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Dear Travel Friends,

Is it too late to say happy new year? Already the first week is gone, but we still wish you a wonderful 2012 filled with good health, happiness and travel dreams come true.

This year we hope to get our mailing list under control - it's our new year's resolution. We are asking everyone who can, to allow us to send Email Updates through Constant Contact. Eventually we will refine the site so we can know who is interested in which destinations.

Meanwhile, we know there are those who love our little printed newsletter. Granted it's pleasant to read it in moments of leisure away from the computer. It's convenient to tuck in a pocket and take along while out and about or even to share with others! So, we are asking those who wish to stay on our mailing list for the printed newsletter to keep in touch with us.

-Gwen Erwood President, Travel Concepts International

Register for Email Updates

These will give you the most up-to-date information about our tours. Visit our website SeriousTraveler.com and click on the link to register (name and email address required only). Constant Contact will notify us and we will send you a small gift.



Last Call !

Yearning for a cultural discovery trip? Take one or more of our tours to the **Balkans**. The deposit deadline is fast approaching. See the reverse listing for the dates of our **Albania**, **Macedonia**, **Bulgaria** and **Romania** tours scheduled throughout May and June. Don't forget the trip to **Egypt** is a go, and the **Persia** trip in April is always a favorite.

Room Shares Available Now

Want to avoid the single supplement? Allow us to match you with a suitable roommate. Our tours that currently have room shares available are: **Egypt** (male room share) and **Persian History and Culture** in April (female room share). Call for a full brochure. We guarantee a share with a full complement on all our tours.

New Additions

We are so excited about our new Best of **Korea** trip planned for October 10 - 20. An extension to Pyongyang will be an option. We've set a summer date for both **Central Asia** and **Iran**, which will allow those in the academic community to join us. New Adventures in the Balkans includes Northwest **Turkey**, Northern **Greece**, **Albania** and **Bulgaria**.

Help Us Plan Tours

We're always designing tour of cultural interest to add to our delicious line-up. We've had many tours to **Spain** in the past and it's time to offer one again. We expect the trip to be in two parts—Andalucia with Madrid is the classic itinerary focusing on the Moorish influence. Then the north—the Catalanian city of Barcelona, the Basque country including Bilbao with its dazzling Guggenheim Museum, plus the far northwest region which has a Celtic language and history. Sound interesting? Let us know. Does **Iceland**, **Greenland** and the **Faroe Islands** interest you? The Faroe Islands are ranked the world's most appealing island destination.

Where We Traveled

Our **Persia Revisited** tour in November was a great success. Read comments from past travelers on the Iran page of our website about their positive experiences in Iran. The new Central Asia Silk Road that included **Turkmenistan** as well as **Uzbekistan** was enjoyed by two intrepid travelers.

Are We Still Going There?

Yes! We are in contact with our **Iranian** counterpart daily. If there is a risk for even one person, Bahman will let us know immediately. Those who have the courage

to look beyond the political rhetoric on both sides will be justly rewarded with a fabulous trip. We were right about **Myanmar**; what a fantastic time to visit! Watch for our tour in January. Regarding **Libya**: when conditions are right, we'll be going back—we hope soon. Our January and March tours to **Cuba** are sold out, and there's still a little space left for the June trip. Grab it now. This could be the year of greatest change in Cuba since 1959.

Why Travel With TCI?

We are not your typical tour company. You'll enjoy the camaraderie of those high caliber people who travel with us.

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- Life Experiences
- Detailed Brochures
- Personalized Attention
- Cultural Visits
- Choose Your Air Arrangements
- Small Groups
- Pre-trip Study Material

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Asia 2012 - 2013

DATES	TOUR NAME	# OF DAYS	PRICE	COUNTRY (HIGHLIGHTS)
March 21 - April 4	Jewels of the Silk Road	15	\$5790	Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Samarkand, Shakre Sabz, Bukhara, Khiva)
April 4 - 8	Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan Optional Iran extension	5	\$1880	Turkmenistan (Tashauz, Kunya Urgench, Ashgabat, Mary [Merv]) Iran (Mashad, Nishapur, Tehran) including air from JFK
April 6 - 21	Passage Through Persian History & Culture	16	\$6360	Iran (Tehran, Kerman, Rayen, Mahan, Shiraz, Persepolis, Naghsh-é-Rostam, Yazd, Isfahan, Kashan) including air from JFK
April 21 - 25	Caspian Extension	4	\$2190	Iran (Tabriz, Ardabil, Anzali, Fuman, Ramsar, Masuleh)
May 31 - June 11	Uzbekistan - Jewels of the Silk Road	12	\$4990	Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Urgench, Khiva, Samarkand, Bukhara Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, Shakre Sabz) including air from Chicago, ORD
June 23 - July 7	Bali and Beyond with Java and South Sulawesi	15	\$5330	Indonesia (Jogjakarta, Borobudur, Sulawesi, Makassar, Toraja Land, Denpasar, Ayung River, Ubud) including air from San Francisco
June 27 - July 13	Mongolia, Steppes to the Gobi	17	\$6310	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar, Lake Hovsgol, Gobi, Bayan Zag [Flaming Cliffs], Bayangobi, Karakorum, Naadam Festival) including air from Los Angeles
July 1 - 18	Summer Discovery of Persia	18	\$6680	Iran (Tehran, Shiraz, Isfahan, Tabriz, Anzali) including air from JFK
July 7 - 19	Sri Lanka - Art & Culture	13	\$4470	Sri Lanka (Colombo, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, Bentota, Galle) Airfare additional
July 13 - 26	Mighty Mountains and Valley of Ladakh, India	14	\$3670	India (Delhi, Leh, Themisgam, Lamayuru, Phyang, Sumoor, Hunder, Diskit, Pangong, Thaktok, Hemis, Stok) Airfare additional
July 26 - 29	Idyllic Srinagar Kashmir Ext	3	\$1180	India (Srinagar, Kashmir, Delhi)
October 17 - 31	Central Asia's Silk Road	15	\$5790	Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan (optional Iran). See above March 21-April 4/8
October 10 - 20	Best of South Korea		Call us	South Korea (Seoul, Suncheon, Jeju, Busan) including air from Los Angeles
November 2 - 17	Persian History and Culture Revisited	16	\$5980	Iran (Tehran, Hamadan, Ahwaz, Susa, Bishapour, Shiraz, Persepolis, Naghsh-é-Rostam, Pasargadae, Yazd, Isfahan) including air from JFK
November 17 - 21	Caspian Extension	4	\$2190	Iran (Tabriz, Ardabil, Anzali, Fuman, Ramsar, Masuleh)
December 26, 2012 - January 7, 2013	North India & Darjeeling	13	\$5420*	India (Delhi, Khajuraho, Jhansi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri Jaipur, Bagdogra, Kalimpong, Darjeeling, Kolkata) Airfare additional
Jan 7 - 20, 2013	South India - Experience the Extraordinary	14	\$3990*	India (Chennai to Kanchipuram, Pondicherry to Thanjavur. Pongal Festival in Madurai. Cochin. Mysore, Bangalore) Airfare additional
Jan 20 - 22, 2013	Mumbai extension	3	\$840*	India (Mumbai, Crawford Market, Dhobi Ghats, Elephanta Caves)
January 22 - February 3, 2013	Sri Lanka - Pearl of the Indian Ocean	13	\$4470*	Sri Lanka (Colombo, Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, Bentota, Galle) Airfare additional
Jan 8 - 18, 2013	Splendors of Myanmar	11	\$2990*	Myanmar (Yangon, Bagan, Mandalay, Ava, Heho, Pindaya, Inle Lake)
Jan 18 - 25, 2013	with Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia extension	8	\$2420*	Vietnam (Hanoi, Bat Trang, Halong Bay) Laos (Luang Prabang Mekong River, Vat Xieng Thong) Cambodia (Siem Reap, Angkor Wat)

Europe 2012 - 2013

May 10 - 20	Slovenia & Croatia	11	Call us	Slovenia (Ljubjana, Bled) Croatia (Dubrovnik, Korçula, Zagreb) Air add.
May 20 - 30	World Heritage Sites of Albania	11	\$2490	Albania (Tirana, Kruja, Durres, Apollonia, Saranda, Butrint, The Ksamili Islands, Phoinice, Permet, Korça, Mborja, Lake Ohrid) Airfare additional
May 28 - June 3	Macedonia Mosaic Ext	7	\$2590	Macedonia (Lake Ohrid, Bitola, Skopje) Airfare additional
June 3 - 13	Seven Wonders of Bulgaria	11	\$3950	Bulgaria (Sofia, Kazanluk, Veliko Turnovo, Arbanassi, Rousse, Varna, Balchik, Nessabar, Plovdiv, Rila Monastery) Airfare additional
June 13 - 24	Legends & Traditions of Romania	12	\$2990	Romania (Bucharest, Brasov, Viscri, Sighisoara, Biertan, Malancrav, Sucevita, Vorentz, Maramures, Cluj Napoca, Sibiu, Hurez) Air Additional
Sept 27 - Oct 5	Precious Stones of Puglia	9	\$3750	Italy (Bari, Alberobello, Lecce, Taranto, Matera, Corato) Airfare additional
October 5 - 13	Roseto Valfortore & Gargano Peninsula	8	\$2990	Italy (Roseto Valfortore, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo Vieste, Bari) Airfare additional
October/November	A Balkan Odyssey	24	Call us	Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, Macedonia airfare additional
February 16 - 28, 2013	Best of Russia with End of Winter Festival	13	\$3760*	Russia (Moscow, Vladimir, Suzdal, Fedoskino, St. Petersburg) including air from New York, JFK

Africa 2012

March 2 - 12	Freedom Tour of Egypt	11	\$3780	Egypt (Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor) including air from JFK
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The Americas 2012

June 23 - 30	Cuba People to People	8	\$3510	Cuba (Havana, Viñales Valley) including air from Miami via Charter Flight
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