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# AROUND THE WORLD

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Howdy, Ags!

We're pleased to invite you on this innovative, new *Around the World* journey for January 2015. This itinerary features new global highlights along with several classic experiences that should be on every world traveler's life list.

From the unique island experiences of Palau and the Seychelles, to the incredible temples of Myanmar, to safari and wildlife experiences in the Serengeti Plain and Namibia, this new *Around the World* takes you inside some of the world's most mysterious, lesser-known places. Along the way, you will meet countless local guides and people who will share their cultures with you as you travel in comfort and style aboard our private jet. There is simply no better way to see so many of the world's top sights in one seamless 24-day journey.

As always, this expedition comes with our excellent service and attention to detail, beautiful accommodations and unforgettable moments. Please join us for what will undoubtedly be a journey of a lifetime.

Gig 'em!

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FLORIDA  
Orlando

END

COLOMBIA  
Cartagena

BRAZIL  
Rio de Janeiro

NAMIBIA  
Walvis Bay

BOTSWANA  
Okavango Delta

SEYCHELLES

BHUTAN  
Paro

NEPAL  
Kathmandu

MYANMAR  
Bagan, Inle Lake  
and Yangon

PALAU

START  
KONA  
Hawaii

**24 DAYS, 9 DESTINATIONS,  
1 INCREDIBLE JOURNEY**

\$76,950 double occupancy, \$8,950 single supplement

## Flight Timings

DEPART	ARRIVE	HOURS/MINUTES
Kona, Hawaii	Guam (tech stop)	8'10"
Guam	Palau	2'15"
Palau	Yangon, Myanmar	5'45"
Yangon, Myanmar	Kathmandu, Nepal (for Bhutan)	2'30"
Kathmandu, Nepal	Seychelles	6'15"
Seychelles	Maun, Botswana	5'15"
Maun, Botswana	Walvis Bay, Namibia	1'45"
Walvis Bay, Namibia	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	7'30"
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Cartagena, Colombia	6'30"
Cartagena, Colombia	Orlando, Florida	3'00"





**Follow your passion.** This itinerary is merely an overview of possible activities. Several options are available at each destination to ensure that your trip is customized to your interests. If you have specific requests or have traveled to a place before, simply ask and we will ensure that your journey is tailored to you. Private options, including spa and golf, are also available for an additional cost. We look forward to welcoming you on board.

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JANUARY 10

## Hawaii

### Kona

Your journey begins on **Hawaii's Big Island**. **Kona** is revered for its calm, clear waters, the rugged beauty of its volcanoes and lava fields, and the intensely rich coffee that grows in this region. Meet fellow travelers and expedition staff at a festive welcome dinner.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Housed in intimate two-story bungalows, **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu** features open-air living spaces. The resort exudes a nostalgic sense of Hawaii's Golden Age with its collection of native art and island-inspired decor.



JANUARY 11-13

## Palau

We cross the international date line on Jan. 11, losing a day en route, and briefly touch down for a tech stop in Guam before arriving in **Palau** on Jan. 12.

A small Micronesian archipelago with only 20,000 inhabitants, Palau is an aquatic adventurer's paradise—and was also one of Jacques Cousteau's favorite diving locations. One look at the vibrant display of coral and fish in Palau's waters and it's easy to see why.

Cruise through the **Rock Islands**, the lush, jungle-topped limestone cliffs that cover a nearly 20-mile stretch of sea. Dive or snorkel among these "floating gardens" and encounter fascinating undersea creatures including lettuce coral, giant clams and triggerfish. You may also choose to hike into the dense jungle to remote **Jellyfish Lake** and float among thousands of sting-free jellyfish. Or examine a treasure trove of World War II artifacts, including tanks and bunkers, during a guided tour of a historic battle site.

### Accommodations

White-sand beaches and tropical gardens enclose the **Palau Pacific Resort**. Tasteful tropical furnishings adorn rooms in air-conditioned, cottage-like villas.







JANUARY 14-17

## Myanmar

### Bagan, Inle Lake and Yangon

Once the historic overland trade route between India and China, **Myanmar** (formerly known as Burma) is finally emerging from decades of political and economic isolation. This land of ancient Buddhist temples remains largely unspoiled by the modern world. Now is the time to experience a culture where sacred traditions, like morning alms for monks and spirit offerings called *nats*, are still a part of daily life.

On arrival in **Yangon**, take a local charter flight to the ancient city of **Bagan**. Home to more than 2,000 temples scattered over 26 square miles, Bagan was once a thriving capital and the heart of Buddhism in the region. The collective scope of the temples makes it one of the top archeological treasures in Asia rivaling Angkor Wat. Then board a local charter flight to **Inle Lake**, where daily life unfolds among stilted houses and floating markets set over tranquil waters. Watch skilled locals guide rowboats with a single leg on the oar as they tend the lake's floating gardens. We return to Yangon on our final night and visit the over 300-foot-tall **Shwedagon Pagoda**, the shimmering golden temple that dominates the capital's skyline.

### Accommodations

Set within the **Bagan Archaeological Preservation Zone** among the ancient temples of the Kingdom of Bagan, the **Aureum Palace Bagan** spacious 27-acre resort features villas and rooms furnished with unique crafts.

**Aureum Palace Inle** is on the edge of tranquil Inle Lake, a series of expansive waterways. Uniquely designed rooms line the shore and feature spacious lounge areas and lotus ponds.

Located in the heart of Yangon, **Traders Hotel** is a contemporary property known for traditional hospitality. Spacious rooms include views of the Yangon River and nearby pagodas.



JANUARY 18-20

## Bhutan

### Bhutan and Nepal

Step into another world as you enter the majestic lands of the **Himalayas**, an eclectic region of ethnicities, languages and faiths. **Bhutan** was once known as the Forbidden Kingdom and only opened to outsiders in the 1970s. With a focus on gross national happiness, it remains an intriguing society that is slowly modernizing while preserving rich traditions and philosophies.

Take a charter flight from **Yangon** to Bhutan, a country governed by Buddhist principles. Enjoy a scenic ride through the **Paro Valley** for its unspoiled views and hillsides dotted with *dzongs*, the administrative fortresses that exemplify Bhutanese architecture. Visit the immense **Paro Dzong**, which towers over a local village and symbolizes Bhutan's wealth and power. Meet local shopkeepers and watch daily life unfold in **Paro** or examine local textiles in **Thimphu**. Experienced hikers may opt for a rigorous trek to **Tiger's Nest** for striking views and a look inside one of the country's most revered monasteries.

*Alternate:* If you have already visited Bhutan or have difficulty at high altitude, fly to **Nepal** from Myanmar on our jet. Known as much for its mountains as its temples and shrines, Nepal is as culturally diverse as it is geographically impressive. Explore the well-preserved ancient city of **Bhaktapur**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Choose a nature walk or jungle ride through the **Chitwan National Park**, also a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one of the last remaining havens for the elusive Bengal tiger.

### Accommodations

The **Zhiwa Ling Hotel** blends traditional Bhutanese architecture with modern amenities, while the **Uma by COMO, Paro**, is a sleek, sophisticated mountainside retreat.

*Nepal alternate:* The **Kasara Jungle Resort** in Chitwan National Park offers guest rooms featuring natural-inspired decor in a fresh, modern camp setting. **Dwarika's Hotel** in Kathmandu offers classic Nepalese hospitality.







JANUARY 21-23

## Seychelles

With its idyllic waters, unspoiled beaches and sailboats aplenty, the **Seychelles** could have been directly taken from the pages of your favorite travel magazine. Of the 115-island archipelago, 50 percent of its land is protected, resulting in an exceptional ecosystem. Island culture is a colorful mix of Asian, African and European heritages, creating multiethnic customs that will leave an unforgettable impression.

Find your paradise adventure here. Snorkel in seas filled with marine life and get a taste of local flavors during a creole barbecue lunch. In **Praslin**, we enjoy a guided tour through the **Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve**, home to the coco de mer palms found only on the island. Then travel by boat to **La Digue**, a biologically diverse island filled with coconut palms, hibiscus gardens and vanilla vines. Beyond the postcard perfect beaches daily life slows to a languid pace as locals shun cars in favor of oxcarts and bikes. Spot rare and native orchids among diverse flora during a visit to the **National Botanical Gardens**.

### Accommodations

Tucked in the hillside jungles, the villas at **Banyan Tree Seychelles** and **Four Seasons Resort Seychelles** both reflect the local culture and offer attentive service. The resorts feature rooms that blend outdoor and indoor spaces and ocean views from cliffside infinity pools.



JANUARY 24-25

# Botswana

## Okavango Delta

The **Okavango Delta** is a wetland oasis—a wild maze of floodplains, narrow waterways and lagoons—and offers a completely different experience than the vast, dry vistas common on most East African safaris. In the Delta, you are as likely to spot lions and cheetahs as you are crocodiles and the red lechwe, an antelope that thrives in marshlands.

Board light aircraft for a short flight to your camp. Arrive in time for a classic sundowner, taking in the grand savannah views with refreshments in hand. Start the next day with an early morning game drive or a river safari by dugout canoe. The Delta is home to a staggering diversity of wildlife, including elephants, Cape buffalos, leopards, giraffes and more than 400 bird species. Rest in the afternoon and prepare for the evening game drive. End the day sharing stories of adventure over coffee or cocktails around the fire.

*Alternate:* If you have already visited the Okavango Delta, opt for the **Kalahari Desert**. Salt pans transform the landscape into a moonlike clay terrain where meerkats and baobab trees thrive. Trek with Bushmen to learn survival skills and travel by four-by-four to take in its native flora and fauna.

## Accommodations

*Okavango Delta:* Upon arrival, we split into smaller groups among four properties: **Vumbura Plains Camp** and **Sanctuary Chief's Camp**. Upgrades are available at **Mombo Camp** or **Little Mombo Camp**. Each property offers lounge areas with expansive views, spacious rooms, modern amenities and swimming pools.

*Kalahari Desert alternate:* **Jack's Camp** is crafted for travelers who crave authenticity. Guests can expect a nostalgic camp experience, including candlelit dinners under the stars and exceptional tea service.







JANUARY 26-27

## Namibia

### Swakopmund and Walvis Bay

Arguably the world's oldest desert, the **Namib Desert** has existed for about 43 million years. Its stunning landscapes are in constant flux with sand dunes and plains of all sizes and shapes stretching along its coast. As a testament to the importance of this starkly beautiful environment, **Namibia** is the first African country with an environmental conservation clause in its constitution.

Set on the Atlantic coast, **Swakopmund** is a former German colony and now Namibia's most popular holiday destination. A haven for nature lovers, **Walvis Bay** offers several outdoor options. Spot playful seals on a cruise, or spy rare pelicans and flamingos in the natural lagoon. Get an eagle-eye's view of Namibia's wild landscape while flightseeing via light aircraft along the coast, where the colossal dunes of the Namib Desert meet the crashing Atlantic surf. Spot rusted shipwrecks scattered along the treacherous **Skeleton Coast**. Or go by land and explore the dunes by four-by-four vehicle.

### Accommodations

Ideally located near the town center, the **Swakopmund Hotel** is built around a restored historic train station. German colonial architecture and design throughout the hotel evoke the golden age of travel.



JANUARY 28-30

# Brazil

## Rio de Janeiro

With over 4,000 miles of coastline, it's easy to find paradise in **Brazil**. In **Rio de Janeiro**, beaches, thick rain forest and towering granite mountains collide in one of the most striking urban landscapes on the planet.

Start your exploration of Rio off right with two of its most famous sights. Take in outstanding city views on the nearly mile-long cable car ride to **Sugar Loaf Mountain**, approximately 1,300 feet above the harbor. Then travel by rail to examine the nearly 100-foot-tall **Christ the Redeemer** atop **Corcovado Mountain**—the statue is now one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Find your Zen while exploring the immense tropical paradise in the Botanical Gardens, known as **Jardim Botânico**. Meet local dancers and designers in **Samba City**, a dedicated space where **Carnival** participants prepare for the important event. Leave with a few new samba moves and a new appreciation for the spirit of Carnival.

## Accommodations

The distinguished **Copacabana Palace** transports guests back in time to a glamorous era of travel. Bright, spacious rooms include city or beach views, high ceilings and original art.







JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1

## Colombia

### Cartagena

Originally built to thwart plundering pirates, a massive fortress with towering walls greets visitors to **Cartagena**. This port city's comprehensive fortifications are a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest battlements in South America. The genius military design protected the Caribbean port so well that the old quarter retains the original charm and richness of centuries long ago.

In the picturesque old town, meander through narrow cobblestoned streets lined with colorful balconies and bustling cafes. Ride to the **Castillo San Felipe de Barajas**, the impressive 16th-century Spanish hilltop fortress. See the Spanish tickler, the rack and other torture devices hidden inside the intriguing **Palace of the Inquisition**. Or choose a relaxing day in Caribbean waters and snorkel the **Rosario Islands**, a protected archipelago and national park. On our final night, share stories of the journey during a farewell dinner.

### Accommodations

The **Hotel Charleston Santa Teresa Cartagena** is a former convent that has been restored into one of the city's most sophisticated hotels. It is a splendid mix of old and new, featuring warm interiors and a stately façade.

FEBRUARY 2

## Florida

### Orlando | Home

We return to the United States via Orlando, where you connect with your independent flight home.





## OUR EXPERTISE

When you travel with us, you travel with the most experienced private jet team in the world for a truly worry-free journey.

- Veteran expedition leaders and their support team expertly guide you through your days.
- Each stop is enhanced by local experts and guides who provide essential background information and an insider's view on every place we visit.
- A physician travels with you throughout the entire journey to ensure a safe, healthy experience.
- An onboard chef prepares fresh, locally sourced meals tastefully paired with wine and cocktails.
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## PRIVATE JET EXPERIENCE

There is no other way to visit so many world highlights in a single trip than by private jet.

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- Bose® noise-cancelling headphones.
- In-flight presentations from our experts.
- VIP luggage service—our staff takes care of your bags throughout the entire journey.





## LEARN WHILE YOU EXPLORE

A world-class team of experts will join us to illuminate the places we visit. They will give informative lectures on the jet and join travelers in discussions during meals and special events on land.

### **MATT ANDERSON, SAN DIEGO ZOO**

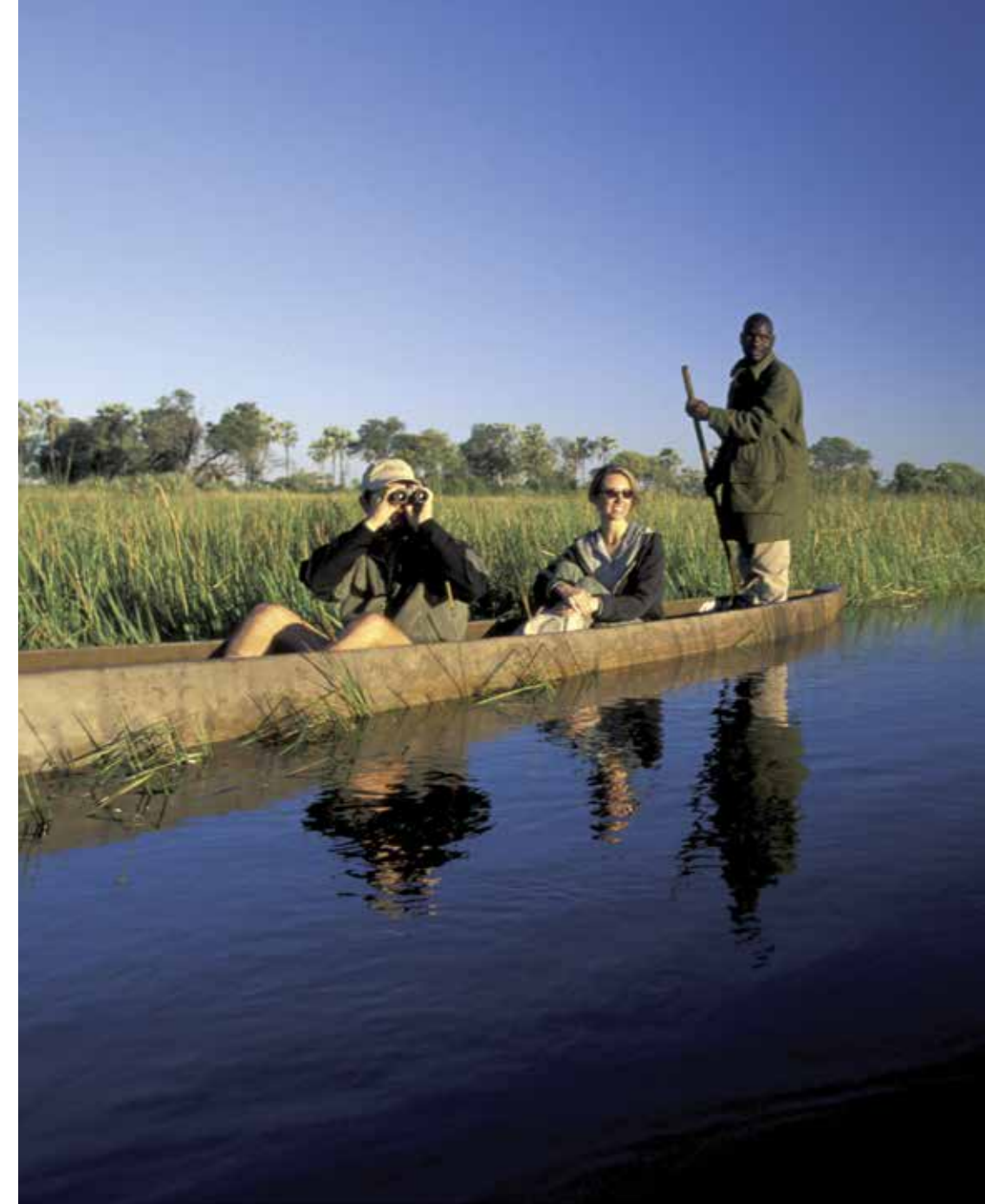
Matt specializes in the study of animal behavior. He received his doctorate from Oxford University, where he studied bush babies, a group of nocturnal African primates, and was also awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Cambridge. Matt is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, and he has authored more than 50 scientific articles.

### **ALEX DE VOOGT, AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

As curator of African Ethnology, Alex has published on such diverse topics as the archaeology of Nubia, the survival of indigenous scripts and seventh-century Islam. He is also a leading expert on the history of board games and their development along human migration and trade routes. He earned a doctorate in social sciences and another in art and architectural history from Leiden University in the Netherlands.

### **THEODORE MACDONALD, HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Theodore's research focuses on human rights, ethnicity and conflict, Latin American indigenous peoples and the State, property and citizenship rights. While at Harvard, he has received numerous distinctions and awards. He has traveled extensively though South and Central America and Asia, among other places.



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# RESERVATION FORM

**Around the World by Private Jet | Jan. 10–Feb. 2, 2015**



Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on **Around the World by Private Jet** priced at \$76,950 per person, double occupancy.

## TRAVELER INFORMATION

Traveler 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCOMMODATIONS

I prefer single accommodations where available for an additional \$8,950.

I plan to share accommodations with: \_\_\_\_\_

Please arrange a share for me. I am a  nonsmoker  smoker. If a share cannot be arranged, I agree to pay the single supplement of \$8,950.

*Information about all suite upgrades and optional programs will be sent to you in the months before departure.*

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I/We have read the itinerary and accept the Operator-Participant Contract and Terms & Conditions for the trip (each traveler must sign).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

Enclosed is my deposit check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,500 per person). Please make checks payable to “ATW1-15 Escrow.”

Please charge my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,500 per person) to my credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Charges can be made to most major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card.)

*My credit card billing address, if different from above:*

Please fax or mail the completed Reservation Form to:

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## AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET OPERATOR-PARTICIPANT TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read the following information carefully. After reading the Operator-Participant Contract and Terms and Conditions herein (the “Agreement”), in order for your reservation to be completed, you must indicate your acceptance of the terms of the Agreement by signing and submitting the Reservation Form, along with the deposit to Sponsor.

### OPERATOR-PARTICIPANT CONTRACT

**TCS & Starquest Expeditions, Inc. (“Operator”), 3131 Elliott Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98121**, a qualified tour operator, is partnering with sponsoring organization the **Association of Former Students of Texas A&M (“Sponsor”),** to organize and administer the **Around the World by Private Jet** expedition (the “**Tour**”). **Operator, as the principal, is responsible to you for arranging and providing all of the services and accommodations offered in connection with the Tour, provided, however, that in the absence of gross negligence on Operator’s part, Operator is not responsible for personal injury or property damage caused by the air carrier, hotel, or other suppliers of any services being offered in connection with the Tour.** The acceptance of your Reservation Form and deposit by Sponsor creates a contractual relationship between Sponsor, Operator and you, the passenger/participant (Participant), in the Tour provided by Operator.

**Reservations and Payments:** To reserve your place on the Tour, complete and sign the Reservation Form and return it with your deposit of \$2,500 per person. The deposit can be made by check; wire transfer; or by a major credit card such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card. **Make checks payable to “ATW1-15 Escrow.”** If you pay your initial deposit by credit card, it is fully refundable until you sign the Reservation Form. Please fax or mail the completed form to the Association of Former Students, Attn: Traveling Aggies, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840; fax to 979-845-9263; or call 800-633-7514 or 979-845-7514. **The second payment of \$15,000 per person is due May 9, 2014. Final payment is due Sept. 9, 2014.** The second and final payments are payable by check or wire transfer only, made out to the secure escrow account as set forth below. If the Tour is fully booked when your Reservation Form is received, your payment will be returned within 7 days, or with your authorization, Operator may retain the deposit and place your name on a waiting list in the event other Participants cancel their reservations. Even if you authorize Operator to put your name on a waiting list and retain your deposit, Operator will notify you within 7 days that the Tour is fully booked.

**Security Agreement: Your payments are held in an escrow account** at The Commerce Bank of Washington (“TCBW”), 601 Union Street, Suite 3600, Seattle, WA 98101-1342. Participants are protected by a Letter of Credit #592 issued by TCBW (the “Security Agreement”). Any claims against this Security Agreement must be filed with Operator or TCBW within 60 days of the termination of the Tour. After that time, Operator and TCBW will be released from liability under the Security Agreement.

**Expedition Price:** The Tour price of \$76,950 per person (double occupancy) with a \$8,950 single supplement includes a privately chartered Boeing 757 that departs from Kona, Hawaii, U.S.A., and returns to Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. **Included in the price** are deluxe or best available accommodations and all applicable taxes in the destinations, and options as indicated in the itinerary, from arrival at the first hotel through departure from the last hotel. All meals beginning with dinner on the first night of the Tour and ending with a snack on the jet on the last day of the Tour, as indicated in the itinerary are included. All taxes; group transportation; airport transfers at the beginning and the end of the itinerary; excursions; complete program of special events and activities, including extensive options at most destinations; enrichment program including lectures by a team of experts; services of professional staff, including an expedition physician, to assist you throughout the trip; cost of philanthropic efforts; bottled water throughout the program (during sightseeing, at scheduled meals, and in your room); all beverages, including liquor, aboard the private jet; liquor during special events and cocktail parties on land; house wine and/or beer at lunch and dinner, and non-alcoholic beverages at all scheduled meals on land; baggage handling during the Tour; internet access in hotels, where available; tips or gratuities to local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff; amenities package; \$100,000 medical evacuation insurance (which includes minimal accident/sickness/baggage insurance) *for covered reasons.* The exact Tour itinerary, name and location of hotels, length of stay at each hotel, and other ground accommodations and services, are set forth in the itinerary, which is a part of this Agreement. **Not included in the price** is commercial airfare from your home city to Kona, Hawaii, U.S.A., and from Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., to your home; optional and additional accident/baggage/cancellation insurance; passport and visa fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, and fax fees; all beverages not mentioned above as included; hotel minibar charges; meals not scheduled by Operator; and inoculation and medication costs of any kind. Any tips or gratuities not specifically mentioned as included in the total Tour price will be at your discretion. Except for “major changes” as described below, no refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the expedition price that you voluntarily do not use.

**Insurance:** Operator strongly recommends this important protection, which can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip. Insurance premium payments are nonrefundable.

**Baggage:** On the private jet, each Participant is limited to 90 pounds of checked baggage in 2 bags (one bag of your choice limited to 50 pounds and one wheeled bag that Operator will send ahead of time to you for use on the Tour limited to 40 pounds), plus a few smaller carry-on items such as a backpack, purse, camera, and/or laptop. In certain countries you will fly on private light aircraft. Due to weight restrictions on these flights you will only be allowed to use your wheeled bag. For these flights, your wheeled bag plus your hand-carry luggage (including camera equipment) may not exceed 22 pounds. For international flights, the air carrier’s liability is limited to the actual value of the baggage but not more than 1,000 Special Drawing Rights, approximately \$1,250 per passenger, unless a higher value is declared at the time of check-in and an appropriate excess valuation charge is paid. Baggage, when not handled by Operator, and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the Participant.

**Aircraft:** The private jet flights will be performed using a Boeing 757 jet with 80 VIP-style seats. The air carrier for the Tour will be TAG Aviation (UK) Ltd, Farnborough Airport, Hampshire, GU14 6XA, United Kingdom. Operator and the air carrier reserve the right to substitute equivalent aircraft if necessary. Your itinerary may include flights on smaller aircraft operated by local approved airline carriers. Seating on these aircraft will be economy or economy with limited business seats, based upon the configuration of the aircraft.

**International Flights:** The operation of these flights is subject to the foreign governments involved granting landing rights for the flight. If the air carrier cannot obtain these rights for any particular flight leg of the Tour, that flight leg will be canceled and alternative arrangements may be made, at the discretion of Operator.

**Cancellations & Refunds: If you cancel your reservation or change your plans, your right to receive a refund is limited,** as set forth in the following schedule. All cancellations will become effective as of the date of the postmark or email receipt. All requests for refunds must be sent to Operator in writing via mail, fax or email.

If your notice is received...	You will receive a refund of all deposits less a...
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On or before May 9, 2014	\$1,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From May 10 to July 9, 2014	\$5,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From July 10 to Sept. 9, 2014	\$15,000 per-person cancellation fee.
After Sept. 9, 2014	No refund.

*Refunds will be made within 14 days of receipt of your notice of cancellation.*

Leaving the Tour in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of the Tour. If you cancel and are able to provide a substitute Participant for the Tour, you will receive a full refund of money paid toward the price less, an administrative charge of \$25 for effecting the substitution once the substitute Participant has paid in full. **If Operator makes major changes prior to departure, you have the right to cancel and receive a full refund. Please note that the costs for visas, commercial air tickets, insurance, suite upgrades, and pre- or post-expedition independent arrangements may not be refundable.** The following are major changes: (1) a change in the departure or return date, unless the change results from a flight delay experienced by the air carrier (if, however, the delay is longer than 48 hours, it will be considered a major change.); (2) a change in the origin or destination city for any flight leg, unless the change affects only the order in which cities named in a tour package are visited; (3) a substitute of any hotel of lower standard; (4) a price increase of more than 10 percent occurring 10 or more days before departure. In no event can Operator increase your price less than 10 days before departure. If a major change must be made in the Tour, Operator will notify you within 7 days after first learning of the change, but in any event at least 10 days prior to the scheduled departure. If, less than 10 days before scheduled departure, Operator becomes aware that a major change must be made, Operator will notify you as soon as possible. **Within 7 days after receiving notification of a major change, but in no event later than departure, you may cancel your reservation and you will receive a full refund within 14 days after canceling. If a major change occurs after the departure of the flight, which you are unwilling to accept, Operator will refund, within 14 days after your scheduled return date, that portion of your payment which applies to the services not accepted.** If Operator must cancel the Tour in its entirety, Operator will notify you in writing within 7 days of the cancellation, but in no event later than 10 days before the scheduled departure date. **Operator has no right to cancel the Tour less than 10 days before departure, except for circumstances that make it physically impossible to perform the Tour.** If that occurs, Operator will notify you as soon as possible, but not later than the scheduled departure date. If the Tour is canceled, Operator will make a full refund to you within 14 days after cancellation. The rights and remedies made available under this contract are in addition to any other rights or remedies available under applicable law. However, Operator offers refunds under this Agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by a Participant waives the additional remedies.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary and staff are subject to modification and change by Operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the Tour as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require our itinerary to be altered, Operator reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

**Single/Shared Accommodations & Suite Upgrades:** A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis. Operator will make reasonable efforts to assist persons requesting a roommate. If a roommate is not confirmed, the single rate will be charged. Suite rooms are available in some destinations; more information about them, including their additional costs, will be sent to you in the months before departure.

**Airfare:** Operator is happy to assist you in reserving commercial flights from your home city to Kona, Hawaii, U.S.A., and from Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., to your home city, in the class of service that you prefer. Please ask for details.

**Visa Documents/Entry Permits:** To participate in the Tour, visas and/or entry permits may be required for some countries. Acquiring visas and/or entry permits is the responsibility of the Participant. Failure to obtain visas and/or entry permits does not negate the terms and

conditions. Any extra costs for rerouting Participants without visas and/or entry permits will be the responsibility of the Participant. Operator will provide information on the necessary visas and/or entry permits in the Tour documents

**Health Requirements:** This is an active program, which requires you to make a realistic assessment of your health. All Participants are expected to be in active good health, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace. Walking and climbing stairs are required in many hotels and airports, to board the aircraft, and as part of many excursions. *Prior to traveling, Operator highly recommends visiting your personal physician for a check-up, so that you may discuss your ability to participate in this type of journey.* To go to certain destinations or participate in certain activities, you may need to obtain your physician’s approval, in this case a form will be sent to you for your physician to sign. Operator is prepared to arrange for an alternative destination or activity, in case a physician recommends it. Malaria and other diseases may be present in some of the countries featured in this itinerary. For the latest recommendations on specific health precautions for the areas you will visit, consult your physician and the Centers for Disease Control. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported in writing when the reservation is made. Operator will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Participants with special needs; however, Operator cannot accommodate wheelchairs. If you require a slower pace, extra assistance, or the use of a cane or walking stick, arrangements will be made for private touring at each destination, if necessary, at the discretion of Operator’s staff. Any extra cost for such arrangements will be the responsibility of the Participant. If you would like to forego some of the scheduled sightseeing to rejuvenate and relax, please feel free to do so at any time.

**Photography & Video:** Sponsor and Operator reserve the right to take photographs or videos (the “Photography”) during the Tour and to use the Photography for promotional purposes. Participants who prefer their images not be used must notify Operator in writing before the commencement of the Tour.

**Basis of Rates:** All prices are based on two persons sharing a room. All prices and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars. The rates are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. While Operator will make reasonable efforts to maintain the listed prices, if it is necessary to levy a surcharge, Operator reserves the right to do so and will notify you at the time of final invoicing. Operator reserves the right to cancel the Tour because of inadequate enrollment that makes the Tour economically infeasible to operate. In such a case, a full refund of the Tour cost will be made.

**Release of Liability:** The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time expedition Participants are not aboard their conveyance. Neither the Sponsor nor Operator, nor any of their respective owners, directors, employees, contractors, officers or agents (collectively, the “Released Parties”) shall be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider, (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control, and (C) any and all claims, actions, or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, lost profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise that may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the Tour. The Participant waives any claim against any of the Released Parties for any such loss, damage, injury, or death, including any right to seek consequential, punitive or exemplary damages against any of the Released Parties for any reason whatsoever. *None of the Released Parties shall be liable for any air carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket.*

**Acknowledgment of Risk:** You understand and acknowledge that your travel in connection with and participation in the Tour or any activities which may take place during the Tour, may involve risk and potential exposure to injury or fatal injury and that risk and dangers may arise or be caused by the negligence or participation of other Participants, contractors, and/or subcontractors for the Tour or from other foreseeable and unforeseeable causes including weather and other acts of nature.

**Express Assumption of Risk & Responsibility:** In recognition of the inherent risk of the travels and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the Tour and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for the Tour, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other Participants. Operator reserves the right in its sole discretion to accept, decline to accept or remove any Participant on the Tour and reserves the right, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, to withdraw any part or all of the Tour and to make such changes as may be necessary.

**Arbitration:** Any controversy or claim against Operator out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance there under, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing, and judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Washington law. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability release contained in this document.

**Exclusive Governing Law & Jurisdiction:** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. If the right to seek arbitration is for any reason waived by both parties, or if judicial review of any arbitration is sought, any action or legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the courts of the State of Washington, or, if it has or can acquire jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington or the appropriate appellate courts, and the parties hereby waive any objection to venue or jurisdiction in connection therewith. In connection with any action or legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement, the parties hereby specifically and knowingly waive any rights that either party might have to demand a jury trial.

By registering for the Tour, the Participant agrees to the Operator-Participant Contract and Terms and Conditions set forth in this Agreement.

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