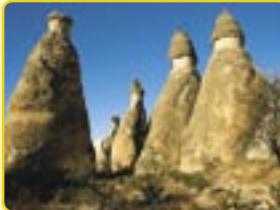


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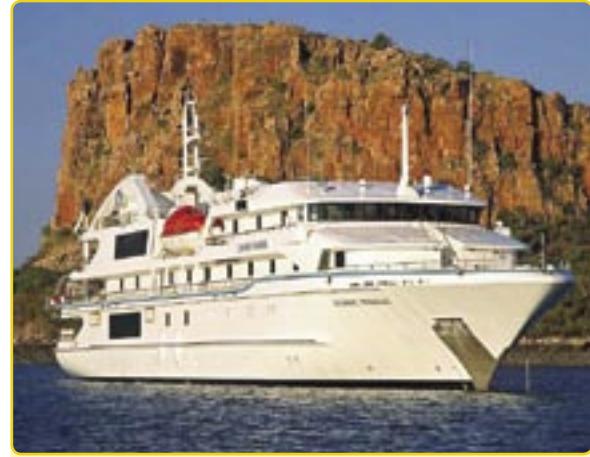
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**ZEGRAHM EXPEDITIONS**  
is dedicated to offering expeditionary adventures to the inquisitive traveler. We operate programs with great concern for the environment and sensitivity to fragile wildlife areas and cultures worldwide. The world's foremost naturalists, historians, and expedition leaders accompany our expeditions.

## Adventure Bound: Three Ships Sail into 2008

by Werner Zehnder

Those of us with a passion for ship travel truly believe the philosophy that the journey can be as much a highlight as the destination itself. Not only is cruising a break from our daily “to do” list, but it’s a rare chance in our over-scheduled lives to feel the actual—rather than the virtual—full presence of a day. On board a ship we take the time to watch the sun rise and set, stretch our eyes along a far horizon, or step outside to look at the night sky. No cares, no worries...



*Oceanic Discoverer*

One of our most exciting challenges here at Zegrahm, then, has two parts: to continue offering new destinations, *and* finding new ways to explore them. Among the many benefits of being a company that charters its ships is that we have the privilege of choice in selecting the vessels that best match our destinations.

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## Expedition Stops: Magic at the Drop of an Anchor

by Rodica Woodbury

If it's a given that the best moments of a journey happen spontaneously, then the “Expedition Stop” day on a Zegrahm itinerary is surely serendipity in its finest hour. In our brochures, among the carefully crafted day by day descriptions, those words dangle a tantalizing lure to those of us easily reeled in by the promise of adventure.

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Dear Adventurer,

A new year has arrived, and with it endless possibilities for world travelers. These certainly are fascinating and challenging times for our global community. Major social and political changes are taking place at breakneck speed in many countries across the world. Never before have *cultural understanding*, trust, and respect been so critical to sound decision-making as they are now.

Impressions are powerful opinion makers. And with 55 million or so Americans traveling abroad this year, significant and lasting impressions will be formulated around the globe. We travelers play key roles in fostering cultural understanding through personal interactions, face-to-face dialogues, and on-site encounters—real encounters that can clarify issues, or help remove misperceptions and stereotypes. At the same time, this huge number of U.S. citizens will “learn and return,” coming home better prepared to help policy-makers decide on ultimately important issues such as foreign policy and the environment.

So what impressions will most American travelers make as they travel abroad in the coming year and beyond? From a Zegrahm Expeditions perspective, one answer lies in the strong experience of our travelers—a thoughtful, educated, curious, environmentally aware, and geographically and culturally astute group—who seek to leave a positive, caring impression with the people we visit. In addition—and an equally positive one—our worldly lecture team builds upon that base of knowledge.

Another question we might ask is: What key insights will we, as Americans, bring back home? The possibilities are limitless. International travelers will likely learn how citizens of other countries see America and Americans. And, some will learn that impressions of Americans today are markedly different than the days immediately following 9/11. They will also realize that impressions are changeable, and a little bit of person-to-person exchange can go a long way.

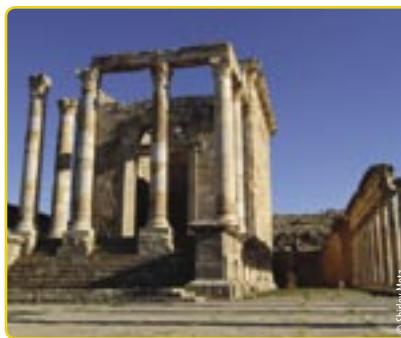
In consideration of these all-important “first impressions,” there is a campaign afoot in the U.S. to help others, new to travel, become conscious of the impression they are making abroad. We recently learned of a newly expanded “World Citizens Guide” ([www.worldcitizensguide.org](http://www.worldcitizensguide.org)), a handy, downloadable brochure that provides practical advice to help U.S. travelers and encourage world citizenship. As many of Zegrahm’s seasoned travelers do give advice to friends and family, we thought you might find this to be a useful tool.

Last fall, during a trip through North Africa, I was privileged to visit the home of a family living in the Casbah of Algiers. It was an enlightening and delightful experience. We sat together at dinner; we conversed late into the evening. The exchange of viewpoints was remarkable. Among the many things I learned was that we shared far more common ground on the world’s current political landscape than first imagined. This came from both listening to each other and through our mutual respect. It was not only a highlight (among many) of my trip to Algeria; the encounter served to remind me, a veteran traveler, that the more we travel, the greater our responsibility is to create and nurture a lasting good impression.

I hope you enjoy this first 2007 issue of *Zegrahm News*. We reveal exciting places to explore, people to meet, and ships to take us there. These are indeed intriguing times to be traveling the world. There is much to learn...and knowledge is power.

Kind regards,

Scott Fitzsimmons  
President



To view Algeria and scouting trip photos, please visit: [www.zeco.com/algeria](http://www.zeco.com/algeria)

Another major advantage to chartering is the flexibility to offer multiple voyages in different oceans at the same time of year. So, whether it's a cultural experience you're looking for or a total immersion into the natural world, you have several options in a variety of locations and seasons. With all of that said, I can now get to the heart of the message: to announce the charter of three ships new to Zegrahm, and a few of the destinations they will take us to in 2008.

To explore our newest destination, Algeria, we will cruise aboard the beautiful *Wind Spirit*—picture white sails unfurled against the deep blue of the Mediterranean and a relaxing, unregimented, tasteful ambience.



*Wind Spirit*

On several new itineraries we return to the tropical paradises of the South Pacific, explore New Zealand, and re-visit Australia's Kimberley aboard the *Oceanic Discoverer*, a small luxury expedition ship launched in 2005 by Coral Princess Cruises. And the elegant *Le Diamant*, sister ship to the much loved *Le Ponant* and *Le Levant*, will take us on voyages of discovery along the west coast of South America and to Antarctica.

It really is exciting to be able to offer a variety of expedition styles. In keeping with Zegrahm's small ship tradition, we feel we now have new latitude by introducing vessels such as the *Wind Spirit* and *Le Diamant*. Although they can accommodate more guests, we will continue to keep our passenger numbers low, both for comfort and the ease of getting ashore. Another advantage is that we can offer more choice for single travelers who wish to enjoy the privacy of their own cabins. Just as Zegrahm continues to evolve and

expand its global travel experiences, ship companies and their new vessels evolve as well. You, our travelers, keep us on our toes with your discerning demand for the highest level of sophistication, comfort, and highly personal travel experiences. And it is always with your interests in mind that we strive to keep current, and keep the future in view ourselves.

Following is a brief description of these wonderful ships.

### **WIND SPIRIT**

We look forward to exploring the Mediterranean aboard this sleek and graceful four-masted sailing ship that blends the feel of a classic private yacht with state-of-the-art technology—allowing for the quick unfurling of the voluminous sails. While the *Wind Spirit* can carry up to 148 passengers, Zegrahm will bring aboard 125-130. In addition to an award-winning service staff, the ship features spacious and luxurious cabins with large outside windows, a saltwater pool, full fitness center with massage therapist and sauna, gourmet restaurant with extensive wine list, library, lounge, and an open bridge. A 2007 refurbishment will include further enhancements. Registry: Bahamas

### **Algeria Under Sail (Two departures in April 2008)**

### **OCEANIC DISCOVERER**

The newest addition to Australia's Coral Princess Cruises, *Oceanic Discoverer* was launched in 2005. She can indulgently accommodate our 65 passengers. Her small size is perfect for regional exploration, and the onboard "Xplorer," Zodiacs, and glass-bottom-boat make going ashore easy. A spacious lounge, equipped with two large plasma TV screens, is perfect for our lectures and visual presentations. Cabins are all outside, and well-appointed public spaces include a reference library, boutique, dive shop, and two cocktail bars. Outdoors enjoy the large sun deck and spa pool. Registry: Australia.

### **Ultimate New Zealand (January and February 2008)**

### **Australia's Kimberley (May and June 2008)**

### **South Pacific (October and November 2008)**



Dedicated lecture theater on *Le Diamant*

### **LE DIAMANT**

In 2004 this lovely vessel joined the popular *Le Levant* and *Le Ponant* as the crown jewel of the French company, Iles du Ponant. What makes *Le Diamant* special is her unique physical charm combined with the hearty spirit of an intrepid adventurer. Plus, she travels at a higher nautical speed which means more time ashore. Zegrahm will have 140-180 passengers comfortably onboard a ship that can carry 220. All spacious king- or twin-bedded cabins are outside, and some suites have balconies. A stunning observation lounge on the top deck leads the superb list of facilities, including a fitness center, library, outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and two gourmet restaurants. A dedicated, tiered lecture facility will quickly become a traveler favorite. Registry: France.

### **West Coast of South America (February and March 2008)**

### **Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falklands (November and December 2008) ♦**



*Le Diamant*

## Expedition Stops *continued from page 1*

I recently had the pleasure of joining my first Zegrahm voyage—Brunei to Bali—aboard the *Clipper Odyssey*. “First times” to any part of the world are remarkable in themselves, and Malaysia and Indonesia—gentle, spell-binding, and soulful—are about as seductive as destinations get on the planet. The itinerary, from opulent Brunei to Sabah, from Komodo dragons to Balinese temples, from the exuberant Dayak people to the ancient rituals on Sulawesi and Sumba, is enough to satisfy all five senses. But add to all of this the Expedition Stop experience and magic happens.

On the morning of Day 6, a curious contingent of us stood on deck watching the enigmatic Expedition Stop process unfold. The itinerary header for the day read *Islands of the Celebes Sea*, conjuring up romantic palm-fanned beaches and waters a color Crayola has yet to name. As our captain maneuvered the *Odyssey*—one of the first expedition vessels ever to visit this remote archipelago—among the stunning islets of Maratua Atoll, the imagined became real. With seamless choreography, Zodiacs were lowered and a team of marine biologists zoomed off in different directions to test currents and perform reconnaissance on underwater sites.

In less than an hour the rest of us were on the pool deck, snorkel and dive gear in tow, ready to board Zodiacs and the glass-bottom-boat. The skies were overcast and we weren’t expecting anything beyond an enjoyable first foray into the sea. But one by one, as we slipped into the deliciously warm waters, we lifted our heads up long enough to shout out a Thesaurus-defying WOW!

Indonesia embraces about 33,000 square miles of coral reefs—about a third of the world’s total—which are home to 25 percent of the planet’s fish species. We gathered around our two marine biologists who, as we pointed to various spectacular corals and fish,

surfaced to identify them. The edge of the reef dropped off steeply, creating a magnificent wall and we could see the divers far below photographing the sights. As we floated above them, a seemingly endless variety of schooling fish performed perfectly synchronized movements—like bits of bright glass inside a kaleidoscope. Back on board, we excitedly compared notes and between us tallied close to a couple dozen species of hard and soft corals and about 80 fish species, moray eels, pufferfish, and green hawks-

bill turtles among them. As we left the isles in our wake I looked back at the inscrutable waters with the sense of possessing a secret jewel, and deposited it in my memory bank.

**Later that day...** Just as we were settling in for an afternoon of leisure, Mike Messick, our expedition leader, announced an unplanned second Expedition Stop. With great excitement he told us he had just learned, from local fishermen, of a nearby island with an amazing lake at its center. “You won’t want

to miss this,” he offered as just the right motivation to get us back into the Zodiacs.

We stepped ashore on uninhabited Kakaban Island fringed in golden sand and backed by gargantuan-leaved plants, palms, and vines. From a half-

built wooden platform a couple of stories above the beach, a planked walkway disappeared into the forest. A couple of handy staff members quickly constructed a rough ladder and we followed our fearless leader into the magnificent old growth forest serenaded by a high-decibel insect chorus. Within minutes a

lake appeared at the edge of another platform where Mike, with a kid-sized grin and the sweep of an arm, directed us to “just jump in.” Heeding the “because it’s there” voice of our inner adventurer, we did.



Friendly encounters with stingless jellyfish

After millions of years of total isolation, an oddball sequence of evolutionary events transformed the resident jellyfish of this landlocked lake into a species both stingless and sightless, needing only the photosynthesizing energy of the sun to sustain it. As

we swam out from the shore, our tiny glass windows opened onto a world of imagination-defying wonder. At first we encountered hundreds, then thousands of these creatures, pink-tinted bubbles ranging in size from thumbnail to fist, surrounded us, propelling themselves with sublime grace in perfect, rhythmic movements. We were like atoms in that universe, suspended in an eternal moment of cosmic delight.

Our voyage continued southward, a revelation of natural beauty, of dazzling ceremonial welcomes, of the bridges built by the reach of a local child’s hand as they invited us “home.”

In these times of easy mobility, it only takes a passport, a boarding pass, and an anchor aweigh to put us in another world. Behind the scenes in our Seattle “laboratory,” a few other key ingredients bring a region to life. A little smidge of the map, a worthy ship, a hearty dose of tide and port logistics, a finely sifted team of naturalists and culturalists, a dedicated in-house staff, and, along with a few creative incantations from the marketing department, a Zegrahm expedition is born. As for discovering the magic key to the “Expedition Stop” day on your brochure itinerary, let’s just say you have to be there.



Scouting a possible Expedition Stop site

Zegrahm's Turkey tour partner was born in the Caucasus Mountains. Having covered every mile of his beloved homeland, Yasar Karadag has educated travelers for 20 years on its cultural, archaeological, and natural splendors.

It seems that the longer I work in the world of travel the greater my pride in my homeland. Not only was I born in the same country as Homer, Herodotus, St. Paul, and Mevlana, but I am privileged to carry on the tradition of recalling their legacies by showing travelers the multitude of Turkey's splendors.

With its unique geography, Turkey is often considered the cradle of civilization—the land where history, legend, and nature have woven a bridge between Europe and Asia. Its 3,000 year historical time-line has given us the spectacular relics of 17 civilizations. We can boast about our lovely temperate climate, topography that ranges from mountains and fertile fields to shores washed by the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean, our world-renowned cuisine, and the traditional hospitality of a generous and welcoming people.

It was personally very exciting for me to construct the itinerary with Zegrahm for the **Distinctive Turkey** program. As your host, I want to be sure my "guests" will experience the full variety of the land and its culture. So we will begin our journey in May in Ankara, the capital of modern Turkey, with a visit to one of the best museums in Europe and home to the largest collection of pre-historic artifacts. To connect ancient Turkey with the contemporary world, we visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk to understand how this forward-looking leader turned new perspectives into a new nation—making Turkey the only secular model for the modern world of Islam.

Cappadocia, the rugged, historically rich inland region, and home of Herodotus, is one of the most intriguing places in Asia Minor. Here we will witness the creative use of this harsh landscape and visit the magnificent churches, monasteries, and underground cities which remain as eye-witnesses to the Early Christian settlements.



Cappadocia Region

We also have the opportunity to meet the people who live locally, tasting the delicious traditional foods prepared especially for us. The magical aura of this area is powerful and I am captivated anew each time I return. And, as we turn westward toward the Mediterranean, we cross the Taurus Mountains, following in the footsteps of the armies of Alexander the Great.

Our journey also gives us the rare opportunity to visit North Cyprus for a close-up look at this geographically strategic island whose copper discoveries in the Bronze Age firmly established its importance on the international map. Since the turbulent times of the Crusades, Cyprus has been a focal point of the multiple cultures and countries in the Mediterranean and our exploration will help us understand why the island is still an important issue for the modern world.

For the final six days of our odyssey, we travel along Turkey's exquisitely beautiful, poetry-evoking southern coastline, bathed by clear azure waters. Since ancient times, the preferred way to explore this inaccessible region has been by sea and you are invited to experience the comforts and traditions of life aboard small wooden gulets. Enjoy the waters that Cleopatra once bathed in, bask under the sun that once warmed the citizens of a now sunken city, walk the same paths as ancient gods, and discover the legacies of antiquity that lay scattered along the shores.

I hope you will join me in my Turkish homeland, in the springtime when fruit orchards bloom and the warm sun blesses a land waiting to share its incomparable wonders.

*Yasar will co-lead our **Distinctive Turkey** Expedition, 03 – 19 May 2007. ♦*

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## Decoding Coral Reefs *by Richard Dewey*

Coral reefs are tropical underwater wonders that have been on earth for millions of years. Not only are they the most complex, productive, and genetically diverse ecosystems on the planet, they are also among the most fragile, and therefore among the most easily degraded or imperiled.

A reef is made up of colonies of tiny coral animals related to jellyfish and sea anemones. The polyps live in extremely large colonies, and their interconnected calcium carbonate skeletons build layer upon layer over the remains of their ancestors, forming hardened limestone of the reef. While some reefs grow to over 6,000 feet thick, only the top fraction-of-an-inch—thinner than the thickness of your fingernail—are actually living.

Tropical reefs—like the ones we visit on our voyages—are built by hermatypic corals that occur mainly between the warmer latitudes of 30° N and 30° S on either side of the equator. These coral reefs not only need warm, silt-free water but also plenty of light and microscopic food for the polyps. However, the clear water that corals grow in do not have enough planktonic food to allow fast-enough growth to produce a reef. The “secret” nutrient supply that allows such rapid growth is the work of one-celled algae called zooxanthellae that live by the millions inside the coral polyp’s tissue. In fact, the brilliant color palette of coral comes from the tiny zooxanthellae, which not only nourish the translucent polyps, but produce the wide variety of pigments.

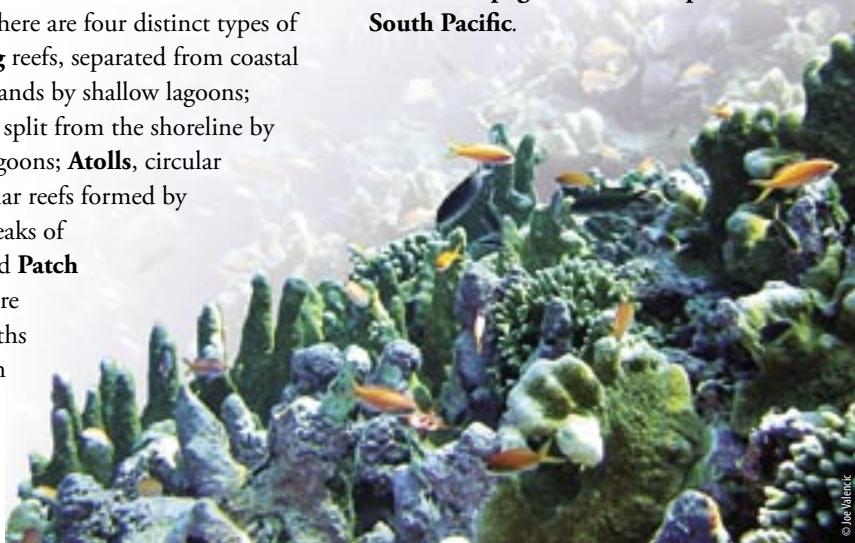
Coral reefs cover about 110,000 square miles and are found in more than 100 countries, worldwide. There are four distinct types of reef: **Fringing** reefs, separated from coastal shores and islands by shallow lagoons; **Barrier** reefs, split from the shoreline by deep, wide lagoons; **Atolls**, circular or semi-circular reefs formed by the sunken peaks of volcanoes; and **Patch** reefs, which are isolated growths rising from an island floor.

Combined, the reefs of the world comprise over 700 coral species sheltering more than 4,000 species of fish and hundreds of thousands of marine invertebrates. The shape and rate of growth of coral depends upon its physical environment. The rounded corals grow where there is significant wave action, adding only about an inch per year. The more fragile, branch corals proliferate in sheltered waters, extending their “arms” up to an additional eight inches in the same time period.

Sunlight, clear water, and clean water are among the most important elements necessary for the growth and survival of coral reefs. Today while steadily increasing pollution from urban and agricultural areas take a swift toll on the health of the reefs, careless tourism, destructive fishing practices, and especially global warming (and therefore ocean surface warming), top the list of progressive destruction of coral reefs globally.

On several Zegrahm expeditions we explore reef sites around the world. Most of them are rarely visited and many of them are near deep, nutrient-rich trenches and oceanic islands where the coral reefs are healthy and spectacular. We hope that in viewing these magnificent organisms in their naturally pristine state, it will inspire us all to preserve and protect these amazing wonderlands.

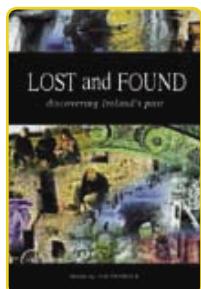
*In 2007-08 our expeditions visiting the reefs of the world include: **Island of Diversity** (Thursday Island to Bali and Bali to Brunei), **Faces of Melanesia**, **Ultimate Seychelles**, **Crossroads of Empires**, **Rainforests & Reefs**, **Galápagos**, **Palau & Yap**, and the **South Pacific**.*



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### A Good Read

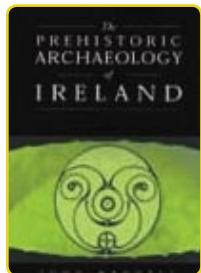
With our inaugural **Circumnavigation of Ireland** expedition coming up this summer, we took the opportunity to ask our guest lecturer, historian, and Ireland native, Professor George Eogan, to give us his recommendations for good Ireland reads. Here are the two that top his list:



#### **Lost and Found, Discovering Ireland's Past**

Edited by Joe Fenwick, Wordwell 2003.

Here is an introduction for the traveler to the excitement occasioned by archaeological discoveries in Ireland in the recent past. The book is a fascinating collection of personal reminiscences by thirty notable archaeologists and historians.



#### **The Prehistoric Archaeology of Ireland**

by John Waddell, Galway University Press 1998. This is an excellent overview, providing a comprehensive account of life in Ireland from the beginning of settlement to the coming of Christianity.

### Zegrahm Trips on Two National Geographic "Best" List



*National Geographic Traveler Magazine*, October 2006, named our **Faces of Melanesia: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu** voyage one of the **Top 50 Tours of a Lifetime**. And, *National Geographic Adventure*, November 2006, selected our upcoming **March with the Penguins** expedition as one of their **Top 25 Best New Trips**.

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### World News

#### **Brazil Sets New Conservation Precedent**

Brazil's heroic efforts to protect the planet's remaining tropical rain forests took an unprecedented leap with the 04 December 2006 announcement of seven new protected areas in Amazonia. Among them is the largest single protected area ever established in a tropical forest. Totaling 37 million acres, and stretching from the Guyana and Suriname borders to areas south of the Amazon River, the region is believed to be home to more than 50 percent of all animal and plant species in Amazonia. According to experts: "...the region now boasts a mosaic of connected protected areas, which create a biodiversity conservation corridor that allows species to roam vast landscapes. Connecting various populations of species allows these groups to intermingle, strengthen their gene pool, and thereby increase their chances for long-term survival."



Pristine Coral, Bird's Head

#### **Unmatched Marine Biodiversity Discovered Near Papua**

In September 2006, off the northwestern end of Indonesia's Papua province, a team of marine biologists discovered an area of waters richer in biodiversity than any known on earth. The Bird's Head Seascape, named for the shape of the nearby peninsula,

is described as "an underwater world of visual wonders" with nearly 600 species of reef-building coral and more than 1,200 species of fish. Marine biologists state that "the seascape's central location in the Coral Triangle of the Pacific, which exports and maintains biodiversity in the entire Indo-Pacific marine realm, makes it one of the planet's most urgent marine conservation priorities." For more details, please visit: [www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org).

### Unesco Reports: Lebanon's World Heritage Sites Unharmed

Cultural and restoration experts were dispatched to the UNESCO site of Baalbeck shortly after last summer's bombings in Lebanon. It was determined that while a couple of stone fissures would require monitoring, no major damage occurred to the ancient sites of Baalbek and Byblos.



Temple of Bacchus, Baalbek

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DEP. DATE	DESTINATION	# OF DAYS	FROM	LEADERS
26 Jan & 23 Feb 2007	Splendors of India I & IV: Bombay to Madras / Madras to Bombay	14	\$8,980	M. Messick, J. Grove, L. Oprea, J. Christensen, R. Wixman, K. Saunders, P. Zika, G. Homel, P. Harris, P. Trail ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
03 Feb & 12 Feb	Combo Voyages Splendors of India II & III: Madras to Calcutta / Calcutta to Bangalore	16	\$9,380	
13 Feb	Waitlisted Lex Hes' Back to Africa: Safari to Namibia, Botswana, Zambia	21	\$17,480	L. Hes
15 Feb & 25 Feb	Waitlisted Snow Monkeys & Cranes of Japan	18	\$9,580	M. Brazil, C. Cook ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
23 Feb	Waitlisted Borneo: Land of the Orangutan	17	\$8,980	J. Rossouw, H. Faithfull
06 Mar	Sands of Time: A Voyage from Oman to the Arabian Gulf	14	\$9,350	M. Messick, J. Grove, L. Oprea, J. Christensen, R. Wixman, J. Valencic, G. Homel, P. Harris, J. Delgado ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
11 Mar	Combo Voyages Islands of Diversity I: Thursday Island to Bali	16	\$8,980	J. Gneiser, L. Greig, T. & N. Baechtold, D. Dewey, H. Faithfull, H. Henry, J. Rossouw, K. Saunders, J. Yersin, L. Santoso, L. Hahn Santoso ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
23 Mar	Islands of Diversity II: Bali to Brunei	16	\$8,480	
21 Mar	Jungle Rivers of South America: Brazil, French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Venezuela, and Trinidad	16	\$8,980	P. Harrison, S. Metz, I. Rojas, G. Massyn, M. Brazil, C. Byers, J. Harwood, C. Roedel, R. Cahill, I. Stone, C. Field
27 Mar	Combo Voyages Crossroads of Empires: Jordan to Crete	19	\$10,980	L. Oprea, J. Christensen, K. Clement, P. Harris, E. Teeter, R. McCall ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
10 Apr	Crossroads of Empires: Crete to Venice	14	\$8,980	
12 Apr	Waitlisted Azores with Madeira, Canaries, Morocco, and Gibraltar <i>Optional Andalusia Post-Voyage Extension</i>	16	\$8,980	M. Messick, J. Grove, P. Harrison, S. Metz, N.J. Earnhardt, D. Dallmeyer, P. Zika, M. Brazil, T. & N. Baechtold, W. Kaehler
22 Apr & 29 Apr	Limited Space Galápagos My Way	11	\$6,880	J. Grove, G. Estes
03 May	Distinctive Turkey: Cappadocia, Turquoise Coast, Northern Cyprus	17	\$7,980	Y. Karadag, N.J. Earnhardt
08 May	Waitlisted Five 'Stans: Hidden Heart of Asia	18	\$9,850	G. Wintz
12 Jun	Waitlisted Kamchatka to Alaska: Bering Sea & Arctic Circle Adventure	15	\$9,280	P. Harrison, S. Metz, J. Grove, J. Gneiser, L. Greig, D. Dallmeyer, K. Clement, R. Wixman, M. Brazil, S. Frolov
02 Jul	Circumnavigation of Ireland	13	\$6,980	M. Messick, N.J. Earnhardt, M. Brazil, A. White, J. Yersin, G. & F. Egan, I. Stone, R. Price, I. Cooke
03 Aug	Spitsbergen & the White Sea <i>Optional Lake Onega / Kizhi Island Post-Voyage Extension</i>	16	\$9,880	M. Messick, L. Greig, R. McCall, D. Dallmeyer, K. Clement, I. & O. Stone, I. Nixon, A. White, S. Frolov, G. Massyn
07 Aug	Waitlisted Mongolia: Land of Chinggis Khaan	18	\$9,980	M. Brazil
14 Aug	White Sea to North Cape <i>Optional Lake Onega / Kizhi Island Pre-Voyage Extension</i>	15	\$8,480	M. Messick, S. Metz, L. Greig, D. Dallmeyer, K. Clement, I. & O. Stone, K. Tannvik, I. Nixon, A. White, S. Frolov, B. Stewart
16 Aug & 02 Sep	Romania Rhapsody: Transylvania, Maramures, Bucovina, Moldova	17	\$7,980	R. Wixman
01 Sep & 19 Sep	Best of Brazil	17	\$8,580	M. Brazil
01 Sep & 12 Sep	Circumnavigation of the Black Sea	14	\$9,350	J. Grove, L. Oprea, N.J. Earnhardt, J. & J. Southard, I. & O. Stone, I. Cooke ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
08 Sep	Vietnam & Angkor Wat	17	\$8,380	J. Gneiser, J. Christensen, G. Homel, P. Zika, S. Esposito, K. Saunders, T. & N. Baechtold
17 Sep & 14 Oct	Ultimate Botswana	18	\$15,980	L. Hes
20 Sep	Namibia: Desert to Sea <i>Optional South Africa and Skeleton Coast Extensions</i>	14	\$15,880	J. Rossouw, H. Faithfull
23 Sep	Combo Voyages Mediterranean Mosaic: Turkey to Crete	11	\$7,680	L. Oprea, N.J. Earnhardt, D. Dallmeyer, K. Clement, R. Wixman, J. Delgado ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
29 Sep	Mediterranean Mosaic: Crete to Malta	14	\$8,980	
03 Oct, 14 Nov & 21 Nov	Palau with Yap Extension	16	\$9,680	J. & P. Grove, T. & N. Baechtold, ( <i>leaders vary</i> )
12 Oct	March with the Penguins by Icebreaker	16	\$16,980	M. Messick, P. Harrison, S. Metz, L. Greig, G. Renner, K. Clement, I. Stone, A. White, S. Frolov
26 Oct	Beyond Timbuktu: North Africa by Air	19	TBA	J. Rossouw, H. Faithfull, N.J. Earnhardt, R. Wixman
31 Oct	Faces of Melanesia: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, & Vanuatu	16	\$8,780	J. Grove, J. Gneiser, J. Christensen, T. & N. Baechtold, D. Dewey, G. Homel, K. Hunt, S. Noakes, M. Westmorland
15 Nov	Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falkland Islands	21	\$10,980	M. Messick, P. Harrison, S. Metz, N.J. Earnhardt, K. Clement, D. & D. Dallmeyer, W. Kaehler, G. Massyn, I. Nixon, B. Stewart
03 Jan 2008	Waitlisted Antarctica, South Georgia & The Falkland Islands	21	\$11,980	M. Messick, P. Harrison, S. Metz, G. Massyn
14 Jan & 22 Jan	Ultimate New Zealand	18	TBA	TBA
27 Feb	West Coast of South America: Valparaiso to Esmeraldas	16	TBA	TBA

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