

The World at Her Feet is a women-only travel business, lead by the affable Dubai-based Paulomi Bhatt.

She organizes trips to places that for the average person can only be visited in dreams, and she focuses specifically on women groups.

“Today’s woman is emancipated and would like to broaden her horizons. She seeks to travel to different destinations. However, sometimes friends and family are unable join her for whatever reason. When faced with this problem, she can either stay at home or join a group of women who are just as motivated as her to travel. Imagine traveling with a small group of women who share the same interest and excitement about a particular vacation destination. Imagine the fun, the laughter, the new friendships, and the unforgettable memories.”



And where do they go?

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Well, Russia, for example. They are scheduled for a Russian adventure setting off on 16 May 2014! The women travel group will fall in love with the snow-embellished dreamscape and the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow. The Russian adventure takes The World at her Feet to an astounding home of 23 UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as the host of the latest Winter Olympics. This is a journey of time travel to a place where the Romanov Monarchy ruled and where literature of Tolstoy comes to life. An 8days/ 7nights trip for AED 9,500 explores the rich culture and includes visits to Kremlin, St. Isaac’s Cathedral, the State Hermitage, the Bolshoi Theatre as well as the souvenir haven that is Arbat street.

“We can’t wait for Russia, this destination has been romanticized in films and novels; an absolute must visit. There’s so much to explore and see in Russia and we have selected this destination, taken a great deal of consideration with the itinerary, which will cover all major landmarks and attractions. Not to be missed certainly” said Paulomi Bhatt, Founder, The World at her Feet.



Or, Guatemala! The World at her Feet, women’s travel group in the Middle East, visited the tropical and scenic haven of Guatemala. A charming island floating in the glistening waters of Central America, that travel group set off on 21st February 2014 for 6nights/ 7days adventure. Amidst ancient ruins, rare biodiversity, and flavourful food, the ladies can expect a true discovery of Mayan heritage and Spanish colonial in Guatemala. For only AED 8,500 on twin sharing basis, the World at her Feet delivered a Guatemala tour complete with an

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array of sightseeing, food and traditional crafts.

Rich with spirituality of customs and traditions as well as the charm and energy Guatemala is a vacation spot with a growing spark of artistic evolution. Its fascinating past and influences drives forth a creative future of literature, music, and handicrafts, giving Guatemala the complex layers that beckon to be uncovered.

“Guatemala is a unique destination not one that travellers think of regularly, especially women. We wanted to design that once-in-a-lifetime travel experience and Guatemala won the votes. Whether it’s the Mayans and the shamans’ rituals or the traditional markets, this hidden adventure trove has a lot to discover for our adventurers “ said Paulomi Bhatt, Founder, The World at her Feet.

From La Antigua to the Mayan ruins of Iximche and Tika; the Lake Atitlan and its surrounding volcanoes to a visit to the authentic Guatemalan coffee farm and traditional marketplaces, experience Guatemala and all its glory with The World at her Feet.



Or, Iceland! The group have departed to Iceland on 2nd April 2014. Considered as the bucket list destinations, The World at her Feet is currently undertaking an exhilarating journey to the enchanted Northern Lights, the home to some of nature’s rarest and strangest sights of Iceland.

A jam-packed 7-days/6 nights journey to the Nordic island of Iceland takes off on 2nd April 2014 and costs AED 12,000 on twin sharing excluding airfare. This once in a lifetime experience offers an itinerary that includes the pursuit of the Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights - the geological phenomenon where stars emit a bright green trail, visits to the Golden Falls, Thingvellir National Park, the exploding glaciers Geysir and Strokkur. This nature centric trip will be punctuated with a taste of urbanized Iceland through shopping and food. While in Iceland enjoy the Golden Falls, Thingvellir National Park, the exploding glaciers Geysir and Strokkur, Skaftafell National Park, Hveragardi Blue Lagoon, Thundering Waves Geothermal Spa and a visit to the local farmhouse and greenhouse.



For more information on these once-in-a-lifetime experiences and the plans for 2014 visit [www.theworldatherfeet.com](http://www.theworldatherfeet.com)

weekenduae had the chance to interview Paulomi Bhatt, the Founder of The World At Her Feet:

*Dear Ms Bhatt, what a great idea! I'll bet the friendship between participants is one of the main benefits of World At Her Feet trips - how did the idea come to you?*

I have always been an avid traveler and on several occasions have travelled alone. Because of that I have

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always wondered about other women who have the passion to travel but are shy to do so alone. I have been friends with the founder of Girls on the Go for many years and I finally decided to launch the Middle Eastern chapter. This really allowed me to combine my passion for travel and my entrepreneurship - it’s just amazing. Great bonds and friendships are formed by the women who travel with us. Love for travel is what brought them together in the first place, but soon this is complemented by shared interests and personalities. Most women who travel with us keep in touch with each other long after the trip is over.



*And safety must be another concern for adventurous women who want to explore the world. How does this aspect play out in your planning?*

We partner up with experienced tour operators in the selected destinations, who are well equipped for all sorts of emergencies. So it’s not simply us women packing off and trekking the world on our own. We offer different experiences for our trips and those are managed by well-trained guides who can handle any situation so there’s no question of us not being safe during these excursions.

*Very quickly, where have World at Her Feet travelers been, and where are they going in future?*

We have just returned from Iceland; other destinations that we have travelled to include Croatia, Bali, Sri

lanka, Beirut, Georgia, China, Morocco and so on. In 2014 we have a few destinations in the pipeline including Russia, Spain, Thailand and India. During summer we are planning family trips to Galapagos, Ecuador and Tuscany.

*And lastly, a little philosophy... Some say that the real objective of travel is to understand the self, and that a mind that has been stretched by travel no longer returns to its original state: do you find these two statements to be true in your experience?*

I find the real objective of travel is not the destination but the journey along the way. Often the things that are learned along the way create a lasting impression when arriving at the final destination.

