

THE SERIOUS TRAVELER™

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Dear Travel Friends,

If a vacation means more than lying on a beach or visiting a casino, and you want more – much more, then join other serious travelers for exploration of our amazing world. We'll take you to enchanting places, some that you have heard about since school days, and others you might never have known existed. Isn't it incredible that we live in a time when we can accomplish what kings, czars and pharaohs could never do? We can fly around the world to see treasures from a past civilizations and meet the people who live and thrive in these places today.

Our goal is to savor the unique cultures through history, art, music and cuisine. We not only see, we hear the calls of the muezzin, taste the food, smell the aromas and feel the warmth of the desert sun or the cool air near an Icelandic glacier. Our destinations are ones where you need us to prepare fascinating itineraries to capture the spirit of the faraway places, to arrange for the necessary visas, select the best accommodations and secure the guides.

Visit our website and let us keep you up to date on the most amazing tours we offer. Yes! You can travel to Iran and Cuba as well as Central Asia and Burma. Let us show you another side of the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

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-Gwen Erwood President, Travel Concepts International

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The updates are in addition to our yearly printed *Serious Traveler* newsletters. Click on the link on our home page (name and email address required only) to register through Constant Contact.



SERIOUS TRAVELER...

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than the things you did do. So throw off the bowline. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." --Mark Twain

Why Travel With TCI?

We are not your typical tour company. We go to those much less visited places like Myanmar, Cuba and Iran. You'll enjoy the camaraderie of the high caliber of people who travel with us.

Expert Guides

Our tours are led by hand-picked, local guides who are fun, friendly and knowledgeable. They meet you upon arrival and stay with you throughout. Our guides are also our close friends. As friends do, they share perspective from their part of the world.

Life Experiences

Get ready for some great fun. We're always observant, flexible and watchful for serendipitous opportunities that touch and change our lives (and the lives of those we meet) in a positive way. You'll never be the same. Who would have expected travelers to be a part of the reunion of adopted Romanian children and their birth mother? It happened!

Detailed Brochures

The descriptions are here to entice you to call us. If the dates and destinations meet your needs, learn more. Rather than produce huge catalogues, we provide a detailed brochure for each specific tour. These are available by PDF or post. Just call or email to order. As a preview, look for the itinerary on our website. If you need help in navigation, please call.

Personalized Attention

You are unique and not just a number to us. We are available to assist—before, during and after your tour. The greatest compliment we receive is that so many travel with us again and again. We happily provide references.

Cultural Visits

We include musical programs, cultural exchanges, performances, counterpart meetings, embassy visits, home visits, trips to schools and crafts centers, and private lectures by local experts.

Choose Your Air Arrangements

What's best for you is best for us. Use your mileage, secure your own tickets or let us help you find good discounted rates.

Small Groups

Most of our groups are 10 to 15 citizen diplomats, both men and women, singles and couples of all ages. We offer room shares for single travelers. Our travelers are simply the best. You'll fit right in!

Pre-trip Study Material

Since we believe that enjoyment of the journey begins long before departure when you begin learning about your destination, we prepare you with informative pre-trip study material.

ALL DATES AND RATES ARE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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Asia 2012 - 2013

DATES	TOUR NAME	# OF DAYS	PRICE	COUNTRY (HIGHLIGHTS)
December 28, 2011 - January 9, 2012	North India & Darjeeling	13	\$5420	India (Delhi, Khajuraho, Jhansi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur, Bagdogra, Kalimpong, Darjeeling, Kolkata) Airfare additional
January 9 - 22	South India - Experience the Extraordinary	14	\$3990	India (Chennai to Kanchipuram, Pondicherry to Thanjavur. Pongal Festival in Madurai. Cochin. Mysore, Bangalore) Airfare additional
January 22 - 24	Mumbai extension	3	\$840	India (Mumbai, Crawford Market, Dhobi Ghats, Elephanta Caves)
January 24 - February 5	Sri Lanka - Pearl of the Indian Ocean	13	\$4470	Sri Lanka (Colombo, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, Bentota, Galle) Airfare additional
Feb 17 - March 1	Treasures of Iran	14	\$5980	Iran (Tehran, Shiraz, Persepolis, Yazd, Isfahan) including air from JFK
March 21 - April 4	Jewels of the Silk Road	15	\$5790	Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Samarkand, Shakre Sabz, Bukhara, Khiva)
April 4 - 8	Turkmenistan-Turkmenistan Optional Iran extension	5	\$1880	Turkmenistan (Tashauz, Kunya Urgench, Ashgabat, Mary [Merv]) Iran (Mashad, Nishapur, Tehran) including air from JFK
April 6 - 21	Passage Through Persian History & Culture	16	\$6360	Iran (Tehran, Kerman, Rayen, Mahan, Shiraz, Persepolis, Naghsh-e-Rostam, Yazd, Isfahan, Kashan) including air from JFK
April 21 - 25	Caspian Extension	4	\$2190	Iran (Tabriz, Ardabil, Anzali, Fuman, Ramsar, Masuleh)
June 27 - July 13	Mongolia, Steppes to the Gobi	17	\$6310	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar, Lake Hovsgol, Gobi, Bayan Zag [Flaming Cliffs], Bayangobi, Karakorum, Naadam Festival) including air from Los Angeles
June 23 - July 7	Bali and Beyond with Java and South Sulawesi	15	\$5190	Indonesia (Jogjakarta, Borobudur, Sulawesi, Makassar, Toraja Land, Denpasar, Ayung River, Ubud) including air from San Francisco
July 1 - 18	Summer Discovery of Persia	18	Call us	Iran (Tehran, Shiraz, Isfahan, Tabriz, Anzali) including air from JFK
July 7 - 19	Sri Lanka - Art & Culture	13	\$4470	Sri Lanka (Colombo, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, Bentota, Galle) Airfare additional
July 13 - 26	Mighty Mountains and Valley of Ladakh, India	14	\$3670	India (Delhi, Leh, Themisgam, Lamayuru, Phyang, Sumoor, Hunder, Diskit, Pangong, Thaktok, Hemis, Stok) Airfare additional
October 17 - 31	Central Asia's Silk Road	15	\$5790	Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan (optional Iran). See above March 21-April 4/8
November 2 - 17	Persian History and Culture Revisited	16	Call us	Iran (Tehran, Hamada, Ahwaz, Susa, Bishapor, Shiraz, Persepolis, Naghsh-e-Rostam, Pasargad, Yazd, Isfahan) including air from JFK
November 17 - 21	Caspian Extension	4	Call us	Iran (Tabriz, Ardabil, Anzali, Fuman, Ramsar, Masuleh)
Jan 8 - 18, 2013	Splendors of Myanmar	11	\$2990	Myanmar (Yangon, Bagan, Mandalay, Ava, Heho, Pindaya, Inle Lake)
Jan 18 - 25, 2013	with Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia extension	8	\$2420	Vietnam (Hanoi, Bat Trang, Halong Bay) Laos (Luang Prabang Mekong River, Vat Xieng Thong) Cambodia (Siem Reap, Angkor Wat)

Europe 2012

February 18 - March 1	Best of Russia with End of Winter Festival	13	\$3760	Russia (Moscow, Vladimir, Suzdal, Fedoskino, St. Petersburg) including air from New York, JFK
April 18 - 24	Beautiful Sicily	7	Call us	Italy (Palermo, Monreale, Segesta, Erice, Agrigento, Mt. Etna, Taormina, Siracusa, Noto, Catania) Airfare additional
April 25 - May 3	Precious Stones of Puglia	9	Call us	Italy (Bari, Alberobello, Lecce, Taranto, Matera, Corato) Airfare additional
May 3 - 10	Roseto Valfortore & Gargano Peninsula	8	Call us	Italy (Roseto Valfortore, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo Vieste, Bari) Airfare additional
May 10 - 20	Slovenia & Croatia	11	Call us	Slovenia (Ljubljana, Bled) Croatia (Dubrovnik, Korcula, Zagreb) Air add.
May 20 - 30	World Heritage Sites of Albania	11	Call us	Albania (Tirana, Kruja, Durres, Apollonia, Saranda, Butrint, The Ksamili Islands, Phoinice, Permet, Korça, Mborja, Lake Ohrid) Airfare additional
May 28 - June 3	Macedonia Mosaic Ext	7	Call us	Macedonia (Lake Ohrid, Bitola, Skopje) Airfare additional
June 3 - 13	Seven Wonders of Bulgaria	11	Call us	Bulgaria (Sofia, Kazanluk, Veliko Turnovo, Arbanassi, Rousse, Varna, Balchik, Nessabar, Plovdiv, Rila Monastery) Airfare additional
June 13 - 24	Legends & Traditions of Romania	12	Call us	Romania (Bucharest, Brasov, Viscari, Sighisoara, Biertan, Malancrav, Sucevita, Vorentz, Maramures, Cluj Napoca, Sibiu, Hurez) Air Additional

Africa 2012

March 2 - 12	Freedom Tour of Egypt	11	\$3780	Egypt (Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor) including air from JFK
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The Americas 2012

January 21 - 28	Cuba People to People	8	\$3510	Cuba (Havana, Viñales Valley) including air from Miami via Charter Flight
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