**Private Custom Tours:** Original World offers private custom tours to all destinations below as well as a few additional ones not offered as group tours including: Southeast Asia, China, Taiwan, Korea, Spain, Turkey, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, East Africa and Eritrea.

### 2023 Calendar of Group Tours

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<td><strong>North India Highlights:</strong> February 8-22 &amp; Nov 10-24. A diverse exploration of North India including the Golden Triangle &amp; Rajasthan; Khajuraho, Varanasi on the Ganges and vibrant Mumbai. Ellora/Ajanta Caves post extension.</td>
<td><strong>Tribes, Textiles &amp; Crafts of Gujarat:</strong> Feb 16 &amp; Nov 19-Dec 4. Experience a diversity of tribal groups, wildlife and village festivals. Gujarat is known for its intricate, vibrant hand embroidered and woven textiles. We will interact with textile families; observe traditional techniques and way of life.</td>
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<td><strong>North India In-Depth:</strong> November 15-December 5. One of the most comprehensive itineraries of North India. Travel through a diverse cross-section of India, both geographically and spiritually, from the Himalayas to the Ganges and through Rajasthan; includes Deepavali. Visit important sites of Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, Sufis, Sikhs &amp; Muslims.</td>
<td><strong>Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam:</strong> February 22-March 13 with Sekrenyi Festival. December 2-21 with Hornbill Festival annually. Bordering Bhutan, China &amp; Myanmar, approximately 76 different tribes inhabit this region &amp; 80% of the land is still forested. The communities live by ancient tribal knowledge systems. Closed to foreigners for many years, its lush landscape and native cultures have remained virtually untouched.</td>
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<td><strong>North India Rajasthan:</strong> Feb 2-16 &amp; Nov 16-Dec 3. Travel thru colorful exotic Rajasthan, land of the Maharajas! Visit India’s majestic palaces, forts, the golden desert, picturesque Udaipur; the pink city Jaipur and exquisite Taj Mahal. Feb Jaisalmer Desert Fair; Nov Pushkar Fair + Leopard camp.</td>
<td><strong>Rural Rajasthan &amp; Tribal Gujarat:</strong> Jan 25-Feb 14 &amp; Nov 16-Dec 7. After you have seen the Taj and visited the “Golden Triangle;” after the forts and castles of the glorious Maharaja period; after beautiful South India - return to India to see the traditional rural lifestyles of the people. Venture away from the chaos and congestion of India’s cities and into the vast rural heartland of the fascinating states of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Feb: Nagaur Cattle Fair &amp; Kavant Tribal Fair. Nov: Pushkar &amp; Vautha Tribal Fairs.</td>
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<td><strong>North &amp; South India:</strong> January-February. The ultimate India tour! Historic sites, cultural traditions, stunning landscapes. Visit all the highlights at a comfortable pace; includes day trip on Kerala backwaters &amp; overnight on a private island. This is a wonderful “first-timer” option.</td>
<td><strong>Villages, Culture &amp; Crafts of Odisha:</strong> Jan 17-Feb 1 &amp; Nov 27-Dec 12. The tribal groups in this region have highly developed artistic skills as seen in their body painting, weaving and wall paintings. Tour dates coincide with weekly village market days. Jan tour incl tribal fair; Nov incl Konark Dance Festival.</td>
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<td><strong>South India Highlights:</strong> Jan 19-Feb 3 &amp; Oct 29-Nov 13. Explore the architecture and history of South India’s temples and palaces and enjoy the peaceful ambiance of its abundant natural beauty. Extension to Ellora-Ajanta caves.</td>
<td><strong>Pakistan-North &amp; South:</strong> April 21-May 10 &amp; Sep 21-Oct 10. Visit UNESCO sites of the Indus civilization, beautiful monuments and excellent museums of Islamabad, Lahore and Peshawar &amp; the renowned Hunza Valley. <strong>Option</strong> to join just the South or North separately.</td>
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<td><strong>South India In-Depth:</strong> Jan 19-Feb 10 &amp; Oct 29-Nov 20. Continue from the highlights tour from Hassan to Hyderabad. We visit the remarkable ruins of Hampi as well as other well-preserved ancient sites in less touristic places.</td>
<td><strong>Mongolia-Naadam Festival:</strong> July 10-25. Attend the exciting national festival honoring the nomads; visit cultural sites in Ulaanbaatar. Enjoy beautiful countryside &amp; Gobi Desert.</td>
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<td><strong>Soul of Sri Lanka:</strong> January 4-19 &amp; November 13-28. Journey through history from Colombo to the cultural heartland: Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Sigirya and Dambulla; explore the UNESCO city of Kandy; see traditional performances; enjoy private lunches with distinguished literary and artistic residents. Jan with Perahara Festival, precedes South India. Nov tour follows South India Highlights.</td>
<td><strong>Mongolia Eagle Festival:</strong> Sep 8-20. Travel to the remote region Bayan-Ulgii, visit the home of Kazakh eagle hunters; experience falconry activities, attend the exciting Eagle Fdstival.</td>
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<td><strong>Discover Bangladesh! Highlights:</strong> Jan 19-24, Feb 3-8, Nov 13-18. In-Depth: Jan 19-28, Feb 3-12, Nov 13-22. Bangladesh is a colorful diverse nation and one of the least visited travel destinations! Visit the intriguing tribal culture of the Bandarban. Option to add Sundarban.</td>
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THE HIMALAYAS: India, Bhutan, Nepal, Tibet

Ladakh Festival with Kashmir: August 21 – September 3. Visit Kashmir, then fly to Leh visiting remote ethnic groups and villages such as Lamayuru. Sept tour precedes Ancient Cultures.


Darjeeling-Sikkim Post Extension: September 19-24 Fly to Bagdogra; travel overland to Darjeeling and Sikkim including Pemayangtse & Gangtok.

Bhutan’s Paro Festival, Darjeeling & Sikkim: Mar 28-Apr 17. We travel overland to Paro via Darjeeling and Sikkim. The drives are stunning thru through forests of oak, pine and orchids with the beauty of the Kangchendzonga range in the background. Option to join in Paro.

Bhutan Fall Festivals: September/October 2023 TBA Attend 3 different festivals on this exciting tour! Thimphu—the grandest of them all, and other festivals located in villages where lifestyle and traditions remain unchanged through the centuries.

Nepal & Tibet: April & October. Magnificent monasteries and palaces with extraordinary ancient art and architecture; museums, bazaars; scenic Yamdrok Lake; soak up the stunning beauty of Tibet’s landscape. Follows Bhutan Tours.

MIDDLE EAST


Persian Treasures of Iran: cancelled until further notice.


Gulf States: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar: Mar 2-9 & Nov 9-16. An intriguing region of the wealthy Arab world. We pack a lot of sightseeing into this short post tour. Follows Arabian Peninsula tours.


AFRICA

Ethiopia: Historic North & Omo Valley: Jan 16-Feb 3 with Timket; Nov 26-Dec 14 with Hidar Tsion Festival. Explore old ruins and wonders including early churches carved from solid rock. In the Omo Valley, encounter the tribal cultures of the Hamer, Mursi & Dorze. Flexible, adventurous travelers will be enchanted; others may find travel in Ethiopia too stressful. Option to join only North or South. Post tour to Harar.


Nile Valley & Western Desert: Jan 7, Feb 17-March 4 & November 17-December 2. An adventurous expedition along the Nile exploring remote Nubian regions. Discover archaeological sites untouched by tourism. Striking landscapes; welcoming people. 12 nights in Italian operated "wild camps."

Nubian Desert and the Red Sea: Mar 17-23. Explore an undiscovered region, with temple ruins, pyramids, camel caravans & desert tribal cultures. Enjoy a 7-night cruise with opportunities to observe marine wildlife; swim/snorkel in the warm, crystal waters of the Red Sea. Tented accommodation 3 days.

Sudan-Abu Simbel-Aswan Cruise: TBA. Travel across Sudan and along the Nile touring archaeological sites of Soleb, Tombos, Kerma; Nubian Desert and the astonishing UNESCO Royal Necropolis of Meroe. Cross into Egypt and cruise on a small boat on Lake Nasser visiting sites along the way to Aswan.


Algeria: May 23-Jun 7, Oct 17-Nov 1. A vast country of breathtaking scenery, well-preserved Roman ruins, pre-historic cave paintings and a strong Berber culture. Travel from the sweeping shoreline to the majestic mountains, through the huge wilderness of the Sahara Desert into the palm-fringed oases.

Tunisia: May 9-23 & Oct 3-17. Experience the splendor of historical & cultural sites; includes Carthage, the sacred site of Kairouan, north mountain region; many UNESCO sites. Pre-Tour Malta May 3-9 & Sep 27-Oct 3.

West Africa: Jan 7 - Feb 7 & Nov 1-Dec 2. Includes nine nations and two festivals! Embark on this exciting insightful tour; explore the exotic culture & enjoy immense beauty!

Europe

Visit the painted monasteries, museums, art galleries, rural villages; exclusive invitations to a local egg painter & home of traditional "ceterasi" player; 10 UNESCO sites in the combined Bulgaria-Romania tour.

**Balkans Explorer**: Bosnia-Montenegro-Albania-Macedonia-Kosovo-Serbia: May 25-June 16, Sept 7-29. Arrival in Sarajevo and travel thru Bosnia visiting magical Mostar and then continues to Montenegro. We cross the border into Albania visit Shkodra Lake and the traditional village of Kruja before arriving in Tirana where we meet the Albania group and travel together for the remainder of the tour. Ends in Belgrade.


**Balkans Comprehensive**: Slovenia-Croatia- Bosnia-Montenegro-Albania-Macedonia-Kosovo-Serbia: May 15-June 16 & August 28-September 29. This tour starts with arrival in Ljubljana traveling thru the Balkans, ending in Belgrade. **Historic Adriatic**: Start in Ljubljana and end in Dubrovnik (10 days) or Tirana (18 days).

**Treasures of Poland**: May 6-22 & Sep 9-25. This hidden jewel of Eastern Europe is highly under-rated and largely forgotten by the North American traveler and what a pity! The country is laden with significant world history.

**Poland Christmas Markets**: Dec TBA. Visit the traditional Christmas markets in Krakow & Warsaw. Includes touring these cities.

**The Caucasus**: May 2-22, Sept 7-27. Visit Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan, fascinating countries with rich ethnic complexities. May tour precede Central Asia; Sept precedes Iran and Central Asia tour.

**North Caucasus**: Sadly Cancelled. The newest frontier! Visit the Republics to the north of the Great Caucasus Ridge, previously unsafe or difficult to visit. Mountains of Ingushetia, North Ossetia, Abkhazia. Much authentic interaction with village people.

**Baltics Immersion**: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania: May 5-19 & Sep 1-15. This region is an exhilarating breath of fresh air! We'll soak up the history, architecture, beautiful countryside & quaint towns at a leisurely pace. This quiet pocket of Europe is not yet so visited by Americans.

**MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS MODULES**

**Corsica-Sardinia-Malta-Sicily-Crete-Cyprus**: April, May, Sept, Oct. Visit these historic beautiful countries in one tour. **Option to join only one country or any multiple of consecutive tours**. Option to add Mainland Greece.

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- **Malta**: May 3-9; Sep 27-Oct 3
- **Tunisia**: May 8-22; Oct 3-17
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- **Crete**: May 31-Jun 4; Oct 25-29

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- Ladakh-Kashmir
- Sri Lanka
- Bangladesh
- Myanmar
- Bhutan
- Nepal & Tibet
- The Stans
- The Caucasus
- North Caucasus
- Ethiopia
- Sudan
- Tunisia
- Algeria
- Morocco
- Madagascar
- West Africa
- Egypt & Jordan
- Jordan & Israel
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Iran
- UAE & Oman
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