

AITO Know It All – Media E-Newsletter, December 2018

AITO's (www.aito.com) 120-plus specialist holiday companies create inspiring trips and experiences for travellers of all ages and abilities to enjoy. Here is a selection of new itineraries, member updates and exciting events taking place later this year and into 2019.

New tours and news from AITO members

*Travellers can book directly through the AITO members featured in this newsletter. AITO members marked * can also be booked through a local, trusted [AITO Specialist Travel Agency](#).*

Missed the last newsletter from AITO members? See it [here](#).

Dragoman Overland's* new tour, [Islands & Volcanoes of Central America](#), is the ultimate adventure, where guests can explore the forest trails of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, camp in the Cerro Verde National Park and trek El Salvador's highest volcano, *Santa Ana*. Departing from March 2019, the 21-day trip costs from £1,530 pp (+ £420 pp kitty) (two sharing), including accommodation, transport and some meals. International flights extra.

Ffestiniog Travel* has added the [Appalachian Mountain Trails](#) to its new 2019 collection of worldwide escorted tours. Visiting the finest, lesser-known heritage railways in the eastern USA - each line steeped in history with its own story to tell - this 17-day itinerary also includes a journey through Amish Country, a Civil War battlefield visit and time to explore New York. Departing 22 June 2019, the trip costs from £4,395 pp (two sharing).

Fleewinter offers a new [Kenyan Family Adventure](#) for guests to experience an authentic Kenyan safari, from a night spent fly camping in the pristine wilderness to front-row seats on the plains of the Masai Mara witnessing the remarkable wildebeest migration. The 10-night trip costs from £5,325 pp (two sharing), including accommodation, internal flights and transfers. International flights extra.

Geodysey's* new small group tour, [Chile Odyssey](#), takes guests to the heart of Chile to experience its artsy capital Santiago, visit colourful coastal Valparaiso, journey to the moonscapes of the Atacama, and to soak up the beautiful scenery of the Lake District with its snow-capped volcanoes. Available from 1 October 2019, the tour costs £4,250 pp (two sharing), including B&B accommodation, internal flights and guided excursions. International flights extra.

Imaginative Traveller* has introduced its new 11-day [Pristine Antarctica](#) tour departing from Ushuaia, Argentina, on 22 November 2019. Passengers will have the opportunity to spot an abundance of wildlife including rare birds, whales and penguins - while exploring the majestic Antarctic landscape and crossing the infamous Drake Passage. The itinerary costs from £5,055 pp (two sharing), including cruise ship accommodation and most meals. International flights extra.

InsideAsia Tours introduces a new 13-night luxury adventure, [Cambodia Under Canvas](#), combining wildlife trekking with stays in unique, lavish properties in Asia, including both the new eco-lodge, Shinta Mani Wild, and Koh Krabey's idyllic private island resort, Six Senses. Guests have the chance to take part in activities such as kayaking, jungle hiking with local conservationists and exclusive boat trips. Priced from £7,165 pp (two sharing), including 13 nights' B&B, transfers, five lunches, six dinners and all guided activities. International flights extra.

Kudu Travel* has added an eight-night mid-summer natural history tour of [Western Estonia and the Islands](#) to its 2019 itineraries. Wander down the forest paths, meadows and sand dunes of the Baltic coast to discover a variety of natural habitats and numerous species of wildflowers and birds, visiting the historic cities of Tallinn, Parnu and Haapsalu as well as the islands of Hiiumaa and Saaremaa. The tour costs from £2,271 pp (two sharing), including full-board accommodation and local transport. International flights extra.

Mountain Kingdoms* introduces a **new** [Walking Safari](#) in stunning Zimbabwe. Explore the protected Mana Pools National Park - a natural UNESCO World Heritage Site - on a four-day walking safari along the floodplains of the Zambezi River, before travelling to magical Lake Kariba for game drives and a lakeside walking safari. Departing 28 June 2019, the trip costs from £5,480 pp (two sharing), including return flights from the UK.

On Foot Holidays offers a **new** self-guided walking holiday in the [Dordogne](#). Starting at Beaulieu-sur-Dordogne, this seven-night hike explores the Middle Dordogne and tributaries, as well as venturing higher on to the surrounding limestone *causse* and visiting the pilgrimage village of Rocamadour. Departing from 1 May 2019, the trip costs from £1,060 pp (two sharing), including accommodation. Flights extra.

Pettitts Travel's* [Taj and Tigers](#) tour combines the history of India with stunning wildlife in this fascinating 14-day itinerary. Explore Old and New Delhi, Agra for the Taj Mahal and the breath-taking 'pink city' of Jaipur, as well as viewing tigers, crocodiles and elephants in two of India's most popular national parks, Corbett and Ranthambore. The tour costs from £3,435 pp (two sharing), including 13 nights' accommodation, international flights from the UK and local travel.

Ramblers Walking Holidays** **new** 16-night adventure explores one of the most remote areas on the planet, hiking [Across the Andes](#) from the Peruvian capital of Lima on the Pacific Ocean, through Bolivia and south to the Argentinian city of Buenos Aires. Departing 10 May 2019, the tour costs from £4,275 pp (two sharing), including flights, half-board accommodation, six lunches, English speaking guides, local transport and transfers.

Silver Fern Holidays* has created [Discover Captain Cook's New Zealand](#), an itinerary celebrating the 250th anniversary of Cook's arrival in Poverty Bay in 1769. The 29-day tour includes historic landing points from Gisborne to the Coromandel, plus must-see sights such as the Southern Alps. Tailor-made departures throughout 2019 cost from £4,299 pp (two sharing), which includes 28 nights' B&B and travel within New Zealand. International flights extra.

Sunvil* has introduced a **new** two-centre, two-country itinerary, [Exploring the Alentejo and Extremadura](#). This fly-drive trip explores two of the most fascinating and undiscovered regions of Portugal and Spain - with castles, noble buildings and the chance to sample delicious local cuisine and wonderful wines. Departing throughout 2019, the trip costs from £795 pp (two sharing), including four nights' B&B in Portugal and three nights' B&B in Spain, car hire and return flights from London.

Sunvil Latin America* has created a **new** unique [Three-Festival Itinerary](#) to Bolivia and Peru. This 15-night journey includes the colourful (and largest) festival in La Paz, *Gran Poder*, Cusco for the *Corpus Christi Parade* and the *Inti Raymi Festival*, as well as visits to Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu. Departing 12 June 2019, the trip starts from £3,685 pp (two sharing), and includes 15 nights' B&B, all flights and taxes, transportation, guided sightseeing tours including entrance fees, and seats viewing the three events.

The Aurora Zone welcomes the Arctic Circle Wilderness Lodge to its family of Northern Lights destinations. Set in traditional log cabins, this [three-night Aurora break](#) offers the chance to choose from a range of optional daytime activities, as well as enjoying a Northern Lights sleigh ride and an Aurora snowshoe hike. Departures from 6 January – 24 March 2019 cost from £825 pp (two sharing), and include return flights, three nights' half-board accommodation and excursions as detailed.

Latest news from AITO-affiliated Tourist Boards

Visit Madeira offers an [exciting range of events](#) throughout 2019. Celebrate in style at the New Year's Eve fireworks display on 31 December 2018, enjoy music and vibrant colours at the Carnival Parade, from 26 February – 6 March 2019, play tribute to the blossom season of spring at the Flower Festival, from 2 – 26 May 2019, or discover the Atlantic Festival throughout June 2019.

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Note to Editors:

AITO, www.aito.com, is an alliance of over 120 of the best travel specialists. AITO members collectively provide an unrivalled range of holidays to every corner of the world. They are passionate about what they do and pride themselves on their attention to every detail of their customers' holidays.

AITO members' joint aim is to offer personal, caring service, to look after the environment in the places in which they work and to provide holidays that deliver both good value and high standards. All AITO holiday companies are required, as a condition of membership, to take full financial protection measures on behalf of their clients via the appropriate industry bonding schemes.

Travel PR will happily email all AITO members with any queries that travel writers may have – it's a great way to receive speedy feedback or information from AITO experts via just one email request.

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