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LUXPEDITIONS



OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD LUXPEDITIONS

Busting out of your comfort zone with an out-of-the-ordinary adventure is all the more enjoyable with a little luxury, as on these standout trips.

The idea of adventure has long captivated explorers, but it's now easier – and safer – than ever for travellers to bring out their own inner daredevils. Today's adventurer need not face the extreme hardships of those early explorers; in fact, they can expect every single creature comfort to be taken care of. Rising to meet the needs of the sophisticated traveller looking to live on the wild side is the concept of the 'luxpedition'. What better way to sum up luxury, expedition-style trips that give equal weight to adrenalin-charged action as they do to fine food, comfortable lodgings and those little indulgences that take an adventure from good to great. Just because you want to push the boundaries of human experience doesn't mean you can't enjoy the services of a masseuse at the top of a mountain pass, a fresh pair of socks just when you need them, or a hot water bottle toasting your toes when you climb in to bed after an exciting day out.



EMPERORS & SOUTH POLE

White Desert 8 days

You'll cross the Antarctic Circle from Cape Town by private jet and bed down in cosy sleeping pods sitting lightly on an otherworldly landscape of ice and rock. By day, you'll embark on your choice of activities, whether taking a gentle hike through majestic scenery, or brushing up on your photography or polar explorer skills with the help of expert guides. Excitement seekers can go rock climbing, abseiling and zip-lining, and no one will want to miss seeing Emperor Penguins en masse. The South Pole may be the lowest point on Earth, but guests are sure to rate this trip as a lifetime highlight. white-desert.com



FLY FISHING IN ARGENTINA

Frontiers Travel Bookable per night

Argentina's Pilolil Canyon on the Alumine River is remote and hard to access but serious anglers don't let that stop them. They come here for the warmth of the people, the stunning natural scenery, and terrific trout fishing from a new riverfront lodge. Feisty rainbow trout are yours for the catching, with top rods, reels, waders and boots available at the lodge for you to use.

Guided fishing trips from modern drift boats and rafts on a variety of river environments are all part of the fun. The five-bedroom lodge is located on a remote canyon estancia.

frontierstravel.com



INDUS VALLEY WALKING EXPEDITION

Butterfield & Robinson 12 days

Staying in local Shakti houses or domed-tent comfort, you'll trek through India's remote Indus Valley between the Himalayas and feast on North Indian cuisine prepared by your private chef. You'll meet monks at monasteries, experience traditional village life and marvel at vistas you won't soon forget. butterfield.com

BHUTAN BY BIKE

Remote Lands 16 days

You'll want to train for this cycling trip but your efforts will be well rewarded. Aside from stunning rides through valleys, rice fields and forests, you'll pedal to a monastery in the mountains, take part in a Buddhist festival and learn about Bhutanese history and culture. A comfortable stay is on offer after each strenuous day out on two wheels. remotelands.com

CIRCUMLUNAR MISSION

Space Adventures 10 days

Can't think of where to holiday next? It might be time to venture beyond Earth. Space Adventures is offering a return trajectory around the moon in flight-proven private space vehicles. While you won't exactly walk on the moon, you'll be one of the very few to fly within a few hundred kilometres of its surface. The sight of the illuminated far side of the moon and the Earth rising above is once-in-a-lifetime stuff. The mission is for two people, who will stay onboard the International Space Station. Joining this expedition will make you one of the first people to leave low-Earth orbit in more than 40 years. spaceadventures.com



LUXURY TOUR DU MONT BLANC

Adventures Abroad 13 days

The majesty of Mont Blanc - the highest summit in the Alps and Western Europe's tallest mountain - is immense. Thankfully, you'll have plenty of time to take it all in on this epic trek. Adventures Abroad offers two ways to explore: over 13 days on their Classics expedition or eight days on their Highlights journey, both beginning and ending in Chamonix, a charming resort town near the junction of France, Switzerland and Italy. By day, expert UIMLA-licensed guides will help you navigate a massive system of trails connecting their way around the Mont Blanc massif, and in the evenings you'll retire to premium accommodation in small Alpine villages - ensuring superlative comfort and authenticity of experience. adventureabroad.com.au





ANTARCTICA, PATAGONIA, CHILEAN FJORDS

Voyage of Discovery Hurtigruten 10 days

It's not very Norwegian to brag, but Hurtigruten is launching a fleet of the cleanest and greenest ships ever built. In October 2020 you can board one of them – the hybrid-powered polar expedition ship *MS Roald Amundsen* – for the Antarctic adventure of a lifetime. From colourful Valparaiso, you'll sail down the coast of Chile to the Antarctic Peninsula. The expert-led cruise will give you the chance to kayak, hike and explore the landscape and wildlife of the great white continent to your heart's content. *MS Roald Amundsen* offers a true oasis of relaxation after each day's great adventure. hurtigruten.com

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JOURNEY TO THE EAST 2

TDA Global Cycling 45 nights

The 2,900-kilometre ride across South Korea and Japan will take you through modern cities and over lonely mountain roads, past temples and World Heritage Sites. You'll then refuel on sushi, sake and barbeque and soak weary limbs in natural hot springs. tdaglobalcycling.com

MOROCCO

Momentum Adventure 5 days

From a 19th-century Kasbah on the edge of the Sahara Desert, you'll explore a mud brick city, drive a Predator X-18 buggy through the desert, and camp out around the campfire before exploring the Atlas Mountains by foot, horse or e-bike. A hot-air balloon ride over Marrakech is a fine finale. momentumadventure.com





FIRST-BACHALPSEE-HIENDERTELLTI-GROSSE SCHEIDEGG HIKE

Switzerland 13.2km

The Jungfrau region has attracted poets, authors and artists for centuries, seeking inspiration in the drama of the soaring mountains and alpine lakes. The area's crown jewel is this challenging 13.2-kilometre trail. Along the way you'll take in Lake Hagel, the steep slopes of Gummi-hütte, the Grosse Scheidegg pass and Blau Gletscherli, a shimmering glacier. Rest in style in grand hotels, such as Victoria-Jungfrau in Interlaken. myswitzerland.com/hiking

RIDE, ROPE, RETIRE

Red Reflet Guest Ranch

For a true taste of life on the land, a stay at Wyoming's 10,000-hectare Red Reflet Guest Ranch might be just the ticket. Guests can ride horses, herd cattle, go mountain biking, rock climbing and ziplining. You'll dine on gourmet ranch-raised meals and bed down in a luxury chalet with to-die-for views. red-reflet-ranch.net

TROMSO TO REYKJAVIK

Silversea 14 days

Forget about admiring the sensational scenery of Norway and Iceland from a distance! Once you board the 254-passenger *Silver Cloud*, Silversea's most recently refurbished expedition ship, you'll be immersed in this incredible part of the world in unique and surprising ways. Zodiacs will take you up close to glaciers in search of polar bears and walrus, you'll explore Iceland's Lake Myvatn and Godafoss waterfall, and take a big-sky tundra walk in Svalbard. Additional hiking and kayaking excursions truly bring these destinations to life. Back on board, you'll be spoilt with Silversea's signature fine food and personalised service. *Silver Cloud* has the best crew-to-guest ratio in expedition cruising. silversea.com

CAESAR BIKE TOUR

Ride and Seek 17-33 days

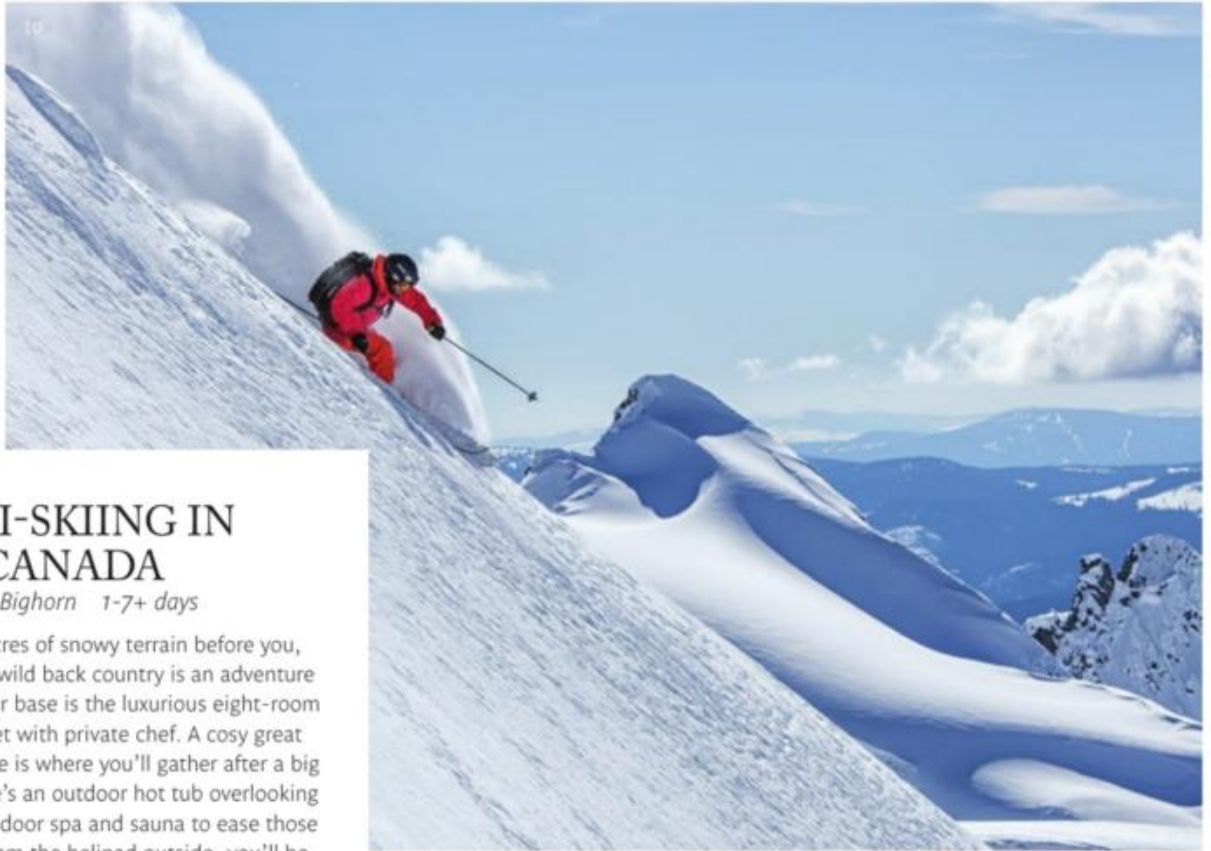
Follow in the footsteps of Julius Caesar on this epic bike tour from London to Rome. The journey traverses England, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Italy. Riders can take on one leg or tackle the entire 3,240-kilometre challenge. This bike ride is a historical, gastronomic and cultural adventure. rideandseek.com

KILIMANJARO LUXURY TREK

Adventure Consultants 9 days

Climbing Kilimanjaro, one of the Seven Summits, has long been a favoured bucket list item, but doing so in five-star comfort gives the idea all the more appeal. On the ascent you'll stay in comfortable camps with heated mess tents and sleep in walk-in tents with beds. On summit day, you'll set off at midnight for Uhuru Peak to watch the sun come up. The trip has an optional safari extension to three of Tanzania's national parks. adventureconsultants.com





HELI-SKIING IN CANADA

CMH Bighorn 1-7+ days

With 500,000 acres of snowy terrain before you, heli-skiing in the wild back country is an adventure lover's dream. Your base is the luxurious eight-room

Bighorn ski chalet with private chef. A cosy great room with fireplace is where you'll gather after a big day out, and there's an outdoor hot tub overlooking the river and an indoor spa and sauna to ease those tired muscles. From the helipad outside, you'll be whisked away to the best bowls, glades and glaciers of the Monashees and Selkirks and if you feel like you're miles from anywhere? That's because you are. CMH tailors heli-skiing trips to guest experience levels and preferences, and puts safety first.

cmhheli.com

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Natural World Safaris 8 days

The luxurious *M/V Evolution* accommodates a mere 32 guests and is just the right size to easily duck in and out of secluded coves to explore the islands of the Galapagos. You'll snorkel with sea lions, pose with penguins and blue-footed boobies, sidestep marine iguanas and marvel at birds nesting within arm's reach. There are two excursions on offer per day.

naturalworldsafaris.com

DIVE THE TITANIC

Blue Marble Private 10 days

Launching in June 2019 with further dives scheduled for 2020, just nine adventurers at a time will travel from the coast of Newfoundland, Canada on a deep ocean discovery to the resting place of the *Titanic*, which sank after hitting an iceberg in 1912. A crew of experts will have you reaching depths of 4,000 metres in a snug but safe submersible. Designed for those with a truly adventurous spirit

bluemarbleprivate.com





EPIC ANTARCTICA VOYAGE

Quark Expeditions 23 days

10 CMH Bighorn heli-skiing © Craig McGee/CMH Heli-Skiing 11 Galapagos with Natural World Safaris © Mark Downey/Natural World Safaris 12 Quark guests explore Antarctica © David Merson/Quark Expeditions 13 Black Tomato offers bespoke luxpeditions to Iceland

If you're going to go all the way to Antarctica, immersing yourself fully in the experience is the only way to go.

From the comfort of your expedition ship, you'll sail through the Falkland Islands to South Georgia, where an abundance of birdlife rivalling the Galapagos Islands awaits, before making your way down to the Antarctic Peninsula. You'll explore by Zodiac and on foot, but Quark allows you indulge your inner adrenalin-junkie with options to go mountaineering, cross-country skiing, sea kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and even to take a polar plunge before reboarding the ship to warm up.

You'll learn about Antarctica's unique geology, history and wildlife. quarkexpeditions.com



ICELAND

Black Tomato 5-9 nights

Black Tomato offers tailored expedition-led adventures to some of the planet's most unique destinations, not least the jaw-dropping sights and experiences of Iceland. Whether your private tour is about adventure, relaxation or indulgence, expect the extraordinary. The Icelandic landscape is made for exploring, whether you opt to snorkel between tectonic plates, climb a glacier or dine in a volcanic chamber. When the exhilaration of a day is done, you'll stay in five-star hotels that sit seamlessly in the landscape, before making your way to Reykjavik. blacktomato.com



LUXURY SMALL GROUP INCA TRAIL TREK, PERU

Adventure World 5 days

The ancient city of Machu Picchu was lost to the world for centuries before its rediscovery in 1911 by archaeologist Hiram Bingham, tourists began flocking to Peru to replicate his journey along the Inca Trail. The trek can now be done in comfort with Adventure World. Guides lead expeditioners past ruins and majestic mountain scenery to 4,200 metres, before descending through a cloud forest to Machu Picchu. After each day's trek, masseuses are on hand to sooth aching muscles and a gourmet chef serves up Peruvian cuisine. Hot showers and comfortable tents promise sound sleeps. adventureworld.com.au

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GORILLAS OF BWINDI, UGANDA

Abercrombie & Kent 5 days

The gorillas of Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable National Park are both rare and endangered, so the chance to see them in the wild is a pretty remarkable opportunity. It will take two days to trek through the forest from the Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp to the area where four gorilla families reside. The trek is steep and densely forested, but seeing the gorillas play and forage will make it well worthwhile. Back at the camp, you'll sleep in one of eight spacious tents with ensuites.

abercrombiekent.com.au

BULLO RIVER STATION

The Tailor

This five-star outback station is located 800km southwest of Darwin in the East Kimberly. The Bullo River flows through the property, providing prime opportunities for fresh and tidal salt-water fishing. Take a scenic helicopter ride, muster cattle, catch wild bulls or go in search of crocodiles and galleries of Aboriginal rock art. It's your chance to see the Australian outback in style and experience an authentic slice of life on a working cattle station. thetailor.com.au

OUTPOST ELQUI, TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Upscape Travel 5 days

Weged between Chile's fertile central valley and the Atacama Desert, Elqui Valley is a dramatic union of undulating dunes and craggy mountain ridges. It's here that you'll find Upscape's pop-up Outpost Elqui camp each 29 June to 3 July, erected to make the most of 2 July's total solar eclipse under some of the world's clearest and darkest skies. The journey also includes horse riding, wine tastings and a visit to an observatory. upscapetravel.com



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