

## **AITO Know It All – Media E-Newsletter, October 2018**

AITO's ([www.aito.com](http://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.

**Save the date:** If you would like to attend AITO's Meet the Media event on Tuesday 16 October 2018, from 3pm to 7pm in central London, please apply for an invitation, quoting your usual outlets and your interests, by emailing [events@travelpr.co.uk](mailto:events@travelpr.co.uk).

### **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 news from AITO members? See it [here](#).*

**Discover Adventure** has introduced a new [Transylvania Winter Wilderness Trek](#). This five-day trip gives adventurers the chance to snow-shoe their way across breathtaking Romanian landscapes, spend a night in rooms carved out of ice at the Hotel of Ice near frozen Bâlea Lake and take in the snow-capped forests and remote surroundings of wild Transylvania. The four-night trip costs from £900 pp (two sharing), including all meals except where specified, accommodation, flights (London) and transfers. **Departs 20 February 2019** (one departure only).

**Dragoman Overland\*** has introduced a new multi-country (Argentina, Brazil and Chile), 16-day family trip, travelling from [Buenos Aires to Santiago](#). Visit the astonishing Iguazú Falls between Brazil and Argentina, stay in a traditional Estancia and live with the Gauchos in Córdoba, Argentina, drive the Cristo Redentor pass through the Andes and relax on the beautiful beaches of Valparaiso before exploring Chile's capital, Santiago. This trip costs from £2,300 pp (two sharing), including meals as specified, accommodation and flights. **Departs 27 July 2019 – 23 August 2020**.

**Equestrian Escapes\*** offers a short stay in Jerez, Andalucía, where visitors can enjoy the annual [Jerez Feria Horse Show](#) (from **11 – 18 May 2019**). Stay at the Moorish-inspired La Fonda Barranco in the historic city centre and visit the Royal Riding School, plus enjoy a private lesson or ride on Andalusian horses. A four-night B&B stay costs from £595 pp (two sharing). Flights extra.

**Ffestiniog Travel\*** has added [Mountains & Coast in Montenegro](#) to its 2019 collection of Small & Traditional Tours, visiting the Dalmatian Coast and the less well-known mountains of the remote north. Highlights include a train ride on the breath-taking route from Bar to Belgrade and visits to Tara Canyon, Durmitor (Montenegro's highest mountain) and the pretty lakeside village of Virpazar. This 11-night tour costs from £1,925 pp (two sharing), including meals when specified, hotel and guesthouse accommodation, flights (Heathrow) and transfers. **Departs 4 June 2019**.

**Inntravel\*** has introduced an unforgettable winter journey, [From the Fjells to the Fjords](#), which takes in Norway's cosmopolitan capital and journeys along its beautiful west coast by rail and boat. Highlights include a trip on the iconic Flåm Railway and a ferry ride down the Aurlandsfjord beneath towering peaks. This seven-night B&B trip costs from £1,395 pp (two sharing). Flights extra. **Departs 5 January – 7 April 2019**.

**InsideJapan Tours\*** has launched a new guided photography tour, [Portraits of Japan](#), in Western Japan. Guided by internationally-renowned photojournalist and photography master, Everett Kennedy Brown, capture memorable moments and exclusive encounters with local geishas and zen monks, fishermen and kimono makers in their ateliers. 11 nights costs from £6,000 pp (two sharing), including hotel accommodation. Flights extra. **Departs 21 October – 1 November 2019**.

**Llama Travel** has released a new [Samba, Tango & Iguazú Falls](#) holiday, following growing interest in Brazil over the past two years. Dance tango in Buenos Aires, enjoy a guided excursion along the jungle-clad Iguazú Falls and soak up the vibrancy of Rio De Janeiro. This eight-night holiday costs from £1,829 pp (two sharing), including flights (London), hotel accommodation, flights and transfers within Latin America. **Departs from now until 31 December 2019.**

**Mountain Kingdoms\*** has introduced a new trekking holiday in Georgia, the [Svaneti & Transcaucasian Trail](#). Trek through the remote mountain villages of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Upper Svaneti, while gaining an insight into the traditional way of life by staying in family-run guesthouses and enjoying the hospitality of local families. This ten-night trip costs from £1,850 pp (two sharing), including hotel and guesthouse accommodation, all meals, flights and transfers. **Departs June, August & September 2019.**

**Pettitts Travel\*** offers the ultimate itinerary following the dramatic path of the famous [Silk Road](#). Traverse Imperial China from the capital, Beijing, to the nation's barren western limits, then travel through the countries of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Complete your journey by exploring the Sultanahmet of Istanbul, Turkey. This 34-day trip costs from £9,900 pp (two sharing), including hotel accommodation, private car and driver, train travel as specified and international and domestic flights. **Departs 1 October – 31 December 2019.**

**Ramblers Walking Holidays\*\*** Cruise & Walk programme offers a new [Seville & Bordeaux](#) cruise. Follow in the wake of conquistadors, fishing fleets and pirate ships, sailing along the spectacular Spanish and French coast from Southampton to Cadiz and explore fascinating cities while river cruising along the Guadalquivir, Gironde and Garonne. This 13-night cruise costs from £1,885 pp (two sharing), including walking tours and guides. Flights extra. **Departs 8 June and 14 September 2019.**

**Sunvil\*** offers 18% savings on its [Svalbard Northern Lights](#) trip in Norway. Visit Svalbard during the polar night spectacle, where the sun doesn't rise above the horizon - the opposite of the midnight sun. Stay in peaceful boutique accommodation - Funken Lodge - which offers spectacular views over Longyearbyen, and be treated to a stunning Northern Lights display from Camp Barentz while enjoying dinner and a drink. A three-night B&B stay costs from £975 pp (two sharing) when booked before 30 November, including flights (Heathrow), accommodation, and two Northern Lights excursions. **Departs December 2018 – January 2019.**

**The Aurora Zone\*** has introduced a new Northern Lights tour to the [Apukka Resort](#) in Finland. Experience thrilling adventures in the wild of the Arctic Circle; take the reins on a husky safari, ride on an Aurora snow-train, hop on a reindeer-pulled sleigh and enjoy a complimentary night in an Ice Cabin. A three-night B&B stay costs from £795 pp (two sharing), including flights (London) and transfers. **Departs 6 January – 17 March 2019.**

**Veloso Tours\*** has added a new eco-friendly 20 passenger M/V Origin yacht to its Galápagos Islands cruise portfolio. The popular [Darwin Tour](#) allows travellers to enjoy a guided tour around Quito's World Heritage centre, take daily excursions with expert guides on the Galápagos Islands and to snorkel with sea lions and colourful marine life. The nine-night trip costs from £4,999 pp (two sharing), including breakfast in Quito and all meals onboard, international and local flights and transfers. **Departs from now until 1 January 2020.**

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Note to Editors:

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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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