

Welcome



Travel has been my life for over 20 years. St Augustine's famous quote remains as true to me today as it was when I first set up 2by2 Holidays – "the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page".

My first love was Africa, the place of my birth. Its remarkable wildlife and cultures continue to captivate me today. A recent visit to the wildlife of the

Serengeti has starkly reminded me just how fragile the survival of so many endangered species remains and reinforced my belief that travel must always have conservation at its heart.

In recent years I have discovered the joys of travel in the Indian subcontinent and Latin America. The iconic sites and cultures there are no less enthralling and everywhere wildlife adapts and survives, from harsh barren deserts to cool mountain cloud forests and tropical wetlands.

My enthusiasm burns as brightly as ever and I continue to be as involved in every aspect of the business as I always have been, backed up by our superb travel team. I'm particularly thrilled that so many of our customers return time after time.

I do hope you find our latest brochure inspiring and we all look forward to hearing from you.

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About Us

We specialise in tailor-made holidays to Southern & East Africa, Latin America and the Indian subcontinent – regions that are often difficult to explore on your own.

The excitement of long haul travel starts in the early planning stages, as you browse through inspirational travel sites, speak to friends and gather information from magazines and brochures such as ours. At 2by2 Holidays we understand this anticipation, as we ourselves are passionate travellers. We love to listen to your ideas and supplement them with our own experiences to help you plan the best possible trip – tailored to your special interests and budget.

Our sales team regularly visit the countries we sell to ensure our specialist knowledge remains up-to-date. Through our extensive contacts in each destination, we are also happy to research unusual activities and excursions for you.

With our expert knowledge we can advise you on all the great wildlife reserves in the world and help you to explore iconic cultural highlights in countries that you never thought you

would be able to visit on your own, as our experiences of these destinations is truly second to none.

Our tradition of customer service has been a vital element of our success and many of our customers come back year after year. Be rest assured that you will be well looked after every step of the way as you explore these remarkable countries with their astonishing wildlife, colourful cultures and breathtaking landscapes.



Types of Holidays

We tailor make all our holidays so you can choose to travel by road, plane, luxury train, houseboat or expedition cruise. We can arrange a private driver/ guide, you can self drive or join an escorted tour.

Browse through our brochure to see the wide range of destinations and types of holidays we offer. The example itineraries are intended to be a starting point, so ring us if you would like to talk with someone who has travelled to the country you are interested in. To see what travel options are possible, these symbols are shown under each example itinerary:

Our Values

Travel should be a force for good, especially where tourism is a crucial source of revenue for local people. We want you to experience the very best holiday and at the same time, where we can, help to contribute something back to the communities you visit.

Auriel Holidays

Our sister company, Auriel Holidays, is a retail travel agent that operates worldwide. Auriel Holidays is ABTA bonded (P8305) and can book bespoke holidays, luxury hotels and cruises anywhere in the world.

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Kenya

Kenya is the original home of the safari and its annual migration in the Masai Mara is prized as one of Africa's most iconic and awe-inspiring natural sights. Straddling the equator, Kenya's sunny climate is perfect for travel and it is a country with so much to see and do. Its sweeping landscapes are magnificent, the coast offers wide golden beaches lapped by the warm seas of the Indian Ocean and at the centre of the country majestic snow-capped Mount Kenya dominates the vistas for miles. Tourism here is extremely well-run and for a Big Five safari followed with time on a gorgeous beach, Kenya is hard to beat.





Kenya has some of the most famous wildlife parks in the world – with unbelievably vast herds of plains game and their predators.

With over 60 national parks and reserves, Kenya's natural riches are legendary. Wildlife roams free in huge herds across the lush savanna of the world-famous Masai Mara Game Reserve and the drier plains of Amboseli, where you can see huge herds of elephants framed against the outline of snow-capped Kilimanjaro. Game is also plentiful in the conservancies around Mount Kenya, in the more arid northern Samburu and in vast Tsavo in the south.

Along the Rift Valley, which bisects Kenya as it runs from Ethiopia in the north to Tanzania in the south, this country boasts six magnificent soda lakes – from Lake Turkana in the north to Borgorio, famous for its geysers and huge flocks of flamingos, to Nakuru and Elementeita (both easily accessible from Nairobi) and Magadi and Natron in the south. You will also find three great freshwater lakes – Naivasha, Baringo and Victoria, the largest in Africa. Together with the Kakamega rainforest, they attract

over 400 bird species, making this country a birder's paradise. Lake Nakuru also gives refuge to endangered species such as the Rothschild giraffe and Black rhino.

The capital city of Nairobi is the gateway to Kenya's wildlife reserves and is well served by many international airlines. If you have time between flights, a visit to the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage next to the Nairobi National Park is highly recommended. You can also visit the Giraffe Centre and Karen Blixen Museum for an insight into early settler life, as immortalised in the film *Out of Africa*. From Nairobi the excitement of your safari will begin, as you fly or travel overland to your game lodge.

The year-round game viewing in the open grasslands of the Masai Mara is some of Africa's finest. One of the best reserves for seeing the Big Five, the large prides of lion found here will ensure your game viewing is thrilling. You may see a pride working together as a team, as they

stalk their prey or spot an endangered cheetah or elusive leopard.

The annual migration of over two million wildebeest from the Serengeti in neighbouring Tanzania to the Masai Mara takes place between August and October. While timings vary depending on the rains, the wildebeest and zebra usually move north in July, braving the rivers and crocodiles that separate them from the sweet fresh grasses of the Mara. They make the same hazardous journey back south in November. The superb game viewing in the Mara is enriched by the culture of the Maasai people, seminomadic pastoralists, who wear striking red blankets called shukas.

If it's elephant you want to see, head to Amboseli on the southern border with Tanzania, as this park offers the highest concentration in East Africa. Tsavo National Park in the south splits into eastern and western sections and offers easy access to the beaches of Mombasa.



More remote and rugged, the sparsely populated wildernesses of Samburu-Buffalo Springs, Shaba, Meru and Laikipia are among Kenya's lesser-visited wildlife gems.

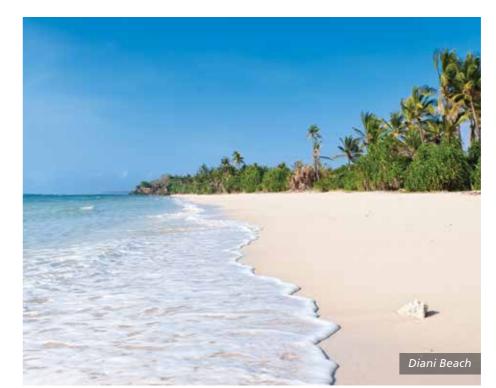
If you enjoy train travel, there is now a cost-effective modern express train that links Nairobi with Amboseli. Tsavo and the beaches of Mombasa.

Game viewing can also be enjoyed in the cooler central highlands that surround Mount Kenya, from Treetops lodge in the Aberdare Mountains where Princess Elizabeth learned she was to be gueen, to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy where Prince William proposed to Kate. Ol Pejeta Conservancy offers excellent Big Five game viewing, including great wild dog sightings. The largest rhino sanctuary in East Africa can be found here, as well as Sweetwaters Chimpanzee sanctuary.

Beyond Mount Kenya, the country's northern reserves are hotter and more

arid. They were made prominent by Joy and George Adamson of "Born Free" fame, who raised Elsa the lioness in the Meru and Shaba national reserves. Samburu and Shaba are located within the tribal lands of the colourful and semi-nomadic Samburu people, who are close relatives of the Maasai. They are home to a variety of wildlife found only north of the equator, including the strange gerenuk, which stands upright on its spindly hind legs to graze from trees, the larger Grevy's zebra, Reticulated giraffe, Beisa oryx and Somali ostrich. Large herds of elephant and buffalo are found beside the Ewaso Ng'iro River and you may see lion and cheetah, as well as antelope and over 350 different bird species.

To the west of Mount Kenya, the Laikipia Plateau offers one of Kenya's most exclusive wilderness experiences. Here a handful of upmarket, owner-run ranches are set within vast sweeping landscapes, dotted with thorny acacia, candelabra trees and huge rocky outcrops. While game viewing can be good (you may see elephant, lion, leopard and wild dog as well as many of the herbivores that are dry-climate specialists), this is the place to come for old style Kenyan hospitality and an exciting mix of activities. Camel trekking, horse riding, hiking, river swimming, picnics and sundowners fill your days, as well as genuinely authentic cultural visits to a local Samburu village.



The early morning starts on safari can be demanding, so many visitors choose to complete their trip with time relaxing on one of Kenya's spectacular Indian Ocean beaches, sheltered by offshore coral reefs. About 20 miles south of Mombasa, resorts such as Diani Beach boast glorious palm-fringed beaches and many marine activities, including boat excursions, snorkelling, diving, windsurfing, paddle boarding and game fishing.

For some of East Africa's most spectacular snorkelling and diving, head to Watamu Marine National Reserve,

about 60 miles north of Mombasa. Watamu has been voted one of the world's top ten beaches by the Sunday Times. A string of excellent hotels overlook the 5-mile long beach and the large coral gardens that protect it. Marine life is prolific with over 500 species of fish, including Manta ray, Whale shark and Barracuda. A turtle programme has helped to protect the three species of sea turtle that nest here.

As the Kenyan beaches are public and can be very busy, an alternative option is to fly to Lamu Island or the spice island of Zanzibar in neighbouring Tanzania.

UGANDA KENYA Nairobi Masai Mara Masai Mara & Zanzibar

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	luxury lodge in the Masai

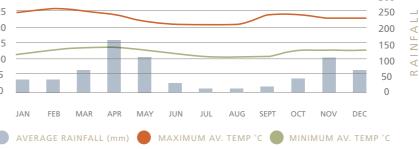
DAYS 2/3 Enjoy superb Big Five game viewing, including lions, leopards & plains game Fly to historic Stone Town

with walking tour of the city **DAYS 6/10** Relax on the glorious

turquoise beaches of Zanzibar Island, with snorkelling &

Depart from Zanzibar







Arrive in Nairobi DAY 1 Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre & Karen Blixen Museum Travel to Amboseli, in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro,

to see elephants Enjoy a boat ride on Lake

DAY 5/6 Naivasha & game drives around Lake Nakuru, with its rhino

Thrilling Big Five game viewing in the famous

Masai Mara Fly to Mombasa to relax on glorious Diani Beach

DAY 13 Depart from Mombasa









When to go

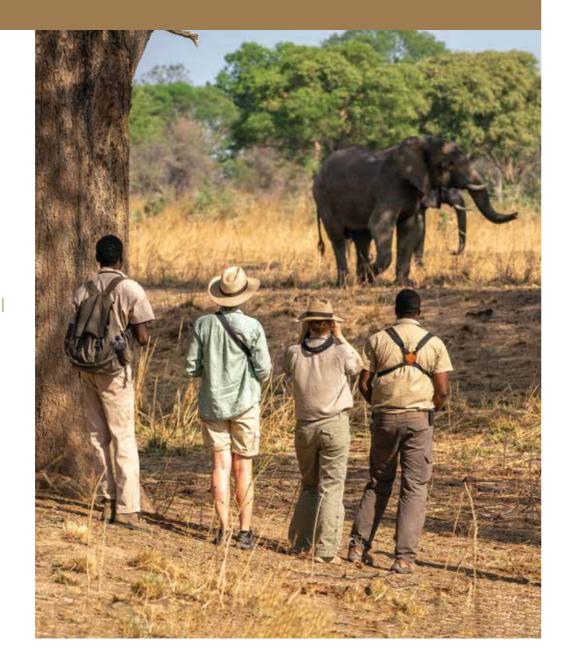
Kenya has a warm equatorial climate. The best time for game viewing is from June to October (the cooler, drier months) and from January to March (when it is much hotter). The 'short rains' fall from mid-November to mid-December. The much heavier 'long rains' fall in April and May. The annual wildebeest migration from the Serengeti into the Masai Mara occurs from August to October, with the exact timing depending on the rains. Birding is best from November to March, as this is when the migrants visit. Diving is best from October to March, when the waters are at their clearest.

AVERAGE RAINFALL (mm) MAXIMUM AV. TEMP °C MINIMUM AV. TEMP °C

These are example itineraries – see page 5 for key. For more ideas, information and prices call us on 01582 766122 or visit www.2by2holidays.co.uk

Special Interest Holidays

Travel offers a wonderful opportunity to do and see things that you have previously only dreamed of. We can introduce you to a wonderland of new experiences and if you have a particular passion or interest, we are the people to talk to. Known for our wildlife and cultural holidays, we also have expertise in many other specialisms. Unlike most travel companies, we take the time to research and book even the most unusual requests. Here we highlight some of the special interest holidays that other customers have loved.





Walking

f you enjoy hiking, we offer a thrilling range of walking safaris – ranging from a few hours in the early morning or late afternoon, accompanied by an armed ranger, to specialised walking camps in Botswana and South Africa where all game viewing is on foot. We also offer point-to-point trails in Zambia, where you can spend a week walking from one remote bush camp to another – a truly unforgettable experience!

You can trek to see mountain gorillas, and in most of our destinations we can incorporate a variety of walking and hiking trails into your itinerary, ranging from day hikes to waterfalls and volcanoes in Costa Rica, to Peru's iconic Inca Trail and Nepal's stunning Annapurna Trek.

If you are sufficiently fit, you can even combine a safari in East Africa with climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, accompanied by experienced mountain guides.

Birding

any of our customers are avid birders who want to spot regional endemics, as well as increase their life list, whilst others are more casual birders who simply enjoy the pleasure of identifying known species and spotting new ones. Whichever category you fit into, we know how important it is to design an itinerary that visits the best birding regions, at the right time of year.

With our extensive network of

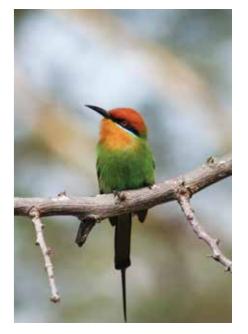


specialist birding guides, we can tailor make private tours to key destinations such as Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador and Galapagos, Brazil, Guyana, Madagascar, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, India, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. We can also help you track down iconic species, such as the Harpy eagle in Panama.

We offer cheaper lodge-based birding holidays too, using guides employed by



the various lodges – although the quality of guiding can vary – and a few scheduled departure tours in high demand countries such as Costa Rica.







Sports & Cultural Events

As we tailor make all our holidays, we cater to a wide range of special interests.

Golf

Our golf holidays in South Africa are particularly popular, allowing golfers to escape the northern winter and combine championship golf with wine tasting and a luxury safari or beach break. You can select the courses you wish to play, varying from social to world class.

Riding

Our riding holidays vary from thrilling mobile horseback safaris in Big Five territory for experienced riders, to familyfriendly lodge-based riding holidays suitable for all levels.

Diving

The Indian Ocean offers outstanding diving in warm water, from Kenya all the way down to Zanzibar, Mozambique and South Africa, as well as the islands of the Maldives, Andamans, Mauritius, Seychelles

and Madagascar. Galapagos offers liveaboard dive ships, whilst Mexico and Belize offer superb Caribbean diving.

Fishing

These same regions offer some of the best deep-sea fishing in the world. To this must be added the renowned fishing waters of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico.

Sports Events

Sports events are often the catalyst for a special holiday. We can source tickets to rugby internationals in South Africa and Argentina, as well as cricket tests in India, Sri Lanka and South Africa. We can also arrange Grand Prix packages.

Cultural Events

We can also build a holiday around special events such as the Rio Carnival, Holi in India or the Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico





Expedition cruises explore regions that are difficult to reach in other ways, whilst relaxing houseboats provide a different perspective from the water.

Expedition Cruises

Expedition cruises to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador are the best way to explore the unique wildlife of this stunning archipelago. Itineraries vary in length from several days to a week or more, with a wide choice of boats varying in size, design and cost.

Patagonia expedition cruises sail from southern Argentina to Chile, and vice versa, navigating via Glacier Alley and Cape Horn.

Expedition cruises to the Falkland Islands and Antarctica use much larger vessels capable of handling the polar ice.

You need to be relatively mobile to enjoy an expedition cruise, as you will disembark twice a day for excursions, making your way down a gangplank into a zodiac-type inflatable.



Houseboats

Houseboats are a relaxing way to watch the world go by. They are the perfect way to explore the mighty Amazon River, the largest in South America, whether boarding from Manaus in Brazil, Coca in Ecuador or Iquitos in Peru.

You can also explore Brazil's southern Pantanal by houseboat or sail down the Magdalena River in Colombia.

India has houseboats that sail down the Brahamaputra and Ganges Rivers and are wonderful for observing local life. You can also spend a night on a traditional rice houseboat gliding through the Kerala backwaters. In Africa, Botswana has houseboats on the Chobe River, superb for both wildlife viewing and tiger fishing, whilst Zimbabwe has houseboats on Lake Kariba. Lake Jozini in South Africa also offers tiger fishing by houseboat.

Houseboat facilities will be en suite, but expect the cabins on many boats to be relatively small and simple.

Ocean Cruises

Through our sister company, Auriel Holidays, we can source a wide variety of ocean cruises that can tie in with tailor-made land arrangements, either before or after your cruise.









Luxury Trains

If you love train travel, there is no better way of leisurely exploring a country than aboard one of the world's iconic luxury trains, travelling in the utmost comfort with superb dining.

Southern Africa

Rovos Rail

The nostalgic Rovos Rail train journeys across Southern Africa at a leisurely pace, pulling along its historic reconditioned carriages. The traditional observation car provides a delightful way of viewing the unfolding landscape, whilst enjoying superb service and delicious food and wine – everything from mouth-watering afternoon teas to cocktails and formal dinners. All off-train excursions are included. Dress code is smart casual, but a little more formal in the evening.

A selection of short journeys is available in both directions (two to four nights), with three cabin styles – Pullman, Deluxe or Royal:

- Pretoria to Cape Town
- Pretoria to Victoria Falls
- Pretoria to Durban

Longer journeys are also available in both directions:

- South Africa Collage (Pretoria to Cape Town)
- South Africa to Namibia
- Dar Es Salaam to South Africa
- Dar Es Salaam to Angola

A few specialist golf journeys are also available in both directions:

- Golf Collage (Pretoria to Cape Town)
- Golf Safari (Sun City, Durban and Kruger)

Blue Train

The modern Blue Train also travels regularly between Pretoria and Cape Town.



India

India is well served by a range of luxury trains that offer superb service and dining reminiscent of the opulent Maharaja era.

Maharaja's Express

The famous Maharaja's Express is India's most luxurious train and offers a wonderful way to explore the treasures of the Golden Triangle and Rajasthan, starting from Delhi. A short three-night journey visits the stunning Taj Mahal in Agra, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Jaipur in Rajasthan. A longer trip includes Orchha Fort, the magnificent temples of Khajuraho and the sacred city of Varanasi. There is also a journey that combines the Golden Triangle with more of Rajasthan including Bikaner, Jodhpur and beautiful Udaipur - before continuing all the way to Mumbai. This trip is available in both directions. There are four different cabins – Deluxe, Junior Suite, Suite or Presidential Suite.

Palace on Wheels

The opulent Palace on Wheels, India's original luxury train, also starts in Delhi and explores the Golden Triangle and Rajasthan including a longer route to Jaipur, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Chittorgarh Fort, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Agra before returning to Delhi. The train has two different cabins - Deluxe or Super Deluxe.

Deccan Odyssey

The blue Deccan Odyssey explores the state of Maharashtra in style, including the holy city of Nashik, the incredible Ellora and Ajanta Caves with their magnificent sculptures and paintings, the temples of Kolhapur and the beaches of Goa. Another route links Mumbai with Delhi, travelling via Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra and Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. There are two cabin styles – Deluxe or Presidential Suite.

Golden Chariot

The luxurious Golden Chariot train explores South India. Starting from Bengaluru, the Karnataka route visits Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Mysuru Palace, the temples of Halebid, the hill station of Chikkamagaluru, the spectacular ruined city of Hampi and the beaches of Goa. The Tamil Nadu and Kerala route explores the temples and palaces of Mysuru, the Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram,

the Great Chola temples at Thanjavur, Chettinad Palace and Kochi, including a cruise in a traditional rice houseboat on the Kerala backwaters. This train has one adapted cabin.

Peru

Belmond Train

The luxurious Belmond Train journeys through Peru, travelling from Arequipa to Lake Titicaca and Cusco – gateway to the stunning Inca citadel at Machu Picchu. The train runs in both directions. Be sure to visit Machu Picchu aboard the famous Hiram Bingham train.

Mexico

El Chepe

Although not a luxury train, another iconic train journey is aboard El Chepe, which travels through the stunning Copper Canyon.







Accessible Travel

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If you are a wheelchair user or have limited mobility, long-haul travel poses a unique set of challenges, but as the UK market leader in accessible safari holidays we have considerable expertise in this field. Our greatest experience is in Southern and East Africa, but we have been expanding our knowledge in recent years and we now also offer accessible holidays to India, Sri Lanka and Latin America.

Whether you are simply unsure about travelling without assistance, walk with sticks or use a wheelchair permanently, we can design a holiday appropriate to your needs. We know which hotels and lodges are accessible (i.e. ramps, roll-in showers and grab rails) and which are not, and your private guide can travel with a shower chair if needed. However if you use a power chair, we will need to get the approval of the airline before we can confirm your holiday.

In South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia we have access to a small number of accessible vehicles, with ramps for wheelchairs. If you have upper body strength and can transfer into a regular vehicle, you will have more destination choices.

In India we also have a few accessible vehicles on the famous Golden Triangle route. In Latin America accessible vehicles are found mostly in the larger cities, but if you use a manual wheelchair we can take you to places such as Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

The accessible section of our website

showcases the many destinations we offer, but as you will have many questions please call us to discuss your specific needs or visit us in person and we will be happy to go through all the details with you.

As accessible hotels, guides and vehicles are always in short supply, you should book your holiday well in advance.



Small Group Tours

We offer a range of sociable small group tours in many of our key destinations, if you don't want to travel independently or self drive.

Southern Africa

South Africa offers a range of small group tours, travelling from beautiful Cape Town along the scenic Garden Route to Port Elizabeth. Afterwards you can add on a Big Five safari in the Eastern Cape. Alternatively, you can combine the wildlife of the famous Kruger National Park with Eswatini (Swaziland), Zululand and the beaches of Durban.

Namibia tours take in this country's dramatic landscapes, from the Fish River Canyon to Etosha, with longer tours travelling through the lush Caprivi to Victoria Falls.

Botswana wildlife tours are generally done under canvas, exploring the wildlife of the Okavango Delta and Chobe.

East Africa

Kenya small group tours visit the famous Masai Mara, the elephants of Samburu and Amboseli in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, with shorter tours from

Tanzania tours explore the northern circuit of Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and the vast open plains of the wildliferich Serengeti.

Uganda tours focus on chimp and gorilla trekking. Ethiopia tours explore its ancient history.

Latin America

Peru tours visit Cusco and the stunning Inca citadel at Machu Picchu, with an extension to Lake Titicaca and the salt flats of Bolivia. Alternatively, you can combine Peru with Ecuador and the fascinating Galapagos Islands.

Brazil tours combines vibrant Rio de Janeiro with the thundering Iguassu Falls, whilst tours of Argentina and Chile focus on their capital cities and the dramatic landscapes of spectacular Patagonia.

Mexico small group tours explore their pyramids and the spectacular Mayan ruins of the Yucatan, before relaxing on the warm Mayan Riviera.

Through our sister company, Auriel Holidays, we offers tours to many other destinations.





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Booking your holiday

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Worldwide Holidays

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