



## Around the World with Geoffrey Kent: An Inspiring Expedition by Private Jet 2021

**26 days from £130,000 per person**  
**Limited to 48 guests**

Venture far off-the-beaten-path on this one-of-a-kind, globe-spanning adventure. Geoffrey Kent has designed this Inspiring Expedition to include several places he's visiting for the first time. It will reveal every destination through the kind of insider-access opportunities only possible when you travel with A&K. Dine in a 400-year-old samurai fortress; experience a private neighbourhood party hosted by a celebrity chef in Hanoi; watch a voodoo ceremony, put just for you. Join A&K's pioneering Founder, along with a hand-picked tour management team and dedicated flight crew onboard a chartered 757 with first-class, fully lie-flat seats, to circle the globe to discover one awe-inspiring destination after another.

### Features of this Private Jet Journey

- Itinerary designed and hosted by A&K Founder Geoffrey Kent
- Authentic insider access and exclusive experiences made possible by A&K's unrivalled local expertise
- English-Speaking tour director, tour managers and local guides throughout
- Chartered Boeing 757 with fully lie-flat, first-class seats with a dedicated crew and executive chef
- Hand-selected, one-of-a-kind accommodation
- A choice of activities in select destinations with A&K's Design Your Day®
- Physician and photographer throughout the entire journey
- Travelling Bell Boy® luggage handling service
- Traveller's Valet® complimentary mid-journey laundry service
- All meals with beverages, including custom-crafted culinary experiences and festive local entertainment
- White-glove passport and visa handling service
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary internet access (where available)
- 24/7 A&K on-call support

### A&K Advantages

- Be the first to enjoy an exclusive tea ceremony in resplendent Kenroku-en Garden
- Cruise the Irrawaddy River with daily visits to remote villages, authentic workshops and pagodas
- Celebrate Vietnamese hospitality and culture with a local neighbourhood festival just for you
- Take part in a Baci ceremony, and then pursue your choice of pastimes in the tropical Maldives
- Visit the site of an ancient city, still mostly unexcavated
- Attend an authentic 'Vodoun' (voodoo) ceremony arranged just for you
- Explore the Lençóis Maranhenses National Park on the activity of your choice
- Celebrate your adventure with a Mardi Gras-themed gala

# Itinerary

## 14 OCT 2021 SEATTLE | A WARM WELCOME

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel Seattle, where you meet your tour leadership team and fellow guests over cocktails and dinner.

Four Seasons Hotel Seattle | Meals: Dinner

## 15-19 OCT 2021 JAPAN | GEISHA & SAMURAI

Board your private jet for your flight to Kanazawa, Japan's hidden cultural gem, crossing the International Dateline en route. Drive to the newly opened Hyatt Centric, set in the heart of Kanazawa City. Meet with one of the world's foremost experts on Japan for a briefing before setting out on a day of discovery that includes a sushi experience in the Omicho Market. Visit the Kenroku-en Garden, led by the chief garden designer, and finish with a private tea ceremony in the garden, which has never been done before. Continue to the Nagamachi District to see the homes of former samurai, and visit the Ohi Ware studio, where the 350-year-old style of pottery is produced. One evening, enjoy an exclusive dinner at Kanazawa Castle, a privilege generally reserved for heads of state. Join your expert Japanologist in the Shirakawago Valley for a unique look at samurai culture, or opt for a refreshing hike. Then, transfer for a two-night stay at the historic Matsuno-Midori Ryokan in the famed Wakura Onsen region. It's considered Japan's finest ryokan. Savour the rare opportunity to dine at the sacred Ketataisha Shrine, welcomed with a performance of a Shinto dance, and experience a private Kabuki performance, an arrangement not possible anywhere else in Japan.

Hyatt Centric Kanazawa or Matsuno-Midori Ryokan | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## 20-23 OCT 2021 MYANMAR | LIFE ALONG THE IRRAWADDY

Fly to magical Myanmar and board the luxurious Sanctuary Ananda for a four-night cruise along the Irrawaddy River, going ashore daily to explore remote towns, authentic workshops and pagodas. Visit a tiny village that specializes in farming and hat making, witnessing local life in an unspoiled setting seldom viewed by outsiders. While on-site, experience chinlone, or caneball, the traditional fast-moving sport of Myanmar. Disembark at the hamlet of Myin Mu to roam the local market by trishaw, picking out fresh ingredients for an afternoon onboard cooking demonstration. During a morning visit to a temple in Bagan, witness a unique ceremony during which young male novices become members of the Buddhist order as ordained monks. In Bagan, behold the magnificent golden Shwezigon Pagoda, said to house relics of Gautama Buddha; and then board horse carts for a ride through the plains of Sulamani Temple. Stop at Ananda Temple as well and visit a lacquerware workshop to view traditional methods of production. Enjoy a candlelit dinner on the banks of the Irrawaddy, followed by an elephant dance performance. Capture a birds-eye view of the Bagan plain on an early morning hot-air balloon ride, followed by a Champagne breakfast.

Sanctuary Ananda or Pandaw Kanee | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## 24-26 OCT 2021 VIETNAM | HANOI & HALONG BAY

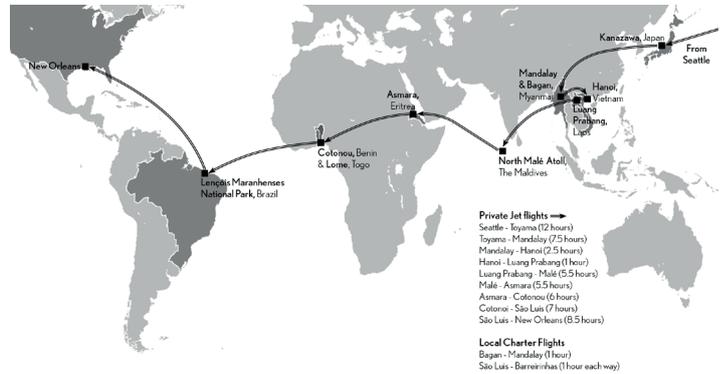
Your journey continues as you jet to Hanoi, Vietnam. Celebrate your arrival at a festive street party in a local neighbourhood. Engage with the residents, sample traditional foods, meet local artisans and even have your fortune told. Board a helicopter for a flight to magnificent Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch in the rice paddies of a small rural village and then experience the wonders of the bay, sipping cocktails and Champagne aboard a private boat as you cruise among the more noted grottoes and islands. The next morning, tour Hanoi's famous landmarks, including Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the magnificent Temple of Literature and Hoa Lo Prison, nicknamed "Hanoi Hilton" by prisoners of the Vietnam War, followed by lunch and a meeting with veterans from both sides of the conflict. The afternoon is yours to enjoy the Design Your Day activity of your choosing: Discover local life up close on a Vespa or cyclo excursion; cycle around the West Lake; go shopping on an ethical artisan's tour; or visit a private art and artefacts collection, hosted by the curator. Alternatively, choose a cooking class with celebrity chef Duong. Visit him at his restaurant to learn how to make spring rolls and other Vietnamese specialities, which you then enjoy. In the evening, join your fellow guests for cocktails and a private dinner at the stunning Hanoi Opera House.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## 27-29 OCT 2021 LAOS & THE MALDIVES | TIME IN THE TROPICS

Reunite with your private jet crew this morning for the short flight to Luang Prabang, Laos. Transfer to Wat That Luang for a blessing by monks, and then continue by tuk-tuk to a former royal residence. Here, meet with artisans and specialists for a private exhibit of ethnic textiles, followed by lunch and a traditional Baci welcoming ceremony. Then, fly to the beautiful Maldives, landing in the capital of Malé. Board speed boats for the 30-minute ride to your resort home for the next three days of unhurried leisure. Maldives Islands is an archipelago comprising 1,190 low-lying coral islands scattered across the equator, in groups of 26 naturally occurring atolls. Described as "the flower of the Indies" by Marco Polo, the unique and unspoiled islands are a tropical paradise of year-round sunshine, swaying palm trees and pure white beaches surrounded by crystalline lagoons of varying shades of blue. From the comfort of your luxurious surroundings, enjoy an irresistible mixture of secluded serenity, thrilling water sports activities, soothing spas and relaxing beaches. Over the next three relaxing days, experience the breadth and beauty of the Maldives' landscape and culture, choosing from a variety of Design Your Day activities such as diving, fishing, kayaking at sunrise, snorkelling or cruising among dolphins, as well as a cooking class or a pampering spa treatment.

Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



### 30 & 31 OCT 2021 ERITREA | ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS

Leave Asia behind as you fly to Asmara, capital city of Eritrea and a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its eclectic modernist and Art Deco architecture. Once you've arrived and settled into your accommodations, enjoy a lecture on the history of Eritrea over coffee at the fabulously detailed former opera house, now Theatre Asmara. Then, set out on a guided architectural tour of the city for up-close looks at some contemporary classics: including the Fiat Tagliero building, a futuristic old fuel station resembling an aeroplane poised to fly; the Casa del Fascio (currently the Ministry of Education headquarters); and the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, thought to be one of the finest Lombard-Romanesque-style churches outside Italy, built-in 1923 to a classical Italian design. Afterwards, take in the rhythm and flavour of daily life with a visit to a bustling food and craft market, where you browse the stalls elbow-to-elbow with locals. This evening, gather for a special cocktail reception with some of Eritrea's dignitaries.

Hotel Asmara Palace | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### 1-3 NOV 2021 BENIN | MYSTERIES OF VODOUN

Cross the heart of the African continent en route to Benin's capital of Cotonou, where you are greeted with a rousing display of traditional drumming, singing and dancing. At Ouidah, one of the epicentres of African Vodoun, known in the West as Voodoo, tour the temple dedicated to the sacred python, which is believed to bestow vitality and protection. Delve deeper into the realm of Vodoun, a religion born in West Africa that migrated to the Americas with the slave trade. Attend an authentic Vodoun ceremony, and then roam through the Sacred Forest and Foundation Zinsou, a modern museum of contemporary art. Visit the historical Museum of Ouidah located in an old Portuguese fort built in 1721, its exhibits frankly recounting Benin's role in the Atlantic slave trade. Then explore Ganvie, a sensational village on water commonly referred to as the Venice of West Africa. A band and a dance troupe welcome you as you arrive. Watch as vendors in dugout canoes piled high with wares transact commerce. Take some time to shop the floating market, and then settle in for a relaxing canoe ride on the waterways of this exotic 300-year-old village. Also, travel out of Benin for a day to Lome, Togo, to take in its distinctive markets, national museum and Independence Square.

Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### 4-6 NOV 2021 BRAZIL | WHITE SANDS & BLUE WATERS

Set out across the Atlantic to São Luis International Airport in Brazil, where you board a small aircraft for a scenic flight over the Lençóis Maranhenses National Park Dunes to Barreirinhas, your home for the next three nights. Explore its incomparable landscapes of white dunes dotted with greenish-blue ponds of crystal-clear waters, stopping for a delicious seafood lunch. Later, enjoy sundowners and dinner with lively musical entertainment. Pursue the Design Your Day activity of your choice the next day: You may wish to ride the trail through the Small Lençóis, stopping to enjoy the lagoons or swim from the beaches; take in the exuberant landscape, Preguiças mangroves and guará birds on the banks of the Preguiças River during a boat ride; enjoy a horseback ride through the dunes; take kite-surfing or paddleboarding lessons, or relax and enjoy the beach. In the evening, celebrate your amazing journey during a lively dinner with a cultural presentation.

Porto Preguiças Resort | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

### 7 & 8 NOV 2021 NEW ORLEANS | BON TEMPS

Return to São Luis airport by local flight to board your private jet for the last time, and then wing your way to New Orleans for a festive, Mardi Gras-style farewell celebration. Depart the next day.

Windsor Court Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## Dates & Prices

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
14 October – 8 November 2021	£130,000 per person double occupancy	£15,000 single supplement	Call for availability

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions.