



KINGDOMS AND CULTURES OF EURASIA

BY PRIVATE JET

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22 Days // 50 Guests // 9 Remarkable Destinations

Leave the beaten path far behind on this extraordinary journey across Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East. Discover nine emerging destinations where storied pasts mingle with intriguing futures. Trace the path of lost empires in the Silk Road oasis of Merv, Turkmenistan, which connected Europe and Africa to the Far East, and marvel at the Persian-Islamic architecture in the Iranian city of Isfahan. Live like European royalty at a French seaside resort, sample the wine culture of the Douro Valley and delve into the contemporary cultures of Eastern Europe's rising cities.

\$77,950 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY // \$8,650 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT





Front cover: Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque at Naqsh-e Jahan Square in Isfahan, Iran // This page: Nomad's yurts near Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



LEARN AS YOU EXPLORE

KNOWLEDGE IS THE GIFT OF TRAVEL.

TCS World Travel expeditions enrich your understanding of the world by pairing immersive experiences and cultural education with knowledgeable guides from world-renowned organizations. **Wild Encounters** features experts Kristofer Helgen and Dean Gibson. These respected authorities share their knowledge of the wildlife and people we encounter to add a new perspective to your experience and enhance your journey.

At each destination local guides and lecturers join the group, providing deeper insights into the endemic wildlife, incredible flora and diverse peoples. To bring you closer to the culture and meaning of each place, we hire local performers, eat local cuisine and purchase local goods. We also support nonprofit organizations in many of the locations we visit in order to give back to these communities.

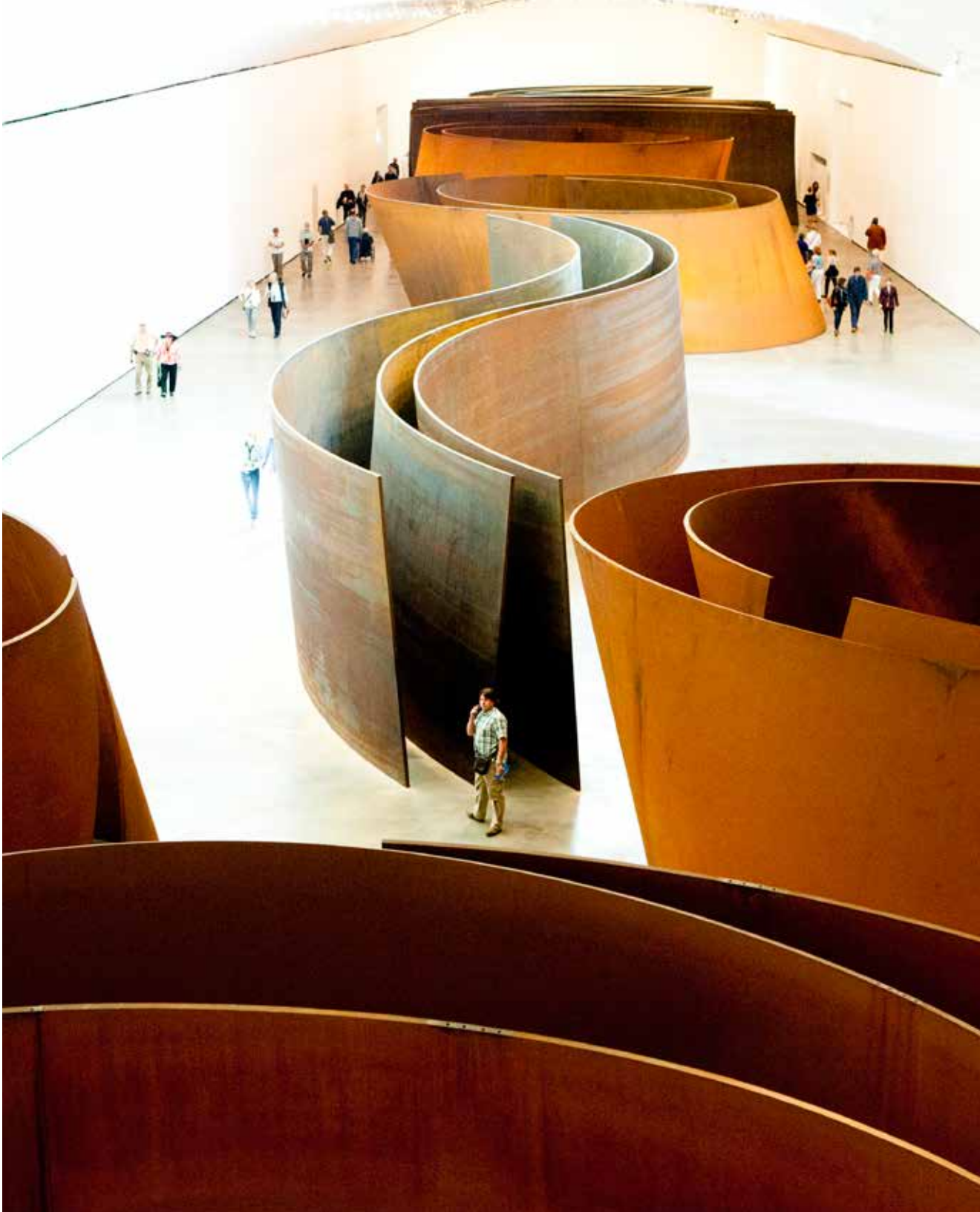


Top: Ashgabat market, Turkmenistan // **Bottom:** Douro Valley, Portugal // **Right:** Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain



All of our experiences were first rate.
I especially enjoyed the lectures. It made
each new country come alive for me.

- NANCY LINDAHL
AROUND THE WORLD CLASSIC GUEST



JOURNEY EXPERTS

KRISTOFER HELGEN

Kristofer Helgen is a research zoologist and curator-in-charge for mammals at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He holds a Ph.D.

in zoology from the University of Adelaide in Australia and has worked on almost every continent. Helgen is renowned for discovering new mammals and has identified about 100 species previously unknown to science. He has also appeared on numerous television and radio programs around the world.

DEAN GIBSON

As Curator of Primates for San Diego Zoo Global, Dean Gibson has more than forty years of experience working with primates. She is a wildlife biologist by training and has

dedicated her career to ensuring high standards of care and conservation for a variety of primate species. Gibson has traveled the world extensively to study wildlife, including a three-year stint working on lemur conservation in Madagascar.

EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHER

An expedition photographer will accompany the group to ensure you get the most from every photo opportunity. Take advantage of this professional's expertise and benefit from educational tips and lectures on photographing animals in the wild.



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Great destinations, incredible attention to detail and the most personalized travel company I know.

- KIT SHAW

HISTORY'S LOST CITIES GUEST

Top: Italian-leather flatbed seats

Bottom: On-demand in-flight entertainment



Attentive service



This page: Rossio Square at sunset, Lisbon // **Far right:** Portuguese
café fare; a *galao* coffee and pastry

Your journey begins... ✈

LISBON, PORTUGAL

START YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH EURASIA.

Once the heart of the world's largest seafaring empire, contemporary Lisbon is a spirited city of Gothic cathedrals, palaces and monasteries. Take in the ebullient character of the Lisbonites as you stroll around the historic city center, or visit one of the many independent art galleries. If rest and relaxation are your preference, spend the day as the locals do, passing the time at a café with a good book and a *bica* (strong black coffee). In the evening, meet your fellow guests and expedition leaders at a welcome dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Located in the heart of the city, **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon** is a prominent modern landmark, constructed in 1959, with magnificent interiors and a museum-caliber collection of contemporary Portuguese art. The hotel boasts beautiful views, a soothing spa and acclaimed dining, including *Varanda*, the only restaurant in the city with a view of Eduardo VII Park.





Far right: The dramatic façade of St. Anne's Church, Vilnius
Right: Trakai Island Castle, Lake Galve // **Top:** Bohemian art gallery in the district of Užupis // **Bottom:** Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul



Lisbon, Portugal ✈ Vilnius, Lithuania: 4h 25m

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

EXPERIENCE THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC
LEGACY OF THE BALTICS.

For many years Lithuania struggled under the shadow of Soviet rule, but today this tiny Baltic nation is thriving. Take in its growing economy, vibrant artistic heritage and rich history.

Join your expert local guide for a fascinating discovery of the **Old Town**, including the Gothic splendor of 15th-century **St. Anne's Church** and the breathtaking frescoes at the **Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul**. Delve into a somber side of the country's history at the fascinating **KGB Museum**, which chronicles decades of occupation and genocide. Pay a visit to the only one of Vilnius' 16th-century fortified gates still standing: the beautiful **Gate of Dawn**, which also houses a venerated icon of the Virgin Mary.

Stroll through the **Republic of Užupis**, a vibrant neighborhood of artists, and the Stikliai area, the former Jewish quarter of the city. Head west from Vilnius to Lake Galvé and the 14th-century **Trakai Island Castle**, which was built to defend the Grand Duchy of Lithuania against the Teutonic Knights.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Old Town and just a few steps from the Presidential Palace, the **Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square** boasts spectacular views of Vilnius Cathedral and the Bell Tower. The hotel features luxurious guest rooms and an acclaimed spa and wellness center.





Vilnius, Lithuania ✈ Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: 5h 20m

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

MOUNTAINOUS KYRGYZSTAN BLENDS NATURAL
BEAUTY WITH RICH HISTORY.

Located in the foothills of the towering Tien Shan Mountains on one of the main routes of the ancient Silk Road, **Bishkek** has been at the crossroads of cultures for centuries. Today, it's a captivating example of a Soviet-style planned city, with wide boulevards and expansive public parks.

Explore historic **Ala-Too Square**, which was built by the Soviets in 1984 and became the scene of large-scale protests in the 2005 Tulip Revolution. Take in the impressive Soviet-era architecture, including the **State Historical Museum**, and observe the ceremonial changing of the guard. Witness the striking Independence Monument, a towering sculpture of Manas and one of the largest remaining statues of Lenin in the region. In the colorful **Osh Bazaar**, browse through Kyrgyz handicrafts and mingle with local people.

Head east into the scenic **Chuy Valley** to visit the Burana Tower, a large stone minaret from the 9th-century city of **Balasagun**, which was once a thriving city on the Silk Road. Climb the winding staircase inside the tower to admire the panoramic views toward the snowcapped peaks of the **Tien Shan**. Before returning, stop to visit the eerie Turkic tombstones, totem-like gravestones depicting the ancient people who lived and died here.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The **Hyatt Regency Bishkek** occupies a privileged position in the city center. Its modern rooms feature splendid views, a spa and fitness center offer opportunities for relaxation, and the elegant lounge is the perfect spot to enjoy an evening drink.



Far left and top: Spices and handicrafts at the Osh Bazaar // **Left:** Burana Tower // **Bottom:** Dancing fountain at night, Bishkek



Far right: Door detail of a mosque in Ashgabat
Right: The Park of Independence // **Top:** Sultan Sandjar mosque, Merv // **Bottom:** President's Palace, Ashgabat

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan ✈ Ashgabat, Turkmenistan: 2h 5m ✈ Mary (Merv): 45m

ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN

EXPLORE ANCIENT RUINS AND AN INIMITABLE METROPOLIS.

Land in a white city bordered by a wind-scoured desert and precipitous mountains. Known alternately as the City of White Marble and the City of Love, **Ashgabat** lies between the desolate Karakum desert and the Kopet Dag mountain range, near the southern border of Turkmenistan. This isolated Central Asian nation was once an important stop on the Silk Road.

Visit the **National Museum** to see the riches of the Silk Road trade that ran between the Middle Kingdom of China and the western markets of Rome. Explore the urban landscape by night, including magnificent vistas of lavish, Las Vegas-style fountains, the golden-domed **Turkmenbashi Palace**, Soviet-era monoliths and the extravagant Wedding Palace.

Spend a day exploring the **Merv Oasis**, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has been home to several cities and cultures. Settled in prehistory, Merv grew to become the world's largest city in the 12th century and was occupied until the late 1700s. Discover the citadel within the walled city of **Erk Kala**, a Persian fortress and the oldest city structure. Then take in the intricate brickwork and murals in the **mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar**, and the 7th-century **Kyz Kala fortress**.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The white marble **Oguzkent Hotel** offers sweeping views of Ashgabat's skyline from its modern guest rooms. Enjoy the pool and sauna, and don't miss the panoramic vistas from the top-floor restaurant.



The attention to detail, from beginning to end, was superb! Well planned and well executed. We'd travel with you again, particularly to far away, difficult-to-access destinations.

- JANET COOPER

AROUND THE WORLD CLASSIC GUEST



Ashgabat, Turkmenistan ✈️ Isfahan, Iran: 1h 10m

ISFAHAN, IRAN

DISCOVER THE FORMER CAPITAL OF THE
ANCIENT PERSIAN EMPIRE.

Touch down in Iran and spend three days exploring a city rarely seen by Western eyes. With only around 1,500 American visitors per year, Iran offers an authentic and unadulterated travel experience. This journey is an incredible opportunity for passionate travelers to witness the people and culture of Iran.

Naqsh-e Jaham Square, centerpiece of the city and the grand vision of Shah Abbas, brought three of the greatest powers in ancient Iran together in one place—the merchants, the clergy and the Shah himself. Walk the expansive square, taking in the tea shops, merchant’s stalls and manicured lawns of this **UNESCO World Heritage site**.

Explore the splendid **Masjed e-Shah**, which is covered inside and out with Isfahan’s famous pale blue tiles. On the top floor of the 18th-century **Ali Qapu Palace**, admire lovely chiseled fretwork and enjoy panoramic views of the city square. Don’t miss the stunning tile mosaics in the **Masjed e-Sheikh Lotfollah**.

Take a day trip to the oasis city of **Kashan**, which lies on the edge of the Great Salt Desert in the center of the Iranian plateau. This historic city, rarely visited by foreigners, is the ideal place to immerse yourself in Iranian history. Tour

the **Fin Garden**, a 16th century UNESCO World Heritage site built during the reign of Abbas I and expanded during the Safavid dynasty. Walk under ancient cypress trees and admire the many water features, fed by springs on the hill above. Learn about traditional Persian life at **Tabatabaei House**, a historic home built for an affluent family. Filled with courtyards, archways and stained glass windows, this building is a doorway to the past. As you travel through the city spot ancient caravanserais, madrassas and mosques, then take in gorgeous 19th-century mansions outside the city center.

Visit a 500 year-old *hammam*, or bathhouse, that has been restored to its original condition. Domed ceilings cast natural light over the colorful tile work and historic baths of this icon of Iranian culture. Continue on to take in gorgeous views of the town’s minarets and *badgirs*, unique architectural features that create natural ventilation, from the rooftop.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Built during the Safavid dynasty as a caravanserai, the **Abbasi Hotel** has been hosting travelers for nearly 300 years. Today, the property is an ideal base for our exploration of Isfahan, with rooms decorated in traditional Persian style and a romantic garden illuminated at night.



Far left: Minakari handicraft // Left: Sheikh Lotf Allah Mosque, Isfahan // Top: Fin Garden in Kashan, Iran // Bottom: School children in Kashan



Far right: Colorful fish and coral, Ziggy Bay // **Right:** Cruise the bay in a traditional dhow // **Top:** Yoga on the beach (hotel spa photo) **Bottom:** View from Six Senses Ziggy Bay

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Isfahan, Iran ✈ Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE: 1h 15m

ZIGHY BAY AND THE MUSANDAM PENINSULA, **OMAN**

PAMPER YOURSELF ON THE GOLDEN SANDS OF OMAN.

Board our private jet for the flight to the United Arab Emirates and then take 4x4 vehicles to **Oman's Musandam Peninsula**, where the rugged Hajar Mountains meet the sky-blue **Strait of Hormuz**. Less than 30 miles wide at its narrowest point, this sun-kissed stretch of water is among the most strategically important transportation routes on Earth. Take in the view of these contested waters from a world-class resort.

Zighy Bay is filled with opportunities. Choose from a variety of activities and customize your time to your own pleasure. Take a snorkeling excursion to swim among the tropical fish that live and feed in the vibrant coral gardens. Learn the secrets of Arabic cuisine during a culinary demonstration and hands-on class that starts with picking ingredients in the resort's garden. Spend some quality

time in the spa, which was rated as one of the world's best in 2015. From a workout with a personal trainer to a relaxing **Marma massage**, you will find what you need to rejuvenate yourself. If you're feeling adventurous, take a **4x4 safari** through the striking mountain landscapes of **Wadi Khab Al Shamsi** and see ancient petroglyphs and extraordinary rock formations. In the evening, cruise the bay on a traditional dhow as you watch the sunset gild the placid waters.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Built in traditional Omani village style, the **Six Senses Zighy Bay**'s meticulously designed suites offer private pools, stonewalled gardens, and comfortable living areas. The resort also has its own private beach, a holistic spa, and a hilltop restaurant with glorious views of the sea.





Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE ✈ Tirana, Albania: 5h 20m

TIRANA, ALBANIA

DELVE INTO THE CULTURE OF WHAT WAS ONE OF
THE WORLD'S MOST RECLUSIVE NATIONS.

For generations, Westerners knew next to nothing about the Balkan country of Albania. Since emerging from communism, Albanians have worked hard to make up for decades of isolation. These days, this friendly nation is making progress on the world stage and has opened its doors to travelers who are discovering Albania's historic sites and lively culture.

On a guided tour of **Tirana**, see the **Fountain of Mother Teresa** and **Skanderbeg Square**, which was named for a 15th-century Albanian nobleman venerated as the father of the country. Traveling on the Martyrs of the Nation Boulevard, stop to visit the **National Gallery**. This state-run gallery is home to more than 5,000 works, including an impressive collection of communist-era pieces from Albania's school of socialist realism. Take in the intense colors and unconventional techniques used by **Onufri**, a celebrated

16th-century artist and priest who devoted his career to painting religious icons.

Depart Tirana for the scenic drive to the **UNESCO World Heritage city of Berat**, one of the world's best-preserved Ottoman cities in the world. See the Muslim and Christian Quarters, the 15th-century **King's Mosque**, and fine examples of Ottoman homes. Discover the majestic 13th-century castle, admire the icons at the **Onufri Icon Museum** and enjoy a traditional Albanian lunch.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Located next to the largest park in Tirana and just a short stroll away from the Martyrs of the Nation Boulevard, the **Sheraton Tirana Hotel** offers comfortable guest rooms with modern décor, a fitness center and several dining options.



Far left: 16th century icon by Onufri // Left: Monument to Albania's national hero in Skanderbeg Square, Tirana Top: **NEED CAPTION** // Bottom: St. Theodore's church, Berat



“As usual, the trip was amazing, as well as all of the special events scheduled. I was amazed at the programs and entertainment arranged on our behalf.”

- TOM MINDER
HISTORY'S LOST CITIES GUEST

Far right: National Museum, Bucharest // Right: Peles Castle, Sinaia // Top: Central city fountain, Bucharest
Bottom: Probota painted monastery, Bucovina

Tirana, Albania ✈ Bucharest, Romania: 50m

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

VISIT A GRAND CASTLE AND
UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE MONASTERIES.

Inhabited since 500 B.C., Bucharest's wide avenues, elegant architecture and café culture have made it one of the most pleasant cities in Eastern Europe.

Explore the history and modern highlights of this global city, taking in the grand **Triumphal Arch**, the fashionable **Victoria Boulevard** and the historic **Cantacuzino Palace**, one of the most beautiful art nouveaux-style buildings in Romania. Stop to explore **Revolution Square**, where the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu spoke to condemn the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, and later made his escape by helicopter in the face of a popular revolt in 1989.

Spend the day in the foothills of the Bucegi Mountains visiting **Peleş Castle**, a stunningly beautiful neo-Renaissance palace built in the 19th century by King Carol I. After admiring the gardens and the impressive art collection, be sure to visit the **Theater Hall**, which includes ceiling paintings and frescoes designed by Gustav Klimt.

Alternatively, delve into Romanian culture at an **open-air ethnographic museum** that showcases traditional village life in the country. Featuring real farms and churches from the 18th and 19th centuries, this unique museum takes you back in time for an immersive experience in Romanian life.

Travel by local air to northeastern Romania to discover the spectacular painted monasteries of **Bucovina**. Masterpieces of Byzantine art, these UNESCO World Heritage monuments enchant with the vividly colored frescoes that cover the monasteries' exterior and interior walls from top to bottom. Walk the halls of the world-famous **Humor Monastery**, taking in frescoed murals from the 14th century.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Occupying a grand 17th-century building in the heart of Bucharest, the **Grand Hotel Continental** offers an enthralling combination of refined European sophistication and personalized service in a beautiful historic setting.





Bucharest, Romania ✈ Biarritz, France: 3h 10m

BASQUE COUNTRY, **FRANCE**

EXPLORE BASQUE CULTURE FROM YOUR ROYAL PALACE.

On the famous promenade in **Biarritz** sits one of France's quintessential seaside hotels, which was known in the 1920s as the "queen of resorts and the resort of the kings." Spend your nights here in luxury while immersing yourself in the culture, landscapes, and cuisine of the Basque Country.

Choose your own adventure on the shores of the Bay of Biscay. Cross the Spanish border to explore the gastronomic heritage of San Sebastian on a tasty guided tour through some of this Michelin-starred city's best *pinxto* spots.

You may also opt to drive along the Spanish coast to see the magnificent Frank Gehry-designed **Guggenheim Bilbao**. Immerse yourself in a fantastic collection of contemporary art including experiential works from Richard Serra and Jeff Koons. Then take a walking tour of **Bilbao's Old Town**,

a 700-year-old quarter filled with historic buildings and romantic streets.

If you'd like to stay on the French side of the border, delve into the daily life of Biarritz, including a visit to the **Rock of the Virgin** and the charming **Fisherman Port**, before indulging in a tasting of local wine and cheese at the vibrant market. Then partake in a cooking class highlighting Basque specialties and local ingredients.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Built as a summer palace for Napoleon III, the **Hôtel du Palais** sits resplendently at the water's edge. With views of the Atlantic or the pool, the elegant guest rooms invite relaxation, while the pool, Turkish bath, and solarium provide ample opportunities for indulgence.



Far left: Idiazabal cheese, a Basque specialty // **Left:** Hotel du Palais and Grand Plage beach, Biarritz // **Top:** Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao **Bottom:** Authentic tapas, San Sebastian



Biarritz, France ✈ Porto, Portugal: 55m

THE DOURO VALLEY, **PORTUGAL**

SAVOR THE WINE CULTURE OF THE
EXQUISITE DOURO VALLEY.

The first traces of grapevines in the verdant **Douro Valley** date back nearly 3,000 years. Today, this mountainous region has been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site for its contributions to grape cultivation and winemaking.

Pay a visit to some **local vineyards** to meet the expert winemakers and learn about the art and science of crafting some of the world's finest wines. Sample the rich ports and unfortified reds that are produced here as you take in the view from a hilltop winery. Absorb the unique terroir of the Douro Valley, sampling the rich soils of the valley's hallmark terraced vineyards.

Embark on a cruise along the clear waters of the Douro River, which cut the rugged slopes of this valley and created ideal growing conditions for a variety of grape vines. For generations these waters also transported all the wine that was made here to ships waiting at the coast. As you

drift through the beautiful countryside, admire the steep terraced cliffs and keep your eyes open for hawks circling in the deep blue sky.

If you like, spend some time pampering yourself at the hotel's blissful spa, which offers several treatments inspired by grapes and wine. Celebrate your journey with a **festive farewell dinner** and a toast to new friends. In the morning, fly to Lisbon before boarding your independent flight home.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Set high on a hill overlooking vineyards and the winding river, **Six Senses Douro Valley** offers luxurious and tranquil guest rooms, an award-winning spa, two swimming pools, an organic garden, and a wine bar that also serves a selection of delectable tapas.

Porto ✈ Lisbon: 25m

LISBON, PORTUGAL

RECAP YOUR ADVENTURES
WITH NEW FRIENDS.

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Far left: Wine grapes, Douro Valley
This page: Vineyards overlooking the Douro River

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GUEST INFORMATION

PLEASE RESERVE _____ PLACE(S) ON KINGDOMS AND CULTURES OF EURASIA BY PRIVATE JET AT \$77,950 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

Guest 1 Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Guest 2 Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

☐ I plan to share accommodations with Guest 2 (above).☐ I prefer single accommodations where available for an additional \$8,950.☐ I plan to share accommodations with someone other than Guest 2: _____☐ Signup for our newsletter and updates on new trips.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

Guest 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my deposit check for \$ _____ (\$10,000 per guest). Please make checks payable to **PPAX-17 ESCROW**.☐ Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$10,000 per guest) to my credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____*(Charges can be made to most major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard and American Express.)*

My credit card billing address (if different from above): _____

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KINGDOMS AND CULTURES OF EURASIA BY PRIVATE JET // OPERATOR-PARTICIPANT CONTRACT AND TERMS AND 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 TCS.

Operator-Participant Contract

TCS & Starquest Expeditions, Inc. ("TCS"), 3131 Elliott Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98121, a qualified tour operator will organize and administer the **Kingdoms and Cultures of Eurasia by Private Jet expedition (the "Tour")**. **TCS, 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 TCS' part, TCS 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 TCS creates a contractual relationship between you, the passenger/participant (Participant), in the Tour provided by TCS.

Reservations and Payments: To reserve your place on the Tour, complete and sign the Reservation Form and return it with your deposit of \$10,000 per person. The deposit can be made by check; wire transfer; or by a major credit card such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express. **Make checks payable to "PPAX-17 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 TCS World Travel, 3131 Elliott Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98121; fax to 206-447-7717. Or call 800-454-4149 or 206-254-0228. **The second payment of \$25,000 per person is due April 18, 2016. Final payment is due Aug. 17, 2016.** 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, TCS may retain the deposit and place your name on a waiting list in the event other Participants cancel their reservations. Even if you authorize TCS to put your name on a waiting list and retain your deposit, TCS 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 TCS or TCBW within 60 days of the termination of the Tour. After that time, TCS and TCBW will be released from liability under the Security Agreement.

Expedition Price: The Tour price of \$77,950 per person (double occupancy) with a \$8,650 single supplement includes a privately chartered Boeing 757 that departs from and returns to Lisbon, Portugal. **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 breakfast 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 (US residents only, excluding Puerto Rico) 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 between your home city and Lisbon, Portugal; 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 TCS; 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: TCS 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 150 pounds of checked baggage in 3 bags (each limited to 50 pounds/pounds, including one wheeled bag provided by TCS), plus a few smaller carry-on items such as a backpack, purse, camera, and/or laptop. In certain countries you will fly on light aircraft. Due to weight restrictions on these flights you will only be allowed to use your TCS wheeled bag. For these flights, your TCS 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 TCS, 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 50 VIP-style seats. The air carrier for the Tour will be TAG Aviation (UK) Ltd., Farnborough, Airport, Hampshire, GU14 6XA, United Kingdom. TCS 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 TCS.

Cancellations and 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 TCS in writing via mail, fax or email.

If your notice is received...

	You will receive a refund of all deposits less a...
On or before Apr. 20, 2016	\$5,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From Apr. 21 to June 20, 2016	\$10,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From June 21 to Aug. 18, 2016	\$15,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From Aug. 19 to Oct. 20, 2016	\$25,000 per-person cancellation fee.
After Oct. 20, 2016	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. TCS reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior compromises the operation of the private jet tour, detracts from the enjoyment or safety of other participants, or poses a safety threat to the participant. The removed party will not be entitled to a refund or any compensation by, or from, TCS for the Tour, including any refund for any unused portions of the Tour. Any liabilities, costs and expenses resulting from such removal, including but not limited to the costs of travel arrangements, are the sole responsibility of the removed party and not TCS. **If TCS 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 TCS increase your price less than 10 days before departure. If a major change must be made in the Tour, TCS 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, TCS becomes aware that a major change must be made, TCS 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, TCS will refund, within 14 days after your scheduled return date, that portion of your payment which applies to the services not**

accepted. If TCS must cancel the Tour in its entirety, TCS will notify you in writing within 7 days of the cancellation, but in no event later than 10 days before the scheduled departure date. **TCS 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, TCS will notify you as soon as possible, but not later than the scheduled departure date. If the Tour is canceled, TCS 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, TCS offers refunds under this Agreement with the express understanding that the receipt of that refund by a Participant waives the additional remedies.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Itinerary Changes: The itinerary and staff are subject to modification and change by TCS. 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, TCS reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

Single/Shared Accommodations and Suite Upgrades: A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis. TCS 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: We are happy to assist you in reserving commercial flights between your home city and Lisbon, Portugal 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 routing Participants without visas and/or entry permits will be the responsibility of the Participant. We will provide information on the necessary visas and/or entry permits in the Tour documents. If your professional or personal history precludes you from visiting Iran safely, it may be necessary to deviate you from the schedule itinerary.

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, we highly recommend 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, such as visiting high-altitude areas (8,000 feet above sea level and higher) you may need to obtain your physician's approval, in this case a form will be sent to you for your physician to sign. We are 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. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Participants with special needs; however, we 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 our Tour 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 and Video: We 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 us 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 TCS will make reasonable efforts to maintain the listed prices, if it is necessary to levy a surcharge, TCS reserves the right to do so and will notify you at the time of final invoicing. TCS 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 TCS, nor any of its 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 and 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. TCS 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 arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance thereunder, 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 and 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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