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Travel Collection

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

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The National Park of American Samoa

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From Our CEO

Dear friend,

As you browse NPCA's 2024 travel collection catalog, envision yourself immersed in the remarkable landscapes and captivating narratives experienced on each unique trip. With NPCA, you'll embark on journeys that inspire, educate and ignite your passion for conservation. Join us as we set forth on extraordinary adventures together, celebrating the breathtaking beauty and history of our national parks and the profound importance of their preservation.

Our 2024 lineup includes some favorite destinations back by popular demand, along with some tours to hard-to-reach parks. Our trips are custom-designed to showcase the critical work that park protectors like you have helped NPCA achieve — from learning about the newly established Avi Kwa Ame National Monument on our trip through California and Nevada to witnessing the recently protected and astonishing wilderness of southwest Alaska's Bristol Bay area. We'll traverse by foot, plane and boat to experience the cherished places you've helped us preserve. Because of you, future generations can connect with these irreplaceable outdoor spaces just like we will on our unforgettable trips.

You can choose from a breadth of options that match your interests. If you're passionate about wildlife, take a trip of a lifetime to view the world-famous coastal brown bears of **Lake Clark National Park** with a bearviewing expert, or spot humpback and orca whales on our newly added small-ship cruise through **southeast Alaska**. A thrilling trip to **Yellowstone** with local experts will bring the rush of trying to see wolf populations within the wildlife-rich Lamar Valley.

If history and culture are more your interest areas, come learn about the sacred land NPCA recently helped protect in the **Mojave Desert** or our efforts to expand cultural resource protections and increase Wabanaki Tribal representation in **Maine**. Follow the path of the **Civil Rights Movement** to meet with foot soldiers and hear firsthand stories of this painful part of America's history. Or engage with communities in **American Samoa**, learning the customs, participating in the traditions and reveling in the island's warm tropical waters and lush forested mountains. Our trips truly have something for every park enthusiast.

Safe and happy travels,

Therea Fierro

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President & CEO,

National Parks Conservation

Association

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This catalog is just a snapshot of each of our trips in 2024.

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NPCA's 2024 Travel Collection is your gateway to extraordinary adventures that combine the thrill of exploration with a deep commitment to preserving our nation's natural and cultural treasures.

As a valued NPCA member, you have the exclusive opportunity to join us on these remarkable trips, designed to immerse you in the rich tapestry of our country's heritage and conservation efforts.

MEANINGFUL EXPEDITIONS: Ensure a Brighter Future for our Parks

When you choose to travel with the National Parks Conservation Association, you're not just embarking on an incredible journey – you're making a meaningful impact. Our commitment to conservation runs deep, and we are proud to share that a portion of every trip's fees directly supports NPCA's vital work. Your choice to travel with us helps protect and preserve these cherished landscapes for generations to come.

CONNECTING HEARTS TO CONSERVATION:

Deepen Your Bond with National Parks

Our curated itineraries offer more than just sightseeing. With NPCA, you'll delve into the cultural and natural history of each destination, guided by passionate experts who bring these stories to life. We believe that true appreciation for our parks goes hand in hand with awareness of the conservation efforts being made to protect them. Engage with park rangers, NPCA partners and local communities as they share their invaluable insights and discuss the challenges and triumphs of preserving these natural treasures. Leave with a deeper understanding of the critical role we all play in the future of our parks.

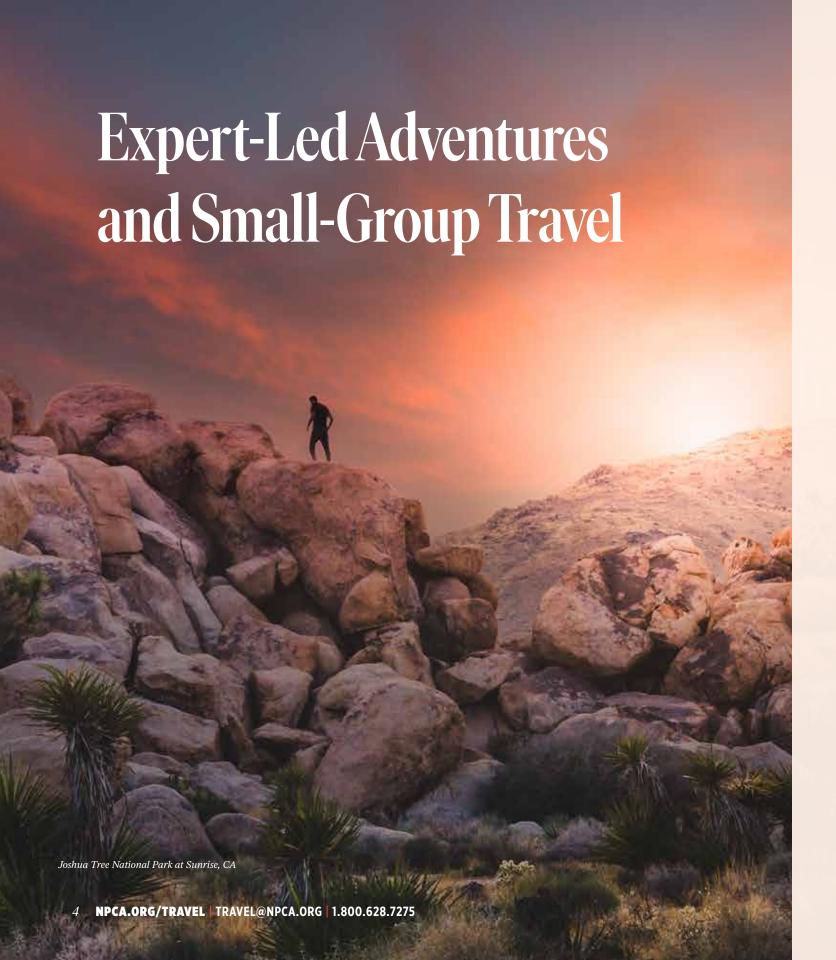
"My experience was life changing, memorable and educational."

— NPCA TRAVELER

UNVEILING HIDDEN GEMS: **Explore Lesser-Known** Sites

Uncover hidden gems adjacent to the popular parks we all know and love, as NPCA takes you off the beaten path to lesser-known, yet equally important, national park sites. Our itineraries are crafted to ensure you experience the magic of natural and cultural parks that are often overshadowed but hold their own significance, helping tell the rich and inclusive story of all Americans.

NPCA's commitment to providing exclusive access sets our trips apart. Whether it's taking an insider's tour with local residents at Aunu'u National Natural Landmark on the island of American Samoa or an intimate gathering with NPCA's Tribal partners in the Mojave Desert, these behind-the-scenes experiences will create lifelong memories that deepen your connection to each destination.



Knowledgeable Staff Experts and Diverse Perspectives

Embark on extraordinary adventures led by our team of experienced staff that represents a wide range of backgrounds. With expertise spanning environmental conservation, cultural heritage, wildlife biology and more, our staff brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to each journey. Delve into engaging discussions and gain unique insights into the issues that shape our parks, including land preservation, climate change and Indigenous perspectives. Together, we'll explore the multifaceted aspects of these remarkable landscapes.

Connecting with **NPCA Partners and Community Insiders**

Our commitment to providing enriching experiences goes beyond your NPCA staff hosts. We collaborate with key NPCA partners and local experts who are deeply connected to the destinations we visit. Engage in dialogue with scientists, community leaders and Tribal members who are at the forefront of conservation and preservation efforts. Their firsthand accounts and valuable perspectives will deepen your understanding of the challenges and successes in protecting these national treasures.

Led by Naturalists and **Local Guides**

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of each destination as you journey alongside experienced naturalists and local guides. These knowledgeable experts possess an intimate understanding of the local flora, fauna and ecosystems, providing fascinating details about the intricate natural history of the destinations. From identifying bird species to decoding the secrets of ancient trees, their expertise adds depth and richness to your exploration of these captivating landscapes.

Personalized and **Intimate Experiences**

Escape the crowds and embrace the beauty of small-group travel, where personal connections and tailored experiences take center stage. Our trips offer a more intimate setting, allowing you to forge meaningful connections with fellow travelers who share your passion for adventure and conservation. Enjoy in-depth exploration, engaging conversations and a relaxed pace that allows for deeper connections with both nature and your fellow companions.

Building a Community of Like-Minded **Travelers**

At NPCA, we believe that travel has the power to build connections and foster a sense of community. Our trips provide a platform for like-minded individuals to come together, share their experiences and form lasting friendships. As you explore breathtaking landscapes, engage in enlightening discussions and collaborate on conservation initiatives, you'll be part of a community that is united by a deep love for our national parks and a shared commitment to their preservation.

"NPCA conducts terrific small group trips to national parks, with excellent guides and access to park staff."

- NPCA TRAVELER



Minimizing Waste and **Maximizing Impact**

We believe in treading lightly in our national parks. Our trips are thoughtfully designed to minimize waste and promote environmental stewardship. From the use of reusable materials to reducing single-use plastics, something NPCA has long supported eliminating from our parks, we prioritize waste reduction at every opportunity. By joining our trips, you become part of a movement toward a more sustainable future for these treasured places.

Empowering Local Communities and Small Businesses

NPCA is passionate about supporting local communities. We believe that travel should not only enrich the traveler's experience but also have a positive impact on the destinations they visit. When you travel with us, you contribute to the economic well-being of local communities by helping us support small or locally owned businesses whenever possible, including local vendors and suppliers. Engage in authentic cultural experiences, savor local cuisines and take home locally made gifts, knowing that your journey has made a difference.

Personalized Service Tailored to Your Needs

Your journey with NPCA is a personal one. We understand that each traveler is unique, with their own interests and preferences. That's why our trips offer personalized service, ensuring that your experience is tailored to meet your individual needs. Our dedicated travel team and exceptional tour partners are committed to crafting unforgettable moments and catering to your desires, creating a truly remarkable and personalized adventure.

Guided by Experts, Inspired by Passion

Unleash your thirst for knowledge by traveling with expert operators who possess a deep understanding and passion for the destinations we explore. Their expertise brings the landscapes, history and culture to life, enriching your journey with fascinating insights and captivating stories. Immerse yourself in their wealth of knowledge as they guide you through extraordinary experiences, offering a profound understanding of the places we visit.

2024 Trip Destinations Geothermal Explorations and **Ancient Migrations: GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM June 2-8 ACADIA TO KATAHDIN:** Exploring Maine's Waterways, Woodlands and Wabanaki Cultural Heritage September 22-28 MT **EXPLORING ALASKA'S** AK ND **COASTAL WILDERNESS** Cruise August 25-September 1 ME SD OR WY NE Bears, Whales and Glaciers: OH KENAI FJORDS AND LAKE CLARK July 13-20 CO KS МО WV CA KY TN OK AZ AR California's Desert Landscape: JOSHUA TREE AND DEATH VALLEY MS AL TX March 16-22 AS ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM: Faʻa Samoa: Understanding Civil Rights Through THE NATIONAL PARK **OF AMERICAN SAMOA** our National Parks and Heritage Areas November 13-18 October 10-17

California's Desert Landscape:

Joshua Tree and Death Valley

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the best of the Mojave Desert in California and Nevada to uncover a plethora of phenomena, including lush oases, vast sand dunes, towering granite monoliths, salt flats, badlands, alpine peaks and desert wildlife.

DATES: March 16-22, 2024

NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$6,475+ per person ARRIVE/DEPART: Palm Springs, California/

Las Vegas, Nevada



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Joshua Tree National Park: Join NPCA 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.
- **Death Valley National Park:** Spend two nights in the driest and lowest spot in North America and experience a variety of different ecosystems from sand dunes and narrow canyons to salt flats. Enjoy a night-sky viewing program at this Gold Tier Dark Sky Park.
- Avi Kwa Ame National Monument: Immerse yourself in Nevada's newest national monument — a sacred landscape to 12 local Tribes. Here, where ancient traditions and visually stunning landscapes meet, you'll hear from NPCA staff about our pivotal role in gaining permanent protections for this area.







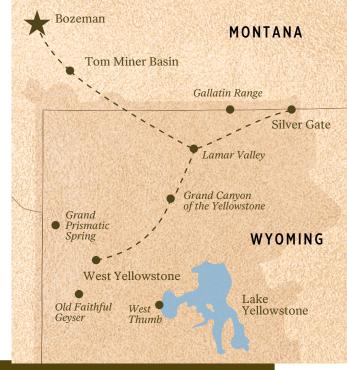
Geothermal Explorations and Ancient Migrations:

The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

From Tom Miner Basin through the heart of Yellowstone country, join us in a landscape of subalpine forests, serene mountains, wildlife-rich valleys, gleaming lakes, and cascading rivers and canyons shaped by one of the largest active volcanic systems in the world.

DATES: June 2-8, 2024

NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$6,570+ per person ARRIVE/DEPART: Bozeman, Montana



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Lamar Valley: Spend time with local experts in Lamar Valley — often called America's Serengeti for its immense and easy-to-see populations of large animals. Here, try to spot Yellowstone's elusive wolf population as you learn about their reintroduction to the park.
- Yellowstone National Park: Enhance your understanding of America's first national park as you venture from Grand Prismatic Spring and Old Faithful Geyser to West Thumb Geyser and Lake Yellowstone.
- Tom Miner Basin: Take in impressive views of the southwest Montana landscape and Paradise Valley's Tom Miner Basin. You'll want to keep your eyes peeled for grizzlies, elk and moose on your guided hike.







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DATES: July 13-20, 2024 NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$7,195+ per person ARRIVE/DEPART: Anchorage, Alaska

Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark

"Bear" witness to the wonders of two of Alaska's most stunning national parks — Kenai Fjords and Lake Clark — where massive ice chunks plunge into secluded inlets, dense boreal forests provide habitat for moose, brown bears and wolves, and stellar sea lions rest on the rugged coast.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Kenai Fjords National Park: Stay at the only wilderness lodge within Alaska's 700,000-acre Kenai Fjords National Park. On the water, admire an abundance of marine life as you cruise near the rugged coast.
- Bear Viewing in Lake Clark National Park: Situated at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve is one of the hardest-to-access national parks in the United States. Spend the day with a knowledgeable bearviewing guide who will escort you to lakeside areas where bears feed on spawning wild Alaska salmon. Then, hear from NPCA experts about our role in the recent monumental victory over the proposed Pebble Mine.
- Exit Glacier: Located in the only section of the Harding Icefield that is accessible by road, embark on a guided hike to catch a glimpse into the awe-inspiring power of ice and time.







Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness

Cruise

Board the 100-guest National Geographic Quest to sail through southeast Alaska's fast-moving channels where whales return to feed year after year and bears, sea lions and eagles can be spotted in their natural habitat. Head deep into this authentic wilderness to kayak amid glacial ice, hike in an old-growth forest and spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park.

DATES: August 25 - September 1, 2024 NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$7,011+ per person ARRIVE/DEPART: Sitka, Alaska/Juneau, Alaska



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS 🖺

- Glacier Bay National Park: Spend the entire day amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. Keep an eye out for brown bears along the hillside and mountain goats scaling the peaks, while harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins keep near the water's edge.
- Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait: Alongside an expert naturalist, you may encounter captivating orca and humpback whales breaching the surface of these vast waterways.
- Tongass National Forest: See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac, a small inflatable boat, for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs.

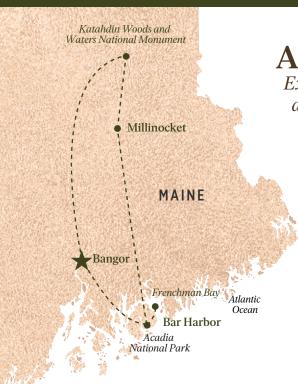






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Acadia to Katahdin:

Exploring Maine's Waterways, Woodlands and Wabanaki Cultural Heritage

Journey with NPCA experts and key partners through Maine to witness the glaciated coastal and island landscape of Acadia National Park and the remote wilderness of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

DATES: September 22-28, 2024

NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$6,995+ per person

ARRIVE/DEPART: Bangor, Maine

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS FOR

- Wabanaki Culture: Spend time on a special guided tour of the Abbe Museum, a Smithsonian partner presenting more than 12,000 years of Wabanaki history. Learn how Acadia and Katahdin are connected through past and present migrations and celebrations of the Wabanaki people.
- Acadia National Park: Traverse Acadia's enchanting landscapes with an expert guide — from the famous sunrise view atop Cadillac Mountain to the 1,100 species of plants that blanket the ground, hide beneath dark waters and stand tall along beaten paths.
- Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument: Journey on foot and by air through Katahdin, an 87,500-acre landscape boasting rich biodiversity and wondrous views of Mt. Katahdin, vast boreal forests and free-flowing rivers.







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Fa'a Samoa:

The National Park of American Samoa

Talofa! Alongside NPCA experts, visit all three of the islands where the National Park of American Samoa is located. You'll feel the warm welcome of Samoan culture as a guest in an immersive experience of community, culture and conservation.

DATES: October 10-17, 2024

NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$5,925+ per person

ARRIVE/DEPART: Pago Pago, American Samoa (by way of Honolulu, Hawai'i)



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Samoan Culture: As a guest of the islands, you'll get to spend time with residents partaking in and learning about fa'a samoa: 3,000-year-old traditions and social customs that hold the natural environment and land as most precious.
- Tropical Beaches: Paddle an outrigger canoe, snorkel or swim in warm waters, and tour the state-of-the-art Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center to learn about the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa.
- Wildlife: With a national park ranger by your side, keep an eye out for large fruit bats and several species of sea turtles that sun themselves on the beach and dwell in the coastal waters.







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On the Road to Freedom:

Understanding Civil Rights Through Our National Parks and Heritage Areas

Join NPCA experts on a transformative journey through some of the most significant sites associated with the American Civil Rights Movement.

DATES: November 13-18, 2024

NPCA MEMBER PRICE: \$5,590+ per person ARRIVE/DEPART: Birmingham, Alabama/

Memphis, Tennessee



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Inspiring Guests: In Birmingham, meet The Rev. Carolyn McKinstry, a 16th Street Baptist Church bombing survivor who will share her moving story. At the Selma Interpretive Center, join Joanne Bland, the youngest person jailed during any U.S. civil rights demonstration during the 1950s and '60s, for a fascinating conversation.
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours: Step inside Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument with superintendent Keena Graham for a rare and in-depth look at this park site. At The Stax Museum of American Soul Music, consider the indelible impact of blues on the Civil Rights Movement with Jeff Kolath, director of the museum.
- NPCA Campaigns: With NPCA experts and partners, visit sites associated with the tragic murder of Emmett Till and with his mother Mamie Till-Mobley's work for justice after her son's death. Also, learn about NPCA's role in the landmark establishment of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument.







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TERMS AND 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, visit npca.org/travel. You may also contact NPCA's National Parks Experiences Program at 1.800.628.7275 or travel@npca.org.

TRAVEL SAFE WITH NPCA

NPCA is always committed to providing high-quality tours that ensure the well-being and safety of its members and supporters. Each of our partnering tour operators has developed robust safety protocols to protect the health of our guests, staff and the communities we visit. Specific guidelines such as health screenings and emergency policies and procedures will be determined by NPCA's tour operator partner for each trip. Please contact NPCA's tour operator partner listed in the brochure for each trip departure 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 to the applicable tour operator when booking to determine what accommodations can be made. Please consult with NPCA's tour operator partner listed in the brochure for each trip departure for more details.

DEPOSIT, FINAL PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Each of our tour operator partners has different dates and penalties for participant cancellation on their tours. The deposit amount, final payment date and cancellation policy for each individual NPCA tour are outlined in each of the detailed trip brochures, which can be found at npca.org/trave. Prices listed for each trip 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. Please consult NPCA's tour operator's terms and conditions about fees and note that all cancellations must be sent as a written notification. There will be no refund for unused portions of the tour.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

All travelers are required to complete and return their registration form, personal information form, flight form, liability waiver and photo release 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. NPCA and the tour operator will take photographs during the tour and provide a shared album for participants to upload photographs, some of which may be of you and/or your guests. Pursuant to the Liability Waiver and Photo Release, NPCA reserves the right to use these photos for promotional purposes, internal purposes, in NPCAs travel catalog and brochures, and on its website. Travel documents will be issued upon reservation and no later than 21 days prior to departure date on fully paid reservations. Please consult with NPCAs tour operator partner listed in the brochure for each trip departure for more details.

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.

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