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DESTINATION EXPERTS

Planning thousands of customized private tours to more than 90 countries around the world is no small task. How does Kensington Tours do it? Simple. **We have a secret weapon. A passionate team of Destination Specialists.** You won't ever talk to a call centre at Kensington – we don't have one. Every member of our team is an experienced professional who is intimately versed on the new, the old, the different, the must-sees, the off-the-beaten-track and the out-of-this-world.

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42 Destination Experts. Born, lived, studied, guided, trekked, researched, eaten, taught and volunteered in more than 90 countries worldwide. They are all bounded by passion and drive to unearth what's new and unknown. Armed with unique experiences and specialized knowledge, these expert consultants are committed to planning custom trips that wow your clients. They listen to your ideas, do all the hard work and take care of the details.

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As a young boy, **Aseem Mahajan, India Expert**, rode the trains in India for free - his father was an accountant for Indian Railway. His vivacious personality, skill for designing personal & rewarding experiences and his anecdotes from exploring in India make him a celebrity on our team. He celebrated his 35th birthday on the Darjeeling Toy Train, standing for the 8-hour trip. **Travel Tip: Don't overlook South India. Journey along Kerala's backwaters by houseboat and try masala dosa, a popular and divine dish.**



A native Venezuelan and our **Latin America Expert, Noraly Barillas** has used her fluency in Spanish & Portuguese and a thirst for travel to explore much of Central & South America. Her favourite spot? On top of Sugar Loaf Mountain, taking in the spectacular view of Rio de Janeiro. For 20 years, she has been designing Latin American tours. **Travel Tip: Entering Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate is an extraordinary experience. If you're brave, trek up Wayna Picchu to admire the temples and terraces on top.**



Lynne Pettit, UK Expert, was raised in Norfolk, England and has a lovely English accent to prove it. As flight attendant for British Airways, she became blasé about pouring gin & tonics but passionate about discovering all corners of UK and Europe. Most memorable moment: Escaping a bombing at London's Harrods. **Travel Tip: Treat yourself to a stay at the charming Hotel Portmeirion in the Welsh coastal village of Portmeirion. You can enjoy a quiet evening stroll after the visitors have all left!**



Karen McRae, Southeast Asia Expert, is only truly at home when she's on the road. She has lived and guided all over Southeast Asia, using Thailand as her base for 10 years. She is a human rights activist and has done solidarity work for the Burmese. Her greatest achievement is living in India for 3 years, where "all the insanity" became a normal way of life. **Travel Tip: For an authentic culinary experience, visit any Southeast Asian night market. Luang Prabang offers superb Lao street food at bargain prices.**



Africa Expert, Gabrielle Nijdam, wanted to be an oceanographer when she grew up. Now, after 10 years of working in travel and having seen most of Europe and Africa, she has no regrets. As our Africa expert extraordinaire, Gabs is a catalogue of intricate safari details and secluded luxury lodges. Never shying away from an adventure, her ultimate thrill was brushing past a gorilla! **Travel Tip: Spacious tents set in a palm grove overlooking private wilderness makes Jack's Camp in Botswana my favourite luxury safari camp.**



Kerstin Sowden, Australia and South Pacific Expert, started her travels in Asia and when she reached Australia, found heaven on earth while sailing in the Whitsunday Islands. She stayed for a year and discovered more breathtaking destinations Down Under. Kerstin has 11 years of luxury travel experience, seeking out exciting and honest adventures - she's a sucker for the genuine article. **Travel Tip: For family fun, I love to plan guided Aboriginal tours where kids can learn about ancestral rock art and how to throw a spear!**