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16 Exotic Adventures That Beat Watching The Ball Drop On New Year's Eve

Morocco, Costa Rica & Peru Among Top Year-End Destinations From Classic Journeys

La Jolla, CA - "I couldn't believe that instead of watching football on TV, we were watching the sun come up over the Moroccan sand dunes on New Year's Day."

It's a great image...and a common sentiment shared by guests on Classic Journeys' year-end walking adventures. The settings may vary dramatically - from a lakeside wilderness lodge in New Zealand to a piazzetta on the isle of Capri - but the prospect of ringing in the New Year in a far-flung locale is undeniably enticing.

"This year, our guests will be toasting one another in 10 different destinations that literally span the globe," observes Edward Piegza, president and co-founder of Classic Journeys. "At the stroke of midnight, they might be partying along with the Maharana in Udaipur, India, or raising a glass within rumbling distance of Zambia's mighty Victoria Falls."

In addition to Cultural Walking Adventures, the company offers six multi-generational Family Journeys perfectly timed for winter break. Whether young revelers are paddling a dugout canoe in Panama, mountain biking in Peru, or skimming along a zip line in the cloud forest of Costa Rica, they'll never forget where and how they ushered in 2010.

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Alice Kerley of Campbell, CA, will be departing on the company's Costa Rica Family Journey on December 27 – along with her husband, daughter and son-in-law, and four grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 18.

As Mrs. Kerley explains, "My family is big into history and learning about different cultures, and we feel we'll get a taste of both from this vacation. As for the timing, it really boils down to the fact that it's the perfect time to travel around the children's school schedule."

Travelers whose New Year's resolutions include a Classic Journey can choose from 16 departures in late December:

- * [Amalfi Coast & Capri](#)
- * [Costa Rica Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Costa Rica Family Journey](#)
- * [India Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Morocco Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Morocco Family Journey](#)
- * [Peru Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Peru Family Journey](#)
- * [Zambia Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Zambia Family Journey](#)
- * [Panama Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Panama Family Journey](#)
- * [New Zealand Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [New Zealand Family Journey](#)
- * [Thailand Cultural Walking Adventure](#)
- * [Vietnam & Angkor Wat Cultural Walking Adventure](#)

Prices for the company's luxury walking and family tours range from \$2,995 per person (double occupancy, land only) for the seven-day Panama and Costa Rica trips to \$6,995 per person (double occupancy, land only) for the 10-day walking safaris in Zambia. Children up to age 16 enjoy significant discounts when sharing a room with one or two full-paying adults.

Readers who want to learn more about the company's roster of exotic year-end tours, including detailed itineraries and specific departure dates, may click on www.classicjourneys.com/yearendtrips, or contact a Guest Services Coordinator directly at (800) 200-3887.

About Classic Journeys:

Classic Journeys offers cultural walking adventures, culinary tours and family journeys in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Guests enjoy luxury accommodations and gourmet meals that reflect the best of each region, coupled with soft adventure activities, daily interactions with locals, and native guides who make countries and cultures come alive. Tours are six to 12 days long with two to four hours of easy-going walking per day. Land-only tour prices range from \$2395 to \$6995 per person (with discounts for small groups and children traveling with parents). Average tour size is 10, limited to a maximum of 18 guests per departure. Full details and links to itineraries are available at www.ClassicJourneys.com.