



AROUND THE WORLD WITH GEOFFREY KENT: AN INSPIRING EXPEDITION BY PRIVATE JET (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Private Jet Journeys



Japan, India, Malta, Uruguay,
Chile, USA



26 days from AU\$285,000 pp



48 Guests

Journey Overview

Join luxury travel pioneer Geoffrey Kent on an amazing journey he designed around a range of fascinating destinations, some of which he is visiting for the first time. From Kanazawa in Japan and secluded Ladakh to historic Malta and colourful Senegal, experience every locale you visit at its authentic best. Go where other travellers cannot and partake in exclusive visits to renowned cultural centres and historic sites. Enjoy world-class dining throughout your journey, as well as the hospitality of the finest luxury hotels.

Journey Highlights

- Enjoy a welcome ceremony in Kanazawa Castle, which is reserved exclusively for you, an honour normally only afforded to visiting dignitaries
- Experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at a beautiful garden, and enjoy a candlelit dinner at Ketataisha Shrine, with a sacred Shinto dance performance
- Join Buddhist monks in Ladakh for their morning prayers and cheer the players at a high-altitude polo match
- Relive Malta's fascinating WWII history with private visits to the Lascaris War Rooms and the underground tunnels used to move materials in wartime
- Follow the route of the Dakar Rally by 4x4 vehicle and visit Goree Island by private ferry
- Follow in the footsteps of Napoleon on Saint Helena Island, visiting the house where the deposed emperor spent his final years
- Learn the steps of the tango at a private lesson and enjoy cocktails at the home of a renowned local artist
- View Easter Island's iconic moai statues up close and enjoy a sunset cocktail atop a spectacular dormant volcano
- End your journey with a relaxing stay at a cutting-edge, eco-friendly resort in French Polynesia, enjoying a variety of beach activities in a private setting



Itinerary

Oct 13: Portland | A Warm Welcome

Arrive in Portland and transfer to your accommodations at the new Ritz-Carlton Portland, where you meet your tour leadership team and fellow guests over cocktails and dinner.

Ritz-Carlton, Portland | Meals: D

Oct 14-17: Japan | Iconic Kanazawa

Savour a sumptuous welcome dinner at Kanazawa Castle, generally only available for visiting dignitaries but tonight reserved exclusively for you. The next day, your morning begins with a sushi experience in the Omicho Market followed by a visit to the Kenroku-en Garden, led by the chief garden designer. Finish with a private tea ceremony in the garden — a privilege never before offered to visitors. Pursue the activity of your choice in the afternoon, whether a relaxing walk through the former samurai district of Nagamachi, an exclusive visit to the Ohi Ware pottery studio or a behind-the-scenes look at sake production at the oldest sake brewery in Kanazawa. The next day, set off on your selected Design Your Day option:

- **Learn the Art of Making Temari**, or sushi balls, and visit the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.
- **Try Your Hand at Crafting with Gold Leaf**, followed by a visit to the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.
- **Visit a Silk-Dyeing Workshop** with a master craftsman, and explore a museum dedicated to Buddhist philosophy.
- **Explore the Old Samurai Village of Shirakawago**, with the chance to enter select structures closed to the public.

Bid farewell to Kanazawa with a lavish dinner at the sacred Ketataisha Shrine, accompanied by a performance of sacred Shinto dance, an opportunity available nowhere else in Japan.

Hyatt Centric Kanazawa | Meals: BLD

Oct 18-21: India | Delhi & Ladakh

Rejoin your private jet for the flight to Delhi, where you overnight before continuing by charter air to Leh, gateway to your explorations of the former Himalayan kingdom of Ladakh. A short drive takes you to your hotel, where you receive a traditional Ladakhi welcome. Take some time to soak in the serenity of the surroundings and rest as you acclimatize to the rarefied oxygen levels at this high altitude (3,570 metres).

Experience the cultural heritage of Ladakh during a walk through the old town. Visit the magnificent 17th-century Leh Palace; the Ladakh Art and Media Organization, showcasing Ladakhi art and architecture; and the Central Asian Museum, displaying a rich collection of historic artifacts. At Stok Palace, a beautiful medieval fortress serving as the residence of the Queen Mother and Prince of Ladakh, enjoy an audience with the King of Ladakh, who hosts your gala dinner.

The next day, drive to Thiksey Monastery to witness a ritual masked dance followed by a tour of the monastery. Later, drive to the village of Chuchot to attend a Central Asian polo match put on specially for you — a particularly challenging sport at this altitude. Later, enjoy a lecture by a renowned expert on the history of traditional Ladakhi textiles, handwoven with local Ladakhi motifs and crafted by local artisans.

The Imperial, New Delhi, The Grand Dragon Leh | Meals: BLD

Oct 22-24: Malta | Island Fortress

Return by private charter to Delhi to rejoin your private jet for the flight to Malta. Built by the Knights of St. John in the 16th century, Valletta is a fortified city with a fascinating mixture of history and lively present-day culture within its walls. Begin your exploration at the Saluting Battery overlooking the Grand Harbor, and then proceed to the Lascaris War Rooms, an underground complex of tunnels and chambers that proved crucial during the Second World War. The National Library preserves the nation's heritage with collections stretching back to medieval times. Explore this national treasure guided by one of the librarians, and then enjoy a private after-hours visit to St. John's Co-Cathedral, whose austere exterior stands in drastic contrast to its sumptuous high Baroque interior. In the evening, dine with some of the vested Knights and Dames of Malta, a religious order dating back to the 11th century. Enjoy your chosen Design Your Day the next morning:

- **Visit Medieval Mdina**, with its range of Norman, Arabic and Baroque features — as well as gates that *Game of Thrones* fans will recognize instantly as the entry to King's Landing.
- **Explore Verdala Palace**, the official summer residence of Malta's president, with a third-generation caretaker guiding your visit.
- **Learn the Art of Falconry** from a local expert who demonstrates the skilful handling of a variety of hunting birds.
- **Visit Two Temple Excavations** that predate the pyramids and Stonehenge, learning about the site from its curator.

Gather for lunch at the Malta Polo Club, and take in an exhibition match or try your hand at playing if you wish. Experience one of Malta's oldest traditions, the village feast, where you are led by a marching band through the streets to experience a specially curated farewell "festa" and dinner at a traditional band club.

Corinthia Palace Hotel | Meals: BLD

Oct 25-27: Senegal | A Cultural Feast

Your private jet takes you to the capital of Senegal, Dakar, where you enjoy an introductory tour as you pass through Independence Square with its historical colonial buildings and by the President's Palace and the House of Parliament. Head out the following morning to the phenomenal Pink Lake. Track the last lap of the famous Dakar Rally by 4x4 buggy and stop to meet some of the men and women mining the salt from the rose-coloured water. Then take an exhilarating 4x4 ride on the sand dunes. Continue to a Fulani village to experience firsthand their traditional lifestyle. Pause for a beach lunch under a Bedouin tent, and then explore the city, stopping at the monument of African Renaissance, the Plateau District and the residential area of Fann, with its uniquely African architecture. End the afternoon with visits of the Kermel Market and the Black Civilization Museum. The next day, board your private ferry to Goree Island. Visit the Slave House with its infamous "Door of No Return," the point from which enslaved peoples were transported to the New World. Also visit the Historical Museum and the Saint Charles Church (one of the first Roman Catholic Churches on the West African Coast). Return to Dakar by private ferry in time for lunch. Later, you may wish to take part in an optional sand painting activity. Bid farewell to Senegal while accompanied by a typical folklore ballet performance and Senegalese music.

Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza | Meals: BLD

Oct 28-29: Saint Helena | Napoleon's Final Home

Saint Helena Island is one of the most remote islands on earth, located 2,092 kilometres west of the coast of Namibia. It boasts a population of less than 4,500 people, who have been slow to embrace modern technology — cellular service was only introduced in 2015. The island's strict conservation efforts protect its unspoiled natural beauty. It has served as a place of exile for prisoners ranging from Bahraini princes to Napoleon himself.

Wander the streets of charming colonial Jamestown, the island's capital, where many buildings date to the 18th century and are still used today. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps, visiting the house where he lived in exile for the last five years of his life, as well as his original tomb. Explore the rugged volcanic landscape on foot or take in the sites on a scenic tour, either by coach or by a 1929 open-top charabanc. End the day with a tour and tasting at St Helena Distillery, the most remote distillery in the world.

Mantis St Helena | Meals: BLD

Oct 30-Nov 1: Uruguay | Artistic Immersion

Board your private jet this morning for the journey to Punta del Este in Uruguay, a land of beautiful beaches, woodlands and clear waters. On arrival, transfer to the estate of Narbona for lunch, a wine tasting and a folkloric music performance. Then check in at the Hotel Fasano, your home for the next three nights. Stretch your legs during a tango class in the afternoon. Privately visit the museum and workshop of noted artist Carlos Páez Vilaró, known for his murals and sculptures that incorporate the colourful aesthetics of Afro-Uruguayan culture. Enjoy sunset cocktails on the terrace of his home overlooking the domes of Casapueblo on the rocky cliffs of Punta Ballena. At Bodega Garzón, enjoy authentic Uruguayan cuisine designed by the world-famous chef Francis Mallman. Visit the Pablo Atchugarry MACA (Contemporary Art Museum), a 100- acre sculpture park featuring striking works by many national and international artists. Pause for refreshments in the museum gardens. After lunch and a wine tasting at Estancia VIK, take part in a mate class and tasting in Fasano.

Fasano Punta del Este | Meals: BLD

Nov 2: Easter Island | The Lost World

Board your private jet and fly nearly 4,828 kilometres over the Pacific to one of the most remote — and enticing — destinations on earth: Easter Island.

The island's iconic stone effigies, called moai by the Rapa Nui, are thought to be representations of the builders' ancestors. There are nearly 900 moai spread throughout the island; almost all of them face inland in order to watch over and protect the island's living inhabitants. The grandeur of these figures is rivalled by the island's intense natural beauty, with a postcard-worthy view seemingly in every direction. Arrive to a greeting of flowers and warm smiles from your Rapa Nui hosts, followed by a sunset cocktail atop Ranu Kau, a spectacular dormant volcano and an opportunity to witness a Hotumatua ritual, a celebration of the island's mythic founding.

You then continue to your hotel. Built on 23 acres and featuring a beautiful ocean view, Explora Rapa Nui combines island tradition with modern, eco-friendly design in one resort, with 30 rooms and welcoming public spaces.

Explora Rapa Nui | Meals: BLD

Nov 3-7: French Polynesia | Tropical Paradise

Today, your private jet takes off for Papeete, French Polynesia, where you board local charter flights for the short air transfers to the private atoll of Tetiaora and The Brando. With no neighbouring resorts, noisy taxi-boats or racing jet-skis to disrupt the quiet and tranquillity, this exquisite resort is your personal island paradise for the next three nights, with a plethora of activities to choose from.

Enjoy diving, snorkelling and a host of other water sports such as stand-up paddleboards, kayaks or outrigger canoes. You can explore the island on an archaeological tour or a birding tour, and learn about Polynesian arts and culture through dance, pareu dying and tying, weaving coconut fronds and ukulele lessons. Or take part in some educational activities, such as a visit to the Tetiaroa Society Ecostation & Research Centre or an exploration of The Brando's sustainable technologies on a behind-the-scenes tour. And you may just prefer to relax at the pool or on the beach, or treat yourself to a pampering spa treatment. Depart the island on the afternoon of November 6 and fly overnight to Los Angeles International Airport, arriving the next morning.

The Brando / Meals: BLD

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

Map

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Accommodation

Explora Rapa Nui



Located on top of a hill overlooking the ocean and a few kilometres from Hanga Roa - the only town on the island - Rapa Nui serves as an excellent base for exploring this attractive and mysterious island.

In terms of design, the hotel has been shaped to fit with the landscapes around it. Volcanic rock, native to the island and always used by the island's inhabitants in construction, and wood from the mainland are the principal materials. The roofs are covered with red-brown clay slates, the same colour as the surrounding hills.

All of the 30 rooms, which extend to the north and south from a central building, have excellent ocean views. Each room has a small living area, hydromassage bath and beds designed for deep, pleasurable sleep after a day of exploration. All are lined in beautifully worked wood paneling, whilst the floors are in earth-colored concrete.

Overall, the design is intended to have minimal impact on its surroundings. The lodge is built on a site which is inappropriate for agricultural use and has no archaeological remains. The flora surrounding the lodge has been maintained intact.

Why we like it

- The hotel has 30 comfortable rooms, all of them designed to maximize silence and privacy
- Great views overlooking the magnificent Pacific Ocean
- The spa, Hare Taheta, offers a range of massages
- The hotel has an open area with swimming pool, solar-heated Jacuzzi and bar
- Other facilities include a shop and sun terraces. Five daily excursions are tailored according to climatic conditions, guests' preferences, length and difficulty

The Imperial, New Delhi



Built in 1931 by Blomfield, one of Sir Edwin Lutyen's associates, and inaugurated by Lord Willingdon in 1936, The Imperial Hotel is known for its contemporary colonial style. A New Delhi landmark, it is located on Janpath, the erstwhile Queensway, steps away from the renowned shopping district and major attractions of the city.

Magnificent in white, The Imperial Hotel is a unique blend of old and new, a successful renovation having preserved its historic features and aura. Today it is a wonderful *mélange* of Victorian, colonial and Art Deco styles. 232 beautifully appointed and spacious rooms and suites are decorated with Neo-Victorian furnishings and paintings with high ceilings and *décor* and design themed around the building's own contrasting architectural styles.

In the public areas stunning crystal chandeliers, sparkling marble floors, large mahogany tables and the impressive wealth of original 18th and 19th century art are a constant reminder of the elegance of the colonial era.

Why we like it

- Old-style class and an elegant Raj atmosphere
- The hotel's restaurants offer some of the best dining in New Delhi
- The Imperial Spa offers aroma therapy, Swedish massage, Shiatsu massage, body scrubs and foot reflexology
- Specially tailored Eliza programme with unique features and benefits for single female travellers
- The huge swimming pool nestles amidst extensive grounds dotted with Royal Palms

Hyatt Centric Kanazawa



Situated just seconds from the Kanazawa station, Hyatt Centric Kanazawa is the perfect spot from which to explore the authentic art, shops, restaurants and culture of Kanazawa. Experience this well-preserved historical city; renowned for its geisha and samurai districts as well as wonderful cuisine.

Dates & Pricing

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

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Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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