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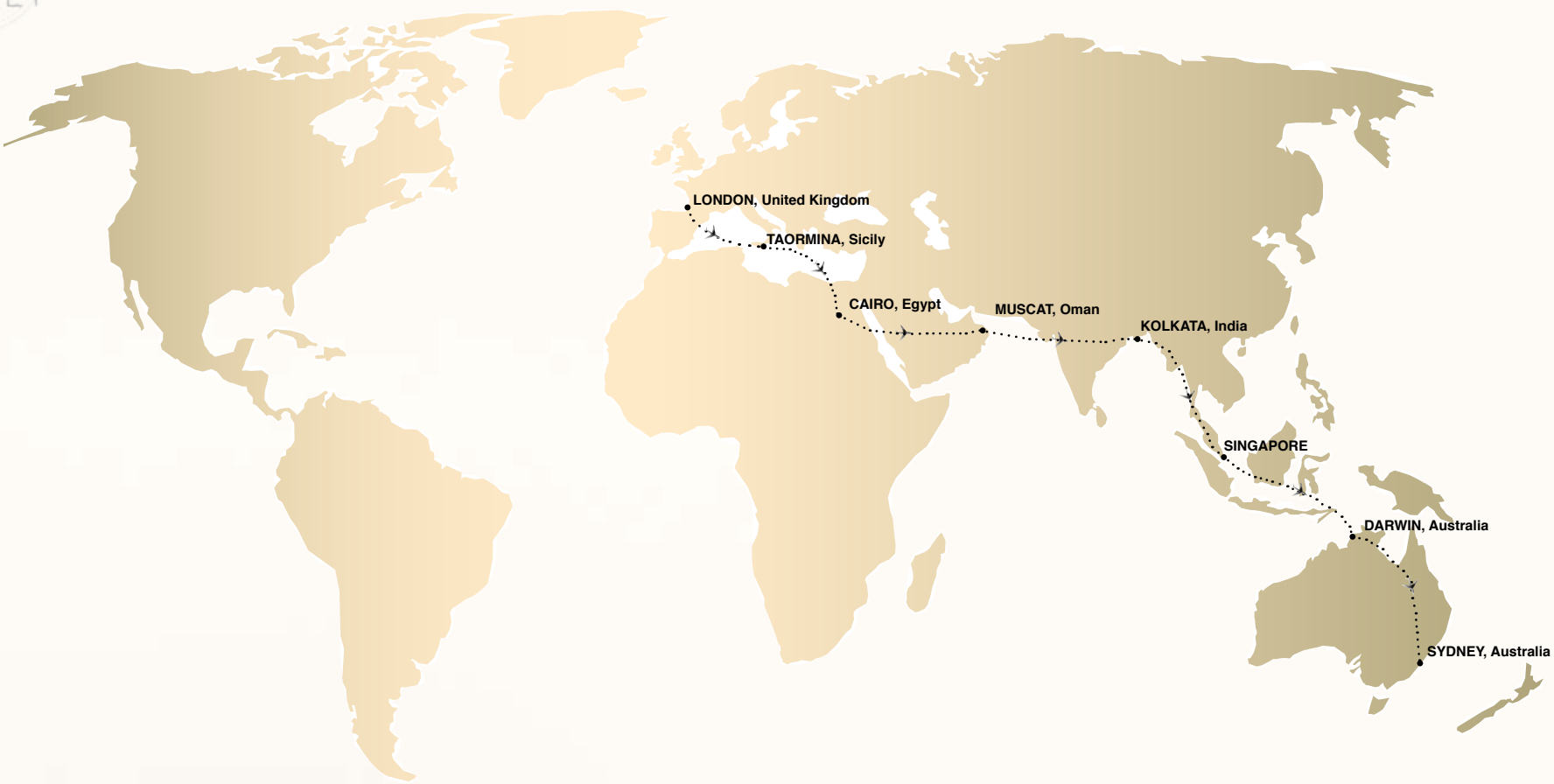


THE KANGAROO ROUTES* TO AUSTRALIA

An Expedition by Private Jet

ALL-INCLUSIVE | 15 NIGHTS | 50 GUESTS

Departs London | Sunday 20 September 2020 (Southbound)
Departs Cape Town | Thursday 08 October 2020 (Northbound)

USD 52 855.00 per person sharing | £ 9 795.00 single supplement

** The Kangaroo Route is a trademark of QANTAS Airways*

We recreate one of the world's greatest journeys, travelling from London all the way to Sydney, retracing the pioneering routes of Qantas Empire Airways and Imperial Airways as they flew the mail and fortunate passengers halfway around the world to far-flung Australia.

Our ports-of-call are inspired by the experiences of passengers on the historic Flying boats.

Qantas first flew the Kangaroo Route direct on 1 December 1947. A Lockheed Constellation carried 29 passengers and 11 crew from Sydney to London with stops in Darwin, Singapore, Calcutta, Karachi, Cairo, and Tripoli. A return fare was £585, equivalent to 130 weeks average pay.

Operated by a mix of flying boats and later land planes, the airline established way points along the routes to service the passengers and aircrafts.

The first original services actually began in 1935 with Qantas operating the flight from Sydney to Singapore where it linked up with the Imperial Airways flights to London. The ABC Guide for September 1947 shows six flights a week from Sydney to England: three Lancastrians that took 77 hr 30 min to Heathrow and three flying boats that took 168 hr 55 min to Poole.

A fitting start to an incredible Expedition

The Beaufort Bar, Savoy Hotel

LONDON, United Kingdom

Discover the Glamour & Excitement of Great Britain's Capital City

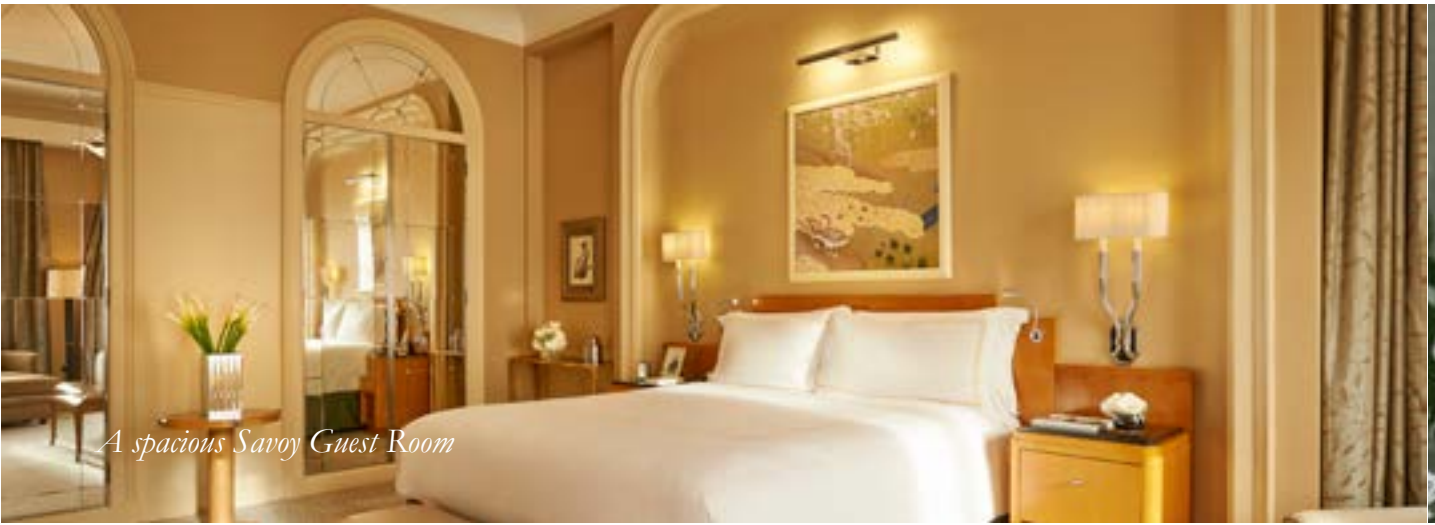
Day One

Your journey begins in London at one of the world's most iconic hotels. A private meet & greet at London Airports or Stations whisks you in comfort to the **Savoy** where memories have been created since 1889. An early check-in has been arranged for guests arriving on inter-continental flights or why not arrive a few days early and take in a show or gallery?

Make sure you have packed your dancing shoes as tonight we meet your Expedition Team and fellow travellers at our Gala Cocktail Reception followed by dinner at **Simpson's in the Strand** with live entertainment that sets the tone for our journey as we retrace the routes of the pioneering aviators to and from Africa.

Perhap's a cheeky nightcap in the famous **American Bar** or a late-night coffee in the beautiful **Beaufort Bar** before retiring to your beautiful art-deco style room for the night? We depart for **Sicily** in the morning!

Please note: This itinerary also operates Northbound in reverse from **Sydney** on **Thursday 08 October 2020**.



A spacious Savoy Guest Room

Princess Margaret at the Savoy

TAORMINA, Sicily

Live Italian Style in the shadow of Mount Etna

Day Two

Travellers of old would have left the Savoy at dawn to take the boat train. Our Flying Valet Service take's care of your luggage and we leave at a more sensible time after breakfast for our transfer to our **Private Jet Terminal** at London's Stansted Airport.

Our **Silver Wing Lunch Service** is enjoyed high over France before touching down in Catania early afternoon, not far from where the old **BOAC Flying Boats** landed for the night at Augusta. We travel north to **Taormina,** once an integral stop on the traditional "**Grand Tour**" of Europe!

We pride ourselves in running our Expeditions at a more relaxed pace, after-all, you are on vacation, so enjoy some time to freshen up before we depart for a unique dinner. Our Italian hosts have set up traditional food stalls and tables in the heart of their **village square**. We'll enjoy great local food, meet the families who have lived here for generations and be entertained with local music and dancing.

Day Three

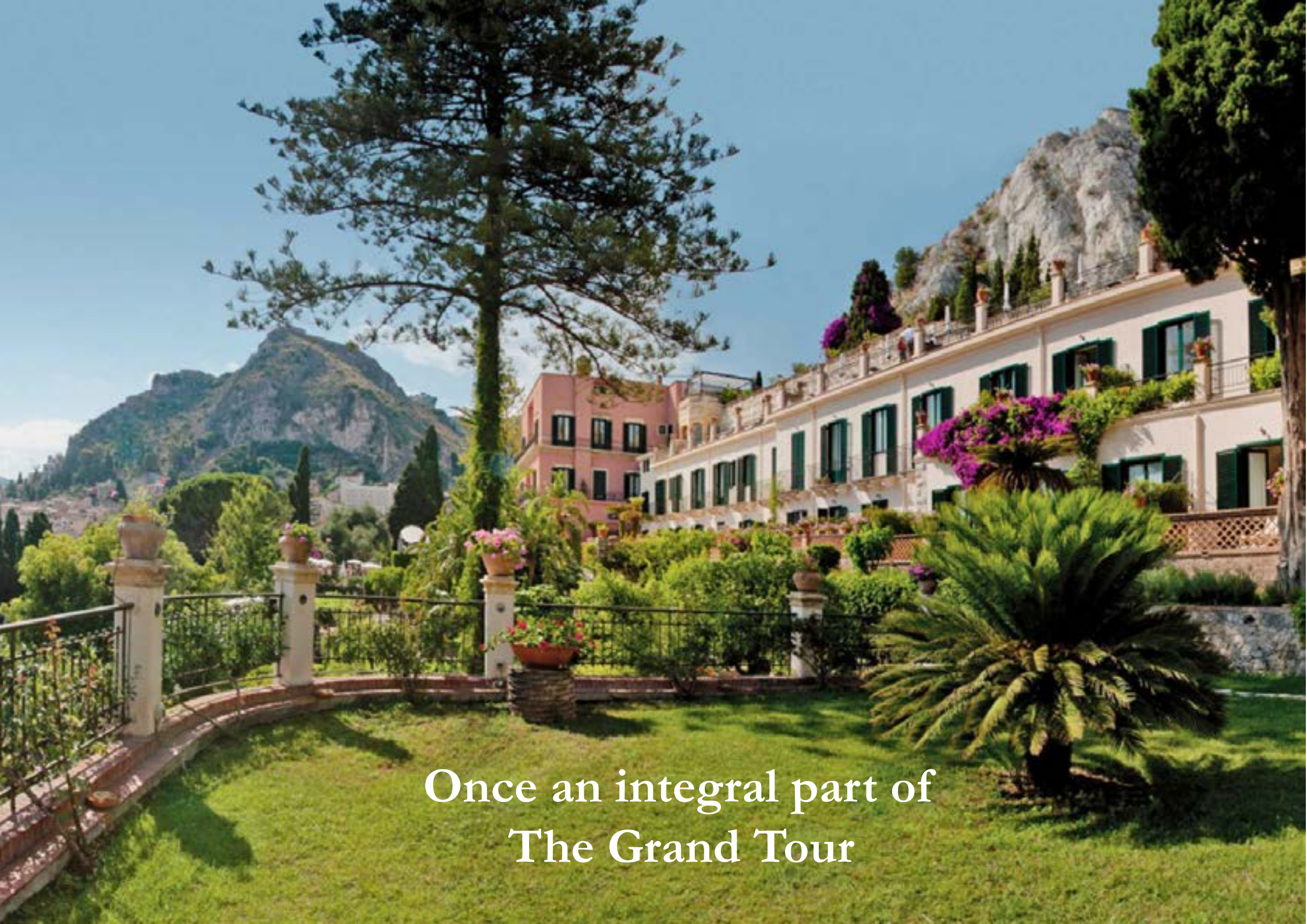
We understand that not everyone is the same. With us, you won't find large coaches and big groups. You'll have the ability to **Personalize Your Day** and enjoy activities and sights that really matter to **You**.

For the adventurous, we'll pile into **4x4 Jeeps** for an offroad tour up to the peaks of Mount Etna and enjoy great Sicilian wine and food with lunch at a winery. **Foodies** can enjoy a local Sicilian cooking class in Taormina while history and heritage fans can put on their walking shoes for a **Walking Tour** with a knowledgeable local guide.

For fans of the silver screen, get behind the wheel of a dinky Fiat 500 and follow your guide through the winding lanes and streets as you discover the history of "**La Cosa Nostra**", the Sicilian Mafia.
We travel tonight to the **Belmond Villa St Andrea** to dine alongside the Ionian Sea. **Flight Time today:** 2 hours 45 minutes

Belmond Grande Hotel Timeo, Taormina

Behind the wheel of a Fiat 500


Once an integral part of
The Grand Tour

The Mena House Hotel, Cairo

CAIRO, Egypt

Centuries of history combine with a modern metropolis

Day Four

We depart after breakfast for the desert sands of Egypt. The sparkling blue Mediterranean Sea gives way underneath the aircraft windows to the rolling sands of the Egyptian desert. We touch down in Cairo early afternoon. Making our way through the bustling streets of downtown Cairo to our hotel, perched on the Giza Plateau, the **Great Pyramids** seem almost within arms reach.

After some time to freshen up and as the sun sets, we take horse-drawn carriages out to the Pyramids for dinner. Our Egyptian hosts have created a nomadic camp for us overlooking the monuments at night. Our dinner tonight is in a traditional Bedouin style and we are joined by a number of leading Egyptologists who's knowledge and experience are fascinating.

Flight time today: 2 hours 25 minutes

Day Five

After breakfast our guests again design their own travel experiences. For first-time visitors, a Pyramids and Spinx Tour are on the bucket lists. Guests who have perhaps visited Cairo before can take an alternative perspective by discovering Islamic Cairo including the Citadel of Salah El Din and the Khan El-Khalili Bazaars. Alternatively our discovery of **Old Cairo** proves popular taking in the Hanging Church, the Ben Ezra Synagogue and, to satisfy the shopping urge, the Cairo Bazaars.

As always, if there is something in particular you would like to do, please let us know and we will be only too pleased to co-ordinate a bespoke experience to suit your individual requirements. We meet up for **lunch on the Nile** on board a private yacht/dahabeya.

This evening, we travel to the world-famous Egyptian Museum. We experience a tour of this acclaimed facility including the Mummies Room with a leading Egyptologists. After the museum has closed, we dine al fresco in its private gardens. (Please note: alcohol will not be served this evening at the museum).

Lunch on the Nile

MUSCAT, Oman

Discover the mysteries of Arabia in stunning Oman

Day Six

After breakfast we transfer to the airport to rejoin our **Private Jet** Crew for the flight across the sparkling waters of the Red Sea and the desert sands of Saudi Arabia to Muscat, Capital City of Oman.

Lunch will be served on board. We transfer to the **Shangri-La Al Husn**, situated between the majesty of the mountains and the waters of the gulf of Oman, the Resort & Spa is an oasis for each and every guest with an adult's only infinity pool and private beach.

With its name meaning 'The Castle', Al Husn offers guests an extraordinarily high level service, and its rooms are amongst some of the largest in Oman. Appointed with exquisite taste that references the classic decadence of Arabian palaces, all accommodation boasts a balcony or patio, and a fully stocked, complimentary mini-bar. Tonight we are welcomed with an Omani Banquet.

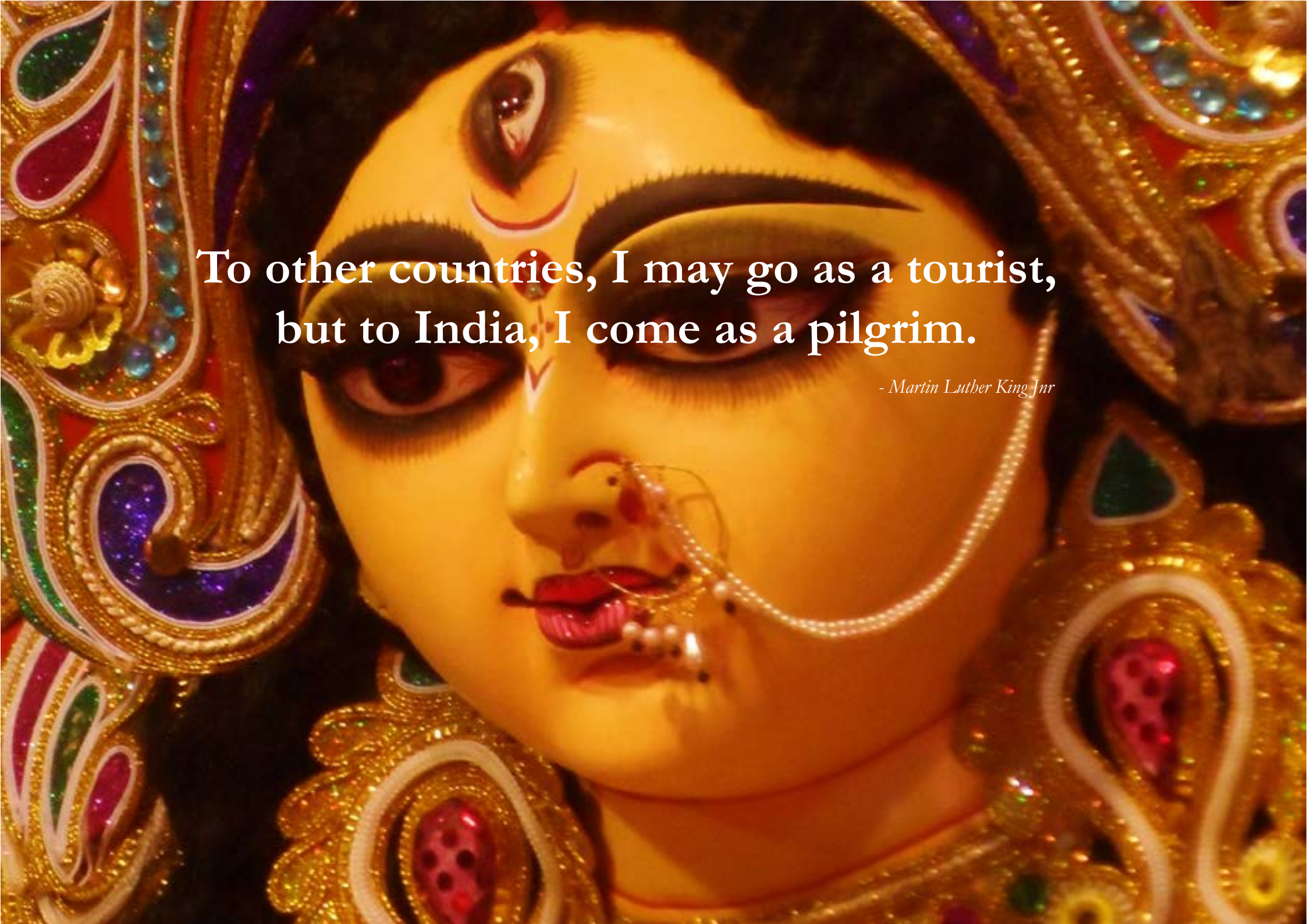
Flight time today: 3 hours 40 minutes

Day Seven

Today an exciting opportunity to create your own desert experience. Embark upon a full-day discovery into the **Akhdar Mountains**, discover the Wadis & Desert Forts of Wadi Shab, board a private boat for dolphin watching and snorkelling in the **Gulf of Oman** or perhaps an escorted tour by Jet Ski.

For guests wishing for some relaxation time, why not experience our half-day heritage tour of Muscat before relaxing at the hotel or beach?

Alternatively relax and enjoy a beach or spa day. Dine alone or with new-found-friends at a time that suits you with Free Dining at the hotel this evening due to the staggered arrivals of the various tours.


To other countries, I may go as a tourist,
but to India, I come as a pilgrim.
- Martin Luther King Jnr

KOLKATA, India

We touch down in India.

Day Eight

We have an early start this morning for our flight to **Kolkata** in India. Our Silver Wing Lunch Service is enjoyed en-route. Arriving mid-afternoon, we transfer through the bustling city to our hotel with some time to freshen up.

We depart this evening for a unique dining experience, located high above the roof tops of Kolkata. This trendy venue offers spectacular views of the city in a contemporary setting with a focus on North Indian cuisine.

Flight time today: 4 hours 10 minutes

Day Nine

The **Capital** of **West-Bengal**, Kolkata was the former capital of British India. It is one of India's largest cities and one of its major ports.

The city's former name, Calcutta, is an Anglicized version of the Bengali name Kalikata. According to some, Kalikata is derived from the Bengali word Kalikshetra, meaning "Ground of (the goddess) Kali."
This morning an exciting array of options awaits you. For the artists, we pay a visit to Kumartuli, the **potter's colony** of Kolkata. For the history buffs, a fascinating walking tour of the Heritage of the British Raj in India, an interesting glimpse of stunning architecture from ground level.

For our more active guests a full day exploration of Kolkata by **bike**. We also offer an interesting glimpse into local life with lunch and a home visit in a private Bengali home. Another popular option is the full day visit to the beautiful temples of **Gangasagar** and not to forget the shoppers, a street shopping tour presents a unique local aspect of the city.

This evening, due to the staggered arrivals of various excursions, we offer free dining at our hotel, the stunning **Oberoi Grand**.

SINGAPORE, Singapore

A unique crossroads at the foot of the Malayan peninsula

Day Ten

We say goodbye to India after breakfast, lunch is served en-route as we travel south along the lines of the Malayan Peninsula to Singapore. We arrive mid-afternoon and transfer to the historic **Raffles Hotel**, a Singapore icon.

After some time to freshen-up, we gather to depart to the Museum of Singapore for a private viewing followed by dinner a Flutes, an acclaimed eatery located within the Museum grounds.

Day Eleven

Singapore is a fascinating blend of cultures, sights, sounds and smells. Although generally a modern city, glimpses of the old Singapore can be found everywhere.

Your "Personalize Your Day" options include an insight into the Chinese history of Singapore with our cultural discover. For the historians, a local guide paints a picture of the Japanese occupation of Singapore during World War Two with a full day historical experience including Changi. The Japanese occupation of Singapore or Syonan-to in World War II took place from 1942 to 1945, following the fall of the British colony on 15 February 1942. Military forces of the Empire of Japan occupied it after defeating the combined British, Indian, Australian, and Malayan garrison in the Battle of Singapore. The occupation was to become a major turning point in the histories of several nations, including those of Japan, Britain, and the then-colonial state of Singapore.

For our guests preferring some freetime and exercise, a half-day tour of Singapore by bike or, for the foodies, a Singaporean cooking class!

This evening, we divide into smaller groups for a unique dining experience. It's no great secret that Singapore is a food obsessive's paradise. We experience Singapore like the locals do, dining on street food at a street market. We meet up later at a local nightspot for after-dinner drinks and dancing.

A visual spectacular of cultures,
light, sounds and smells

DARWIN, Australia

We touch Australia for the first time in the Northern Territories

Day Twelve

We check out of our hotel this morning and return to Singapore Changi Airport and our faithful Private Jet Crew await. Lunch is served on-board as we are en-route to Darwin, capital of the Northern Territory and the largest city in northern Australia.

As a result of the time-differences this evening, when we arrive, we transfer to our hotel with some time to freshen up before meeting for cocktails and dinner at our hotel.

Flying time today: 4 hours 25 minutes

Day Thirteen

Closer to Indonesia than it is to Australia's capital, Darwin is a fascinating "frontier" style town. The city has been almost entirely rebuilt four times, following devastation caused by the 1897 cyclone, the 1937 cyclone, Japanese air raids during World War II, and Cyclone Tracy in 1974.

Not high on the "must-visit" route, we feel Darwin has a lot to offer and we have a range of exciting "Personalize Your Day" options today. A popular option is the full day fly-in expedition to the Northern Territories Kakadu National Park including a cruise. We haven't forgotten the historians as we discover Darwin during World War II, ending with a harbour cruise to view the City from the water.

To truly experience the outback, our guests can also fly into the out back by float plane and take a jet boat ride through the swamps. A more sedate option is our Darwin Heritage Walk which also takes in the lush Botanical Gardens.

Due to the staggered returns and lengths of the excursions today, our guests can enjoy free dining at our hotel this evening at leisure.

SYDNEY, Australia

At the end of our epic Expedition, the Opera House awaits

Day Fourteen

We check out of our hotel this morning, leaving the sparkling waters behind as we wing our way south over the outback to Australia's iconic city - Sydney. Lunch is served on-board before we touch down and transfer to our hotel perched harbourside.

We have some time to freshen up and settle in this afternoon before departing for a special dinner event in a special location. No whispers on this one we're afraid!

Flying time today: 4 hours 15 minutes.

Day Fifteen

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart on our "Personalize Your Day" excursions. For first-time visitors "down-under", a half-day City Tour to introduce the very best that Sydney has to offer or, for the more active guest, embark upon our half day walking tour of Sydney to experience local-life from street level.

Get out and about from the city visiting the beautiful Blue Mountains or embark on a Chef-led food and wine experience out into the lovely Hunter Valley. If images of tanned surfers have caught your eye, have a go yourself with our "learn-to-surf" at Marouba Beach or embark on a climb to the top of the world-famous Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Tonight is the final night of our epic Expedition. The murky skies of London seem a life-time away as we dine together one final time at our Gala Farewell Dinner Reception at our hotel.

Day Sixteen

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to your Expedition Team and friends with a transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Alternatively why not extend your stay in Australia? The Journeys by Jet Travel Team will be happy to plan an itinerary for you!

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