

THE SEARCH FOR ADVENTURE

Where can we feel a rush matched by the adrenaline coursing through our veins on the polo pitch?

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A flotilla of Piper Cub aircrafts lift and soar through a barely-explored valley hidden within Alaska's Katmai National Park. Flying in formation over vast glacial tongues, touching down under towering waterfalls, and setting down on icy plateaus, these pilots and their passengers are on an adventure like no other. Dwarfed by the Peninsula's mountains and glaciers, the specially-modified planes fly a small group of friends to a bespoke luxury camp quietly set-up on a remote stretch of beach. Tomorrow, a guide will lead them as they explore teal-colored estuaries by canoe, searching for the distinctive Alaskan Brown Bear, watching as a cub learns to snatch salmon from river torrents. This is an adventure like no other.

Such a trip is made possible by record-breaking explorer, Henry Cookson and his team of intrepid travelers. Their bespoke expeditions are like the romantic adventures of old; untouched terrains, unmapped views fit for making memories not just Instagram snaps, and the underlying message that travel should be a life-changing experience.





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And it doesn't get more life-changing than visiting one of the world's most extreme environments: Antarctica. As a Guinness World Record-holder for the first expedition to the Southern Pole of Inaccessibility, Henry has extensive first-hand knowledge. Able to organize helicopter-superyacht operations and private submersible dives, each exhibition is tailored to each client. Plunging down into the inky depths of Marguerite Bay, savor sightings of alien-like jellyfish and rarely-seen invertebrates from the sub's ultra-clear acrylic hull and state-of-the-art LED lights that illuminate the darker waters. Watch breaching humpback whales and leopard seals and listen to the cacophony of raucous penguin colonies from the yacht's foredeck or seek your inner Shackleton and spend a night camping on the ice. It is truly otherworldly.

Talking of otherworldly, how about witnessing the moon-like-scapes of the Atacama Desert in Chile and the world's largest salt flats in Bolivia? Award-winning experiential specialists, Quintessentially Travel offer a 'Sand and Salt' itinerary to show you these natural marvels in fine style. The trip includes days acclimatizing to the altitude of the world's driest desert and exploring its Mars-esque, majestic beauty before a luxury transfer drives down to the salt flats at Uyuni.



The unique smattering of dome tents of Kachi Lodge are one-of-a-kind and promise uninterrupted views of the flats by day and become a wondrous observatory of the star-strewn sky by night. It is a trip like no other, waking to a landscape as if on another planet.



Quintessentially Travel also offer the chance for you to step aboard Prana by Atzaro, a luxurious phinisi that sails the seas of Indonesia. The classic 180ft motor-sailing yacht built locally in Sulawesi offers low-key, barefoot luxury and the very best of service to take you deep into dream-like lands. Gaze with wonder at the immense limestone rocks of Komodo National Park and the emerald and sapphire tone waters of Raja Ampat. Drop anchor in turquoise waters and pink-sand coves, paddle board into the sunset, relish freshly caught fish cooked over hot coals and a candle lit dinner hosted on a deserted beach. What could be better than a vacation to paradise?

From the epic adventures of 'The Land of a Thousand Hills' with sightings of the magical mountain gorillas of Rwanda, to action-packed trips to Iceland where guests can soar in helicopters over erupting volcanoes and quad-bike across black sand beaches, there are unbelievable trips to be had and memories made. As the world opens up, take this opportunity to seek out adventure. The time is now.

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