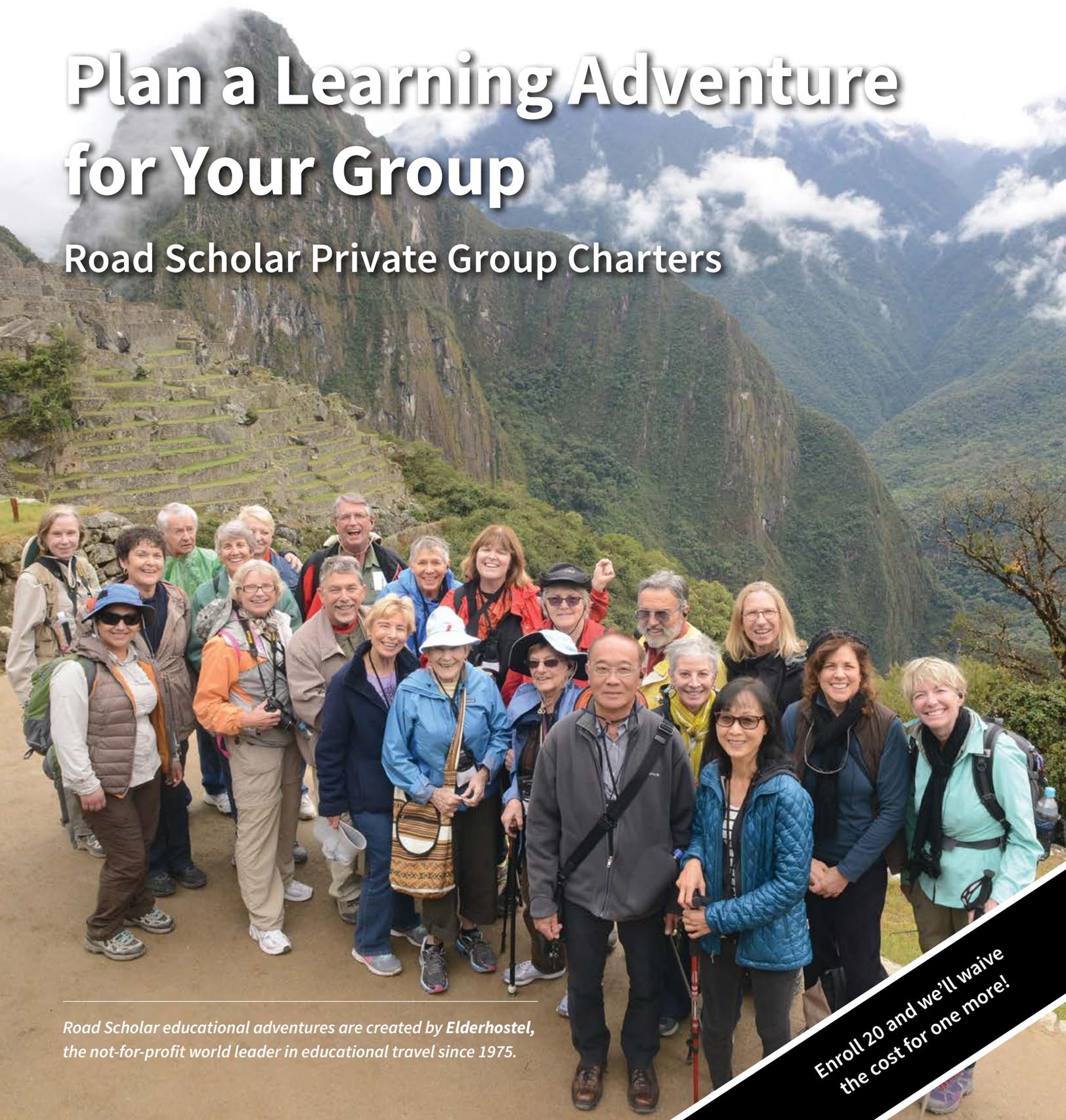


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Road Scholar Private Group Charters



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the cost for one more!**

Greetings!

This is Frania Monarski and Paul Wehrin of Road Scholar. We've helped hundreds of groups plan Road Scholar learning adventures all over the United States and around the world.

We're here to make planning a Road Scholar adventure for your group hassle-free. We handle all the details — helping with the marketing, providing your members with a special toll-free number to enroll, collecting all the payments, sending out the preparatory materials, and following up with the evaluations at the conclusion of the program. We'll do the work, you take the credit.

We've put together a list of some our most popular programs for you to choose from. Or check out our full catalog online at www.roadscholar.org.

When you're ready to get started, just let us know. Have questions? Call (877) 209-4634, or e-mail us at groups@roadscholar.org.

Best wishes,

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ROAD SCHOLAR PRIVATE GROUP CHARTERS



Explore the World With Your Group & Save!

Enroll 20 and We'll Waive the Cost for One More

Share your love of learning by enrolling 20 participants on your private group charter, and we'll waive the program cost for your 21st participant. Or, once you enroll 20, you can choose to receive a 5 percent give-back for your organization in lieu of a free place.

Have a Smaller Group?

We'll Reward You for That, Too

Your smaller group can travel together on any existing Road Scholar program, joining other participants who have enrolled independently. As the organizer, you'll receive program fee credits when you enroll at least 11 members.

Find the Perfect Learning Adventure for Your Group

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What's Included in Your Road Scholar Group Adventure

The core of Road Scholar is the academic integrity of our programs and the unmatched value of our all-inclusive pricing.

All Road Scholar programs include:

- ▶ Informative lectures by leaders in their field
- ▶ Course-related field trips with special “behind-the-scenes” access
- ▶ Enrichment activities such as cultural events and performances
- ▶ Accommodations in comfortable hotels, conference centers and inns
- ▶ All meals, except where specifically noted. Sometimes we exclude a few meals from the program cost, so you can explore local fare on your own.
- ▶ Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- ▶ A Group Leader to accompany you 24/7 and handle all logistics
- ▶ All gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- ▶ The Road Scholar Travel Protection Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

When you add up all that you get, Road Scholar is by far the best value for people who want a worry-free travel experience.

The Benefits of the Road Scholar Travel Protection Plan

Designed exclusively for Road Scholar participants, the Road Scholar Travel Protection Plan provides 24-hour assistance in the event of an emergency during programs and insurance for emergency medical evacuation. On Call International, our emergency-assistance provider, provides Road Scholar participants with unparalleled service when the unexpected occurs.

The benefits of the plan include ...

North America Programs

- ▶ Emergency medical evacuation with medical escort, if necessary
- ▶ Delayed, lost, stolen or damaged baggage assistance and insurance
- ▶ Help with travel document replacement
- ▶ Motor vehicle return

International Programs

- ▶ Emergency medical evacuation with medical escort, if necessary
- ▶ Medical coverage for accidental injury or sickness
- ▶ Delayed, lost, stolen or damaged baggage assistance and insurance
- ▶ Help with travel document replacement

Step by Step:

How to Plan a Road Scholar Learning Adventure for Your Group

1 Select Your Program

Many of our educational adventures may be reserved exclusively for your group. Need help finding the perfect one? Just ask!

2 Pick a Date

We recommend planning six months in advance for North America and nine months in advance for International.

3 Finalize the Details

The dates, price, schedule — we'll finalize all the details.

4 Need Airfare?

We can help with that, too! Just ask.

5 Get Your Group on Board

We provide promotional materials to advertise the program to your group.

6 Your Special Toll-Free Number for Enrolling

Sign up directly with us using a toll-free number: (800) 322-5315.

7 We Take Care of the Payments

We'll handle collecting payments from members of your group.

8 Information Packets

Once your members enroll, we'll send them information packets that include all the things they'll need to know.

9 Have a great time!

From start to finish, our Group Leaders will take care of everything for your group to have the learning adventure of a lifetime.

10 Take a Bow

Typically, participants thank you for organizing such an enriching and bonding experience, and ask when they can do another!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get started?

We're here to make arranging an educational adventure for your group hassle-free. Browse through this collection of learning adventures. Once you have chosen a program, we'll take care of all the arrangements. Need help picking a program? Just ask.

How soon should I begin planning?

Please contact us as soon as you have chosen a program to ensure enough lead-time for us to make the arrangements and for your group to make plans. Typically, this means six months ahead of time for programs in North America and nine months ahead of time for international programs.

What types of programs are available for groups?

Each of the learning adventures in this publication is available for your group.

Can I customize a program specifically for my group?

While some customization is possible, we request that you select from this collection of programs.

What happens if I can't get enough people to go?

We won't finalize the details until you're confident that you'll have enough people to make your program happen. In the rare instance when not enough people sign up and you have to cancel, your deposit is non-refundable. If individuals cancel after they enroll and if they purchased the optional Road Scholar Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel Delay Insurance, they will be reimbursed for covered reasons.

Is there an age restriction?

Road Scholar private group programs are not subject to any age requirements, which make them perfect for families with children or groups of mixed ages.

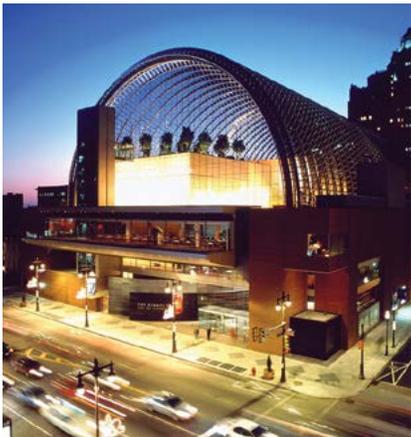
Can you arrange airfare?

Yes! Just ask. We're happy to help.



“‘Croatia by Yacht’ was the perfect fusion of travel and educational experience — it cannot be duplicated on one’s own. The thrill of learning in Croatia is palpable, inspiring and endless. No matter where you have traveled in the past, you have not seen it all until you have traveled to Croatia.”

— JANE, ATHENS, GEORGIA
(see page 21 for program details)



📍 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Small Group Most Popular ★

Signature City Philadelphia: National Treasures of History and Heritage

Philadelphia is America’s most remarkable hometown, enriched by centuries of history, heritage, culture and connections. Led by experts, experience its lively diversity as we explore neighborhoods such as Society Hill, Independence National Park, the Italian Market and elegant Rittenhouse Square. Learn about the role of civic institutions and architecture of different eras, and savor the flavor of our flourishing dining renaissance.

Highlights:

- Retrace the footsteps of our Founding Fathers — and Mothers! — from William Penn to Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross as we walk to Olde City sites including Independence Hall and Elfreth’s Alley.
- Marvel at distinctive architecture spanning three centuries of achievement on Society Hill, at City Hall and the Masonic Temple.

Lodging: Varies by date.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9068XVP

On Your Feet

Meals: 7 total (3B, 1L, 3D)

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10238XVP

Keep the Pace

Meals: 11 total (5B, 2L, 4D)



📍 Charlottesville, Virginia

Most Popular ★

Friends, Neighbors, Presidents: The World of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe

Discover the world of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, and his friends and neighbors, James Monroe and James Madison. Recall the lives and times of these great men and the nation they helped forge through lectures examining their friendships, political careers, personal lives and philosophies, as well as Federal-era architecture and society.

Highlights:

- Experience the presidents’ historic homes — James Monroe’s Highland, Madison’s Montpelier and Jefferson’s Monticello — on field trips.
- Enjoy lunch at historic Michie Tavern and learn about the rich history of this hub of social activity.

Lodging: Varies by date.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9113XVP

Keep the Pace

Meals: 8 total (3B, 2L, 3D)

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2007XVP

Keep the Pace

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)



📍 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

National Parks Most Popular ★

The Battle of Gettysburg: Heroism, Sacrifice and History

The Battle of Gettysburg — July 1-3, 1863 — determined the outcome of the Civil War. This bloodiest of battles left 28,000 Confederate and 23,000 Union casualties. Expert battlefield guides bring history alive as you trace battlefield strategies, separate legend from lore and gain an understanding of the impact on the town and its people. We’ll also pay our respects at the Soldiers’ National Cemetery.

Highlights:

- Experience the new Gettysburg National Military Park & Museum and explore sites related to each day of the battle.
- Be entertained by a folk musician who plays Civil War-era music on his hand-made dulcimer, banjo, accordion and harmonica.

Lodging: Historic hotel in the heart of downtown Gettysburg in walking distance to the battlefield.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9114XVP

On Your Feet

Meals: 7 total (3B, 1L, 3D)

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #16301XVP

Keep the Pace

Meals: 13 total (5B, 3L, 5D)



📍 New York City, New York

Signature Cities

Signature City New York: The Big Apple Experience

Whether you're a first-time explorer or a former New Yorker curious about your old haunts, experience the history, culture and amazing energy of the Big Apple. Trace the story of New York City from its Dutch beginnings to its time as capital of the new United States and on to a discussion of what the future holds. Learn about the city's architecture, economy, diversity and politics. Expert-led field trips give you an insider's view of New York City's best known icons.

Lodging: Midtown hotel near Times Square.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6593XVP



Let's Go!

Meals: 6 total (3B, 3D)

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #8861XVP



Let's Go!

Meals: 11 total (5B, 2L, 4D)



📍 New York City, New York

The Arts

Small Group

Most Popular ★

The Best of Theater in New York: Behind the Velvet Curtain

4 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11921XVP



Keep the Pace

Hit the streets of the Great White Way and discover the excitement of New York's incredible theater scene, from Broadway events to the adventurous Off-Broadway stage and beyond. Get an inside look at a world ordinary members of the audience never see as you spend five days immersed in New York theater and in personal encounters with those who help create it.

Note: Performances are decided about six weeks in advance, when we purchase the tickets. We strive for a well-balanced program incorporating the newest productions. We seldom attend shows that have been on Broadway more than a year or are traveling.

Highlights:

- Attend a Broadway musical, a dramatic production and an Off-Broadway show.
- Visit a Broadway theater and explore Times Square's theatrical history.
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes discussion of the page-to-stage process with key staff such as a producer, director or theater manager.

Meals: 9 total (4B, 2L, 3D)

Lodging: Midtown hotel near Times Square.



📍 Chicago, Illinois

Signature Cities

Most Popular ★

Signature City Chicago: Your Kind of Town

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2818XVP



On Your Feet

The brawny, dynamo of a city described by Carl Sandburg in his famous poem, "Chicago," has shed its grit but not its frenetic rush. Discover Chicago's glittering skyscrapers, fine dining, revitalized lakefront, urbane cultural scene, celebrated museums and the tony Magnificent Mile on an exceptional adventure that draws back the curtain on Chicagoans and "their kind of town."

Highlights:

- Examine Chicago's growth on a professor-led field trip through the city's diverse neighborhoods.
- Experience the city's new waterfront parks and visit the renovated Chicago History Museum.
- Enjoy expert-led visits to the Field Museum of Natural History and the renowned Art Institute of Chicago.

Meals: 12 total (5B, 4L, 3D)

Lodging: Centrally located hotel near the Magnificent Mile.



📍 Chicago, Illinois

Signature Cities Small Group

Out and About in Chicago: Art, Architecture, History and More

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21908XVP



Keep the Pace

FLEX More time (and some meals) on your own.

You may know it as the “Windy City” for its colorful history of blustery politicians or as the “City of the Big Shoulders” portrayed in Carl Sandburg’s famous ode. Whatever you call it, Chicago is a vibrant city packed with enough art, history, culture and stories to capture the mind of any visitor. Learn about the life and work of the iconic architect Frank Lloyd Wright, through an expert-led exploration of his Prairie-style home and studio in the charming and historic Oak Park, Illinois. See how the story of Chicago’s evolution is told in its preserved architecture and pay visits to museums and cultural institutions in advance of your own independent discoveries of aspects of the city that speak to you.

Highlights:

- Go inside the Art Institute of Chicago with an expert on the artworks of its world-class, 300,000-piece permanent collection.
- Study city architecture on a walk with a scholar and from a boat on the Chicago River.
- Learn about the life and work of the iconic architect Frank Lloyd Wright, through an expert-led exploration of his Prairie-style home and studio in the charming and historic Oak Park, Illinois.

Meals: 10 total (5B, 2L, 3D)

Lodging: Centrally located modern, full-service hotel.



📍 Savannah, Georgia

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Savannah’s Rich Heritage, Remarkable History and Memorable Music

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11376XVP



Keep the Pace

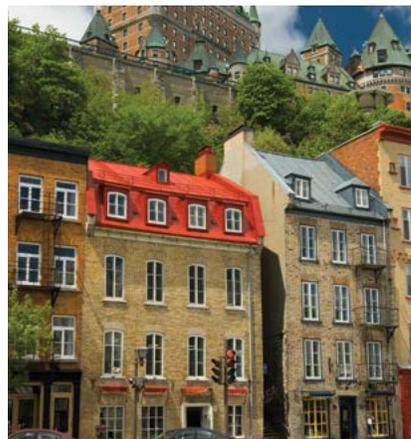
Like a graceful Southern belle, Savannah is where charming public squares and stately live oaks stand alongside meticulously restored, historic homes and enchanting cemeteries with ornate headstones. In some ways dignified and in others playful, the city is uniformly beautiful and goes out of its way to embody Southern hospitality. Hit the streets and squares of Savannah to discover what makes the city special, from Lowcountry cuisine to Civil War history and a mosaic of residents, past and present.

Highlights:

- Uncover colorful history from generals to ghosts during museum visits and expert-led walks through the historic district.
- Relax to the rhythms of yesteryear as you pay tribute to Savannah native Johnny Mercer during a private recital of his music.
- Taste distinctive Savannah flavors during an interactive cooking class with a noted chef.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: First-class hotel in the heart of Savannah’s historic district.



📍 Québec City, Québec

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City Québec

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19748XVP



Varies by Date

Discover the best that Québec City has to offer as locals introduce you to the food, arts and history of this fascinating region. Explore the heart of Old Québec’s Upper and Lower Towns and examine the city’s extensive fortification system with an expert historian. Traverse down pedestrian streets and laneways to discover its quiet residential neighborhoods. A presentation at Musée National des Beaux Arts will introduce you to paintings and sculpture by Québécois artists. Lectures are brought to life with field trips encompassing both landmark sites and less heralded aspects of the city, opening doors to historic interiors that few visitors discover. Learn about Québec’s architecture and enjoy a farewell dinner at Le Château Frontenac.

Highlights:

- Explore the cobblestone streets and well-preserved 17th-century architecture of Old Québec with a local expert.
- Meet locals and experience the flavors of Québec on an expert-led culinary walk exploring the Rue St. Jean and historic Old Port market.
- Discover the rich cultural heritage at the National Museum of Fine Arts, boasting the highest concentration of artists in the province.

Meals: 12 total (5B, 3L, 4D)

Lodging: European-style hotel in the heart of Old Québec.



📍 San Antonio, Texas

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City San Antonio

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1981XVP



San Antonio today is a vibrant meeting of centuries of crossed paths — Native Americans, Colonial Spain, Germans, Old Mexico, the Canary Islands, the Wild West, the Deep South — and its big, gracious heart pays homage to them all. At the Alamo, hear of Travis' last stand, barge the scenic River Walk's urban twists and turns and put an unexpectedly revealing eye on San Antonio's past.

Highlights:

- Delve into the 26 ethnic groups that settled the Texas frontier, including Germanic influences in the King William District.
- Hear our award-winning master storyteller bring history and folklore alive through riveting tales that have been spun from cracker barrels to front porches for centuries.
- Learn how to make the perfect enchilada from a female chef who prepared tacos for a presidential dinner, and then sit down to a full Mexican feast.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Historic downtown hotel with rooftop pool on the River Walk.



📍 Charleston, South Carolina

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City Charleston: Historic Plantations and Gardens

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19403XVP



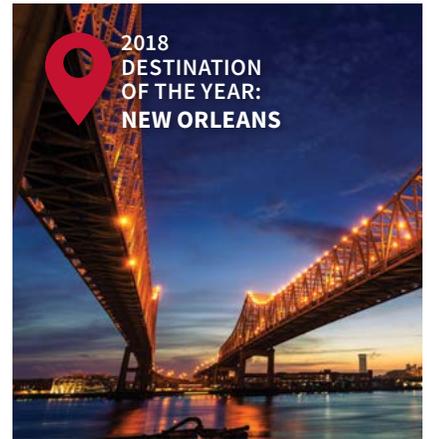
In one of America's most historic and beautiful cities, take a step back in time as you explore the manicured gardens, ornate home interiors and antebellum history of the plantations nestled within Charleston and the coastal Lowcountry. Encounter the life stories of those who lived and worked in these stately homes and historic plantations, black and white, slave and free. Learn about the Gullah people, slave descendants who have preserved more of their African heritage than any other community in the country.

Highlights:

- Step inside the Nathaniel Russell Home and the Edmondston-Alston Home, Middleton Place Plantation and Gardens and Magnolia Plantation and Gardens.
- Attend the Charleston City Market, four blocks of open-air buildings where vendors sell paintings, pottery, sweetgrass baskets and more.
- Enjoy sumptuous Lowcountry cuisine, a sweetgrass basket-weaving demo, Gullah language and culture demonstration and the only tea plantation in the U.S.

Meals: 12 total (5B, 3L, 4D)

Lodging: Luxurious hotel in the historic district.



📍 New Orleans, Louisiana

Small Group Most Popular ★

Out and About in New Orleans: Jazz, Jambalaya and Joie de Vivre

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21665XVP



FLEX More time (and some meals) on your own.

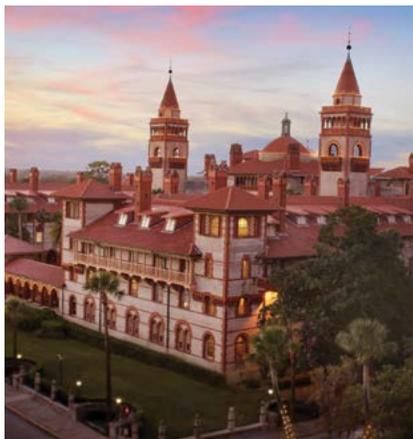
It's the New Orleans of your imagination: the sound of Jazz drifting up Bourbon Street, a nearly miraculous bowl of gumbo, the charm of a Garden District mansion. Join us for an unforgettable stay in the Crescent City as you hear, taste and see all that New Orleans is famous for and learn about the intriguing side of the city that few outsiders know. Discover the literary landmarks of Tennessee Williams, visit the World War II Museum, learn the secrets of creole cooking from a local chef and much more. You'll have plenty of time on your own to stroll Bourbon Street, walk the levee, eat beignets and Muffaletta sandwiches or ride a streetcar named Desire.

Highlights:

- Walk with an expert through the French Quarter and explore the Garden District on foot, then use your included streetcar ticket to delve deeper into locales of your choosing.
- A performance at a jazz club included in your program provides a primer on the city's world-famous music scene.
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration as you dine at the New Orleans School of Cooking, and get recommendations for further culinary explorations from experts and longtime residents.

Meals: 10 total (4B, 1BR, 2L, 3D)

Lodging: Elegant historic hotel in the heart of the French Quarter.



📍 St. Augustine, Florida

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

St. Augustine: 450 Years of History Comes Alive!

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6642XVP



On Your Feet

Bright and bold living history awaits you in beautiful St. Augustine, Florida — the oldest city in America. What began as a Spanish fortress has transformed over the centuries into a charming seaside town brimming with Spanish, British and Venetian Renaissance architecture. Local experts — some in period dress — spin gripping tales and present a dramatic overview of the city’s remarkable history. Meet a soldier from Fort Mose to hear his stories, walk the sacred grounds of the Timucuan Indians and immerse yourself in the city’s unique Old World charm. Viva San Augustin!

Highlights:

- Discover a unique tapestry of history through the shared passions of park rangers, musicians, authors, storytellers and historians — some in period dress!
- Learn the legacy of Henry Flagler and his grand hotels, and admire Gilded Age works of Tiffany glass in historic buildings.
- At the Fountain of Youth, a Spanish archeology site, explore the multi-culturalism of St. Augustine with an author, playwright and performance artist during a live presentation.

Meals: 12 total (5B, 3L, 4D)

Lodging: Varies by date.



📍 Begins in Key Largo, Florida

Small Group Most Popular ★

Keys and Everglades: Human and Natural History Outdoor Studies

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2801XVP



Varies by Date

On an extraordinary adventure to Key West, discover the Florida Keys as you explore protected islands and coral reefs, taste local cuisine and learn about shipwrecks, pirates and native peoples. A local expert leads you on this journey through the Florida Keys’ natural history and cultural heritage. Examine environmental issues affecting the Everglades and coral reefs and hear the stories of Native Americans, shipwreck divers, industrialist Henry Flagler and others.

Highlights:

- Learn about Florida Keys ecology as you explore Dry Tortugas National Park and two state parks.
- Enjoy a special visit to Biscayne National Park.
- Delve into evidence of 10,000 years of human history, from pirates and shipwrecks to farmers and presidents.

Meals: 15 total (6B, 4L, 5D)

Lodging: Key Largo: Condo-style hotel with pool and private beach. Key West: Varies by date.

Itinerary: Arrival Miami, shuttle to Key Largo, 2 nights; van to Key West, 3 nights; van to Key Largo, 1 night; shuttle to Miami, departure.



📍 Sedona, Arizona

Train Treks Most Popular ★

The Best of Sedona: Natural and Cultural Landscapes in Red Rock Country

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1062XVP



On Your Feet

Discover why Sedona and the Grand Canyon are the two most awe-inspiring sites in Arizona. Go beyond the geology to uncover the natural and human histories of these color-splashed landscapes. Enjoy an exploration of Sedona’s best-loved sights and red-rock vistas. Ride the rails along the wild and scenic Verde River and beside its verdant canyon as you scan for wildlife. Journey via the towering beauty of Oak Creek Canyon to Grand Canyon National Park to explore this iconic and quintessential American treasure with time to walk along the rim while soaking in its grandeur.

Highlights:

- See ancient cliff dwellings while uncovering the past of the Sinagua people at Montezuma Castle National Monument.
- In Sedona, visit the Chapel of the Holy Cross and Airport Mesa with its magnificent 360-degree views.
- Spend a full day at Grand Canyon National Park’s South Rim, complete with interpretive walks accompanied by a local expert.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 3L, 5D)

Lodging: Varies by date.



📍 Mount Rushmore, South Dakota

National Parks Most Popular ★

The Best of Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills and Badlands

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #13160XVP



The land now shadowed by Mount Rushmore was, up until the 1870s, called the “last great unknown.” Enrich your understanding of American growth in this vast wilderness as you immerse yourself in the discovery of Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Badlands National Park and The Mammoth Site. Study the lives of gold seekers and sod busters, and discover the Old West before a handful of presidents made it famous.

Highlights:

- Expand your mind with interpretive field trips to Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the Crazy Horse Memorial and Custer State Park.
- Experience the otherworldly moon-like landscape of spectacular Badlands National Park.
- Discover an active paleontological dig site, which boasts the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world!

Meals: 16 total (6B, 4L, 6D)

Lodging: Secluded timber-frame lodge a short distance from Mount Rushmore and nestled on 31 forested acres.



📍 Door County, Wisconsin

Most Popular ★

Door County: Cherries, Apples, Lighthouses and Lake Views

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12334XVP



Discover Wisconsin’s famed Door County, a peninsula home to five state parks, 10 lighthouses and 300 miles of scenic Lake Michigan shoreline. Savor fresh lake breezes and be inspired by the steep bluffs and sandy beaches on either side of the peninsula. Learn about Door County history, art, geology and culture from local experts like an award-winning taxidermist, a watercolor artist, a lighthouse docent, naturalists and orchard owners. Visit state parks and fascinating museums that showcase the area’s rich maritime roots and unique history, and enjoy an authentic Door County fish boil with a resident storyteller.

Highlights:

- Go inside and learn about the keepers of the beautifully restored Eagle Bluff Lighthouse.
- Enjoy an excursion to Washington Island with lunch at a lavender farm.
- Uncover the unique climate and geologic history of the peninsula by examining the Niagara Escarpment and hunting for fossils with a local naturalist.

Meals: 14 total (5B, 4L, 5D)

Lodging: Vintage hotel on Lake Michigan shoreline.

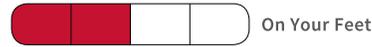


📍 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Most Popular ★

Santa Fe and Taos: A Tale Of Two Cities

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11009XVP



Less than 70 miles from one another, Santa Fe and Taos are the jewel cities of northern New Mexico, seemingly enchanted places set amidst the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Adobe pueblos built by ancestral peoples still stand, elegant Spanish colonial plazas serve as meeting places as they have for four centuries and beautiful museums display the work of artist-pilgrims who gathered here to find inspiration in the land. Examine Santa Fe and Taos through the eyes of those who have called them home and discover not only what they share, but also what sets each apart.

Highlights:

- Learn about artist Georgia O’Keeffe and visit the O’Keeffe museum.
- Be moved by the ancient Native traditions and cultures preserved in Taos Pueblo and gain insight into the enduring nature of the Pueblo people.
- Explore Meow Wolf’s House of Eternal Return, Santa Fe’s exciting immersive art installation.

Meals: 14 total (6B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Full-service historic hotel near downtown.



📍 Begins in Seattle, Washington

Most Popular ★

Island Hopping on Three of Washington's San Juan Islands

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18520XVP



On Your Feet

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the San Juan Archipelago while you uncover the cultures and landscapes unique to San Juan, Orcas and Lopez islands. Meet historians, artists, farmers, preservationists and other islanders who make up the fabric of these communities, and explore scenic shorelines, mountain vistas, rare coastal prairie and the region's iconic evergreen forests.

Highlights:

- Spend a day on Orcas Island to explore the island's creative culture, as well as a unique salmon hatchery.
- A ride aboard the Washington State Ferry takes you to Lopez Island to discuss and view sustainable farming and housing on the islands.
- On San Juan Island, take field trips to an outdoor sculpture park, National Historic Parks, a picturesque lighthouse and more.

Meals: 16 total (6B, 5L, 5D)

Lodging: Seattle: Comfortable hotel with indoor pool. Friday Harbor: Stylish inn with heated indoor pool, fitness center and complimentary bikes, or an all-suites hotel with fireplace and full-sized kitchen.

Itinerary: Arrival Seattle, Wash., 1 night; coach & ferry to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Wash., 5 nights; ferry & coach to Seattle, departure.



📍 St. Simons Island, Georgia

National Parks Most Popular ★

The Best of St. Simons, Sapelo, Jekyll: An Island-Hopping Adventure

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1384XVP



On Your Feet

Go "island hopping" to experience firsthand the rich history and ecology of three barrier islands, from Civil War-era forts and lighthouses to the lavish millionaire cottages. Lush homes, gorgeous sandy beaches, culinary delights and fascinating cultural and maritime histories combine for a magical adventure on St. Simons, Sapelo and Jekyll Islands.

Highlights:

- Prepare for your field trip to Jekyll with lunch at the Jekyll Island Club hotel and learn how the island was made into a winter retreat for families including the Rockefellers and Pulitzers.
- Explore St. Simons battlegrounds, evocative churches, lighthouse and beaches and then board the Lady Jane shrimp vessel and identify the catch of the day from a drag net.
- After a ferry ride to Sapelo Island, join a local expert to learn the stories of the island.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 3L, 5D)

Lodging: St. Simons Island resort hotel; full-service dining room, lounge and pool side tiki bar surrounded by three championship golf courses.



📍 Portland, Oregon

Most Popular ★

The Many Faces of Oregon: Mt. Hood, Columbia River Gorge and Oregon Coast

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1834XVP



On Your Feet

On four daylong field trips, discover the natural beauty and human history that make Oregon a state of wonder. Take in city highlights like the International Rose Test Garden and exquisite Japanese Garden, then explore the natural wonders outside the city, from the rugged Pacific Coast to the dramatic Columbia River Gorge to the volcanic Cascade Mountains. Each journey is accented by interesting, interactive activities, including a tasting of the Willamette Valley's award-winning wines.

Highlights:

- Gaze up at towering Mount Hood from majestic Timberline Lodge, one of the iconic great lodges of the West.
- Stand in awe of the Columbia River Gorge's magnificent waterfalls and captivating vistas.
- Visit the rugged Oregon Coast, including the mouth of the Columbia River, known as the "Graveyard of the Pacific" and drive through Astoria, the oldest American settlement west of the Rocky Mountains.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Comfortable hotel with indoor heated pool and fitness center.

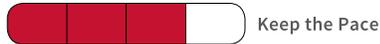


📍 China

Small Group

Classic Icons of China and Yangtze River Cruise

15 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #15122XVP



Gain a vivid overview of ancient and present-day China as you encounter its most significant icons. On the Yangtze, discover how the world's third-longest river influenced China's development for thousands of years. Uncover the differences between the South and North as you explore imperial Beijing, ancient Xi'an, cosmopolitan Shanghai, and sail beneath the mystical mountains of the Li River.

Highlights:

- Voyage down the Yangtze River, sailing through its legendary gorges, to the Three Gorges Dam to examine firsthand this extraordinary feat of engineering.
- Walk the Great Wall and enter the Forbidden City.
- Sail the Li River amidst mystical mountains that have shaped for centuries images in Chinese landscape painting and poetry.

Note: Optional tai chi and Chinese conversation classes.

Itinerary: Arrival Beijing, 3 nights; fly to Xi'an, 3 nights; fly to Guilin for coach to Yangshuo, 2 nights; fly to Chongqing, embark Yangtze vessel, 3 nights; bullet train to Shanghai, 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 37 total (14B, 12L, 11D)

Lodging: Beijing: Four-star hotel steps from historic sites. Xi'an: Hotel in heart of downtown. Yangshuo: Hotel on banks of beautiful Li River. Yangtze River Vessel: First-class vessel with outside cabins and private balconies. Shanghai: Gracious hotel near important sites.



📍 Costa Rica

Best Value

Small Group

Most Popular ★

A Taste of Costa Rica

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #8577XVP



Low-level clouds drift through the sweet cedar and hanging moss. Even in dim sunlight, the orchid's flowers brighten your path as you hike. In this interdisciplinary introduction to Costa Rica, learn about the nation's rain and cloud forests and the inseparable bond between the people and the land. Explore volcanic terrain and tropical gardens, as well as culture and history. Meet residents in local communities for an intimate experience of this peaceful nation.

Highlights:

- Hike through the mystical cloud forest at Monteverde and experience the thrill of white water rafting at Sarapiquí.
- Enjoy scenic views of Arenal Volcano from up in the rainforest canopy during a walk on a combination of nature trails and hanging bridges.
- An interactive presentation introduces an important gourmet coffee roaster in Costa Rica.

Itinerary: Arrival San José, 1 night; coach to Sarapiquí, 2 nights; coach to Arenal, 2 nights; coach to Monteverde, 2 nights; coach to San José, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 23 total (8B, 7L, 8D)

Lodging: San José: City center hotel. Sarapiquí: Rainforest ecolodge. Arenal Volcano: Comfortable hotel with volcano views. Monteverde: Quiet, family-run hotel.



📍 Panama

Small Group

The Best of Panama: Exploring Natural and Cultural Wonders

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22498XVP



Keep the Pace

Panama may be famous for its legendary Canal, but this gem of Central America is also renowned for its biodiversity, vibrant culture and exciting outdoor activities. Experience the very best of Panama on a journey that begins in the metropolis of Panama City and leads through lush rainforests, an indigenous village, coffee and cacao plantations and along pristine coastal regions. Go beyond the engineering feats of the canal to discover colonial history, mangrove forests, natural reserves and the dynamic identity of Panama!

Highlights:

- Journey by boat to the Emberá Indian Village to learn about the customs, history and traditions of this indigenous tribe.
- Enjoy a whitewater rafting adventure on class II and III rapids along some of Panama's best rivers.
- Explore the rainforest and mangroves overlooking the Caribbean Sea by hiking, snorkeling and kayaking.

Itinerary: Arrival Panama City, 2 nights; coach to Colon, 2 nights; fly to David, coach to Boquete, 3 nights; coach and boat to Bocas del Toro, 2 nights; boat to Bocas, fly to Panama City, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 26 total (10B, 9L, 7D)

Lodging: Panama City: Modern hotel. Colon: Modern hotel on lake. Boquete: Historic inn and spa. Bocas del Toro: Deluxe eco lodge.



📍 Chile | Argentina

Small Group

Wonders of Chile and Argentina: Patagonia, Iguazu Falls and Splendid Cities

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20789XVP



Keep the Pace

Uncover treasures built by man and forged by nature on this journey in Chile and Argentina. Explore the cosmopolitan capitals of Santiago and Buenos Aires. Experience the otherworldly natural environment of Patagonia, where snowcapped volcanoes rise above crystal-clear lakes. And hear the roar of Iguazu Falls, a spectacle of water surrounded by jungle.

Highlights:

- Discover both Chilean and Argentine Patagonia, crossing from one to the other by boat like the early settlers.
- Learn about the world-class Chilean & Argentinean wine industry and visit a vineyard.
- Feel the mist from Iguazu Falls as you explore the waterfall from the Argentinean sides.

Itinerary: Arrival Santiago (Chile), 3 nights; flight to Puerto Montt; coach to Puerto Varas, 2 nights; ferry to Bariloche (Argentina), 2 nights; flight to Buenos Aires, 2 nights; flight to Iguazu Falls, 2 nights; flight to Buenos Aires & departure and overnight flight to the U.S., 1 night.

Meals: 29 total (11B, 12L, 6D)

Lodging: Santiago: Modern hotel in the lovely Providencia neighborhood. Puerto Varas: Lakeside hotel. Bariloche: Stylish hotel in town center. Iguazu Falls: Jungle eco-lodge with outdoor pool. Buenos Aires: Modern hotel near 9 de Julio Avenue.



📍 Ireland

Small Group Most Popular ★

The Best of Ireland: The Coast, the Countryside and Dublin

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18731XVP



FLEX More time (and some meals) on your own.

Discover the magic, myths and modern realities of the Emerald Isle on this comprehensive journey from the dramatic coast and the spectacular Ring of Kerry to the pilgrimage sites of Glencolumcille and the cultural hotbed of Dublin. Scholars and schoolchildren, politicians and musicians offer you “céad míle fáilte” (a hundred thousand welcomes) and share the best of their country with you.

Highlights:

- Delve into the rich archaeology of the Dingle Peninsula, finding prehistoric and medieval remains in one of the most beautiful places on the planet.
- Experience the sights, sounds, streets and monuments of James Joyce's Dublin on foot with a Joycean expert.
- Spend a full day on Inis Mor, the largest of the Islands of Aran, where Christian ruins stand side by side with remarkable Pagan relics.

Itinerary: Arrival Shannon, coach to Killarney, 4 nights; coach to Galway, 3 nights; coach to Killybegs, 2 nights; coach to Dublin, 4 nights; departure.

Meals: 26 total (13B, 3L, 10D)

Lodging: Killarney: Elegant hotel in the heart of town. Galway: Hotel near the waterfront. Killybegs: Hotel overlooking the harbor. Dublin: Centrally located hotel.



📍 France

Independent City Discoveries Small Group Most Popular ★

Independent Paris: People, Places, Culture

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10034XVP



From a table at a street-side café near the Sorbonne, you watch students excitedly discoursing, mothers shepherding children along the sidewalk, the life of a Parisian neighborhood unfolding before you. It's just one moment in your independent exploration of the Paris behind the postcards. Stroll the grand boulevards, meet local experts who illuminate the city's most marvelous treasures, compare the city's diverse quarters and savor every new experience that crosses your path.

Highlights:

- A local Road Scholar expert introduces you to life as a Parisian as you explore Île de la Cité, the center of Paris.
- Examine and discuss the art of Paris at museums, gardens and an open-air market.
- Enjoy ample free time for independent discoveries or choose to follow the group leader to intriguing corners of the city.

Meals: 11 total (7B, 1L, 3D)

Lodging: Small Parisian hotel in the heart of the historic Faubourg Saint-Antoine, near the Bastille and Marais districts. See date notes for some variation.



📍 Greece

Small Group

The Best of Greece: Island Hopping in the Aegean

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20916XVP



Let's Go!

In the Cyclades Islands, discover where mild Aegean breezes refresh communities built among the remains of ancient civilizations and waves lap at the shores of fishing villages where traditional ways of life survive unchanged for centuries. From grand architecture to captivating archaeological sites, learn how the story of Greek civilization is the story of its islands.

Highlights:

- In Athens, climb the Acropolis to the Parthenon and discover Greece's most important relics in the National Archaeological Museum.
- Come ashore on the islands of Mykonos, Delos, Paros and Santorini to learn about their role in Greek civilization and conjure the ancient Minoan civilization on the island of Crete.
- Participate in traditional music and dance and taste ouzo, a time-honored drink among Greeks.

Itinerary: Arrival Athens, 2 nights; ferry to Mykonos, 2 nights; ferry to Paros, 2 nights; ferry to Santorini, 2 nights; ferry to Crete, 3 nights; overnight ferry, 1 night; disembark Athens, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 32 total (13B, 8L, 11D)

Lodging: Athens: Four-star hotel steps from Acropolis. Mykonos: Five-star hotel on shores of Aegean Sea. Paros: Relaxing seafront hotel near downtown Parikia. Santorini: Elegant hotel amid fragrant gardens and palm trees. Crete: Boutique hotel with spectacular views of Venetian Fortress and Mediterranean.



📍 Kenya | Tanzania

Small Group

The Best of Kenya and Tanzania: A Classic Safari

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18783XVP



Keep the Pace

Follow the endless cycle of life as you track the "Big Five" on the Serengeti plains. Trace the migratory path north through the remote Serengeti, an area rarely visited by outsiders, and cross into Kenya's Maasai Mara reserve to search for the elusive leopard. Learn about elephants in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro and rhinos in the Great Rift Valley.

Highlights:

- Replicate the annual migration as you journey from the Serengeti plains, through its riverine forest and rocky promontories, into the Maasai Mara.
- Search for the "Big Five" — lions, elephants, buffaloes, leopards and rhinos — in East Africa's most iconic national parks.
- Discover the unique ecosystem of the Ngorongoro Crater.

Itinerary: Arrival Nairobi (Kenya), 1 night; safari van to Amboseli National Park, 2 nights; safari van to Arusha, 1 night; safari van to Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Tanzania), 2 nights; safari van to Serengeti National Park, 2 nights; safari van to Lake Victoria, 1 night; safari van and fly to Maasai Mara National Park, 2 nights; fly back to Nairobi 1 night; departure.

Meals: 34 total (12B, 12L, 10D)

Lodging: Nairobi: Historic hotel. Amboseli National Park: Luxury tented safari camp. Arusha: City hotel. Ngorongoro Conservation Area: Wildlife lodge. Serengeti National Park: Comfortable park lodge. Maasai Mara National Park: Luxury tented safari camp.



📍 Cuba

Small Group Most Popular ★

Cuba Today: People and Society: Cienfuegos to Havana

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20437XVP



Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba. In the heart of Cienfuegos and Havana, meet members of the local communities to discuss their lives and cultural traditions. Meet face-to-face with community leaders, local residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss Cuba today and explore local landmarks that are significant to Cuba's cultural heritage.

Highlights:

- Meet with members of a local musical group in Cienfuegos and learn about their careers as musicians.
- Enjoy interactions with lively seniors.
- Learn about conservation and enjoy lunch at a beachfront private enterprise.

Note: Round-trip flight from Miami to Cuba is included.

Itinerary: Arrival Miami, Fla., 1 night; flight to Santa Clara (Cuba), coach to Cienfuegos 3 nights; coach to Havana, 4 nights; return flight to Miami.

Meals: 20 total (8B, 6L, 6D)

Lodging: Miami: Comfortable hotel near airport. Cienfuegos: Mid-Century modern hotel with outdoor pool. Havana: Historic landmark hotel on the Malecón.



📍 Spain | France

Small Group

The Artistic Spirit of Paris and Barcelona

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20216XVP



Monet's Water lilies or Picasso's early masterpieces? "Winged Victory" or Dali's surreal 3-D collages? The Palace of Versailles or the Sagrada Familia? You don't have to choose between the treasures of Paris and Barcelona on this journey encompassing the history-making art, architecture and music of both.

Highlights:

- Attend concerts at two stunning venues: Paris' royal Sainte-Chapelle and Barcelona's Palau de la Musica Catalana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- View some of the world's great masterpieces at the Louvre, Musee d'Orsay, Musee Rodin, Dali Theatre and Museum and Museu Picasso.
- Zip from Paris to Barcelona aboard the high-speed TGV rail, taking in views of the Pyrenees as you cross the border.

Itinerary: Arrival Paris (France), 5 nights; train to Figueres (Spain), coach to Barcelona, 5 nights; departure.

Meals: 23 total (10B, 6L, 7D)

Lodging: Paris: Centrally located hotel. Barcelona: Hotel in a Historical Monument building next to the Placa de Catalunya.



📍 Italy

Most Popular ★

The Best of Italy: Rome, Florence and Venice

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18206XVP



Experience the beauty of three historic capitals of Classical, Medieval and Renaissance acclaim as local experts lead you on a journey through some of Italy's greatest cities. Follow the path of legendary artists, scientists and philosophers from the classical remnants of Rome to the preserved treasures of Florence and Venice.

Highlights:

- Trace Roman history through the ages as you visit the Colosseum, the Pantheon, Borghese Museum and the Vatican Museum.
- Journey to Florence and Venice via a high speed EuroStar train, reaching speeds of over 120 mph.
- View the "David" — a Renaissance period masterpiece in Florence — and ride in a gondola through the canals of Venice.

Itinerary: Arrival Rome, 4 nights; train to Florence, 4 nights; train to Venice, 4 nights; departure.

Meals: 30 total (12B, 9L, 9D)

Lodging: Rome: Four-star hotel near the Piazza della Repubblica, the Termini train station and the Rome Opera House. Florence: Four-star hotel was an ex-Franciscan convent from the 15th century and its modern restoration showcases the ancient frescoes, stone arches and vaulted ceilings. Venice: Four-star hotel with a terrace and private dock on the Grand Canal.



📍 Italy

Small Group

Italy: Classic Tuscany and the Treasures of Florence

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19715XVP



For centuries, the verdant landscapes and medieval villages of Tuscany remained frozen in time. Scarcely changed in appearance, today the entire region is a living cultural treasure. In the hills of northern Tuscany and the plain of Florence, discover the unparalleled artistic genius that blossomed into masterpieces of marble, canvas and architecture whose brilliance transcends time and place.

Highlights:

- Visit the famed quarries of Carrara to learn why this marble is the material of choice for great sculptors and architects.
- Explore the villa of Lorenzo de' Medici at Poggio a Caiano, and visit a winery in the Tuscan countryside to sample Tuscan wines.
- View the great masterpieces in Florence: works by Donatello, Brunelleschi, Ghiberti, Caravaggio, Cellini and Michelangelo's iconic sculpture, "David."

Itinerary: Arrival Pisa, coach to Lucca, 4 nights; coach to Siena, 4 nights; coach to Florence, 3 nights; departure

Meals: 26 total (11B, 6L, 9D)

Lodging: Lucca: Four-star hotel just across the street from city walls. Siena: Four-star hotel in city center convenient to notable sites. Florence: Four-star hotel steps down-river from Ponte Vecchio. Choice hotel of Picasso when he was in Florence.

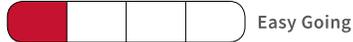


📍 Alaska

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Most Popular ★

Alaska's Inside Passage Up Close

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11479XVP



Famed for deep glacial fjords, spectacular mountains and lush temperate rainforest, Alaska's Inside Passage and Glacier Bay National Park offer natural and scenic gifts rivaled only by the rich histories of the indigenous nations who have lived here for millennia. Experience magnificent sights and sounds as our experts create opportunities to view glaciers up close. View native dances, and explore secluded bays via sea kayak or guided watercraft, all in the company of experts who narrate your experience with in-depth analysis of this yet untamed land.

Highlights:

- Traverse the waters of 30-mile-long Tracy Arm, a narrow fjord enclosed within soaring cliffs of granite and dotted with glittering icebergs.
- Board the White Pass narrow-gauge railway for an evocative journey back through a frenzied time of uncertainty and adventure: the gold rush era.
- Along the way chances to see whales, puffins, otters, bears, mountain goats and sea lions—the wealth of wildlife is amazing!

Itinerary: Arrival Sitka, 1 night; embark *Baranof Dream*, 7 nights (ports of call include Eastern Baranof Island, Frederick Sound, Hobart Bay, Tracy Arm Fjord, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park); disembark Juneau, 1 night, departure.

Meals: 26 total (9B, 8L, 9D)

Vessel Description

Baranof Dream: Alaskan Dream Cruises' 144-foot *Baranof Dream* features a shallow draft for navigating intimate coves and passages, a spacious bow for viewing fjords and glaciers, a covered outside deck and a relaxed cruising speed for optimum viewing of wilderness and wildlife. Cabins offer large viewing windows. The Lounge and Dining Room offer intimate venues to get to know your fellow travelers.



📍 Louisiana | Mississippi | Tennessee | Arkansas

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Most Popular ★

The Best of the Mississippi River: Voyage Into Southern Heritage

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20994XVP



Spend three days exploring incomparable New Orleans in-depth, then board a magnificent riverboat for a classic Mississippi River voyage. Experience the music, food, natural beauty and architectural grandeur of Dixie, in historic Natchez and Vicksburg, and small river towns.

Highlights:

- Experience the music, food and architecture of New Orleans with a local expert and enjoy a jazz show at Fritzel's Jazz Club.
- Go back in time to the antebellum South at sprawling riverside plantations.
- Meet members of the Natchez Gospel Choir and hear a private performance.

Itinerary: Arrival New Orleans, La., 3 nights; embark vessel, 7 nights (ports of call include Nottoway, St. Francisville, Natchez, Miss., Vicksburg, Helena, Ark.); disembark Memphis, Tenn., departure.

Note: Departures may operate in reverse. Ship varies by date.

Meals: 29 total (9B, 1BR, 9L, 10D)

Vessel Description

American Duchess: A floating masterpiece, American Queen Steamboat company's *American Duchess* was recently constructed to become one of the most luxurious riverboats and the first all-suite paddlewheeler in the United States. Onboard experts, nightly entertainment and gourmet, locally sourced cuisine with complimentary beer and wine with dinner continue a great American sailing tradition.



📍 Croatia | Montenegro

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Most Popular ★

The Best of Croatia: A Coastal Voyage by Yacht

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20118XVP

Let's Go!

With its turquoise waters, idyllic coves and 1,000 islands, Croatia's Dalmatian Coast is best discovered by boat. Set sail on a privately chartered yacht for an adventure that leads to rural villages and breathtaking national parks and into fascinating history.

Highlights:

- Discover Diocletian's Palace, built as a massive seaside retirement villa by the Roman emperor.
- Explore Mljet National Park, distinguished by its dense woods, beautiful saltwater lakes and island monastery.
- Spend an afternoon and night in Montenegro to explore the town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Itinerary: Arrival Dubrovnik (Croatia), coach to Herceg Novi (Montenegro), 2 nights Herceg Novi; coach to Dubrovnik, embark vessel, 7 nights on board (ports of call Dubrovnik, Island of Mljet National Park, Korcula Town, Hvar Town, Stari Grad, Trogir, and Split); disembark Split, 2 nights Split; departure.

Note: Ship varies by date.

Meals: 29 total (11B, 8L, 10D)

Vessel Description

Futura: Built in 2013, Katarina Lines' beautiful and modern MY Futura measures 154 feet and can carry up to 38 passengers in 19 cabins. The yacht features a large sun deck, lounge and WiFi throughout. Cabin amenities include air conditioning, safe, and hairdryer.



📍 Ecuador

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Small Group Most Popular ★

The Galápagos: Natural and Cultural History

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6043XVP

Let's Go!

Study unique animal and plant species on this small ship voyage in one of the world's most extraordinary settings — the Galápagos Islands. Encounter the fascinating wildlife that inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

Highlights:

- Encounter the exotic animals that made the Galápagos famous including Blue-footed Boobies, Darwin finches, giant tortoises, and marine iguanas.
- Navigate inlets, swim with sea lions, and snorkel off remote beaches in search of tropical marine life.
- Learn about the unique and hardy vegetation of the Galápagos including lava cacti, Scalesia trees, lichens, mangroves and Opuntia cacti.

Itinerary: Arrival Quito (Ecuador), 2 nights; embark vessel, 7 nights, flight to Quito, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 28 total (10B, 9L, 9D)

Lodging: Quito: Modern downtown hotel and hotel near the airport. Galápagos Islands: Expedition yacht or motor catamaran.

Vessel Description

Galaxy I: The *Galaxy I* is a 114.8-foot-long, first-class motor yacht that can accommodate up to 16 passengers in nine air-conditioned cabins with en suite bathrooms. Cabins are located on the Upper Deck, 3, Main Deck, 3 and Lower Deck, 3.



📍 France

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Most Popular ★

The Seine: D-Day Beaches to Paris

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12416XVP



Trace the events of history’s largest invasion on June 6, 1944, from Normandy’s beaches to the liberation of Paris. At charming ports of call local experts discuss life along the Seine River, ranging from medieval history to Impressionist art.

Highlights:

- Enjoy incredible views of the Seine and the surrounding countryside aboard your comfortable riverboat.
- Delve into the events of D-Day with experts at Sainte Mere Eglise and Utah and Omaha Beaches.
- Explore the historic sites of Paris’s World War II occupation and learn about its final liberation in August 1944.

Itinerary: Arrival Paris, 1 night; coach to Caen, 5 nights; coach to Honfleur, embark vessel, 6 nights (ports of call include Honfleur, Duclair, Rouen, Vernon, Paris); disembark Paris, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 34 total (13B, 10L, 11D)

Vessel Description

MS Seine Princess: CroisiEurope’s *Seine Princess* features two decks with a dining room, lounge-bar with a dance floor, library and gift shop. The ship’s one-sitting restaurant serves artfully prepared traditional French cuisine, and the sundeck offers an incredible view of the Seine as it meanders through Normandy and into Paris.



📍 Vietnam | Cambodia

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Small Group Most Popular ★

Angkor Wat and the Mekong River: Life Along the Mekong in Cambodia and Vietnam

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19033XVP



In the 19th and 20th centuries Vietnam and Cambodia were beset by imperial warfare and ethnic violence. Today, these modern states are integrating into the global community even as they mend the wounds of an era of atrocity. Consider legacies both bleak and beautiful as you navigate up the Mekong River to access villages and rice paddies where authentic Khmer and Vietnamese culture lives on.

Highlights:

- Visit Vietnam’s National University to meet with a professor and students.
- Sail along the Cho Gao Canal and observe local people as they tend the land, fish and travel to and from market.
- Learn about the depredations of the Khmer Rouge at the “Killing Fields” and the S-21 Interrogation Center.
- Uncover the story of the Khmer Empire while exploring the Angkor Temple Complex.

Itinerary: Arrival Siem Reap (Cambodia), 3 night; embark mv *Toum Teav*, 7 nights (ports of call include Tonle Sap, Kampong Chhnang, Phnom Penh, Mekong Delta, Cho Gao Canal); disembark Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 33 total (12B, 10L, 11D)

Vessel Description

Toum Teav: Built in 2001, CF Mekong’s *Toum Teav* is the only cruising vessel that can sail from Siem Reap pier to Saigon harbor. All 10 cabins are small and authentically designed, have individually controlled air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom and panoramic windows.



📍 Sharpsburg, Maryland

National Parks Small Group

Biking the C&O Canal Towpath

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #13306XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Biking 15–30 miles daily on generally flat, unpaved trail.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal provides 185 miles of beautiful, tree-lined towpath for biking. Led by experts, each day bike a new segment of the trail, ranging from 15–30 miles. Follow the path of the canal westward from Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md., on a memorable ride through the nation's early history.

Highlights:

- Learn more about the C&O Canal at the Canal Place Museum in Cumberland at the terminus of the canal.
- Experience the nearly mile-long Paw Paw Tunnel, an amazing feat of engineering.
- Walk around historic Harper's Ferry, following the steps of John Brown and his Raiders and more.

Meals: 14 total (5B, 4L, 5D)

Lodging: Modern lodge with natural spring, pavilion, fireplace, campfire circles. Alcohol prohibited.



📍 Williamsburg, Virginia

Outdoor Adventures Small Group

Biking through History: The Virginia Capital Trail and the Colonial Parkway

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2284XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Biking 15–30 miles per day, mostly flat terrain, occasional hills.

Bicycle historic pathways and the East Coast Greenway past scenic fields, rivers and homes as you join a small group of adventurers for a revealing look at the James River area, one of America's richest historical centers. Your learning journey spans the Colonial era from Jamestown to the Siege of Yorktown 174 years later, with fascinating lectures setting up your field trips to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown Battlefield and Berkeley Plantation. Enjoy your exercise and a history lesson all at one time.

Highlights:

- Bike the newly completed Virginia Capital Bike Trail, stretching from Jamestown toward Richmond, as well as the entire historical Colonial Parkway.
- Journey through Colonial Williamsburg with a local expert to learn about shops, gardens and 18th-century lives, then explore the campus of the College of William & Mary by bike to complete your week's rides.
- Ride the winding trails along rural roads and through urban landscapes, including several historical areas of Richmond, VA.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Modern hotel near historic area, indoor pool and fitness center.



📍 Venice, Florida

Best Value Small Group

Adventure on Two Wheels: History, Art and Culture in Venice, Florida

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21755XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Daily bike rides of up to 27 miles at 10–15 miles per hour with stops.

Pedal back to “Old Florida” on the Legacy Trail along the former rail beds of Florida's historic rail corridor, which famously carried the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. On an adventure blending the urban and the wild, bike through historic Venezia Park to study its Mediterranean revival architecture and its “umbrella-topped” Canary Island date palms, and keep your eyes peeled for wildlife on rides through the wetlands, prairies and hardwood hammocks of Myakka River State Park. Comb the beach for shark teeth, and meet with experts to discuss area history from Indian shell mounds to pioneer homesteaders.

Note: Bikes and helmets provided.

Highlights:

- Explore 5,000 years of Florida history through prehistoric Indian mounds, pioneer-era buildings and the colorful gardens.
- Bike the Legacy Trail, and delve into Florida's railroad heritage at the historic Venice Train Depot.
- Step aboard an air boat for a thrilling discovery of the ecology of Lake Myakka.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 3L, 5D)

Lodging: Modern hotel with pool located next to the Legacy Biking Trail.



📍 Austria | Germany

Small Group

A Cycling Journey: Munich to Vienna along the Danube River

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #3044XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Cycling up to 15–40 miles daily on primarily flat terrain with frequent stops.

Centuries ago, “treppelweg,” or towpaths, were laid down along the Danube so that horses could pull barges along the river. This system allowed goods to be transported between the Black Forest and the Black Sea. Many of these storied paths have been converted into beautiful bike paths. Follow the “treppelweg” on an bike journey that reveals the amazing environments, fascinating folklore and life along the Danube.

Highlights:

- Pedal through the Wachau wine region with a stop at 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey for a history lesson.
- Discover the fascinating history along the Danube River during a visit to the Schifffahrtsmuseum.
- Enjoy an organ concert at St. Stephan’s Cathedral in Passau.

Itinerary: Arrival Munich (Germany), coach to Deggendorf, 2 nights; bike to Passau, 2 nights; bike to Schlogen (Austria), 1 night; bike to Linz, 2 nights; bike to Grein, 1 night; bike to Melk, 1 night; bike to Krems, 1 night; bike to Tulln, coach to Vienna, 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 24 total (12B, 12D)

Lodging: Deggendorf: Hotel outside town. Passau: Hotel in historic district. Schlogen: Riverside hotel. Linz: Downtown hotel. Grein: Hotel on main square. Melk: Hotel in historic district. Krems: Hotel near town center. Vienna: Historic hotel.



📍 Italy

Small Group

A Cycling Journey: Northern Italy From the Alps to Verona

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20865XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Cycling up to 23–45 miles daily on primarily flat terrain with frequent stops.

Pedal along the Adige River Valley in the shadow of the Alps and the Dolomites. Follow former railway tracks to an awe-some mountain descent to the deep blue Lago di Garda, Italy’s largest lake. And bike beside the Mincio River to a charming hamlet where three ancient water mills once powered the Venetian Republic. Accompanied by experts and other cyclists, ride to ancient Roman outposts, sprawling vineyards and great monuments of both German- and Italian-speaking worlds.

Highlights:

- Bicycle on dedicated cycle paths along the scenic Adige and Mincio Rivers.
- Gain insights into the discovery of Ötzi, the 5,300-year-old-ice mummy found in a local glacier, during a visit to the South Tyrol Archaeology Museum.
- Learn how apples are cultivated in Laces and wine produced in Mezzocorona.

Itinerary: Arrival Innsbruck (Austria), coach to San Valentino alla Muta (Italy), 1 night; bike to Silandro, 1 night; bike to Merano, 1 night; bike to Bolzano, 2 nights; bike to Salorno, 1 night; bike to Trento, 1 night; bike to Lake Garda, 1 night; ferry to Sirmione, bike to Peschiera del Garda, 1 night; bike to Mantova, 1 night; coach to Verona, departure.

Meals: 20 total (10B, 10D)

Lodging: Centrally located three- and four-star hotels throughout.



📍 Netherlands | Belgium

Small Group

A Cycling Journey: Bike and Barge in Holland and Belgium

15 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10530XVP



Outdoor: Spirited

Cycling up to 20–30 miles daily on primarily flat terrain with frequent stops.

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the Dutch provinces of Utrecht, South Holland, Brabant, Zeeland, Limburg and the Flanders region of Belgium as you barge along scenic rivers and canals and cycle past windmills and through picturesque villages. With experts aboard the barge and in the field, learn about Dutch history and architecture, Roman influence in the Netherlands, the difference between the Flemish and the Walloons and much more.

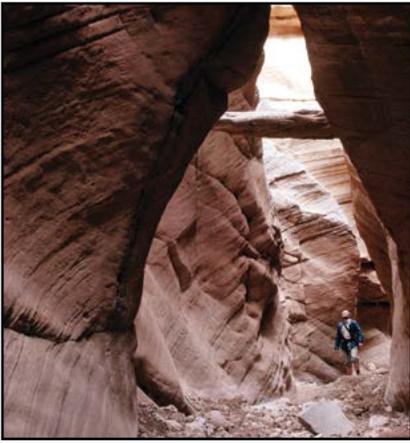
Highlights:

- Learn about Antwerp’s architecture, and admire its Gothic cathedral.
- Cycle to the charming 13th-century trading town of Bergen op Zoom and Maastricht.
- Experience lively Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, with its canals, terraces and fascinating museums.

Itinerary: Arrival Amsterdam (Netherlands), motorcoach to de Zaanse Schans, barge to Utrecht, 1 night; bike and barge to Willemstad, 1 night; to Antwerp (Belgium), 2 nights; to Hasselt, 1 night; to Maastricht, 2 nights; to Roermond, 1 night; to Arcen, 1 night; to Cuyk, 1 night; to Den Bosch, 1 night; to Vianen, 1 night; to Amsterdam, 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 29 total (14B, 1L, 14D)

Lodging: Double-occupancy barge cabins, each with twin-lower beds, basin, toilet, shower and central heating.



📍 Lake Powell, Arizona

National Parks Small Group

Hiking the Slick Rock, Slot Canyons and Red Rocks of Lake Powell

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6114XVP

Outdoor: Spirited

Hiking 3-7 miles daily over varied terrain, including rock scrambling.

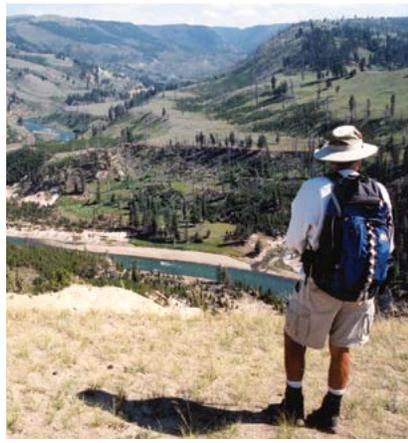
Hiking boots and a daypack are your ticket to some magical forays into the Lake Powell area. Discover canyon country's secret treasures — hidden arches, slot canyons, ancient petroglyphs and matchless panoramic vistas. Naturalist guides reveal the geologic forces that have shaped these magical landforms.

Highlights:

- On daily hikes, explore the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Navajoland and the stunning Lake Powell region of rock, water and sky.
- Learn from regional experts about the dinosaurs, plants and animals, pre-historic Native Americans, Mormon pioneers, dam builders and contemporary culture that have defined themselves amid this beautiful landscape.
- Evenings include musical entertainment and a presentation on the unique wildlife of the high desert.

Meals: 14 total (5B, 4L, 5D)

Lodging: Four-star hotel with outdoor pool next to Lake Powell National Golf Course.



📍 Gardiner, Montana

National Parks Small Group

Choose Your Pace: A Walk on the Wild Side in Yellowstone

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #4874XVP

Outdoor: Choose Your Pace

Each day, choose from multiple hiking options based on your desired level of challenge and pace, ranging from 3-7 miles.

Yellowstone National Park offers 1,200 miles of hiking, walking and backpacking trails that wind through the park's 2.2 million acres of spectacular and mostly untouched terrain. Led by a naturalist, explore pathways that thread through Yellowstone's matchless landscape of diverse flora, thermal features, landforms, canyons, cascades and waterways.

Highlights:

- Discover a spectacular and mostly untouched landscape while hiking a fragment of Yellowstone's 1,200 miles of backpacking, hiking and walking trails.
- Four days in the field offer a tantalizing glimpse of the Great Caldera's infinite wonders.
- An instructor's interpretation and observations enhance your hiking field trips and provide an intimate portrait of the park's wildlife, habitats and geology.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Motel, patio overlooking Yellowstone River. Some rooms up one flight of stairs.



📍 Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania

National Parks Most Popular ★

Choose Your Pace: A Hiking Adventure on the Appalachian Trail

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #14629XVP

Outdoor: Choose Your Pace

Each day, choose from multiple hiking options based on your desired level of challenge and pace, ranging from 3-10 miles on rocky terrain.

Lace up your boots and discover a section of the Appalachian Trail in the Pocono Mountains — a stretch prized for its outstanding views. Pass through the picturesque Delaware Water Gap and follow rocky ridges a few thousand feet above sea level. On daily hikes chosen by level of challenge, learn trail orientation, hiking safety and the history and preservation of a national treasure while wrapped in nature's beauty and serenity.

Highlights:

- Enjoy hikes led by experienced, knowledgeable experts on the renowned Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- Get acquainted with the environment of the Poconos on a walk with a local naturalist.
- Learn after-hiking yoga relaxation techniques from a local expert to help you stretch and unwind after a day on the trails.

Meals: 13 total (5B, 3L, 5D)

Lodging: Historic riverside inn with pool, hot tub, full-service spa and 27-hole championship golf course.



📍 Costa Rica

Small Group

Walking & Wellness: Costa Rican Secrets of Longevity

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21436XVP



Walking up to five miles a day on irregular terrain including forest and beach trails.

Amid Guanacaste province’s sunny beaches and nearby forests, waterfalls and an active volcano, learn how to lead a more active and healthy life. Nurture body, mind and spirit as you start the day with Qigong exercises, take daily nature walks, relax in thermal pools, enjoy volcanic mud baths and bask in the Pacific sunsets of nature’s paradise. Attempt to reach 10,000 steps per day to match current fitness guidelines.

Highlights:

- On energizing walks through various terrain, we will be conscious of trying to achieve 10,000 steps a day – a goal recommended for a healthy lifestyle.
- Learn about the local plant and animal life, comparing and contrasting the characteristics of the different ecosystems we’ll explore.
- Enjoy fresh, clean air, nutritious food, morning stretching sessions and multiple outdoor activities.

Itinerary: Arrival Liberia, coach to Rincon de la Vieja, 3 nights; coach to Playa Pan de Azucar, 3 nights; coach to Liberia for departure.

Meals: 16 total (6B, 5L, 5D)

Lodging: Rincon de la Vieja: Charming mountain resort with bungalows and villas. Playa Pan de Azucar: Hotel on the beautiful, secluded Playa Pan de Azucar beach.



📍 Peru

Small Group

Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19937XVP



Hiking up to six hours a day over varied terrain Elevations up to 13,779 feet.

Let your feet carry you into natural beauty, mystery and even spiritual awareness on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. The Inca constructed an advanced road and trail system over which agile runners would deliver messages and even carry fresh fish into the highlands for the ruling class. Led by experts, hike the most famous stretch of this road system, passing through lush cloud forests and alpine tundra and examining Incan ruins before successfully arriving at the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu.

Highlights:

- Hike the famed Inca Trail from Pisacucho to Machu Picchu.
- Experience the “Lost City of the Incas” through an on-site lecture or an optional hike to the summit of Wayna Picchu.
- Learn about the remarkable Incan agriculture system in the Sacred Valley.

Itinerary: Arrival Lima, 2 nights; flight to Cusco, coach to the Sacred Valley, 3 nights; hiking the Inca Trail, 3 nights; Machu Picchu, 1 night; train and coach to Cusco, 2 nights; flight to Lima, departure.

Meals: 28 total (11B, 9L, 8D)

Lodging: Lima: Modern hotel. Sacred Valley: Country lodge on the site of a 350-year-old monastery. Inca Trail: High-quality expedition-style tents. Machu Picchu: Newly renovated hotel. Cusco: Four-star hotel.



📍 Iceland

Small Group

Walking and Hiking in South Iceland: The Drama of Nature

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10537XVP



The world’s 18th-largest island is also one of the most fascinating, where eons of glaciation, combined with an active molten core, have resulted in a landscape like few others on the planet. Traverse the landscape and national parks on foot, studying Iceland’s natural and cultural history with local experts. Don’t miss a chance to revitalize in one of South Iceland’s many thermal pools.

Highlights:

- Learn about Iceland’s energy source at a geothermal power plant.
- Explore Skaftafell National Park, which spans three glaciers on the southern edge of Vatnajökull, Europe’s largest icecap.
- Soak in a naturally heated river in the colorful, volcanic Landmannalaugar region.

Itinerary: Arrival Reykjavik, coach to Hveragerdi, 2 nights; coach to Kirkjubaejarklaustur, 2 nights; coach to Skaftafell National Park, 2 nights; coach to Reykjavik, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 23 total (8B, 8L, 7D)

Lodging: Hveragerdi: Eco-friendly hotel in the countryside. Kirkjubaejarklaustur: Quaint country hotel. Skaftafell National Park: Resort near one of Iceland’s most impressive glaciers. Reykjavik: First-class hotel in the heart of the city.

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