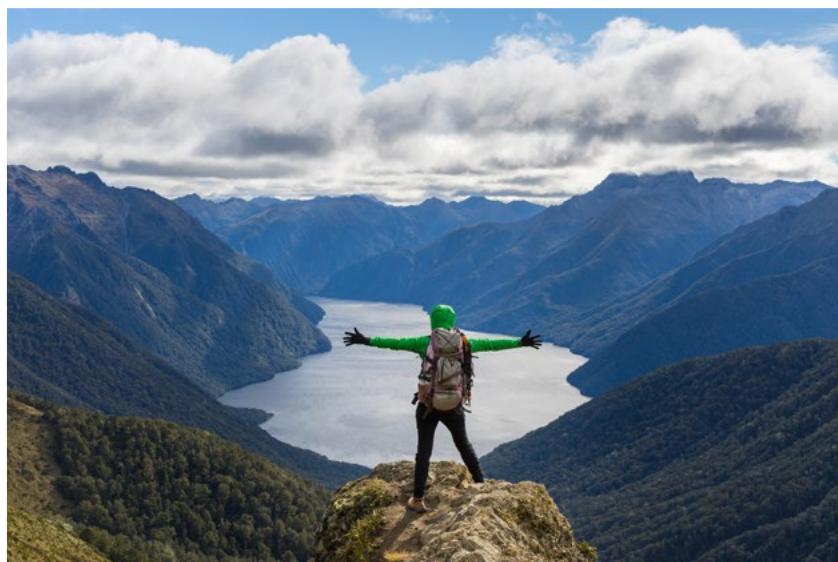


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# Welcome

## TO INSPIRING VACATIONS!



It is with great pleasure that we bring our award-winning, market-leading travel business to North America and Canada.

Since launching in 2017, and delighting customers in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and India, Inspiring Vacations has evolved into an award-winning and dominant player in the online tour operator space, with value-laden tours to iconic destinations around the globe.

As we bring these inspiring travel experiences to travelers in the United States and Canada, the tenets of our success remain: thoughtfully curated holiday packages, a user-friendly booking process and outstanding customer service.

Our North American President, John Feenaghty and his team will be your dedicated point of contact and look forward to introducing our exciting range of tours which cover the seven continents.

We hope you enjoy traveling with us and we can't wait to show you the world.

Paul Ryan Managing Director

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MOST VIEWED TOUR

21 Day Spain,  
Portugal,  
Morocco



HIGHEST RATED TOURS

15 Day Sri Lanka  
Uncovered

16 Day Treasures of Egypt  
& Nile Cruise

17 Day Authentic Japan



TOTAL  
NUMBER OF  
WEBSITE VISITORS  
SINCE 2018

2.9  
million



MOST VISITED  
DESTINATION  
&  
MOST BOOKED  
DESTINATION

Japan



NUMBER OF  
CUSTOMERS WHO  
HAVE TRAVELED

13,901



LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN  
AMONG STAFF

12



BUSIEST DAY

327 calls

21 JANUARY 2020

LONGEST  
PHONE CALL

240  
minutes



# About US

Inspiring Vacations is proudly 100% Australian-owned and operated with our head office located in Melbourne, Australia.

Our three co-owners have nearly 40 years' experience combined in the travel industry. All our staff, from customer service and product, to finance and IT, are as passionate about traveling as you are – we love what we do and we're eager to get you out into the world.

Whether you want to explore the art and history found in Europe, culturally-rich Asia, the rugged beauty of Australia and New Zealand, or the natural and awe-inspiring landscapes of Africa and South America – we have a tour to suit, all at an unbeatable, value-for-money price.

*Our team travels on our tours regularly – we discover first-hand what works, what doesn't, what can be done better.*

Our team is more than happy to share their own experience with you, too – there's nothing more exciting than talking about places we love and finding the perfect tour (or two) for you.



Bree in Spain



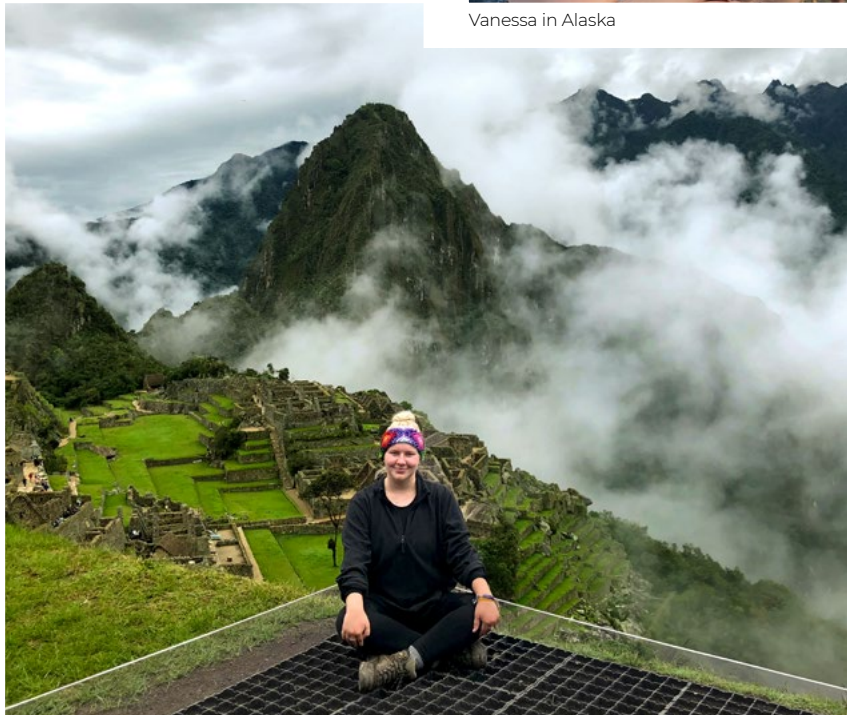
Paul in Egypt



Vanessa in Alaska



Cass in Africa



Sally in Peru

# Our PEOPLE



**PAUL RYAN**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

*Our Managing Director and Co-Founder Paul Ryan, might not have stepped foot on a plane until he was 15 years old, but he's been steadily making up lost ground. Having visited some of the most fascinating places across the globe, and holding senior roles with the UK and Australia's largest travel companies for close to two decades, Paul created Inspiring Vacations with Brendon, our Head of Travel and James, our Head of Operations.*



*Paul and his family in Melbourne*



*Paul and his wife in Egypt*

Paul doesn't have a favorite destination; for him every trip has been memorable in one way or another.

Cruising on Hurtigruten's new MS *Road Amundsen* from Svalbard across to Greenland's east coast and then over to the west coast of Iceland was certainly unforgettable, but it was a 10-day "all too quick" jaunt through Egypt and Jordan with his family in 2019 that resonates. Standing outside the church on Mount Nebo, looking out across the Jordan valley to Jericho and the Dead Sea – Moses' supposed burial site nearby – Paul recalls: "it was awe-inspiring to consider the thousands of years of formative history that unfolded across this view."

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**Choosing a holiday is not a life-altering decision but it's an important one**

As the leader of this travel company, Paul sagely observes that "choosing a holiday is not a life-altering decision but it's an important one." His role is to ensure our customer can trust us – trust that you are getting a trusted (and inspiring) Vacation at a trusted value for money price, backed up with expert and local customer service.





**BRENDON COOPER**  
HEAD OF TRAVEL

*Always looking for his next adventure – close to home or in a souk on the other side of the world – travel is serious business for Brendon, so much so, he co-founded Inspiring Vacations with Paul and James and as Head of Travel, he is responsible for creating all the itineraries you see on our site.*

Brendon has been in the tourism industry for 15 years but the travel bug bit from an early age. Growing up, Brendon says he was very fortunate to have parents that were passionate about seeing the world and naturally his early travel experiences have shaped his view of the world; travel is just part of his DNA.

For Brendon, travel is about trying new things, including the cuisine. When in Rome, right? Or on this occasion, China. Traveling the far western corner of China, near the Tibetan border, a family invited Brendon's travel industry group trip into their home for a meal but it was the alcoholic drink that was memorable. After the third or fourth round someone asked what this delicious tipple was made from. The host retrieved the 20L jug the drink was fermenting in, and to the groups' surprise (and slight horror), hundreds of bright orange and black caterpillars sat stewing in the liquid along with a native fungus. The caterpillars weren't enough to stop some of the group asking for a small takeaway flask to enjoy later that night.

While Brendon's job description doesn't involve sourcing the best fermented drinks to have on tour, each itinerary he and his team curate is from the heart – every tour is one Brendon would go on himself. The beauty of his job means he can travel vicariously and says the biggest satisfaction is hearing customers' own travel stories and the incredible experiences they have on tour.



*Brendon and his wife  
on a Hurtigruten cruise*



**JAMES CATHIE**  
HEAD OF OPERATIONS

*When our co-founder and Head of Operations isn't traveling the world, you'll find James in the kitchen recreating tapas from that bar in Barcelona, noodles from a certain laneway in Hanoi or tagine from that Marrakech market stall.*

After traveling extensively across Australia as a child, and venturing off on the obligatory post-college overseas trip in his twenties, there was no turning back: James was ensnared by the travel bug and ever since, there's always an upcoming holiday marked on his calendar.

It's no surprise then that James has worked in the travel industry for eight years and co-founded Inspiring Vacations with fellow travel lovers Paul and Brendon.

James' job is part juggling and crystal ball gazing. Sort of. If there's an approaching typhoon or a transfer delayed by traffic, James will know about it and how it could impact our customers' travel plans.

Those high-pressure moments to ensure a customer's itinerary runs smoothly are tempered by the pleasure in seeing positive feedback on their return or the happy snaps shared on social media. James considers it a unique and fortunate position to impact Inspiring Vacations' commitment to constantly deliver positively memorable travel experiences.

James' favorite travel memory is the two weeks spent in Sri Lanka as a family and all the resulting shared experiences that they still talk of today. There are no epic stories and no memorable disasters; nothing that classifies as a quintessential travel story, but as he fondly recounts: "We walked and climbed, ate and drank, talked and laughed (and only occasionally argued) and, to me, a life lived while traveling is the perfect travel story."



*James in Turkey*





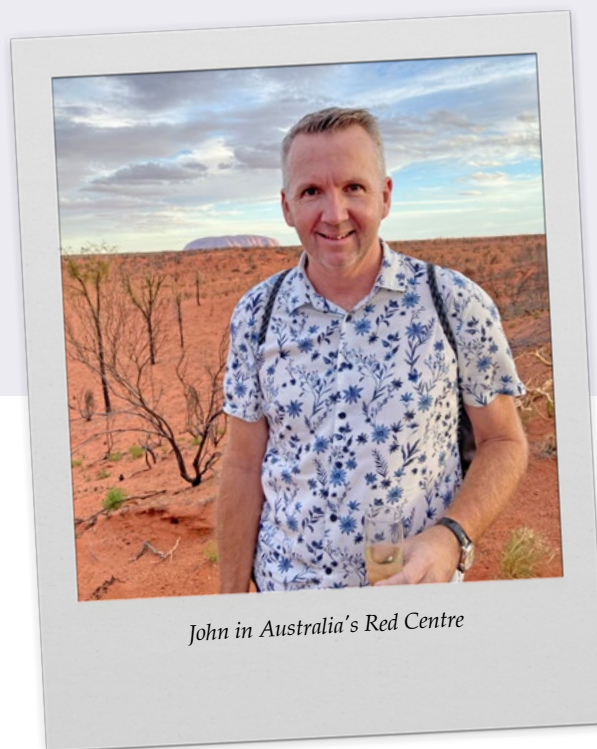


**JOHN FEENAGHTY**  
**PRESIDENT, US/CANADA**

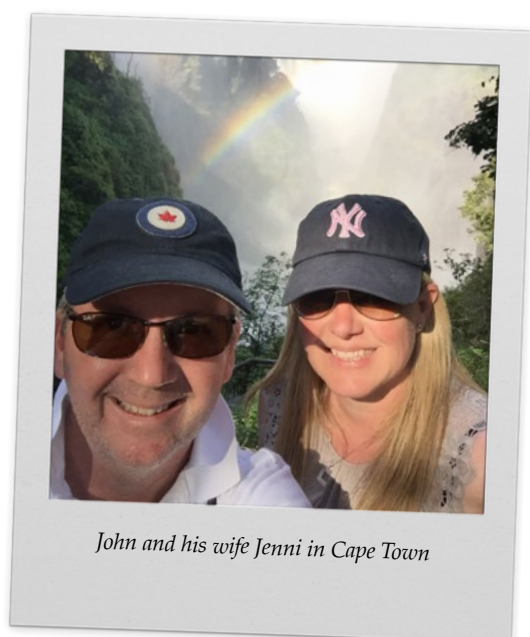
*John Feenaghty holds the position of President, Inspiring Vacations North America. With three decades of travel experience, John is tasked with growing our presence in this exciting region.*

John landed in the industry after a stint in the Royal Australian Air Force, but his favorite job has always been teaching water skiing many years ago at a summer camp in New Hampshire, a place he considers his second home. Since then, he has visited over 44 countries and lived in Bath, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Toronto.

John is currently eyeballing our Antarctica and South America tours, but not before embarking on his 25th wedding anniversary trip to Greece and Croatia (which is, don't remind him, a couple of years overdue).



*John in Australia's Red Centre*



*John and his wife Jenni in Cape Town*

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**I have always been interested in the experiences gathered and learned through our investment in visiting new places**

His most unforgettable travel experiences are a child-free trip to Italy with his wife when his children were finally adults, and Southern Africa, where he was truly spoiled and saw two leopards on his first safari outing, on the very first afternoon of his stay at Sabi Sabi.

For John, life is all about experiences, so it seems he is in the right industry: “Travel gives those experiences – be it solo, a couple, a family, with relatives or friends – I have always been interested in the experiences gathered and learned through our investment in visiting new places.”

His dream dinner guests are David Attenborough, Jesus, and Stephen Hawking. “I figure it'll be a great mix of heart, mind and physical being – can you imagine the conversations?”

And they'd have a travel tale or two to share, too.

# OUR VALUES

## TRUSTED TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

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We are passionate about travel and want to make the booking experience as easy and fuss-free as possible for our customers – leave all the important details to us, so you can focus on the fun stuff (like what to eat and where to shop).

## > TRUSTED VALUE FOR MONEY

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Our packages are some of the most competitively priced in the industry, you will get the best value-for-money vacations available. We offer flexible payment terms including a low deposit at time of purchase, followed by a second installment and final payment before departure.

## > TRUSTED CUSTOMER SERVICE

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Once your booking is confirmed, one of our expert Travel Specialists will get in touch and take care of you and your vacations, and answer any and all questions you may have. Should you have any questions about our tours or destinations, or if you would prefer to book over the phone, our team is available to assist you Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm (CST). Outside of these hours, please email us at [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com)



# Why BOOK WITH INSPIRING VACATIONS?

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When you travel with Inspiring Vacations, you can expect thoughtfully curated tours to iconic destinations across the globe. Our authentic and culturally-rich tours are packed with must-see sights, lesser-known locations and enriching local experiences.

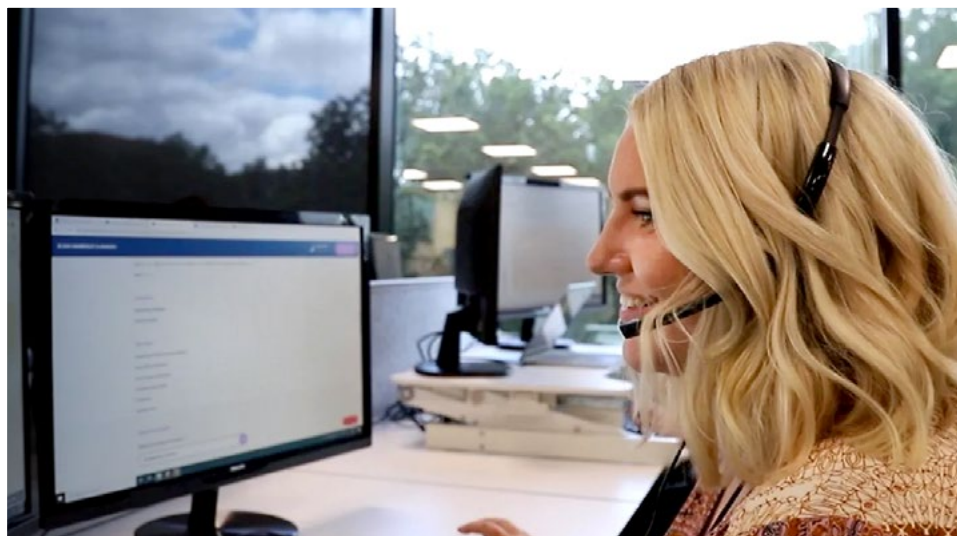
Browsing and shopping for your next Inspiring Vacations tour couldn't be easier. We are an online company which means you can shop at your own convenience – anytime, anywhere, even while on tour. Our award-winning website is user-friendly and easy to navigate. We want our customers to be empowered to be able to access and manage their booking at any time – manage upgrades, book optional tours, and more.

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## **NOT SURE WHERE YOU WANT TO GO BUT YOU JUST HAVE TO GET OUT THERE?**

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Our travel articles, destination videos and member-only Facebook community groups will inspire your wanderlust or if you prefer, have a phone chat with one of our travel specialists for their recommendations.









# *Our* DESTINATIONS







*Cobbled streets and Roman ruins, stunning coastline and mouth-watering cuisine. There's only one word to describe Italy: magnifico!*

Its cities sing with culture and history, boasting the world's most famous art works by the likes of Michelangelo and Da Vinci, while its beaches stun with typical Mediterranean flair. With an astounding 54 UNESCO World Heritage Sites – more than any other country – it's no wonder the European gem is one of the most visited nations in the world.

Wander the streets of Rome with *un gelato* in hand and watch almost 3,000 years of history dance before your eyes. Head north to Cinque Terre for colorful houses perched upon rugged hills, or south to the whitewashed towns and turquoise beaches of the Puglia region.



*A land of ancient mythology and archeological wonder, Greece lures travelers with its exotic landscape, beautiful islands, and lively culture.*

For foodies, Greek cuisine is a mouthwatering showcase of Mediterranean produce, while beach lovers can bathe in the Aegean's crystalline waters and bake on its golden sand. From the streets of historic Athens to the peak of Mount Olympus and across to the white-washed buildings of Mykonos, every corner of Greece radiates charm and tradition.

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## SPAIN

*Remarkably charismatic and unapologetically vibrant, Spain is a true delight to explore. Wander the streets from Barcelona to Madrid and prepare to be captivated by the infectious energy that radiates from every corner.*

Lovers of fine food and wine will be amazed by the culinary creations on offer, from gazpacho to paella – and don't forget the sangria!

Remnants of Spain's complex past are scattered throughout *barrios* (neighbourhoods), hidden in cobbled *callejones* (alleys), and showcased in the array of architectural styles – from baroque to neoclassical and Antoni Gaudí's modernist. A journey through Spain is a treat for the heart and mind.



## PORTUGAL

*With its picturesque countryside, ancient castles and dramatic beaches, Portugal is much more than port wine and pastéis de nata (custard tarts) – although both are well worth sampling.*

As one of Europe's oldest countries and the home of the world's first global empire, it's a country of rich history, lively cities and elegant charm.

The country's petite size means you can start the day strolling the scenic vineyards of the Douro Valley, spend lunch in Lisbon eating *bacalhau* (cod) and sipping *ginjinha* (morello cherry liqueur), and finish with sunset over the rocks of Lagos' Praia do Camilo beach. Portugal delights the senses and warms the soul.





## AUSTRIA

*Few places exude elegance as effortlessly as Austria, with spectacular baroque architecture and classical sights.*

Visit fine art institutions, take in the scenery with a train ride from the pristine streets of Vienna to the soaring Austrian alps, or waltz in the footsteps of Maria von Trapp through Salzburg's Mirabell Gardens and its idyllic city streets.



## CROATIA

*Well-known for its sparkling coastline, the Balkan beauty of Croatia is not new to the spotlight, but behind its famous harbors and terracotta-roofed villages, her ancient charm shines.*

Tour the Dalmatian city of Dubrovnik and its iconic city walls, swim in the emerald lakes of Krka National Park – no matter where your Croatian adventure takes you, you're bound to be blown away.



## FRANCE

*Pack your finest attire and prepare to be captivated by France's unapologetic beauty.*

Home to a long list of attractions – the Eiffel Tower, Louvre and Palace of Versailles, to name a few – and an even longer list of famous figures throughout history, it's no surprise that France is the world's most visited country.



## GERMANY

*Germany is full of attractions to suit every visitor.*

What would you like to see first? The graffitied streets of Berlin's trendy district Kreuzberg to the grand gothic cathedrals of Munich and the many quaint towns in between, Germany is full of surprises. Picture the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein, the historic *Brandenburger Tor* (Brandenburg Gate) and countless rollicking Bavarian *brauhauses* (breweries).





## EGYPT

*While grand attractions like the Pyramids of Giza and Abu Simbel lure visitors to Egypt, its wonderfully diverse landscape captures your attention.*

Windswept sand dunes and rugged deserts give way to lush oases along the Nile Delta and tropical beaches by the Red Sea. It is truly a place that must be seen to be believed.



## JORDAN

*Remarkably modern with a history dating back to biblical times, archaeological treasures await in Jordan.*

Stunning sights like Jerash, Kerak Castle and the Amman citadel are dotted across this Middle Eastern nation and their ruins act as windows into the country's fascinating past.

Ride camels and spend an evening with local Bedouins in this enchanting part of the world – *Lawrence of Arabia* country – as you soak up the spectacular desert panoramas.



## TURKEY

*Turkey is an enchanting country, with both culture and tradition in abundance.*

The sprawling nation stretches across two continents and its location, where west meets east, has impacted many facets of Turkish life, from the customs to religions and cuisine. Everywhere you look, from cosmopolitan Istanbul to the cobbled streets of Antalya's old town Kaleiçi, you'll see the past and present collide in a fascinating fusion like no other.



## MOROCCO

*A land of rolling dunes, ancient medinas, and bustling souks, Morocco is a collision of extremes: old and new, vast desert and lush oases, crowded cities and soaring mountain ranges.*

Whether you're navigating the serpentine streets of Fes, or following the footsteps of T. E. Lawrence into the Sahara, prepare to be charmed by its diversity.





*For lovers of nature and remarkable beauty, Scandinavia is the ultimate destination.*

*From the pastel, neoclassical streets of Helsinki to the farthest reaches of northern Lapland, Finland astounds at every turn – over 70% of the land is covered in forests, culminating in fresh air and spectacular scenery.*

Head north to the famed Lappi (Lapland) region and prepare to be stunned by the winter wonderland that awaits. The *maakunta*'s (region) capital Rovaniemi is known as the home of Santa Claus himself and boasts some of the world's best views of the Northern Lights.

Norway is home to scenery so magical it looks otherworldly. Watch the celestial Northern Lights dance across skies in Tromsø, wander the colorful streets of the Lofoten islands, lead a fleet of huskies across snowy terrain and warm up with a tippie of *akevitt* (spirit flavored with herbs) – Norway's national drink. Norway is sure to delight every traveler: landscapes are ideal for hiking, its cities for walking and its fjords for cruising, while its dramatic, Viking-filled past is sure to intrigue any history buff.





Despite being smaller than the US state of Colorado and home to less than half a million people, Iceland has a strong case for the title of world's most scenic country. Thanks to its location in the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the country is a geothermal hotspot, brimming with volcanoes and geysers. Begin your adventure in the colorful capital Reykjavík and follow the Ring Road around the country, crossing through lush fields with grazing wild horses, to barren, Mars-like terrain in a matter of minutes.

Scandinavia is an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime destination for the inspired traveler.



## INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

### Increase your chances of seeing the awe-inspiring Aurora Borealis

A natural phenomenon that's existed since ancient times, the dazzling light display has enthralled many (the vikings believed the Northern Lights was an earthy manifestation of their gods) and part of its allure is down to its elusiveness. Catching the Aurora Borealis requires many factors to be aligned – weather, timing, light pollution, moon activity – in order to catch this beautiful light show. Regardless, one thing is for certain, to view the Aurora Borealis is a once in a lifetime unforgettable experience.



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JAPAN

*Japan is a captivating destination unlike any other.*

A country of varied landscapes, its 6,852 islands are jam-packed with natural wonders and jaw-dropping architecture. From the alleys of eccentric Tokyo, to the *torii*-lined streets of traditional Kyoto and the vast alps of Nagano, Japan dazzles travelers with its endless beauty. With a history as rich as its dynamic culinary scene, Japan is truly unmissable.



### CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON

**From March to April every year, millions head to Japan to see their famed cherry trees shower the landscape in pink and white petals**

The annual blooming of *sakura* (cherry blossom) trees in Japan is a sacred occurrence that has been celebrated for over 1,000 years. While its origins are somewhat disputed, with some sources pointing to the 3rd century and others to the 9th, it's generally agreed that the earliest *hanami* (flower viewing) parties were reserved for imperial aristocrats and later, the samurai class. By the turn of the 17th century, cherry blossom season was widely celebrated by ordinary folk and today, millions of locals and international visitors flock to Japan in March and April to see the blooms and join in the sakura festivities.

In cherry blossom season, take in the joy of sakura when these iconic landscapes are drenched in pink blossoms.



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SOUTH KOREA

*Shrugging off its past, South Korea is now a thriving tech haven attracting more visitors than ever before.*

For a taste of traditional South Korea, head to UNESCO-listed Andong Hahoe village, or jump across the Korea Strait and you'll land on Jeju-do, the South Korean answer to Hawaii. Don't forget to feast on some delicious *bibimbap* (mixed rice) and the national dish *kimchi* (fermented vegetables) along the way.





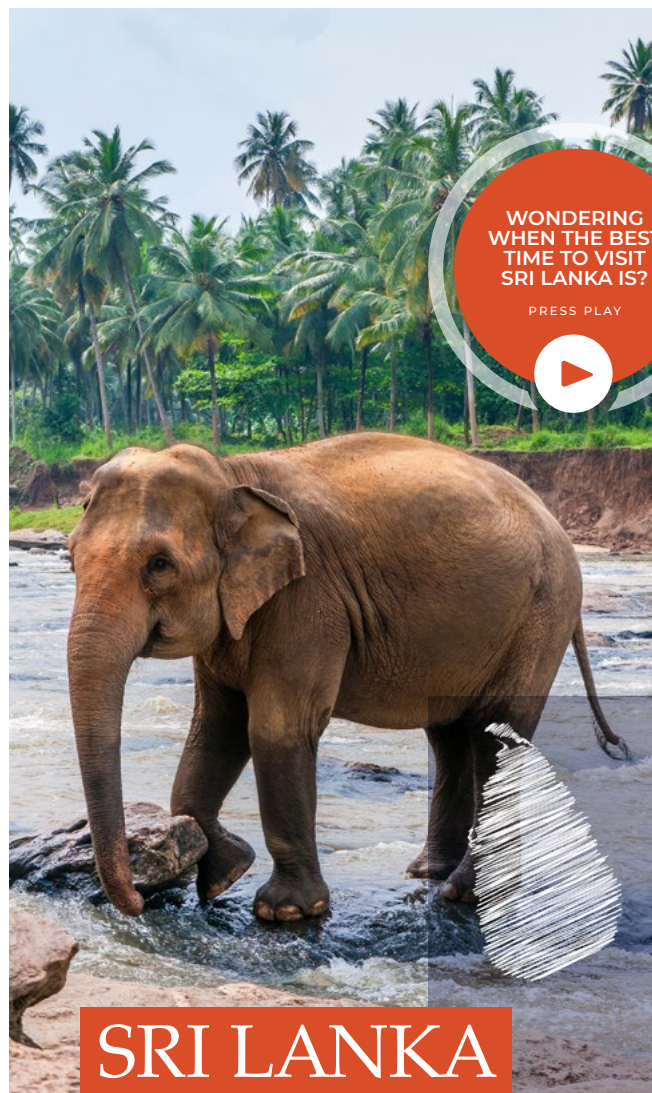
## INDIA

*A land of vibrance and color, of rich heritage and unexpected delights, India takes its celebrations as seriously as its worship. A sensory overload is part of the charm: blaring car horns, lively markets, and aromatic spices that tickle your nose.*

Between delicious cuisine, varying by region and season, and phenomenal ancient structures – the Taj Mahal and the Amer Fort to name just two – every part of India offers something for the inspired traveler. And whether you dream of wandering the pink streets of Jaipur, or watching a sunrise wash over the Ganges in sacred Varanasi, we'll take you to the most enchanting parts of this captivating country.

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## SRI LANKA

*Long overlooked in favor of sprawling India and southeast Asia, Sri Lanka is a dazzling country getting the attention it deserves. Despite its small size, it has all the hallmarks of a traveler's paradise: exquisite cuisine, world-class beaches and national parks as animal-rich as any in Africa.*

Word of its charm is spreading as fast as the country is evolving, so now is the perfect time to explore. Having been inhabited for more than two thousand years and settled by many different European colonies, its architecture is an eclectic mix of east and west.

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*Beloved for its culture and tasty cuisine, Thailand is a wonderfully diverse country nestled between Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia.*

Get ready to have every preconception fulfilled: powder-white beaches, golden stupas, street carts selling tropical fruit and bustling markets.

Long-boat around the eastern islands, where craggy limestone karsts jut from impossibly blue waters, or head north to Chiang Mai – former capital of the Lanna Kingdom and Thailand's spiritual heart.



*The small country of Cambodia is jam-packed with heritage, culture and beautiful landscapes.*

Relics of this resilient nation's checkered history abound, from remnants of French colonial rule, ruins of glorious ancient kingdoms and somber monuments paying tribute to the suffering inflicted by the reign of Khmer Rouge in the 1970s.

Outside of the nation's renowned ancient treasures – like the magnificent temple complex of Angkor Wat – there's much to please the curious traveler: beautiful beaches and islands, lush jungles, welcoming locals and delectable local cuisine.





## DINING: VIETNAM STYLE

**Bright, vibrant, sweet, spicy and healthy to boot. Is there a better cuisine than Vietnamese?**

One of the best things about any trip to Vietnam is the delicious food. From street side noodle stalls by the beach in Hoi An to fine dining alongside the West Lake in Hanoi – the delicate tastes created across the country are not only unique, but arguably some of the healthiest cuisine in the world.

The country's natural geography with paddy fields in the north, a coastline running the length of the country and a tropical climate in the south has determined many of the cuisine's ingredients: fish sauce, shrimp paste and freshwater fish are plentiful and spices and herbs, chili, lemongrass, lime, Thai basil and coriander are used generously. Rice is the staple – certainly in the south – although rice noodles and bread (mostly made from rice flour) are also common.



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*Home to vibrant streets, breathtaking bays and mouth-watering cuisine, Vietnam is a proud nation with an intricate history.*

From the diverse hill tribes of the mountainous north to the iconic Mekong Delta and the thronging capital Hanoi, the country inspires at every turn. Over the course of history, the Vietnamese people have endured many challenges – war, foreign occupation and political instability, to name a few – yet they remain some of the most optimistic and welcoming in the world.

Kayak around the limestone pinnacles of Halong Bay, trek the lush rice paddies of Sapa, wander the lantern-lined streets of Hoi An and tuck into crusty *bánh mì* and bowls of *pho* along the way. Vietnam will charm you with its culture and entrance you with its beauty.



**WONDERING  
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## AFRICA

*From sundowners on the savannah to the crashing glory of Victoria Falls, in Africa the experiences are as big as they are wild – like the Makgadikgadi Salt Pan (one of the largest salt flats in the world), or the Okavango Delta to name a couple.*

An African adventure isn't complete without a superior safari experience: meerkats in the Kalahari, elephants at Chobe National Park and, of course, prime game viewing at Kruger National Park, with nearly two million hectares of unfenced African wilderness.







### WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

**Its landscape, people and culture are like nowhere else. Here's what you need to know before you go on a holiday to South Africa**

If there is one word that sums up South Africa, it is diverse. What other country has 11 official languages, ever-changing, dramatic landscapes, and a multicultural population that draws on traditions from all over the world?

With an area of 1.22 million square meters, this is a giant land of sweeping savannahs, incredible wildlife, soaring mountain ranges, rugged coastlines and bustling mega-cities. Visitors to South Africa are routinely wowed by the country's dramatic landscapes and the sheer variety of scenery – the country has nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites including four cultural sites.

The cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria are located in the Highveld – literally 'high bush'. Perched on an escarpment 3000 meters above sea level, this is a unique geographical feature.



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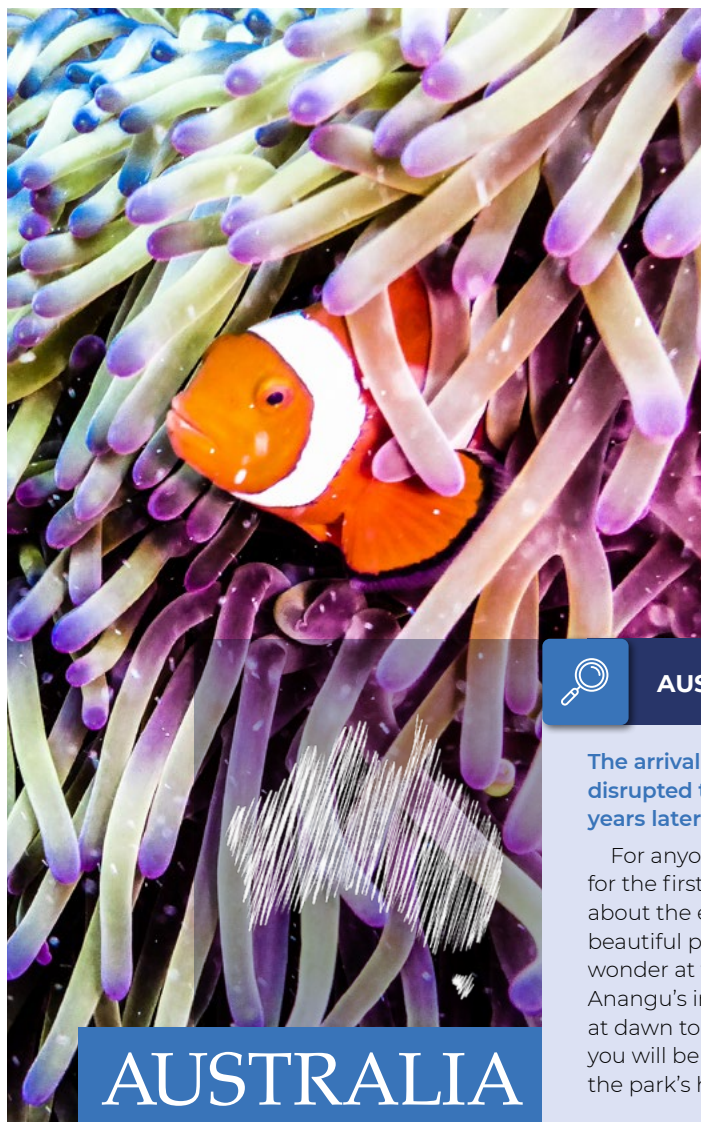


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*Few countries are as culturally rich or geographically blessed as Australia.*

Get to know the farthest reaches of this vast island nation beyond cosmopolitan cities, from the remote Cape York Peninsula, down to the eucalypt forests of southern Tasmania, and prepare to be blown away by the landscapes that await.

Discover pristine tropical beaches, red deserts and remote outback plains. Get up close to the most awe-inspiring Australian icons and settings, whether it's flying over the Horizontal Falls or the Bungle Bungle Range, cruising Yellow Water Billabong or a 4WD adventure on the legendary Telegraph Track.



#### AUSTRALIA'S HEART

**The arrival of Europeans and tourists in Central Australia disrupted tens of thousands of years of Anangu history, but 150 years later, there's a new appreciation for traditional wisdom**

For anyone planning to visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park for the first time, there's one thing you need to know about the experience of visiting this remote and beautiful part of Australia: Whether it's staring in wonder at the night sky as you learn about the Anangu's interpretation of the stars or waking at dawn to see Uluru emerge from the darkness, you will be profoundly moved by the power of the park's history, people and landscapes.



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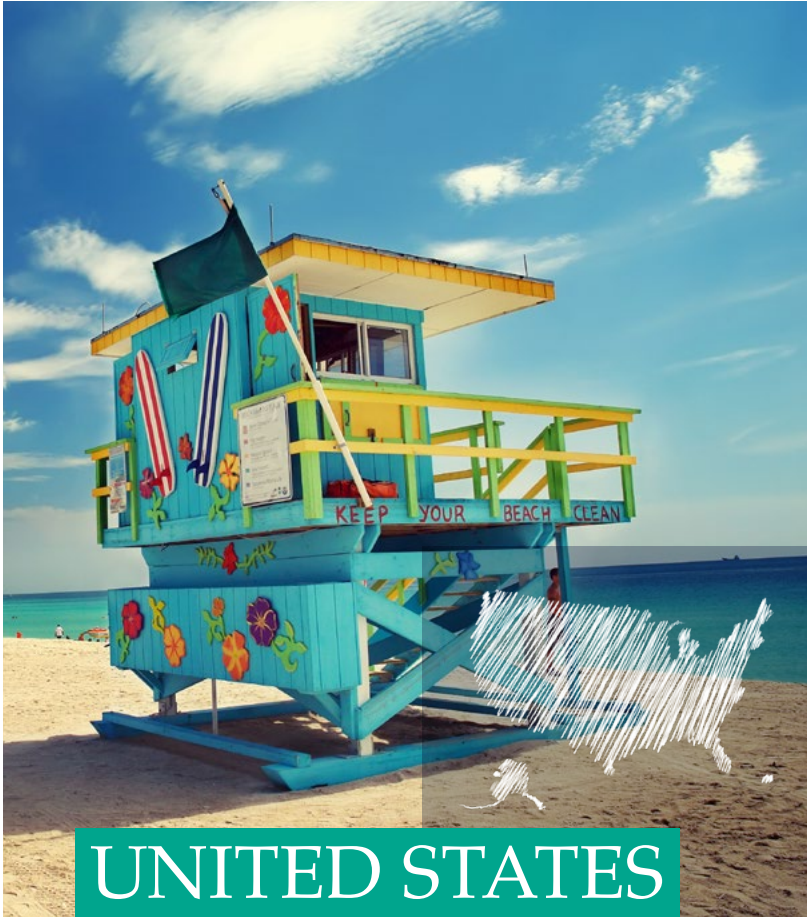


*New Zealand is no stranger to the spotlight.*

Many dream of touring the dramatic landscapes of this Oceanic nation, from glacier-carved fjords to rugged mountain ranges and brilliant blue lakes. In the Land of the Long White Cloud, natural beauty thrives and cities, while cosmopolitan, harmonize with the surrounding scenery.

The country's two islands offer distinct experiences, with the north hosting Auckland and the capital Wellington, and the south home to adventure hub Queenstown – birthplace of the bungee. No matter where your journey takes you, be sure to learn about New Zealand's Māoritanga (Maori culture) and proud heritage along the way.





## UNITED STATES

*From the sweeping deserts of Arizona, to the pristine beaches of Hawaii and the unforgettable nightlife of Las Vegas, the United States is a land of extremes.*

The north is rich in stunning scenery and biodiversity, the east hosts New York City and many quaint colonial towns, the south is the beating heart of the country, while the famed west coast is home to California's star-studded streets.

Then, there's spectacular Alaska, dubbed the final frontier. Almost otherworldly in its rugged beauty and remoteness, the northern US state bordering Canada is teeming with natural wonders, from glaciers to mountains and volcanoes. Head north of the Arctic Circle and you'll find towns rich in Native Alaskan history.



## CANADA

*Endless peaks, breathtaking wilderness, and energetic cities dot Canada's colossal landscape. Dive into the Rockies of southwestern Canada for a glimpse of rugged mountains and glacial lakes.*

Traverse the untamed western Yukon in search of Canadian history and wildlife. Visit Ontario's roaring Niagara Falls, or head east to cosmopolitan Quebec for architecture as grand as any found in Europe. Every aspect of the Great White North is bound to inspire.



### WHAT TYPE OF CANADA TRAVELER ARE YOU?

**Whether you love hiking, film, or wine, there are several ways to experience the world's second-largest country**

The fact Canada offers something for everyone is a huge part of its charm. The country evokes images of looming mountain tops, epic skiing, ice-blue lakes, pine trees for days, eclectic cities, rugged hiking and so much more. Depending on the type of traveler you are, it's likely you will choose to explore the country based on what you love.



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## SOUTH AMERICA

*From sundowners on the savannah to the fascinating continent of South America has so much to offer visitors one visit (or three) isn't enough.*

Energetic Argentina beguiles visitors at every turn with its charm, culture, and stunning scenery. This proud South American nation boasts a rich European heritage, which has influenced many facets of Argentine culture, from music to architecture. Its Italian roots mean delicious pizzas and pastas are menu staples, while mouth-watering *asado* (barbequed meat) is the national dish and adored as much as *fútbol* (soccer).





From desert oases to rugged Andean *cordilleras* (mountain ranges), through rainforests and seaside cities, Peru's landscape is the definition of diversity. This South American gem offers everything a visitor could wish for: ancient history, delicious cuisine, friendly locals, fascinating culture and staggering natural beauty. Come for Machu Picchu and stay for the heartwarming hospitality. Thanks to its Incan and colonial roots, the streets of Peru are dynamic, dotted with baroque buildings and Quechua ruins, while its culture is as vibrant as its handicrafts. Sip coca tea by day and pisco sours by night in Cusco, sample *ceviche* by the sea in Lima, dune board in Huacachina and meet llamas in the Sacred Valley. Peru is a true delight for the spirited traveler.

Brazil is vibrant in every sense of the word. From the thronging streets of Rio de Janeiro, to the depths of the Amazon and the golden shores of iconic Copacabana Beach, this South American giant radiates life. While it's well-reputed for its nightlife and home to the world's biggest Carnival celebration, Brazil is so much more than a place to party. Leave the crowded main cities behind and you'll find cobbled colonial towns, lofty peaks and an estimated four million plant and animal species living within its borders.

WONDERING  
WHEN THE BEST  
TIME TO VISIT  
ARGENTINA IS?

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## BUONA BUENOS AIRES

**Meet Argentina's capital, where old world charm meets new world cool**

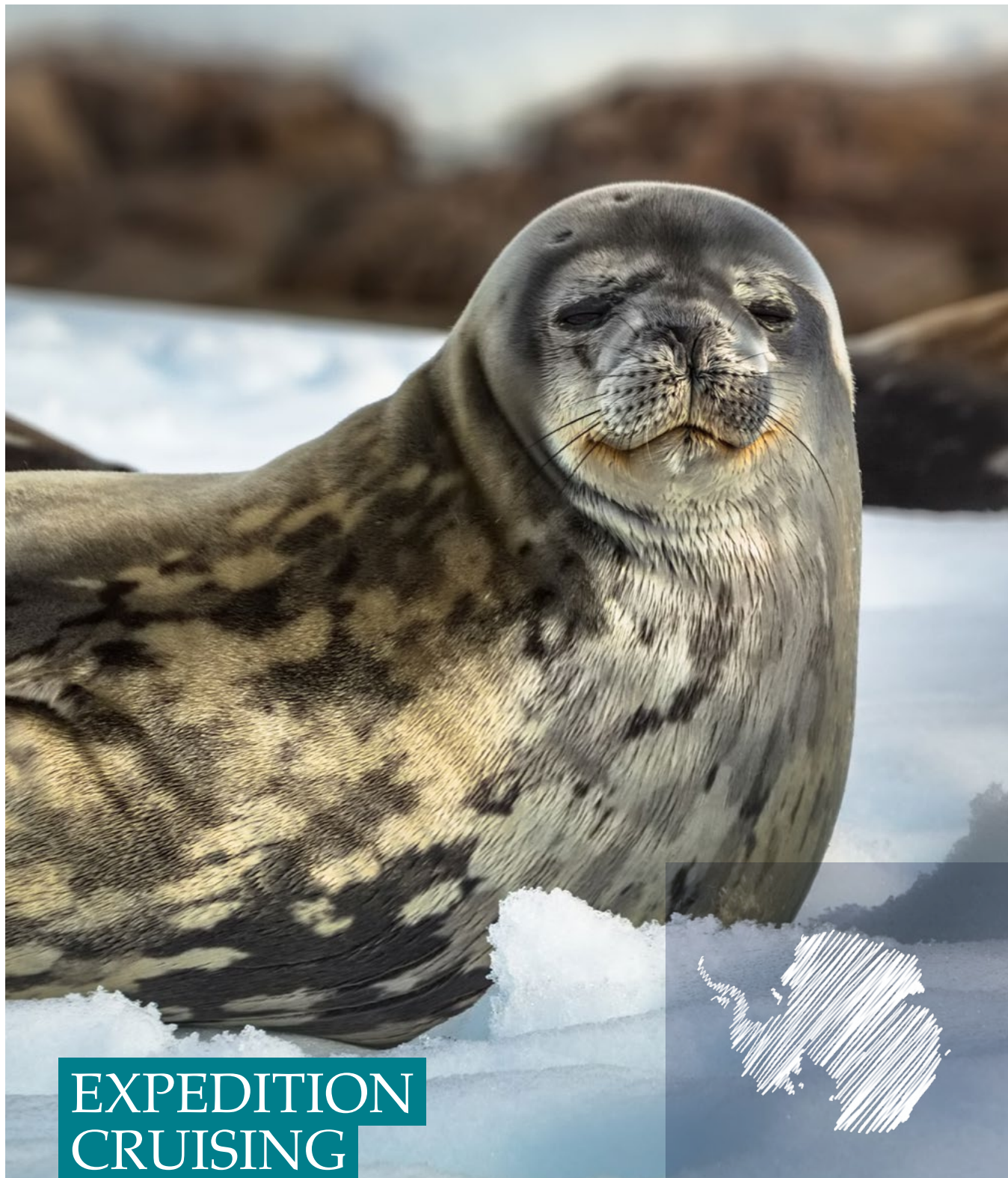
Across Latin America, Argentines have a reputation for being a little bit snobbish; however, spend a while in Buenos Aires and one can see where this aloof attitude comes from – it is a beautiful city that blends colonial old-world charm with new world dynamism while exuding a beat-up cool. This faded grandeur may make its rather self-assured claim to be the 'Paris of the South' a bit of a stretch, but it gives Milan a run for its money.

Buenos Aires is blessed with many public spaces, the few of which are the Parque Tres de Febrero – named after the date a local strongman politician was overthrown and built on his land – an ecological preserve, the Zoological Gardens, the Botanical Gardens and the Japanese Garden, the largest outside Japan.



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## EXPEDITION CRUISING

*From the Arctic to Antarctic,  
every voyage on the sea is a  
once-in-a-lifetime experience.*

For those with a taste for adventure, or a desire for the extraordinary, expedition cruising is the ultimate voyage. Expedition ships are equipped with custom-features to suit the conditions they face, such as stabilizers and ice-breakers.





Explore the farthest horizons on vessels designed to go where larger ships cannot. Get up close with local wildlife, board a zodiac boat to access the most remote parts of the planet, and learn from experts in the fields of science and sustainability.

On an expedition cruise, the destination is the main event, so while leisure facilities may be limited by the size of the ship, the profound experiences they enable are unforgettable.

Long known as the last frontier on Earth, Antarctica is wilderness at its most raw and beautiful and today, it's more accessible than ever. Navigate the Drake Passage, spot penguins, and follow in the footsteps of the world's great explorers as you journey across glaciers and ice sheets. The great white continent is a land of wonder and unlike anywhere else on the planet.

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## VISITING ANTARCTICA: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### From temperature to sights and safety, we answer the most commonly asked questions

It's hard to believe that wild and untamed frontiers still exist today, but that's exactly what Antarctica is. Nature at its most raw and unfiltered; where penguins, seals, whales and birds roam the icy land unencumbered. The only place in the world without a permanent human settlement. It's dry, windy, inconceivably cold and impossibly remote, accessible only by long flight or boat ride. They say you have to 'earn' the Antarctic, and while the trip may not be easy, after spotting your first iceberg or pod of orca whales, you'll agree that the journey was completely worthwhile.



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*Here's a sample of what they have to say about our tours*

## FINLAND & NORWAY

We did an Inspiring Vacations tour of Finland and Norway – what a wonderful trip we had! Everything was so well organized and the accommodation was fantastic. Our tour guide was full of knowledge and really looked after us.



- Julie C

## SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

Our tour to Spain, Portugal and Morocco was amazing. Everything was organized professionally, and easily understood. Our guide, Rachel, was outstanding, going out of her way to assist with the many and varied problems that come with a busload of travelers. Her English was easily understood and her knowledge of the three countries was incredible.



- Dianne H

## CANADA/ALASKA

Excellent trip. The tour guide was great; very informative, friendly and we saw everything we wanted but some extras. Everything was well organized. Would recommend this tour to everyone who has Canada/Alaska on their bucket list.



- Michelle B

## TURKEY



Absolutely loved it. Took the trip in 2019 and it was one of the best we have done and I have traveled the globe.

- Judaline H

## EGYPT & JORDAN

We did the Egypt/Jordan tour and it was absolutely amazing! The whole trip/experience was truly incredible – definitely the best thing we have ever experienced in our lifetime! We will be using Inspiring Vacations again, we can't recommend them enough. Nothing seemed to be too much trouble for the guides who were there whenever we needed them. If you are contemplating booking with Inspiring

Vacations, don't hesitate, you will love your trip! We only wish we were coming along to do it all over again with you!



- Dianne M

## AUSTRALIA

Traveled to the Kimberley in 2020 and the experience was just amazing. The accommodation and meals were excellent and our guide was very knowledgeable and

enthusiastic about showing us this part of the country – I would highly recommend the trip.



- Gayle H

## INDIA

I loved it so much, I felt like going straight back. Our guide, Shakti, was one of the main reasons that our India tour went so well. The two stand-outs for me were the dawn and dusk visits to the Ganges at Varanasi, with its ceremonies and boat rides and, secondly, the visit to the Lucknow Mosque. The people of India were friendly, and courteous. I enjoyed my Inspiring Vacations tour very much. When I got home,

I felt like going straight back!



- Dianne C



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Guided city tours in Prague, Vienna and Budapest, a relaxing Danube River cruise in Budapest, and experience the incredible mountain scenery and quaint villages.



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Visit three amazing countries on the one tour; cross the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry from Europe to Africa and back.



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## 19 DAY INSPIRING SOUTH AMERICA

A spectacular way to see the very best of South America. Sights include the Inca treasure Machu Picchu, the Peruvian Amazon jungle, both sides of thundering Iguazu Falls and more.



## 17 DAY L'AUSTRAL GREAT ADVENTURE

Explore the amazing wildlife found in the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia. Head out on a zodiac with a team of experienced naturalist guides to safely view wildlife.



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