

#### Inspiring Escorted Journeys



#### Hi Everyone,

Well it is the start of a new year so I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you and give you a little more information on the new trips coming up for 2019. Below you will find an outline of each of the tours and of course if you want to know more about any of our tours in 2018 or 2019, you can find full details by visiting the Byroads website at www.byroads.com.au.

In February I am off to Mexico for our first 'Mexico & the Yucatan' trip which kicks off in Mexico City on the 2nd of the month. There will be 13 of us on this tour, many of whom will be continuing on to join the Byroads 'Rhythms of Cuba' tour in Havana. Again there will be 13 of us travelling together in Cuba. So, if you or any of your friends are interested in either of these two countries, there is still some space available however anyone interested should book soon as the trips are not far away now.

#### **Byroads Facebook Page**

Just a reminder, if you haven't had a look at the Byroads Facebook page

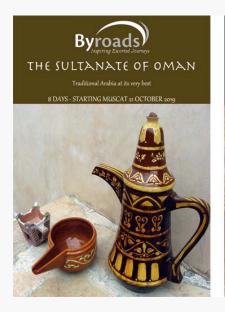
please feel free to do so. Facebook is increasingly one of the important ways we can promote our tours and I have been surprised at the number of Byroads travellers who keep in touch with their friends and family back home while they travel. Please <u>Click here</u> to 'like' and 'share' the Byroads Facebook page.

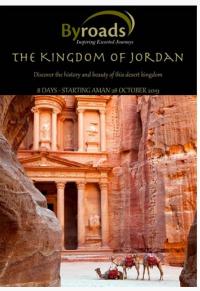
Finally I would like to wish everyone a great 2018 year ahead.

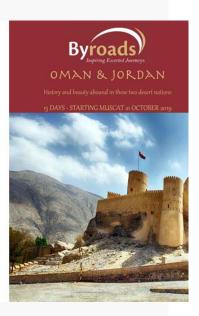
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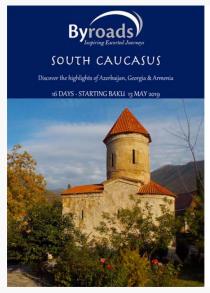
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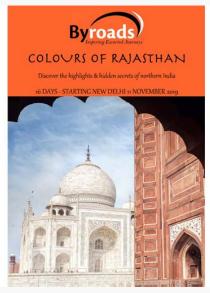
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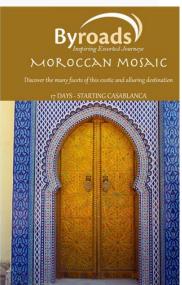












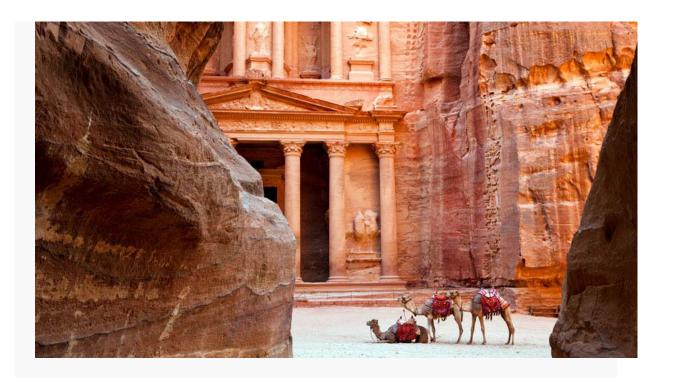
# THE SULTANATE OF OMAN 8 DAYS - Starting in Muscat 21 Oct 2019 Let traditional Arabia reveal itself as you explore this desert nation.

Nestled into the southeast corner of the Arabian Peninsula, Oman has seen occupation by the likes of the Persians, the Portuguese, the Ottomans and the British. Today it is still one of the best places in the Gulf to experience traditional Arabia. The country is rugged and beautiful with its dramatic towering mountains, great wadis and seemingly endless sand dunes. Crumbling forts, ancient towns and remarkably friendly people await the intrepid visitor. Click here for details.



### THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN 8 DAYS - Starting in Amman 28 Oct 2019 Explore the history and beauty of this Middle Eastern kingdom.

Although largely desert, Jordan has lush farming lands, dramatic mountains and beautiful beaches. Crusader castles and ancient churches dot the countryside and there are the enduring sites of Wadi Rum, the Dead Sea and the jewel in the crown of the country's many antiquities, wonderful Petra, the ancient Nabataean city carved into the pink sandstone cliffs in Jordan's southwestern desert. Click here for details.



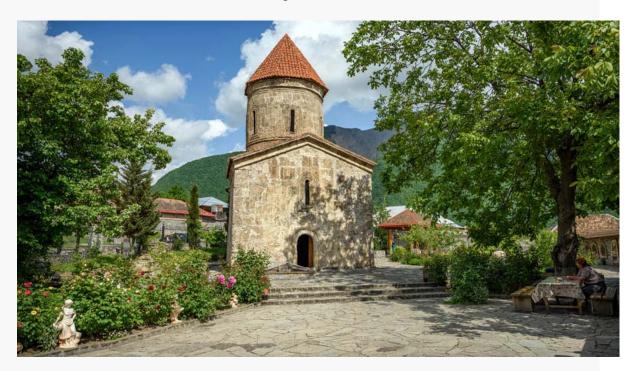
# OMAN & JORDAN 15 DAYS - Starting in Muscat 21 Oct 2019 Two ancient desert nations joined together in this one great trip.

This fantastic trip through two of the Arab world's friendliest and most hospitable nations includes stunning desert landscapes, amazing world heritage listed sites, a plethora of ancient towns and a fascinating insight into Arabic culture. It is a comfortable, safe and welcoming trip through two of the region's most rewarding countries. Experience the local culture of hospitality that stems from both countries deep roots in their Bedouin history. Click here for details.



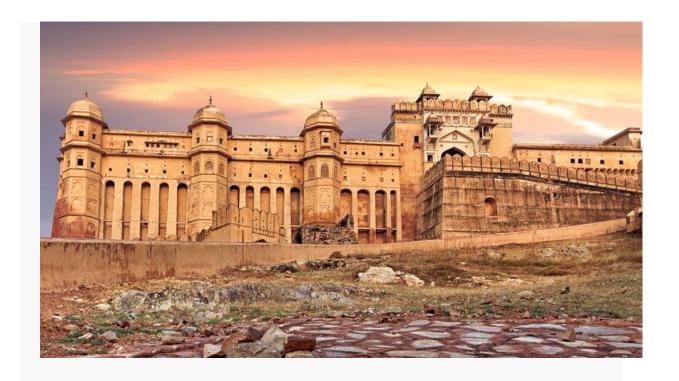
# SOUTH CAUCASUS 16 DAYS - Starting in Baku 13 May 2019 Discover the highlights of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia.

The Caucasus Mountains form the physical divide between Europe and Asia and nestled between rugged mountains and the Black and Caspian Seas are the small nations of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia. In true Byroads style, we take the time to explore these lessor known countries, experiencing and contrasting the local religions, cultures, peoples and cuisines while discovering the wonderful historical and natural sights that abound. Click here for details.



# COLOURS OF RAJASTHAN 16 DAYS - Starting in Delhi 11 Nov 2019 Come and experience the colour and splendor of India's most vibrant state.

This well thought through itinerary around Rajasthan includes all the best highlights and some of the most amazing accommodation. It includes the Taj Mahal, Udaipur, Jodhpur and Jaipur. We also head off the beaten track to less known highlights such as the ancient towns of Karauli and Narlai. And, for lovers of wildlife, we visit Ranthambore, one of North India's largest national parks, with a growing Tiger population along with other animal and bird species. Click here for details.



#### MOROCCAN MOSAIC 17 DAYS - Starting in Casablanca 24 Apr & 4 Sep 2019

#### One of North Africa's most exotic and alluring destinations.

This is one of our original Byroads trips and still one of our most popular. In 2019 it becomes a 17 Days tour that starts in Casablanca. It still includes visits to Rabat and Sale before continuing north to discover the wonderful city of Tangiers, at the Straits of Gibraltar. From there we continue exploring Tetouan, Chefchaouen, Meknes and ancient Fes. Then south to remote desert towns, the kasbah-studded Middle Atlas and the Draa Valley with our journey ending in fabulous Marrakech. Click here for details.

