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Picture glacial mountains rising from the sea. Or, floating ice castles glistening under the midnight sun. Imagine waddling penguins who look surprised to see you approach them in a Zodiac or a pod of whistling whales serenading you as you sip on a glass of the finest champagne. Experience all this and more by hopping aboard a luxury yacht that's set to sail for 14 days to the farthest corner of the world at the end of the year.

This life-changing journey is helmed by The Q Experiences—pioneers of luxury travel in India and an award-winning organisation that lives by its adage "Luxury Travel, Redefined"—it brings you rare, one-of-a-kind experiences that

make great travel stories.

Starting from Ushuaia, the world's southern-most city, the voyage takes you across the Drake Passage, which is a confluence of the Atlantic, Pacific and Southern Oceans, to the world's least explored continent. Aboard the luxury yacht, that's reminiscent of the ones on the French Riviera, your palate will embark on a culinary journey of its own. Expect to be served the finest, most exotic dishes by two-time Michelin Star chef Vineet Bhatia and international Michelin Star chef Alain Ducasse. The yacht also has two speciality bars, a spa and salon, a gym, a boutique, luxuriously-appointed suites, private butlers, entertainment options

and almost everything a luxury resort offers. Apart from the Captain's Welcome Dinner and the Farewell Gala Dinner, The Q will also organise a New Year's Eve Gala Event on December 31st—what a spectacular way to welcome the third decade of the 21st century.

And while the journey may end in 14 days, the experiences you gather will allow you to narrate riveting stories for many years to come.

This 14-day experience with The Q begins on 26th December 2019 with all-inclusive packages starting at ₹10,55,000

For more information, visit www.thewhitecontinent.com, www.theqexperiences.com, email hello@theqexperiences.com or call +91-8805168888

BEST FOR A SHORT BREAK

WORLD DREAM, CHINA

Perfect for a short breather from it all, the *World Dream* leaves from the Guangzhou-Hong Kong area and sails for two or three nights, depending on the time you need away from your worldly worries. Think of this then as a detox cruise. But a detox where you and the 3,400 or so other guests on board are pampered by a crew of around 2,000 people. Your biggest decisions here will be deciding which one of the 35 restaurants you will pick for your next meal. Or whether you will spend your day watching a movie at the theatre on board, playing games at the virtual reality arcade or catching a live show. And if you're looking to cut loose, the outdoor "beach" club is where you need to be. Tasty cocktails, plunge pools and the DJ spinning the hottest beats, it has all the ingredients for a fun evening on the high seas. For a more private party, book out the karaoke room. The next day, it's off to the spa to work the previous night's exertions off. The masseuses specialise in a range of Asian and Western massage techniques, whatever your body needs on the day. For guests travelling with young ones, the waterslide park is sure to be a favourite on a hot summer day. In the evening, you can enjoy live fireworks and laser display on the main deck. The only struggle is packing in as much as possible on your weekend away at sea. (*dreamcruise.com*; doubles from US\$760 or ₹53,200) **RAC**



BEST FOR LUXURY

MAJESTIC EXPLORER, ANTARCTICA

Nothing about the 11-day journey from Ushuaia, the southernmost city on the planet, through the choppy waters of the Drake Passage should be easy, let alone luxurious. So, you could be forgiven for forgetting where you are when you are sitting on board the *Majestic Explorer*. The 132 staterooms and suites are inspired by the French Riviera. The only way you'll know you aren't in a sleekly-decorated hotel room is when you step out on to your balcony and take in the white continent that surrounds you. Watch humpback whales shooting out of the water with a massive splash, penguins waddling about on their rocky island homes, seals napping after a big meal. Take a Zodiac ride for a closer look at the locals and go ashore in Port Lockroy and Port Charcot. Take in the silence, only punctuated by the cries of the cape petrels, cormorants and seagulls. (*thewhitecontinent.com*; doubles from US\$30,300 or ₹21,10,000) **RAC**

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Q EXPERIENCES

With the world becoming smaller, take the opportunity that Q Experiences offers of bespoke travel packages that are tailored to your interests. With honeymoon planning at the fore, they're known for bringing together a couple's separate interests for a truly once-in-a-lifetime trip. Whether that be walking together in Peru and Bolivia or a trip to the other worldly landscape of Scandinavia there are lot of destinations to consider. Once you decide on where to go, let the Q Romance team put together an itinerary that will delight — whether it be dining at a Michelin-starred restaurant or a jaunt around a race course in a roadster, a personalised shopping trip for the newly-weds or an day-out in the great outdoors. Whatever your interests, you'll find a honeymoon that fulfils them completely.

(www.theqexperiences.com)



↑ KEEPING TIME

Building on the success of the PR-100 Sport-Chic collection, Tissot has created a new 38mm woman's watch that brings together glamour and minimalism. Taking its cues from the brand's feminine aesthetic, it features a shimmering mother-of-pearl dial with diamonds marking each digit. However, it's not the kind of time-piece that can only be worn in the evening. Instead, with a commanding bezel, striking dual tone colour scheme and use of fine-materials, it's the kind of watch that can transition from day to night. Making use of Chrono Quartz movement and with a scratch-resistant sapphire crystal, it's the perfect fusion of elegance and functionality.

(www.tissotwatches.com)



↑ STYLISH STAYCATION

With summer's end, it's the ideal time to check in to the Conrad Bengaluru and be pampered for a weekend. Centrally located on MG Road, with rooms that overlook the city skyline, there's more than enough on the premises to engage the senses from the Conrad SPA to the much-lauded Sunday brunch at Caraway Kitchen. Make use of the outdoor infinity pool and remember to fill up on local fare at the Indian Durbar, one of five distinct restaurants at the luxury property. Take advantage of its prime location and ensure you spend some time seeing the city as a tourist would. **(www.conradbengaluru.com)**