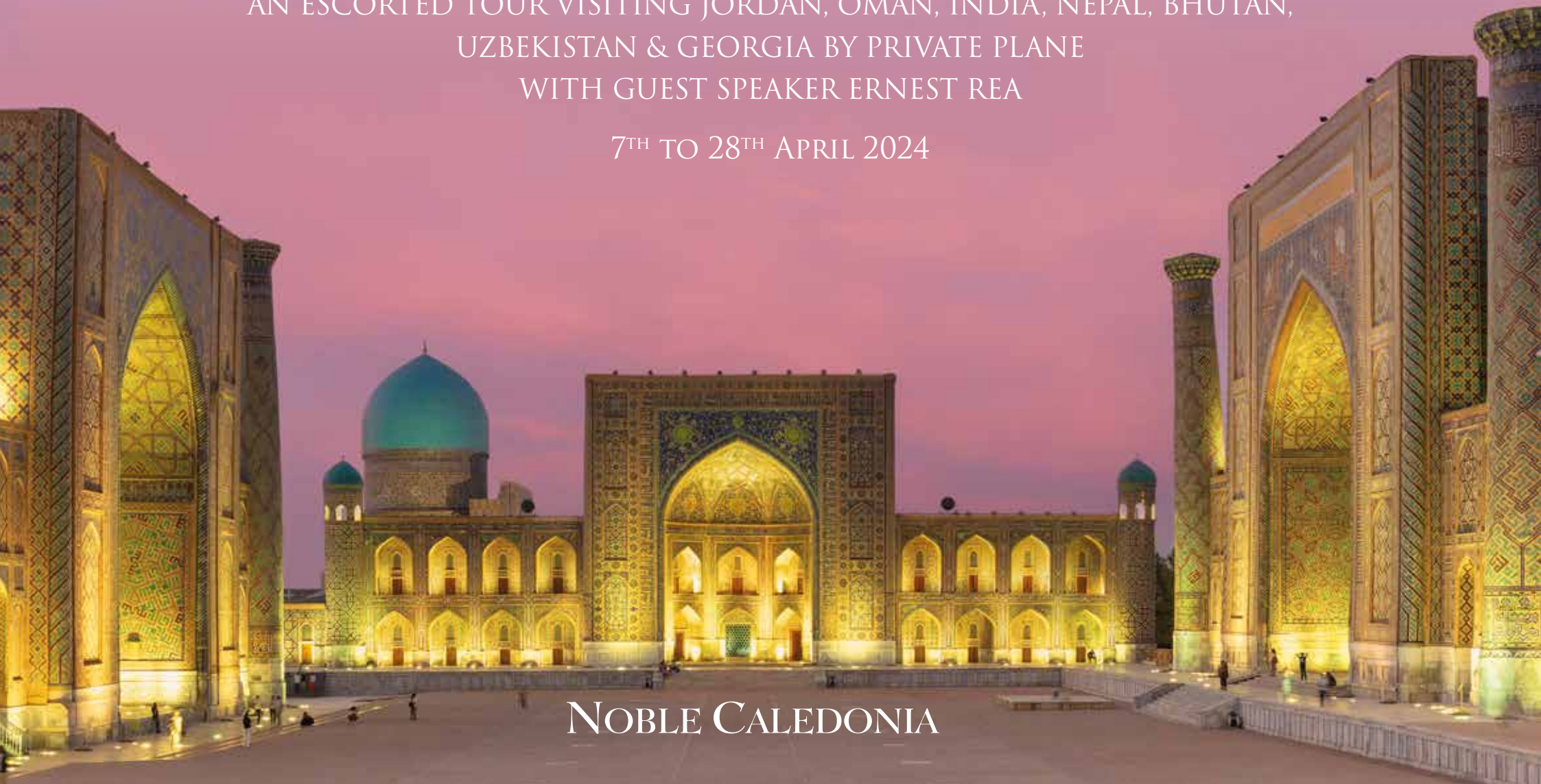


CROSSROADS OF CULTURES

AN ESCORTED TOUR VISITING JORDAN, OMAN, INDIA, NEPAL, BHUTAN,
UZBEKISTAN & GEORGIA BY PRIVATE PLANE
WITH GUEST SPEAKER ERNEST REA

7TH TO 28TH APRIL 2024

NOBLE CALEDONIA







We are delighted to have exclusively chartered a private jet to offer this remarkable itinerary which will enable us to travel in the utmost comfort between some of the most fascinating countries in Asia. Our three week journey includes Jordan's magnificent rose-red city of Petra, Oman's ancient capital of Nizwa, the peaceful backwaters of Kerala, Nepal's evocative capital of Kathmandu, the remote mountain Kingdom of Bhutan, the Silk Road city of Samarkand and finally Georgia's charming capital city of Tbilisi. In addition to our Guest Speaker, Ernest Rea and our excellent local guides, we have arranged for local specialists to give talks in some destinations which will add greatly to our knowledge and understanding of the history and culture of the region.

Our in-depth itinerary certainly isn't one which could be undertaken independently with such ease by using scheduled flights. With the luxury of a private jet at our disposal, we have planned our route meticulously to ensure that all the flights are daytime flights and no flight is in excess of five hours. Guided excursions are included in each destination which will provide an insight into the cultures, customs and natural wonders of the region. There will be a maximum of just 25 guests per guide during the excursions and we will be using personal headsets to enable you to comfortably hear the guide.

We have carefully selected a range of wonderful hotels which are all five-star or best available and we have chosen the accommodation based not only on the hotel's facilities but also on the location and accessibility of the properties ensuring we are in close proximity to the sites whenever possible.

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LIFE ABOARD & ADVANTAGES OF TRAVELLING BY PRIVATE JET

Our private jet is equipped with everything needed to ensure each flight is a comfortable and relaxing experience. Outfitted and custom configured to seat just 62 guests, the cabin is spacious with Business Class seating and only two seats on each side of the aisle. The seats provide a comfortable level of recline with leg rests. Lunches will be served on board accompanied by fine wines and throughout each flight all drinks including champagne are included.

The ultimate advantage of travelling by private jet is the flexibility it provides when developing the itinerary and it ensures we are able to utilise your holiday time to the best effect, maximising time in destinations and minimising time wasted at airports. Whenever possible we will use private terminals at airports and benefit from expedited customs and immigration arrangements. Each passenger will have a generous luggage allowance and when possible, our team will ensure that your luggage is collected from your hotel room and delivered to the plane (occasionally local authorities may insist that guests check in their own luggage and collect it upon arrival).

Our journey will begin at the Radisson Blu Hotel at London Stansted. If you are driving you may leave your car at the Private Jet Terminal at London Stansted and join our complimentary transfer to the hotel. After meeting your fellow travellers and the Noble Caledonia team over welcome drinks and dinner, followed by an overnight stay, we will transfer to the Private Jet Terminal at Stansted Airport avoiding the hustle and bustle of the main terminal. Our private jet will be directly in front of the terminal allowing for a stress-free boarding process.





Muscat, Oman

TRAVELLING WITH YOU

On board our private jet you will be cared for by a specially trained crew including two pilots and a team of flight attendants. The same crew will remain with us throughout the tour and welcome you back on board after each exciting destination. There will also be a Noble Caledonia team of five who will accompany you throughout and will dine with our group each evening. Should you wish to dine independently on some evenings, there will be inclusive alternatives available which our team can assist with arranging for you. In addition to our Tour Leader, Guest Speaker and experienced Tour Managers, there will be a medically trained first responder travelling as part of the team.

GUEST SPEAKER – ERNEST REA



Ernest Rea is a celebrated British broadcaster who specialises in the history of religions and the way that faith impacts on the contemporary world. His regular national radio programme, *Beyond Belief*, was awarded the prestigious Sony Gold Award for the Best Speech Programme on British Radio. He worked for the BBC for 22 years in a variety of production and editorial roles. From 1989 to 2001 he was Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC responsible for all religious television and radio programmes nationally and locally. During this period,

he spent much time in the United States, brokering co-production television deals with leading American broadcasters. He was closely involved in a variety of key national events, including the Funeral Service for Diana, Princess of Wales. He is in wide demand as a speaker at international inter faith conferences, literary festivals and academic symposia. In 1997 he was personally awarded the Gold Medal of the International Council of Christians and Jews for his contribution to Inter Faith Understanding. He has First Class Honours Degrees in Theology and in History and Politics which helped to fuel his passion for the study of world religions and the way in which they impact on the ancient and modern worlds.



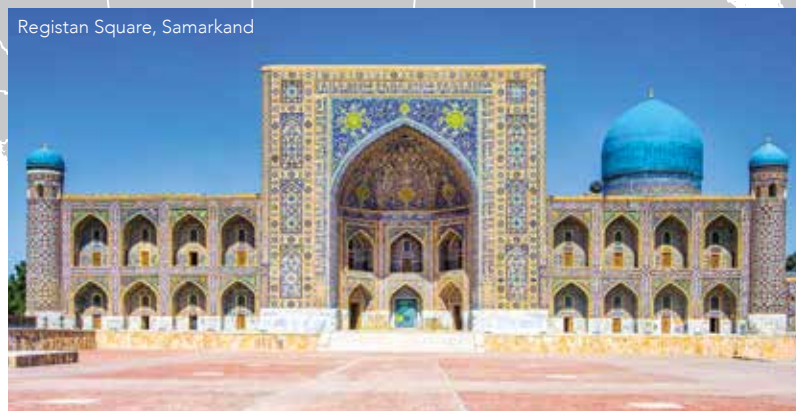
Petra, Jordan

ALL INCLUSIVE POLICY

The following is included during your private jet tour:

- ➔ Travel on our private jet, including first class meals and all drinks on board
- ➔ 21 nights accommodation in five-star hotels or best available
- ➔ All guided excursions with personal headsets
- ➔ All meals inclusive of drinks with lunch & dinner
- ➔ Noble Caledonia Team
- ➔ All portorage
- ➔ All transfers
- ➔ Parking at Private Jet Terminal, London Stansted
- ➔ All gratuities
- ➔ All taxes

Noble Caledonia will also be carbon offsetting the air travel on behalf of all those travelling.



UK
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Patan
NEPAL

INDIA

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Kottayam
& Alappuzha

Tbilisi



Bahla Fort, Oman



Dochu-la mountain pass, Thimpu



Durbar Square, Kathmandu



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- ✈ Experience a four wheel drive excursion in Wadi Rum with a Bedouin style lunch in the desert
- ✈ Discover the rose-red city of Petra
- ✈ See some of Oman's most impressive forts in Nizwa
- ✈ Spend a day on a traditional houseboat in the Kerala Backwaters
- ✈ Exclusive performance of Kathakali
- ✈ Explore the fascinating city of Kathmandu
- ✈ Learn about Bhutan and Gross National Happiness from a Bhutanese scholar
- ✈ Visit Bhutan's Taktsang monastery (*Tiger's Nest*)
- ✈ Enjoy a private dinner inside the Ulugbek Madrasa in Samarkand
- ✈ Discover Mtskheta, Georgia's cultural & religious centre
- ✈ Enjoy an exclusive tasting of Georgian wine

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

We have carefully selected a range of conveniently located, luxury hotels for our stay which are all five-star properties or in some of the locations, best available. Our first evening will be based at the Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted where you can meet your fellow travellers and the Noble Caledonia team over welcome drinks and dinner.



Kumarakom main pool, Kerala



Movenpick Resort Petra, Jordan



Outside bonfire, Taj Tashi, Thimpu, Bhutan



MOVENPICK RESORT & RESIDENCES, AQABA, JORDAN

The Movenpick Resort & Residences is located in the centre of Aqaba with magnificent views of the stunning waters of the Red Sea and surrounding mountains. This architectural delight features a mix of European and Arabesque designs, reflecting a homely feeling. The resort combines grandeur, luxury and welcoming hospitality. The resort features four swimming pools, a health club, sauna, private beach and eight on-site bars and restaurants. The spacious, air-conditioned guest rooms are elegantly furnished and feature bathroom with bathtub, safe, in-room tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary high speed internet access and satellite television.



MOVENPICK RESORT PETRA, JORDAN

The Movenpick Resort Petra is located directly at the entrance to the historic city of Petra. This resort with its oriental flair features an exciting combination of natural stone, handcrafted wood and Middle Eastern fabrics and textures. Nestled amongst amber-hued sands, rocky outcrops and endless blue skies, the hotel features 183 rooms and suites and the spacious superior rooms feature a balcony with mountain views. They also offer complimentary Wi-Fi and minibar selection, bathroom with bathtub, safe, in-room tea and coffee making facilities and satellite television. The hotel also features a fitness centre, steam room and pool as well as seven on-site bars and restaurants.



AL BUSTAN PALACE, MUSCAT, OMAN

Enviably positioned between the Sea of Oman and the Al Hajar Mountains, Al Bustan Palace offers an alluring blend of old and new, local and global, carefully designed and naturally untamed. Set within a former palace, the only remaining in Oman, the resort features a Six Senses Spa with locally inspired treatments and six hammam rooms, five dining venues featuring local and international cuisine as well as a private beach, five swimming pools, tennis courts, gym and yoga studio. The spacious deluxe pool view rooms feature a balcony with views over the landscaped grounds, bathtub and satellite television.



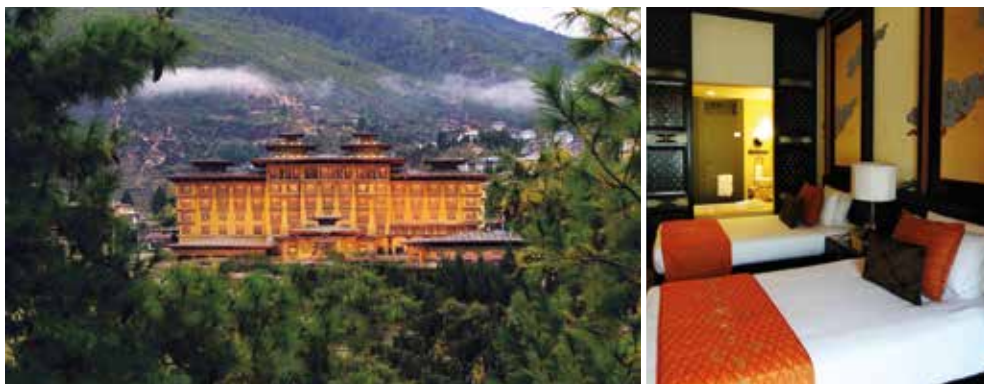
KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT, KERALA, INDIA

Nestled on the banks of the serene Vembanad Lake in the tiny nook of Kerala, Kumarakom Lake Resort offers luxury accommodation. The rooms, villas and suites at Kumarakom Lake Resort are a perfect blend of Kerala's traditional architectural charm with luxurious, modern comforts. Each is a careful reconstruction of manas, the 16th century traditional homesteads of Kerala. The Meandering Pool Villas are set on the 250 metre long pool with access to the pool from private balconies. Whilst here you can also use the fitness room, take an excursion on the lake and enjoy meals in the Ettukettu or Vembanad restaurants or snacks at the Thattukada tea shop.



DWARIKA'S HOTEL, KATHMANDU, NEPAL

The Dwarika's Kathmandu is a heritage hotel that takes its inspiration from the architectural grandeur of Newari royal palaces. The hotel houses an extensive collection of artefacts from the 13th century onwards. The elegant courtyards, buildings and rooms contain some of Nepal's best craftsmanship, capturing the beauty and spirit of an ancient city. The spacious guest rooms are designed to blend intricate Nepali design motifs and original artworks with a contemporary style. The Pancha Kosha Himalayan Spa uses indigenous Himalayan herbs for authentic treatments whilst the three restaurants serve Nepali and international cuisines with ingredients sourced from the Dwarika's own farms. There is also a pool, fitness centre, library and complimentary Wi-Fi.



TAJ TASHI, THIMPU, BHUTAN

Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Thimphu valley overlooking the Wang Chu River lies the Taj Tashi, the gateway to a magical land brimming with fascinating mythology. Staying true to Bhutan's ancient and alluring ways, Taj Tashi blends Dzong architecture and modern design, and is adorned with classical hand-drawn Buddhist murals. The 66 spacious rooms overlook the exquisite mountains and capture the essence of Bhutanese art and architecture. Two restaurants, a tea lounge and a bar focus on a different aspect of Bhutan's vibrant Mahayana Buddhist culture. The hotel also features a heated indoor swimming pool, spa, fitness centre and complimentary Wi-Fi.



LE MERIDIEN, PARO, BHUTAN

Le Meridien Paro is the perfect destination to experience Bhutan's exotic culture and natural beauty with a mix of luxury and comfort. Located on the edge of the Paro River, the hotel offers panoramic views of the Eastern Himalayas. Facilities include the Explore Spa, an indoor heated pool and a fitness centre. There are two restaurants, Bamboo Chic and Latest Recipe and Latitude bar which offer diners an exquisite sensorial experience. The 59 guest rooms, are chic retreats designed with the curious traveller in mind and each offers striking Himalayan Valley and Paro River views. Rooms feature bathtub and separate shower, safe and tea and coffee making facilities.



DILIMAH, SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

DiliMah Premium Luxury is located in Samarkand close to the main tourist sites. The hotel features both an indoor and outdoor swimming pool and a garden. The property has a terrace, as well as a shared lounge. Rooms are bright, spacious and comfortably furnished. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available and all rooms are equipped with a flat-screen television and private bathroom fitted with a bath. Meals are served in the hotel restaurant featuring local and international cuisine.



MARRIOTT HOTEL, TBILISI, GEORGIA

Located in an elegant historic building, Tbilisi Marriott Hotel provides a truly memorable backdrop for visits to Georgia's unique capital city. Immaculately appointed rooms offer soundproof windows, high-speed internet access and marble bathrooms with jetted tubs. Parnas Cafe offers delicious Georgian and global cuisine; Majestic Lounge & Bar serves light bites and craft cocktails. There is also a 24-hour fitness centre. The hotel is ideally located just a few moments from attractions and landmarks including Liberty Square, Narikala Fortress and the Parliament of Georgia.



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7th to 28th April 2024

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted. This afternoon, check in any time after 3pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel. If you are driving you may leave your car at the Private Jet Terminal at London Stansted and join our complimentary transfer to the hotel. Alternatively if arriving by train the hotel is located a short walk from the station. Enjoy dinner this evening with your fellow travellers and the Noble Caledonia Team.
Accommodation: Superior Room, Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted

Day 2 London Stansted to Aqaba, Jordan. This morning transfer to the Private Jet Terminal at London Stansted Airport and embark our private jet. Enjoy becoming acquainted with our private jet and spend a relaxing five hours on board as we travel to Jordan, arriving in the port city of Aqaba this afternoon. On arrival we transfer to the Movenpick Resort for some free time to relax before we meet for a welcome drink and dinner this evening.

Flight Time: 5 Hours – 09.00 to 16.00

Accommodation: Superior Room, Movenpick Resort & Residences, Aqaba

Day 3 Wadi Rum & Petra. Check out after breakfast and board a four-wheel drive vehicle for a tour to Wadi Rum, also known as the Valley of the Moon where the desert landscape is mixed with awe-inspiring shapes to create an almost supernatural atmosphere. See the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, the famous landmark named after the book by T.E. Lawrence 'Lawrence of Arabia'. During our excursion we will also see the Alameleh inscriptions which are a fine example of ancient rock drawings, Siq Um Al Tawaqi, a short canyon containing a carving of the head of T.E. Lawrence and ruins of Allat (Goddess) Temple of the AAD tribe. After lunch in a Bedouin tent we continue our journey to Little Petra, where a modest gorge (Siq a-Barid) leads into the area of carved tombs and monuments. See the Painted Cave which is believed to have

been a shelter for a sect focused on Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine, as it contains remains of Greek-style plaster artwork, quite unique for Petra, displaying tangled vines and flowers with brightly coloured birds and cupid-like figures. After our visit we will check into the Movenpick Petra, our base for the next two nights.

Accommodation: Superior Room, Movenpick Resort, Petra

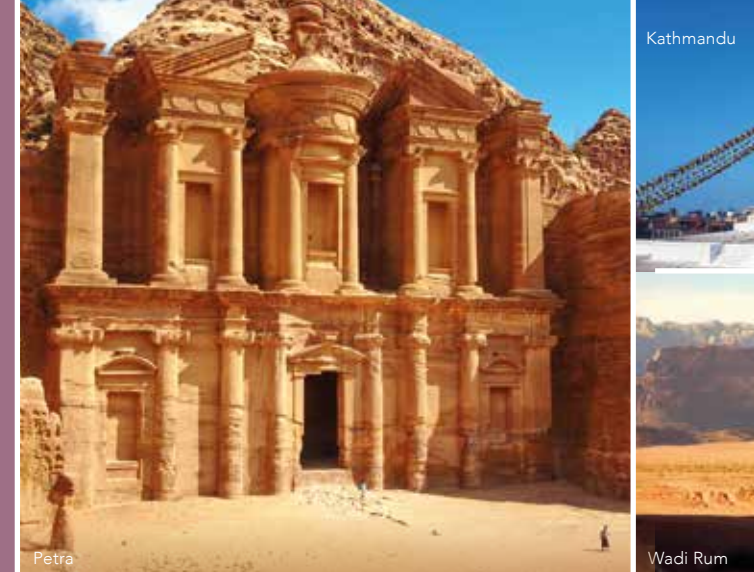
Day 4 Petra. After breakfast in the hotel we will make our way to the entrance of the old city and walk along the "Siq" to visit the rose-red city. The ancient city of Petra was built from 800 BC to 100 AD by Nabatean Arabs. In this era Petra was a fortress, carved out of craggy rocks in an area which was virtually inaccessible. In the first and second century, after the Romans took over, the city reached the peak of its fame. Petra covers an area of about 100 square kilometres, in which over 800 monuments can be found. When shipping slowly displaced caravan routes, the city's importance gradually dwindled; it fell into disuse and was lost to the world until 1812, when it was re-discovered by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. After a morning of exploration with our guides we will enjoy lunch. This afternoon is free to continue to explore further at your own pace or return to the hotel for some free time.

Accommodation: Superior Room, Movenpick Resort, Petra

Day 5 Petra to Muscat, Oman. We return this morning to our private jet in Aqaba for our flight to Muscat. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Al Bustan Palace Hotel for some free time before we meet tonight for dinner in the hotel.

Flight Time: 3 Hours – 11.30 to 15.30

Accommodation: Deluxe Pool View Room, Al Bustan Palace, A Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Muscat



Day 6 Muscat. A morning city tour of Muscat will include the Grand Mosque, Muttrah Souk and the fascinating Bait al Zubair Museum situated in a converted townhouse which exhibits Omani Heritage with photos and traditional handicrafts and furniture. We also pass the Sultans Palace "Al Alam" which is flanked by two 16th century Portuguese forts. After lunch in the hotel enjoy an afternoon at leisure before we spend the evening in a typical Omani restaurant.

Accommodation: Deluxe Pool View Room, Al Bustan Palace, A Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Muscat

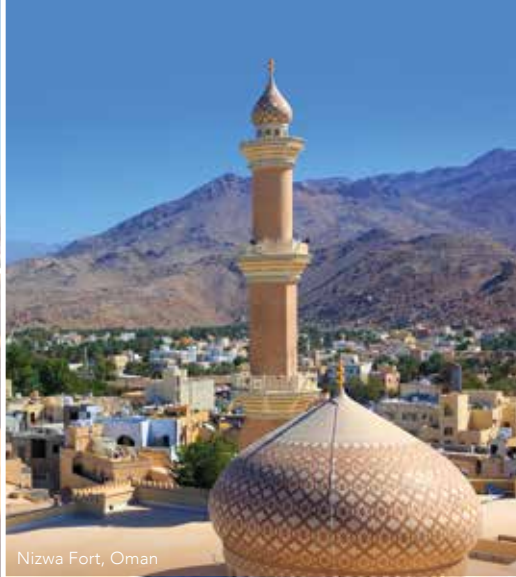
Day 7 Muscat & Nizwa. On a full day excursion we will drive inland through fascinating scenery to see some of the most impressive forts in Oman starting at the sultanate of Nizwa, Oman's ancient capital where we find the 17th century fort which has a unique 40 metre tall round tower. We will continue to Jabrin Castle built in 1675 as a centre of learning for astrology, medicine and Islamic Law before continuing to Bahla. Bahla is renowned for being one of the most comprehensive walled cities in the world and part of these battlements include the impressive 12th century fort. After lunch we return to Muscat for some free time before dinner.

Accommodation: Deluxe Pool View Room, Al Bustan Palace, A Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Muscat

Day 8 Muscat to Kerala, India. After breakfast we will return to the airport and re-join our private jet for our flight to Cochin, the gateway to the Kerala region of India. On arrival we will transfer to the Kumarakom Lake Resort, situated amongst palm fringed canals and paddy fields in the lush backwaters of Kottayam. Check in and enjoy a relaxing afternoon before dinner at the hotel this evening.

Flight Time: 3.5 Hours – 09.00 to 14.00

Accommodation: Meandering Pool Villa, Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kerala



Day 9 Kerala Backwaters. Today we will travel to Alleppey, a golden expanse of land surrounded by rivers, lakes, lagoons, and canals. We will board a traditional houseboat and spend the day cruising the serene backwaters of Kerala. A backwater comprises of a unique web of rivers, lakes, bays, lagoons and canals extending into the villages and towns of the area. Relax on deck and enjoy the passing landscapes of colonial warehouses, paddy fields and coconut thatched houses whilst spotting birds and floating plants and observing scenes of daily life along the water. A traditional lunch will be served on board before we return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Meandering Pool Villa, Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kerala

Day 10 Kerala Backwaters. Today you can choose to spend the day at the resort, maybe relax by the pool, indulge in an Ayurveda spa therapy or spend time with a Master for yoga and meditation. Alternatively join one of the "vallam", which are the boats used by the locals to carry trade and people between the villages, as we make our way to a local farm where they practice sustainable farming for spices, fruit and fish. Learn about the farming techniques and enjoy a freshly prepared lunch before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we will say farewell to India with a performance of Kathakali, a classical dance form that combines literature, music, acting, and elaborate costumes.

Accommodation: Meandering Pool Villa, Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kerala

Day 11 Kerala to Kathmandu, Nepal. Return to Cochin airport this morning and board our private jet to fly to Nepal's capital city of Kathmandu, a 2000 year old city surrounded by the Himalayan mountains. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to Dwarika's Hotel and enjoy some time at leisure to explore at your own pace before a special

Nepalese dinner is served tonight in the hotel restaurant.

Flight Time: 3.5 Hours – 12.30 to 16.15

Accommodation: Junior Suite, Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu

Day 12 Kathmandu. We have a full day to explore this fascinating city including the 5th century Boudhanath Stupa, one of the holiest Buddhist sites in Nepal where pilgrims can be seen circumnavigating the stupa chanting mantras. We will interact with some of the monks at a Buddhist monastery, before exploring Patan. Situated on the outskirts of Kathmandu and known as the "city of artisans", Patan is home to the finest craftsmen still using many ancient techniques. After lunch we return to Kathmandu and the main Durbar Square. See the Royal Palace with its gilded gates and elaborate statues and the many stalls displaying a wide variety of Nepalese and Tibetan handicrafts. In the early evening we will have a talk from one of the local charities working on the rebuilding of the city after the devastating earthquake of 2015 before dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Junior Suite, Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu

Day 13 Kathmandu to Thimpu, Bhutan. Returning to the airport after breakfast we will take a specially chartered flight to Paro Airport. Enjoy the views before we land in the Paro Valley and board buses to transfer to the Taj Tashi Hotel in Thimpu, Bhutan's capital. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel facilities and the wonderful views over the Himalayas. Before dinner this evening in the hotel, we will be joined by a Bhutanese scholar who will talk to us about Bhutan and Gross National Happiness. The Gross National Happiness philosophy serves as a beacon for Bhutan in its search for greater wellbeing and advancement of the Bhutanese people.

Flight Time: 1 Hour – 10.00 to 11.15 (Local charter flight)

Accommodation: Deluxe Room with Mountain View, Taj Tashi Bhutan

Day 14 Thimpu. This morning we will drive to the Dochula Pass situated over 3000 metres above sea level. The highest point on the road is marked by a large Bhutanese stupa with 108 small stupas and prayer flags fluttering amongst the cypress trees. On a clear day, there is a breathtaking view of the high peaks of the eastern Himalayas from this spot including Gangkar Puensum, the highest peak in Bhutan. Return to Thimpu where we will see the Textile Museum, created to preserve the ancient art of weaving, the painting school, National Memorial Chorten and the Great Buddha Dordenma statue offering wonderful views over the valley of Thimphu. There will be free time to explore the bustling streets of the capital.

Accommodation: Deluxe Room with Mountain View, Taj Tashi Bhutan

Day 15 Tiger's Nest Monastery & Paro. A scenic drive will take us into the Paro valley where there will be a choice of activities. Maybe take the excursion to Paro Taktsang monastery (Tiger's Nest). Clinging to the cliffs almost 3000 metres above the Paro valley, the breathtaking Paro Taktsang monastery is one of the most spectacular sites in the world. The Buddhist monastery consists of four temples and eight caves, accessed through the forest from the valley below. Our walk takes us along paths strewn with colourful prayer flags and spectacular views of the valley. Alternatively, those who prefer a less strenuous day can visit the National Museum which showcases collections of Bhutanese art, weapons and historical artefacts before learning more about the national sport of archery. Later today we will transfer to Le Meridien Hotel for an overnight stay and a traditional dinner including local dance and music.

Accommodation: Classic Room, Le Meridien Paro



Paro valley



Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, Mtskheta

Day 16 Thimpu to Samarkand, Uzbekistan. This morning we will transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to Kathmandu. Here we will connect with our private jet for our flight to Samarkand. Located in the valley of the Zarafshan River in north eastern Uzbekistan it is one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in Central Asia. Founded in the 7th century BC, the city prospered from its location on the trading routes between China and the Mediterranean, became a centre for Islamic scholars and in the 14th century became the capital of the Tamerlane Empire. We arrive this afternoon and transfer to the DiliMah Hotel where we have the rest of the day to relax. This evening we will meet for a pre-dinner drink and hear from a local lecturer before dinner in the hotel.
Flight Time: Paro to Kathmandu: 1 hour – 10.00 to 10.45 (Local charter)
Flight Time: Kathmandu to Samarkand: 3 Hours – 12.15 to 14.30
Accommodation: Standard Room, DiliMah Premium Luxury Hotel, Samarkand

Day 17 Samarkand. This morning our local guide will take us to some of the highlights of the city including the stunning architecture, 15th century Gur Emir Mausoleum and Registan Square. When Samarkand was the pride of the Muslim world, Registan Square was the centre of the city surrounded on three sides by mosques and madrassas which in the 16th century were said to “hold up the sky” with their huge portals, minarets and blue tiles. After lunch we will continue our discovery of the city seeing the Shah-i-Zinda Ensemble, also known as the “street of tombs” which is a compound of mausoleums adorned with blue cuppolas, high portals and ornamental stone arches. Also see the Bibi-Khanyim Mosque and Siab Bazaar. Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner in one of the city's restaurants.
Accommodation: Standard Room, DiliMah Premium Luxury Hotel

Day 18 Samarkand. We start our day driving to Shakhrisabz via the picturesque Aman-Kutan mountain pass. Known as the “green city” it has been inhabited for nearly 3000 years but became famous in the 14th century when Tamerlane made the city his residence building the Ak Saray Palace. A morning tour will include the Dorus Saodat mausoleum, Dorut Tilovat memorial complex and the remains of the White Palace.

On our return to Samarkand we will stop at one of the tea houses in the mountains for a barbeque lunch with unbeatable views over the valley. Return to the hotel to relax this afternoon. This evening we will return to Registan Square for a private dinner inside the Ulugbek Madrasa.
Accommodation: Standard Room, DiliMah Premium Luxury Hotel, Samarkand

Day 19 Samarkand to Tbilisi, Georgia. Return to the airport this morning for our flight to Tbilisi. The city's location on the crossroads of Europe and Asia and close to the Silk Road made it a strategic centre for many years. Today we still discover diverse people, cultures and traditions intermingling with one another. On arrival we transfer to the Marriott Hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure before dinner.
Flight Time: 2.5 Hours – 12.00 to 13.30
Accommodation: Deluxe Room, Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

Day 20 Tbilisi. After breakfast in the hotel we will explore Mtskheta, one of the oldest towns and the cultural and religious centre of Georgia. It was the capital of the Eastern Georgian Kingdom of Iberia from the third century BC and being located at the confluence of the Aragvi and Mtkvari River was a crossroad of many trade routes. Today it is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a living museum, with many architectural and historical monuments. See the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Church, a masterpiece of the early Medieval Period where we can hear some Georgian polyphonic choral music presented by The Anchiskhati Choir. After lunch we return to Tbilisi this afternoon. Here we will have the option to return to the hotel or partake in a brief city tour. Tonight, enjoy dinner at one of the nearby restaurants.
Accommodation: Deluxe Room, Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

Day 21 Tbilisi. Today we will explore the picturesque region of Kakheti, which borders the Great Caucasus range and was the birthplace of viticulture and wine making in Georgia. Here the rich land has developed about 500 varieties of vine. Our first stop will be at the Tsinalali Family Estate and wine cellar. This impressive estate once belonged to the 19th century aristocratic poet Alexander

Chavchavadze and was frequented by many intellectuals of the arts and sciences including Pushkin and Alexander Dumas. The complex now incorporates a landscaped garden, museum and cellar containing many vintage bottles of wine. After our visit we will continue to a local winery for a tasting and a traditional barbeque lunch. Return to Tbilisi where we have free time for the rest of the afternoon before our farewell dinner this evening.

Accommodation: Deluxe Room, Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

Day 22 Tbilisi to London Stansted. Return to the airport this morning for our return flight to London Stansted Private Jet Terminal. If you have parked at the terminal, you will have direct access to your car alternatively a transfer will take you to Stansted Airport Main Terminal and train station.

Flight Time: 4.5 Hours – 12.00 to 12.30

Please note that the flight departure and arrival times shown are local times. They are provisional and subject to change.

PRICES & INCLUSIONS

Twin: £33,395 *per person based on double occupancy*

Single occupancy: £38,395

Prices to upgrade the hotel rooms are available on request.

PRICE INCLUDES: Flights aboard privately chartered jet in business class style seats (specially arranged charter flight in Nepal)

- 21 nights hotel accommodation in five-star (or best available) hotels
- All meals • Drinks with all meals • All excursions
- All transfers • Noble Caledonia Team including Guest Speaker
- All gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

Visa Information: A visa is required for British passport holders for Jordan (no charge, arranged on arrival); India (e-visa processed online before travel for a fee of approximately £10); Nepal (online application before travel for fee of approximately £25) and Bhutan (arranged by local agents, no fee). Noble Caledonia will provide all supporting documentation needed for passengers to arrange their visas. This information is correct at the time of printing and further information will be sent to passengers 12 weeks prior to departure.





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