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**3 Adventure Destinations We Bet You Can't Spell**

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Intrepid Travel offers real life experiences in 93 countries across the globe, here are a few we bet you haven't been to yet.

**Kyrgyzstan**

Hands down one of the friendliest countries in Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan welcomes you with open arms and warm smiles. A country of open doors invites you into local homes for a cup of tea, and wonderful Krygyz hospitality at a homestay in ancient Osh and a memorable night in a yurt (traditional felt tent).

Kyrgyzstan is also a country of statuesque beauty, with some of the world's finest mountain landscapes and one of it's largest alpine lakes, so expect to be left breathless and out of film.

**Uzbekistan**

A history buff's playground. The antiquity of Uzbekistan still conjures up spirits from the past. Visit majolica-tiled medressas in Samarkand, and a history of stoic explorers, barbarians and merchants on the Silk Road. Take deep breaths of times past relaxing under ancient mulberry trees. Uzbekistan is a travel through centuries of legends and magic carpets of adventure along the way.

**Kazakhstan**

Lay your own tracks in the footprints of Genghis Khan, and explore the birthplace of the Sufi order. Kazakhstan is the home of the tulip and the grassy steppes Central Asian nomads have lived upon for centuries. Bask in the European air of Almaty or explore the ancient Silk Road stop of Taraz. Trek in the tranquillity of the western Tian Shan mountains and discover the mysteries of Sufism in Turkistan.

After a day of reliving ancient history, kick your boots off and take in a dombra performance and sit back with a cup of kumys (fermented mare's milk) in the tranquil Central Asian landscape. Heck, have two cups.

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In 1988, young Australians Darrell Wade and Geoff Manchester threw caution to the wind, bought a rusty truck and took an epic journey across the Sahara. Somewhere between the endless sand dunes they had an idea for a style of group travel that was well out of the ordinary. Travel that took small groups to meet local people, traveled on anything that moved and to experience the Earth's most amazing places up close. Travel that was filled with real life experiences. Twenty years later, Intrepid Travel has grown from a Saharan idea to become one of the world's leading small group adventure travel companies with 600 staff globally and 400 trips in 93 countries.

Wherever we go in the world, we take a responsible attitude with us. We mostly take public transport, stay and eat in small-scale, locally-owned establishments, travel in small groups, and spread the word of sustainable tourism wherever possible. For more information please visit [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com) or contact [alexia@lassocommunications.com](mailto:alexia@lassocommunications.com) (303) 898-3376, images available upon request.