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Exploring destinations like Tanzania's Great Rift Valley takes on a deeper meaning when you're guided by members of the community who live there.

Seeing the Bigger Picture

Beyond-the-guidebook itineraries remain immensely popular, and the passionate travelers who seek them out have a vested interest in choosing experiences that are ethically sound, culturally sensitive, and environmentally sustainable. Operators have long referred to the concept as responsible tourism, and now it's entering the zeitgeist.

We can all easily adopt a more conscientious approach to travel in ways both major and minor. Below, check out four new itineraries from top operators, and in the ensuing pages, discover strategies to pack lighter, connect with locals on a deeper level, and leave the places you visit just as you found them—perhaps even a little better.

INDONESIA

Peregrine Adventures launched five new tours this year to uncrowded coastal communities in Southeast Asia, including an eight-day excursion to this country. Guests travel on the company's small, carbon-neutral ships to the tiny port destinations of Moyo Island and Bangsal. There they meet traditional sarong weavers, explore rice paddies, and often stay in locally owned accommodations. peregrineadventures.com; from \$3,170 per person.

PERU

During a nine-day journey that spans cities and archaeological sites, guests on Classic Escapes' Andean trips visit the Cuyuni people, who live near the Sacred Valley just an hour from Cuzco. Over a light meal, the villagers discuss how they embrace modern farming and tourism while maintaining ancestral traditions. classicescapes.com; from \$3,495 per person.

TANZANIA

In February, andBeyond launched a trio of philanthropic

itineraries to help travelers connect with the people of Africa. These include the 10-day Travel with Purpose excursion, during which tour members bike to the agrarian Mayoka and Moya communities for a wildlife drive and a conservation lesson with students from a local secondary school. andbeyond.com; from \$9,584 per person.

AUSTRALIA

Partnering with local organizations is a key part of Coral Expeditions' philosophy. In October, the eco-cruise operator

will embark on its second Cape York & Arnhem Land Indigenous Australian Art itinerary, which begins in Darwin (the Northern Territory's capital) and ends in Queensland's Cairns, a hub for trips to the Great Barrier Reef. The 11-night voyage introduces passengers to Aboriginal heritage through visits to galleries and meeting places, such as Bábbara Women's Center, where women silk-screen and sell textiles. coralexpeditions.com; from \$8,290 per person. —Melanie Lieberman