

"IRISH & SCOTTISH SAMPLER" — 8-day, 7-night tour of IRELAND and SCOT-LAND, April-October 2017. Highlights: In Dublin, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, St. Patrick's Cathedral/Titanic Belfast/ferry to Cairnryan, Scotland/Pollok House in Glasgow/in Pitlochry, whisky tasting at Blair Athol Distillery/ St. Andrews/Edinburgh Castle. \$1,716-\$2,154 (per dates) per person, double occupancy (ppdo). Single supp., \$395. Tenon Tours (Wakefield, MA; 855/468-3666, www.tenontours.com).

### "FOOD LOVER'S CATALO-

NIA" — 9-day, 8-night, culinary walking tour ("moderate" level) in SPAIN, May 14-22 & Sept. 17-25, 2017. Highlights: In Barcelona, La Boqueria market, cooking class, tapas crawl/drive to Pyrenees for cheese and wine tasting, Michelinrated dining/Aigüestortes National Park/volcanic Garrotxa region/ninth-century Girona. \$2,840 ppdo. Single supp., \$650. UTracks (47 William St., Ottawa, ON, K1N 6Z9, Canada; 866/441-6232, www.utracks.com).

"THE JEWELS OF PERSIA BY BICYCLE" — 15-day, 14-night bike tour ("moderately challenging"; average 40 miles per day, 9½ days) through central IRAN, departing April 2, May 7 & Sept. 17, 2017. <u>Highlights</u>: In Shiraz, Eram Garden, Vakil Mosque/ruins

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Bagpiper on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh's Old Town. Photo by Katie Fleming for Tenon Tours

of Persepolis/Abarkouh ice houses/ Zoroastrian Towers of Silence in Yazd/Isfahan/ancient mud-house villages in Abyaneh/Tehran. \$3,495 ppdo. Single supp., \$275. Bike rental, \$180. **SpiceRoads Cycle Tours** (45 [Sub Soi Pannee], Soi Pridi Banomyong 26, Sukhumvit Soi 71, Klongtan Nua, Wattana, Bangkok, Thailand 10110; phone +66 2 381 7490, www.spiceroads.com).

### "THE BEST OF CHINA"

— 17 days, 16 nights, April 12-28, 2017. <u>Highlights</u>: In Beijing, Tiananmen Square, Ming Tombs, Temple of Heaven/Great Wall/in Xi'an, Terracotta Army/3-night Yangtze River cruise/Chongqing Zoo for pandas/fly to Suzhou for Master of the Nets Garden. Land only, CAD4,945 (near \$3,760) ppdo or CAD6,545 (\$4,977) single. From Toronto, CAD6,395 (\$4,863) ppdo or CAD7,995 (\$6,080) single. **DeNure Tours** (71 Mt. Hope St., Lindsay, ON, K9V 5N5, Canada; 800/668-6859, denuretours.com).

"RETURN TO THE SOLO-MON ISLANDS" — 10 days,

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9 nights in Western Pacific, May 28-June 6, 2017. Highlights: From Los Angeles to Honiara on Guadalcanal to board MV *Bilikiki* for 8-day cruise to Florida Islands of Gavutu, Tulagi and Tanambogo and to Russell Islands of Puvuvu and Banika/snorkel at a P-38 wreck in waters near runway/swim ashore at Kennedy Island/Gizo tour/on Guadalcanal, American Memorial, Red Beach. \$5,490 ppdo or \$9,980 single. Valor Tours (Sausalito, CA; 800/842-4504, www.valortours.com).

## "WILDLIFE CONSERVA-TION SAFARI OF KENYA"

— 12 days, 11 nights, June 10-21, 2017. Group limit, 6. Highlights: Near Nairobi, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust elephant orphanage/ in Tsavo East National Park, luxury safari camp/elephant research project in Amboseli National Park/ at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, game drives, Chimpanzee Sanctuary, endangered white rhinos/at Masai Mara National Reserve, Mara Predator Project's study of lions, Maasai village visit. \$11,995 ppdo. Holden Safaris (Newport Beach, CA; 877/422-1350, www.holden safaris.com).

"DESERT & DUNE GUIDED SAFARI" — 10 days, 9 nights in NAMIBIA. Group limit, 7. Highlights: From Windhoek, drive to dunes at Sossusvlei in Kulala Wilderness Reserve, home to jackals, gemsboks/at Skeleton Coast National Park, Möwe Bay Museum, roaring dunes/in Damaraland, Desert Rhino Camp for black rhinos. From £2,865 (\$3,508) ppdo. Tribes Travel (The Old Dairy, Wood Farm, Ipswich Rd., Otley, Suffolk, England, IP6 9JW, U.K.; phone, in US, 800/608-4651, www.tribes.co.uk).

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