



YOUR PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Alfresco Escapes With Encounters Travel

Tour Overland, By River, Road And Sea From £429pp



As anyone who's travelled far will testify, one drawback to discovering the world can sometimes be the long journeys between destinations. However, small group tour specialist [Encounters Travel](#) offers travel with a difference, combining road trips with rafting and trekking, nights on comfortable sleeper trains, cruising the Nile in Egypt and sailing the Aegean sea - transforming the typical pit stops into tantalising hot spots, all from just **£429 per person**.

Busting the myth that embarking on a group tour means hours of sitting on a hot and stuffy minibus, Encounters Travel's adventures offer endless opportunities for stretching the legs and seeing a country from a unique viewpoint – not from a bus seat. Targeted at singles, friends and couples, some of the company's most active and varied tours include:

EGYPT: [NUBIAN ADVENTURE TOUR](#)

This cultural, sun-kissed eight-night tour is the perfect introduction to Egypt. Starting in Cairo, with a visit to the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, guests then head off on an overnight sleeper train to Aswan and Luxor in the Nile Valley and enjoy a traditional felucca cruise down the Nile before heading back to Cairo. There's also an optional Wadi Rayan day trip which travels over the desert and includes a sand walk to discover fascinating specimens of fossilised whales.

Available for departures in 2013 from **£429 per person**, the price includes transfers from/to Cairo, eight nights' accommodation on a mixed-board basis staying in four-star hotels, on board a sleeper train and a traditional felucca boat, as well as the services of a fully qualified Egyptologist throughout. International flights excluded.

THAILAND: [THAILAND ENCOUNTERS TOUR](#)

This exotic 11-night tour is the ultimate travelling bucket list. Starting in Bangkok, explore the capital's majestic monuments by foot, before heading by train to the historical cities of Kanchanaburi and Ayutthaya, followed by Chiang Mai in the mountainous north for a three day trek, elephant ride and bamboo rafting trip through the local hill tribe villages.

Available for departures in 2013 from **£599 per person**, the price includes transfers from/to Bangkok, 11 nights' varied accommodation in hotels, home-stays, on board a sleeper train and on a floating raft on a mixed-board basis, all entrance fees as well as a local tour guide during sightseeing and activities. International flights excluded.

TURKEY: [AEGEAN LEGACY ADVENTURE](#)

This exotic and eclectic 11-night tour explores cosmopolitan Istanbul and the ancient sites of Troy, Pergamum and Ephesus. There's also the chance to visit the calcium terraces of Pamukkale, take a three-night cruise on board a traditional Turkish gullet and spend a night in a beachside tree house at the seaside resort of Olympos. Stretch the legs with a rock climbing or sea kayaking excursion, before returning to Istanbul.

Available for departures in 2013 from **£895 per person**, the price includes internal road and air transfers from/to Istanbul, varied accommodation in four and five-star hotels, on board a Turkish gullet and in a beachside tree house, meals on a mixed-board basis, all entrance fees as well as a local tour leader during sightseeing and activities. International flights excluded.

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