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Is an around-the-world tour part of your bucket list? And it goes without saying, that if you are going to be a Phileas Fogg-esque traveller, you must do it in the ultimate style — in the comfort of a private jet.

Travel experts say despite the economic slowdown, the super rich aren’t compromising on their love for round-the-world tours. So in 2014, luxe travel outfits have cashed in on this trend and are offering private jet trips with unique itineraries and, of course, luxury accommodation.

Here’s a selection of four top trips that will begin towards the end of this year or the start of next year. However, as seats are limited (and fast filling up!), you’d be smart to book one early birds, complimentary iPad Mini for guests, meals as in itinerary, guided excursions, surface and jet transfers, insurance, Wi-Fi, concierge service and more.

Contact: www.intravjet.com

What: Intrav Timeless Destinations — A journey around the world
Where: September 8 – October 2, 2014 (25 days)
How much: Starting from $99,950 (around Rs 61.52 lakh) per person on double occupancy
How many: 55 guests
Jet: Customised Boeing 777-200ER which is “world’s only all-first-class private jet”
Destinations: Starts and ends in Fort Lauderdale, USA. From there it’s off to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Easter Island, Chile; Bora Rona, French Polynesia; Sydney, Australia; Yargin and Bagan, Myanmar; Agra and Jaipur, India; Istanbul, Turkey; Marrakesh, Morocco
Watch out for:
• An elephant polo match in Jaipur under a shower of fireworks
• Paradigging atop the picture perfect Pedra Bonita, Rio de Janeiro
• A 360° view of the scintillating harbour from atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge
• Snorkelling in the jade lagoon of Bora Bora
• A horse drawn carriage tour throughout the famed Majorelle gardens of Marrakesh
Inclusions: Five-star accommodation, preferred seating in jet for early birds, complimentary iPad Mini for guests, meals as in itinerary, guided excursions, surface and jet transfers, insurance, Wi-Fi, concierge service and more.

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What: Lakani Around the World by Private Jet 2014
When: October 6 – October 28, 2014 (23 days)
How much: Starting from $96,900 (around Rs 59.65 lakh) per person on double occupancy
How many: 24 guests
Jet: All business class Airbus Corporate Jet
Destinations: Starts and ends in Port Lauderdale, USA. From there it’s off to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Easter Island, Chile; Bora Rona, French Polynesia; Sydney, Australia; Yargin and Bagan, Myanmar; Agra and Jaipur, India; Istanbul, Turkey; Marrakesh, Morocco
Watch out for:
• The Seven Coloured Earths — a rare sand dune formation of different sand colours — in Mauritius
• Exclusive access to the priceless treasures housed in the Chonghua Palace, Beijing
• An excursion by 4WD jeeps over the massive sand dunes and dunes at a private Redouin camp at Doha
• The ruins of Knossos Palace, the cradle of ancient Greek civilization
• The Sphinx, Egypt; Fez, Morocco

Inclusions: Luxury accommodation in 5 star properties, small group guided tours, all meals, cultural interactions, personal concierge aboard private jet, exclusive ‘worry-free’ luggage service and more.

Contact: www.lakanij.com

What: Smithsonian Journeys Around the World by Private Jet
When: September 30 – October 22, 2014 (23 days)
How much: Starting from $70,950 (around Rs 44.90 lakh) per person on double occupancy
How many: 77 guests
Jet: Customised Boeing 777-200ER
Destinations: Starts and ends in Houston, TX, USA; Limas and Machu Picchu, Peru; Easter Island, Chile; Agra, India; Tokyo, Japan; Easter Island; Apia, Samoa; Mexico, USA; Beijing and Tianjin, China; Singapore, Singapore
Watch out for:
• UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Machu Picchu, Great Barrier Reef, Easter Island and more
• The ruins of Ta Prohm at Angkor, Cambodia
• Gala Rajasthani dinner and traditional entertainment at Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur

Inclusions: Luxury accommodation in 5 star properties, small group guided tours, all meals, cultural interactions, personal concierge aboard private jet, exclusive ‘worry-free’ luggage service and more.

Contact: www.smithsonianjourneys.org

What: National Geographic Expeditions Around the World by Private Jet
When: January 22 – February 14, 2015 (24 days)
How much: Starting from $72,950 (around Rs 44.90 lakh) per person on double occupancy
How many: 77 guests
Jet: VIP-configured Boeing 777
Destinations: Starts and ends at Houston, TX, USA; Lima, Peru; and Machu Picchu, Peru; Easter Island, Chile; Agra, India; Tokyo, Japan; Easter Island; Apia, Samoa; Mexico, USA; Beijing and Tianjin, China; Singapore, Singapore
Watch out for:
• UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Machu Picchu, Angkor Wat and the lost city of Petra
• A team of experts — archaeologists, photographers, naturalists and so on — who will share their insights with you during the trip
• Snorkelling among rainbow-coloured corals at The Great Barrier Reef
• A cruise to floating villages on the Mekong Delta at Angkor
• A descent into the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania to observe the permanent population of almost 25,000 animals

Inclusions: Deluxe accommodation, meals as itinerary, guided excursions, all transfers, enrichment programmes including lectures, all taxes, insurance and more.

Contact: nationalgeographicexpeditions.com

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