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## TCS World Travel to return to the skies in late 2021 with new jet

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*The new A321neo-LR will go on its inaugural world trip in late 2021. Image credit: TCS World Travel*

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Tour operator TCS World Travel has announced the dates for its first all-inclusive tours on its new Airbus private jet.

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At the start of the pandemic, tour operators, including cruise lines and private expeditions, made the decision to cancel or postpone group trips. With consumers anxious to resume travel, new tours are taking into account health and safety concerns.

"As the world starts to slowly reopen, we at TCS see clearly how the benefits of traveling by private jet have become even more desirable," said Shelley Cline, president of TCS World Travel, in a statement. "A more controlled environment, smaller airports, private or expedited customs and immigration, and the ability to make changes and pivot up to the last minute are all hallmarks of traveling by private jet and are now more important to our guests than ever."

"As the most experienced private jet travel company in the world, we are proud to announce our first expedition of 2021 on our new customized private jet that was designed and guided by research-informed insights so that our guests can continue to explore bucket-list destinations around the globe with comfort, convenience and safety," she said.

### Around the world

The new private Airbus will take to the skies for its inaugural flight in fall 2021. TCS will offer an upgraded version of its popular "Around the World" expedition from Oct. 10 to Nov. 2, 2021.

A second expedition will follow, from Dec. 30, 2021 through Jan. 22, 2022.

The 24-day itinerary includes stops at UNESCO World Heritage sites and natural wonders, along with unique lodging options. Destinations include Machu Picchu, Peru; Easter Island, Chile; Nadi, Fiji; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; Angkor Wat, Cambodia; Taj Mahal and Jaipur, India; Serengeti Plain, Tanzania and Marrakech, Morocco.

TCS' new A321neo-LR is able to land in smaller, more remote airports, allowing the trip to include new destinations. The plane also has an extended range which allows it to go longer distances without stopping to refuel.

The aircraft will be manned by an 18-person crew. Acknowledging travelers' elevated health concerns, a physician will travel with the guests for the duration of the trip.

Features on the Airbus itself include a hospital-grade air filtration system, custom leather seats, extra-large restrooms with full-length mirrors, global WiFi and in-flight entertainment.

In 2019, TCS World Travel merged its operations with travel consultancy Travcoa, combining their specialties to deliver personalized luxury experiences.

Travcoa, which specializes in custom trip planning, was integrated with TCS' Luxury Custom Travel division. As demand for tailored travel experiences grows, TCS is looking to Travcoa to help it deliver more individualized itineraries ([see story](#)).

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