



Hello,

As Easter weekend approaches and spring begins to settle in, it often feels like the moment when people start thinking about the journeys, they would really love to take this year or next.

Over the past few months, we've added a few new destinations to the Opulent Travel [website](#). They are places that have been on our minds for some time, and places that many of you have asked us about.

Two in particular feel especially exciting to introduce.

Antarctica

Few places on earth feel quite as extraordinary as Antarctica. It's one of those journeys that sits in people's imaginations for years and, when they finally go, often becomes one of the most memorable travel experiences of their lives.

Most expeditions begin at the southern tip of Argentina before crossing the Drake Passage to reach the Antarctic Peninsula. Once there, the days are shaped by nature: landing by Zodiac among towering ice formations, watching penguin colonies going about their business, and sometimes simply standing quietly in a landscape that feels almost otherworldly.

When we plan journeys here, we work with expedition partners who focus on **smaller vessels carrying fewer than 100 guests**. This allows for greater flexibility when exploring, easier landings, and a much more personal guiding experience on board.

For those who would prefer to avoid the sometimes-unpredictable waters of the Drake Passage, there is also the option to **fly across on a private charter flight**, landing directly in Antarctica before joining the ship. It's a remarkable way to begin the journey and means more time exploring rather than crossing open ocean.

Very few people ever have the opportunity to travel to Antarctica, which is part of what makes the experience feel so special once you are there.

Antarctica is not a typical vacation. It's an expedition in the truest sense and one that tends to stay with people long after they return home.

Most Antarctica expeditions operate between November and March, so planning usually begins a year or two in advance.



Bhutan

At the opposite end of the spectrum is Bhutan, a small Himalayan kingdom that has long captured the imagination of travellers.

Bhutan has deliberately taken a different approach to tourism, welcoming visitors in a way that protects its culture, landscapes and traditions. The result is a country that still feels deeply authentic.

Journeys here usually unfold through a series of valleys Paro, Thimphu and Punakha each with its own character. Monasteries cling to cliffsides, prayer flags move gently in the mountain air, and walks between villages reveal a pace of life that feels refreshingly unhurried.

For many travelers, the highlight is hiking to Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched high above the Paro Valley, but the real appeal of Bhutan is the feeling of stepping into a place that has chosen to move through the world at its own pace.

A few journeys we've been thinking about

Antarctica Expedition (10–12 nights)

Begin in southern Argentina before flying or sailing to the Antarctic Peninsula. Days are spent exploring by Zodiac with expert naturalist guides, landing among penguin colonies, watching whales surface through the ice and experiencing a landscape that feels unlike anywhere else on earth. Small expedition ships and experienced guiding make all the difference here.

Bhutan Through the Valleys (8–10 nights)

A beautifully paced journey through Paro, Thimphu and Punakha, combining monastery visits, scenic valley walks and time to experience Bhutan's culture and way of life. The highlight for many is the hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched high above the Paro Valley, though the quieter moments in villages and mountain landscapes are often what people remember most.

As always, the destinations on our website are simply starting points.

Out of curiosity, which places are beginning to sit on your own travel wish list for the next few years?

If Antarctica, Bhutan, or anywhere else has been on your mind, we'd be very happy to talk things through.



Happy Easter,

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