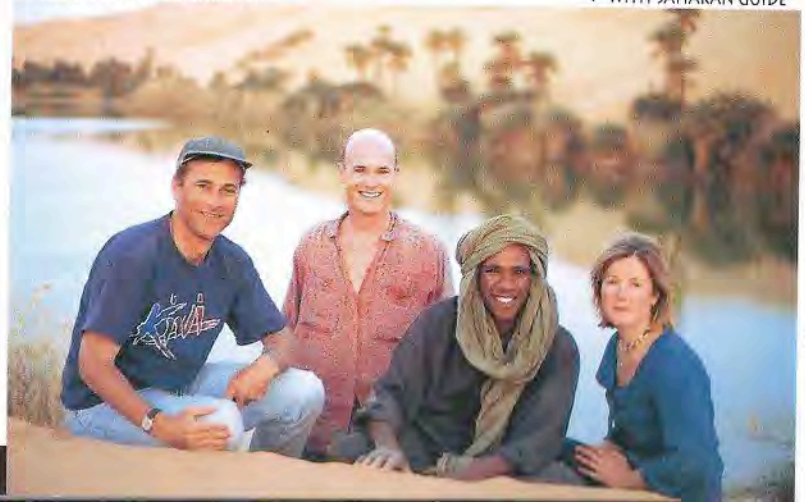
FACADES OF LEPTIS MAGNA ▲



4WD DESERT SAFARI—LIBYA ▲

▼ WITH SAHARAN GUIDE



DATES & PRICES

THE SAHARAN OUTBACK

Cairo to Tunis		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	12 Sep (Sun) - 23 Oct (Sat)	450	2695
2000	10 Sep (Sun) - 21 Oct (Sat)	470	2850

Tunis to Cairo		L.P(US$)	AUS$
2000	16 Apr (Sun) - 27 May (Sat)	470	2850

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MOROCCO, HIGH ATLAS & OASES

Casablanca to Casablanca		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	01 May (Sat) - 15 May (Sat)	140	890
	15 May (Sat) - 29 May (Sat)	140	890
	05 Jun (Sat) - 19 Jun (Sat)	140	890
	19 Jun (Sat) - 03 Jul (Sat)	140	890
	03 Jul (Sat) - 17 Jul (Sat)	140	890
	24 Jul (Sat) - 07 Aug (Sat)	140	895
	07 Aug (Sat) - 21 Aug (Sat)	140	895
	21 Aug (Sat) - 04 Sep (Sat)	140	895
	11 Sep (Sat) - 25 Sep (Sat)	140	895
	25 Sep (Sat) - 09 Oct (Sat)	140	895
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 29 Apr (Sat)	150	930
	29 Apr (Sat) - 13 May (Sat)	150	930
	13 May (Sat) - 27 May (Sat)	150	930
	03 Jun (Sat) - 17 Jun (Sat)	150	930
	17 Jun (Sat) - 01 Jul (Sat)	150	930
	01 Jul (Sat) - 15 Jul (Sat)	150	950
	22 Jul (Sat) - 05 Aug (Sat)	150	950
	05 Aug (Sat) - 19 Aug (Sat)	150	950
	19 Aug (Sat) - 02 Sep (Sat)	150	950
	09 Sep (Sat) - 23 Sep (Sat)	150	950
	23 Sep (Sat) - 07 Oct (Sat)	150	950

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AN EGYPTIAN ENCOUNTER

Cairo to Cairo		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	07 Feb (Sun) - 27 Feb (Sat)	220	1270
	28 Feb (Sun) - 20 Mar (Sat)	220	1270
	21 Mar (Sun) - 10 Apr (Sat)	220	1270
	11 Apr (Sun) - 01 May (Sat)	220	1270
	19 Sep (Sun) - 09 Oct (Sat)	220	1295
	10 Oct (Sun) - 30 Oct (Sat)	220	1295
	31 Oct (Sun) - 20 Nov (Sat)	220	1295
	28 Nov (Sun) - 18 Dec (Sat)	220	1295
	19 Dec (Sun) - 08 Jan (Sat)	220	1295
2000	06 Feb (Sun) - 26 Feb (Sat)	230	1325
	27 Feb (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	230	1325
	19 Mar (Sun) - 08 Apr (Sat)	230	1325
	09 Apr (Sun) - 29 Apr (Sat)	230	1325
	17 Sep (Sun) - 07 Oct (Sat)	230	1360
	08 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	230	1360
	29 Oct (Sun) - 18 Nov (Sat)	230	1360
	26 Nov (Sun) - 16 Dec (Sat)	230	1360
	17 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan (Sat)	230	1360

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CASABLANCA to CASABLANCA

MOROCCO, HIGH ATLAS & OASES (MHA) — 15 DAYS

What Is A Morocco, High Atlas & Oases Encounter?

It is a journey by 4WD Expedition Truck through a part of the world where the Arabian Culture entwines North Africa. It encompasses the much filmed city of Casablanca, the magnificent Todra Gorge, the isolation of the Sahara desert and the bustle of Marrakech.

A Moroccan And African Saga...

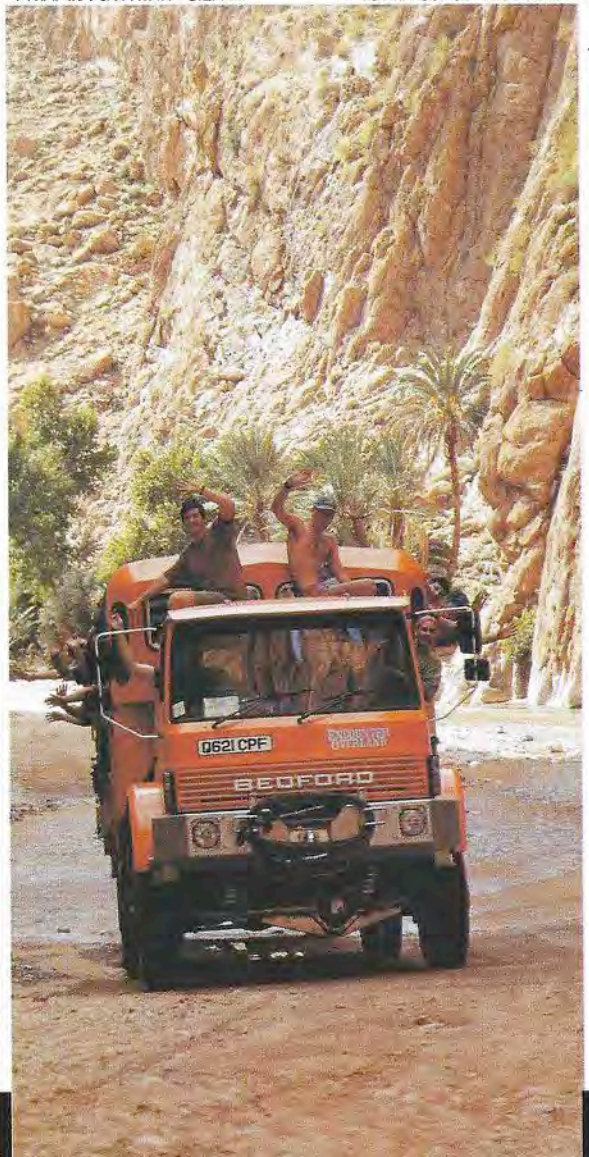
We leave the famous city of Casablanca to visit the ruined city of Volubilis before going on to explore the endless winding paths and dark corners of Fez. Small shops and artisan workbenches spill out from unexpected places and the sense of hidden mystery is such that, without the services of a guide it would be hard to find our way back to civilisation as we know it. From Fez we climb through Berber villages into the stark and breathtaking scenery of the High Atlas mountains. Poised on the edge of the Sahara, the Meski Oasis provides a dreamlike quality to the next part of the journey as we move on to the most scenic part of Morocco and the spectacular Todra Gorge where dramatic cliffs rise high over the date palms. From the glorious vastness of the Sahara desert we drive to Marrakech where the palaces, mosques, souks and storytellers provide a feast of entertainment.

...Deserted Lands And Oases Of People

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MOROCCO.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck. ● 2,350kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** camping throughout with hotel in Marrakech.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Everyone on the group participates in the buying and preparation of all the meals on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 Casablanca to Rabat and city markets. ***Days 2 to 4*** Visit ancient Roman ruins of Volubilis then to the royal city of Fez and its Medina and Palaces. ***Days 5 to 7*** Crossing the middle Atlas mountains through Gorges du Ziz and Todra to the Sahara and Meski Oases. ***Days 8 to 11*** South into desert, following tracks and oases to Zagora, then ascending the high Atlas to Imlil, a day of walking mountain trails. ***Days 12 to 15*** To Marrakech, palaces and markets then to the Atlantic coast and beaches of El Jadida, return to Casablanca.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Volubilis, Medina of Fez, Meski Oasis, Todra Gorge, Sahara Desert, day hike to the High Atlas, market places of Marrakech and the beaches and coastline of El Jadida
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **MHA**

PYRAMIDS & SPHINX—GIZA ▲ ▼ TODRA GORGE—MOROCCO



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CAIRO to CAIRO

AN EGYPTIAN ENCOUNTER (EEN) — 21 DAYS

What Is An Egyptian Encounter?

The whole of Egypt is encompassed by this encounter. From the Western Desert and its idyllic oasis to the desert safari on camel back we visit the wonders of the world. The Pyramids, the Sphinx, the hidden treasures of Tutankhamen. You can also explore the underland of the coral reefs, of The Red Sea and the vital life of the Nile by felucca sailing boats.

Egypt—The Whole Story...

Travelling through Egypt is to learn of a story that is, as yet, only half discovered. For centuries men have tried to piece together its fascinating history and have unearthed some of the world's greatest wonders in doing so. In Cairo the Pyramids, the Sphinx and the treasures of Tutankhamen provide us with an introduction to the world of the Pharaohs. The beauty of this land is not only man made. The natural habitat of oases fresh water springs and salt lakes seem to cast a magical quality over the land. Whole armies have become victims of the Egyptian desert and solitude of the sands and the vast and silent emptiness of the Wahat el Kharaja contrast vividly with the abundant green of the Nile. The banks of the Nile are home to many an ancient tale. They are studied with rocks and while we travel elegantly down stream in our felucca we will witness how the beauty that man once created lives in harmony with the beauty nature created. The Red Sea is a paradise of its own. The coral reefs will allow our bodies and minds to relax and provide you with an opportunity to scuba dive amongst some of the planet's most spectacular underwater worlds.

...A Land That Men Have Adorned With Gold

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EGYPT.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?**
  Encounter 4WD expedition truck, camelback for one and a half days. Donkeys around Valley of the Kings, felucca sailing boats on Nile. ● 3,800kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, with 1 night in a hotel in Cairo and 1 night on deck Nile feluccas.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches.Everyone in the group participates in the buying and preparation of all the meals on a rota basis. Restaurant meals in Cairo are not included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 In Cairo, the old city and Citadel, then to Giza the great Pyramids and Sphinx. Drive to Alexandria. ***Days 3 & 4*** Along the Mediterranean coast, El Alamein to the beaches and coves of Ubayyad. ***Days 5 to 11*** Crossing the Western desert and the friendly Oasis communities of Siwa, Bahariya and Dakhla. Overnight Camel Trek in the desert to dunes and rock formations. East to Kharija Oasis then to Luxor on the Nile. ***Days 12 to 16*** Luxor, Valley of the Kings, Temples of Aman, south to Aswan. ***Day 17*** By felucca sail boat to Kom Ombo, drive to Red Sea coast, beaches and coral reefs. ***Days 20 & 21*** Drive north to Suez, visiting either the Monastery of St Paul or St Antonys. The Suez Canal and return to Cairo.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Cairo Pyramids & Sphinx, Siwa Oasis, Dakhla Oasis. Desert Camel Safari, The Valley of the Kings, Luxor. Felucca on Nile, Coral reefs at Red Sea Coast, Suez Canal.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Visit to Abu Simbel US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **EEN**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

NAIROBI to KAMPALA

EAST OF AFRICA SAFARI (EAS) | **15 DAYS**

What Is An East Of Africa Safari Encounter?

It is a journey of nomadic lifestyle travelled by truck for two weeks taking in the best game parks of East Africa. From Lake Manyara National Park to the Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria to Murchison Falls National Park. Its a trip that encompasses all of Africa's wildlife and offers the added opportunity to go in search of the fabled mountain gorilla.

Live On The Wildside Of Life...

Perfect beauty requires a certain amount of imperfection. Africa's Great Rift Valley is one of the most stunning examples of nature's perfection as it stretches from Lake Malawi to Ethiopia, it is the beginning of some of the worlds most beautiful places. The shores of Lake Manyara National Park attract flamingos in all their bright abundance, antelope and baboons and meetings with elephant and the tree climbing lions for which the Manyara is most famous. We drive to the rim of the awesome Ngorongoro crater then descend by landrover into the depths of this great natural haven of wildlife; zebra, elephant, rhino, buffalo and their predators roam the floor of this crater as we watch for the next sudden move. From here to the grassland plains of the Serengeti—home to the worlds largest wildlife herds following yearly migratory patterns in search of fresh grass. The Western corridor leads to Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile—we follow her shores to Uganda, "The Pearl of Africa" then to Murchison Falls National Park. The Nile thunders through spectacular country and colourful forests. By boat upriver through the National Park where crocodiles lay waiting open jawed in welcome together with the quiet acceptance of our arrival by the buffalo and giraffe. South to Kampala—from here the opportunity to take an additional week to go in search of the fabled Mountain Gorilla.

...Into The Heart Of The Animal Kingdom

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 95% Encounter 4WD expedition truck, landrovers in Ngorongoro Crater. Launch on Nile. ● 2,000 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 100% camping.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Everyone in the group participates in the buying and preparation of all the meals on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 Depart Nairobi, crossing into Tanzania to Arusha. ***Days 2 to 4*** Drive through Masai lands of the Rift Valley. View the wildlife of Lake Manyara National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. ***Days 5 to 7*** To Olduvai Gorge and the plains of Serengeti National Park. ***Days 8 to11*** Leaving Tanzania, driving around the shores of Lake Victoria, to Kenya and into Uganda. North to Murchison Falls. ***Days 12 to 14*** In Murchison Falls National Park, game viewing from boats on the river channels. Drive south to Jinja. ***Day 15*** relax at Bujagali Falls, then drive to Kampala for late afternoon arrival.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria, Murchison Falls National Park, Kampala. Mountain gorilla search in southern Uganda, Rwanda or in Congo (optional week, see page 23)
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITES (APPROX COST)**
  White water rafting at Jinja US$100
- **DOSSIER CODE:** EAS

GAME VIEWING IN LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK ▲

LIONS OF TANZANIA ▼

▲ BLACK RHINO'S OF NGORONGORO CRATER

DATES & PRICES

EAST OF AFRICA SAFARI

	Nairobi to Kampala	L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	17 Jan (Sun) - 31 Jan (Sun)	395	2305
	14 Feb (Sun) - 28 Feb (Sun)	395	2305
	06 Jun (Sun) - 20 Jun (Sun)	395	2305
	04 Jul (Sun) - 18 Jul (Sun)	395	2305
	01 Aug (Sun) - 15 Aug (Sun)	395	2360
	29 Aug (Sun) - 12 Sep (Sun)	395	2360
	26 Sep (Sun) - 10 Oct (Sun)	395	2360
	24 Oct (Sun) - 07 Nov (Sun)	395	2360
	19 Dec (Sun) - 02 Jan (Sun)	395	2360
2000	16 Jan (Sun) - 30 Jan (Sun)	410	2410
	13 Feb (Sun) - 27 Feb (Sun)	410	2410
	04 Jun (Sun) - 18 Jun (Sun)	410	2410
	02 Jul (Sun) - 16 Jul (Sun)	410	2410
	30 Jul (Sun) - 13 Aug (Sun)	410	2480
	27 Aug (Sun) - 10 Sep (Sun)	410	2480
	24 Sep (Sun) - 08 Oct (Sun)	410	2480
	22 Oct (Sun) - 05 Nov (Sun)	410	2480
	17 Dec (Sun) - 31 Dec (Sun)	410	2480

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MOUNTAIN GORILLA SAFARI

	Kampala to Kampala	L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	01 Feb (Mon) - 07 Feb (Sun)	90	595
	01 Mar (Mon) - 07 Mar (Sun)	90	595
	21 Jun (Mon) - 27 Jun (Sun)	90	595
	19 Jul (Mon) - 25 Jul (Sun)	90	610
	16 Aug (Mon) - 22 Aug (Sun)	90	610
	13 Sep (Mon) - 19 Sep (Sun)	90	610
	11 Oct (Mon) - 17 Oct (Sun)	90	610
	08 Nov (Mon) - 14 Nov (Sun)	90	610
2000	03 Jan (Mon) - 09 Jan (Sun)	95	620
	31 Jan (Mon) - 06 Feb (Sun)	95	620
	28 Feb (Mon) - 05 Mar (Sun)	95	620
	19 Jun (Mon) - 25 Jun (Sun)	95	620
	17 Jul (Mon) - 23 Jul (Sun)	95	635
	14 Aug (Mon) - 20 Aug (Sun)	95	635
	11 Sep (Mon) - 17 Sep (Sun)	95	635
	09 Oct (Mon) - 15 Oct (Sun)	95	635
	06 Nov (Mon) - 12 Nov (Sun)	95	635

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Gorilla Trek permit allow US$150-$200 in cash notes.

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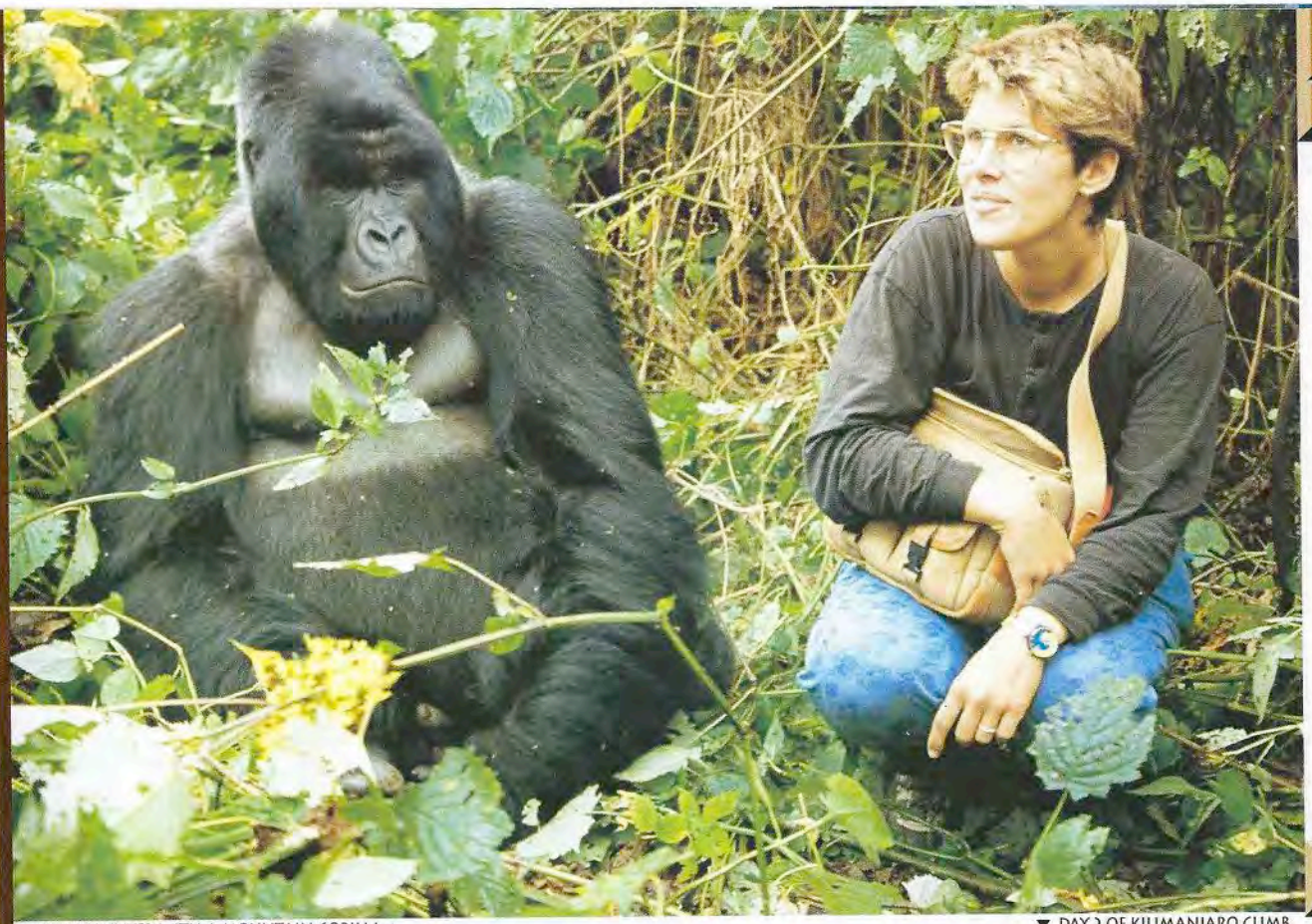


AN ENCOUNTER WITH A MOUNTAIN GORILLA ▲

MOUNTAIN GORILLAS SAFARI (MGS) — 7 DAYS

The Mountain Gorillas...

They are an endangered species whose home in the Ruwenzori Mountains of Uganda, Parc des Volcans of Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo's Virunga National Park is ever threatened by mankind. However various projects set up to protect these wonderful creatures have enabled small, controlled groups of people to visit the Gorillas in their own habitat. With experienced local guides we trek deep into forested mountainside following their tracks. An encounter with a troupe of Mountain Gorillas albeit for a short time is an experience never forgotten.

...The Gentle Giants Of The Forest

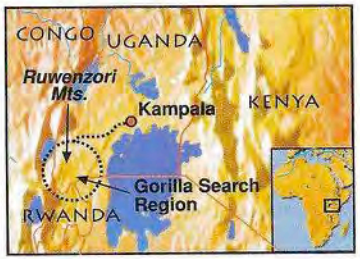
KEY FACTS

- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Due to the unpredictability of permits being granted—we will either visit the Gorillas in Congo, Rwanda or Uganda.

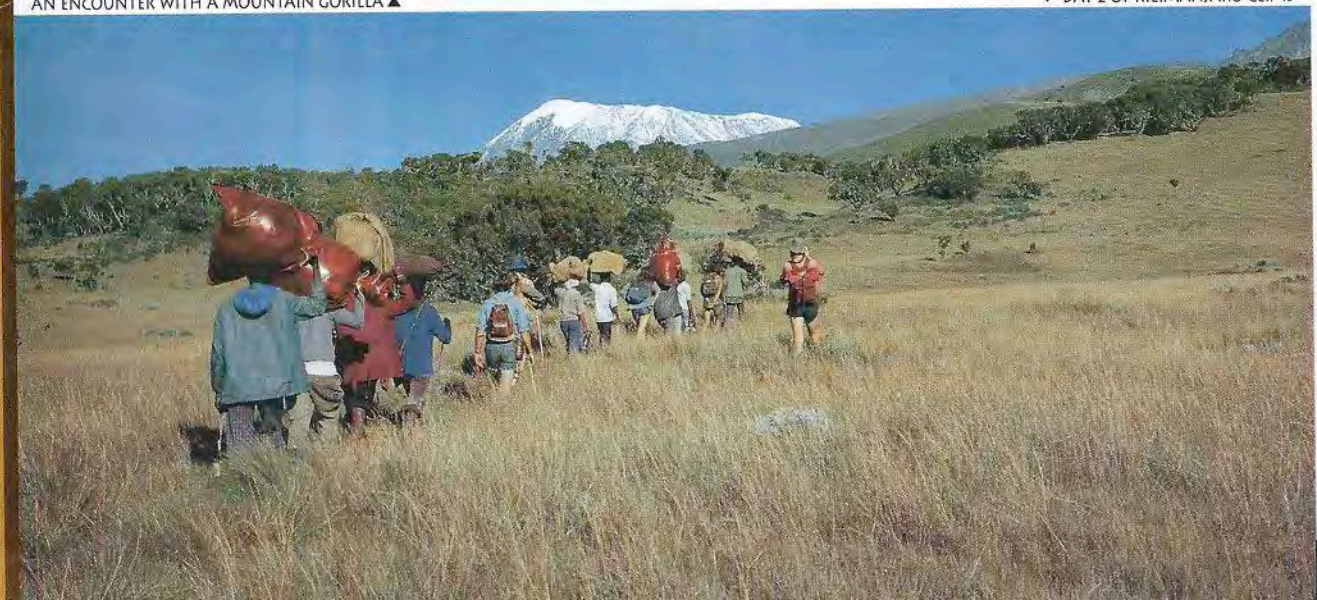
  Day 1 Depart Kampala by road to Mbarara. ***Day 2*** To Kisoro on Congo border—Gorilla project preparation. ***Days 3 to 5*** Individual treks to search for Mountain Gorillas in Uganda, The Congo or Rwanda. ***Day 6*** Return by road to Masaka & Lake Victoria. ***Day 7*** Return to Kampala.

- **DOSSIER CODE: MGS**

N.B. Due to the uncertainty of obtaining individual permits, the cost of the permit is not included in the project cost—allow approx: USD$150 to USD$200.



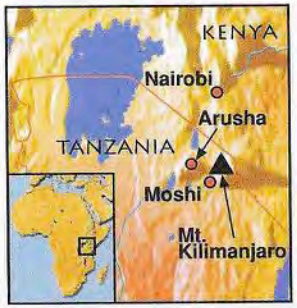
▼ DAY 2 OF KILIMANJARO CLIMB



MT. KILIMANJARO CLIMB (MKC) — 7 DAYS

Africa's highest mountain

At 5895m, and one of the worlds highest single peaks, this non-technical climb is your ultimate challenge in Africa. Supported by local guides and porters, the climb is a unique experience taking you to the 'top' of Africa.



KEY FACTS

- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Marangu Route—the popular trail using National Park huts, 5 days/4 nights making the final ascent on night 3, early morning of day 4 of the climb.

  You can take the climb option of 7 days (including a hotel stay in Moshi before and after) in conjuction with any other Encounter project. The option can start in Nairobi or Moshi, Tanzania. Cost of the inclusive 7 day option varies with the time of year and which route you decide to take but you should allow USD$690 to USD$750 which is payable locally to the operator. **However to secure a reservation which is necessary (especially at peak times, July-Sept & Dec-Jan) Encounter charge an administration fee of USD$50 (non-refundable).**

  N.B. This can only be booked in conjunction with another Encounter project

- **DOSSIER CODE: MKC**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

ADDIS ABABA to ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN HIGHLANDS (EHI) | **15 DAYS**

What Is An Ethiopian Highlands Encounter?

This is a journey by 4WD Expedition Truck, aircraft and boat that takes us into the heart of Ethiopia. The highlands, the hidden monasteries and monolithic churches, Lake Tana and the source of the Blue Nile—Ethiopia is Africa's best kept secret.

A Journey Of Religious Fascination...

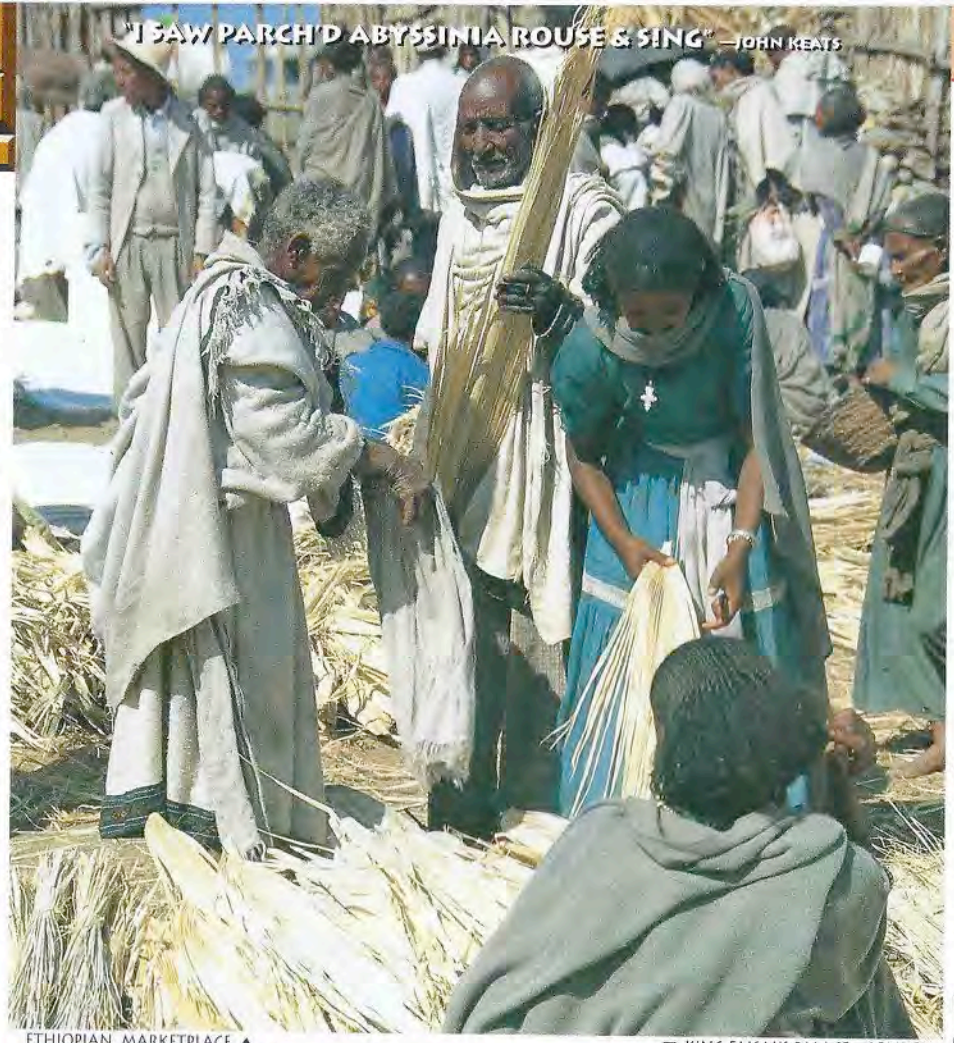
Ethiopia on the horn of Africa is, to most, a largely misunderstood land and so an encounter into the roots of its religion, culture and extraordinary geographical features will be total enlightenment. The Ethiopians are a people steeped in ancient religious connections, their history is linked to that of the Egyptians. Our journey will explore the lands to the north of Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian mountains to Axum with its huge granite monoliths that litter the fields surrounding the town—Axum was home to the Queen of Sheba. We now travel south to the wilderness of Simien National Park which apart from the spectacular views boasts an abundance of wildlife: Baboons, Ibex, Simien foxes and predatory birds. To the city of Gonder, once the capital of Ethiopia and centre of Christianity. From Gonder we fly to Lalibela. Set on a hilltop location it is one of the unrecognised wonders of the world with beautiful 12th and 13th century monolithic churches hewn out of bedrock. Returning to Gonder by flight we drive to Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile—where days are spent in the markets of Bahir Dar and visiting the lake's island communities. Our journey back to Addis Ababa will take us to the great Tisisat Falls, second only to Victoria Falls. We will then visit Debre Libanos monastery to end this incredible trip in a land of intrigue.

...A Holy Journey Through Heavenly Places

KEY FACTS

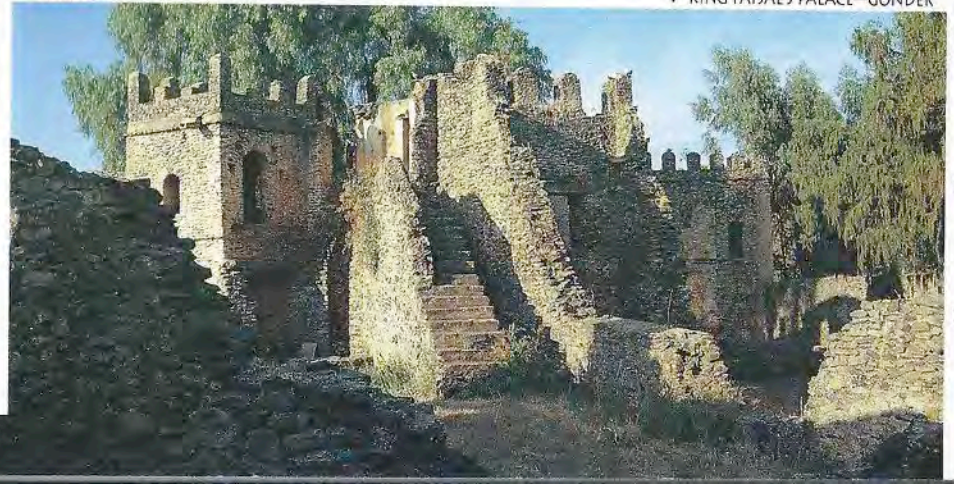
- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ETHIOPIA.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, plane to/from Lalibela, boat on Lake Tana. 2,500kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh food where available supplemented by local and imported canned and dried goods. All meals are prepared by the group on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 In Addis Ababa, the Mercato market. ***Days 2 to 4*** Drive north into the Northern Highlands via Dese, Makele to Axum. ***Days 5 to 7*** Axum, ancient sights and Obelisks. Drive south to Simien National Park, over Walkefit Pass to Gonder. ***Days 8 to 12*** In Gonder, the ancient capital. Fly to Lalibela, famous for its monolithic churches. Return by air to Gonder then by road to Bahir Dar on Lake Tana. ***Days 13 to 15*** Visit the Tisisat Falls on the Blue Nile, then by road to Debre Markas, Debre Libanos Monastery returning to Addis Ababa
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Addis Ababa, Axum, the sacred city and giant obelisks of Gonder, monolithic churches of Lalibela, Bahir Dar, Lake Tana, Ura Kidanemereth, Tisisat Falls, Debre Libanos Monastery.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **EHI**

"I SAW PARCH'D ABYSSINIA ROUSE & SING" —JOHN KEATS



ETHIOPIAN MARKETPLACE ▲

▼ KING FAISAL'S PALACE—GONDER



DATES & PRICES

ETHIOPIAN HIGHLANDS

Addis Ababa to Addis Ababa		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	06 Feb (Sat) - 20 Feb (Sat)	235	1380
	20 Nov (Sat) - 04 Dec (Sat)	235	1410
	04 Dec (Sat) - 18 Dec (Sat)	235	1410
	18 Dec (Sat) - 01 Jan (Sat)	235	1410
2000	08 Jan (Sat) - 22 Jan (Sat)	240	1445
	22 Jan (Sat) - 05 Feb (Sat)	240	1445
	05 Feb (Sat) - 19 Feb (Sat)	240	1445
	18 Nov (Sat) - 02 Dec (Sat)	240	1480
	02 Dec (Sat) - 16 Dec (Sat)	240	1480
	16 Dec (Sat) - 30 Dec (Sat)	240	1480

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

ZIMBABWE & THE ZAMBEZI

Harare to Harare		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	08 Apr (Thu) - 22 Apr (Thu)	NOT APPLICABLE	3290
	06 May (Thu) - 20 May (Thu)		3290
	03 Jun (Thu) - 17 Jun (Thu)		3290
	24 Jun (Thu) - 08 Jul (Thu)		3290
	15 Jul (Thu) - 29 Jul (Thu)		3290
	05 Aug (Thu) - 19 Aug (Thu)		3290
	26 Aug (Thu) - 09 Sep (Thu)		3290
	16 Sep (Thu) - 30 Sep (Thu)		3290
	07 Oct (Thu) - 21 Oct (Thu)		3290
	28 Oct (Thu) - 11 Nov (Thu)		3290
	25 Nov (Thu) - 09 Dec (Thu)		3290
2000	06 Apr (Thu) - 20 Apr (Thu)		3440
	04 May (Thu) - 18 May (Thu)		3440
	01 Jun (Thu)- 15 Jun (Thu)		3440
	22 Jun (Thu) - 06 Jul (Thu)		3440
	13 Jul (Thu) - 27 Jul (Thu)		3440
	03 Aug (Thu) - 17 Aug (Thu)		3440
	24 Aug (Thu) - 07 Sep (Thu)		3440
	14 Sep (Thu) - 28 Sep (Thu)		3440
	05 Oct (Thu) - 19 Oct (Thu)		3440
	26 Oct (Thu) - 09 Nov (Thu)		3440
	23 Nov (Thu) - 07 Dec (Thu)		3440

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

A JOURNEY TO THE INTERIOR

Victoria Falls to Victoria Falls		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	06 Jun (Sun) - 30 Jun (Wed)	390	2425
	04 Jul (Sun) - 28 Jul (Wed)	390	2425
	08 Aug (Sun) - 01 Sep (Wed)	390	2460
	05 Sep (Sun) - 29 Sep (Wed)	390	2460
	10 Oct (Sun) - 03 Nov (Wed)	390	2460
	14 Nov (Sun) - 08 Dec (Wed)	390	2460
2000	04 Jun (Sun) - 28 Jun (Wed)	410	2520
	02 Jul (Sun) - 26 Jul (Wed)	410	2520
	06 Aug (Sun) - 30 Aug (Wed)	410	2580
	03 Sep (Sun) - 27 Sep (Wed)	410	2580
	08 Oct (Sun) - 01 Nov (Wed)	410	2580
	12 Nov (Sun) - 06 Dec (Wed)	410	2580

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

HARARE to HARARE NEW

ZIMBABWE & THE ZAMBEZI (ZZA) | **15 DAYS**

What is a Zimbabwe & the Zambezi Encounter?

The best of Zimbabwe and the Zambezi valley, all in 15 days. The great parks of Matoba, Hwange & the Mana Pools with their diverse range of wildlife. Victoria Falls, Africa's greatest, and the Zambezi River on its 2500 kilometre route to the Indian Ocean.

The Heart Of Southern Africa...

Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, is certainly one of Africa's most surprising treasures—Great Zimbabwe Ruins, the abundance of wildlife, the Zambezi and of course Victoria Falls—she has it all and we can take it all in, in just 15 days. From Harare, the country's vibrant capital, we travel south to the Great Zimbabwe ruins, the largest and most significant medieval city in sub-Saharan Africa, dating back to the 14th Century. To Matoba National Park—most famous for its incredible rock formations but also for its population of both White & Black Rhinoceros. We then spend several days in Hwange National Park, bordering Botswana, this is Zimbabwe's most accessible and densely game-populated park with large herds of antelope, zebra, buffalo and elephants and of course their predators, lion, leopard, hyena and hunting dog.

Victoria Falls (Mosi-oa-tunya, translated to 'the smoke that thunders') are without doubt one of Africa's greatest natural sites—they are formed by the Zambezi River plunging 110 metres into the Batoka Gorge. Today this site has somehow formed Africa's adventure playground—where one can White Water Raft, Bungy Dive, Canoe, Micro Light, Sky Dive—you name it, the choice is yours. After two idyllic nights at Thorn Tree Lodge near Livingstone, we journey through southern Zambia to the lower Zambezi Valley to board canoes for our river safari down to the Zambezi & Mana Pools National Parks. Paddling downstream our guides will identify numerous birds—the hippo & crocodile will be obvious! Nights are spent in permanent tented camps, this is the ultimate Zambezi safari. By open topped vehicle and on foot safari, we will follow the game trails of Mana Pools. Our safari ends on arrival back in Harare.

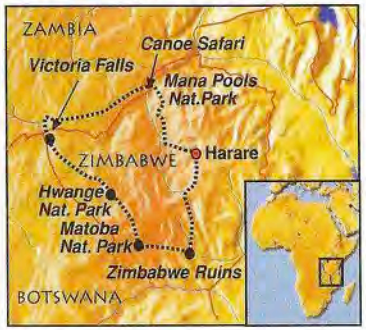
...With A Taste Of The Wild And The Most Spectacular.

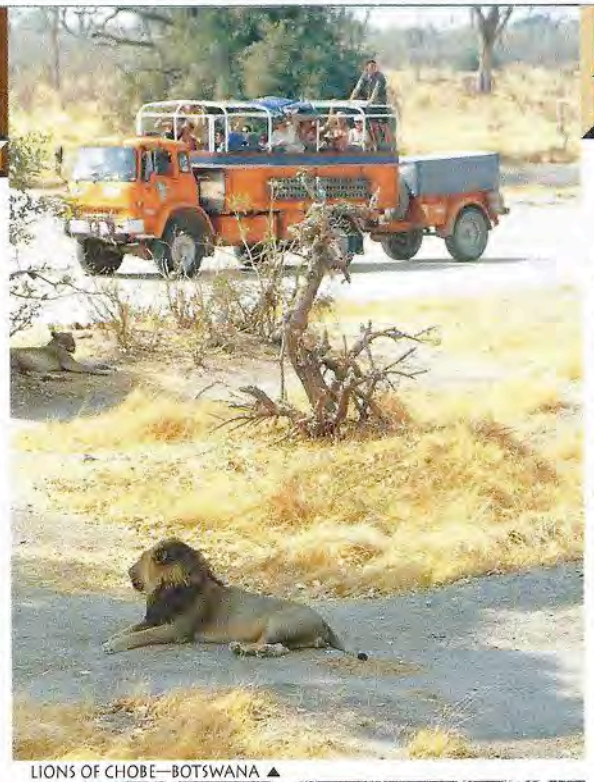
KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Land Cruiser soft top expedition vehicle, canoes on Zambezi River. ● 2,150kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 80% Camping, hotel in Harare, Lodge near Livingstone, Zambia.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 8 - 20 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, picnic lunches prepared with assistance from the group. Breakfast only supplied on the days in Harare & at the lodge in Livingstone.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** In Harare, freetime, late afternoon departure meeting. ***Day 2*** Drive south to the Great Zimbabwe ruins, visit the site of the country's origin. ***Days 3 & 4*** Drive to & in Matoba National Park—with its majestic granite hills & domes and to go to in search of Black & White Rhino. ***Days 5 & 6*** To & in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest wildlife park, with an abundance of elephant, buffalo and other large herds that congregate at the many water-holes. ***Days 8 & 9*** Based at Thorn Tree Lodge on the banks of the Zambezi, we visit Victoria Falls. ***Day 10*** Drive through southern Zambia to Kafue Pontoon, to join our canoe safari. ***Days 11 & 12*** Canoeing down the Zambezi—game & birdlife viewing with overnights at tented camps. ***Days 13 & 14*** In Zambezi & Mana Pools National Parks, game viewing by vehicle and foot safaris. ***Day 15*** Return to Harare, late afternoon arrival.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Harare, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Matoba N.P., Hwange N.P., Victoria Falls, Canoe safari on Zambezi, Mana Pools N.P.

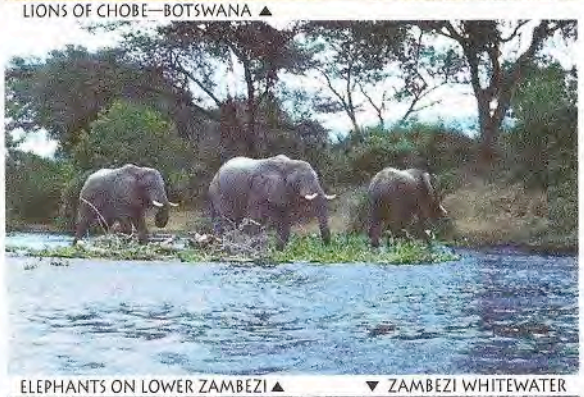
N.B. This project is operated by Aardvark Adventures of Zimbabwe, conceptually very similar to an Encounter truck project.

- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Many activities at Victoria Falls eg. White water rafting US$100, flights US$55, bungee jump US$90 etc.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **ZZA**





LIONS OF CHOBE—BOTSWANA ▲



ELEPHANTS ON LOWER ZAMBEZI ▲ ▼ ZAMBEZI WHITEWATER

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

VICTORIA FALLS to VICTORIA FALLS NEW

A JOURNEY TO THE INTERIOR (JIN) | **25 DAYS**

What is a Journey to the Interior Encounter?

An incredible safari travelling into the interior of the upper Zambezi & Kavango river systems that contrast with the great Kalahari & Namib deserts. We search for wildlife in southern Africa's great parks of Chobe, the Okavango, Etosha and Kafue. Encounters with the Bushman, Herero and Himba people complete a very unique experience.

Explore Hidden Lands...

The 'interior' of this amazing region of southern Africa presents all the extremes one could imagine; it is a great land. The river life-lines for both man and animal that all originate from the north in Angola form the Zambezi, Kavango and Cunere. The deserts of Botswana and Namibia hide remote people—the Bushman of the Kalahari and the Himba of Kaokoland. But no other journey encompasses such a variety of wildlife as we'll confront large herds of elephant & buffalo in Chobe and springbok, oryx & giraffe, to name just a few, in Etosha. The birdlife of the Okavango Delta is astounding, but it is the rarely visited Kafue National Park in Zambia which often presents the most surprising wildlife encounters. From Victoria Falls an adventure playground in itself, we follow a circular route through Bostwana skirting the northern rim of the Kalahari. Upon entering Nambia we briefly visit Windhoek before dropping down to the Skeleton Coast, the Namib Desert then north into the tribal Kaokoland. We then return via the Etosha Pans, the Caprivi Strip, the Okavango and finally Zambia's Kafue Park. You will have now completed an amazing exploration of southern Africa's interior.

...A Journey Through The Wildest Nature And The Most Ancient Tribes.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, motorised boats & canoes in Okavango. ● 5530kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 100%Camping
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. All meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Victoria Falls, free time. ***Days 2 & 3*** Into Botswana, through Chobe National Park. ***Days 4 to 7*** We explore the Makgadikgaki Pans reserve, rest up in Maun before travelling through the northern Kalahari Desert into Namibia. ***Days 8 to 10*** To Windhoek, Namibia's capital then along the dramatically scenic route to Swakopmund, on the Atlantic. ***Days 11 & 12*** North along the Skeleton Coast, Cape Cross Seal Reserve and into Damara Land to Brandberg, and the rock paintings at White Lady. Further north visiting the Petrified Forest and Rock Finger. ***Days 13 to 15*** We now enter the Himba tribal lands of Kaokoland before turning south to Etosha National Park. ***Days 16 & 17*** In Etosha National Park—game viewing at various vantage points around the pans. ***Days 18 & 19*** Into the Caprivi strip, to Shakawe on the Kavango River—to enter the lower delta region. ***Days 20 & 21*** In the Okavango Delta, game & birdlife viewing. ***Days 22 to 24*** Leaving Namibia/Botswana we cross the upper Zambezi to Zambia to visit Kafue National Park. To Livingstone. ***Day 25*** Return to Victoria Falls, arrangements end on arrival.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Chobe National Park, Makgadikgaki Pans Reserve, Kalahari Desert, Swakopmund, Cape Cross Seal Reserve, Rock Paintings/White Lady, Petrified Forest, Himba Villagers in Kaokoland, Etosha National Park, Okavango Delta, Kafue National Park, Zambezi River.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **JIN**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

CAPE TOWN to HARARE
(or HARARE to CAPE TOWN)

THE ROOTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (RSA) — 28 DAYS

What Is The Roots Of Southern Africa Safari?

A journey by expedition 4WD truck through the tribal roots of Southern Africa, from Cape Town to Lesotho, the beauty of the Drakensbergs to Swaziland, the wildlife of Kruger National Park to the untouched beaches of the Mozambique coast —five countries in four weeks experiencing a different view of Africa.

The Blood Roots Of Africa...

From the backdrop of table mountain we leave the fashionable streets of Cape Town to Africa's southern most point at Cape Agulhas. We now drive along the garden route to Oudsthoorn and on to the wilderness of Tsitsikamma National Park. We leave the southern coast at East London to travel north though the Eastern Cape to the landlocked mountainous Kingdom of Lesotho. Entering the Mulati mountains where time is taken to either pony trek or hike the trails of the dramatic escarpments. Crossing the high Sani Pass we enter the Drakensberg Mountains which form an 1,100 kilometre backbone to Southern Africa. Descending into the heart of the Kwa Zulu Natal, the homeland of the Zulu tribe, well known for their pride and history of resistance. At Rorkes Drift we visit the battle sites of the great Zulu wars. We pass through the small kingdom of Swaziland to Kruger National Park and from our camp at Crocodile Bridge we go on safari to view the abundance of wildlife in South Africa's largest game reserve. To Mozambique, a country forgotten during the strains of civil war, and today trying to re-establish herself—but we are welcomed by her people with their smiles and open hospitality. Stunning coastline, untouched beaches and sleepy islands are ours before ending this unforgettable journey in Harare.

...From Present To Past And Back

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** SOUTH AFRICA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck with options of walk and pony trekking in Lesotho and the Drakensbergs. Optional Dhows visit to islands off the Mozambique coast. 4000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 100% camping.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. All meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 4 Cape Town to Cape Agulhas, to Oudtshoorn and Rusten en Vrede. Into Tsitsikamma National Park. ***Days 5 to 7*** North through the Eastern Cape Province to Quthing Lesotho. ***Days 8 to 11*** In Lesotho and its mountain wilderness. ***Days 12 to16*** Over Sani Pass into the Drakensberg mountains of Kwa Zulu Natal. Day walks in Royal Natal National Park. Through Ladysmith to the Zulu battle site of Rorkes Drift. ***Days 17 to 21*** Into Swaziland to Mbabane, then to the south of Kruger National Park. Game viewing in park, then crossing into Mozambique to Maputo. ***Days 22 to 26*** Following the coast of the Indian ocean to Vilanculos. ***Days 27 to 28*** Cross into Zimbabwe and drive to Harare.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Cape Agulhas, Tsitsikamma Nat. Park, Lesotho mountains, Drakensberg Nat. Park, Rorkes Drift battle site, Kruger Nat. Park, Mozambique coast and beaches.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Pony trekking or trail walks in Lesotho US$15-40. Visit to islands off Mozambique US$85.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** RSA

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

TRIBAL CHIEF—LESOTHO ▲

FISHING—MOZAMBIQUE STYLE ▲

▼ DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS

DATES & PRICES

THE ROOTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Cape Town to Harare		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	24 Apr (Sat) - 21 May (Fri)	400	2320
	04 Sep (Sat) - 01 Oct (Fri)*	400	2320
2000	22 Apr (Sat) - 19 May (Fri)	420	2320
	02 Sep (Sat) - 29 Sep (Fri)*	420	2320

*These departures link with African Genesis ex Harare (28 days to Nairobi)

Harare to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	16 May (Sun) - 12 Jun (Sat)**	400	2370
	10 Oct (Sun) - 06 Nov (Sat)**	400	2370
2000	14 May (Sun) - 10 Jun (Sat)**	420	2410
	08 Oct (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)**	420	2410

**These departures link with Southern Cross of Africa ex Cape Town departing 1 week later for 35 days through South West Africa back to Harare OR Safari South for 9 weeks to Nairobi.

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

AFRICAN GENESIS

Nairobi to Harare		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	20 Feb (Sat) - 19 Mar (Fri)	405	2425
	13 Mar (Sat) - 09 Apr (Fri)	405	2425
	24 Jul (Sat) - 20 Aug (Fri)	405	2425
	14 Aug (Sat) - 10 Sep (Fri)	405	2425
	18 Sep (Sat) - 15 Oct (Fri)	405	2425
	09 Oct (Sat) - 05 Nov (Fri)	405	2425
2000	19 Feb (Sat) - 17 Mar (Fri)	420	2425
	11 Mar (Sat) - 07 Apr (Fri)	420	2425
	22 Jul (Sat) - 18 Aug (Fri)	420	2425
	12 Aug (Sat) - 08 Sep (Fri)	420	2425
	16 Sep (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	420	2425
	07 Oct (Sat) - 03 Nov (Fri)	420	2425

Harare to Nairobi		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	06 Feb (Sat) - 05 Mar (Fri)	405	2425
	08 May (Sat) - 04 Jun (Fri)	405	2425
	31 Jul (Sat) - 27 Aug (Fri)	405	2425
	02 Oct (Sat) - 29 Oct (Fri)	405	2425
	18 Dec (Sat) - 14 Jan (Fri)	405	2425
2000	15 Jan (Sat) - 11 Feb (Fri)	420	2425
	05 Feb (Sat) - 03 Mar (Fri)	420	2425
	06 May (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	420	2425
	29 Jul (Sat) - 25 Aug (Fri)	420	2425
	30 Sep (Sat) - 27 Oct (Fri)	420	2425
	16 Dec (Sat) - 12 Jan (Fri)	420	2425

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF AFRICA

Harare to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	20 Mar (Sat) - 23 Apr (Fri)	520	3115
	10 Apr (Sat) - 14 May (Fri)	520	3115
	21 Aug (Sat) - 24 Sep (Fri)	520	3115
	11 Sep (Sat) - 15 Oct (Fri)	520	3115
	16 Oct (Sat) - 19 Nov (Fri)	520	3115
	06 Nov (Sat) - 10 Dec (Fri)	520	3115
2000	18 Mar (Sat) - 21 Apr (Fri)	545	3115
	08 Apr (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	545	3115
	19 Aug (Sat) - 22 Sep (Fri)	545	3115
	09 Sep (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	545	3115
	14 Oct (Sat) - 17 Nov (Fri)	545	3115
	04 Nov (Sat) - 08 Dec (Fri)	545	3115

Cape Town to Harare		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Apr (Sat) - 07 May (Fri)	520	3110
	26 Jun (Sat) - 30 Jul (Fri)	520	3110
	28 Aug (Sat) - 01 Oct (Fri)	520	3110
	13 Nov (Sat) - 17 Dec (Fri)	520	3110
	11 Dec (Sat) - 14 Jan (Fri)	520	3110
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 05 May (Fri)	545	3110
	24 Jun (Sat) - 28 Jul (Fri)	545	3110
	26 Aug (Sat) - 29 Sep (Fri)	545	3110
	11 Nov (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	545	3110
	09 Dec (Sat) - 12 Jan (Fri)	545	3110

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

NAIROBI to HARARE
(or HARARE to NAIROBI)

AFRICAN GENESIS (AGE) | **28 DAYS**

What Is An African Genesis Encounter?

A unique journey travelling through Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe in a 4WD Expedition Truck that allows us total freedom in Africa. It is a journey that explores a variety of the National Parks, from Lake Manyara to Nyika Plateau and along the shorelines of the Lakes Malawi and Kariba.

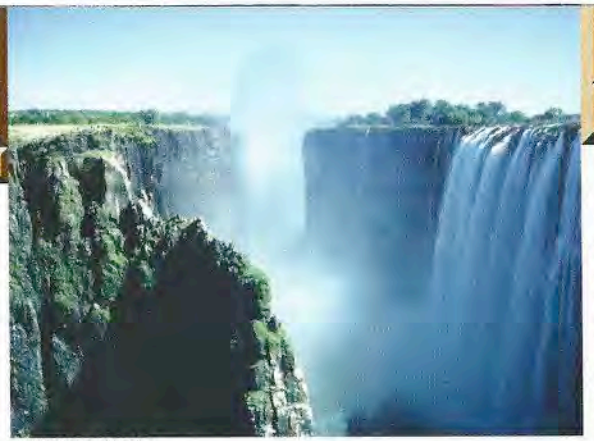
To The Heart Of The Animal Kingdom...

This journey will take us from the metropolis of Nairobi straight into the savannah of East Africa, Tanzania and its great game parks. We visit Manyara National Park set in the Rift Valley, its lake ensuring the life blood to a great variety of bird and wildlife, impala, hippos, elephant and tree climbing lions. We cross the Masai Steppe to Dar es Salaam, the Indian Ocean coast and the option to explore the spice island of Zanzibar. We enter the eastern fork of the Southern Rift that forms Lake Malawi as it stretches some 580 kms to the south. Having entered Malawi we climb to the Nyika Plateau; its extinct crater is a natural haven for the wildlife and here we are able to walk the trails viewing Zebra, Eland, Reedbuck and Warthog as they graze the grasslands. Driving along the shores of Lake Malawi we can visit local fishing communities and relax on the beaches at Salima and Nkhata Bays. We enter Zambia to visit (in season—April to October), South Luangwa National Park, supporting over a hundred species of mammals. Our journey will take us to Lusaka, Zambia's capital before crossing to Zimbabwe at Lake Kariba. Here we board self contained houseboats for two days to motor to islands and around the shores that are home to crocodile, tiger fish, elephant, and an innumerable variety of birds. The journey finishes in Harare—the exciting capital and heart of the nation.

...The Wild Side of Africa

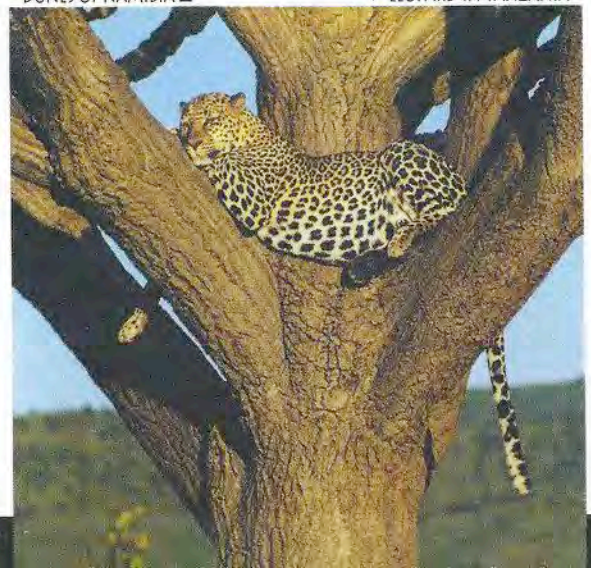
KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KENYA, TANZANIA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, boat to Zanzibar (optional), houseboats on Lake Kariba. ● 4,000kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout, except guesthouses on optional visit to Zanzibar and 2 nights on houseboats on Lake Kariba.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. Local cafe meals if visiting Zanzibar. All meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Days 1 to 4*** Depart Nairobi to Tanzania, Arusha and Lake Manyara National Park. Opportunity to visit Ngorongoro Crater. ***Day 5*** Game viewing in Tarangire National Park (November to March only). ***Days 6 & 7*** Drive through the Masai Steppe to Dar es Salaam. ***Days 8 to 10*** In Dar es Salaam and beaches with an opportunity to visit Zanzibar Island. ***Days 11 to 13*** Drive through southern Tanzania to Malawi and the Nyika Plateau. ***Days 14 to 19*** Follow the shores of Lake Malawi, villages and beaches to Salima Bay, then to Lilongwe. ***Days 20 to 23*** Into Zambia to South Luangwa National Park (April to October only). Then to Lusaka. ***Days 24 to 28*** To Zimbabwe, Lake Kariba and cruise on houseboats, drive to Harare.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Lake Manyara National Park, Dar es Salaam, Lake Malawi, Nyika Highlands, Luangwa Valley National Park or by truck in Tarangire National Park depending on season, house boats on Lake Kariba, Harare.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Visit Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania US$60. Visit to Zanzibar Island off Dar es Salaam US$80.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **AGE**



VICTORIA FALLS ▲

DUNES OF NAMIBIA ▲



▼ LEOPARD IN TANZANIA

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HARARE to CAPE TOWN
(or CAPE TOWN to HARARE)

THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF AFRICA (SCA) | **35 DAYS**

What Is A Southern Cross Of Africa Encounter?

A journey mostly by 4WD Expedition Truck crossing four countries and visiting the highlights of Southern Africa: Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Victoria Falls, wildlife of Chobe National Park, the Okavango Delta, Etosha Pans, Skeleton Coast and the Namib Desert. The south encompassed in just five weeks.

Many Worlds In One World...

Southern Africa, it is said, is many worlds in one and our Southern Cross journey takes us through all the variations of this great land. From Harare we drive through the Eastern Highlands to the ruins of Great Zimbabwe—a fortressed city that once held 10,000 people and was the seat of power for the Bantu Kings. We search for wildlife in Matoba National Park before driving to the spectacular Victoria Falls, the awesome waters of the Zambezi dropping into narrow chasms that create the "Smoke that Thunders".

It is here that we enter Africa's 'playground' to white water raft, fly micro-lights, bungy jump, pony trek... the choice is yours. To Botswana where we will explore the game trails of Chobe National Park, renowned for its large Elephant and Cape Buffalo herds which can often be viewed late in the afternoons going about their bathing rituals down at the riverside. We then cross the flats of Northern Botswana to Maun, our preparation point to enter the waterways of the Okavango Delta, so by mokoro canoes we venture through the delta's islands viewing its wildlife. Through the northern Kalahari to Namibia and the Etosha National Park where, despite the fact it appears so flat and barren, it does harbour a huge variety of animals; springbok, oryx, giraffe, lion and wildebeeste. We cross the Brandenberg mountains to the Skeleton Coast, the Namib Desert to Fish River Canyon before crossing the Orange River to South Africa. It is only when we complete this incredible journey in Cape Town that we can reflect back on five amazing weeks that have encompassed Southern Africa.

...In Harmony With Nature

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, chartered vehicles in Matoba National Park, mokoro canoes in the Okavango Delta ● 5,500kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. All meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Days1 to 4*** Depart Harare, drive through Eastern Highlands to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins and Bulawayo. ***Days 5 to 8*** Game viewing in Matoba National Park, to Victoria Falls. ***Days 9 to 13*** Into Botswana, two days through Chobe National Park then to Maun. ***Days 14 to 16*** In Okavango Delta by mokoro canoes and foot. ***Days 17 to 20*** Drive through the northern Kalahari desert via Tsodilo Hills to Shakawe following the Okavango river to the Caprivi Strip and Namibia. ***Days 21 to 26*** To Etosha National Park, game viewing, through Brandenburg mountains to the Skeleton coast at Swakopmund. ***Days 27 to 31*** Via Walvis Bay into the Namib Desert and giant dunes at Sossusvlei. Luderitz to Fish River Canyon. ***Days 32 to 35*** Into South Africa, over the Orange River and south into Cape Province, the wilderness of Cedarberg to Cape Town.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Harare, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Matoba National Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Okavango Delta, Tsodilo Hills, Etosha National Park, Skeleton Coast, sand dunes at Sossusvlei, Fish River Canyon, Orange River, Cedarberg, Cape Town.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Many activities at Victoria Falls allow up to US$250. Quad biking & sandboarding in Nambia US$75.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SCA**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

NAIROBI to CAIRO

BLUE NILE AND BEYOND (BNB) — 9 WEEKS

What Is A Blue Nile & Beyond Encounter?

This is a journey by 4WD Expedition truck through the game parks and ancient tribal lands of East Africa to Egypt. From the National Parks and the breathtaking panoramas of Kenya to the Valley of the Kings in the Land of the Pharaohs. It is an expedition through the heart of Ethiopia, Sudan and upper Egypt that requires a flexible approach.

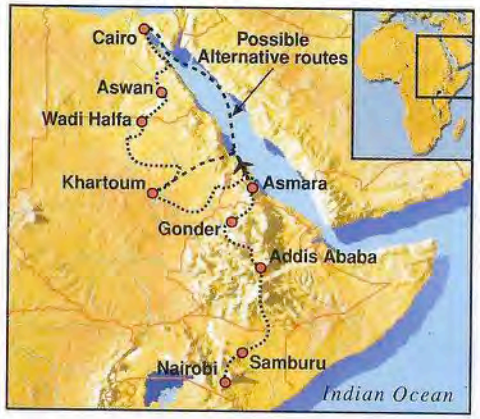
The Dramatic Journey To The Land Of Kings...

Our journey begins in Kenya where the variety of birds and abundance of wildlife is startling. The snowy peaks of Mount Kenya and the craggy mountains and canyons of the Samburu lands lead us into Marsabit. Here amidst the colours of the most brilliant sunsets we meet people fierce in tradition and independent in their ways. Ethiopia, with its abundance of fertile land, hot springs and lively market places will change your perception of this misunderstood land. Here religion is celebrated within the walls of the decorative monasteries, churches, palaces and castles of the old capital, Gonder. Offering a powerful contrast to the freshness of Eritrea—a country rebuilt after thirty years of war—that somehow still has a certain charm. As we travel from Eritrea we explore the vast coral reefs that hide in the depths of the Red Sea. From the cities and fruit orchards of Sudan we head north to cross the Baduya desert where Egyptian tombs and temples nestle in the heat. We travel to Egypt along the Nile following a map of wealth and treasure at every turn. On board feluccas (traditional shallow Nile sailing boats) we drift downstream to the legendary tombs of the Old Kingdom. In this world of the Pharoahs we prepare ourselves for the sights of Cairo; the magnificent treasures of such an ancient civilisation are a fitting climax to such a rich journey.

...A New Experience In An Ancient World

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KENYA, ETHIOPIA, ERITREA, SUDAN, EGYPT.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD Expedition truck, with ferry from Sudan to Egypt, and feluccas in Egypt. ● 8,800kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, with on deck living quarters on the ferries
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, picnic lunches. Fresh food and our own cooked bread at times, supplemented by truck supplies in remoter areas Meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 Nairobi to Lake Naivasha, Hell's Gate National Park to Samburu - remote tribal lands to Ethiopia. ***Week 2*** Into Ethiopia and through the Rift Valley to Addis Ababa. ***Week 3*** In Addis Ababa, city & markets then north to highlands. The Blue Nile gorge, Tisisat Falls to Bahir Dar. ***Week 4*** Lake Tana, Gonder, Simien Mountains National Pak & Axum. ***Week 5*** North to Eritrea, Mitsiwa & the Red Sea. ***Week 6*** Inland to Sudan to Kassala joining routes to the Nile & Khartoum & Omdurman. ***Week 7*** Khartoum, north across desert tracks to Dongola & Wadi Halfa. Either by road or ferry to Egypt. ***Week 8*** To Aswan, ancient tombs & Nubian communities, North to Luxor. ***Week 9*** Luxor, Valley of the Kings, to Red Sea at Hurghada, then to Cairo with its great Pyramids & Sphinx.
  N.B. Due to the ever changing political and border tensions between Sudan & her neighbours (especially Egypt & Ethiopia) our itinerary may have to take on alternative routes by ferry from Port Sudan to Suez or Mitsiwa to Safaga.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Hell's Gate Foot Safari, Samburu, Tisisat falls, Lake Tana, Monasteries and churches of Gonder and Lalibela, Axum, Omdurman markets, Aswan, felucca sail trip on Nile, The Valley of the Kings, the site of the Pyramids and Sphinx.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Visit to Abu Simbel US$100
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **BNB**



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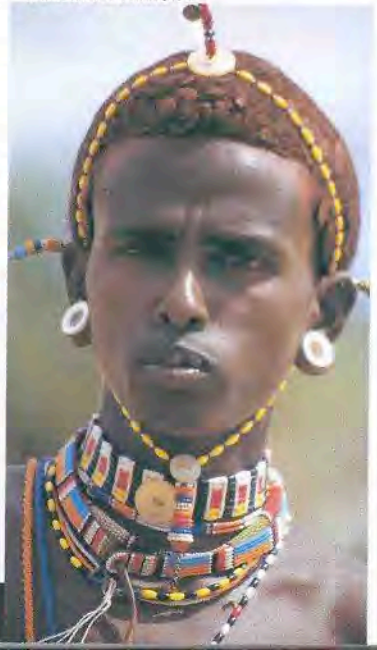
ETHIOPIAN PANORAMA ▲ ▼ MARKET—BAHIR DAR

SAMBURU WARRIOR ▼ ▼ A LOCAL ENCOUNTER



DATES & PRICES

BLUE NILE AND BEYOND

Nairobi to Cairo	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 13 Mar (Sat) - 14 May (Fri)	570	3995
06 Nov (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	570	3995
2000 11 Mar (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	595	4090
04 Nov (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	595	4090

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

THE GREAT SAFARI

London to Nairobi	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 13 Mar (Sat) - 16 Jul (Fri)	980	6610
08 May (Sat) - 10 Sep (Fri)	980	6610
21 Aug (Sat) - 24 Dec (Fri)	980	6610
27 Nov (Sat) - 31 Mar (Fri)	980	6610
2000 29 Jan (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	1020	6610
06 May (Sat) - 08 Sep (Fri)	1020	6610
19 Aug (Sat) - 22 Dec (Fri)	1020	6610
25 Nov (Sat) - 30 Mar(Fri)	1020	6610

Nairobi to London	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999 04 Sep (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	980	6610
24 Dec (Sat) - 28 Apr (Fri)	980	6610
2000 22 Jan (Sat) - 26 May (Fri)	1020	6610
02 Sep (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	1020	6610
23 Dec (Sat) - 27 Apr(Fri)	1020	6610

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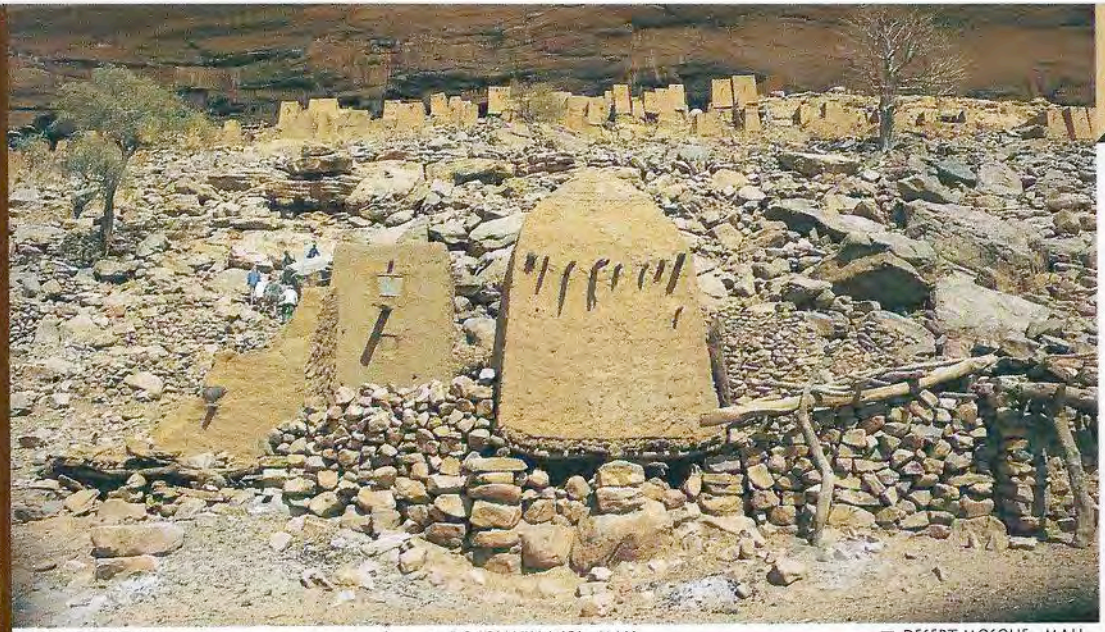
THE GREAT SAFARI (GSA)

18 WEEKS



CONGO ROADS! ▼

▲ DOGON VILLAGES—MALI

▼ DESERT MOSQUE—MALI

What Is The Great Safari Encounter?

It is the ultimate safari experience travelled overland by 4WD Expedition truck, landrovers and ferries. It is a demanding journey that encompasses wildlife of the national parks, the jungles of Central Africa and cultures of twelve different countries from Morocco to Kenya taking in jungle tracks, desert sands and savannah.

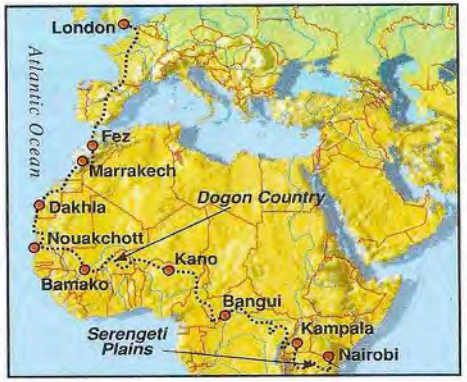
For People Who Want To Experience Life In All Its Greatness...

It is often difficult to imagine a life beyond our everyday lives. Africa offers us another life which is not beyond the reach of anyone. If you have a desire to experience things that you have never before imagined, then you may have to try a few things that you have never tried before. This may involve digging yourselves out of a desert or pushing an Encounter truck to the safety of solid ground —but the rewards are truly worth the work! The Great Safari is the ultimate experience. When we see the vast deserts of the Sahara we will know, like few others have known, the meaning of boundless freedom. There is no other place to compare with the noise and excitement of an African market place. In the jungles, the heartbeat of Africa is so strong and so captivating that we might mistake it for our own pulse. The Kapsiki highlands in Northern Cameroun is a hidden place where the Kirdi people dwell. It is a small world that hides in the shadow of the misty volcanoes that thrust their lava cores over the land. It is these kind of hidden places that we explore. After the rains, the roads flow south in torrents of liquid earth into the rain forests of Central Africa. Our only consolation is that everyone else will be wearing the same amount of earth as us. Crossing the Congo (formerly Zaire) is our greatest challenge. Other delights include the lush green watershed of Uganda, the serenity of the Serengeti plains and the sounds of the National Parks. You will never again experience such diversity in one continent.

...Africa, Come Explore Her Beauty

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** FRANCE, SPAIN, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, NIGERIA, CAMEROUN, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO, UGANDA, TANZANIA, KENYA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, jungle ferries in Congo & landrovers in Ngorongoro Crater ● 16,250 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout the journey.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies in remoter areas. All meals prepared by group on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 Transit France & Spain, Madrid, Algeciras to Morocco. ***Weeks 2 & 3*** In Morocco, Rabat, Fez, the Atlas mountains, Marrakech & Atlantic coast beaches. ***Weeks 4 & 5*** South into Mauritania, crossing the Western Sahara to Nouakchott. Oasis villages of West Africa, Nema to Bamako. ***Weeks 6 & 7*** The Niger river & communities of Mopti & Djenne, the Bandiagara Escarpment & Dogon country. To Burkina Faso, crossing savannah lands to Niger. ***Weeks 8 & 9*** From Niamey to Nigeria & the market of Kano. Crossing into Cameroun & the ancient volcanic Kapsiki Mountains. ***Weeks 10 & 11*** Entering the tropical forests of Central Africa to Dzanga Sancha Reserve, Pygmy villages & jungle wildlife, then to the colonial capital Bangui. ***Weeks 12 to 15*** East to Bangassou, crossing into Congo & the demanding roads, river crossings & bridges of the Congo River. To Uganda & Murchison Falls. ***Weeks 16 to 18*** Queen Elizabeth National Park & the wildlife of the Kazinga channel, Kampala then around the shores of Lake Victoria to Tanzania. Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater to Nairobi.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Fez, the Atlas Mountains, Dogon villages, Kano, Kapsiki highlands, Dzanga Sancha Reserve, National Parks of Uganda & Tanzania, Lake Victoria, Ngorongoro Crater and Nairobi.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  White water rafting at Jinja US$100
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GSA**



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LONDON to NAIROBI to CAIRO
(or CAIRO to NAIROBI to LONDON)

AFRICA ENCOMPASSED (AEN) | **24 WEEKS**

What Is An Africa Encompassed Encounter?

This Encounter is a once in a lifetime journey that stretches from London to Cairo through all of Africa's greatest wonders. We employ a wide variety of transport to get us across the deserts, mountains, seas, rivers and lakes of this vast continent.

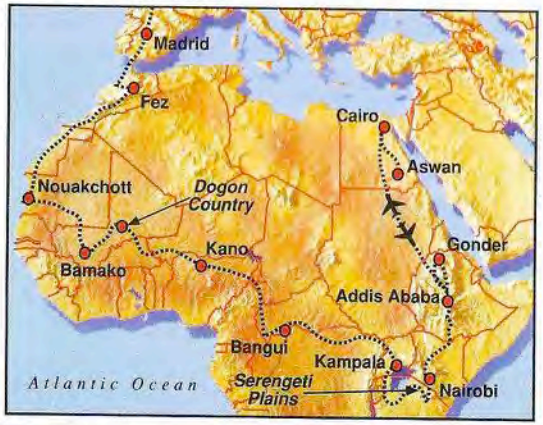
Time To Live...

We travel through Europe to Spain where we wave goodbye to familiar civilisation and cross to the wild and unruly beauty of Morocco. Morocco is one of the most fascinating trading places in the world and is a colourful gateway to the open spaces and golden landscape of the Southern Sahara. We follow the artery of the Niger River to the Dogon where we witness a way of life that has been largely unchanged for millennia. Easily we step into the slow pace of life, marvelling at the brilliant colours of bird and wildlife and revelling in the majesty of star-studded skies. From the legendary "Mountains of the Moon" we journey to the secret world of the Serengeti Plains and catch a glimpse of the breathtaking scenery that lies ahead—the Great Rift Valley never fails to impress the soul. At Marsabit we mix with the fierce and independent people of the Rendille, Boran and Galla tribes, respendent in their multicoloured beads and textiles—then north to the forgotten wonders of Ethiopia, Egypt and the fabled lands of the Pharaohs and the relaxing delights of the Red Sea.

...Encompass It All

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EUROPE, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, NIGERIA, CAMEROUN, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO, UGANDA, TANZANIA, KENYA, ETHIOPIA, EGYPT.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD Expedition truck, Landrovers in Ngorongoro crater, on foot safari in Kenya, feluccas in Egypt. Flight between Addis Ababa and Cairo or v.v. **not** included in trip cost ● 22,000kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 90% camping, Hotels and guest houses in northern Ethiopia & Egypt, sleeper trains in Egypt.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches, restaurant and hotel meals in Egypt & northern Ethiopia. Fresh food and truck supplies. Meals prepared on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Weeks 1 & 2*** Through France & Spain to Morocco, Rabat & Fez to Atlas Mountains. ***Weeks 3 & 4*** To Marrakech, the Atlantic Coast & into the Western Sahara to Mauritania. ***Weeks 5 & 6*** Into Mauritania, across desert tracks to Nouakchott. Inland to Mali & Bamako. ***Weeks 7 to 9*** The upper Niger, Mopti & Dogon country to Burkina Faso & Niger. Into Nigeria to Kano, then to Cameroun & the Kapsiki Mountains. ***Weeks 10 & 11*** Into Central Africa, jungle reserves, wildlife & Pygmy communities to Bangui. ***Weeks 12 to 15*** Into Congo and the demanding jungle tracks & river crossings to Uganda. ***Weeks 16 to 18*** Uganda, the wildlife of QE II National Park, Kampala, then around western shores of Lake Victoria to Tanzania, the Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater to Nairobi. ***Week 19*** **7/8 day break in Nairobi—own arrangements to laze on a Kenyan beach or climb Kilimanjaro.** ***Weeks 20 to 22*** North through Kenya, Lake Naivasha, Samburu, into Ethiopia, the Rift Valley & Lakes, Awash to Addis Ababa. Domestic flights to Bahir Dar, Lake Tana & Gonder. ***Weeks 23 & 24*** From Aswan we explore historical sights along the Nile, Luxor & Valley of the Kings, then the Red Sea Coast to Cairo.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Fez, Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Sahara Desert, Dogon country and villlages, Kapsiki Mts, Dzanga Sancha Reserve, Lake Victoria, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, foot safari in Hell's Gate National Park, Ethiopian Rift Valley, Tisisat Falls, Castles and palaces of Gonder, Aswan & Valley of the Kings, Red Sea beaches, Cairo, Pyramids and Sphinx.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** White water rafting at Jinja US$100. Visit to Abu Simbel allow US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **AEN**



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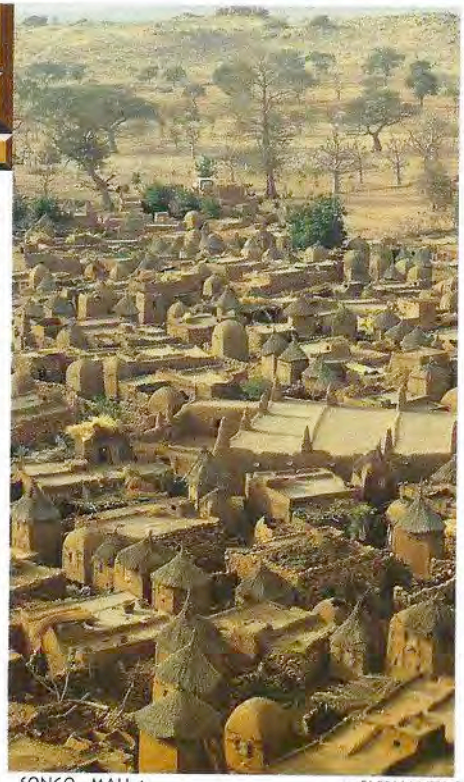
SONGO—MALI ▲

▼ELEPHANTS OF WASA NATIONAL PARK—CAMEROUN

▲FACE OF ETHIOPIA

"IN REGION OF THE UNKNOWN AFRICA IS THE ABSOLUTE" —VICTOR HUGO

DATES & PRICES

AFRICA ENCOMPASSED

London to Cairo		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Aug (Sat) - 04 Feb (Fri)	1340	9610
	27 Nov (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	1340	9610
2000	29 Jan (Sat) - 14 Jul (Fri)	1400	9610
	19 Aug (Sat) - 02 Feb (Fri)	1400	9610
	25 Nov (Sat) - 11 May (Fri)	1400	9610

Cairo to London		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	24 Jul (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	1340	9395
	13 Nov (Sat) - 28 Apr (Fri)	1340	9620
2000	22 Jul (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	1400	9620
	11 Nov (Sat) - 27 Apr (Fri)	1400	9620

N.B. The cost of the integral flight and taxes, Addis Ababa to Cairo or v.v are not included—allow approx US$600

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

CAPE TO CAIRO

Cape Town to Cairo		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	28 Aug (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	1350	8730
2000	01 Jan (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	1400	8880
	26 Aug (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	1400	8995

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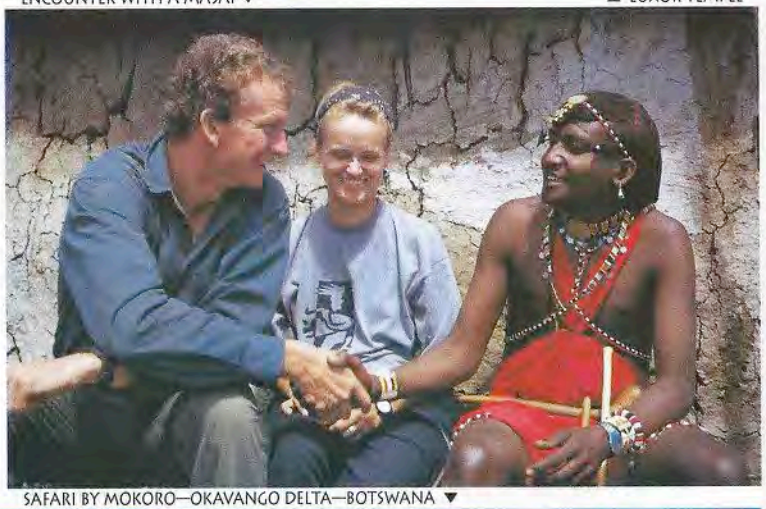
ENCOUNTER WITH A MASAI ▼ ▲ LUXOR TEMPLE



SAFARI BY MOKORO—OKAVANGO DELTA—BOTSWANA ▼

CAPE TOWN to NAIROBI to CAIRO

CAPE TO CAIRO (CCA) | **19 WEEKS**

What Is A Cape To Cairo Encounter?

This is an exciting combination of the Safari South and the Blue Nile & Beyond encounters. It is a nomadic journey travelled mostly by 4WD expedition truck that includes both ancient wonders and some of the most awe-inspiring natural landscape on earth. From the bottom to the top of Africa, an historic journey.

From Open Spaces To Secret Worlds...

This journey takes us from the secretive world of diamond trading, along the Skeleton Coast and into the wildlife havens of Namibia's National Parks. The deafening peace of the Okavango Delta awaits us next and only the glorious thunder of Victoria Falls can break the Okavango spell. Ahead lies breath-taking scenery and the incredible experience of watching the migratory habits of the world's great herds. After several weeks of safari living and the chance to explore the magical spice island of Zanzibar and climb Mt Kilimanjaro, we then turn north and follow the Great Rift Valley and the Blue Nile to the ancient world of the Abyssinians & Pharaohs. This is one of the world's greatest journeys and still travelled by few.

...The Historical Journey from the Cape to Cairo, Come With Us

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, MALAWI, TANZANIA, KENYA, ETHIOPIA, ERITREA, SUDAN & EGYPT.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition trucks, interspersed with ferries, boats and canoes. ● 18,300kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 95% Camping, 2 nights aboard a houseboat on Lake Kariba, guest houses on Zanzibar Island and 1 night aboard the Nile feluccas.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies and our own cooked bread at times. Meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Weeks 1 & 2*** From Cape Town, north to Namibia, Fish River Canyon, Namib Desert, Skeleton Coast to Etosha. ***Weeks 3 & 4*** Etosha National Park, through Caprivi Strip to northern Kalahari desert. Okavango Delta & Chobe National Park. ***Weeks 5 & 6*** Into Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls, Matopos National Park to Harare, Houseboats on Lake Kariba, into Zambia. ***Weeks 7 & 8*** Lusaka, South Luangwa National Park (April - Oct only), to Malawi, Lake & fishing villages then to the Highlands & Nyika Plateau. Into Tanzania to Dar es Salaam with an opportunity to visit Zanzibar Island. ***Week 9*** Across Masai Steppe to Arusha, Lake Manyara. Opportunity to visit Ngorongoro Crater. Tarangire National Park (Nov - Mar only) ***Week 10 7/8 day break in Nairobi—own arrangements. Laze on a Kenyan beach or climb Kilimanjaro. Week 11 & 12*** North through Kenya, Lake Naivasha, Samburu to Ethiopia, the great Rift Valley to Addis Ababa. ***Weeks 13 & 14*** Ethiopian highlands, the Blue Nile, Bahir Dar, Gonder, Simien Mountains National Park & Axum. ***Weeks 15 & 16*** North to Eritrea, the Red Sea—inland to Sudan & the Nile at Khartoum. ***Weeks 17 to 19*** North through Nubian desert to Egypt. Aswan to Luxor, the Red Sea to Cairo.
  N.B. Due to the ever changing political tensions between Sudan & her neighbours (especially Egypt) our itinerary may have to take an alternative route by ferry from Port Sudan to Suez or Mitsawa to Safaga.
- **HIGHLIGHTS & OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES** As stated in the details of The Safari South (page 33) and The Blue Nile & Beyond (page 28)
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **CCA**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

LONDON to NAIROBI to CAPE TOWN
(or CAPE TOWN to NAIROBI to LONDON)

AFRICA A-Z (AAZ) | **28 WEEKS**

What Is An Africa A To Z Encounter?

This is a journey that takes us the length and breadth of Africa, travelling the distance between the Atlas Mountains and the Zambezi River. In an Encounter truck and at times on foot and by canoe we complete this expedition throughout all of Africa. This nomadic lifestyle of 28 weeks takes us through some of the worlds most fascinating places

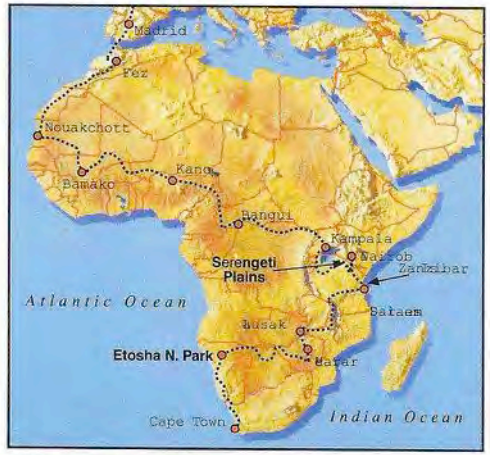
Africa—It Has Been Dressed In Nature's Beauty...

We leave behind the progressive style of Europe and turn our attention to the extraordinary streets and bazaars of Fez and Marrakesh, the first taste of a radically different culture. The contrast between the stark ravines and the fertile slopes of the Atlas and the silent vastness of the Sahara Desert is dramatic. This journey will allow us to experience beautiful volcanic scenery, villages tucked deep in dense forest, thundering waterfalls and meandering waterways and the natural habitat of a huge array of wildlife. From the Kapsiki Highlands of Cameroun via the Boali and Kembe Falls we travel on to explore the mighty Serengeti National Park. We travel to Victoria Falls on the borders of Zambia and Zimbabwe, known to the locals as the "Smoke that Thunders", before travelling on to Botswana. The incredible birdlife of the Okavango Delta and the untouched delights of the waterless Kalahari—life and home to the legendary bushmen—offer us a fitting climax to this great adventure.

...Come And Explore

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EUROPE, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, NIGERIA, CAMEROUN, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO, UGANDA, TANZANIA, KENYA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, S. AFRICA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, Landrovers, mokoro canoes in Okavango Delta, houseboats on Lake Kariba, ferries and on foot. ● 27,500 kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 95% camping, guesthouses in Zanzibar, houseboats on Lake Kariba
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food when available supplemented by truck supplies in some areas. All meals prepared are rota based.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Weeks 1 to 3*** France & Spain to Morocco; Fez, Atlas mountains & Marrakech. ***Weeks 4 to 6*** Mauritania, Western Sahara to Nouakchott. West Africa, Bamako & Dogon country. ***Weeks 7 to 9*** Burkina Faso, Niger, Niamey to Nigeria & Kano market. Cameroun & the Kapsiki mountains. ***Weeks 10 to 15*** Central Africa, Dzanga Sancha Reserve & Bangui. Into Congo, demanding roads & river crossings of the former Zaire to Uganda. ***Weeks 16 to 18*** Q E II Nat. Park, Kampala & Lake Victoria to Tanzania. Serengeti Nat. Park, Ngorongoro Crater to Nairobi. ***Week 19*** **7/8 day break, own arrangements in Nairobi, opportunity to climb Kilimanjaro or relax on Indian Ocean beaches.** ***Weeks 20 to 22*** Into Tanzania. Lake Manyara Nat.Park. Opportunity to visit Ngorongoro Crater. Tarangire Nat. Park (Nov - March only). Dar es Salaam with an opportunity to visit Zanzibar Island, Malawi. Lake & fishing villages, Nyika Plateau & Lilongwe. ***Weeks 23 to 25*** Zambia, South Luangwa Nat. Park (April - Oct only), Lusaka to Zimbabwe. Houseboats on Lake Kariba, Harare, Eastern highlands to Matoba Nat. Park & Victoria Falls. Botswana, Chobe Nat. Park to Maun. ***Weeks 26 to 28*** Okavango Delta, Northern Kalahari & Caprivi strip into Namibia & Etosha Nat. Park. Skeleton Coast, Fish River Canyon. Cederberg wilderness to Capetown.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Fez, Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Sahara Desert, Dogon villages, Kapsiki Highlands, Dzanca Sancha Reserve, Queen Elizabeth Nat. Park, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara Nat. Park, Zanzibar, Lake Malawi. Houseboats on Lake Kariba, Harare and Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Matoba Nat. Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe Nat. Park, Kalahari Desert, Okavango Delta, Etosha Nat. Park, Skeleton Coast, Fish River Canyon, Orange River, Cape Town.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  White water rafting ant Jinja US$100. Visit to Zanzibar island off Dar es Salaam US$80. Visit Ngorongoro Crater in Tanania US$60. Many activities at Victoria Falls allow US$250. Quad biking & sandboarding in Namibia US$75.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **AAZ**



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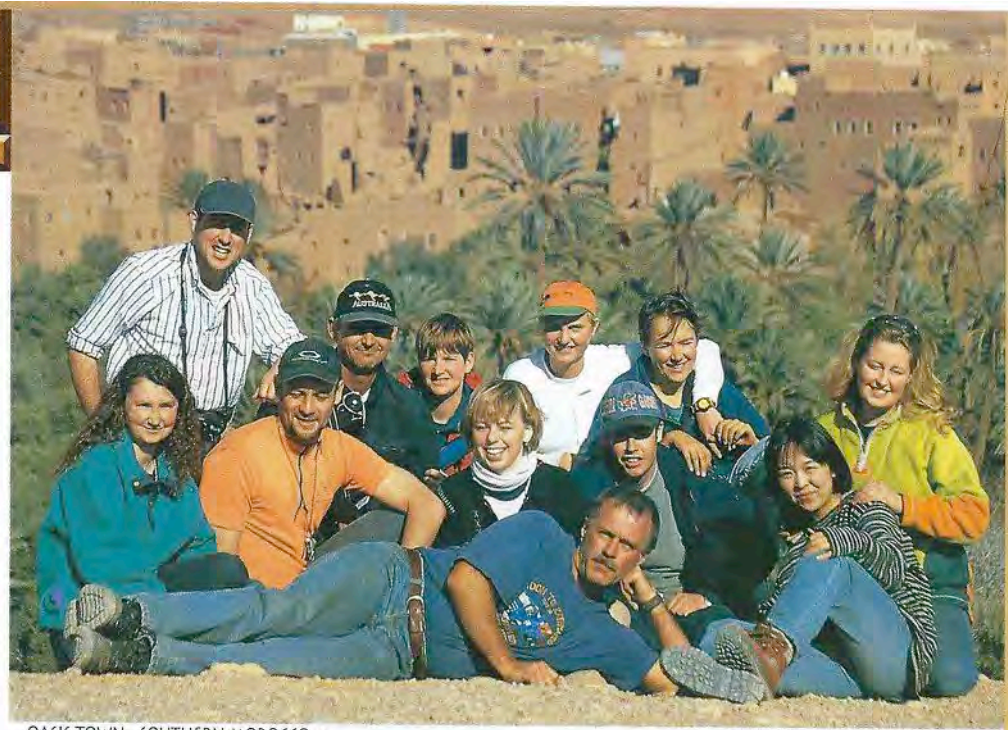

OASIS TOWN—SOUTHERN MOROCCO ▲

▼ ZEBRAS OF NGORONGORO CRATER

DATES & PRICES

AFRICA A-Z

Cape Town to London		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	26 Jun (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	1615	10895
	13 Nov (Sat) - 26 May (Fri)	1615	11170
2000	24 Jun (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	1690	11445
	11 Nov (Sat) - 25 May (Fri)	1690	11715

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

SAFARI SOUTH

Nairobi to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	20 Feb (Sat) - 23 Apr (Fri)	885	5095
	13 Mar (Sat) - 14 May (Fri)	885	5095
	24 Jul (Sat) - 24 Sep (Fri)	885	5095
	14 Aug (Sat) - 15 Oct (Fri)	885	5230
	18 Sep (Sat) - 19 Nov (Fri)	885	5230
	09 Oct (Sat) - 10 Dec (Fri)	885	5230
2000	19 Feb (Sat) - 21 Apr (Fri)	920	5230
	11 Mar (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	920	5230
	22 Jul (Sat) - 22 Sep (Fri)	920	5230
	12 Aug (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	920	5230
	16 Sep (Sat) - 17 Nov (Fri)	920	5230
	07 Oct (Sat) - 08 Dec (Fri)	920	5230

Cape Town to Nairobi		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Apr (Sat) - 04 Jun (Fri)	885	5095
	26 Jun (Sat) - 27 Aug (Fri)	885	5095
	28 Aug (Sat) - 29 Oct (Fri)	885	5230
	13 Nov (Sat) - 14 Jan (Fri)	885	5230
	11 Dec (Sat) - 11 Feb (Fri)	885	5230
2000	01 Jan (Sat) - 03 Mar (Fri)	920	5230
	01 Apr (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	920	5230
	24 Jun (Sat) - 25 Aug (Fri)	920	5230
	26 Aug (Sat) - 27 Oct (Fri)	920	5230
	11 Nov (Sat) - 12 Jan (Fri)	920	5230
	09 Dec (Sat) - 09 Feb (Fri)	920	5230

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

COAST OF ZANZIBAR ISLAND▲

▲ ELEPHANTS OF TANZANIA

VIEW OF CAPE TOWN▼

NAIROBI to CAPE TOWN
(or CAPE TOWN to NAIROBI)

SAFARI SOUTH (SSO) | **9 WEEKS**

What Is A Safari South Encounter?

A journey utilising a 4WD expedition truck, ferry boats, houseboats and canoes to encounter the Africa that lies beneath the equator. From Rift Valley Lakes to the Indian Ocean, the Victoria Falls to the Namib Desert and the wildlife of the Okavango and Chobe to the bottom of Africa—Cape Town.

The Ultimate Southern Experience...

This diverse nine week journey will encounter all the extremes and highlights of Southern Africa from the equator to the Cape of Good Hope. From Nairobi we drive south to Tanzania where we will experience our first wildlife haven, Lake Manyara National Park nestled on the floor of the Great Rift Valley. Here is an abundance of bird life, hippos, elephants, antelope, baboon and the occasional 'tree climbing lion'! Seasonally we also visit Tarangire National Park and there is also the occasional choice to travel into Ngorongoro Crater. We now cross the Masai Steppe to the Indian Ocean coast and from Dar es Salaam there is an opportunity to ferry across to the wonderful 'spice island' of Zanzibar. Then we drive south, following the eastern fork of the Rift Valley to Malawi and its picturesque lake, stretching some 580kms in length. The shores of the lake are dotted with characteristic and friendly fishing villages and time is taken to relax on the beaches before entering the game trails of Zambia. From Lusaka we cross the lower Zambezi River as it flows out of Lake Kariba—here houseboats will become our transport and home for several days as we explore the islands and shores, searching for crocodile, hippo and numerous water birds. Our journey through Zimbabwe takes us through Harare, the Eastern Highlands and the Great Zimbabwe Ruins to Victoria Falls. Numerous activities here make it Africa's playground. To Botswana and the great elephant herds of the Chobe park, then across the northern Kalahari to the Okavango Delta, exploring its backwaters by mokoro canoes. We enter Namibia through the narrow Caprivi Strip that borders Angola to Etosha Pans National Park—appearing at first as nothing but a huge, flat, dusty salt pan, but in fact home to springbok, zebra, giraffe, oryx and black-maned lion. We skirt the twisted rock shapes of the Brandenberg Mountains to the Skeleton Coast, cooled by the chill of the Benguela Current. We explore the colonial past of Swakopmund and Luderitz, the dunes of the Namib Desert and peer down the walls of the 160kms long Fish River Canyon. Our crossing of the Orange River marks our entry into South Africa and Cape Town nestled below the vistas of Table Mountain brings a fitting end to an incredible journey.

...A Journey Through Known and Unknown

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KENYA, TANZANIA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, ferry to Zanzibar (optional), houseboats on Lake Kariba, mokoro canoes in Okavango. ● 9,500kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 90% Camping, guesthouses if visiting Zanzibar, houseboats on Lake Kariba.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. Meals prepared by everyone on rota basis. Restaurant/cafe meals if visiting Zanzibar.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Week 1*** Nairobi to Arusha, Tanzania, then into Rift Valley. Lake Manyara National Park and Tarangire National Park (Nov - March only). Opportunity to visit Ngorongoro Crater. Across the Masai Steppe to Dar es Salaam. ***Week 2*** In Dar es Salaam - Indian Ocean beaches or opportunity to visit Zanzibar Island. Drive south to Malawi. Nyika Plateau and wildlife trails. ***Week 3*** Lake Malawi, fishing villages and beaches. Relax at Nkhata and Salima Bays. Drive via Lilongwe to Zambia. ***Week 4*** Visit Luangwa Valley National Park (optional walking safari April - Oct only). To Lusaka, then crossing the Zambezi river to Zimbabwe. Houseboats on Lake Kariba, then to Harare. ***Week 5*** From Harare via Eastern Highlands to the Great Zimbabwe ruins, Matoba National Park to the thundering waters of Victoria Falls. ***Week 6*** At Victoria Falls, then crossing to Botswana and the wildlife of Chobe National Park. Drive to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. ***Week 7*** By mokoro canoes through the delta then through the Northern Kalahari and the bushman paintings of the Tsodilo Hills. Enter Namibia via the Caprivi Strip to Etosha National Park. ***Week 8*** Tracking the wildlife of Etosha, then via the Brandenberg Mountains to the Skeleton Coast, Swakopmund and the Namib Desert. ***Week 9*** Walvis Bay and Luderitz to the Fish River Canyon, then into South Africa crossing the Orange River and down through the Cedarbergs to Cape Town.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Lake Manyara Nat. Park, Ngorongoro Crater (optional), Tarangire Nat. Park (Nov - Mar), Zanzibar Island (optional), Nyika Plateau, Lake Malawi, Luangwa Valley Nat. Park (Apr - Oct), Lake Kariba, Harare, Zimbabwe ruins, Matoba Nat. Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe Nat. Park, Okavango Delta, Etosha Nat. Park, Skeleton Coast, Namib Desert, Fish River Canyon, Cedarberg Mountains.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Visit Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania US$60. Visit Zanzibar island off Dar es Salaam US$80. Many activities at Victoria Falls allow US$250. Quad biking and sandboarding in Namibia US$75.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SSO**

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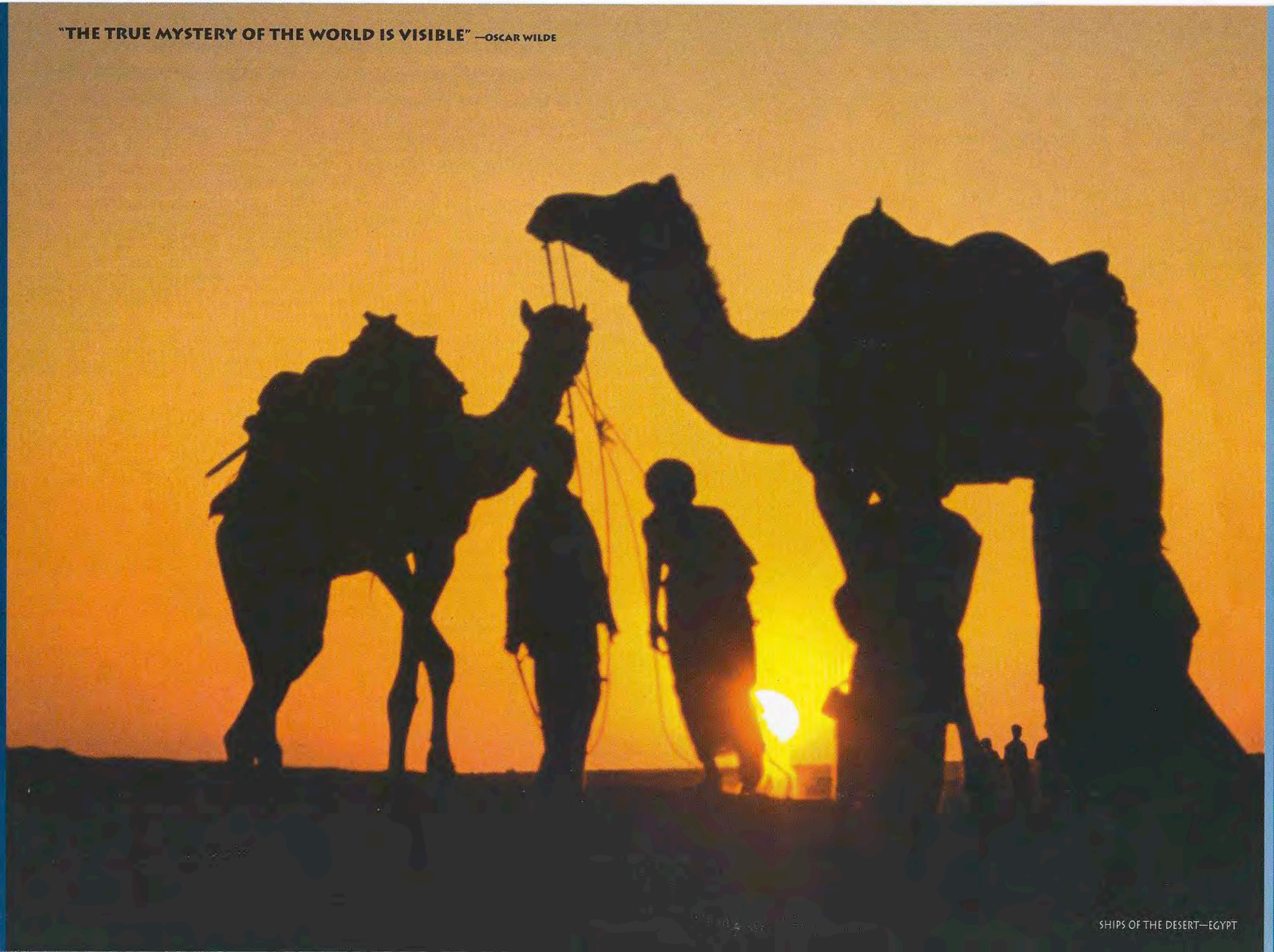
"THE TRUE MYSTERY OF THE WORLD IS VISIBLE" —OSCAR WILDE



SHIPS OF THE DESERT—EGYPT

DATES & PRICES

THE GREAT OVERLAND ENCOUNTER

London to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Aug (Sat) - 14 Apr (Fri)	1825	12575
	27 Nov (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	1825	12575
2000	29 Jan (Sat) - 22 Sep (Fri)	1920	12775
	19 Aug (Sat) - 13 Apr (Fri)	1920	13120
	25 Nov (Sat) - 20 Jul (Fri)	1920	13120

Kathmandu to London		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	15 May (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	1825	12270
	04 Sep (Sat) - 28 Apr (Fri)	1825	12575
2000	13 May (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	1920	12880
	02 Sep (Sat) - 27 Apr (Fri)	1920	13120

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

N.B. The cost of the integral flight and taxes Addis Ababa to Cairo or v.v. are not included—allow approx US$600.

EXPERIENCE TELLS

I was recently on the Great Safari from London to Nairobi and I'm writing to say how much of a great time I had!! Our leader was absolutely fantastic, a real cool bloke who dealt with all the situations and our various problems brilliantly. He coped when I'm sure many other people would've cracked! E.O. really kicked arse!!! Seeing other operators made me realise that I'd definitely made the best choice in choosing Encounter for my first and not the last trip to Africa. I was also glad we weren't on a kitty system and all expenses were prepaid, as we would have definitely run out of money toward the end and wouldn't have been able to visit the game parks etc. As it happens, after our huge detour through Gabon, The Congo, Southern Zaire to Zambia, we saw everything and a lot more besides.

I miss life on the truck and everyone became one big happy family. I only wish I could've continued on with the others on The Great Overland Encounter to Kathmandu!

Thanks for the trip of a lifetime
AMELIA BIRCH

I have just got back from the Cairo to Tunisia trip. My only criticism was the number of times we could get washed—too many times.
BOB WILLIAMS

I have just returned from my Nepal & Tibet trip, it was excellent—we were a group of nine plus Janine as leader. She made the trip worthwhile, always having us out with the 'locals' and taking us on small hikes to acclimatize to the altitude. Tibet far exceeded my expectations and I want to thank Encounter and Janine for making this trip memorable.

Thanks again.
DON BRUNELLE

CAMPED OUT—MAURITANIA ▲

▼ SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

KATHMANDU to NAIROBI to LONDON
(or LONDON to NAIROBI to KATHMANDU)

THE GREAT OVERLAND ENCOUNTER (GOE) — 34 WEEKS

What Is A Great Overland Encounter?

It connects Asia with Africa using various forms of transport from expedition trucks to Nile feluccas, internal flights to jungle river ferries. It offers a nomadic lifestyle for seven months and exposure to extremes of weather and all the physical challenges of two very different continents.

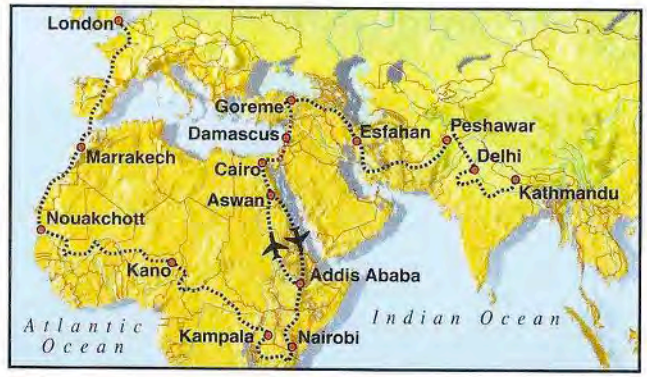
Probably The Last Great Adventure...

This great journey takes us over two continents, 23 countries and 32,000 kms. We start out by crossing the breathtaking scenery of the Himalayan mountains en route to explore the Moghul delights and colourful cultures of India and Pakistan. The legendary mosques and bazaars of Persia and the extraordinary landscape of eastern Turkey act as a threshold to the biblical lands of the Middle East. As we move into Africa the treasures of the Pharaohs open up another world in our minds and, captivated by the mysteries of Egypt, we go in search of one of the sources of the Nile in the highlands of Ethiopia. From Nairobi we head across open plains where the vast herds of wildlife serve to remind us of the complete freedom of mind and soul that can be attained on such an adventure as this. Uncompromising jungles, precarious bridges, primeval rainforests and volcanoes await us in Central Africa and are followed by the complete emptiness and daunting beauty of the western Sahara. The desert tracks of Morocco lead on to the Atlas mountains and the fertile valleys around Marrakech. We arrive in England via the Straits of Gibraltar, Spain and France.

...A Journey Of Cultures And Of Colour

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, INDIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, TURKEY, SYRIA, JORDAN, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, CONGO, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CAMEROUN, NIGERIA, NIGER, BURKINA FASO, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, SPAIN, FRANCE.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition 4WD truck, landrovers, chartered local vehicles, Nile feluccas, internal flights in Ethiopia. International flights from Addis Ababa to Cairo or V.V. (NOT included in project cost). ● 32,000 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, travellers hotels and guest houses in Egypt and northern Ethiopia, on deck Nile feluccas.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food and daily shopping. Food supplemented by truck supplies in limited areas. All camp meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis. Cafe and restaurant meals in Egypt and northern Ethiopia.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Weeks 1 to 6*** Kathmandu, Chitwan N. Park to India, Varanasi, Agra & the Taj Mahal, Jaipur & the Rajasthan Desert (but not in summer months) to Delhi, the Punjab & into Pakistan. Lahore & Peshawar—the Karakoram (in summer months), Quetta. ***Weeks 7 to 10*** To Iran, Esfahan, Mt Ararat, into Turkey, Cappadocia, eastern Mediterranean coast to Syria & Jordan, across the Sinai into Egypt. ***Weeks 11 to 14*** Cairo & the Pyramids, the Nile & Aswan. **Fly** to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopian highlands, into Northern Kenya, Samburu & Lake Naivasha to Nairobi. ***Week 15*** **7/8 day break, own arrangements to climb Kilimanjaro or relax on Indian Ocean beaches.** ***Weeks 16 to18*** Nairobi to Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park, to Uganda across to Kampala, Q E II Nat. Park through the Ruwenzoris to Zaire. ***Weeks 19 to 25*** Across the Congo, demanding jungle roads & river crossings to Central Africa, Bangui & Dzanga Sancha Reserve. ***Weeks 26 to 30*** To Cameroun, Kapsiki Mountains into Nigeria, Kano then to Niger & Burkina Faso, the Sahel then to tribal river communities of Mali, Dogon country & Mopti. From Bamako into the southern Sahara & Mauritania. ***Weeks 31 to 34*** The western Sahara to Morocco, Marrakech, the Atlas mountains & Fez crossing to Spain & the final days through France to London.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu, Varanasi, Agra and the Taj Mahal, Delhi, Peshawar, Esfahan, Damascus, Goreme, Petra, Cairo, Pyramids and the Sphinx, Red Sea beaches and coral reefs, Valley of the Kings, Gonder, Tisisat Falls, Ethiopian Rift Valley, Serengeti Nat. Park and Ngorongoro crater, national parks in Uganda, Dzanga Sancha Reserve, Kapsiki Highlands, Dogon villages, Sahara Desert, Marrakech, Atlas mountains, Fez.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Elephant ride in Chitwan N.P. US$20. Abu Simbel allow US$100. White water rafting at Jinja US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GOE**



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AN **INTRODUCTION** TO...
ASIA

This continent has been the cradle of so many civilisations. Its rugged lands encompass the fabled city of Kathmandu, the precious monasteries of Tibetan Buddhism, the splendid legacies of many ancient dynasties.

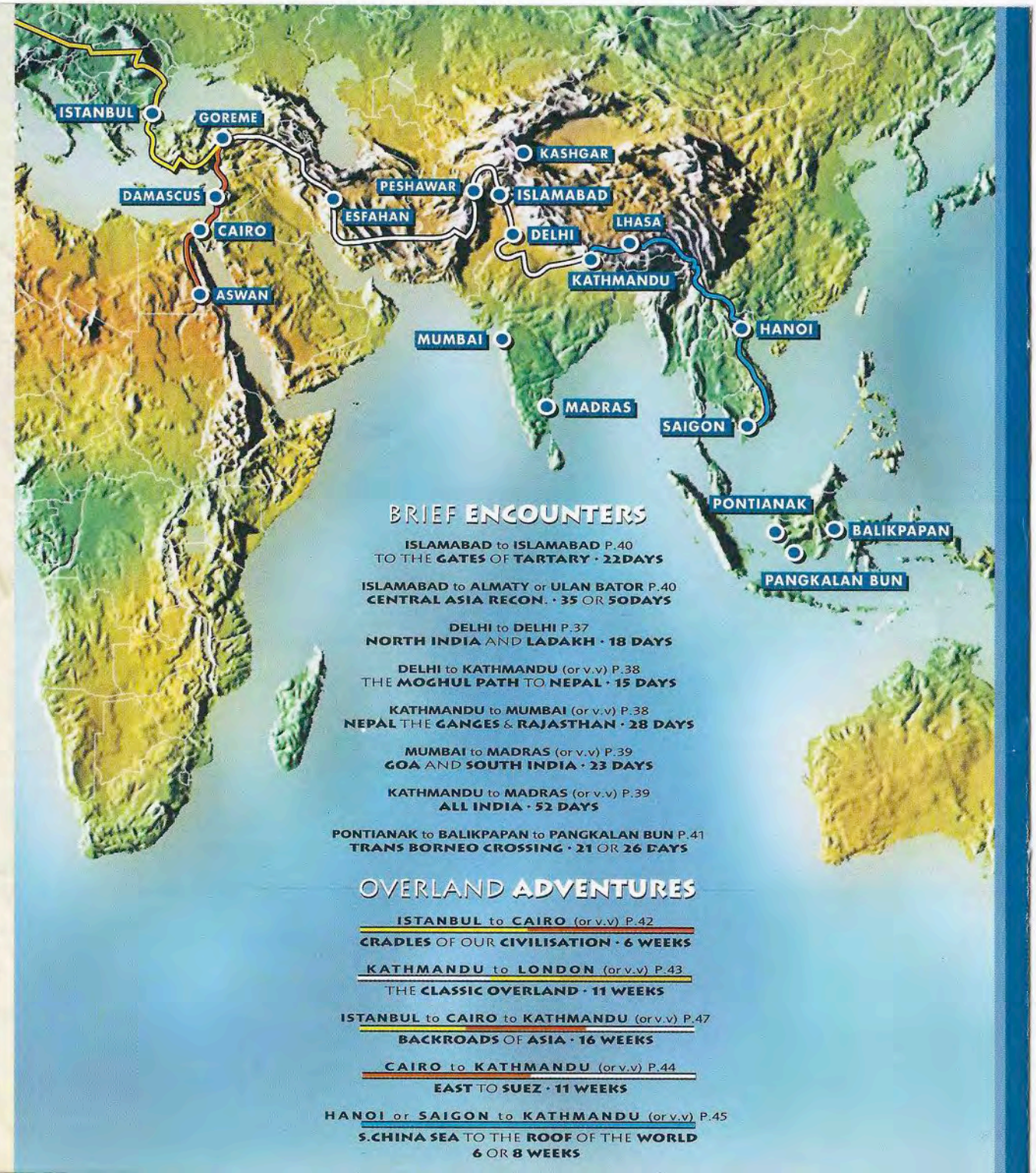
Asia is rich in customs, festivals, traditions, philosophies, religions, music and dress. In its city streets there is enough to intrigue you for a lifetime. In the folds of its mountains you witness the story of the very creation of the earth. In the faces of its people you see reflected a humbling depth of religious understanding.

Travels on this continent follow the great invasion routes and trading corridors of the world; they offer a chance to traverse high mountain ranges and endless deserts—they provide a unique insight into the souls of millions of our fellow human beings.

We can trek her breathtaking mountain ranges, we can white water raft the rivers of Nepal, we can travel to the heart of Asia via her back streets, but if you come with us you will truly feel her soul...

FIRST IN ASIA

Since 1964 we have travelled and explored literally every back road of this secret and mystic continent. Political events have sometimes changed our route but have never barred our way totally. Encounter has always been at home in Asia and today the search for new challenges takes us into Borneo, Vietnam, China and Tibet. In July 99 we set off for Mongolia.



BRIEF ENCOUNTERS

ISLAMABAD to **ISLAMABAD** P.40
TO THE **GATES** OF **TARTARY** · **22DAYS**

ISLAMABAD to **ALMATY** or **ULAN BATOR** P.40
CENTRAL ASIA RECON. · **35** OR **50DAYS**

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NEPAL THE **GANGES** & **RAJASTHAN** · **28 DAYS**

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HANOI or **SAIGON** to **KATHMANDU** (or v.v) P.45
S.CHINA SEA TO THE **ROOF** OF THE **WORLD**
6 OR **8 WEEKS**

DATES & PRICES

NORTH INDIA & LADAKH

Delhi to Delhi		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	27 Jun (Sun) - 14 Jul (Wed)	340	1975
	18 Jul (Sun) - 04 Aug (Wed)	340	1975
	08 Aug (Sun) - 25 Aug (Wed)	340	1975
	29 Aug (Sun) - 15 Sep (Wed)	340	1975
2000	25 Jun (Sun) - 12 Jul (Wed)	360	2070
	16 Jul (Sun) - 02 Aug (Wed)	360	2070
	06 Aug (Sun) - 23 Aug (Wed)	360	2070
	27 Aug (Sun) - 13 Sep (Wed)	360	2070

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THE FACE OF BUDDHA▲

LADAKHI WOMAN▼

▲ ZANSKAR MOUNTAIN TERRAIN

DELHI to DELHI

NEW

NORTH INDIA & LADAKH (NIL) | **18 DAYS**

What is a North India & Ladakh Encounter?

A journey through the Indian Himalaya to Little Tibet, the land of Buddha. We trek through the Zanskar Mountains and visit ancient monasteries. When the rest of India is immersed in the Monsoon—this is the place to be.

Enter a Mystical World...

At a time of the year (June to September) when most of India is engulfed in Monsoon—a journey through narrow Himalayan road passes will take you up into Ladakh. Once part of greater Tibet, this is a mystical land where harsh arid mountain terrain hides picturesque valleys and ancient monasteries. Our journey leaves from Delhi, India's bustling capital from where we pass through the fertile & affluent state of Punjab to Chardigarh, climbing into the Kullu Valley, our only access to Zanskar & Ladakh. En route we rest in Manali before ascending higher over the road passes of Rohtang, Baralachulu and Tang Lang La, which, at 5,400 metres is one of the world's highest. Descending into Ladakh—Little Tibet—we enter a magical land, lush valleys amid dry, arid Himalayan peaks. We visit Hemis & Thikse Monasteries, both symbols of strong Ladakhi Buddhism and living proof of distant links to Tibet. Leh, the sleepy 'capital' of Ladakh is our base to explore surrounding villages and the Stok Palace, a miniature version of Tibet's Potala Palace. To complete our high Himalayan adventure we trek from the Monastery of Lamayuru along mountain paths of the Zanskar range to Alchi. Supported by local staff the trek is demanding and includes a number of river crossings and high ascents, but does not require previous technical climbing experience. We return to Leh before flying by domestic flight to Delhi, to reflect on a dramatic journey in a part of India quite removed from the rest.

...A Little Tough, But Not Impossible

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDIA (LADAKH).
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, domestic flight Leh/Delhi or Delhi/Leh, by foot on trek. ●1150kms by road. 85kms by foot
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 60% camping, guesthouse in Manali and Leh, hotel in Delhi.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 15 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals & picnic lunches on travelling days prepared by group on a rota basis. Meals on trek prepared by local cooks. Meals in Delhi & Leh (5 days) NOT included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** **Day 1** In Delhi, free time to visit Chandi Chowk, the Red Fort & India Gate. **Day 2** Drive north into Punjab State to Chandigarh. **Day 3** Full day driving in Himachal Pradesh via Mandi, the Kullu Valley to Manali. **Day 4** In Manali—opportunity to visit Naggar Castle, nearby Tibetan Monastery & Hot Springs. **Days 5 to 8** Driving north to Ladakh—through dramatic scenery over the high passes of Rohtang (4100m), Baralachula (4900m) and Tang Lang La (5400m) visiting Hemis & Tikse Monasteries enroute. **Day 9** In Leh, free time to explore the town & Stok Palace. **Day 10** Drive part of the Leh/Srinagar road to Lamayuru, visit monastery & prepare for trek. **Days 11 to 15** Trek supported by local porters & guide. Through the arid but dramatic Zanskar Mountains to Alchi crossing 3 passes, the highest being Stapski La at 5200m. Return to Leh. **Day 16** In Leh, free time to shop and rest. **Day 17** Fly to Delhi—afternoon at leisure. **Day 18** Arrangements end after breakfast.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Delhi, Kullu Valley, Manali, Leh, Hemis & Tikse Monasteries, Lamayuru to Alchi trek.

NB. This project travels into a high altitude region up to 5400 metres, conditions can be basic and you should be in an above average level of fitness for the trek. July & September or late August departures travel in reverse direction by flying into Leh from Delhi.

- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **NIL**

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DELHI to KATHMANDU
(or KATHMANDU to DELHI)

THE **MOGHUL PATH** TO **NEPAL (MPN)** | **15 DAYS**

What Is A Moghul Path To Nepal Encounter?

A journey of nomadic lifestyle through Moghul India to Nepal. This project encompasses the Moghul wonders of the Taj Mahal, Agra and Jaipur—the mystical holy Ganges and the excitement of searching for tigers in Chitwan National Park and Panna Reserve.

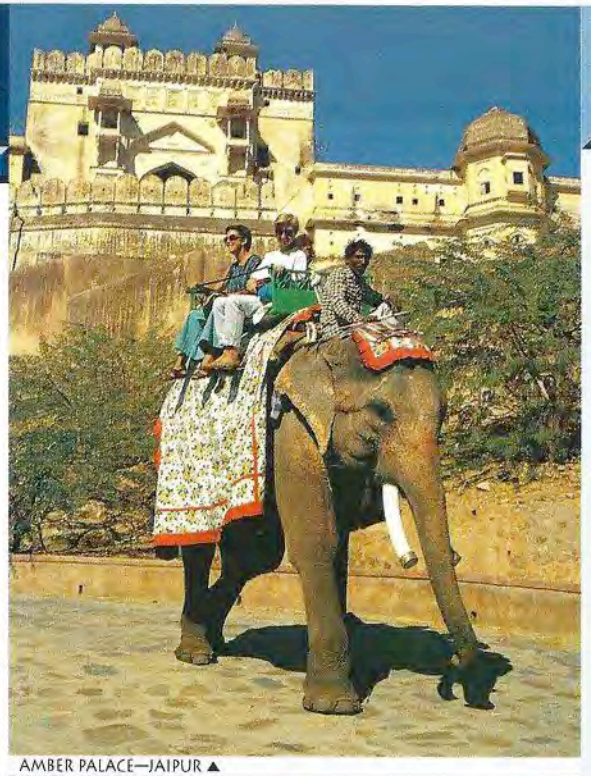
The Most Powerful Animal...

A journey that encompasses two of India's most potent features: the Tiger and the Taj Mahal. From the bustling streets of old Delhi we travel by train to the Pink City of Jaipur where we explore her grand palaces and fortresses. Jaipur is the colour and life of India's most dramatic state, Rajasthan. From here we experience the amazing world of Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, then to Fatehpur Sikri, the abandoned Moghul City which survived for only 17 years before its water supplies dried up. To Agra, its Red Fort and the man made beauty of the Taj Mahal whose awesome symmetry and delicate stone inlay work defy description. We drive south onto the Deccan Plateau to Khajuraho and the erotic temples of the Kama Sutra. To Panna Hills reserve where densely forested hills and gorges hide the ever elusive Tiger. Whilst increasing in numbers they are easily disguised in this environment. From here we visit the holy city of Varanasi on the river Ganges where the early morning mist shrouds the pilgrims as they go to bathe in the sacred waters. North to Nepal our first stop is the Royal Chitwan National Park which is home to elephant, wild pig, rhino, deer and sloth bear. Chitwan also has a history—in the 1950's the aristocracy and the British Raj killed more tigers in one day that now survive in the whole of Nepal. From here a day's drive takes us through the Himalayan foothills to the ancient city of Kathmandu.

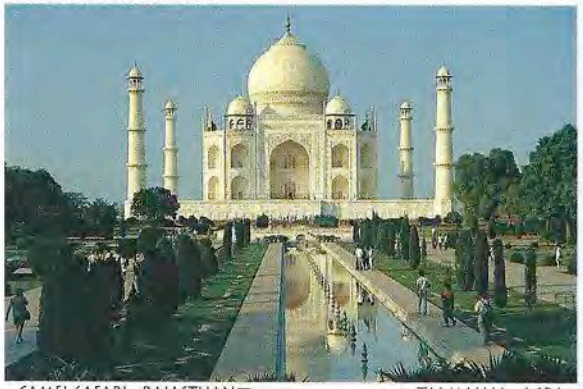
...Where Old Meets New - The Most Stunning Of Monuments

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDIA, NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, train from Jaipur to Delhi (or vice versa). ● 2,100kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 95% camping, hotel in Delhi.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Restaurant meals in Delhi. Camp meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 In Delhi, old city and Red Fort. ***Days 2 & 3*** Train to Jaipur city palaces and forts, drive to Bharatphur. ***Days 4 & 5*** In Bharatphur Bird Sanctuary, visit the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, then to Agra - the Taj Mahal and Red Fort. ***Day 6 to 8*** Drive south to Orcha, the Temples of Khajuraho off the Deccan Plateau down to the Ganges valley and Varanasi. ***Days 11 & 12*** Varanasi and the Holy River Ganges, north to Nepal. ***Days 13 & 14*** Into Nepal. Chitwan National Park. ***Day 15*** Drive to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Delhi, Jaipur, Bharaptur Bird Sanctuary, Fatephur Sikri, Agra and the Taj Mahal, Khajuraho, Panna Hills Reserve, Varanasi, Chitwan National Park, Kathmandu
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Elephant ride in Chitwan National Park US$20
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **MPN**



AMBER PALACE—JAIPUR ▲



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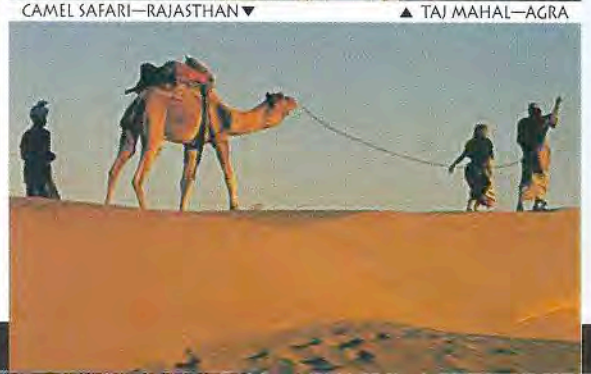

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KATHMANDU to MUMBAI
(or MUMBAI to KATHMANDU)

NEPAL, THE **GANGES** AND **RAJASTHAN (NGR)** | **28 DAYS**

What Is A Nepal, The Ganges and Rajasthan Encounter?

A nomadic journey travelled mostly by truck across two countries from the Chitwan National Park to the Bharatpur Bird Santuary. It is a trip experiencing India's wildlife together with its famous still life: the Taj Mahal, the tombs and temples of Khajuraho and the colour of Rajasthan.

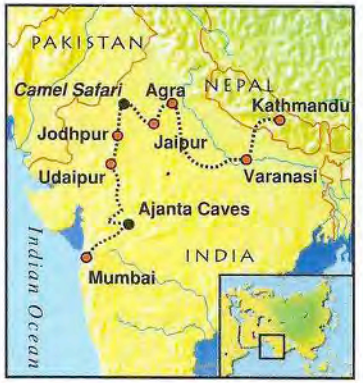
A Wealth Of Culture...

At the Royal Chitwan National Park, our first destination on leaving Kathmandu, we explore the home of the Asian rhino, elephant, sloth bear, deer, crocodile, monkeys, wild pig and several hundred bird species. Chitwan is also home to the fabled Bengal Tiger. We drive on to Varanasi on the banks of the holy river Ganges, a place of learning and knowledge for over 2000 years, and here we can join the pilgrims who come to bathe in the cool morning air. From here to Khajuraho where the 10th century kings raised their great stone temples to venerate their gods in an erotic mixture of sculptures and paintings. From the man made beauty of the Taj Mahal we start our exploration of the craggy hills and the natural wilderness of Rajasthan and visit one of the most famous features: Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. The desert cities of Rajasthan gradually give way to the beautiful Jain temple at Ranakphur, the quiet backroads to Madhya Pradesh state and the ravines of Mandu. The remote area of Maharashtra state where monks would gather in caves to lead a quiet and contemplative life have long since disappeared and what they left behind was an area of remarkable calm surrounded by the chaos that is India. This journey encompasses all the contradictions that make up a continent in one country.

...Of Religion And Of Spiritual Following

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, INDIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 95% Encounter expedition truck, 5% camels on desert trek. ● 3,700kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, picnic lunches. On camel safari trek food is prepared for us by camel drivers. All other meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 3 Depart Kathmandu to Chitwan National Park. To border of India. ***Days 4 & 5*** Into India, drive to Varanasi on the Ganges river, visit old city and ghats. ***Days 6 to 9*** Ascend to Deccan plateau to the Wildlife Reserve in Panna Hills, Temples of Khajuraho, Orcha to Agra. ***Days 10 to 14*** Agra, the Taj Mahal and Red Fort to Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary and Jaipur city palaces and forts. ***Days 15 to 18*** Into Rajasthan Desert to Bikaner, Camel trek through the Thar Desert. ***Days 19 to 22*** To the hilltop Citadels of Jodhpur, then to Ranakpur and the lakeside city of Udaipur. ***Days 23 to 28*** South to Madhya Pradesh state, Ratlam and Mandu, then to the caves of Ajanta to Mumbai.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, Chitwan National Park, Varanasi, Panna Hills Reserve, Khajuraho, Agra - Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Jaipur, Bikaner, Camel Safari, Jodhpur, Ranakpur, Udaipur, Ratlan, Ajanta, Mumbai.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Elephant ride in Chitwan National Park US$20
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **NGR**



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DATES & PRICES

THE MOGHUL PATH TO NEPAL

Kathmandu to Delhi		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	23 Jan (Sat) - 06 Feb (Sat)	205	1190
	20 Feb (Sat) - 06 Mar (Sat)	205	1190
2000	22 Jan (Sat) - 05 Feb (Sat)	210	1220
	19 Feb (Sat) - 04 Mar (Sat)	210	1220

Delhi to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Apr (Sat) - 17 Apr (Sat)	205	1165
	24 Apr (Sat) - 08 May (Sat)	205	1165
	27 Nov (Sat) - 11 Dec (Sat)	205	1190
	25 Dec (Sat) - 08 Jan (Sat)	205	1190
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 15 Apr (Sat)	210	1220
	22 Apr (Sat) - 06 May (Sat)	210	1220
	25 Nov (Sat) - 09 Dec (Sat)	210	1245
	23 Dec (Sat) - 06 Jan (Sat)	210	1245

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

NEPAL, THE GANGES & RAJASTHAN

Kathmandu to Mumbai		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	23 Jan (Sat) - 19 Feb (Fri)	310	1750
	20 Feb (Sat) - 19 Mar (Fri)	310	1750
	25 Sep (Sat) - 22 Oct (Fri)	310	1790
	16 Oct (Sat) - 12 Nov (Fri)	310	1790
	11 Dec (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	310	1790
2000	22 Jan (Sat) - 18 Feb (Fri)	330	1830
	19 Feb (Sat) - 17 Mar (Fri)	330	1830
	23 Sep (Sat) - 20 Oct (Fri)	330	1880
	14 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	330	1880
	09 Dec (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	330	1880

Mumbai to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Mar (Sun) - 17 Apr (Sat)	310	1750
	11 Apr (Sun) - 08 May (Sat)	310	1750
	14 Nov (Sun) - 11 Dec (Sat)	310	1780
	12 Dec (Sun) - 08 Jan (Sat)	310	1780
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 15 Apr (Sat)	330	1830
	09 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	330	1830
	12 Nov (Sun) - 09 Dec (Sat)	330	1880
	10 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan (Sat)	330	1880

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GOA AND SOUTH INDIA

Mumbai to Madras		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	10 Jan (Sun) - 01 Feb (Mon)	215	1245
	21 Feb (Sun) - 15 Mar (Mon)	215	1245
	24 Oct (Sun) - 15 Nov (Mon)	215	1245
2000	09 Jan (Sun) - 31 Jan (Mon)	230	1295
	20 Feb (Sun) - 13 Mar (Mon)	230	1295
	22 Oct (Sun) - 13 Nov (Mon)	230	1295

Madras to Mumbai		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	18 Mar (Thu) - 09 Apr (Fri)	215	1245
	18 Nov (Thu) - 10 Dec (Fri)	215	1270
2000	16 Mar (Thu) - 07 Apr (Fri)	230	1295
	16 Nov (Thu) - 08 Dec (Fri)	230	1295

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ALL INDIA

Kathmandu to Madras		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	23 Jan (Sat) - 15 Mar (Mon)	500	2940
	25 Sep (Sat) - 15 Nov (Mon)	500	3005
	11 Dec (Sat) - 31 Jan (Mon)	500	3005
2000	22 Jan (Sat) - 13 Mar (Mon)	530	3085
	23 Sep (Sat) - 13 Nov (Mon)	530	3150
	09 Dec (Sat) - 29 Jan (Mon)	530	3150

Madras to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	18 Mar (Thu) - 08 May (Sat)	500	2940
	18 Nov (Thu) - 08 Jan (Sat)	500	3005
2000	16 Mar (Thu) - 06 May (Sat)	530	3085
	16 Nov (Thu) - 06 Jan (Sat)	530	3150

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KATHMANDU to MADRAS
(or MADRAS to KATHMANDU)

ALL INDIA (AIN) | **52 DAYS**

If you are undecided about these 2 trips, why not combine them into one: All India.

LEAVE NEITHER OF THE TWO INDIAS UNTOUCHED

DOSSIER CODE: Quote Ref. **AIN**

FACES AND COLOUR OF NORTH INDIA ▼

▲ MALABAR COAST OF SOUTH INDIA

MUMBAI to MADRAS
(or MADRAS to MUMBAI)

GOA AND SOUTH INDIA (GSI) | **23 DAYS**

What Is A Goa and South India Encounter?

A nomadic journey travelled by expedition truck through the distinct world of South India that lies between the busy cities of Mumbai (formerly Bombay) and Madras. This project includes the beauty of Goa, the Malabar Coast, the Mudamulai and Periyar wildlife parks, Cape Comorin and Pondicherry and Mahabalipuram

A Journey Full Of The Spices Of Life...

This journey leaves the India known to many to find the India known to very few. From Mumbai and its streets that seem to stagger under the weight of its inhabitants, we move on to the sophistication and beauty of Goa—a startling but welcome contrast. Goa is a laid back and easy going port and fishing town and one that India relied on heavily for its spices and coffee exports. Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary lies in the thick deciduous forests of the Nilgri foothills and is rich in Indian wildlife. We may see Tiger, Panther and Leopard here stretching their lazy bodies and watch an abundance of birdlife in the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The Malabar coast boasts the beautiful palm fringed beaches of Kovalam and here we can taste traditional fishing village life. Mahabalipuram and its mystical temples of the wind provide our last delight before our journey's end.

...A Country Of Eternal Life

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 100% Encounter expedition truck. ●2,600kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 50% Camping, 50% in basic guesthouses, resthouses with dormitories.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts and evening meals, picnic lunches, some meals taken in local cafes. All camp meals prepared by everyone on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 5 From Mumbai to Goa, the old city and port, beaches and market. ***Day 6*** Following the coast to Mangalore. ***Days 7 to 9*** Inland to the Coorg Hills and Mysore, palaces and temples. ***Days 10 to 12*** Drive to Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, game viewing. Ootacamund through the Nilgiri Hills and down to the Malabar coast at Cochin. ***Days 13 & 14*** In and around Cochin, old port and Island. In Cardamon Hills and Periyar Wildlife Reserve, lakes and waterways. ***Days 15 to 17*** South to Trivandrum, Kovalam and Cape Comorin. ***Days 18 to 20*** Through Tamil Nadu State, Tiruchirupalli and Pondicherry ***Days 21 to 23*** To Mahabalipuram - beach shrines and temples and so to Madras.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Goa, Mangalore, Mysore, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Cochin, Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Kovalam Beach, Cape Comorin, Tiruchirupalli, Pondicherry, Kanchipuram, Mahabalipuram, Madras.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GSI**

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ISLAMABAD to ISLAMABAD

TO THE GATES OF TARTARY — 22 DAYS

What Is A To The Gates Of Tartary Encounter?

This is a dramatic and varied journey made by diverse methods of transport including jeeps, public buses and bicycles. It is a journey through the hectic city of Peshawar, over the magnificent Karakoram mountains, narrow passes to the upper Indus valley. It is a journey into the lands of Tartary, dressed by stunning and unspoilt scenery.

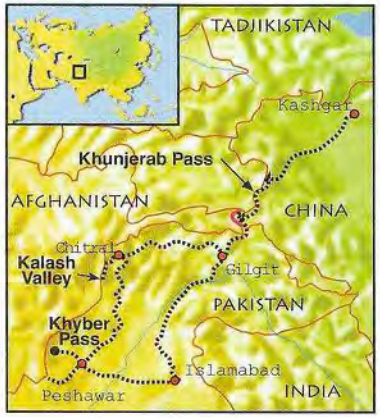
A Journey Of Beauty And Unanswered Mysteries...

The Gates of Tartary Encounter is a door to an entirely different world. Peshawar is a city of dubious dealings and wild bazaars and a suitable foretaste of the wild tribal areas of the Khyber Pass. We climb steeply through vast ravines and rock strewn hills around the Lowri Pass and Chitral. Here there is much to keep our imagination alive—villages hidden in narrow wooded valleys, bustling towns, incongruous polo grounds and women veiled in voluminous colour. Sheer gorges and steep embankments accompany us along the Great Silk Route into Kashgar which is home to a glorious bazaar of seventeenth century Islamic architecture. We will meet people so courteous and friendly that the magic of this place is impossible to escape. Tartary is a beautiful and delicate water-colour world that hangs between mountains and valleys, between villages that hide and market places that sing their colourful existence. It needs to be experienced to be believed.

...A Place Between Places, Between Civilisations

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** PAKISTAN, CHINA (XINJIANG PROVINCE).
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Jeeps, local buses & bicycles in China. ●2,300 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Travellers hotels, lodges and basic tea houses.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 16 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Hotel restaurants, local restaurant, tea house meals, picnic lunches where necessary. Packed lunches and our own food supplies in remote areas. We often eat local food and recipes.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY**
  Days 1 to 3 In Islamabad and trip preparation, drive to Peshawar, old city and Bazaars. ***Days 4 & 5*** Into the Swat valley, Mingora then over the Lowari Pass to Chitral. ***Days 6 to 9*** We visit the Kafir villages of the Kalash valley then cross the narrow Shandur Pass to Gilgit. ***Days 10 to 12*** In Gilgit then joining the Karakoram Highway north to Sust and the Khunjerab Pass into China and to Taxkorgan. ***Days 13 to 16*** To Kasghar, the ancient trading centre and Sunday market. ***Days 17 to 19*** Return to Pakistan by the same route to Gulmit and Aliabad. ***Days 20 to 22*** The Hunza, following backroads through Karimabad, Chilas through the Kaghan valley, Murree Hills and back to Islamabad.
- **INCLUDED COSTS AND HIGHLIGHTS:** Islamabad, Peshawar, Old City and bazaars, Swat Valley, Lowari Pass and Chitral. Kalash Valley, Shandur Pass, Gilgit, Kashgar Sunday Market, Hunza Valley, Chilas, Balakot and Kaghan Valley.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GTA**



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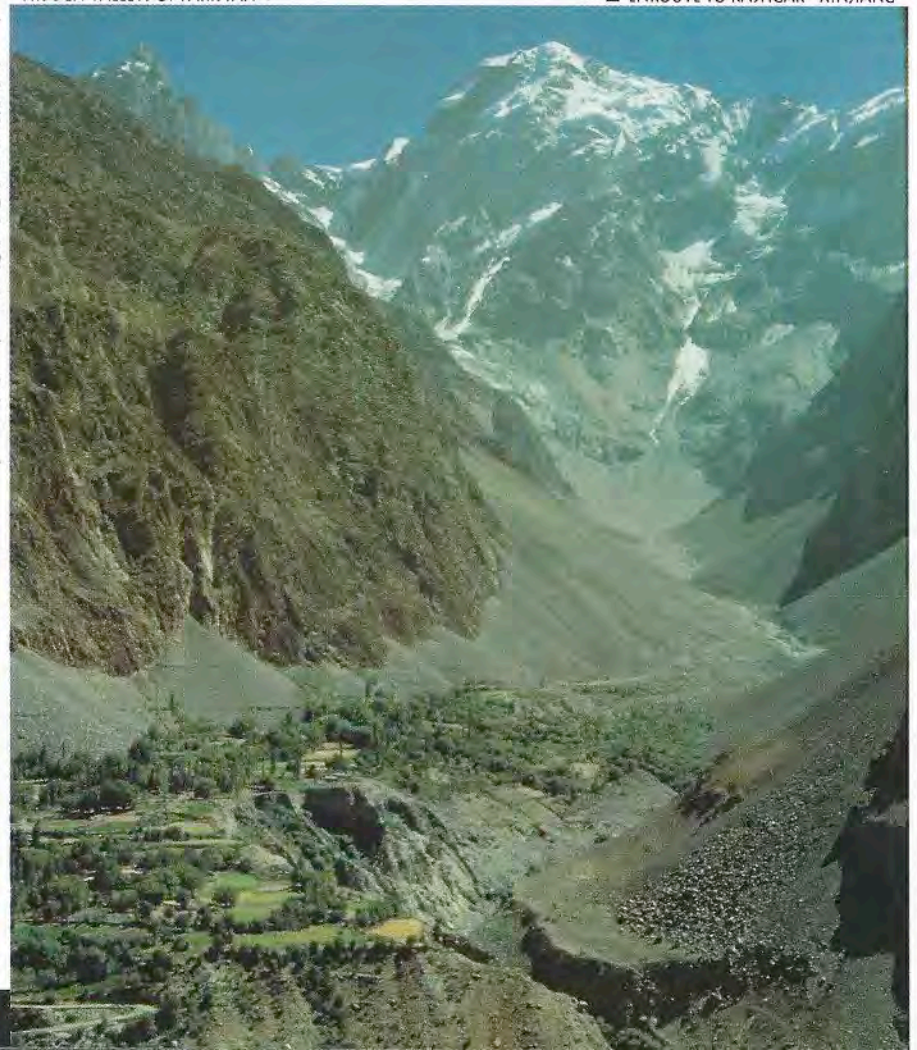
HIDDEN VALLEYS OF PAKISTAN ▼ ▲ ENROUTE TO KASHGAR—XINJIANG



ISLAMABAD to ALMATY
(or ISLAMABAD to ULAN BATOR)

CENTRAL ASIA RECONNAISSANCE (CAR)

APPROX **35** OR **50 DAYS** NEW

- **BRIEF ITINERARY:**
  In July 1999 we intend to explore Central Asia as part of our plans to expand our Asia overland programme. Following the break up of the Soviet Union the Central Asian states of Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakstan, Kyrgystan and Mongolia have really opened up to tourism—which presents us with a great opportunity to visit these mystical lands—their peoples and culture remain relatively secret. We plan to set off from Islamabad, Pakistan in mid July, first travelling through the hidden valleys of the North West Frontier Province, joining the Karakoram Highway, crossing into Xinjiang Province of China to Kashgar. At this point we leave territory known to Encounter to cross into Tadjikistan—here the project will very much be 'the blind leading the blind' in true reconnaissance style. There will be some 'must do's' such as the Pamirs, Osh, Samarkand and Bishkek—the rest will be up to everyone's input, so if you want a challenge—join us!!

- **OPTIONAL EXTENSION:**
  On our arrival in Almaty, Kazakstan you may want to continue on the second leg by flying to Ulan Bator, Mongolia for a further 15 days of exploratory travels in the lands of Genghis Khan.

N.B. This project is highly recommended to past Encounter travellers or those who have a flexible, exploring attitude.

The Reconnaissance Dossier will be available in February '99—Code CAR—when full details of prices etc. will be published.

MONGOLIA ▼

DATES & PRICES

TO THE GATES OF TARTARY

Islamabad to Islamabad		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Jun (Mon) - 12 Jul (Mon)	520	3030
	12 Jul (Mon) - 02 Aug (Mon)	520	3030
	09 Aug (Mon) - 30 Aug (Mon)	520	3030
	30 Aug (Mon) - 20 Sep (Mon)	520	3030
2000	19 Jun (Mon) - 10 Jul (Mon)	540	3030
	10 Jul (Mon) - 31 Jul (Mon)	540	3030
	07 Aug (Mon) - 28 Aug (Mon)	540	3030
	28 Aug (Mon) - 18 Sep (Mon)	540	3030

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

CENTRAL ASIA RECONNAISSANCE

Details available through Encounter or your agent by Feb'99

TRANS BORNEO CROSSING

Pontianak to Balikpapan		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Mar (Sun) - 10 Apr (Sat)	NOT APPLICABLE	1670
	18 Apr (Sun) - 08 May (Sat)		1670
	12 Sep (Sun) - 02 Oct (Sat)		1670
	10 Oct (Sun) - 30 Oct (Sat)		1670
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 08 Apr (Sat)		1755
	16 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)		1755
	10 Sep (Sun) - 30 Sep (Sat)		1755
	08 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)		1755

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TRANS BORNEO CROSSING WITH ORANGUTAN EXTENSION

Pontianak to Pangkalan Bun		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	21 Mar (Sun) - 15 Apr (Thu)	NOT APPLICABLE	2060
	18 Apr (Sun) - 13 May (Thu)		2060
	12 Sep (Sun) - 07 Oct (Thu)		2060
	10 Oct (Sun) - 04 Nov (Thu)		2060
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 13 Apr (Thu)		2165
	16 Apr (Sun) - 11 May (Thu)		2165
	10 Sep (Sun) - 05 Oct (Thu)		2165
	08 Oct (Sun) - 02 Nov (Thu)		2165

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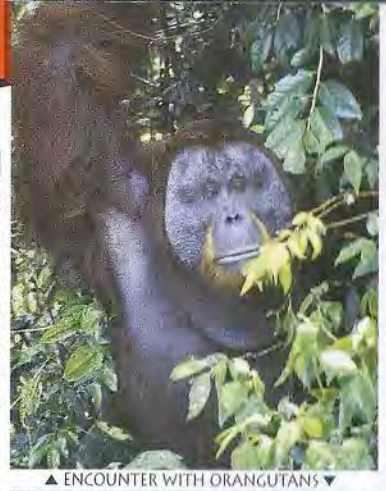
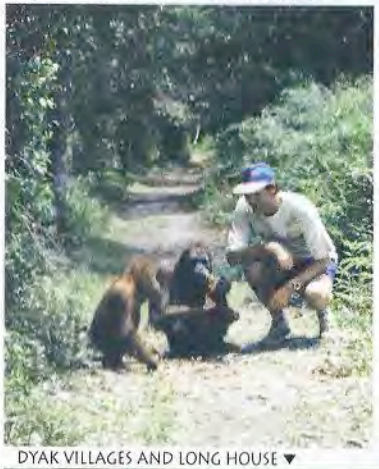
N.B. The cost of the integral flights and taxes from Balikpapan to Banjarmasin to Pangkalan Bun are not included—allow US$300.



▲ ENCOUNTER WITH ORANGUTANS ▼



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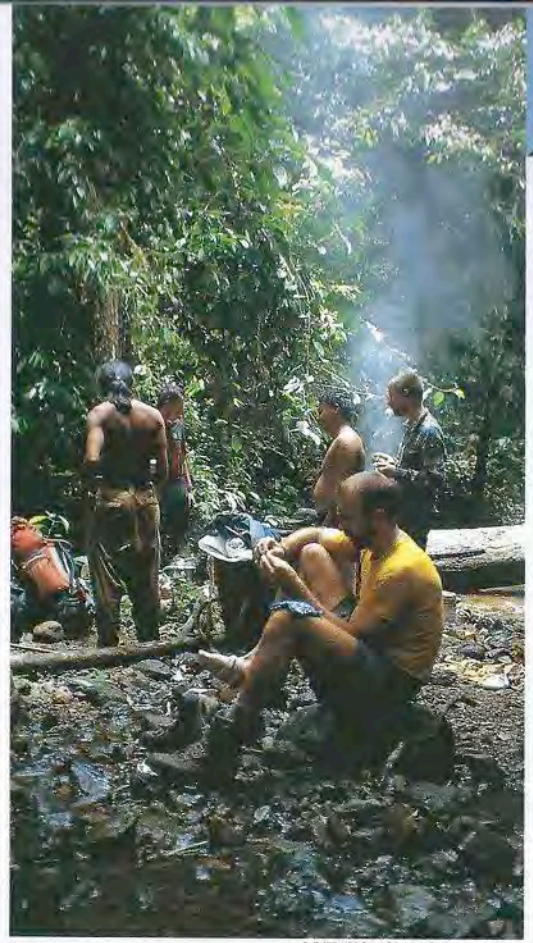

▲ REST STOP ON JUNGLE TREK

PONTIANAK to BALIKPAPAN
(or PONTIANAK to PANGKALAN BUN)

TRANS BORNEO CROSSING (TBC) | **21/26 DAYS**

What Is A Trans Borneo Crossing Encounter?

This is the ultimate challenge—to cross the third largest island on earth from west to east. We utilise roads, rivers but most of all our feet to cross the jungles of Kalimantan in 21 days. Then the option to visit the floating markets of Banjarmasin and the Orangutans in Tanjung Puting National Park.

The Most Vulnerable Part Of The World...

The Trans Borneo Crossing encounters the primeval jungle of Indonesian Borneo —Kalimantan. We form a group of like minded adventurous people taking on this unique challenge to cross the third largest island on earth. We employ the use of buses, jeeps and motorised longboats to access our route into the jungle. Then it is by foot to trek the sometimes demanding trails over the Muller Divide. The journey begins in Pontianak on the west coast and ends in Balikpapan on the east. It is a project that requires a good level of fitness but most of all a sense of determination as the conditions en route and living conditions are basic, yet the reward of exploring this unique and somewhat undisturbed land is an experience you will never forget. As our preparation for the trek ahead we climb Mt Kelam (Dark Mountain) before entering the tribal areas of the Iban people. Then by longboat through Long Bungan, to Tanjung Lokang, the home of the Bukat Dyaks. Utilising Dyak guides and porters (for those who require them) we tackle the jungle trails and rivers to cross the Muller Range where nights are spent in simple bivouac camps. From Long Apari we join the Mahakam river and longboats for our journey to Long Bagun, larger boats will now take us on to Melak and Muara Mutai where the river system opens out into lakes and swamps of the Mahakam plain and Lake Semayang, a haven of birds, wildlife and the shy, elusive fresh water dolphin. From Tenggarong we drive to Balikpapan to end the most challenging and rewarding journey of your life.

BUT—if time permits, join us for the 6 day option to visit Banjarmasim, the floating markets and diamond mines before flying on to Tanjung Puting to encounter the primate world of the "Tree Sultans"—the Orangutans.

...The Ultimate Challenge For The Ultimate Few

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDONESIAN BORNEO (KALIMANTAN).
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 40% river boat, 30% walking, 30% locally chartered transport. If taking the Orangutan extension allow US$300 for domestic flights. ●1,450 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 60% camping, 40% guesthouses and longhouses.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 6 -12, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Meals in local restaurants with self cooked meals in villages and on boats. **N.B. Only meals on the trek are included.** Camp cooked meals on trek. Our diets can be basic but adequate in the jungle.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** In Pontianak, project preparation. ***Days 2 to 4*** Sintang, climb to Mt Kelam then by road to Putussibau, boat journey preparation. ***Days 5 & 6*** Two days in jungle boat to Tanjung Lokang. ***Days 7 to13*** Jungle trekking up into the Muller Divide, bivouac camping with a rest day in jungle (if on schedule). Continue trekking down into Mahakam. ***Days 14 & 15*** By jungle boats through Tiong Ohang to Long Bagun. ***Days 16 & 17*** Continue by boat to Muara Muntai visiting Dyak villages en route, then to Tanjung Isuy. ***Days 18 to 20*** By boat to Kota Bagun, Lake Semayang viewing birdlife and elusive dolphins, then by road to Balikpapan. ***Day 21*** End trip in Balikpapan **OR** continue on the Orangutan Extension and fly to Banjarmasin. ***Day 22*** In Banjarmasin, early morning floating market, visit diamond mines in Cempaka. ***Day 23*** Fly to Pangkalan Bun then by boat up river to Taman National Tanjung Puting Park. ***Days 24 to 25*** In National Park, Orangutan viewing and jungle trails. Return to Pangkalan Bun. ***Day 26*** Project finishes.

  N.B. This project operates in conjunction with Intrepid Travel of Australia. Due to the nature of this project one must be phyiscally fit and capable of carrying up to 15kgs all day.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kapuas River, climb Mount Kelam, Iban tribal territories, villages of Bukat Dyaks, trek over jungle covered Muller Range, longhouses at Tiong Ohang, Mahakam River, birds and wildlife of Lake Janipang, Tenggarong. Orangutans of Tanjung National Park, floating market of Banjarmasin
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **TBC**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

ISTANBUL to CAIRO
(or CAIRO to ISTANBUL)

CRADLES OF OUR CIVILISATION (CCI) | **6 WEEKS**

What Is A Cradles Of Our Civilisation Encounter?

This is an exciting journey of nomadic lifestyle with easy travelling and varied transport ranging from expedition truck to mini buses and trains. It takes us through Turkey, the turquoise coast of the Mediterranean and on into the Syrian desert and the Lebanon before reaching the rich treasures of Jordan and Egypt.

It Is The Beginning And It Is The End And It Is The Middle Of Life...

If you long to explore the secrets of civilisations that have gone before, if you want to touch a sense of ancient mystery and magic then this journey is for you. This extraordinary journey begins in Istanbul, its bustling streets and wealth of history present an apt start to six weeks of culture, history, sun and sand! From Istanbul we visit the WW1 site of Gallipoli; then to Troy and Pamukkale before we follow the turquoise beauty of the Mediterranean coast where you can while away your days relaxing, sunbathing and swimming along this unspoilt coastline. The warm winds of the Syrian desert lead us to Palmyra. Times having changed in Lebanon, our journey now takes us through the north to Balbeck and Beirut, rebuilding itself after years of destruction. Re-entering Syria we visit the nation's vibrant capital Damascus, getting lost in its bazaars before we move on to explore the unique sights of Jordan, Petra being the highlight. Crossing by boat into the Sinai we head straight for the bosom of Cairo and the tempting treasures of Tutankhamen, the pyramids and the inscrutable Sphinx. We marvel at their glory and lose ourselves in history dreaming of warriors and goddesses. A slow and lazy journey on the Nile fellucas along the world's most famous river is a memorable route to the majestic Valley of the Kings, an entry to the world of the Pharaohs.

...Two Worlds, One Journey

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** TURKEY, SYRIA, LEBANON, JORDAN, EGYPT & THE SINAI.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck with chartered bus, Red Sea ferry, overnight trains, felucca sail boat in Egypt. ●7,000kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, with hotels and overnight trains in Egypt.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Restaurant, cafe meals in Egypt. Fresh food always available. All meals provided are prepared by the group on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 In Istanbul, time to explore the city via the Sea of Marmara to Gallipoli crossing the Dardanelles to mainland Turkey, Troy & Ephesus. ***Week 2*** The Aegean & Mediterranean coast beaches & historical castles & cities—Fethiye & Side. ***Weeks 3 to 4*** Anamur & Adana into Syria to Alleppo—the desert ancient ruin of Palmyra, we then cross into northern Lebanon, visiting Balbeck & Beirut. To Damascus before entering Jordan. ***Week 6*** Jerash, through Amman to the hidden city of Petra. Crossing the Gulf of Aqaba to the Sinai of Egypt—to Cairo, old city & Pyramids. ***Week 6*** By train to Upper Egypt, Aswan Dam, the Nile to Luxor, Valley of the Kings, return via Cairo—the Sinai desert, climbing Mt Sinai—finish in Cairo.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Istanbul, Gallipoli, Troy, Ephesus, Allepo, Palmyra, Balbeck, Beirut, Damascus, Petra, the Red Sea, the site of the Pyramids and Sphinx, Valley Of The Kings, Luxor, Aswan, Nile feluccas, the Sinai.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Turkish coast boat trip US$50. Abu Simbel allow US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **CCI**

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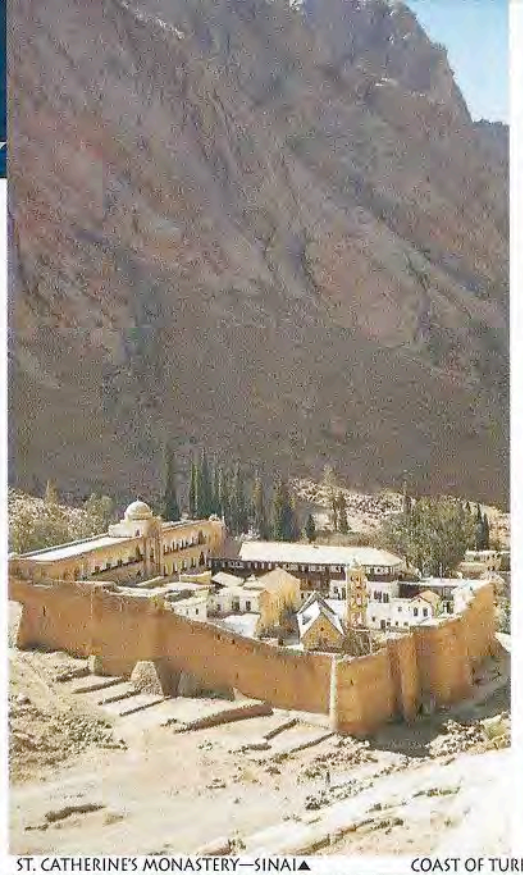
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COAST OF TURKEY▼

▲ FELUCCA AT ASWAN

DATES & PRICES

CRADLES OF OUR CIVILISATION

Istanbul to Cairo		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Apr (Sat) - 16 May (Sun)	380	2635
	05 Jun (Sat) - 18 Jul (Sun)	380	2635
	14 Aug (Sat) - 26 Sep (Sun)	380	2635
	18 Sep (Sat) - 31 Oct (Sun)	380	2635
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 14 May (Sun)	400	2755
	03 Jun (Sat) - 16 Jul (Sun)	400	2755
	12 Aug (Sat) - 24 Sep (Sun)	400	2755
	16 Sep (Sat) - 29 Oct (Sun)	400	2755

Cairo to Istanbul		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	22 Apr (Thu) - 04 Jun (Fri)	380	2635
	03 Jun (Thu) - 16 Jul (Fri)	380	2635
	22 Jul (Thu) - 03 Sep (Fri)	380	2635
	11 Nov (Thu) - 24 Dec (Fri)	380	2635
2000	20 Apr (Thu) - 02 Jun (Fri)	400	2755
	01 Jun (Thu) - 14 Jul (Fri)	400	2755
	20 Jul (Thu) - 01 Sep (Fri)	400	2755
	09 Nov (Thu) - 22 Dec (Fri)	400	2755

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

N.B. For scheduling purposes all projects are actually 6 weeks and 2 days.

THE CLASSIC OVERLAND

London to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Jul (Sat) - 17 Sep (Fri)	590	4040
	21 Aug (Sat) - 05 Nov (Fri)	590	4040
	02 Oct (Sat) - 17 Dec (Fri)	590	4040
2000	01 Jul (Sat) - 15 Sep (Fri)	620	4225
	19 Aug (Sat) - 03 Nov (Fri)	620	4225
	30 Sep (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	620	4225

Kathmandu to London		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	13 Mar (Sat) - 28 May (Fri)	590	4040
	28 Aug (Sat) - 12 Nov (Fri)	590	4040
2000	11 Mar (Sat) - 26 May (Fri)	620	4225
	26 Aug (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	620	4225

L.P.-Denotes Local Payment in US$ payable on departure.

EXPERIENCE TELLS

It's been six months since returning home from your Asian Overland and it suprises me how much my heart wants to set out again with you so quickly after returning.

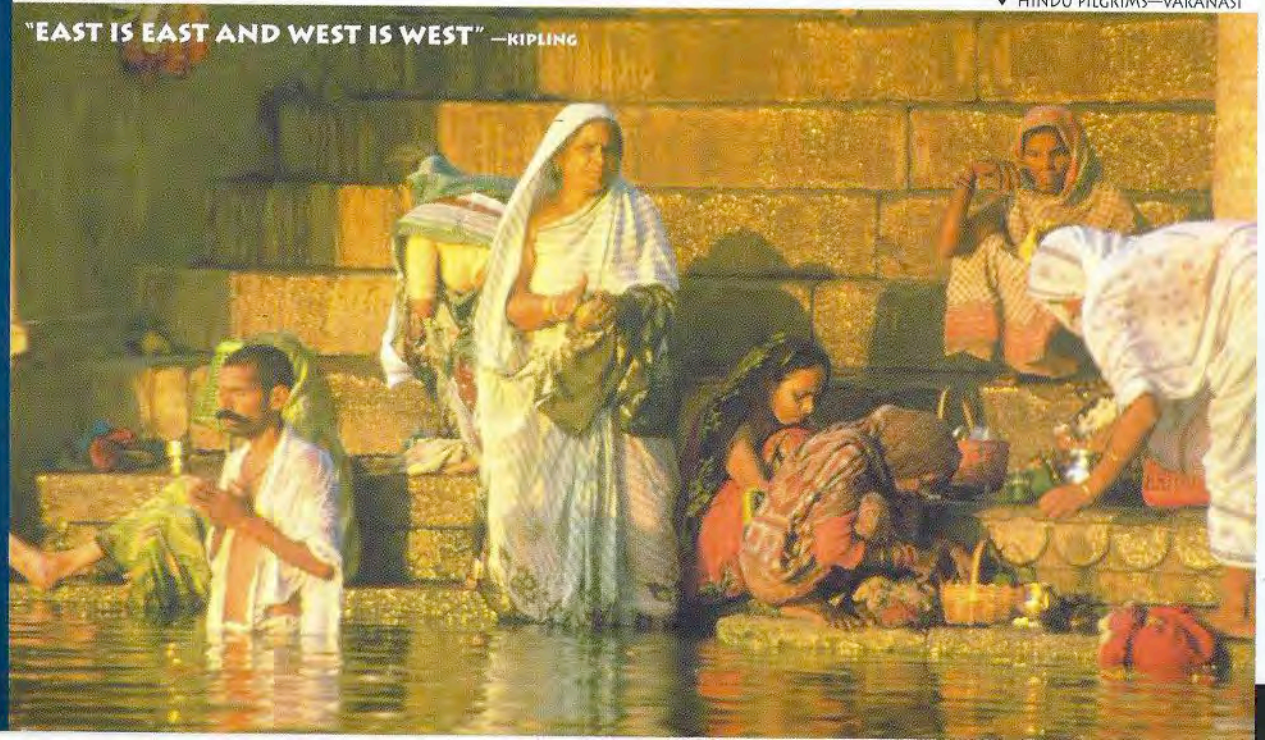
With my warmest appreciation I'd like to thank you for making one of my dreams come true, and in hope of seeing one more come true could you please send me your newest brochure.

Thanks for the trip of a lifetime
JOHN EVENSON

EASTERN TURKEY ▲

▼ HINDU PILGRIMS—VARANASI

"EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST" —KIPLING



KATHMANDU to LONDON
(or LONDON to KATHMANDU)

THE **CLASSIC OVERLAND (COV)** | **11 WEEKS**

What Is A Classic Overland Encounter?

It is an overland journey along an historical route linking two whole continents. We become modern day nomads visiting the sites of ancient crusaders—Constantinople, Troy, Ephesus before moving on to Persia, the wilds of Pakistan and the mysteries of India..
This is Encounter's original journey.

For People Who Want To Discover The Mysteries Of Life...

If you have an insatiable hunger for knowledge and a passion for life, if you have an urge to abandon everyday routine for a while, and to abandon it with style, then the Classic Overland journey is the one for you. Chitwan National Park provides the first excitement with the opportunity to ride elephants, spot tigers and even be chased by rhinos! Vividly colourful landscapes softened only by date palmeries and punctuated by the Khyber Pass await us as we move across the Moghul Indian subcontinent exploring the delights of India and Pakistan. In Persia we marvel at the legendary city of Esfahan whose richness contrasts strongly with the shimmering salt desert, the door to which was once known as paradise. In Turkey we enter a world where classic elegance and wild abandon rule the streets and where we can spend a few lazy days relaxing on the Mediterranean's turquoise coast. This is a magical journey that offers an insight into the glories of ancient history, a taste of some of the most colourful cultures on earth and a chance to contemplate some of the most elusive questions in life.

...Seek, And You Will Find

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, INDIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, TURKEY, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, HUNGARY, WESTERN EUROPE.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 100% Encounter expedition truck. ●16,250 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies. All meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Week 1*** From Kathmandu, Chitwan Nat. Park, into India, Varanasi & the Ganges. ***Week 2*** Across the Deccan plateau to Khajuraho, then to Agra, the Taj Mahal to Jaipur & Rajasthan. ***Week 3*** The backroads of Rajasthan (but not in Summer months) to Delhi. Through the Punjab to Amristar. ***Week 4*** Into Pakistan & the Moghul city of Lahore. To the Karakoram & the northern frontiers (summer months only) to Peshawar. ***Weeks 5 & 6*** South through the Indus valley to Quetta, crossing tribal lands of Baluchistan to Iran. The Dasht-e-lut desert to Shiraz & Esfahan. ***Weeks 7 & 8*** To Turkey crossing the Anatolian Plateau to Cappadocia & ancient cave cities of Goreme then south to Turkey's turquoise coast. ***Weeks 9 & 10*** Along the coast & beaches of the Mediterranean & Aegean seas, Roman sites & Crusader castles. To Ephesus & Troy, Gallipoli & Istanbul. To Eastern Europe, Bulgaria & Romania. ***Week 11*** To Hungary, the city of Budapest - through Austria, Germany & Belgium to London.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu, Chitwan National Park, Khajuraho temples, Taj Mahal, Jaipur, Delhi, Amristar and the golden temple, Peshawar, Esfahan, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Troy, Gallipoli, Istanbul, Budapest.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Elephant rides in Chitwan Nat. Park US$20. Boat trip off the Turkish coast US$50.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **COV**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

CAIRO to KATHMANDU
(or KATHMANDU to CAIRO)

EAST OF SUEZ (ESU) | **11 WEEKS**

What Is an East Of Suez Encounter?

A varied journey travelled mostly in an Encounter expedition truck as well as by ferry and felucca from the treasures of Egypt to the wonders of India and the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal.

From Caves to Kingdoms...

To begin a journey surrounded by the magic and mystery of Egypt is to begin an adventure. After experiencing the many delights of Cairo we travel south to further explore the civilisation of the pharaohs before crossing the spectacular Sinai Desert. After the hidden majesty of Petra, the ancient streets of Damascus invite our curiosity and we linger in the bustling bazaars breathing air rich in spices.

Heading north we have a chance to clamber amidst the fairytale rock dwellings of Cappadocia before turning east to follow the ancient trade routes into the heart of Asia. In Persia we can marvel at the sophistication of Islamic architecture and in Pakistan we taste the wild culture of the northern tribal peoples.

Travelling on across the Indian Subcontinent allows us the chance to experience the richness of the Moghul Empire, the holiness of the river Ganges and the abundance of wildlife in Nepal's Chitwan National Park. Kathmandu is the Continental end to this extraordinary journey.

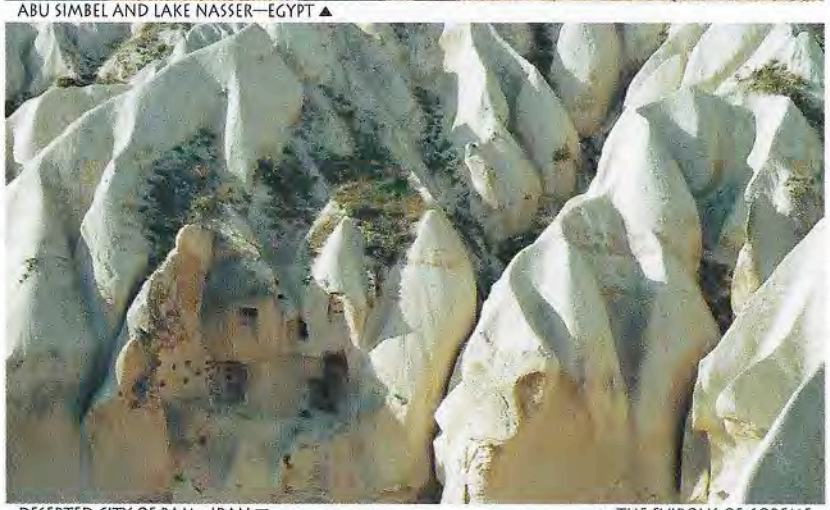
...Eastern Delights

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EGYPT & THE SINAI, JORDAN, SYRIA, TURKEY, IRAN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, Red Sea Ferry, trains, chartered bus & felucca sailing boats in Egypt. ●12,000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 90% Camping, hotels and overnight trains in Egypt + overnight on felucca.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Daily fresh food where available and restaurant meals in Egypt. All meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Week 1 Cairo, old city, Pyramids & Sphinx—train to Aswan, Felucca sailboats, Luxor & Valley of the Kings. ***Week 2*** Via Cairo to Sinai Peninsula, Mt Sinai, Gulf of Aqaba to Jordan, the hidden city of Petra. ***Weeks 3 & 4*** Through Amman to Syria, Damascus to coastal hills, Krak des Chevalier, Hama and into Turkey, north to Cappadocia. Ancient cave cities of Goreme, across Anatolian plateau into Iran. ***Weeks 5 to 7*** To the cultural cities of Esfahan & Shiraz—then across the Dasht-e-Lut desert to Pakistan. Into Pakistan, the tribal lands of Baluchistan to Quetta & down into the Indus Valley. North to Peshawar—to the Karakoram & Northern Territories (summer months only), Islamabad & Lahore. ***Weeks 8 to 11*** Into India, Amritsar & the Punjab to the Forts & Palaces of Delhi & Jaipur. The backroads of Rajasthan (but not in the hot summer months) to Agra & the Taj Mahal. Across the Deccan plateau to Khajuraho. To Varanasi & the Ganges—to Nepal & Chitwan National Park, to journey's end in Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Cairo & the Pyramids, the Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Nile feluccas, Mount Sinai, Petra, Waterwheels at Hama, Goreme, Esfahan, Quetta, Peshawar, Amritsar, Delhi, Jaipur, Taj Mahal, Holy city of Varanasi, Chitwan National Park.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Abu Simbel allow US$100. Elephant ride in Chitwan N.P. US$20.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **ESU**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

ABU SIMBEL AND LAKE NASSER—EGYPT ▲



DESERTED CITY OF BAM—IRAN ▼

▲ THE EVIRONS OF GOREME

DATES & PRICES

EAST OF SUEZ

Cairo to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	08 May (Sat) - 23 Jul (Fri)	645	4300
	10 Jul (Sat) - 24 Sep (Fri)	645	4300
	18 Sep (Sat) - 03 Dec (Fri)	645	4410
	23 Oct (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	645	4410
2000	29 Jan (Sat) - 14 Apr (Fri)	670	4490
	06 May (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	670	4490
	08 Jul (Sat) - 22 Sep (Fri)	670	4580
	16 Sep (Sat) - 01 Dec (Fri)	670	4580
	21 Oct (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	670	4580

Kathmandu to Cairo		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	13 Feb (Sat) - 30 Apr (Fri)	645	4200
	27 Mar (Sat) - 11 Jun (Fri)	645	4305
	15 May (Sat) - 30 Jul (Fri)	645	4305
	04 Sep (Sat) - 19 Nov (Fri)	645	4410
2000	12 Feb (Sat) - 28 Apr (Fri)	670	4490
	25 Mar (Sat) - 09 Jun (Fri)	670	4490
	13 May (Sat) - 28 Jul (Fri)	670	4580
	02 Sep (Sat) - 17 Nov (Fri)	670	4580

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THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

Hanoi to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	28 Mar (Sun) - 08 May (Sat)	885	5260
	26 Sep (Sun) - 06 Nov (Sat)	885	5260
2000	26 Mar (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	920	5380
	24 Sep (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	920	5510

Saigon to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	AUS$
1999	14 Mar (Sun) - 08 May (Sat)	1090	6450
	12 Sep (Sun) - 06 Nov (Sat)	1090	6450
2000	12 Mar (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	1140	6610
	10 Sep (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	1140	6760

Kathmandu to Hanoi		L.P(US$)	AUS$
2000	20 Sep (Wed) - 31 Oct (Tue)	920	5510

Kathmandu to Saigon		L.P(US$)	AUS$
2000	20 Sep (Wed) - 14 Nov (Tue)	1140	6760

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HALONG BAY—VIETNAM ▼ ▲ THE ROOF OF THE WORLD ▼ MINORITY PEOPLE—YUNNAN

SAIGON to KATHMANDU or v.v.
(or HANOI to KATHMANDU or v.v.)

THE **SOUTH CHINA SEA** TO THE **ROOF** OF THE **WORLD (SCS)** — **8 OR 6 WEEKS**

What Is A South China Sea To The Roof Of The World Encounter?

It is a journey travelled by few people, exploring the three very different worlds that are; Vietnam, the Yunnan Province of China and the lands on the roof of the world known as Tibet. A journey unique to Encounter.

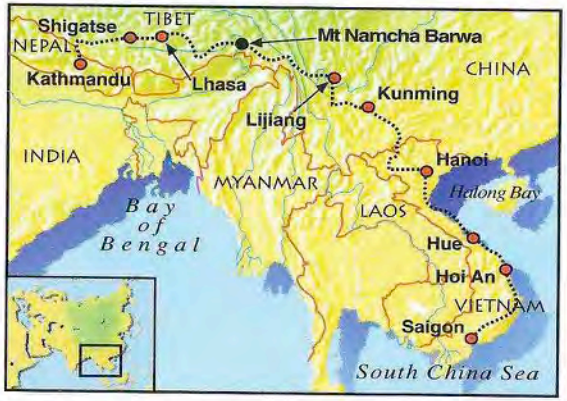
Journey Over The Ever Changing Face Of The World...

This is a journey that will take us through some of the most infamous places in the world. Where there was war we now witness beauty. Where the great religions were born we witness peace and calm. The museums of Saigon tell explicitly of this city's tragic history. Suprisingly the tragedy has left few scars on the country's beauty. In Dalat we travel through hillsides dotted with scenic villages and breathtaking waterfalls. After the China beach, where US soldiers were airlifted back to safety during the war, the Central highlands lead us to the Imperial City of Hue with its temples and palaces of great beauty. A 4WD jeep journey takes us to the remote valleys of the north that are inhabited by some fifteen minority tribes on the border of Laos and China. Lao Cai is our frontier crossing point into China. Yunnan is a unique land encompassing an incredible diversity of people, fauna and flora. Here we will enter cities where the seasons possess wills of their own. In Tibet our feet will touch soil that other foreign travellers have not dared to touch. It is a shy but incredibly warm place, a country that dives from the highest peaks of the Himalaya to forested ravines. From Namcha Barwa to Lhasa we travel from the destruction of what was Ganden to the hope of a place made strong by the incredible tenacity of its people. The people of Tibet are surrounded by a private and mythological aura. We move onto Shigatse, Tibet's second city which is a medieval town where the people seem to dwell amongst the ghosts of the past. Sakya monastery represents the remains of the country's artistic and religious achievement. Our journey takes us to the most breathtaking views of the 'Backdoor to Everest' before crossing into the Kingdom of Nepal. This mountain world set against the blazing sunsets of Kathmandu is a warm welcome to the end of a life's journey.

...Where Time Has Rebuilt And Has Healed

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** VIETNAM, CHINA (YUNNAN, TIBET), NEPAL
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Overnight sleeper trains in Vietnam, day trains. Chartered minibus for various road sections in Vietnam, China, Tibet and Nepal. Some 4WD vehicles will be needed. 2 day trek through Tiger Leaping Gorge in China (optional).
- 7,000 kms / 5,100kms if joining in Hanoi
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Travellers' Hotels and guesthouses in Vietnam, China, Tibet and Nepal, 2 overnight sleeper trains in Vietnam. We will camp in remote areas of Eastern Tibet (10 - 12 days). See Meals & Food.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 12 - 15 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Local restaurants, cafes and market stalls. Camp cooked meals with group assistance during camping section in Tibet. Due to the nature of the trip, **all** meals in centres through Vietnam and Yunnan Province of China are **not** included in the cost.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Week 1*** Saigon, markets & temples—Cu Chi tunnels & Tay Dinh—north to Dalat then to the coast at Nha Trang. Train to Hoi An. ***Week 2*** Hoi An, historical trading town, beaches to Danang, to the Imperial city of Hue. Train to Hanoi, museums & old city. ***Week 3*** To & around the islands of Halong Bay, north to the highlands & tribal minorities bordering Laos & China, Sa Pa to Lao Cai. ***Week 4*** Cross to China's Yunnan Province, road or rail to Kunming & nearby stone forest. To the ancient & cultural towns of Dali & Lijiang. ***Week 5*** In Lijiang. Opportunity to trek through Tiger Leaping Gorge. Then north into former Tibetan lands, Zhongdian & Dechen. ***Week 6*** Crossing into Eastern Tibet, high mountain passes and remote lands of the Kham people—the upper sources of the Yangtse & Mekong rivers to Namche Barwa mountain 7100m. ***Week 7*** Through sparse lands to Lhasa, the Potala Palace & the holy Barkhor, then over Karo La pass, the Turquoise Yamdrok Tso lake to Gyantse & Shigatse. ***Week 8*** Shigatse, Tashilhunpo Monastery, then to Sakya, the Pang La pass & views of Everest. Down through the Bhote Kosi gorge into Nepal & via Nargarkot to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Saigon, (Ho Chi Minh City,) Cu Chi tunnels, Cao Dai Holy Temple, Dalat, Nha Trang. Hoi An Imperial city and tombs, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Halong Bay, Sa Pa, Yunnan Province, Kunming. Mekong and Salween Rivers in Tibet. Namcha Barwa, Ganden Monastery, Potala Palace in Lhasa, Jokhiang Temple and Barkhor. Shigatse, monasteries of Tashilumpo and Sakya, Kathmandu.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  Trek through Tiger Leaping Gorge in Jade mountains US$30
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SCS**



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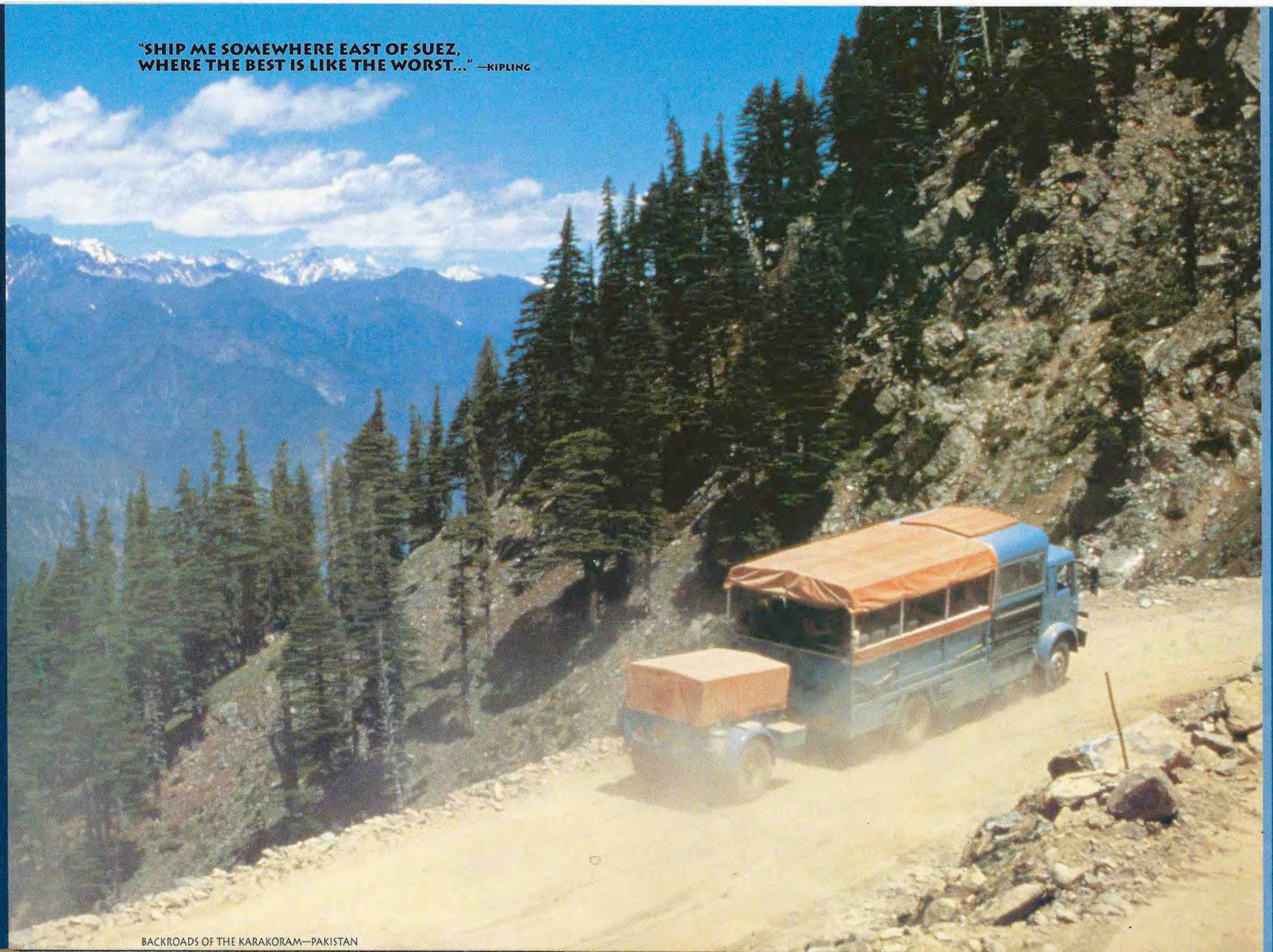

BACKROADS OF THE KARAKORAM—PAKISTAN

DATES & PRICES

THE BACKROADS OF ASIA INCL. EGYPT

Istanbul to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	03 Apr (Sat) - 23 Jul (Fri)	950	6330
	05 Jun (Sat) - 24 Sep (Fri)	950	6330
	14 Aug (Sat) - 03 Dec (Fri)	950	6490
	18 Sep (Sat) - 07 Jan (Fri)	950	6490
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	990	6610
	03 Jun (Sat) - 22 Sep (Fri)	990	6610
	12 Aug (Sat) - 01 Dec (Fri)	990	6760
	16 Sep (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	990	6760

Kathmandu to Istanbul		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	13 Feb (Sat) - 04 Jun (Fri)	950	6330
	27 Mar (Sat) - 16 Jul (Fri)	950	6330
	15 May (Sat) - 03 Sep (Fri)	950	6490
	04 Sep (Sat) - 24 Dec (Fri)	950	6940
2000	12 Feb (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	990	6610
	25 Mar (Sat) - 14 Jul (Fri)	990	6610
	13 May (Sat) - 01 Sep (Fri)	990	6760
	02 Sep (Sat) - 22 Dec (Fri)	990	6760

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EXPERIENCE TELLS

I thought I would drop you a quick line to say how much I enjoyed a recent All India trip ex Kathmandu. Despite our driver saying "You're here for a long time, not a good time" I have to say that the trip was the best I have done to date.

India is a fascinating country and with the nature of the trip I felt that we really got to grips with the real India and her people.

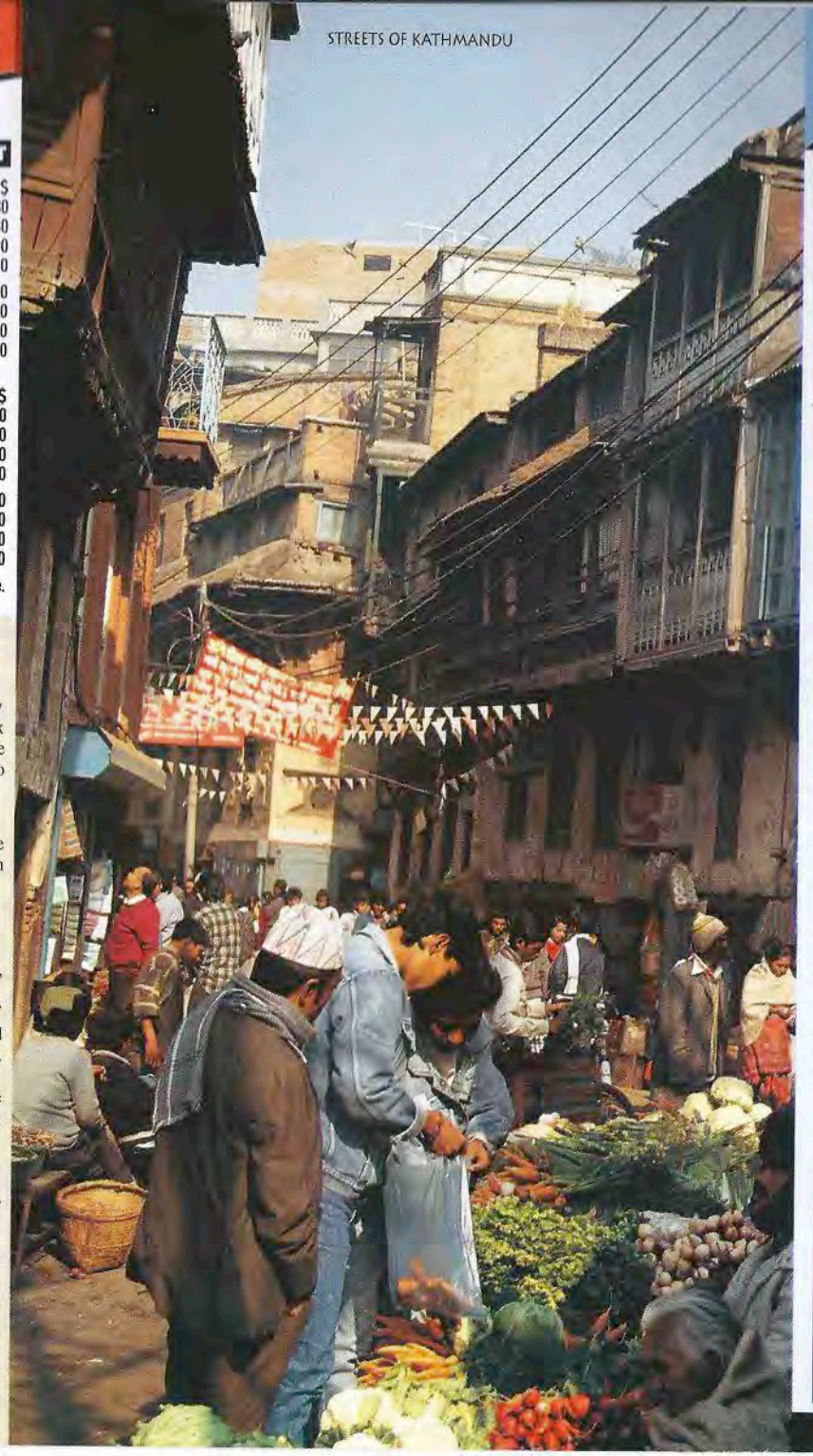
Malcom was an excellent driver, always; cheerful, efficient, honest and democratic as well as a great laugh. He was very much an integral part of the group rather than "a leader" as I have come across with other tour companies.

I was also very impressed with the quality and design of the truck and the camping equipment.

Thousands of kilometres of potholes could have been a lot less comfortable in an inferior vehicle.

Thank you for a trip of a lifetime.
HANNAH NASSE

I've just completed a 16 week Backroads of Asia trip from London to Kathmandu and I can safely say that it's been one of the best experiences of my life. The entire trip was well organised, well run and very successful and enjoyable from start to finish.
EDEL BYRNE



STREETS OF KATHMANDU

ISTANBUL to CAIRO to KATHMANDU
(or KATHMANDU to CAIRO to ISTANBUL)

THE **BACKROADS OF ASIA** INCL. **EGYPT (BAS)** — **16 WEEKS**

What Is A Backroads Of Asia Encounter?

It is a journey mostly by expedition truck that begins in Istanbul and crosses into the Middle East and Egypt before crossing to the mysterious land of the Indian Sub-continent to arrive sixteen weeks later in the Kingdom of Nepal, gateway to the Himalayas.

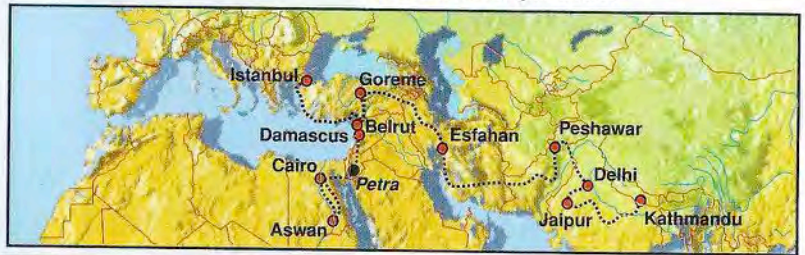
A Journey Into The Sublime...

Sometimes it is good to step beyond what we know, and it is the Backroads of Asia that will take you on an alternative and exciting journey into the hidden world of Asia. This trip takes us through the heart of many bygone empires both Western, East European and the Middle East before we arrive amid the legendary civilisation of the Pharaohs. Turkey, Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan contain the hidden treasure of the Greeks, Romans and Crusaders to name just a few—this journey really is a step back in time. From Egypt our route climbs into the ravines and cliffs of fairy-tale Cappadocia and then turns east towards the Islamic splendours of Persia and the wild mountain passes of Pakistan. We leave the legendary tribal lands of the Khyber Pass for the Moghul wonders of Northern India and, after touching the soul of Hindu India on the banks of the holy Ganges River, the final stages of our journey take us into the foothills of the Himalayas and on to the fabled city of Kathmandu. This is an historical journey in the footsteps of Alexander, Hannibal and just a few modern day travellers ahead of you.

...Wander The Unknown

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** TURKEY, SYRIA, LEBANON, JORDAN, EGYPT, IRAN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, with locally chartered transport and trains in Egypt. ●17,000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, traveller's hotels and guest houses in Egypt, on deck Nile Feluccas.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Restaurant/cafe food in Egypt. Fresh vegetables, fruit and meat where available. Meals prepared by everyone on rota basis
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Weeks1*** In Istanbul, time to explore the city then via the Sea of Marmara to Gallipoli, the Dardanelles, Troy, Ephesus. ***Weeks 2 & 3*** The Aegean and Mediterranean coast, beaches and historical sites/castles. Fethye, Side, Anamur and Adana are visited en route to Syria. ***Weeks 3 & 4*** We visit Alleppo, Palmyra deep in the desert then into northern Lebanon to Balbeck and Beirut. ***Weeks 5 & 6*** Cross back into Syria to Damascus, enter Jordan visiting Jerash and Petra. From Aqaba by ferry to Egypt and so to Cairo. Old city, the Pyramids and Sphinx then by train to Aswan, feluccas on the Nile, visit the Valley of the Kings in Luxor—train back to Cairo. ***Weeks 7 & 8*** To the Sinai, climb Mt. Sinai, ferry back across the Gulf of Aquaba to Jordan, a second visit to Petra (optional) then to Amman. Re-enter Syria, via Damascus to Krak des Chevalier, Hama into Turkey to Cappadocia and the cave dwellings of Goreme. ***Weeks 9 & 10*** Across the Anatolian Plateau to Iran—Esfahan, Shiraz and the Dasht-e-Lut desert to Pakistan. ***Weeks 11 to 13*** We cross the Baluchistan desert to Quetta, then up the Indus valley to Peshawar, the Khyber Pass and the Northern Territories (during summer months). Islamabad and Lahore. ***Weeks 14 & 15*** Into India—Amritsar to Delhi, our route through Rajasthan will extend out to Jodhpur, Udaipur and possibly Jaisalmer during winter months. Jaipur to Agra, the Taj Mahal then to Khajuraho on the Deccan Plateau. ***Week 16*** To Varanasi, the Holy Ganges, cross into Nepal visiting Chitwan Nat. Park before ending our journey in Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Istanbul, Gallipoli, Pammukkale, Palmyra, Damascus, Balbeck, Beruit, Cairo, Site of the Pyramids & Sphinx, Feluccas on the Nile, Valley of the Kings, the Sinai, Petra, Hama, Crusader castles, Goreme, Esfahan, Peshawar, Delhi, Taj Mahal, Varanasi, Chitwan National Park, Kathmandu.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Boat trip on Turkish coast US$50. Abu Simbel allow US$100. Elephant ride in Chitwan N.P. US$20.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **BAS**



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AN **INTRODUCTION** TO...
NEPAL & THE HIMALAYAS

"Namaste!" - is the warm welcoming greeting you will receive throughout Nepal. Encounter has a very special and unique association with the Himalayas and Nepal in particular.

We welcome you to the Himalayan trails en route to Everest, or high into the Annapurnas. Welcome to the wildlife trails of the Terai and welcome to the special culture and customs of this Himalayan Kingdom. Nepal —where men and mountains meet.

Come to discover for yourself a unique Himalayan quality to the stillness and awe of the mountains. Come to wander through the sun-soaked thatched villages among green rice paddy terraces and to reach the stone-built settlements of the sherpas. Come to share in the serenity of the Buddhist monasteries perched on arid mountainsides. Come to challenge the Himalayan whitewaters by inflatable raft. Come to stalk rhino and camera-shy tiger from elephant-back in the jungles of the lowland 'Terai'.

Come and join us in Nepal and you will be most welcome...

FIRST IN NEPAL & THE HIMALAYAS

In the mid 1960's Encounter was among the first overland organisations to enter Nepal, crossing the 'Raj Path' to Kathmandu. By the late 70's we had developed wilderness trekking trips and in 1978 we operated the first decent of the Sun Kosi river by inflatable rafts. Today in association with Himalayan Encounters we operate some 11 different projects thoughout Nepal and Tibet.

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THE **HIGHROAD** TO **LHASA · 16/23 DAYS**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
HIMALAYAN encounters

DATES & PRICES

WILD WATER OF THE WEST

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	04 Apr (Sun) - 15 Apr (Thu)	190	1110
	18 Apr (Sun) - 29 Apr (Thu)	190	1110
	02 May (Sun) - 13 May (Thu)	190	1110
	17 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Thu)	190	1140
	07 Nov (Sun) - 18 Nov (Thu)	190	1140
2000	02 Apr (Sun) - 13 Apr (Thu)	200	1170
	16 Apr (Sun) - 27 Apr (Thu)	200	1170
	30 Apr (Sun) - 11 May (Thu)	200	1170
	15 Oct (Sun) - 26 Oct (Thu)	200	1190
	05 Nov (Sun) - 16 Nov (Thu)	200	1190

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EXPERIENCE TELLS

I have just returned to the UK after spending five and a half months overseas, the initial part of which was spent on one of your expeditions—the Classic Overland which left from London and finished in Kathmandu.

I'm just writing to say how fantastically well organised and run I found the entire Encounter experience to be.

The preparation and advice given by the office as well as the truck, equipment and way in which the expedition was operated were all first class.

I was particularly impressed with our driver, Brendan, who managed to be lighthearted and friendly but still made everybody feel confident and secure with his driving and leadership without being overbearing.

A big thank you to everyone at Encounter and all the best.

ANDREW STAINTON

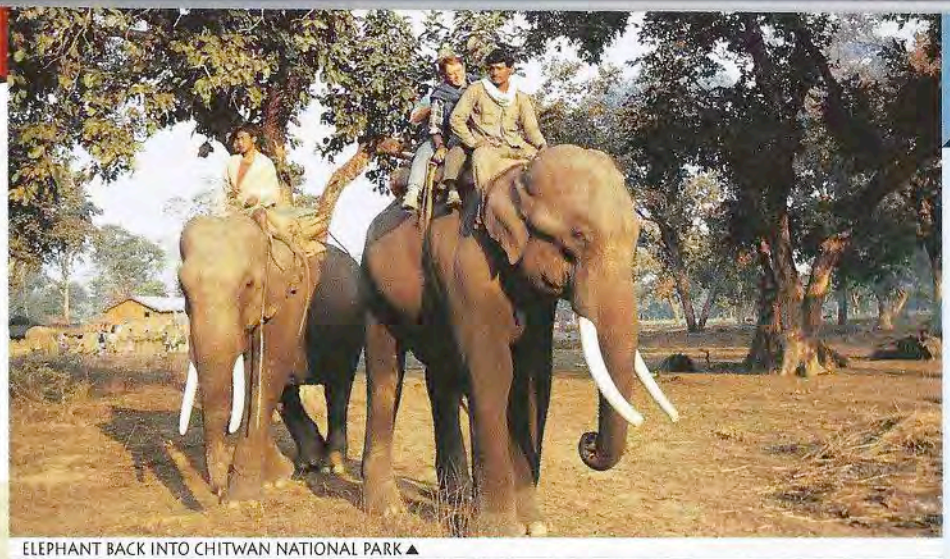
I've just completed a sixteen week Backroads of Asia trip from London to Kathmandu and I can safely say that it has been one of the best experiences of my life. The entire trip was well organised, well run and very successful and enjoyable from start to finish. This was due mainly to the efforts of our leader/drivers, Dave and James, who were both professional and enthusiastic.

I'd also like to thank Kim in the office in London for getting my new glasses to Kathmandu safely!

I've had a wonderful trip and I'll certainly be considering another Encounter trip in the near future.

Thanks to all concerned.

EDEL BYRNE



ELEPHANT BACK INTO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK ▲

TACKLING THE KARNALI'S WHITEWATER ▲

▼ BODANATH TEMPLE—KATHMANDU

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

WILD WATER OF THE WEST (WWW) | **12 DAYS**

What Is a Wild Water Of The West Encounter?

A journey that will take us into a remote region of western Nepal to tackle the white water of the Karnali River. We drive and trek for hours to reach this great river—it will challenge us, but that is why we are doing it!

White Water Hellraiser...

To reach Nepal's longest and wildest river we journey first to Chitwan National Park to search for its hidden wildlife.We then drive west to Surkhet, a point where we must then trek. Our route will then take us into unexplored lush regions passing hidden wildlife that lives without interference in this remote region. From high up in the forbidding valleys we have a unique and breathtaking bird's eye view of the world. At Karleghat—the put in point—we will have a sometimes breathtaking and always dramatic journey ahead of us. The scenery of Nepal is framed in white water that flings itself around our vision and blurs the fast moving scenery around us. It is some of the best white water to be found anywhere in the world. The rapids are instantaneous, they challenge us and are close together so it is not until the sun sets on our day that we catch a moment to really appreciate the soft and unspoilt beauty of this largely unknown region. We overnight at Nepalganj in a lodge before flying back over Himalayan foothills to Kathmandu and experiencing an instant calm in our lives once more.

...Do You Really Dare?

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** WESTERN NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 65% river rafting, 30% locally chartered transport, 15% on foot. Domestic flight Nepalganj to Kathmandu
  500 kms by road, 180 kms trek and river.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel and lodges (3 nights). Camping (8 nights).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 12 -21, plus river guides.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, picnic lunches. Relying heavily on cereals, canned food & dried goods. Everyone will assist in the preparation of the food. Restaurant and roadside cafes when not camping.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 3 Departing Kathmandu we drive to Chitwan National Park to go in search of its wildlife before heading west to Surkhet. ***Days 4 & 5*** From Dhani Gad we trek two days with support of porters to the Karnali River. ***Days 6 to 11*** From the river put in point at Karlegha we raft the white water and gorges of the Karnali camping on its beaches. ***Day12*** Return by domestic flight to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, Chitwan National Park, 2 day trek with local guides and porters. 6 days white water rafting on the Karnali River.

  N.B. This project is operated in conjuction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal. **This is a physically demanding project and previous rafting experience is preferred.**
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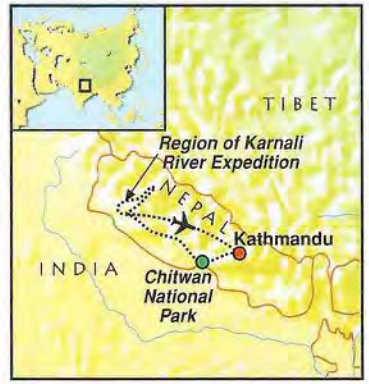

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KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

ANNAPURNA '10' (A10) — 10 DAYS

What Is An Annapurna '10' Encounter?

A wilderness trek through the Annapurna Range. Beginning at Pokhara, our destination in the Annapurnas is almost within our reach. A demanding but rewarding trek reaching heights of some 4600 metres

Climb To The Edge Of Life...

An unbelievable adventure into the unknown ranges of the Annapurna; first over Himalayan foothills to to Pokhara. This is Nepal's second city and it lies beneath the shadow of the Annapurna 'massif'. Pokhara stands on the shores of Lake Phewa, and it is partly due to this that it is a refreshing and simply beautiful hideaway. Accompanied by Sherpa guides, we have a demanding but rewarding walk ahead of us. The Seti Kola Valley pushes deep into the Annapurna, and we will eventually reach a height of 4600 metres. Through small padi fields and villages until we reach Dhumpus and stunning views of Machapuchare and Annapurna South. Through green forests in Modi Khola valley, we stumble upon villages and upon people completely untouched by anything that dwells below. On this project, you will never again witness such sunsets, never again come as close to the very edge of life. Mardipul is our last village before we return to Pokhara and a place to relax and take in the impact of our journey. After a night celebrating our trek we drive alongside the Marsyandi and Trisuli rivers back to Kathmandu.

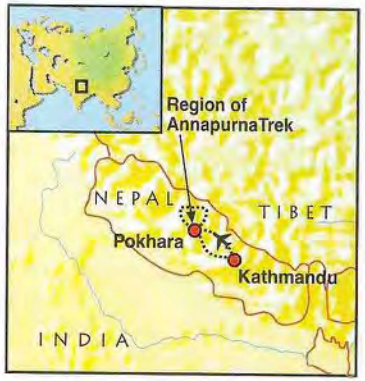
...Walk The Unknown

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL—ANNAPURNA REGION
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 90% trekking, domestic flight Kathmandu to Pokhara, locally chartered transport back to Kathmandu.
- 200kms by road (100kms trekking).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping & lodge in Pokhara (2 nights).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 18 plus trekking staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches all prepared by Sherpa and Nepali cooks. Restaurant/cafe meals in Pokhara and en route to Kathmandu.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Domestic flight Kathmandu to Pokhara, trek preparation. ***Days 2 & 3*** Trek, supported by porters through Mardi Khola via Dhumpas. ***Days 4 & 5*** Ascending above tree line to highest point at 4600 metres (weather permitting). Views of Machapuchare and the Annapurna Massif. ***Days 6 to 8*** Descending through the Madi Khola valley and villages to Mardipul. ***Day 9*** Descend to Pokhara and Phewa Lake. ***Day10*** Drive back to Kathmandu.

  N.B. This project operates in conjunction with the Mountain and Wildlife project; you will join this group in Kathmandu on Day 1and leave them on the morning of day 10.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu, Pokhara and Phewa Lake, 8 day trek through the Modi Khola Valley to the Annapurnas.

  N.B. This project is operated in conjunction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **A10**



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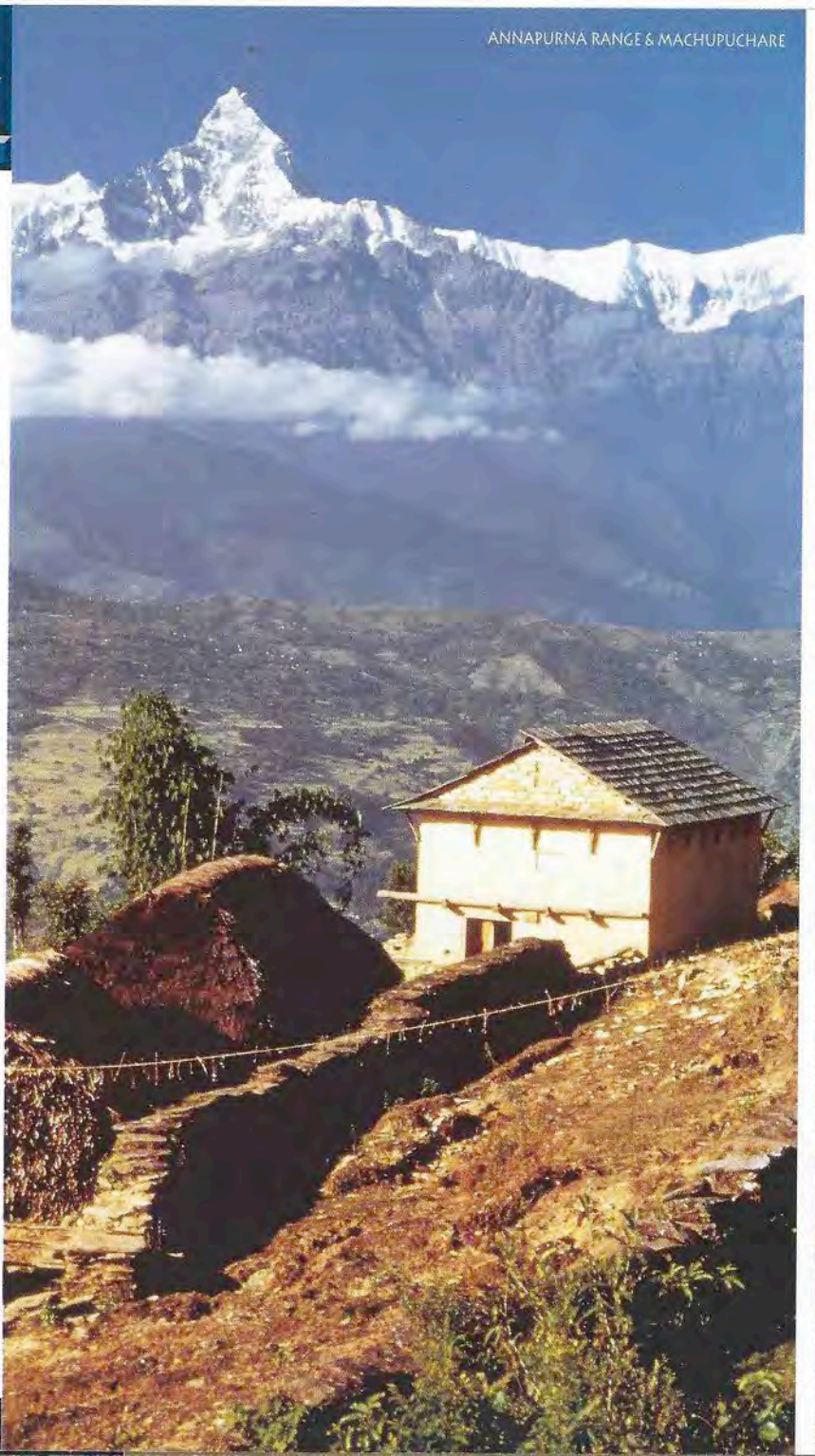
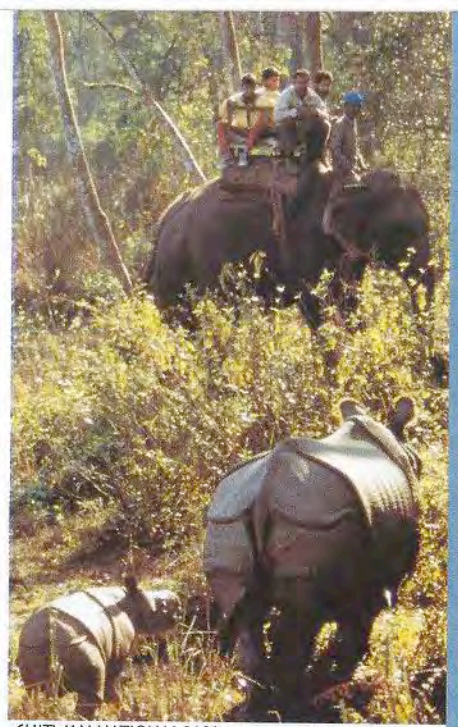
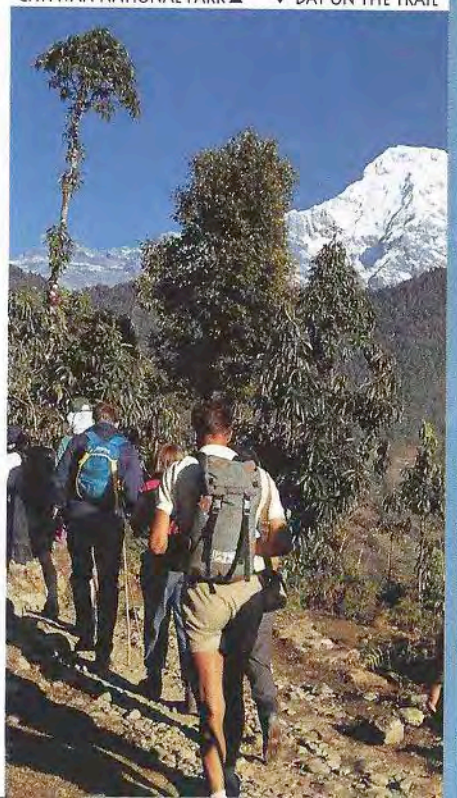

ANNAPURNA RANGE & MACHUPUCHARE


CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK ▲ ▼ DAY ON THE TRAIL



DATES & PRICES

ANNAPURNA '10'

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	01 Mar (Mon) - 10 Mar (Wed)	180	1045
	22 Mar (Mon) - 31 Mar (Wed)	180	1045
	12 Apr (Mon) - 21 Apr (Wed)	180	1045
	03 May (Mon) - 12 May (Wed)	180	1045
	24 May (Mon) - 02 Jun (Wed)	180	1045
	27 Sep (Mon) - 06 Oct (Wed)	180	1070
	18 Oct (Mon) - 27 Oct (Wed)	180	1070
	01 Nov (Mon) - 10 Nov (Wed)	180	1070
	22 Nov (Mon) - 01 Dec (Wed)	180	1070
	20 Dec (Mon) - 29 Dec (Wed)	180	1070
2000	28 Feb (Mon) - 08 Mar (Wed)	190	1095
	20 Mar (Mon) - 29 Mar (Wed)	190	1095
	10 Apr (Mon) - 19 Apr (Wed)	190	1095
	01 May (Mon) - 10 May (Wed)	190	1095
	22 May (Mon) - 31 May (Wed)	190	1095
	25 Sep (Mon) - 04 Oct (Wed)	190	1125
	16 Oct (Mon) - 25 Oct (Wed)	190	1125
	30 Oct (Mon) - 08 Nov (Wed)	190	1125
	20 Nov (Mon) - 29 Nov (Wed)	190	1125
	18 Dec (Mon) - 27 Dec (Wed)	190	1125

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MOUNTAIN & WILDLIFE

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	12 Apr (Mon) - 25 Apr (Sun)	260	1575
	03 May (Mon) - 16 May (Sun)	260	1575
	24 May (Mon) - 06 Jun (Sun)	260	1575
	27 Sep (Mon) - 10 Oct (Sun)	260	1615
	18 Oct (Mon) - 31 Oct (Sun)	260	1615
	01 Nov (Mon) - 14 Nov (Sun)	260	1615
	22 Nov (Mon) - 05 Dec (Sun)	260	1615
	20 Dec (Mon) - 02 Jan (Sun)	260	1615
2000	28 Feb (Mon) - 12 Mar (Sun)	270	1655
	20 Mar (Mon) - 02 Apr (Sun)	270	1655
	10 Apr (Mon) - 23 Apr (Sun)	270	1655
	01 May (Mon) - 14 May (Sun)	270	1655
	22 May (Mon) - 04 Jun (Sun)	270	1655
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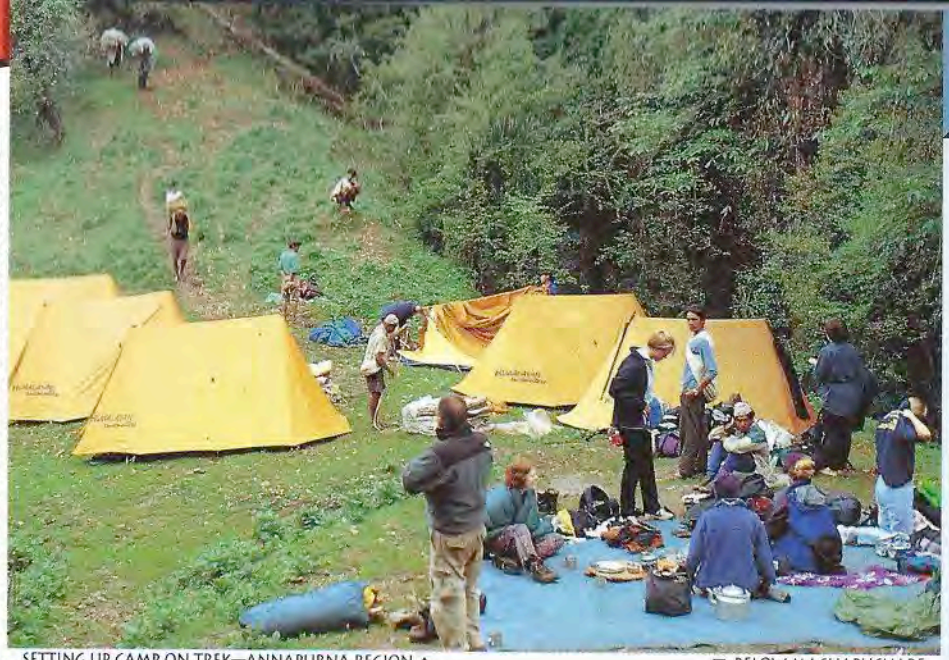

SETTING UP CAMP ON TREK—ANNAPURNA REGION ▲

▼ BELOW MACHAPUCHARE

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

MOUNTAIN & WILDLIFE (MWI) | **14 DAYS**

What is a Mountain & Wildlife Encounter?

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the extremes of the Kingdom of Nepal in just 14 days. From the high Annapurnas to the wildlife of Chitwan and from the panorama of the greatest mountains on earth to a touch of medieval history in Kathmandu valley.

Challenging Mountain Trails...

A Nepal journey must first start in Kathmandu and there is no better way to explore the back streets and various sights of the valley than by bicycle. We take a domestic flight to Pokhara and from our base there we trek for eight days up into the base of the Annapurna Massif wilderness region—we are supported by Nepali guides and porters who carry for us, cook and lead us through the most dramatic scenery you could see anywhere. The Himalaya and especially the Annapurnas are very accessible to trekkers as opposed to 'climbers' and therefore we are able to ascend to high points of around 4500 metres without much difficulty. The reward is awesome mountain panorama highlighted by Machapuchare and Annapurna's peaks; one, two and three—this really is earth meeting the heavens. Our final days are spent in the lowlands in Chitwan National Park where on elephant we search for rhinoceros, sloth bear, gharial crocodile and the ever elusive Bengal tiger. We complete this breathtaking journey by overnighting at Nagarkot where sunset and sunrise views of virtually the entire Nepal Himalayan massif will literally take your breath away.

...Hidden Wildlife & Ancient Times

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** WESTERN NEPAL & THE TERAI.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Domestic Flight Kathmandu to Pokhara, cycle in Kathmandu, by foot on Trek, chartered minibuses, by foot, canoe & elephants in Chitwan N.P. 100kms on Trek, 350kms by Road
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels in Kathmandu & Chitwan, Lodge in Pokhara, camping on Trek.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 8 - 18 plus local trek staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches all prepared by Sherpa and Nepali cooks. Restaurant/cafe meals in Pokhara and en route to Kathmandu.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** In Kathmandu, afternoon cycle tour. ***Day 2*** Fly to Pokhara, Trek preparation. ***Days 3 & 4*** Trek, supported by porters through Mardi Khola via Dhumpas. ***Days 5 & 6*** Ascending above tree line to highest point at 4600metres (weather permitting). Views of Machapuchare and the Annapurna Massif. ***Days 7 to 9*** Descending through the Mardi Khola valley and villages to Maripul. ***Day 10*** Descend to Pokhara and Phewa Lake. ***Day 11*** Drive south into the Lowland Terai to Chitwan National Park. ***Day 12*** In Chitwan National Park guided walks and canoe safari, game viewing by Elephant back. ***Day 13*** Drive up to Kathmandu valley and to Nagarkot, sunset over Himalayas. ***Day 14*** Following sunrise views, we visit the ancient city of Baktaphur before returning to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu cycle tour, Pokhara, Mardi Himal Trek, Chitwan National Park activities, Nagarkot, Baktaphur.

  N.B. This project is operated in conjunction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **MWI**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

SUN KOSI: RIVER OF GOLD (SKR) — 10 DAYS

What Is A Sun-Kosi: River of Gold Encounter?

The Sun Kosi project is a white water rafting journey through the remote river gorges of Eastern Nepal. A challenging but rewarding trip experiencing a part of Nepal seen by few.

Ride The Wilder Side Of Life...

The Sun Kosi river is a powerful and vital vein that bursts out of Tibet into Nepal and carves its way south-east to India. Upon leaving Kathmandu we drive to Dhulikhel to overnight in a lodge with spectacular views of the Himalayas. We then join the "River of Gold" at Dolaghat for a challenging trip through white water rapids for eight days. Each day involves both the excitement of negotiating rapids and the enjoyment of viewing dramatic scenery from calmer water. We utilise high quality equipment, and are led by very experienced helmsmen who will guide the rafts with the assistance of the group as "paddle power". The river beaches are our campsites where we erect a makeshift camp and you have the opportunity to walk to nearby villages whilst the camp meals are prepared. This is a unique journey through a remote region inaccessible by road, therefore we need to carry everything we need for the river section—what's more, we carry out our non-disposable waste. We end the river section at Chatra in the lowlands then fly by domestic flight from Biratnagar to Kathmandu for our party night and the comfort of our hotel.

...We Dare You

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EASTERN NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 80% river rafting, 20% locally chartered transport. Domestic flight from Birtatnagar to Kathmandu.
- 180kms by river, 80kms by road
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, hotel (1 night), lodge (1night).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 18, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals, packed lunches. Relying heavily on cereals, canned food and dried goods. Everyone assists in the preparation of food.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 Drive to Dhulikhel—overnight at a mountain view lodge.
  Days 2 to 8 At Dolaghat we join the Sun Kosi. Raft the remote gorges and rapids of this challenging river, camping overnight on beaches.
  Days 9 & 10 Arriving in Chatra we drive to Biratnagar to join a flight to Kathmandu for party night. Arrangements end after breakfast on the last day.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, mountain lodge at Dhulikhel, 8 days white water rafting on the Sun Kosi river.

N.B. This project is operated in conjunction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal. A demanding but exciting project, some rafting experience is preferred but not essential.

- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **SKR**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

HIMALAYAN CHALLENGE (HCH) — 34 DAYS

If you are undecided about these 2 trips, why not combine them into one: Himalayan Challenge.

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE....

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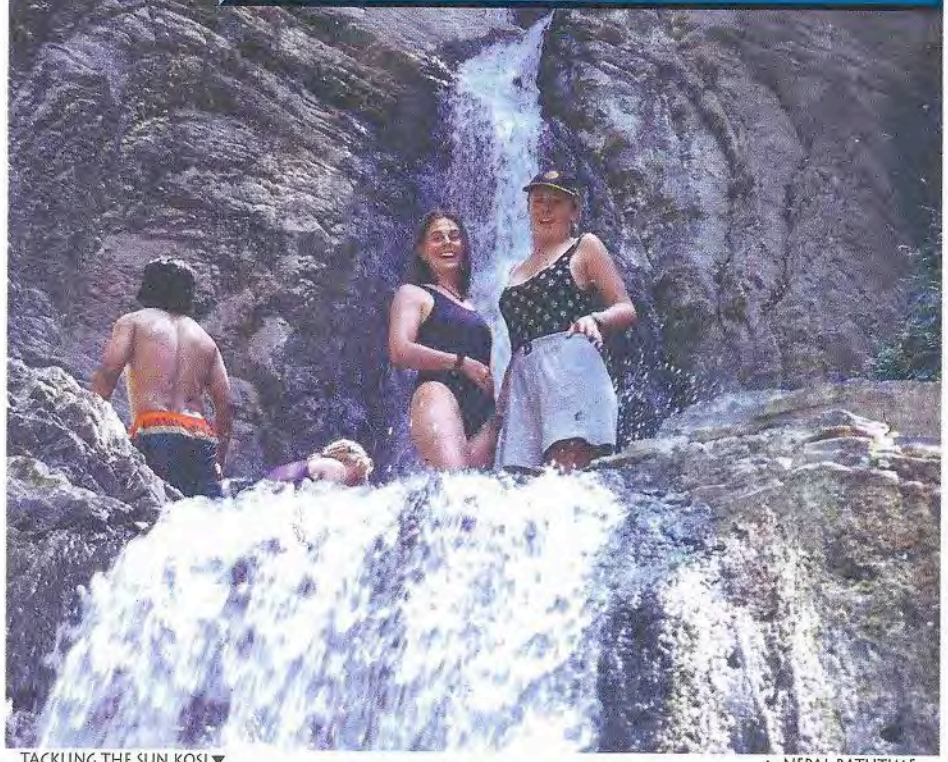

TACKLING THE SUN KOSI ▼

▲ NEPAL BATHTIME

DATES & PRICES

SUN KOSI: RIVER OF GOLD

	Kathmandu to Kathmandu	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	18 May (Tue) - 27 May (Thu)	165	950
	28 Sep (Tue) - 07 Oct (Thu)	165	1020
	12 Oct (Tue) - 21 Oct (Thu)	165	1020
	26 Oct (Tue) - 04 Nov (Thu)	165	1020
	16 Nov (Tue) - 25 Nov (Thu)	165	1020
	07 Dec (Tue) - 16 Dec (Thu)	165	1020
2000	16 May (Tue) - 25 May (Thu)	170	1075
	26 Sep (Tue) - 05 Oct (Thu)	170	1075
	10 Oct (Tue) - 19 Oct (Thu)	170	1075
	24 Oct (Tue) - 02 Nov (Thu)	170	1075
	14 Nov (Tue) - 23 Nov (Thu)	170	1075
	05 Dec (Tue) - 14 Dec (Thu)	170	1075

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UPSTREAM TO EVEREST

	Kathmandu to Kathmandu	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	19 Apr (Mon) - 16 May (Sun)	475	2770
	18 Oct (Mon) - 14 Nov (Sun)	475	2770
	22 Nov (Mon) - 19 Dec (Sun)	475	2770
2000	17 Apr (Mon) - 14 May (Sun)	490	2835
	16 Oct (Mon) - 12 Nov (Sun)	490	2835
	20 Nov (Mon) - 17 Dec (Sun)	490	2835

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HIMALAYAN CHALLENGE

	Kathmandu to Kathmandu	L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	12 Oct (Tue) - 14 Nov (Sun)	575	3590
	16 Nov (Tue) - 19 Dec (Sun)	575	3590
2000	10 Oct (Tue) - 12 Nov (Sun)	600	3765
	14 Nov (Tue) - 17 Dec (Sun)	600	3765

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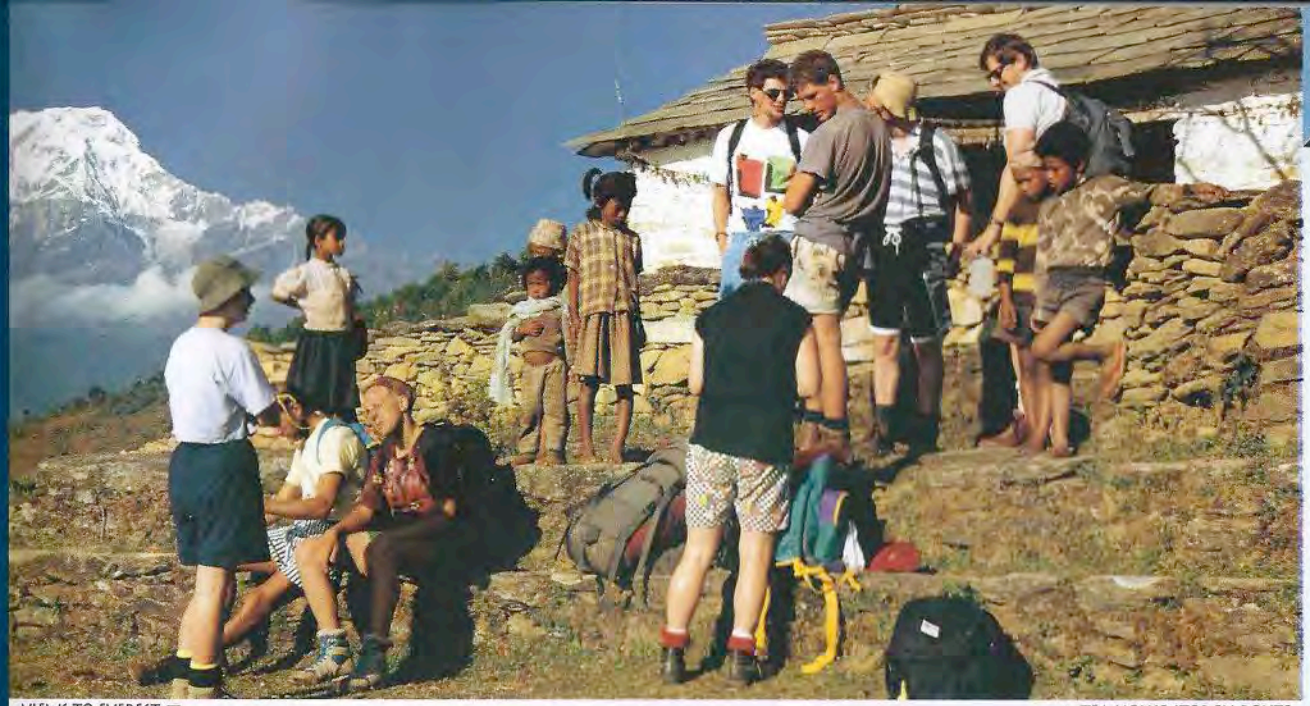
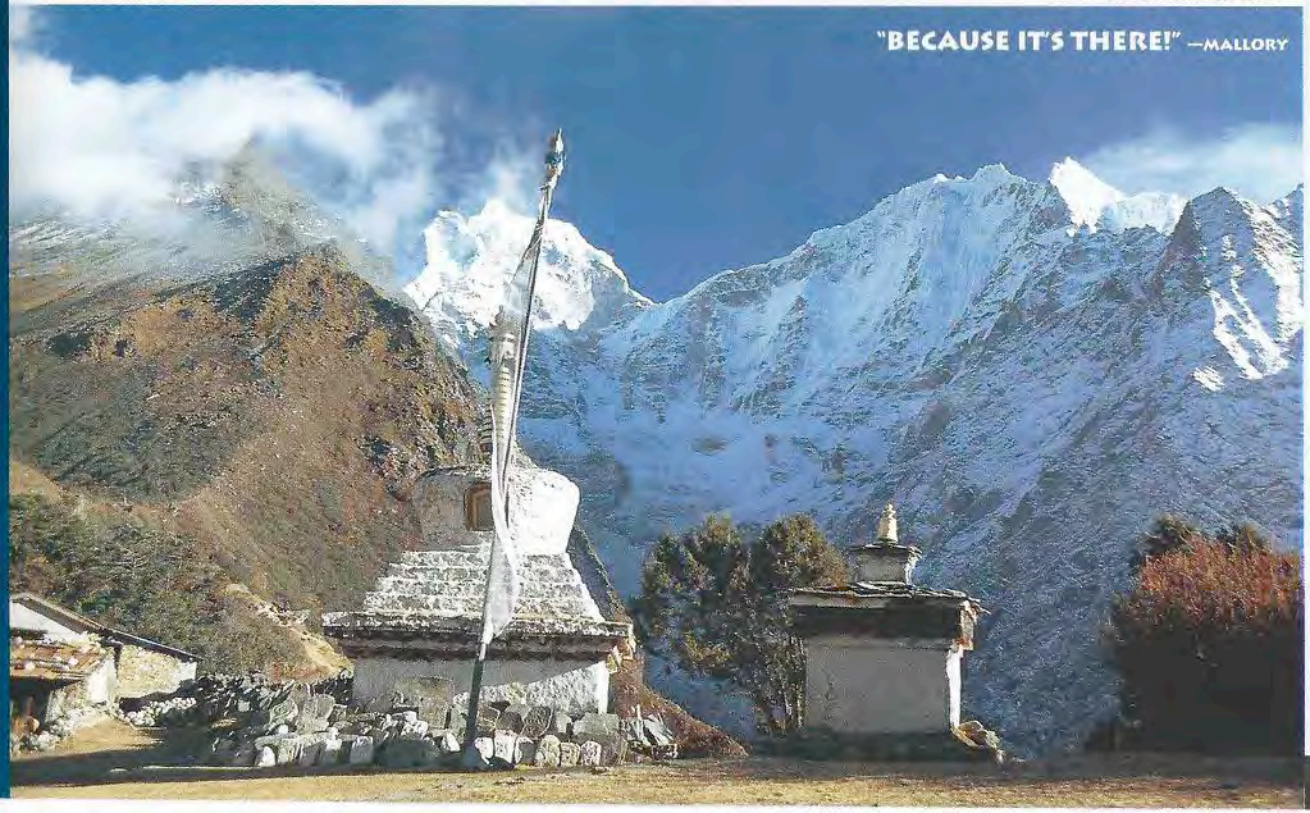


VIEWS TO EVEREST ▼

▲ TEA HOUSE STOP EN-ROUTE



KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

UPSTREAM TO EVEREST (UEV) | **28 DAYS**

What Is An Upstream To Everest Encounter?

From Kathmandu to the base of Everest by trekking the ancient trade routes between India and Tibet. This is a challenging but rewarding trek to the Khumbu, through the heart and soul of the Himalayas.

View The World...

Leaving the fables of Kathmandu behind us, we begin our journey crossing the Raj Path to the Terai lowlands. This leads us to Hile and the beginning of our ascent. Through villages and small farms of the Rai and Limbu people, along the Arun river, it is an easy meander into another world. Once across the Arun valley the ascent becomes more demanding but the pace is relaxed, stopping at villages and tea houses to admire the view. Our trail now takes us from the Hongu valley and Guidel villages across the Satu La Pass. Arriving at Namche Bazaar we glimpse our first close views of Everest. Namche is an interesting place and bustling with people, strong in Buddhist tradition and equality of their close knit communities. Beyond here (and it is very difficult to imagine that there is anything beyond here) we find the Thyangboche Monastery, the centre of Buddhism in Khumbu and the centre of calm and peace, an idyllic setting in an idyllic world. Crossing the Imja Khola, our trail climbs steadily through the wild scenery of Dingboche to the shattered rock of Kala Pattar where we come face to face with the tallest and largest phenomenas in the world. The project is a heady and haunting experience, yet the sheer challenge and sense of reward will leave you with a sense of achievement shared by few. Finally the flight from Lukla to Kathmandu will bring us back to some reality, but only some.

...From A Different Level

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, EVEREST REGION.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 90% trekking, 10% locally chartered transport. ● 500kms with 200kms trekking.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** 100% camping.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 14, plus trek crew.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches prepared by Sherpa and Nepali cooks.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 Two full days drive to Dharan in Eastern Nepal. ***Day 3*** Drive to Hile, trek preparation with guides and porters. ***Days 4 to 7*** Begin trek through Arun valley, Tumlingtar and Chandanpur. ***Days 8 to10*** Trek out of Arun valley and across the Salpa Pass at 3400 metres. ***Days 11 to 15*** Descend through the Hongu valley, then over Satu La Pass 3200 metres. ***Days 16 & 17*** We reach Namche Bazaar, rest and acclimatise. ***Days 18 to 20*** Trek to Thyangboche and Dingboche 4350 metres and acclimatise. ***Days 21 & 22*** To Khumbu Glacier and opportunity to ascend Kala Pattar 5540 metres. ***Days 23 to 27*** Descend via Thyangboche, Namche to Lukla. ***Day 28*** Fly on domestic flight back to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, 25 day trek to Everest Base Camp via Arun Valley, Takure, Tumlingtar, Chandanpur, Salpa Pass, Guidel village and Hongu Valley, Satu La Pass, Namche Bazaar, Thyangboche, Dingboche, Lobuche and Khumbu glacier, Kala Pattar.

  N.B. This project is operated in conjunction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **UEV**

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KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

NEPAL 'DEKHO' (NDE) | **14 DAYS**

What Is A Nepal 'Dekho' Encounter?

A journey that encompasses all the best features of Nepal in just 14 days. The ancient culture of the Kathmandu valley, the white water of the Seti Khola, an enjoyable trek in the Himalayas and the wildlife experience of the Chitwan National Park.

Raft The Unknown...

Beginning in Kathmandu, we explore this fabled city and surrounding valley by bicycle before driving west to Pokhara, nestled below the Annapurnas. With the support of local guides and porters we trek the "Royal Trek" into the Kalikastan region—through Gurang villages and green forests of untouched beauty. Evenings are spent under canvas where we are catered for by wonderful Nepali cooks. The days provide us with awe-inspiring views of the Annapurna massif. A rest day in Pokhara on the shores of lake Phewa will prepare us to tackle the white waters of the Seti Khola river. Specialised equipment and very experienced helmsmen will guide us down this exciting river, but not without employing your paddle power as we negotiate our way through each challenging rapid. We leave the wilds of the Seti behind us as we enter the wildlife world of the Chitwan National Park. On elephant back and by foot we explore trails that will lead us to possible sightings of rhinoceros, monkeys, wild pig, gharial crocodile, sloth bear and maybe even the elusive Bengal tiger. Upon our return to Kathmandu we can reflect and savour an amazing 14 days that have encompassed this country.

...Walk The Unseen

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL—ANNAPURNA REGION.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** 40% locally chartered transport, 35% trekking, 25% river rafting
- 450 kms inc. 75 kms on foot
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout except guesthouses in Kathmandu and lodge at Chitwan National Park.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 16, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Restaurant meals in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan, camp cooked breakfast, dinners and picnic lunches on river and trekking. When camping on the river section everyone is required to assist with meal preparation.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 In Kathmandu, trip preparation and city tour by bicycle. ***Day 3*** Drive to Pokhara and Lake Phewa. ***Days 4 to 8*** Five days of trekking the 'Royal Trek' in the Kalikastan region with the support of porters —views of the Annapurna Massif. ***Day 9*** In Pokhara, rest and markets. ***Days 10 to 12*** Three days rafting the white water of the Seti Khola river camping on the beaches. Drive to Chitwan on the Terai. ***Days 13 & 14*** In Chitwan National Park—Elephant safari and jungle walks. Drive to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu bicycle tour, Bodhnath Stupa, Swayambhunath Hill Temple, Pokhara, 5 days 'Royal Trek' in the Kalikastan region, 3 days white water rafting on Seti river, Chitwan National Park.

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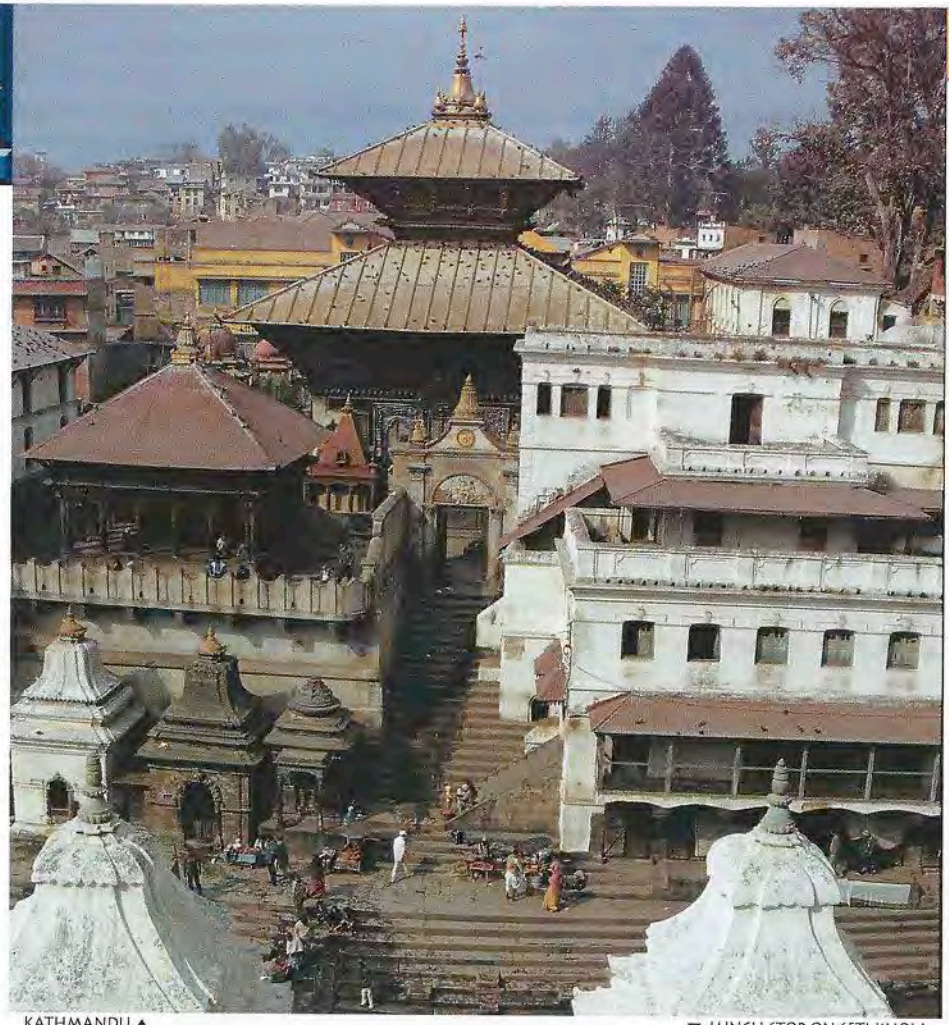

KATHMANDU ▲

▼ LUNCH STOP ON SETI KHOLA

DATES & PRICES

NEPAL 'DEKHO'

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	15 Feb (Mon) - 28 Feb (Sun)	360	2105
	08 Mar (Mon) - 21 Mar (Sun)	360	2105
	04 Apr (Mon) - 17 Apr (Sun)	360	2105
	25 Apr (Sun) - 08 May (Sat)	360	2105
	09 May (Sun) - 22 May (Sat)	360	2105
	03 Oct (Sun) - 16 Oct (Sat)	360	2160
	17 Oct (Sun) - 30 Oct (Sat)	360	2160
	31 Oct (Sun) - 13 Nov (Sat)	360	2160
	21 Nov (Sun) - 04 Dec (Sat)	360	2160
	12 Dec (Sun) - 25 Dec (Sat)	360	2160
2000	13 Feb (Sun) - 26 Feb (Sat)	380	2215
	05 Mar (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	380	2215
	02 Apr (Sun) - 15 Apr (Sat)	380	2215
	23 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	380	2215
	07 May (Sun) - 20 May (Sat)	380	2215
	01 Oct (Sun) - 14 Oct (Sat)	380	2265
	15 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	380	2265
	29 Oct (Sun) - 11 Nov (Sat)	380	2265
	19 Nov (Sun) - 02 Dec (Sat)	380	2265
	10 Dec (Sun) - 23 Dec (Sat)	380	2265

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NEPAL AND TIBET

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	04 Apr (Sun) - 02 May (Sun)*	700	4215
	25 Apr (Sun) - 23 May (Sun)*	700	4215
	09 May (Sun) - 06 Jun (Sun)*	700	4215
	18 Sep (Sat) - 16 Oct (Sat)*	700	4215
	02 Oct (Sat) - 30 Oct (Sat)*	700	4215
	16 Oct (Sat) - 13 Nov (Sat)*	700	4215
2000	02 Apr (Sun) - 30 Apr (Sun)*	730	4425
	23 Apr (Sun) - 21 May (Sun)*	730	4425
	07 May (Sun) - 04 Jun (Sun)*	730	4425
	16 Sep (Sat) - 14 Oct (Sat)*	730	4425
	30 Sep (Sat) - 28 Oct (Sat)*	730	4425
	14 Oct (Sat) - 11 Nov (Sat)*	730	4425

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THE HIGHROAD TO LHASA

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	17 Apr (Sat) - 02 May (Sun)*	590	2625
	08 May (Sat) - 23 May (Sun)*	590	2625
	22 May (Sat) - 06 Jun (Sun)*	590	2625
	17 Jul (Sat) - 01 Aug (Sun)*	590	2625
	07 Aug (Sat) - 22 Aug (Sun)*	590	2625
	18 Sep (Sat) - 03 Oct (Sun)*	590	2625
	02 Oct (Sat) - 17 Oct (Sun)*	590	2625
	16 Oct (Sat) - 31 Oct (Sun)*	590	2625
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 30 Apr (Sun)*	620	2740
	06 May (Sat) - 21 May (Sun)*	620	2740
	20 May (Sat) - 04 Jun (Sun)*	620	2740
	15 Jul (Sat) - 30 Jul (Sun)*	620	2740
	05 Aug (Sat) - 20 Aug (Sun)*	620	2740
	16 Sep (Sat) - 01 Oct (Sun)*	620	2740
	30 Sep (Sat) - 15 Oct (Sun)*	620	2740
	14 Oct (Sat) - 29 Oct (Sun)*	620	2740

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THE HIGHROAD TO LHASA PLUS TREK

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	AUS$
1999	17 Apr (Sat) - 09 May (Sun)*	620	3695
	22 May (Sat) -13 Jun (Sun)*	620	3695
	07 Aug (Sat) - 29 Aug (Sun)*	620	3695
	02 Oct (Sat) - 24 Oct (Sun)*	620	3695
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 07 May (Sun)*	650	3865
	20 May (Sat) - 11 Jun (Sun)*	650	3865
	05 Aug (Sat) - 27 Aug (Sun)*	650	3865
	30 Sep (Sat) - 22 Oct (Sun)*	650	3865

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*N.B. Cost of Integral flight & taxes Lhasa to Kathmandu not included allow US$ 230

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

NEPAL & TIBET (NTI) | **29 DAYS**

If you are undecided about these 2 trips, why not combine them into one: Nepal & Tibet.

TWO SIMILAR, TWO SEPARATE...

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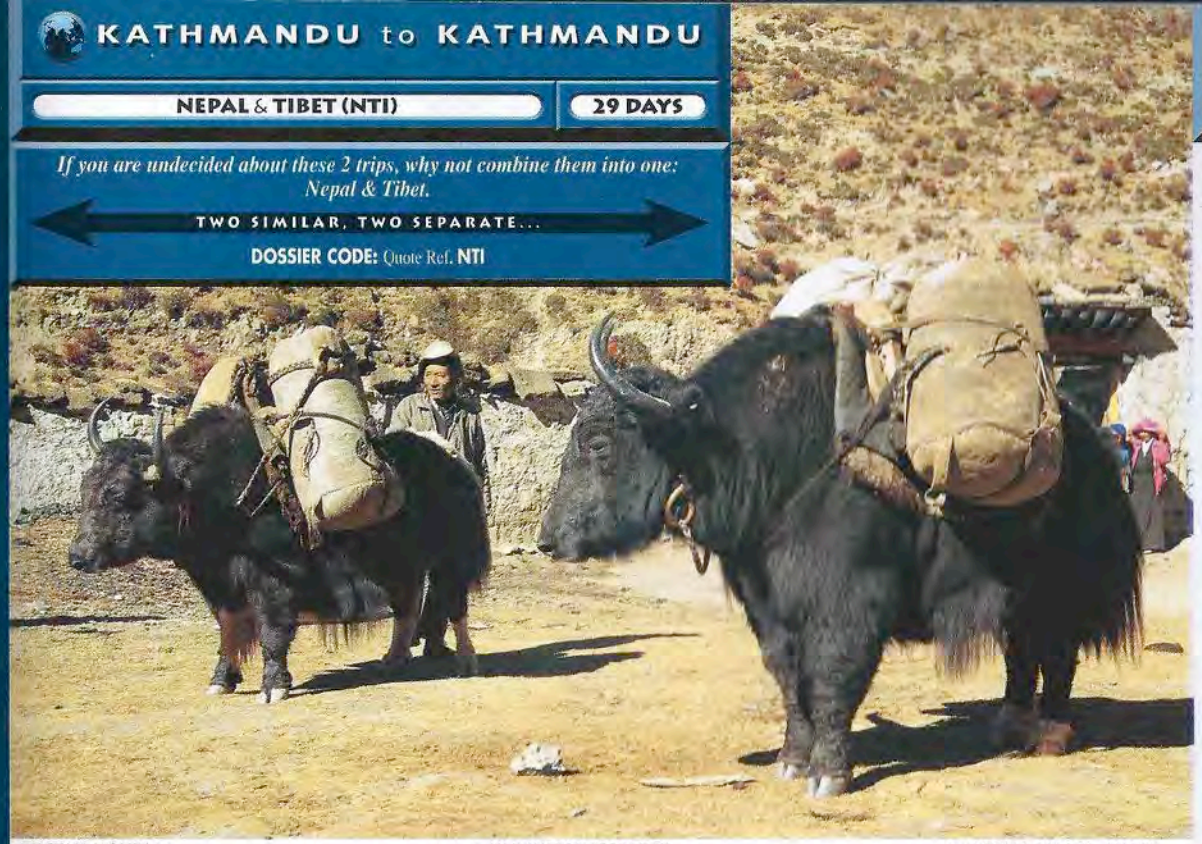

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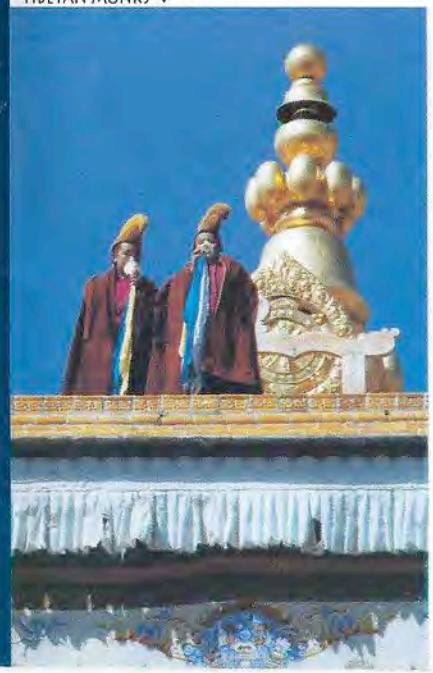
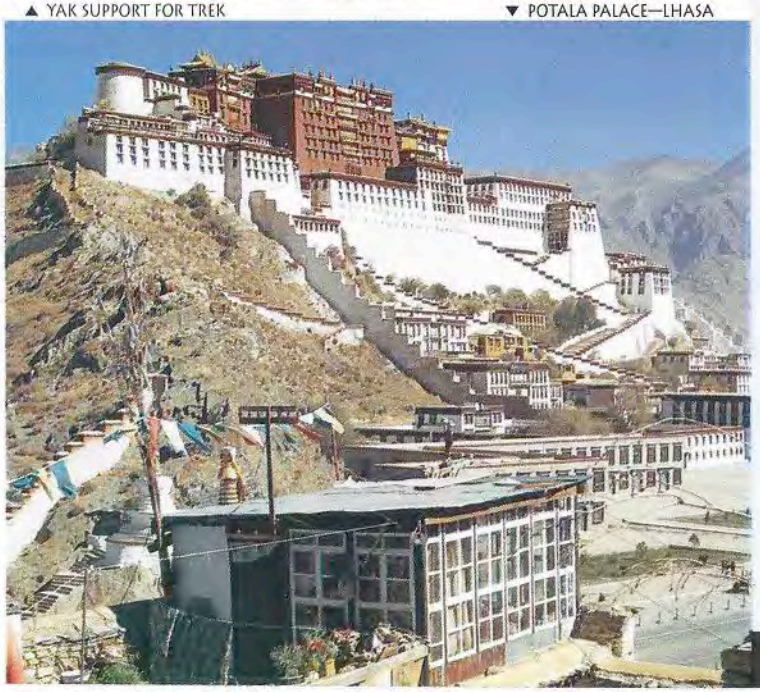


▲ YAK SUPPORT FOR TREK

▼ POTALA PALACE—LHASA



KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

THE **HIGHROAD** TO **LHASA (HLH)** | **16/23 DAYS**

What Is A High Road To Lhasa Encounter?

From Kathmandu and the Kingdom of Nepal we climb to the Tibetan Plateau to discover the mysteries of the land on the roof of the world. We utilise specialised buses and stay in guesthouses and hotels while being guided by Tibetans in a country striving to retain their heritage.

A Journey Into The Forbidden Land...

We begin this journey in Kathmandu by first exploring its treasures on bicycles. We then drive the only land route possible up through the Sun Kosi gorge to Kodari, our crossing point to Tibet. No sooner have we climbed up into Tibet to Nylam and Tingri there is no doubt that we are in a very different land—one of remote monasteries, wild looking, nomadic yak herdsmen and hamlets of fortress-like homes to protect their dwellers from the cold winters. In appearance Tibet and her people are harsh, yet this is a shy but welcoming place. We will visit the great monasteries of Sakya and Shigatse where monks and Lamas will proudly guide us through narrow passageways to hidden rooms containing colourful Buddhist treasures. The Chinese influence in Tibet has had an effect, but they will never totally control the strong faith in Buddism that the Tibetans possess. Our drive onto the Pang La pass will give us an almost unbelievable view of Everest from its backdoor—it seems unthreatened by the neighbouring peaks of Lotse, Makalu and Cho Umbu. Crossing the Karo La pass we view the turquoise waters of Yamdrok Tso lake, then to Lhasa. Pilgrims travel long distances to Lhasa to visit the Potala Palace, the Bharkhor Bazaar and the holy shrine of the Jokhiang Temple. We fly back to Nepal over stunning views of the Himalayas to overnight at the mountain retreat of Nagarkot before our journey ends in Kathmandu.

NB: **There is an opportunity on certain departures to take a 7 day trekking option from Ganden to Samye—being supported by local guides and yaks to carry baggage and equipment. This is a unique opportunity to experience a remote part of this extraordinary country.**

...In Search Of Peace

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, TIBET.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Bicycle in Kathmandu, chartered small buses in Nepal & Tibet. Flight from Lhasa to Kathmandu not included in project price. On foot around landslides and 100kms trekking if joining the Ganden trek to Samye supported by Yaks.
- 1,000 kms by land 1185 kms if taking trek.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels & guesthouses. 5 nights camping on Ganden to Samye trek.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 12 - 20, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Restaurant and cafe meals throughout, basic roadside teahouses in remoter areas. Camp meals prepared by Tibetan cook whilst on trek
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 In Kathmandu, trip preparation and city tour by bicycle. ***Days 3 & 4*** Drive north to Tatopani and cross border into Tibet, to Zhangmu. ***Days 5 & 6*** On to the Tibetan plateau, over Lalung La Pass 5200 metres, view north face of Everest then to Lhaze. ***Days 7 & 8*** Visit Sakya Monastery, then to Shigatse, Tashilunpo Monastery and the home of the Panchen Lama. ***Days 9 & 10*** To Gyantse, old city and fortress, then via the Turquoise Lake of Yamdrok Tso over Karo La Pass 5100 metres and down into Lhasa. ***Days 11 to 14*** In and around Lhasa, Potala Palace, Jokhiang Temple, Barkhor markets and surrounding Monasteries of Sera, Drepung and Ganden. ***Days 15 & 16*** Fly back to Kathmandu, drive up to Nargarkot—sunset/sunrise views of Himalayas. Return to Kathmandu via ancient city of Bhaktapur. ***NB:*** **or stay on for 7 days to trek between Ganden and Samye, thus completing 23 days.**
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Bicycle tour of Kathmandu, Bodnath Stupa, Swayambhunath Hill Temple, Milarepa's cave, Sakya, Pang La Pass, Tashilunpo Monastery, Gyantse, Yamdrok Tso, Lhasa, Potala Palace, Jokhiang Temple, Barkhor Bazaar, Nagarkot Village, sunset over Himalayas, Ganden-Samye trek.
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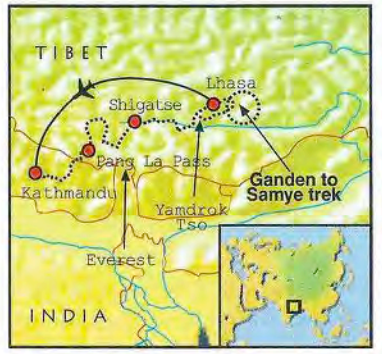


NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

TRUCK JOURNEYS & SAFARIS

NO BOUNDARIES, NO LIMITS

The word 'overlanding' and all that it implies is very important in Encounter's language. It suggests movement from one place to another overland. This means that we become as close to nature as we please, experience views and sights that would not be experienced by any other form of transport.

For this reason all Encounter expedition trucks are specially designed to fulfil our needs on the road. We have different trucks for different continents because each continent has its own individual and unique terrain. We have to look upon each continent as a separate obstacle course and our trucks are designed to handle each individual course.

SEATING AND VIEW

An Overland Adventure is a rough and tumble journey into some of the world's most remote places so we try to make it as comfortable as possible. Our trucks are fitted with comfortable, individual, fully sprung seats and special headrests. These features provide our passengers with sound back support that absorbs the stiff response of truck suspension.

A COMFORTABLE EXISTENCE...

ASIA AND AFRICA: Trucks are designed for very sociable travel. Most have inward facing seats which mean that you can share the experiences you see with your fellow travellers and maintain good all round vision.

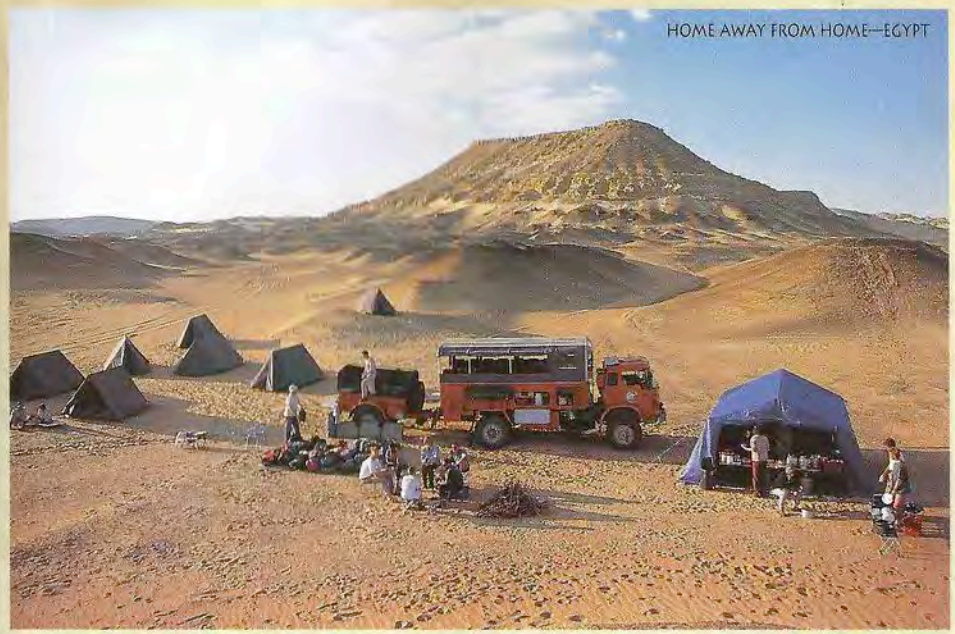
SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA: With these vehicles we take a different view. In South America the truck is sometimes our home and it becomes the social club during cold nights in the Andes yet it must also be suited to the heat of the Amazon basin. This requires a hard sided vehicle but includes sun-roof tops—the best of both. People sit grouped around tables in order that a serious game of cards may take place!

In Central America specially designed vehicles are employed to suit all the extremes of this extraordinary region.

When our trucks roll out of our workshops we are one hundred percent secure in the knowledge that you will be travelling in the very best vehicles, driven by the very best Project Leaders and surrounded by the very best equipment.

WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO TAKE YOU THERE...

...THE BEST VEHICLES WILL TAKE US TO THE BEST PLACES.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME—EGYPT

IN AFRICA AND ASIA

In Africa and in Asia our trucks are designed to provide maximum visibility and to tackle the toughest terrain. The roof rolls back and the sides roll up which immediately puts us in close contact with the world outside. The special 4WD expedition vehicles deployed in all projects in Africa are perfect for the conditions, handling anything from the shifting sands of the Sahara desert to the wet, rutted roads of the Congo. The soft-top tilt can fully roll back to give maximum vision for all—especially when game viewing.

ENCOUNTER TRAILERS

Many features of an Encounter project are unique, not least the vehicles and equipment. The trailers used in Africa and Asia are appreciated by all of our clients as they allow much more passenger space in the truck itself, and technically, weight distribution is more conducive to a smoother ride. We can also carry more equipment to improve our lifestyle on the trip. The trailer reduces axle weight over makeshift jungle bridges and if the trucks occasionally become stuck, perhaps in some unfortunate part of the Sahara (unavoidable features of an Encounter journey) the unit can be unhitched to allow easier passage for the truck.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH THE TOUGH GET GOING

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT

Where an Encounter truck is sometimes not required or not practical, we employ alternative types of transport:

4WD JEEPS

These become our mode of transport through Northern Vietnam, Eastern Tibet and Northern Pakistan—to name a few.

JUNGLE LONGBOATS

Traditional methods of transport for alternative routes along rivers in Borneo and South and Central America.

CHARTERED MINIBUSES

For chosen projects in Nepal, Tibet, Vietnam and various Brief Encounters in South & Central America.

RIVER FERRIES, FELUCCA SAILBOATS & CANOES

Relaxed journeys on the Amazon and the Nile, Mokoros in the Okavango, canoes on the Zambezi.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT

Aircraft are needed to access remote or difficult areas of South America, Asia and Africa.

TRAINS

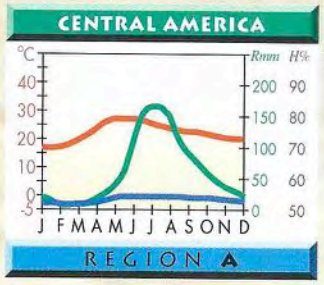
Different views of the countryside in Egypt, Vietnam and China.

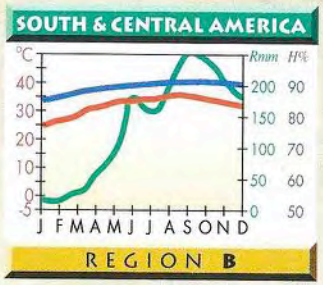
Encounter emphasises that it is the fun of the journey rather than the actual destination which is important. All our modes of transport ensure a rewarding and unique experience.

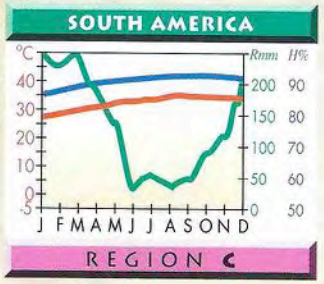
WE CARE

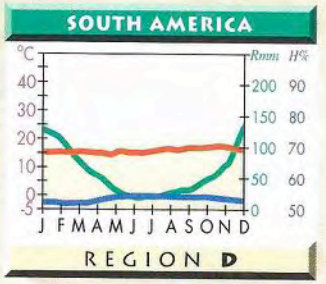
Encounter ventures into some of the world's most remote areas. Deep in the heart of nature we encounter endangered habitats and species, but wherever we go, we go carefully. Careful not to disturb sensitive areas, careful not to pose any threat. From close up we watch the lives of our fellow creatures, but from far we help to protect and support them. It is this respect and sympathy for the environment and the safety of its wildlife that allows us to show those who travel with us some of the world's most beautiful and rare creatures. We would like to keep it this way and it is for this reason that we actively support the World Wide Fund For Nature, Project Tiger, Save the Rhino and the Born Free Foundation (Ele-friends). These are some of the projects to which we offer assistance, but additionally, a significant proportion of the cost of each of our projects goes directly to village level in exchange for produce, goods and services. Encounter also has it's own in-house code of conduct which is introduced by our Project Leaders.

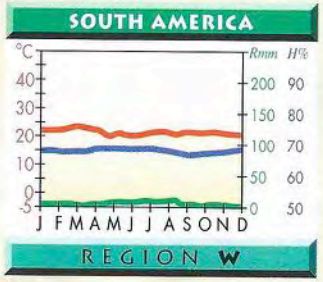
WORLD WEATHER GUIDE

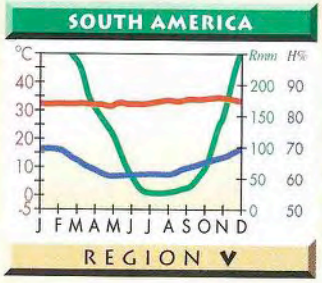


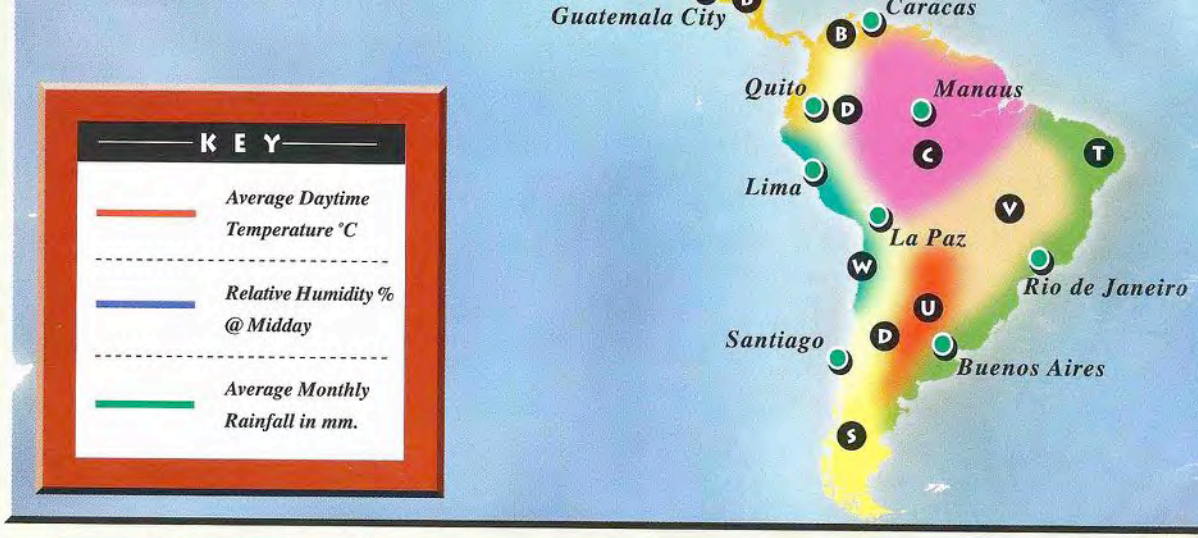


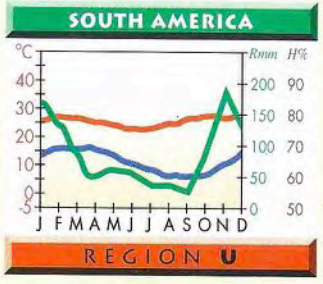


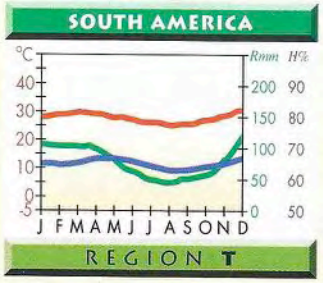


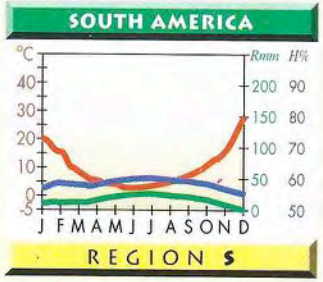


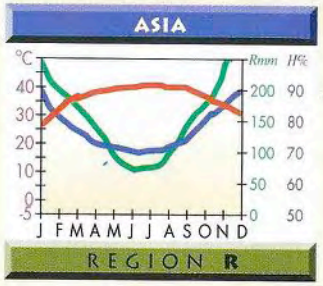


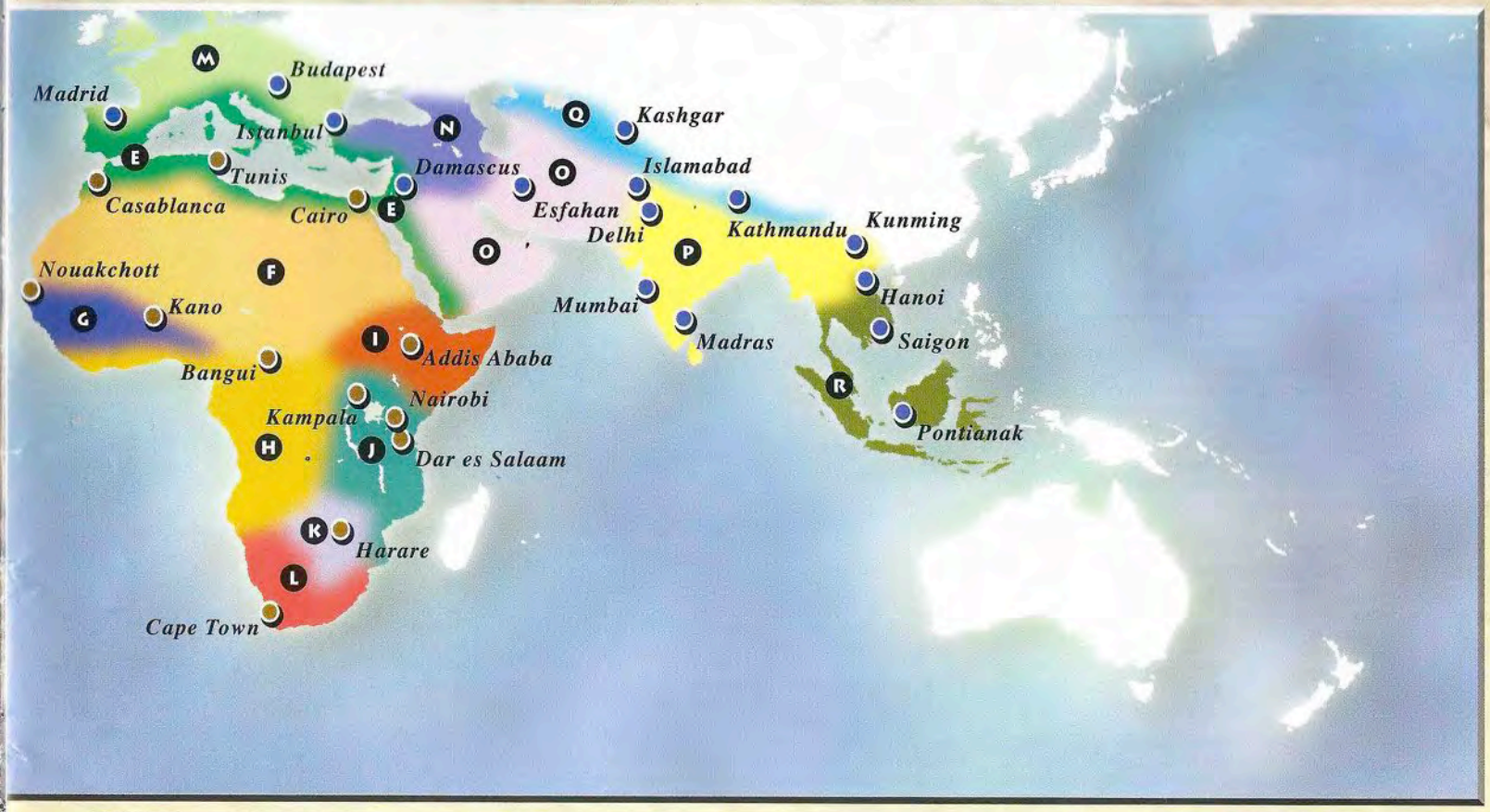








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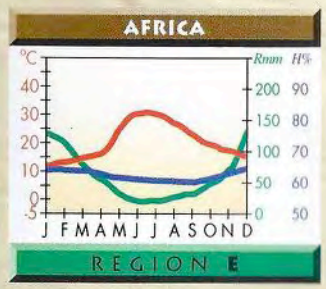
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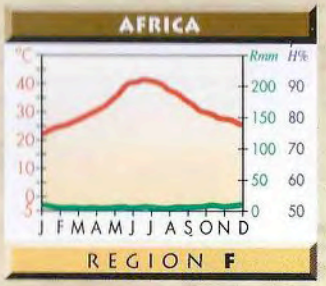
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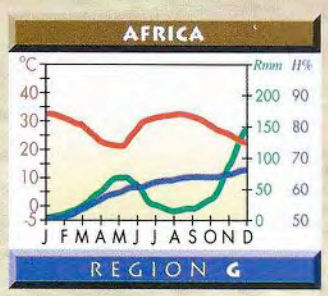
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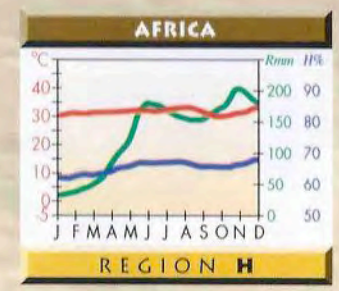
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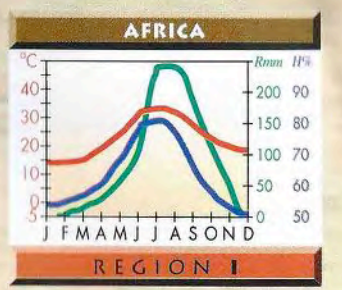
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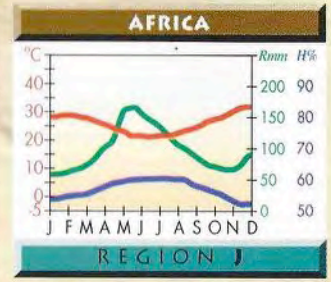
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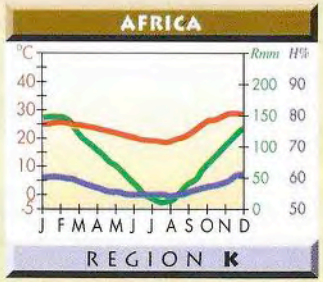
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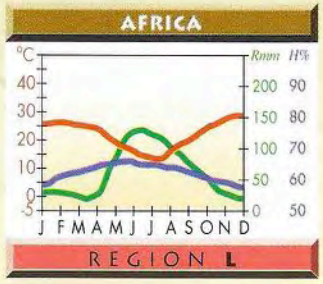
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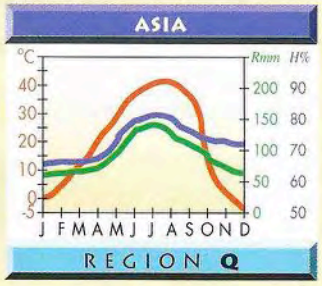
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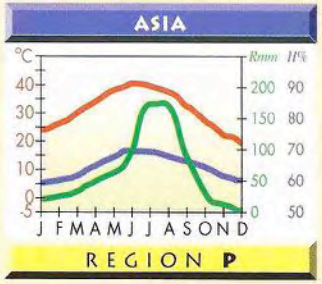
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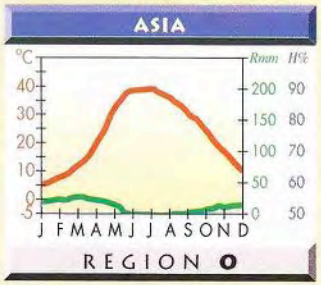
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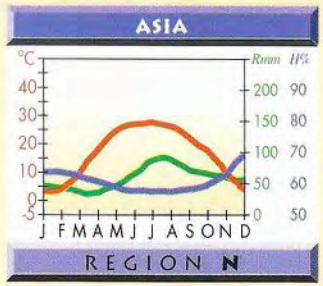
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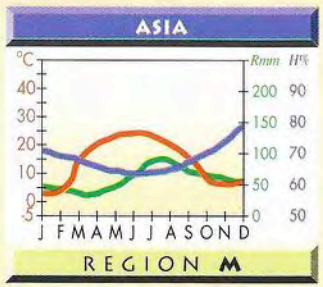
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AGE & SUITABILITY

Encounter does not maintain a strict age limit for project members. It is very important however to understand that all the projects are 'lifestyles' as well as being holidays. Most of the longer trips require flexibility, fitness and adaptability. Due to extreme conditions, climates and the nomadic lifestyle, we consider our projects to be best suited to people between **18 and 45**. The cohesion and balance of a multinational group is essential to the success of each project and this balance must be maintained whether it be a ten day white water raft of the Sun Kosi River or a 34 week Great Overland Encounter crossing three continents. Your commitment to joining an Encounter project shows a desire for adventure, for challenge. It is a wish to fulfil a dream and experience the extremes of this world and it is much easier to achieve these objectives with like minded people. Some of the projects do demand a higher than average level of fitness, a determination of mind and of will. They demand this because with an Encounter project we stress that the effort and determination that is put in is a measure of the experience and pleasure that an individual will receive in return.

GROUP SIZES

The group size as stated in the 'key facts' on each project page is the expected number of people you will find on the trip of your choice. Whilst the maximum number including Encounter staff is stated, there is also a minimum number required for a trip to run safely and successfully. In cases where we fail to secure a minimum number we may have to make the decision to cancel the project—these decisions are not made on a purely financial basis.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your Pre-departure Information pack is tailored specifically to your project. The pack will contain important facts relevant to your planning and preparation and therefore it is essential that you read these as soon as you receive them in order that you are able to prepare for the trip. Together, the Project Dossiers and the Pre-departure Information will provide you with all the necessary instructions on visas, passports, insurance, vaccinations, advice on personal equipment and spending money. The joining instructions, departure point and details of the pre-departure meetings are included in the Pre-departure Information. This will also include details about pre-trip accommodation.

PASSPORT & VISAS

Your passport must obviously be valid for the whole duration of the project and for a minimum of six months beyond its completion.

Your passport should also contain sufficient blank pages for visas and border stamps and in many cases if you are joining longer projects it may be advisable to take a completely new passport full of blank pages.

Visas are obtained either prior to departure or en route depending on the circumstances; you will be advised by Encounter or your agent. It is very important that you study the advice prepared for you on visas in your Pre-departure Information pack and, if in doubt, you should always contact Encounter or your agent. We are here to help and advise you at all times. Requirements for all nationalities are changing constantly and therefore it is impossible for Encounter to guarantee that all visa information in Pre-departure Information packs is completely up to date. Costs change regularly as do validity time limits, but again if in doubt contact Encounter as we always have the relevant information ready to hand.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

A recommended clothing and equipment list will be included in the Pre-departure Information. A general rule is to pack as little and as light as possible because many articles, e.g. T-shirts and underwear, can be purchased at very modest cost en route. We recommend a medium sized back-pack or rucksack along with a smaller daypack to use during the day time. It is essential that everyone brings a sleeping bag (unless otherwise stated).

We do not offer advice on personal equipment such as cameras or videos. You should take into account the conditions experienced on the projects as they are a far cry from conventional holidays. Your equipment will invariably be subjected to extreme conditions and high tech electronic equipment cannot be repaired en route. In general slide and print film is readily available.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is essential that everyone has valid personal and medical insurance prior to, and throughout, the duration of Encounter projects. There is a wide range of travel policies available but you must be sure that yours covers the nature of your project and the activities that you will take part in.

Whichever policy you choose, it should include a minimum £20,000 or US$30,000 for medical, hospital and additional expenses. The policy should also include extra travel costs to rejoin the trip or repatriation home.

Policies should include a specified cover for your baggage and personal effects. We suggest a minimum of £1,500 or US$2,500 to cover any valuable equipment such as camera gear. From experience we strongly suggest that you choose a policy that repays your project payment should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute. Most good policies have cancellation and curtailment cover.

We must warn you against cheap, long term policies that probably do not cover all activities incorporated in an Encounter project. Encounter or your agent can recommend companies and policies that are used by their own staff to ensure that you obtain the precise cover required for your specific trip. Please contact us should you wish us to take care of this for you.

You must ALWAYS carry a copy of your insurance policy and have it handy at the pre-departure meeting.

MEDICAL

Participation in many of these projects requires certain vaccinations. These not only protect you against any likely infection but are often demanded to satisfy entry and border regulations. Yellow Fever, Meningitis and in some cases Cholera are all vaccination musts. In addition, various other innoculations are recommended such as Hepatitis, Typhoid, Tetanus and Polio.

In all cases you should seek advice from either your general practitioner (who may or may not have all the relevant information for every country you require) or, preferably, immunisation and vaccination centres. Encounter or your agent can provide you with relevant telephone numbers and addresses if required. Specific vaccination information is provided in the Pre-departure Information packs. Comprehensive tried and tested first aid kits are provided on all projects and are constantly added to when a relevant and required item is found to be necessary. You should, however, always carry your own personal kit containing aspirin, band aids, insect repellent, lip salve and sun block. We also recommend a dental checkup prior to all trips, especially on the longer projects.

MALARIA

Malaria is endemic in most of the regions into which Encounter ventures. To the people who live there it is part of their way of life, but we should be forewarned and therefore forearmed. Malaria is on the increase, especially in **Africa**, therefore to keep the risk to a minimum Encounter provide malarial prophylaxis throughout this continent. There has been, in recent years, a global debate as to the best protection and form of prophylaxis to be taken in the high risk areas. Encounter keeps in touch with important institutes so that we are able to provide you with up to date and correct advice. The advice is available in the Pre-departure Information packs that you will receive, but you should also seek a qualified medical opinion in your country of residence. Encounter provide individual mosquito nets on all truck projects but you should come supplied with good insect repellent and suitable clothing to 'cover up' in high risk areas.

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

As most of the projects are fully inclusive, personal spending money is entirely at the individual's discretion. Due to the cost effective nature of Encounter's trips, necessary personal spending money need only be minimal.

As a guideline we recommend that you allow US$12 to US$15 per day. This would cover snacks, drinks, occassional lunches and sightseeing in your own time, souvenirs, postage, additional entry fees, and laundry. The cost of visas that can only be obtained en route needs to be considered. Meals in cities on some projects and optional activities (e.g. flights over Angel Falls) should also be budgeted for over and above the daily allowance. All these extra costs will be outlined in the Project Dossiers where necessary. The safest way to carry your money is in recognised Travellers Cheques but in remoter areas convertible cash is useful. The US$ is the most practical currency on all continents, however the French Franc is preferred in some areas of North and West Africa. Specific advice for each project is again, available in the Pre-departure Information packs. Credit cards can be used in larger centres on most projects and are a practical backup in an emergency.

DEPARTURE POINTS

(And Pre-departure Accommodation)

In all centres at the beginning and the end of projects we have economical hotel or guest house arrangements available. These are typical traveller's style hotels and whilst they do not feature highly on star ratings they are practical, reliable, suitable to our needs and mostly in central locations.

The Pre-departure Information will provide details and approximate costs. Should you require pre-trip reservations, Encounter or your agent can reserve a room on your behalf. In these cases you will need to pay the hotel/guest house directly on your arrival.

RED TAPE & PLANNING

PRE-DEPARTURE MEETINGS

These meetings are held before the commencement of a Project and it is **essential** that you are present. At the Pre-departure meeting the Project Leader will check and note Project Members' visas, passports, travel insurance, emergency details and vaccinations and at the same time collect the Local Payment. At the Pre-departure meeting the guideline itinerary will be discussed and any current or potential operational problems that Encounter are aware of in relation to the itinerary will be identified and any proposed or possible changes to the route will be covered. The meeting is also an opportunity to discuss local conduct, dress code, cultural sensitivity and any other matters related to the Project.

MIDWAY LAYOVER

(Specific To Longer Projects)

IN SOUTH AMERICA

The South American Circle involves a 7/8 day midway layover in Rio de Janeiro at Carnival time, to party and do your 'own thing'. This week is **not** included in the project cost and therefore you should allow for this in your travelling budget—a figure of between US$50 and US$75 per day would be advisable.

IN AFRICA

Africa Encompassed, Africa A-Z, The Great Overland Encounter and Cape to Cairo all involve a 7/8 day midway layover in Nairobi.

This is a great and probably much needed opportunity to rest on a Kenyan beach, but alternatively there is also the opportunity to climb Kilimanjaro. If this is your chosen option, Encounter can pre arrange the trip for you. This week, as stated in the project dossier, is **not** included in the project cost and depending on what you choose to do you should allow for this in your travelling budget. We recommend US$40 to US$50 per day. A fully inclusive 7 day climb option of Kilimanjaro costs approximately US$600 to US$700.

POSSIBLE DELAYS EN ROUTE

Delays on Brief Encounters are not expected as there is an allowance written into the itineraries for the inevitable delays and diversions that are bound to happen with travelling of this nature. Delays can happen in the course of a journey anywhere in the world.

An Overland Adventure, especially in Africa but also in Asia and South America, is more than likely to come face to face with delays en route. Encounter forewarn all travellers not to make unchangeable plans for 7 to 10 days after the end of the journey. It is, therefore advisable for everyone to purchase changeable air tickets and to ensure that your return or onward arrangements and commitments are flexible.

CHOICES & CHANGES TO ROUTES

The very nature of overlanding brings with it factors that can influence the published itinerary. Factors such as weather, politics, road closure or local strikes will call for a group decision on a need to change routes and plans. Other possible delays such as visa processing or the health of a group member can affect timings and decisions. In most instances the decision will be a common sense one that is obvious to all group members but the final decision will rest with the Project Leader. Encounter will endeavour to ensure that most, if not all of the trip is completed and the Project Leader's decision—along with the interest of the group—will reflect this objective.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

Ours is an ever changing world—one which Encounter has adapted to for over thirty years. Occasional political conflicts, border closures or route diversions may result in our intended route becoming impossible. In the unlikely event of this happening Encounter will need to create a **contingency plan** which you can rest assured no other company is better equipped to cope with. Experience in the planning of successful contingencies was gained throughout the Iranian Revolution, the Gulf war, past conflicts in the Sahara and the present unrest in the Congo, to name just a few. In these particular eventualities we may employ alternative transport such as flights, shipping, extra vehicles and possibly local services.

In such an eventuality, Encounter will incur considerable expense in employing this alternative transport and the additional staff required to run it. Therefore if the need for a **contingency plan** arises **Encounter will cover the first US$300 per person which is usually sufficient. It is however, sometimes necessary to request an individual contribution of up to, but never more than, US$300 per person as well. Any further costs will be borne by Encounter.**

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Due to the nature of all projects in South & Central America and also The South China Sea To The Roof Of The World in South East Asia, we have included hotel and guest house accommodation in important centres to give you an opportunity to individually explore sites that may otherwise have been impractical. Meals in these centres will therefore be at the individual's own expense—the cities and centres are stated in each "key facts" box on the relevant project page earlier in this brochure. On the Trans Borneo Crossing the only meals included are on the trek section. We suggest that you allow US$12 to US$15 per day for meals in South & Central America and US$8 to US$10 in Asia.

INTEGRAL FLIGHTS

Each of the following projects has an Integral flight within the project itself. The cost of this flight is not included in the published project cost. It is however stated in the estimated cost headings in US$ in the "Departure Dates & Prices" section of each project. This amount is collected by the Project Leader during the journey and prior to the flight. The stated amount should be carried as travellers cheques which can then be signed over when requested. Credit cards can not be used for the payments.

These specific projects are:

- The Great Overland Encounter Page 35
- Africa Encompassed Page 30
- The Highroad to Lhasa / + Trek Page 55
- Nepal & Tibet Page 55
- Trans Borneo with the Orangutans Page 41

PROJECT PRICES

The published prices are the inclusive land prices for the duration of the project. The payment is divided into TWO amounts, payable separately:

A: THE LOCAL PAYMENT—always stated in US dollars, is payable to Encounter's Project Leader at the point of departure. In all cases this payment must be made in cash notes or recognised travellers' cheques (i.e. Amex, Visa or Thomas Cook). The Symbol L.P. (US$) denotes this payment. Credit cards are unfortunately **not** acceptable for this payment.

B: THE PROJECT PRICE—payable on booking or on the final payment date as invoiced by Encounter or your agent.

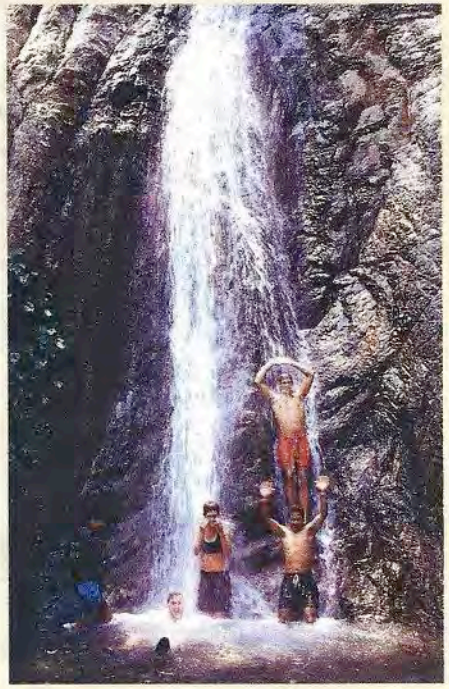
Both of these payments i.e. the local payment and the project price total up to the Encounter Inclusive Price.

e.g. **MAYA & AZTEC (21 DAYS)**

	L.P. (US$)		£
1999 7 Feb (Sun) - 27 Feb (Sat)	380	+	875*

* This is an example only, as this amount will be published in the currency available in your country.

There are NO food kitties or similar hidden extras, so we strongly suggest you check out the real value of our 'inclusive price' with that of other products!!



CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ENCOUNTER OVERLAND LTD.
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Reg. No. 2776157 England

PARTIES AND DEFINITIONS
The Operator - Encounter Overland Ltd. of 267, Old Brompton Road, London, SW5 9JA. England which includes the Operator's agents, its servants or employees.
The Client - the person whose signature and details appear on the Booking Form.
The Project - The Operator's expedition, trek or safari, for which the Client has applied and been accepted for travel.
The Contract - 1) these Conditions of Contract, 2) the brochure for the Project for which the Client has booked, 3) the application booking form, all of which are hereby incorporated into and shall constitute the entire contract made between the Operator and the Client.
The Price - the price of the Project, including local payment current at the time of booking.
Date of Departure - the date of commencement of the Project.
Force Majeure - unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the Operator, the consequences of which could not have been avoided, even if all due care had been exercised.

A) BOOKING CONDITIONS
1) Brochure Description
The contents of the brochure are based on knowledge and information available to the Operator prior to publication of the brochure and often months prior to the date of departure. No changes will be made to the particulars contained in the brochure relating to the Project unless they are also clearly communicated to the Client before the Contract is made with the Client or, if the changes are made after the Contract is made, only with the agreement of the Client.
2) Deposit
A deposit of 10% or AUS$200 of the Price of the Project (whichever is greater) shall be sent by the Client to the Operator with the completed Booking Form.
3) Acceptance of Deposit
The Contract between the Operator and the Client will be final and binding on both parties with effect from the date that notification of acceptance of the deposit has been sent by the Operator to the Client. Notice of acceptance, or otherwise, will be given to the Client in writing within 10 days of receipt of the Client's booking (but usually within 72 hours).
The Operator reserves the right for whatsoever reason to return the deposit to the Client and refuse acceptance of the Client's application.
4) Balance of Payment
The Client will pay the balance of the Price not later than 70 days before the Departure Date. This payment will be made to the same office and in the same currency as the original deposit was made. The Operator shall not make any adjustment to the price due to fluctuations in relative currency values.
5) Transfer of Booking
5.1 If, up to 60 days before departure, the Client wishes to transfer from the Project he has booked, a transfer fee of 50% or AUS$100 of the original deposit (whichever is greater) up to a maximum of AUS$300, is payable. Discretionary waiving of the transfer fee will be considered by the Operator if the transfer is to a higher priced Project departing no later than the original Project booked.
5.2 If the Client wishes to transfer less than 70 days before departure, the Client's request cannot be accepted. Conditions relating to cancellation of the Contract by the Client apply (see paragraph 7 below).
5.3 However, where the Client is prevented from proceeding with the Project, the Client may transfer the booking to a person who satisfies all the conditions applicable to the Project, having first given the Operator notice as soon as possible of his intention. The Transferee will sign the Booking Form, and pay the transfer fee as defined in this Clause.
5.1. The Client and the Transferee shall then be jointly and severally liable to the Operator for payment of the balance due under Clause 4 above and for any additional costs arising from such transfer.
6) Failure to Pay the Balance of Payment when Due
If the balance of the monies due from the Client to the Operator is not paid 70 days prior to departure, the Operator will treat the Contract as cancelled by the Client, and retain the deposit.
7) Cancellation or Alteration of the Contract
7.1 The Client acknowledges that payment for the Project is an intrinsic part of the Project's income and contributes to the overall cost of equipment, vehicles, running costs, staffing, administration etc., and that the Operator will have incurred the largest part of its costs before the actual date of departure. Cancellation by the Client must be in writing.
7.2 If the cancellation is made by the Client not less than 60 days before the Date of Departure, the deposit only will be retained by the Operator.
7.3 If the cancellation is made by the Client less than 60 days before the Date of Departure, the Operator will retain the deposit and will only refund any balance payment made if all places on the Project are subsequently filled. (In the case of some popular shorter projects, the prospects of this are good. However, on longer projects, in spite of a continued effort by the Operator, the prospects, at this late stage, of filling all places on the Project are not particularly good).
7.4 If the Operator alters significantly any of the essential terms of the Contract, the Client shall be entitled to decide between:-
1) withdrawing from the Contract without penalty; or
2) accepting for no more than the Price as contracted, a rider to the Contract specifying the alterations made; or
3) accepting a substitute Project of equivalent or higher quality where the Operator is able to offer the client such a substitute, or if of a lower quality, a refund of the difference in price and, in any such instant, to receive a 5% discount of the Price of the substitute Project accepted; or
4) to be repaid as soon as possible all sums paid by the client under the Contract.
7.5 If the Operator cancels the Project before the agreed Date of Departure for whatever cause, other than the fault of the Client, the Client shall be entitled to either:-
1) accept a substitute Project of equivalent or higher quality where the Operator is able to offer the Client a substitute, or is of a lower quality, a refund of the difference in price, and, in any such instant, to receive a 5% discount of the Price of the substitute Project accepted; or
2) be repaid as soon as possible all sums paid by the Client under this Contract.
7.6 In all such cases, the Client shall not be entitled to compensation where:-
1) cancellation is on the grounds that the number of persons enrolled is less than the minimum number required for the Project and the Client is informed of the cancellation in writing as soon as possible and in any event no later than 45 days prior to departure; or
2) cancellation is for reasons of Force Majeure.
7.7 The Operator shall determine a minimum number, if any, required for the Project to take place and shall notify the Client not less than 45 days prior to departure that the minimum number have not enrolled and the Project is cancelled, in which event the provisions of this clause shall apply.
7.8 After the Departure Date, no refund for any unused portion or part of the Project or services to be provided will be given. If the Client of their own volition makes any alteration to, or departs from, any portion or part of the Project, such alteration or departure will be entirely at the Client's expense and liability and the Client will forthwith communicate in writing the reason for leaving to the Project's Leader.

B) OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS
1) Information concerning routes, schedules, itinerary guidelines, amenities and modes of transport set out in the Brochures and other written information supplied to the Client are subject to alteration without prior notice. This information constitutes an indication only of what each Project is planned to accomplish and is not to constitute a contractual obligation on the part of the Operator. The Client accepts that Force Majeure, sickness, mechanical breakdown, events emanating from political disputes, entry or border difficulties, severe adverse weather conditions, floods, quakes and other unpredictable or unforeseeable circumstances may also have a consequential or material effect on the contents and timings of the Project, including in particular the time of arrival at the Project's destination.
2) The Client accepts that some changes, delays or detours may arise as a result of changes or difficulties in procurement of visas by the Client themselves or by any other member of the Project.
3) Mode of Transport
3.1 Where stated, for each Project, the Operator's own expedition vehicle (Encounter Truck) will be used. Where this is not stated, use of locally arranged transport including jeeps, coaches, buses or river craft are used as shown.
3.2 Where the Operator's own vehicle is not used, the Client agrees that the obligation of the Operator to the Client is to select normally competent, independant sub-contractors to provide such transport and any other services related to the Project and to exercise reasonable care in selecting such suppliers to provide these services.
3.3 The Operator will use its best efforts not to sub-contract for such transport except as notified but reserves the right to do so in such circumstances as may be determined by the Operator at its own discretion.
4) Contingencies
If for reasons beyond the Operator's control, the Operator is obliged to utilise unplanned air or sea transport, the Client will accept such other means of transport so as to enable the Project to continue. The Operator will bear the first US$300 of any additional expenditure arising out of or in connection with the continuation of the Project. Should the additional expenditure by the Operator exceed US$300 per person, the Operator reserves the right to receive from the Client a further payment, not exceeding US$300, to help meet any such additional expenditure beyond US$300 per person. Any further additional expenditure would be the responsibility of the Operator.
5) In the event of a complaint and/or a claim
In regard to a complaint or a claim, the Client agrees to the following procedure:
5.1 The Client will ensure that at the earliest opportunity, any perceived failure in the performance, or improper performance of the Contract, whether by the Operator or its suppliers, is communicated to the Operator's Project Leader. The Operator and the Client will then make prompt efforts to resolve the complaint; and
5.2 The Client agrees to give written details of an unresolved serious complaint to the Project's Leader.
5.3 In the event of a claim for compensation, the Client agrees that any such claim must be received by the Operator at its London office within 30 days of the Project's completion date.
5.4 The Client agrees that these provisions are reasonable and that any failure by the Client to comply with them will, at the Operator's discretion, exclude any rights arising out of this Contract.

C) EXTENT AND FINANCIAL LIMITS OF LIABILITY
1) The Operator shall be liable to the Client for the proper performance of the obligations arising from the Contract, irrespective of whether such obligations are to be performed by the Operator or by other suppliers of services contracted by the Operator. However, the Operator will not be liable if such failure to perform is attributable neither to any fault of the Operator nor to that of another supplier of services, because:
1.1 such failure to perform is attributable to the Client; or
1.2 such failure being attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for is either unforeseeable or unavoidable; or
1.3 such failure is due to a case of Force Majeure; or
1.4 such failure is due to an event which the Operator or the supplier of services, even with due care, could not have foreseen or forestalled.
In the cases referred to in sub-clauses C1.2, C1.3 and C1.4 above, the Operator will give prompt and appropriate assistance to a Client in difficulty.
2) The Operator's maximum aggregate liability under, arising from or in connection with this Contract shall be limited to a reasonable sum and in no circumstances shall be greater than the Price. However, nothing in this Contract shall exclude, restrict or limit the Operator's liability for death or personal injury resulting from the Operator's negligence nor affect the Client's statutory rights.
3) 3.1 Subject to Clause C2 above, if any claim is made against the Operator by the Client pursuant to sub-clause C1 above rising from the non-performance or improper performance of services by the Operator or a supplier of services other than the Operator, the Operator's maximum liability in respect of such claim shall be limited to the amount to which the Client would be entitled to receive as damages from the Operator or such other supplier of services under applicable law(including relevant international conventions).
3.2 If any such claim as is set out in sub-clause 3.1 above is made, the Operator reserves the right to claim in place of the Client against the relevant supplier of services. In these circumstances, the Client hereby agrees to assign to the Operator all his rights against such supplier in respect of the relevant claim and the Operator will be subrogated to these rights.

D) COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION
The Client will comply at their expense and their liability with all legislation, visa requirements, immigration, customs and foreign exchange regulations of the countries visited. Should there be any failure to comply or any contravention by the Client of such laws, requirements or regulations and subject to the provisions of this Contract, the Operator shall have the right to require the Client to leave the Project without recourse to refund or other compensation.

E)RESPONSIBILITY FOR EFFECTING SUITABLE PERSONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE
1) The Client will effect no later than the date on which the balance payment is due and maintain sufficient and appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical expenses and third party liability insurance in respect of the Client and dependant relatives, and insurance to cover loss of, damage to, or theft of the Client's baggage. The Project is a journey of a hazardous nature and the Client shall be satisfied that such insurance fully covers all personal requirements including medical expenses and repatriation in the event of accident or illness and in no circumstances is this insurance to be less than the minimum sum to be insured as stipulated in the Brochure. The insurance policy and the receipt for premiums paid thereunder will be produced to the Operator or the Project Leader prior to departure. If circumstances give rise to a claim, the Client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies).
2) The Client will also produce to the Operator prior to departure or on request details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.
3) On an Overland Adventure, the Client's insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the Project and at least an additional one day for each planned week, or part thereof, of the Project.
4) If the Client obtains such insurance through the Operator, the Client acknowledges that he is satisfied with the levels of insurance that have been arranged for him on his behalf. The Client acknowledges that the Price alone does not include the cost of any personal travel insurance.
F) Acceptance of Risk
The Client acknowledges that there is a significant element of personal risk in participating in the Project. The Client accepts and consents to the personal risks inherent in implementation of this Contract, and accepts the limitations of the Operator's liability set out herein as being reasonable. The Operator reserves the right at any time to require the Client to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that the Client is fit to participate in the Project.

G) GENERAL CONDITIONS
1) The Operator will appoint the Project Leader(s), who will represent the Operator, and the Client agrees to accept the decisions of the Project Leader(s) who shall have absolute discretion and authority to secure implementation of the Operator's obligations under the Contract.
2) Waiver
No person, save with the express permission in writing of a company director of Encounter Overland Ltd., has the authority or is empowered to waive or vary any of the conditions.
3) Passport/Visas
The Client acknowledges that prior to Contract they have been given general information on passport and visa requirements for the Project and of the health formalities required for the Project, and knows of no reason that would cause the Client to be unable to comply with these requirements.
4) Appropriate Law and Courts of Law
This Contract shall be construed in accordance with English law and the parties irrevocably **submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Contract.**

Please carefully read the Conditions of Contract and the information contained in this brochure. Then please complete in block capitals and sign the Application/Booking Form and lodge it, in conjunction with the required deposit, with ENCOUNTER OVERLAND LTD. or your Agent. Please note we require one application form per person for each Project.

CHECK LIST

- ☐ Please first check for availability on your chosen project, either with Encounter or your agent.
- ☐ Please check the departure day/date.
- ☐ Please check the project price plus the local payment. ***L.P.(US$)***
- ☐ Have you read and understood the Conditions of Contract?
- ☐ Complete the booking form as fully as possible, in block capitals, then sign and date it (one booking form per person, per project).

PLEASE NOTE

Remember, avoid disappointment and book as early as possible.

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEE ONCE YOU HAVE HAD YOUR BOOKING CONFIRMED

APPLICATION BOOKING FORM
(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

THE PROJECT

(IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

I wish to join the Encounter project called .....

which leaves on ..... /..... /..... finishes on ..... /..... /.....

Departing from ..... to .....

The project price is AUS$..... plus the local payment L.P. (US$) of US$ .....

PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT/CLIENT

(IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Surname (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) .....

Other names (as passport) .....

Present address .....

.....

Phone No. (daytime) ..... (evening) .....

Permanent address (in usual country of residence) .....

.....

Age at start of Project ..... Date of Birth .....

Occupation .....

Nationality (according to passport) .....

Passport No. ..... Place of issue .....

Date of Issue ..... Date of expiry .....

Please name any relative or friend travelling with you .....

Please give details of any physical or mental condition or illness and/or hospitalisation that could be relevant (if none please state) .....

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Where did you hear about Encounter? .....

Previous Encounter projects undertaken .....

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DEPOSIT (LAND SECTION ONLY)

Enclosed here with my deposit: 10% of the published price AUS$..... (minimum deposit AUS$200)

or payment in full if booking within 70 days of the departure date

DECLARATION

I have read and understand fully the information contained in this brochure especially the details directly related to the particular project I have applied to join and I am competent and willing to cope with the situations, circumstances and conditions as made clear in the brochure and Conditions of Contract.

I recognise and agree that the realities made clear in the written information I have received reflect the intrinsic characteristics of adventure travel and expeditioning; not least matters of flexibility, adaptability, reasonableness and practical personal contribution to lifestyle en route and the fact that not all situations, circumstances and conditions subsequently encountered are identical to those pre-existing and prevailing at the time of booking or departure and I undertake to keep myself abreast of available travel advice, world matters and current affairs.

I also recognise and agree that I am undertaking a journey that contains a significent element of personal risk and that risk does indeed sometimes become a reality. I acknowledge the relative remoteness, the tough travelling and weather conditions, the limited and relatively primitive medical and other services as well as the greater potential dangers inherently present in a project such as this compared with my usual daily life or conventional holiday travel. Not only do I accept these realities, I have chosen to seek them out.

I recognise Encounter's responsibility to me and I accept the authority and decisions of Encounter Overland in respect of the project that I have applied to join.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

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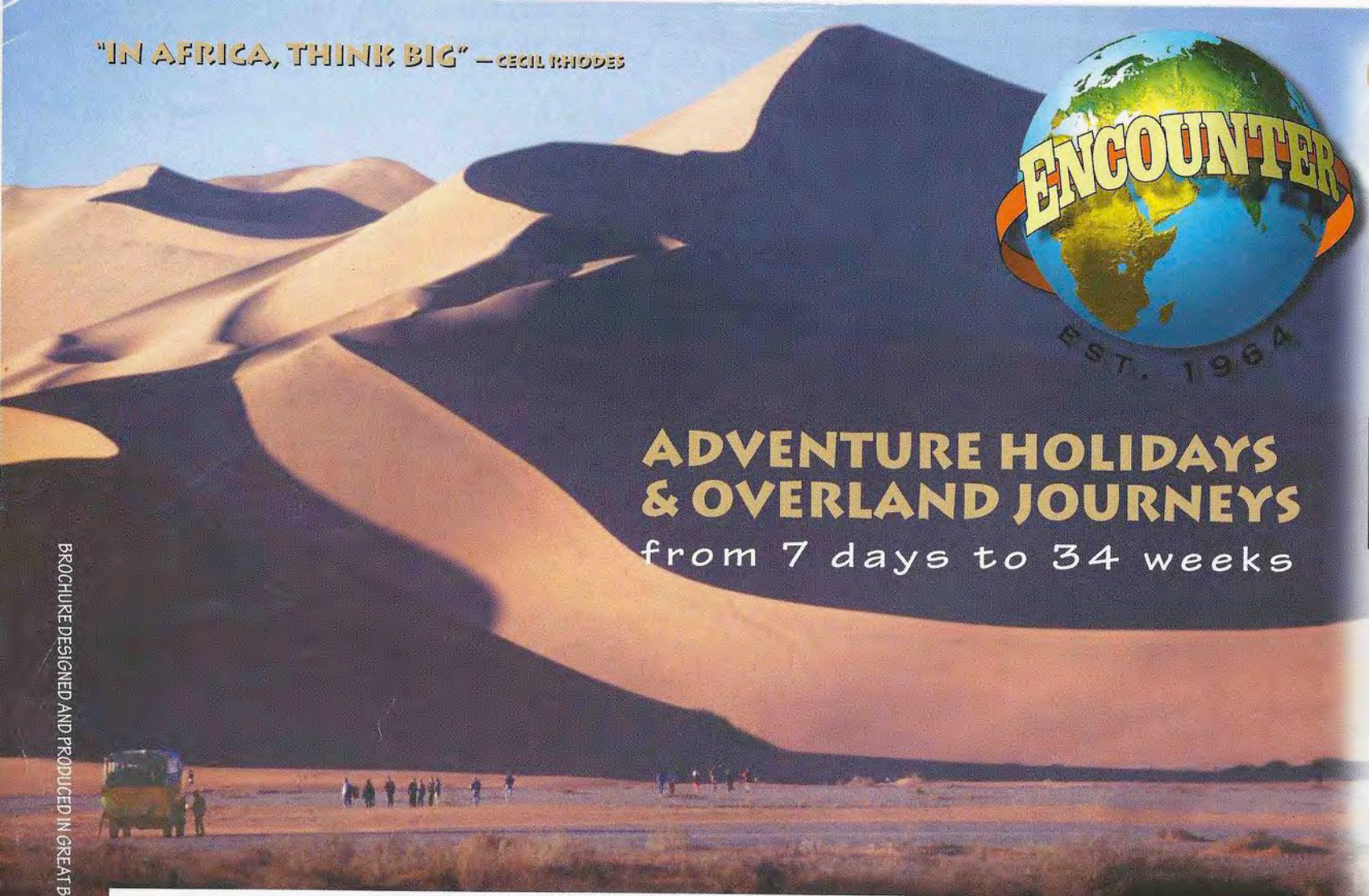

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