



OFF The BEATEN PATH

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DEAR FRIENDS,

I'm writing this letter, as I do most every year, from the porch of an old cabin on Flathead Lake in northwestern Montana. It always seems right to reconnect with you from this perspective. There's a long, family-ready table, and a line of "happy hooks" on the wall waiting for the next wet explorer to slosh in and grab a towel. On still mornings, the gin-clear lake reflects a great big world and compels me to stop, take it in, and enjoy some reflection of my own.

It is the privilege of my professional life to do what I do. The entire team at Off the Beaten Path is honored to be your partner in travel and lead you to far-flung places, where you will be happily compelled to stop, take it in, and reflect.

Undoubtedly, travel is one of the most important and meaningful elements of life. Travel opens the door to places that change you, and moments when you feel a definite, powerful shift... Emerging in the cool morning hours from your desert tent in the Sahara to climb the nearest dune, nuzzle into the silky sand, and watch a sunrise that pierces your heart with its astonishing beauty. Shift. Change. Such rare moments are your reward for leaving home to step across an unfamiliar threshold.

In these pages, we offer our best suggestions for places and experiences that will change your life—from new destinations in Europe and Africa to bellwether locales and national parks in Alaska, the American West, and Latin America.

See what inspires you, then call us so we can get down to the good, important work of helping you find new adventure, and that next moment to change your life and remember forever.

Wishing you all the best in travel and life,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory".

Cory Lawrence, President & CEO



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TAKE YOUR PLACE

Travelers don't own the world, they belong to it. They arrive at that truth again and again as they watch a bear wade into a river and catch a salmon in its mouth, listen to gentle rain falling in a tropical forest, find themselves swimming beside a sea turtle, pluck and taste a perfect wild huckleberry, hike from cairn to cairn in canyon country, and feel the resonating bass rumble of a bull elephant.

If you know how to really read a map, you know it's not just names and dots on paper. It's turtles and bears and berries. It's past history and present stories. A map is your invitation, your clarion call, to go, learn, connect...to take your place in the world.

What do you see when you look at the map?

Just imagine what you might discover next time you venture off the beaten path ...

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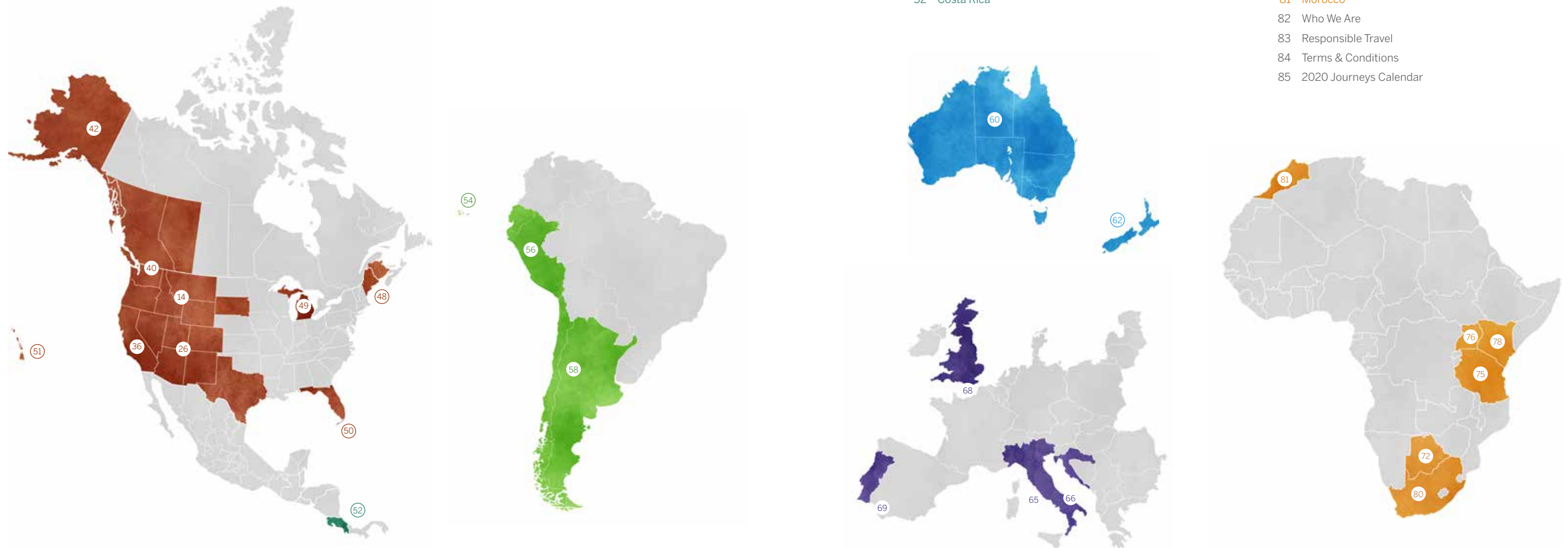
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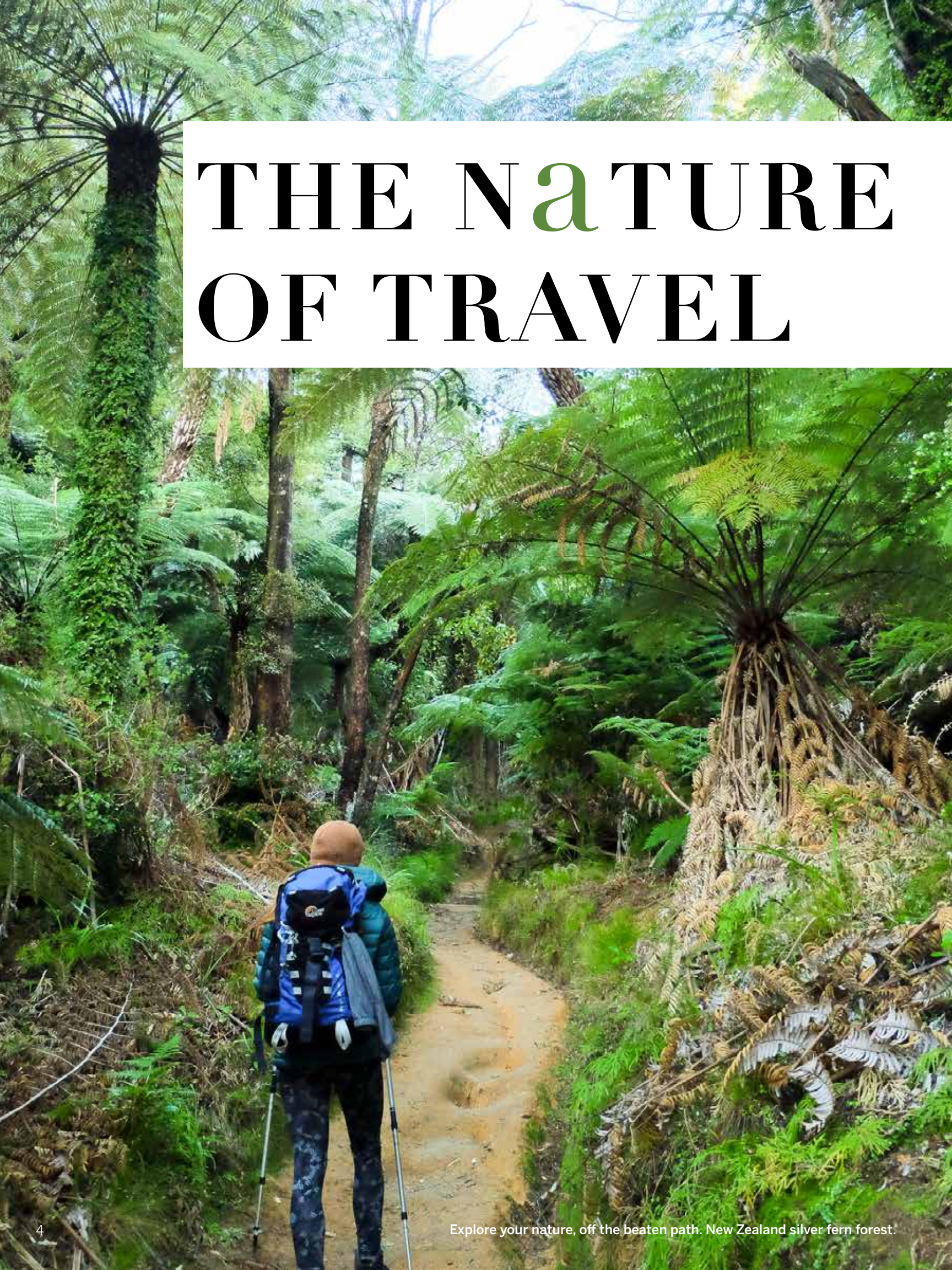
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THE NATURE OF TRAVEL



Explore your nature, off the beaten path. New Zealand silver fern forest.

The nature of travel is the nature of the unfurling fern. It is stretching. Growing. Opening up to the world to become beautifully, fully formed.

IN ESSENCE

“Nature” has as many layers of meaning as the Grand Canyon has layers of rock. The first definition that springs to mind is the natural, physical world. Plants, animals, landscapes. Seasons. Photosynthesis. The water cycle.

The second definition shifts gears to describe something more ambiguous than, say, leaf respiration, but no less significant to life on this planet—the inherent qualities or characteristics of something. The nature of zebras to live in herds. The nature of hope. The restorative nature of wild places to the human spirit. Your own curious nature.

Travel engages us at both layers of meaning. We seek out beautiful natural places to explore, and those places—the mountains, rivers, saguaro forests, graceful groves of giant sequoias—galvanize our essential characters.

CULTURAL CONTEXT

We *Homo sapiens* tend to put physical nature and human culture into separate columns of thought, maybe because we have supermarkets, climate-controlled cars, and Gore-Tex. But nature was surely the organizing cultural force for Ancestral Puebloan farmers, bison-hunting Plains Indians, seafaring Polynesians, Pre-Columbian potters, and Aboriginal rock artists.

That’s why culture is in the essential nature of Off the Beaten Path journeys. Like whale watching with the Ngāti Kuri

people of Kaikōura, whose ancestor Paikea journeyed to New Zealand on the back of the whale Tohorā. And snorkeling the wildlife-rich coral reefs of Belize, then visiting the Maya site Lamanai, called “submerged crocodile” by its first settlers more than 3,000 years ago. And hiking Capitol Reef National Park before tucking into a dinner of farm-to-table chipotle meatloaf and new potatoes.

And *that* is the nature of travel, or more specifically Off the Beaten Path travel. It’s the whole experience of a place—the plants and animals, the local way of life, cultural legacies, and your complete, exhilarating adventure there.



PADDLE YOUR CANOE

A recurring symbol in Māori art is based on the unfurling frond of a silver fern. The spiral, known as a koru, conveys a sense of perpetual motion, even while it holds at its heart an eternal point of beginning.

The koru, a word that means “looped” in the Māori language, is said to symbolize movement, growth, strength, and renewal. Because we at Off the Beaten Path see everything through the lens of travel, we

recognize those attributes as the essence of a good journey. You venture out, you grow, you challenge your mind and body, and you return home renewed.

So, *hoea tō waka*. Paddle your canoe. Let your best travels be a stretch, off the beaten path.

Is travel part of your essential nature? If so, you’re in the right place—off the beaten path. **Unfurl, stretch, journey with us to the confluence of journey and destination, where the heart of the traveler meets the soul of the place.** Call us at 800-445-2995 today to nurture your traveling nature.

WHY TRAVEL WITH OFF THE BEATEN PATH?

We're happy to let our travelers answer that great question...

"This was one of the **best travel experiences** we have had. You are also one of the best travel companies we have used." *WS, Private Custom Journey, Rocky Mountains*

"Our guide **accommodated any request** and was diligent in satisfying our needs and interests. She loves Alaska, and it showed." *KS & JR, Glacier Bay & the Inside Passage, Small Group Adventure*

"We did things like rappelling and climbing that we never would have tried on our own. Sometimes we were scared, but **our guide encouraged us**, and the whole experience bonded our family." *MB, Private Custom Journey, Desert Southwest*

"I wanted **long hikes and wildlife**, and to see Olympic National Park—and I got it all!" *FK, Hiking Olympic National Park, Small Group Adventure*



"This was our 4th OBP trip so we knew what to expect. **It was excellent!**"
JC, Puebloan Mystery, Small Group Adventure

"The trip was wonderful! I had **tried to plan it on my own and couldn't** figure it out. It worked perfectly with my 89-year-old mom." *LE, Private Custom Journey, Alaska*

"We've traveled extensively, but this was our first organized tour. **We saw more and did more** than we would have on our own." *LS & MY, Acadia and New Brunswick, Small Group Adventure*

"The itinerary was full of unique hotels and activities, and we really appreciated your attention to detail in **meeting our unique needs as a family.**"
PW, Private Custom Journey, Morocco



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; Chaco Canyon; Morocco; Yosemite National Park; Salmon River, Idaho

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNER



100 YEARS OF PROTECTING AMERICA'S FAVORITE PLACES

The National Parks Conservation Association was founded a century ago by two of the same visionaries who helped create the National Park Service: Stephen Mather and Robert Sterling Yard. They believed that for our national parks to succeed, we needed an agency dedicated to managing them, but we also needed an independent organization outside the influence of the federal government to educate people about parks—and advocate for them. And so, in 1919, just three years after the founding of the National Park Service, NPCA was formed. Now, 100 years later, we celebrate their legacy and continue to stand up for the places that matter.

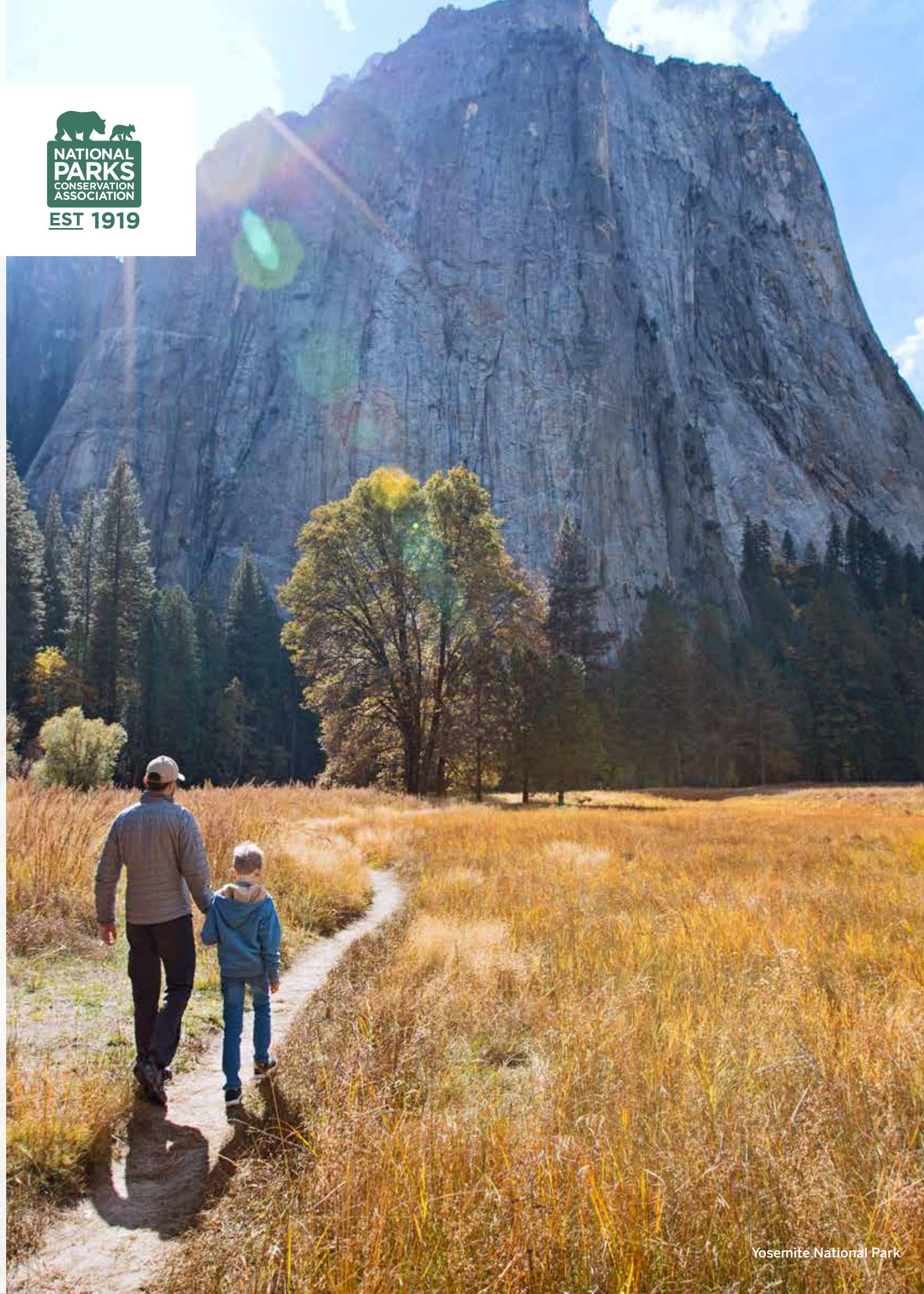
A COMPELLING PARTNERSHIP

Off the Beaten Path and the National Parks Conservation Association work together to bring you enriching and immersive travel experiences to your national parks. We have accomplished this for years by combining NPCA's intimate understanding of the national parks with OBP's knowledgeable guides and expertise in tour design. We hope that your trip inspires you to become an active steward of America's national parks.

What the partnership brings to you and your travel experience:

- Behind-the-scenes knowledge and park insights from NPCA experts
- Unique on-trip content not available from other travel companies
- Enhanced educational opportunities before, during, and after your trip
- Knowledgeable trip-planning expertise to some 100 national parklands
- Complimentary one-year subscription to NPCA's award-winning *National Parks Magazine*

Learn more at www.NPCA.org



DEAR FRIEND,

What an exciting time to travel to your national parks! In 2019, we celebrated NPCA's centennial anniversary. For 100 years, NPCA has protected places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value, not just for recreation but also for learning.

The stories found in our national parks are what define and unite us as a country, which is why we must do all we can to ensure they are recounted and retold, now and for generations to come. One of the reasons we are so proud to collaborate with Off the Beaten Path is that we can offer you unforgettable experiences in more than two dozen national parks with some of the best storytellers in the business: your expert tour guides. Hopefully you will make connections along the way, not only to the places you visit but also with each other.

As NPCA looks to our next 100 years, we will continue to protect America's legacy, ensure that national parks tell the stories of all Americans, and engage and inspire the next generation of advocates so they too will continue to safeguard these important places.

I hope that you will join us as we kick off the next century of national park protection by experiencing the parks for yourself. Learn about the significance of these incredible places, and the importance of their preservation. If you are inspired, consider joining us at an NPCA event, volunteering at a local park or making a donation to help us carry America's legacy forward on behalf of all our national parks across the country.

See you in the parks,



Theresa Pierno
President & CEO
National Parks Conservation Association

SUBSTANCE AND STYLE



Open the door, walk through. That's how easy it is to see the world on an Off the Beaten Path Small Group Adventure. **Everything is taken care of, especially you.** Call 800-445-2995, or email info@offthebeatenpath.com.



YOUR CHOICE
Off the Beaten Path offers both fully guided **Small Group Adventures** (this page) and **Private Custom Journeys** (p. 12).

GROUP SIZE: LESS IS MORE

Our minimal group size maximizes your individual experience. Trips are limited to 12 to 16 participants, which leaves plenty of room for you, and for group spontaneity, flexibility, and comradery.

Another small thing that's huge for travelers? Most of our domestic journeys confirm with just two people, so you don't have to put your plans on hold wondering whether or not you're going. You're going!

EXCEPTIONAL GUIDES ELEVATE YOUR EXPERIENCE

If you travel to broaden your horizons—to learn, grow, discover, explore—you'll love traveling with our trip leaders and guides. They are biologists, botanists, naturalists, former rangers, historians, and storytellers with comprehensive knowledge of the places they take you to. They will answer your questions, and raise questions you hadn't thought to ask. They know the best trails for each season and condition, the stories behind the landmarks, and past and current issues of importance and interest.

Besides being walking encyclopedias, your OBP guides genuinely care about you and your time in "their" places.

They love Yellowstone's steamy thermal basins, the mysteries of Ancestral Puebloans, the songs of humpback whales, the scents of sage and creosote, and all the other wonders out there, off the beaten path. They feel connected and at home in this world, and they want you to feel the same.

DIVERSE, IMPECCABLY CRAFTED TRIPS

Every OBP Small Group Adventure has its own nature, distinguished by more than location. For example, of our five trips that include Yellowstone National Park, one lets you experience the park in winter, one serves dedicated wildlife watchers, one has a hiking focus, one offers a buffet of the park's most iconic aspects, and one wraps Yellowstone in with other notable Rocky Mountain destinations.

While each of our trips is different, all share certain fundamental characteristics. The wilderness lodges, historic park hotels, charming inns, and other local-flavor lodgings where you stay are comfortable, well-appointed, and ideally located. And each day of your trip will be interesting, active, and immersive without being extreme or exhausting. Your journey is perfectly full, even while it holds time and space to connect and reflect.

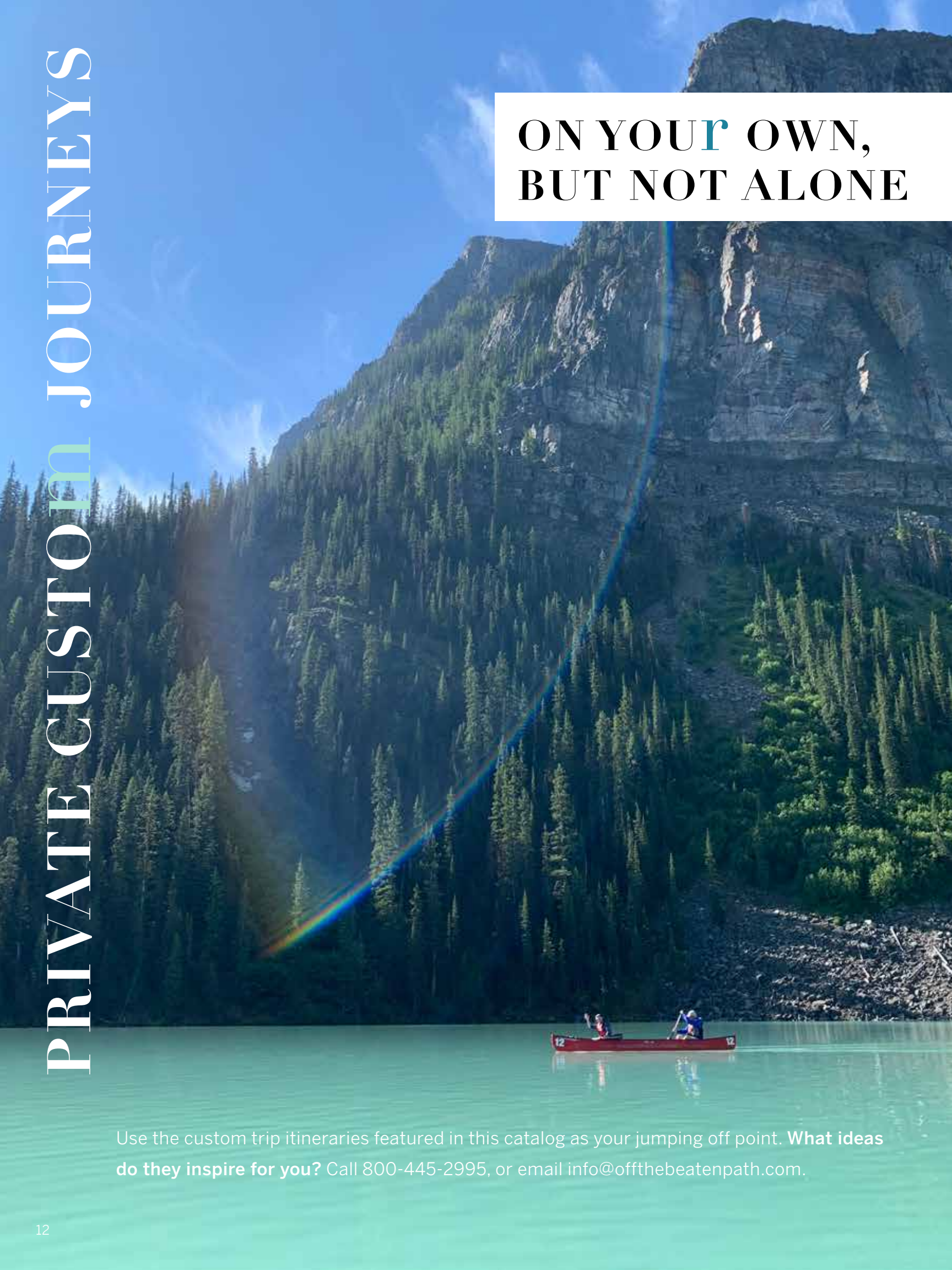
MAKE IT YOURS

You can book any **Small Group Adventure** exclusively for your private group. Call for details. 800-445-2995.



Denali sunset; Botswana; Galapagos Islands; Yellowstone bison

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE



Use the custom trip itineraries featured in this catalog as your jumping off point. **What ideas do they inspire for you?** Call 800-445-2995, or email info@offthebeatenpath.com.



YOUR CHOICE

Off the Beaten Path offers both **Private Custom Journeys** (this page) and fully guided **Small Group Adventures** (p. 10).

YOUR TRIP, YOUR WAY

Fingerprints, snow crystals, saddle-patch markings on orcas, Off the Beaten Path Private Custom Journeys...no two are identical.

Your very-individual travel dreams, desires, and needs are at the heart of your Custom Journey. Tell us what you're hoping for, where you want to go and why, and we take it from there. After some back-and-forth conversation with you, we present a full-fledged plan with texture, dimension, and experiences you hadn't even imagined. We map the route for you, sketch out the days, engineer the logistics, and reserve your distinctive accommodations.

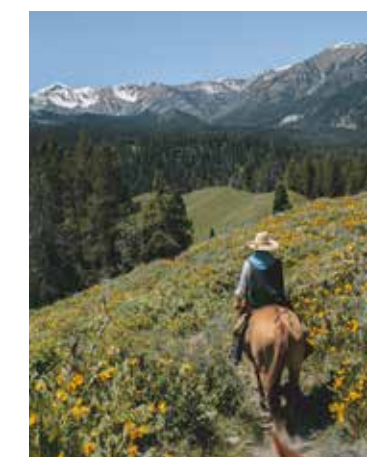
TRAVEL, CURATED

Since immersive connection and discovery are essential characteristics of OBP journeys, we will also suggest special guided activities. Saying yes to such curated experiences will heighten your sense of adventure and deepen your journey—like canyoneering into slot canyons near Zion National Park, exploring Canyon de Chelly with a Navajo elder, shopping in a Peruvian food market with a chef as part of a cooking class, and hiking in Yellowstone with a naturalist who knows where to find wolves and backcountry geysers.

We can also arrange drivers and bilingual guides for your international travels. So even though you're traveling on your own, local connections are on hand to meet you at key times in certain places.

YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY GUIDEBOOK

We send you off with a Journey Guidebook detailing each day's itinerary, plus contact information for your accommodations, guides, and activity providers. The spiral-bound resource also includes travel tips, trail descriptions, sections on natural and cultural history, and recommended restaurants, museums, and shops. It's your "local connection," opening the door to special OBP moments along the way.



Lake Louise; Moroccan dunes; Joshua Tree hike; Grand Staircase-Escalante; Trail ride in Grand Teton National Park

RANCHES, RAFTING, FISHING

Ranch vacations, rafting trips, and fly fishing expeditions are in OBP's genetic code, having offered such experiences since the company's inception in 1986. We have long-term relationships with outstanding guest ranches, river outfitters, and fishing lodges to ensure the perfect-for-you match. Center your entire trip around horses, rivers, or trout, or have us wrap those into your larger Custom Journey.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS



Yellowstone wolves; Teton Range; Grand Prismatic Spring, Yellowstone National Park



Essence of Yellowstone and Grand Teton

WILDLIFE WATCHING, FLOATING, AND DISCOVERY

6 Days / From \$3,595 / Limited to 14 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Jun 13-18 / Jul 11-16 / Aug 8-13 / Sept 16-21

Discover the essential natures of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks on this rich, naturalist-led journey. You'll hike geyser basin boardwalks and forested trails, see Old Faithful and bubbling mud pots, and watch for bears, wolves, bison, elk, and other iconic wildlife. An early morning wildlife watching float on the Snake River seals the sense of wild quiet.

Your expert guide knows this landscape intimately, and will help you understand the intricate ecological relationships at work here. The trip is as fun as it is informative, with stays in distinctive national park lodges.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your naturalist guide** knows where to spot wildlife and can explain all kinds of intriguing things, like the relationship between wolves and aspens, and what a thermophile is.
- **Enjoy a quiet float** on the Snake River and a fun boat ride on Jenny Lake.
- **This is a real "insider's journey,"** with stays in classic national park lodges.

Day 1: Bozeman, MT through Paradise Valley to Yellowstone. **2:** Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Look for wolves in Hayden Valley. Old Faithful. **3:** Walk the Upper Geyser Basin. **4:** Head to Grand Teton, hike and explore. Jackson Lake Lodge. **5:** Snake River wildlife watching float. **6:** Fly home from Jackson, WY.



Grand Prismatic Spring; Bull moose; Snake River float; Uncle Tom's trail



Hiking in Yellowstone

HIKING, PADDLING, AND A BOUTIQUE TIPI

6 Days / From \$3,595 / Limited to 14 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
2020 Dates: Jul 6-11 / Jul 17-22 / Aug 2-7

Most Yellowstone summer visitors cluster in certain spots, and only a fraction leave the main walkways. Where does that leave you? Off the beaten path and on the trails!

You'll hike from local-favorite trailheads, with an experienced guide who knows where to find hidden thermal features, and who has a keen eye for spotting wildlife. A rollicking whitewater ride down the Gallatin Canyon and a kayak discovery cruise along the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake add special sauce to the journey.

Day 1: Bozeman, MT up Gallatin Canyon to 320 Guest Ranch. Hike. **2:** Hike YNP from Gallatin Canyon trailheads. **3:** Into Yellowstone through the West Entrance. Hike. **4:** Morning kayak on Yellowstone Lake, afternoon hiking. **5:** Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Hiking. Campfire at your tipi. **6:** Bozeman for flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Stay in the spirit of the trip** with accommodations at a guest ranch and cool riverside tipi.
- **Your naturalist guide** knows the flowers, birds, and animal tracks (and carries the bear spray).
- **Connect** with the unadulterated natural wonder of Yellowstone.



Boutique tipi; Kayakers on Yellowstone Lake; Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

Yellowstone Wildlife Safari

SPRING AND FALL WILDLIFE WATCHING

6 Days / From \$3,495 / Limited to 14 Guests / Energy Index: Easy Going (With Early Mornings and Long Days)
2020 Dates: May 10-15 / May 17-22 / Sept 12-17 / Sept 20-25

Yellowstone is home to the largest concentration of mammals in the Lower 48, and this trip leverages that fact with the most "field time" of all our trips. Your guide knows the park and its wild residents intimately, and can answer your questions and help you develop your wildlife-spotting skills.

On spring departures, you're liable to see cavorting bison calves, moose calves, ducklings, tumbling bear cubs—and all their mamas. In the fall, bison are rutting, bull elk are bugling, bighorn rams are sparring, and bears are hyperphagic (your guide will explain).

Day 1: Bozeman, MT to Yellowstone. Geysers! **2:** Scope Hayden Valley for bears, harlequin ducks, and other wildlife. Hike at Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. **3:** Wildlife watching in Hayden Valley, Mammoth Hot Springs travertine terraces. **4:** Scan Lamar Valley for wolves. **5:** Morning wildlife watching then off to historic Chico Hot Springs. **6:** Bozeman for flights home.



Grizzly bear; Harlequin duck; Mammoth Hot Springs

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Between your dawn and dusk forays**, see some of Yellowstone's other famous features.
- **Spring and fall are prime times** for seeing Yellowstone's wildlife, and you have a front row seat.
- **Learn about the intricate relationships** between species and ecosystems from your naturalist guide.





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GROUP

The Great American West

MOUNT RUSHMORE, DEVILS TOWER, YELLOWSTONE, AND MORE

7 Days / From \$3,895 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jun 14-20 / Jul 26-Aug 1 / Aug 16-22

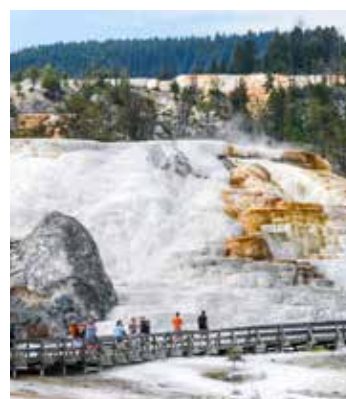
Follow your knowledgeable guide deep into the nature and character of such famous Western touchstones as Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Little Bighorn Battlefield, and Devils Tower (Bear Lodge to the Lakota). You'll hear old stories, absorb new insights, and gain a fresh, face-to-face understanding of Western landscapes and history.

This great American journey is further filled with great Western wildlife and outdoors. You'll hike in wildlife-rich Custer State Park, and drive over the eye-popping Beartooth Pass into Yellowstone National Park for a day of walking and exploring.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at President Calvin Coolidge's "Summer White House" at Custer State Park.
- Watch for bison, pronghorn, prairie dogs, wild turkeys, bears, moose, elk, and more.
- Drive the breathtaking Beartooth Highway, with its forever views and 10,947-foot pass.

Day 1: Rapid City, SD to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and Custer State Park. **2:** Hike and explore Custer; maybe also Wind Cave or Jewel Cave National Parks. **3:** Devils Tower and Buffalo, WY. **4:** Walk the Little Bighorn Battlefield with a Native American guide. **5:** Over Beartooth Pass to Yellowstone National Park. **6:** Explore Yellowstone. **7:** Bozeman, MT for departures home.



Devils Tower; Mount Rushmore; Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone's Winter Wonders

WILDLIFE, ETHEREAL THERMAL BASINS, AND OLD FAITHFUL

6 Days / From \$3,995 / Limited to 24 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2019-2020 Dates: Dec 29, 2019-Jan 3, 2020 / Jan 19-24, 2020
2020-2021 Dates: Dec 29, 2020-Jan 3, 2021 / Jan 17-22, 2021 / Feb 23-28, 2021

Yellowstone in winter is sublime. Human crowds are gone, but animals have come down from higher elevations to congregate near hot springs and in valleys where the snow isn't so deep. Wolves, foxes, elk, bison, moose, bighorn sheep, river otters, and other creatures are all out and active.

You'll ease into the ethereal scene at Mammoth Hot Springs, then travel by snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge for two cozy nights. Explore the thermal basin and surrounding forest on snow shoes or cross-country skis for an unforgettable communion with the nature of winter.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Winter wildlife watching is superb. Your guide knows the hot spots and the natural history.
- Walk the boardwalks through steamy thermal basins, and ski or snowshoe quiet forest trails.
- Witness winter-only sights like frosty ghost trees, snowball-beards on bison, ice fog, crystalized geyser rain, and frozen waterfalls.

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip? Great choice for snowshoers! Call 800-445-2995 for details.

Day 1: Bozeman, MT to Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone. **2:** Wildlife watching in Lamar Valley. **3:** Snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge, stop at Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. **4:** Walk geyser basin boardwalks. Option to rent x-c skis or snowshoes. **5:** Snow coach to Mammoth, on to historic Chico Hot Springs. **6:** Bozeman for flights home.



Bison; Cross-country skiers; Red fox



Canadian Rockies Quest

BANFF, JASPER, AND YOHO NATIONAL PARKS

7 Days / From \$4,595 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Jun 16-22 / Jul 21-27 / Aug 25-31 / Sept 8-14

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip?
 Great choice for hikers!
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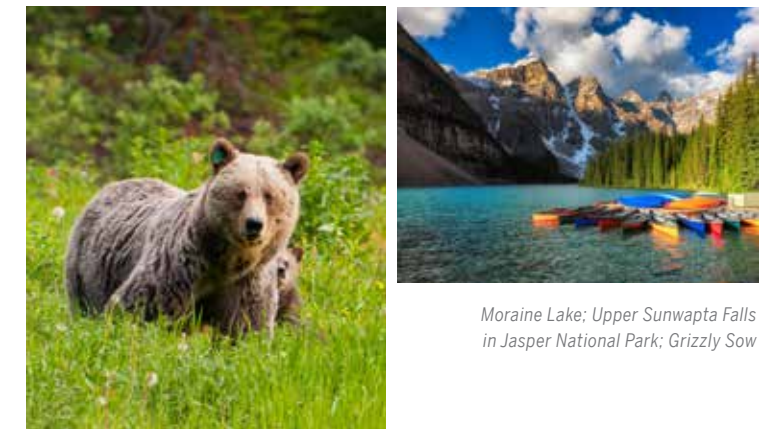
Canada's Yoho, Banff, and Jasper National Parks dazzle the eye and stir the soul. "Yoho" is a Cree expression of awe and wonder, which you'll feel throughout your journey.

Set like crown jewels along the spine of the Northern Rockies, each park has its own glories. Yoho holds some of the world's oldest fossils and also Takakkaw Falls, Canada's second-highest waterfall. Banff has Lake Louise and grizzly bears on the townsite golf course. And Jasper features wildflower meadows and the incredible Athabasca Glacier. At the end of each day, you'll unwind at lovely, exquisitely located lodges.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta, to Yoho. Takakkaw Falls. Emerald Lake.
2: To Banff. Wapta Falls, Kicking Horse River, Burgess Shale Interpretive Center, Lake Louise. **3:** Icefields Parkway and Athabasca Glacier walk. Jasper. **4:** Jasper hiking. **5:** Back down Icefields Parkway to Banff. **6:** Hiking in Banff. **7:** Calgary for flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Strap on ice cleats** and take a fascinating and exhilarating walk across Athabasca Glacier.
- **Follow your guide on classic mountain trails**, with an emphasis on scenic, rather than strenuous.
- **The Icefields Parkway** from Lake Louise to Jasper is one of the most stunning drives on the planet.



Moraine Lake; Upper Sunwapta Falls in Jasper National Park; Grizzly Sow

Crown of the Continent

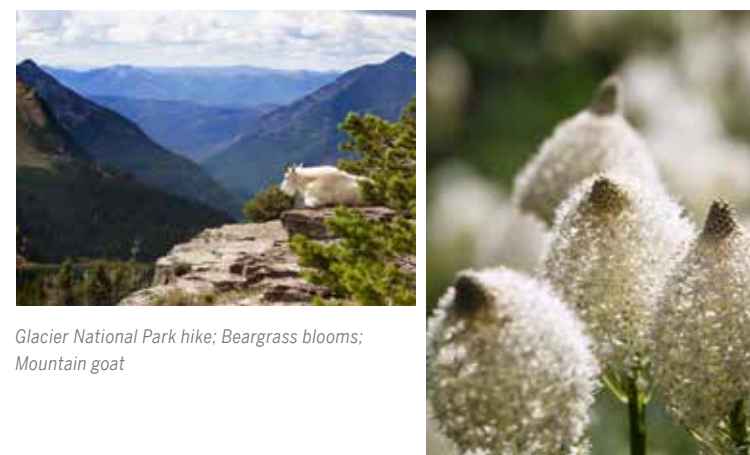
GLACIER AND WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARKS

6 Days / From \$3,395 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2020 Dates: Jul 19-24 / Jul 26-31 / Aug 9-14 / Aug 23-28

Grab your hiking boots and come with us to a stunning wilderness on the U.S.-Canada border. Early conservationist George Bird Grinnell dubbed this mountain kingdom "The Crown of the Continent," which is anchored today by Glacier National Park in Montana, and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada.

You'll bag classic hikes in Glacier and Waterton, and also explore spectacular trails right from your fabulous backcountry lodge in British Columbia. The trip is high and breathtaking at every turn, including drives on the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier and Waterton's Chief Mountain Highway.

Day 1: Whitefish, MT, into Glacier; two nights in Many Glacier. Shorts hikes and photo ops. **2:** Full day to hike in Glacier. **3:** Cross the border into Alberta, Canada, and arrive Waterton Lakes National Park. **4:** Hiking in Waterton, then head to Island Lake Lodge, British Columbia. **5:** Enjoy old-growth forest or wilderness alpine hikes right from the backcountry lodge. **6:** Kalispell, MT for departures home.



Glacier National Park hike; Beargrass blooms; Mountain goat

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hiking!** If you have been pining for heart-soaring mountain hiking, this is your trip.
- **Island Lake Lodge** gives you unparalleled access to pristine wilderness, right out the door.
- **Watch for mountain goats**, bighorn sheep, grizzly bears, moose, pikas, ptarmigan, and more.





Snake River

Gorgeous Glacier

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK AND FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Suggested 9 Days / From \$3,075

As we say in Montana, get lost! This adventure lets you do just that, in the best sense. The mountain town of Whitefish and lakeside village of Bigfork bookend the journey, easing you in and out of an array of outdoor wilderness experiences. You'll go rafting on the Flathead River, spend days exploring dramatic Glacier National Park from a comfortable and well-located safari camp, and experience a fantastic, fully outfitted backcountry llama trek in the remarkable Flathead National Forest. Traveling with these endearing animals is delightful, and while they carry your gear, you can really enjoy the wilderness. This trip will have you seeing stars, for sure.

Days 1-2: Fly into Kalispell, MT; drive to the fun town of Whitefish and explore. **3-5:** Off to Glacier! Half-day whitewater trip on the Middle Fork Flathead; full day of guided Glacier hiking. **6-7:** Llamas carry the gear, you soak up the wilderness in Flathead National Forest. **8:** Back to civilization in the artsy town of Bigfork. **9:** Kalispell for flights home.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JULY-SEPTEMBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Leave the crazy world behind** and peace out on a llama trek in the beautiful Flathead National Forest.
- **Your luxury safari camp** on the edge of Glacier National Park is comfortably in tune with nature.
- **Choose a half-day whitewater ride** or quieter float on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.
- **Ride the chairlift up Whitefish Mountain** and hike or bike down; in Bigfork, catch a show at the Summer Playhouse.

Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

FINE-TUNED FOR YOU

Suggested 9 Days / From \$3,250

Talk about a perfect pair. Yellowstone has bubbling mud pots, spouting geysers, steaming fumaroles, and wildlife at every turn. Neighboring Grand Teton has blue lakes, striking mountains, the Snake River—and wildlife at every turn.

Because there is so much to see and learn—and so much you might miss if you're not "in the know"—we are happy to introduce you to our favorite local guides. They will take you hiking on lesser traveled trails, explain the unique ecologies, get you to the best spots for seeing wildlife, and ensure your visit is an extraordinary experience to remember forever.

Days 1-3: Jackson Hole, WY. Mountain bike, ride horses, hike, explore. **4-5:** Grand Teton National Park. Snake River wildlife float, guided hiking, kayaking. **6-8:** West Yellowstone, MT and Yellowstone National Park. Old Faithful, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, day with a naturalist guide. **9:** Bozeman, MT for flights home.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MAY-OCTOBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Pick your season!** Spring for baby animals, summer for long days, and fall for bugling elk and golden aspen trees.
- **Hike, ride horses, kayak, mountain bike,** and get the bird's eye view from a hot air balloon.
- **Spend quality time with naturalist guides** in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.
- **The stunning view** from the Jackson Lake Lodge dining room is a feast for the eyes.



Flathead River float; Glacier National Park; Bull moose

DESERT SOUTHWEST



Mesa Verde National Park; Horseshoe Bend Overlook; Gila woodpecker





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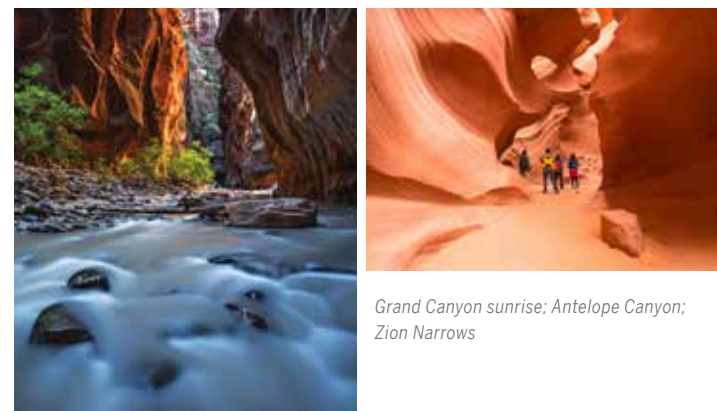
Classic Canyon Medley

GRAND CANYON, ZION, GLEN CANYON, AND THE COLORADO RIVER

7 Days / From \$3,895 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 Dates: Apr 5-11 / Apr 12-18 / Oct 11-17 / Oct 18-24

Variety is the spice of life, and the essence of this delightful journey. You have full days to hike and explore Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, and will also enjoy an array of unique experiences like slipping through a slot canyon, touring Hoover Dam, and browsing the historic Cameron Trading Post. A half-day flatwater float on the mighty Colorado River drifts you through some of the most dramatic scenery in America, and the grand view at Horseshoe Bend will live forever in your memory. Join us for this fun and active trip to the wonderful Southwest.

Day 1: Las Vegas to Hoover Dam, then on to Grand Canyon. **2:** Hike and explore Grand Canyon NP. **3:** Cameron Trading Post, Horseshoe Bend Viewpoint, arrive Lake Powell. **4:** Remote slot canyon and Lake Powell. **5:** Half-day Colorado float, drive to Zion. **6:** Hike and explore Zion NP. **7:** Las Vegas for flights home.



Grand Canyon sunrise; Antelope Canyon; Zion Narrows

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your knowledgeable naturalist guide illuminates** the nature, history, and culture of the region.
- **Slip through an off the beaten path slot canyon** near Lake Powell.
- **Feel the pulse of this place** on a smooth-water Colorado River float through Glen Canyon.

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip? Great choice for canyon-country lovers!
Call 800-445-2995 for details.

Hiking Utah's Parklands

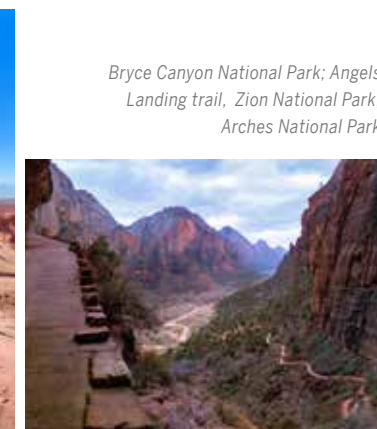
THE MIGHTY FIVE PLUS ONE

9 Days / From \$5,095 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
2020 Dates: Apr 21-29 / May 2-10 / Oct 4-12 / Oct 13-21

Nine days, six parks, countless heavenly moments. Hiking in Southern Utah is divine, where beckoning trails await in Zion, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Bryce Canyon National Parks (the "Mighty Five"), and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (your off the beaten path "plus one").

You'll be hiking with a guide who knows the right trails at the right times, like a discovery hike in the remote Needles District of Canyonlands, secluded options in Capitol Reef, and under-the-radar trails in Grand Staircase-Escalante. Stay at some of our favorite lodges and inns, with outstanding Southwest cuisine along the way!

Day 1: Grand Junction, CO to Arches for first fun hikes; day ends in Moab. **2:** Hike remote Needles District of Canyonlands. **3:** Hike Capitol Reef; dinner tonight at Hell's Backbone Grill! **4:** More Capitol Reef trails! **5:** Into lesser-traveled Grand Staircase-Escalante to hike, on to Bryce. **6:** Hike among the hoodoos. **7-8:** Short drive from Bryce to Zion, then settle into hiking and exploring. **9:** Sunrise hike and St. George, UT for flights home.



Bryce Canyon National Park; Angels Landing trail; Zion National Park; Arches National Park

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hike in Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks, and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.**
- **Stay at the one-and-only Boulder Mountain Lodge** with its award-winning Hell's Backbone Grill.
- **This trip is limited to 12 guests**, making it nice and nimble for hiking and exploring.

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip?
Great choice for hikers!
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Sonoran Desert Mystique

SAGUARO AND ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL PARKLANDS

7 Days / From \$3,595 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Mar 31-Apr 6 / Apr 7-13 / Sept 27-Oct 3 / Oct 11-17

Explore Arizona's Sonoran Desert with magical hikes through the cactus wonderlands of Saguaro and Organ Pipe Cactus national parklands. Your naturalist guide helps you see and understand the surprising diversity of this unique and beautiful desert ecosystem.

Then pushing east to the edge of the Sonoran, you'll wander through the pinnacles of Chiricahua National Monument and slip into the cool underground world of Kartchner Caverns. Each day is filled with ecological surprises and cultural resonance lent by Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and homesteader histories.

Day 1: Tucson, AZ to west side Saguaro NP for hikes through saguaro forest. Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. **2:** Full day in Organ Pipe Cactus NM. **3:** Hike Saguaro NP's higher-elevation east side. **4:** Underground tour of incredible Kartchner Caverns. **5:** Coronado Peak for expansive views. **6:** Hoodoos and history of Chiricahua NM. Charming town of Bisbee. **7:** Tombstone; Tucson for flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **In the U.S., you can only find organ pipe cactus growing wild** in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.
- **Trace the cultural imprints of Aztecs, Tohono O'odham, Franciscan priests, and Wild West gunslingers.**
- **Stay in a restored school**, historic hacienda, tranquil garden retreat, and copper-era hotel.



Gambel's quail; Petroglyphs in Saguaro National Park; Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Zion and Beyond

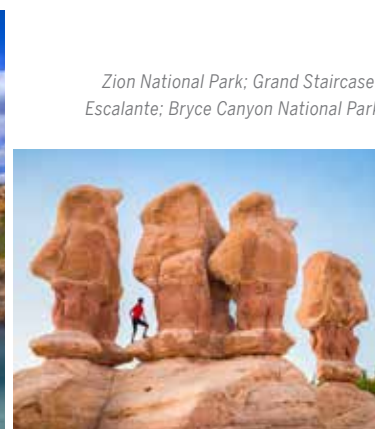
HIKING ZION, BRYCE CANYON, AND GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE

7 Days / From \$3,795 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2020 Dates: Apr 25-May 1 / May 24-30 / Sept 19-25 / Oct 24-30

This hiking journey takes you to high-profile national parks as well as to lesser traveled public lands, so you can experience iconic landscapes while also exploring off the beaten path.

Zion National Park is a maze of narrow canyons, hanging gardens, and unique trails. Bryce Canyon National Park offers a natural amphitheater with legions of hoodoos. The more lightly visited Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument can feel like terra incognita, with its small streams and slot canyons. And there might only be a few other hikers with you in Kodachrome Basin State Park, checking out the peculiar sand pipes.

Day 1: St. George, UT; detour to stunning Kolob Canyon, then on to Bryce Canyon for guide's choice hikes. **2:** Hike along the rim and down among Bryce's famous hoodoos. **3:** Wander past the sand pipes of Kodachrome Basin State Park, and press on to Boulder. **4:** Hike and explore Grand Staircase-Escalante. **5:** Guide's choice hikes on the way to Springdale, UT. **6:** Full day on the Zion trails! **7:** St. George for departures home.



Zion National Park; Grand Staircase-Escalante; Bryce Canyon National Park

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hike through narrow twisting canyons**, under graceful arches, and along cottonwood creeks.
- **Relax and refresh** in charming and ideally located accommodations.
- **See the high-profile parks**, then disappear from the tourist radar at lesser-traveled destinations.





Big Secret, Big Bend National Park

CHISOS MOUNTAINS AND CHIHUAHUAN DESERT

7 Days / From \$3,250 / 16 Guest Limit / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 Dates: Mar 21-27 / Mar 28-Apr 3 / Apr 25-May 1 / Sept 19-25 / Oct 31-Nov 6

Tucked into a bend of the Rio Grande is the most fascinating national park you've never thought of visiting. Few other travel companies offer trips to this spellbinding place, and none provide the active exploration and excellent guided interpretation you get from Off the Beaten Path.

You'll walk sandy washes and cottonwood-lined streambanks, watch for migrating birds, and hike in the Chisos Mountains with views of the Chihuahuan Desert. Adding science and culture to all that nature, you'll visit the McDonald Observatory and tour the Fort Davis Historic site, once regiment headquarters for African-American Buffalo Soldiers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Spring migration brings "a river of birds"** to Big Bend, and wildflowers flourish after fall rains.
- **Big Bend is a Gold Tier Dark-sky preserve**, as well as being a welcome reservoir of unusual quiet.
- **Stay in the heart of the park**, with stunning scenery, tranquility, and star-studded night skies.



Big Bend Milky Way; Fort Davis; Santa Elena Canyon

Day 1: El Paso, TX to Fort Davis. **2:** Fort Davis cavalry post; through Persimmon Gap into Big Bend. **3:** Bird among cottonwoods at Rio Grande Village, hike past limestone cliffs at Boquillas Canyon. **4:** Hike and spot wildlife in Chisos Basin. **5:** Explore Santa Elena Canyon; dinner at Starlight Theater. **6:** Morning hike. Evening in Marfa. **7:** El Paso for flights home.

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip? Great choice for birders, history buffs, and stargazers! Call 800-445-2995 for details.

Puebloan Mystery

MESA VERDE, CHACO CANYON, AND CANYON DE CHELLY

7 Days / From \$2,995 / 16 Guest Limit / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
2020 Dates: Apr 26-May 2 / May 10-16 / Oct 11-17 / Oct 25-31

Travel + Leisure named this OBP trip a "Best Adventure Travel Choice" for its unique and intrepid nature. You begin at Mesa Verde National Park then veer way off the beaten path, to Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Canyon de Chelly National Monument.

Located at the end of a long dirt road, Chaco holds the most exceptional concentration of pre-Columbian sites in the Southwest. At Canyon de Chelly, which is located on Navajo tribal lands, you'll find evocative ruins and preserved traditions. The sense of this trip as time travel is sealed with stops at Hubbell Trading Post and Acoma Pueblo.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your guide is steeped in the cultural and natural history** of the region. You'll learn so much!
- **It's extraordinary to explore remote**, minimally developed sites.
- **Shop for books, Navajo rugs, and jewelry** at Hubbell Trading Post, established in 1878.

Day 1: Durango, CO to Mesa Verde NP; short hikes. **2:** Explore Chaco Culture Historical Park, former hub of Chacoan culture. **3-4:** Short hikes and archaeological discovery in Canyon de Chelly on Navajo lands. Jeep excursion to learn geography, history and cultural traditions. **5:** Historic Hubbell Trading Post, Window Rock, El Morro petroglyphs. **6:** "Sky City" Acoma Pueblo; Albuquerque. **7:** Flights home from Albuquerque, NM.

Canyon de Chelly; Mesa Verde kiva; Acoma Pueblo



Essential Southwest Circuit

GRAND CANYON, LAKE POWELL, AND ZION

Suggested 9 Days / From \$2,950

Experience the Southwest, perfectly distilled, with this jaunt to Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks and Lake Powell. Each destination is so classic, so different—so fun!

Your adventures along the way connect you to the essence of each place: hiking with a naturalist guide, feeling awe in famous Antelope Canyon, canyoneering through a series of slot and sliver canyons, and throttling-up your motorboat across the lake to Rainbow Bridge, one of the world's largest natural bridges. Stays in distinctive, ideally situated accommodations, and an easy in-and-out of Las Vegas make this a winner!

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Dig deeper with a full day** of privately guided hiking and exploring in the Grand Canyon.
- **Rent a powerboat** and spend the day cruising the incredible canyon shoreline of Lake Powell.
- **Weave your way through slot canyons** near Zion by hiking, climbing, and rappelling.
- **Catch a Cirque du Soleil show** at the Bellagio on your last night in Las Vegas.

Day 1: Las Vegas, NV; drive to Grand Canyon! **2:** Hike and explore Grand Canyon with a naturalist guide. **3-4:** Drive to Lake Powell. Walk in Antelope Canyon slot canyon. Boating day on the lake. **5-7:** Drive to Zion. Hike and explore on your own. Thrill to a full day of guided beginner canyoneering. **8:** Drive back to Las Vegas. Cirque du Soleil. **9:** Flights out of Las Vegas.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MARCH–OCTOBER



Grand Canyon National Park; Lake Powell; Antelope Canyon



Big Sur



Joshua Tree and Death Valley

STRANGE AND WONDERFUL DESERT WORLDS

6 Days / From \$3,695 / 16 Guest Limit / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2020 Dates: Mar 2-7 / Mar 23-28 / Oct 26-31 / Nov 9-14

The desert landscapes of Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks are by turns sublime, surreal, severe, and surprising. Hike and explore these distinctive parks with an expert guide to discover the unique geography and complex ecology of each place.

In Joshua Tree, hike among the *Yucca brevifolia* and scrub oaks at the junction of the high Mojave and low Colorado deserts. In Death Valley, watch dawn roll over the stone dunes of Zabriskie Point, touch the marble walls of Mosaic Canyon, and stand at Dante's View overlooking Badwater Basin, 282 feet below sea level.

Day 1: Palm Springs, CA to Joshua Tree. Hike and explore. **2:** More Joshua Tree. Stargazing. **3:** Drive through Mojave National Preserve to Death Valley. **4-5:** Death Valley. Dante's View, Mosaic Canyon, Badwater Basin, Salt Creek pupfish, Zabriskie Point. **6:** Las Vegas, NV for flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **This boots-on-the-ground trip gets you out** to discover extraordinary terrain, trails, and views.
- **Plunge into the spring-fed pool** at your exquisite oasis retreat in the heart of Death Valley.
- **The value of exploring** these enigmatic parks with a guide will make itself crystal clear.



Joshua Tree National Park; Death Valley dunes; Zabriskie Point



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California Classics

SAN FRANCISCO, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, AND MONTEREY BAY

Suggested 10 Days / From \$3,375

This brilliant Golden State trip takes you on a loop from San Francisco, to Yosemite, to Carmel, and back up to the City by the Bay. You will definitely leave your heart somewhere—maybe in San Francisco, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, or with a sea otter in Monterey Bay.

Every day is special, whether you're on your own at Fisherman's Wharf or on a Big Sur beach, or enjoying guided experiences like biking the Golden Gate Bridge, hiking in Yosemite, peering into tide pools, or going behind-the-scenes at the outstanding Monterey Bay Aquarium.

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Paddle your kayak** out through the Cannery Row kelp forest for up-close wildlife watching.
- **Cruise the National Park Bike Path** from the Presidio, across Golden Gate Bridge, to Sausalito.
- **Spend a day with a guide in Yosemite**, hiking and learning the history of this important park.
- **Stay in distinctive, perfectly located lodgings** for delightful evenings after those special days.

Days 1-2: San Francisco, CA. Bike the Golden Gate bridge! **3-6:** Off to Yosemite. Spend a day with a naturalist guide, try rock climbing with an expert instructor, and hike and explore on your own. El Cap, Half Dome, Tuolumne Meadows, awe-inspiring waterfalls, and giant sequoias. **7-9:** Drive to Carmel-by-the-Sea. Kayak kelp forests, hike to remote beaches, visit Monterey Bay Aquarium. **10:** San Francisco for flights home.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL–OCTOBER

Seasons of Yosemite

TRAILS, WATERFALLS, AND GIANT SEQUOIAS

6 Days / From \$3,550 / 16 Guest Limit / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
2020 Dates: Apr 19-24 / May 17-22 / Jun 7-12 / Sept 20-25 / Oct 11-16

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip?
Great choice for big-tree lovers!
Call 800-445-2995 for details.

Ansel Adams couldn't stop taking pictures. John Muir fell in love and didn't want to leave. Teddy Roosevelt went on a life-changing camping trip. You'll feel the long reach of history as you hike this bucket-list park and see El Capitan, Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and Mariposa Grove for yourself.

Along with the landmarks, you'll also venture farther off the beaten path to the Hetch Hetchy Valley or Tuolumne Meadows. Your guide shapes each day to maximize the experiences that inspired Muir and the rest, while stays in two park lodges keep you close to nature.

Day 1: Fresno, CA to Yosemite. Short hike and settle into historic Wawona Lodge, near Mariposa Grove. **2:** Mariposa Grove, hiking. **3:** El Cap, Half Dome, waterfalls. Resettle into Yosemite Valley Lodge, near the falls. **4:** Hiking. Hetch Hetchy or Tuolumne Meadows. **5:** Falls, trails, Ansel Adams gallery. Dinner at the famous Ahwahnee Hotel dining room. **6:** Fresno for flights home.



Half Dome; Mariposa Grove; Yosemite Falls



HIGHLIGHTS

- **This superbly curated trip is 100 percent Yosemite**, with an emphasis on hiking and exploring.
- **Traveling with a knowledgeable guide** deepens your understanding of this important park.
- **Commune with the giant sequoias of Mariposa Grove**, some of which are over 2,000 years old.



Golden Gate Bridge; Yosemite National Park; Carmel



Hiking Olympic National Park

HOH RAINFOREST TO HURRICANE RIDGE

6 Days / From \$3,595 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2020 Dates: Jun 21-26 / Jul 12-17 / Aug 13-18 / Sept 27-Oct 2

Olympic National Park is a hiker's paradise, with its soul-satisfying trails through diverse environments. Daily hikes take you from the Hoh Rainforest Hall of Mosses, to the sweeping subalpine meadows of Hurricane Ridge, to the wild and rugged Third Beach, a section of Pacific Northwest Trail.

At every step, you're in the company of a knowledgeable guide who will explain the unique flora and fauna and fill you in on the region's cultural history. Staying in classic lodges keeps your entire experience in perfect Pacific Northwest character.

Day 1: Seattle, WA to Quinalt Valley to hike. Day ends at oceanfront lodge. **2:** Explore Hoh Rainforest on walks and hikes, including famous Hall of Mosses Trail. **3:** Hike out to wild coastal beaches. Day ends at lakeside lodge with a short hike to Marymere Falls. **4:** Full day to explore Sol Duc Valley and hike to Deer Lake. **5:** Hike Hurricane Ridge for stunning views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. **6:** Seattle for departures home.

Third Beach; Hurricane Ridge; Hoh Rainforest



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hike four to ten miles a day** on fun and unique trails through different environments.
- **Experience the quiet** of a brooding, breathing, old growth forest draped with mosses and ferns.
- **This trip is limited to 12 guests**, keeping the group to perfect scale with the surroundings.

Canadian Island Retreat

VANCOUVER AND PENDER ISLANDS

Suggested 8 Days / From \$3,500 per person

Savor the wonderland of coastal British Columbia on this perfectly paced escape. Your accommodations in the village of Sooke on Vancouver Island offer an ocean view and easy access to the outdoors, to hike old-growth forest and shoreline trails with a guide, go whale watching, and stop by the local honey farm and meadery.

Then hop the ferry to Pender Island and your luxe Airstream, tucked into a unique, upscale woodland camp. Take a guided day for hiking, kayaking, or learning wilderness skills, and split a day between salmon fishing and the charming Sea Star Vineyard.

Day 1: Vancouver, BC. **2:** Bike Stanley Park, catch the ferry to Vancouver Island. Sooke. **3-4:** Guided hiking, whale watching, honey farm and meadery. **5-7:** Catch the ferry to Pender Island, settle into your Airstream. Hike, kayak, bike, fish—your choice! **8:** Ferry back to Vancouver in time for flights home.

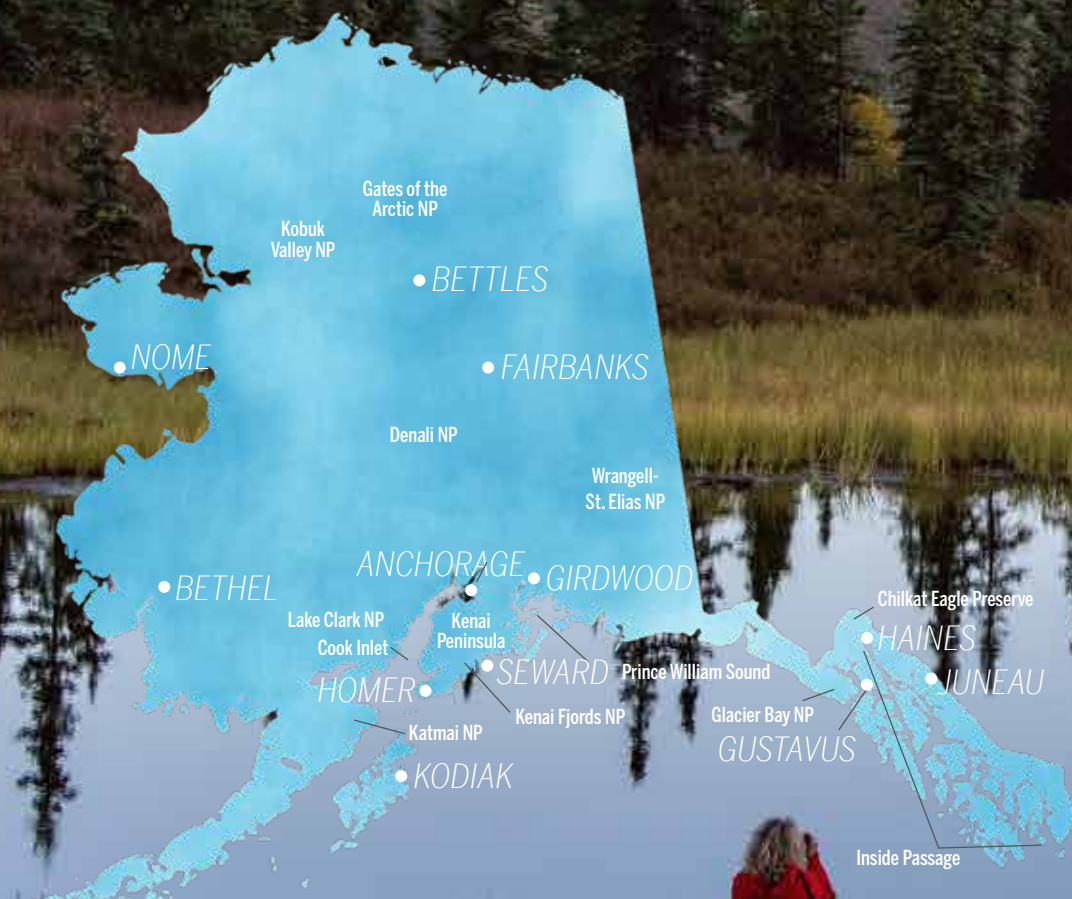
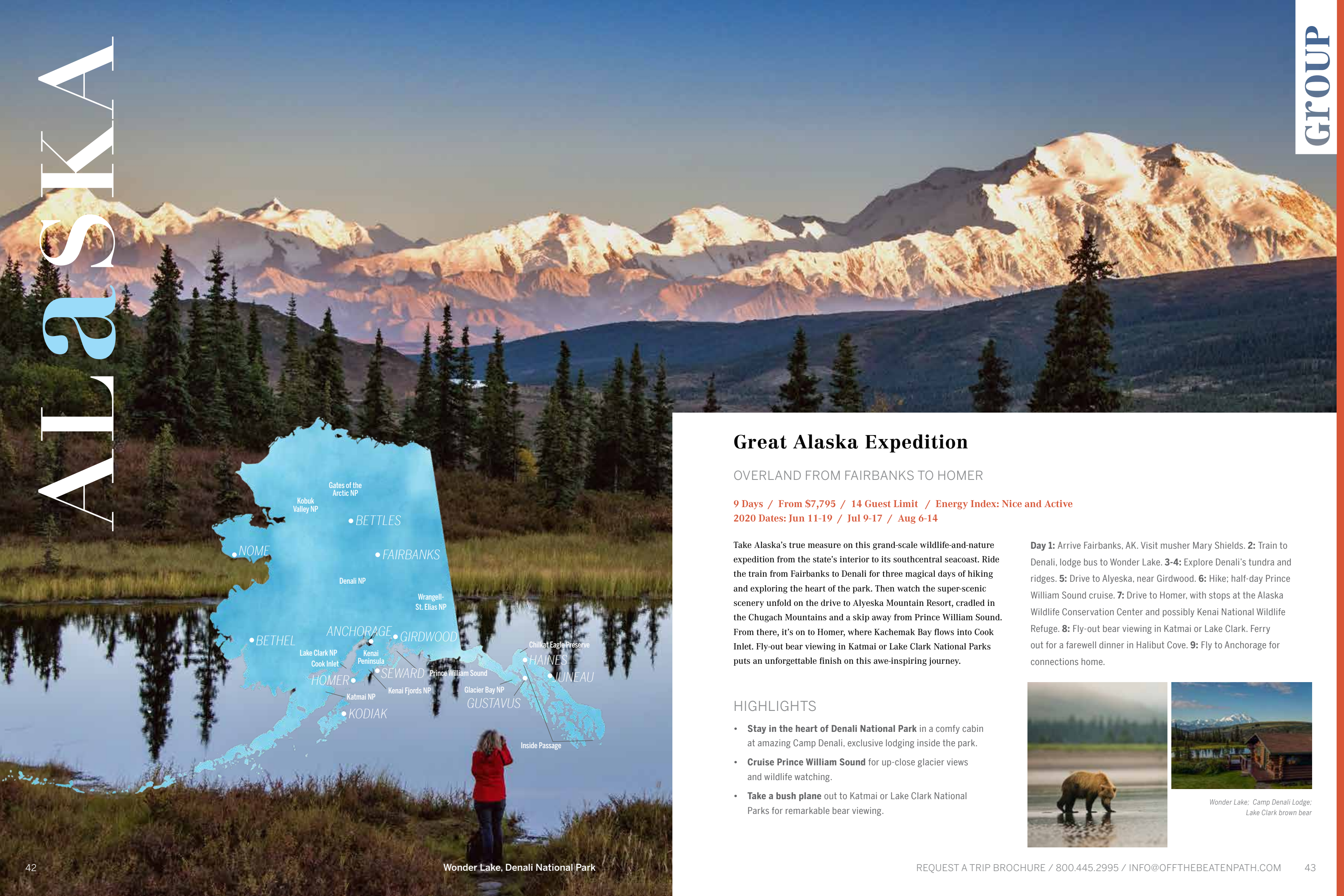
BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MAY-OCTOBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **No fuss, no rush.** This is a real vacation—with some really unique twists (think Airstream).
- **Hike, bike, kayak, fish,** do paddleboard yoga, whale watch, beach comb, and savor local flavors.
- **Bike the trails and seawall** of Vancouver's famous Stanley Park before your island hopping.
- **Wander Victoria's beautiful Butchart Gardens** on your way from Sooke to Pender Island.



Sooke Coastline; Blood starfish; Butchart Gardens



Great Alaska Expedition

OVERLAND FROM FAIRBANKS TO HOMER

9 Days / From \$7,795 / 14 Guest Limit / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Jun 11-19 / Jul 9-17 / Aug 6-14

Take Alaska's true measure on this grand-scale wildlife-and-nature expedition from the state's interior to its southcentral seacoast. Ride the train from Fairbanks to Denali for three magical days of hiking and exploring the heart of the park. Then watch the super-scenic scenery unfold on the drive to Alyeska Mountain Resort, cradled in the Chugach Mountains and a skip away from Prince William Sound. From there, it's on to Homer, where Kachemak Bay flows into Cook Inlet. Fly-out bear viewing in Katmai or Lake Clark National Parks puts an unforgettable finish on this awe-inspiring journey.

Day 1: Arrive Fairbanks, AK. Visit musher Mary Shields. **2:** Train to Denali, lodge bus to Wonder Lake. **3-4:** Explore Denali's tundra and ridges. **5:** Drive to Alyeska, near Girdwood. **6:** Hike; half-day Prince William Sound cruise. **7:** Drive to Homer, with stops at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and possibly Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. **8:** Fly-out bear viewing in Katmai or Lake Clark. Ferry out for a farewell dinner in Halibut Cove. **9:** Fly to Anchorage for connections home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Stay in the heart of Denali National Park** in a comfy cabin at amazing Camp Denali, exclusive lodging inside the park.
- **Cruise Prince William Sound** for up-close glacier views and wildlife watching.
- **Take a bush plane** out to Katmai or Lake Clark National Parks for remarkable bear viewing.



Wonder Lake; Camp Denali Lodge; Lake Clark brown bear



True Alaska

KATMAI, LAKE CLARK, AND WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARKS

Suggested 12 Days / From \$9,300

You're off to a wild start in Katmai National Park with some of the most natural, unconstrained bear viewing in the world. Ride out in a skiff with your guide to spot bears digging clams, catching salmon, and just being bears. Then fly into an amazing backcountry lodge in Lake Clark National Park to hike, kayak, canoe, or try some of Alaska's famous fishing.

Wrap up the adventure with a charter flight into the vast Wrangell-St. Elias National Park for hiking and exploring. This is true Alaska, as promised.

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Spend four days with the bears in Katmai**, on their turf and terms. It's unforgettable.
- **Wrangell-St. Elias is America's largest national park**, filled with mountains, glaciers, and rivers.
- **Hike on a glacier** to learn about moulins, blue pools, crevasses, and other glacial features.
- **Staying in fly-in wilderness lodges** keeps you (comfortably!) out in Alaska's backcountry.

Day 1: Arrive in Anchorage. Walk Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. **2:** Fly to Kodiak. Walk the docks, visit Baranof Museum, explore WWII ruins. **3-6:** Floatplane to Katmai. See bears from your lodge and on daily boat outings. **7:** Fly back to Anchorage, catch the sights you missed first time around. **8:** Breathtaking small plane flight to Lake Clark to hike, explore, and fish. **9-11:** Fly to Wrangell-St. Elias. Jump in a bush plane to a glacier, explore a gold rush ghost town, hike. **12:** Fly to Chitina, drive through Matanuska Valley to Anchorage, stop at the Musk Ox Farm. **13:** Fly home from Anchorage.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JUNE–AUGUST

Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage

ON THE WILD SIDE IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

7 Days / From \$4,895 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 Dates: Jun 4-10 / Jun 20-26 / Jul 2-8 / Jul 18-24

Southeast Alaska is one of the most magnificent places in North America, with its fjords, glaciers, mountains, forests, and abundant wildlife. Forget giant cruise ships and come with us—up Lynn Canal (part of the Inside Passage) to Haines on the Alaska State Ferry, and over to Glacier Bay National Park on an eye-popping charter flight over vast Alaskan wilderness.

You have three glorious days to relish the grandeur of Glacier Bay. That's time aplenty to hike the rainforest and cruise in small tour boats to see glaciers, spot seabirds, and watch for whales. You might even see whales breaching or bubble-netting. It's pure Alaska magic.

Day 1: Juneau to Haines on the state ferry. **2:** Float the Chilkat Eagle Preserve. **3:** Fly to Glacier Bay, half-day whale-watching cruise. **4:** Hike and kayak or fish. **5:** Full day cruise into the heart of Glacier Bay. **6:** Fly to Juneau; marvel at Mendenhall Glacier. **7:** Ride Mount Roberts Tramway and explore the trail system and nature center. Flights home from Juneau.

Glacier Bay cruise; Forest Loop Trail; Chilkat bald eagles



Kennecott ghost town in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park; Katmai bear; Prince William Sound kayakers

Alaska's National Parks Grand Slam

ONE EPIC TRIP, EIGHT NATIONAL PARKS

Suggested 19 Days / From \$16,500

Only two of Alaska's eight national parks are accessible by road. That's your first clue to the epic, out-there essence of this trip of a lifetime. You're surrounded by wilderness as you hike, boat, kayak, and fly through the stunning beauty of Alaska's wildest places in the company of experienced guides.

You'll see sand dunes and caribou migration routes, stand in awe of Denali, and wrap the Great Land around you like the blessing it is. If you're not ready for the full Grand Slam, we'll help you pick and choose.

FEATURES & OPTIONS

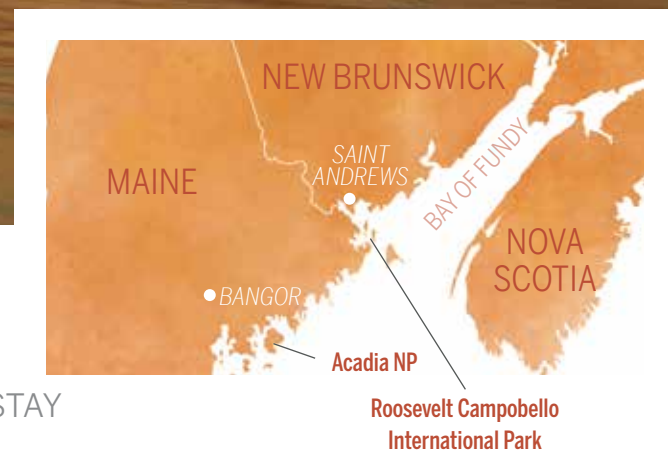
- **Bag Alaska's eight national parks:** Glacier Bay, Katmai, Kenai Fjords, Lake Clark, Wrangell-St. Elias, Denali, Gates of the Arctic, and Kobuk Valley.
- **Wildlife reigns.** With all the different habitats, you might see anything from bears and moose to whales and sea otters.
- **Like every OBP Custom Journey,** your itinerary will be perfectly tuned to your needs and interests.
- **Comfortable lodgings** make you feel at home at the ends of the earth.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JULY–AUGUST

Days 1-3: Fly low over vast wilderness into Gustavus, gateway to Glacier Bay. Boat out to see glaciers and whales, hike old growth trails, kayak in Bartlett Cove. **4:** Fly to Brooks Falls in Katmai for an unforgettable day of bear watching; overnight in Anchorage. **5-6:** Relax on a scenic train ride to Seward. Cruise through Kenai Fjords watching for marine mammals, seabirds, and calving glaciers. Hike trails around Exit Glacier. **7:** Overnight in Anchorage; walk the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, enjoy a local restaurant. **8-10:** Catch a floatplane to your Lake Clark cabin. Fish, watch bears, kayak, enjoy! **11-12:** Small plane to Wrangell-St. Elias to hike, explore, and walk on a glacier. **13-14:** Fly to Denali, catch the lodge bus to your cabin in the heart of the park. Naturalist-led guided outings. **15:** Catch the Denali Star train to Fairbanks. Wildly scenic! **16-18:** It's a quick flight to Bettles, your base for explorations in Gates of the Arctic and Kobuk. Village tour, riverboat ride, flightseeing, hiking. **19:** Fly back to Fairbanks for flights home.



The bus-only road to Wonder Lake at the foot of Denali; Float plane adventure; Puffins; Exit Glacier



Acadia and the Bay of Fundy

HIKING, KAYAKING, AND EXCLUSIVE CAMPOBELLO STAY

7 Days / From \$3,995 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Aug 11-17 / Aug 18-24 / Sept 8-14 / Sept 15-21

The state of Maine and Canadian province of New Brunswick set the stage for this active Northeast adventure. The journey opens in Acadia National Park with hiking, walking old carriage roads, and a lobster bake. Then head to New Brunswick and the unforgettable Bay of Fundy, with its rare right whales and highest tides on earth. As a guest of OBP, you will be staying two nights in a historic cottage at Roosevelt Campobello International Park, former summer home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, nestled on an island in the Bay of Fundy.

Day 1: Bangor, ME to Acadia. **2:** Cadillac Mountain, boat to Frenchboro, lobster bake. **3:** Kayak Frenchman Bay; option to hike Acadia. **4:** Cross into Canada to exclusive lodging at Roosevelt Campobello International Park. **5:** Whale-watching cruise. Lobster dinner. **6:** Kayaking and St. Andrews by-the-Sea. **7:** Flights home from Bangor.

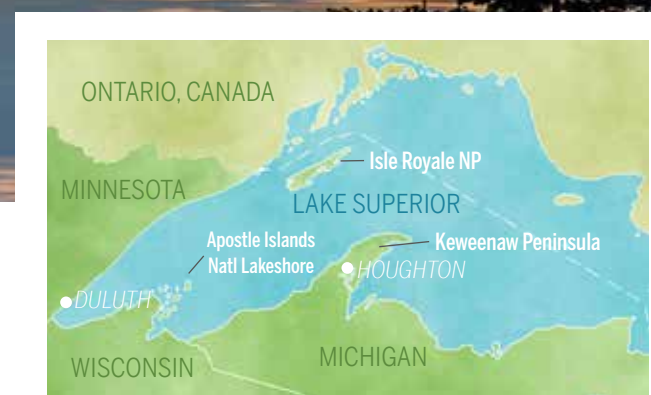


Kayaking Frenchman Bay; Bay of Fundy; Campobello Island

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Porpoises might come visit** as you kayak the wildlife-rich Bay of Fundy.
- **Join the "first in U.S. sunrise" ritual** on the granite dome of Acadia's Cadillac Mountain.
- **Enjoy an exclusive stay** in a historic cottage at FDR's Campobello.

Want a **PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEY** based on this trip?
 Great choice for fall leaf-peepers! Call 800-445-2995 for details.



Isle Royale Wilderness Sojourn

WOLVES, LAKES, AND LIGHTHOUSES

8 Days / From \$4,695 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
 2020 Dates: Jul 19-26 / Jul 26-Aug 2 / Aug 23-30 / Sept 6-13

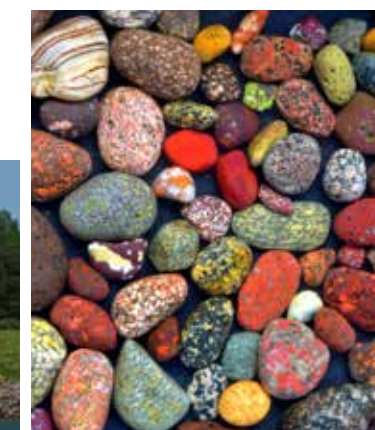
Isle Royale National Park is a rugged wilderness of forests, rocky ridges, and small lakes set in Lake Superior. The adventure begins with a ferry ride to the park for two fascinating days of hiking, paddling, and discovery, including the chance to meet a researcher involved in the wolf reintroductions. Even off the island the journey is full of unique experiences, including a cruise to historic Raspberry Island Lighthouse in the Apostle Islands and a hike to Lookout Louise. Top-notch guides, a blend of compelling natural and cultural history, and unique lodgings make this a wonderful, one-of-a-kind adventure.

Day 1: Duluth, MN; Apostle Islands Cruise and Raspberry Island. **2:** Head to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and historic lodge in Copper Harbor. **3:** Enjoy 3-hour ferry ride to Isle Royale; begin island discovery with your guide. **4-5:** Full days on Isle Royale. Hike, kayak, explore. **6:** Boat to Lookout Louise trailhead for hike. Evening in Copper Harbor. **7:** Keweenaw National Historical Park. **8:** Flights home from Houghton, MI.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Water is the warp and weft of this trip**, with lakes, lighthouses, beaches, ferries, and falls.
- **Isle Royale has been in the news**, with dramatic developments in the wolf reintroductions.
- **The Keweenaw Peninsula is a treasure trove** of copper mining history and cultural legacy.

Isle Royale; Keweenaw Peninsula rocks; Raspberry Island





Wild Florida

EVERGLADES, BISCAYNE, AND DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARKS

7 Days / From \$4,495 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 Dates: Feb 22-28 / Apr 4-10 / Oct 31-Nov 6 / Nov 7-13

Florida has some of the planet's most fascinating ecosystems, including the Everglades' "River of Grass"—largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S. You'll explore by foot, kayak, and motorboat in Florida's three national parks: Everglades, Biscayne, and Dry Tortugas, located 67 miles off Key West.

Those three national parks are just the most conspicuous beauties. Your trip is a veritable pearl necklace of precious places that might include Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Fakahatchee Strand, Ten Thousand Islands, Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, and Windley Key Fossil Reef.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Kayak sun-dappled mangrove tunnels** in Everglades National Park listening for birds.
- **Explore the pirate history and coral reefs** of Biscayne National Park by boat.
- **Snorkel the coral reefs** and seagrass beds of Dry Tortugas National Park. Watch for sea turtles!

Day 1: Fort Myers, FL to Everglades City, with stops at ecologically significant parks and reserves. **2:** Everglades hiking, mangrove kayaking. **3:** Key Largo via Everglades Shark Valley. **4:** Boating in Biscayne NP. **5:** Scenic drive to Key West with guide's choice stops at various parks. **6:** Fun 2-hour boat ride to Dry Tortugas NP, with all day to snorkel, swim, walk, bird, and explore Fort Jefferson. **7:** Flights home from Key West.



Dry Tortugas National Park; Everglades mangroves; White morph great blue heron



The Big Island and Maui

VOLCANOES, WHALES, AND RAIN FOREST

Suggested 9 Days / From \$4,895

This happy, active escape takes you to the Big Island and Maui. Between them, you get Hawaiian culture, waterfalls, whales, snorkeling, lush rainforest hiking, sandy beaches, the Hana Road, and volcanoes. Your exquisite accommodations feature ocean views, swimming pools, easy access to offsite activities, and dining on the premises or within a short walk. You're on island time, naturally...

Days 1-3: Arrive on the Big Island. Your Kohala Coast bungalow is on one of the island's best swimming beaches. Hike, explore, swim, relax. **4-5:** Fly to Maui and drive the famous Hana Highway to the extraordinary Travaasa Hana for two delicious nights. Hike and explore. **6-8:** Drive to Wailea. Hike, snorkel, and bike Haleakala. **9:** Catch flights home from Kahului, Maui.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: YEAR ROUND

Hey fun-and-sun seekers! **IF TWO IS NOT ENOUGH, ADD ANOTHER ISLAND!** How about Lanai, Kauai, or Molokai?

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Maui is famous for whale watching**, especially from mid-December to mid-May
- **Hike Volcanoes National Park** with a volcanologist who can explain the effects of the 2018 eruption.
- **Bike down from the top of Haleakala Volcano**, stopping midway at a local-favorite bakery.
- **Stay at the tranquil Travaasa Hana**, voted Hawaii's "No. 1 Boutique Hotel" in *Hawai'i Magazine*.

Kohala coast: Volcanoes National Park; Green sea turtle





Costa Rica's True Nature

CLOUD FOREST, COASTAL RAIN FOREST, AND THE OSA PENINSULA

Suggested 13 Days / From \$6,695

Immerse yourself in Costa Rica's most pristine places on this exceptional journey, far removed from the usual tourist trail. Spend your first five days with a professional naturalist guide (who is also your driver), deepening your exposure to, understanding of, and connection with Costa Rica's diverse wildlife and environments.

Your distinctive eco-lodges are gracious, harmonious, and exquisitely integrated into the surrounding nature. Most are located on large private reserves with miles of trails and close access to notable national parks including Los Quetzales, Marino Ballena, Piedras Blancas, and Corcovado.

Day 1: Arrive San Jose. **2-4:** Meet your guide and head to the cloud forest to explore. **5:** Drive to the coast and your ocean-view lodge, stopping at Nauyaca Waterfall. **6:** Explore Marino Ballena. **7-9:** Bid adios to your guide; boat over to the Osa Peninsula. Explore your lodge's forest preserve and Piedras Blancas. **10-12:** Transfer to your final nature lodge. Hike through Corcovado. **13:** Fly to San Jose for an evening of birding and fine dining at your coffee plantation hotel. Flights out of San Jose in the morning.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: DECEMBER-MARCH

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Boat across Golfo Dulce (a rare tropical fjord)** to the Osa Peninsula, covered almost entirely in virgin rainforest.
- **Look for the resplendent quetzal** in Los Quetzales National Park, one of the only places on earth to see the bird year round.
- **Ride horseback through rainforest** to Nauyaca Waterfalls, and swim in the pool at the base of the falls.
- **Search for some of Costa Rica's shyest species** in Corcovado, like Baird's tapirs, red-backed squirrel monkeys, white-lipped peccaries, and scarlet macaws.

Sloth; Nauyaca Waterfalls; Scarlet macaw



Iconic Costa Rica

ARENAL VOLCANO, OSA PENINSULA, PACUARE RIVER

Suggested 9 Days / From \$2,950

Discover the essence of *pura vida* on this trip, which weaves must-do activities into must-see landscapes.

Arenal Volcano is surrounded by rainforest, with hanging bridges, ziplines, and a tram for exploring. You can even rappel down the face of a waterfall. Fly and boat to your next destination—Drake Bay on the Osa Peninsula, one of Costa Rica's more off the beaten path gems. Walk sandy beaches, snorkel, and explore the wildlife-rich jungles of Corcovado National Park. For your trip finale, spend a day whitewater rafting on the breathtaking Pacuare River.

Days 1-3: San Jose, CR to Arenal Volcano. Hanging bridges, wildlife watching, hiking, rappelling. **4-6:** Osa Peninsula, Corcovado NP, and a beachfront jungle lodge. Snorkel, hike, swim, kayak, ride horses, spot wildlife. **7-8:** San Jose and exciting Pacuare River rafting. **9:** Flights home from San Jose.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: DECEMBER-APRIL

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **You'll meet a diversity of wildlife** in a variety of environments—sloths to monkeys.
- **Rappelling, ziplining, horseback riding, kayaking, and whitewater rafting** keep you thrilled.
- **The Osa Peninsula gets you off the main tourist track** and deep into Costa Rica's natural essence.
- **Explore a range of landscapes** including volcanic hot springs, rainforest, island and marine reserves, and a tropical river canyon.



Arenal volcano; Keel-billed toucan; Pacuare River float





Galapagos Aboard the *Islander*

SHIP-BASED DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE

10 Days / From \$7,650 / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 Dates: Year Round



Off the Beaten Path has joined forces with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic to bring you this exceptional Galapagos Islands adventure. Each day is filled with intimate wildlife encounters in one of the most biologically unique and scientifically important places on earth. Choose your level of daily activity, with options to swim, snorkel, kayak, walk, hike, explore in a Zodiac, or savor time onboard your floating base camp—the 48-passenger *Islander*. The yacht-scale vessel is equipped with undersea cameras, snorkeling gear, Zodiacs, kayaks, paddleboards, and a deck for stargazing. Discover the Galapagos as Charles Darwin did, up close and curiously!

10-day itinerary (7-day option available)

Day 1: Overnight in Guayaquil, Ecuador. **2:** 90-minute flight to the Galapagos; board the *Islander*. **3-8:*** Each day brings new adventures in the company of naturalist guides and experts. Snorkel with sea lions, sea turtles, tropical fish, and penguins. Paddle kayaks along island shores. Poke into interesting places in a Zodiac. Walk island trails and tranquil beaches to encounter blue-footed boobies, iguanas, tortoises, and more. Peer into tide pools. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Center and tortoise nursery. **9-10:** Disembark the *Islander*, fly back to Guayaquil for next-day connections home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lindblad pioneered eco-conscious expeditions** in the Galapagos and has played an active role in island conservation since 1967.
- **Sail with a veteran expedition leader** and team of biologists, naturalists, ornithologists, undersea specialists, and photo instructor.
- **Expand your perspectives** through the ship's underwater cameras, hydrophones, video microscopes, daily expedition reports, and presentations.



Sea lions; The Islander; Giant tortoise

* Final itineraries are determined by the Galapagos National Park Service, but your 10-day island journey will include a selection of these islands: Bartolome, Santiago, Santa Cruz, Isabela, Fernandina, Floreana, and Española.



Cultural Expedition to Peru

CHACHAPOYAS TO CUSCO

Suggested 15 Days / From \$7,650

Before their conquest by the Incas, the Chachapoya controlled vast territory in Peru's Amazonian cloud forests. Among the hallmarks of the sophisticated Chachapoya culture were skillful mummification and the construction of intricate sarcophagi and mausoleums tucked into imposing cliffsides.

This intrepid cultural expedition takes you from remote Chachapoya cultural sites in the high Utcubamba Valley to the ultimate Incan destination of Machu Picchu. For all three legs of the trip—northern Peru's Amazonas region, a short time in Lima, and Cusco and the Sacred Valley—a private guide and driver meet you every morning for rich, custom-tailored explorations.

Day 1: Arrive Lima. **2:** Fly to Jaén. Traditional lunch on the way to Chachapoyas. **3:** Mausoleums of Revash, Museum at Leymebamba. **4:** Hike to Karajia Sarcophagi and Quiocta Caverns. **5:** Explore Kuélap Fortress. **6:** Hike to Gocta Falls. **7-8:** Fly to Lima; city tour, Larco Museum lunch. **9:** Fly to Cusco, descend to Sacred Valley; Moray Terraces and Maras salt works. **10:** Whitewater rafting, afternoon hike at Pumamarca Ruins. **11:** Hike from Chinchero to Huchuy Qosqo ruins, then to Lamay. **12:** Train to Machu Picchu. Explore Machu Picchu, hike Huayna Picchu. **13:** On to Sacred Valley; Ollantaytambo ruins, back to Cusco. **14:** Explore Cusco, including Koricancha Temple, Cusco cathedral, and Sacsayhuaman. **15:** Explore tranquil Tipón, then fly home via Lima.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JUNE-OCTOBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Take an eye-popping 20-minute aerial cable car ride** to the mountaintop fortress of Kuélap ("The Other Machu Picchu"), largest complex of stone ruins in the Americas.
- **Meet an elderly potter** who maintains the ancient artisanship of traditional Chachapoyan pottery.
- **Hike to towering Gocta Falls**, named after the sound made by howler monkeys and only revealed to the world in 2006.
- **Delve into Cusco and important Sacred Valley sites**, and explore Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu.

Machu Picchu; Kuelap; Chachapoya sarcophagi





Chilean Adventure

SANTIAGO, PUERTO VARAS, AND TORRES DEL PAINE

9 Days / From \$5,595 / Limited to 12 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2019-2020 Dates: Nov 29-Dec 7, 2019 / Feb 15-23, 2020 / Dec 5-13, 2020
 2020-2021 Dates: Feb 13-21, 2021

Connect with Chile's most beautiful nature and essential character on this rich adventure! It starts in Santiago's colorful markets and museums, Casablanca Valley's wine region, and Valparaiso. A short flight to Chile's Lake District opens the second leg of the trip, with forest hikes in Alerce Andino National Park and Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. The last, unforgettable leg gives you two days at the extraordinary EcoCamp Patagonia, in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park. There, you'll head out each day with naturalists to hike and watch wildlife in the spectacular surroundings.

Day 1: Santiago's Central Market and other landmarks. **2:** Casablanca Valley wine; seaport city of Valparaiso. **3:** Fly to Puerto Montt. Fish market and Catedral de Puerto Montt. **4:** Hike in Alerce Andino NP. **5:** Hike Vicente Pérez Rosales NP. **6:** Fly to Punta Arenas, off to Torres del Paine NP. **7-8:** EcoCamp Patagonia. Choose to hike, watch wildlife, kayak, ride horses, and more. **9:** Fly to Santiago and connect home.



Torres del Paine towers; Santiago's Plaza de Armas; Guanacos

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tour the Bodegas RE vineyard**, where the family creates wine in giant, traditional clay jars.
- **Hike through primeval forests** to a 3,000-year-old Patagonian cypress tree and a waterfall.
- **Your sustainable geodesic dome in EcoCamp Patagonia** is a cozy nest in the soaring wilderness.

Adventure in Argentine Patagonia

LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK AND ESTANCIA STAY

Suggested 14 Days / From \$8,550

Get both grand and intimate perspectives into Argentine Patagonia on this active, immersive adventure. The grand angles come first on privately guided hikes to breathtaking panoramas, alpine lakes, and Fitz Roy's forested foothills in Los Glaciares National Park. To those massif views, add a boat ride up to the awesome face of Perito Moreno Glacier, and a kayak excursion on Lago Argentino among towering blue icebergs.

That intimate perspective comes with your stay at a remote and gracious estancia, where you can experience Patagonia's rural life and traditions. You'll hike, ride horses, and enjoy the finest regional wines and garden-to-table cuisine.

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **See Argentine Patagonia's most iconic sights:** Mount Fitz Roy, Perito Moreno Glacier, and Lago Viedma.
- **Private drivers meet you for overland segments**, and private guides ensure you get the most out of your explorations.
- **Three days on a gracious estancia** give you time to tap into the rhythms of the landscape.
- **Explore the vibrant, historical city of Buenos Aires** on your way in and out of Argentina.

Days 1-2: Buenos Aires. Explore on your own or with a guide. **3:** Fly to El Calafate. Transfer by private driver to El Chaltén. **4-5:** Full days with private naturalist guide for hiking and exploring Los Glaciares National Park. **6-8:** Private transfer along Lago Viedma to Estancia Helsingfors lodge (still in Los Glaciares) for three days of hiking, riding, wildlife watching, and appreciating great food and hospitality. **9-12:** Private transfer back to El Calafate. From your base there, take a day at Perito Moreno Glacier, and a day for kayaking at the Upsala Glacier. **13-14:** Fly back to Buenos Aires for a last evening and final day in the city.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: NOVEMBER-APRIL



Estancia Cristina: Fitz Roy range; Perito Moreno Glacier



Koala



Extraordinary Australia

WILDLIFE, CULTURE, AND CUISINE

Suggested 25 Days / From \$23,900

Nature and culture are at the heart of this exceptional journey, with right attention to Australia's amazing food and wine as well. Expect an exquisitely curated array of unforgettable experiences, most of which push into Australia's lesser traveled corners. Your trip map includes the Great Barrier Reef, Kimberley region, Kakadu National Park, Arnhemland, Kantju Gorge, Kangaroo Island, and Tasmania.

Off-the-charts lodgings are a hallmark of the trip, like idyllic safari bush camps in Kakadu, a luxury tent pavilion by Uluru-Kata Tjuta, eco beach retreat, fly-in wilderness river lodge, and historic stone homestead.

Days 1-2: Sydney. **3-4:** Fly to Port Douglas beach retreat. Explore, cruise the Great Barrier Reef. **5-6:** Overnight at Quinkan rock art site. Cairns. **7:** Fly to Darwin. **8-10:** Kakadu and Arnhemland safaris. **11:** Fly to Kimberley wilderness river lodge. **12-13:** Heli ride to rock art, gorge hikes, river cruise. **14:** Fly back to Darwin. **15-17:** Fly to Uluru. Walk the base of Uluru and into Kantju Gorge. Day at Cave Hill. **18-20:** Fly to Kangaroo Island. Explore. **21-22:** Fly to Adelaide then Launceston, Tasmania. Evening quoll patrol. **23-25:** Interpretive overland tour from Launceston to Hobart. Flights home from Hobart.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL–OCTOBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Explore Kangaroo Island**, a wild sanctuary for kangaroos, echidnas, koalas, platypus, and more.
- **Sail the Great Barrier Reef**; anchor in a blue lagoon, snorkel, and walk a white sandy beach.
- **Join an Aboriginal guide** for a remarkable camping experience at one of the world's most significant rock art sites.
- **Sit by a supper fire in the Tasmanian bush** and watch quolls, wallabies, wombats, and other animals come out for the evening.

King George Falls, Kimberley region; Hobart waterfront





New Zealand Wildlife Quest

PENGUINS, KIWIS, AND WHALES

Suggested 12 Days / From \$7,000

Kiwis are the only birds with nostrils at the tip of their beaks. Yellow-eyed penguins nest in coastal forests. Bats are New Zealand's only native land mammal. Glowworms are luminescent larvae of the fungus gnat. How wild!

Discover the true nature of New Zealand on this active, wildlife-rich journey. You'll boat out from Kaikoura to spot sperm whales and dolphins, hike Fiordlands National Park watching for blue ducks and long-tailed bats, and spend two very special days exploring Otago Peninsula and Stewart Island, where you might see yellow-eyed penguins and kiwis.

Days 1-2: Christchurch. Explore. **2:** Drive north to Kaikoura for whale watching and exploring. **3-4:** Drive to Southern Alps; Tekapo. Guided hiking in Hooker Valley. **5:** Ohau for biking. On to Dunedin. **6:** Guided wildlife hike on Otago Peninsula. **7:** Fly to remote Stewart Island, look for kiwis. **8-10:** Fly to Invercargill, explore Fiordlands from Te Anau. Hike, birdwatch, cruise Milford Sound. **11:** Drive to Queenstown, enjoy a lovely celebratory meal and toast. **12:** Flights home from Queenstown.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: LATE FEBRUARY-APRIL / SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Hike the pristine, primeval rainforest of Stewart Island** for close encounters with rare birds.
- **Sperm, humpback, blue, and southern right whales** are seen off Kaikoura in various seasons.
- **Cruise Milford Sound**, a stunning fjord Rudyard Kipling called the eighth Wonder of the World.
- **Savor stays** in distinctive, perfectly situated accommodations.

South Island Sojourn

SOUTHERN ALPS TO DOUBTFUL SOUND

Suggested 8 Days / From \$2,995

New Zealand's South Island is a force of nature—and the force is with you, in you, and all around you as you explore its dazzling mountains, lakes, forests, and fjords.

Your main adventures center in the magnificent Southern Alps and breathtaking World Heritage Fiordland National Park. In the mountains, you'll hike, helicopter to Tasman Glacier for an interpretive trek, and bike the Alps2Ocean Trail along Lake Ohau. In Fiordlands, hike on the stunning Routeburn Track and kayak in the intimate serenity of Doubtful Sound, with its wildlife-rich waters and islets.

Day 1: Auckland, fly to Christchurch. Drive to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. Walk the podocarp Peel Forest on the way. **2:** Tasman Glacier trek. **3:** Bike on the Alps2Ocean Trail. Drive to Lake Wanaka. **4:** Revel in the scenery on your drive to Fiordlands National Park. **5:** Kayaking and wildlife watching on Doubtful Sound. **6:** Routeburn Track hike. **7:** Drive to Queenstown. Jet boat ride and explore. **8:** Flights home from Queenstown.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER / MARCH-MAY



FEATURES & OPTIONS

- **Walk the undulating Tasman Glacier** to see moulins and runnels and learn about glacial ecology.
- **Paddle in the quiet, dramatically sculpted Doubtful Sound**, watching for dolphins and penguins.
- **Hike with a naturalist on the Routeburn Track**, ascending through lush forest to alpine meadows.
- **Relish exceptional lodgings** with spectacular views and optimal access.



Humpback whale; Hooker Valley hike; Yellow-eyed penguins



Dolomites Delight

HIKING, HISTORY, AND CULTURE IN NORTHERN ITALY

8 Days / From \$6,990 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 dates: Jun 22-29 / Jul 28-Aug 4 / Sept 14-21

Culture, history, and hiking weave together into a magical journey through Italy's Dolomites Mountains—a stunning landscape of towering pinnacles, gentle foothills, and green valleys dotted with picturesque villages. This region is home to the Ladin people, who trace their lineage back to the Middle Ages, and whose culture is rich in traditions and customs that recall ancient times. You'll walk Ladin valleys and South Tyrolean villages, and hike wild alpine meadows, forests, and high terrain surrounded by soaring peaks. The adventure ends in the Prosecco area, known for its beauty as well as its namesake sparkling wine. *Salute!*

Day 1: Meet your guide in Bolzano. Off to village of Fie allo Sciliar; short hike. **2:** Cable car to town of Compaccio to begin the hike around Mount de Bulacia. **3:** Spectacular views hiking Puez-Odle Nature Park. **4:** Fairytale hike at Col de Locia. **5:** Cable car to Mount Lagazuoi to explore WWI tunnels. Cinque Torri for more history and hiking. Wine tasting. **6:** Hike Pralongia Plateau, with mountain restaurants along the way. **7:** Alpine resort town of Cortina D'Ampezzo; on to Prosecco region for lunch, hiking, and wine tasting. **8:** Venice for departures home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your knowledgeable guide connects you** beyond the iconic vistas to an intimate perspective of wildflowers, birds, and ancient Ladin history.
- **Enjoy the civilized style of European hiking**, with cable cars and trams, mountain restaurants, and wine at lunch.
- **Delight in distinctive, picturesque inns**, and gastronomy rooted in age-old farm-to-table culture.

Santa Maddalena village; Breakfast terrace; Sipping prosecco



Captivating Croatia

NATURE, HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CUISINE

9 Days / From \$5,250 / Limited to 16 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active

2020 Dates: Jun 13-21 / July 18-26 / Sept 26-Oct 4

Explore profoundly historic, deeply beautiful Croatia on this adventure from the arrowhead-shaped Istria peninsula in the north, south to the Dalmatian Coast. Your adventures are hemmed between mountains and the Adriatic Sea, and present a superb off-the-beaten-path blend of nature, culture, history, and connection. You'll hike through beech forests and past turquoise lakes, hunt truffles, visit hilltop villages and

WWII island fortifications, and savor exquisite meals with welcoming hosts.

Along the way you'll visit UNESCO World Heritage sites, nature reserves, national parks, and notable landmarks including an ancient monastery, medieval town tucked into Roman ruins, protected estuary, and the Blue Grotto.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Enjoy such culinary delights** as an oyster and mussel dégustation, truffle sampling, wine tastings, and traditional "under the bell" peka meal.
- **Boutique hotels and well-chosen restaurants** are the happy stepping stones of your journey.
- **Days are full and active** but the pace is measured, ensuring time for the sights, tastes, and experiences to really sink in.

Day 1: Meet your guide in Pula; tour most complete Roman colosseum in the world. **2:** Walk marble streets of coastal Rovinj; oyster and mussel tasting. **3:** Hike Parenzana trail (an old railway grade); truffle hunting and tasting. **4:** Visit tiny medieval town of Hum; hike Plitvice Lakes National Park, with 16 colorful lakes linked by falls and travertine pools. **5:** Hike Paklenica National Park through beech and black pine forest. This afternoon arrive Trogir, the "Little Venice" of Dalmatia. **6:** Explore Roman ruins in Split; board a ferry for the island of Vis, a contrast in unspoiled nature and historic military tunnels and bases. **7:** Walk to the highest point on Vis; trace the island's various histories from Dionysius to Tito. **8:** Ferry to Biševo Island; explore the fabulous Blue Grotto. Peka dinner back on Vis. **9:** Ferry to Split, airport for departures home.



Rovinj; Plitvice Lakes National Park;
Dalmatian Coast hike; Peka meal;



Enchanted Scotland

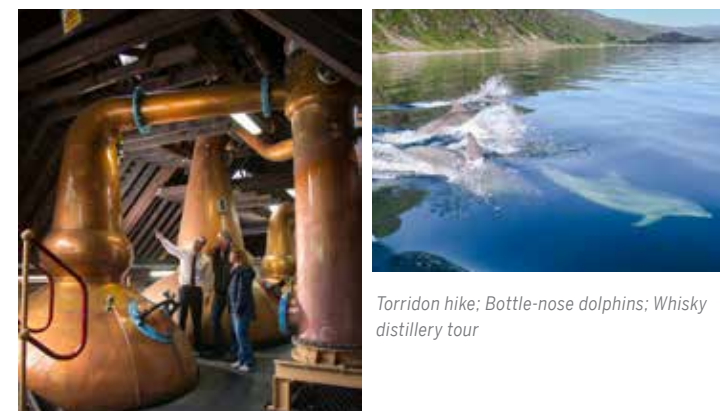
WALKING, WHISKY, AND CASTLES IN THE WILD HIGHLANDS

8 Days / From \$5,395 / Limited to 12 Guests / Energy Index: Nice and Active
2020 dates: Jun 29-Jul 6 / Jul 13-20 / Aug 31-Sept 7 / Sept 14-21

Slip away to a beguiling Highlands realm of lochs, castles, waterfalls, whisky, and fairy glens. Your time afoot rambling the hills is beautifully balanced by whisky-tasting at a Speyside distillery, a microbrewery pint, dolphin-spotting by Zodiac, an eye-popping drive over the (single-lane) highest road in the UK with views to the Hebrides, and visits to castles and vitrified Iron Age ruins. Your accommodations are as charming as your Scottish guide, and include a Deeside village inn, historic stone manor house, and tranquil lodge with Highland cows and views of the Torridon Hills.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Fun walks and hikes** take you around lochs, up hills, through a stone maze, and to waterfalls and a fairy glen.
- **Explore Cairngorms, the UK's largest national park**, home to eagles, red deer, pine marten, and more.
- **Visit Balmoral Castle (if the Queen isn't there)**, wander the Urquhart ruins, and see traces of the vitrified Knockfarrel fortress.



Torridon hike; Bottle-nose dolphins; Whisky distillery tour

Day 1: Edinburgh to Balmoral Castle and Cairngorms. **2:** Loch Muick hike. **3:** Ben Rinnes hike; Speyside distillery. **4:** Black Isle and dolphins. **5:** Loch Coulin walk. **6:** Hike Torridon Hills. **7:** Bealach na Bà road on Applecross Peninsula, hike Sgurr a'Chaoirachain. **8:** Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, Inverness for departures home.

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Paddling Portugal's River of Wine

THE HISTORIC DOURO RIVER AND CLASSIC VINEYARD ESTATES

9 Days / From \$6,995 / Limited to 12 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
2020 Dates: Jun 14-22 / Aug 23-31 / Sept 2-10 / Sept 13-21 / Sept 23-Oct 1

Foresighted prehistoric peoples cultivated grapes in the Douro valley 4,000 years ago, and granite boundary markers from 1757 fix it as the world's oldest wine region. This idyllic, pastoral landscape is a living expression of that long relationship between nature and culture—a place the World Heritage organization calls “a collective work of land art.”

You travel at the perfect pace for this enchanting place, the speed of the Douro River (“River of Gold”). Peaceful time paddling your kayak meshes seamlessly with archaeological explorations, village rambles, vineyard tours, sumptuous meals, and distinctive lodgings.

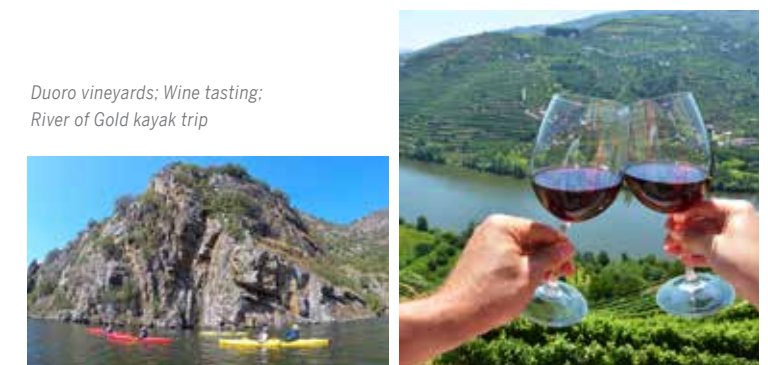
HIGHLIGHTS

- **Connect with the nature, history, hospitality,** and the wine-reverent soul of Old Europe.
- **Stay at vineyard inns** and luxurious manor estates (*quintas*) where you join your hosts for fine meals.
- **Explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites:** Historic Centre of Porto, Alto Douro Wine Region, and Côa Valley Paleolithic rock art site.

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Day 1: Porto, Portugal. Cellar tour, tasting. Dinner amidst medieval landmarks. **2:** Scenic train ride to historic inn. **3:** Paddle slow Douro currents through peaceful settings. Picnic lunch, fabulous dinner. **4:** Another beautiful paddle and fine dining. **5:** Explore important rock art site of Coa Valley; “indulgent lunch,” fine dinner. **6:** Paddle past historic quintas and vineyards. **7:** Float through a granite gorge. BBC rates tonight's lodging as one of the best hotel views in the world. **8:** A final paddle offers views of neat vineyards terracing down the mountainside. Festive farewell dinner. **9:** Porto airport for departures home.

Douro vineyards; Wine tasting; River of Gold kayak trip



AFRICA



Elephant; Zebras; Camel trip; Giraffe



Off the Beaten Path Botswana

WILDERNESS SAFARI IN THE KALAHARI DESERT AND OKAVANGO DELTA

11 Days / From \$9,695 / Limited to 13 Guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jul 2-12 / Jul 26-Aug 5 / Aug 28-Sept 7 / Sept 21-Oct 1

The Kalahari Desert's sprawling savannas and Okavango Delta's wetlands teem with a staggering diversity of animals, including elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, zebra, oryx, rhino, buffalo, wild dog, hippo, crocodile, hyena, and more.

Join us on an intimate journey into the most remote, wildlife-rich corners of those incredible

environments on this real-deal safari. Small, secluded, luxury tent camps in vast, private wilderness reserves keep you close to wildlife and away from national park crowds. After your safari, savor a couple of days at a very civilized boutique hotel in "mist distance" of awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, largest waterfall in the world.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your wilderness bush camps are stylish and serene**, simple yet exceptionally comfortable.
- **Explore the most remote, wildlife-rich reaches** of Botswana's Kalahari Desert and Okavango Delta.
- **Two days at Victoria Falls** lends a memorable, final flourish to this authentic African adventure.

Days 1-2: Maun airport to Kalahari Desert river camp. **2:** Makgadikgadi pans; walk with local Kalahari bushmen. **3:** Small plane to Okavango Delta, with its meandering waterways. Settle into our wilderness camp. **4-5:** Game drives, bush walks, *mokoro* (poled canoe) excursions, stargazing. **6:** Fly to Khwai, a vast wildlife sanctuary of marshes, sandy plains, and acacia and mopane forest. **7-8:** Game drives, bush walks, and *mokoro* excursions; local polers share their knowledge. **9:** Final excursion to spot and observe wildlife; fly to Kasane. Cross into Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls. **10:** Hike trails to overlooks. Festive farewell dinner. **11:** Explore or relax; afternoon transfer to Victoria Falls airport for connections home.



Kalahari King; Jackal and Hide accommodations; Victoria Falls





Family Botswana Safari

AN EXHILARATING ADVENTURE FROM DESERT TO DELTA

10 Days / From \$10,995 adult • \$8,995 child (12 and under) / Limited to 13 guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jun 5-14 / Jun 19-28 / Jul 10-19 / Jul 24-Aug 2 / Aug 7-16 / Aug 21-30 / Dec 22-31

Ernest Hemingway wrote, "I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." Awaken your family to the joys of Africa on this superb adventure from the Kalahari's Makgadikgadi Pans, to the Okavango's marshes, to thundering Victoria Falls. Daily excursions from your deluxe base camps take you in search of wildebeest, zebra, elephant, hippo, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, jackal, rhino, buffalo, meerkat, crocodiles, countless birds, and much more. Activities to engage young travelers abound, including quad biking, walks with Kalahari bushmen, canoe and helicopter rides, and a chance to meet local kids.

Days 1-2: Arrive in Maun, head to the Kalahari Desert. Game drives, Boteti River cruise, walks with bushmen. **3-5:** Helicopter to eastern Kalahari camp. Game drives, quad biking, stargazing. **6-8:** Small plane to Okavango Delta, and Khwai Private Reserve on the edge of the Moremi Game Reserve. Explore by vehicle, on foot, and in poled canoes. **9:** Fly to Kasane. Cross into Zimbabwe to Victoria Falls boutique hotel. Hike trails to overlooks. Farewell dinner. **10:** Visit a nearby village. Afternoon transfer to Victoria Falls airport for connections home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Stay in upscale camps on the Boteti River**, the Makgadikgadi Pans, and a lagoon where wildlife comes to you.
- **Ride a quad bike on the salt pans**, walk with bushmen, and explore by poled-canoe and helicopter.
- **Thrill to the sight of Victoria Falls** on a private tour that includes a hike along the rim.

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Okavango canoes; Kalahari elephant; Sable Alley camp



Secluded Tanzania Safari

SEE MORE OF WILD TANZANIA, INCLUDING THE GREAT MIGRATION

12 Days / From \$13,995 / Limited to 12 Guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jul 7-18 / Jul 19-30 / Aug 9-20 / Aug 20-31 / Sept 1-12 / Sept 17-28

Witness some of Africa's most incredible wildlife spectacles on this extraordinary camp-to-camp safari. The journey coincides with Tanzania's dry season for optimal wildlife viewing, and encompasses three compelling destinations. In Tarangire National Park you might see herds of up to 300 elephants scratching water from dry riverbeds, and the Serengeti plains will be alive with vast herds of wildebeest and zebra. The remarkable Ngorongoro Crater supports Africa's largest lion population, and is also home to black rhinos, Cape buffalo, and flocks of pink flamingos. Remote, perfectly situated bush camps keep you where you want to be—in real, wild Africa.

Day 1: Fly into Arusha, head to Mount Meru. **2-4:** Drive to remote Tarangire National Park bush camp. Wildlife drives, guided walks. **5:** Drive to secluded camp in Ngorongoro Highlands. Meet Maasai herders. **6:** Descend into the Eden of the 100-square-mile Ngorongoro Crater. Back to the Highlands in the evening. **7-8:** Fly to East Central Serengeti Plains and a secluded camp promising unrivaled sightings of big cats. **9-11:** Fly to Northern Serengeti mobile bush camp with front row seat to the Great Migration. **12:** After a final wildlife drive, fly back to Arusha for evening flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your wildlife species check-list** includes elephant, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, lion, cheetah, leopard, black rhino, and much more.
- **Be there for the Great Migration**, when wildebeests and zebras travel in massive waves, trailed by predators.
- **Luxury bush camps** keep you in the right place at the right time for optimal wildlife observation.

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Elephant; Zebra; Tarangire Ndovu camp



The Great Uganda Gorilla Safari

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT WITH ENDANGERED MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

10 Days / From \$10,495 / Limited to 11 Guests / Energy Index: Active to Ambitious
 2020 Dates: Feb 1-10 / Jun 25-Jul 4 / Aug 25-Sept 3 / Sept 22-Oct 1

Your trail through primeval rainforest has been challenging, but now you're seeing signs. Stripped bark where they've been feeding; broken vegetation indicating a night nest. Finally, there they are—mothers holding babies, youngsters playing in trees, and the silverback patriarch. Your guide utters a grunt signaling peaceful intention, and the universe tips for a

moment when one of the gorillas considers you with studious brown eyes. Don't miss this rare, transcendent opportunity to visit members of your distant, extended family at home in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. The journey also includes Kibale National Park, known for its chimpanzees.



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Head out from your harmonious jungle lodge** to track and meet a family of mountain gorillas.
- **Observe chimpanzees in Kibale National Park**, home to the world's highest concentration of non-human primates.
- **You will also likely see lions, hippos, elephants, crocodiles, antelope, baboons, and diverse birds.**

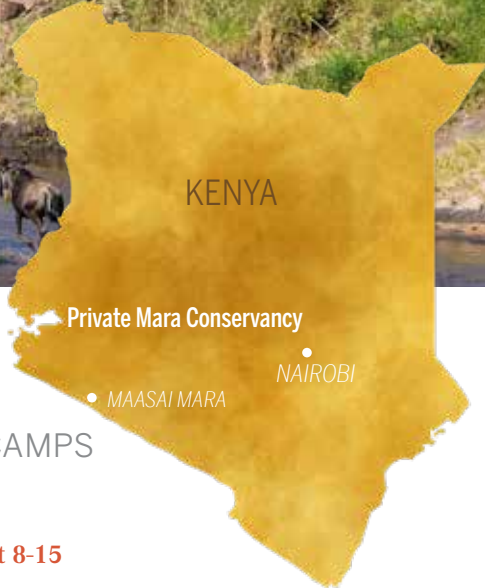
Day 1: Entebbe, Uganda. Botanical gardens and welcome dinner. **2-4:** Fly to Kibale National Park for chimpanzee trekking. **5-6:** Queen Elizabeth National Park game drive and cruise on Kazinga Channel. **7:** Head to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park on the edge of the Great Rift Valley. **8-9:** Two full days of gorilla trekking. **10:** Fly to Entebbe for departures home.

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Gorilla portrait; Buhoma Lodge deck; Bwindi Impenetrable National Park





The Great Kenya Migration Safari

FOLLOW THE HERDS ACROSS THE MAASAI MARA FROM MOBILE CAMPS

8 Days / From \$9,495 / Limited to 12 Guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jul 8-15 / Jul 23-30 / Aug 2-9 / Aug 12-19 / Aug 19-26 / Sept 1-8 / Sept 8-15

East Africa's Great Migration is one of the most dramatic wildlife sights on earth. Every year, vast herds of wildebeest and zebras—some 2 million animals—migrate from Tanzania across the Serengeti to Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve, following new grass that emerges after seasonal rains. You'll stay in the thick of the action, basing in mobile camps in the reserve and on private conservancy land where (unlike on the national reserve) it's possible to go on bush walks, enjoy off-road exploration, and take night drives. Join us for this exceptional opportunity!

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya. Welcome dinner and orientation. **2-4:** Fly to Maasai Mara, secluded camp on private conservancy land. Walk, game drives. **5-7:** Safari drive to Maasai Mara National Reserve in northern Serengeti Plains, and another exclusive camp in a wildlife hot spot. Game drives to see impalas, giraffes, the Mara's famed lions, and much more. Optional hot air balloon safari. **8:** Fly back to Nairobi for evening departures home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Private, luxury mobile base camps** allow unequalled privacy and proximity to wildlife.
- **Venture out in special 4x4 safari trucks** where everyone has a window seat and unimpeded views.
- **You have seven full days in the Maasai Mara** at the peak of the migration.

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The Great Migration; Evening camp; Giraffes

Family Kenya Safari

AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE FOR ALL GENERATIONS IN THE MAASAI MARA

8 Days / From \$8,995 adult • \$6,995 child (12 and under) / Limited to 14 guests / Energy Index: Easy Going
2020 Dates: Jul 25-Aug 1 / Aug 8-15 / Dec 20-27

Feed your family's spirit of adventure and sense of togetherness in—and with—the world, on this fabulous safari in Kenya's Maasai Mara, an extension of the Serengeti. Remote but comfortable base camps keep you in the thick of the wildlife action, with phenomenal opportunities to see lions, cheetahs, hyenas, elephants, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, and more. Your family will also experience Maasai culture on bushwalks with Maasai warriors and visits to a Maasai village, market, and school. Up-close-and-personal experiences at an elephant orphanage and center for endangered giraffes round out the indelible lifetime memories.

Day 1: Arrive in Nairobi, stay on estate of *Out of Africa* author, Karen Blixen. Welcome dinner and orientation. **2:** Giraffe center, Sheldrick elephant orphanage, and a center for at-need children. **3-5:** Fly to Maasai Mara Private Conservancy camp. Game drives and bushwalks with Maasai warriors to learn about tracking, traditional hunting, and how to make fire. **6-7:** Drive to Maasai Mara National Reserve and your second private bush camp. Wildlife drives might yield sightings of elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, lion, cheetah, hyena, and more. Campfire and stargazing. **8:** Fly to Nairobi. Resort day room, then evening or afternoon flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Your hand-picked expedition leader and guides** are excellent naturalists and trackers, and have great rapport with kids.
- **Private, deluxe safari camps** offer seclusion far from crowds, but close to wildlife and the stars.
- **Cultural opportunities with the Maasai**, and experiences in the elephant orphanage and giraffe center, make this a rare and special journey.

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Cheetahs; Private mobile camp; Maasai family

SOUTH AFRICA



Diverse South Africa—Custom Safari

SAFARI TO THE BUSHVELD, DESERT, AND COAST

Suggested 11 Days / From \$11,295

African dreams do come true. The first part of your sublime safari tucks you in at a private camp on the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, adjacent to Kruger National Park. This extraordinary region is one of the best places in the world to see Africa’s Big Five—elephant, buffalo, lion, rhino, and leopard.

From there, fly to the southern “green” Kalahari and an exclusive camp in the private Tswalu Kalahari game reserve to spot rare species like the black-maned lion, black rhino, and armadillo. A final stopover on the Cape Peninsula brings sightings of sharks, whales, and penguins!

Day 1: Arrive in Johannesburg. **2-4:** Fly to Sabi Sand private camp. Wildlife drives each day. **5-7:** Fly via Joburg to the southern Kalahari and your exclusive camp. Morning, afternoon, and nighttime wildlife drives, plus interpretive nature walks and optional horseback riding. **8-10:** Fly to Cape Town. Private, full-day tour of Cape Peninsula, highlighting marine wildlife including African penguins. **11:** Flights home from Cape Town.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: YEAR ROUND

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- See an extraordinary diversity of wildlife, from the Big Five, to meerkats, hippopotamus, penguins, and whales.
- The private reserves where you stay are leading important efforts to conserve wildlife and habitat.
- Enjoy special private-reserve privileges like bush walks, off-road tracking, and nighttime drives.
- Winter (May-Aug) and summer (Jan-Apr/Sep-Dec) seasons have their own rhythms and opportunities.



Sabi Sand leopard; Black Rhinos; Madikwe Reserve Morukuru River House

MOROCCO



The Magic of Morocco

IMPERIAL CITIES, ATLAS MOUNTAINS, AND SAHARA DESERT

Suggested 12 Days / From \$6,550

Explore with local guides for an unforgettable immersion into Morocco’s vibrant culture. You’ll prowlsouks and kasbahs in the ancient Imperial Cities of Marrakech and Fez, cross the Atlas Mountains, have tea with a Berber family, wander the red clay *ksar* of Ait Ben Haddou (set for “A Man Who Would be King”), and ride a camel to your luxurious desert camp. Throughout the journey, you stay in distinctive accommodations and savor delicious, authentic cuisine, from Marrakech street food to a gourmet Moroccan dinner under the Saharan stars.

Days 1-4: Marrakech. Medina history and culture immersion; Atlas Mountains hiking and tea with Berber family. **5-8:** Expedition to Sahara luxury desert camp. Ait Ben Haddou en route. Walking, sandboarding, stargazing, camel rides. Timbuktu trade route to oasis town of Zagora. **9-11:** Fez. Tannery tour, ceramic school experience, Moroccan cooking class. **12:** Transfer to Casablanca for flights home.

BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: OCTOBER–MARCH

FEATURES & OPTIONS

- Your guides crack open the real Morocco for you to see, hear, taste, and begin to understand.
- See the Sahara dunes come into view as you approach the dramatic desert.
- Delve into Fez, historically important textile center and artisan capital of Morocco.
- Spend two nights in a luxe desert camp in the Moroccan Sahara.



Ait Ben Haddou; Sahara dunes; Marrakesh marketplace

WHO WE ARE



The OBP Team. Left to right: Judy Schaap, Elin Hert, Jeff Lee, Julie Eik, Kelsea Jacobs, Cory Lawrence, Sandi Gerchow, Anna Burkhardt, Monica Napieralski, Rob Wales, Julianne Mohr, Carrie Lawrence, Breanna Denson, Katy Lingman, Cary Costello, Kelly Palmer

A BRIEF, NATURAL HISTORY OF OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Off the Beaten Path is a small, boutique travel company, dedicated to delivering exceptional journeys to beautiful, wild places. More than a third of our clients are repeat travelers, and another third come through referrals from that first loyal set. We're proud of that, because in our book, relationships are everything.

Bill and Pam Bryan started the company in 1986, in what was then the still-sleepy little town of Bozeman, Montana. They had been planning trips for family and friends who wanted to come visit and see Yellowstone National Park, so they thought, why not make it official? From the beginning, respect for land and local communities and commitment to sustainable travel practices were foundational to the company.

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Cory Lawrence, a Wyoming native with a financial mind, a father's heart, a shared commitment to responsible travel, and a passion for the kind of journeys that changes people's lives.

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with a Maasai tracker, or ride with a gaucho in Patagonia, or boat up an Alaskan river with an Athabascan guide—you will never forget that geography is destiny, and that as nature goes, so go we all.

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Zebra; Chaco Canyon; Acadia National Park; Alaskan caribou



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