



WILDLIFE & NATURE: AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Private Jet Journeys



North America, Fiji, Australia,
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Mauritius,
Zambia, Brazil



26 days from AU\$258,500 pp



48 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Visit a sanctuary and rehabilitation center dedicated to saving the endangered monk seal
- Explore one of the world's great coral reef systems and the stunning natural life it supports
- Meet a Tasmanian devil up close, flightsee over wine country and privately visit the Museum of Old and New Art
- Walk the grounds of the park where the last wild Komodo dragon still make their home
- Search for the endangered and elusive Sri Lankan leopard in Yala National Park
- Explore thriving rainforests, volcanic landscapes and fascinating culture with your choice of excursions
- Take in Africa's greatest natural wonder and explore in its most untamed wildlife reserve
- Search for migrating humpback whale and attend a private performance by a world-renowned dance troupe
- Cruise for three days in search of river-dwelling species such as the famous pink dolphin



Itinerary

Sep 2-3: Hawaii | Your Journey Begins

Arrive in Kona and transfer to Mauna Lani on the Kohala Coast, where you meet your tour leadership team and fellow guests during a private cocktail party and dinner. After breakfast the next morning, spend the day learning about efforts to save the endangered native monk seal and exploring the unique landscape of the Big Island, altered over millennia by two of the world's most active volcanoes.

Mauna Lani | Meals: D (Sep 2); BLD (Sep 3)

Sep 5-6: Fiji | The Coral Ecosystem

Cross the International Dateline en route to Fiji. Upon arrival in Nadi, transfer to the Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, where you are welcomed by traditional tribal drummers. Join a casual cocktail and dinner this evening overlooking beautiful Natadola Bay, with entertainment provided by local Polynesian dancers. The following morning after breakfast, set off on your selected **Design Your Day** option:

- **Explore Fiji's Coral Ecosystem**, learning about some of the more than 2,000 fish and mammal species that flourish here.
- **Play a Round of Golf** at Natadola Bay, where beautiful ocean views make for an outstanding playing experience.
- **Enjoy a Spa Treatment** at your hotel, choosing from a tempting variety of therapies and settings.

Enjoy a traditional dinner on the beach in the evening, accompanied by a live band. The following morning, return to Nadi International Airport for your flight to Tasmania.

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa | Meals: BLD

Sep 7-9: Tasmania | The Tasmanian Devil

Touch down in Hobart and transfer to your elegant hotel, where you dine with sweeping views of the waterfront. The next day, fly by helicopter eastward over the Freycinet Peninsula and world renowned Wineglass Bay for stunning photographic opportunities, landing at Lagoon Bay for a rousing Indigenous welcome, followed by lunch. Return to Hobart with time at leisure before your private evening tour of the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, led by its director. Enjoy a close encounter with the iconic Tassie devil, hand-feed a kangaroo and meet the native wombat and tawny frogmouth before dinner at the restaurant of your choice. The next day, set out on the Design Your Day excursion of your choice:

- **Take a Private Boat Cruise Off Bruny Island**, where you skirt the high sea cliffs and spot abundant coastal wildlife, including seal, whale, dolphin and a variety of seabirds.
- **Go Behind-the-Scenes at Raptor Refuge**, observing as keepers rehabilitate these great hunting birds for their return to the wild.

This evening, travel by ferry to the Museum of Old and New Art, where you explore the collection freely, followed by a private dinner.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: BLD

Sep 10-12: Indonesia | The Komodo Dragon

Upon arrival in Bali, transfer to Jumeirah Bali for a traditional welcome before a casual dinner with entertainment.

After breakfast the next morning, return to the airport for the short flight to Labuan Bajo and take an exciting speed boat ride to Komodo National Park, in the centre of the Indonesian archipelago. Established to protect the unique Komodo dragon and its habitat, the park extended over the years to protect the island's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and was subsequently designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as well as a Man and Biosphere Reserve in 1986. Enjoy a special, guided visit of the island before returning to your luxurious Bali home.

The following day, spend your time at your leisure or enjoy your selected **Design Your Day** activity:

- **Travel to Susut Village** and join a Balinese family to experience life in a traditional village.
- **Enjoy a Selection of Activities at Your Resort** that take advantage of its beautiful beachfront setting.

Reunite with your fellow guests this evening and celebrate your last night in Bali with a memorable farewell dinner. The next morning, rejoin your private jet for the flight to Sri Lanka.

Jumeirah Bali | Meals: BLD

Sep 13-14: Sri Lanka | The Sri Lankan Leopard

Land in Sri Lanka, where you are welcomed with a traditional ceremony in the arrival lounge. Transfer to your hotel with time to settle in before joining a welcome cocktail gathering hosted by a local wildlife expert, followed by dinner with live music. Enter Yala National Park early the next morning for your first safari drive, accompanied by a wildlife ranger who leads your search for three of Sri Lanka's endangered animals: the leopard, sloth bear and elephant. Keep your eyes peeled as well for mugger crocodile, wild buffalo, langur and any of the more than 200 resident bird species before returning to the resort for breakfast and time at leisure. Enjoy a second game drive after lunch. Dress in traditional batik sarongs, with help from the local team, for your farewell dinner this evening. Begin with pre-dinner cocktails and a cultural performance, followed by dinner accompanied by live music. The next morning, rejoin your private jet for the flight to Mauritius.

Wild Coast Tented Lodge or Chena Huts | Meals: BLD

Sep 15-17: Mauritius | Coral Reef & Rainforest

On arrival in Port Louis, Mauritius, transfer to The Oberoi Beach Resort overlooking Turtle Bay on the west side of the island. This evening, enjoy a casual dinner with a traditional Sega dance performance. Colonized by the Dutch, French, and British, with English still its official language, Mauritius lies less than 1,500 miles east of the African coast in the Indian Ocean and is often referred to as “Paradise Island” given its beaches, turquoise waters, lush forests, wild waterfalls and tropical climate. The healthy reef system also offers some of the best snorkelling in the region. Select from several Design Your Day activities and dine at your choice of the resort’s dining facilities on your first full day in Mauritius. The next morning, travel to the unique geological site of the Seven Coloured Earths at Chamarel, where the sand dunes separate themselves into distinct veins of red, brown, violet, green, blue, and yellow sand. Select again from the Design Your Day options this afternoon before rejoining your fellow guests for dinner at the resort.

- **Explore Black River Gorges National Park**, a refuge housing numerous endemic species as well as the island’s colourful birdlife.
- **Tour the Capital City of Port Louis**, visiting the covered market, the 18th-century Government House and other sites.
- **Enjoy the Amenities of Your Resort**, which can include cooking lessons, rum tasting, water sports, wellness activities or a spa treatment.

Reunite with your fellow guests the last evening for a private dinner at the resort before flying on to Zambia after breakfast the following morning.

The Oberoi Beach Resort, Mauritius | Meals: BLD

Sep 18-20: Zambia | Lower Zambezi National Park

On arrival at Lusaka Airport, transfer by local charter planes to your home in Lower Zambezi National Park, where animals roam the unfenced camps and unspoiled nature stretches out for miles in front of you, in an absolute wilderness state. Elephant herds of up to 100 wander the river banks and are known to stand on their hind legs to reach into the trees (a behaviour not seen beyond the region). The park is also home to lion, leopard, buffalo, hippo and more than 400 bird species. The park lies opposite the famous Mana Pools Reserve in Zimbabwe, and opportunities to closely observe game wandering in and out of the Zambezi channels are spectacular. During your time in the Lower Zambezi, participate in game drives, canoeing, and walking safaris or try your hand at catching a prized Zambezi tigerfish.

Royal Zambezi Lodge, Anabezi or Lolebezi | Meals: BLD

Sep 21-23: Salvador, Brazil | Bay Of All Saints

Arrive in Salvador, Brazil and enjoy a lively casual dinner and settle into your historic Bahian home. The next morning, take in the essential sites of Salvador and enjoy a dynamic performance from an all-female percussion band. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Participate in your selected Design Your Day option the next morning:

- **Search for Humpback Whale** along the coast as they perform their annual mating migration.
- **Learn to Prepare Bahian Cuisine** by accompanying a local chef to market for the ingredients of a seafood lunch, which you then prepare and enjoy at the chef's home.
- **Make Time at a Percussion Workshop**, trying your hand at a variety of classic Brazilian rhythms under the relaxed guidance of a professional percussionist.
- **Enjoy an Immersive Spa Treatment** consisting of a foot bath, body scrub, mineral wrap and relaxing massage.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before your unforgettable dinner at Palacio de Aclamação, the former residence of Bahia's governors. Dine to the accompaniment of a bossa nova trio, followed by a private performance by one of the most respected folklore dance troupes in the world, the Balé Folclórico da Bahia.

Hotel Fasano Salvador | Meals: BLD

Sep 24-27: The Amazon | The Riverine Ecosystem

Arrive in Manaus and board your river cruiser 'Grand Amazon' for a three-day journey along the Amazon River, exploring the dense vegetation and searching for exotic animal species, some of which are found nowhere else in the world. Your first evening finds you enjoying sunset cocktails and dinner on board, accompanied by live music. The next day affords an excellent chance of spotting the pink river dolphin, one of the most iconic and striking denizens of this biodiverse habitat. Disembark in the afternoon to visit a local community in Rio Cuieiras, and gain some insight into one of the many indigenous communities that still make their home along the river. Your final day's adventure includes a guided jungle hike in the Jaraqui region, where you experience the Amazon's flora and fauna up close. Throughout your cruise, enjoy stimulating talks from your onboard experts about many of the region's inhabitants, including the river dolphin and the region's birdlife. Enjoy traditional local entertainment alongside your farewell dinner.

The next morning, board your private jet one last time for your flight to Fort Lauderdale, where you bid your crew and fellow guests farewell and continue on your onward flight.

'Grand Amazon' / Meals: BLD (Sep 24-26); BL (Sep 27)

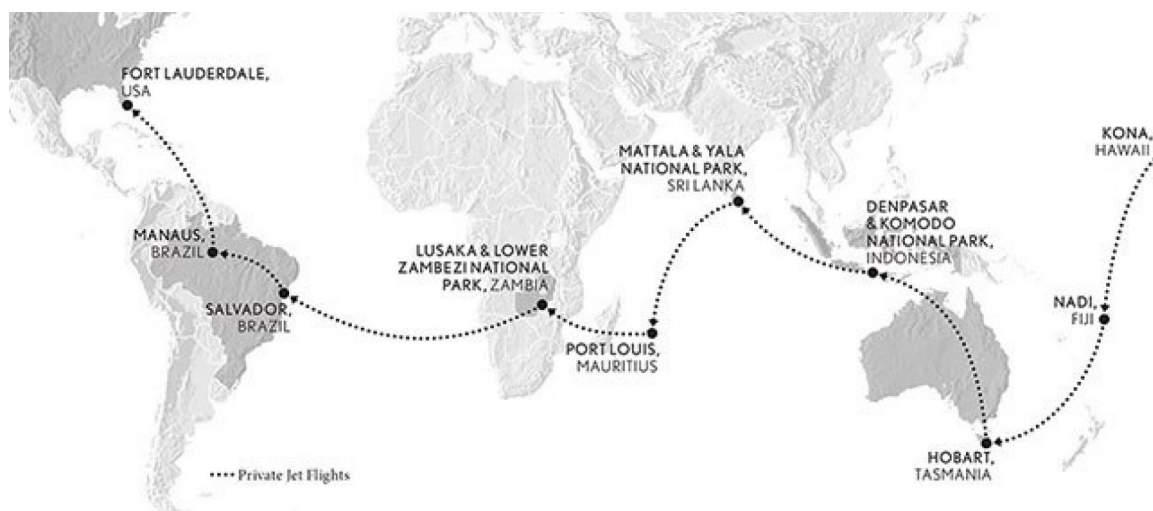
Journey Details

Included with this Private Jet Journey

- Authentic Insider Access and Exclusive Experiences Made Possible by A&K's Unrivalled Local Expertise
- English-Speaking Tour Director, Tour Managers and Local Guides throughout
- Chartered Boeing 757 with Fully Lie-Flat, First-Class Seats with Dedicated Crew and Executive Chef
- Hand-Selected, One-of-a-Kind Accommodations
- A Choice of Activities in Select Destinations with A&K's Design Your Day
- Physician and Photo Enrichment Coach Throughout the Entire Journey
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Traveller's Valet® Complimentary Mid-Journey Laundry Service
- All Meals with Beverages, Including Custom-Crafted Culinary Experiences and Festive Local Entertainment
- All Gratuities
- Complimentary Internet Access (Where Available)
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Note: The starting point of this journey can be amended. Please contact A&K for details.

Map



Accommodation

MACq 01 Hotel, Hobart



A unique hotel of unlimited intrigue, MACq 01 is inspired by the stories of Tasmania and its most colourful characters. Located in the heart of the historic Hobart waterfront, this storytelling hotel offers an informal luxury setting. From the rooms and decor to the service, the food, the entertainment, the views and even the people you meet within its walls, MACq 01 has been designed to offer a quintessentially Tasmanian experience like no other. Inside the hotel, you'll encounter the essence of Tasmania amidst a cornucopia of delights: fresh Tassie produce, a roaring open fire, trinkets and curiosities of the distant past, touches of live entertainment, all surrounded by the stories and characters that have made Tasmania the unforgettable place it is today.

Why we like it

- Each room is unique with a design inspired by a different Tasmanian character
- Amazing views of Hobart harbour and surrounds
- Gourmet restaurant serving the finest local ingredients
- Suites offer butler service

Uga Chena Huts, Yala



Nestled between the sea and dunes is Uga Chena Huts a boutique style lodge offering a unique experience in this wildlife haven. The "huts" are luxury pavilions, modern in design and positioned perfectly for privacy. There is a large main swimming pool and a cocktail bar a great place to spend some time in this tranquil spot.

On your game drives you will have the opportunity to spot leopard, elephant, wild boar, flamingos and painted storks to name a few. The beach is within walking distance from your room and is home to where the sea turtles come to lay their eggs every year, an incredible spectacle. Stay at Uga Chena Huts for a tranquil stay and to experience the best of Sri Lankan wildlife.

Why we like it

- A small and intimate lodge with just 18 cabins
- Each cabin has its own private deck complete with plunge pool
- Enjoy a game drive each day in search of the elusive leopard
- The beachside restaurant is the perfect place to treat your taste buds to traditional Sri Lankan cuisine

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Sep 2, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$258,500 pp	AU\$26,145	Included	Call for Availability

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