



CO-FOUNDER, BROWN &amp; HUDSON

## Philippe Brown

I've long felt that the 17th-century concept of the Grand Tour has been in need of an update. In planning my own, I would begin by thinking how I wanted to feel once I had returned home. Right now I want to feel enlightened. So I would begin in Barcelona, at the Mandarin Oriental. To learn more about economics and creativity, over tapas at the Mercat de Santa Caterina, I'd bring together Ferran Adrià and Thomas Piketty to explore his *r>g* [returns on capital grow faster than rate of economic growth] theory. It's bound to get molecular. Next, by Gulfstream G650 jet, we'd flit off to the magnificent Botanique hotel in the Valle dos Mellos, near São Paulo, Brazil. Here, I'll meet photographers Sebastião Salgado and Don McCullin to hear their thoughts on conservation, indigenous communities and photography. We'd head up to Fogo Island Inn in Newfoundland, whose conservation policy and connection to its community is exemplary. On the way, in New York at Bemelmans Bar at the Carlyle, I'd catch up with Dr Andrew Johnson, the assistant professor of anthropology at Princeton, to discuss the traveller and technology.

India is where we'd learn more about acceptance, from meeting members of the Gulabi Gang, Arunachalam Muruganantham and perhaps Alain de Botton, who always lends an interesting perspective on most subjects. We'd stay at the epic Devigarh, just outside Udaipur.



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Lastly, I'd meet Pico Iyer to discuss the art of stillness, at a bespoke camp in Afghanistan's stunning Wakhan Corridor. Hopefully, by the end, I'd better understand the world today.

*A similar journey with Brown + Hudson (brownandhudson.com) would cost about £850,000 for a party of six.*

CEO, RED SAVANNAH

## George Morgan-Grenville

My dream trip would probably consist of a three-week odyssey into the American West. I'd start in Montana at Triple Creek Ranch, set amid towering pines, either practising roping skills and helping to round up the cattle or trout fishing on the beautiful Bitterroot River. Then I'd head to Yellowstone National Park — with 60 per cent of the world's geysers, 5,500 bison, 500 black bears, 200 grizzlies and at least 100 wolves — and explore the Lamar Valley, known as the Serengeti of North America. After a couple of nights taking in the wildlife of Las Vegas — the Cirque du Soleil, dinner at Joël Robuchon and breakfast at the Wynn — I'd head to the majestic red cliffs, emerald pools and waterfalls of Zion National Park. Then, heading eastwards through Utah, I'd stay in the sublimely gorgeous Amangiri resort,

enjoying its stark contemporary architecture in the magnificent desert, before taking a helicopter to the Grand Canyon and exploring Lake Powell with a picnic and a speedboat. My last three nights would be spent at Dunton Hot Springs, the old gold-mining ghost town in Colorado, where Butch Cassidy fled after robbing the bank at Telluride. I'd stay in the beautifully renovated miners' houses, fish on the Dolores West Fork and rest my delightfully weary body in the hot springs, before a gourmet dinner. For me, that's a perfect trip.

*A similar trip with Red Savannah*

*(redsavannah.com) would cost from £10,966 per person, excluding international flights.*

FOUNDER, SCOTT DUNN

## Andrew Dunn

My dream trip would most likely combine fun, family and fabulous locations. I've always wanted to try out one of the dude ranches, so the glamorous Brush Creek Ranch, on 30,000 acres of Wyoming big-sky country, would be my first stop, trying out some fly-fishing, riding with the wranglers, zip-lining and dining round a campfire. I'd love to wake up to those views from my log cabin or sit outside watching shooting stars at night. Then, perhaps after all that exercise, I'd want to head to Sonoma or Napa, and have dinner in the French Laundry one night, and take a dawn balloon flight over the vineyards. Then, I'd nip to the Pacific Ocean, where I'd spend a few nights drifting through the marvellous Galapagos Islands on the exclusive *MV Origin* to witness some of the most extraordinary mammals and birds, as well as sea turtles and manta rays. Finally, I'd go to Machu Picchu on the Belmond Hiram Bingham train and, if I could, to complete my planes, trains and yacht dream, I would join the *Andean Explorer* through to Lake Titicaca. Those stylish Pullman trains always add a bit of historical romance. *A similar trip with Scott Dunn (scottdunn.com/seriouslyspecial) would cost from £24,750 per person, inclusive of flights, activities and B&B.*



Top: Zion National Park, Utah. Above: Brush Creek Ranch, Wyoming. Inset above: Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland. Left: the Devigarh Palace Hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan