

stories from your ADVENTURES

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Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador

“We had a wonderful trip – picking up where we left off after the pandemic interrupted our journey in March 2020. We loved the atmosphere at **Patagonia Camp in Chile** and we were lucky enough to see a Puma! **La Paz** was quite amazing. We were grateful for the work that Fiona and team did to reroute our journey into **Peru** after the civil unrest shut the frontier at **Puno**. **Machu Picchu** (which was almost deserted) was the highlight of the trip. **Cotopaxi in Ecuador** was mostly shrouded in cloud but we saw a lot of birdlife in the **Amazon** and had a great guide there. All in all, despite some of the very early starts, a very enjoyable journey.”

Mr and Mrs Richard Watson,
Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador February/March 2023



“We had the most amazing trip that we will be processing for a while yet I think and made the best memories ever. Diana our guide in **Buenos Aires** was fabulous and we could not have seen **Buenos Aires** as well without her.

The ship's team were amazing and we were lucky to get so many opportunities to get off the boat. I didn't end up doing the sea kayaking but Bill did and he absolutely loved it. We got some great photos and love the photos and video we got from the professional photographer. We feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to go to such a magical place and see the blue ice, ice bergs, penguins, whales, orca, seals and birds. It would have been nice to be able to go to one of the research centres but with Covid still around we certainly understand why they are closed to visitors. And we were very lucky that we managed to avoid the storms in **Auckland** on the way out and just got in and through **Auckland** airport before they closed the airport for two days on our way home – we were on the last flight to **Queenstown** before it closed, so very lucky.”

Mr and Mrs William Kaye-Blake,
Antarctic Circle on Sea Spirit, January 2023

“Our trip was very well organised from beginning to end. Fiona clearly knows how **Sea Spirit** works so we had the best holiday ever.”



Antarctic Circle on Sea Spirit



This edition we are celebrating having you travelling again and looking forward to the first full year of departures since 2020.

I think it's fair to say that one can glean so much more from a personal experience than reading a brochure – so this time it's over to you... 'the proof of the pudding' as the saying goes...

This year I have put together some incredibly diverse trips so if you have a dream trip you'd like to fulfil please do ask. I'm just back from travelling on luxury Icebreaker **Le Commandant Charcot** and have the **Maldives** and **Georgia** in my sights for later in the year.

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Bhutan and India

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"As you know all too well, this trip had a long and painful gestation! The first thing to say is how much we appreciated all your help and support not only in the original planning of the trip but also even more in the complex business of repeatedly rescheduling the arrangements at a time which must

have been a nightmare for anyone working in the travel industry. Secondly we were repeatedly impressed by the faultless way in which all the complex logistics of the trip worked seamlessly throughout our travels. This certainly did not happen by accident or good luck and we know a lot of hard work by you and your in-country representatives lay behind this – one very good reason for drawing on the expertise of seasoned professionals like you when planning a trip of this nature. We were also greatly impressed by the fact that the bespoke itinerary you devised for us accurately reflected our tastes and wishes, rather than trying to shoehorn us into some off-the-peg package. As for the destinations, Glenburn Tea Estate was an absolute delight and perfect for relaxing. In Bhutan, the planned trekking and cycling activities were challenging but tremendously rewarding. Passang was excellent company. Finally Diphlu River Lodge suited us down to the ground. With thanks for all you did to make this trip happen, at last!"

Dr Andrew Mounstephen & Dr Suzanne Waterer, Bhutan and India October 2022

"We had a great time. You picked absolutely stellar hotels in La Paz and Puebla and guides/drivers were all great. Swimming with whale sharks was an amazing experience, something I have wanted to do since I was a child."

Eoin Murray, Caroline Barrett and family, Summitting Volcano Pico de Orizaba and Swimming with Whale Sharks, Mexico, December 2022



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Mexico



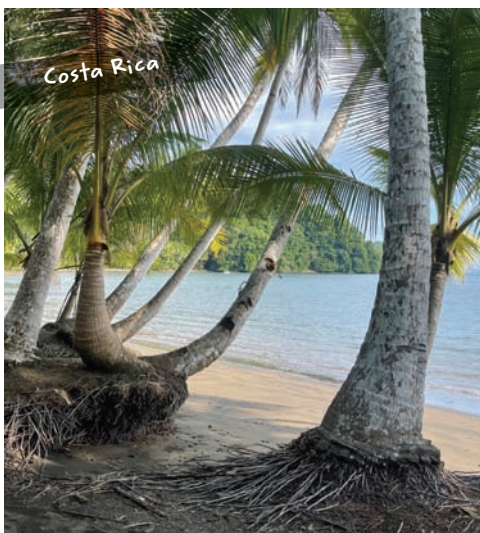
Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica

"Photographs and books cannot actually prepare you for it, but our own photographs will provide wonderful memories forever."

"This was truly the holiday of a lifetime to a really extraordinary part of the world. A fabulous experience. Our pre-departure experience was certainly unusual in that the Covid pandemic kept us waiting for two years but Fiona was patience itself in dealing with all the ups and downs. Once we were finally on the plane we were able to give in to the excitement. Personally, I feel that getting there is part of the trip and our journey to Ushuaia was simple and straightforward despite the distance thanks to all the friendly contacts on the way helping with the various transfers. The cruise was just fabulous. The crew and expedition guides were friendly, helpful and very knowledgeable.

The cabin was clean and surprisingly spacious and the food was excellent. Roger the baker deserves a special mention for his range of breads, cakes and pastries! The Antarctic environment and its wildlife are what they are – just stunning!"

Mr and Mrs Greg Lyons, Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica on Plancius January 2023



Costa Rica

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip. Thank you for arranging it for us. Playa Cativo wins hands-down on location – a beautiful setting on the edge of the Gulf looking across to the Osa Peninsula. We walked and hiked in the forest, daily, spotting birdlife and monkeys. At Pacuare Lodge we greatly enjoyed the ziplining. It had the best restaurant of the trip."

Dr and Mrs Sam Bennett, Costa Rica, February 2023



Laos Mekong

"We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and thought that your efficiency on booking the internal flights, hotels and guided trips was excellent. The time we spent on the Pandaw vessel – a true trip of a lifetime. The hotel in Chiang Rai was particularly lovely being on the river front – we took a long boat to see elephants. Local reps were excellent, particularly in Singapore."

Mr and Mrs George Jessel, Laos Mekong Expedition, February 2023



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Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica

"We both thoroughly enjoyed our trip on Sea Spirit, it was brilliant."

Mr and Mrs Robin Davies, Falklands, South Georgia, Antarctica February 2022

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Costa Rica

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"The trip was great fun with plenty of tough hills to climb both on feet and by bike. Downhills were also fun. I will be going back there at some stage as it is a lovely country."

Hugh Dampney, Trek Coast to Coast, Costa Rica, January 2023

"A very big thank-you for organising our amazing trip to Interlaken. I know it took a lot of time to fine-hone the trip for us but it all worked very well, bar minor details. We were lucky with the weather, less lucky with the snow (as is well known this year in the Alps). All in all we were delighted. Our favourite was the Jungfrau Joch."

Mr and Mrs Anthony Newsome and family, Switzerland, March 2023

Switzerland



Egypt

"We had a fantastic experience with Far Frontiers Travel. Fiona created a personalised itinerary for Egypt which included everything we wanted to see in the time we had available. Every aspect was seamless and highly professional with personal drivers and guides with us every step of the way. We are already talking about the next trip and look forward to travelling with you again."

Mr Conor McGlynn and Family, Egypt, December 2022

"The Laos to Thailand trip up the Mekong River was a wonderful experience on the Sabaidee Pandaw Boat.

Pre departure I had many questions about flights etc. all of which were answered and arrangements made for me. Your service was very efficient. Booking forms, flight tickets, etc all very clear and efficient. The Sabaidee Pandaw was a beautiful boat. It has extremely comfortable cabins and the

crew went out of their way to make sure we were well looked after and the culinary experience was very good. An evening spent on a sandbank for a barbecue and music when the local children joined in trying new dance moves by the crew and the lighting of fire lanterns was very memorable."

Mrs Catherine Thomas, Laos Mekong Expedition



Laos Mekong



Kenya

"After our disastrous start we had a great time and everyone was very helpful. Huge thanks for coming to our assistance in our greatest hour of need when I realised with total horror I had mistaken the departure time. This must be the ultimate test for a travel professional and you dealt with it absolutely perfectly. Anyway the whole trip was wonderful, we had a super room at Peponi and Loldia was very relaxing with a lovely setting."

Adrienne Fryer and Andrew Cox, Kenya January 2023



» The Treasures of Jordan Await

With its spectacular desert landscapes, renowned historical sites and friendly people, **Jordan** is the perfect introduction to the **Middle East**. You'll fly to **Amman** in 5 hours. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Petra** and float in the salty waters of the **Dead Sea**. Visit the wild canyon of **Wadi Rum**, dive and snorkel in the **Red Sea** and experience the delicious cuisine in the capital **Amman**. **Jordan** is the ultimate destination for adventure and will leave a lasting impression.

Ask to see our ten day Ancient Kingdom of Jordan itinerary. You won't look back.

Rahul Brijnath, Fiona's husband, has just returned from Jordan. Here is what he had to say....



"Nothing quite prepared for me the impact this delightful country had on me in a week, with its amazing contrasts and ancient history. From the fantastic Roman remains at Jerash to the weirdly wonderful Dead Sea; sleepy Madaba with its amazing churches and Byzantine mosaics to Mount Nebo from where Moses viewed the promised Land; beautiful Petra which is hard to describe and where my walk up to the Monastery was a real highlight; and Wadi Rum with its magnificent views, amazing luxury camps, proud nomadic Bedouins and the famous Hejaz Railway and memories of Lawrence of Arabia. The people are what make Jordan special and from Mohammed my delightful driver guide companion to the local Bedouins and the many kind people I interacted with, they helped me understand their beautiful land and its history."

Rahul Brijnath, Jordan March 2023

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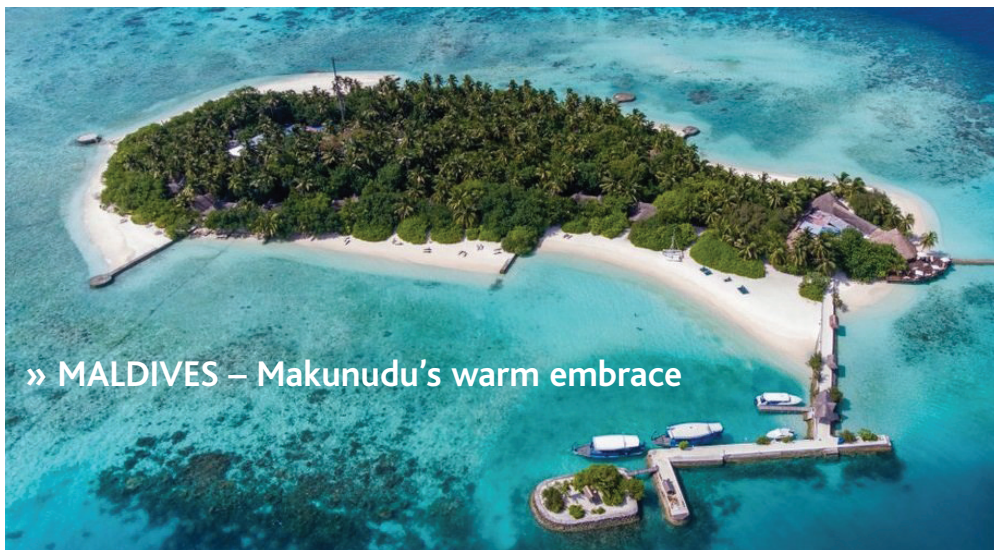
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» MALDIVES – Makunudu's warm embrace

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» price « Price for two from **£2,095** per person including **7 nights' full board accommodation** and **economy flights** via the **Middle East**. British Airways direct flights available at a supplement.

» when « Book and stay by **31 July 2023**.

» extras « You'll get **20% spa discount**

Why Makunudu?

- Rare to find, one off island that time forgot – hidden gem of the **Maldives**
- Authentic **Maldives** as it used to be
- Stands out from a sea of 5 star sameness



» Le Commandant Charcot

I'm just back from an incredible three day adventure sailing on French ship, **Le Commandant Charcot** – the very first luxury hybrid electric polar exploration ship to be fitted with a Polar Class 2 (PC2) hull. This gives it the ability to sail between the sheets of drifting sea ice and reach the most remote and isolated regions, when conditions allow. Protecting the polar ecosystems and the coastal sea ice – a vital habitat for marine wildlife – is a big priority. Being French the standards in the restaurant were second to none.



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- **The Emperor Penguins of the Weddell Sea** – 13 days – November 2023
- **Unexplored Antarctica** – sail between two continents **Ushuaia** – **Lyttelton, NZ**, 30 days – January 2024
- **Northeast Greenland** – journey from **Iceland** – 5 days – April/May/June 2024

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