

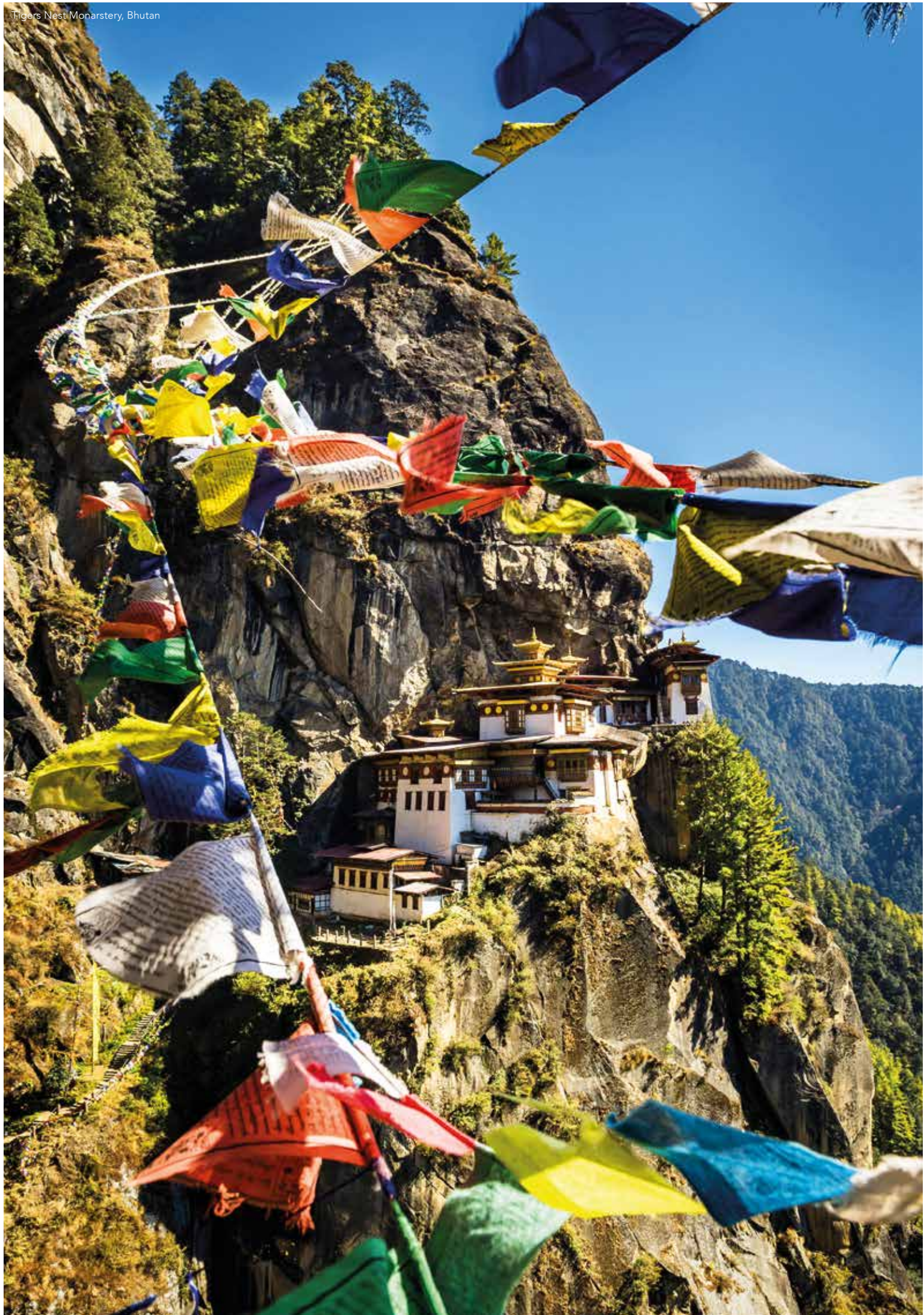
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CROSSROADS OF CULTURES

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

7TH TO 28TH APRIL 2025

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Ad Deir Monastery, Petra, Jordan



We are delighted to have exclusively chartered a private plane 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 plane at our disposal, we have planned our route meticulously to ensure that all the flights are during the day 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. 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.

A NOTE FROM TOUR LEADER, NEIL HORROCKS

Our inaugural 'Crossroads of Cultures' tour by Private Plane took place in September 2023 and was a great success. Neil Horrocks who led that tour will once again be accompanying our tour in 2025:



I am delighted to have been asked to join the "Crossroads of Cultures" tour again in 2025. As Noble Caledonia's Senior Cruise Director, I never dreamt that I would have the opportunity to visit the likes of Bhutan, Nepal and Uzbekistan. These landlocked countries are understandably off the cruising map, but to be able to visit them with a group of like-minded people, by private plane, is the perfect way to experience these far off destinations. My colleagues and I are looking forward to creating incredible memories for you as we journey across these varied and fascinating cultural landscapes. We begin by following in the footsteps of Laurence of Arabia in Jordan, and end at the Silk Road crossroads of Tbilisi, Georgia. Highlights en route include the ornate Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Muscat, a relaxing scenic cruise on a houseboat in Kerala, a blessing from a monk in a Kathmandu temple, the happiness of the Bhutanese people, a glimpse of the summit of Mount Everest on a clear day, and marvelling at the architecture of Registan Square in Samarkand.

The hotels have been specially selected, our aircraft crew are the epitome of friendliness, and our expert local guides bring all the different cultures to life. We learn how the religions of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Orthodox Christianity have influenced the places we visit, and our Guest Speaker, Ernie Rea, is on hand to encourage us to think about how these cultures have evolved. Some of the destinations may be places you have visited before, but I found this unique combination of cultures made me think about these regions as a whole, and feel like I was discovering them again for the first time. The sumptuousness of our accommodation allows you to explore these countries at your own pace – there is no pressure to join the included guided tours. You can feel free to take advantage of the hotels' facilities and then reconvene with your fellow travellers over a stimulating dinner. The world is yours to explore, and my colleagues and I very much look forward to welcoming you on board as we embark on our "Crossroads of Cultures" tour by private plane.



ADVANTAGES OF TRAVELLING BY PRIVATE PLANE

Our private plane 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 with 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 are included. The ultimate advantage of travelling by private plane 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 and our team will ensure that your luggage is collected from your hotel room and delivered to the plane when permitted (occasionally local authorities may insist that guests check in their own luggage and collect it upon arrival).



Muscat, Oman

Jvari Monastery, Mtskheta, Georgia



TRAVELLING WITH YOU

On board our private plane 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. 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.

LUXURY HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

We have carefully selected a range of conveniently located, luxury hotels for our tour 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 before we transfer the following morning to the private jet terminal.



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.



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. There are also 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.



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.



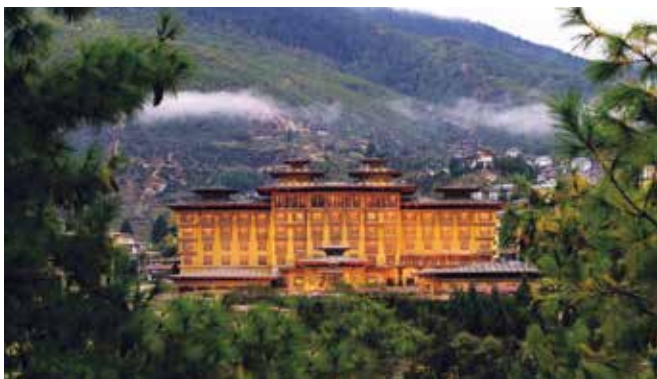
KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT, KERALA, INDIA

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, highspeed 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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THE ITINERARY

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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 one of Oman's most impressive forts in Nizwa
- ✈ Spend a day on a traditional houseboat in the Kerala Backwaters
- ✈ Exclusive performance of Kathakali dance
- ✈ 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

Day 1 Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted. This afternoon, check in any time after 15.00 at the Radisson Blu Hotel. Complimentary parking will be available at the Inflight Private Jet Centre including a transfer to the hotel. For those arriving by train, the hotel is located a short walk from the station. This evening there will be a buffet dinner at the hotel at 19.00 where you can meet the Noble Caledonia Team who will be accompanying you for this adventure. Alternatively, you can join us at the Inflight Private Jet Centre prior to our first flight on the morning of Day 2 (rebate will apply).

Day 2 London Stansted to Aqaba, Jordan. This morning we will transfer to the Inflight Private Jet Terminal at Stansted Airport avoiding the hustle and bustle of the main terminal. Our private plane will be directly in front of the terminal allowing for a stress-free boarding process. There will be a breakfast service on board and on arrival in Aqaba we will transfer to the Movenpick Aqaba Resort and Residences. After settling into our rooms we will meet for welcome drinks and dinner in the hotel this evening.

Flight Time: 5 Hours – 09.00 to 16.00

Day 3 Wadi Rum & Petra. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the Wadi Rum Visitor Centre. From here we transfer to four-wheel drive vehicles 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' as well as Siq Um Al Tawaqi, a short canyon containing a carving of the head of T.E. Lawrence. After lunch in a Bedouin tent, we continue our journey to visit the extraordinary site of Little Petra which is a miniature Petra, hidden amidst white sandstone, with its own small gorge (Siq el-Barid) and impressive rock-hewn facades of monuments, water reservoirs, aqueducts and stairways. Little Petra was probably the major caravanserai of the Nabatean capital Petra. After our visit we will check into the Movenpick



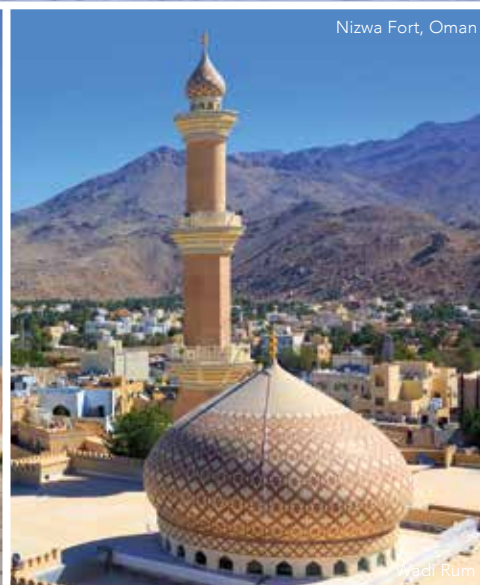
Wadi Rum, Jordan



Kerala Backwaters



Grand Mosque, Oman



Nizwa Fort, Oman

Petra for a two night stay. Tonight, there will be the opportunity to join a 'Petra by Night' tour where parts of the ancient city, including the Siq, are lit by over 1500 candles offering a magical view of the site.

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 between 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 in Petra. This afternoon is free to continue to explore further at your own pace or return to the hotel to relax. You may also wish to visit the Petra Museum located next to the hotel with many artefacts discovered in the city. This evening, join our Guest Speaker Ernie Rea for his first lecture before we enjoy dinner in the hotel's roof garden restaurant.

Day 5 Petra to Muscat, Oman. Check out this morning and return to Aqaba to embark our private plane for the flight to Muscat. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Al Bustan Palace Hotel. After time to settle in and familiarise yourself with the hotel we will meet for a private dinner in the hotel grounds.

Flight Time: 3 Hours – 11.30 to 15.30

Day 6 Muscat. A morning city tour of Muscat will include the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, a stunning piece of modern Islamic

architecture which can accommodate up to 20,000 worshippers. Continue to the fascinating National Museum which houses historical artefacts as well as the Royal Opera House. Return to the hotel for lunch and some free time to relax on the beach or poolside. Guest Speaker, Ernie Rea, will deliver his second lecture this evening before we drive to the Al Angham Restaurant, located by the Opera House where we will enjoy a traditional Omani dinner.

Day 7 Muscat & Nizwa. On a full day excursion we will drive inland through fascinating scenery to see one of the most impressive forts in Oman at the sultanate of Nizwa. Nizwa was 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. Lunch will be served in the grounds of the castle before we return to Muscat. The remainder of the day will be at leisure with dinner served in the hotel this evening.

Day 8 Muscat to Kerala, India. This morning we return to the airport and embark our private plane for the flight to Cochin, the gateway to the Kerala region of India. On arrival we will drive to the Kumarakom Lake Resort, situated amongst palm fringed canals and paddy fields in the lush backwaters of Kottayam. Arriving in the late afternoon we have time to settle into our rooms before we meet for a dinner of local cuisine by the banks of the lake.

Flight Time: 3.5 Hours – 09.30 to 14.30

Day 9 Kerala Backwaters. This morning is free to relax in the hotel or maybe join one of our local guides for a visit to a nearby village and learn a little about daily life in this part of India. In the early afternoon we will board a traditional houseboat and enjoy lunch on board and an afternoon 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. Spend the time relaxing on deck and admiring 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. We will disembark in Alleppy and return to the hotel by coach. This evening we will meet for a buffet dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 10 Kerala Backwaters. Today you can choose to spend the day at the resort, maybe relax by the pool or indulge in an Ayurveda spa therapy. Alternatively join one of the "shikaras", 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 of local specialities. Return to the hotel for some free time this afternoon before we meet in the early evening for a lecture by Ernie Rea. Afterwards we will say farewell to India with a performance of Kathakali, a classical dance form that combines literature, music, acting, and elaborate costumes. We will see the performers as they apply the intricate make-up and enjoy a private dance performance and dinner on the hotel lawns by the lake.

Day 11 Kerala to Kathmandu, Nepal. Return to Cochin airport this morning and board our private plane for a flight 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. Enjoy some time at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening at the hotel's Toran restaurant this evening.

Flight Time: 3.5 Hours – 12.00 to 15.45

Day 12 Kathmandu & Patan. After breakfast we make our way to 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 continuing to 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 will return to the hotel for a leisurely afternoon. In the early evening we will be joined by a representative of Depros Nepal who will provide insight into the rebuilding of the city after the devastating earthquake of 2015 as well as other projects with the local farming communities. Afterwards we will enjoy a delicious and traditional Nepali menu served in the hotel courtyard.

Day 13 Kathmandu. This morning we visit Kathmandu 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. Later we take a rickshaw ride to the commercial area of Thamel where we can shop for local artefacts. Return to the hotel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 14 Kathmandu to Thimpu, Bhutan. Mid-morning we return to Kathmandu Airport for our specially chartered flight to Paro Airport. Enjoy the spectacular views before we land in the Paro Valley and transfer to Thimpu, Bhutan's capital. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities at the hotel 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)

Day 15 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 visit the Textile Museum, created to preserve the ancient art of weaving, the painting school, National Memorial Chorten and the Great Buddha Dordenma statue from where there are wonderful views over the valley of Thimphu. There will be free time to explore the bustling streets of the capital before dinner this evening.

Day 16 Tiger's Nest Monastery & Paro. Early this morning we will take a scenic drive into the Paro valley where there will be a choice of activities. You may choose to join 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. The challenging walk will take 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.

Day 17 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 plane for the flight to Samarkand. Located in the valley of the Zarafshan River in northeastern 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 our hotel where we have the remainder of the day to relax. This evening we will meet for a pre-dinner drink and lecture before dinner in the hotel.

Flight Time: Paro to Kathmandu: 1 hour – 10.00 to 10.45 (Local charter flight)

Flight Time: Kathmandu to Samarkand: 3 Hours – 12.15 to 14.30

Day 18 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 cupolas, high portals and ornamental stone arches. Also see the Bibi-Khanym Mosque and Siab Bazaar. Return to the hotel to freshen up before we return to Registan Square for a private dinner inside the Ulugbek Madrasa.

Day 19 Samarkand to Tbilisi, Georgia. Return to the airport this morning and embark our private plane 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 will transfer to the Marriott Hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure before dinner.

Flight Time: 2.5 Hours – 12.00 to 13.30

Day 20 Tbilisi. A morning city tour of Tbilisi will include a drive to the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Freedom Square before a walking tour of the city passes the Rezo Gabriadze puppet Theatre and Clock tower, the Sioni Cathedral and the old bathhouses. Those feeling active can continue to see the city waterfall. Our tour ends with a walk up to the Metechi plateau for a view over the old town and to see the Metechi Church. We continue to Chateau Mukhrani, the first and only true Georgian Royal Chateau, which unites four key components: vineyards, winery, castle and history. Mukhranian wine production was established by Ivane Mukhranbatoni, a famous representative of the royal family and a political and public figure of the 19th century. In 1879, Ivane Mukhranbatoni returned from France with Chateau concept knowledge and established wine production at the Chateau Mukhrani. We will explore the chateau and enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before returning to our hotel this afternoon. This evening we will meet for dinner at a traditional Georgian restaurant in the city.

Day 21 Mtskheta & Tbilisi. Today 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 due to its location 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. Return to Tbilisi for a leisurely afternoon. Tonight we will take the funicular up Mount Mtatsminda for our farewell dinner with wonderful views over the city below.

Day 22 Tbilisi to London Stansted. Return to the airport this morning for our final flight to London Stansted Inflight Private Jet Centre. If you have parked at the Jet Centre, you will have direct access to your car alternatively a transfer will be provided to Stansted Airport Train Station.

Flight Time: 2.5 Hours – 12.00 to 13.30

PRICES & INCLUSIONS

Prices per person based on double occupancy

BROCHURE PRICE

Twin: £35,995

Single: £39,995

LAUNCH OFFER PRICE*

Twin: £32,995

Single: £36,995

*If booked before 31 May 2024

PRICE INCLUDES: Flights aboard privately chartered plane in business class style seats (specially arranged charter flight in Nepal)
 • 21 nights hotel accommodation in five-star (or best available) hotels
 • All meals inclusive of drinks • All guided excursions • All transfers
 • All portage • Noble Caledonia Team including Guest Speaker
 • All gratuities • All taxes.

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

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

Radisson Blu Hotel, London Stansted

If you would prefer to join us at the Private Jet Terminal on 8th April (Day 2 of itinerary) prior to our first flight, we can offer a rebate for the first night's accommodation. Please advise at the time of booking and we will adjust your booking accordingly.

Visa Information: A visa is required for British passport holders for Jordan (no charge, arranged on arrival); India (an E-visa can be applied for before travel for fee of approximately £25); Nepal (applications are made online 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 should the information change, we will be in touch with booked passengers with updated guidelines.

NB: Itinerary is subject to change. Flight departure and arrival times shown are local, are provisional and subject to change. During the tour all drinks with meals are included, however please note there will be certain days during our tour where, due to local customs, we are unable to include alcohol. In these cases a range of non-alcoholic drinks will be served.



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