AROUND THE WORLD
BY PRIVATE JET

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Dear Spartans,

Guests often tell us that our Around the World trip is their ultimate travel fantasy. Individually, every destination on this itinerary would top any traveler’s must-see list, but by combining these places into one seamless, elegant trip, we create a journey that is truly the opportunity of a lifetime.

Over 24 days, you’ll explore firsthand the richness the world has to offer, capturing the spirit of discovery, all from the comforts of our private jet. You’ll be intrigued by our destinations as you uncover the secrets of Easter Island and the allure of the Taj Mahal. On safari in Tanzania, you will spend hours surrounded by a vibrant ecosystem, a truly remarkable experience. And the warmth of Fiji’s culture and the serenity of a sunrise at Angkor Wat will stay with you well past our farewell dinner.

We hope to see you on one of our life-changing expeditions soon.

Sincerely,

Scott Westerman
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Executive Director of the MSU Alumni Association

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Florida

With world-class shopping, legendary golf courses and theme parks, Orlando is a global gateway that also offers several activities to suit any traveler's taste. If you arrive early, explore on your own or simply relax poolside. In the evening, toast your upcoming adventure at the kickoff cocktail party and private dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The stunning Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes offers many opportunities to indulge, including the 18-hole, Greg Norman-signature golf course and a 4,000-square-foot outdoor lap pool. Private balconies accompany each room with views of gardens, lakes or golf courses.
Peru
Cusco and Machu Picchu, or the North Coast

A land of incredible diversity, Peru offers awe-inspiring landscapes and warm, lively culture. We land in Lima and then board a charter flight to Cusco, the base of our exploration. Inca and Spanish culture intermingle in Cusco, which is filled with colonial architecture and ancient Inca foundations. Meet with master Andean weaver Nilda Callañaupa who works to preserve traditional Peruvian textile art. Then take the historic Hiram Bingham train, an essential experience that evokes the bygone days of travel with onboard entertainment and delicious dining. Arrive relaxed at Machu Picchu, one of the world’s most extraordinary archaeological treasures. Sky-high mountains frame this impressive Inca site brimming with stone altars, temples and terraced gardens.

Alternate: For guests who have visited Machu Picchu or have difficulties in high altitudes, travel by local air to Peru’s North Coast, home to the temples of Trujillo and Chiclayo, the richest burial chamber ever found in the Americas. The area is also home to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Chan Chan, the largest adobe city in the world.

Accommodations

A storied mansion dating back nearly five centuries, Palacio del Inka is set in the center of Cusco and features guest rooms appointed with Peruvian art, handcrafted furniture and state-of-the-art technology.

Alternate: Attentive and warm service greets guests to the North Coast of Peru at the Hotel Libertador Trujillo. With a prime location at the corner of the city’s main plaza, it is only 10 minutes away from the Inca Chan Chan ruins. The hotel also features a wide variety of services and amenities, including a bar, a restaurant, swimming pool, sauna and gym.
Discover life on Easter Island, located more than 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile. Approximately 850 massive stone figures, known as moai, are concentrated in Rapa National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the Rano Raraku quarry where the moai appear frozen in time. Discuss the history of these phenomenal statues with renowned archaeologists as they reveal the stories behind the discoveries and disputed theories. In the evening, celebrate Rapa Nui culture with a dance performance showcasing local musicians and elaborate costumes.

Accommodations
The Hangaroa Eco Village & Spa uses natural materials such as cypress trunks and volcanic rock to create seamless harmony with the landscape. The spacious sea view deck allows for peaceful stargazing and relaxation.
Samoa

Apia

Cross the international date line on Oct. 29, losing a day en route, and arrive in Samoa on Oct. 30. The cradle of Polynesian culture, the island is a delightful detour on our way to Australia.

We spend two nights exploring the place that Treasure Island author Robert Louis Stevenson called home. After visiting Stevenson’s villa, Vailima, take in the Papapai-tai Waterfall, which plunges more than 300 feet, and the Sopoaga Waterfall, another stunning waterfall surrounded by green cliffs, then relax with a casual lunch and swimming at serene Lalomanu Beach. Or opt to take a full day trip to Savaii for its many attractions. The Salelologa fresh fruit market offers a view into daily life on the island, with a variety of fresh produce, fish, handicrafts, clothing and much more. The Mu Pagoa Waterfall is a sight to behold—it drops straight into the surging sea below. The Alofaaga Blowholes are another famous island spot, as they propel water hundreds of feet into the air. Enjoy a traditional siapo-making demonstration, Samoan’s traditional art that transforms pounded bark into beautiful paper. Toast the end of your stay at a traditional faa’iole performance with dancers and singers.

Accommodations

Experience famous Samoan hospitality at Aggie Grey’s Lagoon, Beach Resort & Spa. Enjoy shimmering views of the water from the beach or relax poolside.
Australia

Great Barrier Reef or Daintree Rainforest

The northeast coast is home to two of the world’s most impressive natural wonders—the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree National Forest.

After landing in Cairns and enjoying a scenic drive, prepare for a full day of sea adventures at the Great Barrier Reef, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest known coral reef on the planet. Cruise to its northern reaches and snorkel among a diverse display of corals, fish and sea turtles for an unforgettable experience.

The following day, choose to tour the Daintree, the world’s oldest living rain forest, with an Aboriginal guide, and visit the Wildlife Habitat, which features a vast range of Australia’s endemic animal and bird species in an interactive environment.

Accommodations

Located at the end of famed Four Mile Beach, the thoughtful design of Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort and Spa reflects its pristine coastal setting.
Cambodia

Angkor or Phnom Penh

Angkor is a source of immense pride for Cambodians and a UNESCO World Heritage site rich in cultural and spiritual significance. The city of Angkor Thom represents ancient urban planning at its best. This “city of temples” incorporates canals, large water reservoirs and, of course, temples, including the famous Angkor Wat, Bayon and Ta Prohm. This entire Angkor area, approximately 150 square miles, is a testament to the forward-thinking design of the Khmer Empire.

At sunrise, join monks for a blessing ceremony at Angkor Wat. Explore and reflect during a visit to the verdant lost temple in the jungle, Beng Mealea. Meet children and teachers at a nearby school for a glimpse into daily life. Shop for unique souvenirs like Khmer silks and handicrafts at Artisans Angkor, an organization dedicated to supporting Cambodia’s artists and craftspeople.

Alternate: If you have already visited Angkor, fly by local air to the capital of Phnom Penh for a two-day exploration of Cambodia’s tumultuous history, including Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and Choeung Ek, the infamous “killing fields,” and the National Museum, home to many works from Angkor.

Accommodations

With its 15 acres of French gardens and Art Deco-inspired interiors, the Raffles Grand Hotel d’Angkor will make you feel like royalty.

Alternate: The Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh features French colonial architecture, wood floors and overhead fans, evoking a classic, long-ago travel era.
India

Taj Mahal

No trip to India is complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal, the white marble mausoleum that took over 22 years, 20,000 people and 1,000 elephants to construct. Witness the interplay of light and shadow on the marble walls and surrounding reflecting pools, and observe its intricate mosaics created with precious stones.

Outstanding royal works are also near this iconic site. Akbar’s Tomb showcases eccentric design, a melding of Hindu and Islamic styles. Inside the Red Fort of Agra see the exquisitely designed Gem Mosque built as a quiet place for contemplation and prayer.

Alternate: Fatehpur Sikri, “the City of Victory,” is the former capital of the Mughal Empire and features one of the largest mosques in India—and an immense chessboard that was played with people instead of pieces.

Accommodations

Prepare for an opulent experience at the Oberoi Amarvilas, a property regularly featured on top hotel travel lists. The intricately designed rooms feature a view of the Taj Mahal, which creates an air of private royal romance. Manicured lawns, ornate fountains and reflection pools adorn the hotel grounds.
Tanzania
Serengeti Plain or Ngorongoro Crater

The Serengeti Plain is home to Tanzania’s largest national park and Africa’s densest “big cat” predator populations. It’s also the site of the most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on the planet.

Arrive in Kilimanjaro and transfer to the Serengeti Plain via light aircraft. Your safari begins from the moment you land with a game drive to the lodge. Watch lions and antelopes dart across the seemingly endless landscape. The following day, take in the plain’s wildebeest, zebra and more than 500 species of birds. Toast to your adventures back at the lodge.

Alternate: If you have already visited the Serengeti, take light aircraft to the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest unbroken caldera in the world, to observe its permanent population of about 25,000 animals.

Accommodations
A stay at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti allows guests to spot wildlife from sophisticated comfort. Each room features local art and a furnished sundeck with incredible views. The wildlife adventure continues with a dip in the hotel’s infinity pool, which overlooks an elephant watering hole.

Alternate: Perched on the crater’s rim, the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge is the ideal location from which to base our excursions. This property features large windows for uninterrupted views of surrounding landscapes and wildlife, and a magnificent deck to enjoy an evening cocktail while the sun sets.
Jordan

Lost City of Petra and Wadi Rum

Jordanians are known for their tremendous hospitality and communal meals. To receive a “Jordanian invitation” means to show up with nothing and eat everything offered. Hospitality permeates all aspects of the culture, and locals take great pride in welcoming visitors.

Half-built, half-carved into rose-red cliffs by the mysterious Nabataean people more than 2,000 years ago, Petra was once a rich, sprawling metropolis of lush gardens, fountains and villas. Imagine this long-forgotten era as you walk through the Siq, a narrow chasm in the bedrock, and emerge before the elaborate Treasury. In the evening, dine on local dishes while Bedouin dancers provide traditional entertainment. Then go on a jeep safari to explore the lunar-like landscape of Wadi Rum, made famous in the film Lawrence of Arabia.

Accommodations
Selected for its ideal proximity to the sights, Mövenpick Petra features natural stone, handcrafted wood and Middle Eastern fabrics and textures.
NOVEMBER 12-13

Morocco
Marrakech or Atlas Mountains

Steeped in Berber tradition, Marrakech enchants from the moment you set foot upon its vibrant, sun-soaked streets. There is no shortage of scenery to delight—this bustling center of business and tourism is filled with gardens, souks and lively people.

The Bahia Palace is renowned for its extravagant tile work and symmetrical gardens, perfect when combined with a visit to Majorelle Gardens’ artful blue-and-green landscapes. Take in the Koutoubia Mosque and its distinctive minaret, and nearby Jamaa el-Fna, a traditional city square filled with musicians, fortune tellers and snake charmers.

Alternate: Discover the Atlas Mountains, exploring the ruggedly beautiful terrain and stopping for a traditional lunch with a rejuvenating mint tea.

Accommodations

Opened in 1923, La Mamounia has long been a favorite among travellers to Marrakech. This glamorous retreat continues to define luxury with guest rooms that create a warm atmosphere and feature pleasant views of the city.

NOVEMBER 14-15

Orlando | Home

Relax at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport for a casual meal and a night’s rest before returning home on your independent flight.
OUR EXPERTISE

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Guest speakers from world-renowned organizations travel with you to share their knowledge of the sights, cultures and people we encounter. We also arrange for exclusive meetings with local experts, giving you a rare insider’s view into daily life.

**DON WILSON, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**

Curator Emeritus of Mammals at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, Don was named senior scientist in January 2000 and served as director of the Smithsonian’s Biodiversity Programs for 10 years. A distinguished mammalogist, he earned his Ph.D. in Biology from the University of New Mexico. He is the author of over 240 scientific publications and 25 books, including the highly acclaimed series *Handbook of Mammals of the World.*

**JOHN PORTMANN, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

A Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, John received his Master’s in Philosophy from Cambridge University and Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Virginia. The author of six books, his work has been translated into several languages and reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal, New York Times* and *Washington Post.* John has appeared on MSNBC, the Voice of America, and the History Channel.
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OPERATOR: PARTICIPANT TERMS & CONDITIONS

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October 1 - November 1, 2015

The Tour price of $72,950 per person (double occupancy) includes:

- Deluxe or best available accommodations
- All applicable taxes in the destinations
- Meals at hotel restaurants
- All meals beginning with dinner on the first night of the Tour and ending with breakfast on the last morning of the Tour

If Operator makes major changes prior to departure, you have the right to cancel and receive a full refund. Leaving the Tour in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any accommodations or services included in the expedition price that you voluntarily do not use.

The rate is based on double occupancy and is for two persons sharing a room. The price includes all regularly scheduled meals except as otherwise specified 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 Operator in writing via mail, fax or email.

The Operator reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

ARRIVAL DATES & DEPARTURE TIMES

You must be ready to board your flight to Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. at a time and date specified by the Operator. The operator will provide you with the time(s) and place(s) where you must report. Instructions will vary depending on your location and will be distributed in writing. You are responsible for all travel arrangements to arrive at your boarding point for your flight to Orlando.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON A TOUR, COMPLETE AND SIGN THE RESERVATION FORM. Mail to TCS & Starquest Expeditions, 3131 Elliott Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98121. Or fax to 734-936-3089, or call 800-847-4764.

If you pay your initial deposit by credit card, it is fully refundable until you sign the Reservation Form. Mail to TCS & Starquest Expeditions, 3131 Elliott Avenue, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98121. Or fax to 734-936-3089, or call 800-847-4764.

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