







## KENSINGTON TOURS ANNOUNCES ITS "EXPLORERS IN RESIDENCE" SERIES

Modern Day Explorers Traverse the Globe and Take Adventurous Travelers Along for the Ride

**NEW YORK (October 14, 2013)** – Award-winning private tour company <u>Kensington Tours</u> announces the launch of its <u>Explorers In Residence Series</u>. These exclusive small group tours (6 - 16 people) offer the unique and enriching opportunity to travel with the 21st Century's most accomplished explorers on thrilling in-depth expeditions to the most fascinating places in our world. The inspiration of intrepid explorer and Kensington Tours founder Jeff Willner, the Explorers in Residence series is designed to bring the spirit and thrill of exploration to travel enthusiasts.

Kensington's team of Explorers-in-Residence includes celebrated Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society and Explorers Club, renowned researchers, television personalities, and other leading adventurers. Each itinerary has been designed by the hosting Explorer together with Kensington's destination experts for a perfect fusion of rare and rich experiences, adventure and luxury, off the beaten path surprises and awe-striking must-sees. "The itineraries are woven together to showcase the incredible knowledge, deep cultural connections and fascinating story-telling of each explorer," confirmed Willner, a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society himself. "These experiences are built to remind us that discovery and opening ourselves to new experiences can be powerful and life changing."

Travelers wishing to book an Explorer Series itinerary can choose from a selection of unique and adventurous experiences including:

- <u>China & The Tea Horse Road</u> A unique journey over the Silk Road with renowned explorer, author, indigenous mountain culture expert, and tea connoisseur Jeff Fuchs. (*From \$8,695 pp*)
- Mysteries of the Masai A cultural discovery through Kenya & Tanzania with Michael Strandberg (From \$8,695 pp)
- <u>Madagascar & Eco Culture Adventure</u> An exotic safari though the 8<sup>th</sup> continent with globally-renowned primatologist, Dr. Travis Steffens. (*From \$9,650 pp*)
- <u>In the Footsteps of Dr Livingstone</u> An expedition through Botswana, Zambia and South Africa with Livingstone expert Russell Gamon. (*From \$16,200 pp*).
- Additional Explorer In Residence Itineraries

Kensington's growing team of Explorers in Residence are also available for private departures with fully customized tours.

Among the intrepid, 21<sup>st</sup> century explorers working closing with Kensington Tours include:

Mikael Strandberg – Lauded as "the best contemporary explorer" by The Explorers Club, Mikael has completed
a number of ground-breaking expeditions, including an exploration of the Kolyma River in Siberia – an
expedition globally recognized as the coldest in history. Mikael also lived with the Masai Tribe in Kenya for XXXX

- **Jeff Fuchs** An acclaimed author who has spent the past decade in Asia, living with indigenous mountain cultures and pursing a passion for oral histories and tea.
- **Simon Donato** Ultra-marathon runner and star of the hit new show Boundless, Simon competes in grueling races around the world with minimum environmental impact.
- **George Kourounis** Referred to as the "Modern Indiana Jones," George is an intrepid storm chaser, adventurer and TV personality.
- **Jonathan Green** An acclaimed naturalist, researcher and photographer who founded the Galapagos Whale Shark Project.
- **Lee Abbamonte** An adventurous journalist and TV personality, he is the youngest person to have visited every country in the world.
- Travis Steffens A primatologist with a passion for conservation, Steffens has dedicated his life and research to community development efforts, environmental education, eco-tourism projects, and international awareness in Madagascar.
- Brett Rogers Acclaimed documentarian and water expert, Brett has led expeditions on the Mackenzie, Yukon,
  Mississippi, Ganges, and Mekong Rivers, spanning a total distance of over 6,500 miles without burning a tank of
  gas.
- Mark Terry Award-winning documentarian, Mark has directed numerous films and participated in a number of research programs dedicated to the conservation and research of the polar regions.
- Russell Gammon Acclaimed guide and Livingstone expert, Russell leads expeditions in the footsteps of the great explorer Dr. David Livingstone.

In addition to the small group itineraries, Kensington Tours will, through their Blog, also feature and follow this fascinating team of explorers as they continue their ground-breaking exploration around the globe. Kensington's <a href="Compass Blog">Compass Blog</a> will host articles, field posts, videos and photos that will celebrate and chronicle the great tradition of global exploration. For further information on the Explorers in Residence program or to book a Small Group Explorers itinerary, visit KensingtonTours.com or call 1-888-903-2001.

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**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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