

#### TRAVELING IN CINEMATIC STYLE - BLOCKBUSTERS ADVENTURES FROM KENSINGTON TOURS







**NEW YORK** – **October 8, 2014** – The allure of embarking on the adventures seen on the big screen captures the imagination of travelers the world over. With <u>Kensington Tours</u>, travelers can now experience excitement of this fall's blockbusters with private-guided tours imbued by the spirit of the films and led by local guides and experts. From foodie-inspired Italian road trips, to visits to an ancient Dracula stronghold, Hollywood film sets can't compare to the authenticity of Kensington Tours. Below is a sampling of top blockbusters, paired with the ideal Kensington Tours journey to bring the film to life.

Upcoming blockbusters paired with the perfect, customizable itineraries from the Destination Experts at Kensington Tours:



#### **Island of Lemurs: Madagascar**

Following the release of the animated Madagascar film, the playful lemur leapt off the screen and into our hearts. Island of Lemurs: Madagascar takes a decidedly more scientific approach as it follows Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help the endangered lemurs. Kensington Tours' Explorer-in-Resident, Travis Steffens, who is an expert in primatology, specializing in lemurs spends much of the year in Madagascar and under his guidance Kensington offers an incredibly exotic collection of tours showcasing the incredible biodiversity of the "The Eighth Continent." *Madagascar Adventures* 

In addition to countless lemur sightings, walking safaris, night treks, kayaking, canoeing and time at the beach, Kensington travelers can contribute to local development with visits to a collection of special projects, including environmental restoration, malaria education, and primary school maintenance. Starting from \$1,180 per person for four days.

#### **Dracula Untold**

This sure-to-be blockbuster is a breath-taking, never-before-told look at the origins of the infamous literary figure, Count Dracula.



Drawing from Bram Stoker's fictitious piece and the true life of Vlad Tepes, otherwise known as Vlad the Impaler, of Romania. While the movie is certain to focus more on the mystical aspects of Dracula instead of the historical, Kensington Tours has the perfect offering for the history buff seeking the true story of "Mr. Impaler's" reign.

# Transylvania Explorer

An itinerary designed to showcase the natural beauty of Romania, travelers start with an in-depth tour with the capital, Bucharest, including Parliament Palace, Cotroceni Palace, and storybook traditional Romanian houses. Travelers then cross the mountains into Transylvania to visit the medieval Dracula's Castle, built on the top of the rocks in 1377. The origins of Dracula can be further uncovered with a visit to Dracula's birthplace of Sighisoara, and the touring of the famed Brukental Museum. Starting from \$1,904 per person for seven days.



#### **Fury 2014**

The much-awaited film with Brad Pitt again shining in his portrayal of a World War II soldier, features a small band of soldiers embarking on a deadly mission to take down the heart of Nazi Germany. The movie, premiering mid-October, coincides perfectly with the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Kensington Tours anniversary trip offers an in-depth experience, digging deep into the city's turbulent past and showcasing Berlin's optimistic future. Kensington has a 5-day tour of Berlin incorporating WWII historical

sites; however, with the approaching 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, KT is also offering a special commemoration tour.

# Berlin Wall 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Accompanied by a true Berliner as a private guide, travelers visit the remains of the Berlin Wall, witness a special 12km long anniversary light installation, Checkpoint Charlie, Hitler's Bunker, and the powerful Berlin War Memorial. The itinerary will be balanced with an inspiring tour of Berlin's stunning art scene and a visit to the stunning Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam. Starting from \$2,695 per person for five days.

## **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2014**

A childhood favorite back on the big screen, with crime-fighting turtles facing off against an evil kingpin, NYC sewer-style. The effects may have gotten a bit of an upgrade, but message is very much the same — Raphael, Michelangelo, Leonardo, and Donatello don't take kindly to evil figures threatening their fair city. Kensington Tours offers a sweeping tour of the "City that Never Sleeps," including the



classic sights and the much-coveted "local New Yorker" viewpoint from the local, private guide.

# **New York City Highlights**

The Ninja Turtles may have an underground view of The Big Apple, but Kensington Tours believes the city is best seen from above. After arriving in NYC and settling in, travelers enjoy a bird's eye view of the five boroughs with a private helicopter tour. Famous food carts, NBC Studios, Broadway, Central Park, Museum Row – travelers experience the above and more with the expertise of a private guide. Starting from \$2,789 per person for six days.



# The Trip to Italy

A foodie's dream - two men, six meals, six destinations on a whirlwind Italian road trip. Featuring Liguria, Tuscany, Rome, Amalfi, and Capri, the

film moves through culinary hotspots with mouth-watering shots certain to leave movie-goers itching for some fresh pasta and formaggio. Kensington Tours offers an eight-day culinary tour of Italia, complete with a heady mix of rustic charm and cosmopolitan delights.

# The Taste of Italy

The itinerary includes many an opportunity to partake in local delicacies throughout the country, with stunning backdrops of golden wheat fields, illuminated ancient ruins, and inviting vineyards. Culinary stops include Roma, Bologna, Parma, Modena, and Florence, complete with cooking classes, chocolate tastings, and stunning works of cultural importance. Starting from \$5,464 per person for eight days.

# **The Liberator**

To be released in 2014, the film is a modern epic about the life of Simón Bolívar, who was instrumental in Latin America's struggle for independence. With military campaigns covering twice the territory of Alexander the Great, Simón Bolívar is considered among the most influential emancipators in Latin American history. Kensington Tours awakens the free spirits in travelers with a 26 day tour of South America, with a journey through a number of countries which were shaped by Bolivar himself.



#### South America Odyssey

Private, local guides lead travelers through the colorful continent of South America, from the untouched Galapagos to the mysterious lost city of Machu Picchu. Highlights of the itinerary include the opportunity to stroll along the edge of a volcano, bike through sleep fishing villages, and visit innumerable site of archaeological and political importance. Starting from \$16,490 per person for 26 days.



#### **Tracks**

Released in the US early 2014, "Tracks" is the story of a young woman who leaves her life in the city to make a solo trek through almost 2,000 miles of sprawling Australian desert. Accompanied by only her dog and four unpredictable camels, she sets off on a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Along the way, she meets National Geographic photographer Rick Smolan who begins to photograph her voyage.

# Australia Grand Journey

Kensington Tours offers an Aussie adventure (albeit a touch more luxurious) set to rival Tracks, with carefully chosen highlights and an authentic Oz experience. Private touring with an expert local guide takes travelers through stunning national parks, pristine vineyards, and sweeping views of the coast along Australia's famed Great Open Road. Starting from \$6,995 per person for

17 days.

**About Kensington Tours:** Kensington Tours offers custom and private guided tours to over 90 countries worldwide. The flexibility of Kensington's offerings results in tailor-made journeys that are carefully handcrafted to deliver personalized adventures like no other company. Kensington Tours was named to "World's Best Awards 2011" by Travel + Leisure Magazine and named one of the "Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth," by the editors of National Geographic Adventure Magazine.

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