



ENSEMBLE[®] HOT LIST

Top Picks in Africa, Asia and Australasia

There are so many exotic destinations to choose across these three continents - they represent two thirds of the globe's land area, so any choice will be very personal. To help spark ideas on what just may be your trip of a lifetime, here are ten hot trip suggestions:

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1 FIJI: ISLAND HOPPING



Fiji is made up of over 300 South Pacific islands of which over 100 are inhabited. It's the perfect destination to island hop at island speed on the local ferry services between paradise islands of perfect beaches and laid-

back Polynesian culture. Passes allow you to travel for anywhere between 5 and 21 days on regular boats between the islands. Leave your watch behind!

Fly with Fiji Airways from Vancouver from \$1,363 return

2 MOROCCO: SOUK AND DESERT

Discover historic cities, a culturally rich people, multi sensual souks and breathtaking landscapes on this tour of the famous cities of Casablanca, Fez, Rabat and most exotic of all - Marrakech. Experience a taste of the Sahara and stay in a traditional



Bedouin encampment amidst a sea of red sand dunes. This small group itinerary is led by a local English-speaking guide and is exclusively for travellers from Canada.

Travel with Transat Discoveries Magical Morocco 12 day tour from \$2689 including flights

3 CHINA: FAMILY ADVENTURE



Have you wanted to visit China forever, but thought you would need to wait until the kids were grown? Think again. This tour is crafted to mix touring and experiential elements with first class accommodations and experienced local guidance to

ensure that families have a safe yet mesmerizing trip through this fascinating country. Highlights include: the Great Wall of China near Beijing, the Terra Cotta Army in Xian, the terraced rice paddies of Longshen and Shanghai via the Li River.

Travel with Kensington Tours National Geographic Winning China Family Adventure, 12 days from \$3,995

4 FRENCH POLYNESIA: SOUTH SEAS BLISS

If Mother Nature and the Human Spirit ever conspired to create heaven on earth, it is here in these island jewels scattered across the South Pacific. Start in Tahiti, the mother island; sail to Huahine, the 'Garden Island'; spend a day on a private islet paradise off the coast of Taha'a; explore dramatic Bora Bora; and discover Moorea, my vision of a perfect tropical island; before closing the loop back to Tahiti. All aboard the m/s Paul Gauguin, which is designed to sail the shallow seas around these island gems.



Travel with Paul Gauguin Cruises Tahiti & Society Islands 7 night cruise from \$4,895





5 TASMANIA: TASMANIAN DEVILS



This is a very special island at the end of the world and it's my favourite Australian destination. It has the same relationship to the rest of the country as Newfoundland has to Canada. It's a wild, spectacular landscape peopled by exceptionally friendly folk. But the truly unique factor here is the weird and wonderful wildlife, which includes the duck-billed platypus, the echidna and yes, the Tasmanian Devil.

Go with Trafalgar's Best of Tasmania Tour 13 days which includes an opportunity to see a Tasmanian Devil; from \$4,525

7 SOUTH AFRICA: SABI SANDS



Get close to nature in tooth and claw...without having to rough it. Sabi Sands embraces a group of luxury private game lodges deep in the African bushveld, adjacent to Kruger National Park. It is a 'hotspot' of biodiversity, supporting 47 large mammal species including the 'Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo), as well as cheetah and wild dog. Highly trained rangers and trackers ensure that your safari experience ranks amongst the best in the world. This tour includes culinary and wine experiences in the Cape Wine Region to create a perfectly balanced itinerary.

Travel with Big Five Tours South Africa Enrichment Tour 13 days from \$16,599

8 MALAYSIA: JUNGLE AND MOUNTAIN



Kilimanjaro's summit is yesterday's news: for the peak-baggers, this two day mountain hike in Borneo to the top of Southeast Asia's highest peak earns more bragging rights. From dripping jungle you ascend Mount Kinabalu through mysterious cloud forest to bare rock faces and Alpine tundra at over 14,000 feet - experiencing almost every terrestrial eco-system and very few fellow trekkers.

Go with G Adventures Borneo-Sabah Adventure 10 day tour including Mount Kinabalu from \$1,999

9 AUSTRALIA: CORAL PRINCESS

A visit to the Great Barrier Reef off Australia's northeast coast is on many a bucket list. But day trip excursions from the mainland are not enough to fully experience this undersea realm. So I recommend the small ship, fifty passenger Coral Princess Cruises. You explore beyond the reach of the busy day tour groups in the company of a Marine Biologist. Awaken each morning at exclusive reef moorings, with colourful coral gardens and secluded tropical islands right outside your window.



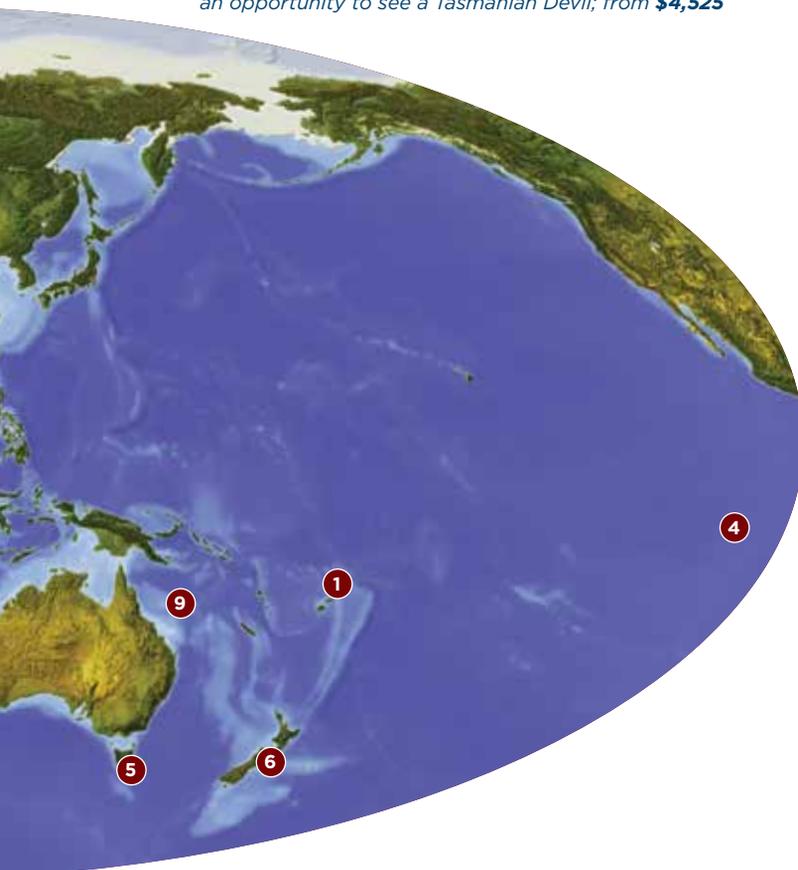
Travel with Kensington Tours Great Barrier Reef Marine Life Cruise 10 Days from \$3,819

10 VIETNAM: SPA ALL INCLUSIVE



Fusion Maia Da Nang is set on the golden shores of My Khe Beach in central Vietnam, near three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This innovative resort is the first in Asia to include all spa treatments in the standard room rate - from mud facials to full massage to yoga and meditation. You can have spa treatments next to your private zero edge pool. It's the perfectly balanced retreat for mind, body, and soul.

Ask your Ensemble Vacation Specialist to create a personalized package for you!



6 NEW ZEALAND: LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD



Perhaps nowhere else on our planet can you find such a wonderful mix of landscapes. From sub-tropical beaches and archipelagoes to glaciers and fjords. From great forests to fertile rolling plains. And from geothermal phenomena to wine growing terroir. Experience it all on excursions from a luxury cruise ship on the Pacific Ocean.

Travel with Crystal Cruises New Zealand Discovery 11 days cruise on the Crystal Symphony November 13 - 24, 2014 from \$4,480

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