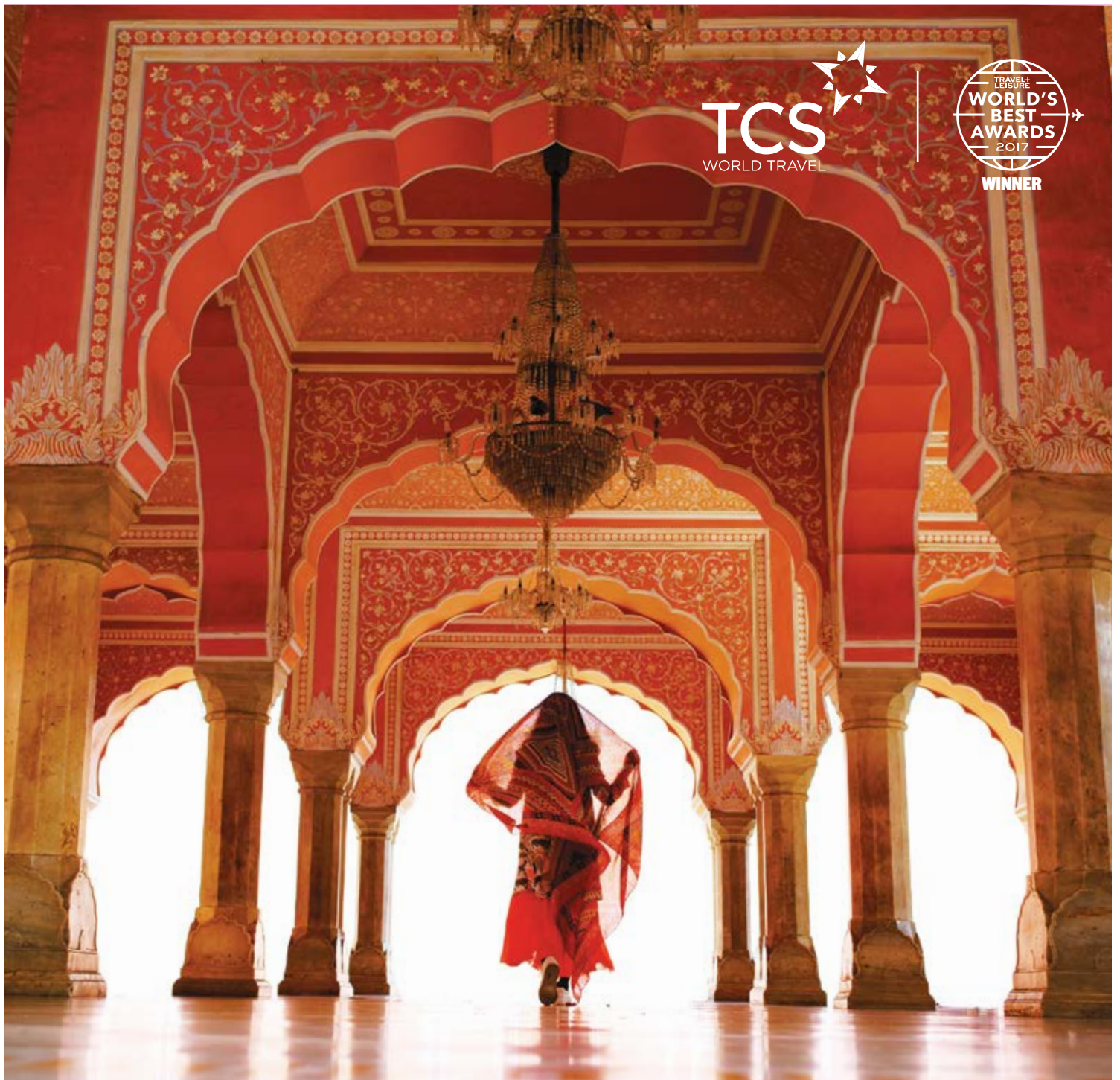




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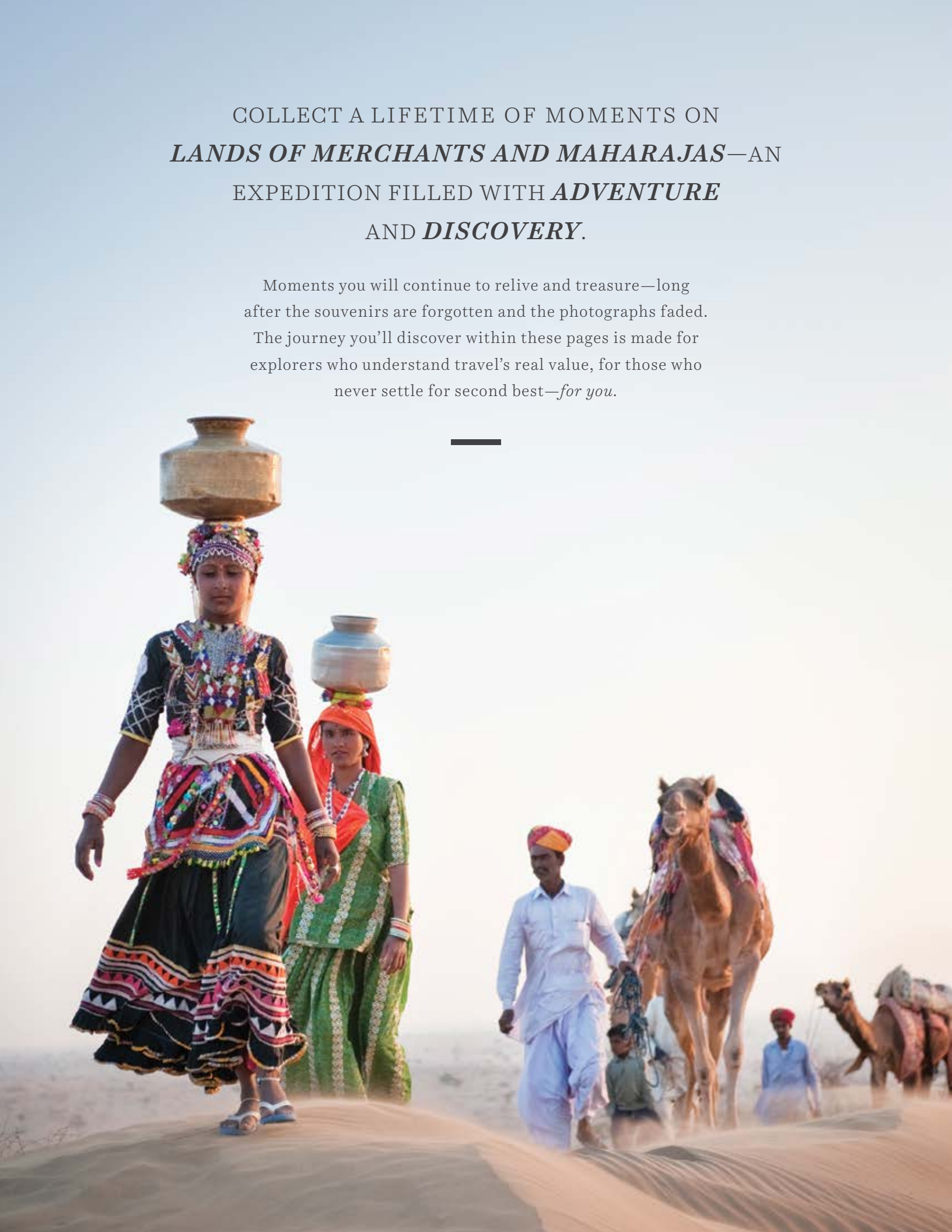
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COVER: Local woman at the City Palace, Jaipur, India
THIS PAGE: Textiles on display, Jodhpur, India

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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS...

ATHENS, GREECE

JANUARY 16 Arrive on your independent flight to Athens, a historic city that has been continuously inhabited for more than 3,000 years. Meet fellow travelers and expedition staff at a festive welcome dinner at the **Hotel Grande Bretagne**, which is a landmark property situated in the heart of Athens. Enjoy breathtaking views of the fabled Acropolis from the hotel’s rooftop restaurant and pool, as well as easy access to this historic city’s best-known attractions. We depart the next day for Oman.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Locals crossing the Thar Desert, India **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top):** Rooftop dining, Hotel Grande Bretagne; Welcome drinks; Changing of the Guard at the Greek Parliament building



ATHENS, GREECE ✈ MUSCAT, OMAN: 4H 45M

MUSCAT, OMAN

Steeped in ancient traditions and boasting diverse landscapes, Oman is widely considered the hidden gem of the Middle East.



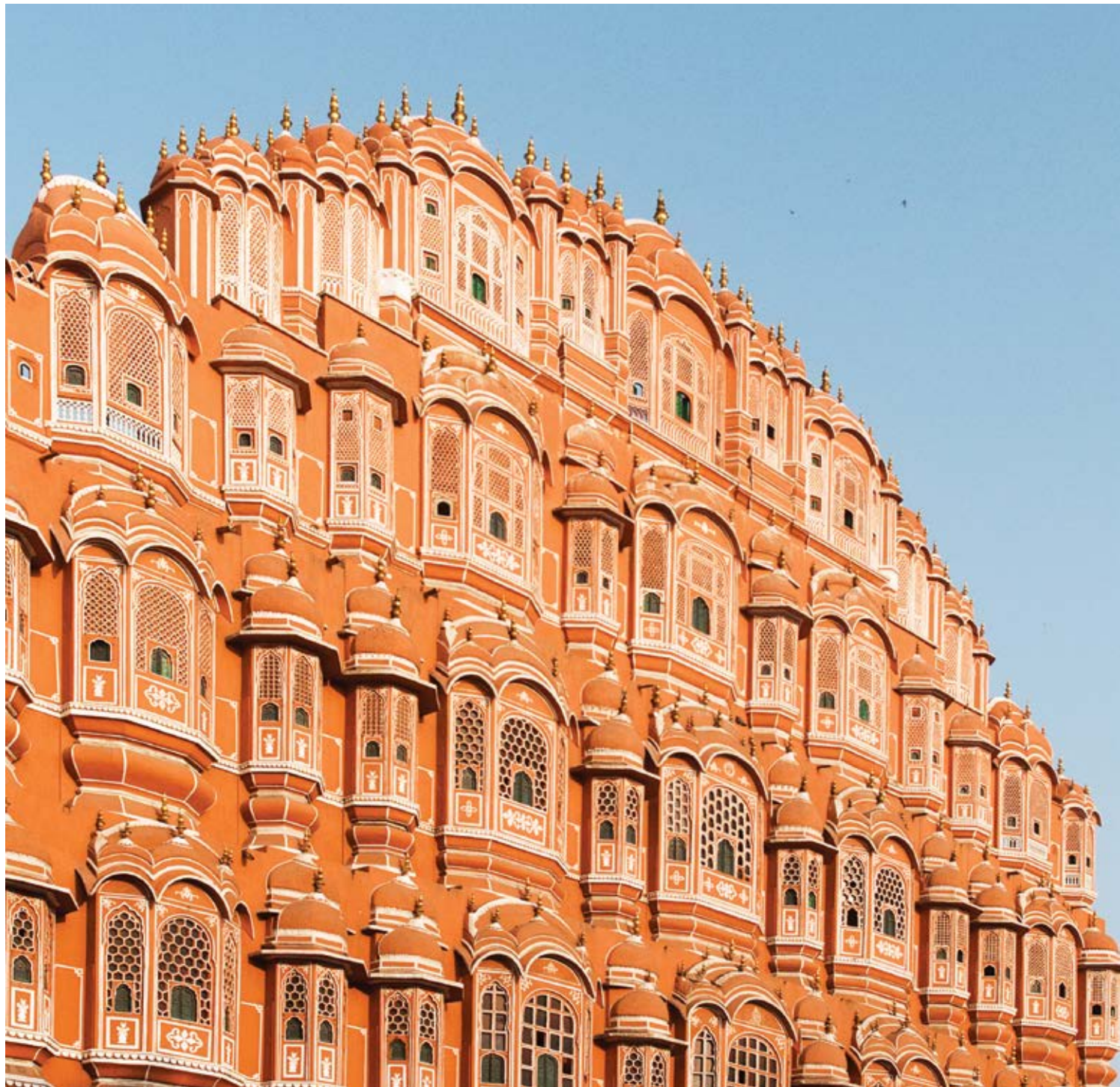
JANUARY 17 - 18 Flanked by the ocean and the Arabian Desert, the Sultanate of Oman was once a maritime empire that ruled much of the region. Discover authentic Middle Eastern traditions in Oman’s colorful capital **Muscat**, amid incredible natural beauty and modern luxuries. Skyscrapers are hard to spot in Muscat, and the landscape is instead dominated by the rugged Al-Hajar Mountains and towering minarets.

Step into the labyrinthine **Muttrah Souk**, one of the oldest markets on the Arabian Peninsula, and instantly be transported to a bygone era. Frankincense perfumes the air as vendors sell everything from exquisite handicrafts and gold jewelry to everyday household goods. Visit the enormous **Grand Mosque**, which was built to host up to 20,000 worshippers, and admire its stunning golden dome

and decorative tile mosaics. Compare the mosque’s traditional design with the futuristic **Al Alam Palace**, home to Oman’s ruling monarch, who has been credited with modernizing country.

ACCOMMODATIONS Located on a cliff top overlooking the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman, **Shangri-La Al Husn Resort & Spa** is a luxurious seaside retreat with spectacular views. Sip on an evening cocktail in the tranquil central courtyard inspired by the Alhambra of Granada, relax in well-appointed rooms, or enjoy access to the resort’s private beach.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Grand Mosque **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top left):** Traditional footwear; Muscat waterfront; Local men at the Muttrah Souk



MUSCAT, OMAN ✈️ JAIPUR, INDIA: 2H 30M

JAIPUR, INDIA

Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of culture, cuisine and architecture in Jaipur, which served as a royal capital for the Rajput kings.



JANUARY 19 - 21 Enjoy a warm welcome to the fabled home of the maharajas, who ruled northwest India from their capital in **Jaipur**. Amid the opulent palaces and massive fortresses, discover the well-preserved artistic and cultural traditions unique to this region. Hop on a rickshaw to the city’s oldest bazaar, where you’ll find Jaipur’s heritage of handicrafts on display—from iconic blue pottery to hand-printed textiles and stunning *meenakari* jewelry. Or opt to learn the secrets of Indian cuisine, renowned for its complex and fiery flavors, in a **hands-on cooking class** at your hotel.

After an **optional yoga session** at sunrise, explore the “Pink City,” nicknamed for the striking rose color of its buildings. Admire the **Hawa Mahal**, or the Palace of Winds, a beautiful honeycombed structure crafted from pink and red sandstone, which allowed the ladies of the court to discreetly watch life

on the streets below. See the world’s largest sundial at **Jantar Mantar**, an 18th-century astronomical observatory and UNESCO World Heritage site. Take in sweeping views of the city from **Amber Fort**, a sprawling complex of fortifications, royal palaces and majestic gates perched high on a hill overlooking Jaipur.

ACCOMMODATIONS Built in 1835, **Rambagh Palace** was home to Jaipur’s royal family until 1957 when it was converted into a hotel. The property includes over 47 acres of expansive gardens. Relax and recharge at the holistic spa or indulge in a fine dinner at one of several unique bars and restaurants.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Hawa Mahal **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top):** Amber Fort; Traditional figurines; Local women at the Amber Fort



JAIPUR, INDIA  RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK: 3.5H DRIVE

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK, INDIA

Explore one of India’s renowned wildlife sanctuaries, where you can get a rare glimpse of the endangered Bengal tiger in its natural habitat.



JANUARY 22 - 23 Ranthambore National Park—the former hunting grounds of the maharajas of Jaipur—is one of India’s **best-known wildlife sanctuaries** and a hub for tiger conservation efforts. Accompanied by an expert naturalist, embark on game drives through dry tropical forests, open grasslands and scenic lakes.

Keep an eye out for the elusive **Bengal tiger**, which thrives in this park, although the big cat’s overall population has dwindled due to overhunting and deforestation. Spot charismatic **leopards** and shaggy **sloth bears** in the narrow, rocky gorges, and look for the **crested serpent eagle** flying above. The park is also a birdwatcher’s paradise, with an estimated **272 species of birds**, including kingfishers, parakeets, flamingos and falcons.

Choose to visit **Ranthambore Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage site built more than 1,000 years ago. Situated on a strategic

trade route between North and Central India, the fort was an attractive prize for kings throughout the ages and changed hands frequently. From its hilltop vantage point overlooking the park, take in sweeping views of the landscape and wildlife below, before exploring the ruins.

ACCOMMODATIONS Stay in one of two luxurious tented camps at the edge of Ranthambore National Park. Nestled in the natural beauty of the wilderness, the lavish permanent tents of the **Oberoi Vanyavilas** are furnished in imperial style with modern amenities and private gardens. The palatial tents of **Aman-i-Khás** feature soaring canopies and classic furnishings reminiscent of the Mughal-style tent cities preferred by emperors.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Bengal tiger in the ruins of Ranthambore Fort **THIS PAGE** (clockwise from left): Ranthambore Fort; Exploring Ranthambore National Park; Sloth bear mother and baby



JAIPUR, INDIA ✈ JODHPUR, INDIA: 30M

JODHPUR AND THE THAR DESERT, INDIA

The “Blue City” of Jodhpur is your gateway to the golden dunes and remote villages of the Thar Desert, a starkly beautiful landscape best explored by camel.



JANUARY 24 – 26 Our private jet takes us to Jodhpur, a historic city on the edge of the Thar Desert in northwestern Rajasthan. Looming some 500 feet above Jodhpur is **Mehrangarh Fort**, an imposing sandstone citadel aptly described by writer Rudyard Kipling as “the work of giants.”

From the fort’s impressive ramparts, look out below at a sea of indigo-color houses that earns Jodhpur its nickname “the Blue City.” Visit **gilded royal chambers**, adorned with vibrant murals and ornate mirrorwork, for a glimpse into the opulent royal lifestyle. Explore the **fort museum**, which hosts an excellent collection of miniature paintings, palanquins and lavish elephant carriages. For a taste of local life, head down the narrow back alleys of the **medieval Old City** and visit the bustling **Sadar Bazaar**.

Experience the contrasts of the stark **Thar Desert**, an arid landscape that brings together a vibrant community of chili

and mustard farmers, carpet weavers, metalsmiths and potters. As the sun sets, **ride on a camel** into the vast golden dunes and watch the desert around you transform into vivid shades of orange and red. Enjoy a **magical dinner under the stars**, accompanied by entertainment, in our tented camp.

ACCOMMODATIONS Live like royalty at **Umaid Bhawan Palace**, a stunning hilltop hotel built in the 1930s, which is still home to the royal family of Jodhpur. Set amid 26 acres of lush gardens, the hotel features period pieces from the maharaja’s personal collection and Art Deco-style rooms. Surrounded by the Thar Desert, the well-appointed tents at **Samsara Desert Camp** feature traditional block-print textiles and locally crafted furniture.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Locals crossing the Thar Desert with camels; Palace in Mehrangarh Fort; Woman painting pottery



JODHPUR, INDIA ✈️ KHAJURAHO, INDIA: 1H ✈️ AMRITSAR, INDIA: 1H 15M

KHAJURAHO AND AMRITSAR, INDIA

Explore Khajuraho's ornately carved temples and witness timeless rituals at the Golden Temple of Amritsar—the spiritual home of the Sikh religion.



JANUARY 27 More than a thousand years ago in **Khajuraho**, the Chandela kings built elaborate temples dedicated to two different religions—Jainism and Hinduism. Scattered over a nine-mile area, the surviving sandstone structures stand as a testament to the artisans who carved ornate, often sensual, sculptures into the temple walls. Spend an afternoon exploring the **two clusters of remaining temples** with an expert guide and marvel at the artistry required to richly depict all aspects of life. Return to our private jet to fly on to Amritsar.

The city of Amritsar is best-known for the **Golden Temple**, one of the holiest sites in the Sikh religion. Bordered by a white marble walkway, the distinctive gold-plated temple shimmers in the calm waters of the reflecting pool that surrounds it. Observe a nightly ritual in which the holy scripture—a collection of devotional poems, prayers and hymns—is carried from the main shrine and laid to rest.

Return the next morning to get a different perspective on this sacred space, which draws Sikh pilgrims from around the world. Stop by the **temple's volunteer-run kitchen**, or **langar**, to see the complex logistics of preparing food for an estimated 100,000 people each day. If time permits, visit the nearby **Guru Bazaar**, a bustling hub where vendors sell everything from spices to jewelry.

ACCOMMODATIONS **Taj Swarna, Amritsar** showcases the vibrant culture and rich history of the Punjab region with spacious rooms that blend contemporary style with traditional elegance. Choose from an array of dining options, enjoy the fitness center or try one of the spa's signature wellness experiences.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Golden Temple of Amritsar **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Kandariya Mahadeva Temple, Khajuraho; Sikh pilgrims; Ceremonial flowers



AMRITSAR, INDIA ✈ KATHMANDU, NEPAL: 1H 20M

KATHMANDU, NEPAL AND THE HIMALAYAS

Experience Nepal's diversity, from the historic treasures of Kathmandu to the breathtaking heights of the Himalayas.



JANUARY 28 - 29 The fertile **Kathmandu Valley** has long served as a crossroads for cultures and religions. In the center of Nepal's modern capital, discover the distinctive architecture of two ancient royal capitals. Stroll through **Patan's Durbar Square**, an expansive plaza in front of the royal palace, filled with temples, multi-storied pagodas and detailed brickwork. In **Bhaktapur**, admire the Palace of Fifty-Five Windows, so named for its beautiful wooden window frames, as well as the intricately carved golden gate that leads up to the palace.

Buddhism and Hinduism peacefully coexist in Nepal. Explore the massive **Boudhanath Stupa**, the center of the Tibetan community, where thousands of pilgrims gather daily under the all-seeing eyes of Buddha painted on a gilded tower above the central dome. Venture into the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Pashupatinath**, a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva and built in the Nepalese pagoda style.

Weather permitting, embark on a morning **helicopter flight** past the snow-capped peak of Mt. Everest as the sun rises. Enjoy a champagne breakfast at **Kongde Lodge**, the highest of its type, hosted by climbers who have summited the tallest mountain in the world. Take in breathtaking views of the majestic **Himalayas** and the picturesque valley below.

ACCOMMODATIONS Taking its inspiration from the Kathmandu Valley's rich cultural heritage, **Dwarika's Hotel Kathmandu** is architecturally modeled after the palaces of the Newar Kings. Guest rooms in this centrally located hotel boast handwoven linen and handcrafted artisan furniture in a nod to Nepal's artistic traditions.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Boudhanath Stupa **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Pagodas in the main plaza of Bhaktapur; Monk performing a ritual; The Himalayas



KATHMANDU, NEPAL ✈ COLOMBO, SRI LANKA: 3H 20M + LOCAL FLIGHT

DAMBULLA, SRI LANKA

Immerse yourself in the serene natural beauty and ancient ruins of the “pearl of the Indian Ocean.”



JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 1 Fly to Colombo and transfer to the Sri Lankan highlands on a private charter. This lush haven, where ancient relics lie undisturbed in the dense jungle, will delight nature and history enthusiasts alike. Sri Lanka boasts many **UNESCO World Heritage** sites, of which we visit four. Explore the well-preserved ruins and monasteries of **Anuradhapura**, which include a 2,000-year-old sacred Bodhi tree under which Buddhist pilgrims gather.

Marvel at the massive sculptures of Buddha in the ancient city of **Polonnaruwa**, carved directly into the rock and considered some of the best examples of Sinhalese art. In **Sigiriya**, climb to the base of **Lion Mountain**, a massive granite monolith upon which sits the remains of an elaborate fortified palace built in the fifth century. Venture into the richly painted caves at the **Golden Temple of Dambulla**, famed for its 2,000-year-old frescoes and a colossal, recumbent Buddha.

Sri Lanka is home to some **7,000 Asian elephants**, and there’s no better way to see these large mammals in the wild than at **Minneriya National Park**, where they gather around an ancient reservoir. That night, celebrate your visit to Sri Lanka with a festive gala dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS Set amid lush paddy fields in Sri Lanka’s cultural triangle, **Jetwing Vil Uyana** is a luxurious eco-resort that combines rural simplicity with modern comforts. Relax in unique dwellings designed to blend in with the natural surroundings of the hotel’s private nature reserve, and opt for early morning yoga led by a master.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Ancient ruins of Sigiriya **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top):** Golden Temple of Dambulla; Lion Mountain entrance; Asian elephants in the wild



COLOMBO, SRI LANKA ✈ GAN, MALDIVES: 1H 40M

VILLINGILI, MALDIVES

Discover white-sand beaches, palm trees and brilliant turquoise lagoons in this island paradise.



FEBRUARY 2 - 4 As the flattest country on earth—with an average elevation of just five feet above sea level—the Maldives is one of the world’s nations most vulnerable to rising seas. Gaze out over the dazzling, blue-green sea from your **overwater villa** on the tiny islet of Villingili. The pristine coral reef teems with more than 700 fish species, including anemones, sweetlips and gentle, graceful Manta rays, some of which have a wingspan of up to 20 feet.

Your options for activities are nearly endless. **Swim or snorkel** among the brightly colored tropical fish that dart in and out of the delicate coral. **Kayak** around the azure lagoon or venture to the ocean side of the island to surf. Or find your inner calm

during a **yoga session** overlooking the ocean. Other choices include teeing up at the only nine-hole golf course in the Maldives or simply relaxing on the blissful beach. However you spend your time, you’ll emerge refreshed and revitalized.

ACCOMMODATIONS A true tropical paradise, **Shangri-La’s Villingili Resort & Spa** features overwater villas with stunning views of the crystal-clear waters. Property amenities include a selection of fine-dining choices, a nine-hole golf course and secluded spa with locally inspired treatments.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Overwater bungalows **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Riding bicycles through the tropical rain forest; Villingili Golf Course; Snorkeling in the lagoon



GAN, MALDIVES ✈️ ATHENS, GREECE: 9H 40M, INCLUDING TECH STOP

ATHENS, GREECE

Return to Athens and toast to your journey with new friends.



FEBRUARY 5 - 6 We depart the Maldives and return to Athens, where we will enjoy a farewell dinner at the **Hotel Grande Bretagne**. You will return home on your independent flight the following day.

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OPPOSITE PAGE: The Acropolis above Athens **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Erechtheion Temple; Farewell dinner; Hotel Grande Bretagne at night

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OPPOSITE PAGE: Our customized Boeing 757 private jet **THIS PAGE (clockwise from top left):** Italian-leather flatbed seats; Gourmet food; Highly personalized service



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CAROLINE OSELLA
Caroline Osella is a social anthropologist at the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies, and has been researching, writing and teaching about South Asia since 1989.

She spent long periods of time in two different parts of southern India, and has written on a wide range of topics, including food, marriage and international labor migration. She is currently engaged in a large joint initiative out of Columbia University, where she is part of a group of networked projects on labor migration.



ROBIN RAPHEL
Ambassador Robin Raphel is an expert in political, security and economic development issues in South Asia and the Middle East. She served nearly 40 years in various U.S. foreign affairs agencies, including as the first Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia, Ambassador to Tunisia, Vice President of the National Defense University and Deputy Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. Earlier in her career she served in Pakistan, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom, and taught history at Damavand Women’s College in Iran.



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Camel Caravan in the Thar Desert, India **THIS PAGE (clockwise from left):** Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, India; Shangri-La’s Villingili Resort & Spa, Maldives; Festive welcome

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Baggage: On the private jet, each Participant is limited to 150 pounds of checked baggage in 3 bags (each limited to 50 pounds, including one wheeled bag provided by TCS), plus a few smaller carry-on items such as a backpack, purse, camera, and/or laptop. For international flights, the air carrier's liability is limited to the actual value of the baggage but not more than 1,000 Special Drawing Rights, approximately \$1,250 per passenger, unless a higher value is declared at the time of check-in and an appropriate excess valuation charge is paid. Baggage, when not handled by TCS, and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the Participant.

Aircraft: The private jet flights will be performed using a Boeing 757 jet with 52 flatbed seats. The air carrier for the Tour is TAG Aviation (UK) Ltd, Farnborough Airport, Hampshire, GU14 6XA, United Kingdom. TCS and the air carrier reserve the right to substitute equivalent aircraft if necessary. Your itinerary may include flights on smaller aircraft operated by local approved airline carriers. Seating on these aircraft will be economy or economy with limited business seats, based upon the configuration of the aircraft.

International Flights: The operation of these flights is subject to the foreign governments involved granting landing rights for the flight. If the air carrier cannot obtain these rights for any particular flight leg of the Tour, that flight leg will be canceled and alternative arrangements may be made, at the discretion of TCS.

Cancellations and Refunds: If you cancel your reservation or change your plans, your right to receive a refund is limited, as set forth in the following schedule. All cancellations will become effective as of the date of the postmark or email receipt. All requests for refunds must be sent to TCS in writing via mail, fax or email.

If your notice is received...	You will receive a refund of all deposits less a...
On or before Jan. 15, 2018	\$5,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From Jan. 16 to Mar. 15, 2018	\$10,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From March 16 to May 15, 2018	\$15,000 per-person cancellation fee.
From May 16 to July 16, 2018	\$25,000 per-person cancellation fee.
After July 16, 2018	No refund.

Refunds will be made within 14 days of receipt of your notice of cancellation.

Leaving the Tour in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of the Tour. If you cancel and are able to provide a substitute Participant for the Tour, you will receive a full refund of money paid toward the price less an administrative charge of \$25 for effecting the substitution once the substitute Participant has paid in full. **If TCS makes major changes prior to departure, you have the right to cancel and receive a full refund. Please note that the costs for visas, commercial air tickets, insurance, suite upgrades, and pre- or post-expedition independent arrangements may not be refundable.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Itinerary Changes: The itinerary and staff are subject to modification and change by TCS. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the Tour as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require our itinerary to be altered, TCS reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

Suite Upgrades: Suite rooms are available in some destinations; more information about them, including their additional costs, will be sent to you in the months before departure.

Airfare: We are happy to assist you in reserving commercial flights between your home city to the first city of an expedition and from the last city of an expedition to your home city, in the class of service that you prefer. Please ask for details.

Visa Documents/Entry Permits: To participate in the Tour, visas and/or entry permits may be required for some countries. Acquiring visas and/or entry permits is the responsibility of the Participant. Failure to obtain visas and/or entry permits does not negate the terms and conditions. Any extra costs for rerouting Participants without visas and/or entry permits will be the responsibility of the Participant. We will provide information on the necessary visas and/or entry permits in the Tour documents.

Health Requirements: This is an active program, which requires you to make a realistic assessment of your health. All Participants are expected to be in active good health, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace. Walking and climbing stairs are required in many hotels and airports, to board the aircraft, and as part of many excursions. Prior to traveling, we highly recommend visiting your personal physician for a check-up, so that you may discuss your ability to participate in this type of journey. To go to certain destinations or participate in certain activities, you may need to obtain your physician's approval. In this case, a form will be sent to you for your physician to sign. We are prepared to arrange for an alternative destination or activity, in case a physician recommends it. For the latest recommendations on specific health precautions for the areas you will visit, consult your physician and the Centers for Disease Control. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported in writing when the reservation is made. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Participants with special needs; however, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs. If you require a slower pace, extra assistance, or the use of a cane or walking stick, arrangements will be made for private touring at each destination, if necessary, at the discretion of our Tour staff. Any extra cost for such arrangements will be the responsibility of the Participant. If you would like to forego some of the scheduled sightseeing to rejuvenate and relax, please feel free to do so at any time.

Photography and Video: We reserve the right to take photographs or videos (the "Photography") during the Tour and to use the Photography for promotional purposes. Participants who prefer their images not be used must notify us in writing before the commencement of the Tour.

Basis of Rates: All prices are based on two persons sharing a room. All prices and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars. The rates are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. While TCS will make reasonable efforts to maintain the listed prices, if

it is necessary to levy a surcharge, TCS reserves the right to do so and will notify you at the time of final invoicing. TCS reserves the right to cancel the Tour because of inadequate enrollment that makes the Tour economically infeasible to operate. In such a case, a full refund of the Tour cost will be made.

Release of Liability: The passenger tickets in use by the carriers shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time expedition Participants are not aboard their conveyance. Neither TCS, nor any of its respective owners, directors, employees, contractors, officers or agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") shall be held liable for (A) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any other provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such other provider, (B) any loss or damage due to delay, cancellation, or disruption in any manner caused by the laws, regulations, acts or failures to act, demands, orders, or interpositions of any government or any subdivision or agent thereof, or by acts of God, strikes, fire, flood, war, rebellion, terrorism, insurrection, sickness, quarantine, epidemics, theft, or any other cause(s) beyond their control, and (C) any and all claims, actions, or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, lost profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages or otherwise that may arise out of or occur during your travel in connection with the Tour. The Participant waives any claim against any of the Released Parties for any such loss, damage, injury, or death, including any right to seek consequential, punitive or exemplary damages against any of the Released Parties for any reason whatsoever. None of the Released Parties shall be liable for any air carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket.

Acknowledgment of Risk: You understand and acknowledge that your travel in connection with and participation in the Tour or any activities which may take place during the Tour, may involve risk and potential exposure to injury or fatal injury and that risk and dangers may arise or be caused by the negligence or participation of other Participants, contractors, and/or subcontractors for the Tour or from other foreseeable and unforeseeable causes including weather and other acts of nature.

Express Assumption of Risk and Responsibility: In recognition of the inherent risk of the travels and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the Tour and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for the Tour, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other Participants. TCS reserves the right in its sole discretion to accept, decline to accept or remove any Participant on the Tour and reserves the right, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, to withdraw any part or all of the Tour and to make such changes as may be necessary.

Arbitration: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance there under, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing, and judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive Washington law. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability release contained in this document.

Exclusive Governing Law and Jurisdiction: This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. If the right to seek arbitration is for any reason waived by both parties, or if judicial review of any arbitration is sought, any action or legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement shall be brought exclusively in the courts of the State of Washington, or, if it has or can acquire jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington or the appropriate appellate courts, and the parties hereby waive any objection to venue or jurisdiction in connection therewith. In connection with any action or legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement, the parties hereby specifically and knowingly waive any rights that either party might have to demand a jury trial.

By registering for the Tour, the Participant agrees to the Operator-Participant Contract and Terms and Conditions set forth in this Agreement.

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