

Escorted Tours & Voyages

Although we specialise in tailor-made travel for individuals, we understand that, for many reasons, you may prefer to undertake an escorted tour with a group of other like-minded travellers. We have therefore created a small, exclusive range of escorted group tours led by local experts, authors, or historians whose knowledge, we believe, will significantly enhance the journey. If you would like to arrange your own group tour with friends then do contact us to discuss details.

JULY 2010

Peru Family Adventure

31 July - 13 August

From £2789 per adult, £2599 per child (11 and under)



Rafting, canoeing, horse riding and mountain biking combined with the magical history and wildlife of Peru, makes this a fun packed family adventure. Start your holiday white water rafting on the Urubamba River. Take to horseback to explore the Archaeology around Cuzco and mountain bike from Chinchero, for beautiful view of the Vilcanota Mountains. Spend two days exploring the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu, and round off the trip in the Tambopata National Park; boat rides and night hikes, are perfect for spotting the amazing wildlife.

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SEPTEMBER 2010

China Silk Route

With expert Peter Mackinnon

6 - 23 September

From £3,295 per person, £395 single supplement



This tour takes in the rural and majestic countryside of Kyrgyzstan before crossing the Tien Shan Mountains via the Turugart Pass. It follows the northern Chinese Silk Route from West to East travelling via Kashgar (renowned for its magnificent Sunday Market) Turpan - to visit ancient cities and Dunhuang to see the Buddhist frescoes in the Mogao caves. Continue to Jiayuguan at the western end of the Great Wall and on to the end of the Silk Road where you can view the Terracotta Army.

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Morocco Travel Writing Workshop

With editor and travel writer Paul Gogarty

27 September - 3 October

From £1850 per person, single room



A 7 day workshop exploring the necessary skills required to write a travel story to grab both Editor and Reader. Under the expert guidance of Paul Gogarty you will discover the essential skills on note taking in the field, creating a hook or theme and how to write an exciting and dynamic piece of work. Paul will also give you the inside track on how to go about getting your travel writing published and how to get started in the business. Throughout the week you will work on a full feature of your journey and present it to the group on your final evening.

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NOVEMBER 2010

South West China Dong Textiles & Photography Tour

Explore the Guizhou Province with textile expert Gina Corrigan

4 - 20 November

£3695 per person, twin sharing. £345 single supplement



Gina has been visiting China for over 3 decades. She has, until recently, concentrated on the Miao minority. This new tour includes the Dong minority that also inhabit Hunan and Guangxi provinces. Often seen, in indigo costumes, they are one of the 56 ethnic groups in China. They are known for their exceptional carpentry and for constructing covered wooden bridges across rivers, often called "wind and rain bridges".

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Southern India Sketchbook Journey

With independent artist Maxine Relton

13 - 28 November

From £1540 per person, twin sharing. £335 single supplement



This very special journey has been designed for those who wish to experience a fascinating culture with sketchbook in hand. Maxine Relton leads each day and provides guidance on choosing a subject to draw. During the first week the focus is on developing and practicing your drawing skills, visiting local communities of Tamil Nadu. The second week, travel through the beautiful region of Kerala and find inspiration in the stunning scenery.

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MARCH 2011

China Giant Panda & Rural Insight Tour

March, 2011 (Departure dates to be confirmed)

From £3,595 per person. £375 single supplement



This tour to Sichuan and Shaanxi provinces aims to give a privileged insight into two panda reserves. The itinerary allows for the possibility of unique viewing and walking opportunities to track and view wild pandas in their natural habitat, as well as meeting with traditional rural communities, still practicing their ancient agricultural methods, and meeting with the individuals fighting ensuring the survival of wilderness in China.

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APRIL 2011

Turkmenistan & Uzbekistan - Culture, Crafts & Carpets led by Omar Masom April 2011

Price from £2,995 per person £285.00 single supplement

Prices are based upon a minimum of 12 clients. Under 12 people a surcharge may apply. Maximum group size 17.



Omar Masom is the respected owner of the Turkmen Gallery in London. Established in 1995 it specialises in Antique and Decorative Textiles from the Silk Road. Omar Mason takes you on a fascinating journey through his homeland, Turkmenistan, and into Uzbekistan and with local contacts you have access to the amazing craftsmanship that survives in this region. The tour will also include the most important and historical ancient architectural treasures of the region.

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JULY 2011

China Journey of a Lifetime Adventure on the Tibetan Plateau with Gina Corrigan 10 - 30 July 2011

Price to be confirmed Prices based upon a minimum of 10 clients. Maximum group size 14 people.



This is a unique circular journey planned to give you an insight into the eastern Tibetan Regions of Amdo and Kham. Experience the vast, dramatic and contrasting landscapes from mountain chains and glaciers to vast deserts. You will meet Chinese, Hui, Mongolians and Tibetans and see the great variety of dress and customs as well as pastureland grazed by camels, sheep, goats and yaks, and visit tiny settlements with monasteries perched high on the mountainside.

Gina has been visiting Tibet since 1982, concentrating on learning about the life and textiles of the nomads in the region. You will also be accompanied by a Tibetan guide and a team of land cruiser drivers.

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SEPTEMBER 2011

Japan Textile & Photographic Spectacular with Gina Corrigan

Prices and dates to be confirmed Prices based upon a minimum of 10 clients. Maximum group size 14 people.



Japan has long been a mysterious place for any visitor. It is a country full of surprises, with a much protected culture that can only be glimpsed if the right doors are opened. Gina Corrigan, who has been leading tours since 1989, will guide you on this new tour to Japan. This trip focuses on the ancient Japanese arts used in the creation of textiles and embroidery for the national dress and includes visits to spectacular Buddhist and Shinto temples and gardens for an inspiring way to see this fascinating country.

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NOVEMBER 2011

South West China Costumes and Textiles of Guizhou Province A Photographic Spectacular with Gina Corrigan

10 - 21 November 2011

Price to be confirmed *Prices based upon a minimum of 10 clients. Maximum group size 14 people.*



This journey has been planned for those who love ethnic textiles and costume with lots of time to study village textiles, as well as for candid photographers. There will be many opportunities for the photographers who enjoy images of people and faces and some of the best terraced landscape in Guizhou.

This province has spectacular karst limestone scenery and it is peopled by many minorities who have migrated to this remote area from other parts of China. The groups still have their festival and wedding clothes and we have arranged for these costumes to be worn for us at the villages we visit.

This tour also includes the famous Sunday Market in Kaili where there is a big section selling fabrics, needles, threads, dyes, patterns and costumes.

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Exploration and discovery are an intrinsic part of human nature. As award winning pioneers in responsible wildlife travel, **Steppes Discovery** offer authentic wilderness adventures across the globe. Our unique partnership with local, regional and international wildlife agencies ensures our tours take you beyond the ordinary. Led by the most experienced leaders in their field, experience the natural world, beyond the realms of conventional tourism.

AUGUST 2010

Uganda Primate Conservation in Action Tour

With Primatologist Julia Lloyd

15 - 23 August (September departure also available)

From £2995 (Gorilla Permit \$350. Book now and receive free 2nd Gorilla Permit worth \$500)



Unlike many other primate tours, this trip offers much more than a glimpse into the world of the gorilla, offering a more holistic approach to mountain gorilla tourism and the chance to experience the huge diversity of flora and fauna found in Uganda. Whilst the highlight for many people is to track the gorillas, you will also have the chance to follow chimpanzees, explore the open savannahs of Queen Elizabeth National Park and enjoy an exciting river safari on the Kazinga Channel.

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Botswana Elephant & Big Cat Safari

10 - 18 September

From £2295 per person, twin sharing



Working in collaboration with three local research projects, Steppes Discovery offers a unique opportunity to go 'backstage' on wildlife research. Gain insight into study techniques, track elephant, leopard, lion, cheetah and wild dog during this 9-day wilderness safari. The tour also helps fund the ongoing study of the Central Limpopo River Valley Elephant Research, Northern Tuli Predator Project and the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Carnivore Conservation Group.

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NOVEMBER 2010

Madagascar Diverse Wildlife Tour

3 - 14 November

From £2995 per person, twin sharing



Witness the the spectacular diversity of Madagascar's unique fauna and flora. Incorporating a variety of habitats, ranging from Montane rainforest to western deciduous forest, you will accompany park guides through rainforest in search of the largest lemur, the Indri and watch troops of Coquerel's Sifakas in Ankarafantsika National Park. Your journey will continue to Morondava, where you will search for the giant jumping rat and elusive fosa, Madagascar's largest carnivore, before enjoying the spectacular sight of the Avenue of Baobabs.

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