ENCOUNTER

2000 to 2001

the time of your life in

ASIA, the MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, SOUTH and CENTRAL AMERICA

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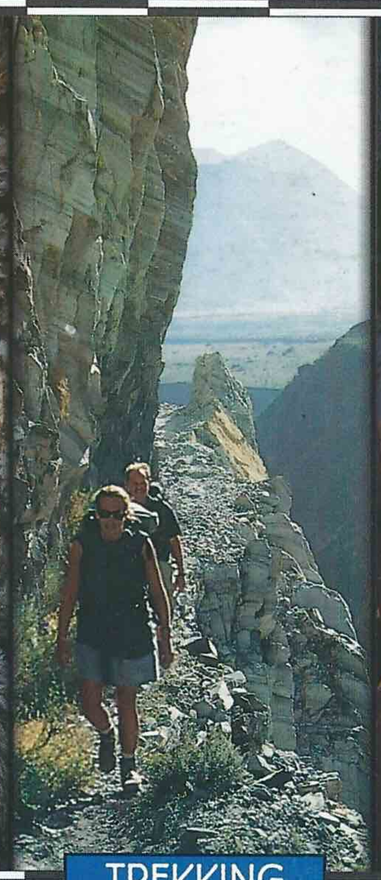

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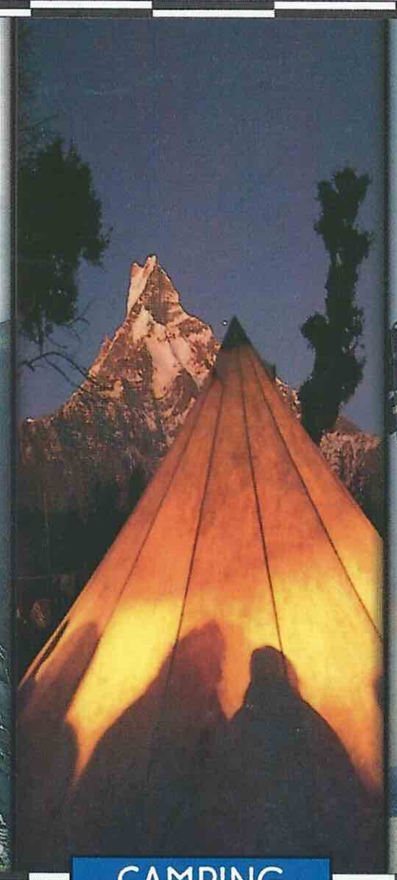

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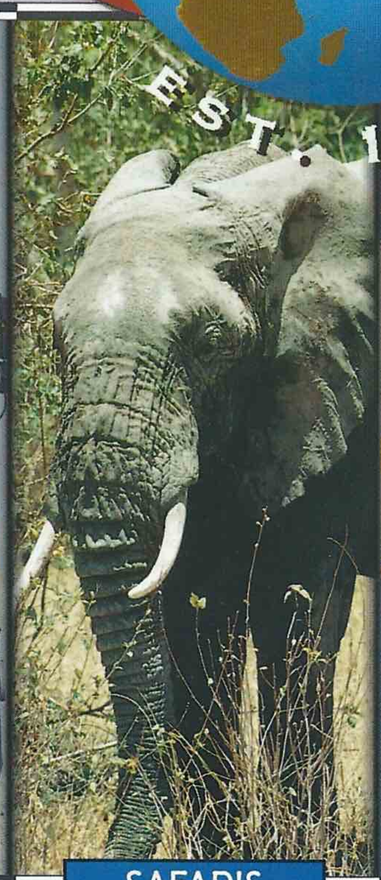

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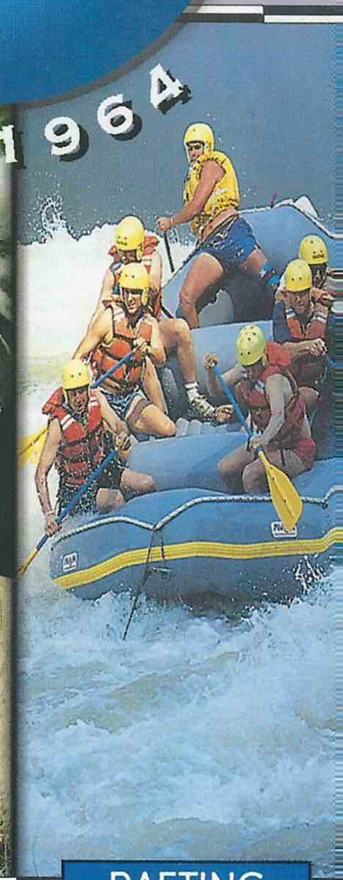

RAFTING

ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS & OVERLAND JOURNEYS

from 6 days to 34 weeks

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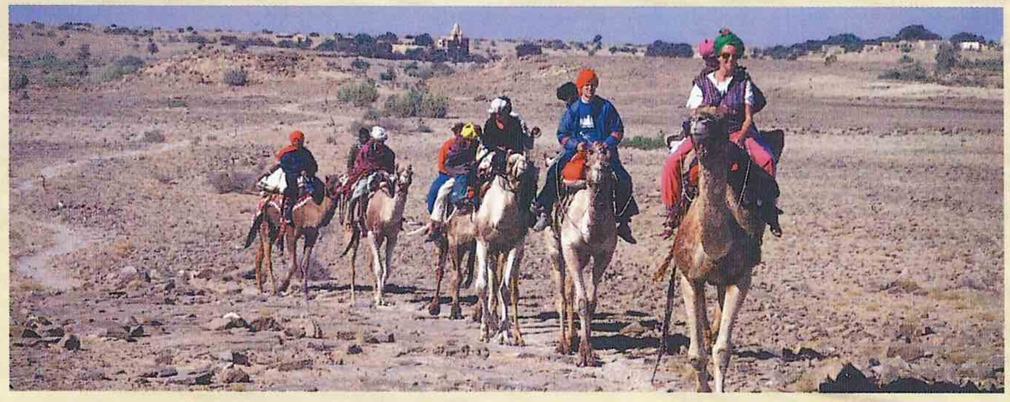
THE TRAVEL EXPERTS

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**?

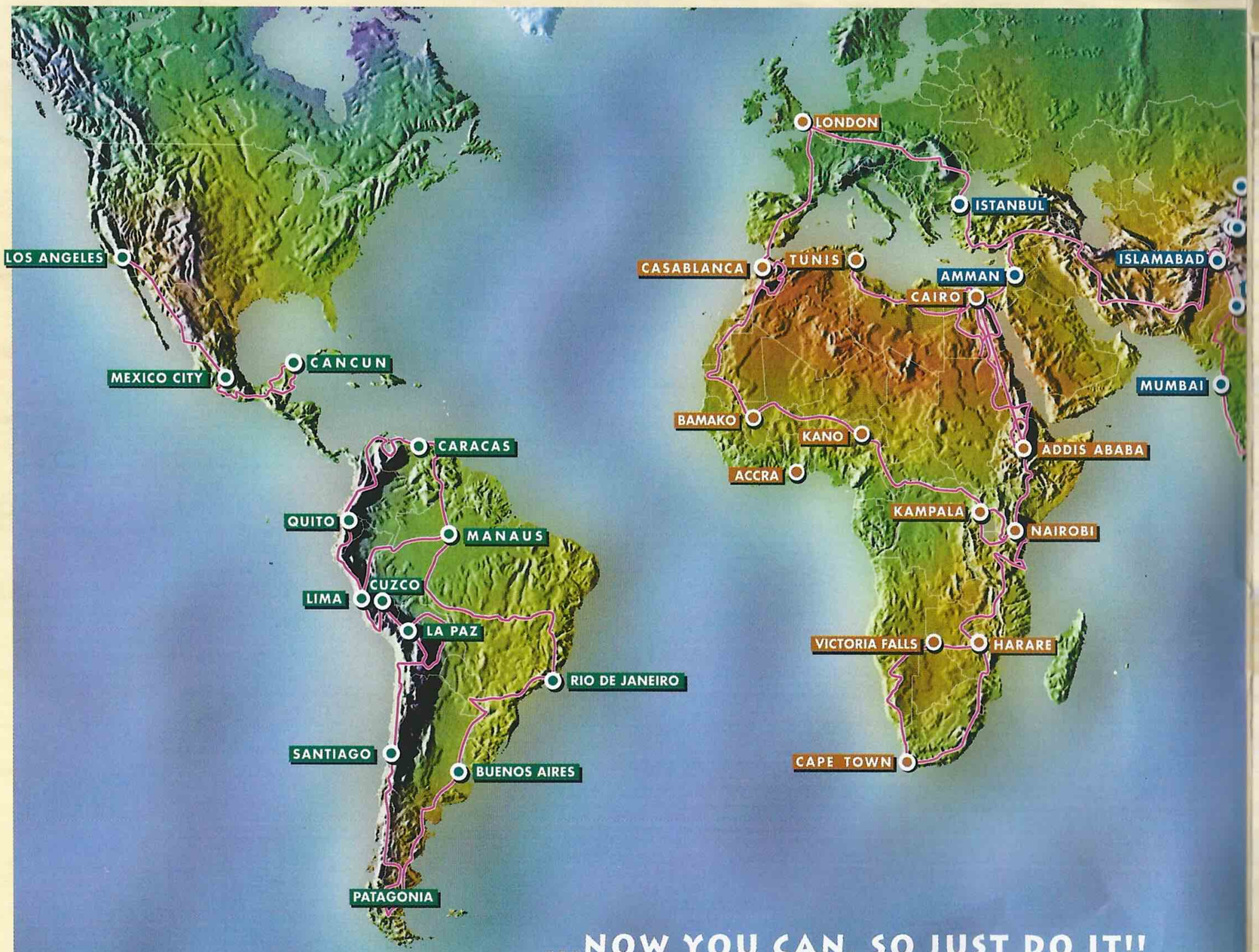
Doing something different, somewhere different in a limited period of time—you've earned that holiday, so go off and do something adventurous. Trek the Himalayas, raft the White Water of Nepal, search for wildlife on the plains of East Africa, hike the Inca Trail, traverse the jungle of Borneo or explore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

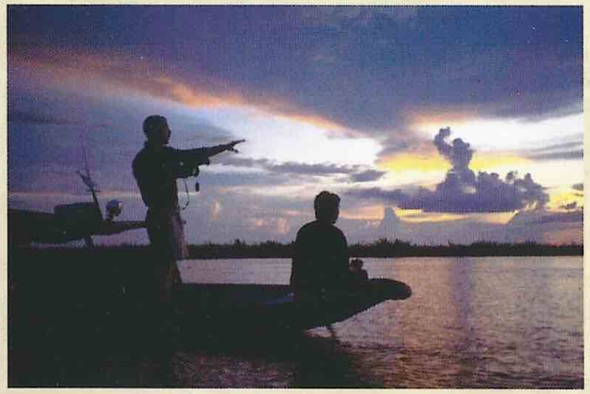
A BRIEF **ENCOUNTER**—because everywhere is only a journey away, so why not!

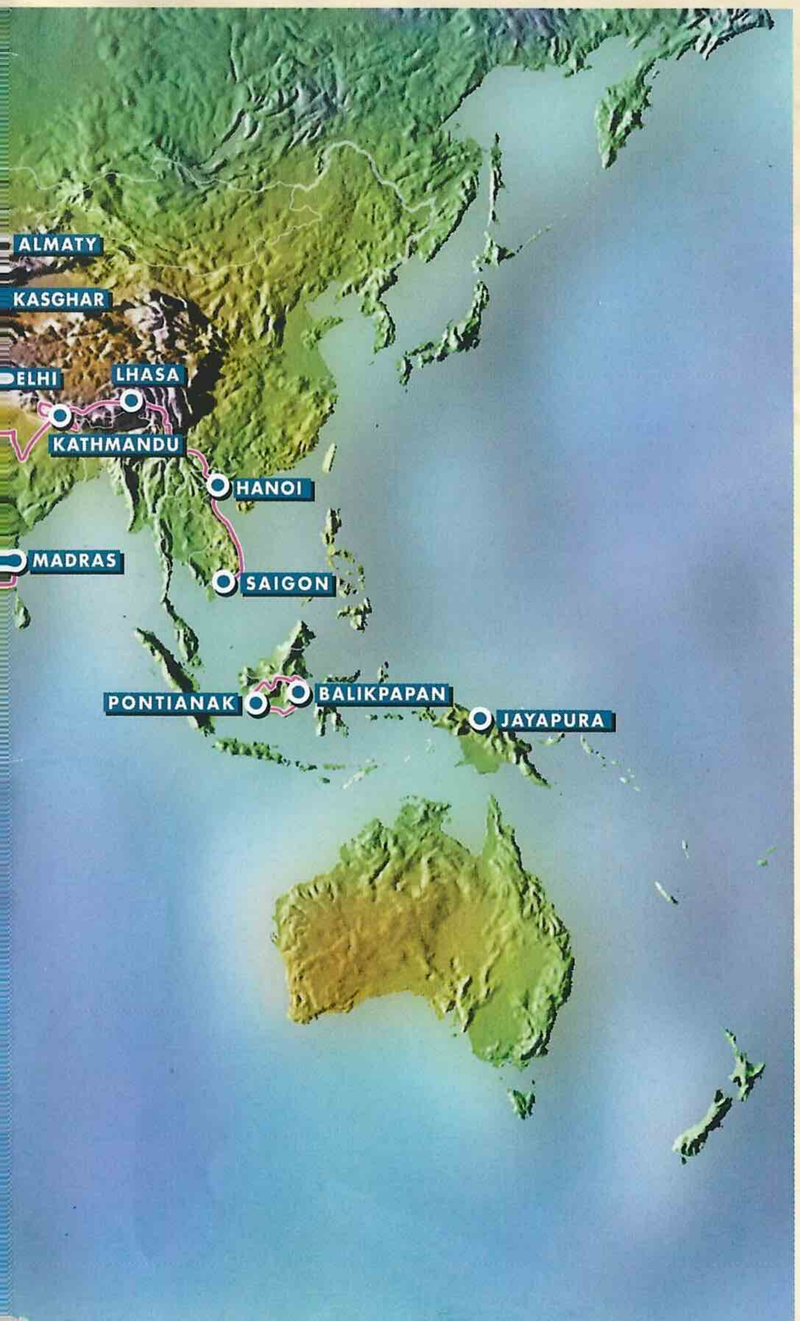
What is an OVERLAND **ADVENTURE**?

A Trans-Continental journey which could take you across a greater part of Africa, Asia or South America. Encounter is the founder of overland journeys—everyone else has followed in our footsteps and tyre tracks and 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 6 TO 52 DAYS

CENTRAL AMERICA

MEXICO, BELIZE & GUATEMALA	16 days	Ruta de Maya **(RDM)**	P.11
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SOUTH AMERICA

ECUADOR (& GALAPAGOS)	19 days	Expedicion Ecuadoriana **(EEC)**	P.9
PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA	34 or 41 days	Trans Amazon to the Lost World (+ Cuzco & Inca Trail) **(TAL)**	P.10
PERU	19 days	Peru & the Incas **(PIN)**	P.12
PERU, BOLIVIA	15 days	In the Footsteps of the Incas **(FIN)**	P.12
PERU, BOLIVIA	26 days	Incas & Andes **(IAN)**	P.12
BOLIVIA	21 days	Bolivia & the Amazonas **(BAM)**	P.13
PERU, BOLIVIA	46 days	Peru & Bolivia **(PBO)**	P.13

NORTH AFRICA

TUNISIA, LIBYA	28 days	Tunisia, Libya & the Sahara **(TLS)**	P.19
EGYPT, LIBYA, TUNISIA	42 days	The Saharan Outback **(SOU)**	P.20
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SOUTHERN AFRICA

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ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA	25 days	Botswana, Namibia & Zambia **(BNZ)**	P.25
S. AFRICA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE	28 days	South Africa & Mozambique **(SMO)**	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

EAST AFRICA

KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA	15 days	East of Africa Safari **(EAS)**	P.22
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ETHIOPIA	15 days	Ethiopian Highlands **(EHI)**	P.24

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ASIA - INDIA & NEPAL

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

BORNEO (KALIMANTAN)	21 (26) days	Trans Borneo Crossing **(TBC)**	P.41
BORNEO (KALIMANTAN)	6 days	Orangutan Experience **(OEX)**	P.41
IRIAN JAYA	15 days	Irian Jaya Adventure **(IJA)**	P.42

HIMALAYAS, NEPAL & TIBET

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NEPAL, TIBET	16 (23) days	The Highroad to Lhasa (+ Trek) **(HLH)**	P.55
NEPAL, TIBET	29 days	Nepal & Tibet **(NTI)**	P.55

OVERLAND ADVENTURES

TRANS CONTINENTAL JOURNEYS FROM 6 TO 34 WEEKS

SOUTH AMERICA

SANTIAGO to QUITO (or V.V)	9 weeks	Trans Andean Explorer **(TAE)**	P.14
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AFRICA

CASABLANCA to ACCRA (or V.V.)	13 weeks	West Africa Explored **(WAE)**	P.28
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AFRICA & ASIA

LONDON to NAIROBI to CAIRO to KATHMANDU (or V.V)	34 weeks	Great Overland Encounter **(GOE)**	P.34

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.

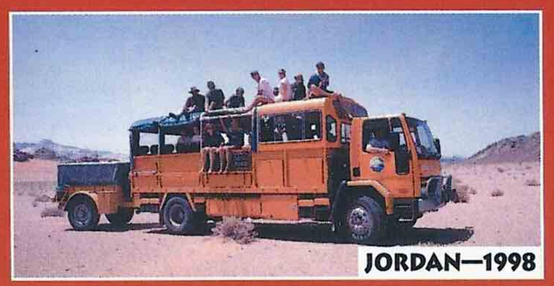
Encounter has a unique approach to organising trips. We are famous throughout the world for our innovative travelling equipment, our expedition trucks, our competence and most of all a commitment to providing you with the journey of a lifetime.

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 is 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)

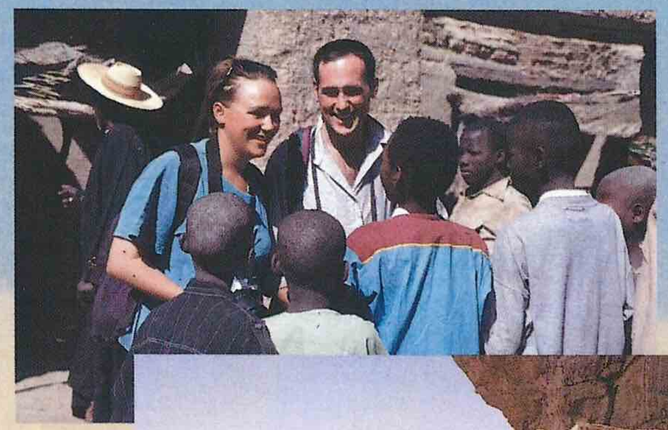
*Vaccinations

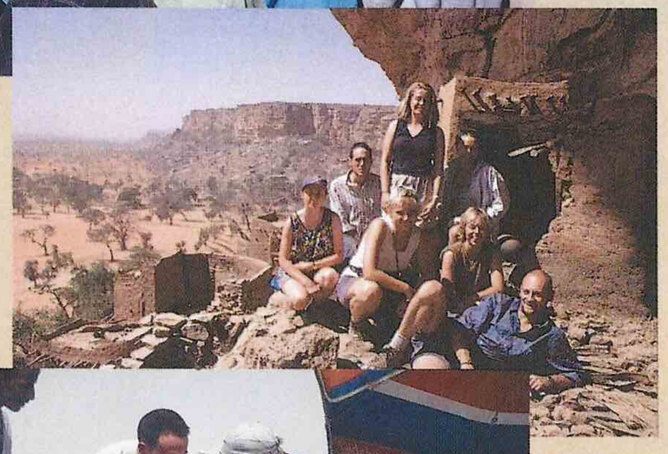
*Integral flight costs that are scheduled in a project (stated in departure dates and prices)

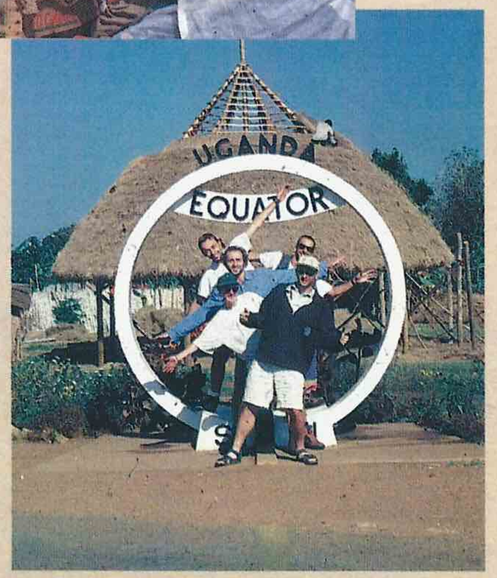
*Optional visits and excursions that are available en route (approximate costs detailed in "key facts")

*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 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 which contain more detailed information and background on all the countries to which you will be travelling, individual and optional expenses and other facts which 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 a compromising situation you will find it a challenging yet rewarding experience. It is certainly 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 who 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 and specific training on our specialist trucks in the field.

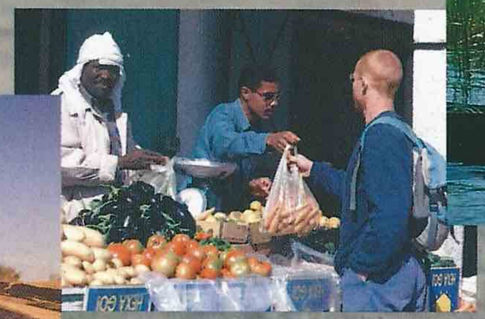
Further training is given in administration, visa and embassy procedures and dealing with different cultures. Most importantly they are trained in group dynamics and all the aspects of leadership related to the very best project management.

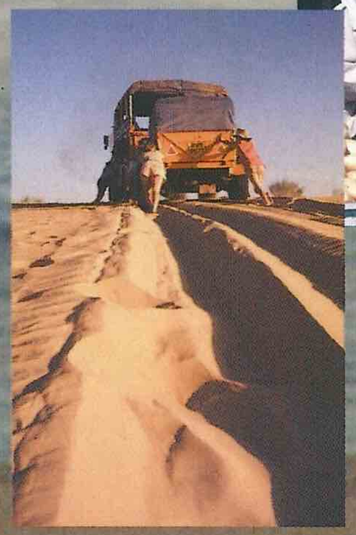
Our leaders are **not tour guides** nor are they heroes and they won't pamper you, but you can be sure that you can rely on them for a laugh and most importantly, to be totally dependable in a crisis.

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 all kinds of conditions better than any conventional vehicle. 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 ACCOMMODATION IS USED?

The best suited for the project.

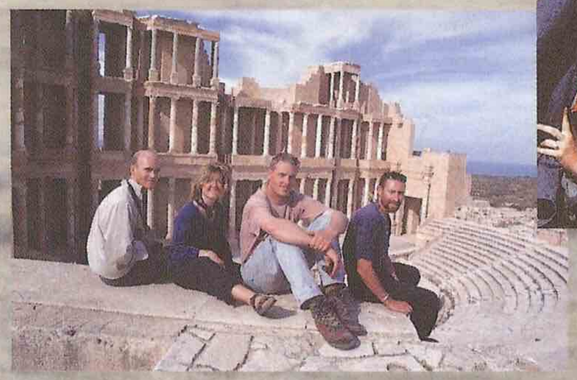
We camp on the majority of our projects and we provide all the necessary equipment to create a home away from home. Custom built two person tents, camp beds, camp stools, mosquito nets and cook tents are standard on every expedition truck. This equipment provides us with the opportunity to get off the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

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 with 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 rest assured you were in South or Central America.

This 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 which directly derives 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 journey 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 13 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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EXPEDICION ECUADORIANA

Quito to Quito		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	07 Mar (Tue) - 25 Mar (Sat)	450	995
	28 Mar (Tue) - 15 Apr (Sat)	450	995
	18 Apr (Tue) - 06 May (Sat)	450	995
	25 Jul (Tue) - 12 Aug (Sat)	450	995
	15 Aug (Tue) - 02 Sep (Sat)	450	995
	05 Sep (Tue) - 23 Sep (Sat)	450	995
	21 Nov (Tue) - 09 Dec (Sat)	450	995
	19 Dec (Tue) - 06 Jan '01 (Sat)	450	995
2001	13 Feb (Tue) - 03 Mar (Sat)	450	1020
	06 Mar (Tue) - 24 Mar (Sat)	450	1020
	27 Mar (Tue) - 14 Apr (Sat)	450	1020
	17 Apr (Tue) - 05 May (Sat)	450	1020
	24 Jul (Tue) - 11 Aug (Sat)	450	1020
	14 Aug (Tue) - 01 Sep (Sat)	450	1020
	04 Sep (Tue) - 22 Sep (Sat)	450	1020
	20 Nov (Tue) - 08 Dec (Sat)	450	1020
	18 Dec (Tue) - 05 Jan '02 (Sat)	450	1020

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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$700 low season for 5 days to US$1,300 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.

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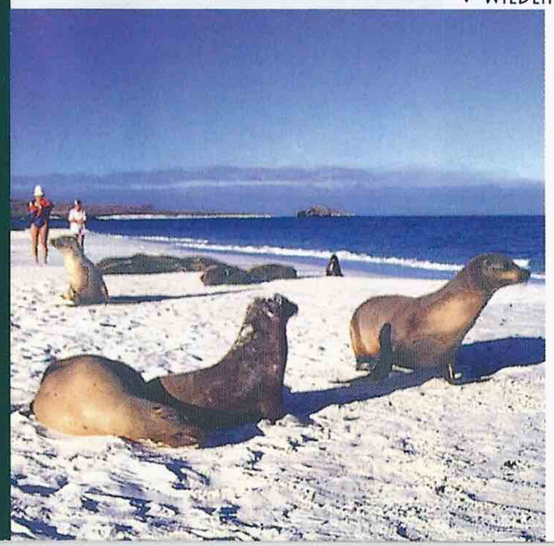
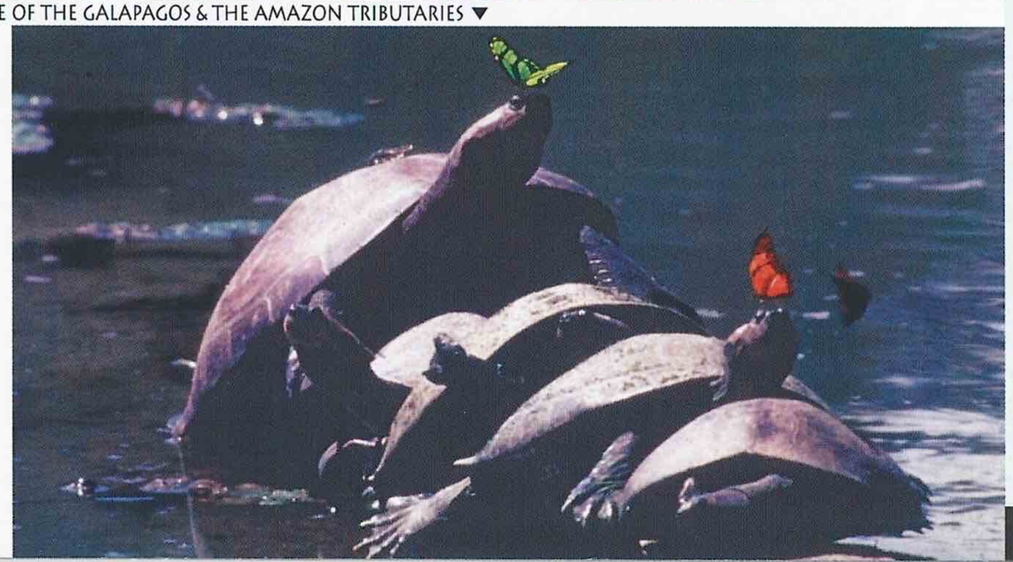
▼ ON BOARD GALAPAGOS VESSEL

▼ WILDLIFE OF THE GALAPAGOS & THE AMAZON TRIBUTARIES ▼





QUITO to QUITO

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

What does an Expedicion Ecuadoriana project 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 accessible. 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 artefacts.

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:** Traveller's hotels and simple lodges. 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 **not** 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 Galapagos 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 does a Trans Amazon To The Lost World project 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.

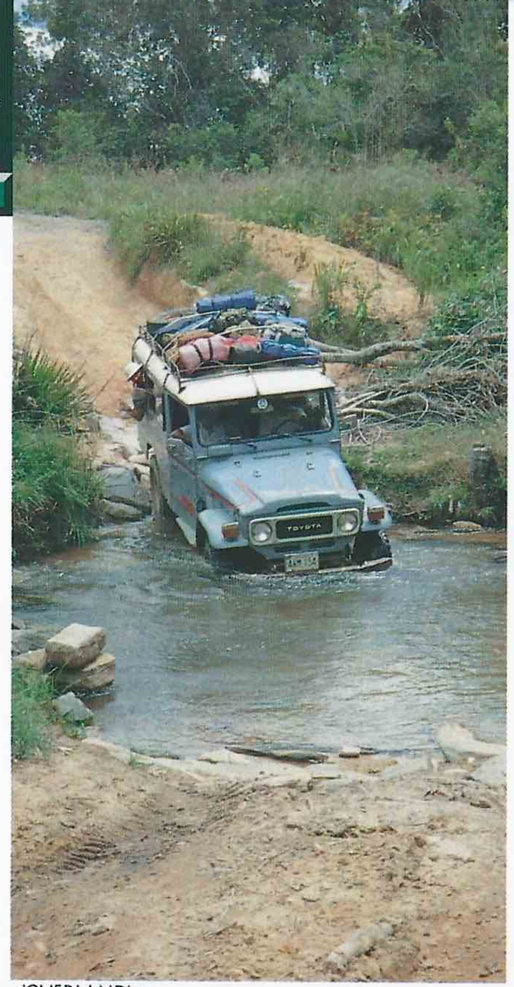
Manaus is the great trading port in the heart of the Amazon. This place has a dark and chequered past. The tight monopoly that once ruled Manaus has walked freely upstream and with it so did the money that once made this city beautiful.

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 in the early evenings and 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 Tabatingo, 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**



'OVERLAND'▲

ANGEL FALLS▲

▼ JUNGLE RIVER TRANSPORT

DATES & PRICES

TRANS AMAZON TO THE LOST WORLD

Lima to Caracas		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	22 May (Mon) - 24 Jun (Sat)	840	1815
	03 Jul (Mon) - 05 Aug (Sat)	840	1815
	14 Aug (Mon) - 16 Sep (Sat)	840	1815
	25 Sep (Mon) - 28 Oct (Sat)	840	1815
	06 Nov (Mon) - 09 Dec (Sat)	840	1815
2001	21 May (Mon) - 23 Jun (Sat)	840	1815
	02 Jul (Mon) - 04 Aug (Sat)	840	1815
	13 Aug (Mon) - 15 Sep (Sat)	840	1815
	24 Sep (Mon) - 27 Oct (Sat)	840	1815
	05 Nov (Mon) - 08 Dec (Sat)	840	1815

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

Lima to Caracas		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	26 Jun (Mon) - 05 Aug (Sat)	1000	2195
	07 Aug (Mon) - 16 Sep (Sat)	1000	2195
	18 Sep (Mon) - 28 Oct (Sat)	1000	2195
	30 Oct (Mon) - 09 Dec (Sat)	1000	2195
2001	25 Jun (Mon) - 04 Aug (Sat)	1000	2195
	06 Aug (Mon) - 15 Sep (Sat)	1000	2195
	17 Sep (Mon) - 27 Oct (Sat)	1000	2195
	29 Oct (Mon) - 08 Dec (Sat)	1000	2195

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RUTA DE MAYA

From Cancun to Cancun		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	24 Apr (Mon) - 09 May (Tue)	95	750
	22 May (Mon) - 06 Jun (Tue)	95	750
	19 Jun (Mon) - 04 Jul(Tue)	95	750
	17 Jul (Thu) - 01 Aug (Mon)	95	805
	14 Aug (Mon) - 29 Aug (Tue)	95	805
	11 Sep (Mon) - 26 Sep (Tue)	95	805
	09 Oct(Mon) - 24 Oct (Tue)	95	805
	30 Oct(Mon) - 14 Nov (Tue)	95	720
	20 Nov(Mon) - 05 Dec(Tue)	95	720
	11 Dec(Mon) - 26 Dec (Tue)	95	720
2001	29 Jan (Mon) - 13 Feb (Tue)	95	720
	26 Feb (Mon) - 13 Mar (Tue)	95	720
	26 Mar (Mon) - 10 Apr (Tue)	95	720

N.B. Later dates for 2001 will be published in Nov. 2000

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EL GRANDE

From Mexico City to Los Angeles		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	29 Jun (Thu) - 10 Aug (Thu)	218	1350
	17 Aug (Thu) - 28 Sept (Thu)	218	1430
	14 Sep (Thu) - 26 Oct (Thu)	218	1350
	28 Sep (Thu) - 09 Nov (Thu)	218	1350
	26 Oct (Thu) - 07 Dec (Thu)	218	1290
	16 Nov (Thu) - 28 Dec (Thu)	218	1250
	07 Dec (Thu) - 18 Jan '01 (Thu)	218	1250
	21 Dec (Thu) - 01 Feb '01 (Thu)	218	1250
2001	04 Jan (Thu) - 15 Feb (Thu)	218	1250
	25 Jan (Thu) - 08 Mar (Thu)	218	1250
	22 Feb (Thu) - 05 Apr (Thu)	218	1250
	29 Mar (Thu) - 10 May (Thu)	218	1290

N.B. Later dates for 2001 will be published in Nov. 2000

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From Los Angeles to Mexico City		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	16 Jul (Sun) - 27 Aug (Sun)	218	1350
	06 Aug (Sun) - 17 Sep (Sun)	218	1430
	20 Aug (Sun) - 01 Oct (Sun)	218	1430
2001	01 Apr (Sun) - 13 May (Sun)	218	1290

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

CANCUN to CANCUN

RUTA DE MAYA (RDM) | **19 DAYS**

What does a Ruta de Maya project Encounter?

A journey through the great contrasts of Central America. Along the path of the Ruta Maya are ancient Mayan sites, the spectacular scenery of sub-tropical rain forests, coral reef islands and the unspoilt beaches of the Caribbean.

Camp in Paradise...

From Cancun we leave the "holiday resort" and begin our journey with visits to the major centres of ancient Mayan culture Chichen Itza and Uxmal, and the modern day Mayan capital of Merida. From here we travel into Belize. Formerly British Honduras, Belize is a small and diverse country where English, Spanish and Afro-Caribbean people have melted together, forming a unique culture, but one that is easy to share. From here we take a boat to the idyllic, tropical island of Caye Caulker where we spend a couple of days exploring the wildlife both in and out of the water.

Next we fly into Guatemala and visit Tikal, arguably the most spectacular ruins in the Mayan world and the real heart of Central America. Here in the magnificent and serene surroundings of the jungle, the pyramids reach for the skies, giving a birds eye view of the many courtyards and altars that adorn this fascinating cultural centre.

Returning to Belize, we set up camp at San Ignacio and canoe down the Macal River, the thick jungle all around us. Then it is back into Mexico and a refreshing swim in Cenote Azul, before travelling back up the Caribbean coast via Tulum, with its Mayan Toltec temple of Frescoes. We finish our journey with three relaxing days on the Caribbean coast, swimming, snorkeling or scuba diving in the turquoise waters and coral reefs, or simply watching the world go by from hammocks under the palm trees.

So, in just over two weeks you will have visited three different countries and seen some of the best scenery and culture that Central America has to offer!

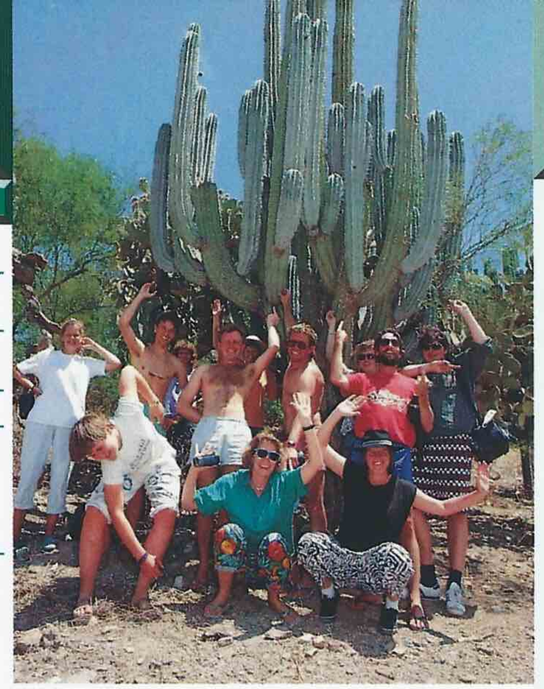
On the trail of an ancient civilisation...

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MEXICO, BELIZE & GUATEMALA
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Specialised expedition minibus. Boats where stated. ● 2,900kms (by land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels for 3 nights, 2 included in price, allow US$20 for 1 night, otherwise camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 14 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis. Meals not included in cost in Merida.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Depart Cancun to Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza. Overnight Merida. ***Day 2*** Ruins of Uxmal. ***Day 3*** Quintana Roo ***Day 4*** Into Belize and boat to Caye Caulker. ***Days 5 & 6*** Caye Caulker. ***Days 7 & 8*** Fly to Guatemala and visit ruins of Tikal (hotel stay included). ***Days 9 & 10*** Return to Belize and camp at San Ignacio, canoeing down the Macal River and exploring the jungle. ***Day 11*** Wildlife Sanctuary. ***Day 12*** Swimming at Cenote Azul. ***Day 13*** Beach and ruins at Tulum. ***Day 14 to 16*** Caribbean coast. Trip ends in Cancun.

  N.B. This project is operated by our chosen specialist USA ground operator.

  Note: This project may operate in either direction.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Chichen Itza, Merida, Uxmal, Caye Caulker, Tikal, San Ignacio, boat trip down Macal river and Wildlife Sanctuary, Cenote Azul, Tulum, Caribbean coast.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX. COST):** Several optional activities including scuba diving and horseback riding. Allow minimum US$100.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **RDM**



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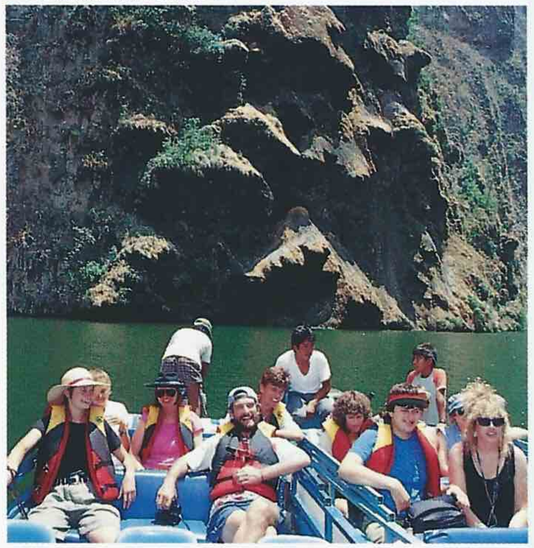

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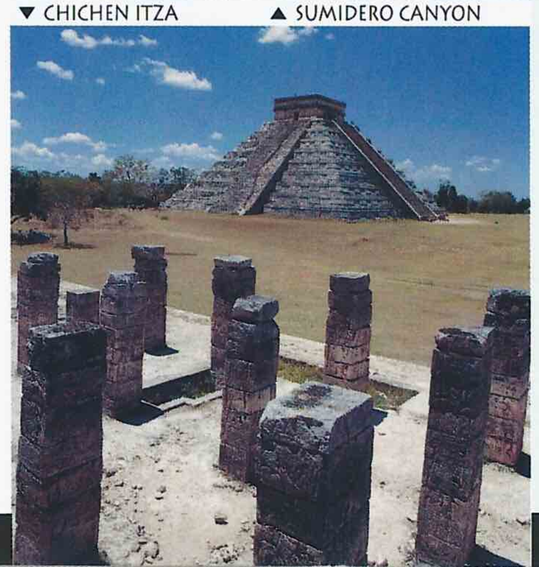

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MEXICO CITY to LOS ANGELES
(OR LOS ANGELES TO MEXICO CITY)

EL GRANDE (EGR) | **43 DAYS**

What does an El Grande project encounter?

Discover the diversity of Mexico on this journey through the wilderness of Copper Canyon, to the fantastic beaches, coral reefs and jungles, the mountain communities and colonial cities, and ancient Mayan & Aztec sites.

New Found Places, Ancient Ways....

From Mexico City, we start our journey by visiting the lakeside village of Catemaco and giant stone Olmec heads of La Venta, before entering the deep, emerald green jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula. Here we visit and climb the ancient Mayan hilltop temples of Palenque, Uxmal and Chichen Itza. The warm waters of the Carribean now beckon and we settle down in our secluded beach camp to relax on the miles of unspoilt beaches, swim, snorkel or scuba dive. At Tulum we can see the Maya-Toltec temple of Frescoes. Next we enter the tropical rain forests that produce the dramatic waterfalls and cascades of Agua Azul, before ascending into the centre of the Chiapas highlands to the colonial town of San Cristobel de las Casas. Here, streets teem with local Tzetzol and Tzotzil Indians dressed in colourful costumes, and the markets filled with exotic foods and beautiful handicrafts overflow into the streets. After an exciting boat ride up the spectacular Sumidero Canyon, we return to the coast, this time to the thundering surf of the Pacific at Puerto Escondido. Mountain passes then take us to the colonial city of Oaxaca to climb the historic steps of the centre of ancient Zapotec culture in Monte Alban before returning to Mexico City. Then to the ruins of Teotihuacan, the grandest metropolis of ancient America and home of the third largest pyramid on earth. From here to San Miguel de Allende and nearby Guanajuato and the remnants of the great silver mines. To Lake Patzcuaro and a boat ride to Isla de Janitzio to see fishermen casting butterfly-nets as their ancestors did. Next we explore on horseback one of the seven wonders of the world, the Paricutin Volcano, before returning to city life and Mexico's second city Guadalajara. We're not in the city for long and the next day we head back to the Pacific Ocean for four days of sandy beaches, watersports and nightlife. Then comes an unforgettable journey into the wilderness of the Copper Canyon and a spectacular train ride to the top of this natural wonder. We spend three days exploring the surrounding countryside, hiking the trails of the legendary Tarahumara Indians. Our Mexican journey finally comes to a close as the cactus forests of Sonora lead us to the border of the USA. So, in just over a month you will have experienced an ultimate journey through a land rich in history and culture and magnificent landscapes.

...Challenge your curiosity

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MEXICO & USA
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Specialised expedition minibus. Various river boats where stated. ● 8,000kms (by land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotels for 13 nights, 5 included in price, allow US$20 per night for other 8 nights, otherwise camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 14 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Meals prepared by everyone on a rota basis. Meals **not** included in cities/hotel stops Merida, Cancun, Oaxaca, Mexico City, Teotihuacan, Los Mochis, Copper Canyon.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Depart Mexico City to lakeside village of Catemaco, giant stone Olmec heads of La Venta. ***Days 2 to 7*** Jungles of Yucatan Peninsula and ancient pyramids of Palenque, Uxmal and Chichen Itza. ***Day 8*** Cancun. ***Days 9 to 11*** Beach camp on the Caribbean coast, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving. ***Days 12 to 14*** Ruins and beach at Tulum, Bacalar. ***Days 15 to 17*** Agua Azul waterfalls, Chiapas highlands to San Cristobal de las Casas. ***Day 18*** Boat ride up the spectacular Sumidero Canyon. ***Days 19 & 20*** Beach camp in Puerto Escondido on Pacific Ocean. ***Days 21 to 23*** Colonial city of Oaxaca & centre of ancient Zapotec culture in Monte Alban. ***Day 24*** Return to Mexico City. ***Day 25*** Ruins of Teotihuacan. ***Days 26 & 27*** San Miguel de Allende and Guanajuato and the great silver mines. ***Days 28 & 29*** Lake Patzcuaro, arts & crafts of El Mercado, boat to Isla de Janitzio. ***Day 30*** Paricutin Volcano ***Day 31*** Guadalajara ***Days 32 to 35*** Pacific Ocean coast, beaches, watersports, nightlife and boat trip through the jungle. ***Day 36*** Los Mochis. ***Days 37 to 39*** Exploring Copper Canyon and surrounding countryside, hot springs. ***Day 40*** Back to Los Mochis. ***Days 41 to 43*** North to San Carlos and Colorado River. Cactus forests of Sonora to USA border and Los Angeles.

  N.B. This project is operated by our chosen specialist USA ground operator.

  Note: This project may operate in either direction.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Lake Catemaco, Palenque, Uxmal, Chichen Itza, Caribbean Coast, Tulum, San Christobal de las Casas, Sumidero Canyon, Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Teotihuacan, San Miguel, Lake Patzcuaro, Paricutin Volcano, Guadalajara, Puerto Vallarta, Copper Canyon.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX. COST):** Several optional activities including scuba diving, horseback riding, canyon hike. Allow minimum US$500.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **EGR**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

LIMA to CUZCO
(or CUZCO to LIMA)

PERU & THE INCAS (PIN) | **19 DAYS**

What does a Peru and the Incas project encounter?

This is a journey by expedition truck and by foot through Peru, crossing the Andes, through deserts, past Canyons, volcanoes and finally following in the footsteps of the Incas to Machu Picchu. This is a trip that will encompass the very heart of the Andes and its ancient cultures.

This Is A Journey Beyond Time And Reality...

South of Lima, a short boat trip takes us out to the Ballestas Islands, a beautifully rugged haven of marine wildlife. At Nazca mysterious lines and huge outlines of animals and birds are etched into the desert and 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 the Colca Canyon, twice the depth of the Grand Canyon. We camp on the rim of this vast chasm whose protective walls are sanctuary for the fabled Condor and wait for these birds to rise on the air thermals, a truly magnificent sight. We travel through a landscape of high volcanoes, giant cacti and scattered Indian villages before climbing 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 a knife can barely be slid between them.

Next we trek the Inca trail, following 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. Travelling back through the Urubamba Valley, we return to Cuzco to finish our journey.

... What Was Once Lost Can Now Be Found.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** PERU.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, four days hiking. ● 2,000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping with hotels in Lima, Arequipa and Cuzco.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18—24 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Daily fresh food and truck supplies. Meals prepared by everyone on rota basis. Meals at hotel stops in Lima, Arequipa and Cuzco are the only meals **not** included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY?**

Days 1& 2 In Lima visiting colonial cathedrals and museums, drive to Paracas. ***Days 3 to 5*** Boat trip to view wildlife of the Ballestas Islands. Peruvian desert to the Nazca lines. ***Days 6 & 7*** Desert landscape and coastal 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, markets and colonial architecture and preparation for the Inca trail. ***Days 13 to 16*** Three days hiking the trail and a day exploring Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. ***Days 17 & 18*** Return to Cuzco via the Urubamba valley, fast rivers and steep terraced farmlands to the great sites of the Incas & fortress villages. ***Day 19*** Cuzco, arrangements end.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
Lima, Ballestas Islands, Nazca Lines, Arequipa, Colca Canyon, Cuzco, Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Urubamba Valley.

- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
Light aircraft over the Nazca Lines US$45. Half day rafting near Cuzco US$15. Porters on the Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20.

- **DOSSIER CODE: PIN**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

LIMA to LA PAZ
(or LA PAZ to LIMA)

INCAS & ANDES (IAN) | **26 DAYS**

This project offers you the chance to combine both trips in 26 days—from the Peruvian coast to the highest city in the world or vice versa, taking in all the natural wonders and ancient sites en route.

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM...

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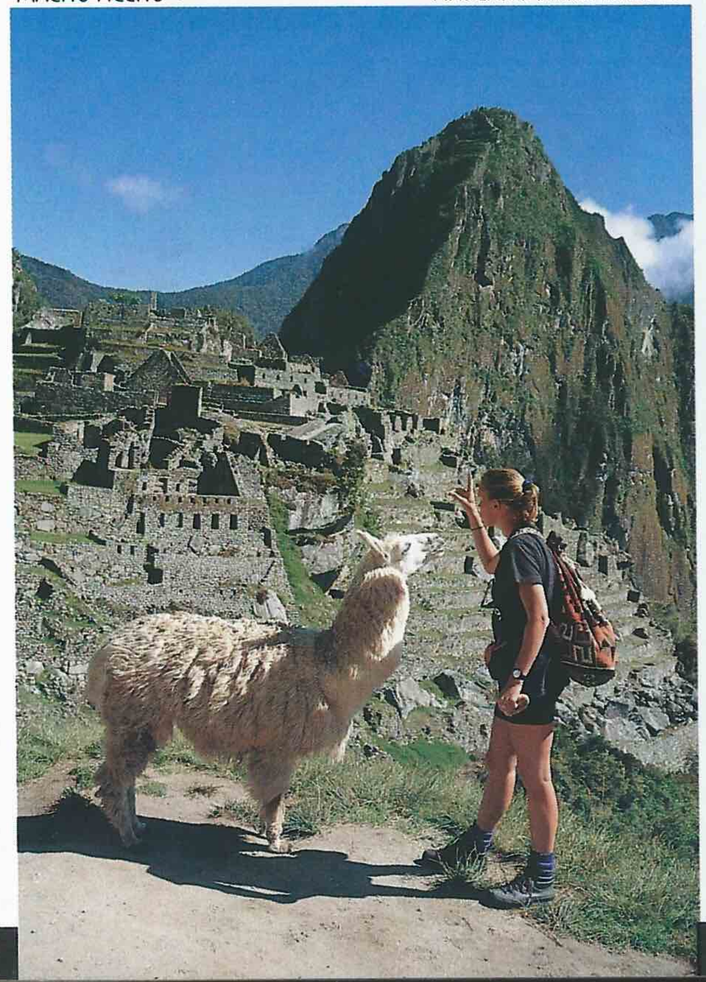
MACHU PICCHU ▼ ANDEAN MARKETPLACE ▲



CUZCO to LA PAZ
(or LA PAZ to CUZCO)

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE INCAS (FIN) | **15 DAYS**

What does the In The Footsteps of the Incas project Encounter?

This journey takes us from the royal capital of the Inca Empire to the unique high altitude city of La Paz, taking in on its way the misty highlands and mountain citadel of Machu Picchu, steep terraced farmlands, the high Andes and wild altiplano, and the great Lake Titicaca.

Ancient ways and high places...

We begin our journey in Cuzco, royal capital of the great Inca Empire and spend the day exploring this remarkable city. The population here is still mostly Indian and the streets are lined with perfect Inca stonework – arches, entryways and walls of such solid construction that they are still incorporated into the colonial and modern architecture. From Cuzco we drive to the beginning of the Inca trail where we spend the next three days hiking along passes high above the steep gorges of the Urubamba river, leading us to the stairway of the Sun Gate and Machu Picchu – Lost City of the Incas. Returning to the Urubamba valley we drive through steep terraced farmlands, though the mountains and windswept altiplano, scattered Indian settlements and highland pastures of the llama & alpaca to the vast and still waters of Lake Titicaca, legendary birthplace of the Sun God. We travel by motorboat onto the lake to the floating reed islands of the Uros & Aymara Indians, village settlements in perpetual drift across the waters. From the lakeside town of Puno we drive along the lake's western shores to Copacabana taking a ferry boat across to the Bolivian frontier to an unforgettable cliff-edge view of La Paz, the world's highest unofficial capital at 3,550m. Dominated by the snow peaks of Mt Illimani, La Paz hangs to the lower canyon slopes, and is a maze of winding terraced streets where vendors sell anything from spiced food and alpaca rugs, to devil masks, herbal potions and the bizarre ingredients of witchcraft recipes – a fascinating place to end our colourful journey.

...On the route of the Incas.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** PERU & BOLIVIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, four days hiking,, boat on Lake Titicaca ● 1,000kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping with hotels in Cuzco and La Paz and local homes on Amantani Island on Titicaca.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18—24 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Daily fresh food and truck supplies. Meals prepared by everyone on rota basis. Meals at hotel stops in Cuzco and La Paz are the only meals **not** included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY**

Day 1 In Cuzco, markets and colonial architecture and preparation for the Inca trail. ***Days 2 to 6*** Three days hiking the trail and a day exploring Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas. ***Days 7 & 8*** Return to Cuzco via the Urubamba valley, fast rivers and steep terraced farmlands to the great sites of the Incas & fortress villages. ***Days 9 & 10*** Through the Andes & wild Altiplano, llama pastures & Indian villages to Puno & Lake Titicaca. ***Days 11 & 13*** By boat to the floating reed islands. Overnight on Amantani island with local farming families. Drive round lake to Copacabana. ***Days 14 & 15*** Ferry to Bolivia and dramatic cliff road descent to La Paz. Day spent exploring this unique high capital with its bustling narrow streets, handicrafts and witchcraft markets.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
Cuzco, Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, Urubamba Valley, Lake Titicaca, floating reed islands, La Paz.

- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
Porters on the Inca Trail for personal baggage US$20.

- **DOSSIER CODE: FIN**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

DATES & PRICES

PERU & THE INCAS

From Lima to Cuzco		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	05 Jun (Mon) - 23 Jun (Fri)	330	750
	21 Aug (Mon) - 08 Sep (Fri)	330	750
	13 Nov (Mon) - 01 Dec (Fri)	330	750
2001	04 Jun (Mon) - 22 Jun (Fri)	330	750
	20 Aug (Mon) - 07 Sep (Fri)	330	750
	12 Nov (Mon) - 30 Nov (Fri)	330	750
From Cuzco to Lima		**L.P(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	30 Jul (Sun) - 17 Aug Thu)	330	750
	15 Oct (Sun) - 02 Nov (Thu)	330	750
	24 Dec (Sun) - 11 Jan '01 (Thu)	330	750
2001	29 Jul (Sun) - 16 Aug (Thu)	330	750
	14 Oct (Sun) - 01 Nov (Thu)	330	750
	23 Dec (Sut) - 10 Jan '02 (Thu)	330	750

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

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE INCAS

From La Paz to Cuzco		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	23 Jul (Sun) - 06 Aug (Sun)	270	595
	08 Oct (Sun) - 22 Oct (Sun)	270	595
	17 Dec (Sun) - 31 Dec (Sun)	270	595
2001	22 Jul (Sun) - 05 Aug (Sun)	270	595
	07 Oct (Sun) - 21 Oct (Sun)	270	595
	16 Dec (Sun) - 30 Dec (Sun)	270	595
From Cuzco to La Paz		**L.P(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	16 Jun (Fri) - 30 Jun (Fri)	270	595
	01 Sep (Fri) - 15 Sep (Fri)	270	595
	24 Nov (Fri) - 08 Dec (Fri)	270	595
2001	15 Jun (Fri) - 29 Jun (Fri)	270	595
	31 Aug (Fri) - 14 Sep (Fri)	270	595
	23 Nov (Fri) - 07 Dec (Fri)	270	595

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INCAS & ANDES

From Lima to La Paz		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	05 Jun (Mon) - 30 Jun (Fri)	450	995
	21 Aug (Mon) - 15 Sep (Fri)	450	995
	13 Nov (Mon) - 08 Dec (Fri)	450	995
2001	04 Jun (Mon) - 29 Jun (Fri)	450	995
	20 Aug (Mon) - 14 Sep (Fri)	450	995
	12 Nov (Mon) - 07 Dec (Fri)	450	995
From La Paz to Lima		**L.P(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	23 Jul (Sun) - 17 Aug (Thu)	450	995
	08 Oct (Sun) - 02 Nov (Thu)	450	995
	17 Dec (Sun) - 11 Jan '01 (Thu)	450	995
2001	22 Jul (Sun) - 16 Aug (Thu)	450	995
	07 Oct (Sun) - 01 Nov (Thu)	450	995
	16 Dec (Sun) - 10 Jan (Thu)	450	995

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

BOLIVIA & THE AMAZONAS

From La Paz to La Paz		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	30 Jun (Fri) - 20 Jul (Thu)	480	1080
	15 Sep (Fri) - 05 Oct (Thu)	480	1080
2001	29 Jun (Fri) - 19 Jul (Thu)	480	1080
	14 Sep (Fri) - 04 Oct (Thu)	480	1080

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

PERU & BOLIVIA

From Lima to La Paz		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	05 Jun (Mon) - 20 Jul (Thu)	930	1950
	21 Aug (Mon) - 05 Oct Thu)	930	1950
2001	04 Jun (Mon) - 19 Jul (Thu)	930	1950
	20 Aug (Mon) - 04 Oct (Thu)	930	1950

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

LIMA to LA PAZ

PERU & BOLIVIA (PBO) | **46 DAYS**

If you want to explore all of Peru & Bolivia, why not combine the Incas & Andes (IAN) with the Bolivia & Amazonas (BAM), and experience it all in 46 days.

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM...

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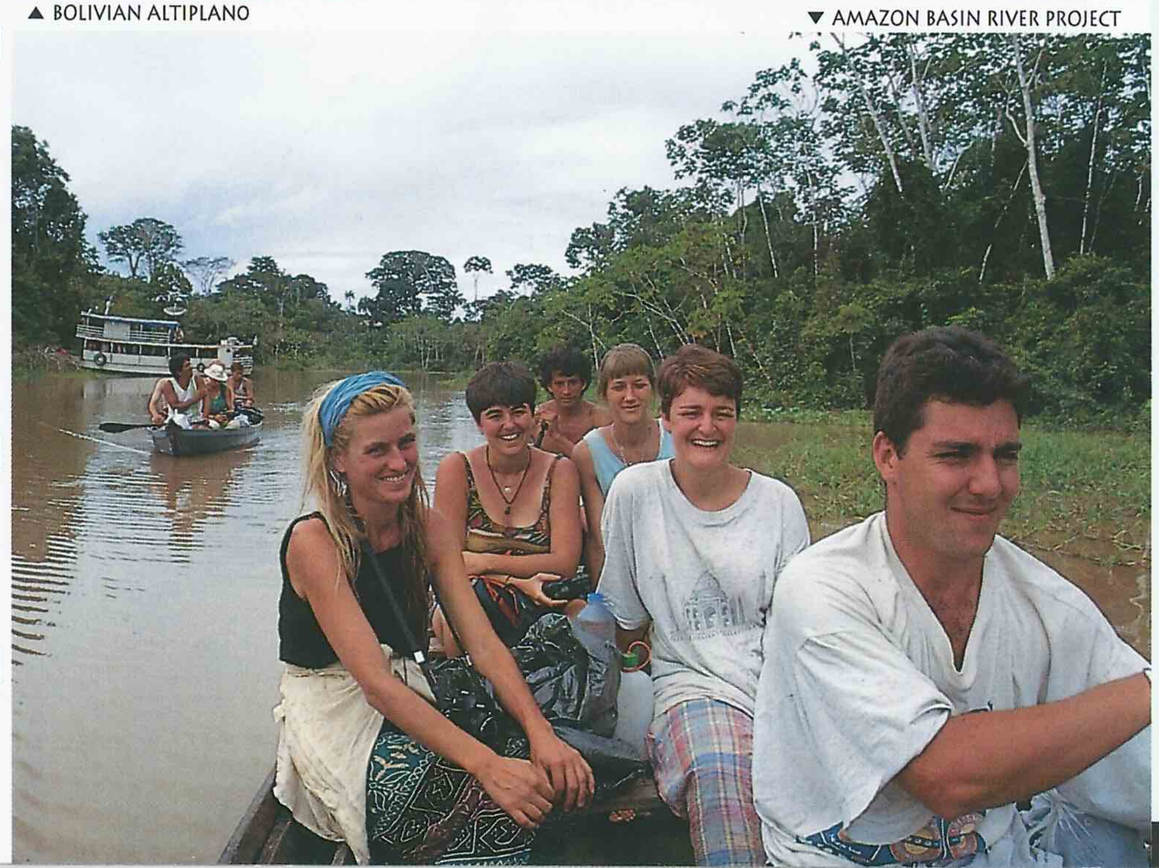
▲ BOLIVIAN ALTIPLANO



▼ AMAZON BASIN RIVER PROJECT

LA PAZ to LA PAZ

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

What does a Bolivia and Amazonas project 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 irresistible 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 surprises 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:** 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, steep streets and Indian markets of the old city.* ***Day 2*** *The Bolivian Andes & the 3800m altiplano, shores of the Lake Poopo, second only in size to Titicaca.* ***Day 3*** *Onto the vast Salar de Uyuni, a salt lake set high in the Andes.* ***Day 4*** *the cactus studded islands and salt mines of the salar, to Uyuni.* ***Day 5*** *Volcanic highlands of the Cordillera de Chichas to the thermal springs and pools of Tarapaya.* ***Day 6*** *to Potosi at 4000m, 18th century colonial mansions, plazas & cathedrals.* ***Day 7*** *Visit the tunnels and workings of a Potosi mine.* ***Day 8*** *High Andean passes & villages of the Cordillera Central.* ***Day 9*** *Tarabuco Indian Sunday market, to Sucre.* ***Day 10*** *In Sucre, 450 year old city, and Bolivia's official capital.* ***Days 11 to 13*** *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

SANTIAGO to QUITO
(or QUITO to SANTIAGO)

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

What does a Trans Andean Explorer project encounter?

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 its 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.

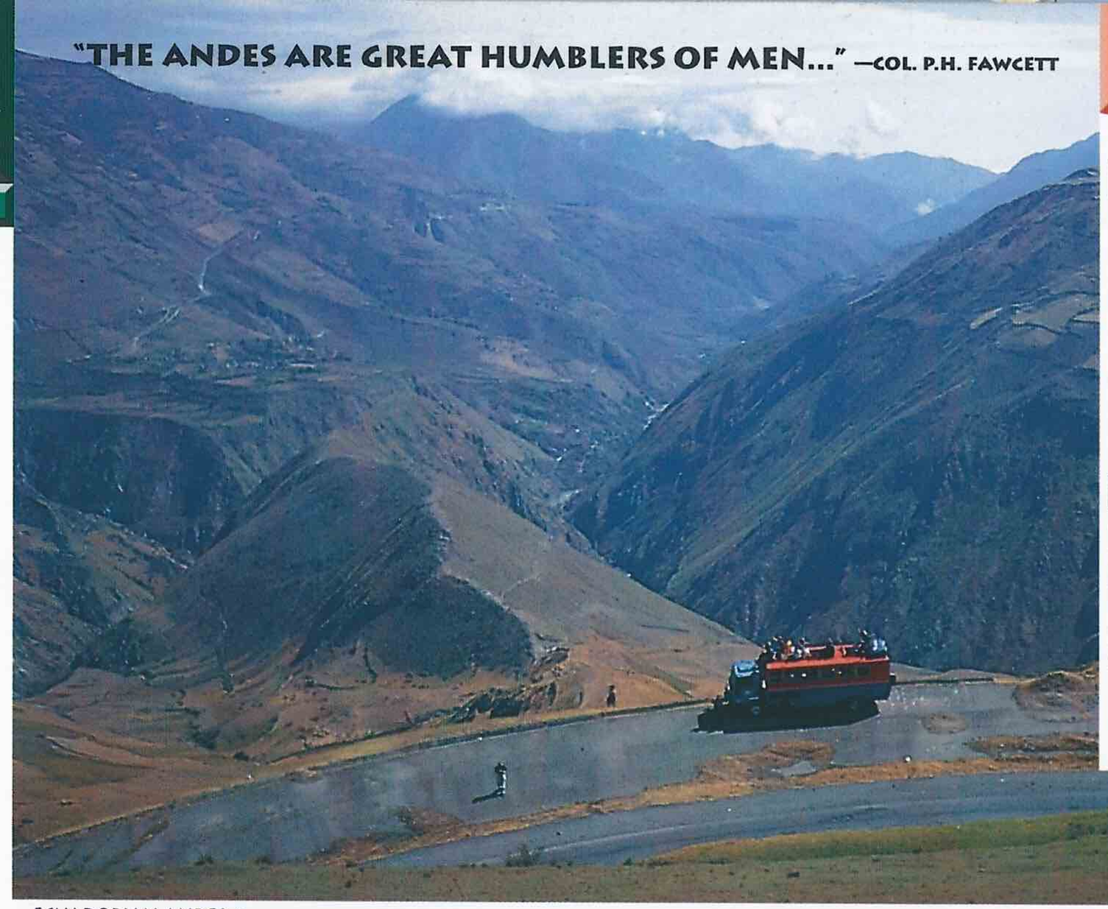
...A Land Alive With Culture

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 with 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, La Paz, Cuzco, Arequipa, Lima and Banos 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. ***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.
- **IHIGHLIGHTS:**
  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**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

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



ECUADORIAN ANDES ▲

'1ST CLASS' TRAVEL BACK FROM MACHU PICCHU ▼

DATES & PRICES

TRANS ANDEAN EXPLORER

Quito to Santiago	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 23 Jul (Sun) - 23 Sep (Sat)	800	2070
2001 08 Jul (Sun) - 08 Sep (Sat)	800	2070
Santiago to Quito	**L.P.(US$)**	**UK£**
2000 14 Oct (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	800	2070
2001 29 Sep (Sat) - 30 Nov (Fri)	800	2070

Can be combined with the 9 week Amazon & Andes ex Quito to complete an 18 week journey to Rio for Carnival.

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

THE CONQUISTADOR

Quito to Rio	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 11 Nov (Sat) - 23 Feb (Fri)	1230	3110
2001 27 Oct (Sat) - 08 Feb (Fri)	1230	3110
Rio to Quito	**L.P.(US$)**	**UK£**
2000 10 Mar (Fri) - 22 Jun (Thu)	1230	3110
2001 02 Mar (Fri) - 14 Jun (Thu)	1230	3110

Departs after Carnival

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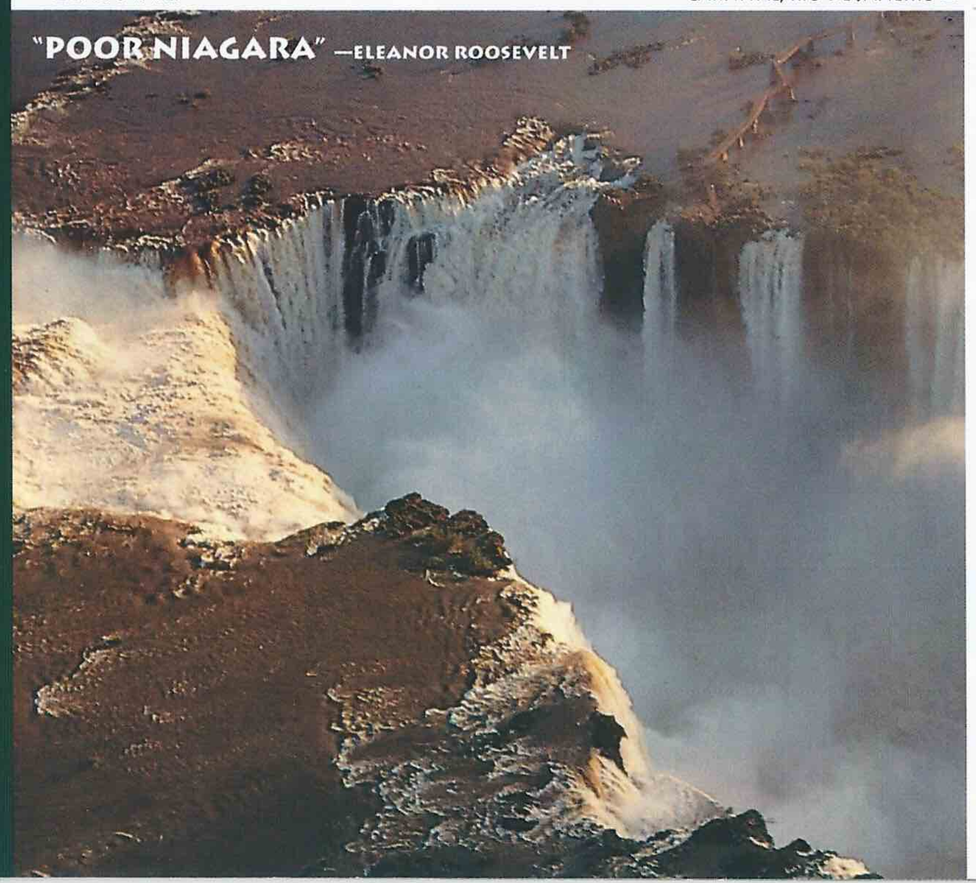
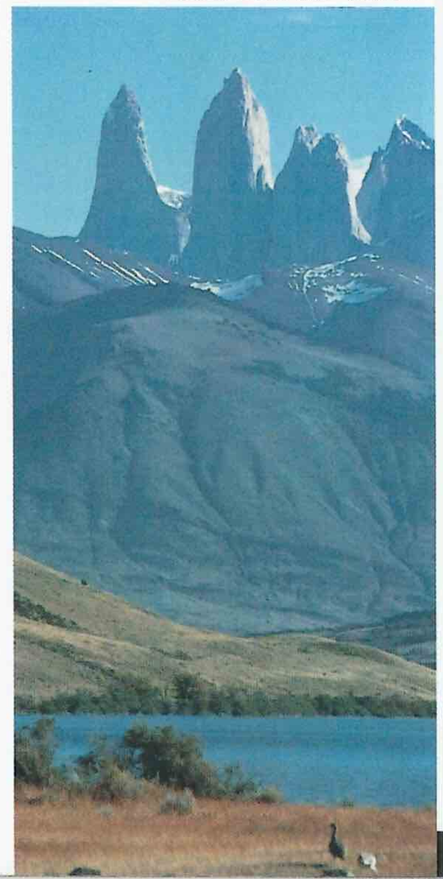
IGUASSU FALLS ▼ CARNIVAL, RIO DE JANEIRO ▲ TORRES DEL PAINE - CHILE ▼





RIO to QUITO
(or QUITO to RIO)

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

What does a Conquistador project encounter?

Stretching to some of South America's most remote places, this is a journey by expedition truck, boat and foot. From Rio de Janeiro 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, the colonial city 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 and 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:** 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, La Paz, Cuzco, Arequipa, Lima, Banos) 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 Janeiro 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, Chile's southern 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. ***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 does an Amazon & Andes project 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 Janeiro 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 teem 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 Janeiro 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 with hotels in major centres, river huts in Orinoco Delta and 3-4 nights on ferry in Brazil, basic sleeping conditions (See Meals & Food.)
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic 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. Camp meals are prepared by everyone on a rota basis.
- **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**

TRANS AMAZON ROADS! ▲

FACES OF THE AMAZON ▲

▼ ORINOCO DELTA TRIP

DATES & PRICES

AMAZON & ANDES

Quito to Rio	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 23 Dec (Sat) - 23 Feb (Fri)	750	1835
2001 08 Dec (Sat) - 08 Feb (Fri)	750	1835

Rio to Quito	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 10 Mar (Fri) - 11 May (Thu)	750	1835
2001 02 Mar (Fri) - 03 May (Thu)	750	1835

Departs after Carnival.

Can be combined with the 9 week Trans Andean Explorer ex Santiago to complete an 18 week journey to Rio.

N.B. All departures either arrive in Rio for Carnival or depart after it.

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SOUTH AMERICAN CIRCLE

Quito to Quito	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 11 Nov (Sat) - 03 May (Thu)*	1930	4840
2001 27 Oct(Sat) - 18 Apr (Thu)*	1930	4840

Quito to Quito	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 23 Dec (Sat) - 14 Jun (Thu)*	1930	4840
2001 08 Dec (Sat) - 30 May (Thu)*	1930	4840

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*All departures spend 7 or 8 days in Rio for midway layover during carnival time.

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 does a South American Circle project 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:** Camping with hotels in major centres, 3-4 nights on river ferries in Brazil, basic sleeping conditions. (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 Venezuela & Caracas, south to Orinoco Delta, Ciudad Bolivar. ***Week 5*** 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 Janeiro for Carnival. ***Week 10*** **Own arrangements in Rio de Janeiro.** ***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. ***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 (APPROX 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 women and children 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 was 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

From Tunis to Tunis		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	11 Mar (Sat) - 07 Apr (Fri)	320	690
	28 Oct (Sat) - 24 Nov (Fri)	320	710
	02 Dec (Sat) - 29 Dec (Fri)	320	710
2001	10 Feb (Sat) - 09 Mar (Fri)	320	710
	10 Mar (Sat) - 06 Apr (Fri)	320	710
	27 Oct (Sat) - 23 Nov (Fri)	320	710
	01 Dec (Sat) - 28 Dec (Fri)	320	710

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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

Just wanted to drop a line to pass along my compliments for such an incredible holiday. I recently got back from the 3rd—17th July Morocco, High Atlas & Oases trip and it was by far the best holiday I have ever had. John is a great trip leader—funny, a superb driver and absolutely competent. His presence made the trip excellent. We were fortunate to have a great group as well, including a former Encounter employee. Her previous experiences and knowledge were also of great benefit to the group. I've made some great friends and am currently planning on a trip to London in late October to see the ones living there.

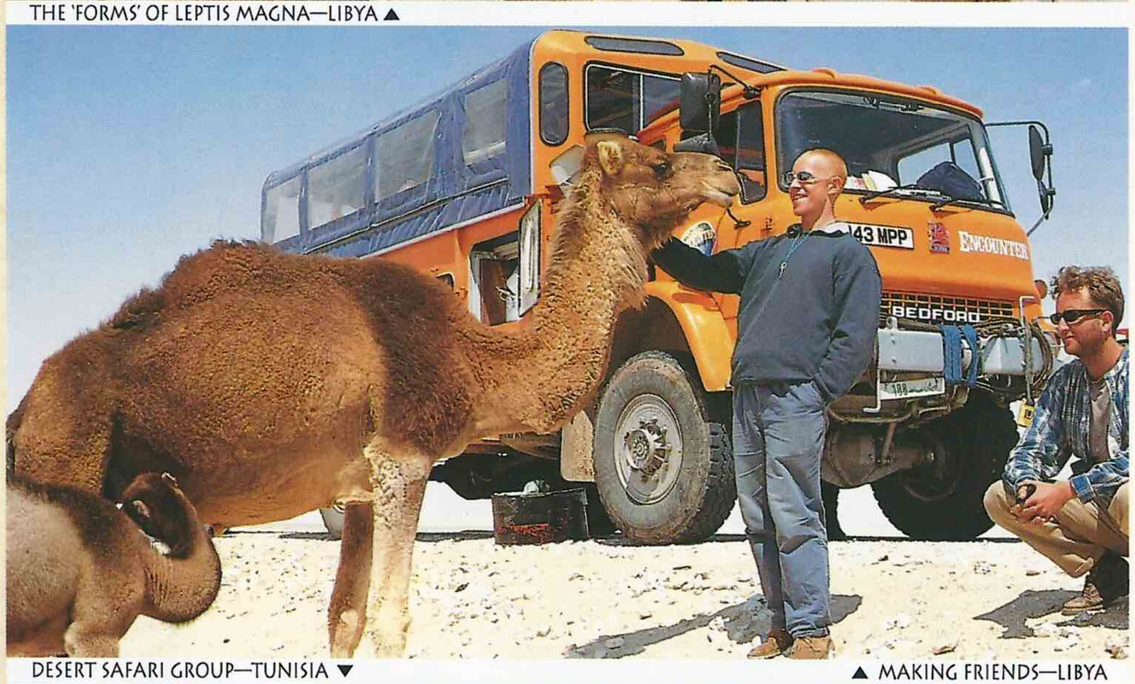
All in all it was a trip that I'll remember for a lifetime and I appreciate the hard work on Encounter's part—both the direct involvement of the driver and also all the work behind the scenes to ensure that the trips go as smoothly as possible. I look forward to another Encounter trip in the future.

Also I'm enclosing a few pictures from the trip. Not to be presumptious, but if you ever want to update the brochure and see any that you may care to use, please feel free to contact me. I've got many more and I'd be honoured.

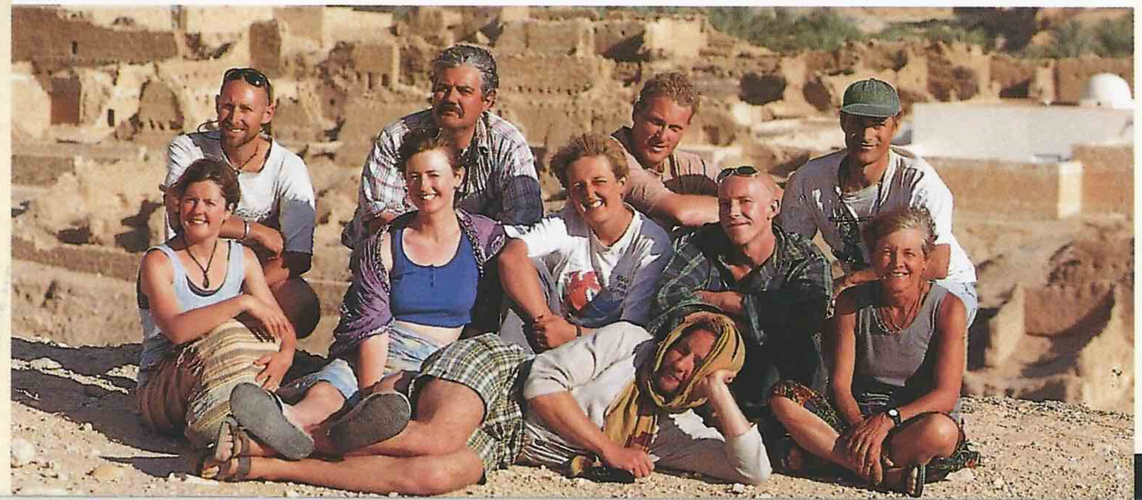
Thanks again, regards

DAVID FUGAZZOTTO

THE 'FORMS' OF LEPTIS MAGNA—LIBYA ▲



DESERT SAFARI GROUP—TUNISIA ▼



▲ MAKING FRIENDS—LIBYA

TUNIS to TUNIS

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

What does a Tunisia, Libya & the Sahara project 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 Kairouan, Sfax and Gabes. ***Days 4 & 5*** We enter Libya, to Zuaran then 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 18*** 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)

THE SAHARAN OUTBACK (SOU) — 42 DAYS

What does the Saharan Outback project encounter?

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

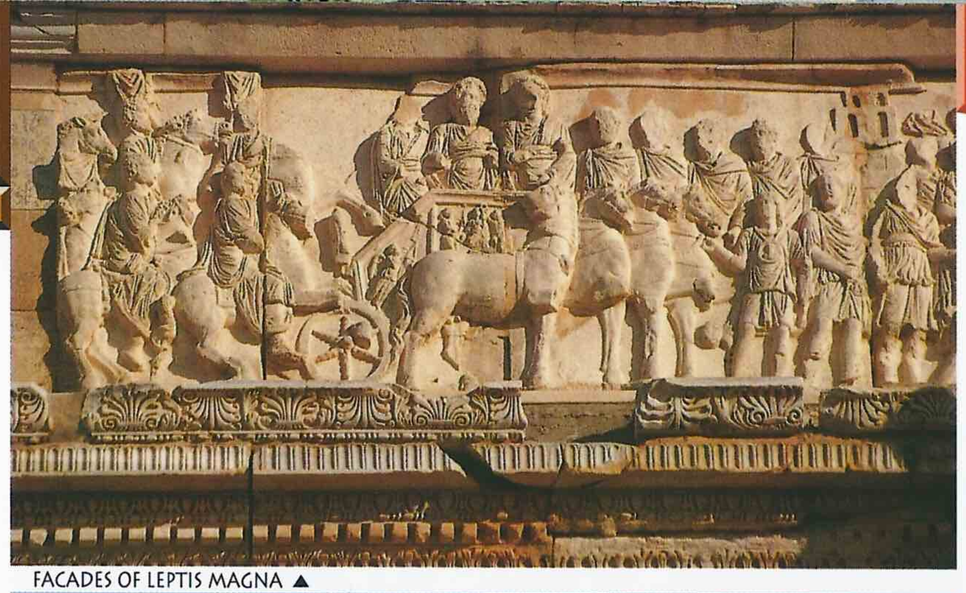
A Real Saharan Expedition...

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.

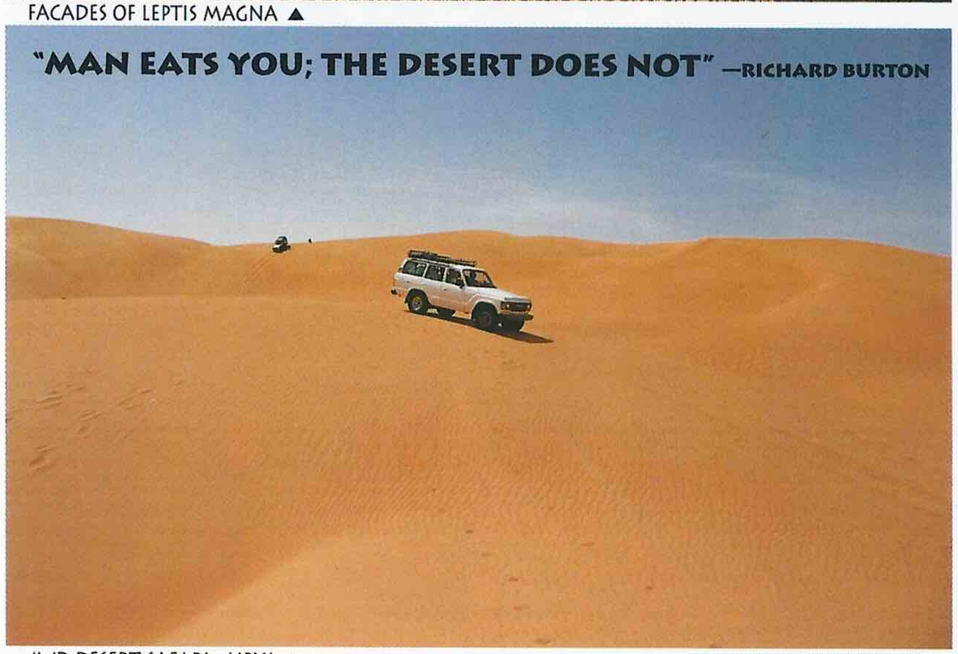
KEY FACTS

- **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:** ***Days 1 & 2*** 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 4 Wheel 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**



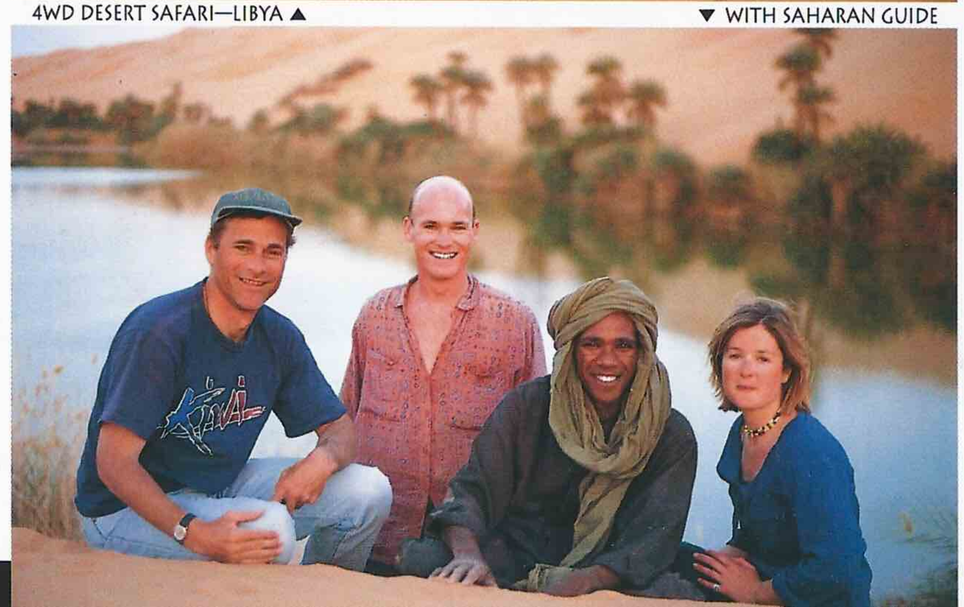
FACADES OF LEPTIS MAGNA ▲

"MAN EATS YOU; THE DESERT DOES NOT" —RICHARD BURTON



4WD DESERT SAFARI—LIBYA ▲

▼ WITH SAHARAN GUIDE



DATES & PRICES

THE SAHARAN OUTBACK

Cairo to Tunis		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	10 Sep (Sun) - 21 Oct (Sat)	470	1075
2001	09 Sep (Sun) - 20 Oct (Sat)	470	1075

Tunis to Cairo		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	16 Apr (Sun) - 27 May (Sat)	470	1075
2001	15 Apr (Sun) - 26 May (Sat)	470	1075

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MOROCCO, HIGH ATLAS & OASES

Casablanca to Casablanca		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 29 Apr (Sat)	150	350
	29 Apr (Sat) - 13 May (Sat)	150	350
	13 May (Sat) - 27 May (Sat)	150	350
	03 Jun (Sat) - 17 Jun (Sat)	150	350
	17 Jun (Sat) - 01 Jul (Sat)	150	350
	01 Jul (Sat) - 15 Jul (Sat)	150	360
	22 Jul (Sat) - 05 Aug (Sat)	150	360
	05 Aug (Sat) - 19 Aug (Sat)	150	360
	19 Aug (Sat) - 02 Sep (Sat)	150	360
	09 Sep (Sat) - 23 Sep (Sat)	150	360
	23 Sep (Sat) - 07 Oct (Sat)	150	360
2001	14 Apr (Sat) - 28 Apr (Sat)	150	360
	28 Apr (Sat) - 12 May (Sat)	150	360
	12 May (Sat) - 26 May (Sat)	150	360
	02 Jun (Sat) - 16 Jun (Sat)	150	360
	16 Jun (Sat) - 30 Jun (Sat)	150	360
	30 Jun (Sat) - 14 Jul (Sat)	150	360
	21 Jul (Sat) - 04 Aug (Sat)	150	360
	04 Aug (Sat) - 18 Aug (Sat)	150	360
	18 Aug (Sat) - 01 Sep (Sat)	150	360
	08 Sep (Sat) - 22 Sep (Sat)	150	360
	22 Sep (Sat) - 06 Oct (Sat)	150	360

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AN EGYPTIAN ENCOUNTER

Cairo to Cairo		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	06 Feb (Sun) - 26 Feb (Sat)	230	500
	19 Mar (Sun) - 08 Apr (Sat)	230	500
	09 Apr (Sun) - 29 Apr (Sat)	230	500
	17 Sep (Sun) - 07 Oct (Sat)	230	515
	08 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	230	515
	29 Oct (Sun) - 18 Nov (Sat)	230	515
	26 Nov (Sun) - 16 Dec (Sat)	230	515
	17 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan (Sat)	230	515
2001	04 Feb (Sun) - 24 Feb (Sat)	230	515
	25 Feb (Sun) - 17 Mar (Sat)	230	515
	18 Mar (Sun) - 07 Apr (Sat)	230	515
	08 Apr (Sun) - 28 Apr (Sat)	230	515
	16 Sep (Sun) - 06 Oct (Sat)	230	515
	07 Oct (Sun) - 27 Oct (Sat)	230	515
	28 Oct (Sun) - 17 Nov (Sat)	230	515
	25 Nov (Sun) - 15 Dec (Sat)	230	515
	23 Dec (Sun) - 12 Jan (Sat)	230	515

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NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

CASABLANCA to CASABLANCA

MOROCCO, HIGH ATLAS & OASES (MHA) | **15 DAYS**

What does a Morocco, High Atlas & Oases project 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.

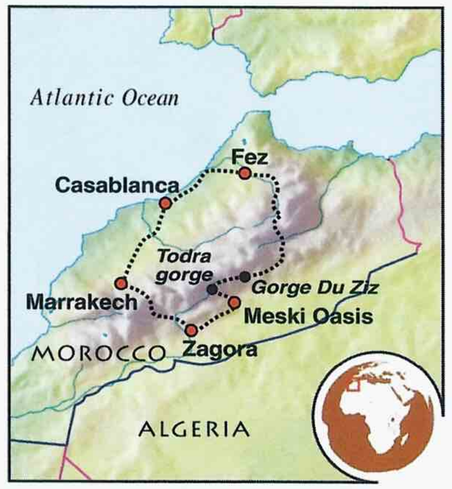
A Moroccan And African Saga...

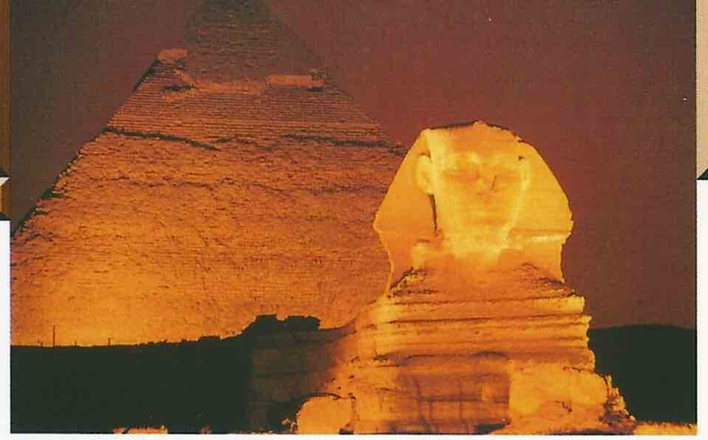
We leave the famous city of Casablanca to visit the ruined city of Volubilis before going on to explore the endless winding paths and dark corners of Fez. Small shops and artisan workbenches spill out from unexpected places and the sense of hidden mystery is such that, without the services of a guide 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. All meals prepared by everyone 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 ▲

IN TODRA GORGE ▼

CAMPED OUT, EGYPTIAN DESERT ▲

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

CAIRO to CAIRO

AN EGYPTIAN ENCOUNTER (EEN) | **21 DAYS**

What does an Egyptian Encounter project 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 contrasts vividly with the abundant green of the Nile. The banks of the Nile are home to many an ancient tale. They are studded 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 DO 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. All meals prepared by everyone 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. ***Days 17 to 19*** 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 does an East Of Africa Safari project 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, 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 lie 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.

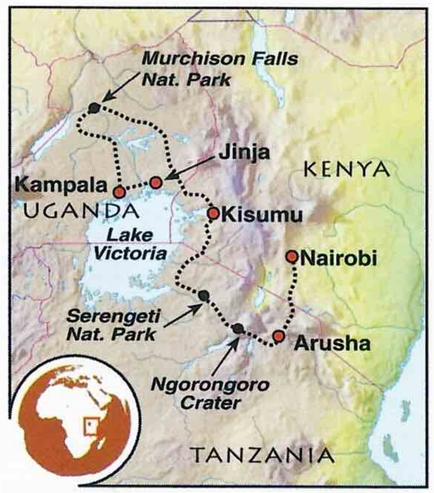
...Into The Heart Of The Animal Kingdom

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, landrovers in Ngorongoro Crater. Launch on Nile.
- 2,000 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. All meals prepared by everyone 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 (additional week, see page 23—MGS)
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITES (APPROX COST)**
White water rafting at Jinja US$100
- **DOSSIER CODE: EAS**



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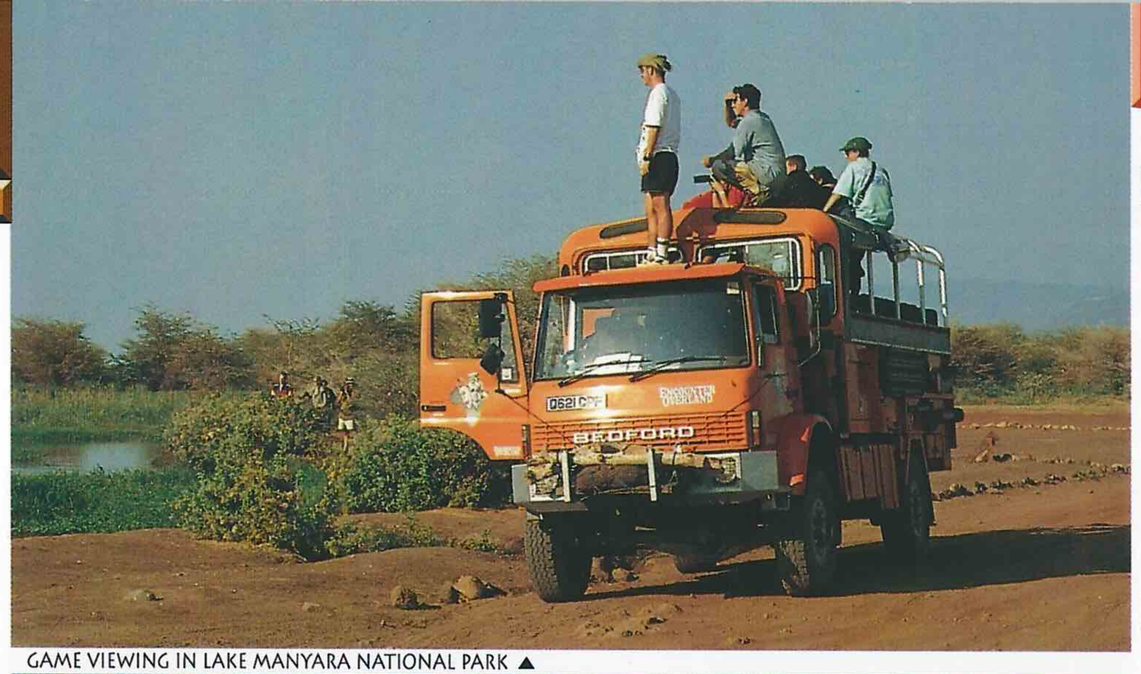
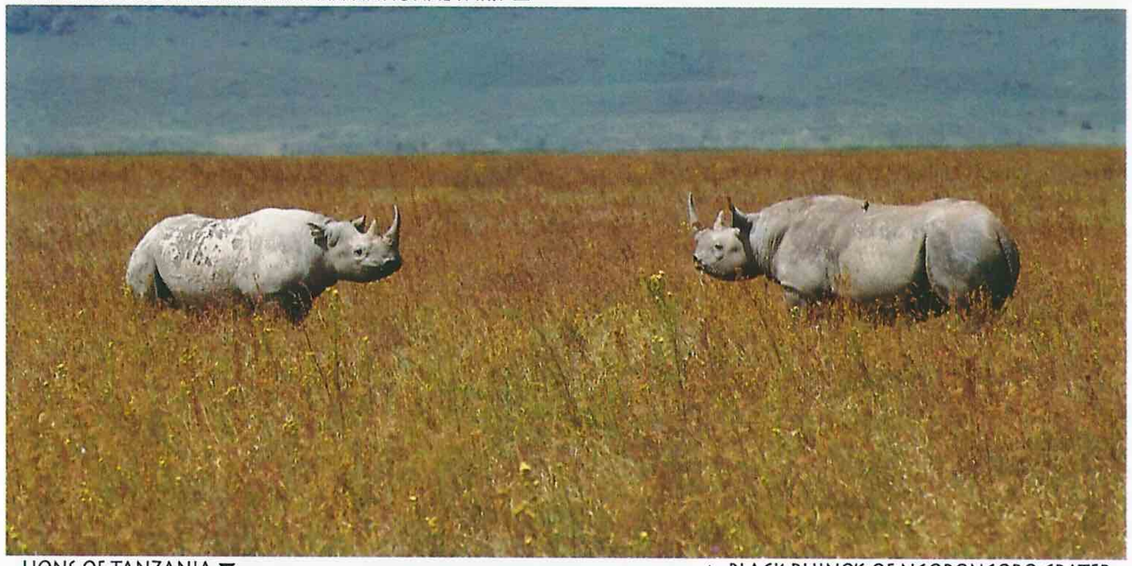


GAME VIEWING IN LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK ▲



▲ BLACK RHINO'S OF NGORONGORO CRATER

LIONS OF TANZANIA ▼

DATES & PRICES

EAST OF AFRICA SAFARI

Nairobi to Kampala		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	25 Jun (Sun) - 09 Jul (Sun)	410	910
	30 Jul (Sun) - 13 Aug (Sun)	410	910
	03 Sep (Sun) - 17 Sep (Sun)	410	910
	08 Oct (Sun) - 22 Oct (Sun)	410	910
	12 Nov (Sun) - 26 Nov (Sun)	410	910
	24 Dec (Sun) - 07 Jan '01 (Sun)	410	910
2001	24 Jun (Sun) - 08 Jul (Sun)	410	910
	29 Jul (Sun) - 12 Aug (Sun)	410	910
	02 Sep (Sun) - 16 Sep (Sun)	410	910
	07 Oct (Sun) - 21 Oct (Sun)	410	910
	11 Nov (Sun) - 25 Nov (Sun)	410	910
	23 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan '02 (Sun)	410	910

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

MOUNTAIN GORILLA SAFARI

Kampala to Kampala		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	10 Jul (Mon) - 16 Jul (Sun)	95	235
	14 Aug (Mon) - 20 Aug (Sun)	95	235
	18 Sep (Mon) - 24 Sep (Sun)	95	235
	23 Oct (Mon) - 29 Oct (Sun)	95	235
	27 Nov (Mon) - 03 Dec (Sun)	95	235
2001	08 Jan (Mon) - 14 Jan (Sun)	95	235
	09 Jul (Mon) - 15 Jul (Sun)	95	235
	13 Aug (Mon) - 19 Aug (Sun)	95	235
	17 Sep (Mon) - 23 Sep (Sun)	95	235
	22 Oct (Mon) - 28 Oct (Sun)	95	235
	26 Nov (Mon) - 02 Dec (Sun)	95	235

Linked with the East of Africa Safari ex Nairobi.

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

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KAMPALA to KAMPALA

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.

MT. KILIMANJARO CLIMB (MKC) — 7 DAYS

Africa's highest mountain

One of the world's highest single peaks at 5895 metres, 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.

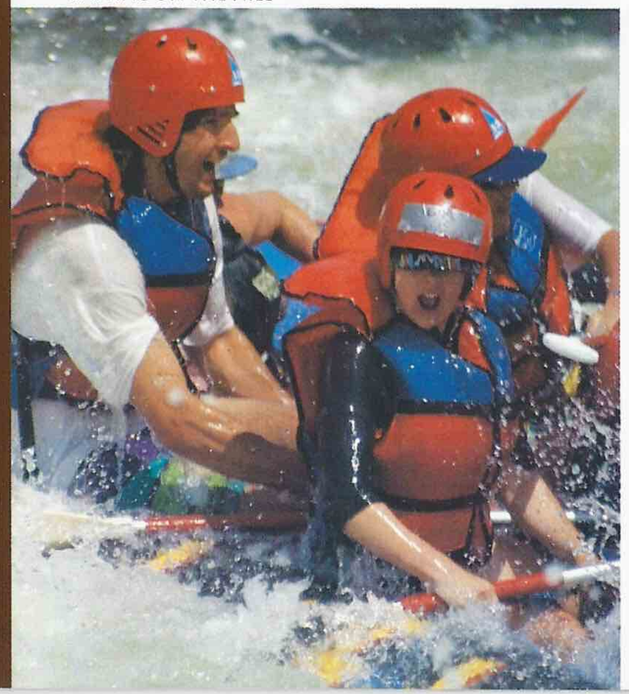
  You can take the climb option of 7 days (including a hotel stay in Moshi before and after) in conjuction with any other Encounter project. The option starts in Moshi, Tanzania. Cost of the inclusive 7 day option varies with the time of year and which route you decide to take but you should allow USD$690 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

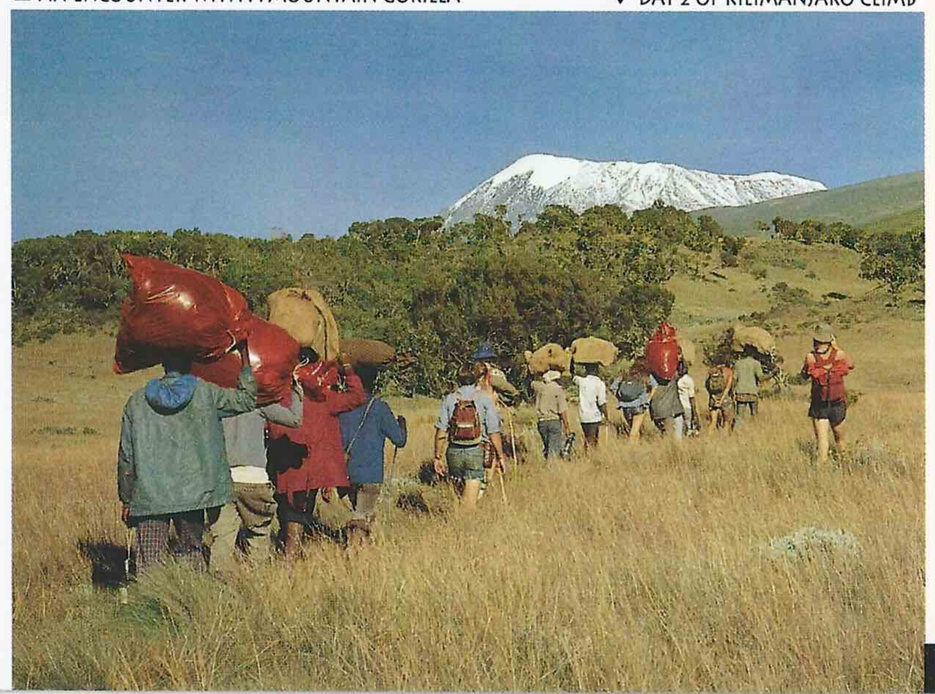
- **DOSSIER CODE: MKC**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

▼ RAFTING ON THE NILE



▲ AN ENCOUNTER WITH A MOUNTAIN GORILLA



▼ DAY 2 OF KILIMANJARO CLIMB

ADDIS ABABA to ADDIS ABABA

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

What does an Ethiopian Highlands project encounter?

This journey takes us into the heart of Ethiopia, a place of unusual wildlife, breathtaking scenery and intriguing historical site. We visit 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...

We begin our journey in Addis Ababa, the modern capital of Ethiopia in the heart of the Ethiopian Highlands. The scenery to the north of Addis Ababa is spectacular with high passes looking down into deep ravines with lush forested slopes, through which we travel to Lalibela. Set on a hilltop location is one of the unrecognised wonders of the world with beautiful 12th and 13th century monolithic churches hewn straight out of the bedrock. Next is Axum, the holy city of Ethiopia dating back some 2000 years and famous for its huge granite monoliths that litter the fields surrounding the town. It was also the home to the Queen of Sheba, and as local tradition says, the original Ark of the Covenant, which is kept here in the church of St Mary of Zion. The road we now follow winds over the Wolkefit Pass and through the mountainous terrain past Mount Ras Dashen, Ethiopia's highest peak at 4620 metres, before descending into the Simien National Park. Apart from the beautiful views, the park also boasts an abundance of wildlife including Baboons, Ibex, Simien foxes and predatory birds. Next we drive to the city of Gonder, once the capital of Ethiopia. Here the monasteries and churches are beautifully muralled reflecting the area's 1,700 year association with Christianity. We now travel on to Bahir Dar and the Blue Nile where we find the Tisisiat Falls, second only to Victoria Falls. Returning to Lake Tana, we spend time exploring the markets of Bahir Dar and visiting the lake's island communities. Then it is back to Addis Ababa by plane and the end of our journey in this land of remote and wild places, which coupled with a rich tapestry of history and religious tradition makes it one of the most unique and memorable places to visit in Africa.

...A Holy Journey Through Heavenly Places

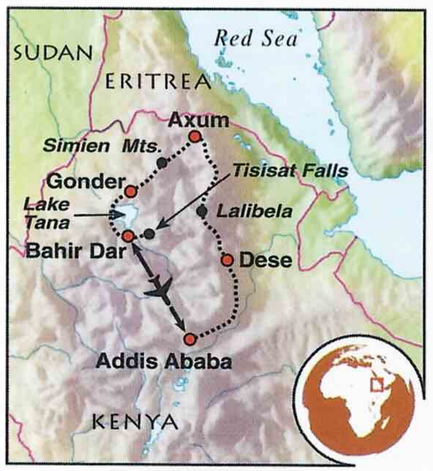
KEY FACTS

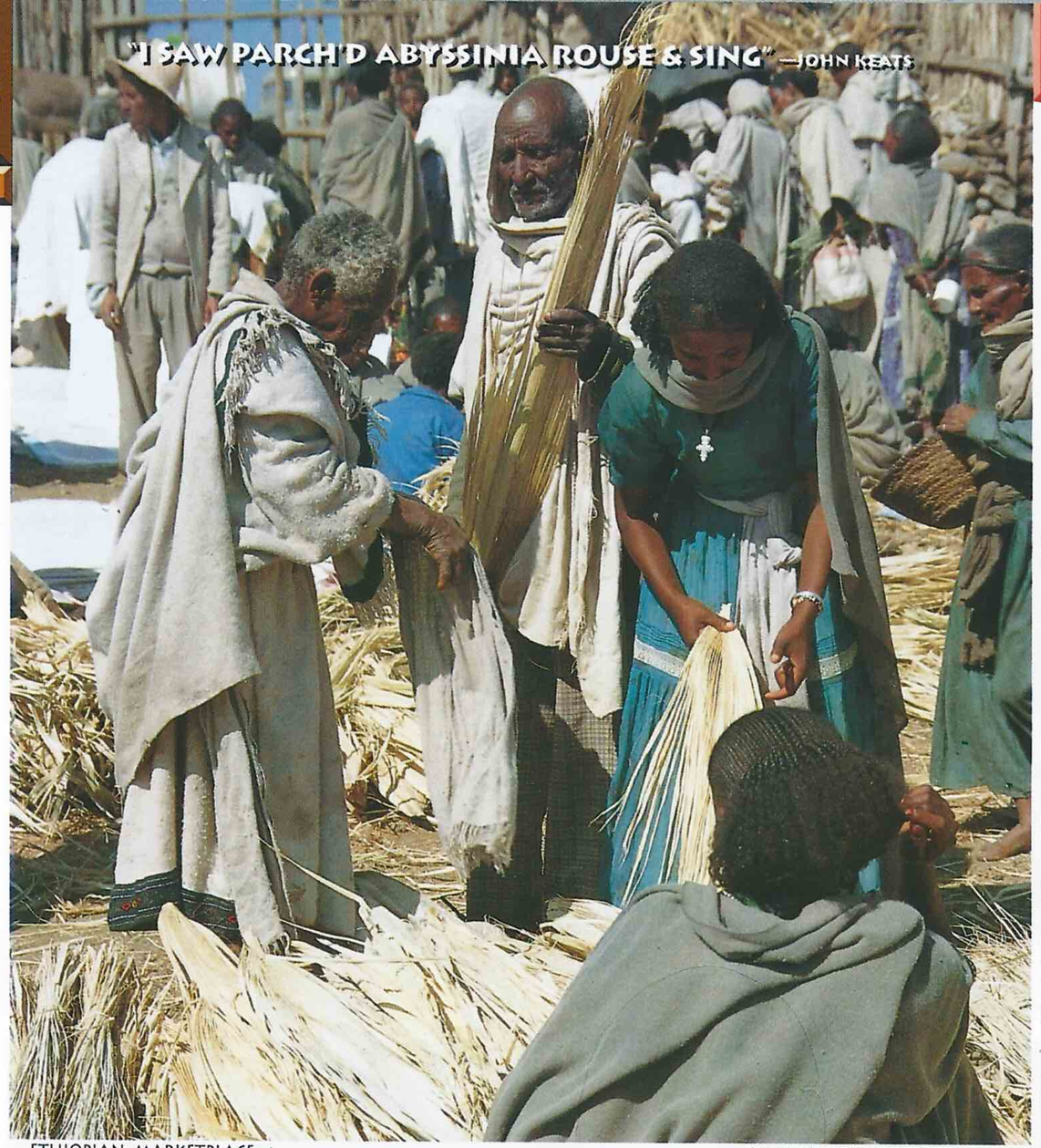
- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ETHIOPIA.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, plane to/from Bahir Dar, boat on Lake Tana. ● 2,500kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout the journey.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 16 - 21, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food supplemented by truck supplies in remoter areas. All meals prepared by group on rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**

N.B. Every second departure operates in reverse direction i.e. flying to Bahir Dar on Day 1 to follow the itinerary in reverse.

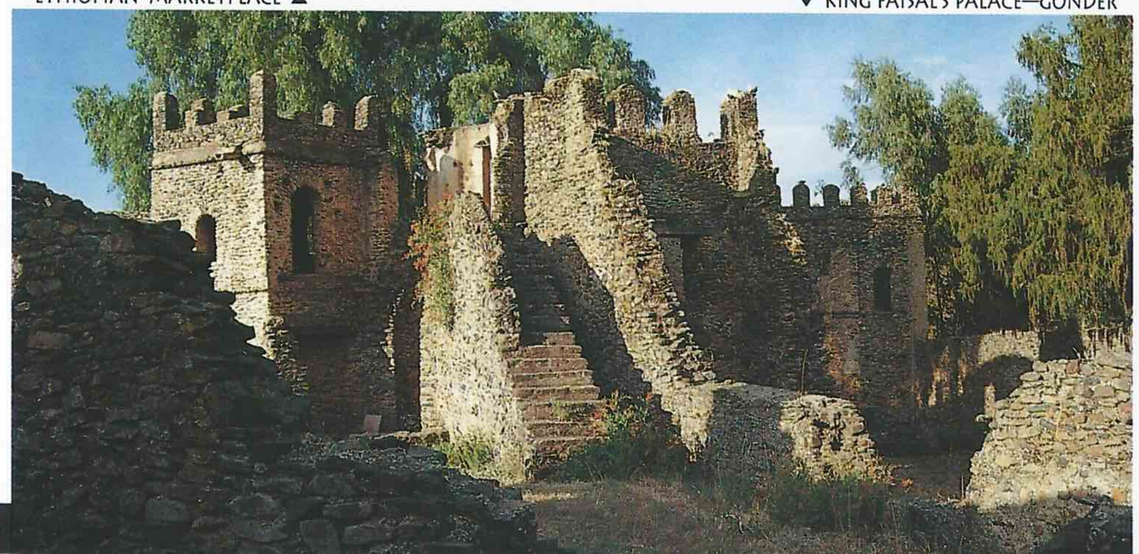
Day 1 Addis Ababa, trip preparation. ***Day 2*** Drive north into the highlands to Dese. ***Day 3*** High passes towards Mekele, then west to Lalibela. ***Days 4 & 5*** Lalibela, guided visits to churches and hikes to remoter monasteries. ***Day 6*** Descend the Tigrean mountains to Mekele. ***Day 7*** Via Adigrat to Axum. ***Day 8*** Axum— Baths of Queen of Sheba, giant obelisks & other ancient sites. ***Days 9 & 10*** Wolkefit Pass to Gonder, via Simien National Park. ***Day 11*** Gonder's historial castles & monasteries. ***Day 12*** South to Bahir Dar on shores of Lake Tana. ***Day 13*** Blue Nile & Tisisiat Falls. Return to Bahir Dar. ***Day 14*** Lake Tana & island monasteries. ***Day 15*** Fly back to Addis Ababa.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Addis Ababa, monolithic churches of Lalibela, Axum & giant obelisks & other ancient sites, Simien National Park, sacred city of Gonder, Bahir Dar, Lake Tana and island monasteries, Tisisiat Falls.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **EHI**





ETHIOPIAN MARKETPLACE ▲



▼ KING FAISAL'S PALACE—GONDER

DATES & PRICES

ETHIOPIAN HIGHLANDS

Addis Ababa to Addis Ababa		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	19 Nov (Sat) - 03 Dec (Sat)	240	560
	03 Dec (Sat) - 17 Dec (Sat)	240	560
	17 Dec (Sat) - 31 Dec (Sat)	240	560
2001	07 Jan (Sat) - 21 Jan (Sat)	240	580
	21 Jan (Sat) - 04 Feb (Sat)	240	580
	11 Feb (Sat) - 25 Feb (Sat)	240	580
	18 Nov (Sat) - 02 Dec (Sat)	240	580
	02 Dec (Sat) - 16 Dec (Sat)	240	580
	23 Dec (Sat) - 06 Jan '02 (Sat)	240	580

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

ZIMBABWE & THE ZAMBEZI

Harare to Harare		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	16 Mar (Thu) - 30 Mar (Thu)		
	06 Apr (Thu) - 20 Apr (Thu)		1090
	04 May (Thu) - 18 May (Thu)		1090
	01 Jun (Thu)- 15 Jun (Thu)		1090
	22 Jun (Thu) - 06 Jul (Thu)		1090
	13 Jul (Thu) - 27 Jul (Thu)		1090
	03 Aug (Thu) - 17 Aug (Thu)		1090
	24 Aug (Thu) - 07 Sep (Thu)		1090
	14 Sep (Thu) - 28 Sep (Thu)		1090
	05 Oct (Thu) - 19 Oct (Thu)		1090
	26 Oct (Thu) - 09 Nov (Thu)		1090
	23 Nov (Thu) - 07 Dec (Thu)		1090
2001	15 Mar (Thu) - 29 Mar (Thu)		1090
	05 Apr (Thu) - 19 Apr (Thu)		1090

NOT APPLICABLE

Later dates for 2001 will be published in Nov 2000. Local payment of US$180 is payable for individual National Park fees.

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

BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA & ZAMBIA

Victoria Falls to Victoria Falls		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	04 Jun (Sun) - 28 Jun (Wed)	410	950
	02 Jul (Sun) - 26 Jul (Wed)	410	950
	06 Aug (Sun) - 30 Aug (Wed)	410	950
	03 Sep (Sun) - 27 Sep (Wed)	410	950
2001	03 Jun (Sun) - 27 Jun (Wed)	410	950
	01 Jul (Sun) - 25 Jul (Wed)	410	950
	05 Aug (Sun) - 29 Aug (Wed)	410	950
	02 Sep (Sun) - 26 Sep (Wed)	410	950

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HARARE to HARARE

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

What does a Zimbabwe & the Zambezi project 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 experience it all 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.

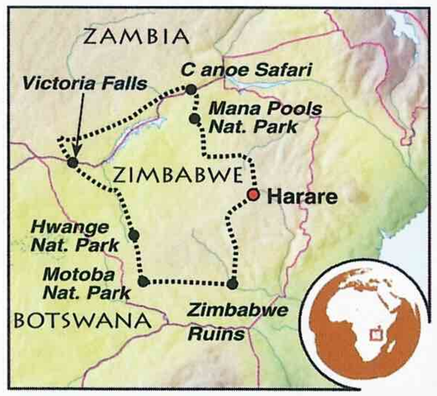
...With A Taste Of The Wild And The Most Spectacular.

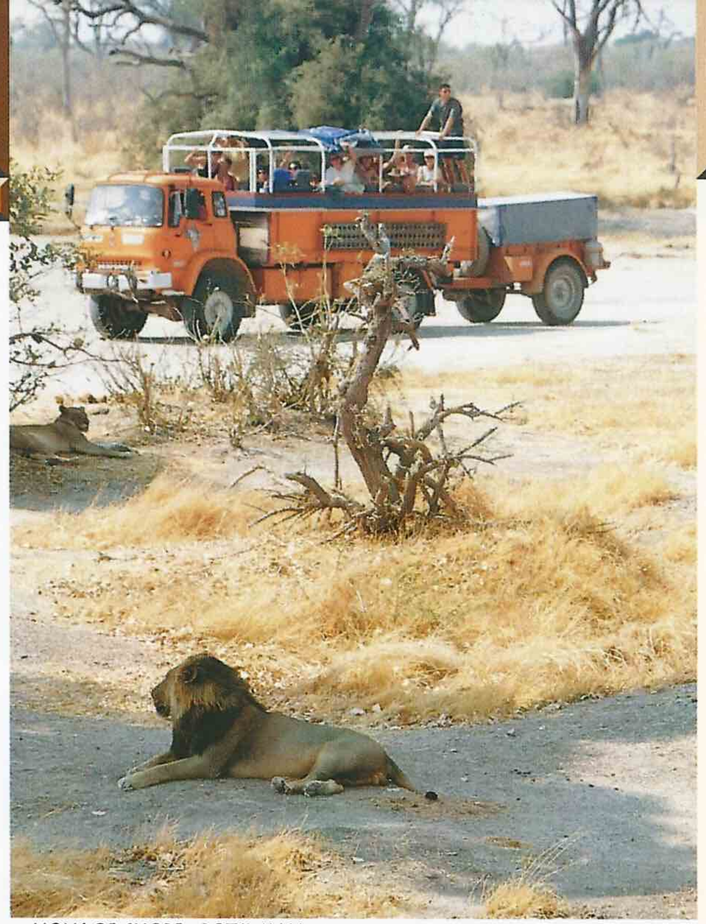
KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA.
- **HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?** Land Cruiser soft top expedition vehicle, canoes on Zambezi River. ● 2,150kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping, with hotel in Harare and 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 is 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 7 to 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. The itinerary often operates in reverse direction.

- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Many activities at Victoria Falls e.g. 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

BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA & ZAMBIA (BNZ) | **25 DAYS**

What does a Botswana, Namibia and Zambia project 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 Namibia we visit Windhoek briefly 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. ● 3,250kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **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. **BNZ**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

CAPE TOWN to HARARE
(or HARARE to CAPE TOWN)

SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE (SMO) | **28 DAYS**

What does a South Africa and Mozambique project encounter?

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 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—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:** Camping throughout.
- **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 a 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: SMO**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

TRIBAL CHIEF—LESOTHO ▲

FISHING—MOZAMBIQUE STYLE ▲

▼ DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS

DATES & PRICES

SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE

Cape Town to Harare		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	02 Sep (Sat) - 29 Sep (Fri)	420	895
2001	01 Sep (Sat) - 28 Sep (Fri)	420	895

All link with African Genesis ex Harare (28 days to Nairobi).

Harare to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	420	895
2001	30 Sep (Sun) - 27 Oct (Sat)*	420	895

All link with African Genesis ex Harare (28 days to Nairobi).

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

AFRICAN GENESIS

Nairobi to Harare		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	11 Mar (Sat) - 07 Apr (Fri)	420	915
	10 Jun (Sat) - 07 Jul (Fri)	420	915
	09 Sep (Sat) - 06 Oct (Fri)	420	915
	16 Dec (Sat) - 12 Jan '01 (Fri)	420	915
2001	10 Feb (Sat) - 09 Mar (Fri)	420	915
	07 Apr (Sat) - 04 May (Fri)	420	915
	09 Jun (Sat) - 06 Jul (Fri)	420	915
	21 Jul (Sat) - 17 Aug (Fri)	420	915
	15 Dec (Sat) - 11 Jan '02 (Fri)	420	915

Harare to Nairobi		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	06 May (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	420	915
	30 Sep (Sat) - 27 Oct (Fri)	420	915
	11 Nov (Sat) - 08 Dec (Fri)	420	915
	23 Dec (Sat) - 19 Jan '01 (Fri)	420	915
2001	21 Apr (Sat) - 18 May (Fri)	420	915
	09 Jun (Sat) - 06 Jul (Fri)	420	915
	29 Sep (Sat) - 26 Oct (Fri)	420	915
	10 Nov (Sat) - 07 Dec (Fri)	420	915
	22 Dec (Sat) - 18 Jan '02 (Fri)	420	915

Combines with the 35 day Southern Cross of Africa to complete the Safari South.

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

THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF AFRICA

Harare to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	18 Mar (Sat) - 21 Apr (Fri)	545	1175
	08 Apr (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	545	1175
	08 July (Sat) - 11 Aug (Fri)	545	1175
	07 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	545	1175
2001	13 Jan (Sat) - 16 Feb (Fri)	545	1175
	10 Mar (Sat) - 13 Apr (Fri)	545	1175
	05 May (Sat) - 08 Jun (Fri)	545	1175
	07 Jul (Sat) - 10 Aug (Fri)	545	1175
	18 Aug (Sat) - 21 Sep (Fri)	545	1175
	12 Jan '02 (Sat) - 15 Feb '02 (Fri)	545	1175

Cape Town to Harare		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 05 May (Fri)	545	1175
	26 Aug (Sat) - 29 Sep (Fri)	545	1175
	07 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	545	1175
	18 Nov (Sat) - 22 Dec (Fri)	545	1175
2001	17 Mar (Sat) - 20 Apr (Fri)	545	1175
	05 May (Sat) - 08 Jun (Fri)	545	1175
	25 Aug (Sat) - 28 Sep (Fri)	545	1175
	06 Oct (Sat) - 09 Nov (Fri)	545	1175
	17 Nov (Sat) - 21 Dec (Fri)	545	1175

N.B. Combines with the African Genesis to complete the Safari South—see page 33.

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

NAIROBI to HARARE
(or HARARE to NAIROBI)

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

What does an African Genesis project 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 Lakes Malawi and Kariba.

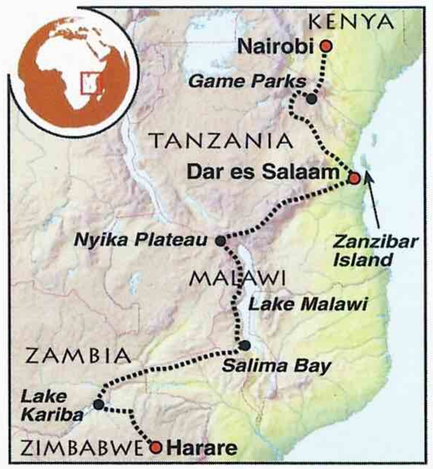
To The Heart Of The Animal Kingdom...

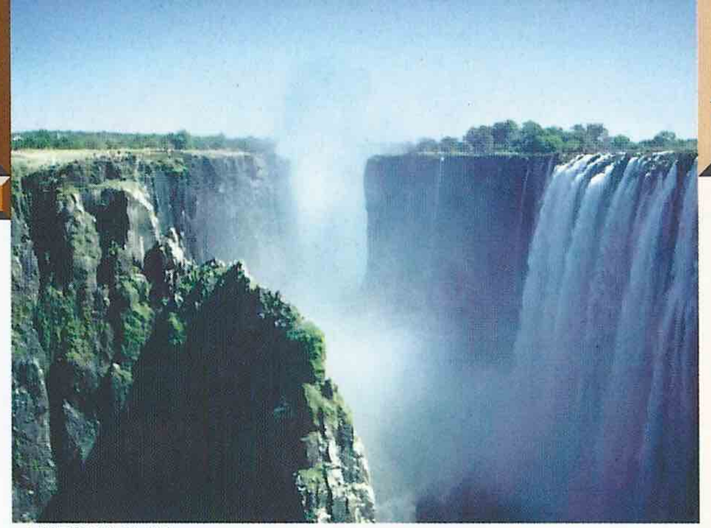
This journey will take us from the metropolis of Nairobi straight into the savannah of East Africa, Tanzania and its great game parks. We visit Manyara National Park set in the Rift Valley, its lake ensuring the life blood to a great variety of bird and wildlife, impala, hippos, elephant and tree climbing lions. We cross the Masai Steppe to Dar es Salaam, the Indian Ocean coast and have 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 Chintheche. 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 a 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, South Luangwa 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**





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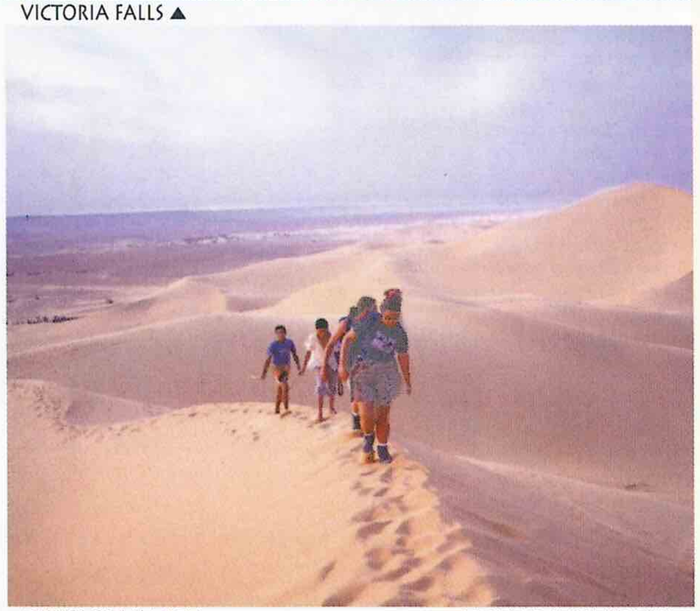

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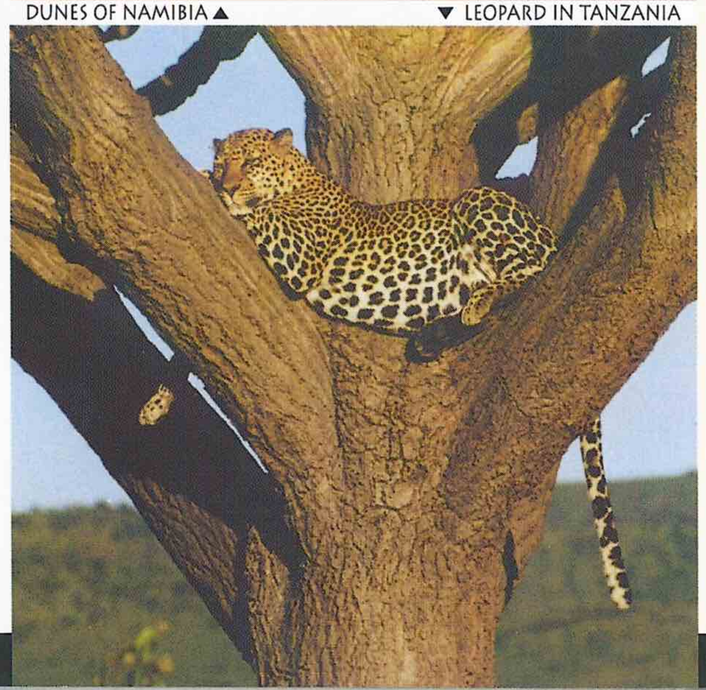


▼ LEOPARD IN TANZANIA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

HARARE to CAPE TOWN
(or CAPE TOWN to HARARE)

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

What does a Southern Cross Of Africa project 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 Matobo 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 a 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

CASABLANCA to ACCRA
(or ACCRA to CASABLANCA)

WEST AFRICA EXPLORED (WAE) — **13 WEEKS**

What does a West Africa Explored project encounter?

This journey takes us over the Atlas Mountains' barren gorges and peaks to the far reaches of the Sahara with her sand dune seas, following the old trans Saharan trade routes across West Africa. Bustling markets, ancient cultures, remote game reserves, equatorial rainforest and the picturesque lagoons and coconut groves of the Atlantic coast, steeped in voodoo culture and echoes of a slave trading past, are all to be seen.

Feel the drumbeat of Africa...

Hardly more than a stone's throw from Europe and we are in a different world in the noisy souks and bazaars of Fez. Through Berber villages of the Middle Atlas we travel to Georges du Ziz, and the great sand dunes of Erg Chebbi, via the chasms of the Todra Gorge to the High Atlas Mountains and to Marrakech. Then it is down the Atlantic coast into Western Sahara and eventually into the expanse of desert which is Mauritania. Desert tracks lead us across the southern Sahara following the old trans-Saharan trade routes through oasis villages to Mali, the Niger River & Bamako. Upstream lie the islands and waterways of Mopti in the Niger marshes, and the medieval trading town of Djenne with its huge mosque built of sand and mud. Further on in the Bandiagara Escarpment are the isolated villages of the Dogon people, whose villages and art still reflect Africa 2000 years ago To Burkina Faso and the beautiful Banfora region, through forest & savannah country to Niger and Niamey. Then in the vast bush & scrublands of the Sahel, we find Agadez, with its sandy streets and Sudanese mud architecture, before travelling onto Nigeria and Kano with its famous market. Then comes the opportunity to view some West Africa's wildlife in the Yankari Game Reserve and the Waza National Park in Cameroon, home to the maneless male lion. From here we travel to the Kapsiki Mountains, home of the Kirdi people, who live in villages camouflaged against a backdrop of pinnacles and craters of extinct volcanoes. Heading south out of the savannah lands we now journey into the jungles of Equatorial Africa to Yaounde. After our exertions through deserts and jungle, there is now some time for relaxation on the beautiful beaches of Kribi, and also in Benin where we travel to the old slave trading town of Ouidah, stronghold of voodoo culture and Grand Popo with its picturesque lagoons and coconut groves. Togo's palmy villages also display the local voodoo customs with their fetishes, shrines and festivals. Lastly our journey takes us to Ghana and Kumasi, capital of the Asante kingdom, the great canopy of the rain forest in the Kakum National Park, and finally the coast to explore Ghana's palm fringed beaches and coastal, colonial forts en route to Accra.

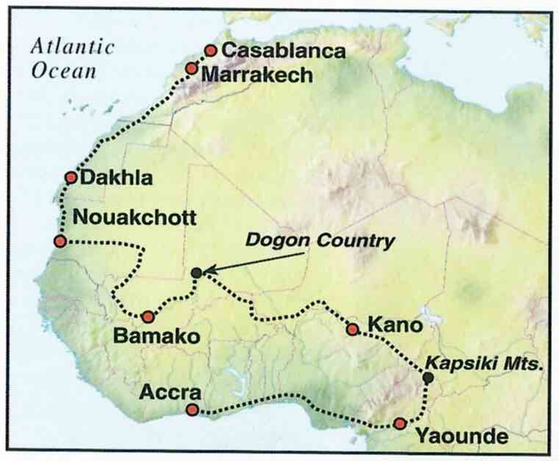
....from sand seas to equatorial jungle.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, CAMEROON, NIGERIA, BENIN, TOGO, GHANA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD Expedition truck.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout the journey. ● 12,000kms
- **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 a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**

Week 1 Meet in Casablanca, drive to Volubilis and Fez. Through Middle Atlas to Georges du Ziz, sand dunes of Erg Chebbi and Todra Gorge. ***Week 2*** High Atlas Mountains to Marrakech. Atlantic coast into Western Sahara. ***Week 3*** Dakla to Nouadhibou in Mauritania and capital Nouakchott. Inland over southern Sahara and through oasis villages. ***Week 4*** Mali, the Niger river & capital Bamako. Through Niger's inland delta to Djenne and Mopti. ***Week 5*** Cliff villages of Bandiagara Escarpment & Dogon country. Burkina Faso and Bobo-Dioulasso. ***Week 6*** Mossi tribal lands to Ougadougou. Forest and savannah country to Niger and Niamey. ***Week 7*** North through the Sahel to Agadez. South to Zinder & into Nigeria & the market of Kano. ***Week 8*** Exploring Kano then south to Yankari Game Reserve. ***Weeks 9 & 10*** Into Cameroon and Waza National Park and Kapsiki Mountains. Out of savannah lands and into jungle to Yaounde. Weeks ***11 & 12*** Black sand beaches at Limbe. Beaches of Kribi & fishing villages. Nigeria and along the coast into Benin. Old slave trading towns of Ouidah and Grand Popo. To Togo and coastal villages. ***Week 13*** Into Ghana and north to Kumasi. Kakum National Park. Ghana's beaches & colonial forts. Accra.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
Fez, the Atlas Mountains, Dogon villages, Kano, Yankari Game Reserve, Kapsiki Highlands, Waza National Park, beaches of Atlantic Coast, Ouidah, Grand Popo, Kumasi, Kakum National Park, Ghana's coastal, colonial forts and beaches.
- N.B. This project operates in conjunction with the 18 week Great Safari.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **WAE**



▼ELEPHANTS OF WAZA NATIONAL PARK—CAMEROUN ▲FACE OF WEST AFRICA

DATES & PRICES

WEST AFRICA EXPLORED

Casablanca to Accra		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	08 Oct (Sun) - 06 Jan (Sat)	680	1665
2001	18 Mar (Sun) - 16 Jun (Sat)	680	1665
	07 Oct (Sun) - 05 Jan '01 (Sat)	680	1665

Accra to Casablanca		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	08 Jul (Sat) - 06 Oct (Fri)	680	1665
2001	13 Jan (Wed) - 13 Apr (Tue)	680	1665

N.B. Operates as part of The Great Safari.

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

THE GREAT SAFARI

London to Nairobi		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	30 Sep (Sat) - 02 Feb (Fri)	1020	2495
2001	10 Mar (Sat) - 13 Jul (Fri)	1020	2495
	29 Sep (Sat) - 01 Feb '02 (Fri)	1020	2495

Nairobi to London		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	10 Jun (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	1020	2495
	16 Dec (Sat) - 20 Apr (Fri)	1020	2495
2001	26 May (Sat) - 28 Sept (Fri)	1020	2495
	15 Dec (Sat) - 19 Apr (Fri)	1020	2495

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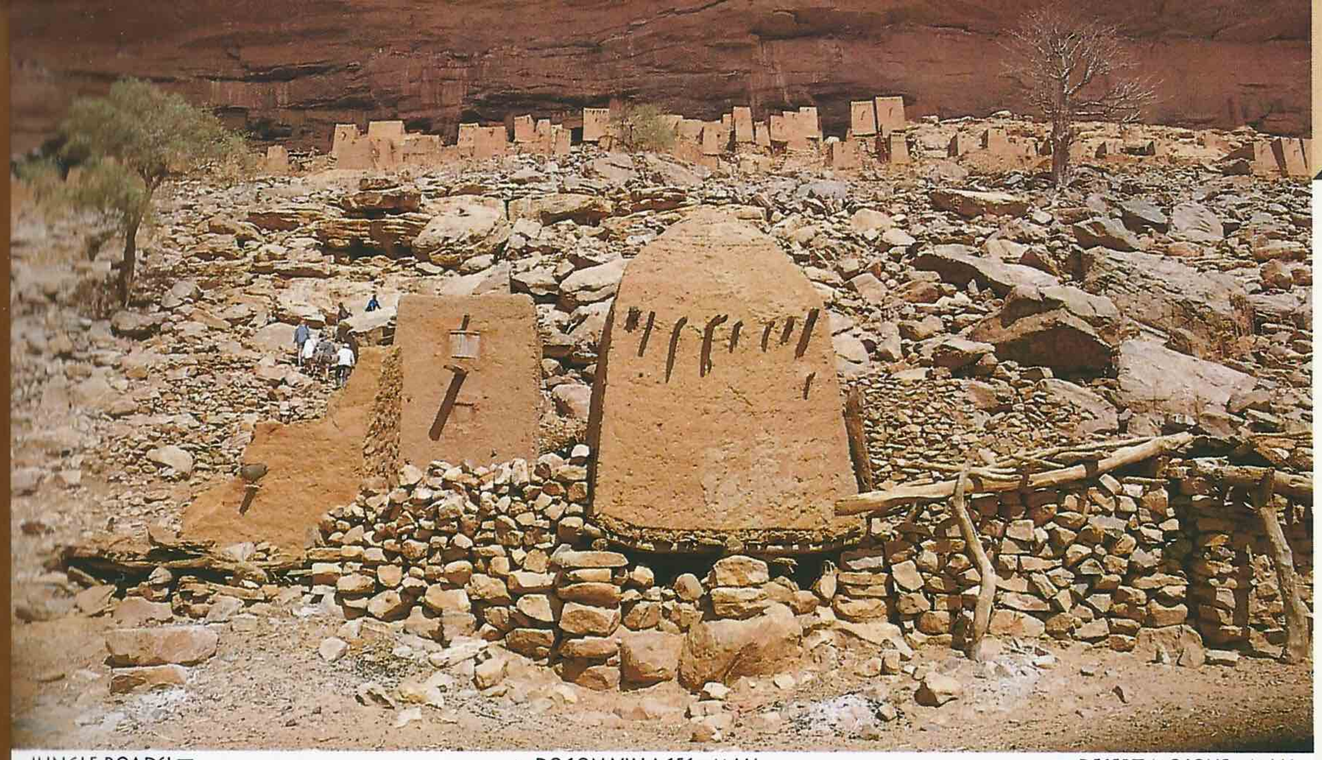
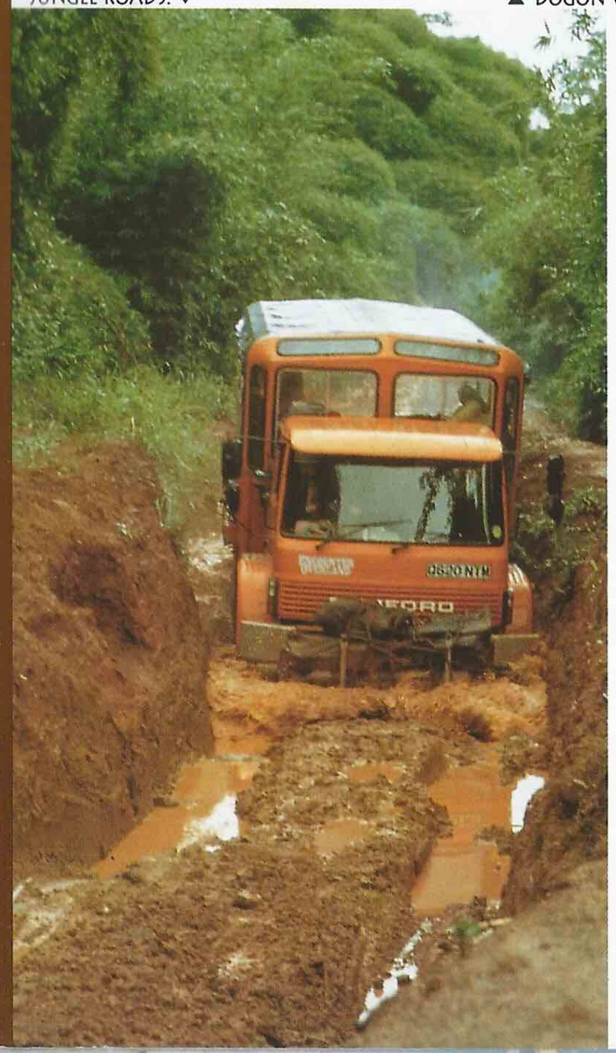
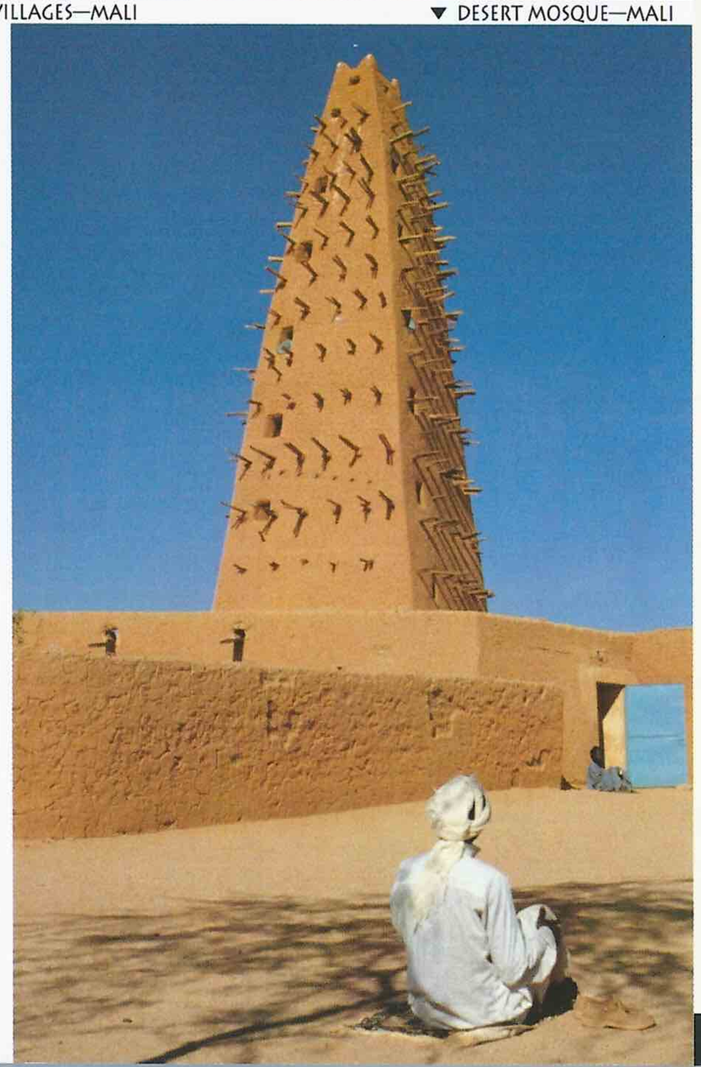
"IN REGION OF THE UNKNOWN AFRICA IS THE ABSOLUTE" —VICTOR HUGO

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING



JUNGLE ROADS! ▼ ▲ DOGON VILLAGES—MALI ▼ DESERT MOSQUE—MALI





LONDON to NAIROBI
(or NAIROBI to LONDON)

THE **GREAT SAFARI (GSA)** | **18 WEEKS**

What does The Great Safari project encounter?

It is the ultimate safari experience, travelling overland through some of Africa's wildest and remotest regions by 4WD expedition truck. It is a demanding journey that encompasses the wildlife of the national parks and the cultures of fifteen 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...

Africa offers us another life which is not beyond the reach of anyone, although you may have to try a few things that you have never tried before. This may involve digging yourselves out of the desert or pushing an Encounter truck to the safety of solid ground, but the rewards are truly worthwhile and the Great Safari is the ultimate African experience. Hardly more than a stone's throw from Europe and we are in a different world in the noisy souks and bazaars of Morocco. Over the Atlas Mountains and onto the vast sand seas of the Sahara, we follow the old trade routes through oasis villages, eventually to the islands and waterways of the Niger marshes and the medieval trading towns. Further on in the Bandiagara Escarpment we find the isolated villages of the Dogon people, and in the Kapiski Highlands in Northern Cameroun is a hidden place, where the Kirdi people dwell in the shadows of the misty volcanoes that thrust their lave cores over the land. It is these kinds of hidden places that we explore as well as the bustling centres – there is no other place to compare with the noise and excitement of an African market place. All roads, like the rivers, lead south into the lush, dank rain forests of Central Africa where the air is rich and humid and the undergrowth flashes with the colour and call of brilliant birds. We emerge from the jungle onto the Cameroun's fine beaches. Travelling up the coast to Benin and Togo are palm fringed coastal villages and towns which remain strongholds of voodoo culture and along with Ghana are steeped in the history of the slave trade. Flying over Central Africa we arrive in East Africa to the serenity of the Serengeti plains and the spectacular wildlife of the national parks. We travel through the lush green watershed of Uganda, the Rift Valley and northern Kenya, home to the legendary 'Jade Sea'—Lake Turkana (optional), before finishing our journey in Nairobi. You will never again experience such diversity in any one continent.

...Africa, Come Explore Her Beauty

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** FRANCE, SPAIN, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, CAMEROUN, NIGERIA, BENIN, TOGO, GHANA, KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA..
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD expedition truck, jungle ferries in Congo & landrovers in Ngorongoro Crater ● 13,250kms (land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout.
- **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 a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Please note the revised route/overflight contingency due to political instability in Central Africa & the Democratic Republic of Congo thus effecting a contingency (see page 61)***

  Week 1 Transit France & Spain, Madrid, Algeciras to Morocco. ***Weeks 2 & 3*** Casablanca, Volubilis and Fez, the Atlas mountains, Marrakech. Atlantic coast into Western Sahara. ***Weeks 4 & 5*** Dakhla to Nouadhibou in Mauritania and capital Nouakchott. Southern Sahara and oasis villages. Mali, the Niger river & capital Bamako. Djenne and Mopti. ***Weeks 6 & 7*** Cliff villages of Bandiagara Escarpment & Dogon country. Burkina Faso and Bobo-Dioulasso. Mossi tribal lands to Ougadougou. Forest and savannah country to Niger and Niamey. ***Weeks 8 & 9*** Through the Sahel to Agadez. South to Zinder & Nigeria & the market of Kano. Yankari Game Reserve. ***Weeks 10 & 11*** Into Cameroon and Waza National Park and Kapsiki Mountains. Yaounde. ***Weeks 12 & 13*** Beaches at Limbe and Kribi & fishing villages. Nigeria and along the coast into Benin. Ouidah and Grand Popo. To Togo and coastal villages. ***Weeks 14 & 15*** Into Ghana and north to Kumasi. Kakum National Park. Ghana's beaches & colonial forts. Accra and overflight to Nairobi. To Arusha in Tanzania, Rift Valley, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria & back into Kenya. ***Weeks 16 to 18*** Across Equator to Uganda, Victoria Nile & Kampala, wildlife of the Kazinga Channel & Queen Elizabeth National Park. North to Murchison Falls, Rift Valley, Lake Turkana (optional) & south back to Nairobi.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** *Fez, the Atlas Mountains, Dogon villages, Kano, Yankari Game Reserve, Kapsiki Highlands, Waza National Park, beaches of Atlantic Coast, Ouidah, Grand Popo, Kumasi, Kakum National Park, Ghana's coastal, colonial forts, National Parks of Tanzania & Uganda, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Victoria, Nairobi.*
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)**
  White water rafting at Jinja US$100. Mountain Gorilla Trek US$250.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GSA**

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

NAIROBI to CAIRO
(or CAIRO to NAIROBI)

BLUE NILE AND BEYOND (BNB) | **9 WEEKS**

What does a Blue Nile & Beyond project 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.

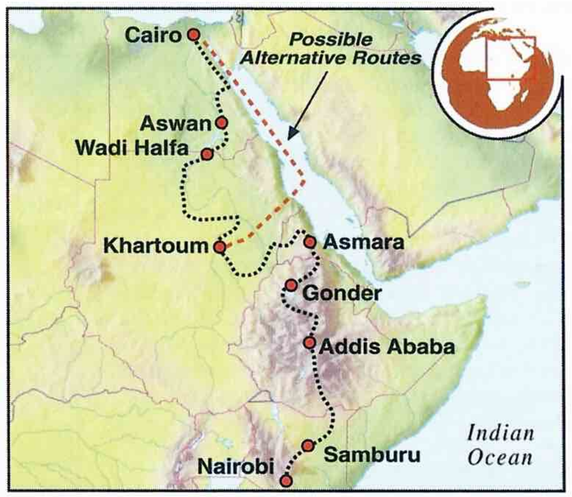
The Dramatic Journey To The Land Of Kings...

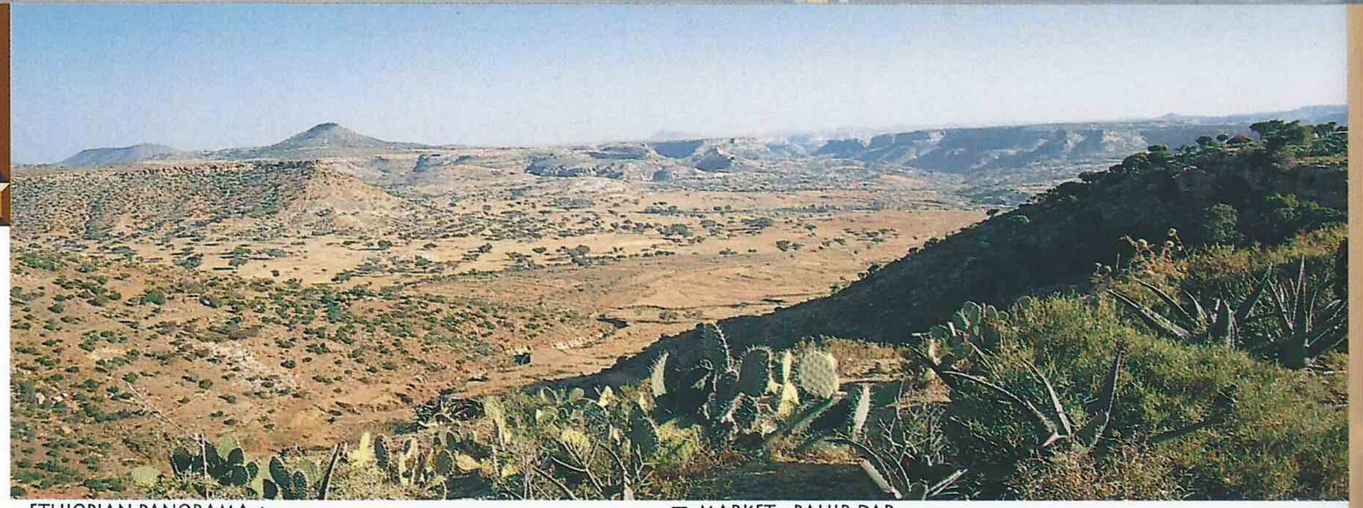
Our journey begins in Kenya where the variety of birds and abundance of wildlife is startling. The snowy peaks of Mount Kenya and the craggy mountains and canyons of the Samburu lands lead us into Marsabit. Here amidst the colours of the most brilliant sunsets we meet people fierce in tradition and independent 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 which 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 Lake Nasser ferry.
- **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 Park & 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**





ETHIOPIAN PANORAMA ▲

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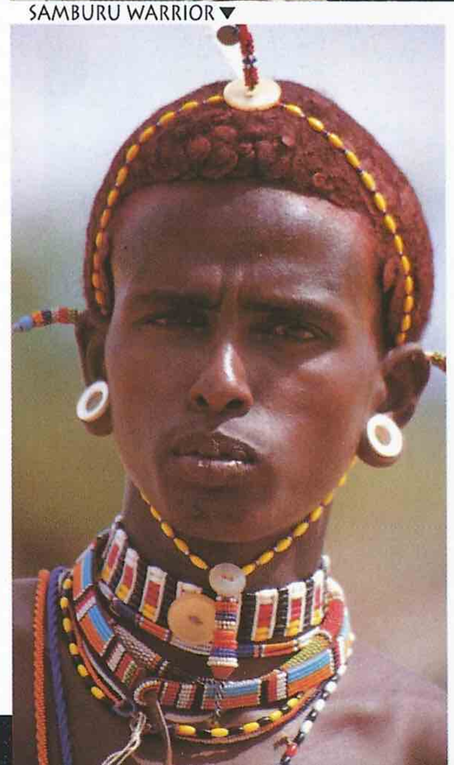

▼ A LOCAL ENCOUNTER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

DATES & PRICES

BLUE NILE AND BEYOND

Nairobi to Cairo	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 11 Mar (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	595	1545
04 Nov (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	595	1545
2001 03 Nov (Sat) - 04 Jan (Fri)	595	1545
Cairo to Nairobi	**L.P.(US$)**	**UK£**
2001 27 Jan (Sat) - 30 Mar (Fri)	595	1545

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

CAPE TO CAIRO

Cape Town to Cairo	L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000 26 Aug (Sat) - 05 Jan '01 (Fri)	1400	3350
2001 25 Aug (Sat) - 04 Jan '02 (Fri)	1400	3350
Cairo to Cape Town	**L.P.(US$)**	**UK£**
2001 27 Jan (Sat) - 08 Jun (Fri)	1400	3350

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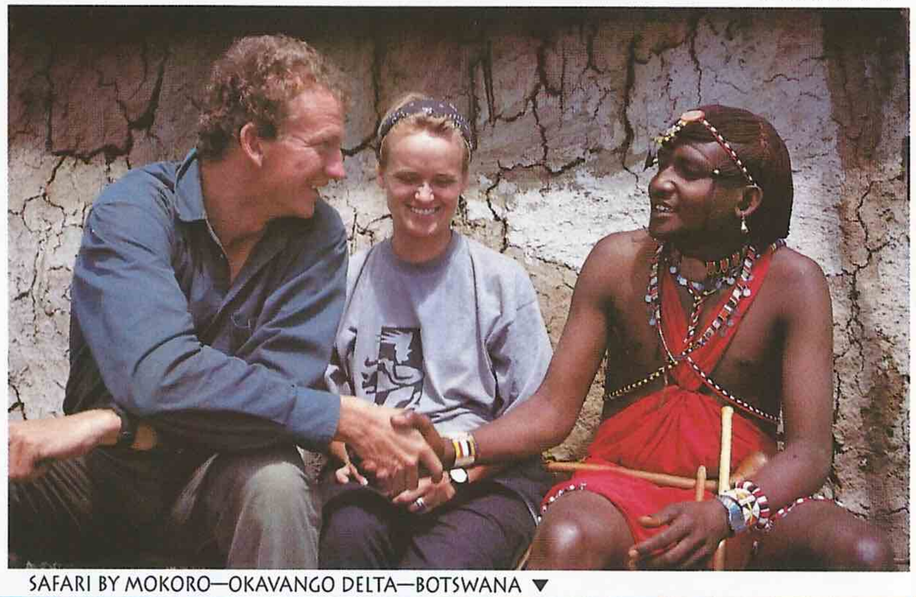
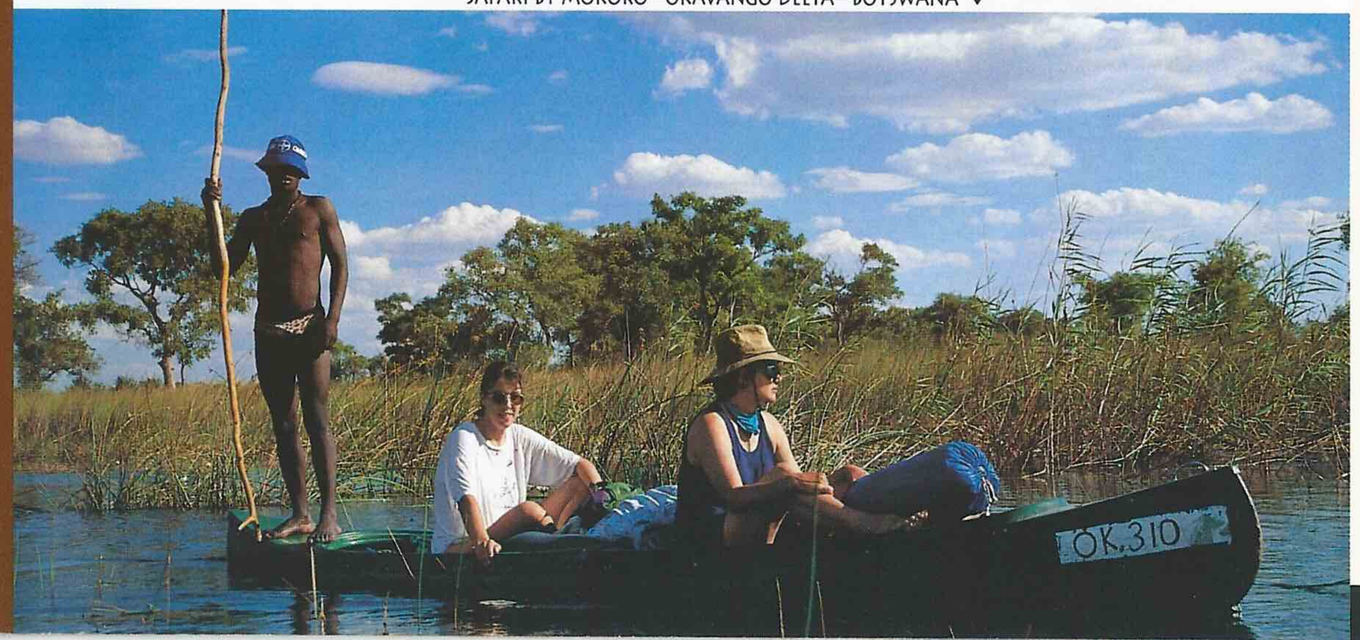
ENCOUNTER WITH A MASAI ▼ ▲ LUXOR TEMPLE



SAFARI BY MOKORO—OKAVANGO DELTA—BOTSWANA ▼



CAPE TOWN to NAIROBI to CAIRO
(or CAIRO to NAIROBI to CAPE TOWN)

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

What does a Cape To Cairo project 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, a 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:** Camping throughout except for 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 a 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 30)
- **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 does an Africa A To Z project encounter?

This is a journey that takes us the length and breath of Africa, travelling the distance between the Atlas Mountains and the Cape. In an Encounter truck and at times on foot and by canoe, we live a nomadic lifestyle for 28 weeks, travelling through some of worlds remotest and 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 Marrakech, 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 desert and volcanic scenery, villages tucked deep in dense forest, thundering waterfalls and meandering waterways and the natural habitat of a huge array of wildlife. We travel from the excitement and bustle of Africa's greatest markets, to some of the remotest and untouched places in Africa such as the Bandiagara Escarpment and the isolated villages of the Dogon people, and the Kapiski Highlands in Northern Cameroun, where the Kirdi people dwell in the shadows of the misty volcanoes. Then through the lush, dank rain forests of Central Africa we emerge onto the fine beaches of West Africa, with their palm fringed coastal villages steeped in voodoo culture and the history of the slave trade. From here we fly over to East Africa to explore the mighty Serengeti National Park. Then it is onto 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 wilderness of the Kalahari, home to the legendary bushmen, offer us a fitting climax to this great adventure.

...Come And Explore

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** FRANCE, SPAIN, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, MALI, BURKINA FASO, NIGER, CAMEROUN, NIGERIA, BENIN, TOGO, GHANA, KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD Expedition truck, plane to/from Accra/Nairobi—allow US$250-275, Landrovers, Mokoro canoes in Okavango Delta, houseboats on Lake Kariba, and on foot. ● 24,500kms (land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout with guesthouses in Zanzibar and 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 in remoter areas. All meals prepared by group on a rota basis.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Please note the revised route/overflight due to political instability in Central Africa & the Democratic Republic of Congo thus effecting a contingency (see page 61).***

Weeks 1 to 3 France & Spain to Morocco; Fez Atlas mountains & Marrakech. ***Weeks 4 to 6*** Mauritania, Western Sahara to Nouakchott. Southern Sahara and oasis villages. Mali, the Niger river & Bamako. Djenne and Mopti. Bandiagara Escarpment & Dogon country. ***Weeks 7 to 9*** Burkina Faso, Niger and Niamey to Nigeria & Kano market. Yankari Game Reserve. ***Weeks 10 to 12*** Cameroun, Waza National Park & Kapsiki Mountains. Yaounde. Beaches at Limbe and Kribi & fishing villages. Nigeria and along the coast into Benin. ***Weeks 13 to 15*** Ouidah and Grand Popo. To Togo and coastal villages. Into Ghana, Kumasi, Kakum National Park. Ghana's beaches & colonial forts to Accra. Overflight to Nairobi. To Arusha in Tanzania, Rift Valley, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park, Lake Victoria & back into Kenya. ***Weeks 16 to 18*** Across Equator to Uganda, Victoria Nile & Kampala, wildlife of the Kazinga Channel & Queen Elizabeth National Park. North to Murchison Falls, Rift Valley, Lake Turkana (optional) & south back 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. Option to visit Ngorongoro Crater. Tarangire National Park (Nov-March only). Dar es Salaam and option to visit Zanzibar island. Malawi. Lake & fishing villages, Nyika Platyeau & 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 Caost, Fish River Canyon. Cederberg wilderness to Cape Town.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Fez, the Atlas Mountains, Dogon villages, Kano, Yankari Game Reserve, Kapsiki Highlands, Waza Nat. Park, beaches of Atlantic Coast, Ouidah, Grand Popo, Kumasi, Kakum National Park, Ghana's coastal, colonial forts, Queen Elizabeth Nat. Park, Serengeti, Lake Victoria, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara Nat. Park, Zanzibar, Lake Malawi, houseboats on Lake Kariba, Harare & 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 at Jinja US$100. Visit to Zanzibar island off Dar es Salaam US$80. Visit Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania US$60. Many activities at Victoria Falls allow US$250. Quad biking & sandboarding in Namibia US$75. Mountain Gorilla Trek US$250.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **AAZ**

OASIS TOWN—SOUTHERN MOROCCO ▲

▼ ZEBRAS OF NGORONGORO CRATER

NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING

DATES & PRICES

AFRICA A-Z

London to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	30 Sep (Sat) - 13 Apr (Fri)	1690	4320
2001	10 Mar (Sat) - 21 Sept (Fri)	1690	4320
	29 Sep (Sat) - 12 Apr (Fri)	1690	4320

Cape Town to London		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 13 Oct (Fri)	1690	4320
	07 Oct (Sat) - 20 Apr (Fri)	1690	4320
2001	17 Mar (Sat) - 28 Sept (Fri)	1690	4320
	06 Oct (Sat) - 19 Apr (Fri)	1690	4320

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

SAFARI SOUTH

Nairobi to Cape Town		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	11 Mar (Sat) - 12 May (Fri)	920	1975
	10 Jun (Sat) - 11 Aug (Fri)	920	1975
	09 Sep (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	920	1975
	16 Dec (Sat) - 16 Feb '01 (Fri)	920	1975
2001	10 Feb (Sat) - 13 Apr (Fri)	920	1975
	07 Apr (Sat) - 08 Jun (Fri)	920	1975
	09 Jun (Sat) - 10 Aug (Fri)	920	1975
	21 Jul (Sat) - 21 Sep (Fri)	920	1975
	15 Dec (Sat) - 15 Feb '02 (Fri)	920	1975

Cape Town to Nairobi		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 02 Jun (Fri)	920	1975
	26 Aug (Sat) - 27 Oct (Fri)	920	1975
	07 Oct (Sat) - 08 Dec (Fri)	920	1975
	18 Nov (Sat) - 19 Jan '01 (Fri)	920	1975
2001	17 Mar (Sat) - 18 May (Fri)	920	1975
	05 May (Sat) - 06 Jul (Fri)	920	1975
	25 Aug (Sat) - 26 Oct (Fri)	920	1975
	06 Oct (Sat) - 07 Dec (Fri)	920	1975
	17 Nov (Sat) - 18 Jan '02 (Fri)	920	1975

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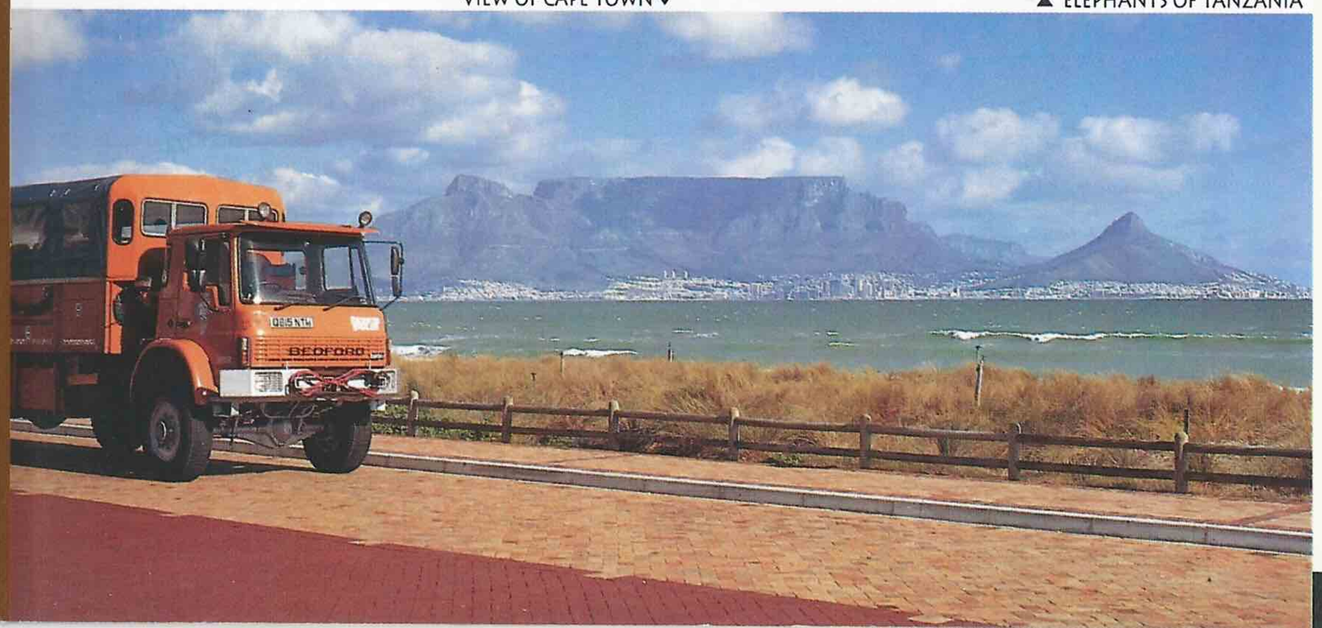
COAST OF ZANZIBAR ISLAND▲

VIEW OF CAPE TOWN▼ ▲ ELEPHANTS OF TANZANIA



NAIROBI to CAPE TOWN
(or CAPE TOWN to NAIROBI)

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

What does a Safari South project 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, 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:** Camping throughout, 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 a 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, South Luangwa 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**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

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

THE GREAT OVERLAND ENCOUNTER (GOE) — 34 WEEKS

What does a Great Overland Encounter project 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 and exciting continents.

Probably The Last Great Adventure...

This great journey takes us over two continents and 25 countries. 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 with their vast herds of wildlife, through the lush green watershed of Uganda, to the Rift Valley and northern Kenya. We fly over to Accra, Ghana and from here continue our overland journey.

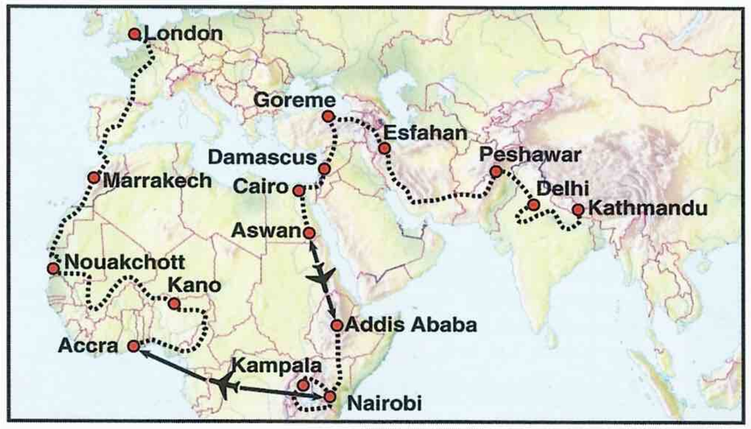
Beautiful palm fringed beaches, uncompromising jungles and primeval rainforests await us, and are followed by the complete emptiness and daunting beauty of the Western Sahara. The desert tracks of Morocco lead on to the Atlas mountains and the fertile valleys around Marrakech. We arrive in England via the Straits of Gibralter, Spain and France.

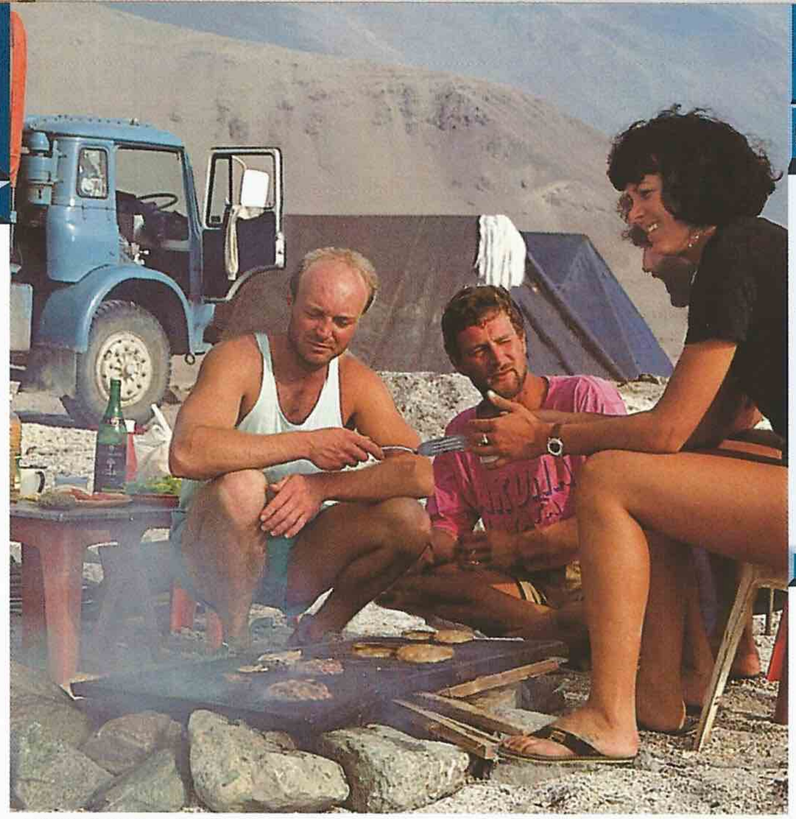
.A Journey Of Cultures And Of Colour

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, INDIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN, TURKEY, SYRIA, JORDAN, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, GHANA, BENIN, TOGO, NIGERIA, CAMEROUN, NIGER, BURKINA FASO, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, SPAIN, FRANCE.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter 4WD Expedition truck, landrovers, chartered local vehicles, Nile feluccas, internal flights in Ethiopia. International flights from Cairo to Addis Ababa or V.V—allow US$600, and from Nairobi to Accra or V.V.—allow US$250-275. ● 30,000kms (land).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout with 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 Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches. Fresh food and daily shopping. Food supplemented by truck supplies in limited areas. All camp meals prepared by group on a rota basis. Café and restaurant meals in Egypt and northern Ethiopia.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Please note the revised route/overflight contingency due to political instability in Central Africa & the Democratic Republic of Congo thus effecting a contingency (see page 61)***

  Weeks 1 to 6 Kathmandu, Chitwan Nat. Park to India, Varanasi, Agra & Taj Mahal, Jaipur & the Rajasthan Desert (but not in the 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 15*** Cairo & the Pyramids, the Nile & Aswan. Fly to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopian highlands, into northern Kenya, Mt Kenya & Lake Naivasha, Hell's Gate National Park, Nairobi. ***Week 16*** **7/8 day break, own arrangements in Nairobi, opportunity to climb Kilimanjaro or relax on Indian Ocean beaches.** ***Weeks 17 to 19*** Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park. To Uganda, Victoria Nile & Kampala, Queen Elizabeth Nat. Park. Murchison Falls, back into Kenya and Rift Valley. ***Weeks 20 to 23*** Lake Turkana (optional), Nairobi and flight to Accra. Kumasi, Kakum Nat. Park, beaches & colonial forts. To Togo and Benin, coastal villages. Nigeria to Calabar and the into Cameroun. ***Weeks 24 to 26*** Beaches at Limbe and Kribe, Lolodorf, north to Yaounde, Kapsiki Mountains into Nigeria, Yankari Game Reserve, Kano. ***Weeks 27 to 30*** Agadez, Niger, Burkina Faso. Mali, cliff villages of Bandiagara Escarpment & Dogon country to Mopti. Niger's inland delta to Djenne & then Bamako. ***Weeks 31 to 34*** Mauritania, the western Sahara to Morocco, Marrakech, the Atlas Mountains & Fez, Crossing to Spain & final days through France to London.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu, Varanasi, Agra & the Taj Mahal, Delhi, Peshawar, Esfahan, Damascus, Goreme, Petra, Cairo, Pyramids and the Sphinx, Nile feluccas and St. Catherine's Monastery, Valley of the Kings, Gonder, Tisisat Falls, Ethiopian Rift Valley, Serengeti Nat. Park and Ngorongoro crater, national parks in Uganda, Ghana's coastal, colonial forts, Kakum National Park, Kumasi, Waza Nat. Park, Kapsiki Highlands, Yankari Game Reserve, Kano, 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. Mountain Gorilla Trek US$250.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **GOE**





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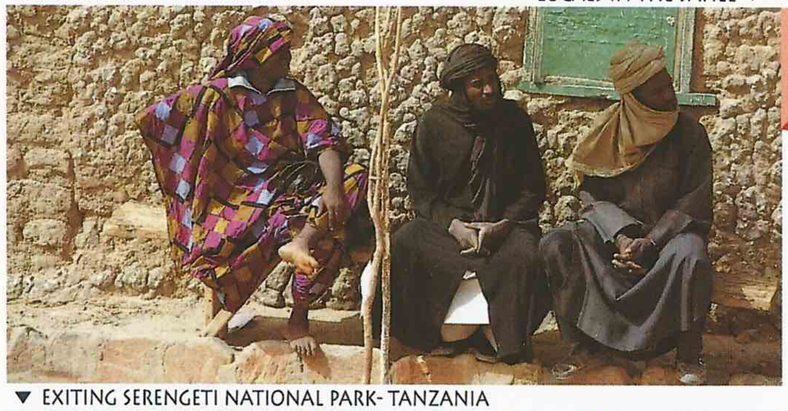

▼ EXITING SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK- TANZANIA

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

AFRICA ENCOMPASSED (AEN) — 24 WKS

If you are limited on time, yet still wishing to encompass the greater part of Africa—then this is the journey for you. The route follows the Great Overland Encounter (GOE) from London to Nairobi then continues up through Kenya and Ethiopia to Egypt finishing in Cairo 24 weeks later. One could also do this journey in the opposite direction by joining in Cairo.

KEY FACTS

For details of the route and relevant information regarding, Accommodation, Group size, Meals & Food etc. please refer to the Great Overland Encounter Key Facts adjacent and Dates & Prices below.

DOSSIER CODE: *Quote Ref:* **AEN**

DATES & PRICES

THE GREAT OVERLAND ENCOUNTER

		L.P.(US$)	UK£
London to Kathmandu			
2000	30 Sep (Sat) - 25 May (Fri)	1920	4950
2001	10 Mar (Sat) - 02 Nov (Fri)	1920	4950
	29 Sep (Sat) - 24 May (Fri)	1920	4950
Kathmandu to London			
2000	26 Aug (Sat) - 20 Apr (Fri)	1920	4950
2001	03 Feb (Sat) - 28 Sep (Fri)	1920	4950
	25 Aug (Sat) - 19 Apr (Fri)	1920	4950

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

N.B. Integral flight and taxes Addis Ababa to Cairo or v.v. allow approx US$600.

AFRICA ENCOMPASSED

		L.P.(US$)	UK£
London to Cairo			
2000	30 Sep (Sat) - 18 Mar (Sun)	1400	3630
2001	10 Mar (Sat) - 26 Aug (Sun)	1400	3630
	29 Sep (Sat) - 17 Mar (Sun)	1400	3630
Cairo to London			
2000	27 Apr (Thu) - 13 Oct (Fri)	1400	3630
	02 Nov (Thu) - 20 Apr (Fri)	1400	3630
2001	12 Apr (Thu) - 28 Sep (Fri)	1400	3630
	01 Nov (Thu) - 19 Apr '02 (Fri)	1400	3630

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N.B. Integral flight and taxes Addis Ababa to Cairo or v.v. allow approx US$600.

AN **INTRODUCTION** TO...

ASIA & THE MIDDLE EAST

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 and the Middle East are 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—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. July 99 saw us venture into the 'Stans' of Central Asia.

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6 OR **8 WEEKS**

AMMAN to AMMAN

NEW

JORDAN, SYRIA AND THE **LEBANON (JSL)** | **21 DAYS**

What does the Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon project encounter?

This is a journey that truly captures the magic of the Middle East, with its spectacular desert landscapes, coral reefs of the Red Sea, the forested Mediterranean coast plus the historical and archaeological wonders of ancient cities, Roman ruins and the great Crusader Castles.

From Deserts and Culture...

Leaving Amman, we head south to admire the spectacular view of the 'Promised Land' from Mt Nebo, before reaching the dramatic ochre canyons of the Wadi Rum.

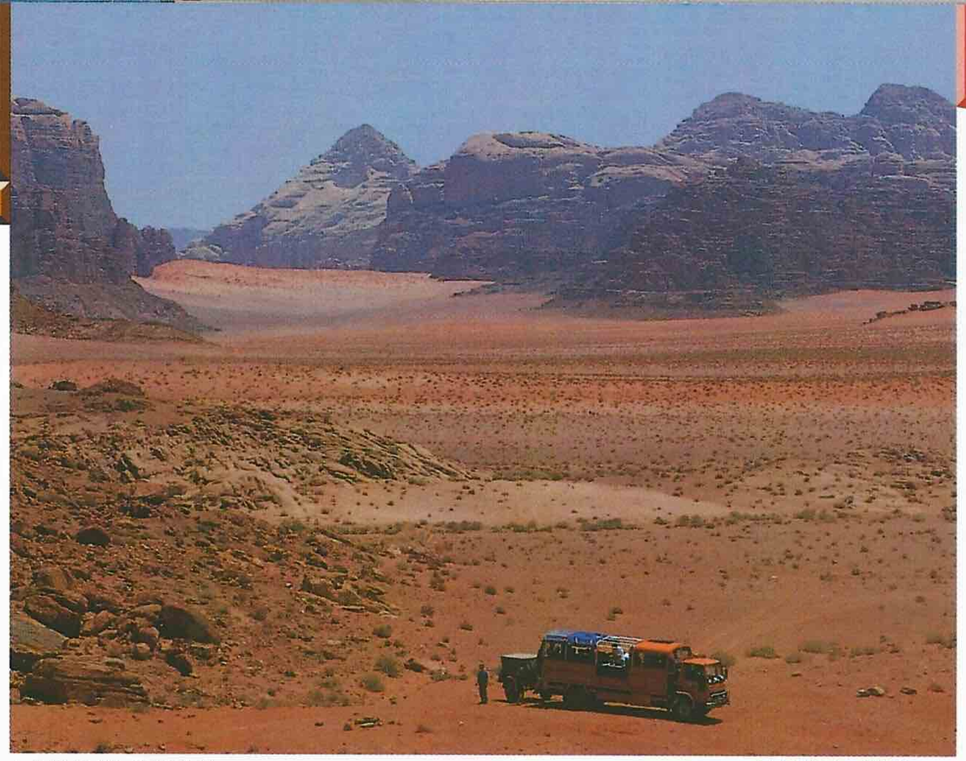
Here we camp under a desert sky crowded with stars in true Lawrence of Arabia style. Continuing on to Aqaba, there is time to snorkel or dive over the coral reefs of the Red Sea. Next we visit arguably the most spectacular site in the Middle East, Petra. Entering through a narrow 'siq' gorge, we find the ruins of the ancient 'Rose Red City' carved from a mountain of multi-coloured sandstone.

From here we follow the ancient King's Highway to the Crusader castle of Karak, via the Dead Sea, to the impressive Roman towns of Jerash. and Bosra. We cross into Syria to its vibrant capital Damascus, with its colourful mosques and bustling bazaars make this one of the great cities of the Middle East. We then head into the vast Syrian desert to Palmrya with its dramatic ruins of sun-baked temples and triumphal arches. Following the Euphrates River, we stop at various Roman trading points, eventually reaching the romantic city of Aleppo with its large souk and medieval Citadel. Another highlight of this region is Krak des Chevaliers, the most formidable of the Crusader castles of the Middle East. We return to Damascus to begin the journey into the Lebanon. Driving through the Chouf mountains we come across the elegant Arabic palace of Beit Eddine. Through the forested hills that slope down to the Mediterranean we travel to the old Phoenician ports of Sidon and Tyre. From here we drive north to Beirut, Tripoli and Byblos, reputedly the oldest continuously inhabited town, and up into the scenic Lebanon Mountains to Bcharre, famous for its Cedar trees. Finally, we explore the splendour of the marble temples at Roman Baalbek, before returning via the Roman ruins at Aanjar to Damascus and Amman, to complete our fascinating Middle Eastern journey.

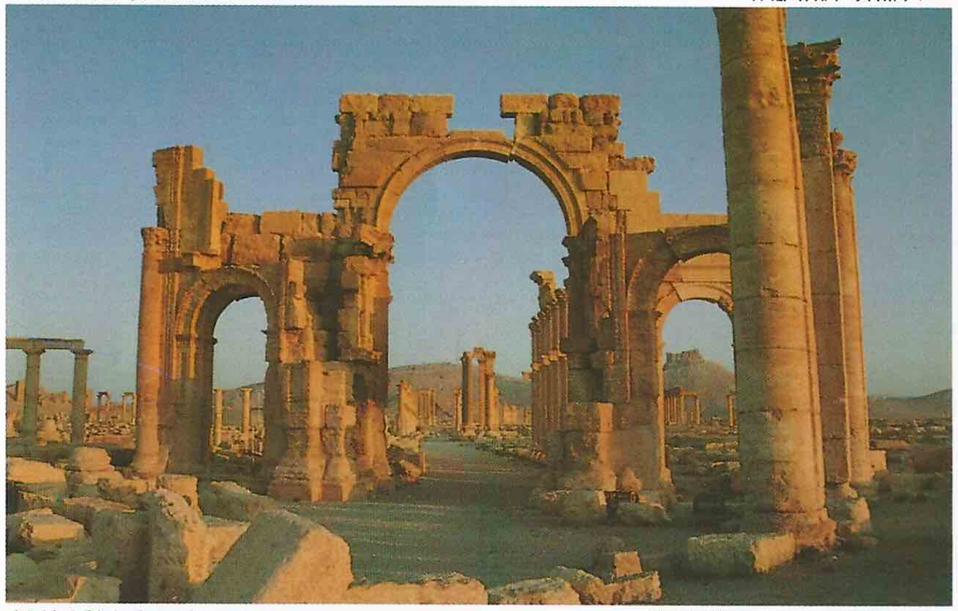
...to Mountains and the Mediterranean.

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** JORDAN, SYRIA & LEBANON
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck. 4WD jeeps in the Wadi Rum. ● 1,900kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout the journey, except for guest house in Beirut (2 nights).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 18 - 24, 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 a rota basis, except café meals in Beirut.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Amman. Drive south via Madaba & Mt Nebo to the Wadi Rum. ***Day 2*** Wadi Rum & optional camel ride. ***Day 3*** Aqaba & the Red Sea. ***Day 4*** To Petra. ***Day 5*** Exploring the ruins at Petra. ***Day 6*** Via Shobak Castle to Karak. ***Day 7*** The Dead Sea, & Jerash. ***Day 8*** To Damascus via Bosra. ***Day 9*** Damascus, time to explore city & bazaars. ***Day 10*** Drive to Palmyra. ***Day 11*** Palmyra, exploring site & museum. ***Day 12*** Visit Dura Europos & Mari. ***Day 13*** To Deir ez-Zor , Halabiye & Rasafa. ***Day 14*** To Aleppo citadel & St Simeon's Monastery. ***Day 15*** To Apamea, Saladin's Castle and Ugarit. ***Day 16*** Latakia to Krak des Chevaliers and Damascus. ***Day 17*** Via Beit Eddine, Sidon & Tyre to Beruit. ***Day 18*** In Beruit, city tour & visit Byblos. ***Day 19*** Via Tripoli to Bcharre. ***Day 20*** To Baalbek; visit site. Via Aanjar enroute to Damascus. ***Day 21*** Drive Damascus on to Amman. Arrangements end on arrival, late afternoon.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Mt Nebo, Wadi Rum, Red Sea, Petra, Kerak, Dead Sea, Jerash, Damascus, Palmyra, Aleppo, Krak des Chevaliers, Beruit, Byblos, Bcharre, Baalbek.
- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (APPROX COST)** Camel ride in Wadi Rum US$10, snorkeling or diving near Aqaba US$10-50.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **JSL**



WADI RUM - JORDAN ▲ PALMYRA - SYRIA ▼



KRAK DES CHEVALIERS - SYRIA ▼

DATES & PRICES

JORDAN, SYRIA & LEBANON

Amman to Amman		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	13 Aug (Sun) - 02 Sep (Sat)	330	730
	03 Sep (Sun) - 23 Sep (Sat)	330	730
	01 Oct (Sun) - 21 Oct (Sat)	330	730
	17 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan '01 (Sat)	330	730
2001	25 Feb (Sun) - 17 Mar (Sat)	330	730
	18 Mar (Sun) - 07 Apr (Sat)	330	730
	15 Apr (Sun) - 05 May (Sat)	330	730
	22 Jul (Sun) - 11 Aug (Sat)	330	730
	12 Aug (Sun) - 01 Sep (Sat)	330	730
	09 Sep (Sun) - 29 Sep (Sat)	330	730
	30 Sep (Sun) - 20 Oct (Sat)	330	730
	23 Dec (Sun) - 12 Jan (Sat)	330	730

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

TO THE GATES OF TARTARY

Islamabad to Islamabad		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	19 Jun (Mon) - 10 Jul (Mon)	540	1145
	10 Jul (Mon) - 31 Jul (Mon)	540	1145
	07 Aug (Mon) - 28 Aug (Mon)	540	1145
	28 Aug (Mon) - 18 Sep (Mon)	540	1145
2001	18 Jun (Mon) - 09 Jul (Mon)	540	1145
	09 Jul (Mon) - 30 Jul (Mon)	540	1145
	06 Aug (Mon) - 27 Aug (Mon)	540	1145
	27 Aug (Mon) - 17 Sep (Mon)	540	1145

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CENTRAL ASIA CARAVAN

Almaty to Almaty		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	09 Jul (Sun) - 29 Jul (Sat)	450	1095
	30 Jul (Sun) - 19 Aug (Sat)	450	1095
	20 Aug (Sun) - 09 Sep (Sat)	450	1095
2001	08 Jul (Sun) - 28 Jul (Sat)	450	1095
	29 Jul (Sun) - 18 Aug (Sat)	450	1095
	19 Aug (Sun) - 08 Sep (Sat)	450	1095

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

ISLAMABAD to ISLAMABAD

TO THE GATES OF TARTARY (GTA) — 22 DAYS

What does a To The Gates Of Tartary project 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...

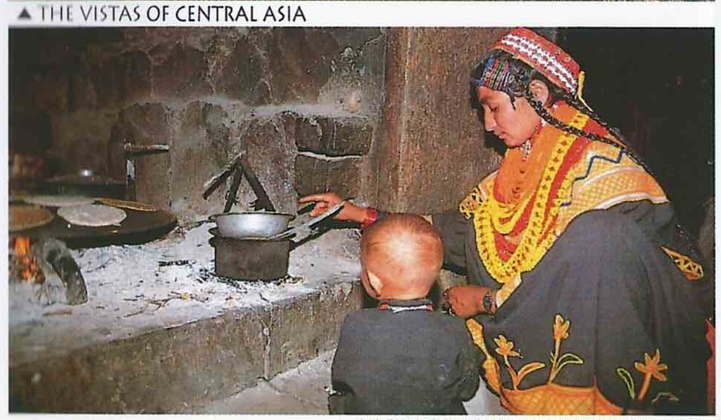
The Gates of Tartary Encounter is a door to an entirely different world. Peshawar is a city of dubious dealings and wild bazaars and a suitable foretaste of the wild tribal areas of the Khyber Pass. We climb steeply through vast ravines and rock strewn hills around the Lowri Pass and Chitral. Here there 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**

▲ THE VISTAS OF CENTRAL ASIA



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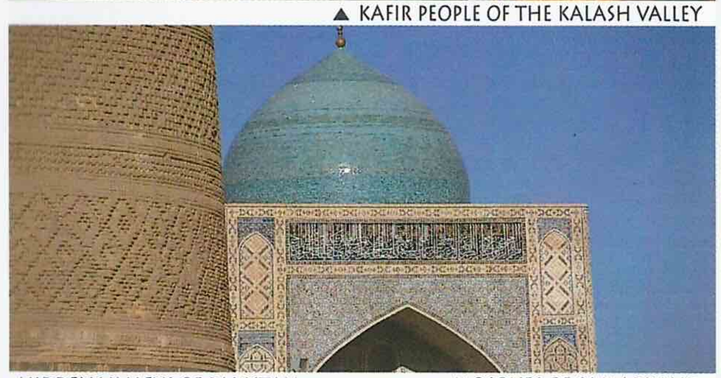
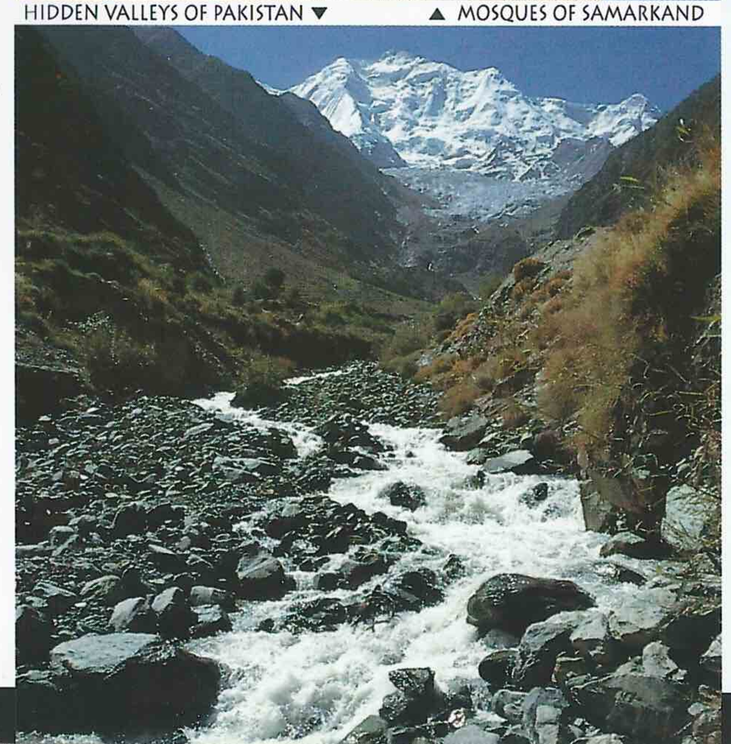


HIDDEN VALLEYS OF PAKISTAN ▼ ▲ MOSQUES OF SAMARKAND



ALMATY to ALMATY NEW

CENTRAL ASIAN CARAVAN (CAC) — 21 DAYS

What does a Central Asian Caravan project encounter?

This is an exploratory project travelling through the diverse scenery and cultures of three countries; across mountain ranges, remote valleys and great deserts to some of the oldest cities in the world, containing many of Central Asia's architectural splendours. Few travellers have journeyed in these lands – be one of them now...

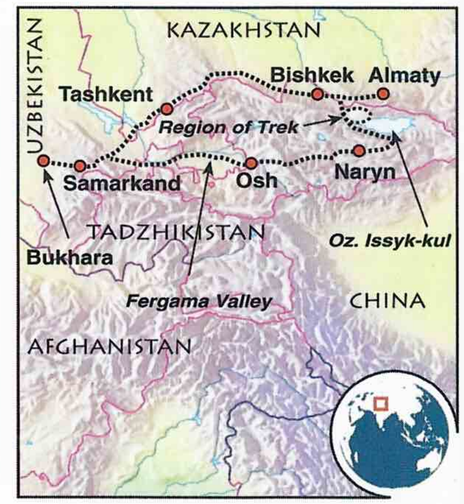
Step into an old, but new world...

We begin our journey in Almaty, the former Kazakh capital, before travelling into Kyrghyzstan, a mountain paradise surrounded by deserts. From Bishkek its capital, we travel via the Ala-Archa Gorge into the heart of Central Asia, Uzebekistan, and the two thousand year old city of Tashkent. Uzbekistan also contains the legendary Silk Route cities of Samarkand and Bukhara. Once, imperial metropolises, they are still magical. In Samarkand, we see one of the most spectacular architectural ensembles, the 14th century Registan Square, a mass of blue painted mosques, minarets and mosaics that would rival even the Taj Mahal in splendour. Bukhara is the holiest city in Central Asia and its historic quarter illustrates a thousand years of history with its collection of domed bazaars, caravansaries, mosques and madrassas. Leaving here we journey into the Fergama Valley, a large, lush oasis surrounded by the Tien Shan mountains, and the Uzbek heartland. We visit the enormous teeming market at Andizhan, Here you may well stumble on a whiskered dervish sharpening his scimitars! Then to Osh, the gateway to the 'Roof of the World' and Kyrgyzstan's second city, before visiting the Caravansari of Tash Rabat, a momentous stone shelter which protected Kashgari silk caravans from snow storms and bandits from the 10th century. We then travel to Lakes Issyk Kul and Son Kul. Issyk Kul, is one of the worlds largest bodies of fresh water, an inland sea surrounded by snow capped mountains and fed by 80 rivers but drained by none. Son Kul is a magical, isolated place, its shores inhabited only in the spring when several hundred herdsmen come to graze their sheep and horses and pitch their yurts. Leaving the lakes, we begin our trek into the Tien Shan mountains, through alpine valleys with forests of juniper & walnut, over high passes and marble glaciers and past yurt encampments, where the Kyrgyz tend their vast flocks. Then tearing ourselves away from these 'Heavenly Mountains', we return to Almaty in Kazakhstan to complete our Central Asian journey.

...a Unique Journey in Ancient Lands

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN, KYRGYZSTAN.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Trains, chartered mini bus, jeeps where necessary, on foot whilst on trek (5/6 days). ● 2,000 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Small hotels & guesthouses, overnight train (1 night), camping 5/6 nights whilst on trek – see Meals & Food.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 8 - 15 including staff
- **MEALS & FOOD:** 3 meals a day included whilst on trek (5/6 days). Due to the nature of this project, breakfast **only** is provided throughout the rest of the itinerary. Lunches & dinners taken at your own expense in various local restaurants, cafes & market stalls.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Day 1 In Almaty, trip preparation. ***Day 2*** Almaty to Bishkek, in Bishkek. ***Day 3*** Bishkek to Tashkent by train (overnight). ***Day 4*** In Tashkent. ***Day 5*** Tashkent to Samarkand. ***Day 6*** In Samarkand. ***Day 7*** To Bukhara, in Bukhara. ***Day 8*** Bukhara & return to Samarkand pm. ***Day 9*** Samarkand to the Fergama Valley. ***Day 10*** Fergana Valley & Andijan. ***Day 11*** To Osh in Kyrgyzstan. ***Day 12*** To the Caravansari of Tash Rabat. ***Days 13 & 14*** At Tash Rabat & then travel via Naryn to Lakes Issyk Kul & Son Kul & trek preparation. ***Days 15 to 19*** Trekking in the Tien Shan mountains to the north of Lake Issyk Kul. ***Days 20 & 21*** Return to Almaty in Kazakhstan.
- **INCLUDED COSTS AND HIGHLIGHTS:** Almaty, Bishkek, Ala-Archa Gorge, Tashkent, Samarkand – the Registan, mosques & palaces, Bukhara, Fergama Valley & Andijan, Caravansari at Tash Rabat, Tien Shan Trek 5/6 days, Lakes Issyk Kul & Son Kul.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **CAC**



DELHI to KATHMANDU
(or KATHMANDU to DELHI)

THE MOGHUL PATH TO NEPAL (MPN) — 15 DAYS

What does a Moghul Path To Nepal project 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.

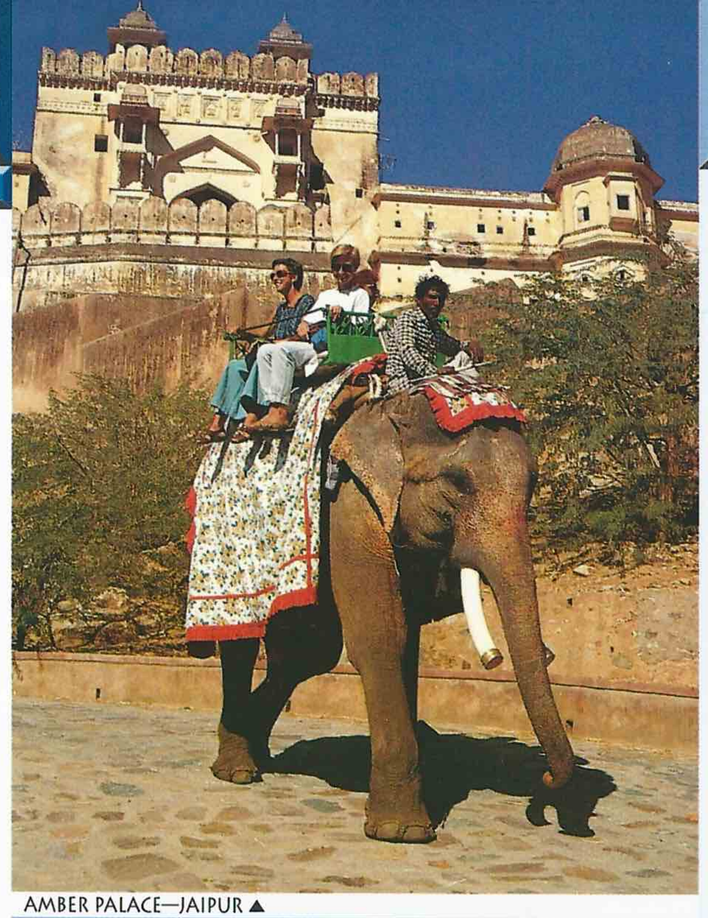
The Most Powerful Animal...

A journey that encompasses two of India's most potent features: the elusive Tiger and the spectacular 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.

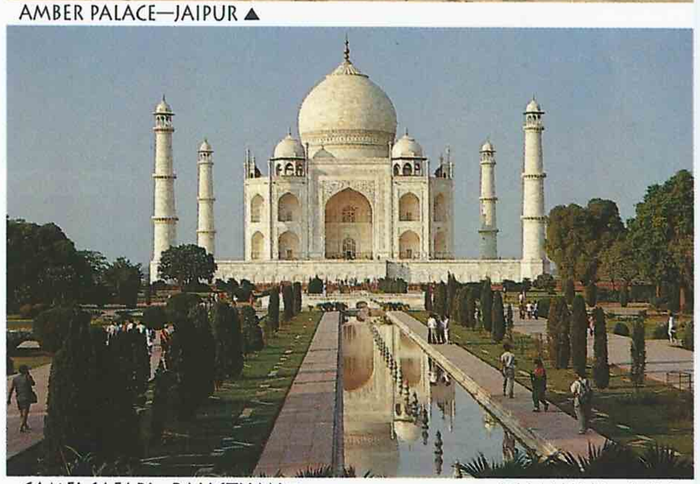
...Where Old Meets New - The Most Stunning Of Monuments

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDIA, NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, train from Jaipur to Delhi (or vice versa). ● 1,850kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping with hotel in Delhi (1 night).
- **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. ***Days 6 to 8*** Drive south to Orcha, the Temples of Khajuraho then to Panna Hills wildlife reserve. ***Days 9 & 10*** Descend off the Deccan Plateau to Varanasi. ***Days 11 & 12*** In Varanasi, 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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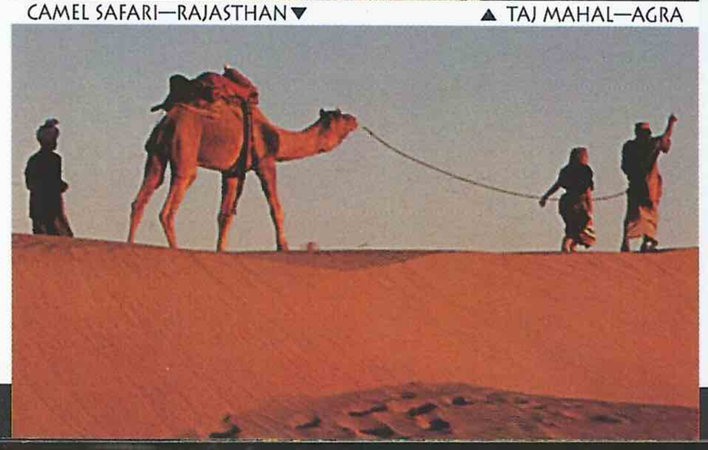


KATHMANDU to MUMBAI
(or MUMBAI to KATHMANDU)

NEPAL, THE GANGES AND RAJASTHAN (NGR) — 28 DAYS

What does a Nepal, The Ganges and Rajasthan project 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.

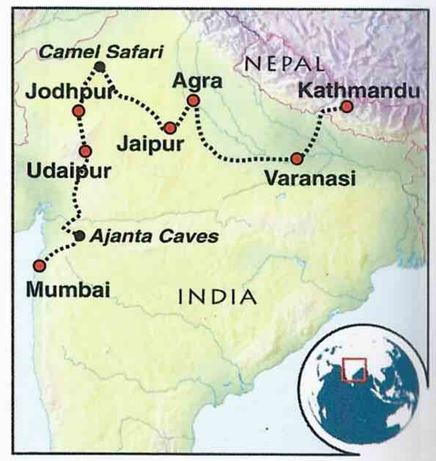
A Wealth Of Culture...

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?** Encounter expedition truck with 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 a 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$)	UK£
2001	20 Jan (Sat) - 03 Feb (Sat)	210	470
	17 Feb (Sat) - 03 Mar (Sat)	210	470

Delhi to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 15 Apr (Sat)	210	460
	22 Apr (Sat) - 06 May (Sat)	210	460
	25 Nov (Sat) - 09 Dec (Sat)	210	470
	23 Dec (Sat) - 06 Jan '01 (Sat)	210	470
2001	31 Mar (Sat) - 14 Apr (Sat)	210	470
	21 Apr (Sat) - 05 May (Sat)	210	470
	24 Nov (Sat) - 08 Dec (Sat)	210	470
	22 Dec (Sat) - 05 Jan (Sat)	210	470

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NEPAL, THE GANGES & RAJASTHAN

Kathmandu to Mumbai		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	23 Sep (Sat) - 20 Oct (Fri)	330	710
	14 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	330	710
	09 Dec (Sat) - 05 Jan '01 (Fri)	330	710
2001	20 Jan (Sat) - 16 Feb (Fri)	330	710
	17 Feb (Sat) - 16 Mar (Fri)	330	710
	22 Sep (Sat) - 19 Oct (Fri)	330	710
	13 Oct (Sat) - 09 Nov (Fri)	330	710
	08 Dec (Sat) - 04 Jan '02 (Fri)	330	710

Mumbai to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 15 Apr (Sat)	330	690
	09 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	330	690
	12 Nov (Sun) - 09 Dec (Sat)	330	710
	10 Dec (Sun) - 06 Jan '01 (Sat)	330	710
2001	18 Mar (Sun) - 14 Apr (Sat)	330	710
	08 Apr (Sun) - 05 May (Sat)	330	710
	11 Nov (Sun) - 08 Dec (Sat)	330	710
	09 Dec (Sun) - 05 Jan '02 (Sat)	330	710

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GOA AND SOUTH INDIA

Mumbai to Madras		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	22 Oct (Sun) - 13 Nov (Mon)	230	490
2001	07 Jan (Sun) - 29 Jan (Mon)	230	490
	18 Feb (Sun) - 12 Mar (Mon)	230	490
	21 Oct (Sun) - 12 Nov (Mon)	230	490

Madras to Mumbai		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	16 Mar (Thu) - 07 Apr (Fri)	230	490
	16 Nov (Thu) - 08 Dec (Fri)	230	490
2001	15 Mar (Thu) - 06 Apr (Fri)	230	490
	15 Nov (Thu) - 06 Dec (Fri)	230	490

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ALL INDIA

Kathmandu to Madras		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	23 Sep (Sat) - 13 Nov (Mon)	530	1190
	09 Dec (Sat) - 29 Jan '01 (Mon)	530	1190
2001	20 Jan (Sat) - 12 Mar (Mon)	530	1190
	22 Sep (Sat) - 12 Nov (Mon)	530	1190
	08 Dec (Sat) - 28 Jan '02 (Mon)	530	1190

Madras to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	16 Mar (Thu) - 06 May (Sat)	530	1165
	16 Nov (Thu) - 06 Jan (Sat)	530	1190
2001	15 Mar (Thu) - 05 May (Sat)	530	1190
	15 Nov (Thu) - 05 Jan '02 (Sat)	530	1190

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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

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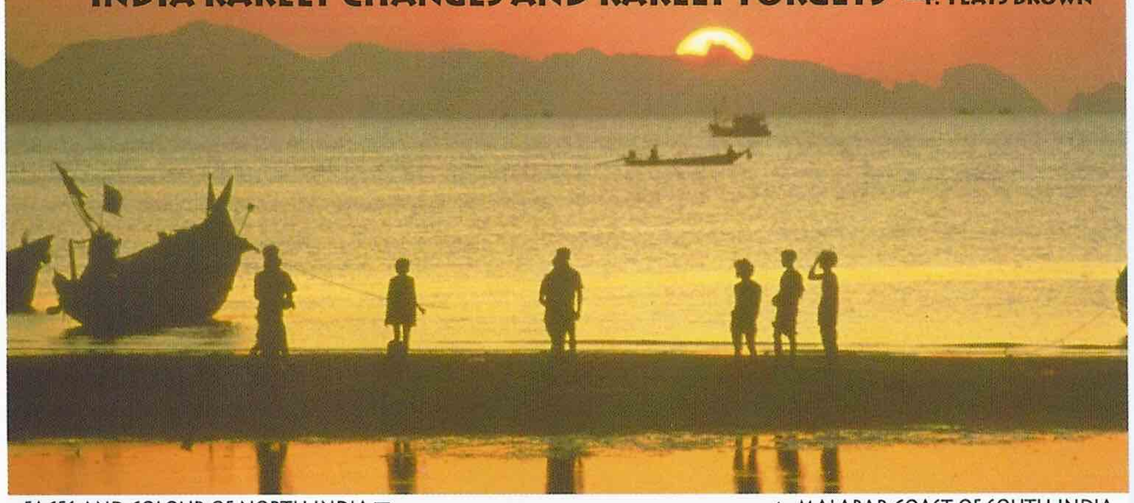
"INDIA RARELY CHANGES AND RARELY FORGETS" —F. YEATS BROWN



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 does a Goa and South India project 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 the last delight before our journey's end.

...A Country Of Eternal Life

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDIA.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Encounter expedition truck, with boats on the waterways ● 2,600kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping and 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 a 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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DELHI to DELHI

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

What does a North India & Ladakh project 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:** Camping, with guesthouses 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.

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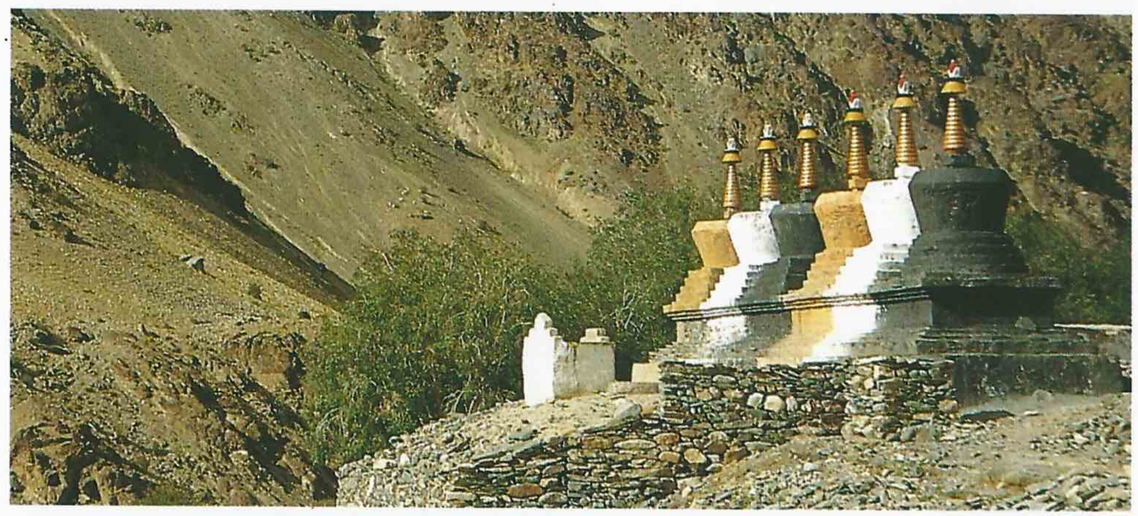
THE FACE OF BUDDHA



DATES & PRICES

NORTH INDIA & LADAKH

Delhi to Delhi		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	25 Jun (Sun) - 12 Jul (Wed)	410	950
	16 Jul (Sun) - 02 Aug (Wed)	410	950
	06 Aug (Sun) - 23 Aug (Wed)	410	975
	27 Aug (Sun) - 13 Sep (Wed)	410	975
2001	24 Jun (Sun) - 11 Jul (Wed)	410	975
	15 Jul (Sun) - 01 Aug (Wed)	410	975
	05 Aug (Sun) - 22 Aug (Wed)	410	975
	26 Aug (Sun) - 12 Sep (Wed)	410	975

Operate in reverse direction (i.e. Flying into Leh from Delhi)

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TRANS BORNEO CROSSING

Pontianak to Balikpapan		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	20 Mar (Mon) - 10 Apr (Sat)	NOT APPLICABLE	895
	01 May (Sun) - 22 May (Sat)		895
	24 Jul (Mon) - 14 Aug (Sat)		895
	04 Sep (Mon) - 25 Sep (Sat)		895
2001	19 Mar (Mon) - 09 Apr (Sat)		895

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ORANGUTAN EXPERIENCE

Banjarmasin to Pangkalan Bun		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	10 Apr (Mon) - 15 Apr (Sat)	NOT APPLICABLE	265
	22 May (Mon) - 27 May (Sat)		265
	14 Aug (Mon) - 19 Aug (Sat)		265
	25 Sep (Mon) - 30 Sep (Sat)		265
2001	09 Apr (Mon) - 14 Apr (Sat)		265

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PONTIANAK to BALIKPAPAN

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

What does a Trans Borneo Crossing project encounter?

This is the ultimate challenge – to cross the 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 three weeks, a tough trek through primeval jungle before travelling by boat up the Mahakam River.

The Most Vulnerable Part Of The World...

The Trans Borneo Crossing encounters the primeval jungle of Indonesian Boreno – Kalimantan – a 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 demanding trails over the Muller Divide. It is a project that requires a good level of physical fitness but most of all a sense of determination as the conditions en route are basic. Yet the reward of exploring this unique and somewhat undisturbed land is an experience you will never forget. Leaving Pontianak we travel through palm olive plantations and over the equator, to Sintang. Here we climb Gunung Kelam (Dark Mountain- 950m), weather permitting, before entering the tribal areas of the Iban people. We continue by road to Putussibau from where we embark on a 2 day journey by motorised jungle boat to Nanaga Lapung. We will endeavour to stop at the village of Sa Hula where the Dayak people live in communal long houses and the women are heavily tattooed and have long stretched ear lobes adorned by heavy earrings. We continue in smaller boats via Long Bungan. Further upstream the forest canopy closes in and we are in Tanjung Lokang. Along with our Dayak guides and porters, we tackle the jungle trails and traverse rivers to the Muller Range in the heart of interior Kalimantan, where nights are spent in simple bivouac camps. The trekking is tough, leech-ridden and wet, but it is the only way to really appreciate the jungle of Kalimantan first hand. Finishing our trek we head off along the Mahakam river by boat, forking out into lakes and swamps which are home to the elusive fresh water dolphin. At Long Bagun, the scenery changes. Sheer limestone cliffs, dramatic gorges and lush tropical vegetation dotted with waterfalls replace the all-embracing forest canopy of the previous days. We travel along rapids through beautiful scenery and stop at fascinating Kenyah long houses and villages. We journey down river to Muara Muntai, a town built entirely from iron wood. On Lake Jempang where colourful houses perch on stilts and the streets are waterways. In Tanjung Isuy we can buy all kinds of artefacts before going to Lake Semayang, looking for heron, kingfisher, proboscis monkeys and the Irawaddy dolphin. Finally, we drive back to Balikpapan, ending this most challenging and rewarding journey.

...The Ultimate Challenge For The Ultimate Few

KEY FACTS

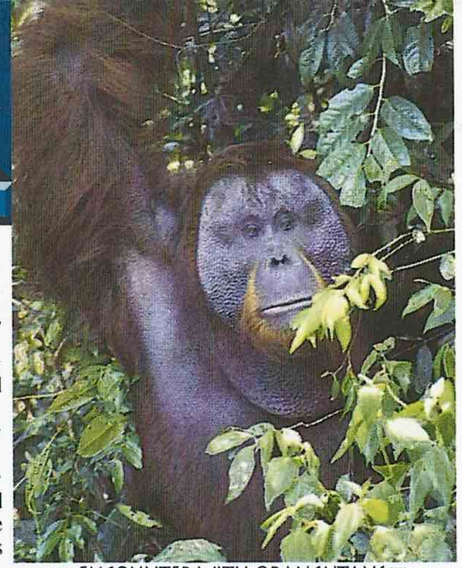
- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDONESIAN BORNEO (KALIMANTAN)
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** River boat, 9 days trekking (approx), locally chartered transport. ● 1,450 kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping during trek, guesthouses and longhouses.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 6 -12, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Meals in local restaurants with self cooked meals in villages and on boats. N.B. Only meals on the trek are included – allow US$140 for other meals. Camp cooked meals on trek. Our diets are basic but adequate in the jungle.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** This trip is an exploratory adventure and the itinerary is subject to change pending group wishes, festivals and logistical practicalities. An indicative itinerary is:

  Day 1 Arrive Pontianak and trip preparation. ***Days 2 to 4*** Sintang, climb to Mt Kelam then by road to Putussibau, boat journey preparation. ***Days 5 to 6*** Two day journey by motorised jungle boat to Nanaga Lapung. ***Days 7 to 14*** Jungle trekking up into the Muller Divide, bivouac camping with a rest day in the jungle (if on schedule). ***Days 15 & 16*** Along the Mahakam river to Long Bagun. ***Day 17*** Continue by boat downriver 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, Samarinda. ***Day 21*** Road back to Balikpapan. ***Day 22*** Project finishes in Balikpapan, or you can join the Orangutan Experience Project and fly to Banjarmasin.

  N.B. This project operates in conjunction with Intrepid Travel of Australia. Due to the nature of this project it is essential that you have an extremely good level of physical fitness and are 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, Kenyah longhouses and villages. Mahakam River and birds and wildlife of Lakes Jempang and Semayang.
  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



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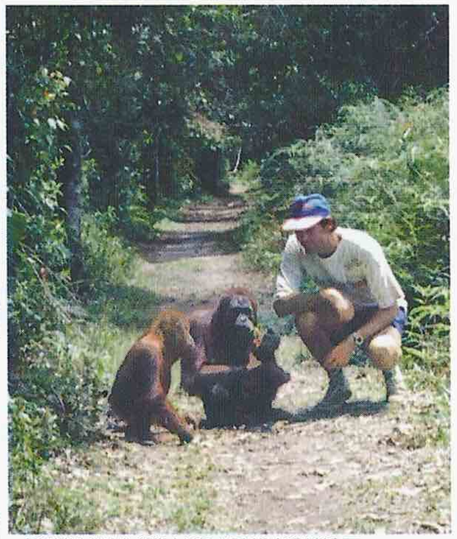
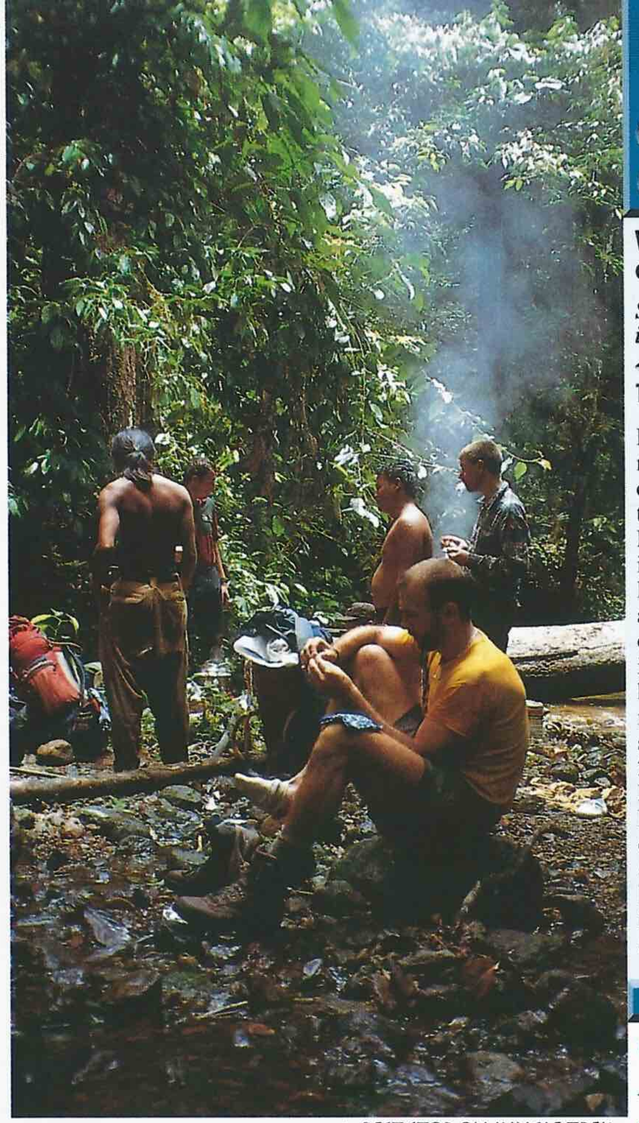


DYAK VILLAGES AND LONG HOUSE ▼



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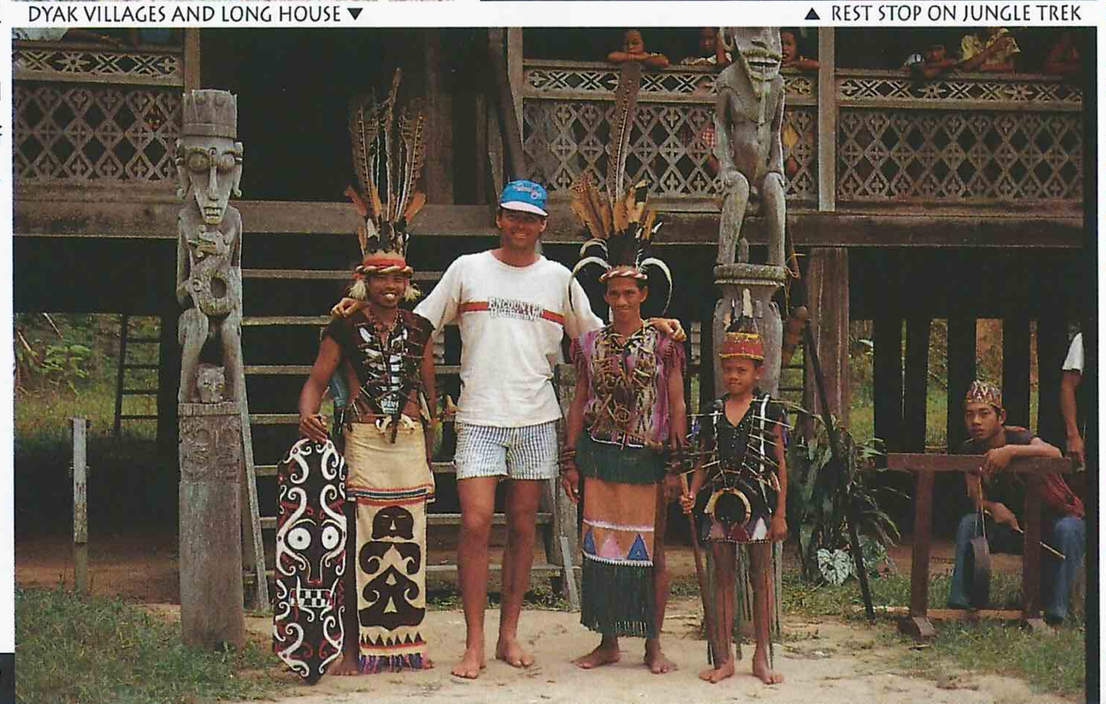

BANJARMASIN to PANGKALANBUN

ORANGUTAN EXPERIENCE (OEX)

6 DAYS NEW

What does the Orangutan Experience project encounter?

See these incredible endangered species in their natural environment...

The Sultans of the forest.

In Banjarmasin we visit the lively floating markets at which the local Dayak communities sell their wares. We travel to the tranquillity of Tanjung Puting National Park. A 300,000 hectare park, it is unique in its ecological diversity of wetlands, lowland swamp forest, hardwood rain forest and mature tropical health. Nowhere else on earth can you see so many orangutans in their natural settings. The park is also home to proboscis monkeys, crab-eating macaques, crocodiles, giant monitor lizards, saltwater dolphins on Kumai Bay and over 200 bird species. We travel by boat into the heart of the Camp Leakey Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre where we have plenty of time to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings, before travelling back to Pangkalanbun. Seeing these gentle primates in their natural environment is a truly amazing and heart warming experience!

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** INDONESIAN BORNEO (KALIMANTAN)
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** River boat, minibus, plane – allow US$100 cash for internal flights.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Simple guesthouses, house boat.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 6-10, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** No meals included. Allow US$80.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 & 2 Banjarmasin and floating markets. ***Day 3*** Pangkalanbun, Tanjung Puting National Park, boating on the Kumai River. ***Days 4 & 5*** Orangutans in the Camp Leakey Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. ***Day 6*** Travel back to Pangkalanbun where project finishes (See adjacent map).
- **N.B.** This project operates in conjunction with Intrepid Travel of Australia.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Floating markets at Banjarmasin, wildlife of Tanjung Putting National Park, Camp Leakey Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref: ***OEX***

JAYAPURA to JAYAPURA

NEW

IRIAN JAYA ADVENTURE (IJA) | **15 DAYS**

What does an Irian Jaya Adventure project encounter?

This trip is wild and unpredictable, a true adventure in one of the remotest parts of the world. Days of tough trekking through awe inspiring scenery of cloud-piercing green mountains, spectacular waterfalls and winding rushing rivers, with nights spent experiencing the way of life of the people of the Baliem Valley, staying in their

One of the most adventurous destinations on earth...

The Irian Jaya Adventure is for those ready for a challenge, who enjoy tough trekking across rugged terrain, thrive on the unexpected and seek and understanding of very ancient cultures. After meeting in Sentani, we fly into the Baliem Valley where the Dani people lived a stone age existence until the arrival of white missionaries in the 1950's. While stone axes are now a thing of the past, we still find the Dani adorned with everything from pig's tusks to penis gourds up to a metre long. Here pigs are a key unit of currency, enabling village men to buy their wives. The Baliem Valley is characterised by a network of walking trails and small farming communities, and our ten day trek takes us from village to village where we are welcomed by a different Dani community each night and given an insight into their unique lifestyle - eating and sleeping as they do, playing with the usual entourage of fascinated children, admiring penis gourds, feathered hats and nose tusks or joining in with the village pig roast. As we walk, our Dani guides often sing messages to the villages as we approach. We trek for ten days in this mountainous region along paths that at times are difficult to navigate. Steep ascents and descents, mud, landslides and rain are all to be expected. But alongside these hardships is the privilege of walking through some of the remotest and most beautiful scenery on earth, with dramatic cliffs faces from which, waterfalls cascade, vivid, green mountains and thick jungle, alive with the sound of exotic bird calls. This trip is a memorable travelling experience, combining remote cultures and fantastic scenery with the satisfaction of completing a tough physical challenge.

...in a land beyond your imagination!

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** IRIAN JAYA, (WEST PAPUA NEW GUINEA)
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Domestic flights -allow US$150 cash, local bus, 9 days trekking. ●500kms.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Guesthouses in Jayapura and Wamena. Otherwise very basic – sleeping mats in schools, churches and huts.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 4 - 8 including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** On trek prepared by local cook. Meals included while trekking only, allow US$60 for other meals.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY: This trip is an exploratory adventure and the itinerary is subject to change pending group wishes, festivals and logistical practicalities. An indicative itinerary is:**

Days 1 & 2 in Jayapura/Sentani, project preparation. ***Day 3*** Fly to Wamena. ***Day 4*** Begin trek through the Baliem Valley reaching the village of Tangma. ***Day 5*** Steep descents and ascents to village of Wesagalep. ***Day 6*** Strenuous trekking to village of Werima. ***Day 7*** Rest day and pig feast. ***Day 8*** To the mountainous village of Unngulpalek. ***Day 9*** To the village of Selakma. ***Days 10 & 11*** Jungle trek and overnight camping in the jungle. Continue trekking to peak at 3,500 ft (1,100m) and descent to village of Yogosim. ***Day 12*** Rest day. ***Day 13*** Shorter trek then local bus back to Wamena. ***Day14*** Wamena. ***Day 15*** Jayapura/Sentani and project finishes.

- N.B. This project operates in conjunction with Intrepid Travel of Australia. Due to the nature of this project one must be physically fit and capable of trekking for 9 days in very challenging conditions.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Baliem Valley with its spectacular scenery. Unique lifestyle and culture of the Dani people in their remote villages.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **IJA**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

IRIAN JAYAN VILLAGERS ▲ WHOOPS! ▼

TREKKING IN IRIAN JAYA ▼

DATES & PRICES

IRIAN JAYA ADVENTURE

Jayapura to Jayapura		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	19 Mar (Sun) - 02 Apr (Sun)	NOT APPLICABLE	735
	14 May (Sun) - 28 May (Sun)		735
	02 Jul (Sun) - 16 Jul (Sun)		735
	20 Aug (Sun) - 03 Sep (Sun)		735
	01 Oct (Sun) - 15 Oct (Sun)		735
2001	22 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sun)		735

N.B. Later dates for 2001 will b e published in Nov 2000.

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

CRADLES OF OUR CIVILISATION

Istanbul to Cairo		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 14 May (Sun)	380	995
	03 Jun (Sat) - 16 Jul (Sun)	380	995
	12 Aug (Sat) - 24 Sep (Sun)	380	995
	16 Sep (Sat) - 29 Oct (Sun)	380	995
2001	31 Mar (Sat) - 13 May (Sun)	400	1040
	14 Jul (Sat) - 26 Aug (Sun)	400	1040
	18 Aug (Sat) - 30 Sep (Sun)	400	1040
	22 Sep (Sat) - 04 Nov (Sun)	400	1040
Cairo to Istanbul		**L.P.(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	20 Apr (Thu) - 02 Jun (Fri)	380	995
	01 Jun (Thu) - 14 Jul (Fri)	380	995
	20 Jul (Thu) - 01 Sep (Fri)	380	995
	02 Nov (Thu) - 15 Dec (Fri)	380	995
2001	12 Apr (Thu) - 25 May (Fri)	400	1040
	31 May (Thu) - 13 Jul (Fri)	400	1040
	19Jul (Thu) - 31 Aug (Fri)	400	1040
	01 Nov (Thu) - 14 Dec (Fri)	400	1040

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

EXPERIENCE TELLS

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

EXPERIENCE TELLS

I was on your East of Suez trip from Kathmandu to Cairo this year. I would like to thank everyone at Encounter as I had a great trip, but in particular would like to tell you that the leader, Christian, was excellent. He was extremely friendly, very knowledgeable, helpful and informative at every stage of the journey.
My trip was certainly made better by having Chris as the leader and he is fully deserving of such praise for his efforts..

Thanks again for a great time
JOHN EVENSON

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.

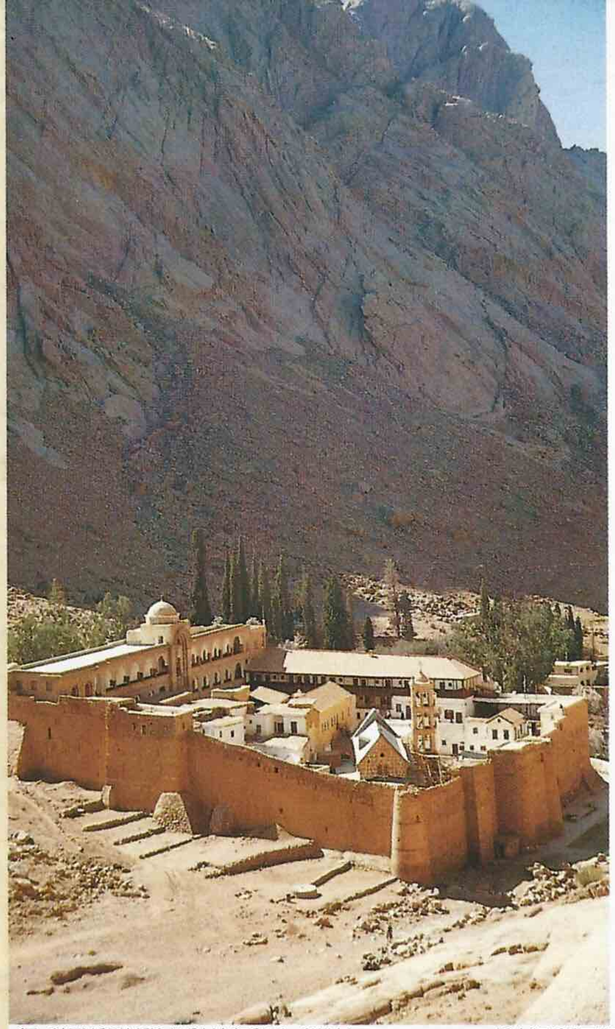
I miss life on the truck and everyone became one big happy family. I only wish I could've continued on with the others on The Great Overland Encounter to Kathmandu!

Thanks for the trip of a lifetime
AMELIA BIRCH

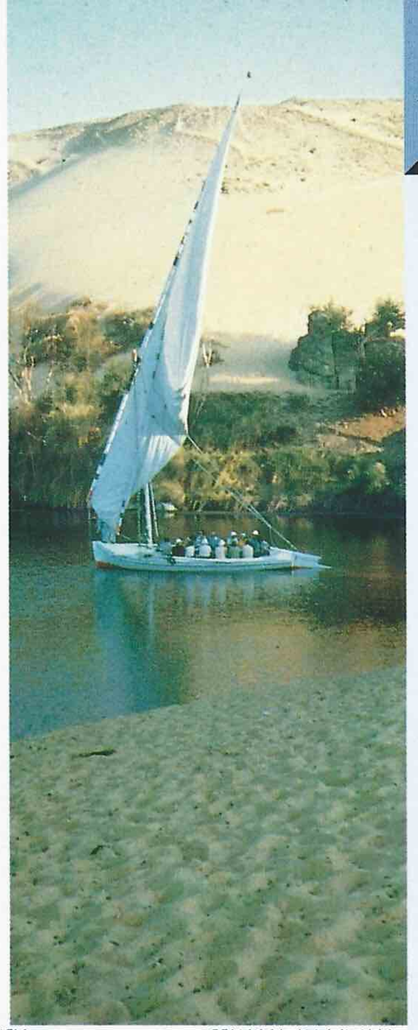
I have just got back from the Cairo to Tunisia trip. My only criticism was the number of times we could get washed—too many times.
BOB WILLIAMS

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



ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY—SINAI▲



COAST OF TURKEY▼

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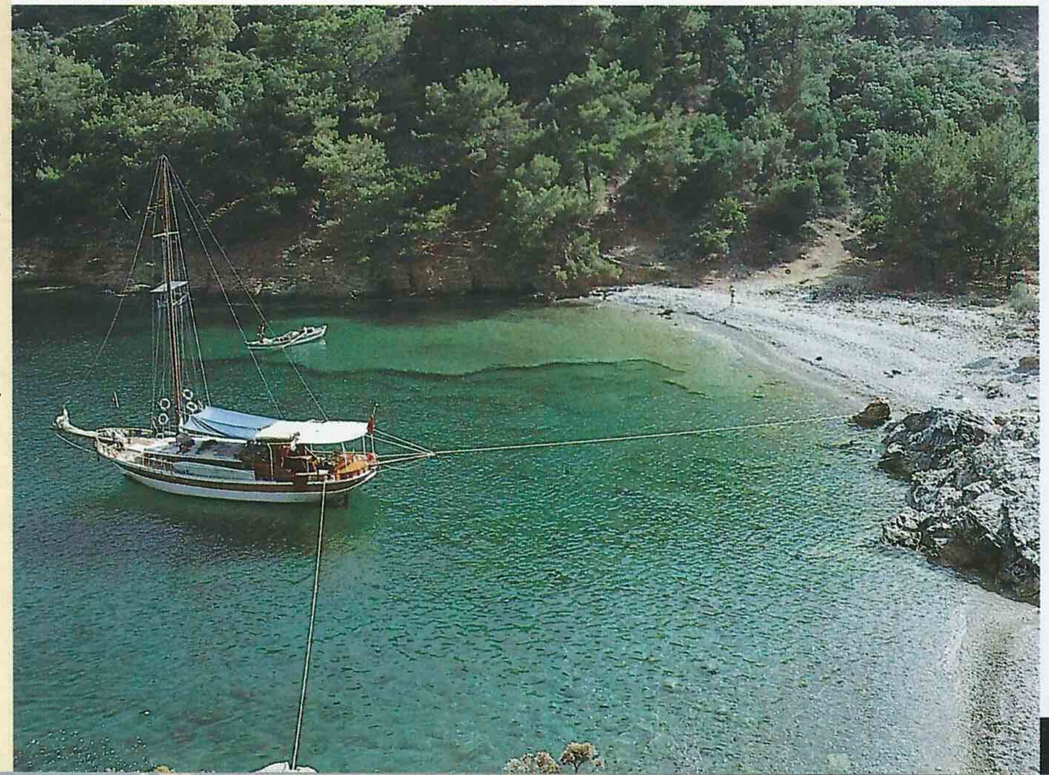

ISTANBUL to CAIRO
(or CAIRO to ISTANBUL)

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

What does A Cradles Of Our Civilisation project 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 feluccas 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. ●6,000kms.
- **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 5*** 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**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

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 historic 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?** 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**

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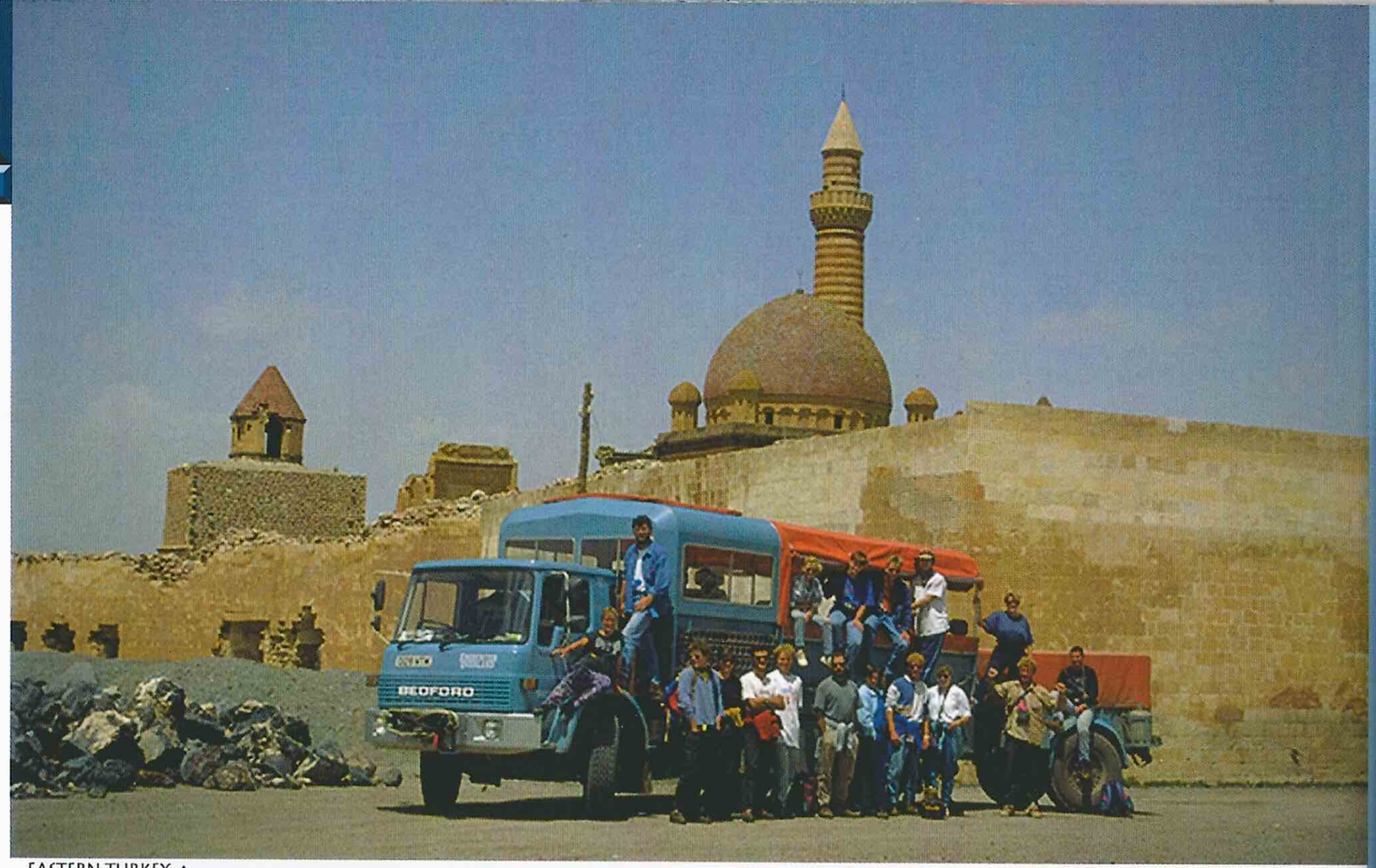

EASTERN TURKEY ▲ ▼ HINDU PILGRIMS—VARANASI

"EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST" —KIPLING

DATES & PRICES

THE CLASSIC OVERLAND

Kathmandu to London		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	11 Mar (Sat) - 26 May (Fri)	620	1595
	26 Aug (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	620	1595
2001	17 Mar (Sat) - 01 Jun (Fri)	620	1595
	01 Sep (Sat) - 16 Nov (Fri)	620	1595

London to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Jul (Sat) - 15 Sep (Fri)	620	1595
	19 Aug (Sat) - 03 Nov (Fri)	620	1595
	30 Sep (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	620	1595
2001	07 Jul (Sat) - 21 Sep (Fri)	620	1595
	25 Aug (Sat) - 09 Nov (Fri)	620	1595
	06 Oct (Sat) - 21 Dec (Fri)	620	1595

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THE BACKROADS OF ASIA INCL. EGYPT

Istanbul to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	01 Apr (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	990	2495
	27 May (Sat) - 15 Sep (Fri)	990	2495
	12 Aug (Sat) - 01 Dec (Fri)	990	2495
	16 Sep (Sat) - 05 Jan '01 (Fri)	990	2495
2001	31 Mar (Sat) - 20 Jul (Fri)	990	2495
	14 Jul (Sat) - 02 Nov (Fri)	990	2495
	18 Aug (Sat) - 07 Dec (Fri)	990	2495
	22 Sep (Sat) - 11 Jan '02 (Fri)	990	2495

Kathmandu to Istanbul		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	25 Mar (Sat) - 14 Jul (Fri)	990	2495
	13 May (Sat) - 01 Sep (Fri)	990	2495
	26 Aug (Sat) - 15 Dec (Fri)	990	2495
2001	03 Feb (Sat) - 25 May (Fri)	990	2495
	24 Mar (Sat) - 13 Jul (Fri)	990	2495
	12 May (Sat) - 31 Aug (Fri)	990	2495
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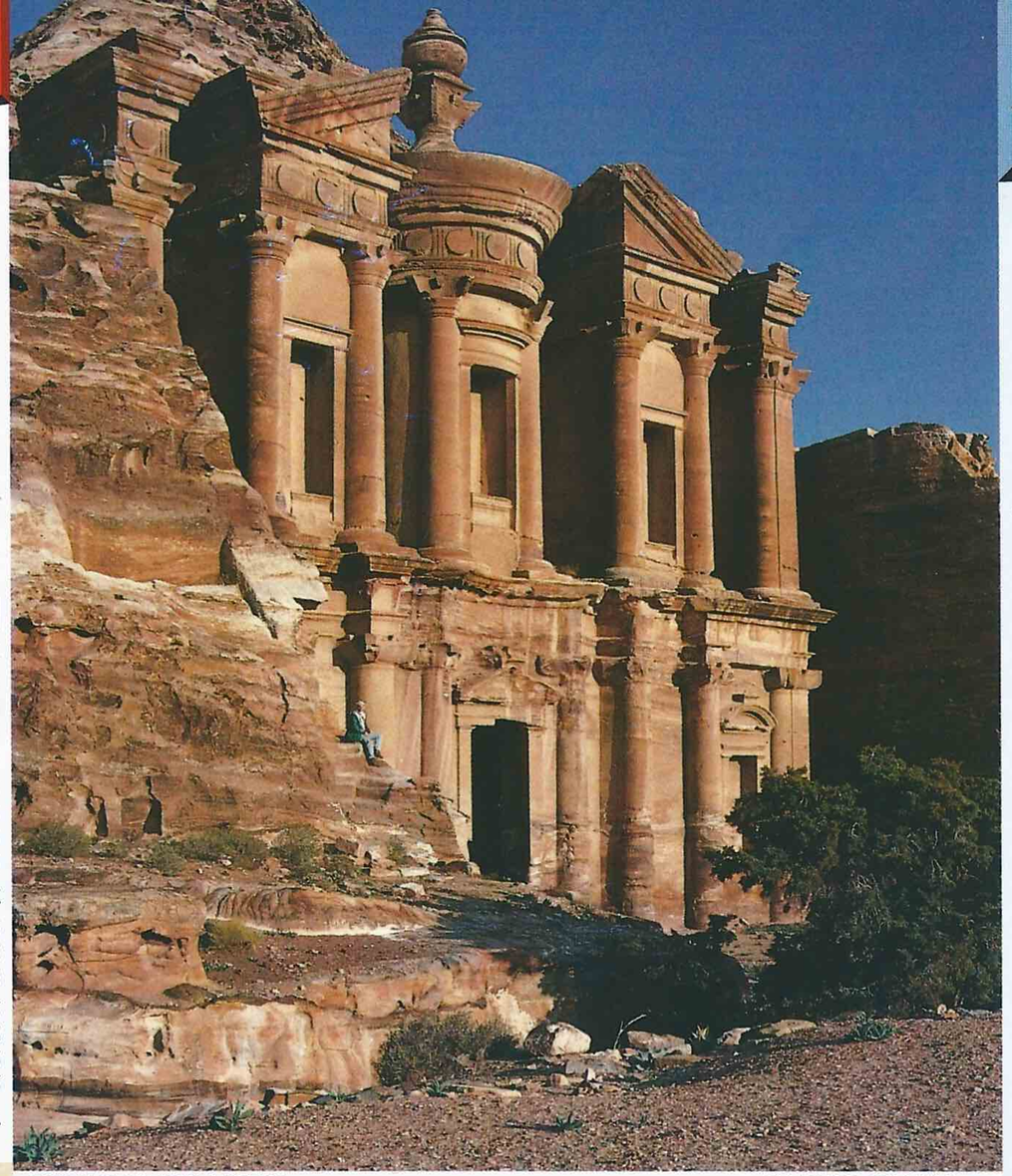


THE 'MONASTERY' AT PETRA ▲

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

ON BOARD FELUCCAS ▼

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

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

What does a Backroads Of Asia project 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.

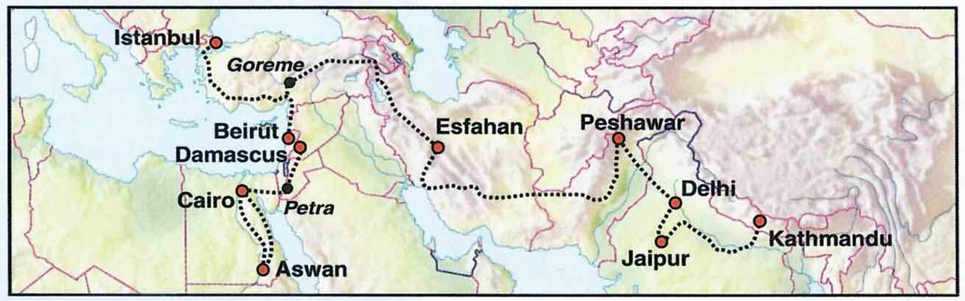
A Journey Into The Sublime...

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 a 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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CAIRO to KATHMANDU
(or KATHMANDU to CAIRO)

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

What does an East Of Suez project 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.

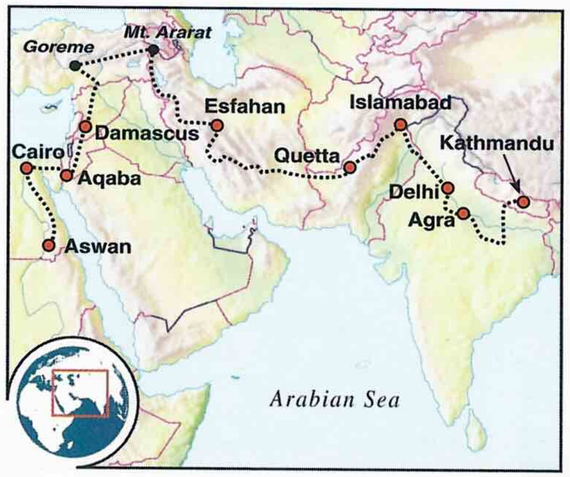
From Caves to Kingdoms...

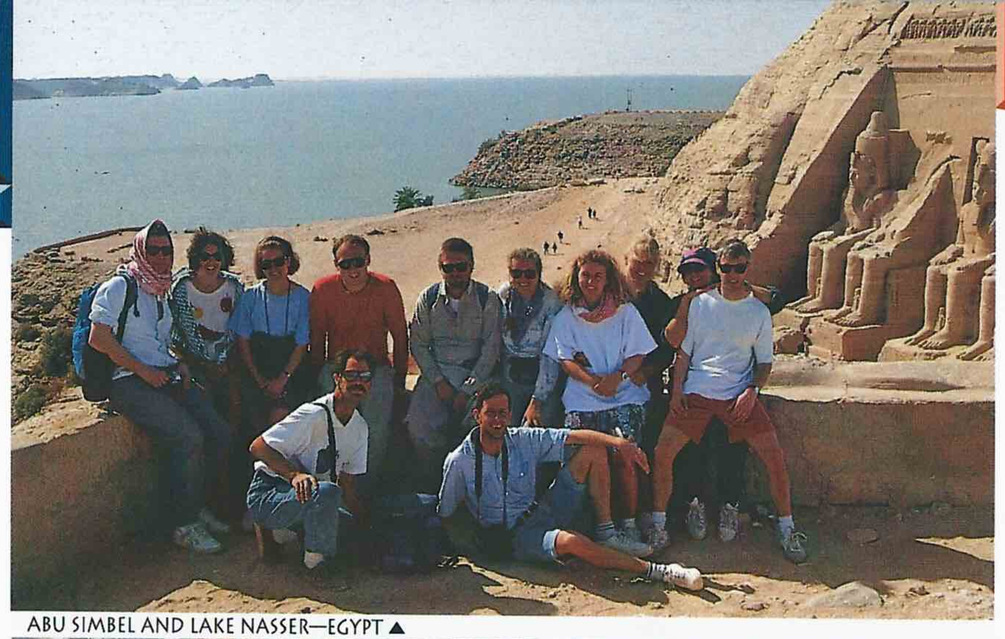
To begin a journey surrounded by the magic and mystery of Egypt is to begin an adventure. After experiencing the many delights of Cairo we travel south to further explore the civilisation of the pharaohs before crossing the spectacular Sinai Desert. After the hidden majesty of Petra, the ancient streets 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.

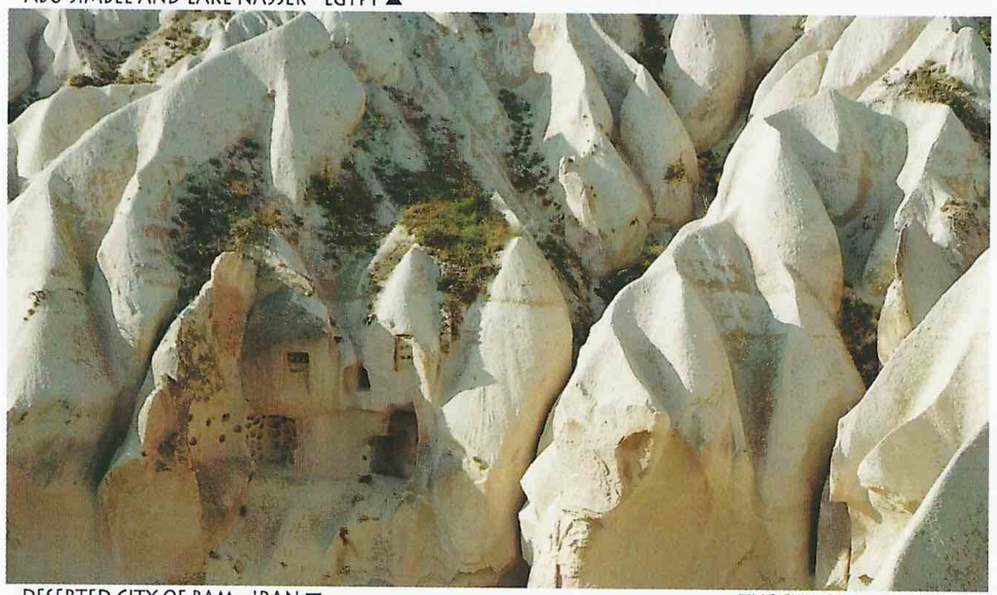
...Eastern Delights

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:** Camping with 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**




ABU SIMBEL AND LAKE NASSER—EGYPT ▲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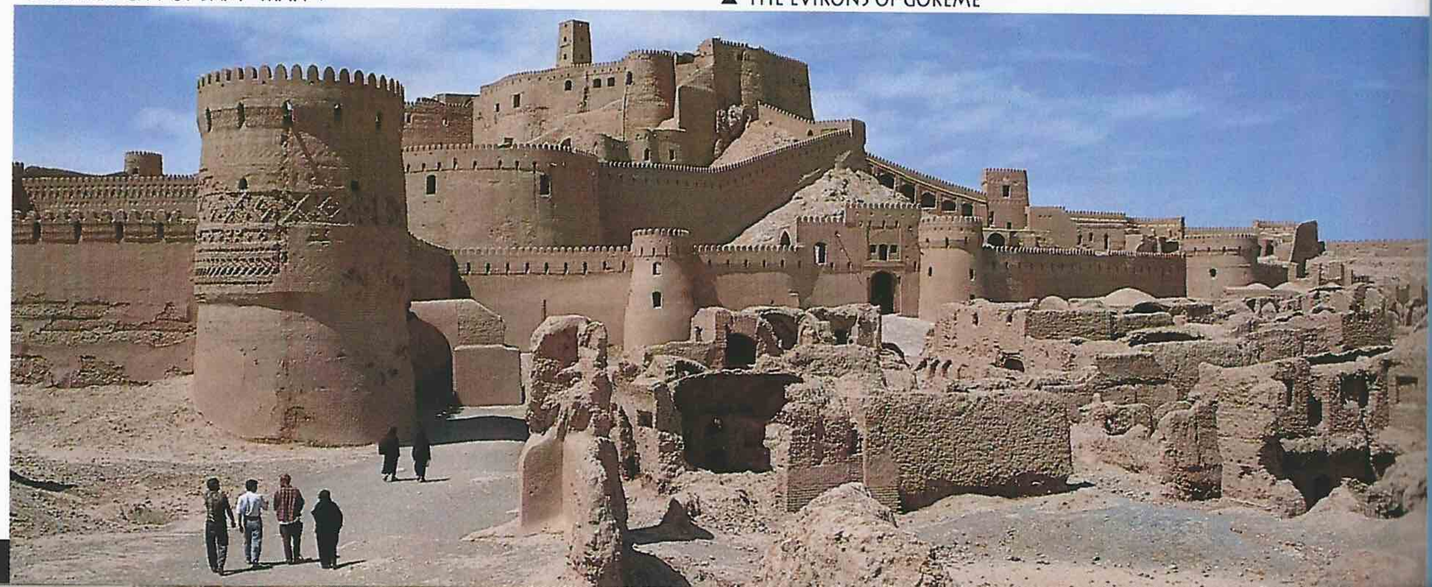
▲ THE EVIRONS OF GOREME

DATES & PRICES

EAST OF SUEZ

Cairo to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	06 May (Sat) - 21 Jul (Fri)	670	1695
	01 Jul (Sat) - 15 Sep (Fri)	670	1695
	16 Sep (Sat) - 01 Dec (Fri)	670	1695
	21 Oct (Sat) - 05 Jan (Fri)	670	1695
2001	10 Mar (Sat) - 25 May (Fri)	670	1695
	05 May (Sat) - 20 Jul (Fri)	670	1695
	18 Aug (Sat) - 02 Nov (Fri)	670	1695
	22 Sep (Sat) - 07 Dec (Fri)	670	1695
	27 Oct (Sat) - 11 Jan (Fri)	670	1695

Can be linked with the South China Sea to the Roof of the World, departing Kathmandu 5 days after your arrival.

Kathmandu to Cairo		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	25 Mar (Sat) - 09 Jun (Fri)	670	1695
	13 May (Sat) - 28 Jul (Fri)	670	1695
	26 Aug (Sat) - 10 Nov (Fri)	670	1695
2001	03 Feb (Sat) - 20 Apr (Fri)	670	1695
	24 Mar (Sat) - 08 Jun (Fri)	670	1695
	12 May (Sat) - 27 Jul (Fri)	670	1695
	25 Aug (Sat) - 09 Nov (Fri)	670	1695

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

THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

Hanoi to Kathmandu		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	26 Mar (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	920	2030
	24 Sep (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	920	2030
2001	25 Mar (Sun) - 05 May (Sat)	920	2030
	23 Sep (Sun) - 03 Nov (Sat)	920	2030
Saigon to Kathmandu		**L.P(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	12 Mar (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	1140	2495
	10 Sep (Sun) - 04 Nov (Sat)	1140	2495
2001	11 Mar (Sun) - 05 May (Sat)	1140	2495
	09 Sep (Sun) - 03 Nov (Sat)	1140	2495

Can be linked with the 11 week East of Suez or the 16 week Backroads of Asia incl. Egypt that departs Kathmandu one week later.

Kathmandu to Saigon		L.P(US$)	UK£
2000	20 Sep (Wed) - 31 Oct (Tue)	920	2030
2001	19 Sep (Wed) - 30 Oct (Tue)	920	2030
Kathmandu to Saigon		**L.P(US$)**	**UK£**
2000	20 Sep (Wed) - 14 Nov (Tue)	920	2495
2001	19 Sep (Wed) - 13 Nov (Tue)	920	2495

Can be linked with the 11 week East of Suez or the 16 week Backroads of Asia incl. Egypt arriving in Kathmandu the previous Friday.

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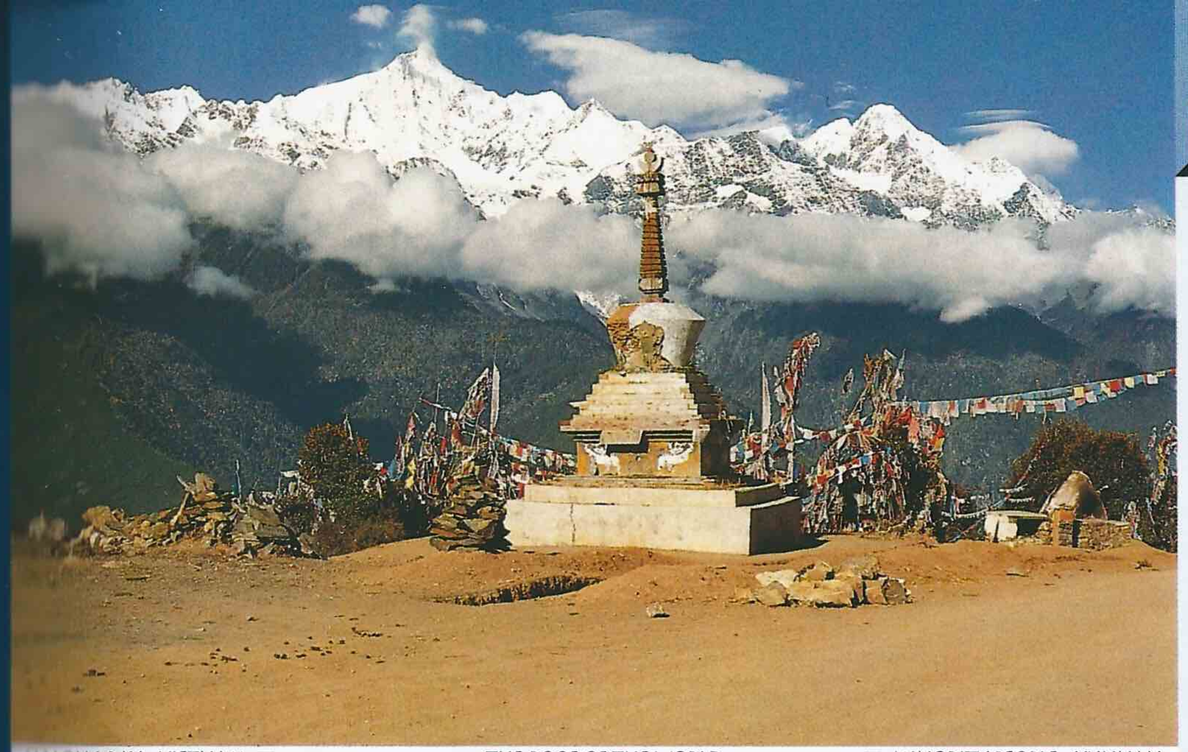
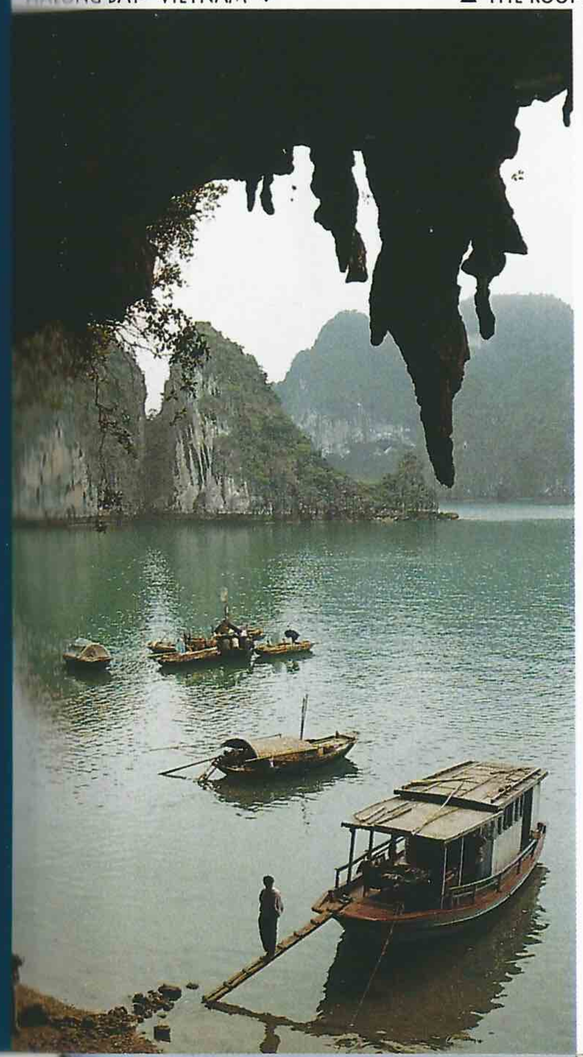
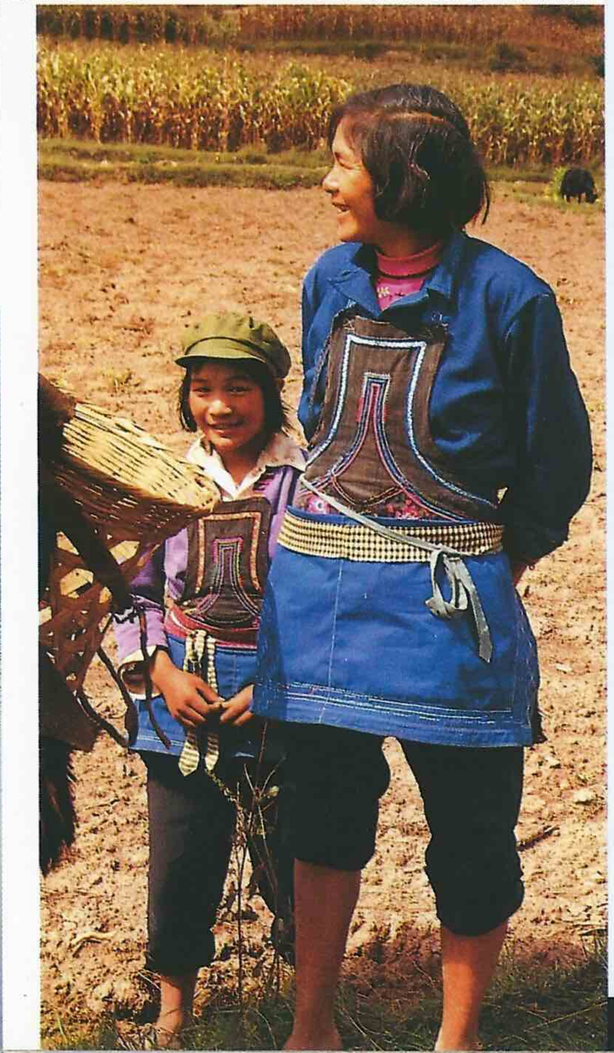
NO SURCHARGE GUARANTEED AFTER BOOKING



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 does a South China Sea To The Roof Of The World project 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.

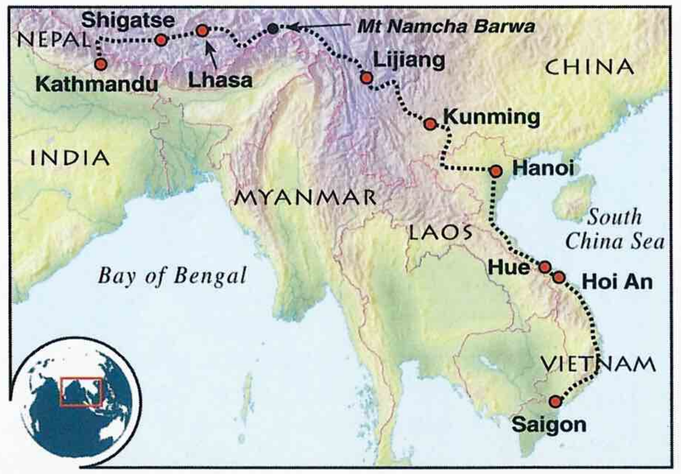
Journey Over The Ever Changing Face Of The World...

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, no meals in centres through Vietnam and Yunnan Province of China are 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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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.

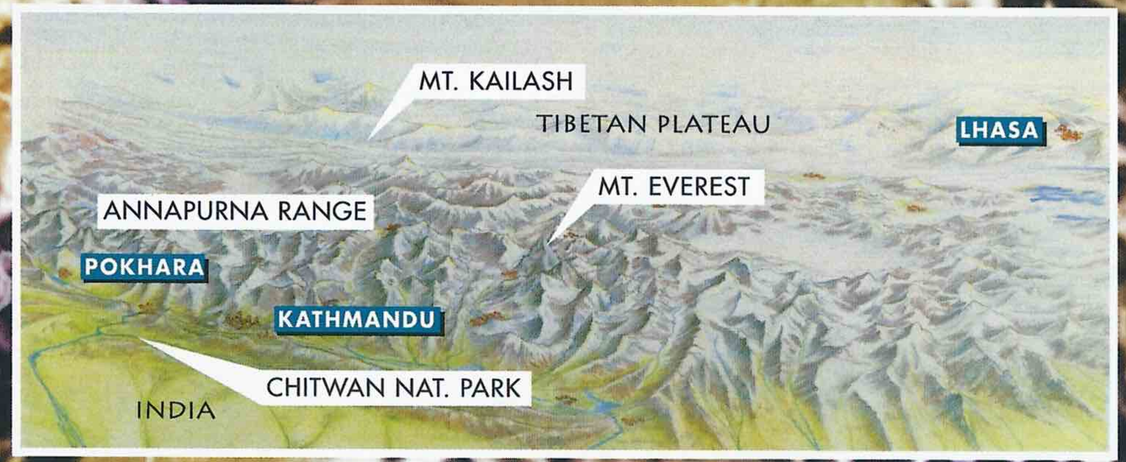
We welcome you to the Himalayan trails en route to Everest, or high into the Annapurnas. Welcome to the wildlife trails of the Terai and welcome to the special culture and customs of this Himalayan Kingdom. Nepal —where men and mountains meet.

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 Tibet—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 descent of the Sun Kosi river by inflatable rafts. Today in association with Himalayan Encounters we operate some 8 different projects throughout Nepal and a further 4 projects are run inTibet.



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HIMALAYAN encounters

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DATES & PRICES

WILD WATER OF THE WEST

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	02 Apr (Sun) - 13 Apr (Thu)	200	440
	16 Apr (Sun) - 27 Apr (Thu)	200	440
	30 Apr (Sun) - 11 May (Thu)	200	440
	15 Oct (Sun) - 26 Oct (Thu)	200	450
	05 Nov (Sun) - 16 Nov (Thu)	200	450
2001	01 Apr (Sun) - 12 Apr (Thu)	200	450
	15 Apr (Sun) - 26 Apr (Thu)	200	450
	29 Apr (Sun) - 10 May (Thu)	200	450
	14 Oct (Sun) - 25 Oct (Thu)	200	450
	04 Nov (Sun) - 15 Nov (Thu)	200	450

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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.

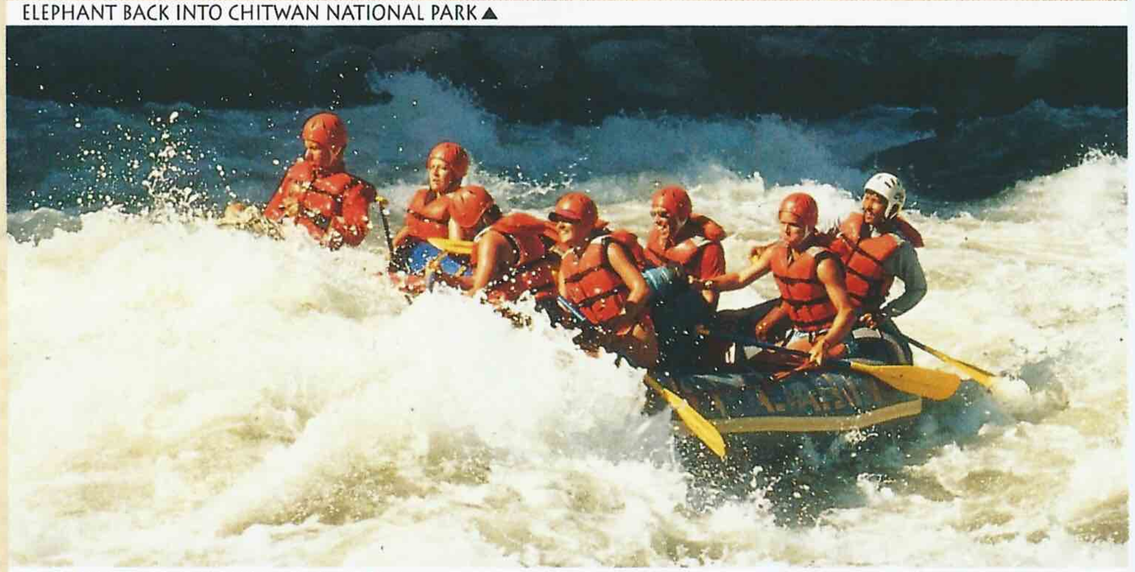
I'd also like to thank Kim in the office in London for getting my new glasses to Kathmandu safely!

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

Thanks to all concerned.

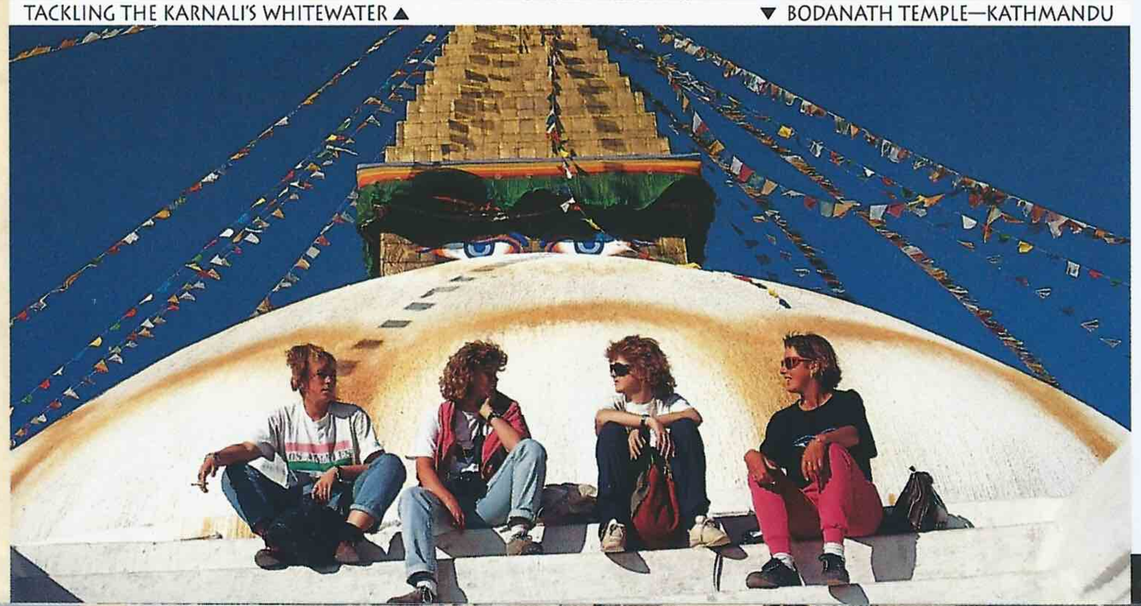
EDEL BYRNE

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 does a Wild Water Of The West project 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, the point from where we 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 in Bardia National Park in a basic 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? White water rafts, locally chartered transport and 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, overnight at Bardia Nat. Park ***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, Bardia Nat. Park.

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

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KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

ANNAPURNA '10' (A10) — 10 DAYS

What does an Annapurna '10' project 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 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.

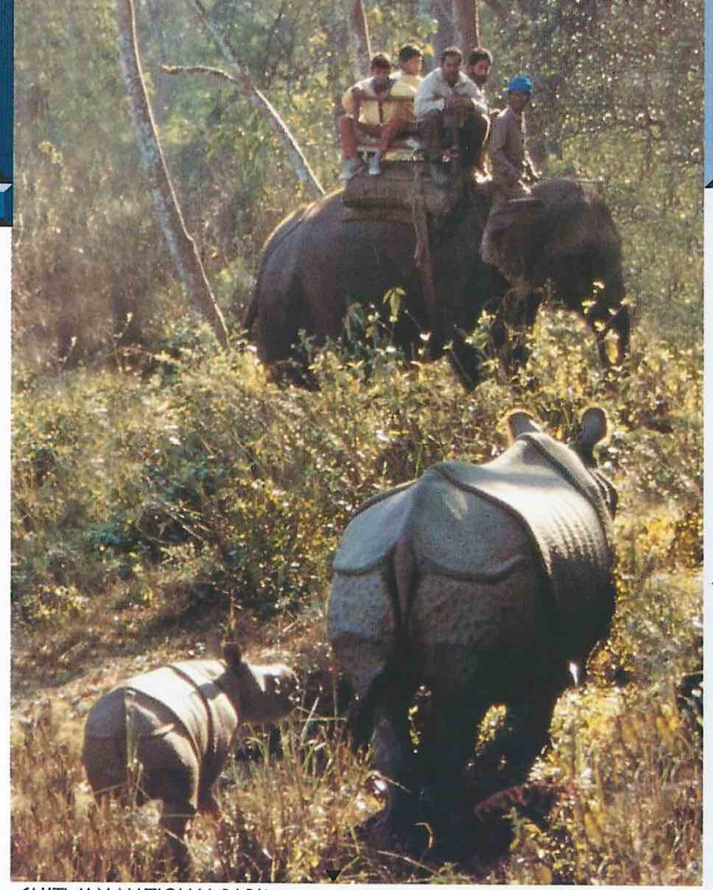
...Walk The Unknown

KEY FACTS

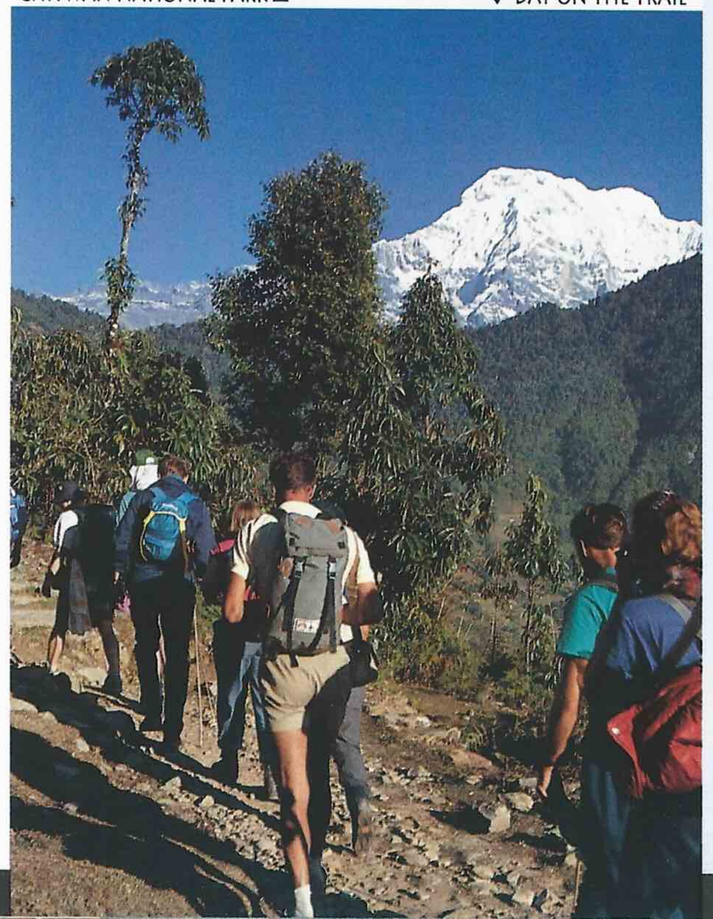
- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL—ANNAPURNA REGION
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Domestic flight Kathmandu to Pokhara, trekking, locally chartered transport back to Kathmandu.
- 200kms by road (100kms trekking).
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping on trek, lodge in Pokhara (2 nights).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 18 plus trekking 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*** Trek preparation in Kathmandu, cycle tour. Afternoon flight to Pokhara. ***Days 2 & 3*** Trek begins, 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 cycle tour, Pokhara and Phewa Lake, 8 day Mardi Himal trek.

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



CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK ▲ ▼ DAY ON THE TRAIL



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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.

Leaving Pokhara we overnight in the remote and classic Nepali town of Bandipur. 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.

...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 Bandipur & 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, Bandipur and Chitwan and en route to Kathmandu.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:** ***Day 1*** Trip preparation in Kathmandu, cycle tour and flight to Pokhara. ***Days 2 & 3*** Trek begins , supported by porters through Mardi Khola via Dhumpas. ***Days 4 & 5*** Ascending above tree line to highest point at 4600metres (weather permitting). Views of Machapuchare and the Annapurna Massif. ***Days 6 to 8*** Descending through the Mardi Khola valley and villages to Maripul. ***Days 9 & 10*** Descend to Pokhara. ***Day 11*** Drive to the remote town of Bandipur. ***Days 12 & 13*** To Chitwan National Park, in park game viewing by Elephant back, guided walks and canoe safari. ***Day 14*** We return to Kathmandu—late afternoon arrival.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:** Kathmandu cycle tour, Pokhara, 8 day Mardi Himal Trek, Bandipur, Chitwan National Park activities.

  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

DATES & PRICES

ANNAPURNA '10'			
Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	20 Mar (Mon) - 29 Mar (Wed)	190	415
	10 Apr (Mon) - 19 Apr (Wed)	190	415
	01 May (Mon) - 10 May (Wed)	190	415
	22 May (Mon) - 31 May (Wed)	190	415
	24 Sep (Mon) - 03 Oct (Wed)	190	415
	15 Oct (Mon) - 24 Oct (Wed)	190	415
	29 Oct (Mon) - 07 Nov (Wed)	190	415
	19 Nov (Mon) - 28 Nov (Wed)	190	415
	17 Dec (Mon) - 26 Dec (Wed)	190	415
2001	25 Feb (Mon) - 06 Mar (Wed)	190	425
	18 Mar (Mon) - 27 Mar (Wed)	190	425
	08 Apr (Mon) - 17 Apr (Wed)	190	425
	29 Apr (Mon) - 08 May (Wed)	190	425
	20 May (Mon) - 29 May (Wed)	190	425
	23 Sep (Mon) - 02 Oct (Wed)	190	425
	14 Oct (Mon) - 23 Oct (Wed)	190	425
	28 Oct (Mon) - 06 Nov (Wed)	190	425
	18 Nov (Mon) - 27 Nov (Wed)	190	425
	16 Dec (Mon) - 25 Dec (Wed)	190	425

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MOUNTAIN & WILDLIFE			
Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	20 Mar (Mon) - 02 Apr (Sun)	270	625
	10 Apr (Mon) - 23 Apr (Sun)	270	625
	01 May (Mon) - 14 May (Sun)	270	625
	22 May (Mon) - 04 Jun (Sun)	270	625
	24 Sep (Mon) - 07 Oct (Sat)	270	640
	15 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	270	640
	29 Oct (Sun) - 11 Nov (Sat)	270	640
	19 Nov (Sun) - 02 Dec (Sat)	270	640
	17 Dec (Sun) - 30 Dec (Sat)	270	640
2001	25 Feb (Sun) - 10 Mar (Sat)	280	655
	18 Mar (Sun) - 31 Mar (Sat)	280	655
	08 Apr (Sun) - 21 Apr (Sat)	280	655
	29 Apr (Sun) - 12 May (Sat)	280	655
	20 May (Sun) - 02 Jun (Sat)	280	655
	23 Sep (Sun) - 06 Oct (Sat)	280	655
	14 Oct (Mon) - 27 Oct (Sat)	280	655
	28 Oct (Mon) - 10 Nov (Sat)	280	655
	18 Nov (Mon) - 01 Dec (Sat)	280	655
	23 Dec (Mon) - 05 Jan '02 (Sat)	280	655

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NEPAL 'DEKHO'			
Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	02 Apr (Sun) - 15 Apr (Sat)	310	755
	23 Apr (Sun) - 06 May (Sat)	310	755
	07 May (Sun) - 20 May (Sat)	310	755
	01 Oct (Sun) - 14 Oct (Sat)	310	755
	15 Oct (Sun) - 28 Oct (Sat)	310	755
	29 Oct (Sun) - 11 Nov (Sat)	310	755
	19 Nov (Sun) - 02 Dec (Sat)	310	755
	10 Dec (Sun) - 23 Dec (Sat)	310	755
2001	11 Feb (Sun) - 24 Feb (Sat)	320	795
	04 Mar (Sun) - 17 Mar (Sat)	320	795
	01 Apr (Sun) - 14 Apr (Sat)	320	795
	22 Apr (Sun) - 05 May (Sat)	320	795
	06 May (Sun) - 19 May (Sat)	320	795
	30 Sep (Sun) - 13 Oct (Sat)	320	795
	14 Oct (Sun) - 27 Oct (Sat)	320	795
	28 Oct (Sun) - 10 Nov (Sat)	320	795
	18 Nov (Sun) - 01 Dec (Sat)	320	795
	09 Dec (Sun) - 22 Dec (Sat)	320	795

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SETTING UP CAMP ON TREK—ANNAPURNA REGION ▲

LUNCH STOP ON THE RIVER▼

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

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

What does a Nepal 'Dekho' project 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 Trisuli, an enjoyable trek in the Himalayas and the wildlife experience of the Chitwan National Park.

Raft The Unknown...

Departing Kathmandu, we leave this fabled valley to tackle the white water of the Trisuli 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 Trisuli and travel 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. We then travel via the remote town of Bandipur to 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 will then explore the valley by bicycle, to complete an amazing fourteen days.

...Walk The Unseen

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL —ANNAPURNA REGION.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Locally chartered transport, trekking, river rafting
- 450 kms inc. 75 kms on foot
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout except guesthouses in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Bandipur. Lodge at Chitwan National Park.
- **GROUP SIZE:** 10 - 16, including staff.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Restaurant meals in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Bandipur 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 In Kathmandu, trip preparation. ***Days 2 to 4*** Drive to and rafting on Trisuli River—then drive to Pokhara. ***Days 5 to 8*** Trekking the 'Royal Trek' in the Kalikastan region with the support of porters —views of the Annapurna Massif. ***Day 9*** Trek finishes, return to Pokhara. ***Day 10*** To Bandipur. ***Days 11 & 12*** In Chitwan National Park—Elephant safari and jungle walks. ***Days 13 & 14*** Drive to Kathmandu. Cycle tour of valley.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, 3 days white water rafting the Trisuli river, Pokhara, 5 days 'Royal Trek' in the Kalikastan region, Bandipur, Chitwan National Park, cycle tour of Kathmandu Valley.

N.B. This project is operated in conjunction with Himalayan Encounters of Nepal.

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

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KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

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

What does a Sun-Kosi: River of Gold project 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—topped off with some wildlife.

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 Dolaghat to join the "River of Gold" 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 drive to Chitwan National Park to search for wildlife by elephant back. We return to Kathmandu by air to complete this exciting journey.

...We Dare You

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** EASTERN NEPAL.
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** River rafting, locally chartered transport. Domestic flight from Chitwan to Kathmandu.
- 180kms by river, 400kms by road
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping on river section, 2 nights in hotels in Hetauda and Chitwan.
- **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. Cafe meals at hotels.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**
  Days 1 to 7 Drive to Dolaghat where we join the Sun Kosi. Raft the remote gorges and rapids of this challenging river, camping overnight on beaches. ***Day 8*** Rafting finishes, then drive to Hetauda. ***Days 9 & 10*** Arrive Chitwan National Park—elephant back safari and guided walks. Fly back to Kathmandu.
- **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  Kathmandu, 8 days white water rafting on the Sun Kosi river, Chitwan National Park.

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**

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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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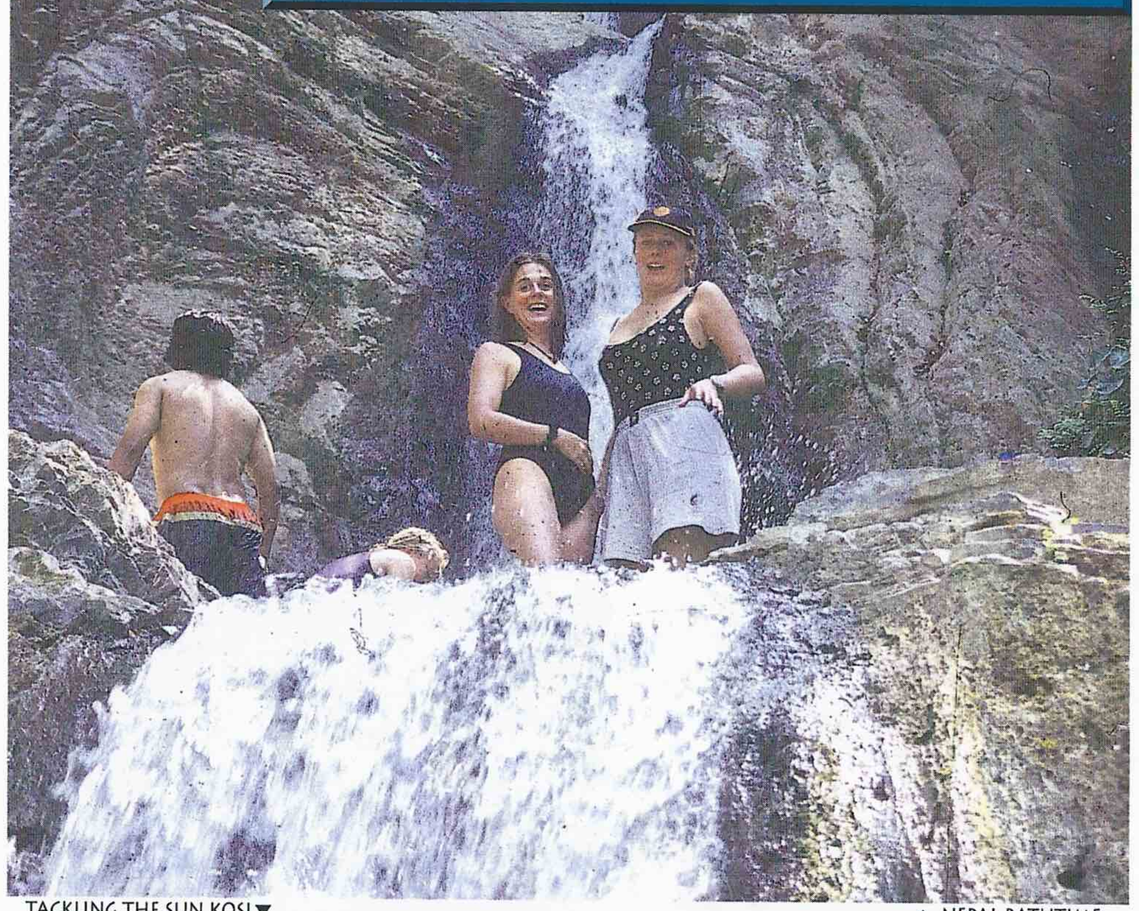

TACKLING THE SUN KOSI▼

▲ NEPAL BATHTIME

DATES & PRICES

SUN KOSI: RIVER OF GOLD

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	16 May (Tue) - 25 May (Thu)	170	405
	26 Sep (Tue) - 05 Oct (Thu)	170	405
	10 Oct (Tue) - 19 Oct (Thu)	170	405
	24 Oct (Tue) - 02 Nov (Thu)	170	405
	14 Nov (Tue) - 23 Nov (Thu)	170	405
	05 Dec (Tue) - 14 Dec (Thu)	170	405
2001	15 May (Tue) - 24 May (Thu)	170	405
	25 Sep (Tue) - 04 Oct (Thu)	170	405
	09 Oct (Tue) - 18 Oct (Thu)	170	405
	23 Oct (Tue) - 01 Nov (Thu)	170	405
	13 Nov (Tue) - 22 Nov (Thu)	170	405
	04 Dec (Tue) - 13 Dec (Thu)	170	405

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UPSTREAM TO EVEREST

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	17 Apr (Mon) - 14 May (Sun)	490	1070
	16 Oct (Mon) - 12 Nov (Sun)	490	1070
	20 Nov (Mon) - 17 Dec (Sun)	490	1070
2001	16 Apr (Mon) - 13 May (Sun)	490	1070
	15 Oct (Mon) - 11 Nov (Sun)	490	1070
	19 Nov (Mon) - 16 Dec (Sun)	490	1070

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HIMALAYAN CHALLENGE

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	10 Oct (Tue) - 12 Nov (Sun)	600	1420
	14 Nov (Tue) - 17 Dec (Sun)	600	1420
2001	09 Oct (Tue) - 11 Nov (Sun)	600	1420
	13 Nov (Tue) - 16 Dec (Sun)	600	1420

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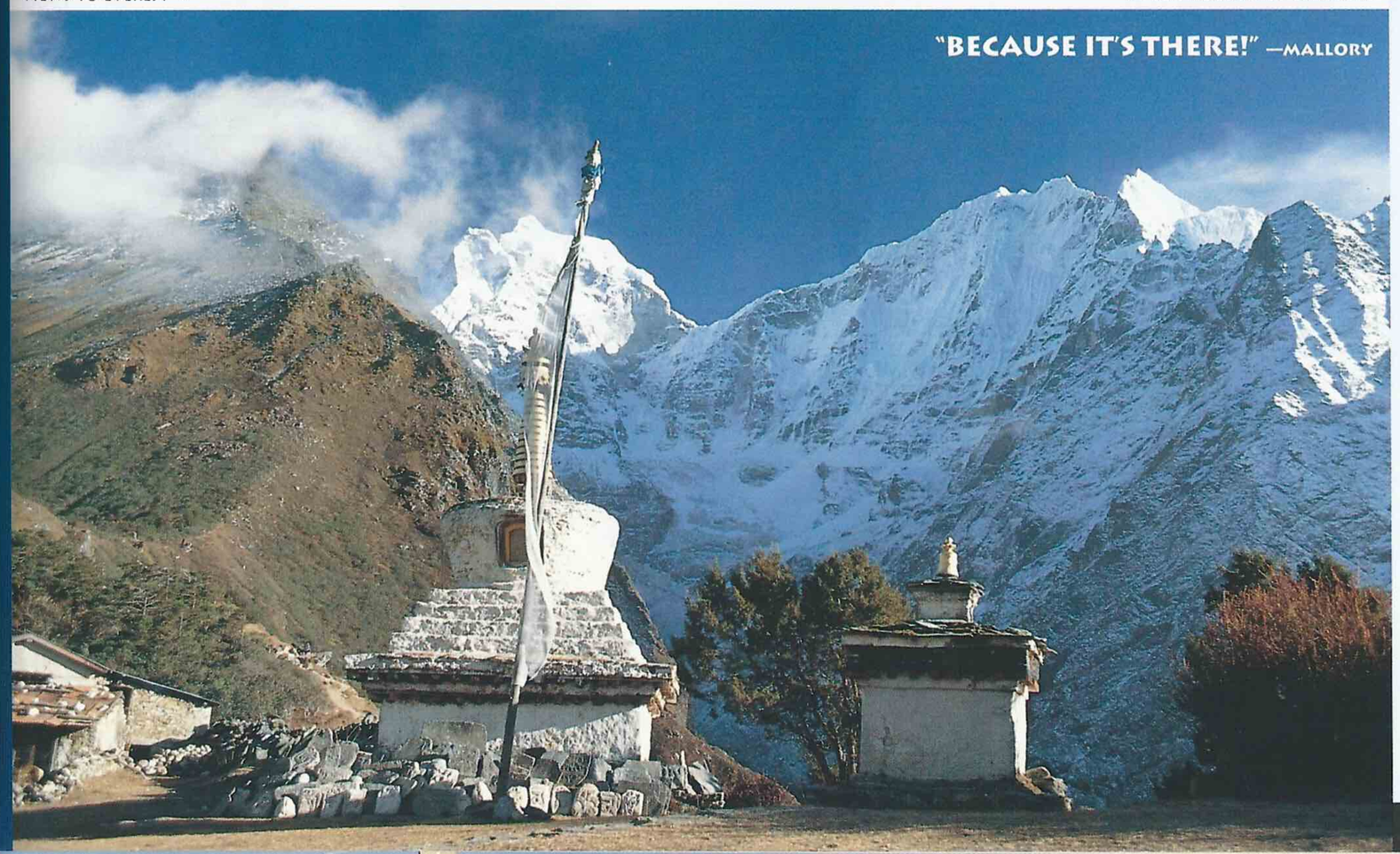
VIEWS TO EVEREST ▼

▲ TEA HOUSE STOP EN-ROUTE



KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

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

What does an Upstream To Everest project 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 phenomena 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

HOLY TIBET & KAILASH (HTK) — 18 DAYS

What does a Holy Tibet & Kailash project encounter?

This is a journey through incredible landscapes to the sacred mountain of Kailash, and Lake Manasarovar, both revered by the Buddists and Hindus alike and two of the most remote travel destinations in the world.

Holy Natural Wonders...

After seeing the sights of Kathmandu, we drive out of Nepal and into Western Tibet, the most inaccessible part of the Tibetan Autonomous Region and home to the auspicious holy mountain Mt Kailash and Lake Manasarovar, the sacred lake. The scenery, with its vast sweeping plains, sand dunes and the Himalaya range in the distance is majestic. We drive through lush river valleys scattered with Tibetan villages, through gorges and ravines, over flood plains, river crossings and steep passes before arriving at the foot of Mount Kailash. A majestic snow capped mountain at 6714m, it has sheer walls and is known as the naval of the world, from which flow the four great rivers of the Indian subcontinent that give life to everything they pass through. Hindus believe it to be the throne of Shiva, while Buddist cosmography identifies Kailash as the mighty Mount Sumeru, central peak of the world.

The circuit of Mt Kailash is one of the most important pilgrimages in Asia and we will see groups of pilgrims that have travelled from far and wide. We partake in this holy trail in the traditional clockwise direction. Aside from the stunning views of the Tibetan plateau and distant Indian mountain peaks, there are also various sites of religious significance along the way and symbolic gestures from pilgrims – rock-carved syllables or painted Buddha images, prayer flags, burial sites, prostration points, footprints of important pilgrims and several monasteries. After completing the circuit of Mt Kailash, we drive on to Lake Manasarovar, one the country's most sacred and beautiful lakes, an ocean of turquoise bordered by snowy peaks. Hindus believe it to be the manifestation of the mind of the god Brahma Waters thought to wash away 'sins of a hundred lifetimes,' and pilgrims will submerge themselves in its icy waters. We spend a day taking in the breathtaking scenery and visiting a lakeside monastery and hot springs, before the return journey to Kathmandu.

...in A Remote Corner of the World

KEY FACTS

- **WHERE DO WE GO?** NEPAL, TIBET
- **HOW DO WE TRAVEL?** Mini bus, truck, landcruiser and on foot. ● 1,200kms
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Camping throughout Tibet, with basic guesthouses and hotels in Nepal (4 nights in Kathmandu and 1 night at Lodge in Dhulikhel).
- **GROUP SIZE:** 5 - 10, including leader.
- **MEALS & FOOD:** Camp cooked breakfasts, evening meals and picnic lunches (vegetarian only). Meals in Kathmandu and at Lodge included. On Day 1 only dinner and on Day 18 only breakfast included.
- **GUIDELINE ITINERARY:**

Day 1 Arrive Kathmandu & transfer to hotel. ***Day 2*** Half day sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath & Boudhanath. Free afternoon. ***Day 3*** Drive from Kathmandu to Dhulikhel and spend night at Dhulikhel Lodge Resort. ***Day 4*** Drive to Nyalam. ***Day 5*** Spend day acclimitizing in Nyalam. ***Day 6*** Drive to Saga. ***Day 7*** Drive to Paryang. ***Day 8*** Drive to Mayum La. ***Day 9*** Drive to Darchen. ***Day 10*** Begin Mt Kailash circuit. Trek to Diripuri. ***Day 11*** Trek to Zutrulphuk. ***Day 12*** Trek to Darchen and then drive to Manasarovar. ***Day 13*** Free day in Manasarovar. ***Day 14*** Drive to Paryang. ***Day 15*** Drive to Saga. ***Day 16*** Drive to Nyalam. ***Day 17*** Return to Kathmandu. ***Day 18*** Arrangements end after breakfast.

- **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Kathmandu – Hindu temples of Pashupatinath & Bodnath Stupa, Mount Kailash trek, Lake Manasarovar, Lakeside monastery. Unique nomad lands.

N.B. This project is operated by Shiva Treks of Nepal.

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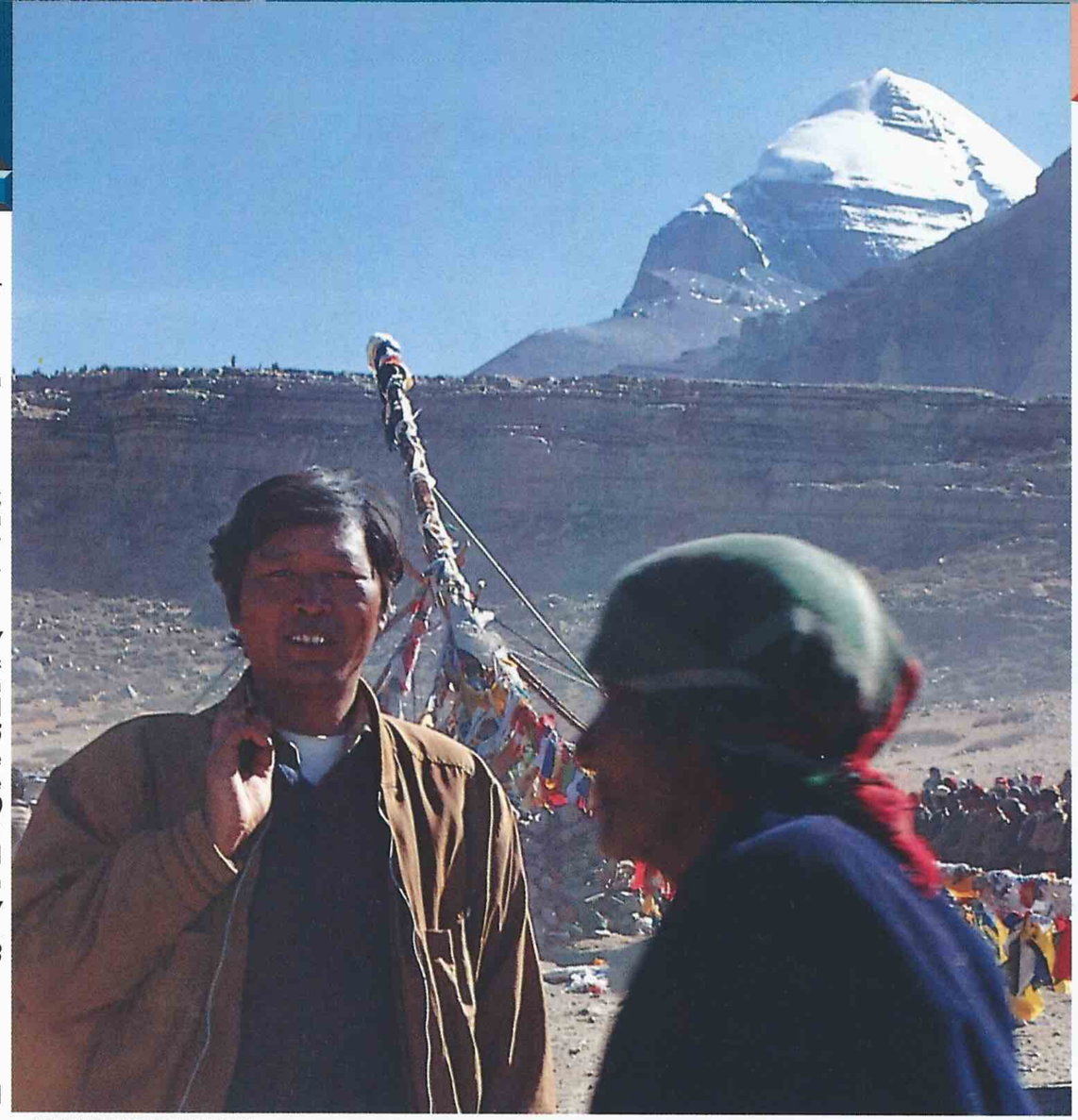
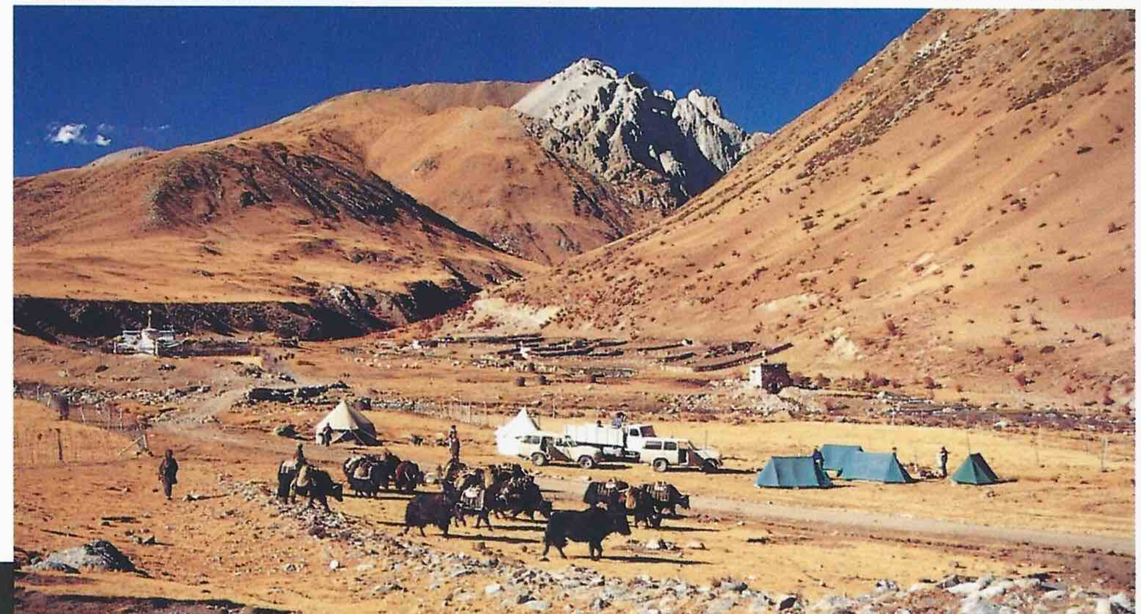


PILGRIMS AT MT KAILASH ▲



▼ CAMPING IN TIBET

DATES & PRICES

HOLY TIBET AND KAILASH

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	09 May (Sun) - 26 May (Sun)	NOT APPLICABLE	1595
	26 May (Sun) - 12 Jun (Sun)		1595
	07 Jun (Sun) - 24 Jun (Sun)		1595
	24 Jun (Sat) - 11 Jul (Sat)		1595
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	04 Oct (Sat) - 21 Oct (Sat)		1595

N.B. Dates for 2001 from May will be published in November 2000.

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

THE HIGHROAD TO LHASA

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 30 Apr (Sun)	620	1035
	06 May (Sat) - 21 May (Sun)	620	1035
	20 May (Sat) - 04 Jun (Sun)	620	1035
	15 Jul (Sat) - 30 Jul (Sun)	620	1035
	05 Aug (Sat) - 20 Aug (Sun)	620	1035
	16 Sep (Sat) - 01 Oct (Sun)	620	1035
	30 Sep (Sat) - 15 Oct (Sun)	620	1035
	14 Oct (Sat) - 29 Oct (Sun)	620	1035
2001	14 Apr (Sat) - 29 Apr (Sun)	620	1035
	05 May (Sat) - 20 May (Sun)	620	1035
	19 May (Sat) - 03 Jun (Sun)	620	1035
	14 Jul (Sat) - 29 Jul (Sun)	620	1035
	04 Aug (Sat) - 19 Aug (Sun)	620	1035
	15 Sep (Sat) - 30 Sep(Sun)	620	1035
	29 Sep (Sat) - 14 Oct (Sun)	620	1035
	13 Oct (Sat) - 28 Oct (Sun)	620	1035

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

N.B. Cost of Integral flight & taxes Lhasa to Kathmandu not included allow US$ 220—230.

THE HIGHROAD TO LHASA PLUS TREK

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	15 Apr (Sat) - 07 May (Sun)	650	1460
	20 May (Sat) - 11 Jun (Sun)	650	1460
	05 Aug (Sat) - 27 Aug (Sun)	650	1460
	30 Sep (Sat) - 22 Oct (Sun)	650	1460
2001	14 Apr (Sat) - 06 May (Sun)	650	1460
	19 May (Sat) - 10 Jun (Sun)	650	1460
	04 Aug (Sat) - 26 Aug (Sun)	650	1460
	29 Sep (Sat) - 21 Oct (Sun)	650	1460

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NEPAL AND TIBET

Kathmandu to Kathmandu		L.P.(US$)	UK£
2000	02 Apr (Sun) - 30 Apr (Sun)	730	1670
	23 Apr (Sun) - 21 May (Sun)	730	1670
	07 May (Sun) - 04 Jun (Sun)	730	1670
	16 Sep (Sat) - 14 Oct (Sat)	730	1670
	30 Sep (Sat) - 28 Oct (Sat)	730	1670
	14 Oct (Sat) - 11 Nov (Sat)	730	1670
2001	01 Apr (Sun) - 29 Apr (Sun)	730	1670
	22 Apr (Sun) - 20 May (Sun)	730	1670
	06 May (Sun) - 03 Jun (Sun)	730	1670
	15 Sep (Sat) - 13 Oct (Sat)	730	1670
	29 Sep (Sat) - 27 Oct (Sat)	730	1670
	13 Oct (Sat) - 10 Nov (Sat)	730	1670

All visit Tibet first, followed by area activities in Nepal.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ENCOUNTER OR YOUR AGENT

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

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

Combine the Highroad to Lhasa with the Nepal Dekho (see page 51) to cover the best of these two diverse countries.

TWO SIMILAR, TWO SEPARATE...

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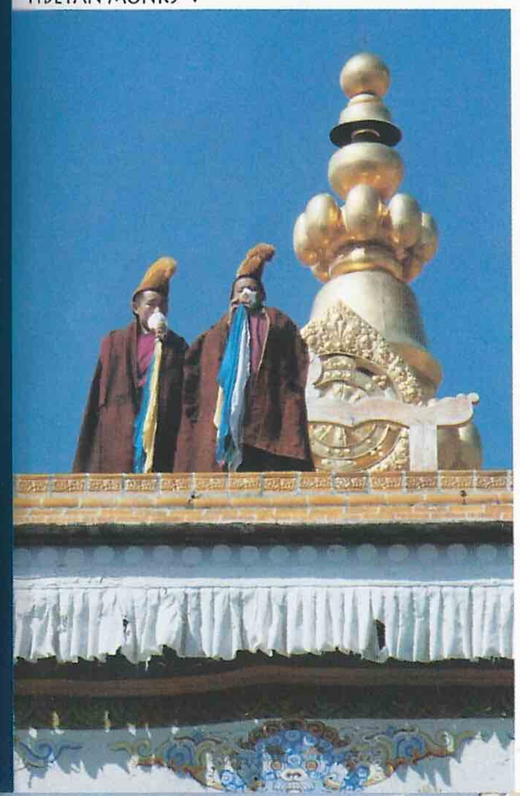
TIBETAN MONKS ▼



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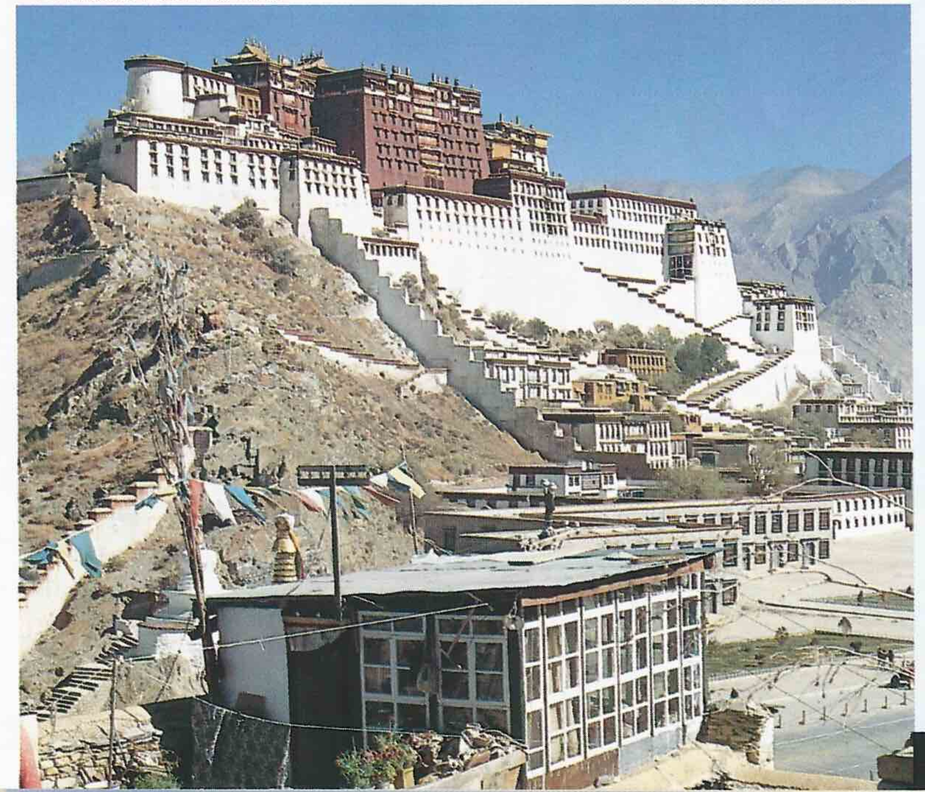


▼ POTALA PALACE—LHASA

KATHMANDU to KATHMANDU

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

What does a High Road To Lhasa project 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 its heritage.

A Journey Into The Forbidden Land...

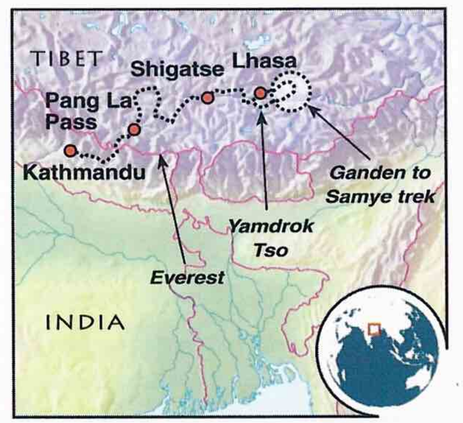
We begin this journey in Kathmandu by first exploring its treasures on bicycles. We then drive the only land route possible up through the Sun Kosi gorge to Kodari, our crossing point to Tibet. No sooner have we climbed up into Tibet to Nylam and Tingri there is no doubt that we are in a very different 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.
- **DOSSIER CODE:** Quote Ref. **HLH**



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.

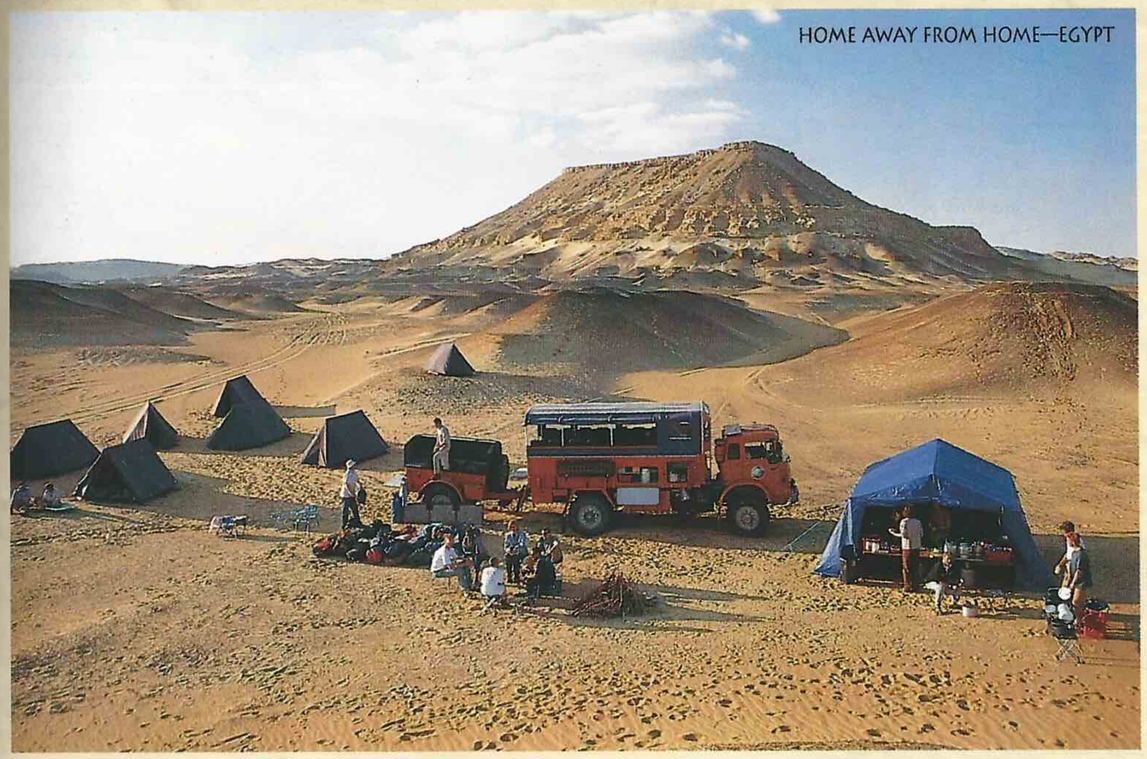
SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA: With these vehicles we take a different view. In South America the truck is sometimes our home and it becomes the social club during cold nights in the Andes yet it must also be suited to the heat of the Amazon basin. This requires a hard sided vehicle but includes sun-roof tops—the 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

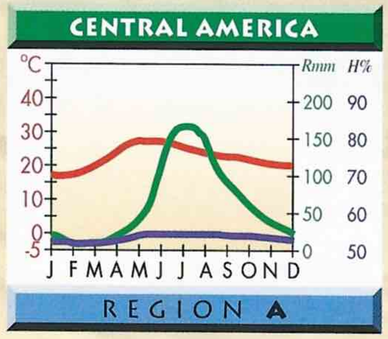
Different views of the countryside in Egypt, Vietnam and China.

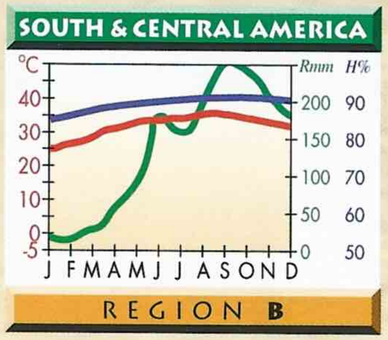
Encounter emphasises that it is the fun of the journey rather than the actual destination which is important. All our modes of transport ensure a rewarding and unique experience.

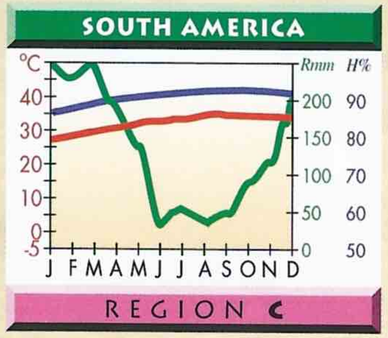
WE CARE

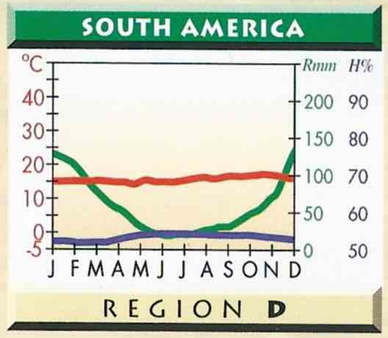
Encounter ventures into some of the world's most remote areas. Deep in the heart of nature we encounter endangered habitats and species, but wherever we go, we go carefully. Careful not to disturb sensitive areas, careful not to pose any threat. From close up we watch the lives of our fellow creatures, 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.

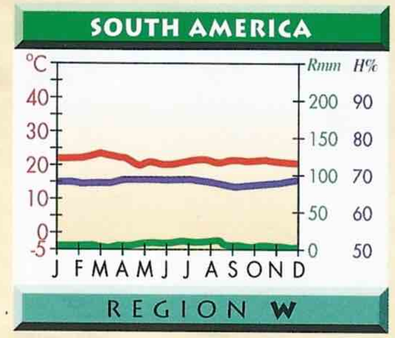
WORLD WEATHER GUIDE

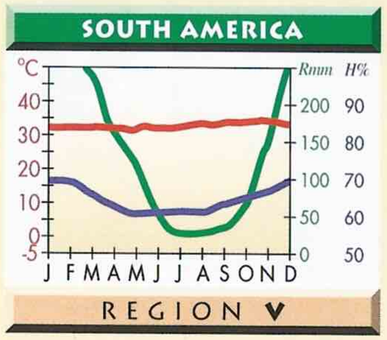


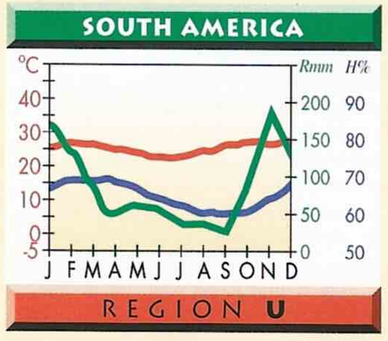


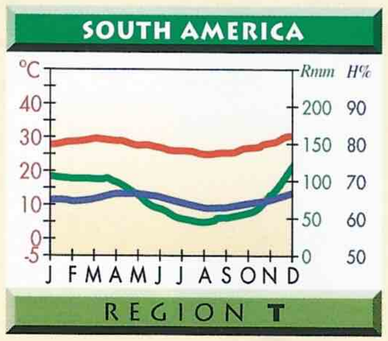


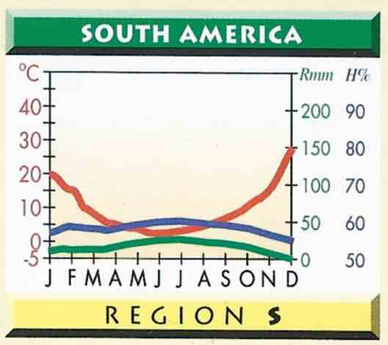


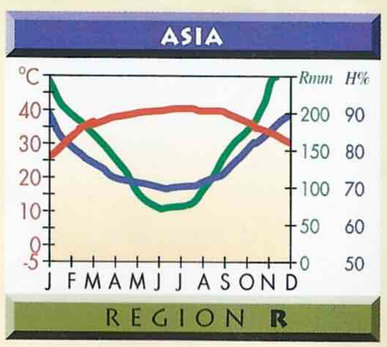


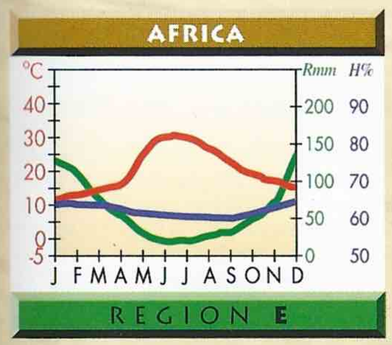








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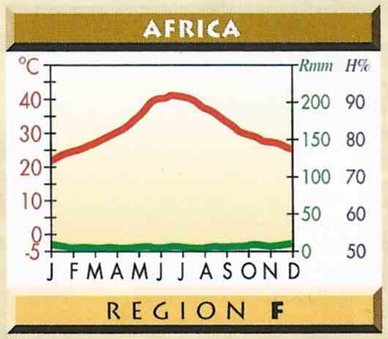
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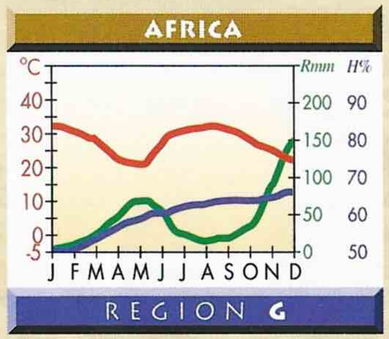
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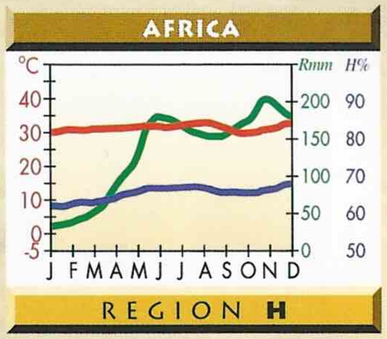
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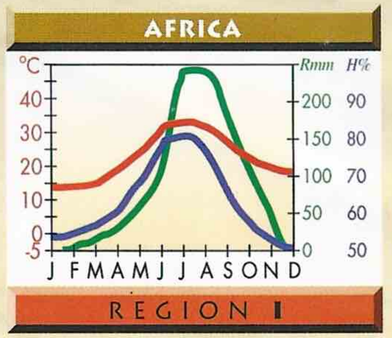
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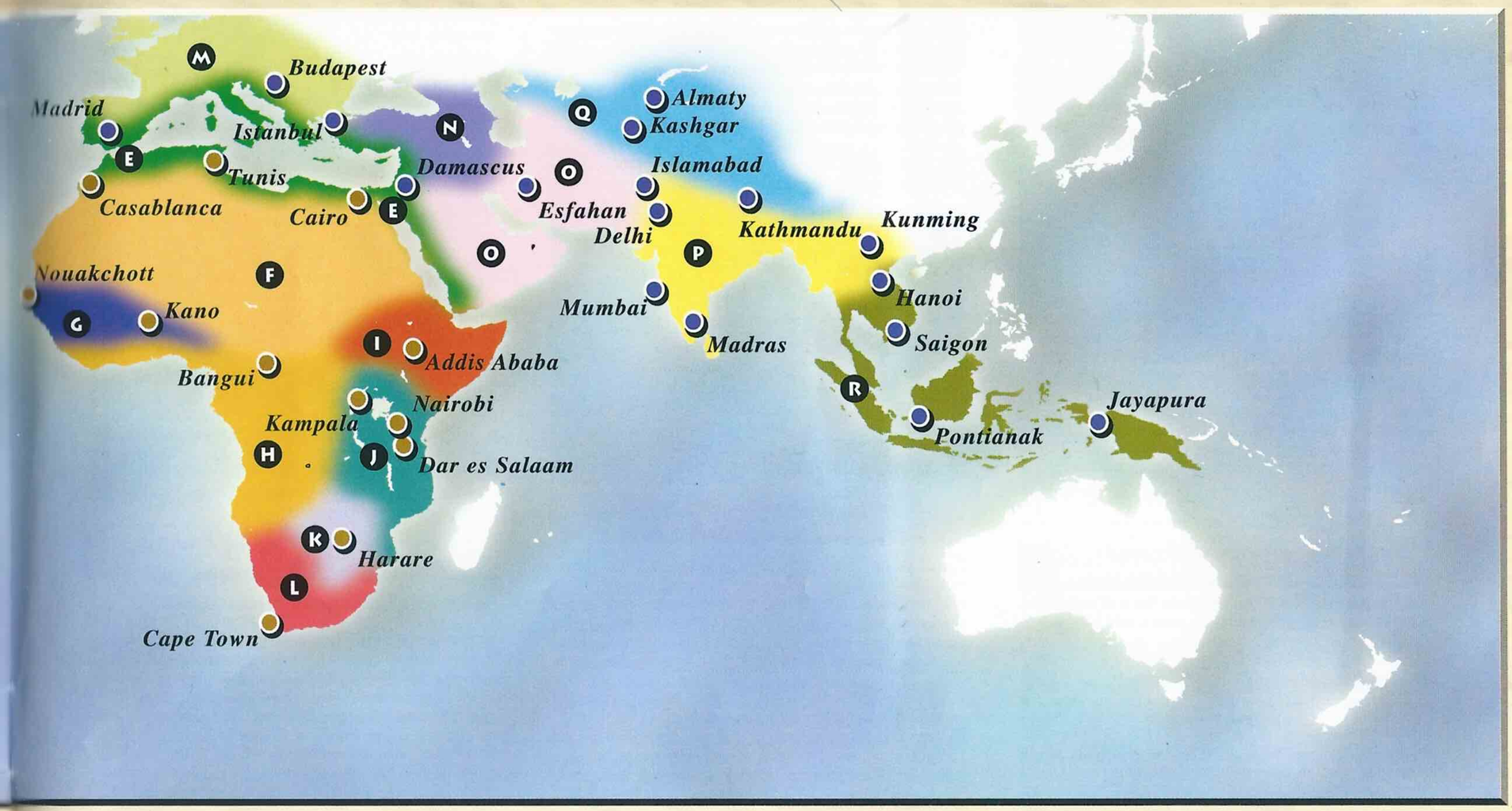
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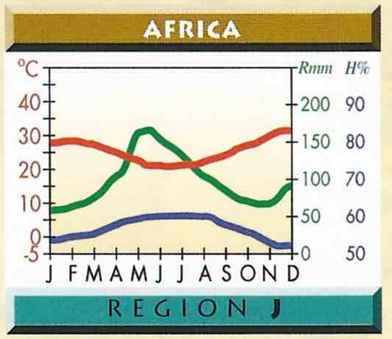
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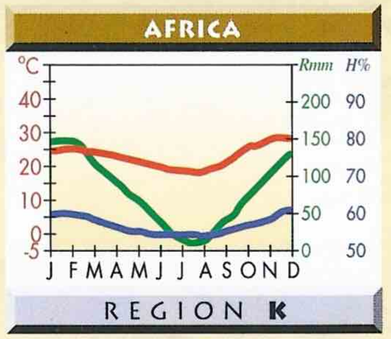
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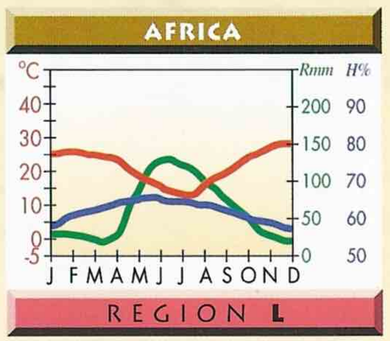
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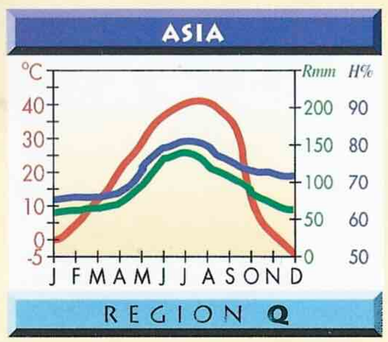
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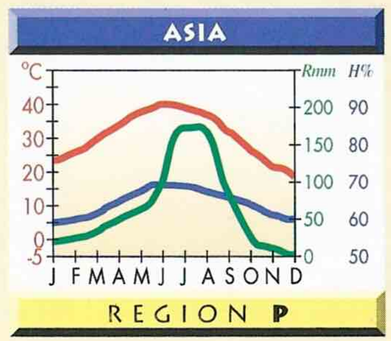
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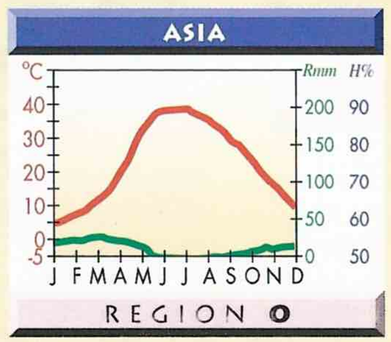
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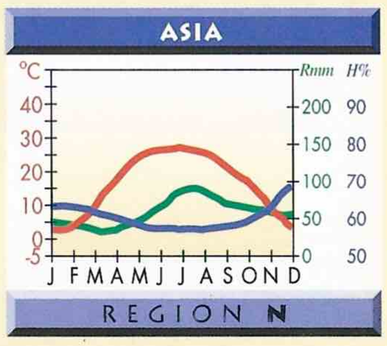
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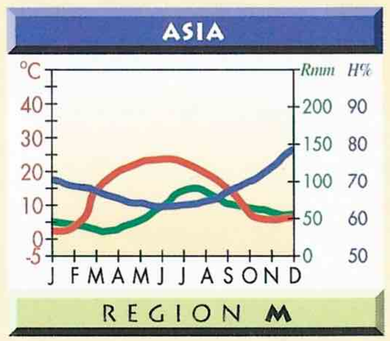
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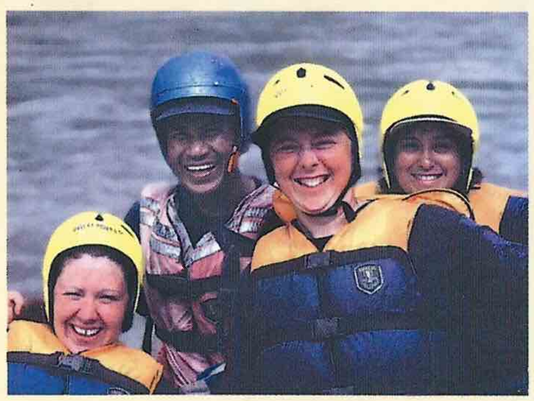
AGE & SUITABILITY

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.

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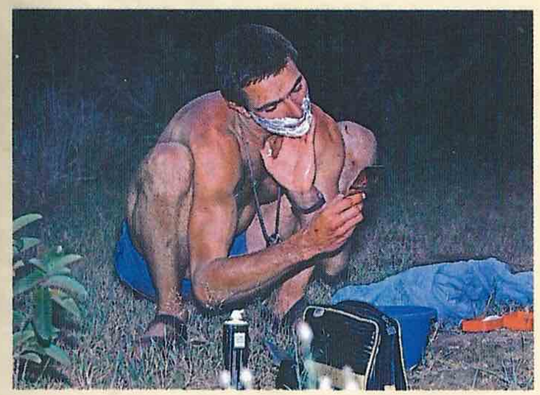
PRE-DEPARTURE MEETINGS

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$650 to US$750 depending on season.

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.

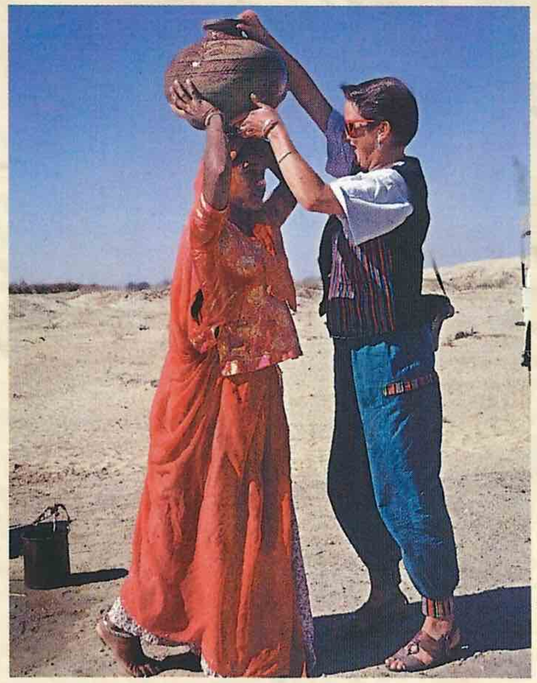
CHOICES & CHANGES TO ROUTES

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 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:

- Africa Encompassed Page 34
- The Great Overland Encounter Page 34
- Trans Borneo with the Orangutans Page 41
- The Highroad to Lhasa / + Trek Page 55
- Nepal & Tibet Page 55

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.

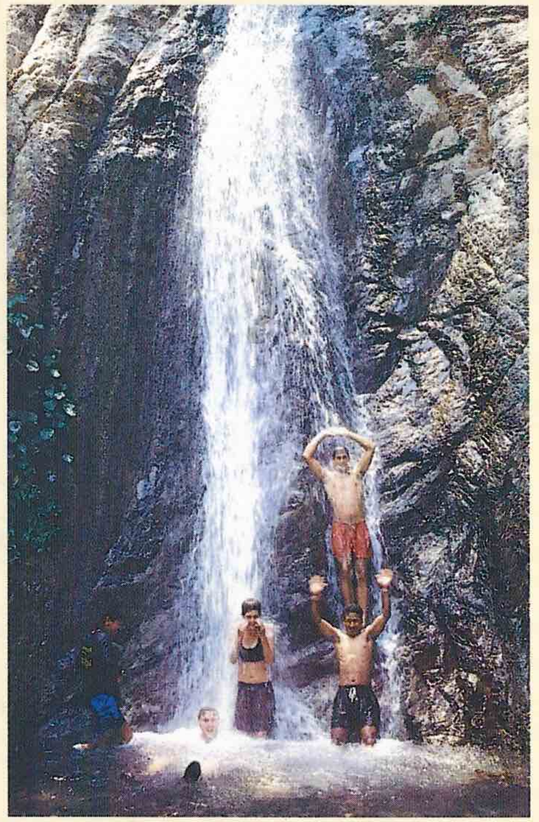
Both of these payments i.e. the local payment and the project price total up to the Encounter Inclusive Price.

e.g. **PERU & THE INCAS (28 DAYS)**

		L.P. (US$)		£
2000	20 Feb (Sun) - 18 Mar (Sat)	470	+	1010*

* 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.
Registered Office: 267 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 9JA
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 £75 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 60 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 £75 of the original deposit (whichever is greater) up to a maximum of £150, 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 60 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 60 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 all sections 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 £---------- 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) ----------

E-mail address (for emergency contact only) ----------

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 ----------

DEPOSIT (LAND SECTION ONLY)

Enclosed here with my deposit: 10% of the published price £---------- (minimum deposit £75)

or payment in full if booking within 60 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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