

November 30

Athens, Greece

Start your journey in ancient Athens

Meet fellow guests, your expert trip leaders and dedicated guest services staff for a festive welcome dinner at the hotel. We depart the next day for Oman.

December 1 – 2

Salalah, Oman

Salalah, Oman's third largest city, is a vibrant, subtropical destination

Salalah is located on a long, sand beach and backed by mountains where the famed frankincense trees grow. Abundant natural wonders abound, including waterfalls, lakes and canyons.

December 3 – 5

Ranthambore, India

Follow the tracks of tigers in historic Ranthambore

After landing in Jaipur, travel three hours over land to Ranthambore, used for centuries as the royal hunting grounds of maharajas. Now, Ranthambore National Park carefully protects its astonishingly diverse collection of wildlife, including some 80 Royal Bengal tigers who rule their own dedicated sanctuary.

December 6 – 8

Maldives

Luxuriate on the white-sand beaches of the Maldives

As the flattest country on earth—with an average elevation of just five feet above sea level—the Maldives is one of the world's nations most vulnerable to rising seas. The coral reef teems with more than 700 fish species, including anemones, sweetlips and gentle, graceful Manta rays, some of which have a wingspan of up to 20 feet.

December 9 – 10

Nosy Be, Madagascar

From lemurs to chameleons, everything about Nosy Be is unique

Madagascar is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Due to its natural isolation from the mainland, some 80 percent of its flora and fauna is endemic to the island. Discover how many you can spot during your two-day stay.

December 11 – 12

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, South Africa

Discover a pristine 6,000-acre wilderness between the mountains, the forest and the sea

On December 11, we fly from Nosy Be to Cape Town, where we split into two groups. One group will venture to Cape Winelands while the other half will explore Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, home to thousand-year-old forests, hundreds of endangered and endemic plant species and a wide variety of marine life. On December 13 our groups switch, and those who visited Grootbos Private Nature Reserve will travel to Cape Winelands. Everyone will spend two nights at each location.

December 13 – 14

Cape Winelands, South Africa

Encounter the rich terroir of South Africa

On December 13, guests who spent two nights in Grootbos will take a scenic flight via helicopter to Stellenbosch. Set on the banks of the Eerste River, Stellenbosch is South Africa's second oldest town, established in the heart of the fertile Cape farmlands to grow vegetables—and produce wine—for ships rounding the Cape. Discover the fantastic wine that the area is most famous for now, with hundreds of acclaimed vineyards scattered around the verdant valleys framed by a series of gentle peaks.

December 15

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Stand atop thundering Victoria Falls, one of the world's natural wonders

Venture to the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Named by Scottish explorer Dr. David Livingstone for his queen, the awe-inspiring cascades are called Mosi-oa-Tunya ("the smoke that thunders") by the local Makololo people.

December 16 – 18

Masai Mara, Kenya

Enjoy one of the world's great wildlife destinations

Kenya's Masai Mara is home to the Great Migration and the most iconic landscape in Africa. The vast open savannah hosts every iconic safari animal, including the Big Five. Expert Masai guides in custom 4x4s will get you close to impressive elephant herds, dazzling zebra, towering giraffes, majestic lions, leopards and cheetahs, and huge hippo pods when you're not relaxing in your luxury lodge.

December 19 – 20

Athens, Greece

Celebrate your expedition's return in Athens

Recap the highlights of your incredible expedition with new friends in Athens over a light dinner. After a night of rest, you will catch your independent flight home on December 20.