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**Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam: February 22-March 12 with Sekrenyi Festival & December 2-21 with Hornbill Festival annually.** Bordering Bhutan, China & Myanmar, approximately 76 different tribes inhabit this region & 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.

**Rural Rajasthan & Tribal Gujarat: January 30-February 19 & November 8-29 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. This tour ventures away from the chaos and congestion of India’s cities and ventures into the vast heartland of the fascinating states of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Feb with Nagaur Cattle Fair & Kavant Tribal Fair. Nov with Pushkar Fair, Kartik Purnima/Shamlaji Fair & Vautha Tribal Fair.**

**Villages, Culture & Crafts of Odisha: January 18-February 2 & November 22-December 7.** 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 a tribal fair; Nov incl Konark Dance Festival.

**Spirit of Myanmar: Feb 20-Mar 3 & Oct 2-13 with Phaungdawoo Pagoda Festival at Inle Lake. Discover hidden treasures on this insider journey exploring Burmese art, architecture and the gentle graciousness of its culture. Extension to Shan State.**

**Mongolia-Naadam Festival: July 10-25.** Attend the exciting national festival honoring the nomads; visit cultural sites in Ulaanbaatar. Enjoy beautiful countryside & Gobi Desert.

**CENTRAL ASIA**

**Heart of the Great Silk Road: 5 Stans: May 17-June 7 & Sep 26-Oct 17, 2021; May 23-June 13, 2022.** Journey back in time on an epic Silk Route tour across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan. Includes the autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan.
nation, and one of the least known travel destinations! Visit the intriguing tribal culture of the Bandarban. Option to add Sundarban.

**THE HIMALAYAS: India, Bhutan, Nepal, Tibet**

Ladakh Festival with Kashmir: August 22 – September 4. Visit Kashmir, then fly to Leh visiting remote ethnic groups and villages such as Lamayuru. Sept tour precedes Ancient Cultures.

Ancient Cultures of the Indian Himalayas: Sept 4-20. Visit traditional villages and ancient monasteries in remote districts Kinnuar & Spiti Valley. Stunning landscapes; friendly locals. Few westerners go here! One of our flagship tours & dear to my heart.

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

Bhutan’s Paro Festival, Darjeeling & Sikkim: March 19-April 8. We travel overland to Paro via Darjeeling and Sikkim. The drives are stunning thru forests of oak, pine and orchids with the beauty of the Kangchendzonga range in the background. Option to join in Paro.

Bhutan Only: March 26-April 8. Arrive by flight into Paro.

Bhutan Fall Festivals: September 13-25. Explore Bhutan during the colorful festival season. 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 8-20 & September 25-October 7. Tour magnificent monasteries and palaces with extraordinary ancient art and architecture; visit museums, bazaars; scenic Yamdrok Lake; soak up the stunning beauty of Tibet's landscape. Follows Bhutan Tours.

**MIDDLE EAST**

Jordan and Israel: May 19-June 7, October 13-November 1. Immerse in these ancient biblical lands. Bask in the immense beauty, explore charming villages and enjoy friendly hospitality of the local people. The combined tour starts in Amman and ends in Jerusalem. Option to join only one county separately.


Gulf States: Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar: Feb 21/22-28 & Nov 12/13-19, 2021; Mar 4/5-12 & Nov 11/12-19, 2022. Tour this intriguing region of the wealthy Arab world. We pack a lot of sightseeing into this Post tour China Silk Route.

**AFRICA**

Ethiopia: Historic North & Omo Valley: Jan 16-Feb 5 with Timket; Nov 26-Dec 14 with Hidar Tson 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. Pre-tour:Tigray Rock Hewn Churches; Post tour to Harar.


Nile Valley & Western Desert: Feb 2021 TBA. An adventurous expedition along the Nile exploring remote Nubian region. Discover archaeological sites untouched by tourism. Striking landscapes; welcoming people. 12 nights in Italian operated "wild camps."

Nubian Desert and the Red Sea: Feb 18-Mar 5, 2022. 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: March 2021 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 sail on a small boat on Lake Nasser visiting sites along the way to Aswan.


Algeria: May 25-June 8 & Sep 28-Oct 12, 2021; May 24-June 7 & Sep 27-Oct 11, 2022. 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 11-25 & September 14-28. Experience the splendor of historical & cultural sites; includes Carthage, the sacred site of Kairouan, north mountain region; many UNESCO sites. Led by Mohamed Halouani min 6 people.

West Africa: January 7- February 7 annually & Oct 23-Nov 23. Includes nine nations and two festivals! Embark on this exciting insightful tour; explore the exotic culture & enjoy immense beauty!

Morocco: April 7-23 & October 6-22. Bustling markets, Roman ruins, Sahara, Atlas Mtns, Atlantic & Mediterranean coastline. Classic casbahs, wonderful handicrafts, a mélange of ethnic music. The people are friendly, the climate is pleasant. Includes medieval Fez, Rabat, Marrakech, Chefchaouen & Essaouira.


**Europe**

**Bulgaria** (7 Days) **Romania** (12 Days) **Bulgaria & Romania** (18 Days) with **Moldova** (21 Days). May thru Oct. 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 27-June 18 & Sep 9-Oct 1, 2021; May 26-June 17 & Sep 8-30, 2022. 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 17-June 19 & Aug 30-Oct 1, 2021; May 16-June 17 & August 29-September 30, 2022. 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).

**Corsica-Sardinia-Malta-Sicily-Crete:** April 25-May 27 & Aug 29-Sept 30, 2021 & April 24-May 26 & Aug 28-Sept 29, 2022. 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.

**The Caucasus:** May 4-24 & Sept 6-26, 2021; May 3-23 & Sept 8-28, 2022. Visit Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan, fascinating countries with rich ethnic complexities. May tour precede Central Asia; Sept precedes Iran and Central Asia tour.

**North Caucasus:** June 7-28 & September 6-27. The newest frontier! Visit the Republics to the north of the Great Caucasus Ridge, previously unsafe or difficult to go to. 22 day or 10 day extension from Our Caucasus tour. Mountains of Ingushetia, North Ossetia, Abkhazia. Much authentic interaction with village people.

**Baltic States Immersion: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania:** May 3-15, August 23-September 4. 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.

**Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova:** May 15-June 3, September 4-23. We start in Minsk, the magnificent capital of Belarus and travel north to the ancient cities of Vitebsk and Polotsk; then south to Brest. We cross into Ukraine to Lviv, a superb city with eye-candy architecture; continue to the famed Kiev and then Odessa with many stops along the way. Follows Baltic States Tour.

**Treasures of Poland:** May 8-24 & Sep 11-27, 2021. 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 2-7, 2020; Dec 1-6, 2021. Visit the traditional Christmas markets in Krakow & Warsaw. Includes touring these cities.

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- The Stans
- The Caucasus
- North Caucasus
- Ethiopia
- Sudan
- Tunisia
- Algeria
- Morocco
- Madagascar
- West Africa
- Jordan & Israel
- Lebanon
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