

YOUR ENCHANTING WORLD

Collection 2016



WELCOME

31 COUNTRIES, ONE VISION

How do you share the joy of travel? That was the question we asked ourselves twelve years ago.

We had just discovered a secret. That travel to exotic destinations could be transformative. With seamless support and local knowledge, it could also be authentic!

This thought led us to where we are today: a passionate company with an international presence and local expertise.

We are proud to unveil our 31 exotic destinations in our 2016 collection. Where do you want to go?

Your Enchanting World awaits!



Parik, Alex & Florian Managing Directors













WHY ENCHANTING TRAVELS ?



Private & Flexible

- 100% tailor-made trips based on your interests & wishes
- Free consultation with our destination expert to create your perfect personal itinerary
- Your support team on the ground: local guides, chauffeurs and private vehicles (varying by destination)



Safe & Reliable

- Dedicated trip coordinator on the ground & reachable 24/7
- Vehicles and chauffeurs tested for quality and safety by our own team
- 100% financial protection & \$150 million insolvency insurance



Authentic & Unique

- Go beyond the guidebooks with our handpicked local guides & insider tips
- Incredibly personalized experiences with genuine care
- Hassle-free travel without logistical worries

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Excellent Value

- No middlemen or hidden costs just honest & fair pricing
- Preferred partnerships & direct relationships for the best rates
- No forced shopping or commissions

Asia

Kaleidoscopic cultures, timeless spiritual traditions, stunning mountain peaks and lush tropical greenery all await you. Whether your journey takes you to the high-energy cities, temple-filled jungles or breathtaking beaches, Asia's attractions captivate, stimulate and invite our guests to return again and again.







Here we are at one of the many spots we visited with our lovely street food guide in Hanoi, Vietnam. This was our second trip with Enchanting Travels, after last year's journey to India, and, again, everything was perfect - from our trip planner, coordinator, and guides to the wonderful food, people, visual and performing arts, and natural beauty of this amazing country. (And the shopping was great, too). Enchanting Travels did an excellent job of working with Susan and me to accommodate our specialized interests. We look forward to our next adventure with the company."

David Pankratz & Susan Swarthout, USA Traveled Asia, July 2015

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Bhutan

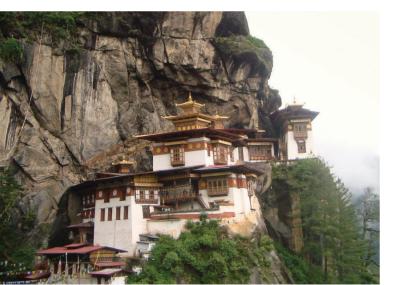
Land of the Thunder Dragon!

Are you ready to discover a mountain kingdom? Untouched by the forces of globalization, the culture and traditions of Bhutan have remained intact for centuries.

Religion and folklore have forged a harmonious existence with mountain monasteries, bearing witness to the immense natural and spiritual wealth of the land.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Feed monks-in-training in Gangtey
- A trip to Taktshang Lhakhang Monastery (Tiger's Nest)
- Go rafting, kayaking and inner tubing in Punakha





Cambodia

Alluring ancient temples, monks & soulful moments

Step back in time and head into the realm of gods, where elaborate temples emerge from a latticework of jungle vines and trees.

Enigmatic, stimulating and sometimes baffling, savor unforgettable fragrances and flavors, and find tranquility on tucked away beaches.

DID YOU KNOW?

• The UNESCO World Heritage site of Angkor Wat boasts so many temples because each king that ruled during the Khmer Empire had a temple built for them. This lasted until the 15th century!

India

Emperors & maharajahs rule

India is a land painted in a vivid palette of geographical and cultural contrasts, inspiring and intriguing visitors since Roman times.

From luxury tours to rugged trekking or deep relaxation, cultural immersion and more – the choices are as diverse as the subcontinent itself.

IT'S ENCHANTING!

- Street food experiences or dining with a maharajah
- Romancing at the Taj Mahal or on a houseboat
- Trailing the tiger





Laos

Land of a million elephants!

This landlocked country is home to a uniquely sophisticated combination of local and French colonial charm that invites romance and relaxation in equal measure.

Embark on a magical journey to beautiful mountains and unwind in nature's serene rhythms, or enjoy the charming cafés and chic boutiques and golden wats of the cities.

DON'T MISS!

- Observe the alms-giving process in Luang Prabang
- Discover the vibrant French charm of colonial Vientiane
- Explore ethnic tribe villages by foot or cycle

Maldives

Barefoot island luxury & adventure!

Cherish barefoot luxury! Imagine powdery white sand beaches, crystal blue waters, and coral reefs that form an intricate underwater paradise.

With all these delights, it's no wonder that the Maldives are a perennial choice for honeymooners, adventure seekers and sophisticated sun worshipers from all over the globe.

COMPLETE PRIVACY

One island for every hotel! Experience complete privacy as you go diving and snorkeling in crystal clear waters and witness an underwater world





Myanmar Timeless culture, glittering pagodas & raw nature

Experience a rare authenticity. Few travelers have set foot on the Road to Mandalay, making Myanmar a timeless enigma.

Until recently, this predominantly Buddhist country had shut itself off from the rest of the world. Beyond the headlines lies a Myanmar that will captivate you with its innumerable glittering pagodas.

MAGICAL MOMENTS

- Stand where Rudyard Kipling wrote the Road to Mandalay
- Gaze down at Bagan's temple treasures with a balloon ride
- See natural mystery at play with Inle Lake's floating gardens

Nepal *The Himalayan kingdom!*

A skyline dominated by some of the world's highest mountain peaks is synonymous with this Himalayan kingdom.

Nepal unveils a world both modern and ancient at times. There is also a lush spread of jungles and forested plains, which are home to majestic tigers and the one-horned rhinoceros.

NATURE'S BEST

- Lesser known Chitwan National Park boasts unique elephant safaris
- Take a truly tranquil trek to the World Peace Stupa
- The hypnotic Himalayas offer exhilarating walks in the clouds





Sri Lanka Tea treats, exotic beaches & temple temptations

Ancient cities, Dutch colonial architecture, archaeological wonders, and warm, hospitable people – this tear-shaped island has it all!

Experience all this and more, under the seemingly endless canopy of lush greenery and palm-fringed beaches.

ANCIENT WISDOM

Sri Lanka's beauty is intact due to its wise rulers and kingdoms of yore - from Anuradhapura or the ancient capital Polonnaruwa, to the Buddhist influence of Kandy.



Thailand

Cultural city sprints to sandy beaches!

Thailand boasts fascinating culture and art, interesting architecture, scintillating nightlife and some of the world's most delectable cuisine.

Explore streets filled with friendly faces and gilded monasteries resounding with chants. Equally enthralling are the seemingly endless stretches of white-sand beaches.

IT'S ENCHANTING!

- Bangkok has been voted the world's best city for four years in a row by leading magazine Travel + Leisure
- Visit the Golden Triangle where you can see three countries -Laos, Myanmar & Thailand from one viewpoint!



Vietnam

Royal dynasties, mighty cruises & floating markets

Discover a landscape that echoes with ancient wonders and French colonial influence.

From the joy of witnessing pastoral life and simple fishing villages to breathtaking scenery and the world famous Mekong River with its floating markets, Vietnam is ideal for a traveler with a pilgrim's soul.

DON'T MISS!

- Explore the floating markets on Can Tho (Mekong Delta)
- Spend time with ethnic people in the stunning Sapa Valley
- Overnight cruise on the jewel-studded waters of grotto brimming Halong Bay!



Many travel companies plan all the details of sightseeing in advance, and if guests are not so keen on the program we have to check with the company if we can change or add to the itinerary. At Enchanting Travels I can take such decisions myself and this flexibility works out much better for our guests.

NARENDER SINGH RATHORE Local Guide, *India*



I love working for Enchanting Travels as it is a thoroughly professional travel company. Enchanting Travels has high quality and systematic tour programs compared to other companies in Myanmar.

ZIN ZIN Local Guide, *Myanmar*



I love the fact that Enchanting Travels ensures every moment of your holiday is spent doing exactly what you want to do on a holiday.

RANJANA KISHINANI Travel Consulting Manager, *Asia*



Africa

Africa brings unforgettable moments: adventures around a roaring campfire, the awe-inspiring wildebeest stampede of the Great Migration, a magical gorilla encounter, equatorial snowcapped mountains and romantic nights under swaying palms by the Indian Ocean. Enjoy a riverbank picnic by a family of hippos or dine under the candlelit glow on your private veranda!





66 We chose Enchanting Travels for a Kenya, South Africa and Botswana trip. We will not hesitate to rely on them in the future. Everyone from start to finish was informative and dependable. Enchanting Travels even surprised us with an awesome dinner experience for just the two of us for our 20th wedding anniversary. We just came back from a game drive and a table was set up on our tent porch with table cloths, tiki torches, wine/champagne and full course dinner. Made us feel so special. THANK YOU."

Sherrie & Steven, USA Traveled Africa, August 2015

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Botswana

Experience wild wilderness

Become spellbound by Botswana's diverse experiences, where the wildlife is free to roam without restriction and home to some of Africa's most luxurious and exclusive camps.

Dominated by Kalahari Desert with its seasonal water sources and vast salt pans, the most famous safari area is the varied wetlands of Okavango Delta.

DON'T MISS!

- Stunning wildlife encounters during day and night game drives
- Floating down waterways in a traditional mokoro canoe
- Meeting bushmen in the Kalahari Salt Pans





Kenya Masai Mara & flamingos await!

Kenya is the classic safari experience as you sleep in the bush under African skies and sip a sundowner by your campfire.

Admire thousands of flamingos at one of Kenya's soda lakes or take a walking safari with local ethnic peoples. Cruise on the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean to secluded pristine islands.

IT'S ENCHANTING!

- Witness the two million strong Great Migration of wildebeest
- Experience a balloon safari over picturesque Masai Mara
- Visit a local Masai village and learn the ways and wisdoms of their community

Lesotho

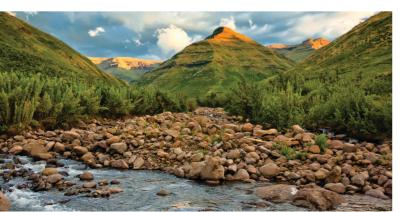
Kingdom in the sky

Discover crisp, pure air in an invigorating climate. Ringed by mountains, the country sits over one thousand meters above sea level and has a mystical appeal with relics of time gone by.

Get off the beaten track and encounter the Basotho people, who still live traditional, simple lives.

WHY NOT?

- Head out along beautiful hiking trails, through rivers, forests, hills and valleys
- Enjoy horseriding through mountainous paths and remote villages, in a country that takes great pride in its horseriding tradition
- Explore some of Africa's most beautiful mountain scenery, caves and stunning waterfalls





Malawi Africa's warm heart

With fertile lands, stunning landscapes and friendly people, Malawi provides a truly authentic African experience.

Discover vibrant green tea plantations and highland wilderness experiences. Lake Malawi, the Lake of Stars, is a haven for watersports and pure relaxation.

NATURE'S BEST

- Relax on Lake Malawi's stunning beach and enjoy snorkeling in its crystal waters
- Trek up the Zomba Plateau on foot or on horseback
- Cycle or walk in the beautiful tea plantations of the Shire Highlands

Mauritius

Tropical bliss awaits

Mauritius is a haven for tropical bliss. Enjoy the heavenly – and often secluded – beautiful white, sandy beaches and turquoise waters found in Belle Mare, Blue Bay and Baie du Tamarin.

Embrace the wildlife and unique forests of Black River Gorges National Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

The botanical gardens of Pampelmousses contains a collection of exotic plants, such as the talipot palm tree that blooms only once in 60 years.





Mozambique *Jewel of luxury*

Mozambique's pristine islands with their endless white beaches and small boutique lodges are becoming increasingly popular, yet the country's interiors remain an adventure!

There are three national parks offering various wilderness experiences. Our favorite hidden jewel is Gorongosa National Park with its raw wildlife.

IT'S ENCHANTING!

- Enjoy snorkeling and diving along the coral reefs of the Indian Ocean
- Go island-hopping and discover the sand dunes of the Bazaruto Archipelago
- Discover the rich cultural history of Ilha De Mozambique and sail along its coast

Namibia

Skeleton Coast & more

From the Namib Desert to the Central Plateau divided between rugged mountain ranges and sand-filled valleys, and the vast Kalahari Desert, Namibia is ideal for the intrepid traveler.

For a predominantly arid country, Namibia boasts one of the greatest and unique wildlife populations in the world.

DON'T MISS!

- Etosha National Park with its unique wildlife population
- Cape Cross on the Skeleton Coast for one of the largest seal reserves in the world
- At least 11 major ethnic groups that can be witnessed in dress, language, art, music and food





Rwanda Land of a thousand hills

Best known for its wealth of primates, Rwanda is home to the endangered mountain gorillas and some wonderful hiking spots.

Look into the caldera of a volcano and visit traditional fishing villages along Lake Kivu, with their breathtaking views of the mountains in Congo.

PRIMATE PLEASURES

- Experience the thrill of a gorilla trek in Volcanoes National Park
- Walk along the mighty Nyungwe Forest, discovering its abundance of birdlife and primates, including cheeky chimpanzees
- Visit the grave of renowned gorilla researcher Dian Fossey

Seychelles

Simply island paradise

Experience your own island paradise on one of the Seychelles' hundred islands that are scattered across the Indian Ocean and thousands of miles from anywhere.

Discover a lush wilderness of pristine palm-fringed beaches, unspoiled coral reefs, powdery white sand, and a gentle turquoise sea that meets an azure sky.

BEACH BLISS

- Head out snorkeling around the diverse island of St Pierre
- Head out on a fishing excursion to catch some of the Indian Ocean's most prized fish
- Explore the inner forests of the islands and their magnificent birdlife





South Africa Vineyards & urban chic

From the vast empty spaces in the Karoo and Little Karoo to the scorched plains of the Kalahari Desert, to exploring bustling cosmopolitan cities, there's plenty to see and do in South Africa.

The country is a great self-drive destination and we encourage you to include at least some self-drive elements in your South African vacation.

OUR SUGGESTIONS

- Experience game drives and bush walks in the exclusive private reserves of Kruger National Park
- Stroll down the beautiful beaches and around scenic towns along the Garden Route
- Enjoy cosmopolitan Cape Town with its wonderful cuisine and the nearby winelands

Tanzania

Kilimanjaro & spice islands

Tanzania is a classic African safari destination! Experience for yourself the snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, and witness the millions of migrating wildebeest during your Serengeti adventure.

If you are more adventurous, you can easily get away from the beaten path and head to smaller national parks.

DON'T MISS!

- Witness the two million strong Great Migration of wildebeest
- Witness the iconic landscapes of northern Tanzania, including Mount Kilimanjaro and Ngorongoro Crater
- To finish? It has to be the mystical spice islands of Zanzibar!





Uganda Natural encounters

Uganda boasts ever-changing views - from the the iconic African savannah to snow-capped mountains and picturesque villages. There are also tea plantations, breathtaking volcanoes and countless lakes.

The highlight of your trip to Uganda is always the opportunity of a close encounter with chimpanzees and endangered mountain gorillas.

HIDDEN GEMS

- Experience close encounters with gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest
- Visit the chimpanzees of Kibale National Park
- Head out on safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Cruise along Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, or visit the stunning, wild Nile River



Zimbabwe *Behold the majestic Victoria Falls!*

Zimbabwe guarantees you an exclusive and peaceful safari experience. Enjoy close encounters with elephants, lions and leopards on a game drive in Hwange.

Gaze in awe at the most breathtaking sight of the renowned Victoria Falls.

ZIMBABWE ZEAL!

- Experience some of Africa's best guiding including walking safaris.
- Gaze down at the breathtaking Victoria Falls
- Enjoy scenic wildlife viewing from a boat or a canoe in Lake Kariba or the Mana Pools



Zambia Walk on the wild side

Get away from the crowds and experience intimate little camps in beautiful and remote reserves. Alongside Zimbabwe, Zambia has some of the best safari guides in Africa, offering offbeat outdoor activities, including exciting walking safaris.

Plus you can experience a sensational Victoria Falls tour at Livingstone!

WILD TREATS

- Visit the majestic Victoria Falls
- Experience the thrill of a walking safari in South Luangwa National Park
- Cruise down the Lower Zambezi in a canoe safari



Rich in culture, wildlife, amazing scenery, beautiful beaches, Africa is the place to be. There is more to this world than meets the eye. Open your heart and mind, to truly experience each and every place you visit.

EVALYNE NYAMBURA/MUNGA Senior Trip Coordinator, *Southern Africa*



In pursuit of love, life and adventure, always carry an open mind with you. The world is waiting to talk to you through people, experiences and nature, wherever you go.

JOYCE RAICHENAH Senior Travel Consultant, *Africa*



The ability to be a part of planning a treasured moment in my guests' lives and to make their dream trip a reality is what makes me love what I do!

JEAN AVIS MAKENA Trip Coordination, Trip Design & Reservations Manager, *Africa*



After researching about five or six different travel companies offering trips to Peru / Machu Picchu, my husband and I chose Enchanting Travels and are so thrilled we did! It definitely offered the most value. They were immediately responsive and eager to customize and accommodate to our ideas. Always available to chat and fit everything we wanted to do within our budget and available time. A trip coordinator is with you every step of the way. It was so nice to pay one bill and have everything accounted for - private transfers, hotels, excursions, tour guides, etc. We just had to show up and have a great time. I would say that this particular trip combined relaxation, adventure, and culture in equal measures and that was exactly what we were looking for. An incredible experience and we will absolutely return to Enchanting Travels for our next trip!"

Meagan Hollerith, USA

Traveled South America, August 2015







South America

South America offers a vast mosaic of cultures, traditions and landscapes that have fascinated travelers for centuries. It's a captivating continent that invokes all the senses. Experience this inspiring and mesmerizing destination for a lifetime of cherished memories.

Argentina

Rustic countryside & urban sophistication

From the earthy charms of the rugged gauchos to the elegant allure of Buenos Aires' tango artists, Argentina captivates and impresses with an incredible mixture of landscapes, influences, and attractions.

WHY NOT?

- Live like a local in Buenos Aires, exploring neighborhoods, restaurants, and street side cafés
- Trek on the ice of the Perito Moreno glacier in Patagonia
- Get soaked while exploring the roaring Iguazu Falls





Bolivia

Mystic culture, rich heritage & natural beauty!

Geographically, Bolivia is one of the most varied nations in South America, featuring extreme high-altitude mountains, colonial cities, fertile plains and biologically diverse tropical rainforests.

Unlock the mysteries of the Incas and other pre-Columbian cultures, and learn about the Pachamama.

BEST OF BOLIVIA

- Breathtaking white infinity at Uyuni, the world's largest salt flats
- The quirky witches' market in La Paz
- Death Road mountain biking to Coroico

Brazil

Carnival fever & beach beauties

From energetic exuberance to moments of pampering and solitude surrounded by deep blue waters, Brazil is perfect for elite adventurers.

Gain a Brazilian perspective to the wondrous roaring rapids of Puerto Iguazu, or unwind on idyllic coconut-lined beach paradises along the coast.

OUR SUGGESTIONS

- Ride up the dramatic Corcovado and Sugarloaf Mountains in Rio de Janeiro for stunning panoramas
- Explore small fishing villages along the coast, and enjoy secluded beaches in Picinguaba
- Dine under the stars and explore colorful Portuguese colonial heritage in romantic Paraty





Chile Poetic landscapes & vibrant nightlife

With high-altitude deserts, glacial fields, the mysterious Easter Island, and scenic vineyards, Chile transforms cynics into romantics, and politicians into poets!

On offer are charming seaside towns, lushly forested fjords, the driest desert in the world, and the glittering nightlife of Santiago, meaning that narrowing down the choices of what to see is the hardest part!

CHILEAN TREATS

- Explore the magical panorama of Atacama Desert
- Experience the most iconic scenery of Patagonia in Torres del Paine National Park
- Meander through the painted side streets and alleys in bohemian coastal Valparáiso

Ecuador & Galápagos

Natural bounty & panoramic splendor

Indigenous heritage, Spanish colonial flair, gorgeous handicrafts and delicious cuisine combine with biodiversity in the Amazon rainforest to make Ecuador perfect for visitors with varied tastes.

For your ultimate Darwinian wildlife experience, Ecuador is the perfect springboard for a Galápagos cruise!

STEP BACK IN TIME

- Explore centuries of colonial history in beautiful Quito
- Get up close to the curious creatures of the Galápagos Islands and discover what inspired young Charles Darwin to revolutionize science
- Stay at an authentic hacienda tucked in the mountains near Otavalo or Cotopaxi





Peru

Lost cities & lush Amazonian forests

Most renowned for the lost citadel of Machu Picchu and the captivating Andes Mountains, there is much to be experienced in Peru.

It's a land of parched deserts, lush Amazonian rainforests, and world-famous cuisine. History, culture, and architecture await in Lima, Arequipa and Cusco, while wild nature inspires in the Andes and the Amazon.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow in the footsteps of ancient civilizations on the Inca trail to Machu Picchu
- Charming Cusco delights with romantic Spanish colonial architecture and narrow, cobbled streets
- Explore the rainforest in a beautiful nature lodge during a luxurious Amazon River cruise

Uruguay

Sultry beaches & starry nights

Uruguay provides a world of carefree glamor! There's the rustic simplicity of gaucho culture to the generations of jetsetters, who have made their stylish mark along the beaches of Punta Del Este.

Enjoy a taste of the good life with centuries-old estancias, boutique vineyards and coastal mansions that dot the landscape.

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll the cobbled streets of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Colonia del Sacramento
- Rub elbows with celebrities on Punta del Este's beaches
- Relax and enjoy boho-chic luxury in the hip beach town Jose Ignacio
- Peruse the antique markets or ramble along the river in cool capital Montevideo





To me, traveling means, perhaps contradictorily, to shorten distances and to connect dots. At the end of each journey, I am convinced yet again that there is no better place for me than my home in Argentina.

NICOLE HEYNEN Local Guide, *Argentina*



I'm very proud and happy to share my country and continent with people from all over the world!

INGRID VULTORIUS Destination Manager, *South America*



I adore sharing my travel experiences with others and I look forward to assisting you during your trip!

AMELIA EDWARDS Assistant Trip Coordination Manager, South America





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Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Ecuador/Galapagos Peru Uruguay

South America

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Africa

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Bhutan



Meet Our Team

A melting pot of cultures with distinctly individual outlooks on life, we are an exotic and unique mix. Across our destinations, some of us are homegrown whilst others have been imported! But you'll notice that we all share a true passion for travel.

Together we hold a varied career history, from corporate lawyers, bankers and journalists to teachers and even dance instructors!

Our shared passion for travel has led us all to Enchanting Travels. Our mission is to offer our guests 100% enchanting experiences.

Our team is located in our offices across the United States, Germany, India, Kenya and Argentina. This allows us to personally support you from the beginning to the end of your journey and ensure a high level of quality, consistency and service throughout your experience. We work around the clock to make your trip to Asia, Africa or South America unforgettable!







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