



AKORN DESTINATION MANAGEMENT





With over 50 years of experience and over 55 offices in more than 30 countries, Akorn Destination Management has developed into the world’s leading network of luxury DMCs.

With attention to detail that is second to none and a focus on service, both on the ground and in the creation of your client’s itinerary, we are committed to partnering with travel professionals who strive to provide their clients with the very best travel experiences. At the core of our service delivery are the very best guides, seamless operations and intricate quality control systems to ensure that your client’s expectations are met and exceeded each time they travel with us.

Central to our product is our impressive range of ‘insider access’ moments, which allow our travelers to get under the skin of a country by coming into contact with the locals whether they are famous TV personalities or remote tribal people. Akorn’s local staff have unparalleled knowledge of the countries in which we operate, which combined with our local connections means we can open doors and gain access to extraordinary experiences and unusual places to deliver truly exceptional journeys.

Here is an insight into each of our DMCs and what they can do for you and your clients...

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*Akorn DMCs will be happy to act as a white label, providing all services under your or your clients' company name.*

WHY AKORN DMCs?

- Over 55 offices in more than 30 countries
- Operating for over 50 years
- The ability to tailor make trips to your clients' exact requirements
- Longstanding local connections
- Regular Health and Safety audits
- Global corporate indemnity in our travel network
- 24-hour emergency contact and fast response times
- Insider Access: we can open closed doors that others simply cannot
- A robust infrastructure in place in each country, including our own vehicle fleets and guides in many destinations
- Dedicated teams dealing in FIT, groups, MICE and special interest travel





# KENYA

Akorn pioneered the first luxury safari in Kenya in 1962, and over fifty years later we are still leaders of the quintessential African safari. Our private safaris and VIP arrangements allow your clients to enjoy the most exclusive wildlife adventures and cultural experiences, setting our services apart from the rest of the herd, from prime game viewing spots in the Mara to a bi-plane flight over Lake Baringo.

## WHY AKORN KENYA?

- › A fleet of 80 vehicles, all maintained by in-house mechanics at our workshop
- › A luxury mobile camping operation with 40 tents for the ultimate savannah experience
- › A team of 261 across two offices in Nairobi and Mombasa, with only the most experienced, professional and multilingual guides available
- › Philanthropy projects in conservation, charity and education, such as the Nyumbani Centre which provides comprehensive care for HIV positive orphans in Kenya
- › Emergency 24 hour numbers for agents and guests and rapid response times

*Clients can learn from Jonathan Scott: Wildlife expert, photographer and artist, famous for TV series Big Cat Diary.*



## MUST SEES

**Masai Mara** The Masai Mara boasts the Great Wildebeest Migration of over two million wildebeest and zebra, and is home to our private camping division.

**Laikipia** Private conservancies such as Ol Pejeta and Lewa are some of East Africa's leading conservation success stories where your clients will have the opportunity to see endangered species such as the black rhino.

**The Great Rift Valley** Where hundreds of flamingos flock to the shores of Lake Baringo and Lake Elementaita.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Lake Turkana, Northern Kenya** Little-visited Lake Turkana, Kenya's last frontier, is home to fascinating nomadic tribes and some exceptional archaeological sites.

**Lamu Island, North Kenya Coast**  
A UNESCO World Heritage Site blissfully lost in the tides of history with its historical mosques and narrow streets.

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## PRIVATE CAMPING IN THE MAASAI MARA





# UGANDA

Our team’s expert knowledge of Uganda, combined with our ability to gain insider access to the most unique places, means we guarantee extraordinary experiences for your clients, from gorilla tracking in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to white water rafting down the famed Bujagali falls.

## WHY AKORN UGANDA

- › A 20 strong team, including our own drivers, guides and vehicles
- › Emergency 24 hour contact numbers for agents and guests and a quick follow up time



*Established in 2003 as an outreach clinic to support the displaced Batwa Pygmies, Bwindi Community Hospital has grown to a fully-fledged hospital that caters to the health needs of over 100,000 people in Bwindi and its vicinity. Guests visiting the hospital can volunteer or make a small donation.*

## MUST SEES

**Bwindi National Park** Boasting the highest population of mountain gorillas in the world, approximately 65% of the entire population, Bwindi National Park is a prime gorilla tracking spot and only a few are lucky enough to get up close and personal with the spectacular creatures. Clients can also meet the Batwa pygmies to gain an insight into life in the forest.

**Kibale Forest National Park** Kibale Forest is best known for its high primate density including monkeys, baboons, chimpanzees and mangabeys. Chimp tracking is an exciting excursion where guests can watch the chimps squabble and swing among the forest trees.

**Queen Elizabeth National Park** Uganda’s most popular tourist destination, Queen Elizabeth National Park has a very diverse ecosystem including sprawling savannahs, shady forests, volcanic craters and sparkling lakes, and is most famous for its tree-climbing lions.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Kidepo** Uganda’s most remote and least explored national park, Kidepo is home to 77 mammal species, including great buffalo herds, as well as 475 bird species. The absence of game-viewing vehicles

guarantees a level of exclusivity not found in many parks in Africa.

**Jinja** Jinja is best known for its incredible white water rafting, often said to be the best in Africa.

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## MUST SEES

**Volcanoes National Park** is the icon of Rwanda and home to the famous mountain gorillas which is one of the main reasons that guests come to this beautiful country. However, there are a number of other interesting excursions available here including golden monkey tracking, cultural visits and seeing Diane Fossey's grave and research centre.

**Kigali** is the capital of this little country and an excellent example of a modern African city. The streets are rubbish free

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and the people have learnt from their history and live in a culture of forgiveness. The Genocide Museum is a must see for any guest as, although horrifying, it gives a good understanding of the country's past and how far its people have come.



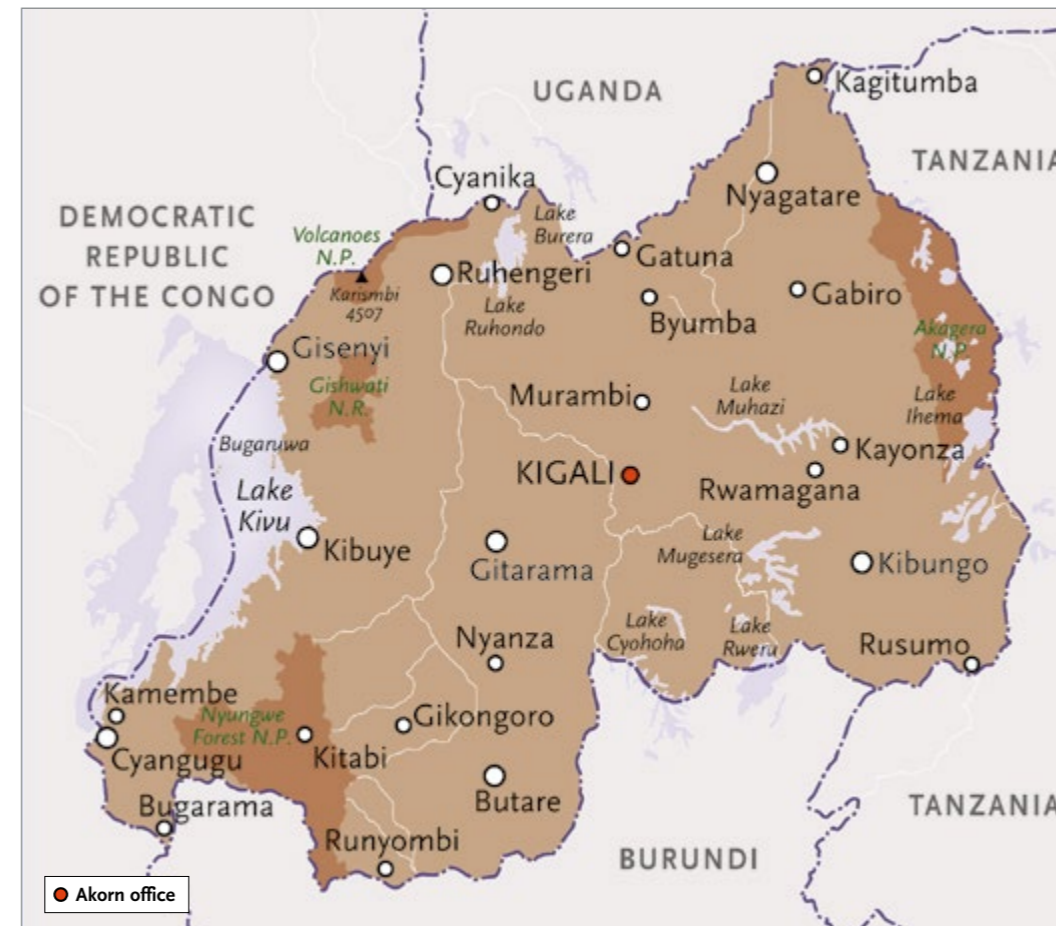
# RWANDA

Rwanda is the newest office in our East Africa collection and, like the other countries in East Africa, we have our own operation in country ensuring that your guests receive the best possible experience.

## WHY AKORN RWANDA?

- › Wholly owned office and operation in Kigali
- › 24-hour support for you and your guests
- › Ability to combine with any other East or Southern Africa country in one itinerary, working with just one consultant

*On the last Saturday of every month, between 08:00 and 11:00, Rwandans put aside their personal business and take part in Umuganda, Kinyarwanda for community work. They engage in projects such as street clean up, tree planting or building houses for the vulnerable. It is no wonder Rwanda is the cleanest country in Africa! Visitors are welcome to participate.*



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Lake Kivu** runs down the western border of Rwanda and is one of the cleanest lakes in Africa. This beautiful area is just an hour's drive from the Volcanoes National Park and not only can guests swim in the lake but there are a variety of other activities for them to enjoy, including canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding.

**The Nyungwe Rain Forest** is in the south-western corner of the country and

is home to the chimpanzees of Rwanda. In addition to tracking the chimps your guests can experience the wonderful tree canopy walk or take a tour of a local tea farm.

**The Akagera National Park** is to the west of Kigali and is the only 'savannah park' in the country. Lions and Rhinos have recently been introduced into the park and their numbers are growing. In addition to game drives clients can head out on the water giving this little park a unique sightseeing twist.



## MUST SEES

**Ngorongoro Crater** The largest unbroken caldera in the world and home to 30,000 animals. The various ecosystems found within the 260 square kilometre crater floor support buffalo, elephants, wildebeest, zebras, elands, gazelles, hippos, numerous bird species as well as a high concentration of predators.

**Serengeti** The vast Serengeti is home to the annual migration of over two million wildebeest, zebra and other plains game as they follow the rains in search of new grass.

**Kilimanjaro** Our dedicated management team reviews all aspects of your client's climb, from porter selection and welfare to briefings and safety, including a twice daily health check.

**Beach** Tanzania also boasts the spice islands of Pemba and Zanzibar. The ideal stay combines cultural discovery in the narrow alleys of Zanzibar's old town with

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relaxation on the tropical beaches and world famous diving in the coral reef.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Selous Game Reserve** A fantastic off-the-beaten-track safari destination with some of the finest untouched bush left in Africa, Selous is home to the last big tusked elephants.

**Ruaha National Park** is one of the last true wildernesses. Home to the largest elephant herds in Tanzania it is the same size as the Serengeti but receives just 10% of the visitor numbers guaranteeing an exclusive experience.

**Mahale Mountains** Home to some of Africa's last remaining wild chimpanzees, a population of roughly 800.

# TANZANIA

Home to the annual wildebeest migration, white sand beaches and the world's highest free-standing mountain, Tanzania is a diverse and fascinating country that can be visited all year round.

## WHY AKORN TANZANIA?

- › Operating out of Arusha, we have a team of 250, including our own drivers and multilingual guides
- › A fleet of 50 vehicles, maintained by in-house mechanics at our workshop
- › The only international DMC with a fully owned ground operation on Kilimanjaro, which includes our own camping equipment
- › Philanthropic activities that make a real long term difference to the people, such as the Mwiki Village Beekeeping

- Project which encourages beekeeping for commercial use and provides a valuable source of income to the village
- › Emergency 24 hour contact numbers for agents and guests and fast response times



*Your clients can shoot a bow and arrow with the Hadzabe Tribe, East Africa's last hunter gatherers.*





# < SOUTHERN AFRICA: ZAMBIA

Akorn have been creating inspiring experiences in Zambia since the 1980's, and therefore know the country intimately. Zambia is justifiably famous for walking safaris, incredible game reserves and pristine wilderness areas. From game drives and helicopter rides over Victoria Falls to white water rafting and canoeing, our experts will recommend an itinerary to suit your client.

*Make that photographic safari complete with our expert guide who is qualified to instruct guests on the correct usage of their equipment.*



## WHY AKORN ZAMBIA?

- › Local office in Lusaka
- › Our team are all experts in their field, and we have access to multilingual guides
- › We have centralised quality control and the highest health and safety rating for our preferred properties

## MUST SEES

**Victoria Falls** Whether seen on foot or from the heights of a helicopter, the Victoria Falls are magnificent and a must see on any trip to Zambia. Depending on the time of the year, your client could walk along the lip of the falls or have lunch on an island overlooking the edge.

**South Luangwa National Park** South Luangwa is one of Africa's jewels and famous for the ever-changing environment and density of game. Your clients can venture out on foot with a professional Zambian guide and qualified park ranger to learn all about the bush.

**Zambezi River** Guests can enjoy early morning or sunset river cruises down the Zambezi River in a specially constructed motorised boat, or the more active may opt for a canoe.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Liuwa Plains** A hidden gem in Zambia, the Liuwa Plains are the stage for the second biggest wildebeest migration. November is the best time for guests to observe this natural phenomenon.

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## MUST SEES

**Okavango Delta** The largest inland delta in the world and home to the Moremi Game Reserve. The Okavango Delta is undoubtedly one of the world's most pristine wilderness areas and boasts dramatic wildlife sightings. Clients can go on game drives, mokoro excursions and view game from the air.

**Kalahari Desert** Your clients can quad bike through the vast expanse of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, get up close and personal with the Kalahari's wildlife and walk with the few remaining wild Khoisan bushmen.

**Chobe River** The Chobe draws huge numbers of game to drink and has the highest density of elephants in Africa. The Chobe is a photographer's dream, and

we have access to a specially constructed photography boat.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Tuli Block** Squeezed between Zimbabwe and South Africa is this pristine wilderness that offers a variety of unique ways to view game, including on horseback and by bicycle. A trip here can also be combined with the Greater Kruger Area.

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# SOUTHERN AFRICA: BOTSWANA

Akorn Botswana has been creating inspiring experiences since 1982 and offers travelers a truly amazing and diverse safari experience in pristine environments. Your clients can explore the fascinating deserts, wetlands, savannahs, the delta and wildlife-packed game reserves of one of the wildest regions in Africa, accompanied by the most experienced and knowledgeable guides throughout.

## WHY AKORN BOTSWANA?

- › A local office in Maun
- › Our own meet and assist in Maun Airport
- › Our emergency 24 hour contact number means we are on call 24/7
- › Centralised quality control and the highest health and safety ratings with our preferred suppliers

*Your clients can have an incredible experience with elephants that have been nurtured by Doug and Sandi Groves in the lower Okavango Delta.*



ELEPHANTS IN THE OKAVANGO DELTA



# SOUTHERN AFRICA:

SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

Akorn is a one stop shop for destination management services in Southern Africa. As well as having offices in South Africa, Botswana and Zambia, we can handle operations in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique and the Indian Ocean islands of Mauritius and the Seychelles, catering for all of your client's Southern Africa needs. Few countries rival South Africa's scenic and cultural diversity. Along with some of the best beaches in the world, the country offers prolific wildlife, bustling cities, coral reef and stunning scenery.

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## WHY AKORN SOUTHERN AFRICA?

- › Four regional offices in Southern Africa – Johannesburg, Cape Town and Maun
- › Centralised quality control to ensure a high standard of service is maintained
- › Emergency 24 hour contact numbers for agents and guests and a rapid response time
- › Extremely skilled consultants with a rich and varied knowledge of South Africa

*We can arrange a private tour of Robben Island with Christo Brand, the former jailer of Nelson Mandela, who truly has the insider knowledge.*

## MUST SEES

**Cape Town** Dubbed 'The Mother City', Cape Town is a beautiful and compelling city. Your clients can take a cable car to Table Mountain, visit Robben Island, and stroll around the city's many historical sights and bustling waterfront.

**Winelands** Located within just an hour's drive from Cape Town, the Winelands are comprised of Franschhoek, Paarl and Stellenbosch, all areas that produce some of the world's finest wines.

**Kruger National Park** Known as Big Game Country, Kruger National Park has excellent game viewing opportunities and several luxurious private reserves in which to stay.

**Indian Ocean Islands** Your clients can relax on one of the many white sand beaches of Mauritius, Madagascar or the Seychelles. Each island is unique: Mauritius is great for families, the Seychelles are fantastic for honeymooners and Madagascar appeals to the more adventurous.

**Victoria Falls** Although fantastic from both sides, the Zimbabwe side has the longest viewing area of the falls and the town of Victoria Falls is known as the adventure capital of Zimbabwe.

**Hwange National Park** This is the largest park in Zimbabwe and home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra and giraffe; it is an unbeatable safari destination.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Namibia** is the least populated of the Southern African countries, yet the attractions are unrivalled. Your clients can explore the barren Skeleton Coast, go on safari in Etosha National Park, view the spectacular Fish River Canyon, sip a champagne cocktail in Sossusvlei surrounded by the high red dunes and study the fascinating geological features and rock paintings in Damaraland.

**Kwazulu Natal** For a truly exhilarating experience, we recommend the sardine run, where millions of sardines are pursued up the coastline by game fish and sharks.



## ELEPHANTS IN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA





FELUCCAS ON THE NILE

# < EGYPT

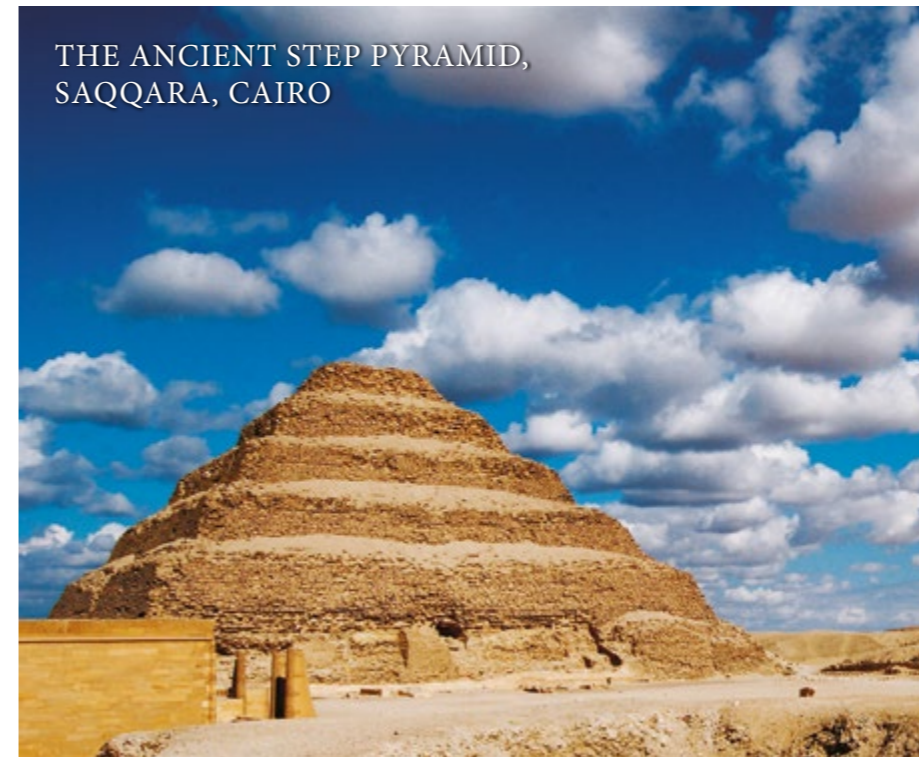
Akorn have been at the forefront of luxury travel in Egypt since their opening in Cairo in 1982. Having our own expert drivers, guides and Egyptologists ensures a seamless service for your clients from start to finish, whether it's a private tour of Islamic Cairo or on a cruise down the Nile.

## WHY AKORN EGYPT?

- › Unparalleled service, a specialised quality control team and a 24 hour emergency number: demonstrated when we chartered a flight to Jordan, evacuating our clients from Egypt faster than the UN in the January 25th revolution in 2011
- › Huge network of staff throughout seven offices in Egypt, including the country's best Egyptologists
- › Ability to arrange private openings of tombs or temples, and special lectures by experts in egyptology or archaeology
- › Akorn's size and reach as a DMC in Egypt means that we have superb relations with the country's top properties, and the best buying power in the market to ensure our rates are always competitive



*A guided tour of the marvellous Lost Kingdom of Queen Cleopatra, an amazing Egyptian underwater city.*



THE ANCIENT STEP PYRAMID, SAQQARA, CAIRO



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Siwa and the Western Desert** The Western Desert is one of the most arid regions in the world, and its rugged beauty has to be seen to be believed. There are many activities on offer for the more adventurous including camel and jeep safaris, hiking and camping. Further highlights include the Valley of the Golden Mummies, as well as the oasis town of Siwa.

## MUST SEES

**Cairo** Must see sites in Egypt's capital are the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Egyptian Museum and Khan El Khalili Bazaar. The largest city in Africa, Cairo offers an incredible selection of shopping, nightlife and restaurants. Shopping ranges from the famous bazaar Khan el-Khalili Souk, largely unchanged since the 14th century, to modern air-conditioned retail centres displaying the latest fashions.

**Luxor** Often referred to as the world's greatest open-air museum, Luxor is home to more than half of all of Egypt's antiquities. Temples and relics include Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Colossi of Memnon and the Temple of Luxor.

**Aswan** Dubbed the 'Jewel of the Nile', Aswan has the best position on the Nile and is home to the Aswan High Dam, where the Nile's flow is regulated to the whole of the country, and the spectacular St Simeon's Monastery. Known as Nubia in the ancient times, Aswan retains its unique heritage, crafts and folklore and the Nubian language is still spoken by many residents to this day.

**Abu Simbel** Several sites of outstanding world heritage were moved from Aswan to higher ground when the dam became operational. The incredible temples of Abu Simbel to the south are one such example.

**The Red Sea** boasts superb diving and snorkelling in the warm coral-filled waters, and the main highlight in the Sinai is St Catherine's Monastery.

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## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Atlas Mountains** Dominated by Mount Toubkal, the Atlas Mountains are comprised of dense forest and fertile valleys and provide miles of spectacular scenery between the coast and the Sahara Desert. As well as endless trekking and riding opportunities, clients can relax

with a refreshing mint tea in a Berber home. There are also 4x4 and self-drive riding opportunities.

## MUST SEES

**Marrakech** Marrakech is home to many historical sites including the ornate El Bahia palace within the medina. It also boasts bustling souks and markets as well as fantastic restaurants. The city offers a great range of high end hotels.

**Fez** One of the four imperial cities in Morocco, and the least spoiled, Fez boasts enchanting souks and winding alleys. Its medina has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a visit to the historic Nejjarine Fountain will take your clients back in time.

**Essaouira** With miles of unspoilt beaches this harbour town is a hot spot amongst water sport fans, and kitesurfing and windsurfing are especially popular. The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and this is a great place to relax at the end of a trip to Morocco.

# MOROCCO

Akorn Morocco have been providing high quality services throughout the country since opening in 2008, exceeding even the most demanding of clients' expectations. Whether staying in a private camp in the Sahara Desert or an exclusive riad in the heart of the medina, your clients are guaranteed amazing experiences throughout their stay.

## WHY AKORN MOROCCO?

- 30 members of the team based in Marrakech and Casablanca, who combine knowledge of the country with an understanding of what clients need
- Highly experienced and multilingual guides who between them speak English, Spanish, French, German, Russian,

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- Japanese and Portuguese
- Good relationship with local partners allowing for greater flexibility, the best rates and added value for clients
- Exclusive Akorn VIP Meet & Greet Service in Marrakech Airport, using the VIP lounge. The only DMC in Morocco to arrange this
- 24 hour emergency contact number and rapid response times

*Your clients can spend the night in a unique private Akorn mobile camp in the Sahara.*





GRECO-ROMAN RUINS OF JERASH

# JORDAN

Founded in 1998, Akorn Jordan offers the finest and most deluxe ground operations in Jordan. Each itinerary receives the maximum creative output from the team, whether your client is after a moonlit dinner at Little Petra, a private tour of a museum or a 4 x 4 adventure through Wadi Rum.

## WHY AKORN JORDAN?

- › 25 members of staff, operating out of the office in Amman
- › 24-hour emergency contact number and rapid response times
- › High quality transport, drivers and guides

*A private dinner at Little Petra, or an exclusive breakfast at the Royal stables while watching a show of the Jordanian Royal Family's private collection of thoroughbred Arabian horses.*

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- › Whilst in Amman, guests have access to our Guest Relations team who are able to assist with special requests, ranging from dinner reservations to where to shop
- › Akorn is the only DMC in Jordan that has liability insurance
- › Akorn is the only DMC in Jordan with a dedicated quality control department, ensuring standards of efficiency, knowledge and guest relations are of the highest standard



## MUST SEES

**Jerash** One of the most preserved Greco-Roman cities in the Middle East.

**Petra** a World Heritage Site, Petra was built between 800 BC and 100 AD and boasts over 800 historical monuments.

**Dead Sea** People continue to flock to the Dead Sea in search of its curative secrets. With the highest content of minerals and salts in the world, the Dead Sea water possesses anti-inflammatory properties.

**Wadi Rum** Explore the desert by hot-air balloon or 4x4 driven by a local Bedouin, and spend a night in an authentic Bedouin tent.



THE MONASTERY, PETRA





# SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia, a land rich in ancient history, culture, and stunning landscapes, has long been a hidden gem of the Middle East. For almost a century, the Kingdom kept its borders closed to mass tourism, but now, visitors from around the world can explore its wonders. Immerse yourself in the birthplace of Islam, where several civilizations have flourished throughout the centuries.

Discover a world of contrasts as you hike the country's tallest mountain, dive in the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea, or explore the vibrant capital's lively streets. Whether you want to visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites or indulge in local cuisine, our bespoke itineraries are designed to help you make the most of your trip to Saudi Arabia.

*Discover a land rich in history, culture, natural wonders, and warm hospitality in Saudi Arabia - a destination waiting to be explored.*

## WHY A&K SAUDI ARABIA DMC?

- › A&K Saudi Arabia has an extensive network of local guides and subject matter experts in history, wildlife, geology, Native culture, and more



- › Wealth of experience in bespoke travel, and curating tailored itineraries for guests
- › Insider access to the very best of Saudi Arabia
- › Curated collection of 5-star hotels and resorts
- › Arrival & departure city lodging, tours, and transfers

## MUST SEES

Riyadh Explore Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, and discover its dynamic and vibrant lifestyle, from its traditional souqs and museums to modern skyscrapers and luxurious shopping malls. Whether you are a history buff, foodie, or business traveler, Riyadh offers a multitude of experiences that will leave you in awe.

AlUla AlUla is a unique destination in Saudi Arabia that boasts stunning natural beauty and rich history. From towering sandstone mountains and lush oasis valleys to ancient ruins and rock carvings, AlUla offers a one-of-a-kind experience for travelers seeking to explore the region's cultural and natural heritage.

Jeddah Jeddah is a bustling port city located on the coast of the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia. Known as the "Gateway to the Holy Cities," Jeddah offers a unique blend of ancient



history and modern development. Visitors can explore historic sites such as the Jeddah Old Town and the Floating Mosque, as well as indulge in luxury shopping and dining experiences. The city is also a popular starting point for trips to the nearby Red Sea beaches and coral reefs.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Ha'il Ha'il, located in northwestern Saudi Arabia, is a hidden gem waiting to be explored. With its stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage, it offers a unique and authentic experience for travelers looking to venture off the beaten track. From ancient rock art sites to traditional

markets, Ha'il promises to surprise and delight those who visit.

Jazan Nestled in the southwest corner of Saudi Arabia, Jazan's untouched beaches, rugged mountains, and lush forests make it an ideal destination for nature lovers seeking a unique experience off the beaten path. Explore the stunning Farasan Islands, wander through traditional souqs, and indulge in the rich and flavorful cuisine of the region.

Al Baha Hidden in the mountains lies the hidden gem of Al Baha, a destination that is still largely undiscovered by the masses. With stunning landscapes, a rich cultural heritage, and unique architectural style, Al Baha offers an unforgettable experience for those seeking an off-the-beaten-path adventure. Explore the region's ancient forts, hike the scenic trails, or simply relax in the tranquil surroundings. With so much to discover, Al Baha is a destination not to be missed.

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# INDIA

Akorn has more than three decades of experience of operating in India and remains synonymous with quality travel management. Whether your client is looking to embark on a tour of regal Rajasthan or trawl the backwaters of Kerala by boat, our experts have the insider knowledge and access that sets our itineraries apart from our competitors.

## WHY AKORN INDIA?

- › Four offices in India with 85 employees and a network of 250 associate agents across India, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives
- › Multilingual staff and highly knowledgeable tour guides
- › A select fleet of cars and coaches, and a team of airport representatives on standby 24 hours a day
- › Special rates with preferential treatment, a high standard of quality control and a 24/7 contact number
- › The ability to handle operations in Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives
- › Caters to Special Interest Groups with private access to museums, art galleries, palaces etc

*Your guests can interact with Buddhist scholars on a specially-curated tour focusing on the footsteps of Buddha.*

## MUST SEES

**Northern India** is a mélange of Delhi and Agra's Mughal history, art and architecture, wildlife sightings in National Parks, the awe-inspiring Himalayas and the capital's resplendent colonial vestiges.



**Rajasthan** The princely heritage, desert safaris, vibrant colors, forts and palaces make the regal state a sought after destination for discerning travelers.

**Amritsar**'s Golden Temple is iconic, as is the Wagah Border near the city. Go off-beat with visits to Jalianwala Bagh and the local museums, and partake in street-food tours in the city.

**Varanasi** Here, enjoy a spiritual discourse on Hinduism on the banks of the holy River Ganga, as well as an excursion to Sarnath where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon.

**South India** From tranquil backwaters to quaint hill stations, from picturesque harbors to spice and coffee plantations, South India is a melting pot of beautiful architecture, temples, beaches, Ayurveda, and a bouquet of mouth-watering cuisines.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Our guests can...** Join monks in a meditation session at a monastery or partake in the adventure activities offered in Ladakh. Discover the spectacular ruins in **Hampi**, in Karnataka, and unlock magnificent monuments of the Vijayanagara Empire.

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## TAJ MAHAL, AGRA





DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE, CULTURAL TRIANGLE

# SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka was established in 2013 in order to handle the growing number of requests to this ever-popular country. Our team have extensive knowledge of Sri Lanka, from the cultural capital Kandy to its neighbouring British-style tea plantations.

## WHY AKORN SRI LANKA?

- › Highly experienced and knowledgeable guides
- › 24 hour emergency phone number and rapid response times
- › Quality control means we only use the best available vehicles



*Your clients can embark on a walking tour accompanied by a photographer and a storyteller.*

## MUST SEES

**Colombo** A vibrant city which combines modern life with carefully restored colonial buildings. Landmarks include the Galle Face Green, Viharamahadevi Park and the National Museum.

**Galle** Galle's most famous attraction is the magnificent Dutch fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The beach at Unawatuna is also just four miles south of the city.

**Kandy** Famous for its rambling colonial buildings and temples, Kandy is often referred to as the cultural capital of Sri Lanka. The most famous temple is the Temple of the Tooth, so named as it houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha.

**Cultural Triangle** Located north of Kandy, highlights of the Cultural Triangle include the cave temples of Dambulla and the spectacular rock citadel of Sigiriya.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Hill Country** Many of Sri Lanka's tea plantations were created by the British during colonial times and as a result, the houses are very English in style, with manicured lawns and lush green countryside surrounding them for miles around.

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# CHINA

With regional offices in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing, Akorn can handle operations throughout China and the rest of the Orient, including Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

## WHY AKORN INDIA?

- › 30 years of experience serving China and the Orient
- › 60 expert members of the team, all multilingual, with specialists on the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Xian Terracotta Museum
- › A history of hosting reputable clients such as the World Presidents Organisation, making sure that each program has substance, is unique, personalised and unmatched by other DMCs
- › Reputation for designing specialist tours, ranging from architectural and cultural to gastronomic and photographic
- › In 2019, our Executive Director in China, Gerald Hatherly, was named as one of the world's top travel specialists by Condé Nast Traveller for the 17th year running
- › Emergency contact number available 24/7 and rapid response times

*A behind the scenes tour of the Forbidden City. Your clients can visit halls usually closed to the public for a glimpse of how Imperial families once lived.*

## MUST SEES

**Xian** A historian's paradise, Xian served as the ruling seat for eleven different dynastic periods. It is also home to the life size terracotta warriors, and Akorn in China can gain exclusive access to a restoration site, usually closed to the public.

**Shanghai** A bustling metropolis combining its historic past with a cosmopolitan air, Shanghai boasts the Bund, a stretch of waterfront that is home to a wide selection of stunning buildings in varying architectural styles.



**Guilin** A region known for its rugged mountains, crystalline waters and verdant forests, Guilin is one of the most beautiful places in China. Highlights include Li Rive, Reed Flute Cave, Tunnel Cave and Fuboshan Mountain.

**Beijing** The capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing showcases the country's long and illustrious history along with its development, from the Great Wall and Forbidden City to the Olympic Stadium. Other highlights include the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace.

**Yangtze River** The longest river in Asia, and the third longest in the world at 3,900 miles. Akorn China can organise luxury river cruises down the Yangtze, passing Chongqing, Wanzhou, the Shennong Stream, the Three Gorges and Yichang en route.

**Hong Kong** A cosmopolitan city where east meets west. The high rise buildings and elite fashion houses combine with food market stalls and spirited festivals. Highlights include Victoria Peak, Man Mo Temple and Lantau Island.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Tibet** Tibet is the highest region in the world and is therefore often referred to as the 'Roof of the World'. The rich valleys support nomadic herdsman and their flocks of sheep and yak, and Lhasa's highlights include Potala Palace, Sera and Drepung Monasteries, and Jokhang Temple.

**Pingyao** With a history tracing back to 800BC, the well-preserved Pingyao will take your clients back to ancient China. The renowned City Wall, Ming-Qing Street with well-organized shops, and the earliest Chinese bank create an urban fabric in this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Silk Road** Starting off in Beijing, your clients venture into the Gobi Desert on a camel safari, meet an Uighur family in Urumqi, watch the skilful horsemanship of Kazakh nomads, and finish with the breathtaking scenery along the Karakorum highway.

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# JAPAN

Officially opened on January 02, 2019 in Tokyo, Akorn Japan handles operations throughout the country of Japan including its four main islands (Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu) as well as the Ryukyu Islands in the far south. With a full-time staff of 11 persons working in operations in Tokyo as well as a large pool of professional guides and drivers and supported by a dedicated Japan department in the office of Akorn Hong Kong, Akorn Japan can assist with group and FIT arrangements throughout the country. With its continued growth Akorn Japan will expand its operational base beyond Tokyo in the near future.

## WHY AKORN JAPAN?

- › On-site operations in Tokyo that provide arrangements throughout the entire country
- › 11 full-time professional operations staff members in the Tokyo office
- › One of the largest and most diverse teams of dedicated multi-lingual guides and drivers
- › A dedicated Japan Department in the Akorn Hong Kong office to support the on-site team in Tokyo
- › Preferred hotel relationships with all the leading hotels and ryokan throughout Japan
- › Access to special experiences in the leading travel centers of Japan including Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Hakone, Kanazawa, and Sapporo.
- › A network of special expert resources including the visual arts, history, Japanese culture, and business
- › Special experiences to enhance any itinerary that include a behind the scenes visit to a sumo stable, private tea ceremony in a historic garden, culinary classes, Japanese cultural experiences including traditional craft instruction, kimono wearing, etc.



## MUST SEES

**Tokyo:** The capital of Japan since 1868, Tokyo is the traveler's gateway to the country. Reborn from the ashes of World War II Tokyo is a stunning city that best reflects the aspirations of Japan today. With a population of more than 38 million (the Greater Tokyo Area) Tokyo leads the way for Japan in business, popular culture, cuisine, innovation, and research.

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**Hakone:** Close to Tokyo and one of the best places to view majestic Mount Fuji, Hakone is a natural wonderland of geysers, hot springs, lakes, and splendid views. For guests a visit to Hakone is full of surprises from its world-famous Open-Air Museum to invigorating hikes, boat rides on Lake Ashi, and the ultimate traditional onsen experience.

**Kyoto:** The most culturally rich of all major Japanese cities, Kyoto was capital of Japan from 794 – 1868 so is deeply immersed in tradition. It is famous for its temples and gardens drawing visitors from across Japan and around the world especially during Hanami (cherry blossom period) and the autumn period.

**Osaka:** Sometimes overlooked by visitors, Osaka is Japan's third largest city and is celebrated for its food, culture, innovative architecture and friendly people. For anyone with a taste for the culinary Osaka is a must with its "foodie" districts, popular snack foods, and vibrant market areas.

**Takayama:** Nestled in the foothills of Japan's scenic Alps, Takayama is a charming reminder of Japan before the country's economic and technological transformation. Narrow streets lined with 19th-century shops, sake breweries, and other businesses, Takayama is traditional Japan.

**Kanazawa:** Called "Little Kyoto" for its many cultural landmarks, Kanazawa is a port city on the Sea of Japan. A must see for any traveler interested in experiencing the history and cultural traditions of old Japan without the massive crowds. Here you can explore the city's geisha quarter and samurai district.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Sado Island** located off the west coast of Japan (Sea of Japan) is steeped in culture and natural beauty. Home to the critically endangered Japanese Crested Ibis and rich in marine life, Sado is fast attracting travelers drawn to its natural beauty and unique cultural traditions. The most famous of these is the taikoo drumming group, Kodo. Each year the group organizes the "Earth Celebration" a festival that draws performers from throughout Japan and around the world.

**The Tohoku Region** (including the prefectures of Akita, Aomori, Fukushima, Iwate, Miyagi, and Yamagata) is located in the far north of Japan's largest island, Honshu. Known by the Japanese for its harsh winter climate, remote location and picturesque natural beauty, this is the place to go if you want pristine wilderness, rugged coastline and authentic local traditions. For visitors interested in avoiding the crowds during Hanami (cherry blossom time) think about traveling to Tohoku in late April. For winter sports enthusiasts Tohoku is a great choice.





## MUST SEES

**Bangkok** Explore a royal residence that is not usually open to the public and examine Thailand's regal heritage with a scholar of Southeast Asian art and textiles or enjoy the city's nightlife with sunset cocktails at a rooftop bar and dinner by one of Thailand's most celebrated chefs.

**Northern Thailand** Be blessed by monks at a mountainside monastery, enjoy a gourmet picnic breakfast overlooking old Chiang Mai town or experience hill tribe culture at a shaman's house in a remote village with a nearby tea plantation.

**Southern Thailand and the Islands** Immerse in the laid-back tropical lifestyle of Thailand's southern coasts and islands. Swim, snorkel or dive among Phang Nga Bay's hidden lagoons and limestone cliffs on a private cruise from Phuket or Krabi or go island hopping around Koh Samui in the Gulf of Thailand.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Khao Sok National Park** A dream-like landscape of stunning emerald lagoons and protected rainforests, Khao Sok National Park is just a few hours' drive from Krabi or Phuket and is an unexpected treasure trove of scenic beauty.

**Koh Kood** An enchanting tropical escape covered with untouched forests in the Gulf of Thailand, Koh Kood is possibly Thailand's best-kept secret – ideal for nature treks and water-based leisure activities.

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# THAILAND

Our Thailand team has been welcoming visitors to this beautiful part of the world since 1988. As one of the first DMCs to operate in Thailand, we have become the leaders of experiential travel in the country. We know the people, the culture and the hidden wonders of this land because we are a part of it. Join us on a personal journey, meeting specialists in textiles, culture, food and history, discovering centuries of art and architecture, cycling through rice fields



and trekking through valleys and mountains to truly understand the kingdom's great heritage.

*Taste Thailand's best lemongrass-infused mussels, peanut satay and mouthwatering grilled chicken skewers with a local foodie insider.*

## WHY AKORN THAILAND?

- › In-depth local knowledge of Thai food, history, culture and the arts
- › Insider Access to rare and authentic experiences with industry experts and trendsetters
- › Unrivalled partnerships with the region's best hotels, restaurants and service providers
- › Our guides speak multiple languages and have an intimate knowledge of their field of specialty
- › Personalized experiences from immersive wellness journeys to active outdoor adventures and more!



## GRAND PALACE, BANGKOK





JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE, HOI AN

# VIETNAM

Offering a rare chance to truly engage with this beautiful land and its people, our transformational journeys inspire travelers of all walks of life. Our dedicated team of travel professionals have their finger on the pulse of what is new and trending in the region and connect you with specialists in culture, food, art, religion and history so you are always up to date with where to eat, shop and unwind in Vietnam.

## WHY AKORN VIETNAM?

- › Insider Access opens doors to authentic cultural encounters such as tea with a local family or cooking at a chef’s home
- › Exclusive rates and benefits with a wide range of hotels, restaurants and service providers
- › In-depth experiences with local artists, cultural specialists, city insiders and historical experts
- › Personalized, tailor-made journeys whether you are seeking cultural exchange, historical insights or an outdoor adventure
- › Quality high-end services including private jet excursions, seaplane flights and upscale amenities

*Give back to the local Mai Chau community where LifeStraw community filters have been donated through our philanthropy project, providing access to clean water to children in need.*

## MUST SEES

**Hanoi** Experience the charms of Hanoi in the early morning with a bowl of pho at one of the best places in town, explore French-colonial mansions and ornate traditional temples with insights from cultural experts and meet U.S. and Vietnamese veterans to hear their personal accounts of the war.

**Hue** Cycle through the countryside to discover the imperial city’s hidden gems. Explore the imposing citadel and elaborate tombs of former emperors, discover the incense-making tradition and experience a unique, 200-year-old martial art.

**Hoi An** A quaint fishing village, gorgeous old-world architecture, incredible cuisine and amazing traditional crafts, Hoi An has so much to offer. Taste some of Vietnam’s best banh mi (Vietnamese baguette sandwich), grilled pork and cau lau noodles, experience farming and fishing adventures on the outskirts of town or simply relax on the long, scenic stretch of beach.



**Ho Chi Minh City** Get into the groove of Ho Chi Minh City’s cosmopolitan vibe and energetic pace, meet old-world craftsmen in the backstreets of Chinatown, discover secret wartime tunnels and explore old French boulevards, temples and colonial architecture.



BUN CHA,  
A HANOIAN SPECIALTY

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Dalat** Surrounded by breathtaking waterfalls, pine forests and mountains, this small town in Vietnam’s Central Highlands is dubbed ‘The Little Paris of Vietnam,’ due to its history as a leisure resort for the French. The region is also home to a thriving tea, coffee and wine-producing culture.

**Con Dao Island** A short flight from Ho Chi Minh City, Con Dao island is a picturesque island retreat known for its pristine beaches, coral reefs and marine life, including a breeding ground for turtles.

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FISHING VILLAGE IN KEP

# CAMBODIA

Creating lasting memories, our renowned guides unravel the mysteries of this ancient kingdom with their individual stories and personal touch. The splendid temples of Angkor are just a part of this small Southeast Asian nation's many wonders. Let us take you on an inspirational journey to meet genuine people who continue to persevere despite decades of turmoil. Connect with our cultural and historical experts for unique insights into the nation's arts, crafts, spiritual and culinary traditions.

## WHY AKORN CAMBODIA?

- › Private, one-on one experiences with leading archaeologists, historians and researchers
- › Specialized guides with personal insights into local culture, food and the arts
- › Insider Access moments such as a picnic at a remote temple or Champagne breakfast
- › Collaborative partnerships with leading hotels, restaurants and service providers
- › Travel with purpose and connect with everyday Cambodians through our philanthropy project - Cambodia Clean Water, transforming over 28,000 lives since 2008

*Meet a flamboyant Khmer fashion designer who creates his own fabrics and has worked with the likes of Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Lacroix.*



ROYAL PALACE ,  
PHNOM PENH

## MUST SEES

Meet the nation's innovative craft-makers, artisans and fashionistas who are bringing Cambodian design to the world and taste the exciting flavors of Khmer cuisine on a progressive dining adventure by tuk tuk or go kayaking on the great Tonle Sap Lake to truly immerse in one of the region's most stunning eco-systems.

**Phnom Penh** Hear the stories of old Phnom Penh on a private walk with an anthropologist and expert in Cambodian history, cruise the Mekong River at sunset or go off the beaten track to discover market towns, fishing communities and silk weaving villages in the Cambodian countryside.

**The Cambodian Islands** Escape to Cambodia's stunning riviera region, just off the coast of Sihanoukville to swim among vibrant coral, trek to jungle waterfalls and relax on the pristine white sand beaches. Immerse in the laid-back tropical island lifestyle at an exclusive retreat or inquire about a private cruise with Akorn.

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## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Cardamom Mountains** Head to the Cardamom Mountains, where dense forests meet wild mountain ranges to experience rugged outdoor adventures by day and rare tented luxury accommodation by night.

**Kep** A sleepy Cambodian seaside town known for its charming French colonial atmosphere and a mouthwatering Kampot pepper crab which can be enjoyed with gorgeous ocean vistas.



MAGICAL TEMPLE LANDSCAPE IN BAGAN



U BEIN BRIDGE, MANDALAY

**OFF THE BEATEN TRACK**

**Myeik Archipelago** A haven of white sand beaches, crystal blue lagoons and mangrove forests, this stunning archipelago off southern Myanmar contains over 800 untouched islands – ideal for private cruising and island-hopping adventures.

**Hpa An** A popular starting point for treks, this quiet country town surrounded by lush fields, limestone mountains and sacred Buddhist caves is just a few hours’ drive from the famous Golden Rock Pagoda, where pilgrims flock to see a precariously-perched rock covered in gold.

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# MYANMAR

Our team in Myanmar has been paving the way for luxury tourism in Myanmar since 1997. As one of the oldest private travel companies operating in Myanmar, we have an unmatched insight into the nation’s rich and dynamic history and are uniquely positioned to create personally-tailored journeys that truly capture the heart of the land, the people and their almost-forgotten past. Experience Myanmar’s unique way of life in signature Akorn style with our own Sanctuary Ananda cruise which explores the beauty of the Ayeyarwady River and Chindwin Rivers.

- sought-after hotels, restaurants and service providers
- › Sophisticated dining and travel recommendations by in-the-know Destination Specialists
- › Insider Access to engaging, authentic moments such as evening prayers with monks and cooking in a village home
- › A chance to transform lives and connect with Myanmar’s peanut farmers and straw hat-makers through our philanthropy project



## WHY AKORN MYANMAR?

- › Seamless journeys with a professional guide on hand from arrival to departure
- › Curated experiences with the most

*Sponsor a lunch for young novice monks at a local monastery and observe their enchanting daily rituals.*

## MUST SEES

**Yangon** Explore Buddhist temples, browse local markets and have your fortune told by a Burmese astrologer or uncover Yangon’s cultural heritage with an art curator to meet emerging artists in hidden galleries and artist’s studios.

**Mandalay** Admire centuries-old religious crafts such as gold leaf paper, bronze alms bowls and marble statues and observe the daily rituals of monks in burgundy-colored robes and nuns shrouded in pink to understand why Mandalay is considered the spiritual center of Myanmar.

**Bagan** Watch the spectacular sunset over the Ayeyarwady River with the backdrop of over 2,000 ancient pagodas, temples and stupas or cycle through old-world communities that continue to preserve traditional ways of life and promote their historical lacquer arts.



**Inle Lake** Watch the morning mist rise over the lake’s stilted house villages and floating gardens while flying in a hot air balloon. Cook with a local Shan chef

or cycle through the picture-perfect countryside to explore farming and fishing communities, ancient stupas and traditional crafts on the edge of the lake.



THIMPU, BHUTAN



SUPERTREE GROVE, SINGAPORE

**\*Philippines:** What do you get when you mix 7,000 islands, crystalline waters, pristine beaches, and a people informed by 400 years of Spanish colonial rule and 50 years of Hollywood? The answer is the Philippines, Asia's most "Latin" nation; a land of festivals, fun, and an ever-present smile.

**\*South Korea:** Rising from the ruins of the Korean War, South Korea is now a prosperous and innovative nation, a high-tech superpower. Leading the way is its buoyant pop culture reflected in its movies, television, and music which now have a global audience.

**\*Singapore:** Green, clean, dynamic, and the bling – all these are Singapore. A muddy, mangrove island claimed by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, Singapore is now Asia's most advanced city state leading in health care, public education, and income. Travellers marvel at its variety of activities and cultural diversity.

**\*Taiwan:** Ilha Formosa (now Taiwan), the beautiful island, is an under-appreciated travel gem. A mixture of traditional Chinese culture overlaid by 50 years of Japanese influence, Taiwan is famed for its beautiful nature, friendly people, varied food culture, and the world's finest museum of Chinese antiquity.

# REST OF ASIA

**\*Bhutan:** Gracing the eastern edge of the Himalayas, the fabled Buddhist Kingdom of Bhutan, is nestled between India and China. Visitors will be treated to beautiful treks along snowcapped mountains that are carpeted with forests and tumble down to flower-filled valleys, a rich bio-diversity that includes unique birds and mammals and unique Buddhist architecture typified by dzongs and monasteries

**\*Malaysia:** One country separated by a sea, magical Malaysia includes Peninsular West Malaysia a tri-cultural wonder of diverse cuisines, architecture, and people. Sabah and Sarawak on the island of Borneo are a world apart – here Asia's oldest rainforest is alive with plant and animal life waiting to be discovered.



EL NIDO, PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

**\*Mongolia:** The "Land of the Khans" is a tapestry of nature: snow-crowned mountains, rolling grasslands, towering sand dunes, and the vast swath of boreal forests in the north. Ulaanbaatar, its eclectic capital, is your gateway to this stunning world, perhaps Asia's most unspoiled country.

**\*Nepal:** The Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal, bordered by China in the north and India in the south, is a land of sublime natural beauty, of ancient Buddhist monasteries and Hindu shrines. Nepal is the ultimate destination for those who thrive on extreme adventure. Besides trekking, this country offers a host of thrilling adventure sports including rafting, kayaking and mountain biking. However, the lure of Nepal is not just adrenaline and adventure, but also its arresting cultural wealth revealed in its palaces, Buddhist stupas, monasteries, Hindu shrines and pilgrimage spots.



SABAH, MALAYSIA



# USA & CANADA

The western USA and Canada are vast and incredibly diverse lands to explore, home to famous cities, stunning coastlines, towering mountains, deep canyons, abundant wildlife, wild rivers, and dozens of national parks. These are just some of ‘close-to-home’ treasures your guests will enjoy on either a small group journey or a custom private trip. Every itinerary artfully blends the very best guides and outfitters with stylish iconic hotels and lodges.

## WHY A&K USA DMC?

- › A&K USA & Canada team has decades of experience in designing both small group journeys and fully custom, private trips
- › Extensive network of local guides and subject matter experts in history, wildlife, geology, Native culture, and more
- › Curated collection of 4- and 5-star boutique hotels, lodges, and resorts
- › Experts in family, multi-generational, and special occasion/interest trips
- › Arrival & departure city lodging, tours, and transfers
- › Flying safaris & private jet travel between cities & parks

*Your guests will stretch their legs—and minds—during the day, with the right mix of activities plus time to slow down and celebrate the majesty of North America with family and friends.*

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## MUST SEES

**Southwest USA** On this ultimate road trip, guests discover the magnificent landscapes of the Grand Canyon and Utah’s five national parks – Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Zion, while hiking, rafting and visiting sacred Native lands.

**Northern California Experience** legendary San Francisco, home to Alcatraz, cable cars, the Golden Gate Bridge, plus majestic Yosemite National Park and Monterey Bay, a national marine sanctuary and home to the world-famous aquarium.

**Canadian Rockies** Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper National Park, the Icefields Parkway, and iconic wildlife are among the many stunning highlights your guests enjoy while hiking, cruising and helicopter flightseeing.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Alaska’s Backcountry** Much of Alaska’s remote wilderness is accessible only by air or sea. Backcountry lodges provide the perfect base camp for hiking, fishing, glacier trekking, wildlife viewing and much more.

**Private Yacht Charter** The Kaori luxury super yacht is available for summer private charters to coastal southern California, Alaska’s Inside

Passage, Washington’s San Juan Islands and British Columbia’s Sunshine Coast. She sleeps 8 guests in 4 staterooms.

**Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks** Leave the crowds behind via backcountry hiking and fly fishing. Discover abundant wildlife, including winter wolf viewing, in Yellowstone’s remote Lamar Valley, known as the ‘Serengeti of North America’.





## MUST SEES

**Buenos Aires** The whole capital is a must, from the grand buildings of Recoleta and the markets of San Telmo to the colorful barrio of La Boca. Your clients can also head to the Pampas outside Buenos Aires for some world class polo.

**Iguazu Falls** Located on the Argentinean/ Brazilian/Paraguayan borders, Iguazu Falls are comprised of 275 thundering waterfalls and are a sight to behold.

**Mendoza** The gateway to the Andes and home to famous vineyards and delicious wine.

**Ushuaia** The world's southernmost city, Ushuaia boasts national parks, lakes and magnificent fjord landscapes.

**Patagonia** Patagonia is ideal for those seeking adventure. Activities include rafting, riding, trekking, hiking, fly fishing and glamping.

# ARGENTINA

It is the everyday things we do that set Akorn in Argentina apart from our competitors. On the ground, from our preassigned seating on domestic flights to the bottled mineral water and refreshing towels we provide in our vehicles. We also strive to far exceed our clients' travel expectations, whether they are learning to play polo in the pampas or seeking adventure in Patagonia.

## WHY AKORN ARGENTINA?

- › 25 full-time staff
- › The best and most knowledgeable guides
- › 24 hour emergency phone number and swift response times
- › We believe language skills are essential, which is why we have fluent English, Portuguese and Spanish speakers as permanent staff

- › Akorn in Argentina can also handle operations in Uruguay when part of a more extensive program involving services in Argentina



*Join Akorn for a unique culinary experience facing the endless ocean. Let us surprise guests with a pop-up lunch in the middle of nowhere. Share a glass of wine and join the chef in a pleasant conversation while he cooks the menu in front of your own eyes.*

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## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Salta and the Northwest** Your clients can explore the colonial towns of Cachi, Cafayate, Purmamarca and wonder at the colorful mountains surrounding the Humahuaca Gorge.

**Península Valdés** Due to its calm waters, every year between June and November, Peninsula Valdes becomes one of Earth's largest natural nurseries. It is during this time that the southern right whales arrive in search of the best place to mate and give birth. The early morning start, drive to Puerto Piramides and boat trip are worth every second to experience this fascinating encounter.





# BRAZIL

The newest member of the Akorn South America family, our Brazil DMC opened its door in December 2016. Our Country Manager brings with him a wealth of global travel experience as well as an in-depth knowledge of luxury services in Brazil's popular and remote destinations. From the vibrant colors of Rio, to the serene backdrop of the Brazilian Amazonia and the native wildlife of the Pantanal, our guests will experience all of this backed up by the comfort of five-star facilities, the knowledge of our local team and our consolidated regional presence.

## WHY AKORN BRAZIL?

- 24/7 personalized attention and quick response times
- Extensive experience in luxury travel
- Experienced, multilingual guides
- Exclusive access to tourist sites
- Unparalleled contacts for off-the-beaten-path experiences
- Easy and effective design and operation of multi-city and multi-country programs



## MUST SEES

**Rio de Janeiro** Once the capital of the State of Brazil, the Kingdom of Portugal, the Brazilian Empire and the Republic of Brazil, Rio is an exotic destination that combines history, sophistication and unique activities. A visit to Brazil is not complete without experiencing the Cidade Maravilhosa (the Marvellous City) of Rio, arguably among the world's most beautiful cities, boasting a contrast of blue skies, cyan seas and lush green forest.

**Iguazu Falls** Not just a point where three nations converge, Iguazu is the keeper of the secrets and traditions of the local indigenous cultures who inhabit this part of our continent. The falls boast incredible views, amazing activities and the beautiful power of nature, through the strength of the falling water.

**Salvador do Bahia** Founded in 1549, it was Brazil's first capital and is currently the third largest city. This UNESCO heritage site city is noted for its cuisine, music and architecture, which are the result of an interestingly beautiful combination of European, African and South American practices and traditions.



## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

**Manaus** Venturing deep into mythical Amazonia allows guests to witness the immense power of nature, first hand. Trekking through the vast jungle brings close encounters with colorful and fascinating wildlife, such as macaws, monkeys or sloths. It is difficult not to notice the immense love affair between the world's largest river and the world's largest rainforest.

**Pantanal** South America's wildlife sanctuary is found here, in the largest tropical wetland. It is so large that it knows no borders and extends 195,000 kilometers squared through Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay, a true natural wonder. Besides the unique colorful fauna that is found in Pantanal, some of the species that call this place home include capybaras, tapirs, howler monkeys, caimans and jaguars. In fact, the Brazilian Pantanal is one of the only places you can see jaguars in the wild.

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# CHILE

With 15 years of experience under our belt, the best guides and knowledgeable teams, we have become market leaders in Chile, the ‘Land of Fire and Ice’. Our team strives to create remarkable encounters for clients, be it interacting with the indigenous communities of the Lake District, cocktails at sunset or unforgettable glamping experiences under the clearest skies in the Atacama Desert.

## WHY AKORN CHILE?

- › 30 members of the team, ensuring that our clients receive an unrivalled travel experience
- › 24 hour emergency contact number and a swift follow up
- › Experienced and knowledgeable guides
- › We can also handle operations in other destinations of South America, thanks to our contacts and Akorn’s regional presence
- › Our contacts mean we can help clients go through immigration far quicker than normal

*We can arrange for an unforgettable glamping experience under the starry skies of the Atacama Desert, where guests will be able to enjoy first-class amenities, accommodation and some delicious food!*

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## MUST SEES

**Atacama Desert** The driest desert in the world is best explored by jeep, accompanied by our expert guides.

**Santiago** Boasting all the amenities of a modern city, Santiago is also next door to world class skiing, vineyards and the coast.

**Torres del Paine** One of the world’s last true untouched wildernesses, where numerous activities are available including trekking and horse riding.

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Island of Chiloe** Located in the south of Chile, Chiloe has not changed for centuries. It is also the only place in the country with breeding colonies of both Humboldt and Magellan penguins.

**Easter Island** The world’s most remote island and home to the Moais, impressive carved stone figures, as well as boasting a sub-tropical climate and crystal clear waters for miles around.





# COLOMBIA

Colombia is a captivating country where the stunning natural landscapes, vibrant culture, and rich history combine to create a unique and enriching travel experience. Wander through the bustling streets of Bogotá, the cosmopolitan capital city, and be enchanted by the colourful colonial architecture of Cartagena. Discover the lush Amazon rainforest, where exotic wildlife and indigenous communities thrive, or head to the rugged Andes mountains to discover ancient ruins, coffee plantations and charming colonial towns. Explore the Caribbean and Pacific coastlines with stunning beaches, coral reefs, and humpback whales. From the vibrant art scene to the mouth-watering gastronomy, Colombia offers something for every traveller. Let A & Kent guide you on an unforgettable journey through this captivating country.

## WHY A&K PERU?

- › A&K Colombia team specializes in designing both fully customized private trips and small group journeys.
- › Insider access, our extensive network of local guides and experts in history, wildlife, geology, Native culture, and more, provide unique insight to Colombia’s most intriguing destinations.
- › Curated collection of 5-star hotels, boutique properties and villas.
- › Experts in family, multi-generational, and special occasion/interest trips
- › Hassle Free - Arrival & departure city lodging, tours, and transfers ensuring a seamless and stress-free travel experience in Colombia.

Explore the colourful and diverse country of Colombia, where history, culture, nature, and gastronomy converge to create a magical experience.

## MUST SEES

**Bogota** Discover the vibrant capital city of Bogota, Colombia. Marvel at the artistic and cultural expressions from the world-renowned Gold Museum to the colorful street art in the historic neighborhood of La Candelaria. Enjoy the diverse gastronomy, including traditional dishes like Ajiaco soup and exotic fruits. Immerse yourself in the warmth and hospitality of the locals, all while surrounded by the stunning backdrop of the Andes Mountains.



**Cartagena** This UNESCO World Heritage city is a beautiful and vibrant destination that is known for its stunning colonial architecture, historic city walls, and vibrant Caribbean culture. Explore the colorful streets, sample local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant energy of this coastal city.

**Coffee Region** The lush and mountainous Coffee Region is home to some of the world’s best coffee, as well as stunning natural beauty and charming colonial towns. Take a tour of a coffee plantation, go

horseback riding through the rolling hills, or explore the picturesque town of Salento with its colorful architecture and nearby Cocora Valley.

**Medellin** The “City of Eternal Spring” has transformed into a modern, innovative, and exciting destination that boasts beautiful parks and cutting-edge museums, with Guatape and Peñol on its doorstep. Take a ride on the cable car to get a bird’s eye view of the city or explore the graffiti art scene in the trendy neighborhood of Comuna 13.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Baru** Discover the idyllic island of Baru, just off the coast of Cartagena. Despite its close proximity to the bustling city, Baru feels like a secluded paradise with its crystal-clear waters, white sandy beaches, and lush mangroves, all waiting to be explored.

**Amazon and Orinoquia** Immerse yourself in the lush rainforest and encounter diverse wildlife such as pink dolphins, monkeys, and anacondas. Discover the unique cultures and traditions of indigenous communities, explore the mighty rivers and stunning landscapes. Don’t miss the opportunity to witness one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet from the lush rainforests to vast savannahs.

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BLUE FOOTED BOOBYGOS

# ECUADOR

Akorn Ecuador has been offering extraordinary ground services since 2004, and is still dedicated to providing the highest quality services in Ecuador, from the capital Quito to the wildlife rich Galapagos Islands.

## WHY AKORN ECUADOR?

- › 20 experienced and multilingual members of staff who have a broad range of knowledge from Ecuadorian football to natural history
- › 24 hour emergency number and quick follow up times
- › High quality transport, drivers and guides
- › A 'Guardian Angel' service in the Galapagos Islands to assist your clients 24/7, for example check-in assistance at the airport
- › Due to our close relationships with the major hotel chains, we receive priority at most hotels and can often secure space where other DMCs cannot



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Northern Highlands** We recommend scouring the outdoor markets for ponchos, embroidered blouses and renowned Panama hats before heading to a local hacienda for the night.

**The Amazon** The largest rainforest and most biologically diverse region in the world, and a must for nature lovers.

**Mindo** The area boasts one of the greatest concentrations of birds in the world, with between 350-400 species recorded as well as 40 species of butterfly.

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## MUST SEES

**Galapagos** Ecuador's crown jewel is the Galapagos archipelago, and Akorn provides unmatched services here, including private services, on board one of our hand-picked charters.

**Cuenca** Located in the Ecuadorian Andes, 2,500 meters above sea level, its center is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site due to its numerous historical buildings. Additionally, Cuenca is one of the two places where the finest Panama hats are woven.

**Avenue of Volcanoes** The 200-mile stretch, known as the Avenue of Volcanoes is located between two parallel mountain ranges. It comprises four provinces and eight of Ecuador's most iconic peaks, including the Chimborazo: long-thought to be the highest peak in the world. Guests can drive -or fly- along the mighty Andes and meet locals who can give an insight into daily life at the foot of the giants.



*Visit the home and studio of one of the most outstanding contemporary artists in Ecuador, Mr. Oswaldo Viteri, whose wife will personally guide you around his home and present his extraordinary collection of Colonial religious art.*



MACHU PICCHU

# PERU

Akorn Peru specialises in delving into the true culture and diversity of the country. Our local experts will create an itinerary to take your guests off the beaten path, granting them experiences that they can't find elsewhere. The Akorn difference can be experienced throughout your guests' stay, from the insider access to local communities in the Sacred Valley to our Dakar experience in the sand dunes of Paracas.

### WHY AKORN PERU?

- › 25 full-time staff
- › The best and most knowledgeable guides
- › 24 hour emergency phone number and swift response times
- › We believe language skills are essential,

which is why we have fluent English, Portuguese and Spanish speakers as permanent staff

› Akorn in Argentina can also handle operations in Uruguay when part of a more extensive program involving services in Argentina

*Listen to an archaeologist or anthropologist for an expert insight into the history of Machu Picchu, the mystery surrounding its use and demise, and into current work and research in the complex.*

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### MUST SEES

**Lima** A combination of old world grandeur and modernity, Lima, the 'colonial seat of South America', is packed with museums, historic buildings, new bars and world-class restaurants.

**Cusco and Machu Picchu** The former Inca capital is a mecca of historical and archaeological wonders, as well as being the gateway to the Lost City of Machu Picchu. Visit the World Heritage Site with an expert guide who will share amazing historical facts and mysteries about the ancient "Lost city of the Incas".

### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Northern Peru** One of the most underestimated and least explored regions of Peru. Archaeological sites include the Lord of Sipan and Chan Chan.

**Amazon** The Peruvian Amazon is considered the best preserved part of the Amazon, and boasts an incredible abundance of flora and fauna, being home to over 70% of the world's living species.

**Lake Titcaca** This was once the centre of the Tiahuanaco culture that flourished long before the Incas with its capital in present day Bolivia. According to local folklore, Mama Ocllo and Manco Capac, the first two Incas, rose from the lake's depths before descending to Cusco and establishing the empire. Today the lake is visited for the floating-reed Uros Islands and its people, or the opportunity to visit one of the two island communities on Taquile and Amantani.





## MUST SEES

**Rome** Rome is a heady mix of artistic and classical architectural masterpieces, ancient sites and remarkable churches and piazzas. The Colosseum and Sistine Chapel are just two examples of must see locations.

**Florence** A testament to the Renaissance, Florence is filled with stunning art and architecture, including the Uffizi Gallery and Duomo.

**Venice** The Floating City is built entirely on water and canals replace roads. Historic buildings include the Basilica di San Marco and Palazzo Ducale, and the pretty islands of Murano and Burano are famed for their lace and glass workshops.

**Dubrovnik, Croatia** As well as being able to arrange private yacht charters around Croatia, we can organise for your clients to kayak in Dubrovnik.



# ITALY & CROATIA

Boasting exemplary food, history and beauty, Italy is a diverse destination that never disappoints. Our team know the country inside out, and can recommend an itinerary most suited to your client, be it taking in the magnificent architecture and history of Rome, basking in the rolling hills of Tuscany, or chartering a motor yacht to explore the islands of Croatia.

## WHY AKORN ITALY?

- › Multilingual tour consultants
- › Our office in the heart of Florence enables us to provide services in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia
- › Akorn Europe's Guardian Angels are a unique network of on-the-ground staff providing support to your clients 24/7, from assistance at check in to getting those in-demand theatre tickets
- › Concierge Rail makes train travel stress-free. We can help with escorted transfers, first class seat reservation and portage
- › All of Akorn Italy & Croatia's suppliers are required to comply with stringent health and safety requirements and guests are covered by our comprehensive corporate liability insurance



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Piedmont, Italy** Your clients can join a local truffle farmer and his dog as they lead them to some of the most hidden and secret areas to search for the elusive "Magnetum Pico" truffles.

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## THE COLOSSEUM, ROME





THE LOUVRE, PARIS



### MUST SEES

**London** London offers a wealth of fabulous attractions. Highlights include the Tower of London, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery and the British Museum.

**Paris** A well-established international fashion hub, Paris boasts a wealth of art, culture and history. The iconic Eiffel Tower, renowned Louvre Museum and imposing Notre Dame Cathedral attract visitors from across the globe, together with the magnificent Palace of Versailles nearby.

**Vienna** The modern-day Austrian capital still features echoes of its illustrious past around every corner. A giant of classical European culture, Vienna is home to the imperial Schönbrunn and Hofburg Palaces, as well as the celebrated State Opera and Spanish Riding School.

### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Ireland** In the traditional setting of a shibeen pub, clients can sample award-winning whiskeys and try out sean-nós dancing with a pro.

**Germany** Your clients get an insight into East Germany’s communist past from the unique perspective of a Trabi, the most common car before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

**Greece** We can organise a specially prepared private picnic on a remote Greek island to enjoy whilst watching the sunset.

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# EUROPE

Decades of experience and a well-developed pan-European infrastructure of offices, guides and local connections allows us to offer the full range of innovative and contemporary itineraries. With expert knowledge on a host of themes, from gastronomy and culture to family fun and active adventures, we have maximum flexibility to create memorable tailor-made itineraries for FIT clients and tour group series alike.

*We can offer private cooking classes across Europe introducing your clients to the fine art and exquisite ingredients used to create the local cuisine of your chosen destination.*



### WHY AKORN EUROPE?

› Experienced multilingual tour consultants from across the world provide imaginative programmes that leave clients with long-lasting memories

- › Avoid the hassle and liaise with a single point of contact for arrangements across multiple destinations. Our international network gives us the ability to coordinate cross-country services centrally, maximising flexibility and keeping your valuable time to a minimum
- › Akorn Europe’s Guardian Angels are a unique network of on-the-ground staff providing support to your clients 24/7
- › Highly experienced, multilingual and knowledgeable guides, hand chosen by Akorn Europe
- › Concierge Rail takes the hassle out of train travel. We can help with escorted transfers, seat reservation and portage





# SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Established in 2018, Akorn Spain & Portugal has put down roots to build on our 20+ years of operations in this popular year-round destination. Boasting a wonderful variety of experiences and diversity, as well as incomparable food and wine, Spain is a jewel in the Mediterranean with understandable appeal and neighbouring Portugal has rapidly emerged as one of the world's hottest places to explore.

## WHY AKORN SPAIN & PORTUGAL?

- › Tours planned by local experts who live and breathe the destination
- › Unique experiences that go beyond what the regular tourist encounters
- › Each tour is fully personalised around the clients' desires, wishes and needs
- › The best, most flexible guides are hand-selected and fully trained by Akorn
- › 4\* boutique and 5\* luxury hotels are personally selected by the Akorn team
- › Easy and effective design and seamless delivery of multi-city and multi-country programmes

*We can make visits to world-famous attractions, such as Madrid's Prado Museum and Granada's Alhambra, a memory to treasure by arranging before- or after-hours private tours without the crowds.*

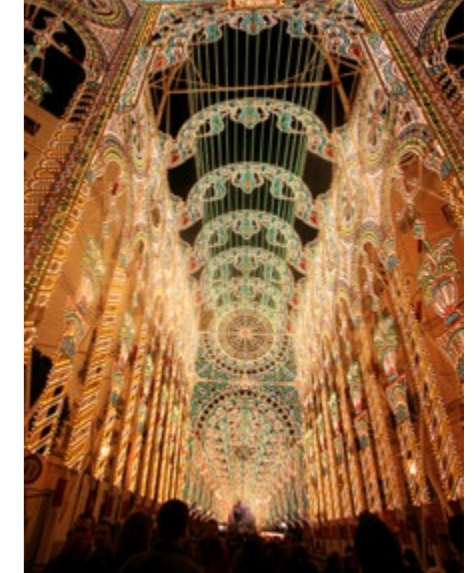


## MUST SEES

**Madrid** The Spanish capital is regarded as one of the world's leading centres of art and fashion, featuring the famous Golden Triangle of the Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen-Bornemisza Museums.

**Barcelona** Set on the Mediterranean coast, Barcelona is one of the most exciting cities in Europe. Highlights include the Picasso Museum, the medieval Gothic Quarter, the Dali Museum, Antoni Gaudí's still unfinished Sagrada Familia Basilica and the undulating Casa Milá.

**Andalusia** The diversity of this vast southern region sees the urban centres



display iconic landmarks, such as the Alhambra in Granada and the Giralda bell tower in Seville, whereas the natural landscape varies from the Sierra Nevada mountains to the wide beaches that stretch around the coast.



## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**San Sebastian** Savour the Basque Country flavours by finding the tastiest pintxos – tapas-like dishes – on a backstreets tour with a local.

**Lisbon** Learn how to catch your own delicious seafood with the fishermen of colourful Cascais, near the Portuguese capital.

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**Valencia** The Fallas festival of bonfires and papier-mâché effigies is one of a number of local festivals where we can arrange unique behind-the-scenes access.



## MUST SEES

**Queenstown, New Zealand** Queenstown boasts spectacular alpine scenery, award winning vineyards and world class lodges. It is also the adventure capital of the world and offers year round attractions.

**Great Barrier Reef, Australia** The world's most extensive coral reef system and home

to myriad marine life, the diving and snorkelling are fantastic. It is also one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

**Red Centre, Australia** Home to the world's largest monolith, Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the 36 mysterious domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas).

**Sydney, Australia** Famous for Sydney Harbour and the Sydney Opera House, one of the New Modern Wonders of the World.

*Akorn's exclusive Insider Access Kiwi Encounter tour is all about becoming better acquainted with New Zealand's elusive kiwi bird at Rotorua's Rainbow Springs. This tour offers a unique chance to experience a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Every Akorn tour booked is a 100% donation to the kiwi conservation programme, which helps ensure their ability to research, house and feed these precious birds.*

# AUSTRALASIA

Akorn Australasia have been organising trips to Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea for over 30 years, and have built up a wealth of experience and contacts. Our team identify the unique aspects of a place and allow total immersion in the experience to bring your client's visit to life, whether they are exploring the Red Centre or strolling around the streets of Sydney.



## WHY AKORN AUSTRALASIA?

- › Our staff cover Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea
- › A 24 hour contact number
- › Through our longstanding relationships with local hotels and partners, our clients often benefit from priority check-in and preferential treatment, a greater chance of room upgrades and flexibility on

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- checkout times whenever available
- › Stringent quality control programme
- › Experienced and knowledgeable guides whose local knowledge allows your clients to explore less travelled paths
- › Brand protection
- › Extensive ground operating experience, dedicated professionals and staff provide unparalleled resources to draw on
- › Insider Access, our ability to create the best holiday memories by providing unique behind-the-scenes experiences

## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**Kangaroo Island, Australia** Otherwise known as the Galapagos of Australia due to its plethora of wildlife, including sea lions, koalas and its namesake, the kangaroo.

**The Kimberley, Australia** Often referred to as the Last Frontier of Australia, The Kimberley covers an area of 261,000 square miles yet is home to only 40,000 people, making it one of the least inhabited places on earth.

**Karawari region, Papua New Guinea, South Pacific** Your clients can travel the jungle-fringed waterways of the Karawari River and its tributaries.





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