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*Private Luxury Holidays*

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# About us



elcome to our world of luxury bespoke travel...

We invite you to try an entirely *different way of vacationing*. Our tours are not just 'getting away from it all holidays" but *discoveries of peoples and lands*, of cultures and customs, of relationships and *even yourself*. A holiday, where you *decide where to go, when to go, how much to do, and how much to rest?*

All our bespoke travels are handled by *knowledgeable travel specialists* who are available from the moment you begin thinking about where you want to go until your trip concludes. Before you leave, you will work closely with one of our experts to design an absolutely *perfect itinerary* that includes *compelling, well-planned touring* and the very *best accommodations*. We have spent over twenty years in the travel industry, and we continue to travel to find that unexplored virgin beach in the Seychelles, the perfect sunset on Juan Les Pins, the most scrumptious 'pain au chocolat' in all of Paris, or the only underwater spa in the world. We have spent the better part of our lives travelling and continue to do so, to make your experiences richer, and more colourful.

*Pampering yourself* is part of the holiday experience and we understand the need to return to luxurious accommodations after a day of sightseeing or fun filled activity. Our *accommodation suggestions are based on your individual needs and preferences*. Need some privacy? We'll book you an *island of your own!* Want to watch the Monte Carlo Grand Prix? How about a suite overlooking the Monte Carlo Casino Square! Looking for a luxury get away? The lake Palace hotel at Udaipur will make you feel like you're a Maharajah!

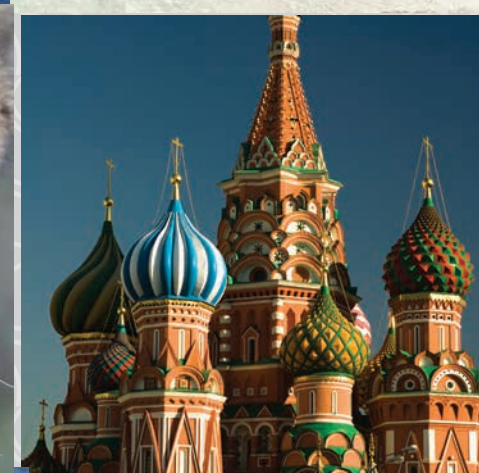
A holiday is all about unwinding, *pampering, being one with yourself*. Make use of our *pre booking service for your spa treatments*, so you aren't disappointed at the last minute. *Rose petal turndown service, sunset serenades over supper, or a barbeque on the beach* can all be specially arranged for your pleasure.

We look forward to welcoming you on our luxury escapes holiday .....

## Bespoke Travels



# Classic Itineraries







*Our classic tours are **country specific itineraries** designed to see and experience **the best the destination has to offer**. They offer an insight into the sights, sounds, smells, culture and people of that country, without assaulting the senses. Each itinerary is well researched, planned and spaced out to ensure you never feel rushed. Each day brings with it new experiences, a new understanding of cultures and peoples and perhaps even new friends.*

*The **essence of private travel is you**, and your desires. That's a concept which carries throughout every detail of your itinerary – your choice of hotels, how much you want to see and experience and how much you want to do in a day. We encourage you to discuss with us your interests, desires, pace, and thoughts on what you would like from your holiday so we can make it that much more special. **Literally anything is possible!** Ask about our **special portfolio of activities, and services** that can make each day unique and just you! Whether its **hot air ballooning**, champagne at sunset on the beach, your private grill by the pool, your favourite cocktail before dinner every night, **pre booked spa treatments**, or even a personal shopper, let us make your **fantasies come alive**.*

*We believe after a day experiencing the different, you want to come back to a place that feels like 'home'. We are committed to finding "the best" accommodations to suit your style, those that are uniquely right for you, the season, and the destination.*

*Our hotel selection includes **the best the world has to offer...** beautiful, luxurious, perfectly-sited retreats that range from the most luxurious modern hotel, secluded safari camps and wilderness lodges to boutique city hotels, heritage properties, stately manor houses, and Indian Palaces. Be a deluxe room, and ocean bungalow or the Pent-house suite you can be sure they're the best the hotel has to offer. And our long-standing relationships with local hoteliers mean that we can often secure a great room for you when and where others might be turned away.*

*Allow us to personalize your travel to create a unique, **custom-designed independent itinerary** just for you. Travel solo, with family and friends, or as a group. Call us to let us know where you would like to go, what you would like to do, and how long you have to travel.*

Anything is Possible



# Cruising at its Best







*Endless pampering. Undivided attention. Pillow menus, customized shore excursions, and culinary programs created by world renowned chefs.*

*Expect all this and more on a luxury cruise, where red-carpet treatment can be more affordable than you might think.*

*We've partnered with the best in the business to fulfill your vacation dreams. Let one of our travel counselors help you find the perfect cruise today. Be it an Alaskan journey through the Inside Passage, a visit to the Galapagos Islands, a Mediterranean Odyssey, the Polynesian isles or the Antarctica we have the best on offer for you.*

*Cruising with us is even more special as all your shore excursions can be prebooked through us. No need to wait in line at the excursions desk when you could be relaxing in the Jacuzzi, sipping an aperitif, or taking jazz dancing lessons. Just leave it all to us.*

*Don't want to go where the crowds go? Prefer a quieter, private exploration of your shore destination? We'll be happy to arrange a private escorted tour just for you.*

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customized excursions

# Luxury Trains







Why pick a Luxury Escapes Rail Journey? Easy, train tours offer a more in-depth experience. Travel in style over legendary rail routes and witness spectacular scenic attractions that can be seen only by train! During each journey, you will be immersed in the culture, history, wildlife and geography of each region; many times with guest lectures and expert guides.

We offer some of the most luxurious train travel in the world. Be it the legendary Orient Express, the royal Palace on Wheels, the brand new Royal Chariot or the Royal Scotsman, just sit back and be transported to a time when luxury and style were most important.

We offer a stylish collection of vacations aboard some of the world's most legendary trains. The luxury and glamour of Orient - Express can be enjoyed aboard the legendary Venice Simplon - Orient - Express throughout Europe, or embark on a UK tour on The Royal Scotsman, British Pullman and Northern Belle, which encapsulate the very best of Britain. Travel through the lush beauty of Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand on board the Eastern & Oriental Express or on PeruRail to one of the great wonders of the world, Machu Picchu.

We welcome you aboard the royal trains of India, on their splendid and enchanting royal journeys through the bygone era of the erstwhile Maharajas. Though times have changed and the winds have shifted, the Palace On Wheels, Heritage on Wheels, Deccan Odyssey and the Golden Chariot will chug along in royal style, the kind only the Maharajas of yesteryears could have perpetuated and enjoyed.

Our pre- and post trains journey city breaks are perfect for a deeper exploration of your starting and ending cities. Private sightseeing tours, museum visits, gastronomic experiences, and shopping trips can all be arranged for your pleasure.

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Travel in style



# Celebrity Hideaways







*S*ometimes when you go on holiday **privacy is as important as luxury**. A place to **get away from it all**, a place to be yourself, to unwind, to be with your loved ones, and **just to be**.

That's when you want **a hideaway of your own**. A place where you can have **solitude, privacy, and total luxury**. A beach where you can trace your footsteps, a cove that you can call your own, **a sunset that you share only with your loved ones**.

All these and more can be yours when you choose from one of our carefully selected **bouquet of celebrity homes, hideaways and island** for just you and your special friends. What's good enough for David Copperfield, Ian Fleming, Donald Trump, Michael Douglas, Richard Branson and Mick Jagger, should be reference enough to tempt you to stay at one of their celebrity homes for your next holiday.

You'll find an **entirely different kind of disappearing act** at **David Copperfield's private - island resort**. Located in the pristine waters of the secluded Exuma chain in the southern Bahamas, Musha Cay is so exclusive that you choose the additional guests. It's just 45 minutes from Miami in a magical white-sand world all its own.

**Sir Richard Branson's favorite British Virgin Islands hideaway** is so romantic, the billionaire balloonist tied the knot here himself. **Necker** is 74 acres of hiking, swimming, or doing absolutely nothing in utter privacy; the island's three houses were custom built in another tropical paradise, Bali, and their open - plan rooms redefine the concept of 360 - degree ocean views. High on a ridge on Jamaica's north shore, overlooking Caribbean waters and surrounded by tropical forests, sits an 18 - acre retreat recently named one of the **25 Sexiest Places on the Planet** (GQ Magazine). **James Bond** -- whose creator, Ian Fleming, called **Goldeneye** home -- would approve of what music mogul Chris Blackwell has done to the place since taking over. The Golden Eye Island outpost is available for rental for the select few who can afford it.

Rental listings for **Mick Jagger's** utterly serene, Japanese - style residence on the island of **Mustique**, the Grenadines, neglect to mention that he owns the place. That only seems to add to the relaxed ambience of the dream villa where, you can dine, eat, bathe, and relax like a rock star who apparently does get some satisfaction now and then!

These and many more celebrity homes can be yours for the holidays. Just call us to let us know where you would like to go, when and or how long.

Total Privacy



# Luxury Villas







*Private villa rentals by Luxury Escapes invite you to indulge in the vacation of your dreams. A luxury vacation villa in the Caribbean, Mexico, Hawaii, or Europe, Bali offers travelers a sumptuous, staffed, distinctive homes, with services usually available only at luxury resorts.*

*Our villas range in size from 2-to-20 bedrooms and most come with a private pool - but a villa vacation transcends even the privacy and luxury of the residence. Our villa specialists make it simple to select the perfect villa to indulge your family and friends. Depending on the destination, villas may come with butlers, maids, and chefs. Meals are catered to your personal preference. A massage in the privacy of your villa is always popular. Drivers may also be available by special request. On - site luxury amenities are often available, such as tennis courts, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, as well as nearby golf courses, historic sites, art galleries, boutiques and casinos.*

*Choose an artfully restored farmhouse in the Tuscan countryside, a villa in the hills of Chianti with swimming pool, or a Cannes villa rental at the site of the world famous Cannes film festival? We have a large selection of luxury homes to rent and a villa to please all. Live the European lifestyle in a luxury villa in Tuscany, enjoy lunch from a farmer's market, or wine from a private vineyard. Unpack your luggage once and settle in at your vacation rental accommodations as if you were at home. Or how about a Balinese Villa of your own overlooking the vast Indian Ocean. The perfect place for pleasure seekers who appreciate culture, gastronomy, and well being.*

*These and many more villas can be your home away from home. Just call us to let us know where you would like to stay, when and or for how long.*

*homelike setting*



# Australia



## DAY 01: ARRIVE SYDNEY

Upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to Intercontinental Sydney. Sydney is unquestionably Australia's finest city, blessed with an enchanting harbor, golden beaches, beautifully preserved colonial architecture, sophisticated shopping, and fine dining. Enjoy a privately guided half-day city tour in the afternoon. Visit the city's historical, cultural and scenic highlights, including the first settlement at the historic Rocks area, Macquarie Street, Kings Cross, Rose Bay and Bondi Beach. Overnight at the Intercontinental Sydney Hotel.

## DAY 02: BLUE MOUNTAINS

Depart today on a small group tour to the Blue Mountains, a World Heritage Site outside of Sydney that earns its name from the bluish mist that rises from its peaks. The drive out of Sydney winds through the Great Dividing Range of Australia to the entrance of the Blue Mountains National Park. Inside the park, visit ancient Aboriginal sites, scenic lookouts, rock formations, and check out the local plants and animals as your guide offers background and insight into the area. Stop in the little village of Leura before skirting around Cliff Drive to Katoomba, where you have a commanding view over the magnificent Jamieson Valley (Australia's Grand Canyon) and the Three Sisters. Continue onwards on your Blue Mountains adventure with a trip to a quiet hidden valley where kangaroo roam wild. Overnight at The Intercontinental Sydney Hotel.

## DAY 03: SYDNEY

After breakfast this morning enjoy a cruise on the sparkling Sydney Harbour. Sail under the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and float by the Opera House, Circular Quay, and the Rocks. Next sail past the extravagant, private homes, of the glitterati of Darling Point and Vacluse, and then the national parks of Clarke and Shark Islands. Partake of a sumptuous lunch while onboard. Overnight at The Intercontinental Sydney Hotel.

## DAY 04: SYDNEY - MELBOURNE

After breakfast, fly to Melbourne, where you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Lindrum. Settle in and explore the city on your own. Overnight at The Hotel Lindrum.

## DAY 05: YARRA VALLEY EXCURSION

Early this morning you have an excursion to Yarra Valley. Enroute, visit the eucalyptus forests of Warrandyte, where you get to see diverse birdlife and koalas that inhabit the forest. A short drive to Sugarloaf Dam and you can enjoy kangaroos relaxing in their natural habitat. Continue on to the Yarra Valley, where over fifty wineries are established, ranging from small family vineyards to large international establishments. Your vineyard and winery tour will be customized based on your particular tastes but the ones absolutely worthy of mention are De Bortolis, the historic Yering Station, Rochfords or the renowned Do-





*maine Chandon. Overnight at the Lindrum.*

#### DAY 06: MELBOURNE

*After breakfast enjoy a full day of touring along the Great Ocean Road, one of Australia's most scenic and spectacular areas. Set out via Geelong for Lorne, where you can explore this small, yet fashionable town on foot. Set off along the coast for an incredibly scenic ride to the picturesque fishing village of Apollo Bay, surrounded by rolling hills and the sea. After a look around, continue on through Otway National Park and on to the stretch of Great Ocean Road known as The Shipwreck Coast. This notoriously dangerous stretch of water shipwrecked eighty vessels in just forty years. Explore the various gorges as well as the stunning rock formations such as the twelve apostles. Overnight at the Lindrum.*

#### DAY 07: MELBOURNE - BRISBANE - GOLD COAST

*After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel fly to Brisbane, where you will be met and driven to the Gold Coast. On arrival, check into the Pallazzo Versace hotel. The rest of the day is free to soak in the atmosphere. Enjoy the many delights of Surfers Paradise this evening. Overnight at the Pallazzo Versace.*

#### DAY 07: GOLD COAST

*After breakfast at the hotel enjoy a full day at Seaworld. At Sea World you can make contact*

*with marine life wonders and experience a whole world of amazing rides, shows and attractions. More than just a theme park, Sea World will educate you about the marine environment, and how it plays an active role in Australian marine research and rescue. Overnight at the Pallazzo Versace.*

#### DAY 08: GOLD COAST

*A day spent at Movie World will transport you to another realm today. Enjoy the Zingara, the musical show at Conrad Jupiters, later this evening; and perhaps try your luck at the Casino? Overnight at the Pallazzo Versace.*

#### DAY 9: GOLD COAST-HAMILTON ISLAND

*Fly to Hamilton island for a few days of complete luxury and pampering. On arrival you will be transported to Hayman Island Resort. Check in , and allow yourself to be pampered in this beautiful resort. Overnight at Hayman Island.*

#### DAY 10: HAYMAN ISLAND

*Why not sail out and enjoy the beautiful waters today after lingering over breakfast or just pamper yourself at the spa on your last day of this Australian Odyssey?*

#### DAY 11: HAYMAN ISLAND - HOMEWORD BOUND

*After breakfast at the hotel fly back home.*

OZ - As you like it



# Switzerland



## DAY 1: GENEVA / ZURICH LAUSANNE

*On arrival at Zurich/Geneva take a train connection to Lausanne where you will be met and escorted to the Hotel Beau Rivage Palace. Enjoy your lake view room, relax a while and perhaps spend some time at the piazza adjoining the Cathedral de Lausanne. Overnight at the hotel Beau Rivage.*

## DAY 2: LAUSANNE / GRUYÈRES / LAUSANNE

*Drive to the medieval citadel of Gruyères, surrounded by glorious pastures and alpine peaks. After lunch, visit a cheese factory before a guided visit to 13th-century Chillon Castle. Afterward, board a steamer at the castle jetty and sail along the lake shore to Lausanne. Overnight at the hotel Beau Rivage.*

## DAY 3: LAUSANNE / MONTREUX / ZERMATT

*Drive to the lakeside resort of Montreux after breakfast. After lunch, board the train and settle in to your reserved first-class seat for a spectacular ride through the alpine mountains, arriving at your chalet-style Grand Hotel Zermatterhof. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof.*

## DAY 4: ZERMATT

*Spend a relaxing day in this picturesque mountain village, nestled in a green valley 5,000 feet up in the Alps. Perhaps take the cog-wheel railway to Gornergrat. This evening, enjoy delicious local specialties in a chalet restaurant. Grand Hotel Zermatterhof B D. Overnight at Grand Hotel Zermatterhof.*

## DAY 5: ZERMATT / ANDERMATT / LUGANO

*Leave Zermatt and travel on the Glacier Express for another beautiful ride through the mountains. After lunch, continue on to Lugano where you will be escorted to the Hotel Villa Principe Leopoldo. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Principe Leopoldo.*

## DAY 6: LUGANO / LAKE COMO / LUGANO

*After a visit to the breathtaking city of Lugano, travel through a narrow mountain pass to explore Bellagio. Cruise along Lake Como, then return to Lugano. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Principe Leopoldo B D.*

## DAY 6: LUGANO / INTERLAKEN

*After breakfast this morning take a train to the ever popular town of Interlaken, and check in to the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel and Spa. This palatial resort hotel features access to some of the best winter and*





*summer sports and a state of the art spa. Overnight at the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel and Spa.*

#### *DAY 7: INTERLAKEN - JUNGFRAU - INTERLAKEN*

*You will have an opportunity to visit Switzerland's most popular, and expensive mountain railway excursion today after breakfast. Trains trundle through lush countryside south from Interlaken before coiling spectacularly up across either Wengen or Grindelwald's mountain pastures, breaking the treeline at Kleine Scheidegg and tunnelling clean through the Eiger to emerge at the JUNGFRAUJOCH, an icy, windswept col at 3454m, just beneath the Jungfrau summit. It's the site of the highest train station in Europe, and offers an unforgettable experience of the mountains.*

*The summit station, offers ice sculptures, huskie sleigh rides, glacier walks, a short ski run, restaurants and a post office. Panoramic views from the open-air 3571m Sphinx Terrace to Germany's Black Forest in one direction and across a gleaming wasteland to the Italian Alps in the other are heart-thumping. Yawning away below the silver-domed weather station on top is the mighty Jungfrau firn glacier, which joins up*

*with several others (including the Aletschgletscher, largest in the Alps) at the resolutely named Konkordiaplatz ice plain 3km southeast. Overnight at the Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel and Spa.*

#### *DAY 8: INTERLAKEN - LUCERNE*

*Transfer to Lucerne this morning after breakfast and check in to the Palace Luzerne with its lake front promenade, and elegant halls.*

*Take a private walking tour of the city crossing the 16th century wooden bridge and visiting the old guild houses. Overnight at the Palace Luzerne*

#### *DAY 9: LUCERNE - ZURICH AND HOMEWARDS BOUND*

*After breakfast this morning you are at leisure to take one last lake cruise before you take your train connection to Geneva or Zurich airports for your flight back home.*

*Alpine Luxury*







# Turkey

## DAY 1: ISTANBUL

*On arrival at Istanbul airport you are met and and privately transferred to your hotel overlooking the Bosphorus. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight at The Ritz-Carlton Istanbul.*

## DAY 2: ISTANBUL

*Spend the day exploring this magnificent city and its most famous sights: the Basilica Cistern, the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Suleymaniye Mosque and the Pera District. Overnight at The Ritz-Carlton Istanbul.*

## DAY 3: ISTANBUL / CAPPADOCIA

*Board an early morning flight to Cappadocia to see the rock-carved churches at Goreme. Retire to your boutique hotel, renovated from authentic Cappadocian housing. Overnight at The Anatolian Houses*

## DAY 4: CAPPADOCIA

*This morning take a breathtaking ride in a hot air balloon over Cappadocia. Then, explore the underground village of Kaymakli. After lunch, visit the potters of Avanos, who have practiced their craft for more than 4,000 years. Overnight at The Anatolian Houses*

## DAY 5: CAPPADOCIA / IZMIR / EPHE- SUS / KUSADASI

*This morning, fly to Izmir and view the remains of the great Ionian city of Ephesus, the best preserved classical city in the Eastern Mediterranean. Overnight in Kusadasi at The KoruMar Hotel De Luxe*

## DAY 6: KUSADASI / BODRUM

*Drive to Bodrum, stopping en route to*

*explore the ruins of Priene, the massive Temple of Apollo at Didyma and the temple at Euromos. Overnight at The Marmara Bodrum.*

## DAY 7: BODRUM

*Discover Bodrum's fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight at The Marmara Bodrum.*

## DAY 8: BODRUM / ISTANBUL

*Fly to Istanbul and view the City Walls before transferring to your hotel located in the heart of the Old Town. This afternoon visit the Grand Covered Bazaar. Overnight at The Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet.*

## DAY 9: ISTANBUL

*Visit Dolmabaçe Palace, the finest example of Ottoman Baroque in the city. Enjoy a private afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus. Overnight at The Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet.*

## DAY 11: ISTANBUL / HOME

*Transfer to the airport.*

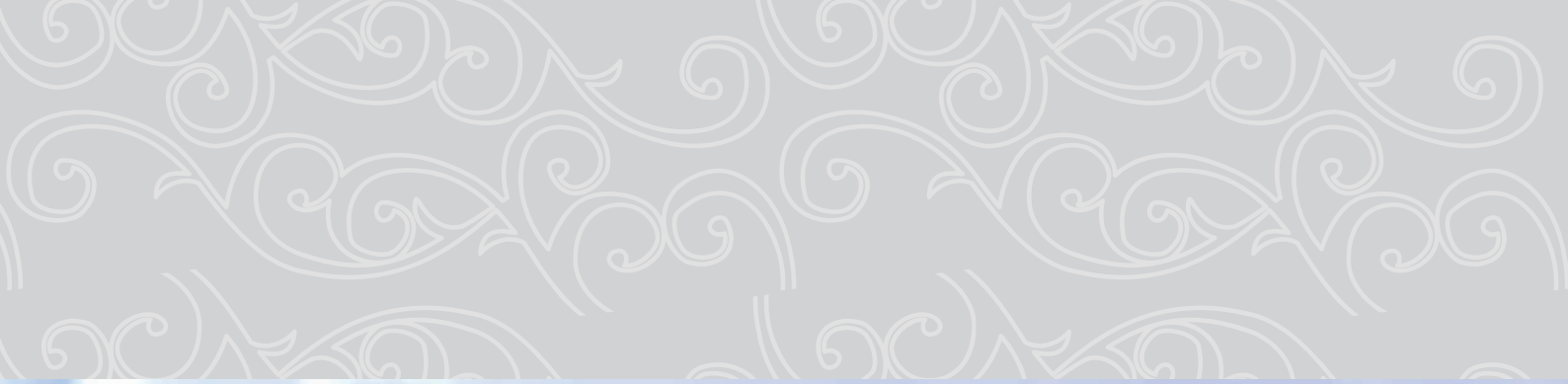
# Turkish Delights



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