

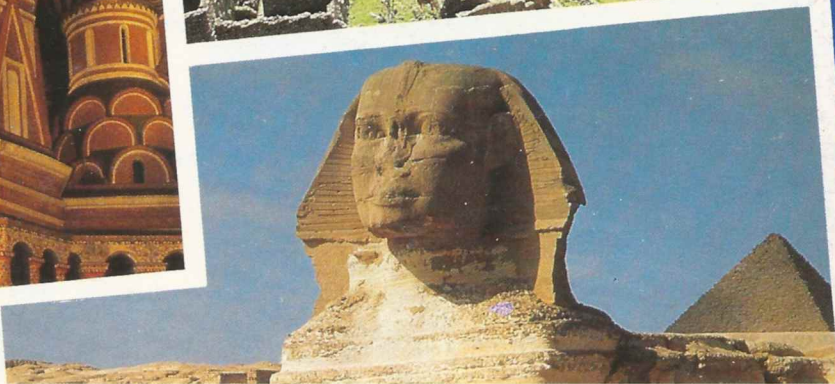
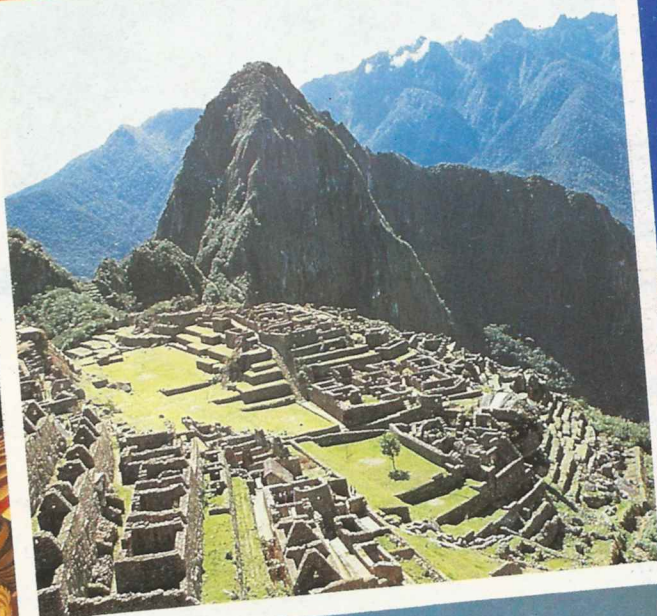
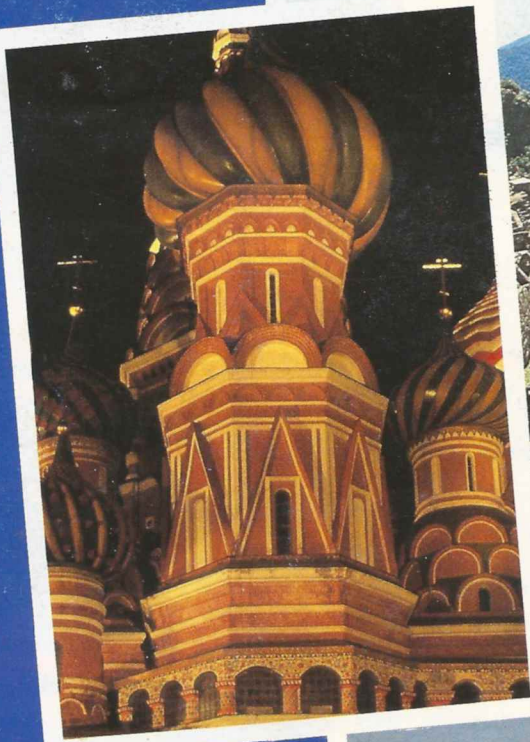
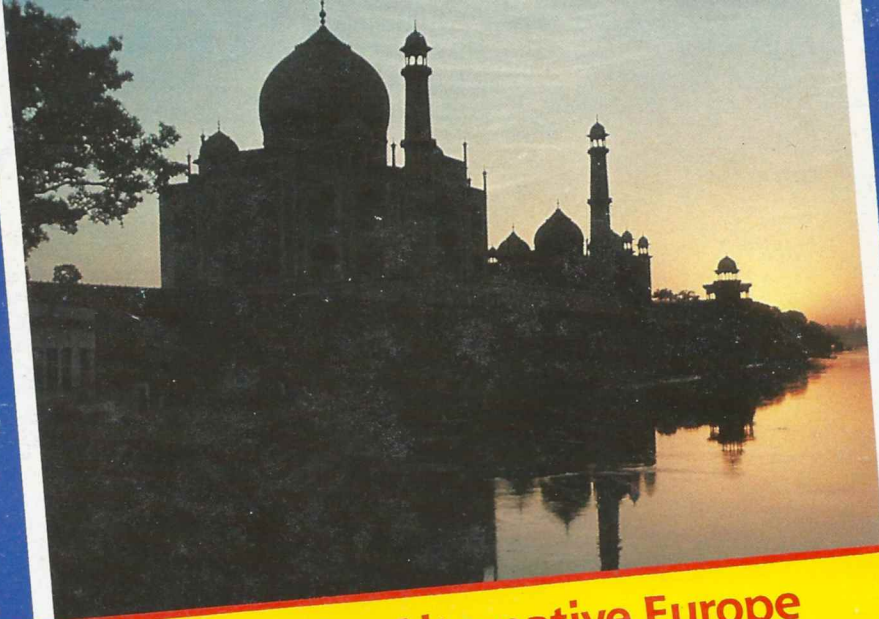
GREAT JOURNEYS

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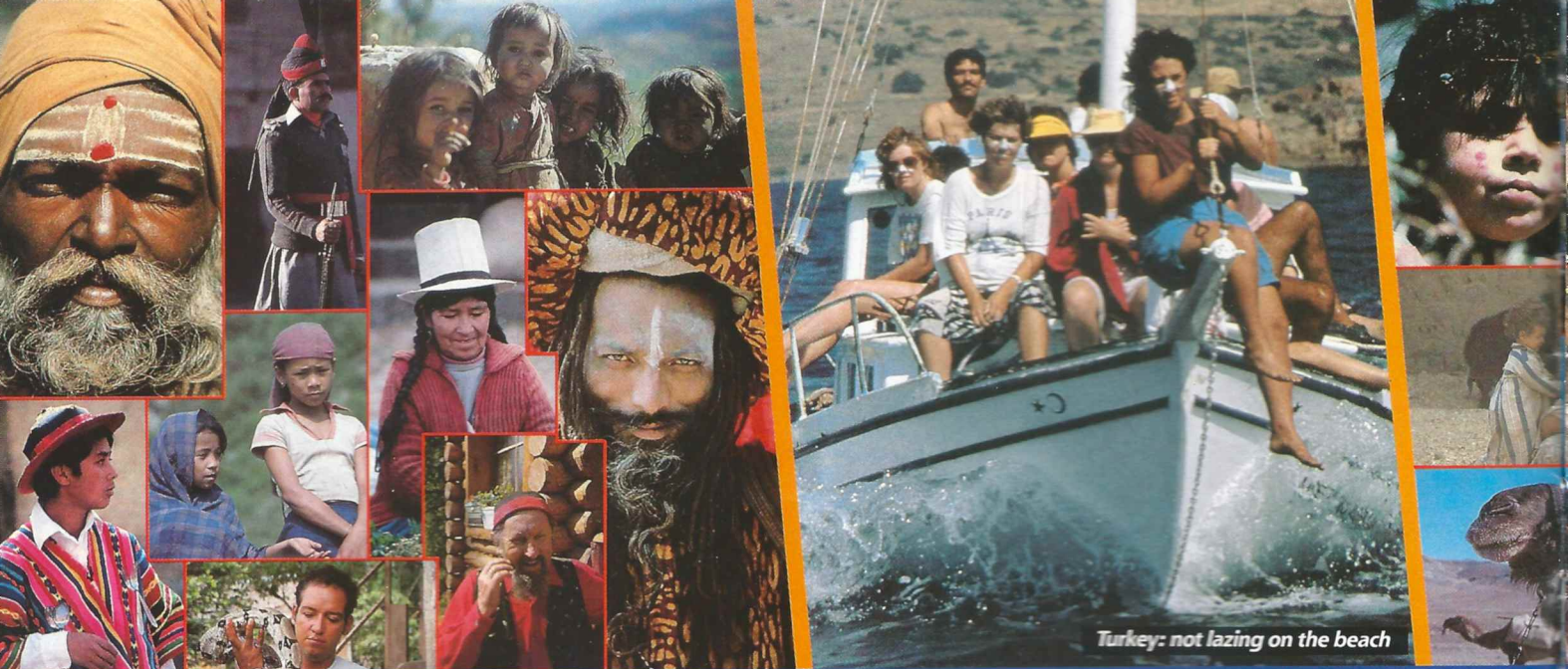
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Turkey: not lazing on the beach

If you want to do something well, do it with all your heart! It's one of the simplest truths ever uttered and it's what has helped make Sundowners the friendly and highly regarded international coach tour operator that it is today. If you've a spirit of adventure you're welcome. If you've a zest for new travel experiences they're here. If you seek companionship in travel you need look no further.

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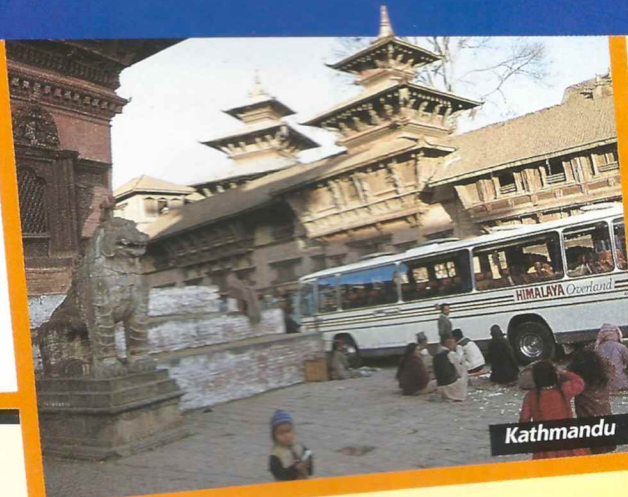
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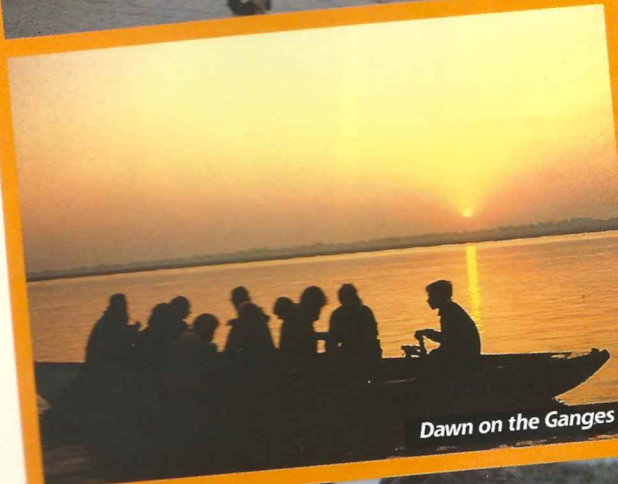
THE TROIKA — 80 days, Kathmandu to London via Russia and Scandinavia.

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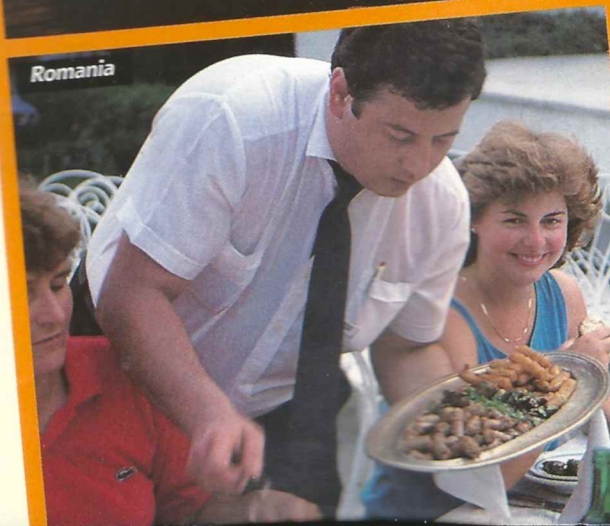
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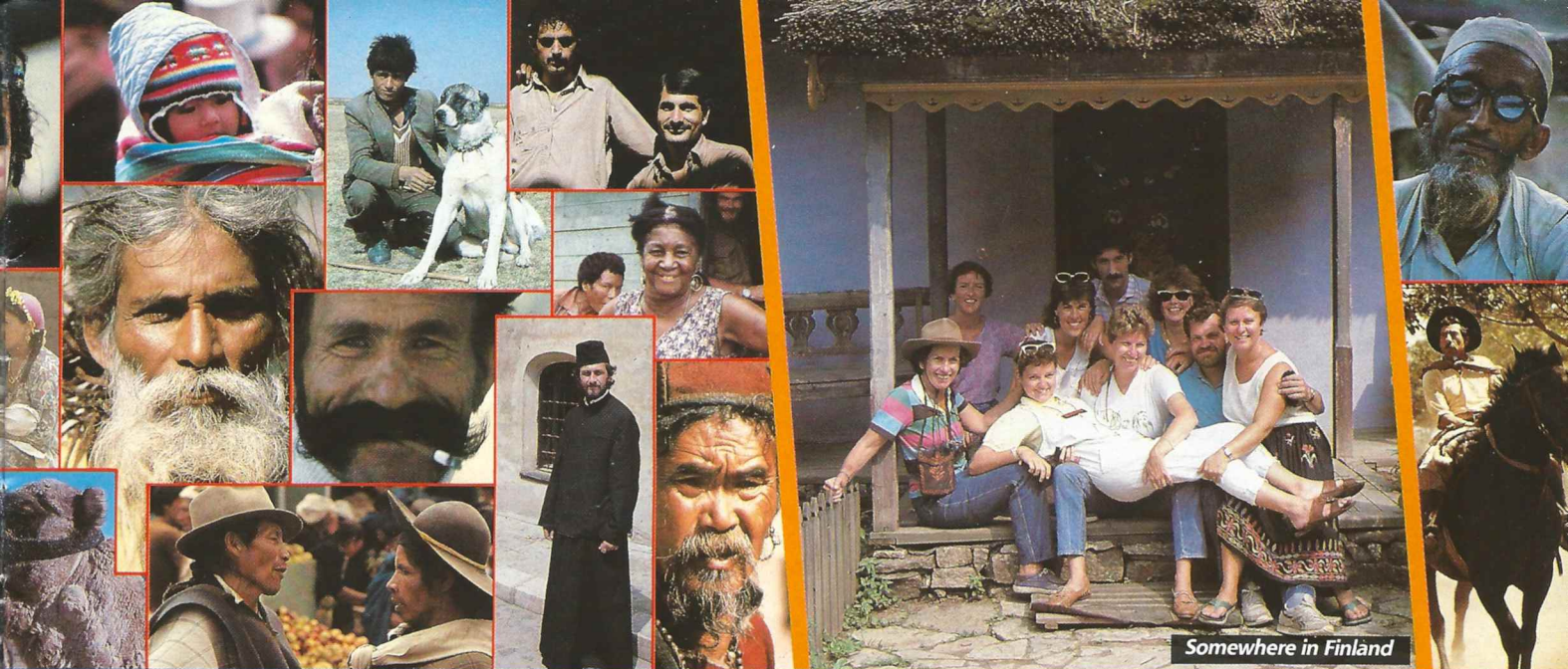
Kathmandu



Dawn on the Ganges



Romania



THE VALUE OF DISCOVERY

When setting off on a great journey with so much in store, the three major practical factors that form the essential framework of the journey need to be appreciated and agreed. Thus TRANSPORT, BED and BOARD are fully covered here on pages 14 & 15 along with all other aspects of the nomadic lifestyle and your countdown to departure.

However, even before these are explained for your assessment, we need you to consider something just as important; for what you are now contemplating is a journey that involves and depends on each other. What's more, not always does everything go exactly according to plan. In these wonderful and stimulatingly different parts of our shared world the unexpected should be expected.

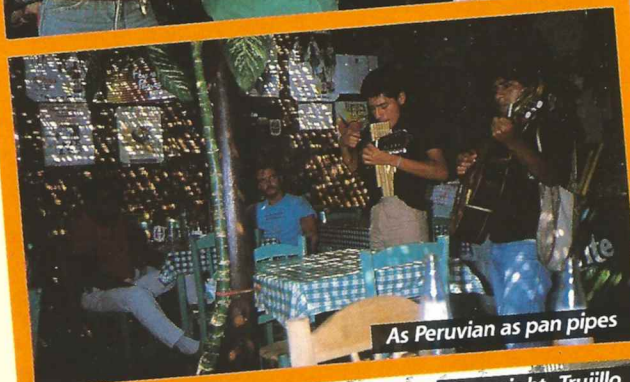
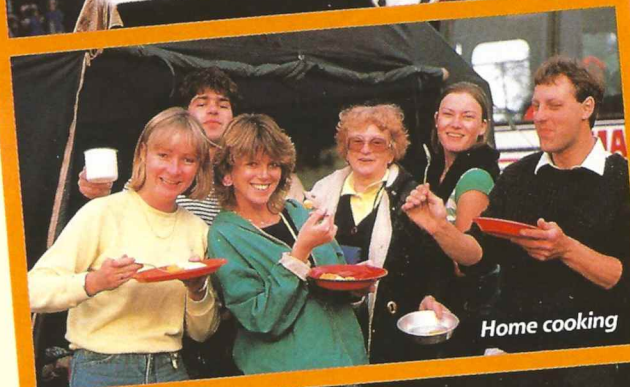
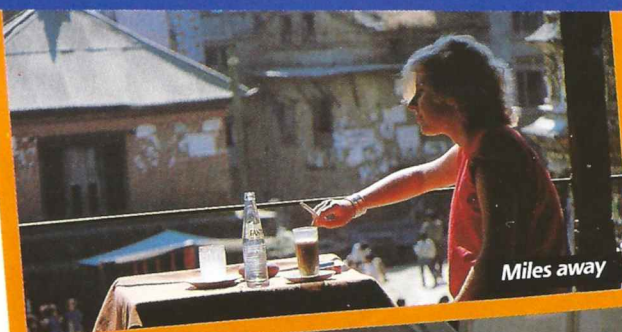
There are of course plenty of ways to travel where little more is asked than the price of

your ticket. But can you, might we ask, put in something more besides? If you can, you will discover with Sun-downers that you are in fact making a great personal contribution to your own enjoyment and to that of others.

Indeed the true value of great journeys such as these should not be measured just in terms of the practical factors, nor should the true cost be measured solely in terms of dollars or pounds.

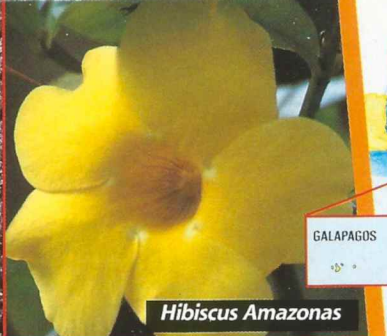
For what really matters when you set off for the Himalayan valleys and the temples of India, for the bazaars of old Persia or the mist-shrouded stronghold of Machu Picchu, for the Pyramids of Egypt, for the Kremlin Palaces of the Czars, is not the marginal discount nor the no-surcharge guarantee — relevant though these are.

No, what will matter most is the belief, understood and shared, in the value of discovery.

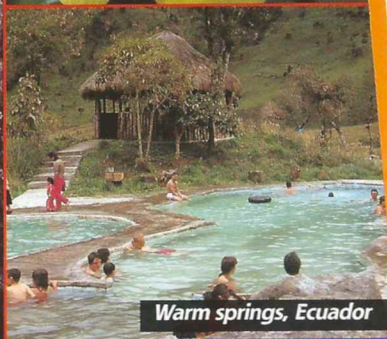




Machu Picchu



Hibiscus Amazonas



Warm springs, Ecuador



SUD AMERICA

PERU — BOLIVIA — CHILE — ARGENTINA — URUGUAY — PARAGUAY — BRAZIL — Plus ECUADOR

'Si'

NOSOTROS!

Lima — Rio (or vice versa)

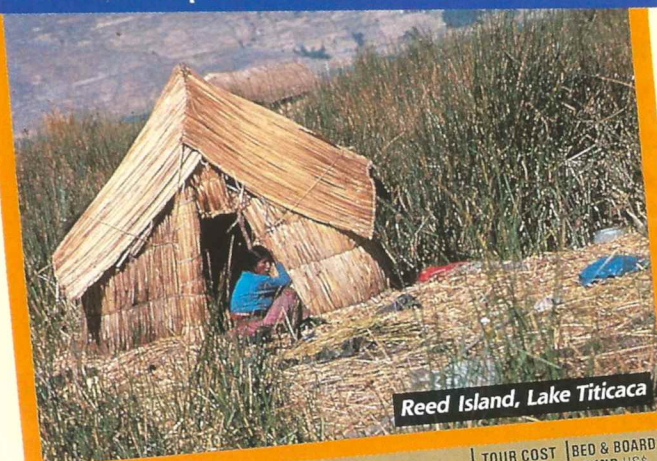
60 days

"Nosotros", as they say. Us, the group of us. Come and be one of us. 60 incredible days in South America from Pacific to Atlantic; the Andes and Inca ruins, fiestas, deserts, pampas, jungles and thundering waterfalls.

First from **Lima** via **Nazca** to **Cuzco**, imperial capital of the Incas and **Machu Picchu**, hauntingly inspired lost city and last bastion of this mysterious, enigmatic civilisation. And **Pisac**, **Sacayhuaman**, **Ollantaytambo**, the finest legacies of their empire.

The **Altiplano** at around 11,000ft; peaks and volcano tops just out of reach in the clear thin air. Llama and alpaca scatter to be enveloped in our dust

shroud as we pass. To **Lake Titicaca**, incongruously vast at so high an altitude, and the hectic shambles of shanties tumbling down the hillsides to become the city of **La Paz**. From **Bolivia** to **Chile** and the rainless **Atacama desert** to **Santiago** and the high Andean passes into **Argentina**. Across the cattle lands of the pampas to **Buenos Aires**, the colossal power of the falls at **Iguassu** and so from **Paraguay** to vibrant **Rio**.



Reed Island, Lake Titicaca

NOSOTROS!

LIMA/RIO 60 DAYS

	TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
NL 03078 1988 03 Jul - 31 Aug	2405	805
NL 07128 1988 07 Dec - 04 Feb '89	2405	805
NL 07059 1989 07 May - 05 Jul	2620	805
NL 24129 1989 24 Dec - 23 Feb '90 (62 Days)	2620	805

RIO/LIMA 60 DAYS

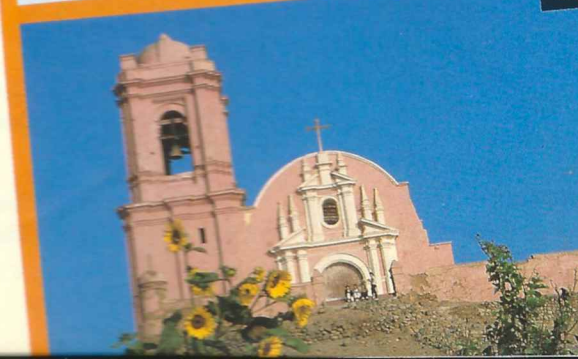
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NR 19028 1988 19 Feb - 18 Apr	2405	805
NR 11098 1988 11 Sep - 09 Nov	2405	805
NR 11029 1989 11 Feb - 11 Apr	2620	805
NR 29099 1989 29 Sep - 27 Nov	2620	805

AVENTURA ECUADOR!

QUITO/QUITO 15 DAYS

	TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
AE 25048 1988 25 Apr - 09 May	1455	205
AE 12068 1988 12 Jun - 26 Jun	1455	205
AE 16118 1988 16 Nov - 30 Nov	1590	205
AE 17049 1989 17 Apr - 01 May	1590	205
AE 22079 1989 22 Jul - 04 Aug	1590	205
AE 22079 1989 29 Jul - 11 Aug	1590	205
AE 29079 1989 19 Aug - 01 Sep	1590	205
AE 19089 1989 26 Aug - 08 Sep	1590	205
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Trujillo



AVENTURA ECUADOR!

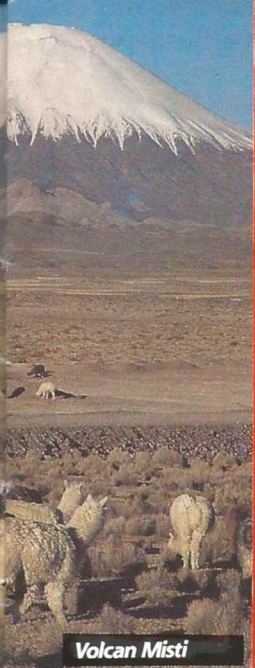
Quito — Quito

15 days

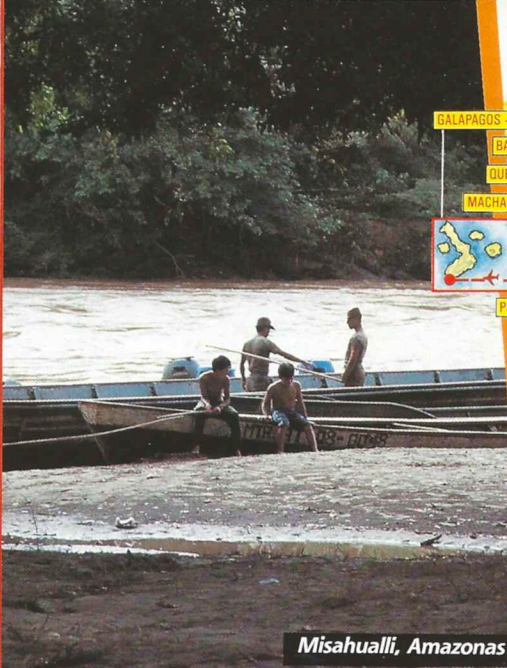
Ecuador, land of fabulously different ingredients. High Andean landscapes, the ecologically sensitive nerve-ends of the upper Amazon and the zoological Genesis of the Galapagos Islands.

From **Quito** at 9,000ft, city of eternal springtime, capital of **Ecuador**, we fly to the **Galapagos**, Charles Darwin's 'Enchanted Isles', his 'showcase of evolution and natural selection'. 6 nights sailing between the islands, days ashore observing the unique undisturbed species — iguana, lava lizards, flamingo, sea lions and fur seals, albatross, flightless cormorants and frigate birds, amidst blow-holes. And

giant tortoise feeding and mating in the mud pools of the volcanoes. Back in Quito we head down the **Andean** slopes — green vistas to the far horizon — to the rundown river port of **Misahualli**, progeny of the jungle's marriage with the great river. Exploring by dugout by day, **Amazon** guides revealing her secrets. By night, under nets in stilted thatched huts in jungle clearings, the sounds — hardly a lullaby — of forest survival.



Volcan Misti



Misahualli, Amazonas



Presidential Guard, Quito



SUD AMERICA

EQUADOR — PERU — BOLIVIA — CHILE — ARGENTINA — URUGUAY — PARAGUAY — BRAZIL

'Si'

GRAN AVENTURA!

Quito — Rio (or vice versa)

81 days

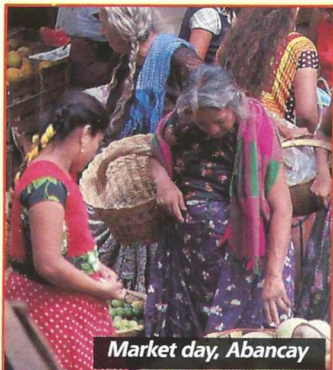
South America explored. As you never thought possible. As you never believed could be in your grasp. What ever your images of South America, they are here, they are here!

Our great adventure begins with the **Galapagos** experience and the amazing **Amazon** as we have described on page 4. Then from **Ecuador** we are on route to **Lima**, via the **Banos** warm springs and waterfalls, the volcano **Cotapaxi**, the tropical coastal Andean slopes of northern **Peru** and **Trujillo**.

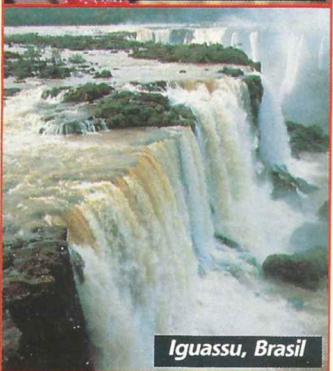
Time around **Lima's** plazas and churches and **Nazca's**

famous vast 'land markings' for the extra-terrestrial astronaut. Then the sleepy hill side town of **Abancay**, along Andean dirt tracks, thousands of feet to the river below and small shrines commemorating those who misjudged the left-handers and took the drop! The Inca ruins of the **Urubamba sacred valley**, the stronghold of **Machu Picchu** and **Cuzco**, where the might of the Incas was dramatically enslaved by the handful of newly arrived Spaniards under **Pizarro** who in a single act were to alter utterly the history of South America.

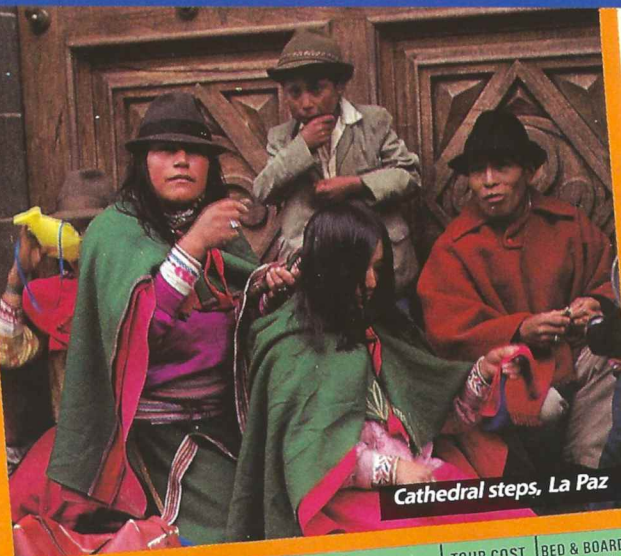
Lake Titicaca, the floating reed islands and **Bolivia**, **La Paz** and across the wind-blown desolate peak-rimmed **altiplano**, llama flocks grazing. Down to the rolling dunes of the remorseless desert of the **Atacama** and southwards to **Chile's** capital of **Santiago**, to the lakes of alpine **Bariloche** and the great pass of **San Martin de los Andes** across the farmlands of **The Argentine** to the **River Plate**, **Buenos Aires** and **Montevideo**. From **Uruguay** to **Paraguay**, **Asuncion** and the spectacular falls of **Iguassu** thundering to join the **Parana** river. Thus to raucous, bawdy, swaggering, stylish **Rio**.



Market day, Abancay



Iguassu, Brasil



Cathedral steps, La Paz

GRAN AVENTURA!

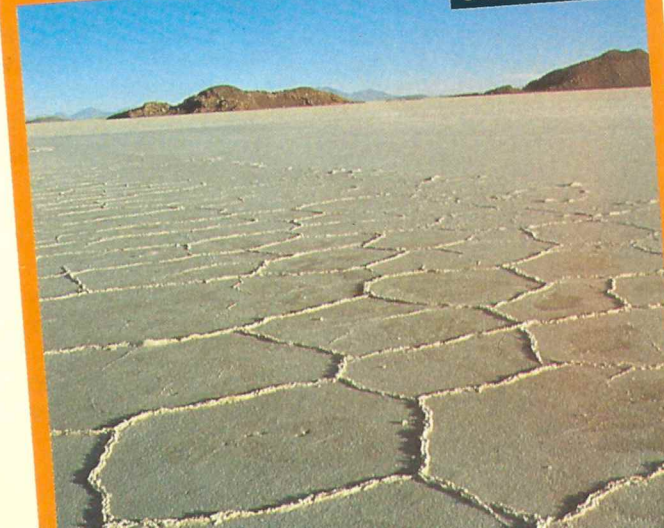
QUITO/RIO 81 DAYS

TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
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GAQ 16118 16 Nov - 04 Feb '89	3845 1220
GAQ 17049 1989 17 Apr - 05 Jul	4195 1220
GAQ 03129 03 Dec - 23 Feb '90	4195 1220

RIO/QUITO 81 DAYS

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Salt flats, Bolivia

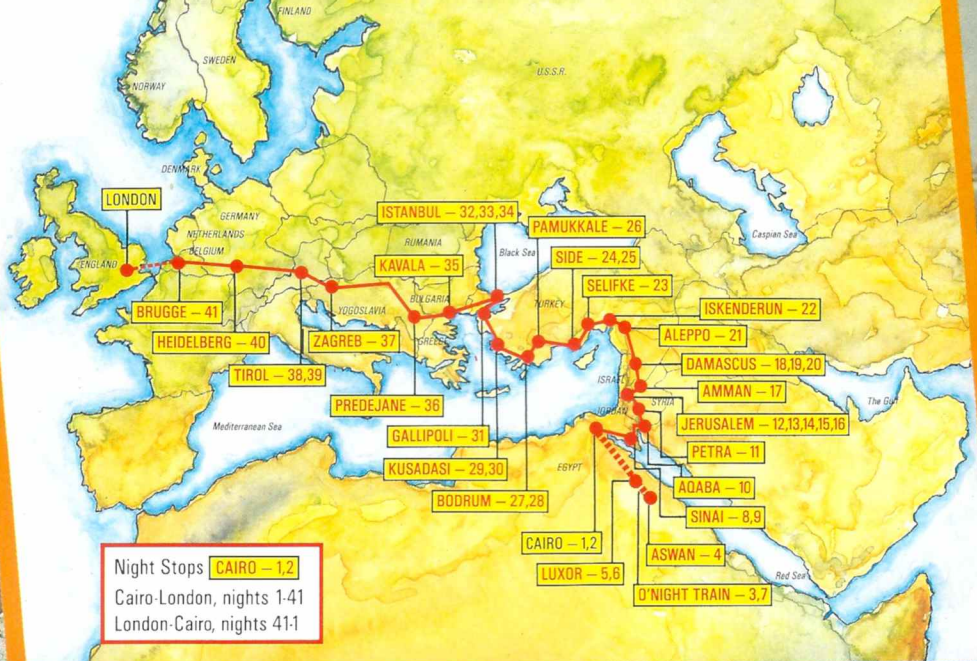




Pyramids, Giza



Beached



ROOTS OF OUR CIVILISATION

EGYPT - JORDAN - ISRAEL - SYRIA - TURKEY - GREECE - YUGOSLAVIA - AUSTRIA - GERMANY - BELGIUM - ENGLAND

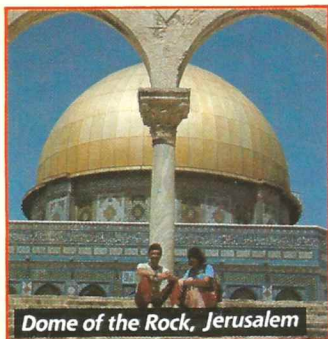
THE PHARAOH

Cairo — London (or vice versa)

42 days

Discover for yourself the roots of our European civilisation in Egypt. Follow the paths of Jesus and his disciples in Israel, Jordan and Syria. Explore the breathtaking seascapes of the Mediterranean's finest coastline. Bargain and barter in the busy bazaars of Istanbul.

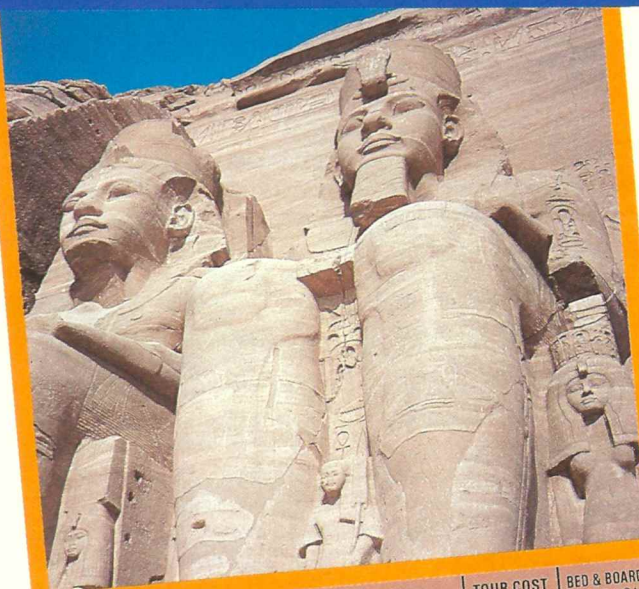
First **Cairo**, Africa's largest city — of 18 million souls — and the most famed and exciting metropolis of the Arab World. Then a journey 500 miles up the **Nile** and 5,000 years back into history. This is the glory and the mystery of the ancient Egyptians. The Sphinx and the Pyramids, the incredible treasures and tombs of the Pharaohs, the **golden masks of Tutankhamun**. Oases and the desert villages. Rattling to Luxor and Aswan by overnight sleeper-express. The **temples of Karnak**, the **valley of the Kings and Queens**. Under sail by **felucca** on the Nile, the cataracts and the **Aswan High Dam** and the massive rock sculptures of the four enthroned Pharaohs at **Abu Simbel**.



Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem

Then across the **Suez Canal** and across the southern **Sinai Peninsula** visiting **St. Katherine's Monastery** and **Nuweiba** — our preferred route to the Holyland. The serene sandstone city of **Petra** hewn from the cliff-face over 1500 years ago lies at the end of a narrow defile. Across the river Jordan to **Jerusalem** — fine old walled city, holy to Jew, Moslem and Christian. **Damascus** and the remarkable crusader castle of **Krak de Chevaliers** explored as we travel north to enter **Turkey**. Amphitheatres at **Sides**, **Aspendos** and **Ephesus**, the Roman Baths at **Pamukkale** where one can still bathe in the pillar-strewn pool. Then **Troy** and **Gallipoli**, the historic beaches and coves with the hills rising, forested, beyond.

Across the **Bosphorus** to **Istanbul**, hectic port packed with interest, ample time for the mosques, the Topkapi Palace and the fabled Grand Bazaar. Along the rugged Greek coastline, fishing villages, olive groves and vineyards. Then north through **Yugoslavia** to the **Austrian Alps**, to the **Rhine** and finally the Channel to **London**.



THE PHARAOH

CAIRO/LONDON 42 DAYS

PC 30038	1988	30 Mar - 10 May	1620	685
PC 10058		10 May - 20 Jun	1620	685
PC 30039	1989	30 Mar - 10 May	1740	735
PC 10059		10 May - 20 Jun	1740	735

LONDON/CAIRO 42 DAYS

PL 26118	1988	26 Nov - 06 Jan '89	1620	685
PL 26119	1989	26 Nov - 06 Jan '90	1740	735

TOUR COST
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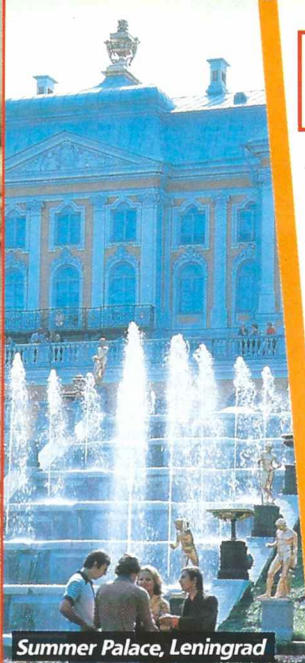
BED & BOARD
FUND US\$

Crusader castle, Anamur, South Turkey



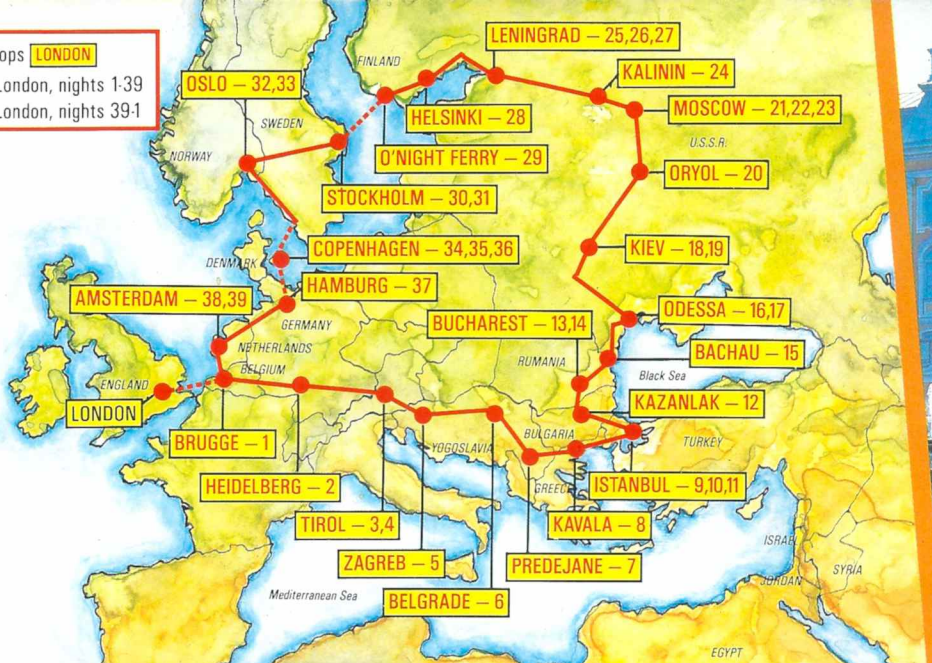


Harbour beauty, Copenhagen



Summer Palace, Leningrad

Night Stops **LONDON**
London-London, nights 1-39
London-London, nights 39-1



USSR & THE OTHER EUROPE CAMPING

ENGLAND - BELGIUM - GERMANY - AUSTRIA - YUGOSLAVIA - GREECE - TURKEY - BULGARIA - ROMANIA - U.S.S.R. - FINLAND - SWEDEN - NORWAY - DENMARK - NETHERLANDS

THE COSSACK

London — Istanbul — Moscow — London
(or vice versa) **40 days**

Europe? Yes we know Europe — especially the parts most people hardly ever hear of! For this is the European Grand Tour with a difference, taking you far out on the continent's eastern approaches, via The Alps, Istanbul, and returning back via Scandinavia. Between lie Transylvania, the Russian Steppes, Kiev, Moscow, Leningrad, Helsinki and the long evenings and longer shadows of the bird-twittering summer twilight of Europe's northern latitudes.

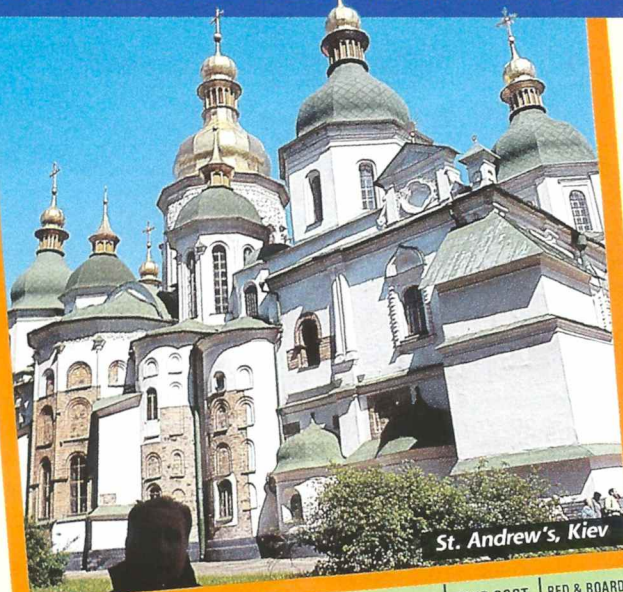
First to **Heidelberg**, student bars and magnificent castle overlooking town and river, then **Bavaria** to **Kitzbuhel** in the heart of the **Tirol**. Then **Yugoslavia** — **Zagreb**, **Belgrade** and

Skopje, to **Greece** and the clear waters of the **Aegean** on the way to **Turkey**. Bustling **Istanbul**, then north to **Bulgaria** and **Romania** and on into the **U.S.S.R.** to be joined by our Russian guide.

To **Odessa** and the **Black Sea**, across the rolling Russian Steppes, battle ground of the Ukraine Cossacks and their city of **Kiev**. To stroll along the old steep stone-paved streets from St. Andrew's Church, quiet courtyards overhung with chestnut, jasmine and lilac. Travelling now across the hinterland of Mother Russia we reach **Moscow** — the domes of the Kremlin, Red Square and Lenin's Tomb. Then to smart, almost bourgeois, **Leningrad** — once St. Petersburg — seat of the Czars. The **Lapland** landscape of lakes and larch forest, to **Helsinki**, **Finland's** capital and the prospect of a Finnish sauna. And so, to **Stockholm** and to **Oslo** and to **Copenhagen** and thus to intriguing **Amsterdam** probably Europe's least reserved capital!



Going Dutch



St. Andrew's, Kiev

THE COSSACK

LONDON/LONDON 40 DAYS

	TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
CL 24058 1988 24 May - 02 Jul (Anti-Clockwise)	1585	565
CL 25068 25 Jun - 03 Aug (Anti-Clockwise)	1585	565
CL 13088 13 Aug - 21 Sep (Clockwise)	1585	605
CL 24059 24 May - 02 Jul (Anti-Clockwise)	1700	605
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Soviet delegate in Wagga Wagga?

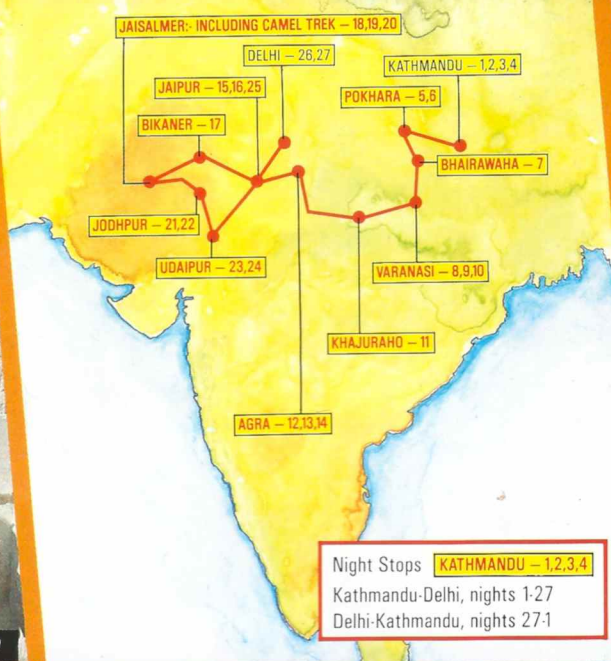




Swayambhunath



Jodhpur Fort, Rajasthan



INDIA & NEPAL

MOGHUL

Kathmandu — Delhi (or vice versa) 28 days

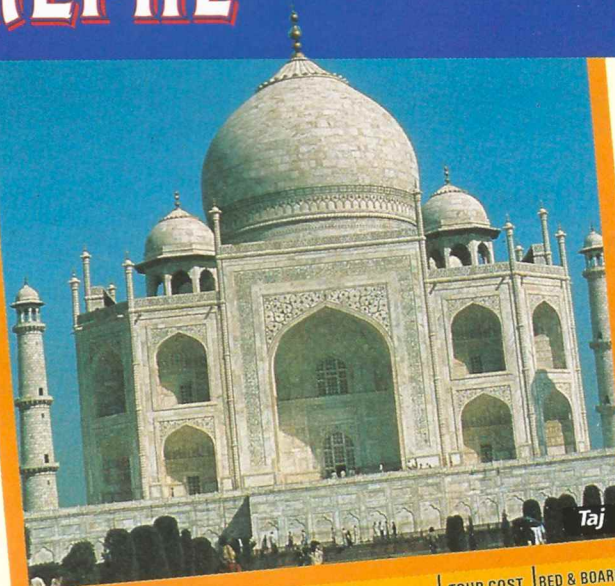
This is the Indian Sub-continent, across all of India from the Himalayan snow-melt and the broad Ganges to the far deserts of Rajasthan. By way of the edifices of war and peace, riches beyond compare and poverty beyond comprehension. Of faith and of hope and of bare survival. Of forts and cities, of slums and palaces, of temples and mosques. And of villages that make India as drops make the ocean.

The Kathmandu valley — wooden houses and narrow streets, pagodas topped with beaten gold, ritual music in the many temples, idols, images and carvings. This is surely one of the world's most intriguing cities. The views of the majestic Himalaya from **Nagarkot** and **Pokhara** will take your breath away.

The limpid dawn over the Ganges at **Varanasi**, Hinduism's holiest city. The Taj Mahal at

Agra. Fatehpur Sikri, deserted ghost city of the Moghuls, the walled pink city of **Jaipur**. The desert strongholds of **Jodhpur** and **Bikaner**, the three day camel safari and **Jaisalmer**. The exquisite lake palace of **Udaipur**, the peace of the Jain temples at **Ranakpur**.

And everywhere, colour and vitality, laughter and pathos, the dynamics of survival in this land of mystique and paradox.



Taj

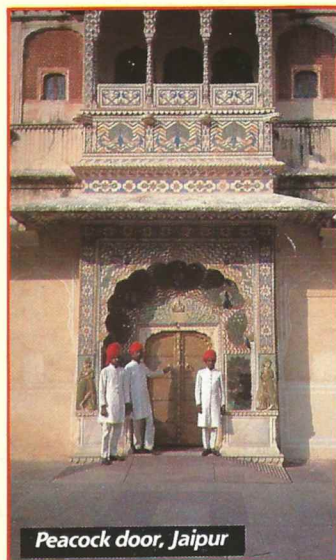
MOGHUL

KATHMANDU/DELHI 28 DAYS

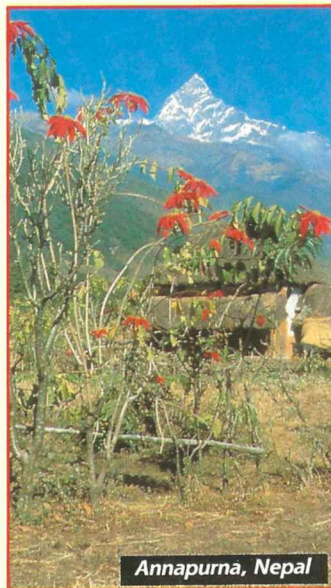
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MK 23128		1105	405
MK 24029	1989	1180	435
MK 20109		1180	435
MK 22129		1180	435

DELHI/KATHMANDU 28 DAYS

		TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
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MD 20118		1105	405
MD 22019	1989	1180	435
MD 26039		1180	435
MD 19119		1180	435

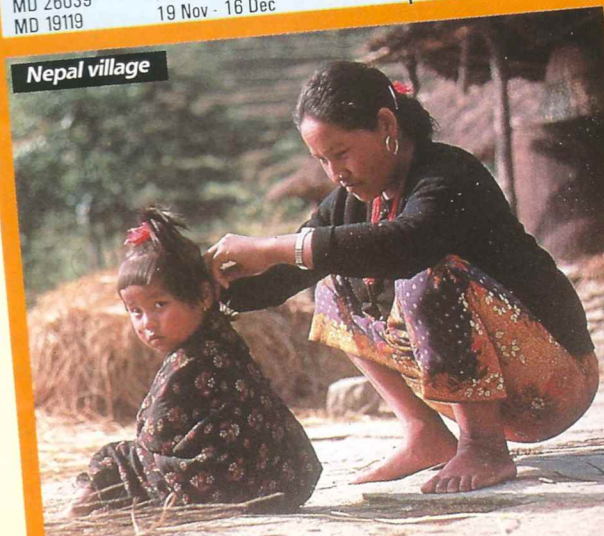


Peacock door, Jaipur



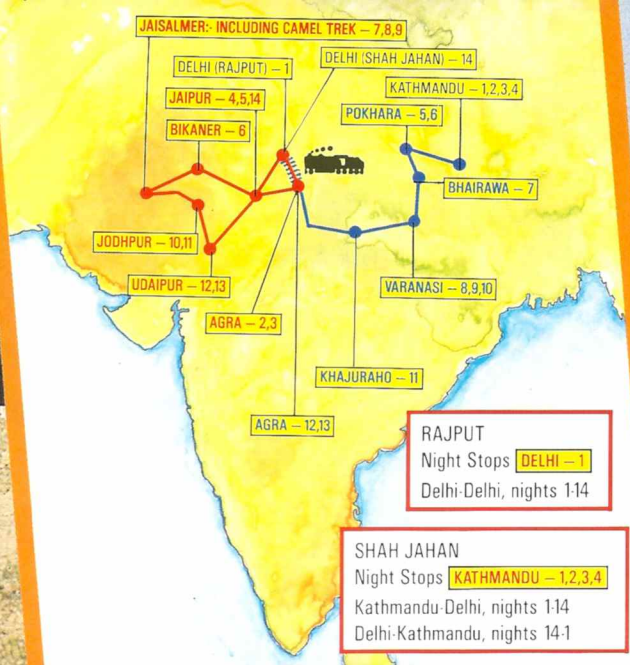
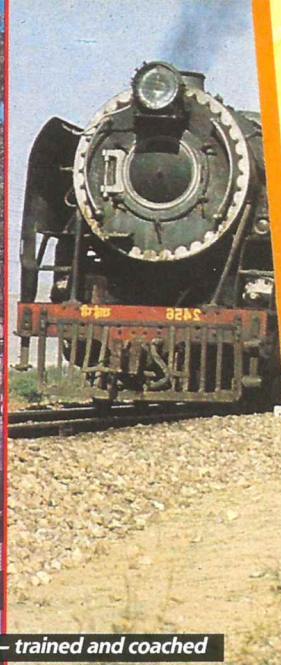
Annapurna, Nepal

Nepal village





A winning team — trained and coached



INDIA & NEPAL

SHAH JAHAN

Kathmandu — Delhi (or vice versa) 15 days

Stirred from our warm beds on Nagarkot Hill to view the vermillion down tinting the peaks all the way west to the Annapurnas, east to Everest and Katchenjunga. All the verve of the Kathmandu valley and the ancient cities of Bhaktapur and Patan explored. Snaking down from the forested Himalayan foothills to the Indian plains and the Ganges. Holy City and exotic temples, gracious sublime Taj Mahal and rattling express across peasant farmlands to arrive in a cacophony of railway noises.

On the banks of the River Jumna at **Agra** stands a huge, seemingly impregnable red sandstone fort. It was in this fort, with its quiet gardens, its fountains and its strolling courtesans that the Emperor Shah Jahan was imprisoned. From the tower above the ramparts the old ruler would gaze at sunset and at full moon across the sweep of the river and beyond. To the marble dome, to the resting place of his queen, to the lasting expression

of one man's love, to the supreme example of man's capacity to create beauty for beauty's sake — In his gaze he held the dream white **Taj Mahal**.

— The Taj Mahal is but the final highlight of this journey from the Himalaya. A journey bound to move, a journey of enlightenment. After **India** nothing is quite the same. Come, let it take your breath away.

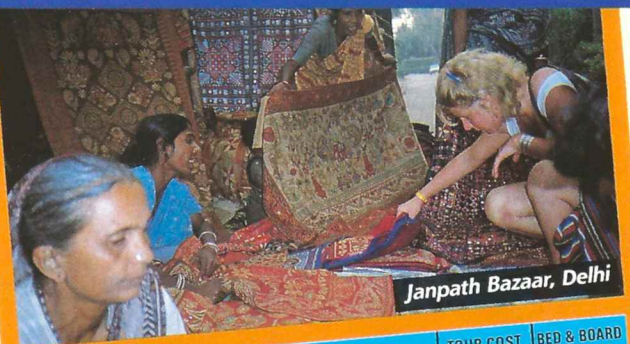
RAJPUT (with camel safari)

Delhi — Rajasthan — Delhi 15 days

Rajputana, land of the Rajas, majestic hot and dusty. Of massive forts and palaces and of tribal girls, of mischief and flashing sensual eyes, where loping camels pass across the screen of life, clanging with the chattels of their masters in caravans of companionship and safety.

The Taj Express gathers speed through the sprawling tin-roofed Delhi suburbs on its way to **Agra** and the **Taj**. Then **Fatehpur Sikri** and **Jaipur**, the walled pink city encircled by rugged hills crowned with the medieval fortress. Far out across the sands of the Thar desert to **Bikaner** fortified desert city, curiously beauti-

ful. To **Jaisalmer** — brilliant example of the oriental stonemasons's art. And by camel on safari, three nights around fires under a canopy of stars. Then by way of **Jodhpur** and the inspiring Jain Temple at **Ranakpur**, to the Lake Palace at **Udaipur** and **Delhi**



Janpath Bazaar, Delhi

SHAH JAHAN

KATHMANDU/DELHI 15 DAYS

		TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
SJK 26028 1988	26 Feb - 11 Mar	605	205
SJK 21108	21 Oct - 04 Nov	605	205
SJK 23128	23 Dec - 06 Jan	605	220
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DELHI/KATHMANDU 15 DAYS

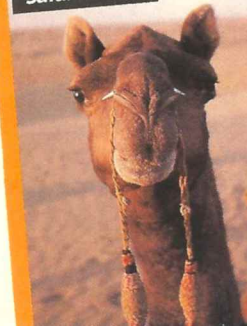
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RAJPUT

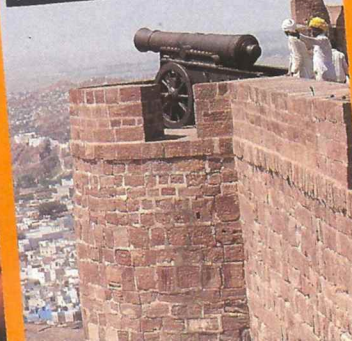
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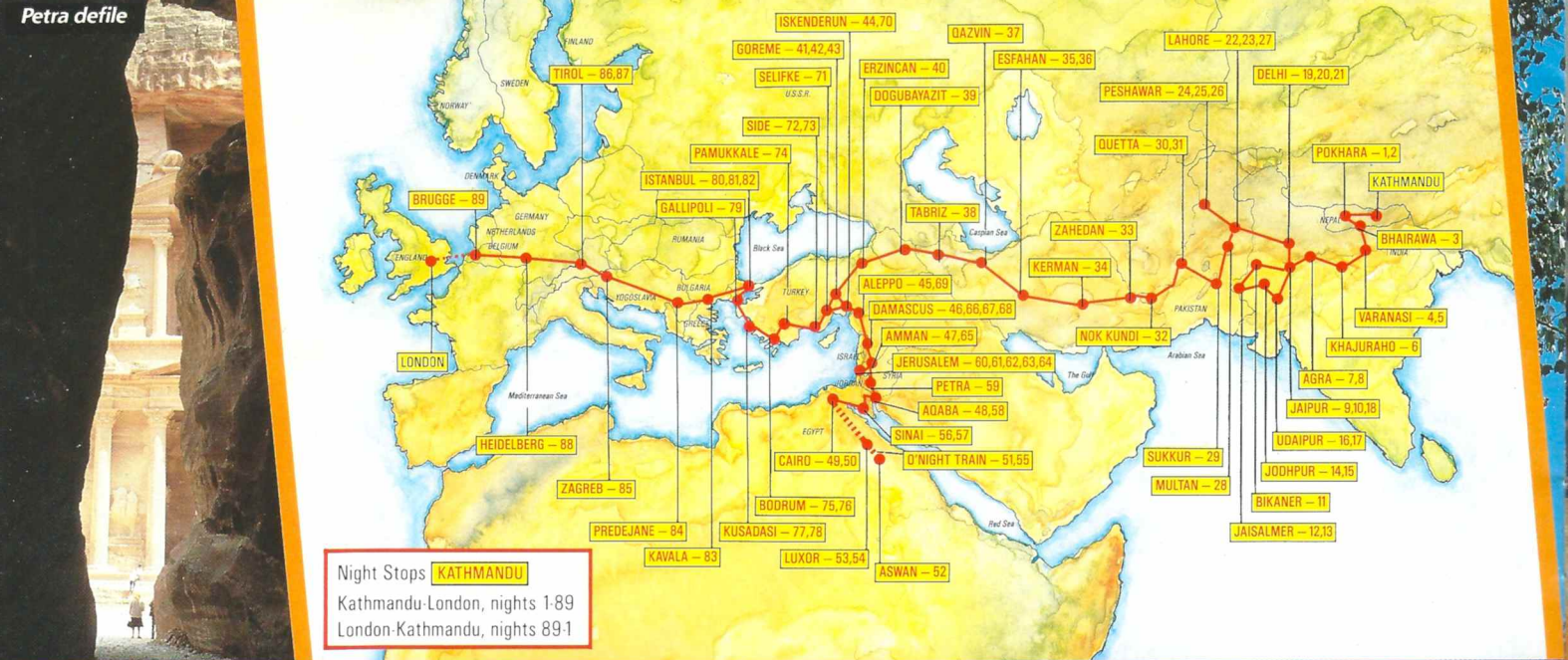
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RD 20118	*20 Nov - 04 Dec	645	220
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RD 22019	*22 Jan - 05 Feb	645	220
RD 09039	09 Mar - 23 Mar	645	220
RD 26039	*26 Mar - 09 Apr	645	220
RD 02119	02 Nov - 16 Nov	645	220
RD 19119	*19 Nov - 03 Dec	670	230
RD 04010 1990	04 Jan - 19 Jan	670	230

Safari camel



Jodhpur





TRANS ASIA OVERLAND PROJECT 1

NEPAL - INDIA - PAKISTAN - IRAN - TURKEY - SYRIA - JORDAN - ISRAEL - EGYPT - GREECE - YUGOSLAVIA - AUSTRIA - GERMANY - BELGIUM - ENGLAND

THE ALEXANDER

Kathmandu — Cairo — London
(or vice versa)

90 days

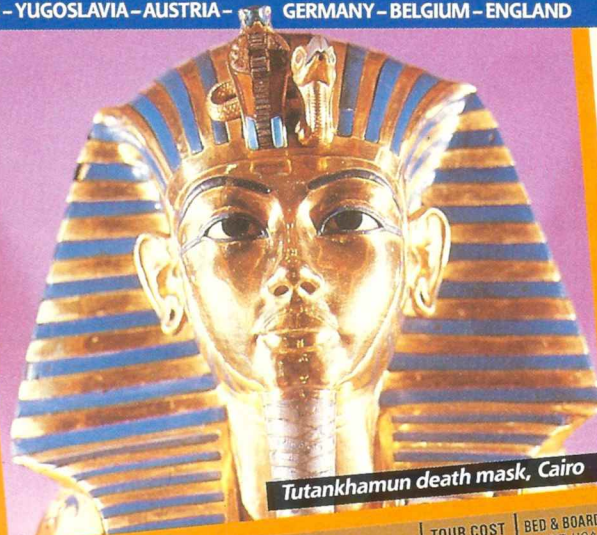
Across India and Persia to the very foundation of our western civilisation, to the ruined temples, the excavated tombs, the imperious monoliths and the pyramids of the Pharaohs of Egypt. And on to Europe across the diverse mosaic landscape of Turkey.

This is a journey of superlatives in the footsteps of Alexander the Great. The Himalayas and the Ganges, the Holy city of **Varanasi**, the Taj Mahal, **Jaipur** and **Rajasthan**. Over the Indus river to the lone and level deserts of **Persia**, the busy bazaars of **Damascus**, the Dead Sea,

Jericho and **Jerusalem**. The enchanted time-warped ruins of **Petra**. The boat from **Aqaba** to **Suez** and so to **Cairo**.

Death masks of the Pharaohs, the overnight train 400 miles down the Nile to **Luxor** and **Aswan**. The fabulous, massive temples of Karnak and Philae. The diverse fascination of **Turkey** — remote cave churches, ruins of ancient sea ports, columns, forums, amphitheatres and crusader castles strung along the Mediterranean's most fabulous coastline; of beaches and cliffs and cool sea breezes, the mountains of Anatolia towering behind. **Gallipoli** then **Constantinople**, **Byzantium**, **Istanbul** (3 names for one great historic city) bustling, chaotic, alive. The courtyards of the Topkapi Palace of the Ottomans and the world's finest collection of exquisite Chinese porcelain — by caravan all the way from the farthestmost other side of Asia.

So into **Greece** to Macedonia (original Kingdom of project's name bearer) to **Yugoslavia**, the **Alps**, the **Rhine** and **London**.



Tutankhamun death mask, Cairo

THE ALEXANDER

KATHMANDU/LONDON 90 DAYS

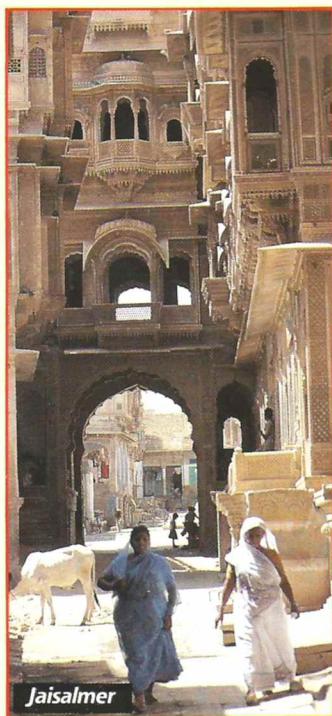
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LONDON/KATHMANDU 90 DAYS

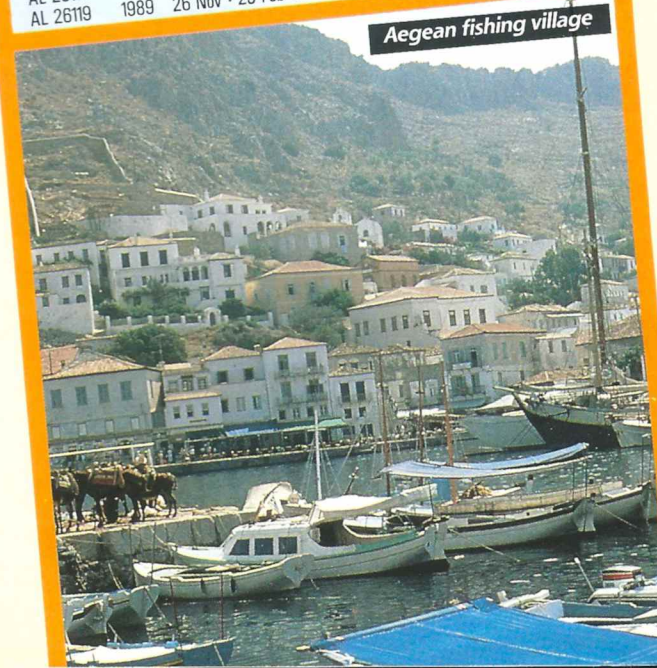
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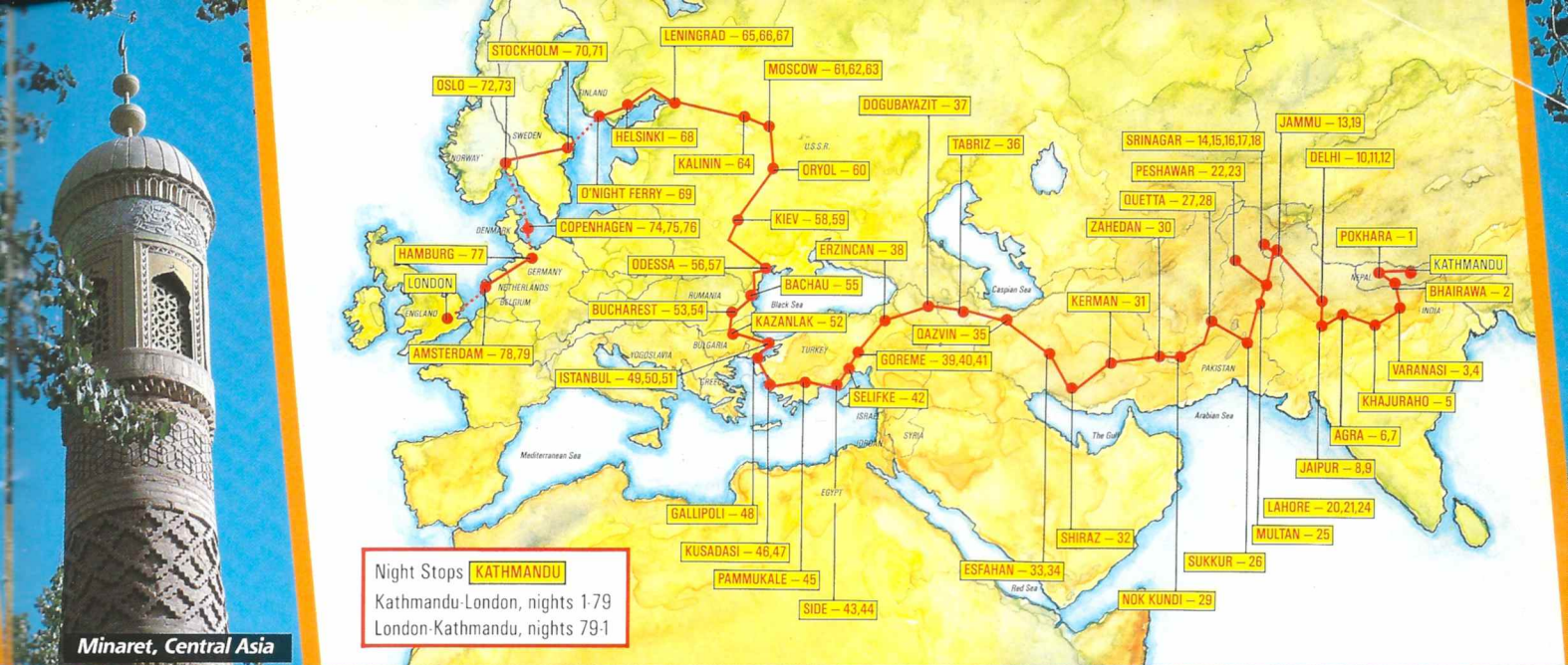
TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
3370	1330
3370	1330
3625	1425
3625	1425

Agean fishing village



Jaisalmer





Minaret, Central Asia

TRANS ASIA OVERLAND

PROJECT 2 HOTEL/CAMPING

NEPAL - INDIA - PAKISTAN - IRAN - TURKEY - BULGARIA - ROMANIA - U.S.S.R. - FINLAND - SWEDEN - NORWAY - DENMARK - GERMANY - NETHERLANDS - ENGLAND

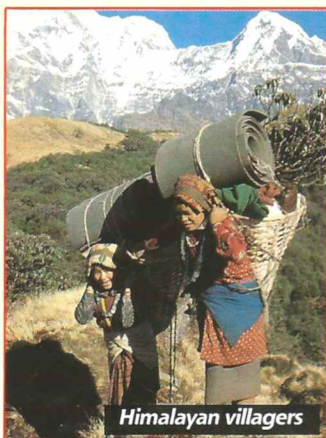
THE TROIKA

Kathmandu — Moscow — London
(or vice versa)

80 days

Overland from Nepal to London via Moscow! Are you serious? No, not entirely — actually it's packed with fun and lighthearted moments. Yet it's a journey quite without parallel threading together jewel after jewel from the pagodas of Kathmandu and the marble dome of the Taj Mahal to the gilded cupolas of the Kremlin.

Through the Himalayan valleys, across India by the Ganges and a twisting mountain



Himalayan villagers

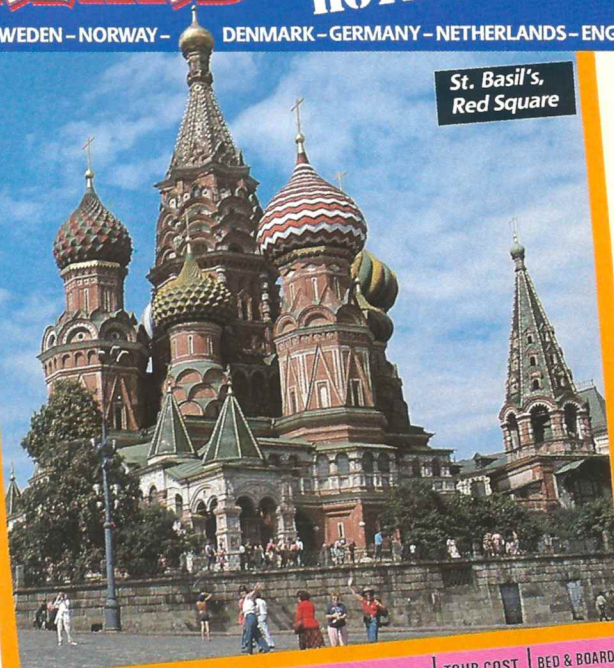
road up to the lovely lakelands of Kashmir to relax aboard the elegant houseboats. To Pakistan and Persia by way of the Punjab and beautiful old Esfahan and the capital of the ancient Persian empire at Persepolis.

Turkey's fabulous south coast — an absolute must for stunning seascapes, then Gallipoli and Istanbul then, slipping behind the iron curtain, into Bulgaria and across the Danube into Romania through the mountains of Transylvania. Into the U.S.S.R. first to Odessa on the Black Sea, across the great Russian steppes, to Kiev, capital of the Ukraine and so to Moscow and Leningrad. Here is a remarkable insight to Russia — the facts, not the obsessions of the opposing propaganda machines.

Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, lappes, reindeer, vikings, Hans Andersen's fairy people, Helsinki, Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and so to Amsterdam, city of canals and bridges.



Guard of Honour, Lenin's tomb



St. Basil's, Red Square

THE TROIKA

KATHMANDU/LONDON 80 DAYS

TK 14048	1988	14 Apr - 02 Jul	2950	1080
TK 15058		15 May - 03 Aug	2950	1080
TK 14049	1989	14 Apr - 02 Jul	3170	1155
TK 15059		15 May - 03 Aug	3170	1155

LONDON/KATHMANDU 80 DAYS

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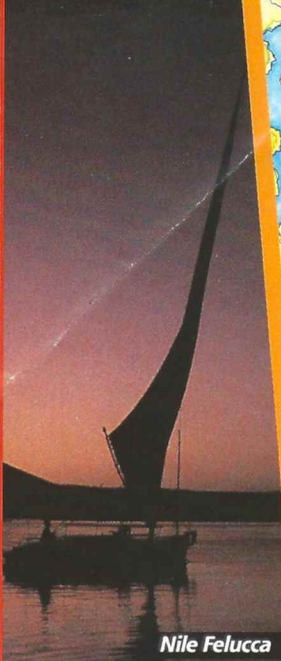
TOUR COST A\$ BED & BOARD FUND US\$

Anatolian landscape

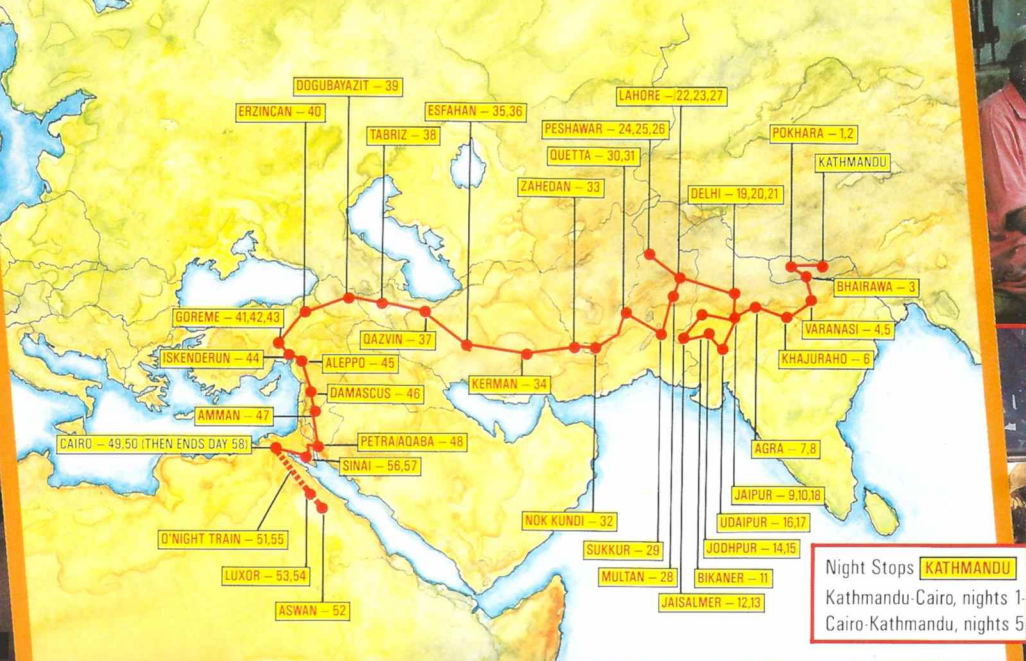




Petra — beyond the defile



Nile Felucca



TRANS ASIA OVERLAND PROJECT 3

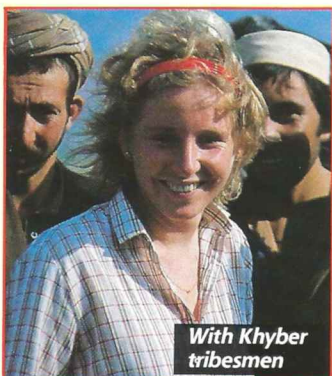
NEPAL — INDIA — PAKISTAN — IRAN — TURKEY — SYRIA — JORDAN — EGYPT

THE BEDOUIN

Kathmandu — Cairo (or vice versa) 58 days

All Asia from the Himalaya to the Nile. The Indian Sub-continent explored, the genius of the ancient Egyptians revealed. And, like our name sake the Bedouin, roaming the fabulous desert lands of Central-Asia between.

Kathmandu, the Ganges, the Taj Mahal and Rajasthan. To Pakistan and Lahore the exquisite Shalimar Gardens, the Red Fort and the old siege cannon known as Kim's Gun; to Peshawar strategically placed in the shadow of the Kyber



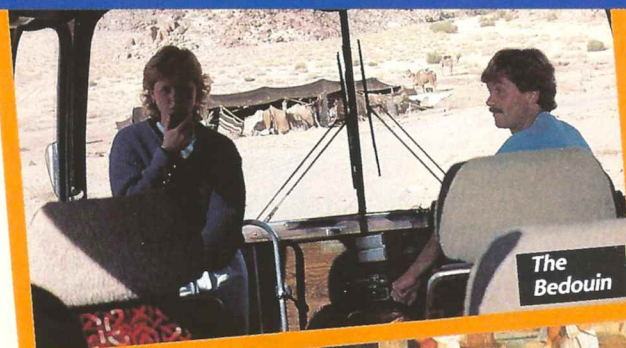
With Khyber tribesmen

Pass, scene of bloody combat on the invasion path to India.

Our route lies south to the arid wastes of Baluchistan and the shimmering dast-e-lut the vast desert region dominating Iran: and to Esfahan, the most beautiful of the old Persian cities. Here still are the ancient hand-crafts produced in time-honoured fashion.

The Zagros Mountains lead us into Turkey past Mount Ararat to the high plateau region where the Tigris and Euphrates rise. From the troglodyte dwellings and frescoed limestone cave churches of Goreme, we turn south to the Holyland — to Syria, a land of bustling bazaars; and Jordan, land of the nomadic Bedouin Arabs and of spectacular desert scenery.

And to Petra, rose red city half as old as time and to Egypt and the Nile. We sail from Aqaba to the Sinai Peninsula and over the Suez Canal to reach Cairo. The Pyramids of Giza, the treasures of Tutankhamun, the cataracts of the upper Nile, the temples of Luxor and Karnak — a wholly and utterly amazing experience.



The Bedouin



Varanasi, the Ganges.

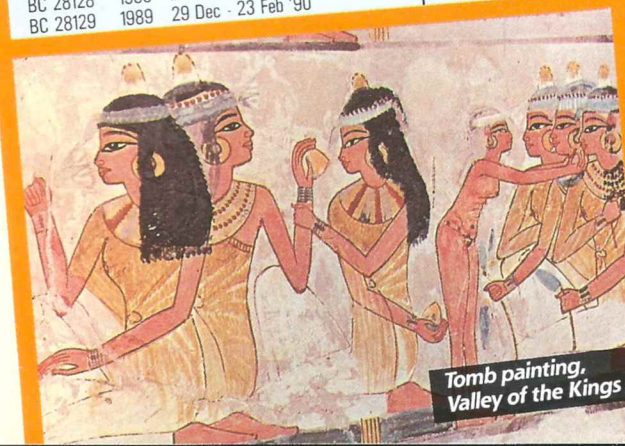
THE BEDOUIN

KATHMANDU/CAIRO 58 DAYS

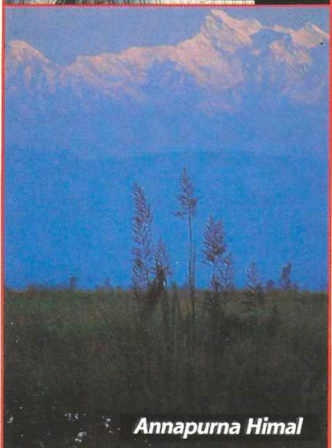
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BK 23038	23 Mar - 19 May	2105	805
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BK 23039	23 Mar - 19 May	2255	865

CAIRO/KATHMANDU 58 DAYS

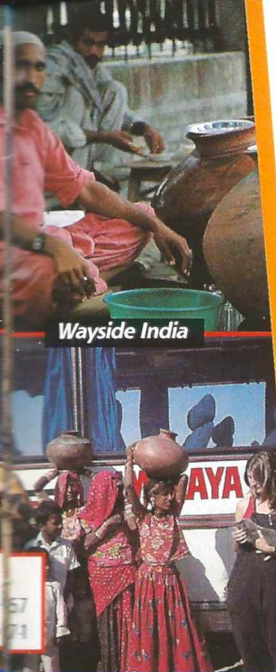
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BC 28129	1989 29 Dec - 23 Feb '90	2255	865



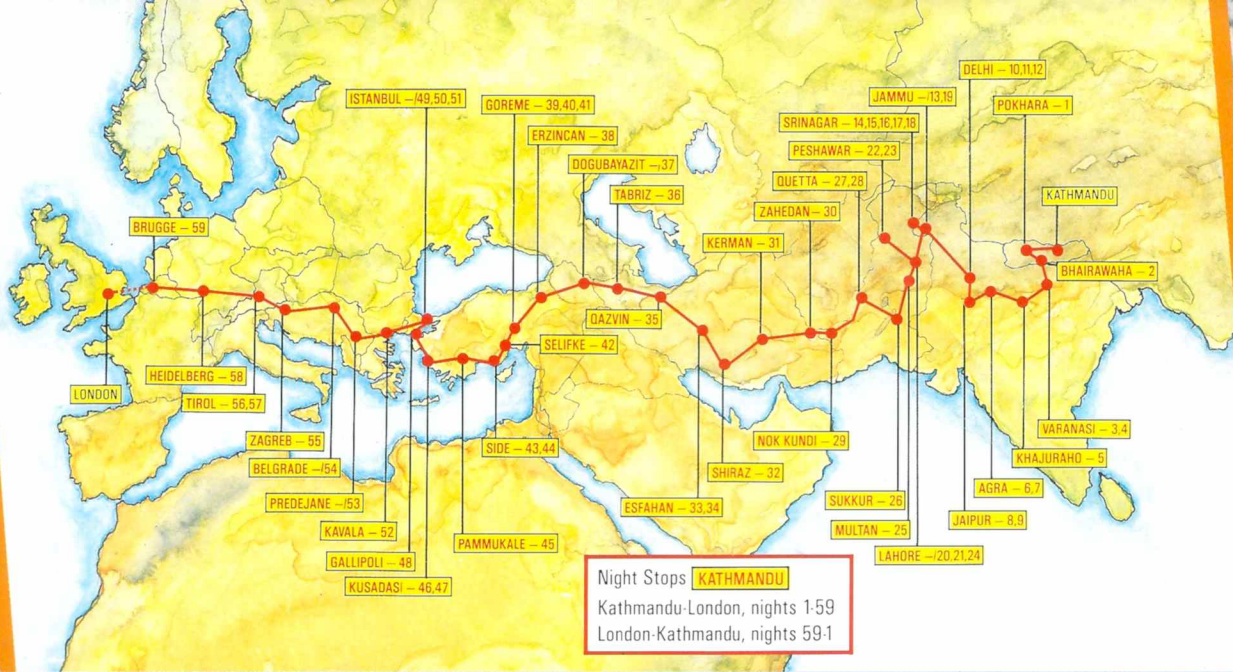
Tomb painting, Valley of the Kings



Annapurna Himal



Wayside India



TRANS ASIA OVERLAND PROJECT 4

NEPAL - INDIA - PAKISTAN - IRAN - TURKEY - GREECE - YUGOSLAVIA - AUSTRIA - GERMANY - BELGIUM - ENGLAND

THE NOMAD

Kathmandu — London (or vice versa) 60 days

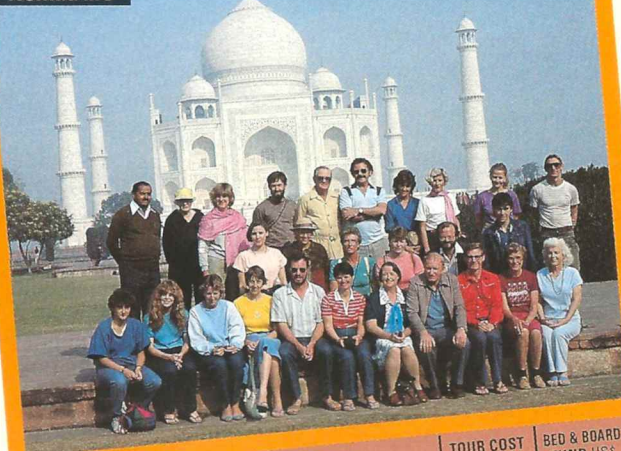
The life and times of the definitive wayfarer! A more direct journey than the others but still taking it easy, discovering the old ways. Time enough to delve or just dabble. To share in the maddening riotous life that in India never fails to amaze. Steer a course via the oasis cities of Persia to the land of plenty beyond. Domes, minarets, temples, lie abandoned to the sun and the sky. But villages live, the seas around Turkey are blue to the bottom and the sheer joy of life and living, of travel and travelling is yours till journey's end.

The Himalaya and Pokhara, Varanasi, the Temples of Khajuraho, the beauty of The Taj Mahal at Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, and the 'pink city' of Jaipur. Delhi, home of the British Raj and the foothills of the western Himalaya and the Karakoram to overlook the lush green vale of Kashmir and hospitality aboard the houseboats moored near Srinagar. To relax and explore the floating lotus gardens by shikhara or wander at leisure through the fascinating bazaars.

Lahore, Peshawar and the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan, Baluchistan and the shimmering deserts of Persia. The stark landscape, the occasional village or caravanserai providing meagre shelter to the travellers of these arid wastes. Persepolis, the 2,500 year old palace city of Darius, lord of the known world, master of the Persian empire. The lovely desert city of Esfahan, fine squares, blue tiled minarets, lofty bazaars echoing to the ring of hammers. Copper, bronze, silver, fine hand made carpets, turquoise, lapis-lazuli, and miniatures.

The high vistas of eastern Turkey and Mount Ararat. Goreme, a lunar landscape honeycombed with frescoed caves. Side, Aspendos and Ephesus, along the scenic coastline. The Dardanelles to Gallipoli. Marvellous beaches along the Aegean to Kavala. To Yugoslavia, the Alps, the white cliffs of Dover, The Thames, the chimes of Big Ben.

Nomad life



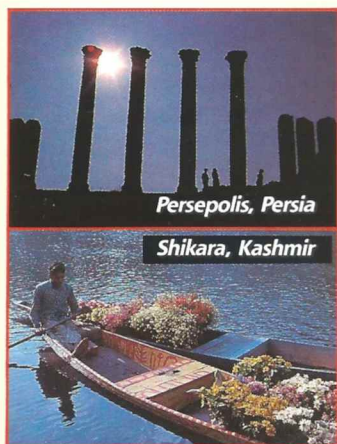
THE NOMAD

KATHMANDU/LONDON 60 DAYS

		TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
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NK 15038	15 May - 13 Jul	2150	795
NK 14049	1989 14 Apr - 12 Jun	2310	855
NK 15059	15 May - 13 Jul	2310	855

LONDON/KATHMANDU 60 DAYS

		TOUR COST A\$	BED & BOARD FUND US\$
NL 05038	1988 05 Mar - 03 May	2150	795
NL 02098	02 Sep - 31 Oct	2150	795
NL 14108	14 Oct - 12 Dec	2310	855
NL 04039	1989 04 Mar - 02 May	2310	855
NL 01099	01 Sep - 30 Oct	2310	855
NL 13109	13 Oct - 11 Dec	2310	855



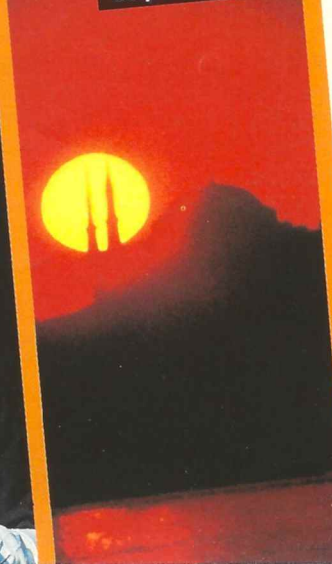
Persepolis, Persia

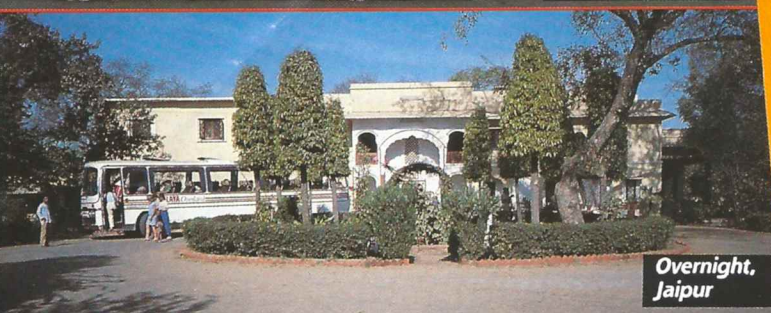
Shikara, Kashmir

Household Cavalry



Bosphorus sunset





Overnight, Jaipur

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The best value west of the Himalaya and east of the Pacific! Here's how we cut the cost but not the corners:

Your bed and board are covered in the separate prices quoted in this brochure alongside the basic tour price. The Bed & Board Fund amount is collected from everyone at the start of the tour itself. With it — all of it — sundowners obtain the very best value. Because there are no deductions or overheads, it is far better than any prepaid package. And being a group size of real benefit to our overnight host, it also obtains better value than even the most persuasive bargaining of the independent traveller. There is a built-in group consensus for its application, and local hoteliers and restaurateurs value the feeling of extending a very personal service. What's more any monies remaining are re-distributed equally at the end of the journey.

By and large the hotels where we stay are not a serious threat to the Hilton Group! Though hardly collecting a galaxy of stars between them, it must be said that some of them are highlights of

the journey in their own right. Old haciendas and hostalrias in South America, luxurious houseboats and Rajas' lodges in India, turn-of-the-century staging posts in Central Asia. Some with views or quiet courtyards. Then others with little to recommend them but at least the degree of cleanliness and friendliness necessary for a hospitable overnight stay.

In the hotels or close by, or in town or city centre is to be found the typically ethnic convivial atmosphere of good restaurants. With delicious food and often with local music and dancing — the accent on variety and value.

Our tours that travel through Russia and Scandinavia — that is The Cossack and the western part of The Troika — adopt the camping life-style. If our hotels are hardly 5 star, our camping most certainly is. We supply all equipment (except your personal sleeping bag and an air mattress). Spacious tents for two, camp kitchens, stoves, utensils etc. We'll need you to lend a hand; in these long summer evenings of the northern latitudes its fun and rewarding to cook out and the Bed & Board Fund will comfortably stretch to festive fare so you'll certainly not miss out on local restaurants along the way.



THE COUNTDOWN

- 10 How to Book**
Please carefully read our conditions of contract. Then complete the booking form and attach the required deposit. Then please get it to your agent or directly to us soonest.
- 9 P.D.I. (Pre-Departure Information)**
Each point below is covered fully in the P.D.I. booklet you will receive on booking. Also covered there are more tips to get the most from your journey — not that we've kept any important facts from you here — we have simply expanded on them in the P.D.I.
- 8 The Cost**
Included in the total tour cost (i.e. the basic price plus the Bed & Board Fund) from published departure to arrival point are:- all land transport and ferry fares, the services of your driver and courier, road taxes and tolls, use of camping equipment (Cossack and part-Troika tours) and some city sightseeing. Also local guided tours (especially in India and Egypt) and services of our Intourist guide in U.S.S.R. and Rumania. The cost of accommodation and meals is also covered.
For those things not included please see the contract, para 2b on page 15 and Personal Spending Money, 7 below.
- 7 Personal Funds**
By western standards overland travel remains relatively inexpensive. Based on a consensus of experiences we recommend a reasonable minimum of Dollars US13 per day (approx. £8, AUS\$20, CAN\$20, NZ\$22) to cover drinks, snacks, lunches, some site entrance fees, souvenirs, the odd shared taxi, postage, laundry, etc. The US\$ is definitely the most negotiable currency. Carry at least US\$200 in small denominations of cash and the rest, including your contribution to the Bed & Board Fund, in American Express or Thomas Cook travellers cheques.
- 6 Passport**
Your passport must, of course, be valid for the duration of your planned stay overseas and have a clean page for each of the countries you intend to visit.
- 5 Visas**
Sorry — but no tour here is entirely free of visa requirements. Details applicable to your chosen tour, with their cost and procedure to follow come with your P.D.I. Some are obtained prior to departure by our visa service, while those got en route are organised by your courier on a group basis.
- 4 Insurance & Medical**
We require you to be insured and there is good travel cover available. Specifically you require not less than \$50,000 (£25,000) of hospitalisation, medical and repatriation. You should also obtain cancellation and baggage. All Sundowner agents can advise.
Some vaccinations and/or inoculations that you do not already have may be required and a certificate will need to be carried. Exact details on request and anyway in the P.D.I.
- 3 Personal Equipment**
Take only what's necessary. The listed suggestions regarding clothing and personal equipment are, as you would expect in our P.D.I. All should fit into a medium size suitcase (or rucksack) and a generous airline-type bag with a separate sleeping bag (needed, just in case, on hotel as well as camping tours.) The total weight should conform to the airline allowance of 20kgs. (44lbs).
- 2 Post**
A list of (more-or-less) reliable mailing points to receive news is supplied in our P.D.I. Tell the family and friends to allow plenty of time.
- 1 A Flying Start**
To get to (or from) the action you will need an air ticket. We're experts here too and there's a special Sundowner Fare Advantage 'package' for you. City stop-overs along the way if you like and certainly hotels reserved at start and end of your tour. Do it your way — but let us help.
- Then . . . you're off! Bon Voyage, we know you'll have a fabulous trip.**



Royal Orchid Service, Thai International



LIFESTYLE LIFESTYLE

TRANSPORT

Don't let's ignore the reedboat on Titicaca, the rickshaw in Kathmandu, the elephant in Jaipur, that grumpy camel in Jaisalmer, the Taj Express or the Nile over-night sleeper, the Kashmir shikara, the white-sailed felucca or the Leningrad trolley bus. However we mainly mean the fleet of sturdy coaches that will take you across the miles, through incredible contrasts of season and landscape, over rugged mountain passes and shifting desert sands, along modern highway and camel track alike. They are the proven vehicle for the job. They are modified for the tough conditions prevailing, and forced air ventilation is fitted (But not full air-conditioning which, under these conditions, simply hasn't proved robust and flexible enough). They are comfortable and spacious with the maximum group size normally not more than 36.

SUNDOWNERS ROAD CREW

Your road crew are two people, courier and driver, who really know their stuff — working at making it all run smoothly and sorting it out when it doesn't! Knowing not just the places to see but the places to avoid!

"Come with old Khayyam and leave the wise to talk; one thing is certain, that life flies."

The Rubiyyat of Omar Khayyam

Experts in their chosen work, they thrive as guide, trouble-shooter, food buff, raconteur and friend. Driving for Sundowners requires a British PSV licence and experience in the driving conditions of Asia and South America.

CAN WE INCLUDE YOU?

A typical Sundowner group is made up of Australians and New Zealanders with British, other Europeans, Canadians, Americans and occasionally other nationalities. Many are between 20-45 years of age, but in fact there is no age restriction; simply everyone needing to be healthy, reasonably fit, active and, as we've already said, ready to pitch in.

SUNDOWNERS — A REMINDER

By now it must have struck you that Sundowners are a little unconventional. This is not the packaged, regimented tour. Sundowners Overland Tours are for travellers. The Bed & Board Fund is for real value, flexibility and fairness. It will leave you handsomely in pocket, just as a journey with Sundowners will leave you handsomely rewarded.



THE CONTRACT

1. Booking Conditions:-

- A deposit of \$200/£100 per person must be paid at the time of booking. The deposit is accepted as a first installment of the tour cost and will only be returned if the applicant is not offered a place on the tour.
- The accepted applicant (known as the client) will pay the balance of the basic tour cost not later than 60 days before the published departure date of the tour.
- If the balance of the basic tour cost due to the operator is not paid 60 days prior to departure. The operator may treat the booking as cancelled by the client.
- If the client transfers from one tour to another a transfer fee will be charged as follows:

Over 60 days before departure — \$100/£50.
Under 60 days before departure — transfers cannot generally be accepted.

- The tour deposit is not returnable under any circumstances. Cancellation of a booking must be received in writing. If less than 60 days' notice of cancellation is given, in addition to the deposit, a cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Less than 60 days' notice — 50% of the basic tour cost.
Less than 42 days' notice — 75% of the basic tour cost.
Less than 28 days' notice — no refund.

The client is advised to take out insurance cover against cancellation on medical grounds.

- The Bed & Board Fund is a corporate part of the cost of the tour. The client's payment to this fund is non-refundable.
- The operator reserves the right to cancel the tour or place on the tour without prior notice. In this case all monies paid will be refunded in full. THIS SHALL BE THE FULL EXTENT OF THE OPERATOR'S LIABILITY.
- Clients should note that the operator cannot ensure against price-differentials of the various currencies acceptable in payment.

2. Operational Conditions

- The basic tour price and The Bed & Board Fund in this brochure cover food, accommodation, transport, ferry fares, road taxes and tolls, services of the operator's representatives including guides.
- The combined tour price does not include non-Bed & Board Fund meals, passport and visa costs, departure taxes, laundry, optional excursion and guide fees, other personal expenses and connecting flights. These are met from Personal Funds and will not be reimbursed.
- Tour price, duration, itinerary and means of transport are subject to alteration without previous notice due to operational delays and/or influences beyond the control of the operator and night stops indicated on maps may be varied.
- If the fulfillment of the tour is rendered impossible, illegal or, in the operator's opinion, inadvisable for any reason including, but not limited to, strikes, war, governmental interference, the operator may at any time cancel such a tour or the remainder thereof or make alteration in route, accommodation, price or other detail thereof that he thinks fit. The client shall be bound by any such cancellation or alteration made under the provisions of this clause and shall not be entitled to recover any sum paid by him/her unless the whole tour be cancelled by the operator before departure.
- In the event of the progress of the tour being jeopardised or put at risk by a political situation the client agrees, on request from the operator, to contribute up to US\$250, or the basic extra cost of the contingency, whichever is less, explicitly to effect an overflight of the situation in order to continue the tour.
- The client will comply with all legislation, visas, immigration, customs, foreign exchange regulations of the countries visited. Should there be any contravention of the laws of any country through which the tour passes the operator or the operators representative shall have the right to require the client to leave the tour without recourse to refund.
- In circumstances involving a complaint, the client must first bring the matter to the attention of the operator's representative. In this way, what can be put right is put right. What is not resolved must be brought to the operator's notice in writing within 28 days of the completion of the tour.
- The client will effect personal travel insurance, being satisfied that his/her insurance cover fully meets personal requirements and extends the planned length of the tour by one week. Cancellation and baggage insurance is also strongly recommended. The client is also informed that fully comprehensive vehicle insurance is not necessarily obtainable by the operator for all countries on route.
- The client acknowledges that this is an undertaking involving an element of personal risk and that this tour is a journey of a hazardous nature. The client accepts this risk. Neither the operator nor the operator's representatives nor his agents nor any operators or carriers with whom he is co-operating will be under any unreasonable liability whatsoever.

- This contract shall be construed and the relationship between the parties determined in accordance with the laws of England. All matters of difference arising under or in connection with this contract shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

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THE BOOKING FORM

Tour Name
Tour Code
Departure Date
Departure From
Terminating At.....
Flight Requirements

Surname: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)
First Name:
Present Address:

Phone No. (Daytime)
(Evening)

Permanent Address: (in normal country of residence)

Age: Date of birth:

Marital Status:

Occupation:

Nationality: (as passport)

Passport No. Expiry Date

Place & date of issue

Please name any relative or friend accompanying you

Please give details of any physical or mental condition or illness and/or hospitalisation that could be relevant

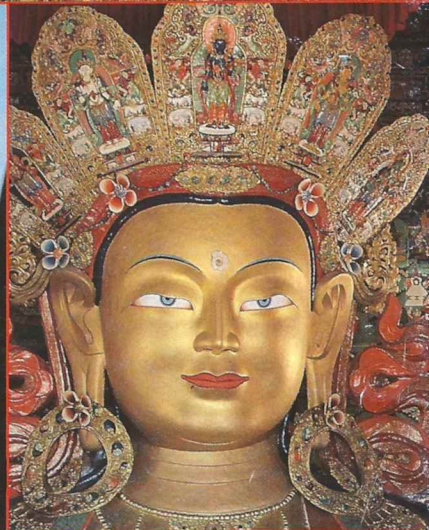
PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM BEFORE SIGNING. RETURN THIS COMPLETED BOOKING FORM WITH YOUR BOOKING FEE. THIS WILL BE PROMPTLY RECEIPTED TOGETHER WITH CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PLACE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR AGENT ARRANGES A PHOTOCOPY OF THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT OVERLEAF.
Enclosed herewith the booking fee: £100/\$200

I undertake to accept the terms and conditions which I have read, and also the authority and decisions of the operator.

Signature Date

Agents Stamp:

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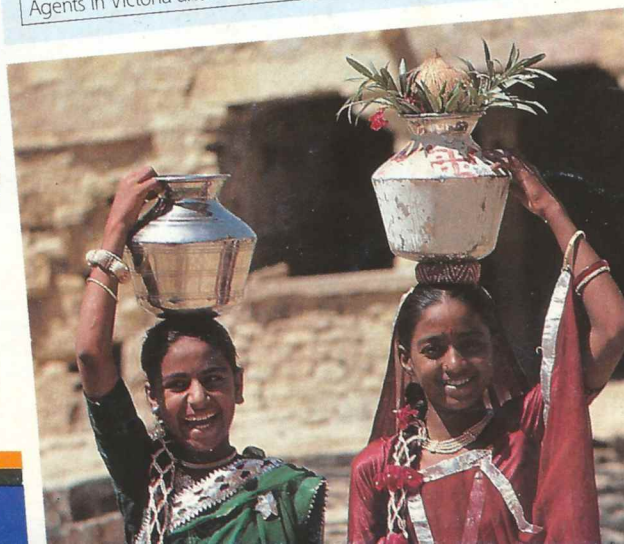
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