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**The Specialist**  
Travel Consultancy

# How do you like your holidays?



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## ...different?

Everyone's idea of a holiday is different.

Our clients, though, have one important thing in common: they recognise our ability to find the right destination, operator and style of travel to create their dream holiday. Simple.

The Specialist Travel Consultancy is an independent niche travel agency and we are experts in arranging holidays with a difference. We work with over 45 of the best travel companies in the UK providing our clients with a comprehensive range of holiday options from relaxed journeys of discovery to thrill-seeking adventures.

We cater for all - individuals, couples, friends, families and private groups. What's more, arranging holidays through the STC adds no extra cost to your travels, purely value to your experience through the wealth of ours.



### Expert advice & first class support

Don't let a lack of knowledge result in an opportunity missed. Our service is built on extensive travel and adventure experience, as well as an intimate knowledge of different tour operators' specialities.

We have many years of experience in arranging overseas travel and our pre-departure support service is second to none.



## ...tailor-made?

Every detail taken care of and your holiday designed to your specifications...

Whether relaxing on idyllic beaches in the South Pacific or exploring the remote tribal regions of Arunachal Pradesh in North East India, a tailor-made approach gives you ultimate control over every aspect of your holiday.

We will work with you to develop a bespoke itinerary, choosing accommodation and activities that reflect your interests, passions and budget. We have excellent relationships with some of the UK's leading tailor-made holiday companies and through them we can design your ideal trip.

### Choice accommodation

With a tailor-made holiday there is almost limitless choice and diversity in accommodation.

Depending on your chosen destination you could be staying in anything from eco-lodges deep in a rainforest to home-stays in the Mekong Delta, luxury beach hotels to tented safari camps or river boats to boutique city hotels. The choice is as diverse as your imagination.



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## ...in a small group?

The sociable nature of small group travel is ideal for some and usually a very cost effective way to see the world. There are group holidays to fit every budget, style of travel and disposition and with an almost limitless selection of destinations and itineraries, there is usually something for every taste.

If you have your own group of friends or extended family, we can arrange for a private departure just for you and tailor the trip to your exact specifications.

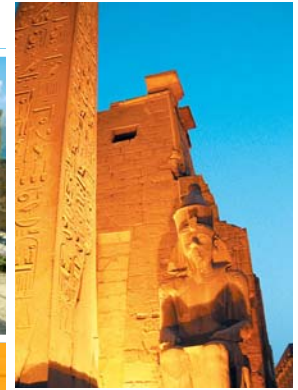


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## Group dynamics

Do you like the idea of travelling in a small group but have concerns about who you may be travelling with? We can help.

We know our operators' core markets extremely well and will do our best to ensure you travel in good company.

## ...wild?

Heart thumping wildlife encounters that will leave you breathless...

From introductory safaris in East Africa, to specialist species focused trips, wildlife holidays are an experience like no other, and it pays to get quality advice from the outset.

Trekking to see mountain gorillas, swimming with humpback whales, tracking wild-dogs in Southern African or searching for rare birds in the wetlands of Poland - whatever your passion for wildlife, we work with many of the best wildlife operators on the planet. Such companies, in turn, have the experience and contacts to ensure you get the best possible sightings.



### Make your own luck

Truly amazing wildlife encounters are an outcome of specialist knowledge, experienced guides and just a little good fortune. While the last of these cannot be guaranteed, getting the others right will increase your chances of memorable sightings dramatically.



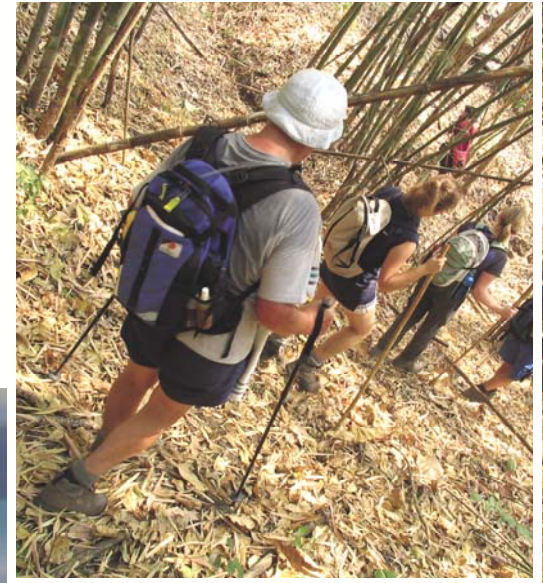
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## ...active?

Walking, trekking, rafting, canoeing, canyoning, cycling or all of them perhaps? Stretch your legs, breathe deep and explore the world.

We can take you to all the main mountain ranges of the world, and many more that you might never have heard of. Private and group treks either, camping or lodge based, easy going walking holidays and strolls through Europe are all in our remit. So too is adrenalin-filled white-water rafting, gentle canoeing in the Dordogne, cycling high passes in the Himalaya and multi-activity holidays in southern Turkey.

If you prefer your holidays on the cool side, how about snow-mobiling, cross-country skiing, dog-sledding or snow-shoeing? We have a huge range of options.



### Getting the grade right

Active holidays are not necessarily about feats of endurance. There are some, of course, that are truly challenging, but many too are easy going in nature.

Selecting the most appropriate trip grade is vital and something we are always happy to assist you with.



## ...as a family?

Travelling with your tribe no longer means being restricted to a beach and hotel holiday. Safaris, activity holidays, cultural journeys, wildlife adventures and trekking are all possible with our diverse range of family adventures from some of the UK's leading operators.

The thrill of seeing young eyes explore new worlds opens up a side to travel that adults travelling alone can never fully appreciate.

Infant adventures, dedicated teen departures and single parent trips are all on offer in addition to the main family adventure holidays.

### Planning and preparation

As parents ourselves, we know what it is like to travel to adventurous destinations with young children. More adventurous family holidays require an extra level of planning and commitment. Careful consideration is required so that the destination and itinerary suit all in your tribe.

With the right preparation, the potential rewards are great indeed.



## ...easy?

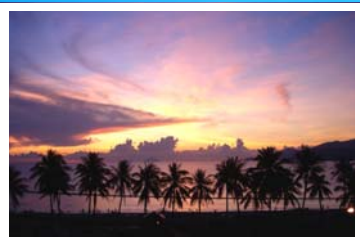
With extensive contacts in leading holiday companies, we can arrange holidays in over 140 countries worldwide, giving you maximum choice and flexibility on destination, itinerary and style of travel.

Contact us to discuss your next holiday - who knows where it will take you?



*"Quite simply, the arrangements were superb.  
The nature of all aspects of the trip suited us down to  
the ground - wonderful advice throughout, thank you"*

Mr & Mrs Hughes. (Tailor-made Inca Trail, Galapagos and Amazon)



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