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Finding Meaning in JORDAN

*A unique initiative gives
travelers and agents
a new way to support
local communities*

4 MUST-STAY
HOTELS IN
NEW ORLEANS

LOS CABOS'
UNDER-THE-RADAR
PARADISE

A BOUTIQUE
HIDEAWAY
IN TAIWAN



TOUR OPERATOR

Around the Globe

Five great tour ideas for clients

By Ben McBee

SOUTH AMERICA

To take advantage of high interest in travel to Brazil, **AVANTI DESTINATIONS** has introduced new custom tour options in Paraty, a small beach town backed by lush, jungle mountains. There, snorkeling and a schooner boat cruise to the bay islands give clients a great way to explore this lesser-known destination. Additionally, guests can visit Iguazu from the Brazil side of the falls, and stay in Casa Turquesa, a new accommodation option. (www.avanti-destinations.com)

MIDDLE EAST

A journey of faith awaits travelers who book a Christian pilgrimage group tour to Israel with **YALLA TOURS USA**. Departing Oct. 9 and open to Christians of any denomination, the trip includes visits to several Old Testament sites in and around Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and Masada. Highlights of the 10-day itinerary include a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a biblical-style lunch at Nazareth Village. The rate begins at \$4,045 per person. (www.yallatours.com)

AFRICA

COLLETTE recently announced a new lineup of food-focused tours around the world. One such offering takes clients to the bustling spice markets of Marrakech and Fez in Morocco. During the trip, an intimate lunch with locals and a cup of tea in a Berber family's home puts local hospitality on display. Travelers will also cook their own dishes while participating in a culinary workshop. The rate for the 11-day tour begins at \$2,449 per person. (www.gocollette.com)

ASIA

Clients with gluten-free diets can now take part in a new India itinerary with **PACIFIC DELIGHT TOURS**. Departing Sept. 21, this 12-day trip visits Old and New Delhi, the Taj Mahal in Agra and "the Pink City" of Jaipur. Travelers will be introduced to the local cuisine, which will incorporate wheat-flour substitutes such as chickpeas or lentils. A gluten-free cooking class is also a highlight. The rate for this trip starts at \$4,900 per person. (www.pacificdelighttours.com)

AUSTRALIA

Unlock the door to Australia's diverse heartland on a 10-day luxury adventure in the continent's Northern Territory with **AAT KINGS**. This trip will take travelers to Kakadu National Park, and other immersive cultural experiences illustrate the Aboriginal way of life. Guests will also see iconic, red desert sights such as the towering Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the sandstone domes of Kata Tjuta. The rate starts at \$4,515 per person, based on double occupancy. (www.aatkings.com)



Clients can learn how to reassemble a watch.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Keepers of Time

With its new nine-day Luxury Watchmakers Tour of Switzerland and Germany, travel service **ZICASSO** is giving a whole new meaning to the phrase "time travel." The tour takes travelers through the Swiss cities of Geneva, Montreux, Neuchatel, Bern, Basel and Zurich, as well as Germany's Black Forest region. Clients will learn about the history of watchmaking during a variety of excursions, including a visit to the world's largest cuckoo clock; a tour of Audemars Piguet Museum in Le Brassus; a stop at Zytglogge (Bern's astronomical clock), which inspired Albert Einstein in developing the theory of relativity; and a workshop that allows guests to reassemble watches under the guidance of expert clockmakers. The rate for this nine-day trip begins at \$4,499 per person, based on double occupancy. www.zicasso.com — Emma Weissmann