

Creating ADVENTURES



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- A LIVING LABORATORY!

Undoubtedly the star attraction of any visit to **Ecuador** are the **Galapagos Islands**. Located 1,050 km off **Ecuador's** coastline, they are so rich in iconic wildlife experiences that it's worth considering a stand-alone visit.

The archipelago's wildlife is unquestionably iconic, the Galapago Giant Tortoise, Marine Iguana, Land Iguana, Blue-Footed Booby and Darwin's Finch among a plethora of other species make this the definitive bucket-list destination for admirers of nature and history alike.

Where to stay:	Explore aboard a small boat - we favour yachts of between 10 and 20 guests
Not got sea legs?	For those preferring terra firma, ask us for an island-hopping holiday, staying on the islands and exploring the archipelago on daily tours
Special Encounters:	In November and December you'll generally get great weather. Seas are calm and sea lions are pupping. Water temperatures are slowly rising and there is good visibility for snorkelers. Often you'll see sea lion pups playing aquaerobics next to snorkelers with some curious enough to nibble at their fins!
Getting there:	Fly to Quito or Guayaquil and take a shortish onward flight
Ask:	Fiona for details



Dear Adventurer

As you read this, I am preparing for two trips that could not be more contrasting - exploring the icebound natural beauty that is the west coast of **Greenland** and hiking, snorkelling, rafting and orang-utan scouting on the magical **Indonesian** islands of **Bali**, **Lombok** and **Sumatra**. It really has been a hugely busy year for me with a record number of you choosing to travel despite the trials and tribulations that kicked off in the **Middle East** in Spring. Perhaps because of this, we've seen an increase of last-minute bookings so let me reassure you there is still time to book that late autumn or Christmas break. This edition showcases an exciting round-up of possible adventures - many within the next six months or so. Do contact me if you would like help and advice on how to book your next trip. Even when I'm travelling I'll always be in email contact so I look forward to hearing from you!

Fiona Brijnath

Fiona Brijnath, Director



BANISH WINTER BLUES WITH COSTA RICA

Experience the perfect blend of adventure, relaxation and barefoot luxury on this eight-night journey through **Costa Rica**. Begin in the vibrant capital of **San José** before escaping to the volcanic landscapes of **Rio Perdido**, where nature, wellness and adventure come together. Finish your holiday on the stunning **Pacific** coast at **Nantipa**, an exclusive beachfront retreat in **Santa Teresa**, renowned for its laidback atmosphere, spectacular sunsets and world-class surfing.

Price from: £3,950 per person for a ten-day holiday

Includes: Direct flights with **British Airways**

When: Any time September – November 2026

Costa Rica was amazing, what a country! All of your pre-trip paperwork, instructions and help were brilliant and the events, parks etc. exceeded our expectations. I do not know if we were just lucky with the weather, but the 'shoulder season' was brilliant as it was quite quiet everywhere and we could get everywhere easily.

Mr & Mrs Chris Allhusen, Natasha & Sabrina, Costa Rica, April 2026

SAMARKAND TO BUKHARA ON THE SILK ROUTE

Book an adventure with a difference this autumn. At the heart of the ancient silk route, **Uzbekistan** is a country steeped in trading history who's cities are living museums of stunning architecture. **Bukhara's** formidable Ark Fortress was the stronghold of the Emir and the country's greatest treasure, the glittering city of **Samarkand**, lies at the junction of **Central Asia's** ancient caravan routes. It is here that the immense blue domes of the **Registan**, the most spectacular architectural ensemble in the whole of **Central Asia**, stopped many a traveller in their tracks.

When:

October is a perfect time to visit

Flight options:

Turkish Airlines via **Istanbul** or **Uzbek Airlines** direct to **Tashkent**

What to see:

Grandiose madrassahs, stunning palaces, majestic squares, soaring minarets, local craftsmen, rural mountain villages with great day hikes, desert fortresses and colourful markets

Price guide: £6,595 per person all-in for a very full two-week trip but we can trim the trip to work to a budget

Ask Fiona:

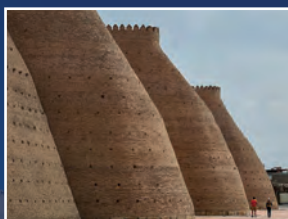
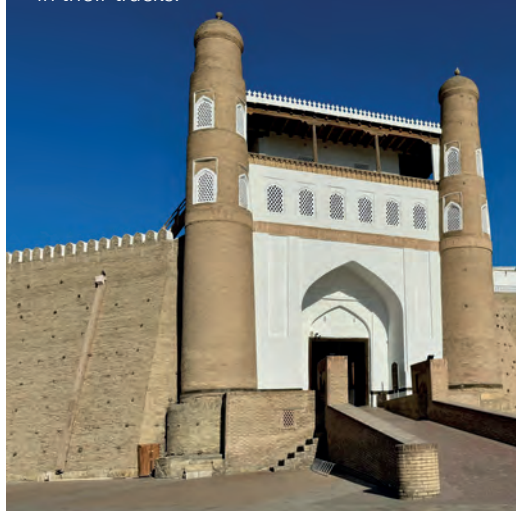
For a sample itinerary or to tailor-make your trip

Why not?

Add on a city break in **Istanbul** en route

Who will look after you?

One of our superb English speaking guides



The Silk Road in **Uzbekistan** is not to be missed! A trip full of history, beautiful architecture and friendly welcoming people. We can't give a highlight as every city, town and village was a wonderful different experience. **Uzbekistan** felt very safe for two female travellers. We had an absolutely fabulous holiday. Just go and experience for yourselves.

Julie Williams and Sooky Lum, Uzbekistan, May 2026



INDIA - A KALEIDOSCOPE

Nowhere can awaken the senses like **India**. The colour and cacophony of its busy streets and the spectacle of its palaces and temple carvings combined with fragrant tropical blossom and spices are an almost overwhelming sensory experience. **India** is equally compelling for its diversity of geography: the towering peaks of the **Himalaya** and the golden beaches of the south give any traveller more than enough choice. Where else can you luxuriate in a **Maharajah's** palace, trek remote mountain trails, seek the elusive **Bengal** tiger on elephant-back, pamper yourself with an **Ayurvedic** treatment or enjoy the serene tranquillity of backwaters in your own private houseboat.

Footnote: We've great news - from this earlier this year, the use of mobile phones in National Parks has been banned - making for a greatly improved wildlife experience

Book now: For October - March holidays

Fiona: Will hand craft your trip according to interest and budget - book a chat with her now

Email: fiona@farfrontiers.com with your requirements and preferred budget

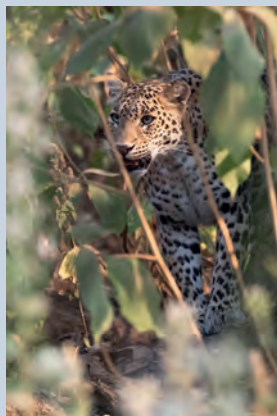
We had the most amazing holiday thank you!

Mr & Mrs Adrian Haxby, India tailor-made, November 2025



The holiday was all we wanted. All lodges had excellent accommodation, staff and food. A wildlife list of tiger, leopard, Gaur, Sambar, Spotted deer, Jackal, wild boar, wild dogs, mongoose, ground squirrels, spiders, ants, butterflies and over 130 birds is some achievement. Thank you for all your hard work in putting our trip together.

Mr & Mrs Malcolm Mundy, India, March 2026



KHACHAPURI AND SAVERAVI: FLAVOURS OF GEORGIA

Georgia is a country of ancient civilization, steeped in culture and proud of its history. From absorbing its past, to meeting its friendly locals and savouring its incredible food and wine, we urge you to join our classic two-week tour which has it all. You'll become captivated by the eternal beauty of **Tbilisi**, the great splendour of **Mount Kazbegi** and the mystical ambience of **Svaneti**. Walk through caves of **Uplistsikhe** and **Vardzia** and get so close to the ancient fortresses, that history comes to life. Discover the homeland of ancient wine culture, **Kakheti** - wine-tasting here is not to be missed! **Fiona** is still dreaming of her trip...

Hotels: Are fantastic and we have some cool, edgy boutique options for you

Guides: Range from friendly local driver/guides to accompanying national guides who are second to none

Price and holiday duration: To suit you. Contact **Fiona** for more details



TRAVEL TO EGYPT ON THE RISE

Hoteliers in **Egypt** have reported a busy year - and this is backed up by the news that luxury hotel group **Mandarin Oriental** are currently masterminding a phased rejuvenation of two of our favourite iconic heritage properties - the **Old Cataract** Hotel in **Aswan** and the **Winter Palace** in **Luxor**. We eagerly anticipate their formal openings in late 2027. In the meantime a wave of boutique wellness retreats are opening in the remote oasis town of **Siwa** in the North West of the country and along the **Red Sea** and **Mediterranean** coastlines. We think **Egypt** is one to watch in the coming months. Call **Fiona** to book your trip now!

Your local partners were absolutely outstanding both in efficiency and friendliness. Nothing was too much trouble for them. Standard of vehicles was very good. Really impressed. Pre departure information was excellent too. Our guides Fatima and Medhat were exceptional- both so knowledgeable with very good English. The dahabeya was brilliant! A must see experience I would definitely recommend to friends and family who have not been.

Mr & Mrs Chris Hutton, Egypt, January 2026



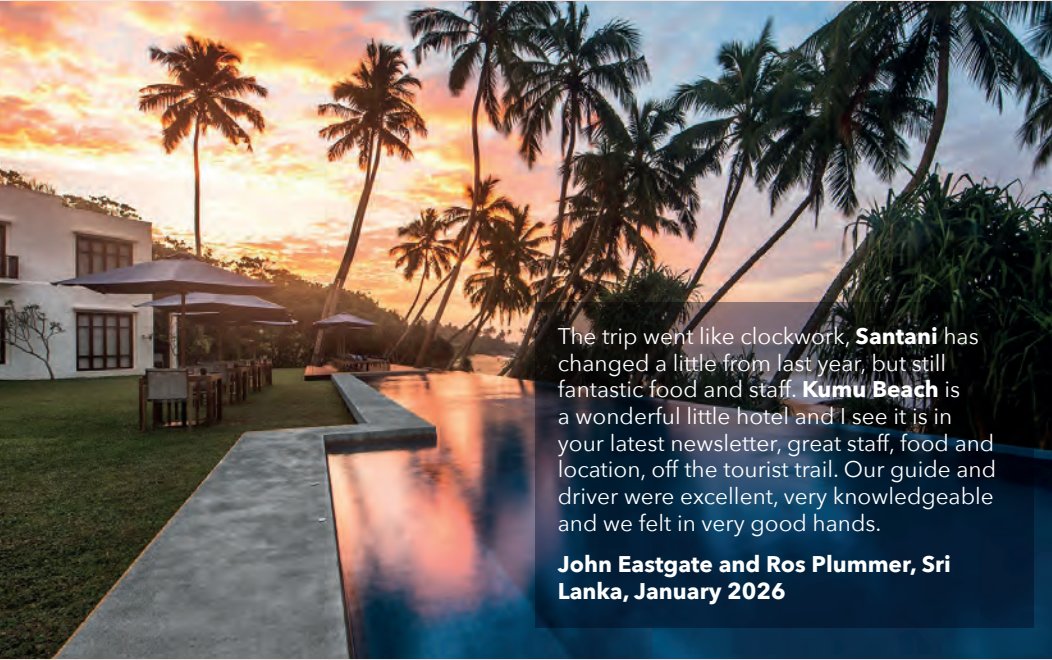
SRI LANKA- SPLENDID LAND

Sweeping beaches, cool green mountainsides, busy cities, spice gardens and historic tea plantations are just some of the delights you will find in this very tiny island nation. With an ancient culture first documented as early as 543 BC, Sri Lanka is home to seven **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. The 11th-century capital of **Polonnaruwa**, and **Sigiriya**, an ancient rock citadel, are highlights for any visitor, as is the cultural centre of **Kandy**, the island’s last mountain-kingdom centre and historical bastion of **Buddhist** power. We have superb boutique hotels to offer you - many run by gorgeous people passionate about making your stay as good as it can be.

Marco Polo considered **Sri Lanka** the finest island of its size ‘in all the world’. It is not difficult to see why: staggeringly beautiful, with warm, smiling people, **Sri Lanka** is hard to beat as a destination.

Ask: **Fiona** to tailor-make you an unforgettable holiday

When: December to April makes for a lovely visit



We had a wonderful time and feel we got to know **Sri Lanka** very well. **Raj**, our driver was outstanding and couldn't have been more attentive and helpful. Having spent so many hours in the car with him he truly felt like a relation by the time we left!

Mr & Mrs Andrew Roberts, Sri Lanka, February 2026



ANDALUCIA SHOWCASE

Want to see the stunning **Alhambra Palace** in **Andalucia**? Why not book a visit with us this autumn and stay at a gorgeous **Andalucian Hacienda** tucked away in the hills above **Seville**. Run by our special **Anglo- Spanish** friends, this is a truly delightful hideaway. Discover a side of **Andalucia** that enriches and inspires. **Seville, Cordoba, Ronda & Granada** can all be in the mix as well as lesser known but exceptionally special places such as **Grazalema, Cadiz, Jerez de la Frontera, Sanlucar de Barrameda, Vejer de la Frontera** and **El Rocio**. We have unique access to private houses, palaces and countryside estates and are able to offer you exclusive access to the prime monuments such as the **Royal Alcazar** in **Seville** and the **Alhambra** in **Granada**.

*'We've sent many clients here over the years and they all love it' says **Fiona**.*

Flights: Direct service on **British Airways**

Price guide: From **£2,700 per person** including flights for six nights at the **Hacienda** and three nights in **Seville**. You book your own car hire

Ask: **Fiona** for details and prices



MEDINAS AND MINARETS OF MOROCCO

Travel to **Morocco** between **October** and **December** and you'll enjoy warm and sunny weather while discovering **Morocco's** colourful culture, stunning landscapes and rich heritage. Explore spectacular **Berber** villages nestled in the mountains, walk among date palms or hike dramatic sculpted sand dunes, lose yourself in the winding narrow lanes of the souq or travel a trail of history exploring kasbahs, Roman ruins and Imperial cities. What we love about **Morocco** is that you can enjoy a totally different culture yet it's only 3.5 hours flying time from the UK.

You'll love: Overnights in gorgeously atmospheric riads (small town houses)

Getting there: Numerous direct flights on **British Airways** from **London**

Options: Self-drive or we'll book you local guides and transfers

Next: Contact **fiona@farfrontiers.com** for ideas

WEDDELL SEA - IN SEARCH OF THE EMPEROR PENGUIN

Experience a bird's-eye-view of **Antarctica**! The helicopter capability on expedition ship **Ortelius** allows a rare chance to see the famed emperor penguin rookery south of **Snow Hill Island**, numbering around 4,000 breeding pairs. Thrilling helicopter flights make this search possible, enabling you to land in locations otherwise inaccessible this early in the season. If ice conditions are favourable and the route to **Snow Hill Island** is free of multi-year pack ice, you have the chance for ship-to-shore helicopter transfers to an area roughly 45 minutes walking distance from the emperor penguin rookery.

Dates: 22 November - 7 December 2026 UK to UK

Price guide: **£16,975 per person** (twin share) all in. Reduction available for quadruple cabin on request



SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS OF NEW ZEALAND

Long recognised for their rich biodiversity, the **Subantarctic Islands**, as featured in *Conde Nast Traveller's* influential 'The 25 Best Places to Go in 2025' list, lying in the **Southern Ocean** to the south of **New Zealand** are **UNESCO World Heritage** sites. This places them in a select group of only 180 natural sites that have been designated as 'the most important and significant natural habitats' on the planet. They are also afforded the highest conservation status and protection by the **Australian** and **New Zealand** governments and access to these islands is by permit only. Explore wildlife rich **Macquarie Island** as well as **Campbell**,

Auckland Islands and the **Snares** in the company of knowledgeable and passionate guides. These sites are home to a vast array of albatross, penguins, petrels, elephant seals and more.

What: These 12 day ship voyages would make a great wildlife addition to a holiday in **New Zealand**.

When: Voyages depart **Queenstown** on 22 November and 17 December 2026 and 21 November and 16 December 2027

Price guide: **From £9,690 per person** voyage only. Twin share

Ask: For details



NEW VOYAGE

A SHOUT OUT FOR WOMEN! JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE WOMEN ONLY VOYAGE IN FEBRUARY 2027

We ring in Spring 2027 with a brand new voyage: **Antarctic Direct: Fly the Drake** for women only. Embark on an **Antarctic** adventure with like-minded women, sailing on small-ship expedition vessel, the **Sylvia Earle**. This new voyage, designed and led by women, is only for women and will open the door to new experiences and new friendships too. Late summer is a great time to visit **Antarctica**, with active wildlife, melting ice, and generally good weather. Skuas, terns and a suite of petrels wheel against a backdrop of spectacular sunsets, as the days shorten, and winter gradually approaches.

Dates: 21 February - 6 March 2027

Price: **From £16,880 per person** UK to UK based on twin share cabin. Includes 15% discount and USD3,000 air credit

Note: If you travel alone you have the option of a single supplement or we can find you someone to share with



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LAST MINUTE: SMALL SHIP SAIL ICELAND IN OCTOBER!

Looking for a last-minute adventure? Why not consider the **Northeast Iceland Explorer** Hike and Sail voyage on our favourite 38 passenger three-masted schooner **Rembrandt Van Rijn**?

Northern and eastern **Iceland** are characterized by small villages, dramatic coastlines, narrow fjords, waterfalls, geothermal areas, volcanoes, and mountains. We are in the heart of nature here, and the scenery is breathtaking. This destination offers outstanding outdoor experiences all year round, such as trail hiking along the rugged highlands.

Voyage Dates: 11- 19 October 2026

Price guide: **From £5,045 per person** twin share inside cabin maximum of 38 passengers



Both **Susan** and I found our trip to be truly rewarding and full of welcome surprises. Enjoyable visits well suited to our interests. **Iceland** and **Greenland** have so much to offer. They do need, though, a measure of resilience and quite deep pockets! Thank you so much from us both for all your expert advice and patient travails.

David & Susan Carter, Iceland and Greenland, June 2026

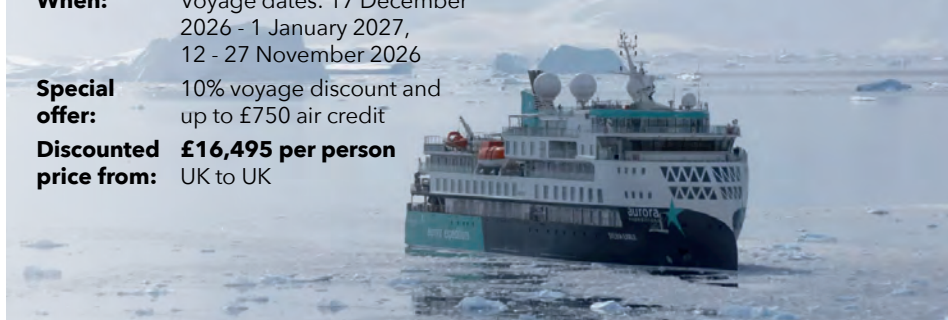
ACROSS ANTARCTICA'S POLAR CIRCLE THIS NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

Make this a special **Christmas** with a voyage **Across the Antarctic Circle** on one of our favourite XBow small ships **Sylvia Earle**. Venturing below the **Antarctic Circle** is about more than just earning bragging rights. It is the chance to enter a different world more rarely seen, it feels more isolated and colder than further north, with great swathes of pack-ice and dreamlike icebergs. Thread through pack ice and narrow channels where scenes of ice-clad mountains, feeding whales and lively penguin colonies become lasting memories.

When: Voyage dates: 17 December 2026 - 1 January 2027, 12 - 27 November 2026

Special offer: 10% voyage discount and up to £750 air credit

Discounted price from: **£16,495 per person** UK to UK



SVALBARD CIRCUMNAVIGATION AND KVITØYA

Just take a look at the map to see how extensively this trip explores the biggest island in the **Svalbard** archipelago. On this in-depth **Arctic** wildlife expedition voyage, we'll venture to the jumbled, ever-shifting southern edge of the polar ice cap. Here, at the dynamic boundary between implacable ice and bountiful sea, we'll search for polar bears stalking their prey. Whether it's of a calving iceberg along the jagged, mountainous coastline or the otherworldly hush of a land where man is an infrequent visitor, your memories of this **Svalbard** expedition voyage will last a lifetime.

When: 7 - 20 July 2027

Price from: **£12,500 per person** voyage only



Well, slowly coming down to earth! What a spectacular trip. An enormous, thank you for all your support and guidance with getting me through my first solo trip! It was all perfect! As said, it's given me the confidence to go solo again! Managed to tick off the desired wildlife on my list! The scenery was breathtaking and again, a part of the world where you felt very privileged, humble and lucky to have seen! Met three lovely solo travellers, from different parts of the world who were great fun! Again, there will be no hesitation in recommending your skills in travel, to other travellers looking for a special adventure! I will of course, have no hesitation in asking for your help when the occasion arises.

Elizabeth May, Svalbard and Polar Ice Edge, July 2026

Client COMMENTS



The trip was fantastic - every aspect of it. The highlights were the dogs, the guides and our 3 days/2 nights at the cabin on the mountain. Our whole family group entered into the adventure and all had a brilliant time - and there were tears when we had to say goodbye to the dogs.

For our part, it really hit the spot, combining group activity for two generations, exercise, adventure, some discomfort, thrills, wonder and elation. And all within a week and within a reasonable distance from home. Our main problem is finding other adventures to match it! Thanks for putting it all together for us.

Mr & Mrs Nigel Bazeley and family, Norway Dog Sledding, March 2026



We are now at **Battle Abbey** which you told us about. An amazing lodge with lovely guides, staff and food.

Robert & Anne Jenkins, Skiing at Battle Abbey, Canada, February 2026



Overall, this was a really excellent trip, very well planned and organised, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Most importantly, our guide **Vlad**, was outstanding. He spoke superb English and was remarkably well informed both about the history of **Romania** and about everything we saw. We were definitely there in the pre-season for tourism - a benefit in many ways as it meant places weren't quite so crowded but some of the hotels felt not quite ready for visitors. I loved **Romania**, its complicated and traumatic history and some (but not all) of its countryside and cities.

Faith Hallett, Romania, May 2026



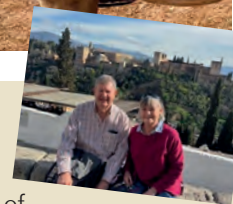
We travel a lot and have had some great journeys and adventures. Our **Kenya** safari, planned exquisitely by **Fiona** and executed flawlessly by her operators, was the best. Two weeks and a lifetime of eternal sights, sounds, smells and memories... The beautiful and engaging wildlife, the people and their cultural heritage... it was all magical. We only want to go back for more

David Gibbons & Cora Wen, Kenya, January 2026



Fiona has arranged some wonderful holidays for us, usually with months of planning, this time she had a week and came up trumps! We had a fabulous trip to **Andalucia** staying in top class accommodation in **Malaga, Granada** and **Seville** and also spent a relaxing week at **Hacienda San Rafael** and from there enjoyed some horseback riding.

Phil & Helen Soward, Spain - Andalucia, March 2026



All back safe and sound and the headlines are probably the best holiday we ever had. Highlight of course was the scenery and the excursions. Full on every day in both **Atacama** and **Patagonia**. **Rainbow Valley, Moon Valley**, geysers and horseriding, base of towers, glacier boat trip, **French Valley** and some great but tough walking but 100% worth the effort. Overall a really good holiday so job well done **Fiona**. Thanks for your efforts.

Mr & Mrs Stephen Walls, Chile, February 2026



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