



AN INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL EXPLORATION:



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Travel broadens horizons. To us travel is a window of opportunity for ignited minds to see the world. We have had the good fortune to come in contact with interesting people who have achieved professional as well as economic success.

To us Quest Tours became our opportunity to give them the best value in our own modest way. I have taken up a personal challenge to make value added world travel affordable to those with the passion. I have always believed that our veterans and our 'Gen Next' alike would love to see the world. I would like to facilitate their dreams to go see the world to become a living reality. I want them to get familiarized with the different cultures of the world. I want them to experience adventure and explore the world. This would facilitate a positive socio-cultural evolution within our society.

“WE LIVE IN A WONDERFUL WORLD THAT IS FULL OF BEAUTY, CHARM AND ADVENTURE. THERE IS NO END TO THE ADVENTURES WE CAN HAVE IF ONLY WE SEEK THEM WITH OUR EYES OPEN.”

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Quest Tours is an enterprise of the Lokmanya Co-op Society launched in early 1995 giving maximum priority to customer delight ever since it was founded. We organize specialized as well as customized tours to destinations within India and abroad. We are the highest marketers of many properties at a host of exotic destinations, and are also the preferred agents for many properties in Maharashtra.



NORTH AMERICA



The continent of North America that covers Canada, The United States and Mexico is ever exciting to visit with attractive tourist destinations such as the Yellow Stone National Park famous for its glaciers, the Grand Canyon of Colorado, the Niagara Falls and the Florida peninsula that has a comfortable climate and beautiful scenery. Being a vast continent, there exist four time zones. It is therefore important to get familiarized with the geography before planning your visit.



Needless to say, the iconic statue of liberty since time immemorial stands tall in the New York Harbour, the gateway to North America, welcoming visitors coming from the world over. New York City has several other tourist attractions such as the UN headquarters, the Empire State Building and the Ground Zero memorial. Not too far from New York City are the Niagara Falls, Ontario and Washington D.C., the capital of the US. The Niagara Falls is one of the Natural Wonders and the most dramatic of sites in Canada, especially between October and early May. There are many attractions in Niagara including the Maid of the

Moving westwards the Banff National Park of Alberta in Canada is one of the most adventurous places for outdoor enthusiasts. In its wilderness and spectacular scenery the four-day holiday packages that are available include hikes, white water rafting, a steak fry, and horseback riding. One can also enjoy mountain biking and natural springs. South Dakota in the United States is home to the Yellow Stone National Park. It's a volcanic region with high sulphur deposits. There one comes face-to-face with nature in its raw form with its magnificent geysers, hot springs, mud pools and cauldrons.

Going further south takes us to the Sunshine State of California. Famous for the Golden Gate suspension bridge of San Francisco, Hollywood Studios and the Beverly Hills, California has something for all. The Lassen Volcanic National Park, California offers a beautiful vacation for families who love camping. East of California is the state of Nevada famous for Las Vegas, the world's gambling capital.

The journey back east brings us to the state of Florida is home to the famous Disney World and the Miami Beach. Other seaside destinations along the east coast include the Myrtle Beach of South Carolina and the Cape Cod in Massachusetts.





EUROPE



Many from all over the world have succumbed to Europe's charms, directing tributes to London, Barcelona, Paris, and now, To Rome with Love.

Europe's most-visited attraction today however is not among the above. It's Istanbul, where 15 million people swarm the Grand Bazaar annually. "The bazaar is an adventure and an experience, not only with the products but with the people—shopkeepers interact with you, and that's exciting," says a director of a famous international travel bureau. "It's a place where you can still see bits and pieces of historic Istanbul."

More travellers than ever are seeking out Turkey's East-meets-West history, making it the seventh-ranked country for international arrivals, with 27 million in 2010 and more than 30 million in 2011, according to the World Tourism Organization. Six of the 10 most-visited countries are European. The dollar has strengthened against the Turkish lira and against the euro resulting in an increase in flights to Istanbul bringing down airfares and making it an easy stopover on the way to Africa or Asia.



The most-visited attractions are naturally concentrated in major European hubs, yet a few sights were compelling enough to lure travellers beyond those capital-city limits, notably Cologne Cathedral in Germany and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, tied with 6 million visitors each. France and Italy claim the largest number of attractions among the top 25, and they reflect the spectrum of travellers' interests. While Disneyland Park, not far from Paris, certainly wasn't on a stop on the traditional Grand Tour, 13.6 million annual visitors now make a vacation out of it.

Blockbuster events are also an influence, and London has been working overtime to prepare for a surge in 2012 around the Olympics and Queen's Jubilee. Tate Modern, already Europe's most popular modern art museum, is unveiling its first phase of expansion, one of many cool new London attractions altering the skyline.



That's part of the allure of these much-loved European destinations—that while their essential character may be comfortingly the same, there's room for change and new discoveries, too. Consider this list of Europe's most-visited tourist attractions your starting point, and let the fun begin.





ASIA

48 countries spread across 30 percent of the Earth's landmass define 21st century Asia. Asia accounts for 60 percent of the world population. From untouched islands to cities that never sleep, Asia brings together the old and the new in a melting pot of ancient cultural traditions and next-generation technology. It's a continent that's ripe for exploration.

Tokyo is home to more than 13 million people in a bustling metropolis that melds old with new. Witness ancient sumo traditions and sushi techniques passed down through generations, take in the flashing lights of the Shinjuku district and marvel at the cutting-edge technology on display at the city's National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation. Visit in late March when the city's cherry blossoms are in bloom.

Shanghai is ranked the top tourist destination on mainland China. Its futuristic skyline rises from the sea like a science-

but beneath the soaring skyscrapers lies a rich street culture. Avoid visiting during the humid summer months, when crowds peak.

The 2 million people who visit the world-famous temples of Cambodia's Angkor Wat every year make it one of the most popular tourist destinations in Asia. The city's French colonial history is well-preserved in the surviving architecture and the new world is alive and well in the city's fashionable bar and bistro scene.



Agra, India is home to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Taj Mahal, and an essential destination on any Asia itinerary. Built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan between 1631 and 1648 in memory of his queen Mumtaz, the white marble mausoleum is an architectural masterpiece and testament to the soaring potential of the human spirit.

The island of Bali is perhaps the world's best Island destination with its unspoiled beaches and lush mountain interior. It's an island experience complete with terraced rice paddies, luxury boutique hotels, quaint rooftop restaurants and south Balinese sunsets of the Seminyak region. The long, straight beach is perfect for novice surfers.



To some the Maldives are Asia's fourth best holiday destination. Located about 435 miles southwest of Sri Lanka in the middle of the Indian Ocean, the Maldives archipelago of around 1,200 small islands is home to coral reefs of stunning natural beauty, and a wide range of world-class luxury resorts. Rainfall and humidity are at their lowest between December and April, and the tropical storm season lasts from May to November.



AUSTRALASIA



An Australian vacation promises culture, great food and wine, art and spectacular natural landscapes. The country has rich Indigenous history that dates back more than 50,000 years, to its legendary heroes and pioneers who forged the way, you will discover what makes Australia the vibrant, modern and multicultural economy it is today.

Australia is divided into three separate time zones due to its vast landmass. Covering a total area of 7.69 million square kilometres, mainland Australia is the world's largest island - but smallest continent. In distance, the continent stretches about 3700 kilometres from north to south and 4000 kilometres from east to west, making it the sixth-largest nation after Russia, Canada, China, the United States and Brazil. Australia is also the only continent that is governed as a single country.

It is sometimes informally referred to as an 'island' continent, surrounded by oceans. Australia has one of the most urbanised and coast-dwelling populations in the world, with more than 80 per cent of residents living within 100 kilometres of the coastline. Australia currently has a population of almost 23 million people.

Australia's Aboriginal people were thought to have arrived here by boat from South East Asia during the last Ice Age, at least 50,000 years ago. At the time of the European discovery and settlement, up to one million Aboriginal people were scattered in 300 clans and spoke 250 languages and 700 dialects. A



A number of European explorers sailed the coast of Australia, then known as New Holland, in the 17th century. However it wasn't until 1770 that Captain James Cook chartered the east coast and claimed it for Britain. The new outpost was put to use as a penal colony and on 26 January 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships carrying 1,500 people – half of them convicts – arrived in Sydney Harbour. Until penal transportation ended in 1868, 160,000 men and women came to Australia as convicts.

Australia today is a tourist paradise with wide ranging attractions in both, adventure as well as pleasure tourism. With a vast outback, ancient forests, pristine marine environments and unique wildlife, Australia offers many choices. Challenge yourself or enjoy soft beds and gourmet meals on more luxurious Australia adventure tours.

Learn about Australia's many adventure journeys, which range from Outback Australia's 4WD routes to challenging long-distance walks and picturesque sailing trips. Read about places to visit in the remote, rugged Australian outback, from Australia's Red centre to South Australia's Flinders Ranges and the magical Kimberley in Western Australia.

Australia is a surfer's paradise with waves crashing across the country, from Victoria's Surf Coast to Western Australia's Margaret River. Discover the hot-spots for diving and snorkelling, from Queensland's Great Barrier Reef to Tasmania's East Coast Dive Trail. Get to know more about the beautiful Australian places you can canoe or kayak, from dramatic Katherine Gorge to the pristine waters of Tasmania's Freycinet National Park.



New Zealand



AFRICA



Moving south into the sub-Saharan central Africa, the Victoria Falls present a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – 'The Smoke that Thunders'.

East Africa has its own interesting tourist attractions. The Serengeti National Park is a Tanzanian national park in the Serengeti ecosystem in the Mara and Simiyu regions. Like Tanzania, Kenya too has a lot to offer. Famous for its classic savanna safaris, Kenya is a country of dramatic extremes and classic contrasts. Deserts and alpine snows; forests and open plains; the metropolis of Nairobi and colourful tribal cultures; freshwater lakes and coral reefs.

The wildlife safaris have been the top tourist attractions in Kenya for decades while other activities include trekking Mount Kenya, ballooning over the Masai Mara and snorkelling in Malindi on the Indian Ocean coast.

A tour of Africa can never be complete without a visit to South Africa. South Africa offers the visitor a multitude of popular destinations; from Cape Town to the Kruger Park and Garden Route. South Africa has several heritage sites, one of which is the Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 27 years of his life in exile. South Africa also has several nature reserves like the Tsitsikamma National Park situated at the heart of the

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“NO MATTER HOW FAR WE TRAVEL,
THE MEMORIES WILL FOLLOW IN THE
BAGGAGE CAR.”

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SOUTH AMERICA



South America has hundreds of places to visit, and many interesting things that will astonish you and fill you with great memories for the whole year. The continent is also rich in many species of exotic animals and if you are not a fan of nature. South America is also a continent with a very rich history. To add to this South America its developed infrastructure and many interesting events and ceremonies that one can see and attend, the most notable being the famous carnivals in Brazil, which gather thousands of people each year.



To begin our tour of Latin America, Peru has become the hot spot in South America and the darling of the travelling community, the Incan kingdom of Machu Picchu. Hidden within the lush Peruvian mountains, this mystical city remained a secret for ages and now is the continent's best known archaeological site.

One of the most unique ecosystems on our planet, the Amazon is an enormous region covering about 40% of the South American continent and it touches many countries.. The Amazon is one of the world's most diverse biological areas in the world with simple trips providing opportunities to see diverse creatures such as monkeys, birds, caimans and tarantulas. Nestled within Venezuela's Canaima National Park, Angel Falls are the highest waterfalls in the world. Although impressive, the hike into Angel Falls is not the only reward. This jungle trek is its own adventure as a guide navigates the grasslands, rivers and mountains to reveal spectacular waterfalls and lagoons. Travellers who brave the trip deep into the jungle are treated to t



ropical wildlife in the area including monkeys, poison arrow frogs and orchids. The Torres del Paine National Park is located in the Southern most region of Chile and for those willing to venture to Patagonia it offers astonishing hiking opportunities amongst glaciers, lakes and Blue Mountains.

The Galapagos of Ecuador are perhaps the last unspoiled place on earth where man continues to respect the boundaries of Mother Nature and wild creatures prosper without fear of man. Like a child's fairytale, here you can play amongst sea lions, laugh with the penguins and swim alongside turtles. This is nirvana and it won't last forever. Walking amongst this wildlife creates a memory you will never forget.

“TRAVEL IS LIKE AN ENDLESS UNIVERSITY. YOU NEVER STOP LEARNING.”

HARVEY LLOYD



The Competitive Edge: In an ocean of travel businesses, both domestic & international in the tourism industry to remain ahead of the competition we at Quest have set ourselves apart by offering our competitive advantages such as:

- Customer Delight: Consistent efforts to surpass customer expectations
- Integrity: Ethical standards with complete transparency in each of our transactions
- Fairness: Complete value and uniform standards for each customer

- Pursuit of Excellence: Constantly upgrading ourselves, our teams, our services and products to remain the best
- Entrepreneurial Spirit: Approaching every new challenge with creativity, resourcefulness and agility with immediate response followed by instant and effective solutions even in day-to-day operations

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