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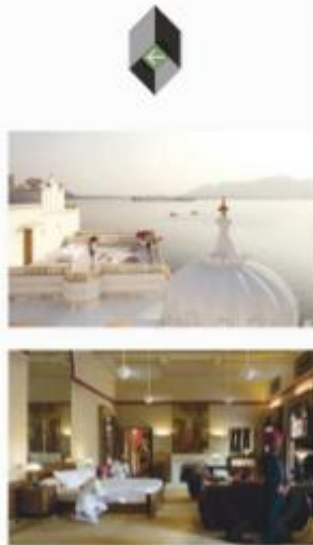
Want a lavish trip away that ticks all the boxes and more?
Here's our line-up of the seven most truly spectacular
holidays to enjoy

Holidays should always be a time of joy, but sometimes you just need to go that extra mile and spend that extra pound to make the occasion extra-memorable. Here, we select the most fabulous, extravagant, unforgettable holiday packages in the world, so there's no chance of you ever saying "Where did we go again?"

Live like a King

1 As wonderful as Presidential suites are, they just don't compare to real-life palaces. Unfortunately, royal residences are usually closed to the public. Not so with this lavish package, appropriately titled 'King of the Castle', which allows lucky guests exclusive use of three of India's most fabled estates: the Lake Palace in Udaipur (the set of *Octopussy*), Umrid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur and Rambagh Palace in Jaipur. Strut around your personal palace and try not to think about the princely price tag - or about how you'll ever go back to real life again.

PRICE: From £1,080,000 for three nights at each palace
BOOK IT: Ampersand Travel - ampersandtravel.com; 020 7819 9770



Find your own diamonds

2 If you're not yet hitched, this surely has to be one of the most excellent ways to propose. Cape Town's swanky Ellerman House has paired up with Benguela Diamonds to offer guests a diamond safari. You'll be whisked off in a limousine and private jet from Cape Town to Port Nolloth before donning your scuba gear and diving into the ocean (with dive masters, of course) to search for diamonds along the sea bed. Then, after a gourmet lunch, your diamond will be cut, set and polished into a piece of jewellery within three days. It's certainly a more memorable jewellery hunt than a stroll down Bond Street.

PRICE: £12,650 for six guests (excluding jewellery designing and manufacturing).
BOOK IT: Ellerman House - ellerman.co.za; +27 21 430 3200

