



10 EXPERT TRAVEL TRENDS FOR ADVENTURERS IN 2015

Tasmanian Devils, Egyptian Renaissance, South Korea, European Hop Scotch & The Marco Polo Effect



NEW YORK – December 3, 2014 – As 2014 draws to a close, [Kensington Tours](#)’ polled its team of Destination Experts to see what trends they saw on the horizon for travel in 2015. Offering award-winning private guided tours to 95+ countries, this team of seasoned nomads, globetrotters and adventure enthusiasts came back with this wanderlust worthy list of insightful new trends and tips from around the world for those who really want to see it in 2015.

Egypt – Back on the Bucket list

The Pyramid’s haven’t gone out of style, in fact the Land of the Pharaohs is back and better than ever. Those who spent the last few years mulling over Egypt are making plans to check it off their 2015 bucket lists. Savvy shoppers know that prices are going to rise and this may be the last chance to save on private Egyptologist guides, pyramid entries, luxury properties and the most elite Nile cruises. Luckily jetsetters aren’t yet back “en masse,” which means that there are times that travelers can still have the Sphinx, Karnak, Valley of the Kings, or even the Pyramids of Giza to themselves.

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Myanmar – Opening New Doors

Myanmar is now welcoming more travelers to their seemingly time-locked land. No denying the former kingdom of Burma is the epitome of exotic and has been on the hotlist for the past couple years, yet until recently there hadn’t been near enough in the way of hotels to keep up with demand. 2014 saw the launch of luxury collection Irrawaddy River cruises such as the Sanctuary Ananda, Belmond’s Orcaella and the AmaPura. For those that prefer to sleep on dry land, Hilton hotels just launched 2 of 6 new properties across the country and the new Kempinski Hotel Nay Pyi Taw just opened its doors for President Obama in November 2014!

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Namibia –Safaris, Sea & Sand

Offering far more than just the quintessential safari experiences, diamonds and watermelon wine, this Southern African gem is shining stronger than ever before and is packed with action and adventures. Celebrating 25 years of independence in 2015, there is skydiving, dune boarding and mobile safaris in the Namib Desert, kite surfing & champagne dolphin sailings in Swakopmund, hot air balloon flights over Namib, Naukluft Park, rock climbing in Spitzkoppe, archeology in Twfelfontein, and one can't forget Sossusvlei's Big Daddy.

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South Korea Can't Be Ignored

Travelers are finally looking past the western perception of this economic tiger and unveiling the true "Land of the Morning Calm." 2015 sees globetrotters are catching on to the perks of this quirky country long hidden by its Northern counterpart's shadow. From eco-adventures, long gone dynasties and chic high-tech cities to gorgeous beaches, unforgettable cuisine and properties of every style, there's something for everyone.

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Memories Of The Magna Carta

A mere 800 years ago, on June 15, 1215, King John of England signed a little something we know as the Magna Carta, changing western world's concepts of freedom forever (though it certainly took time). To mark the anniversary, the British Library will put all the original charters on display. The perfect reason for history buffs to once again delve deep into the movements of medieval kings and queens, church and state, as great powers clashed and monarchies quaked. The Experts at Kensington have designed educational opportunities with specialized guides offering behind the scenes looks at famed museums, universities, and historical landmarks.

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Treasures of Tasmania

Famous for its devilish creatures (yes they really do exist), Oz's often overlooked isle has quietly been crawling up the globetrotter bucket list. Located way (way) down under of the tip of Australia's most southern state, 45% of "Tassie" is made up of reserves, national parks and World Heritage Sites, yet still offers incredible chic and culturally-packed sites. Whether one prefers to order it prix fixe or a la carte, Tasmania's untamed spirit for outdoor adventure, great food, fabulous wines and natural wilds present pleasure for every traveler.

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Ecuador – The Motherland of Galapagos

This Latin American paradise holds four worlds in one, and the famed, animal-packed islands of the Galapagos are just a stepping stone to its incredible mainland of the lush Amazon, soaring Andes, and sparkling Pacific Coast. The country has seen a spike in visitors from North America in the past year, reflecting increased interest in pre-Columbian culture, rainforest river cruises, the "Avenue of the Volcanos," adrenaline adventures, and local gastronomic delights such as chocolate farms and fresh seafood.

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Marco Polo's Modern Day Counterparts

Critics are predicting that Netflix's new series based on 13th century merchant explorer Marco Polo's journey from Italy to China is destined to be a hit. Follow his 21st century counterparts on expeditions

across the globe with Kensington Tours' [Explorer In Residence Series](#) showcased on their [Compass Blog](#). Learn about the modern day adventures of the intrepid George Kourounis, Simon Donato, Michael Strandberg, Jeff Fuchs, and Mariellen Ward as they trek through the unexplored and unmapped regions of Madagascar, the Himalayas, India, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan.

European Hop Scotch

Multi-country combinations on the "continent" are gaining more popularity than ever. Europe's hottest gems are just a hop-skip-and a jump away when working with Kensington's talented Specialists, who handle the complicated planning so travelers can make the most of every moment. Popular country combinations include:

England-Scotland-Ireland

Italy-Switzerland-France

Portugal-Spain-Morocco

Slovenia-Croatia-Albania

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Hardcore Honeymooners

Recently wed lovebirds are looking for more than just flower petals, champagne, a beach, and privacy following their vows in 2015 (though these still remain an important part of the equation). Kensington has seen a spike in dream honeymoons starting with adventurous once-in-a-lifetime moments like Peru's Machu Picchu, Patagonia's Terri Del Fugo, scuba diving in Thailand and exploring Angkor Wat of Cambodia. Happy the bride who takes intrepid traveling in stride!

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