

PRIVATE TRAIN JOURNEYS
&
BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES





UNIQUE ADVENTURES ON RAILS AND RIVERS

Our selection of the finest trains,
extraordinary rail routes, and unique
boutique ship river cruises.

**SPAIN
BY TRAIN**



**ORIENT SILK
ROAD EXPRESS**



**MAJESTIC
MEKONG**



**AFRICAN
EXPLORER**



**AMAZING
AMAZON**





THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND OUR JOURNEYS

As Europe's most creative organizer of train journeys and charter cruises, Lernidee Trains & Cruises is your specialist for extraordinary trips to fascinating places. Our journeys focus on discovering unknown corners of the world and rediscovering classic destinations. Relying on the experience of over 35 years, we have made unusual itineraries an art form.

Our portfolio is full of exclusive journeys on some of the world's most famous train routes, exciting cruises all over the globe, and unique expeditions on all continents. Our trains and boutique ships offer the most convenient way of exploring remote countries and otherwise inaccessible regions.

Exciting excursions allow for authentic encounters; delicious local dishes whet the appetite for the distinctive flavors of exotic cultures; fascinating talks deepen the travel experience. Our expert tour guides provide professional, personalized attention.

Our trains and boutique ships head for natural wonders and significant cultural sites but most important of all, they acquaint our sophisticated guests with the authentic feel of local life. Our journeys are the perfect fit for adventurers and explorers at heart who like to travel in comfort and style. **TRAVELING WITH LERNIDEE** means returning home with new experiences, original insights, and broadened minds.

BENEFITS OF TRAVELING WITH

1

FIRST-CLASS SERVICE

- ◆ Shuttle service between hotel and airport on first and last days
- ◆ All transfers at travel destinations
- ◆ Luggage service where available
- ◆ No long waits or exhausting bus tours
- ◆ Entrance fees for attractions included
- ◆ Select first-class or mid-range hotels and lodges chosen to provide an even better feel for the country visited
- ◆ For train journeys: alternating overnights on private trains and in hotels and option to leave large luggage on board during hotel stays
- ◆ Multiple languages available



2

EXPERT STAFF

- ◆ Professional tour guide system on most journeys: knowledgeable and dedicated tour director, competent group guide as well as several local guides with expert knowledge of the regions
- ◆ Sophisticated talks on local culture, history, and everyday life
- ◆ Doctor on board of our private trains
- ◆ Friendly and attentive crew on call to meet and exceed your needs



LERNIDEE TRAINS & CRUISES

3

AUTHENTIC FLAVORS AND ENCOUNTERS

- ◆ Comprehensive excursion and sight-seeing packages included
- ◆ Meetings with locals for a better understanding of life in destination countries
- ◆ Most meals included, featuring delights of regional and international cuisine and tastings of local specialty dishes
- ◆ Profound insights into the history, customs, and everyday life of the regions visited
- ◆ For convenient traveling: no dress code



4

EVERYTHING ELSE

- ◆ Visa support as needed
- ◆ Detailed logbook with information about the journey
- ◆ Exciting pre- and post-tours and extended stays to explore major cities or relax on pristine beaches, planned and organized to fulfill to our guests' individual wishes
- ◆ Whatever else it takes to make a journey enjoyable, pleasant, and memorable





THE LEGENDARY SILK ROAD

Experience the fascination of the diverse cultures along Central Asia's legendary Silk Road, the world's most famous trade route. The **ORIENT SILK ROAD EXPRESS**, our magnificent private train, is the only convenient way of traveling the fairy-tale realms of the fabulous Stans. Our journeys to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, offer inimitable insights into the world of Scheherazade. Visits to the old cities, ancient ruins, and vast deserts along the traditional trade route make the tales of *Arabian Nights* come to life.

But what's most outstanding about this journey is the chance to experience cultures, peoples, and delicious cuisine in regions with little to no infrastructure that are otherwise barely accessible for the international visitor—while enjoying the amenities of traveling by private train.





SILK ROAD SIGHTS: A SNEAK PEAK

UNESCO World Heritage sites wherever you look—that’s what makes the legendary **SILK ROAD** in Central Asia so breathtakingly stunning. Magnificent mosques, massive mausoleums, marvelous madrassas, mighty minarets, and many more majestic

monuments make for magical memories. Add all the ruins of ancient cities, the boundless deserts, the Tian Shan Mountains, the merry markets—and you’ll see quickly that this is a journey into the world of Sheherazade’s tales.



REGISTAN SQUARE in Samarkand is one of the most impressive sights in Central Asia. It is surrounded by three Islamic schools and was once used for public gatherings and executions. Its awe-inspiring architecture earned it a spot on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



If you find yourself in need of exotic spices, hand-woven shawls and blankets, or even cattle, a visit to one of **CENTRAL ASIA’S CLASSIC MARKETS** will supply you with all of those.



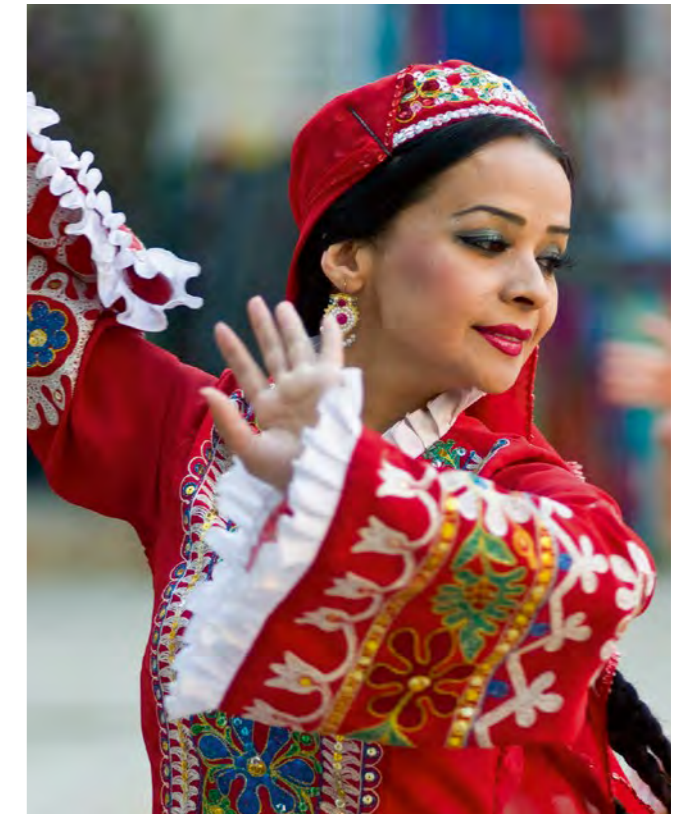
A stroll through the narrow **ALLEYWAYS OF SAMARKAND’S** Sha-i-Zinda necropolis offers a lot of opportunities to take stunning photos, as there is a new angle to be found at every corner.



Bukhara's religious **POI-KALAN COMPLEX** boasts a magnificent minaret, a marvelous madrassa, and a majestic mosque. Mongolian emperor Genghis Khan is said to have been so impressed by the grandeur of the mosque that he mistook it for a Khan's palace.



The city of **KHIVA** is an actual oasis and feels like a movie set built for filming a tale from *Arabian Nights*.



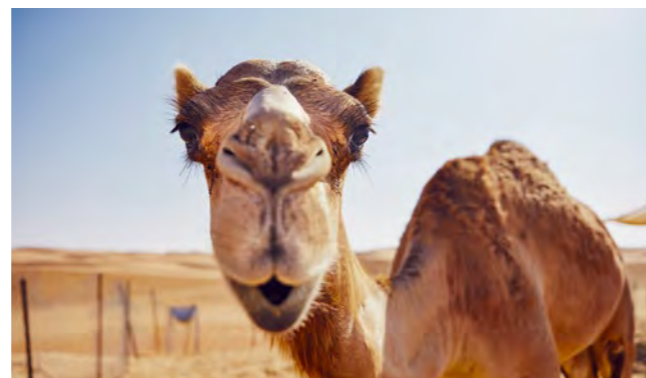
This lady and her troupe can be seen performing **DANCES IN TRADITIONAL COSTUMES** in the courtyard of a madrassa.



Independence Monument in **ASHGABAT**, capital of Turkmenistan, built to celebrate the country's independence from the USSR.



PLOV, Uzbekistan's delicious national dish, is made of beef and/or lamb, rice, onions, carrots, and a variety of spices.



DROMEDARY OR CAMEL? After this journey, you will be able to tell them apart. This one here is a dromedary ... we think.



The medieval **ARK FORTRESS** is a walled city within the city of Bukhara. Built in the 5th century AD, it was once seat of the diverse emperors of Bukhara. Today, it's a museum complex showcasing archeological relics, the historical Throne Room and the Coronation Court.



ORIENT SILK ROAD EXPRESS: OUR TRAIN • OUR SERVICES

The **ORIENT SILK ROAD EXPRESS** private train is your ticket to an unforgettable journey. Travel in style and comfort on what will be your cozy home away from home in Central Asia. Come on board and enjoy a wide selection of compartments, friendly service, amazing food, and the most comfortable way to experience the legendary Silk Road!

- ◆ The Orient Silk Road Express is the only way to travel the Silk Road in Central Asia in comfort and style
- ◆ 5 categories of train compartments to choose from: 4-bed, 2-bed, and some even with private bathroom
- ◆ Restaurant car serving delicious dishes during the day and doubling as bar car in the evenings, offering beer, wine, spirits, and a relaxed atmosphere
- ◆ Train is air-conditioned when rolling
- ◆ No long waits or exhausting bus tours
- ◆ Alternating overnights on private train and in hotels
- ◆ Shuttle service between hotel and airport on the first and the last day
- ◆ Porter service at train stations
- ◆ Doctor onboard the private train available 24/7
- ◆ Entrance fees and sightseeing included

THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL THE SILK ROAD

1

WIDE SELECTION OF COMPARTMENTS

CHOOSE

from 5 compartment categories, ranging from standard (Habibi) to premium compartments with private bathroom (Kalif).

2

WORLD-CLASS SERVICE

ENJOY

best-in-class service from friendly and knowledgeable staff, always ready to take care of your needs.

3

DELICACIES OF THE SILK ROAD

TASTE

a new world of flavor, served in cozy restaurant cars, offering nightly bar service.





AFRICAN EXPLORER: SAFARIS BY TRAIN

The **AFRICAN EXPLORER** private train makes the dream of railroad safaris in some of Africa's most spectacular landscapes come true on two exclusive routes, one running between South Africa and Namibia, the other covering four countries between the Victoria Falls and the Indian Ocean: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland), and Mozambique.

All compartments onboard the African Explorer feature a private bathroom with shower and WC, the well-appointed dining cars serve a wide range of African and European delicacies prepared fresh by our chefs, and in the bar, guests enjoy a selection of world-class South African wines and the tasty Windhoek Lager, filling a journey through remote regions and lonely deserts with all the comforts of modern life.





AFRICAN EXPLORER: A SNEAK PEAK

Enjoy the beauty of Southern Africa on our epic railroad journeys with the **AFRICAN EXPLORER** private train, where the magnificence of the animal world and the diverse landscapes are at

your fingertips. From moonscape-like dunes in the Namibian desert to lush forests, from the Indian Ocean to the Victoria Falls—a safari by private train is the best way to experience the wonders of Africa.



CAPE TOWN's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is the place to be in South Africa. With about 300 shops, over 50 restaurants and pubs, 11 movie theaters, and 6 museums, the iconic harbor is not only well equipped for all kinds of entertainment but also a supremely photogenic sight.



Most of Windhoek's **CHRIST CHURCH** is assembled from German parts. Emperor Wilhelm donated the windows, his wife the altar.



Enjoy Southern African hospitality and cuisine as well as fine South African wines in the **COZY RESTAURANT CAR**.



LOOKS RISKY? Well, there's no need for unease. As your guide will tell you, the animals around you are under the impression that the open-top jeep is another animal, and since it's bigger than they are, even the wildest ones will be respectful in your presence.



They say that a **LEOPARD** never changes its spots. And one of the best spots for spotting a leopard is Etosha National Park.



AFRICAN ELEPHANTS spend about 17 hours per day eating. So, since they're out and about looking for food practically all day, you will run into them sooner or later.



Yes, it's a blast to walk up and somersault down the **WORLD'S HIGHEST DUNE** in the Namib Desert. Scrubbing the fine sand out of your pores afterward is another story.



With its 100-mile ravine, Namibia's **FISH RIVER CANYON** is the second largest in the world, surpassed only by the Grand Canyon.



Once a bustling city full of German miners, **KOLMANSKOP** became a ghost town after the diamond mines closed in the 1920s.



British politician Cecil Rhodes is said to have told architects to build a bridge across the Zambezi River where trains will catch the spray of the gigantic **VICTORIA FALLS**.



AFRICAN EXPLORER: OUR TRAIN • OUR SERVICES

The **AFRICAN EXPLORER** private train is a proper hotel on wheels. All its compartments feature a private bathroom with shower and WC. The two air-conditioned restaurant cars serve African and European culinary specialties. In the bar car, you can relax with a cool Windhoek lager or one of South Africa's famous wines. The train's star attraction is the open observation platform of the cozy lounge car—a paradise for photographers and nature lovers alike, allowing for a true safari on rails.

- ◆ Two compartment categories to choose from: Elephant compartments with a double bed or two single beds and the larger Leopard compartment featuring a little seating area with a table and two chairs
- ◆ All compartments equipped with private bathroom with shower and WC
- ◆ Cozy lounge car with open observation platform
- ◆ Bar service with cocktails, beer, and select South African wines
- ◆ Laid-back atmosphere on board—casual clothing welcome
- ◆ African and European culinary specialties served in two air-conditioned restaurant cars
- ◆ Overnights in first-class hotels and lodges
- ◆ Shuttle service between hotel and airport on the first and the last day
- ◆ Porter service at train stations
- ◆ Game drives, entrance fees, and sightseeing included

THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL AFRICA'S SOUTH

1 COZY COMPARTMENTS

UNWIND
in the privacy of comfy compartments, all of them equipped with a bathroom featuring shower and WC.

2 SPECTACULAR VIEWS

BE AMAZED
by fantastic panoramas behind the compartment window and on the spectacular open observation deck.

3 AFRICAN HOSPITALITY

INDULGE IN
local specialties, prepared fresh by our chefs, and a selection of world-class South African wines.





THE ROYAL AL ÁNDALUS: SPAIN BY TRAIN

Whoever said that the train in Spain stays mainly in the plain? That's inane! Rolling through rolling hills and majestic mountainscapes, the royal **AL ÁNDALUS** train pampers guests with spectacular service and exquisite culinary delights that are anything but plain.

Having served the British royal family for their vacations in the last century, the Belle Epoque-style luxury compartments and salon cars were designed to meet high standards.

They perfectly complement the wonders of Spain and Portugal on two Trans-Iberian journeys showing the surprisingly different cultures and landscapes of the Iberian Peninsula. With one route going from Andalusia in the south, home of the Flamenco, to Santiago de Compostela in the north, Europe's most popular pilgrim's destination. And the other going from Portugal's capital city of Lisbon in the west to Barcelona in the east of the Iberian Peninsula.





AL ÁNDALUS: A SNEAK PEAK

Royal palaces, fairy-tale castles and churches, lush gardens, many of them popular as filming locations for Hollywood movies, flamenco dancers, terraced vineyards and green hills and valleys provide the

backdrop for one of Europe's most upscale trains, the royal **AL ÁNDALUS**. Each one of our exclusive routes offers a comprehensive image of the Iberian Peninsula's most colorful—and delightful—facets.



TOLEDO is known as the city of three cultures, since Christians, Jews, and Muslims have left their marks here. That explains oddities like the Mosque of Christ of the Light, which was once built as a mosque, then converted into a Christian church, and is now a museum.



Welcome to **ANDALUCIA**, where there's a secret fan language to decode. The woman in the picture is covering her nose with an open fan, thus signifying "I want to see you."



Construction of Antoni Gaudí's fairy-tale castle-like church, Barcelona's **SAGRADA FAMÍLIA**, started in 1882 and is still ongoing. Gaudí famously said: "My client is not in a hurry."



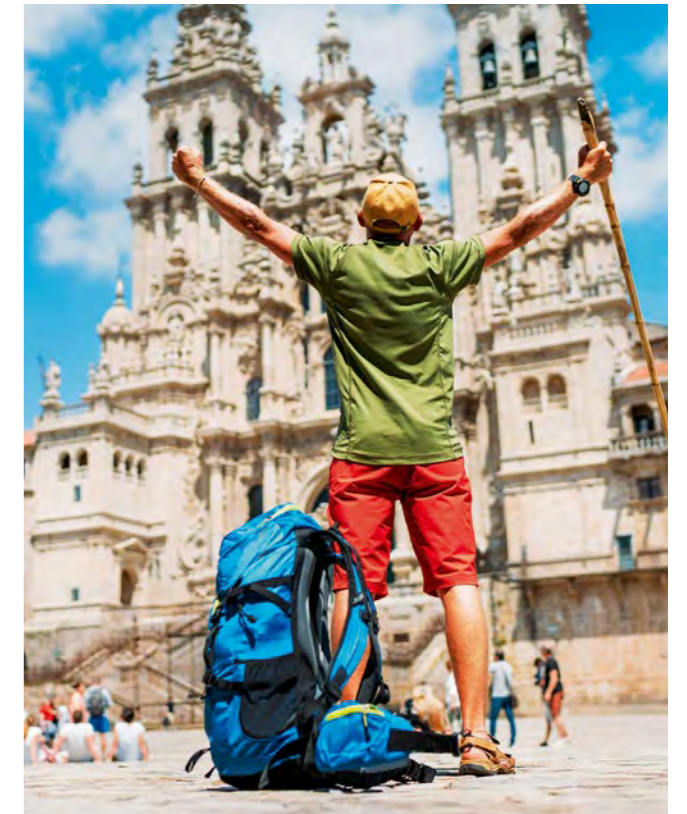
You've never been to Spain, but you know this place anyway? Well, it might be you're familiar with the City of Theed on the Planet Naboo. Because that's what the famous **PLAZA DE ESPAÑA** in Seville, built for the World's Fair in 1929, was supposed to depict in *Star Wars II*.



The **MULTI-COURSE MENUS** onboard the Al Ándalus are as delightful as the top-notch service is.



The Roman Bridge across the Guadalquivir River in the city of **CÓRDOBA** has been in service since about 45 BC.



Up to 350,000 people per year undertake the 500-mile pilgrimage from France to the Cathedral of **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**.



Who'd have thought they'd build a museum for a dance one day? But that's precisely what Seville's **FLAMENCO MUSEUM** is about.



Lisbon's **BELÉM TOWER**, conceived as a lighthouse, served some dark purposes in its career: its dungeons were a prison once.



Simply gorgeous—if you pardon the pun. The **GORGE OF SIL CANYON** has been used for growing grapevines even in Roman days. The vast terraces that were built here are named Ribeira Sacra. If you spot this name on a bottle of red wine, you can be sure it'll be exquisite.



THE ROYAL AL ÁNDALUS: YOUR TRAIN • OUR SERVICES

Originally built for the British royal family's vacation rides to the Côte d'Azur, the **AL ÁNDALUS** features classic Belle Epoque style as well as all the amenities of modern life. Its seven sleeping cars offer two categories of cozy compartments; every compartment is equipped with air-condition, private bathroom, shower, and WC. Four spacious salon cars from the 1920s serve as bar and restaurant cars.

- ◆ Two categories to choose from: Gran Clase with two single beds, and the larger Deluxe compartment featuring a double bed
- ◆ Fabulous cuisine: à la carte breakfast, multi-course lunches and dinners in the salon cars
- ◆ Select alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages during meals on board
- ◆ Overnights in deluxe hotels in Santiago de Compostela and Seville
- ◆ No long waits or exhausting bus tours
- ◆ Shuttle service between hotel and airport on the first and the last day
- ◆ Porter service at train stations
- ◆ Entrance fees and sightseeing included

THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

1

TWO UNIQUE ROUTES

CHOOSE

from two exclusive journeys covering the most significant and pleasurable places on the Iberian Peninsula.

2

BE AT HOME

RELAX

in the superior salons and comfy compartments of a nostalgic high-end train with today's amenities.

3

TRANS-IBERIAN CUISINE

DELIGHT

in the exquisite dishes and wines from all over the Iberian Peninsula served on board.





BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES ON THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

At last, the furthest reaches of the mighty Mekong River, previously inaccessible to travelers, are ready to be discovered. Our two small boutique ships, **MEKONG PEARL** and **MEKONG SUN**, make the impossible happen. On our unique cruises between Laos and Thailand, experienced captains guide our ships and guests through awe-inspiring gorges and labyrinths of pristine sandbanks, confidently navigating turbulent waters.

The Mekong Pearl and the Mekong Sun offer friendly service in a relaxed, old-world atmosphere for 29 guests at most who enjoy local specialties in the onboard restaurant and bar service on the sundeck. The two exclusive feel-good ships travel several different routes between Luang Prabang, the Golden Triangle, and Vientiane. Cruises can be as long as 12 days and as short as 6 days, offering a maximum of flexibility.





BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES ON THE MEKONG: A SNEAK PEEK

Enter a world of absolute serenity and outstanding natural beauty—pristine, remote, and captivating. The truly unique **MEKONG RIVER** cruises onboard our two boutique ships immerse travelers in the tropical

landscape and rich culture of Laos and Thailand. Explore the beauty of the Mekong's tranquil waters, marvel at unspoiled vistas of tropical jungles, and get to know everyday life in secluded villages.



What looks like a traditional Buddhist temple is actually a privately owned and designed piece of art mixing different styles and religious ideas. The vast grounds of Wat Rong Khun in **CHIANG RAI** opened for visitors in 1997. Construction is supposed to be finished in 2070.



GREEN TEA may be associated with China and Japan, but some say that plantations in Thailand and Laos deliver the best quality.



Even though Laos is a landlocked country, Laotians get most of their proteins from fish—courtesy of the **MEKONG RIVER**.



Beautiful clothes, hair, and make-up are very important in Thai culture. Looking dapper is a sign of respect for your fellow humans.



PAK OU in Laos is famous for its curious Buddha caves filled with thousands of Buddha statues in all shapes and sizes.



Enjoy visits to the Wat Xieng Thong temple, a striking example of Buddhist architecture, Mount Pho Si, a hill with panoramic views, and the lively Hmong night market in **LUANG PRABANG**, the former capital of Laos.



EVERY BOY IN LAOS between the age of eight and twenty is expected to serve as a novice monk to work, pray, and study at a monastery for at least three months. For some families from the more rural areas, the monasteries provide the only form of education available.



Profound insights into the **EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE VILLAGES** on the shores of the river make for the most memorable experiences of a Mekong cruise.



Said to possess Buddha-like wisdom and patience, every **ELEPHANT IS SACRED** for a Buddhist and has to be treated with respect. It could be a reincarnation of Buddha himself.



LUANG PRABANG, once the royal capital of the Kingdom of Laos that lasted from 1953 to 1975, is said to be the most beautiful city in Laos, some even say in Southeast Asia. Most parts of the little town of only 66,000 inhabitants were declared UNESCO World Heritage in 1995.



The **SINH** is a traditional Laotian costume still worn today. The colorful pattern of the garment is often a code revealing where the woman wearing it comes from.



The **PATUXAI** in Vientiane, a monument erected to commemorate Laos's independence from France in 1949, is ironically nicknamed the Laotian Arc de Triomphe today.



The unique multilevel **KUANG SI FALLS** near Luang Prabang are a favorite of travelers because of the gorgeous natural pools.



A delicious **SPECIALTY DISH** from Thailand: two-colored sticky rice wrapped in banana leaves and then steamed.



STREET MARKETS in Laos are one of the few ways for the tribes living in the mountains to exchange their handicraft for money.



The modern-day capital of Laos, **VIENTIANE** is home to the Pha That Luang temple, a symbol of the nation. Legend has it that the breastbone of Buddha was kept here over 2,000 years ago.



MEKONG PEARL & MEKONG SUN: OUR SHIPS • OUR SERVICES

The **MEKONG PEARL** and the **MEKONG SUN** are sister ships, owned and operated by Lernidee, offering the most enjoyable way to navigate the mighty Mekong. It's old-world charm and contemporary comfort—combined! Every journey on our boutique ships is made unforgettable thanks to the laid-back atmosphere on board, our friendly staff, and of course—dazzling views of the Mekong!

- ◆ Well-appointed cabins, each with large windows, private bathroom and French balcony or even a private balcony with sitting area
- ◆ Laid-back atmosphere with a maximum of 29 travelers on board—casual clothing welcome
- ◆ Daily meals with delights of regional cuisine freshly prepared on board plus coffee, tea, water, snacks, and fresh fruit
- ◆ Bar service available on board, featuring wine, cocktails and local drinks like Beerlao
- ◆ Friendly restaurant and bar staff, serving your meals and drinks with a smile
- ◆ Experienced, multilingual tour director plus English-speaking local guides
- ◆ Bathrobe and slippers for each guest
- ◆ Entrance fees during excursions and sightseeing included
- ◆ Informative and entertaining talks on board about lands, culture, and history
- ◆ Air-conditioned shuttle service between hotel and airport on first and last days

THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE MEKONG

1

TRAVEL WITH THE PIONEERS

EXPLORE

formerly inaccessible stretches of the Northern Mekong with our exclusive boutique ships.

2

UNIQUE EXPEDITION TOURS

BE SURPRISED

by the mighty Mekong's caprices. The river decides where your ship docks, so every journey is different.

3

WELL-APPOINTED CABINS

CHOOSE

between Classic, Superior and Deluxe cabins, all of which provide spectacular views.





BOUTIQUE SHIP JUNGLE CRUISES ON THE AMAZING AMAZON

The MS La Jangada makes it possible to explore regions in the jungle formerly only accessible to adventurers willing to forsake every kind of comfort civilization offers.

Discover the hidden reaches of the world's largest rainforest with our boutique ship on several cruises of different lengths. Enjoy the record-breakingly rich flora and fauna of virtually undiscovered pockets of jungle. Encounter the wondrous everyday life of the locals and experience their long-standing traditions firsthand.

There is no better way to explore these remote junglescapes—a Caipirinha in hand, relaxing on the sun deck, breathing in the culture, history, and lush nature of an incomparable region known as the Lungs of the World. Let the people and places of this green paradise enchant you on our unforgettable boutique adventure cruises on the **AMAZON RIVER**.





JUNGLE CRUISES ON THE AMAZING AMAZON: A SNEAK PEEK

Explore Brazil's most beautiful corners on exciting jungle cruises. Our exclusive tours aboard the boutique ship MS Jangada venture forth into the inner reaches of the **AMAZON RAINFOREST**.

Fascinating wildlife is waiting to be discovered: caimans, capybaras, sloths, jaguars, river dolphins, howler monkeys, piranhas, parrots, and hundreds of other exotic species.



The **AMAZON RIVER** is one vast mirror. Taking pictures of it is a sheer delight at all times of day and night—the lush rainforest, the clouds, and the sky are always strikingly reflected in the river's calm surface, and in the specific hue the sunlight or moonlight is bathing everything in.



The **TOUCAN** is one of 1,300 bird species (one third of the world's bird species!) that can be found in the Amazon region.



The 100-ft (30-m) high statue named **CRISTO REDENTOR** (Christ the Redeemer) has been overlooking Rio de Janeiro since 1931.



EXCITING ENCOUNTERS with members of indigenous tribes make you acquainted with everyday life on the Amazon River, teaching you how to survive in the jungle with simple means.



The **PANTANAL** is the largest area of tropical wetlands on the planet. Its ecosystem is so rich that it's impossible to say exactly how many species live here.



Fresher than Amazon Fresh, and with a greater variety, too! Try the **DELICIOUS FRUIT** a real Amazon marketplace offers.



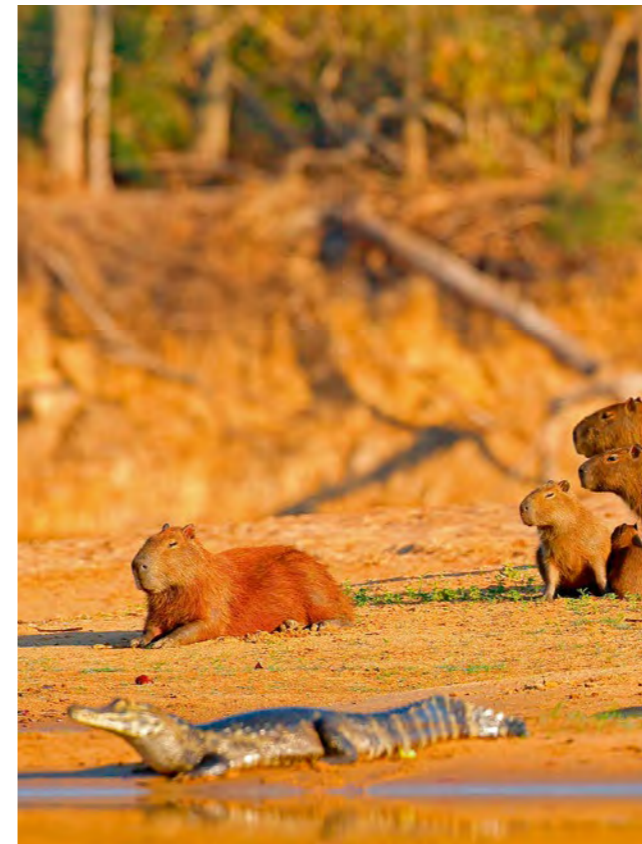
If you suspect that somebody is recording the soundtrack for a horror movie in the middle of the jungle, you're wrong. These eerie noises are just the unsettling calls of the **HOWLER MONKEYS**.



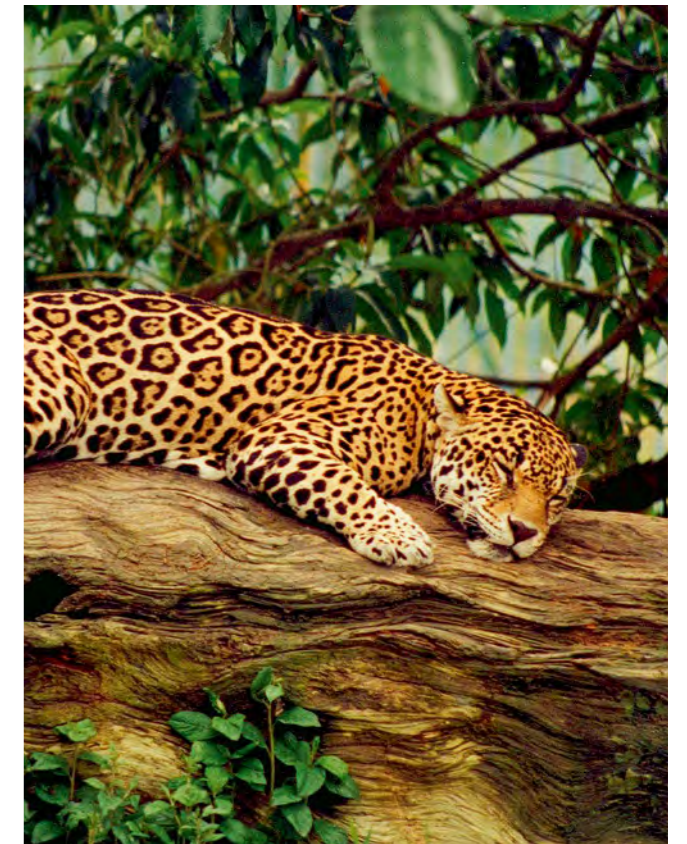
THIS COULD BE YOU. Because you will have the opportunity to fish for piranhas and catfish on our cruises—with helpful instructions from one of our expert guides.



Much taller and twice as wide as Niagara Falls, **IGUAZU FALLS** are record-breaking in many aspects. The giant waterfalls situated on the border of Brazil and Argentina consist of 275 individual cataracts with heights of up to 270 feet (82 m) on a length of 1.7 miles (2.7 km).



On a lucky day the **CAPYBARAS** get away unscathed when they venture into the vicinity of a **CAIMAN**.



Spotting a **JAGUAR** is one of the highlights of an Amazon cruise. Chances are good: 90% of the world's jaguar population live here.



MS LA JANGADA: OUR SHIP • OUR SERVICES

The brand-new boutique ship **MS LA JANGADA** is the best way to discover the wonders of the Amazon River. Its amenities provide a superior level of comfort in a region where there is no infrastructure to be had. In addition to its main and upper decks with their large cabins, the air-conditioned ship features sun and an observation deck allowing for stunning views of the lush rainforest. Its low draft enables it to navigate through some of the shallower stretches of the Amazon River and Rio Negro. On exciting excursions, expert tour guides show you the way through the Amazon jungle's diverse labyrinths.

- ◆ A boutique ship supplying the only kind of infrastructure available in a region without roads, shops, hotels, restaurants, or anything other than nature
- ◆ Spacious cabins with large windows and private bathroom
- ◆ Deluxe cabins and suites on the upper deck with private balconies
- ◆ Relaxed atmosphere with a maximum of 24 travelers on board
- ◆ Experienced, multilingual tour director specialized on the Amazon region
- ◆ Daily meals with delights of regional cuisine like fish, fruits, and vegetables freshly prepared on board
- ◆ Bar service available on board, featuring wine, cocktails, and local drinks like caipirinha
- ◆ Excursions and informative talks about lands, culture, and history
- ◆ Air-conditioned shuttle service between hotel and airport on first and last days

THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE AMAZON RIVER

1

NO OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

REST AND DINE WELL

on a new boutique ship offering all the amenities mother nature doesn't supply.

2

SAFE JUNGLE ADVENTURES

EXPLORE

the secrets of the jungle, fishing piranhas and tracing jaguars with your specialized guide.

3

GET THE BEST VIEWS

TAKE AMAZING PHOTOS

of the junglescape on the stunning observation deck while enjoying a caipirinha or three.





ACKNOWLEDGING OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR DESTINATIONS

Since the foundation of **LERNIDEE** in 1986, the company's founder, Hans Engberding—who has a company bike instead of a company car—has placed great importance on conducting business in an environmentally friendly, socially just, and sustainable way. Here's a selection of our projects.

E-BIKES AGAINST POACHING In the past, gamekeepers in Namibia had to patrol protected areas on foot. Not particularly efficient in the fight against poaching in such a vast territory. At best they had a noisy motorbike that alerted poachers in advance of their arrival. To make it easier for gamekeepers to stop

poachers and save animals' lives, Lernidee donated e-bikes so that they can quickly and silently approach poachers and arrest them.

CLIMATE PROTECTION PROJECT IN THE RAINFOREST In 2007, Lernidee began another project with the aim of sustainably compensating for the CO₂ emissions of their flights by leasing two large areas of rainforest along the upper Mekong River, where a dedicated staff looks after their preservation and reforestation. The leasing of these areas neutralizes Lernidee's carbon footprint (the size of the areas is based on the amount of CO₂ emitted by flights

organized for our guests), provides young people with income to support their families, and prevents overexploitation.

SUBSISTENCE PROJECT FOR WOMEN IN KHAYELITSHA The interior decoration of our African trains comes from a subsistence project for South African women, whose husbands are drug addicts and unable to earn a living.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS Lernidee's donations to Doctors Without Borders have made treatments for medical conditions such as malaria possible for 10,000 children in Zimbabwe.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY OUR GUESTS, OUR PARTNERS, AND US

NOLUTHANDO KINDERGARTEN IN CAPE TOWN In January of 1994, kindergarten teacher Mavis Mbaba founded a day care center for 45 children in her own home in Khayelitsha. In January of 1995, she was able to rent a piece of land from the local council and bit by bit build Noluthando—the Place of Love and Care. Now there are 14 employees, six of which are trained kindergarten teachers, who take care of about 200 children. Since September 1998, the kindergarten has been supported by the kind donations of our guests, which are mainly used to finance maintenance work and improvements,

so that the children get to grow up in a hygienic, child-friendly environment and are given a good start in life.

CONSIDERATE CONDUCT IN OUR DESTINATIONS So as not to overburden our destinations, we visit them only in small groups, respecting protected areas and leaving them cleaner than we found them. We support regional business cycles by hiring staff locally, by paying fair wages and by providing them with regular training. We maintain secure, long-term business relationships in our destinations and pay our fair share of local taxes.

CO₂-NEUTRAL WEBSITES Lernidee participates in the CO₂-Neutral Website Program. Our websites as well as the emissions generated by their use are neutralized by measurable CO₂ reductions. These reductions are accomplished by building new, renewable energy sources such as wind turbines and by participating in controlled CO₂-reducing projects.





PRIVATE TRAIN JOURNEYS & BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES

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