Around the World by Private Jet

Fly yourself to Washington DC for Christmas. But that's only the beginning of this gift to yourself. From here on out, you can relax and let someone else do the flying. You're boarding a specially outfitted, long range Boeing 757 that will fly you around the world.

The first destination is Lima, Peru. Enjoy a curator-led tour and a special dinner at the private Rafael Larco Herrera Archaeological Museum. From there you'll go on to Cusco and Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca citadel. The remains of his ancient city went undiscovered until 1911.

Next your jet takes you to Easter Island, a mere 2300 miles off the coast of Chile. Walk among the giant stone statues called moai. A resident archaeologist will accompany you to explain all that mankind has learned about these mysterious stone figures.

In Samoa you'll enjoy a traditional welcome ceremony before





visiting Vailima, Robert Louis Stevenson's former home. It's a restful place, Samoa, and that's good because tomorrow you board your jet to cross the International Date Line on the way to Australia.

No trip Down Under would be quite right without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Spend time in the water with 1500 species of fish and 400 types of coral.

Days 11 and 12 take you to Angkor, Cambodia to visit its massive temple complex. Over the following few days, you'll move on to Lhasa, the seat of the Dalai Lama and the capital of Tibet, or you can opt to visit Xi'an, China, home of the famous terra-cotta warriors.

Next your private jet delivers you to stand before the majestic Taj Mahal, perhaps the world's greatest monument to love. From India you'll move on to Tanzania. Choose between exploring the Serengeti National Park to witness the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa, or visiting the Ngorongoro Crater to see a permanent population of more than 30,000 animals. You'll also be joined by Meave or Louise Leakey who will discuss their finds at Olduvai Gorge.

Moving from there into the Middle East, you'll wander the Temple of Karnak, the tombs in the Valley of the Kings as well as enjoying a special gala event at Luxor Temple. On to Cairo to visit the Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza.

Days 23 and 24 find you in Marrakech to wander the open air markets and see the acrobats, story-tellers, water sellers, dancers, and musicians. Your last night in Morocco brings a farewell banquet. In the morning, your jet takes you back to your airplane in Washington, DC.

There may not be a better 24 days in your life.

Cost per person, \$64,950. For more information, contact National Geographic Expeditions, 800.224.1894, or visit their website, NationalGeographicExpeditions.com.