

Adventure again

There are many purposes behind each journey, but to take a dedicated tour that few feet have trodden, conjures the most special stories in life – wherever the adventure

When considering world travel, sometimes the endless museums and iconic monuments start to feel a little stale, but there are endless experiences to be had by the adventurous traveller. These six fantastic tours will introduce a new sense of adventure into the lives of travellers willing to take the remarkable leap.

DEEP SEA DIVING ABOARD M/Y ARGO BY PELORUSX

Aboard the mega yacht *ARGO*, it would be hard to feel like life is routine. As a yacht that is all about high-tech luxury, *ARGO* offers the foremost diving experience while providing a luxurious environment for relaxing between explorations of the ocean floor. The yacht's nine

staterooms are equipped to provide style and comfort during a trip, as well as the TV lounge with games and a library that fit right into those moments. The two decks are perfect for socialising in the fresh air.

Divers will find that the *ARGO* is equipped with all the necessary diving equipment needed for intrepid underwater

exploration. Perhaps the biggest selling point, *ARGO* pairs perfectly with the submarine DeepSee for an incredible, once in a lifetime diving experience. The 14 crew members on *ARGO* are there to make the experience of diving the perfect adventure. *ARGO*'s current cruising location is Costa Rica for the summer of 2022, and chartering the entire yacht with DeepSee comes out around \$88,000 per week. pelorusx.com

Below: Snorkling in idyllic Costa Rica to warm up for deep sea diving **Right top: Spotting the Big Five on Safari with Great Plains Conservation in Kenya** **Right: Young explorers on the Great Plains expedition**



BECOME A CONSERVATIONIST IN KENYA BY GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION

As safari experiences go, Great Plains Conservation is all about sustainability and conservation. With completely solar-powered camps that utilise composting, greywater recycling, no single-use plastic and recycled hardwood in camp construction, the team prioritises doing things the right way. These measures have earned Gold ratings from EcoTourism Kenya, so guests can be sure their time and money are being spent with the right organisation.

The Great Plains Conservation Foundation is all about conserving and expanding natural habitats, and having guests stay at their camps enables the company to support the Foundation's administrative costs, as well as other contributions to their efforts.

But just because they're eco-conscious, doesn't mean that Great Plains won't provide a luxury safari experience.



Travellers have a choice of three camps, Ol Donyo Lodge, Mara Plains and Mara Nyika, all with tents up to 1,000 square feet, plunge pools, wine cellars and private massages and spa treatments. As part of the package, guests will have access to a professional camera and lenses, as well as binoculars. Two-bedroom suites are also available, accompanied by private game drive vehicles, a personal guide, a chef and staff. Depending on the season, each of these luxury camps range from \$1,300 to \$2,500 a night. For more information, visit their website. greatplainsconservation.com

SVALBARD PHOTOGRAPHY SAFARI BY NATURAL WORLD SAFARIS

Join expert wildlife photographer Steve Winter on this nine-day safari aboard the *M/V Kinfish*, discovering the breathtaking scenery and fascinating wildlife of the Svalbard Archipelago. Starting in Longyearbyen, you will board the ship with just 18 other passengers and set off along the coast, travelling at one of the best times of year to see polar bears roaming the pack ice as they hunt for seals in 24-hour daylight

You'll also be able to photograph a range of other Arctic wildlife including Svalbard

reindeer, whales, walrus and Arctic foxes.

Winter has worked and travelled extensively in the world's wildest regions and will deliver lectures and hands-on guidance along the way.

The nine-day experience costs £8,900 per person. More information is available through the website. naturalworldsafaris.com

TRAVERSE THE EQUATOR IN INDONESIA ABOARD PRANA, BY PRANA BY ATZARO

Explorations aboard the Prana are nothing if not adventurous. With four decks, nine suites, incredible Asian fusion and Western cuisine, as well as a host of exciting activities, there's never a dull moment. The morning starts with a yoga class on the top deck, while diving, snorkelling, water skiing and paddle boarding are all possible activities for later on in the day. Trips to the Indonesian islands are also planned, ➤



where guests can experience hikes, local wildlife, safaris and even boat racing with the locals.

From May through October, the Prana visits Komodo National Park, while in November and May, the Spice Islands are the destination. For the rest of the year, December through April, the waters around Raja Ampat are where the Prana lurks.

Chartering the entire boat for a day starts at \$14,500, and further information can be found on the website. pranabyatzaro.com

GOURMET TRAIL THROUGH PERU BY NIQUESA TRAVEL

The Gourmet Trail through Peru allows travellers to experience the culinary delicacies of the country alongside its incredible sights. While each experience is bespoke for the individual traveller, there are a few different dining experiences on offer.

A seven-course tasting at Hacienda Sarapampa is a highlight, as well as a picnic in Maras to accompany a ceremony of sound and traditional offerings

to Mother Earth. This tour is all about incorporating food into the Peruvian travel experience, like the open-air feast at Wayra Ranch while guests watch a Peruvian Paso horse show, a visit to the Sacsayhuaman archaeological ruins or a tour of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Travellers can even look forward to two nights on a South American luxury sleeper train. With incredible food experiences to accompany visits to the most historically significant sites in Peru, this is a tour that food lovers and history buffs alike will love. Epicurian adventures start from \$5,000, with further information can be found online. niquesatravel.com

FOLLOW HEMINGWAY'S JOURNEY THROUGH SPAIN BY MADRID AND BEYOND

Author Ernest Hemingway haunted the streets of Madrid during his

Top: Peru's famous Incan citadel Machu Piccu Above: A traditional Peruvian meal on Niquesa Travel's Gourmet Trail

short life. A trip to this huge city can be overwhelming to plan, and it helps to have a direction. Madrid & Beyond is all about designing the perfect bespoke trip for every traveller, with a focus on authentic local experiences. With their team of experts in art, music, bullfighting, wine, food and anything else possible, they have the perfect recipe for the Madrid holiday anyone could dream of.

Accommodation is such an important aspect of any travel experience, and Madrid & Beyond has that covered too. With options for four and five star hotels, modern luxury properties, manor houses, converted monasteries and convents, restored olive mills and farmhouses, there are options for any kind of stay in the city. Madrid & Beyond is all about making each traveller's bespoke trip an absolutely perfect experience. For trip plans and recommendations, the team at Madrid & Beyond can be contacted through their website, with trips starting from \$7,500.

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