

WHAT TO PACK
For INDIA, travel expert Dominique Callimanopulos suggests...



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"This mix of world music suits any overseas trip."



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GETAWAY GIRL: Elevate founder Callimanopulos.

Flights of Fancy

A veteran traveler leads ultraluxurious trips. By Sascha de Gersdorff

Jill-of-all-trades Dominique Callimanopulos, raised in New York and Paris, once canvassed the world assisting Harvard alien-abduction expert John Mack. Later she took a turn as a psychologist, then moved on to consulting for nonprofits. Yet her true passions have always been travel and philanthropy, the combination of which inspired Elevate Destinations, her Cambridge-based luxury travel service with a decidedly benevolent bent.

Rather than put up guests in corporate resorts, Elevate chooses upscale, locally run lodges in destinations like South Africa,

Ethiopia, Mauritius, and the Seychelles—then gives at least 5 percent of each trip's cost (\$3,500 to more than \$12,500 per person) to conservation and community programs in the host country.

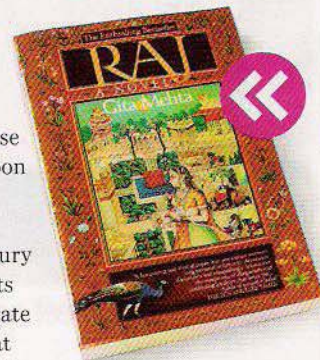
"People want more-interesting ways to do philanthropy," Callimanopulos says. "Most would much rather go on a trip than pay thousands for a table at a Park Plaza fundraiser."

Vacations are custom-created and last about 12 days. Choose a family trip to the Tanzanian jungle or a private helicopter safari over Kenya. Or better yet, an African honeymoon that

begins in a romantic tree-house suite near Nairobi. Coming soon are trips to the South Pacific.

Elevate's mix of off-the-beaten-path and five-star luxury is paying off. Such has been its success that next month Elevate will launch a trip to India that is so all-inclusive, guests won't even have to bring clothing—it will be provided for them. They'll stay in a palace; participate in yoga, art, and cooking classes; and never have to handle money or dole out a tip. That's what we call living—and giving—large.

» Elevate Destinations, 617-661-0203, elevatedestinations.com.



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THE TRIP//
Royal India
Spiritual Retreat
COST// \$3,500
per person
DATES// 2/18-2/28