

TRAVEL + LEISURE

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ADVENTURERS Buzz Aldrin

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DREAM TRIP "After having already gone to the great extremes of hazardous environments—from the lack of pressure on the moon to the *Titanic*, deep in the ocean—I kind of like settling myself in a hammock on a peaceful South Pacific island, between scuba dives where I play with the fish and manta rays and contemplate the presence of sharks."

PREDICTION "Appropriate space tourism will satisfy the desires of both the private sector and the government. A high flight rate will benefit the government, and in exchange they need to subsidize the new industry of private space travel. We also need lotteries or sweepstakes to expand the availability of travel opportunities. This is the direction that we're heading, but we need real patience. I can see suborbital travel commencing before 2010, but it's going to be at least 2015 before we're able to finance, build, and develop the capabilities for orbital travel."

ADVICE "Most travelers, myself included, tend to overlook the importance of recording their experiences. Today I regret that I didn't record enough on paper, audio, or film. It's no big loss to me now—I just don't remember what I don't remember. But if I did remember, my life would be much enriched."

ALWAYS IN HIS BAG "My contact list and three cell phones. Why? Well, you never can tell. Three is better than two." —J.G.