# Abercrombie & Kent

A GUIDE TO LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL





# Experience travel as it was meant to be.

The true journey of a lifetime encompasses not only your pick of destinations, but the passions and interests that make travel uniquely rewarding for you. That is why we design your Luxury Tailor Made Journey expressly for you, with each day a thoughtful blend of authentic local insights, hand-selected activities and five-star luxury accommodations — all chosen with your tastes in mind. Travel on your schedule in a party of your choosing, experiencing each destination alongside local guides who illuminate every day with a unique firsthand perspective.

With our unmatched expertise and global network, we create an itinerary that is authentic not just to the places you visit, but to who you are. Let the seasoned experts at A&K work with you or your travel professional to create the ultimate in personalized travel: a journey made for you from start to finish.

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**Geoffrey Kent** Founder & Co-Chairman Abercrombie & Kent

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"From the minute we got off the plane until the final drop-off, the trip was **absolute perfection**. All the guides were incredible, the hotels were stunning and the food delicious. We got to see **everything that I had hoped for**, and the guides even took us to places I mentioned that were not on the itinerary. I believe this was **my favorite trip ever**."

–John T., Washington D.C., January 2020

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# When was the last time a journey exceeded your expectations?

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# Allow us to introduce you to Luxury Tailor Made Travel.



Custom-made from start to finish. the private journeys we create deliver on some of the most unforgettable moments of your life.

#### Every day is designed just for you.

We start with the most important ingredient in your journey: you. Working with you or your travel professional, we learn everything there is to know about how you love to travel and what you're looking for in your journey. From there, every amazing destination, authentic local encounter and luxury accommodation is chosen with your interests in mind, making each day an adventure you won't want to end.

Travel with the ones who matter most, on a schedule that works for everyone.

On a private journey, you travel with just family and friends, sharing every extraordinary hour with the people who matter most to you and returning home with shared memories you'll treasure. We plan departure and arrival dates — as well as the perfect balance of scheduled activity and free time — to match everyone's schedule and preferences.

#### Experience the authentic heart of each and every destination.

A&K's deep-rooted local access enables us to open doors shut to other travellers and to craft the kind of activities and experiences that elevate your journey into an inspiring adventure. Whatever your passion, we immerse you in your destination through the activities and interests you love.

# We can show you the world.

We deliver travel experiences in more than 100 countries on seven continents, which means A&K can take you anywhere you dream of visiting — and more than a few places you never imagined you'd experience.



Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Botswana, South Africa and more.

Luxury Tailor Made Travel Destinations

### Europe

Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia, Iceland, Greece, Croatia and more.

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### The Middle East & North Africa

Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Morocco and more.

### The Americas

Peru, Ecuador and the Galápagos, Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, the U.S., Canada and more.

### Asia, India & the Pacific

Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and more.

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# We're with you every step of the way.

What sets A&K journeys apart is our people and the role they play in every part of your journey: the experts who inspect each location and hotel, plan each itinerary and work alongside you or behind the scenes to make sure every hour of your adventure is as rewarding as it can be.

Expert local guides bring every destination to life with one-of-a-kind insight.

Joining you in every destination is a resident expert guide with their own unique firsthand perspective. Both an expert planner and an adept improviser, your local A&K guide also brings a sincere love for the places they call home — something you'll soon come to share.

Look forward to meeting and travelling with your local guide in their region of expertise. We can also arrange for a single guide to accompany you throughout your entire itinerary. Behind every beautifully orchestrated day is a team of logistical experts working in harmony.

In addition to your A&K guide, your journey includes an entire team of experts you don't see, each working tirelessly to keep your itinerary running without a hitch, managing everything from the day-to-day logistics to seamless transfers to the surprise moments we so love to create for you. You'll feel the difference from the moment you arrive and throughout each expertly arranged day.

#### We help to keep you safe and healthy throughout your journey.

Our on-the-ground experts arrange for any testing required throughout your itinerary and also monitor local safety and hygiene regulations so you don't have to, freeing you to safely enjoy your journey to the fullest from start to finish.

"Our vacation was excellent thanks to the phenomenal service of Megan and Tyler. A&K hit a home run engaging these energetic guides. We are travellers with a capital T, and I rate them as the best guides ever from A&K. They were knowledgeable, personable, helpful, filled with love and joy, and their service was 'off the chart' fabulous."

Laine S., Jacksonville Beach, FL, July 2020
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# What does it mean to design luxury travel just for you?

Whether you prefer to hike up the mountain, see it painted in a museum or gaze on it from your table at an al fresco restaurant; whether you're travelling to celebrate a milestone, enjoy family time or to indulge in a passion or hobby, we make sure you experience your destination on an itinerary designed around you and the things you love to do.

#### Elevate Your Family Vacation

Scavenger hunts for the kids, wine tasting for grownups and fun, allages activities to bring everyone together — we're experts at creating journeys for all generations.

#### Celebrate with Travel

Mark life's meaningful moments with a journey specially designed to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or retirement.

#### Tackle an Active Adventure

Build a journey chock-full of your favorite outdoor activities, from snorkeling through a coral reef to mountain biking on a breathtaking trail.

#### Seek Out Amazing Wildlife

From East Africa's Big Five to the incredible living museum of the Galápagos Islands, experience safaris and the greatest wildlife destinations alongside the finest naturalist guides.

#### Experience History, Art and Architecture

Connect with local artists on private visits to their studios, or join a collector for a guided tour of their favorite galleries.

#### Take a Bucket-List Food and Wine Journey

Browse a market with a local chef and prepare lunch together, or dine with a local family in their home for a taste of authentic hospitality.

# Every luxury hotel and accommodation is perfectly chosen for you.

Whether you prefer cutting-edge urban luxury or charming, intimate boutique accommodations, we choose the right property for every stop on your itinerary, each inspected and approved by A&K experts. Looking for a wildlife adventure or some exploring by river or sea? Our know-how extends to the best wilderness camps and lodges as well as luxury yachts and river cruisers, luxury trains and secluded private villas.

Luxury lodges put you in the heart of the wildlife-spotting action without leaving behind well-appointed accommodations, fine dining and contemporary comfort.

Luxury doesn't stop at the shoreline. Charter a yacht or river cruiser and enjoy elegant surroundings and five-star service as you explore by river or coastline.

Our experts know which properties embody your destination's hospitality at its finest, blending authentic local style with modern services and amenities.

A private luxury villa is one of the best ways to experience the authenti heart of any destination. Each property is personally inspected by A&K experts, and your stay can be augmented with an endless array of in-home services and expert-guided excursions.

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# Getting there can be as much fun as being there.

From private air to luxury train travel to private boats of all shapes and sizes, let us add luxury chartered transportation to your itinerary for the ultimate in stylish travel.

Sail in pharaoh-worthy comfort aboard a **private** *dahabeah* down the Nile River, exploring on shore with your own Egyptologist.

Charter a **private jet** and travel on your own schedule, bypassing long check-in lines and enjoying VIP service in the skies. Leisurely travel at its finest, a **private canal barge** charter is perfect for experiencing Europe as locals know it, with activities and sightseeing

Step aboard a **luxury train** and travel back into a more refined and elegant era on board a stylishly appointed train, enjoying fine dining, wonderful views and impeccable service.

arranged to your interests.

A **private helicopter** lets you view wildlife, hike and explore in out-of-the-way wilderness, taking in breathtaking views impossible to experience any other way.

### Your Luxury Tailor Made Journey at a Glance

There are countless ways to travel privately with A&K. Here's what every journey has in common.

Travel **in your own private party** on a **one-of-a-kind itinerary** designed for you.

Enjoy **private excursions** chosen to match your interests and led by your own **English-speaking expert local guide**. Experience **exclusive insider access** courtesy of A&K's peerless global presence.

A personalized **airport meet and greet** welcomes you when you first arrive.

Get to and from with **private** transfers throughout your itinerary. A **full breakfast** starts each day of discovery.

Your **entrance fees and taxes** are included.

Questions or concerns while travelling? Our **24/7 support** is on hand and at the ready.

# We set the benchmark in luxury travel — and make a habit of exceeding it.

A&K pioneered luxury adventure travel six decades ago. To this day, no one does it better. With an unbeatable global presence and the best experts in every corner of the world, we create itineraries and experiences beyond the reach of any other travel company.

#### We support you with an unrivaled globe-spanning local footprint.

A&K has a staff of thousands working out of over 55 offices in more than 30 countries around the world. Our staff members live and work in the very same regions you visit, ensuring an array of bona fide insider access as well as responsive support while you travel, with real-time assistance never more than a phone call away.

That's something no other travel company can say.

It speaks to our long-established local presence, our exclusive access to people and places available nowhere else, and an entirely different level of inspiring experiences you won't find listed in any travel guide or search engine.

#### We wrote the book on luxury travel.

Creating the perfect private journey is more than just arranging transfers and selecting hotels. Decades of experience has shown us that it's about creating a flow of authentic experiences expertly paired to who you are and how you like to travel. That's why, whether they work with you or your travel professional, A&K Travel Consultants get to know you as an individual, one avid traveller to another. They have the know-how to expertly match you with the destination and activities that make for a journey that surpasses all your expectations.

### Discover the amazing possibilities of Luxury Tailor Made Travel

Read on for inspiring suggestions and to begin creating your own A&K journey of a lifetime.

Abercrombie & Kent has created countless journeys for every kind of traveller, each one a unique adventure of a lifetime.

Now imagine what we could create for you.

For the Family

# Incredible Family Adventures Start Here

For amazing local guides matched to your family's interests, insider-access experiences for every age and magic moments that happen when you least expect it, we can create a custom family adventure like no other.

# Chart Toppers 12 Best Places for a Private Family Journey

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**1 Africa** for Thrilling Safaris The ultimate wildlife adventure, an African safari is the stuff of dreams when made just for your family. It can mean exciting game drives in your own vehicle with your own expert guide, survival lessons with Maasai warriors followed by private screenings of *The Lion King*, intimate horseback rides and bushwalks, and encounters with endangered wildlife at rarely visited conservancies.

**2 Italy** to Indulge the Whole Family Yes, there's ancient ruins, big cities, Mediterranean beaches, and pasta and gelato, but on private journeys to Italy, there's even more for families to do together — and apart. Try a unique family culinary experience when you visit a private Tuscan farm. Children may spend time learning about the animals with a guide while grownups enjoy a wine and cheese tasting, and everyone comes together to prepare a dish with the farm chef. Alaska for Big Adventure

An incredible all-ages playground for big and small gatherings alike, Alaska delivers on all fronts as a family destination. Travelling here doesn't require a passport, yet Alaska still delivers far-flung thrills with its awesome and unique natural wonders. Our favorite private experiences include flightseeing over Denali, cruising the glaciated Kenai Peninsula and gently paced hikes through old-growth forests.

**Egypt** for Budding Archaeologists A slam dunk for bringing history to life, Egypt shines with legendary pyramids and tombs to explore, private hieroglyphics lessons and camel rides, and your own **5** Morocco for Mountains and Medinas Think scavenger hunts through vibrant markets, hikes in the Atlas Mountains, *oud* guitar lessons and private luxury desert camping under the stars.



#### Peru for History Come to Life

**O** Follow the footsteps of the Incas to a secluded mountain village that's a veritable living museum of centuries-old customs, and then visit a camelid rescue center for the chance to grab a selfie with a llama or alpaca.

#### 7 Yellowstone for the Ultimate National Park

What could be better than hikes to prismatic hot pools and sky-high geysers, bison and wolf spotting, and al fresco picnics in the world's first national park? Private, off-the-beaten-path exploration tailored to your family's interests and led by famed local experts. 8 Greece for Secluded Luxury Start with expert-selected, luxurious five-star accommodations, and then add beach time on sun-drenched islands, private cruises and hikes to iconic ancient sites.

**9 Madrid** for Soccer Lovers Go behind the scenes at the home of the most successful football club in the world, visiting Real Madrid's locker room and walking on its renowned turf.

10 Japan for Pop Culture

A family Japan journey means skyscrapers, neon cities, bullet trains and incredible temples, of course, but also private sumo matches, *taiko* drumming and anime drawing lessons, wild foodie and sushi experiences, and visits to unique cafes. **Galápagos** for Wildlife Fanatics These tropical islands are the perfect place to introduce kids to adventures at sea and an abundance of gentle and unafraid wildlife, such as sea lions, penguins and blue-footed boobies. Opt for a privately chartered yacht and your family's experience with the sea becomes even more intimate.

12 Iceland for Fire, Ice and Social Media Private insider access reveals places few get to see, jaw-dropping volcanic landscapes and glaciers capture young minds and their cameras, and incredible outdoor adventures keep it all in balance.



#### Tailor Made Family Means Something Special for All Ages

More than a private family vacation, our adventures deliver an amazing, expertly orchestrated experience designed for every member of your crew.

#### This Journey Is All About You.

We prioritize experiences for each and every member of your family for an all-ages win. Imagine a fun foodie tour followed by golf for the grownups, falconry for the teens and real princess-in-a-castle stories for your youngest.

You Set the Pace. Want a hike with lots of breaks or none? A last-minute safari game drive that allows for nap times? Flexibility at every step is part of a totally personalized family experience.

#### We Take Care of Everything.

From start to finish, we handle every part of your journey, from the expert planning to seamless execution to safeguarding your much-needed free time. So sit back, relax and experience the art of family travel, A&K style.

Everything You Need No Matter Where You Are. A&K's extensive global reach means we expertly select the best accommodations in the world, always loaded with family-friendly amenities like Internet access and swimming pools.

# We Bring the Best Guides for the Right Spark.

Accompanying your adventure are excellent local experts, each of whom we hand-select to bring the spirit of exploration alive for every age. Tailored to your family's needs and wants, your guide could be a wildlife expert or a thrilling storyteller skilled at keeping children engaged. We can also arrange for a private A&K guide — the ultimate ringleader and fun conductor — to join your family at every step.

# Broaden Horizons with Unforgettable Insider Access

With Stephanie Papaioannou Vice President, A&K Tailor Made and Private Travel

The most surprising thing about Tailor Made, especially for families, might just be the private insider access experiences A&K is uniquely able to provide. Whether it's a special encounter with an inspiring local, an incredible adventure in the wilderness or an over-the-top dream come true, for us, insider access is really about creating amazing family memories that last a lifetime.

#### Introducing Legendary Storytellers

We believe in the power of authentic storytelling. Picture a campfire talk with a Navajo storyteller at the Grand Canyon, a shaman's tale shared by a Nepalese alpine lake or sitting down with Kenya's Maasai women to learn the significance of beading. Even our expert local guides can invoke the glory and grandeur of ancient Rome as you stand before the great Colosseum.

For the Family



"On safari, we can arrange for the nomadic Maasai to share stories and traditions while teaching your family to make a bow and track animals."





#### We Take Family Passions Next Level

In Buenos Aires, we've taken soccer fanatics into stadiums to see their favorite clubs at practice, and in London, music lovers can visit Abbey Road studios, where everyone from the Beatles to Lady Gaga has recorded. In Paris and Milan, couture-loving teens go crazy for private visits at top design houses. So many families love to cook together, so we deliver a fullblown, hands-on culinary experience that may start with a visit to the local market with your chef and a scavenger hunt designed just for your family.

#### Give Back Together, Change Lives Forever

Dream of showing your family how to make a difference? We can arrange for you to visit and take part in an inspiring project with A&K Philanthropy. Dedicated to positively impacting the local communities we explore, AKP offers a wealth of moving experiences with more than 40 projects across seven continents. Talk to us about paying a visit during your journey or even building an entire family trip around AKP and experiences that include Zambia's Nakatindi Village bike shop and Sishemo bead studio, the Cambodia Clean Water Project and the Children of the Rainbow School in Peru.

#### Get Closer Than Ever to the Natural World

We won't just tell your family about the famed wolves of Yellowstone National Park, we'll arrange for you to see them alongside one of the park's wolf biologists. We'll also invite you off the beaten path for mountain hikes with an award-winning local guide and overnight stays at your own luxurious tented camp, complete with full beds. In Kenya, go beyond safari to experience conservation in action with private visits and special animal meetings at Africa's foremost wildlife sanctuaries.

#### See Your Wildest Dreams Come True

If it's far-fetched and seemingly impossible, we'd love to make it happen for you and your family. Dream big and imagine turning a Wyoming family reunion into the Wild West with horseback rides, fly fishing, and custom cowboy hats and boots for all; meeting with Santa in Finland at his Joulukka hideaway and elf guides for surprise gifts along the way; going behind the scenes at Rio's Carnival to see the amazing floats up close before the big day; and in New Zealand, taking over the entire Hobbiton village featured in *The Lord of the Rings*, complete with costumes and special effects.

### Let Us Show You What We Can Do

Give us a call and tell us all about the family journey you've been dreaming of. Contact A&K or your travel professional today.

Celebrate with Travel

# Our Favorite Reason to Travel: Celebrations & Milestones

Birthdays with lifelong friends, graduations with grandchildren, holidays with the entire family, a wedding like no other — make them all the more extraordinary in the perfect destination and on an entirely custom luxury journey arranged by A&K, your travel expert turned party planner.



# Your Unforgettable Destination Celebration Starts with A&K

Let our experts lead the way to the party of a lifetime.

With experience spanning six decades, the experts at A&K begin the design of every custom milestone journey with one important question: What do you most want to celebrate?

#### Birthdays

Is it a milestone birthday shared with lifelong friends or a celebration of shared birthdays with your entire family? Or perhaps it's giving the gift of travel to your children or grandchildren on special birthdays for the chance to have an adventure together.

#### Engagements, Weddings and Anniversaries

Maybe you're planning a surprise wedding proposal or the perfect honeymoon or anniversary. You could also be dreaming of the wedding of a lifetime in a place that means everything to both of you.

#### Special Family Gatherings

Can't bear to spend another holiday apart? Bring everyone together for a special multigenerational gathering for everything from the winter holidays to the Fourth of July. Want to gather in honor of a loved one? Let us help create a heartfelt memorial celebration.

#### Graduations and Achievements

When your children and grandchildren graduate, start a new tradition by rewarding them with travel, perhaps taking them to their dream destination. Or cap off accomplishments such as retirement with a luxury journey and experience on your own bucket list.

#### The Ultimate Gift

Want to wow someone special? For holidays, birthdays and anniversaries, the gift of travel is one of the most beautiful experiences to share with someone you love.

### Where Should You Throw Your Party?

From off-the-map wildernesses to cities bursting with life and energy, we know the best places to host a custom celebration you won't forget.

#### African Safaris for a Grand Family Celebration

For can't-miss adventure for all ages, Africa delivers on a grand scale, rewarding you with Big Five wildlife, thundering Victoria Falls, *mokoro* canoe rides in the Okavango Delta and the epic Great Migration.

#### Adventure-Packed Australia for a Milestone Birthday

From cosmopolitan Sydney Harbor to Kangaroo Island to the Great Barrier Reef, explore and celebrate with close friends and family while snorkeling, swirling Barossa Valley Shiraz and sailing on your own private yacht.

#### K-Pop in South Korea for Big Achievements

Treat the recent graduate in the family to a K-pop adventure in Seoul, where your budding star learns choreography from a pro before joining working K-pop artists at an exclusive recording session.

#### Culinary France for the Gift of a Lifetime

For foodies, nothing tops France especially on an A&K-arranged private dinner in a former royal wine cellar or a delightful day in the Champagne region, with plenty of opportunities to sample its namesake bubbly in the region where it was born.

#### Intoxicating Morocco for a Star-Studded Anniversary

Whether for two or two plus those you love most, a custom anniversary journey in Morocco means exciting medinas and *souk* markets, cooking lessons with a Fez *dada*, hot air balloon rides over the Atlas foothills and nights under the stars in the Sahara at A&K's Exclusive Desert Tented Camp.



### We Do More Than You Can Imagine

With unmatched experience, deep connections and a deft hand in all things travel, no one can create a luxury private travel celebration like A&K.

#### We Create an Entire Experience

More than designing a private journey with a special event, our entire team works together to create and oversee every moving part, every special moment, every detail of each day. Our goal: to give you an entire awe-inspiring celebratory journey and memories to last a lifetime.

#### Custom Adventures for Everyone in Your Party

No matter if your group is intimate, big, adults-only or multigenerational, expect awe-inspiring experiences packed with insider access and moments of true surprise and delight.

# We're Ready with Exclusive Accommodations and Private Air

From a Costa Rican lodge to a Kenyan safari camp, A&K can arrange for exclusive use of the best luxury accommodations for just your private party. We can also arrange for ideal private flights, journeys entirely by privately chartered boat and more.





### A&K Is Here to Make It Happen

Unmatched in the art of celebratory travel, let us show you what we mean. Contact A&K for a custom private journey designed just for you around your milestone celebration.

#### Safaris & Wildlife

# A&K's Guide to the Best Safari Destinations

We got our start in Kenya in 1962 and set the benchmark for the modern luxury African safari. Six decades later, Abercrombie & Kent is still passionate about giving you a front-row seat to extraordinary wildlife encounters all around the world. Here's our guide to doing it the A&K way.







# East Africa for Astonishing Realms of Wild Things

# Why Go

Vast savannas, massive numbers of Big Five wildlife (lions, elephants, Cape buffalo, leopards and rhinos), Maasai culture and the Great Migration —this is thrilling East Africa, legendary for safaris since the days of Ernest Hemingway and bursting with experiences you'll never forget.

### Tanzania: Land of the Safari

At 12,000 square miles, Tanzania's Serengeti is as dazzling for its endless wilderness as it is for its staggering wildlife. Private game drives with our famed safari guides can lead you to all of the Big Five here as well as to cheetahs and hyenas. At the 2,000-footdeep Ngorongoro Crater, your adventure may begin with early morning hikes at its rim before descending into the crater for an action-packed game drive.

## Kenya: The Story of Africa

Experience the red-robed Maasai's deep bond with the land and its wildlife, privately meeting with a village elder for storytelling and immersing your family in traditions like archery and fire making. The vast Masai Mara Game Reserve is known for jaw-dropping game drives, while access to private conservancies offer exclusive experiences, such as thrilling after-dark game drives.

### Uganda & Rwanda: Primate Encounters

Everyone dreams of seeing lions or elephants on safari, but for the ultimate wildlife experience, seek out our close genetic relatives in the dense jungles they still inhabit. Track both placid mountain gorillas and tree-dwelling chimpanzees with an expert tracker in Uganda and Rwanda, relaxing in luxurious forest camps and coming home with memories of an amazing encounter few are lucky enough to have.

# Southern Africa for Private Reserves and Epic Waterways

## Why Go

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The dynamic rivers and wetlands of Southern Africa's private reserves are among the continent's most spectacular gems. Botswana boasts the Chobe River and the world's largest inland delta, while the Zambezi River slices through Zambia and Zimbabwe, cascading into one of the largest waterfalls in the world. South Africa has it all, with world-class beaches and big game parks as well as vineyards, culture-rich cities and anti-apartheid history.

### Botswana's Vibrant Okavango Delta

With its vibrant and extensive serpentine channels, the Okavango Delta is the beating heart of Botswana, drawing prolific wildlife that includes the Big Five and some 400 bird species. Experience this UNESCO-designated treasure from a private *mokoro* canoe, spying tiny reed frogs and dozing hippos as well as on game drives on private reserves that feel all to yourself. On a private Chobe River safari cruise, sip sundowners as crocodiles swish by, elephants arrive for a drink and a real wildlife movie unfolds.

### Namibia's Otherworldly Landscapes and Welcoming People

Close your eyes and picture "Africa" in your mind ... and then let Namibia shatter those preconceptions. Instead of game-rich plains and jungles, explore stunning Sossusvlei, with its deep red sand dunes rising from a pale salt pan, or walk the Skeleton Coast, skirting the rusting shipwrecks that dot its sands. For an amazing cultural encounter, meet the nomadic, ochre-painted Himba people, learning their age-old customs and traditions as well as fascinating insights into their day-to-day lives.

### Safaris and More in South Africa

Top a safari in wildlife-packed Kruger National Park or private Sabi Sands with South Africa's endless wonders and excellent culture. Imagine swims with penguins at hidden beachfronts, biking and sipping prized wines in the Cape Winelands and a visit to Robben Island alongside a former prisoner who shares the story of Nelson Mandela. In modern Cape Town, see the continent's largest art collection with a local expert at the modern, nine-story Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA).



# See More of Africa with A&K

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From the lush mountains of Uganda and Rwanda to Namibia's stirring desert landscapes, there's so much more to sensational Africa. Visit A&K online for more or contact us to create a custom adventure.

# Expert Insight: Why Choose A&K for a Safari



#### With Suzanne Teng A&K Product Manager Africa

From the deltas and waterfalls of Southern Africa to the plains and mountains of East Africa, A&K has been pairing Africa's most extraordinary wildernesses with incredible custom safaris for decades. How we do it better than anyone else? One expert tells all.

#### Our longstanding local presence is our superpower.

Pioneering the first safari in Kenya 60 years ago translates to more than experience: It means A&K's connections run deep on the ground and in country. In Africa alone, we run more than 14 permanent offices. We know exactly where to take you for the best experiences while always having every resource at the ready to keep you safe in the event of an emergency.

#### Access to A&K wildlife experts is everything.

Time and again, our guests tell us our guides are the best of the best. That's because we select each for their expertise, experience and love for wildlife. In Africa, we have staff who have been working for us for over 30 years; we also have more bronze-level certified Kenya Professional safari guides than any other tour operator.

#### We know the best places to stay.

Whether for a party of two or a larger group looking to take over an entire resort, A&K is dialed into luxurious options ranging from intimate safari camps under canvas to stunning modern lodges. All are handpicked, often far from the crowds and right in the heart of wildlife gathering spots.

#### Our private game drives elevate your experience.

One of the best ways to upgrade your experience is to let us arrange a private vehicle for your game drives. More than getting a vehicle all to yourself, you'll also have your own experienced driver-guide, adept at getting you exceptional wildlife views and always equipped with top-notch binoculars to share.

#### Do things your way and on your own schedule.

Are you a photographer who prefers to explore during the magic hour for just the right light? A birder who would rather rise early and stay in one spot for a longer stretch of time? Or a larger group that would benefit from free time? A&K experts know how to tie it all together to get you exactly what you want.

#### A&K Philanthropy adds a whole new dimension.

See the positive impact travel can have with a visit to an A&K Philanthropy partner community in Africa, where we support numerous projects. These experiences can enrich your journey in indescribable ways, give you a true local experience and are especially inspiring for families and children.


# The Galápagos Islands for the Ultimate Water Safari

# Why Go

For adventures at sea and on land, nothing compares to the Galápagos, and encounters with gentle endemic creatures across a remarkable volcanic ecosystem.

# A Magical Natural Wonderland

Created entirely by volcanic eruption, the landscapes and seascapes here are otherworldly. Set off each day to explore vastly different islands on private hikes led by a naturalist park guide, observing lumbering iguanas, hidden flamingo rookeries and the adorable blue-footed booby. Snorkel with sea lions and green sea turtles along soft white sand beaches by morning, and then trek over stunning lava formations by afternoon. Evenings come to a magical close on board a stylish expedition vessel with sunset dinners and guided lectures. A&K can also arrange for you to return to your own privately charted vessel, perhaps an intimate four-cabin yacht or a 24-cabin adventure vessel, ideal for larger groups.

### Don't Miss the Mainland

Begin or end your journey with more exceptional private experiences in Ecuador. See an artist's studio in historic Quito, incredible wildlife and some 500 exotic birds in the Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve, or the staggering Avenue of Volcanoes by private helicopter flight.

# 6 Places to See the Rarest of Wild Creatures

Where to find the most elusive creatures on the planet with A&K.

### Uganda and Rwanda for Mountain Gorillas

Follow an expert guide through biologically rich forests for the chance to encounter endangered mountain gorillas. India for Bengal Tigers

Track this top predator with experienced guides in Ranthambore National Park, also home to a historic fort and temples.

### The Pantanal for Jaguars

Join a local conservation team as they track the Americas' greatest hunting cat, watching as night descends and the wetlands come to life.

### Komodo National Park for Komodo Dragons

Witness this fierce giant monitor lizard at its namesake park in Indonesia, where it has thrived for millennia.

### Australia and Mexico for Whale Sharks

In pristine waters around the world, swim with the docile and magnificent whale shark, the world's largest fish.

### Madagascar for Lemurs

Discover playful lemurs on this African island bursting with other colorful endemic species.



**Explore Your Interests** 

# Custom Experiences for Every Passion

Travel is about more than seeing new places — it's about pursuing the interests and passions that make you who you are. From mouthwatering culinary exploration to pulse-pounding active adventure to journeys back in time, we invite you to take it further on a custom-made passion trip just for you.





# Culinary Travel: Must-Do Food & Wine Journeys

Got a foodie bucket list? Add these four experiences that no one does quite like A&K.

#### Laos for Field-to-Bowl Simplicity

Laos is a fast-rising foodie destination, and like neighboring Thailand, it's known for dishing up strong flavors and filling traditional recipes. In Luang Prabang, meet a local farmer and stroll his rice fields before picking some ingredients for a freshly made lunch of *kaopun* noodles. Cheese lovers shouldn't miss a visit to a buffalo dairy for a chance to feed the calves and sample some farm-fresh artisanal cheeses and ice cream.

#### Rome to Parma for Italian Gastronomy

Ride a Vespa to Rome's fashionable cafes and pizzerias, and then head north by train on a journey to rich Italian cuisine. In Florence, there's lunch at an organic winery, *cantuccini* (almond cookies) making at a family-run bakery and a Tuscan meal you prepare with a chef. In Bologna and Parma, make tortellini, try local specialties — like Parmigiano Reggiano, balsamic, culatello salami and sparkling Lambrusco — and stay in a 14th-century castle with a Michelinstarred restaurant.

#### Become a Tastemaker in Chile & Argentina

Chile and Argentina shine with eclectic cuisines, art and New World wines. In Santiago, feast on a home-cooked dinner in the home of a local chef and art enthusiast. Venture to the famed wine-growing region of Mendoza and visit a cutting-edge mountain winery 7,000 feet above sea level. In the cool Casablanca Valley, where crisp Sauvignon Blanc rivals Pinot Noir, an enologist helps you create your own vintage, which you may submit to a jury for consideration.

#### A Hip Foodie Extravaganza in South Korea

Dive into Seoul's hip street food, trying everything from *tteokbokki* (spicy rice cakes) and live octopus to fried Twinkies. Ramp up your senses at Busan's massive, exotic and world-famous Jagalchi Fish Market. You can also join a chef for a Korean cooking primer, first at a local market to gather ingredients like fresh chilies and ginger, and then in the kitchen to prepare traditional *bulgogi, kimchi, bibimbap* and more.

## Make It Your Own Happy Hour

Three private cocktail experiences for the books.

#### Scotch Whisky Trail

Follow an expert from Edinburgh's famed Whisky Society to the best distilleries of the Scottish Highlands.

#### Caipirinha in Brazil

Join a local mixologist to craft your own caipirinha, an iconic Brazilian cocktail of sugar, lime and the national spirit, cachaça.

#### Porto in the Douro Valley

Sample stellar ports, whites and reds, and stay the night at a family-owned vineyard in Portugal's riverine wine valley.

# Active Adventure: A&K's Hot List

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts: Here's where to find epic hikes, brilliant snorkels, mountain scrambles and our most incredible custom adventures around the world.

#### Kayak and Hike the Andes

For thrilling all-around adventure, kayak in a beautiful mountain lagoon, hike along the Sacred Valley and join a shaman to assist in making a ritual offering to Pachamama, the earth mother.

#### Be an Olympian in Greece

Test your hand at the discus, javelin and long jump in Athens, birthplace of the Olympics, and embark on a jeep safari and gorge hike in Crete.

#### Climb Mount Kilimanjaro

For the ultimate climb, tackle Africa's tallest mountain, with no need for previous experience and fully supported by an unparalleled team of guides.

#### Zipline in Costa Rica

You haven't taken a jungle flight until you've done it in the thrilling cloud forests and rainforests of Costa Rica, birthplace of the modern zipline.

#### Hiking in Canada

In Jasper National Park, hike across scenic Spirit Island, backdropped by the breathtaking, snowcapped Rocky Mountains.

#### Goat Trekking in Switzerland

Take the family through the Swiss Alps with an expert guide and hoofed companions leading the way to a picnic in a wildflower grove.

#### Fish in Alaska

Don your waders and let a pro take you to Alaska's pristine rivers and the best places to fish for chinook (king), sockeye, and coho salmon.

#### Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef

From a privately chartered catamaran, snorkel with an expert along Australia's 1,000-mile-long Great Barrier Reef, the largest living structure on the planet.

### Wellness Your Way

Find your flow in these spiritual places.



In one of the holiest cities in Hinduism, start the day with a sunrise cruise on the sacred Ganges River, visit Sarnath where the Buddha delivered his first sermon and take part in an *aarti* ceremony, when prayers and drumming fill the air.

Moving Rituals in Varanasi

#### Spiritual Culture in Bhutan

Visit the golden Buddha Dordenma in the gilded Kuensel Phodrang and an herbal medicine hospital. At riverside Pangri Zampa, known for its astrology college, practice meditation with an expert and enjoy a reading.

#### Guided Traditions of Southeast Asia

In Laos' Luang Prabang, participate in a protective *baci* ceremony and a guided meditation with a local teacher. Rise before dawn for *tak bat*, a silent food offering for local monks who walk in meditation.

#### Winter Adventures under Finland's Northern Lights

Join a private guide on snowshoe and by snowmobile on the hunt for the spectacular aurora borealis in a dazzling Arctic sky.

#### See Mount Everest in Nepal

Flightsee to the base camp of the world's tallest mountain by helicopter or embark on a lodge-to-lodge Himalayan trekking adventure of your own.

#### Horseback Ride in Patagonia

From El Calafate to Torres Del Paine National Park, horseback ride — or sail, bike, kayak and more — amid glacial lakes and emerald forests.



# Culture Trip: 5 Cities That Take You Back in Time

These storied, immortal destinations have the power to steal you back in time, especially when paired with A&K insider access.

#### Petra, Jordan

Exceptional for its time, ancient Petra was remarkably chiseled from a sandstone mountain range 2,000 years ago by the nomadic Nabateans. Travel to its iconic Treasury and tombs, but also let A&K create a private candlelit dinner here and lead you on a private trek to the top of Little Petra's monastery.

#### lstanbul, Turkey

Legacies of Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires color richly historical Turkey. In Istanbul, follow a special national guide back in time to Topkapi Palace and its sultans and to the marvelous Hagia Sophia, where emperors were crowned since the time of Constantinople.

#### **2** Florence, Italy

Amid the triumphant Duomo and galleries housing the likes of Michelangelo's *David*, the Renaissance feels like it never ended. Go off the beaten path on an exclusive visit to the 13th-century Basilica of Santissima Annunziata, meeting with a team of restorers who are working, with the support of A&K Philanthropy, to preserve its frescoes.

#### Tokyo, Japan

For a master class in preserving the past while embracing the future, look to Tokyo. Experience the city's origins at historic temples and shrines, partake in an exclusive *taiko* drum workshop and get an insider's perspective at the contemporary Mori Art Museum, all in the shade of the city's shimmering supertowers.

#### 🗧 Barcelona, Spain

UNESCO-designated sites paint the Iberian landscape, perhaps most brilliantly in Barcelona, where you find the masterpieces of famed architect Antoni Gaudí. Your A&K guide completes the story at Gaudí's Casa Milà, arresting Gothic-meets-Art Nouveau Sagrada Familia Basilica and his garden creation, Parc Güell.

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