



# 2012 TRAVEL CALENDAR



ZEGRAHM EXPEDITIONS



# DEAR ADVENTURER

2012 will be another fantastic year of adventures at Zegrahm Expeditions. The *Clipper Odyssey* will explore the colorful, coastal countries of Africa, then make her way into Europe's northern and southern realms before returning to the Indian Ocean by way of the Middle East and India. We'll of course also be offering an assortment of land programs, including a brand-new Panama and Nicaragua expedition with Kevin Clement, plus sprinkling in a bit of South America with the Amazon aboard the *Clipper Adventurer* and the Gálapagos Islands aboard the *Isabela II*.

To expound a bit upon our new Africa voyages, after several snorkeling- and diving-focused expeditions in the Maldives and the Seychelles, and a coastal Madagascar wildlife extravaganza, we have planned three back-to-back voyages that trace the coast of Africa, beginning in Tanzania and concluding in Senegal. These combinable voyages (see below for great savings!) will be an amazing mélange of cultural encounters, diverse wildlife, culinary delights, and dramatic scenery. One of Zegrahm's most beloved cruise directors (and native South African), Nadia Eckhardt, has been hard at work for over a year planning these expeditions and they have already made quite an impression with our intrepid travelers.

Plus, several tried-and-true expeditions have been polished up for 2012. For instance, we are combining the best of our Wild Britain trip with our Circumnavigation of Ireland for a comprehensive Ireland and the British Isles expedition. And, our classic Baltic Odyssey will visit nine countries including Russia's always-memorable St. Petersburg.

Unlike other tour operators, our calendar changes dramatically from year-to-year, rarely focusing on the same region twice. So, if any of these itineraries catch your eye (and we hope they do!), I would encourage you to go now, who knows when they may come around again.

We look forward to traveling with you in 2012!



Warm regards,

Jon Nicholson

P.S. Save 5% on your cruise fare when you combine two or more consecutive voyages. Look for the **COMBO SAVINGS** at the end of each description to see which expeditions qualify.

## WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

**With Zegrahm Expeditions, virtually everything is included in the cost of your trip:**

- All gratuities, from porters and ship's crew to tour guides
- All accommodations and meals
- Welcome dinner and briefing to get to know one another and get a good sense of what's to come
- World-class expedition leaders and lecturers
- Daily activity options, from active pursuits to moderately-paced sightseeing
- All entrance fees, taxes, and landing and port charges
- All transfers on group arrival and departure days
- Comprehensive pre-departure packet to prepare you for your trip, with everything from currency information and weather to ship-board amenities and a packing list
- Medical and emergency evacuation insurance
- Dedicated Zegrahm program manager and air coordinators to answer all your questions

**"Nobody does it better! If you want to experience the world—culturally, biologically, historically, Zegrahm will give this to you brilliantly!"**

– A. & D. Stutz





## MALDIVES & THE SEYCHELLES

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
December 30, 2011 –  
January 17, 2012

This expedition is the perfect way to start the New Year with four days spent snorkeling, diving, and exploring the islands of the Maldives.

In addition to huge concentrations of fish, the area also supports a large population of sea turtles, massive manta rays, white- and black-tip reef sharks, and swirling schools of barracuda and tuna. After several relaxing days at sea, immerse your senses in the colorful world of the Seychelles for six days. The stunning granite islands are home to giant tortoises, reefs filled with multi-hued fish, and endemic birds.

From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy



## ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, & THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Aboard *Clipper Adventurer*  
January 13 – February 3, 2012

Dazzling landscapes teeming with wildlife make these southernmost lands the world's preeminent adventure destination. This is an

extraordinary opportunity to witness and photograph pristine beaches and bays packed with elephant seals and rowdy fur seals, vast penguin colonies devoted to raising their recently hatched young and countless numbers of seabirds. Discover the starkly beautiful Falkland Islands, walk the wild shores of South Georgia and Shackleton's Elephant Island, and explore the Antarctic Peninsula during five days of expeditionary Zodiac cruising and landings. *Optional pre-voyage extension to Patagonia & Torres Del Paine.*

From Rate: \$16,980 per person, double occupancy



## ULTIMATE SEYCHELLES WITH ALDABRA ATOLL

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
January 13 – 27, 2012

Sail through the Seychelles Archipelago's crystalline waters all the way from the stunning granitic islands of the north to the remote and rarely visited coral atolls of the

south. Our comprehensive journey to this untouched Eden offers spectacular snorkeling and diving, including two days at magical Aldabra Atoll; beautiful white sand beaches; and endemic flora and fauna, including rare Seychelles paradise flycatchers, coco-de-mer palms, flying foxes, and giant Indian Ocean tortoises. Other highlights of the Seychelles include rocky Cousin Island, the breeding place of thousands of fairy terns and home to several endangered land and seabird species, as well as La Digue, a postcard-perfect island of pink granite boulders and white sugar-sand beaches.

From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy



## CLASSIC SEYCHELLES WITH THE COMOROS & ZANZIBAR

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
January 24 – February 10, 2012

Spend nine full days exploring the stunning Seychelles Archipelago before visiting the fascinating Comoros and Zanzibar Island.

This trip has it all—from spectacular snorkeling and diving (including two days at magical Aldabra Atoll) to cultural encounters and market visits. In the Seychelles we visit Praslin Island, home to the amazing coco-de-mer palm, as well as La Digue. The rugged, volcanic Comoros Islands are home to endemic bird life and a delightful blend of cultures. Before concluding in Dar es Salaam, the voyage stops at Zanzibar, where we look for the endemic red colobus monkey as well as Skye's monkeys, bush pigs, and small buck. *Optional post-voyage Serengeti Safari extension.*

From Rate: \$11,980 per person, double occupancy



## MYANMAR & LAOS: LAND OF A THOUSAND TEMPLES

Land Program  
January 27 – February 14, 2012  
Leader: Gary Wintz

Join us in our exploration of two of the least-traveled regions of Indochina: Myanmar (Burma) and

Laos, including six World Heritage Sites. These fascinating Buddhist lands offer world-class historical and archaeological sites, including the ethereal Shwedagon Pagoda and the famous Buddhist caves of Pak Ou. Traveling both by riverboat and by land offers us unique views into the cultures of these fascinating and welcoming people. Highlights include the ancient city of Bagan and the floating villages of Inle Lake.

From Rate: \$9,780 per person, double occupancy



## SNOW MONKEYS & CRANES OF JAPAN

Land Program  
February 2 – 20, 2012  
Leader: Mark Brazil

Our Snow Monkeys and Cranes journey offers a rare opportunity to enjoy a setting that few Westerners ever experience: Japan in winter.

For photographers and lovers of wildlife and Japanese culture, this will be a memorable adventure to stunning national parks, the isolated World Heritage Site of Gassho-Zukuri Village, and through exquisitely beautiful snow-enveloped landscapes where snow monkeys revel in the steamy warmth of natural hot springs. A memorable wildlife highlight is the chance to observe 12,000 wintering hooded and white-naped cranes—the largest gathering of cranes in eastern Asia.

From Rate: \$12,980 per person, double occupancy



## BACK TO AFRICA WITH LEX HES

### Land Program

February 4 – 24, 2012

Leader: Lex Hes

Namibia, Botswana, and Zambia offer an incredible variety of wildlife, birds, and landscapes. Join expert naturalist Lex Hes and experience

some of the most remote and diverse camps in Africa. Search for desert elephants in Damaraland, visit with the Himba people of Namibia, experience the lush Okavango Delta, and search for leopards in Zambia's South Luangwa National Park.

From Rate: \$18,980 per person, double occupancy



## VOYAGE TO MADAGASCAR WITH MAURITIUS, RÉUNION, COMOROS & ZANZIBAR

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

February 19 – March 8, 2012

Spectacular scenery awaits, from the volcanic peaks of Mauritius and Réunion to the unique wildlife and beautiful coral reefs of Madagascar.

Spend six days exploring Madagascar as we search for mouse, black, and brown lemurs; 32 species of reptiles; and over 100 species of birds, among them rare endemics such as the Madagascar fish eagle and white-breasted mesite. At Nosy Hara we enjoy white-sand beaches and superb snorkeling. The rugged, volcanic Comoros Islands are home to endemic bird life and a delightful blend of cultures. Our voyage ends in magical Zanzibar, an island that lives up to its *Arabian Nights* reputation for exotic charm. *Optional post-voyage Serengeti Safari extension.*

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH MOZAMBIQUE ODYSSEY

From Rate: \$12,480 per person, double occupancy



## IRAN: WONDERS OF PERSIA

### Land Program

February 27 – March 11, 2012

Leader: Gary Wintz

Join us as we explore the wonders of Persia, one of the oldest civilizations on Earth. Our journey takes us back to the dawn of the modern world to discover a fascinating, hospitable

country where turbaned clerics and carpet-weaving nomads co-exist in the shadows of architectural masterpieces. Formerly known as Persia, Iran's turbulent and colorful history was written by its successive rulers, the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Parthians, Sassanians, and even the British and Russians. Each conquest left its mark and ensured that the Iran of today's world is a cultural treasure house replete with magnificent ruins; glorious mosques; superb citadels; a long and varied history; and incredibly warm and welcoming people.

From Rate: \$8,980 per person, double occupancy



## MOZAMBIQUE ODYSSEY WITH TANZANIA & SOUTH AFRICA

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

March 4 – 21, 2012

Our voyage from Zanzibar to South Africa is a revelation of the natural and cultural wonders along the eastern coast of Africa. As we

cruise through the Mozambique Channel we enjoy exceptional marine and bird life viewing and superb snorkeling and diving, with some of the finest reefs and highest concentrations of marine life in East Africa. Along the way we visit small coastal towns steeped in Arab, French, Dutch, and Portuguese history. In South Africa we search for game in splendid nature reserves, including the St. Lucia/iSimangaliso Wetland Park. *Optional extensions to the Serengeti and Phinda Private Game Reserve.*

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH VOYAGE TO MADAGASCAR AND/OR SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA BY SEA

From Rate: \$11,980 per person, double occupancy



## WILD INDIA

### Land Program

March 17 – April 4, 2012

Leader: Mark Brazil

Our India wildlife safari reveals India's great diversity of birds, reptiles, and mammals, and explores the heartland of this dynamic subcontinent. From

bustling cities and remote villages to exquisite World Heritage Site temples and tombs, our expedition uncovers the dramatic diversity of India's landscapes and wildlife. We journey to Bandhavgarh, Kanha, and Kaziranga National Parks to search for tigers, deer, and the massive gaur. And, our time in Old and New Delhi, as well as a visit to Khajuraho's exquisite 1,000-year-old Hindu temples, add a rich cultural dimension.

From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy



## SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA BY SEA

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

March 18 – April 4, 2012

From the cultural melting-pot of Durban, we travel along the rugged, untouched Wild Coast with excursions inland to view Africa's iconic wildlife. Explore South Africa's

scenic Garden Route and round the southernmost tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas. Enjoy several days of exploration in and around Cape Town, a city that combines exquisite natural beauty and a chic cosmopolitan vibe. View the mysterious ghost town of Kolmanskop, Namibia, which is slowly being buried under the shifting sand dunes of the Namib Desert. The plankton rich waters of Walvis Bay support myriad marine and bird species, while inland we study the desert-adapted plant and animal life. *Optional extensions to Phinda Private Game Reserve and Etosha National Park.*

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH MOZAMBIQUE ODYSSEY

From Rate: \$12,980 per person, double occupancy

***“All Zegrahm Expeditions are special! The staff is helpful, thoughtful, knowledgeable, and personable. I have enjoyed traveling with you for 20 years and look forward to the 2012 Africa trips.” – B. Bennett***



**JUNGLE RIVERS  
OF SOUTH AMERICA:  
BRAZIL, FRENCH GUIANA,  
SURINAME, GUYANA,  
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**

**Aboard *Clipper Adventurer*  
March 26 – April 10, 2012**

On this voyage we explore the rivers of South America—the Amazon,

Suriname, and Essequibo. On Zodiac excursions and walks ashore we search the waters and lush vegetation for macaws, monkeys, pink river dolphins, and the rest of these rivers’ abundant wildlife. Landings at isolated villages present us with a glimpse into the lives of Amazonian Indians and other native people. Among the many thrills on this voyage is the chartered flight into the heart of wild Guyana to view Kaieteur Falls, nearly five times the height of Niagara Falls.

**From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy**



**TRACING THE WEST  
COAST OF AFRICA:  
CAMEROON, SÃO TOMÉ  
AND PRÍNCIPE, BENIN,  
TOGO, GHANA, IVORY  
COAST, SIERRA LEONE,  
THE GAMBIA & SENEGAL**

**Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
April 7 – 24, 2012**

Sail in the wake of explorers and traders as we trace the coast of West Africa. Visit historic ports of call rich in local culture and colonial architecture, as well as pristine natural areas where we search for abundant wildlife and birds. Highlights include the lush volcanic islands of São Tomé and Príncipe, the vibrant markets in Benin and Togo, and Africa’s only suspended walkway in Ghana’s Kakum National Forest. Visit Abidjan in the Ivory Coast known as the “Paris of West Africa” and Sierra Leone’s beautiful beaches. Colorful fleets of fishing boats greet our arrival in Banjul, The Gambia, and our grand voyage ends in Dakar, Senegal’s energetic and cosmopolitan capital city.

**COMBO SAVINGS WITH SENEGAL TO SPAIN**

**From Rate: \$12,980 per person, double occupancy**



**BHUTAN:  
JOURNEY THROUGH  
A HIMALAYAN KINGDOM**

**Land Program**

**April 10 – 23, 2012**

**Leader: Gary Wintz**

Bhutan is a colorful patchwork of diverse images—yak herders,

rhododendron forests, snowcapped peaks, alpine meadows, rare birds and animals, and intricate temples. Accompanied by acclaimed Asia expert Gary Wintz, we spend 14 days discovering ancient monasteries, nature preserves, and sacred spaces in a country nearly unknown to Western travelers. A highlight of our trip includes a visit to Tiger’s Nest, one of the most famous monasteries in Bhutan.

**From Rate: \$8,980 per person, double occupancy**



**PALAU & YAP**

**Aboard *Palau Aggressor II*  
April 18 – May 2, 2012**

Join us for this rare opportunity to visit two fascinating and remote island groups in Micronesia—Palau and Yap. The region has been hailed as the “number one underwater wonder of the world” for its marine

diversity and beauty. Enjoy the unique experience of snorkeling in Palau’s Jellyfish Lake among thousands of harmless, melon-sized jellyfish, or a thrilling snorkel or dive with gentle, giant manta rays. On the islands of Yap wander through traditional thatched villages, view the amazing stone currency that spurred trade in the region, and by kayak navigate narrow, inter-island waterways to witness astounding bird life.

**From Rate: \$11,480 per person, double occupancy**



**SENEGAL TO SPAIN  
WITH CAPE VERDE,  
CANARY ISLANDS  
AND MOROCCO**

**Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
April 22 – May 6, 2012**

A revelation of landscapes, cultures, and history, our multi-faceted voyage begins in Dakar, Senegal’s

lively capital. Our visit includes the World Heritage Site of Gorée Island, the notorious former slave-trading center. We then sail northward to the unique Cape Verde Islands, a geographically important staging area in Portugal’s exploration of the New World. The fantastic volcanic landscapes of the Canary Islands are contrasted with Morocco’s legendary cities of Casablanca and, on an optional excursion, Marrakech. After a delightful visit to Gibraltar, we conclude our voyage in beautiful Malaga, Spain. *Optional extensions to Mali and Andalusia.*

**COMBO SAVINGS WITH TRACING THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA**

**From Rate: \$8,980 per person, double occupancy**

**“Zegrahm is a first class operation in all respects from excellent staff and destinations to choice of vessels, restaurants, local guides, and excellent organization throughout our Baltic expedition. Every trip has exceeded our expectations. Have traveled with other companies—all good, none better.” – J. & N. Steger**



**AZORES:  
SPAIN, GIBRALTAR,  
MOROCCO, CANARY  
ISLANDS, AND MADEIRA**

**Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
May 4 – 20, 2012**

This voyage is a unique blend of magnificent architecture, exotic markets, charming villages, dramatic

scenery, island endemics, and long and storied histories. Our voyage begins with a visit to Spain’s Alhambra and hospitable Gibraltar on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea. Morocco offers a sensory-filled experience from mosques to souks in the exotic cities of Casablanca and Agadir. Then spend several days exploring the Canary Islands, Madeira, and the Azores. These dramatic volcanic islands feature historic architecture, lush gardens and vineyards, marine mammals, seabirds, beautiful beaches, and colorful markets.

From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy



**IRELAND  
& THE BRITISH ISLES**

**Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
May 22 – June 4, 2012**

We’re pleased to offer an in-depth exploration of the British Isles with a focus on Ireland. Discover mysterious Dún Aengus; the cliffside monasteries and lookout towers of the Celtic

monks; the Viking legacy of Waterford; and the 17th – 18th century English fortresses, mansions, and elaborate gardens gracing Cork and Killarney. Rolling green glens are studded with shimmering lakes and dramatic cliffs, busy with breeding seabirds, reach vertically from the sea. By Zodiac we explore such islands as the Saltees, Skellig Rocks, and Blasket as well as Scotland’s Inner Hebrides. Northern Ireland’s Giant’s Causeway, a World Heritage Site, is spectacular to behold with its 40,000 hexagonal pillars seeming to form a staircase along the coast. Drives take us to charming villages with cultural offerings from museums and art galleries to folkloric centers.

From Rate: \$9,480 per person, double occupancy



**CLASSIC UGANDA:  
PRIMATE PARADISE**

**Land Program  
June 2 – 15, 2012**

**Leader: Jonathan Rossouw**

Uganda calls to nature lovers with a vast diversity of ecosystems—rain forests, wetlands, semi-arid deserts,

and acacia savannas—that support lions, leopards, elephants, Cape buffalos, Nile crocodiles, and the world’s largest concentrations of hippos. The numerous species of primates are, of course, a star attraction and nowhere else can travelers witness and photograph, at such close range, the variety that exists here. On safari drives and trekking excursions, we go in search of troops of chimpanzees, red and white colobus monkeys, and mangabey. Expedition highlights include our three-day stay in Bwindi National Park where we may have the privilege of observing Uganda’s iconic mountain gorillas in their natural habitat as well as stunning Murchison Falls.

From Rate: \$13,980 per person, double occupancy



**BALTIC ODYSSEY:  
SCOTLAND, GERMANY,  
DENMARK, POLAND,  
LITHUANIA, SWEDEN,  
LATVIA, ESTONIA, RUSSIA  
& FINLAND**

**Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*  
June 13 – 29, 2012 & July 13 – 29,  
2012 (Two Departures)**

Our cultural odyssey weaves together the rich history and pastoral landscapes of Scotland and nine of the countries bathed by the legendary Baltic Sea. Highlights include Scandinavia’s largest medieval fortress on Bornholm Island; famed Solidarity sites in Gdansk; the splendid port of Visby, a World Heritage Site; the medieval and Art Nouveau architecture of Riga; and Tallinn, Estonia, perhaps the finest preserved city in the Baltic. Explore St. Petersburg’s stunning Hermitage museum; discover the fascinating architecture of Helsinki; and in Stockholm visit one of the best preserved medieval cities in the world. We also transit the fascinating Kiel Canal and explore the beautiful, windswept island of Sylt.

From Rate: Please inquire



**ULTIMATE GALÁPAGOS**

**Aboard *Isabela II*  
June 21 – July 3, 2012**

Over the centuries, the wildlife of the Galápagos Islands evolved into life forms found nowhere else in the world. Marine biologist and Zegrahm cofounder Jack Grove has drawn on his seven years of experience living

in the Galápagos to create a voyage presenting the curious traveler with a comprehensive overview of both the terrestrial and marine life of this unique archipelago. The elegant *Isabela II*, carrying only 40 passengers, is the perfect vessel for a 10-day exploration in the world’s first natural World Heritage Site.

From Rate: \$7,880 per person, triple occupancy



## CLASSIC BOTSWANA

### Land Program

August 2012, exact dates TBD

Leader: Lex Hes

Botswana epitomizes romantic vintage Africa; its plains are home to wildlife that have lured adventurers to the continent for generations: lions, cheetahs, elephants, hippos,

buffalos, and leopards. Our custom-designed safari includes stays at beautiful classic tented camps located within expansive reserves and a widely diverse range of habitats—the Kalahari Desert, ancient mopane forests, the Okavango Delta, and rich, green floodplains—teeming with birds and animals for outstanding wildlife viewing and photographic opportunities.

From Rate: Please inquire



## WILD BRAZIL WITH THE PANTANAL

### Land Program

September 1 – 18, 2012

Leader: Mark Brazil

Our itinerary highlights Brazil's stunning biodiversity as we explore varied terrains of lush mountainsides, sweeping grasslands, and the

largest wetland on the planet. Begin in exuberant Rio de Janeiro and travel to Iguazu Falls, a spectacular two-and-a-half-mile-wide cascade linking Brazil and Argentina. Then, it's on to Serra da Canastra National Park for encounters with woolly spider monkeys, giant anteaters, and maned wolves. A visit to the acclaimed Pantanal with its myriad birds, caimans, capybaras, and giant river otters, makes for a grand finale.

From Rate: \$11,980 per person, double occupancy



## MONGOLIA: LAND OF CHINGGIS KHAAN

### Land Program

August 21 – September 7, 2012

Leader: Kim Saunders

An epic journey through the "Land of Blue Sky," our Mongolia expedition uses a combination of planes, 4x4 vehicles, camels,

horses, and yak carts to reach remote destinations such as the Gobi Desert's Singing Sands and Flaming Cliffs. We travel to Jalman Meadows to enjoy the Mongolian country-side and overnight in our own private ger camp, the traditional felt tents of nomadic herders; and visit the Onon River region, most famous as the land where Chinggis Khaan was born and from which the Mongolian empire was established. This is sure to be a journey of true discovery and adventure to one of the last great unspoiled travel destinations in the world.

From Rate: \$12,980 per person, double occupancy



## FIVE 'STANS: HIDDEN HEART OF ASIA

### Land Program

September 7 – 24, 2012

Leader: Gary Wintz

Our exploration of these former Soviet republics (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan) reveals the

history, people, and natural treasures of some of the least-traveled countries on Earth. Our kaleidoscopic journey showcases outstanding Islamic architecture; bustling bazaars; dramatic landscapes, from rugged mountains to desert steppes roamed by nomadic horsemen; and fabled Samarkand, once the seat of power of the Mongol conqueror, Tamerlane.

From Rate: \$10,980 per person, double occupancy



## NORTH AFRICA'S ROMAN LEGACY: SPAIN, ALGERIA, TUNISIA, LIBYA & GREECE

### Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

August 26 – September 11, 2012

Beginning with the marvelous Alhambra in Granada, we embark on a unique Mediterranean voyage to explore the famed satellite cities

of the Roman Empire in North Africa, including eight World Heritage Sites. In Algeria, visit sea-side Tipasa, incredible Djemila, and ancient Hippo Regius, as well as the medina of Algiers and St. Augustine Cathedral in Annaba. In Tunisia we visit the well-preserved, and not to be missed, site of Dougga before sailing to Libya where the breathtaking ruins of Sabratha, Cyrene, and Leptis Magna illustrate the brilliance of the Greek and Roman empires. Visits to the cosmopolitan capital of Tripoli, the southern coast of Crete, and Athens round-out this remarkable voyage.

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE BLACK SEA

From Rate: Please inquire



## CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE BLACK SEA

### Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

September 10 – 24, 2012

Discover Eurasia's most intriguing destinations: Turkey, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria. Beautiful landscapes, from rugged mountains to pastoral

farmlands, set the stage for stunning architecture and archaeological sites that span the centuries, connecting contemporary cultures with those of vanished civilizations. Our in-depth program explores the ruins of Greco-Roman sites, Byzantine basilicas and monasteries adorned in gold mosaics, exquisitely tiled Ottoman mosques, and charming red-roofed villages laced with cobblestone lanes. The Black Sea also provides fine opportunities to explore varied natural settings on foot or by local boats, including Romania's Danube Delta and the wetlands around Histria. *Pre-voyage extension to Turkey's Cappadocia.*

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH NORTH AFRICA'S ROMAN LEGACY AND/OR SPLENDORS OF THE TURQUOISE COAST

From Rate: Please inquire



## SPLENDORS OF THE TURQUOISE COAST: TURKEY & GREECE

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

September 22 – October 2, 2012

This voyage is a superb opportunity to visit some of the most famous ancient cities of the eastern Mediterranean. Our voyage begins in

magical Istanbul where we visit the Blue Mosque and Aya Sofya Basilica. Sail through the Dardanelles Straits and step ashore into the world of Homer's fabled Troy. By Zodiac explore tiny harbors along the coast of Turkey, view Lycian rock tombs in the charming village of Kas, and witness the old-world traditions on Karpathos Island (Olympos). Explore the spectacular temples and streets of Ephesus, view Bronze Age remains at Bodrum, and wander the once-opulent Palace of Knossos in Crete.

*Pre-voyage extension to Turkey's Cappadocia.*

**COMBO SAVINGS** WITH CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE BLACK SEA

From Rate: Please inquire



## ZAMBIA: AFRICA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Land Program

September 16 – 29, 2012

Leader: Lex Hes

Zambia offers an impressive variety of habitats as well as large concentrations of wildlife in some of the most remote game areas on the African

continent. Discover this diversity in the company of Lex Hes, expert African wildlife guide and published nature photographer. Our expedition spans the spectacular landscapes of Kafue, South Luangwa, and Lower Zambezi National Parks—some of the best-kept secrets in Africa. Throughout our expedition we look for predators such as leopards and wild dogs as well as Thornicroft's giraffe and Cookson's wildebeest, species that occur nowhere else in the world. Bird life is also particularly prolific, with 740 bird species.

From Rate: Please inquire



## MADAGASCAR: THE EIGHTH CONTINENT

Land Program

September 2012, exact dates TBD

Leader: Lex Hes

Home to a striking array of fascinating wildlife, bizarre flora, colorful birds, and the friendly Malagasy people, Madagascar is a

living laboratory of evolution, giving birth to wildly strange creatures and plants found nowhere else on the planet. More than 250 species of birds are found only here, 90 percent of the plant species are endemic, and 49 species of lemurs make their home in Madagascar. This is a journey of discovery and exploration in an isolated land, and one of the most intriguing destinations on Earth.

From Rate: Please inquire



## VOYAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA: EGYPT, LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN & ERITREA

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

October 8 – 27, 2012

History comes alive as we trace the coastlines and view the magnificent legacies of these once mighty

empires. Begin with a tour of Cairo's treasures before we set sail from the legendary port of Alexandria. In Lebanon spend two days exploring the celebrated cities of Byblos and Baalbek. Visit the ruins of Tanis, established by Ramses II, before a daylight transit of the Suez Canal takes us to the resort town of Sharm el Sheikh. We travel overland to the Monastery of St. Catherine—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also spend two days exploring the exquisite temples of Luxor and its impressive royal tombs. In Saudi Arabia, visit Jeddah, the gateway to Mecca. Visit the ruins of Suakin, Sudan, and snorkel or dive in the surrounding waters teeming with fish. In Eritrea witness Massawa's eclectic architecture, discover the Dahlak Archipelago's diverse marine and bird life, and stroll the charming town of Asmara, with its quintessential Italian architecture.

From Rate: Please inquire



## SANDS OF TIME: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, QATAR, BAHRAIN & OMAN

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

November 6 – 18, 2012

Experience a region of visual contrasts—deserts, mountains, ancient cultures, and modern metropolises—cradled between

blue sea and sky, and with a history that reaches back millennia. As we travel through the Arabian Gulf, explore the city-states of the United Arab Emirates, the fabled Sultanate of Oman, and the tiny, but powerful countries of Bahrain and Qatar. From sculpted fjords and rugged island landscapes to architectural wonders, from bustling souks and camel markets to serene mosques and desert oases, our journey is a multi-faceted revelation of lands at the crossroads of past and future.

From Rate: Please inquire



## SPLENDORS OF INDIA WITH SRI LANKA AND THE MALDIVES

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

November 18 – December 5, 2012

Travel through a diverse and fascinating corner of the world, from Mumbai's bustling streets to the charming former Portuguese

trading center of Goa and the emerald landscapes of Mangalore. A two-day exploration of Kochi (Cochin) reveals a mélange of international influences and we board local houseboats for a cruise through Kochi's backwaters. In Trivandrum we visit the village of Pongumode and its surrounding rubber plantations and enjoy a traditional martial

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arts demonstration. A different world awaits in Sri Lanka where we visit an elephant orphanage, and the World Heritage sites of the Temple of the Tooth and the port of Galle. Spend three magical days in the Maldives where we snorkel and dive amid large pelagic fish and stunning coral gardens. *Optional pre-voyage extension to Delhi, Taj Mahal, and Jaipur.*

From Rate: Please inquire



### PANAMA & NICARAGUA

#### Land Program

Nov/Dec 2012, exact dates TBD

Leader: Kevin Clement

Explore two diverse countries with outstanding biodiversity, culture, and stunning beauty. In Panama explore Soberania National Park, where we

look for scarlet macaws and blue-crowned motmots from atop a canopy tower, to the Panama Canal where, from a special excursion boat, we look for green iguanas and learn about the canal’s astonishing history. The volcanoes, rivers, and colonial towns of Nicaragua tempt us away and a special expedition highlight will be time spent in the Solentiname Archipelago. Here wildlife is abundant—380 species of birds; monkeys, crocodiles, sloths, iguanas, and Jesus Christ lizards live among the islands.

From Rate: Please inquire



### THE MALDIVES & INDIA WITH THE LAKSHADWEEPS AND SRI LANKA

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

December 1 – 18, 2012

This voyage combines the stunning natural beauty of the Maldives and Lakshadweep Islands with the rich cultural heritage of India, and the

lush beauty and amazing historic sites of Sri Lanka. We spend three full days in the warm, clear waters of the Maldives, where we snorkel and dive over healthy reefs teeming with fish. A two-day exploration of Kochi (Cochin) reveals a mélange of international influences and we board local houseboats for a cruise through Kochi’s backwaters. Then snorkel, dive, and explore pristine beaches in the remote Lakshadweep Islands. In Trivandrum we visit the village of Pongumoodu and its surrounding rubber plantations and enjoy a traditional martial arts demonstration. In Sri Lanka, we visit an elephant orphanage, plus the World Heritage Sites of the Temple of the Tooth and the port of Galle. Our voyage concludes in the dynamic city of Chennai.

*Optional post-voyage extension to Delhi, Taj Mahal, and Jaipur.*

**COMBO SAVINGS WITH BAY OF BENGAL & THE ANDAMAN SEA**

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### BAY OF BENGAL & THE ANDAMAN SEA: INDIA, MYANMAR, THAILAND, MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

Aboard *Clipper Odyssey*

December 14, 2012 –

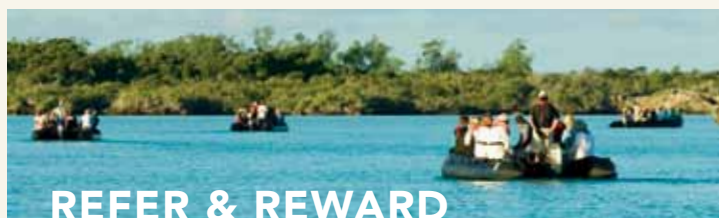
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Our Bay of Bengal and the

Andaman Sea expedition is filled with a tapestry of cultures and wondrous marine life. After touring Chennai, we set sail for the Andaman Islands which offer three days of exquisite snorkeling and nature walks. In fascinating Myanmar we visit ancient Bagan, home to over 2,000 pagodas and temples, and Yangon, for the Shwedagon Pagoda. Next it’s on to Thailand’s Similan Islands for snorkeling and birding excursions. In Malaysia, we visit beautiful Langkawi, a UNESCO designated Geopark, and two World Heritage Sites, Georgetown in Palau Panang and Malacca, a 14th-century port city ruled by Malaysian princes, the Portuguese, Dutch, British, and Japanese. From cooking demonstrations to snorkeling, lush gardens and waterfalls to gold-gilded temples—this itinerary tantalizes the senses from day one. *Optional pre-voyage extension to Delhi, Taj Mahal, and Jaipur.*

**COMBO SAVINGS WITH THE MALDIVES & INDIA**

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## CLIPPER ODYSSEY

110-Passenger | 335 Feet Long | Cabins Range From 175 – 310 sq ft  
Some Available With Balconies

**KEY FEATURES:** Saltwater swimming pool, aft deck for outside dining, and an always-open bridge.

# TAKING YOU THERE

## BY SEA & BY LAND

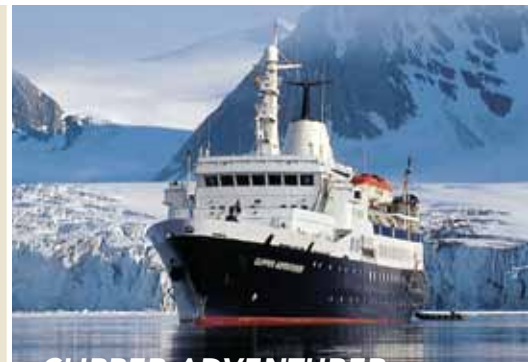
We design our expeditions to provide travelers with personal experiences in the most fascinating places on Earth. For our ship voyages we exclusively charter top quality vessels from the best fleets in the world, carefully matching each ship with specific regions and destinations.

Our land-based journeys often involve several modes of travel, from 4x4 vehicles and dugout canoes to planes and elephant back. The groups are limited in size—only 10 to 24 per departure—which presents excellent opportunities for close-up observation of birds and wildlife, as well as meaningful interactions with the local people.

## THE VESSELS WE CHARTER

The ships we exclusively charter range from elegant yachts to comfortable expedition vessels with ice-hardened hulls. These small ships, with a capacity range of 16 to 110 passengers, enable us to explore remote corners of the map and provide an in-depth look at some of the most amazing natural and cultural wonders in existence. Plus, traveling by ship offers the ultimate chance to relax by having to unpack only once and simply enjoy the moment at hand.

Although our chartered ships vary in their form and function, they all offer spacious and comfortable luxury, outside-view cabins, en suite facilities, fine cuisine, lecture rooms and/or lounges, and outside decks for amazing viewing opportunities.



## CLIPPER ADVENTURER

110-Passenger | 330 Feet Long | Ice-Hardened Hull  
Cabins Range from 120 – 275 sq ft

**KEY FEATURES:** Spacious lounge for lectures and outstanding top-deck views.



## ISABELA II

40-Passenger | 166 Feet Long | Cabins Range From  
130 – 170 sq ft

**KEY FEATURES:** Local Ecuadorian cuisine served as an option daily and a fleet of sea kayaks.



## LAND PROGRAMS

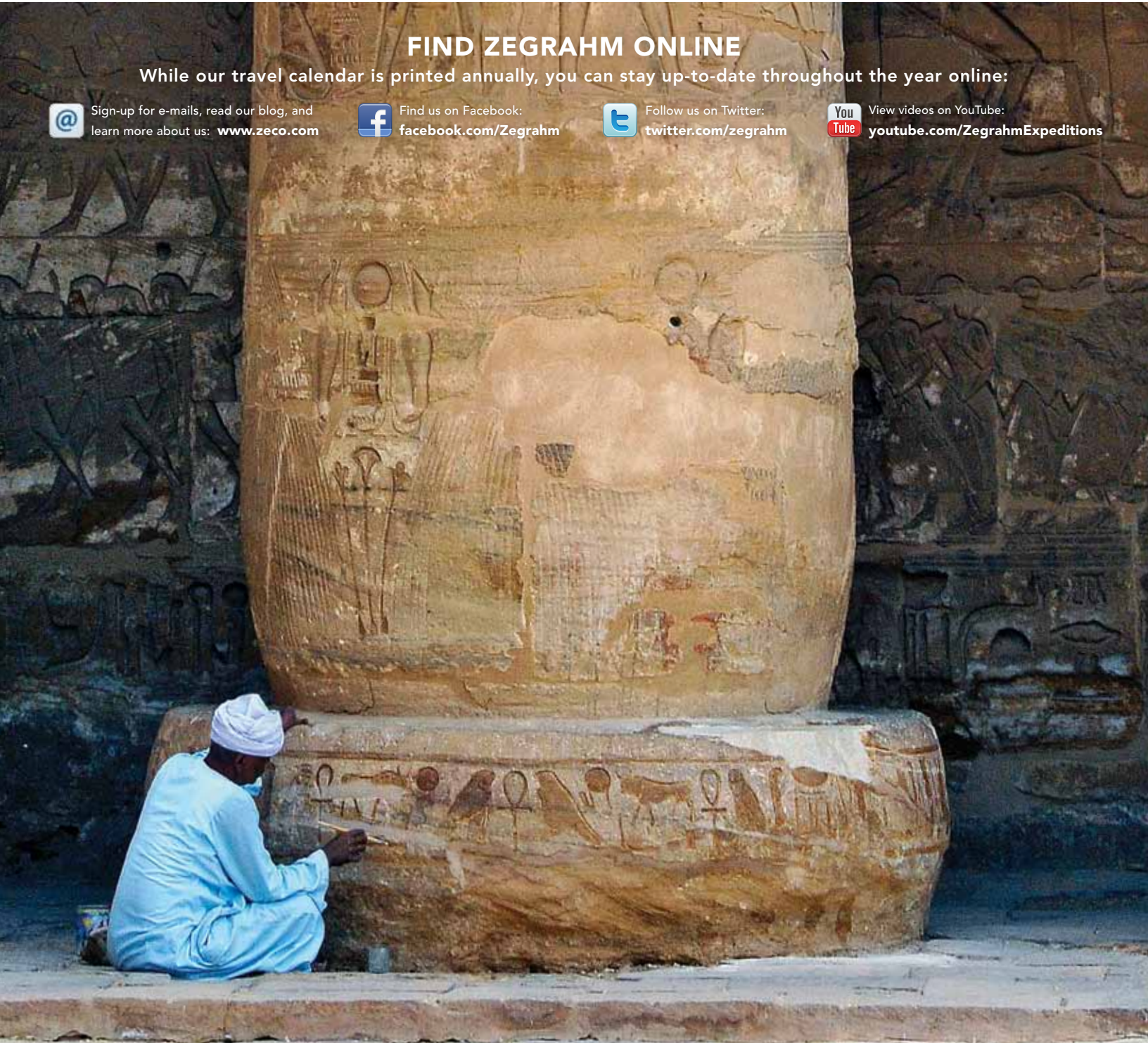
Travel in small groups by 4x4 vehicle, riverboat, plane, helicopter, elephant, camel, dugout canoe, or local transport and motorcoach



## PALAU AGGRESSOR II


16-Passenger | 106 Feet Long | Cabins Average 102 sq ft

**KEY FEATURES:** Dive deck with personal gear lockers and rinse tanks and a high-speed dive and snorkel skiff.




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