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THE TRAVEL PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

2023 *Travel Collection*

Custom-designed itineraries
that give NPCA members
exclusive experiences in
America's national parks

CALIFORNIA'S DESERT LANDSCAPE:
JOSHUA TREE & DEATH VALLEY

ANCIENT FORESTS OF THE
OLYMPIC PENINSULA

THE NATIONAL PARKS OF
HAWAII

ACADIA TO KATAHDIN
EXPLORING MAINE'S WATERWAYS,
WOODLANDS AND WABANAKI
CULTURAL HERITAGE

WILD CALIFORNIA ESCAPE
CHANNEL ISLANDS CRUISE

BEARS, WHALES AND GLACIERS
**KENAI FJORDS & LAKE CLARK
NATIONAL PARKS**

FA'A SAMOA
THE NATIONAL PARK
OF AMERICAN SAMOA

NORTHWESTERN FJORD ISLAND
Kenai Fjords National Park, AK


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CADILLAC MOUNTAIN
Acadia National Park, ME

From Our CEO

Dear friend,

National parks across the country have seen record crowds as millions of people discover new places or return to old favorites. Thanks to the passion and support of park lovers like you, our parks have also seen trails rebuilt, facilities refurbished and new staff hired. It's a wonderful time to explore our parks... and to plan ahead for your next trip.

I hope you will join us for one of NPCA's curated park trips in 2023. Each trip has been carefully planned and custom designed to give you exclusive access to NPCA experts, our community partners and National Park Service staff. We have crafted a portfolio of excursions that provide an inside look at some of our favorite destinations and showcase some of the ways NPCA and park lovers like you have protected our national parks.

We couldn't do this work without you, and we hope these trips provide you with the opportunity to see firsthand the impact your support has had and discover how you can play a leading role in protecting these places for future generations.

Next year, travel with NPCA to see how we are working with our community partners to protect wildlife at **Joshua Tree National Park**, **Mojave National Preserve**, and the Southern California desert landscape that helps park wildlife thrive. Experience one of the quietest places in America, hidden in **Olympic National Park**, and learn about NPCA's efforts to keep it that way. Immerse yourself in Wabanaki history and culture on our tour of **Acadia National Park** and **Katahdin Woods and Waters**, a national park site NPCA helped to establish in 2016.

If you're passionate about seeing some of America's more remote park sites, join us in **American Samoa**, where you'll hear from village leaders and community members about the importance of protecting natural and cultural resources. Or learn about the extraordinary intersection of Hawaiian culture and conservation while we take you through all eight national park sites in the **Hawaiian Islands**. If colder climates suit you better, join us in Alaska as we view bears, whales and glaciers in **Kenai Fjords** and **Lake Clark**, one of the most isolated national parks in the United States.

And back by popular demand, we are working with Lindblad Expeditions for a small-ship cruise to **Channel Islands National Park** off the coast of Southern California, where NPCA has a long history of protecting the park from privatization and commercial exploitation.

Safe and happy travels,

Theresa Pierno
President & CEO, National Parks Conservation Association



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This catalogue is just a
snapshot of each of our
trips in 2023.

For more information,
including the detailed
itineraries, please visit
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Why Travel with NPCA?

Our goal is to offer premium itineraries in educational travel in the places we know best: America's national parks.

For over 100 years, NPCA has worked to protect places of unparalleled natural wonder, historical significance and cultural value. Now we want you to experience them firsthand with our knowledgeable staff and partners. Each of our mission-driven trips is custom-designed exclusively by NPCA for you, our closest supporters. Gain valuable insights into our advocacy and conservation efforts by taking a personal look at NPCA's important contributions to park protection. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of, and connection to, this crucial work, made possible only by your support.

GAIN ACCESS TO OUR EXPERTS

Spend quality time with your knowledgeable NPCA trip experts as you experience the national parks alongside those who have fought to protect them. Our trips provide special behind-the-scenes access to National Park Service staff, NPCA partners and other fascinating specialists who bring these places and their stories to life, providing insights into the cultural, natural, and historical significance of the areas and topics explored.

SUPPORT NPCA'S MISSION

By traveling on any of our trips as an NPCA member, a percentage of your trip goes back to support NPCA's work to protect and enhance America's National Park System for present and future generations.

ENJOY SMALL GROUPS ONLY

Group size on each of our land trips is guaranteed to be no more than 18 people to maximize your interactions with the experts, boost educational opportunities and allow the group to access lesser-visited places that larger groups cannot. You'll be joined by other park enthusiasts from around the country to share in the experience.

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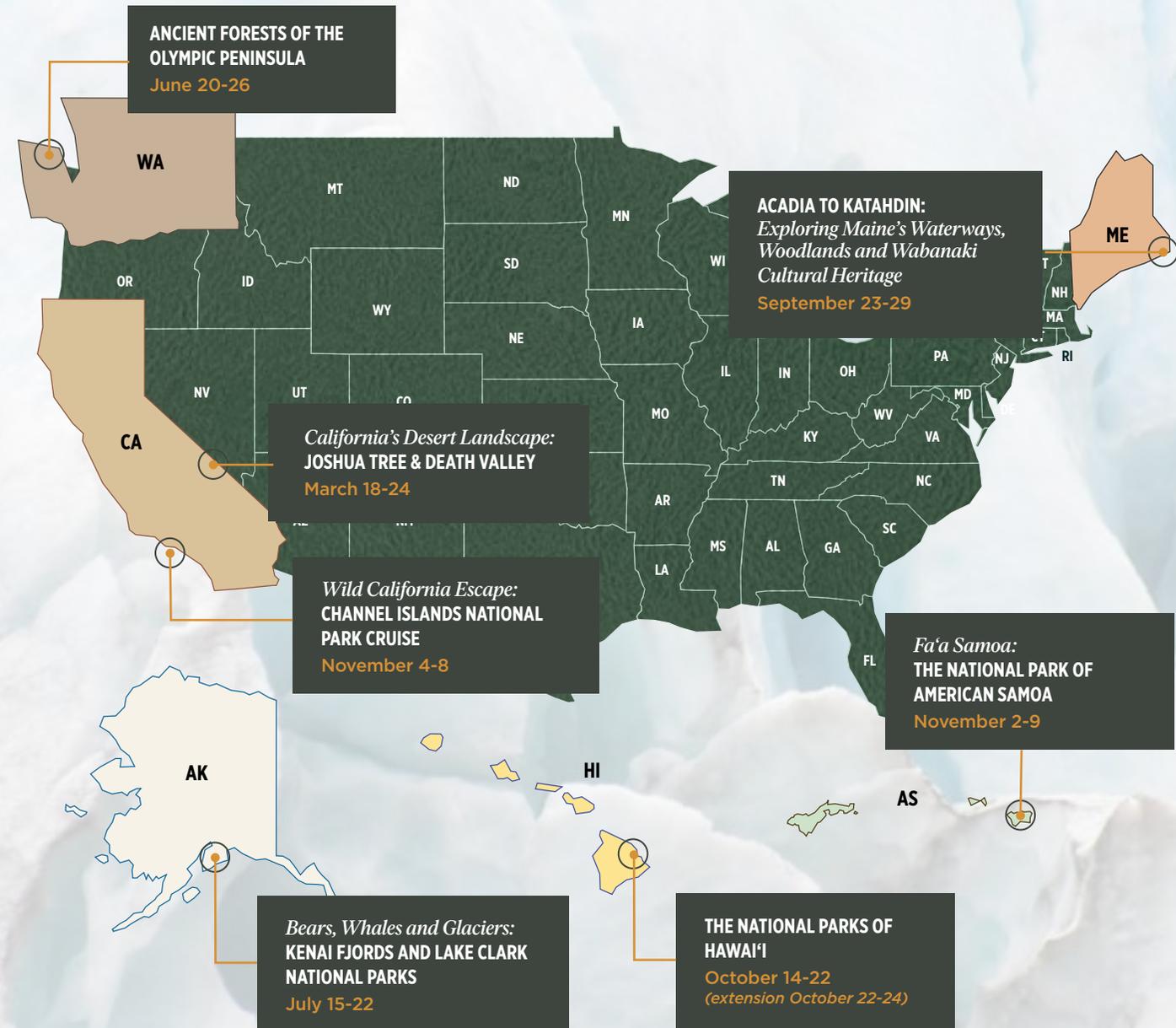
With NPCA, you can explore the parks without the hassle of planning on your own. Everything is included in your tour, such as meals, accommodations, expert speakers, transportation at the destination, and all activities (unless otherwise stated). We have also worked with each of our travel partners to develop safety measures for our trips in response to the global pandemic.

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

Each NPCA travel operator partner is selected based on criteria that includes a commitment to environmentally and socially responsible travel so that we can ensure our parks are preserved in perpetuity.

NPCA is the only independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. Over 70% of our funding comes from donations from individuals like you. NPCA trips are an exclusive NPCA member benefit. One traveler per group must be an NPCA member to participate in an NPCA trip. An annual membership starts at \$15 per person. Please make dues payable to NPCA by check or credit card at npca.org.

2023 NPCA Trip Destinations



Kenai Fjords National Park, AK

Haleakalā National Park, Maui, HI

California's Desert Landscape: Joshua Tree & Death Valley

Explore the best of Death Valley and Joshua Tree alongside NPCA experts and partners on this exciting journey through the Mojave Desert. These amazing Southern California national parks offer incredible trekking opportunities across diverse and mesmerizing landscapes. You'll uncover a plethora of desert phenomena, including lush oases, vast sand dunes, towering granite monoliths, salt flats, badlands, alpine peaks and desert wildlife. This tour offers a cornucopia of experiences in America's stunning Mojave Desert with an inside look at the various threats this ecosystem faces and how NPCA is working to protect it.



Dates: March 18-24, 2023
Length of Tour: 7 days/6 nights
NPCA Member Price: \$6,935+ per person
Arrive: Palm Springs, CA
Depart: Las Vegas, NV



HIGHLIGHTS

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK: Join NPCA's **California Desert Program Manager** for an inside look at this popular park, best known for its namesake yucca plant. On guided hikes, delight in up-close views of intricately shaped granite rock formations and petroglyphs. Venture into the famed **Wonderland of Rocks** for expansive desert and mountain views, proceeding through a labyrinth of cliffs, canyons, domes and unique rock formations. Then, learn how NPCA addresses the compromised air quality and diminished views in the park.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK: Spend three nights in the driest and lowest spot in North America. You'll be there in March, with ideal temperatures and opportunities for spotting wildflowers and wildlife. Explore a variety of different ecosystems, from sand dunes to narrow canyons and salt flats to waterfalls. Enjoy sunrise at the iconic **Zabriskie Point** and a **night-sky viewing program** at this Gold Tier **Dark Sky Park**.

SAND TO SNOW NATIONAL MONUMENT: Home to the most botanically diverse mountains in the contiguous United States, NPCA helped establish this large desert park in 2016. From the sand of the **Sonoran Desert** to the peak of **San Geronio Mountain** is a staggering elevation change of about 10,000 feet. Here, marvel at impressive views while you hike with a **special NPCA partner**.

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE: Meet with **park staff** and learn about NPCA's wildlife conservation efforts to protect endangered species like the desert tortoise, and embark on a guided hike with breathtaking views of the **Cima Dome**, the most symmetrical dome of its type in the country.

MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE: Alongside NPCA staff, visit this off-the-beaten-path park that preserves one of 10 American incarceration camps where more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were held for years against their will during World War II.

Ancient Forests of the Olympic Peninsula

Welcome to Olympic National Park, one of the most beautiful places on Earth and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is in this landscape that natural wonders, complex ecosystems and history come together to create a truly magnificent experience. Your NPCA experts and accompanying guides will show you a lesser-known side of the park as we explore by foot and on water, often with key local partners by our side. We'll explore the pristine beaches, crystal-blue lakes and rain forests, leaving with a deeper understanding of this landscape and its ongoing challenges.



Dates: June 20-26, 2023
Length of Tour: 7 days/6 nights
NPCA Member Price: \$6,955+ per person
Arrive/Depart: Seattle, WA



HIGHLIGHTS

WILD COASTLINES: Olympic National Park boasts some of the most scenic and wild beaches in the United States. Spend two nights at **Kalaloch Lodge**, where the broad sandy beach is only moments away — perfect for an evening stroll. Experience the reddish sand and large sea stacks at the iconic **Ruby Beach** and observe colorful sea life on a special guided tour of **Rialto Beach**, which offers scenic views of offshore islands. Hike with your local naturalist guide to the unique **Hole-in-the-Wall** formation, watching for otters and seals in the distance.

LUSH RAIN FORESTS: Spend a day hiking and exploring the **Hoh Rain Forest** — one of the most spectacular temperate rain forests in the world. You'll join an environmental scientist on an immersive retreat in "**the quietest place in America**," listening to some of Earth's rarest nature sounds. Join an optional group kayaking tour on **Lake Crescent**, which is situated in a glacial basin surrounded by mountain peaks and dense forests.

Take leisure in the forested **Sol Duc Hot Springs** after experiencing the thunderous crashing water at **Sol Duc Falls**.

ALPINE PEAKS: Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Olympics' majestic **Hurricane Ridge** with poet, essayist and nature writer Tim McNulty. Take in magnificent panoramic views while you explore on foot, learning about everything from goat removal in the park, to Olympic marmots and endemic plants. Visit the former site of the **Elwha Dam**, which NPCA successfully helped to remove, resulting in a world-class river restoration project.

A RICH CULTURE: Much of the Olympic Peninsula is made up of lands traditionally used and revered by **eight contemporary tribes**. Learn about their continued relationship with the natural resources within the park. Hear from a local NPCA partner at the **Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial** which commemorates the internment of Japanese Americans from Bainbridge Island.

Bears, Whales and Glaciers: Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark National Parks

Explore two of Alaska's most stunning National Parks — Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark — and discover a deep connection to nature in some of North America's wildest places. Incredible scenery abounds, from Alaska's rugged coastline and tidewater glaciers to lush mountain valleys covered with colorful wildflowers. This trip is a wildlife lover's delight — we'll visit prime habitats to seek whales and bears, among other charismatic Alaskan wildlife. Your NPCA expert guides will lead you through hard-to-access and lesser-known areas of the parks, while providing in-depth information on the important role of NPCA and key local partners in the ongoing efforts to preserve Alaska's bear coast.



Dates: July 15-22, 2023
Length of Tour: 8 days/7 nights
NPCA Member Price: \$6,995+ per person
Arrive/Depart: Anchorage, AK



HIGHLIGHTS

EXIT GLACIER: Located in the only section of the **Harding Icefield** that is accessible by road, embark on a guided hike to see breathtaking vistas and enjoy an informative visit to the **Exit Glacier Nature Center**.

KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK: Stay at the only wilderness lodge within Alaska's 700,000-acre Kenai Fjords National Park. Nestled in a protected tidal lagoon area, the **Glacier Lodge** offers miles of pristine beachfront and plenty of opportunities to enjoy naturalist walks, sea kayaking and views of nearby **Pedersen Glacier**.

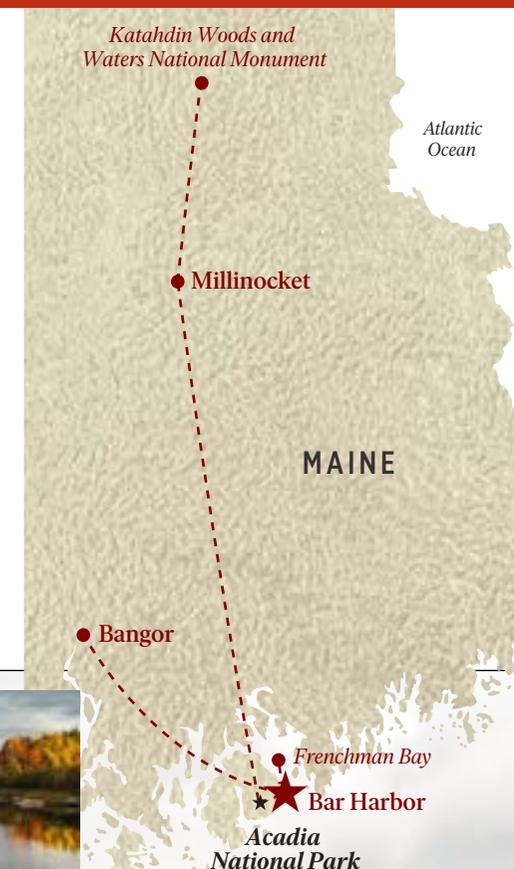
WILDLIFE CRUISE: Journey by boat from Kenai Fjords to Seward as you sail past marine wildlife such as feeding **humpback whales** and **harbor seals** sunning themselves on ice chunks. Learn how NPCA is building strong partnerships to protect the park and its marine and coastal animals from climate change.

ALASKA RAILROAD: Enjoy the spectacular scenery on your rail journey from Seward to Anchorage, where you will take in panoramic views of Alaska's extraordinary landscapes from your **glass-domed viewing car**.

BEAR VIEWING IN LAKE CLARK NATIONAL PARK: Situated at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve is an epitome of the Alaska wilderness landscape and is one of the hardest to access national parks in the United States. You'll enjoy a scenic flightseeing tour via floatplane to access the park, where you will spend the day with a knowledgeable **bear viewing guide** who will escort you to lakeside areas where bears feed on spawning wild **Alaska salmon**. Hear from NPCA experts how this unforgettable park and the surrounding landscape provide crucial wildlife habitat and subsistence resources for Alaska Natives and how looming threats of mining continue to put the people and wildlife of this critical area at risk.

Acadia to Katahdin Exploring Maine's Waterways, Woodlands and Wabanaki Cultural Heritage

Welcome to Maine, home to a rocky coastline, stunning mountain views, lush forests, pristine waterways, and a fascinating natural and cultural history. Here, the charming town of Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island serves as a gateway to the beauty and adventure of Acadia National Park and Frenchman Bay. To the north, the remote wilderness of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument and the adjacent Baxter State Park encompass some of the most rugged terrain in the Northeast. Journey alongside NPCA experts and key partners on land and on water to experience these unique places firsthand and get a behind-the-scenes look at how NPCA is fighting to protect them.



Dates: September 23-29, 2023
Length of Tour: 7 days/6 nights
NPCA Member Price: \$7,515+ per person
Arrive/Depart: Bangor, ME



HIGHLIGHTS

WABANAKI CULTURE: Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the **Abbe Museum** to learn about Wabanaki culture and the area's indigenous history. Participate in an exclusive experience with **Wabanaki REACH** to gain a deeper understanding of Wabanaki history and their long-standing ties to the land. Learn how **Acadia and Katahdin** are connected through past and present migrations and celebrations of the Wabanaki people.

BAR HARBOR AND FRENCHMAN BAY: Embark on a **guided kayak tour** and hear from NPCA partners about NPCA's critical work to combat a massive, proposed salmon farm and protect the waters surrounding Mount Desert Island. Relax along the waterfront or walk the charming downtown of Bar Harbor.

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK: Experience Acadia's famous sunrise from **Cadillac Mountain**. Engage with NPCA experts as you hike with a naturalist guide through some of the park's most stunning wilderness. Stop at **Hulls Cove Visitor Center** and meet with National Park Service staff. Traverse Acadia's scenic **Park Loop Road** and take in the serenity of the park with several stops. Explore the **Wild Gardens of**

Acadia and hike through stands of white birch and hemlock; visit **Sand Beach**, a small inlet between the mountains and rocky shores; witness powerful waters at **Thunder Hole** before relaxing at the picturesque **Jordon Pond**.

KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT: Explore Katahdin, an 87,500-acre landscape with rich biodiversity and awe-inspiring mountains. See **Mt. Katahdin** by air on a private flyover tour as you gaze out at the vast boreal forests and free-flowing rivers below. Travel along the 17-mile **Katahdin Loop Road**, highlighting significant cultural, biological and geological features. Then hit the trail and see why this place has been a source of inspiration for hundreds of years.

MILLINOCKET LAKE AND BAXTER STATE PARK: Kayak or canoe with direct views of Mount Katahdin at **Millinocket Lake**. Cruise Millinocket Lake on a guided pontoon boat tour and keep an eye out for moose and other wildlife. Relax shoreside at **Daicey Pond** in Baxter State Park then hike **Little and Big Niagara Falls** via the **Appalachian Trail** with NPCA experts.

TOP LEFT: Aialik Glacier; TOP RIGHT: Humpback Whale; BOTTOM: Tanaian Mountain

TOP: Sunset in Acadia National Park; BOTTOM: Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

The National Parks of Hawai'i

(with optional extension)

Travel to the remote, scenic Hawaiian Islands, one of Earth's most diverse ecosystems and home to over 10,000 native species, more than 90% of which can only be found here. Experience the unique cultural and natural beauty within Hawai'i's national parks by joining expert biologists, naturalists, cultural interpreters and park rangers who will share their extensive knowledge and perspectives of this remarkable place.

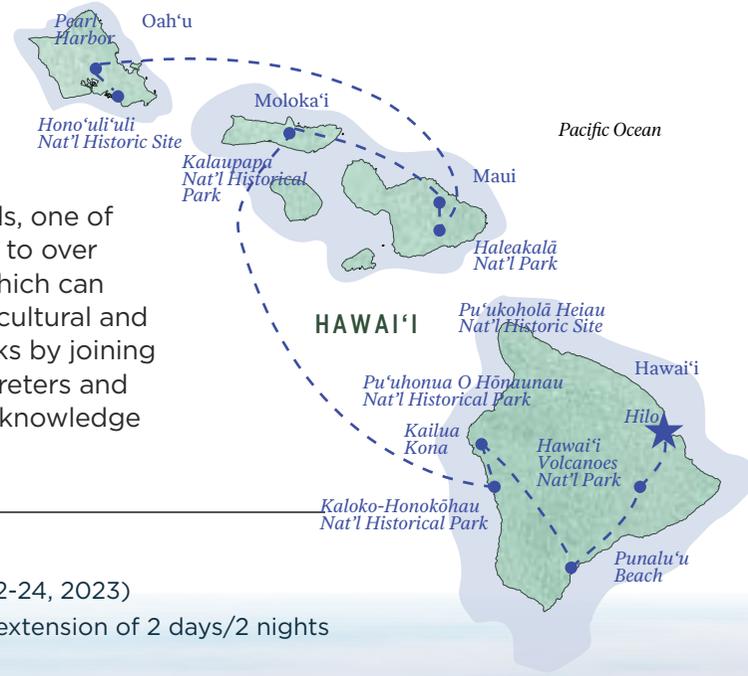
Dates: October 14-22, 2023, with optional guided trip extension (October 22-24, 2023)

Length of Tour: 9 days/8 nights, with optional extension of 2 days/2 nights

NPCA Member Price: \$7,650+ per person

Trip extension: \$1,575 per person

Arrive/Depart: Hilo (Island of Hawai'i), Hawai'i/Kahului (Island of Maui), Hawai'i



Fa'a Samoa: The National Park of American Samoa

Talofa! Welcome to American Samoa: the only U.S. national park south of the equator and one of the most remote U.S. national parks. Alongside your NPCA expert guide, you'll visit all three of the islands where the National Park of American Samoa is located. You will spend time with the community and learn about the customs of the islands, while also visiting paleotropical rainforests and seeing flora and fauna that are found in no other U.S. national park. During this unforgettable NPCA small group tour, you'll feel the warm welcome of Samoan culture as a guest in an immersive experience of community, culture and conservation.



Dates: November 2-9, 2023

Length of Tour: 8 days/7 nights

NPCA Member Price: \$5,400+ per person

Arrive/Depart: Pago Pago (by way of Honolulu, HI)



HIGHLIGHTS

THE BIG ISLAND: Journey through **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend time with an **expert volcanologist**, hiking Devastation Trail, exploring a 500-year-old lava tube and concluding your days at the historic Volcano House on the edge of the **Kīlauea volcano** crater. Hike to the floor of the caldera before a scenic drive along the **Chain of Craters Road**. Visit **Punalu'u Black Sand Beach** then continue to **Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park**, a place of Hawaiian worship. Join our local partners at **Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park** before heading to **Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site**, which holds a legendary *heiau* (a place of worship).

MOLOKA'I: With an expert guide, tour the only National Park Service unit on the Island of Moloka'i: **Kalaupapa National Historical Park**, home to a former Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) settlement and the tallest sea cliffs in the world.

MAUI: Visit **Haleakalā National Park**, an **International Biosphere Reserve**, exploring the summit of the volcano at 10,023 feet above sea level. Meet a Hawaiian Cultural expert at **ʻĪao Valley State Park**, a sacred site to the Hawaiian people. After, enjoy dinner at the **Old Lāhainā Lū'au**. Finally, explore on your own (don't worry, we'll have plenty of suggestions for you).

O'AHU (OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION): If you select to participate in the two days on O'ahu, you'll join your NPCA staff expert at **Pearl Harbor National Memorial** to learn about the events on and surrounding December 7, 1941. View the **USS Arizona** memorial, the final resting place for over 900 sailors and Marines. You'll learn about the development of the new **Hono'uli'uli National Historic Site**, which preserves the history of the largest and longest-used Japanese incarceration camps during World War II.

HIGHLIGHTS

SAMOAN CULTURE: Experience *fa'asamoa*: traditions, social customs and hierarchies started over 3,000 years ago which hold the natural environment and land as being most precious. Embark with a local guide on an exclusive "insiders tour" of **Aunu'u Island**, engaging with residents of the local villages and partaking in a traditional "**ava**" **welcome ceremony**. Immerse yourself in the oldest culture of Polynesia with a local family who will prepare a traditional style "**umu**" lunch for you.

TROPICAL WATERS/BEACHES: Paddle an outrigger canoe in the crystal-clear, tropical waters of **Pago Pago Harbor** with a local canoe club. With a **Sanctuary Team Member** by your side, receive expert knowledge as you tour the state-of-the-art Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center to learn about the **National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa**, the largest and most remote of the U.S. National Marine

Sanctuaries. Snorkel among the more than 950 species of fish and 250 types of coral in the sanctuary. Journey with expert guides to hidden and secluded beaches. Explore the coastal areas and a littoral forest on **Ta'u Island**, where vibrant vegetation, white sand and sharp, volcanic rock meet the turquoise ocean water.

MOUNTAINS: Enjoy panoramic views of **Rainmaker Mountain** and the historic World War II landmarks of **Breakers and Blunts Points**. Hike the lush mountains of **Ofu Island**, taking in the sweeping views of the volcanic island atop **Mt. Alava**.

WILDLIFE: Catch a glimpse of the **large fruit bats**, some of which have the wingspan of an owl. Keep an eye out for **several species of sea turtles**, either sunning themselves on the beach or dwelling in the coastal waters.

Haleakalā Crater in Maui, HI

TOP LEFT: Flowerpot Rocks; TOP RIGHT: Traditional Faleo'o; BOTTOM: National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa

Wild California Escape: Channel Islands National Park

Embark on an unprecedented five-day expedition into the Channel Islands, known as “North America’s Galápagos.” The Channel Islands and their surrounding waters serve as critical habitat for more than 2,000 species of plants and animals, including 150 species found nowhere else in the world. As you journey alongside your NPCA staff experts, you’ll hear in-depth information on NPCA’s important role in the history of the park. Everything you want is aboard our small-ship cruise—paddleboards, kayaks and Zodiacs; a welcoming crew; naturalists; a wellness specialist; and a certified photo instructor.



Dates: November 4-8, 2023
Length of Tour: 5 days/4 nights
NPCA Member Price: \$3,360+ per person
Arrive/Depart: Los Angeles, California



HIGHLIGHTS

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Sail to three of the five wildlife-rich islands that make up Channel Islands National Park, plus Catalina Island. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard, hike or relax ashore and enjoy this wild and remote island landscape.

ANACAPA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS: Enjoy morning yoga on the sundeck of the ship before joining naturalists for a visit to the **Anacapa Island Lighthouse**, the last major light station to be built on the west coast. Soak in the views from **Inspiration Point** or, for a more relaxing option, explore **Arch Rock** via Zodiac.

SANTA ROSA ISLAND: Catch a glimpse of the elusive **island fox species** found only in the Channel Islands. In 1999, Channel Islands National Park began an island fox recovery program after the species underwent catastrophic declines due to impacts from pollution. Join your naturalist guides for

a more strenuous hike out to the base of the **Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve**, which contains what is considered one of the world’s rarest pines and is one of only two naturally occurring groves in the world.

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND: Spend the day discovering the colorful history and natural wonders of this island. Meet a **Catalina Island Conservancy** member to learn about their work on the island. Head out on the trail for spectacular views of the coastline and the **Catalina backcountry**. With luck, catch a glimpse of the **elusive bison herd** that has resided on Catalina Island since 1924. Enjoy time on the water for kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding before exploring Avalon Harbor for an afternoon on your own. Stroll up **Avalon Canyon** to visit the **Wrigley Memorial and Botanical Gardens**. Or visit the famous Catalina Casino, built by William Wrigley, Jr. in 1929.

TERMS & CONDITIONS



NPCA TRAVELER ELIGIBILITY

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MAKING RESERVATIONS

To find more details on each of the day-by-day itineraries or to reserve your space on a trip, please visit npca.org/travel, call **1.800.628.7275** or send us an email at travel@npca.org.

TRAVEL SAFE WITH NPCA

NPCA is always committed to providing high quality tours that ensure the well-being and safety of our members and supporters. Each of our travel partners have developed robust safety protocols to protect the health of our guests, staff and the communities we visit. **IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRIP, YOU MUST BE UP TO DATE ON ALL COVID-19 VACCINATIONS, AS OUTLINED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.** Specific guidelines such as health screenings and social distancing will be determined based on the trip’s date of departure and group size. Please contact us for details.

TRAVELER RESPONSIBILITY

Travelers are responsible for choosing an NPCA trip consistent with their ability, fitness and overall health. Our trips are appropriate for people in good health with overall good mobility. Travelers should be prepared for a full day of physical activity, which can include walking or standing for extended periods (sometimes on uneven terrain) and climbing stairs or ladders. Any physical conditions requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

DEPOSIT, FINAL PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

The deposit amount, final payment date and cancellation policy for each individual NPCA tour are outlined in the detailed trip brochure, which can be found at npca.org/travel. If final payment is not received by the invoice date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. In the case of billing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with correct pricing. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 90 days before departure. Prices are based on double occupancy. Although price changes rarely occur, guests will be liable for any applicable taxes, fees or surcharges that may be assessed by the tour operator or government agencies. Each of our tour operator partners have different dates and penalties for participant cancellation on their tours. Please check your tour terms and conditions about fees and note that all cancellations must be sent in written notification. There will be no refund for unused portions of the tour.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & FORMS

All travelers are required to complete and return their registration form, personal information form, flight form and liability waiver before being allowed to participate in a trip. Travelers also are responsible for reading and understanding all pre-departure materials and bringing appropriate clothing and gear. Travel documents will be issued upon reservation and no later than 21 days prior to departure date on fully paid reservations.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

NPCA strongly recommends that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information on a comprehensive travel insurance coverage plan will be included with trip confirmation packets.

AIRLINE TICKETS

If a tour must be canceled by NPCA for any reason, NPCA and the tour operator affiliated with the trip will not be responsible for cancellation penalties related to airline tickets.

TOP LEFT: Santa Rosa Island Fox; TOP RIGHT: Anacapa Lighthouse; BOTTOM: Green Coastline, Santa Cruz Island

✪ Travel with NPCA Experts

We carefully match each NPCA staff host with the trip that best suits their knowledge and expertise to ensure you experience the national parks with those who know them best. From desert ecosystems to extraordinary cultural sites and lush rain forests to rocky shorelines, our NPCA experts connect you in a one-of-a-kind way to the rich history, culture and natural resources our national parks offer.



ALASKA
Bart Melton
Senior Program Director, Wildlife

An expert in wildlife conservation policy throughout the United States, Bart will provide in-depth knowledge on the myriad of critical species you'll see in Alaska's bear coast.



CALIFORNIA DESERTS
Chris Clarke
Ruth Hammett Associate Director, California Desert Program

Chris will guide you through the California Desert – the place he calls home and is dedicated to protecting. He will present insider knowledge of his work partnering with desert communities to protect national parks, monuments and the landscapes that surround them.



MAINE
Lauren Cosgrove
Northeast Senior Program Manager

With a focus in community-led stewardship and advocacy, Lauren brings important partnerships to the forefront of your tour through Acadia National Park and Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Because of Lauren's deep-rooted relationships in the area, you'll have access to NPCA partners for an insider look at the challenges faced in Frenchman Bay.



HAWAII
Neal Desai
Senior Program Director, Pacific Region

Neal is a trailblazer in establishing new national park sites and preserving critical coastal areas. He has been with NPCA for 18 years, focusing most of his work in the states of Hawai'i, California and Nevada. He'll weave his valuable knowledge and years of experience into the trip, contributing unique perspectives of the island's cultural and ecological significance.



AMERICAN SAMOA
Sarah Gaines Barmeyer
Deputy Vice President, Conservation Programs

With expertise in water restoration, landscape conservation, wildlife and clean air, Sarah leads NPCA's water protection and restoration activities. From the surrounding waters to the iconic wildlife of the National Park of American Samoa, Sarah will share her expert understanding of each site, ensuring you have an elevated educational travel experience.



OLYMPIC PENINSULA
Rob Smith
Regional Director, Northwest Region

Rob leads with a wide breadth of knowledge on the diverse ecosystems of the Olympic Peninsula and the importance of protecting each one. As you trek through the rain forest, beaches and mountains, Rob will share his perspectives on the ongoing efforts to keep the Olympic Peninsula wild.

Hear what our past travelers are saying about NPCA's travel experiences:

"I have visited many national parks but going with an NPCA employee was the best experience. Their knowledge about the park — its past, present and future — is invaluable and adds so much to the park experience."

"A great educational and visual experience from start to finish."

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