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THE IMAGES HE SHOT FOR *TRAVELER* HAD A LOOSE, ANTI-POSTCARD FEELING AND AN OPENNESS TO THE ABSURD, LIKE THIS SURREAL DRAMA OF A BEAR TAMER IN ISTANBUL IN 1993.



## FLY (SEMI) PRIVATE

When TCS World Travel launched its first round-the-world charter flight, in 1995, to see Burma, Easter Island, and Papua New Guinea, the idea of hopping a private jet with a bunch of strangers was bonkers. Today, everyone's dabbling in the sharing economy, and the superwealthy are cool with going splitsies so long as the payoff is a turnkey, see-it-all trip you couldn't possibly replicate by going commercial. That explains why outfitters are trying to one-up TCS: the Abercrombie & Kent expedition that hits Bhutan, Iceland, and Tasmania; and Beyond's two-week safari to the Ngorongoro Crater, northern Rwanda, and Zanzibar; Safrans du Monde's grand tour of Asia, landing in Jaipur, Kyoto, Samarkand, and Siem Reap. Tickets for these epic trips can top six figures—but that's a steal compared to a new Gulfstream G650. PAUL BRADY

### THEN and NOW

#### THREE DECADES OF TRAVEL BY THE NUMBERS

	1987	2017
<i>A gallon of gas:</i>	\$0.90	\$2.45
<i>U.S. passports issued:</i>	4,872,403	16,565,992
<i>Average domestic airfare:</i>	\$237.66	\$344.22
<i>Seat width on a Boeing 737:</i>	19"	16.1"
<i>Global airline passengers:</i>	1 billion	4.1 billion
<i>Peak-season children's admission to Disney World:</i>	\$22	\$118
<i>Major airlines in the U.S.:</i>	29	12
<i>Round-trip checked-bag fee on most carriers:</i>	\$0	\$50
<i>On Southwest Airlines:</i>	\$0	\$0