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2025 *Travel Collection*

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

**EXPLORING ALASKA'S
COASTAL WILDERNESS**
Cruise

Bears, Whales and Glaciers:
**KENAI FJORDS AND
LAKE CLARK**

YOSEMITE
Hiking Adventure

The National Parks of
HAWAI'I

UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE
and Beyond

ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM:
*Understanding Civil Rights Through Our
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Ancient Forests of the
OLYMPIC PENINSULA

NPCA Travel 2025

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This catalog is just a snapshot of each of our trips in 2025.

For more information, including the detailed itineraries, please visit npca.org/travel.



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From Our CEO

Dear friend,

As we embark on another year of protecting and celebrating our national parks, I am delighted to unveil NPCA's 2025 Travel Collection. A rich tapestry of experiences that blend adventure, education and conservation, each of our trips offer a behind-the-scenes look into efforts to safeguard national parks for future generations — work that your generous support makes possible. Join us on an unforgettable journey we hope will fuel your appreciation for our natural parks and your passion for protecting them.

From whale-watching along rugged coastlines to bear-spotting in lush mountain valleys, wildlife lovers can rejoice in the raw wilderness and beauty of **Kenai Fjords National Park** and **Lake Clark National Park and Preserve**, where NPCA's efforts to stop construction of the Pebble Mine has helped to preserve habitat for the highest concentration of brown bears in the world. Or embark on a **coastal wilderness cruise** through Southeast Alaska, where eagles and whales await amid the breathtaking scenery of **Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve**.

Those with a passion for history and culture can take a powerful journey to some of the South's most significant civil rights sites on our **On the Road to Freedom** trip, including the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument that NPCA helped to establish. Or explore the many ancient settlements and historic sites of the **National Parks of Hawai'i**, also home to some of the world's most diverse ecosystems.

Our **Olympic Peninsula** trip showcases another complex ecosystem of natural wonders ranging from pristine beaches to lush rainforests and alpine tundra. Here, you'll gain insight into NPCA's work to restore the Elwha River and our campaign to protect one of the quietest places on the planet.

In addition to these perennial favorites, we are thrilled to add two new trips to next year's offerings: **Utah's Mighty Five** and **Yosemite National Park**. Uncover the rugged beauty and deep Indigenous history of the desert Southwest that contains several of our most famous national parks, including world-renowned Arches and Zion. In California, marvel at Yosemite's awe-inspiring sequoia groves and towering granite rock faces while delving into the park's rich natural and human histories.

Whether you're a seasoned park traveler or first-time explorer, join us on an extraordinary adventure into some of our wildest and most treasured places. The national parks are calling.

Safe and happy travels,

Theresa Pierno



Embark on Unforgettable Journeys with NPCA

Experience NPCA's 2025 Travel Collection, your gateway to extraordinary adventures that combine the thrill of exploration with a deep commitment to protecting our nation's natural and cultural treasures. As a valued NPCA member, you have exclusive access to these meaningful journeys, where discovery and stewardship go hand in hand.

Moloka'i, HI



Travel with Purpose

When you choose to travel with NPCA, you're not just embarking on an incredible journey — you're making a meaningful impact. 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 our national parks for generations to come.

Connect Deeply 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. Engage with park rangers, NPCA partners and local community members as they share their invaluable insights into the challenges and triumphs of park preservation. You'll leave with a deeper understanding of the critical role we all play in the future of our parks.

Discover Hidden Gems

NPCA takes you off the beaten path to lesser-known national park sites adjacent to the parks we all know and love. Our itineraries are crafted to help you experience the magic and significance of natural and cultural parks that are often overshadowed, but also critical in telling the rich and inclusive story of all Americans.

Obtain Special Access

NPCA's dedication to offering insider access sets our trips apart. Whether you're exploring a 500-year-old lava tube with an expert volcanologist in Hawai'i or speaking with a survivor of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Alabama, our behind-the-scenes experiences are crafted to deepen your connection to each destination.

Travel Responsibly

Embracing the principles of responsible travel, NPCA prioritizes minimizing our environmental footprint while maximizing our contributions to local communities. Partnering with like-minded tour operators, we source locally whenever possible, abide by Leave No Trace principles, and emphasize wildlife protection, responsible waste management and the respect of local cultures.



Enjoy Expert-Led, Small-Group Adventures

A hallmark of NPCA travel experiences is the collaborative team of experts who bring life and dimension to the remarkable places we visit. Our small-group dynamics enable you to connect more deeply with these individuals, as well as with your community of fellow travelers.

Yosemite National Park, CA



Join Knowledgeable Staff Experts

Embark on extraordinary adventures with our knowledgeable staff who represent a wide and diverse range of backgrounds. With expertise spanning environmental conservation, cultural heritage, wildlife biology and more, NPCA staff bring a wealth of experience to each journey. Delve into engaging discussions and gain insight into the issues that shape our parks, including land preservation, wildlife protection, climate change and Indigenous perspectives.

Gain NPCA Partner Perspectives

In addition to NPCA staff experts, our trips feature key NPCA partners and local guides who are intimately connected to the destinations we visit. Engage with scientists, community leaders and Tribal members who are leading conservation and preservation efforts. These firsthand perspectives are designed to deepen your understanding of challenges in park protection and the vital role partnerships play in achieving conservation goals.




Access Naturalists & Local Expert Guides

Immerse yourself in natural and cultural wonders as you journey alongside experienced guides. Our knowledgeable naturalists possess an intimate understanding of local flora, fauna and ecosystems, providing insight into the intricate natural history of the destinations we visit. Local guides also provide rich cultural interpretation, providing salient historical and present-day context to highlight the significance of our nation's cultural heritage and the need for its preservation.

Enjoy Personalized, Small-Group Travel

Escape the crowds and embrace the advantages of small-group travel, where personal connections and tailored experiences take center stage. The intimate size of our trips enables you to forge meaningful connections with like-minded travelers and readily engage with trip staff, partners and guides. Recognizing that each traveler is unique, our small groups also allow us to provide personalized attention and accommodate individual needs and interests.



TRAVELER EXPERIENCES



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The NPCA trip to the Olympic Peninsula was truly the trip of a lifetime. Words like glorious and breathtaking come close to describing the natural areas we visited.”



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You may think you already know what happened during the era of the fight for civil rights. Trust me, you don't. You need to take this tour.”



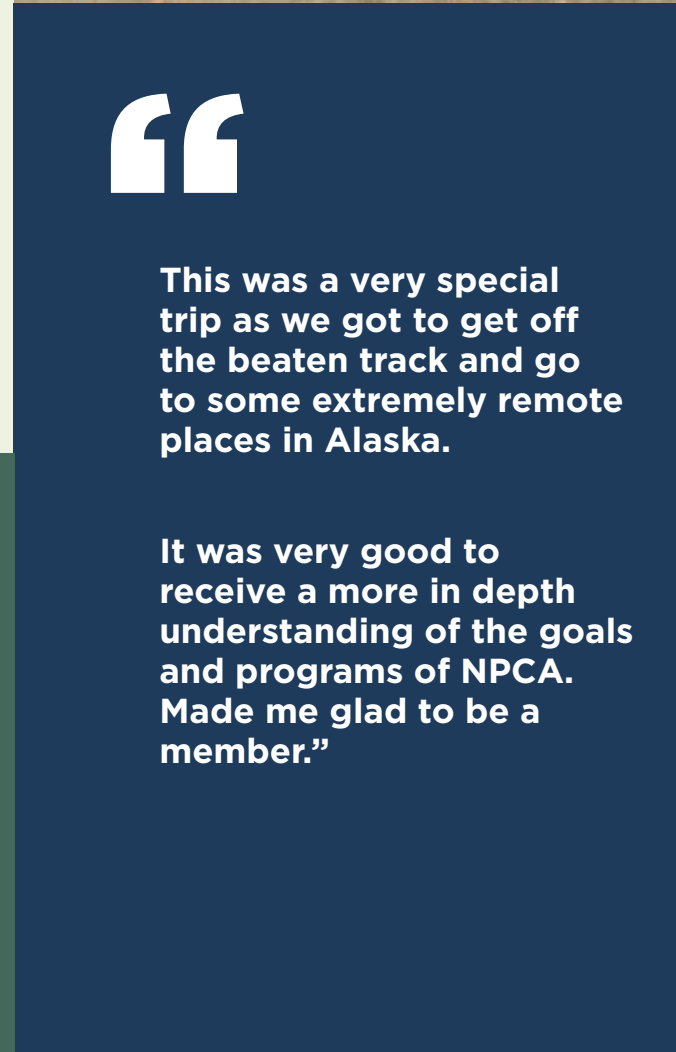
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The trip just validates my conviction that we must do everything we can to protect and preserve wild places and their plant and animal inhabitants.”



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I love learning about the natural, cultural and historic resources each park has been designated to protect. Traveling with NPCA made this all possible with a depth of knowledge and interpretation designed to immerse us and connect us to essential elements of the parks we would not have had access to traveling on our own! Best. Tour. Experience. Ever. Can hardly wait for the next trip!”



“

This was a very special trip as we got to get off the beaten track and go to some extremely remote places in Alaska.

It was very good to receive a more in depth understanding of the goals and programs of NPCA. Made me glad to be a member.”



2025 Trip Map

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

EASY: 0-500 feet of elevation gain;
1-2 miles of walking/hiking per day

MODERATE: 500-1000 feet of elevation gain;
3-5 miles of walking/hiking per day

ACTIVE: 1000-1800 feet of elevation gain;
6-8 miles of walking/hiking per day



EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS Cruise
August 31-September 7 | Easy-Moderate

Ancient Forests of the OLYMPIC PENINSULA
September 17-23 | Moderate

UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE and Beyond
October 4-12 | Moderate-Active

Bears, Whales and Glaciers: KENAI FJORDS AND LAKE CLARK
July 12-19 | Moderate

YOSEMITE Hiking Adventure
June 18-23 | Moderate-Active

The National Parks of HAWAI'I
April 19-27 | Moderate

ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM:
Understanding Civil Rights Through our National Parks and Heritage Areas
November 12-17 | Easy



The National Parks of Hawai'i

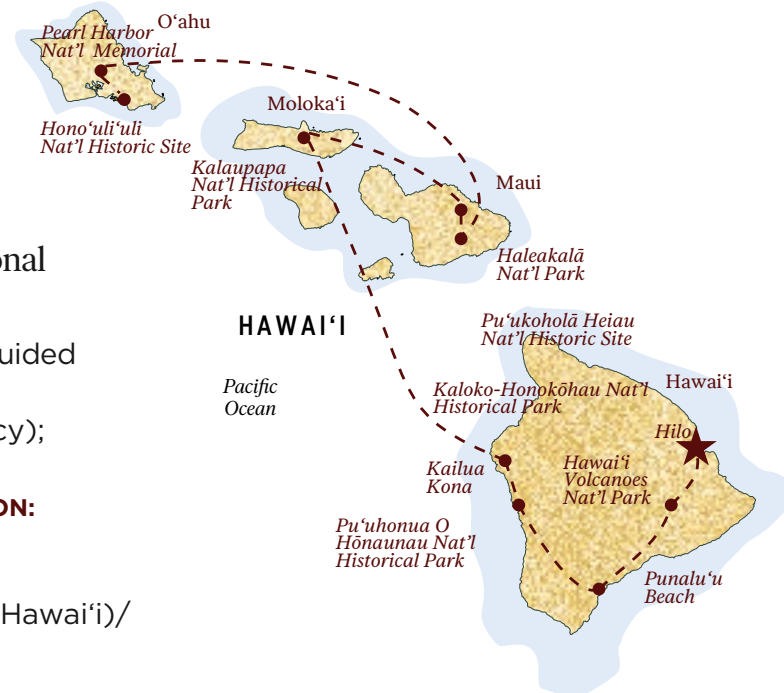
Travel to the remote Hawaiian Islands, home to some of Earth's most diverse ecosystems, to experience all eight national park units in the state.

DATES: April 19-27, 2025, with optional guided trip extension April 27-29, 2025

COST: \$7,885/person (double occupancy); \$9,610/person (single occupancy)

COST FOR APRIL 27-29, 2025 TRIP EXTENSION: \$1,675/person (double occupancy); \$1,980/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: Hilo, Hawai'i (Island of Hawai'i)/Kahului, Hawai'i (Island of Maui)



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **HAWAII ISLAND:** Discover **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore a 500-year-old lava tube with a **volcanologist**, visit **Punalu'u Black Sand Beach** and stay at the historic **Volcano House** on the edge of the **Kīlauea Volcano Crater**.
- **MOLOKA'I:** Tour the only National Park System unit on the island, **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** and explore the volcano summit at 10,023 feet above sea level. With a Hawaiian cultural expert, visit **Īao Valley State Park**, a sacred site to the Hawaiian people.
- **O'AHU (OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION APRIL 27-29):** Visit **Pearl Harbor National Memorial** to view the **USS Arizona Memorial** and explore the new **Hono'uli'uli National Historic Site**, which memorializes the largest and longest-used Japanese incarceration camp during World War II.



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Hiking Yosemite National Park

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes journey through the majestic granite formations, ancient sequoias, spectacular waterfalls and rich history of Yosemite, one of the world's most celebrated national parks.

DATES: June 18-23, 2025

COST: \$6,555/person (double occupancy); \$8,593/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: Fresno, California



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **YOSEMITE VALLEY:** Trek to **Vernal Falls** and **Nevada Falls**, two of Yosemite's crown jewels. Enjoy stunning views of the valley's waterfalls and the park's many phenomenal granite peaks.
- **YOSEMITE HIGH COUNTRY:** Take in mesmerizing views along **Tioga Pass Road**. Hike to the summit of **Lembert Dome** and behold the stunning Cathedral Range and Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River.
- **MARIPOSA GROVE:** Hike the grove's lower loop, taking in views of **giant sequoias** and the 2,700-year-old **Grizzly Giant**, one of the oldest trees on earth.
- **HISTORY:** Take a guided walk with the **Yosemite Conservancy** through **Ahwahnee Village** to learn about the area's Native American heritage and pioneer past. Tour the **Yosemite History Center** and **Chinese Laundry Building** to uncover the stories of the park's often overlooked Chinese American residents and employees.



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

Experience the wonders of some of Alaska's most stunning national parks, where glaciers, boreal forests and wildlife abound.

DATES: July 12-19, 2025, with optional guided trip extension July 19-20, 2025

COST: 7,995/person (double occupancy); \$9,995/person (single occupancy)

COST FOR JULY 19-20 TRIP EXTENSION: \$1,295/person (double occupancy); \$1,625/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: Anchorage, Alaska



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **KENAI FJORDS GLACIER LODGE:** Stay at the only wilderness lodge within Alaska's 700,000-acre **Kenai Fjords National Park**.
- **BEAR VIEWING IN LAKE CLARK NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE:** Enjoy a **scenic flightseeing tour** via floatplane to one of the hardest-to-access national parks in the United States and spend the day with a knowledgeable **bear-viewing guide**. Learn about NPCA's role in the recent, monumental Pebble Mine victory.
- **EXIT GLACIER:** Embark on a guided hike in the only section of the **Harding Icefield** that is accessible by road.
- **DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE FLY OVER (OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION JULY 19-20):** Fly over the **Alaska Range** and enjoy views of alpine tundra, **glacier-fed rivers** and the **Ruth Glacier**, a 40-mile-long glacier that flows through the world's deepest trench, known as the **Great Gorge**.



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness *Cruise*

Board the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest* to traverse Southeast Alaska's fast-moving channels and experience the wilderness, wildlife, glacial ice and old-growth forests of this spectacular region of Alaska.

DATES: August 31-September 7, 2025

COST: From \$7,369/person (double occupancy); from \$11,060/person (single occupancy)

**(WITH SPECIAL 10% GROUP SAVINGS FOR NPCA MEMBERS)
\$500 DISCOUNT EXTENDED TO ALL GUESTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

ARRIVE/DEPART: Sitka, Alaska/Juneau, Alaska



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK:** Spend an entire day amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of **Glacier Bay National Park**. Watch 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:** Tour these vast waterways alongside an **expert naturalist**. With luck, you'll spy **orcas** and **humpback whales** breaching the surface.
- **TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST:** See the soaring **Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier** up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view amid sculpted icebergs.
- **PETERSBURG:** Visit the small Alaska fishing town of Petersburg on **Mitkof Island** and explore a remarkable Southeast Alaska ecosystem, **the muskeg**, with stunted trees and carnivorous plants.



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Ancient Forests of the Olympic Peninsula

Immerse yourself in Olympic National Park, a landscape where natural wonders, complex ecosystems and history come together to offer a truly magnificent experience.

DATES: September 17-23, 2025

COST: \$6,995/person (double occupancy); \$8,280/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: Seattle, Washington



Utah's Mighty Five and Beyond

Embark on a journey through the breathtaking landscapes of southern Utah, an area rich with Indigenous heritage and home to several of the country's most scenic national parks.

DATES: October 4-12, 2025

COST: \$6,570/person (double occupancy); \$8,120/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: St. George, Utah



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **WILD COASTLINES:** Experience the sea stacks at iconic **Ruby Beach** and observe colorful sea life on a special **guided tour** of **Rialto Beach**.
- **LUSH RAIN FOREST:** Spend a day hiking in the **Hoh Rain Forest** and join an **acoustic ecologist** in "the quietest place in America." Enjoy an optional group kayaking tour on **Lake Crescent** and marvel at the crashing water of **Sol Duc Falls**.
- **ALPINE PEAKS:** Enjoy an insider's look at majestic **Hurricane Ridge** and visit the former site of the **Elwha Dam**, which NPCA successfully helped to remove.
- **RICH CULTURE:** Learn about the continued relationship of the Olympic Peninsula's **eight contemporary Tribes** with the park's natural resources. Hear from a special guest at the **Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial**.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **SOUTHWESTERN UTAH:** Experience **Zion National Park's** famous, half-day Angel's Landing hike up to Scout Lookout. Take in **Bryce Canyon National Park's** expansive, hoodoo-filled Bryce Amphitheatre. Hike to the impressive Hickman Bridge in **Capitol Reef National Park** and view vast rock formations in the least-visited of Utah's Mighty Five.
- **MOAB:** Explore some of the amazing stone arches and rock formations of **Arches National Park**. Enjoy a sunset excursion to **Canyonlands National Park's** spectacular Grandview Point Overlook.
- **INDIGENOUS CULTURE:** Gain Indigenous perspectives as you hike alongside **Diné (Navajo) guides** in beautiful **Monument Valley** and Butler Wash in **Bears Ears National Monument**.
- **NORTHERN ARIZONA:** Visit **Antelope Canyon**, one of the world's most famous slot canyons. Enjoy a hike to stunning views at **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's Horseshoe Bend**, one of northern Arizona's most photographed sites.



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On the Road to Freedom:

Understanding Civil Rights Through Our National Parks and Heritage Areas

Take a transformative journey through some of the most significant sites associated with the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.

DATES: November 12-17, 2025

COST: \$5,680/person (double occupancy); \$7,070/person (single occupancy)

ARRIVE/DEPART: Birmingham, Alabama/ Memphis, Tennessee



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



- **INSPIRING GUESTS:** Meet **Reverend Carolyn McKinstry**, a 16th Street Baptist Church bombing survivor. At the **Selma Interpretive Center**, connect with **Joanne Bland**, the youngest person jailed during any U.S. civil rights demonstration during the 1950s and '60s.
- **BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS:** Step inside **Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument** with **Superintendent Keena Graham** for an in-depth look at this park site. At **Stax Museum of American Soul Music**, consider the indelible impact of blues on the Civil Rights Movement with **Museum Director Jeff Kolath**.
- **NEW NATIONAL PARK SITES:** Visit sites associated with the tragic murder of Emmett Till and gain insight into NPCA's work to help establish the new **Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument**.
- **HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY:** Embark on a journey through the **Mississippi Delta** and see firsthand why NPCA is prioritizing necessary protections for the region's abundant civil rights history.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NPCA is an independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. We are 100% privately funded and we rely on donations from individuals like you.

ELIGIBILITY

One traveler per party must be an NPCA member with an active membership in order to participate in an NPCA trip. For more information or to become a member, visit npca.org/join.

RESERVATIONS

For detailed day-by-day trip itineraries, pricing or to reserve your space, visit npca.org/travel. You may also contact National Parks Experiences Program at 1.800.628.7275 or travel@npca.org.

SAFETY

NPCA is committed to ensuring the well-being and safety of our travelers. NPCA's tour operator partners institute emergency policies and procedures and any specific measures, such as health screenings, as necessary and appropriate, for each trip departure.

TRAVELER RESPONSIBILITY

Travelers are responsible for selecting an NPCA trip consistent with their ability, fitness and overall health. Before joining a trip, all travelers must commit to adhering to the tour operator's Terms and Conditions; completing and submitting all required documentation provided by the tour operator; conducting themselves safely and appropriately; following instructions from the tour operator and NPCA staff; and adhering to the laws of the destination(s) visited on the trip. Additionally, travelers are expected to familiarize themselves with all pre-departure materials and ensure appropriate clothing and gear for the journey. Travelers should report any conditions or limitations requiring special attention, diet or treatment to the tour operator when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

DEPOSIT, FINAL PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

Each departure's trip brochure, which can be found at npca.org/travel, outlines the deposit amount, final payment date and cancellation policy. Prices listed for each trip are based on double occupancy. Although price changes are rare, guests are liable for any applicable taxes, fees or surcharges that may be assessed by the tour operator or government agencies. Each of NPCA's tour operator partners have different dates and penalties for cancellations. Please consult the tour operator's Terms and

Conditions regarding fees and note that all cancellations must be sent to the tour operator in writing. There will be no refund for unused portions of the tour.

DOCUMENTS & FORMS

Before participating in a trip, all travelers are required to complete and return a registration form, personal information form, flight form, liability waiver and photo release. NPCA and the tour operator will take photographs during the trip and provide a shared online album for travelers to upload photographs. Pursuant to the Liability Waiver and Photo Release, NPCA reserves the right to use these images for promotional and internal purposes, including NPCA's Travel Program collateral and website.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

NPCA strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Information on a recommended comprehensive travel insurance coverage plan will be provided. However, travelers may purchase any travel insurance of their choosing provided it meets any applicable tour operator minimum requirements. NPCA's tour operator partners may require travel insurance for certain trips as a condition of participation; all travelers must adhere to any such requirements. Should you need assistance, NPCA recommends contacting Travel Insurance Services through USI Affinity at 1-800-937-1387 or at <http://my.travelinsure.com/npc>.

AIRLINE TICKETS

If NPCA must cancel a tour for any reason, NPCA and the tour operator for the trip will not be responsible for any airline/airfare cancellation penalties.

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