

AITO Inspiration – New Adventures for 2018



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Look forward to the New Year with these brand-new holiday ideas from AITO's travel specialists (www.aito.com).

From exhilarating ice-driving in Iceland to hiking in Japan, and from a spectacular coastal jaunt along the Galician coast to a relaxing train journey through Spain's Asturias region, here is a selection of new experiences to inspire holiday-makers in 2018:

Ice-Drive Adventure in Iceland – from £3,995 pp with Abercrombie & Kent

Join an exhilarating adventure in a land of glaciers and geysers on this new four-day ice-drive trip in Iceland. Take control of the wheel in a super-charged 4x4 to ford rivers, plough ice roads and drive the famous Golden Circle sightseeing route. Other highlights include the incredible Gullfoss Waterfall and the historic site and national park of Thingvellir, as well as time to enjoy a dip in the Blue Lagoon – a geothermic spa with waters rich in minerals. New to Abercrombie & Kent's 2018 'Small Group Journey' portfolio, the [Iceland 4x4 Ice-Drive Adventure](#) costs from £3,995 pp (two sharing), including three nights' accommodation, most meals, 4x4 vehicle hire and instruction and guiding. Flights extra. **Departs 9 March, 30 November and 7 December 2018.** Call Abercrombie & Kent on 01242 547 837 (www.abercrombiekent.co.uk).

Reach new heights in 2018 on a Japanese hiking adventure – from £2,630 pp with InsideJapan Tours

From the peaks of the Japanese Alps to sacred pilgrimage trails and ancient samurai routes, Japan is a hiker's paradise. Experience the best of Honshu's hiking trails on this 16-night self-guided walking adventure, interspersed with stays in Japan's top cities. Tackle Mount Takao before heading into the hills for a two-day hike along the Nakasendo Way, staying in traditional family-run accommodation. After a brief respite in cultural Kyoto, embark upon a five-day hike along the Kumano Kodo in the beautiful Kii Peninsula, voted a top region in Lonely Planet's 'Best in Travel 2018'. **Departing throughout the year,** [Honshu Hiking](#) costs from £2,630 pp (two sharing), including 16 nights' B&B, seven dinners, four lunches, airport transfers, luggage transfers and a seven-day Japan Rail Pass. Flights extra. Call InsideJapan Tours on 01173 709 730 (www.insidejapantours.com).

Walk the Lighthouse Way in Galicia, northern Spain – from £830 pp with On Foot Holidays

Discover Spain's wild Galician Coast, the Costa da Morte, on an exhilarating walk along the Lighthouse Way (Camino dos Faros). Although perilous to ships, the coastal path makes a breath-taking walk and takes in numerous historic lighthouses, shipwrecks and thriving little fishing villages as well as rugged cliffs, coves and capes. Feast on fresh seafood, including the local speciality of goose barnacles, accompanied with excellent Albariño white wine, before finishing at (and staying in) the Cape Finisterre Lighthouse – the final destination for many Camino de Santiago pilgrims. **Departing between April and June and September and October,** the 10-night [Galicia – Lighthouse Way](#) trip costs from £830 pp (two sharing), including accommodation, eight breakfasts, some other meals, taxi transfers, luggage transfers between hotels and route information. Flights extra. Call On Foot Holidays on 01722 322 652 (www.onfootholidays.co.uk).

Glide through Asturias, Spain, on the FEVE train – from £625 pp with Intravel

Enjoy a gentle journey aboard the FEVE train – a small gauge railway which winds its way along the north coast of Asturias, through its lush hills and pastureland – during this new trip for 2018. Hopping on and off the train, guests will explore the astonishingly green landscapes and beautiful beaches of northern Spain, the colourful fishing villages of Cudillero and Ribadesella, and the characterful city of Oviedo - all against a

backdrop of the towering jagged peaks of the Picos de Europa, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2018. **Departing 15 April to 23 July, and between 1 September to 31 October**, the seven-night [Slow Train through Asturias](#) trip costs from £625 pp (two sharing), including seven nights' B&B and train travel aboard the FEVE. Call Inntravel on 01653 617 000 (www.inntravel.co.uk).

Discover wild Sri Lanka – from £2,985 pp with Pettitts Travel

Explore Sri Lanka's diverse flora, fauna and wildlife on this new two-week tour, which visits the Udawattakele Sanctuary, the stunning Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, home to elephants, leopards and water buffalo, and the Gal Oya National Park, a remote eco lodge spread across 20 acres of private jungle. Other highlights include the famous Yala National Park, the Udawalawe National Park and the lesser-known Sinharaja Forest Reserve, where guests will spend two nights at the Rainforest Eco Lodge. The journey ends in Galle where there is a chance to spot the great blue whale – the largest mammal on earth.

Departing between now and December 2018, [Wild Sri Lanka](#) costs from £2,985 pp (two sharing), including flights (Heathrow), 13 nights' B&B, private transfers with an English-speaking driver-guide, sightseeing and entrance fees. Call Pettitts Travel on 01892 515 966 (www.pettitts.co.uk).

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