

# TRAVEL

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## TOURS & CRUISES

### BELGIUM AND FRANCE

#### WWI commemorative cruise

CroisiEurope, Europe's largest river-cruise operator, is honoring the 100th anniversary of World War I with a voyage on waterways through Belgium and France. The seven-day itinerary begins in Ostend, Belgium, with stops at the quaint city of Bruges; Diksmuide, where bloody wartime confrontations took place; and the Yser Tower Memorial, which houses a museum dedicated to war, peace and Flemish emancipation. Other highlights in Belgium include visits to the Memorial to the Missing in Kortrijk, the In Flanders Field Museum in Ypres, and Poperinge, one of two Belgian towns not to have been occupied by the Germans during WWI. In Arras, France, passengers will tour the Carrière Wellington museum, named after a network of tunnels used by the British and Commonwealth forces, to learn about the Battle of Arras. The cruise concludes in Lille, France.

**Dates:** Sept. 10. Reverse itinerary is available for travel Sept. 16.

**Price:** From \$1,809 a person. Includes onshore excursions and meals onboard ship. International airfare is not included.

**Info:** CroisiEurope, (800) 768-7232, [www.croisieuropevercruises.com](http://www.croisieuropevercruises.com).

— ANNE HARNAGEL

### KENYA AND TANZANIA

#### Cycling amid Africa's wildlife

See giraffes, zebras and elephants from a bicycle? That's part of the draw of a cycling tour from Kenya to Tanzania that offers an intimate look at some of western Africa's most iconic wild spots. The 16-day guided ride includes visits to the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Amboseli National Park in Kenya and wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. Britain-based Responsible Travel organizes the tour that starts in Nairobi, Kenya, and covers about 350 miles in 16 days before arriving at Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Participants ride for 12 days, mostly on dirt roads, to become more immersed in the lands through which they travel.

**Dates:** Tours start July 24 and Sept. 13. 2015 dates include June 13, July 2 and 21, and Aug. 9.

**Price:** \$3,928 a person, double occupancy. Includes ground transportation with support vehicle, most meals, accommodations and activities. International airfare is extra.

**Info:** Biking Holiday in Kenya & Tanzania, 011-44-1273-823-700.

— MARY FORGIONE

### INDIA

#### Jewish history and culture tour

A pastel-pink synagogue, a Jewish

Indian Shabbat dinner and visits to ancient Jewish cemeteries are among the highlights of Burkat Global's "3,000 Years of Jewish India" tour. The 14-day excursion begins in Mumbai, where participants will visit synagogues and other historic sites and take a private boat to tour more age-old synagogues on the Konkan Coast. It was here 2,000 years ago that Jews who had fled Israel were shipwrecked and began 200 centuries of Jewish life. From Mumbai, a short flight will take participants to Kochi, a.k.a. Cochin, where they will tour ancient Jewish spice markets, a Jewish cemetery and India's oldest synagogue, dating to 1568, as well as attend a Shabbat service. An excursion to centuries-old Muziris, which Jewish spice traders traveled to for 3,000 years, will provide an opportunity to work with archaeologists excavating Judaica and other artifacts.

**Date:** Jan. 26.

**Price:** \$7,995 a person, double occupancy. Includes accommodations, in-country transportation and transfers, daily breakfast, 21 lunches and dinners (tour meals are not kosher), sightseeing and entrance fees, Indian Jewish guides, and taxes and gratuities. International airfare is not included.

**Info:** Burkat Global, (914) 231-9023, [www.burkatglobal.com](http://www.burkatglobal.com).

— ANNE HARNAGEL

### NEPAL

#### Himalayas by helicopter

Get a close-up view of Mt. Everest and other Himalayan peaks on a tour of Nepal that includes travel in a private helicopter. Participants take hops from the capital city of Kathmandu to see elephants in Chitwan National Park and mountain villages around Pokhara during a 15-day tour of the Asian nation. Sightseeing begins in Kathmandu with three days exploring the city and nearby Pashupatinath to see the Lord Shiva temple, Boudhnath and Bhaktapur. From there it's on to the national park to see elephants, rhinoceros and other wildlife while staying at Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge. Other trip highlights include a three-day trek from Pokhara to mountain towns where participants visit schools, meet the locals and tour terraced farmlands in a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

**Dates:** The trip is available from Oct. 1 to April 30.

**Price:** \$10,965 a person, double occupancy; \$400 discount for those who reserve by Sept. 15. It includes helicopter transportation, accommodations, some meals and guided tours. International airfare is extra.

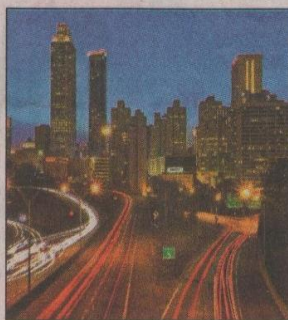
**Info:** Geringer Global Travel's Discover Nepal by Helicopter, (877) 255-7438, [www.bit.ly/1qJcrlN](http://www.bit.ly/1qJcrlN).

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## ATLANTA FOR \$286

Atlanta owes much of what it is today to the railroads, which made it a gateway. It can be your gateway to the city or the South as summer winds down and fall steps in with a \$286 round-trip fare from LAX on Southwest. The fare, which includes all taxes and fees, is subject to availability. There is no minimum stay. It is for travel Mondays-Thursdays and Saturdays from Aug. 25-Oct. 1. **Info:** (800) 435-9792, [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com)

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**SKYSCRAPERS** silhouette the evening sky in Atlanta.

## THE \$199 DEAL

Saving money in Maui? Is that possible? Here's a hotel deal that lets you do just that, but you must act quickly.

**The deal:** Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa has a summer/fall deal good for savings through Dec. 23. View rooms start at \$219 a night for stays through Aug. 17 and \$199 a night for stays Aug. 18-Dec. 23. This deal is non-refundable and must be prepaid and booked by Wednesday. Blackout dates are Nov. 22-26.

**Info:** Online bookings can be reserved with promo code JUNETZ at [www.sher.at/VTpIc7](http://www.sher.at/VTpIc7). To book by phone: (866) 716-8140 and request the TZSM1407 rate.

— TERRY GARDNER

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