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PRIVATE GROUP CHARTERS



Plan a Learning Adventure for Your Group

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the cost for one more!**

Greetings!

I'm Frania Monarski, Road Scholar's Private Group Charter Expert. I've helped hundreds of groups plan Road Scholar learning adventures all over the United States and around the world.

I'm here to make planning a Road Scholar adventure for your group hassle-free. I 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. I'll do the work, you take the credit.

I'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 me know. Have questions? Call (877) 209-4634, or e-mail me at groups@roadscholar.org.

Best wishes,
Frانيا Monarski
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.

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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 Assurance 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 Assurance Plan

Designed exclusively for Road Scholar participants, the Road Scholar Assurance 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? Just ask.

How soon should I begin planning?

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.

Is there a deposit?

We won't finalize the details until you're confident that you'll have enough people to make your program happen. The non-refundable deposit is \$500 for a North America program and \$1,000 for international programs.

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

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 Protection Plan, 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
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📍 Begins in Sedona, Arizona

On the Road National Parks Small Group

On the Road: Sedona's Red Rock Country and the Grand Canyon

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1088YLH



Explore the geology, ecology and human heritage of Sedona's Oak Creek Canyon and the Grand Canyon. In Sedona, venture by Jeep into its red-rock backcountry to explore vistas visitors seldom see. Overnight in Grand Canyon National Park to soak in the panorama of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, then follow the road to the bottom of the canyon for a picnic on the banks of the Colorado River.

Highlights:

- Visit Montezuma Castle National Monument, a five-story cliff dwelling of the prehistoric Sinagua people.
- In western Grand Canyon, go off-the-beaten path on the Hualapai Indian Reservation on old Route 66.
- At Grand Canyon National Park, explore the South Rim's dramatic viewpoints and trails with regional experts.

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

Lodging: Sedona: Modern hotel with red-rock views (Please be aware of hotel renovation/construction in 2018). Grand Canyon: National Park lodge one-half mile from rim. Peach Springs: Varies by date — modern tribal Indian lodge or classic Route 66 lodging on 900 acres.

Itinerary: Arrival Sedona, 3 nights; coach to Grand Canyon South Rim, 1 night; coach to Peach Springs, 2 nights; transfer to Sedona, departure.



📍 Sedona, Arizona

National Parks Train Treks Most Popular ★

Best of Sedona: Natural & Cultural Landscapes in Red Rock Country

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1062YLH



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.

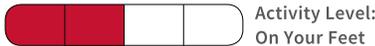


📍 Los Angeles, California

The Arts Most Popular ★

Art Collectors and Their Collections

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1183YLH



Be treated to several of Southern California's finest art museums and leave the driving to us! The Los Angeles area's distinguished collections are on display in several grand museums. Daily in-depth lectures prior to the visits provide an orientation to the museums which enriches your appreciation of their visionary collectors.

Highlights:

- Enjoy a private, docent-led exploration of the permanent exhibitions in the Ahmanson Building, the original building of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art complex.
- Study the life of J. Paul Getty and examine his collections of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present against a backdrop of dramatic architecture, tranquil gardens and breathtaking views of the city.
- Discover Norton Simon's collection of art from Europe and Asia on a docent-led walk, and experience the museum of Arabella and Henry Huntington, an oasis of art and culture amid 207 acres of gardens.

Meals: 10 total (5B, 1L, 4D)

Lodging: Full-service hotel near downtown destinations and transportation.



📍 San Diego, California

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City San Diego: America's Finest City

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #16955YLH



From the world-renowned San Diego Zoo to sparkling beaches, bustling boardwalks and a picturesque harbor, San Diego is a city where life is lived outdoors. Experience the best of this sun-kissed California jewel, as you sample San Diego's rich Genoese and Sicilian culture on an exclusive expert-led walk through Little Italy, marvel at the architectural masterpieces and manicured landscapes of Balboa Park and discover one of the wildest stretches of land on the Southern California coast — Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve.

Highlights:

- Explore San Diego's harbor on a study cruise and learn about the city's fascinating maritime heritage and how it came to be home to the largest Navy and Marine Corps complex in the U.S.
- See San Diego's natural side with a walk at Torrey Pines State Reserve and a visit to La Jolla's Birch Aquarium.
- Meet the famous giant pandas at the San Diego Zoo and learn about the National Historic Landmark Hotel del Coronado.

Meals: 12 total (5B, 2L, 5D)

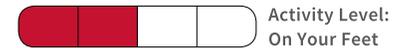
Lodging: Newly renovated hotel near San Diego attractions with heated pool and fitness studio.



📍 Ventura, California

The Best of California: The Reagan Library to the Channel Islands

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #14491YLH



While on the Channel Islands, walk up to one mile on mostly flat, hard-packed terrain; stand for two hours.

Experience California's diverse cultural and natural wonders. View J. Paul Getty's extensive art collection at the J. Paul Getty Center, go hiking on the Channel Islands and sit in the peaceful courtyards at the historic missions of Santa Barbara and Ventura. Insights gained through lectures and visits will give you a full picture of California culture.

Highlights:

- Learn about the history of the Santa Barbara and Ventura missions during docent-led explorations of these landmarks.
- Board Air Force One at the Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.
- Enjoy a leisurely hike on one of the islands that is part of the Channel Islands National Park.

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

Lodging: Beachfront property with all two-room suites, located near the beautiful Channel Islands Harbor.



📍 San Francisco, California

The Arts

Discover San Francisco's Art Museums

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21592YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

Experience four remarkable art institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area: the de Young and the Legion of Honor Fine Arts Museums, the Asian Art Museum and the newly revitalized San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA). In-depth lectures and gallery visits will expose you to the compelling San Francisco art scene. Hear the behind-the-scenes stories about what happens when a Picasso turns up in storage, the traveling exhibit is towed for double-parking and a donation goes bad.

Highlights:

- Become immersed in each museum with lectures by local experts followed by docent-led visits.
- Be mesmerized by SFMOMA which includes six art-filled terraces, a sculptural staircase and Roman steps, and ten stories of modern and contemporary art.
- Enjoy a stirring musical performance in one of San Francisco's noted venues.

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

Lodging: Comfortable, centrally located hotel in downtown San Francisco.



📍 Begins in Monterey Bay, California

Small Group

The Best of Monterey's Wildlife: Condors, Sea Otters and Whales

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21105YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

The coastal wildlife in California is nothing short of spectacular. Condors with a wingspan of almost ten feet soar along the rugged shoreline, and sea otters play in the same waters as migrating whales. Experience the stunning wildlife of California's coastline on this one-of-a-kind learning adventure that will bring you up close to incredible flora and fauna at the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, dubbed "the crown jewel of the State Park System." Join experts for discoveries at renowned research centers, and take excursions to wildlife sanctuaries to learn about local conservation efforts.

Highlights:

- Go behind the scenes at the world-class Monterey Bay Aquarium which boasts a 28-foot tall kelp forest — one of the tallest aquarium exhibits in the world.
- Explore the protected waters of Elkhorn Slough for a chance to view wildlife.
- Track California condors along Highway 1, the scenic highway that traces the gorgeous California coastline.

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

Lodging: Boutique hotel in the heart of Monterey.



📍 Mendocino, California

Small Group

Historic Mendocino: A Colorful Coastal Community

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6463YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

Bordered on three sides by grassy meadows and the breaking surf of the Pacific Ocean, free of billboards, traffic lights and box stores, Mendocino remains an unspoiled village closely tied to California's colorful early history. Experience the area's stunning beauty and Victorian past on streets lined with old wooden buildings, water towers and fragrant gardens. Delve into Mendocino's human and natural history through lectures and expert-led field trips.

Highlights:

- During an expert-led walk on the Mendocino Headlands and MacKerricher State Park, learn about the region's often-dangerous logging history.
- Visit the beautifully restored and historically significant Point Cabrillo Lighthouse and the Mendocino Botanical Gardens with its remarkable diversity of plants.
- Explore local art galleries perched above the Pacific Ocean, and watch demonstrations by resident artists.

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

Lodging: Beautifully renovated Victorian hotel on the National Historic Register.



📍 Los Angeles, California

Holidays Most Popular ★

Rose Parade®: A Heritage to Celebrate

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10515YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

Walking up to one mile per day, standing for several hours, climbing stairs and sitting on bleacher seats without backs.

New Year's Eve belongs to Times Square but New Year's Day is all California's and Pasadena's with the Tournament of Roses Parade®! Welcome the new year by attending the annual Rose Parade® and delight in the tradition and pageantry of magnificent floral floats, high-stepping equestrians and spirited marching bands.

Highlights:

- Learn the fascinating history of the parade from a Tournament of Roses insider and hear from a past Rose Queen about her reign.
- Attend Bandfest to watch and listen to prize-winning bands performing field shows.
- Become a part of the spectacle as you help decorate one of the elaborate Rose Parade® floats, attend the parade itself and view floats up close at the Post Parade.

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

Lodging: Full-service hotel in San Fernando Valley 30 miles from Pasadena or upgraded four-star hotel in downtown LA 15 miles from Pasadena.

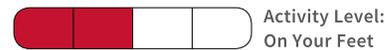


📍 San Francisco, California

Holidays

Holidays in San Francisco: Christmastime by the Bay

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22080YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

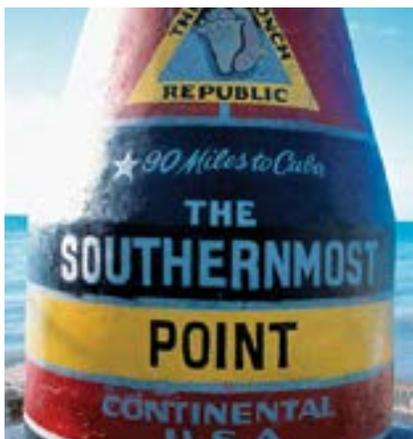
'Tis the season to be jolly in San Francisco! Explore and learn about the City by the Bay amid the sights and sounds of the Christmas season. On a docent-led visit, explore San Francisco's most beautiful museum, the Legion of Honor. Come to know the stories behind beloved Christmas traditions. Learn little-known facts about your favorite Christmas music, both sacred and secular. Journey through the majestic art of Christmas from the Annunciation to the Adoration of the Magi. Be entertained at two holiday performances in some of the city's acclaimed performing-arts venues.

Highlights:

- Relish an exploration of one of San Francisco's iconic Victorian homes bedecked in Christmas regalia followed by a holiday tea.
- See gaily decorated hotel lobbies and city highlights on a narrated bus excursion.
- Enjoy a Christmas Day boat excursion on San Francisco Bay, sailing under both the Golden Gate and Bay bridges.

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

Lodging: Hotel with city views at the foot of Nob Hill.



📍 Key West, Florida

Signature Cities

Key West Old Town: A Kaleidoscope of Life

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20902YLH



Walking two miles daily on paved sidewalks; some stairs and standing at museums and historic sites.

With its distinctive architecture, courtyard gardens and hidden pathways, Key West's Old Town is a delight to explore on foot. Experience what makes the United States' southernmost city so unique and what lies behind the quaint facade. With local experts, hear tales of shipwrecks, explore the Hemingway home and get a look at Papa's favorite bar. Consider President Truman's love affair with Key West at the "Little White House" and share the spirit of the island with artists, divers, gardeners, historians, musicians, oceanographers and other natives.

Highlights:

- Meet numerous Key West residents and hear from them about their home and the cultural scene.
- Visit the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum to examine artifacts retrieved from a sunken 17th-century ship.
- Learn about the variety of bird species and exotic flora at the Audubon House and Tropical Gardens.

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

Lodging: Varies by date.



📍 Savannah, Georgia

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Savannah's Rich Heritage, Remarkable History and Memorable Music

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11376YLH



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.

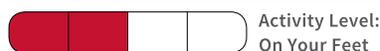


📍 St. Simons Island, Georgia

National Parks Most Popular ★

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

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1384YLH



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: Varies by date. Hotel on St. Simons Island or at the Jekyll Island Club.

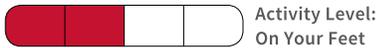


📍 Chicago, Illinois

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City Chicago: Your Kind of Town

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2818YLH



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 #21908YLH



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 art-works 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.



📍 New Orleans, Louisiana

Signature Cities Small Group Most Popular ★

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

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21665YLH



Activity Level:
Varies by Date

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 New Orleans 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 Monteleone in the heart of the French Quarter.



📍 Lafayette, Louisiana

Most Popular ★

The Cajun Experience in Music, Food and Dance

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #5629YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

Help yourself to a heaping portion of folk heritage and savor the history, lifestyles, food, language and music of Louisiana's French-speaking communities. Learn about traditions old and new and watch local artisans at work. Tap your toes to the fiddle and accordion as you learn about Louisiana music's unique sound. Just like local folks, enjoy down-home cooking featuring dishes such as gumbo, jambalaya and étouffée. It's all here in the heart of Cajun Country.

Highlights:

- At the Jean Lafitte Acadian Culture Center, learn about the deportation of Acadians from Canada and their arrival in present-day Louisiana, then continue to Vermilionville for a narrated walk through the folk-life village.
- Learn the Cajun waltz and the two-step in an entertaining dance lesson.
- Visit New Iberia and the Shadows-on-the-Teche, where you learn about the history of this beautiful old home, plus the influence of the area's sugarcane farming.

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

Lodging: Comfortable hotel with fitness center and outdoor pool. Complimentary airport shuttle service.



📍 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Most Popular ★

Santa Fe and Taos: A Tale Of Two Cities

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11009YLH

Activity Level:
On Your Feet

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.



📍 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.

Highlights:

- Discover the amazing collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a museum that is to New York what the Louvre is to Paris.
- Explore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, gateway to America for millions of immigrants.
- Join a local expert for walks through iconic neighborhoods and dine at local eateries.

Lodging: Midtown hotel near Times Square.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6593YLH

Activity Level:
Let’s Go!

Meals: 6 total (3B, 3D)

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #8861YLH

Activity Level:
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 #11921YLH



Walking up to three miles per day with stairs. Public transportation used exclusively throughout program.

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.



📍 Portland, Oregon

Most Popular ★

The Faces of Oregon: Mt. Hood, Columbia River Gorge & the Coast

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1834YLH



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.



📍 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Signature Cities | Small Group

Signature City Philadelphia: National Treasures of History and Heritage

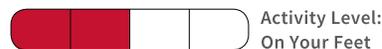
Philadelphia is America’s most remarkable hometown, enriched by centuries of history, heritage, culture and connections. Led by experts, experience its lively diversity as we explore neighborhoods such as Society Hill, Independence National Park, the Italian Market and elegant Rittenhouse Square. Learn 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.
- Experience the rich tradition of the arts and culture of Philadelphia at a public event.

Lodging: Varies by date.

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9068YLH



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

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10238YLH



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



📍 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

National Parks Small Group

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 handmade dulcimer, banjo, accordion and harmonica.
- Meet Hannah Shearer, close friend to Mary Lincoln, in an exceptional living-history presentation.

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

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #16301YLH

Activity Level: Keep the Pace

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

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9114YLH

Activity Level: On Your Feet

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



📍 Charleston, South Carolina

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City Charleston: Historic Plantations and Gardens

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19403YLH

Activity Level: Keep the Pace

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 Aiken-Rhett Home and the Joseph Manigault 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: 11 total (5B, 2L, 4D)

Lodging: Luxurious hotel in the historic district.



📍 Mount Rushmore, South Dakota

National Parks Most Popular ★

The Best of Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills and Badlands

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #13160YLH



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.



📍 San Antonio, Texas

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City San Antonio

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #1981YLH



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 the Spanish missions and 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 local celebrity chef whose food has been served at the White House, and then sit down to a full Mexican feast.

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

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



📍 Charlottesville, Virginia

**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.
- With an expert leader, see Jefferson’s “Academical Village,” walking through the UVA Grounds and by the impressive Rotunda.

Lodging: New, modern hotel, centrally located amid Virginia’s Blue Ridge foothills.

Choose a 3-Night or 5-Night Adventure

3 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #9113YLH

 Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2007YLH

 Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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



📍 Richmond, Virginia

Signature Cities

**Signature City Richmond:
Great Gardens, Mansions & Museums**

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21403YLH

 Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Graced with exquisite gardens, opulent manors and museums showcasing everything from Civil War artifacts to contemporary art, Virginia’s capital city is a true national treasure. Discover the best of Richmond as you survey architecture from the Colonial, Victorian and Gilded Age periods, experience world-class galleries at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and visit the highly regarded Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Depending on the date, delve into Civil War history and explore the thriving Jackson Ward neighborhood, or immerse yourself in immaculate gardens at historic mansions — the choice is yours!

Highlights:

- Explore Thomas Jefferson’s boyhood home Tuckahoe Plantation, the Virginia State Capitol and St. John’s Church where Patrick Henry famously declared, “Give me liberty or give me death!”
- On “Museum” dates, venture to the White House and Museum of the Confederacy and the Maggie Walker House — a National Historic Site.
- On “Garden” dates, stroll through English Tudor landscapes at Agecroft Hall and the Charles Gillette-designed gardens at Virginia House.

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

Lodging: Modern downtown hotel in the heart of Richmond’s River District.



📍 Begins in Seattle, Washington

National Parks Most Popular ★

Island Hopping on Three of Washington's San Juan Islands

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18520YLH

 Activity Level: 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 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.



📍 Door County, Wisconsin

Most Popular ★

Door County: Cherries, Apples, Lighthouses and Lake Views

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12334YLH

 Activity Level: On Your Feet

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.



📍 Vancouver, British Columbia

Signature Cities Small Group

Signature City Vancouver

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #2678YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Set amid a backdrop of snow-flecked coast mountains, lush rain forest and sandy beaches, Vancouver is spectacular by nature. Steadily earning accolades as one of the world's most livable cities, Vancouver boasts stunning parks and seawall trails, rich history and remarkable cultural diversity. Go behind the scenes with local experts to get an insider's look at the distinct historical, architectural and cultural communities that give the city its unrivalled cosmopolitan nature. Explore well-known and hidden treasures, from a Ming Dynasty-styled rock garden and bustling sea port to eclectic neighborhoods and markets.

Highlights:

- Delve into Vancouver's art and cultural scene, its fascinating neighborhoods and history and rich Aboriginal culture at the Museum of Anthropology.
- With a culinary expert, explore the eclectic food shops and exceptional fresh food market that make Granville Island famous.
- Explore the temperate West Coast forest with expert ecologist as you stand amongst some of the tallest old-growth red cedars and Douglas firs.

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

Lodging: Comfortable downtown hotel.



📍 Québec City, Québec

Signature Cities Most Popular ★

Signature City Québec

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19748YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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.



📍 Ontario | Michigan | Illinois

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

The Best of All Five Great Lakes by Small Ship, Only With Road Scholar

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21866YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

Nearly 15,000 years ago, the last of the great glaciers retreated, leaving us the Great Lakes — Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. These vast bodies of water contain more than one-fifth of the planet's fresh surface water. On a small ship exclusively chartered by Road Scholar, voyage to all five Great Lakes, discovering pristine natural beauty and learning the colorful stories of the people who've sailed and worked these waterways.

Highlights:

- Sail all five Great Lakes and storied waterways like the Soo Locks and Welland Canal on an exclusively chartered ship.
- Discover Mackinac Island, a Victorian-era haven where cars are forbidden and horse-drawn carriages rule the roads.
- Exploring the best of Chicago on expert-led excursions.

Itinerary: Arrival Chicago, Ill. (USA), 1 night; embark *M/V Victory I*, 9 nights (ports of call include Mackinac Island (Mich.), Sault Ste. Marie, (Ontario), Manitoulin Island, Midland, Windsor, Niagara Falls); disembark Toronto, departure.

Meals: 32 total (11B, 10L, 11D)

Vessel Description

M/V Victory I: Victory Cruise Line's 110 stateroom *M/V Victory I* is a 4-star, intimate, charming, and fully stabilized ocean-going vessel.



📍 Ontario | Michigan | Illinois

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

Voyaging to all Five Great Lakes at a Slower Pace

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22222YLH



Activity Level:
Easy Going

From the masterpieces of Chicago's Art Institute to the marvels of all five Great Lakes, this gently-paced voyage blends enriching educational discoveries with unparalleled natural scenery. On a small ship chartered exclusively by Road Scholar, experience the pristine beauty that receding glaciers left in their wake — Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. Designed especially for participants who prefer less walking, this program uses coaches to travel to daily destinations, introducing you to both scenic splendor and to the stories of those who have worked these extraordinary waterways.

Highlights:

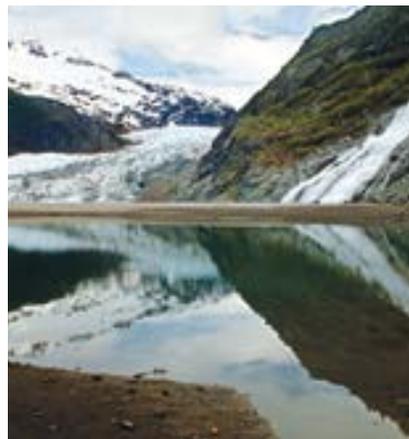
- Sail all five Great Lakes and storied waterways like the Soo Locks and Welland Canal on an exclusively chartered ship.
- Discover Mackinac Island, a Victorian-era haven where cars are forbidden.
- Spend one night in Chicago and one night in Toronto, exploring the best of both cities on expert-led excursions.

Itinerary: Arrival Chicago, Ill., 1 night; embark *M/V Victory I*, 9 nights (ports of call include Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Island (Canada), Midland, Windsor, Niagara Falls); disembark Toronto, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 32 total (11B, 10L, 11D)

Vessel Description

M/V Victory I: See left.



📍 Alaska

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

Alaska's Inside Passage Up Close

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #11479YLH



Activity Level:
Easy Going

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. Explore secluded bays via sea kayak or 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 Tracy Arm, a narrow fjord enclosed within soaring cliffs of granite.
- Board the White Pass narrow-gauge railway for an evocative journey back to the gold rush era.
- Experience chances to see whales, puffins, otters, bears and sea lions!

Itinerary: Arrival Sitka, 1 night; embark *Baranof Dream*, 7 nights (ports of call include 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 coves and passages, a spacious bow for viewing fjords and glaciers and a covered deck for viewing of wilderness and wildlife.



📍 Louisiana | Mississippi | Tennessee | Arkansas

Adventures Afloat Riverboat **New**

Southern Grandeur: A Private Voyage on the Mississippi

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23087YLH



Road Scholar President James Moses' love of Southern history has inspired a classic Mississippi River voyage aboard a privately chartered luxury paddlewheeler. Alongside our expert instructors, learn about the unique neighborhoods and gardens of New Orleans, and the antebellum South from New Orleans to Memphis. Explore the origins of jazz, the architecture of grand plantations and diverse culinary traditions of river towns along the Mississippi.

Highlights:

- Experiencing the diverse cuisine, music and French traditions of New Orleans.
- Set out on expert-led explorations to study the architecture and complex history of several southern plantations.
- Learn about the effect of the Civil War on the development of the American South.

Itinerary: Arrival New Orleans, La., 2 nights; aboard *American Duchess*, 7 nights (ports of call include White Castle, La., St. Francisville La., Natchez, Miss., Vicksburg, Miss., River Cruising, Tunica, Memphis, Tenn.); disembark Memphis, departure.

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

Vessel Description

American Duchess: American Queen Steamboat Company's *American Duchess* is a luxurious riverboat featuring onboard experts, nightly entertainment and complimentary beer and wine with dinner.



📍 Louisiana | Mississippi | Tennessee

Adventures Afloat Riverboat

The Best of the Mississippi River: Voyage Into Southern Heritage

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20994YLH



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

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, Greenville); disembark Memphis, Tenn., departure.

Meals: 27 total (9B, 1BR, 8L, 9D)

Vessel Description

American Duchess: See left.



📍 Oregon | Washington

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

Lewis & Clark: The Columbia and Snake Rivers by Small Ship

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20810YLH



Sail nearly 1,000 miles discovering lands forged by volcanoes and washed by catastrophic floods. Learn about the adventure of Lewis and Clark from an expert, visit museums and historical sites and explore Portland's unique culture.

Highlights:

- Discover Hells Canyon, one of the deepest gorges on earth, via a jet boat excursion along the Snake River.
- Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Columbia River during a visit to Multnomah Falls and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum.
- An expert on the Corps of Discovery offers an in-depth exploration of Lewis and Clark's expedition while stopping at various sites where they made camp.

Itinerary: Arrival Portland, Ore., 1 night; embark *Wilderness Discoverer*, 7 nights (ports of call include Clarkston, Richland, The Dalles, Astoria); disembark Portland, departure.

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

Vessel Description

Wilderness Discoverer: Renovated in 2011, UnCruise's 76-guest *Wilderness Discoverer* features a lounge, dining room and three decks, including an upper deck with a hot tub. It is equipped with kayaks, paddle boards, hiking poles, snorkel equipment and yoga mats.

“Working with Road Scholar has been wonderful. They’ve been there every step of the way taking care of all the details, providing professional handouts and responding to every question — no question too small. Road Scholar does the work. I take the bow!”

— BARBARA, GROUP ORGANIZER





📍 Brazil

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Small Group Most Popular ★

Adventure in the Heart of the Amazon by Private Riverboat

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21982YLH



Activity Level:
Let's Go!

Discover the very heart of the Amazon — the biggest, most biodiverse rainforest on Earth — on this private riverboat adventure. Led by naturalists, walk the jungle to find giant trees and exotic plants. Take morning canoe excursions to search for tropical birds as the forest wakes up. After dark, use the boat's spotlights to see nocturnal jungle-dwellers like caimans. Encounter pink dolphins and even fish for piranhas.

Highlights:

- Navigate the Amazon, the dark-watered Rio Negro and narrow tributaries on an exclusively chartered riverboat.
- Join naturalists for jungle walks and canoe excursions in search of incredible wildlife like toucans, hoatzins, caimans and pink dolphins.
- Explore Manaus and its iconic Amazon Theatre opera house, an isolated metropolis in the heart of the jungle once made rich by the rubber boom.

Itinerary: Arrival Manaus, 1 night; embark *Amazon Clipper Premium*, 7 nights (ports include Janauari Ecological Park, Anavilhanas National Park, Jaú National Park, Novo Airão); disembark Manaus, departure.

Meals: 24 total (8B, 8L, 8D)

Vessel Description

Amazon Clipper Premium: Amazon Clipper's *Amazon Clipper Premium* can accommodate 32 passengers in spacious outside cabins. It features a window-lined dining room, entertainment area and lecture room, plus a spacious sundeck with hot tubs.



📍 Croatia | Slovenia

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Most Popular ★

Slovenia & Croatia: Hidden Coves and Ancient Treasures by Sea

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22587YLH



Activity Level:
Let's Go!

Set sail by small ship through the crystal water of the Northern Adriatic Sea to medieval villages, hidden coves and the picturesque coastlines of Croatia. Learn how communities of the Northern Adriatic have been linked through history as you explore ancient white-stone streets constructed by the Romans and marvel at towering mountains, picture-perfect lakes and striking Venetian Gothic architecture. Understand the influence of the past as you discover ruins of ancient villages with experts and walk among the splendor of historic national parks.

Highlights:

- Experience Lake Bled, where postcard-perfect scenery includes a hilltop castle surrounded by the breathtaking Julian Alps.
- Learn about the complex history of the Northern Adriatic with expert lectures and excursions that reveal well-preserved ruins of the Roman and Venetian empires.
- Discover Postojna Cave, venturing underground to explore a subterranean world filled with elaborate stalagmites and stalactites.

Itinerary: Arrival Lake Bled (Slovenia), 3 nights; embark *MY Casanova*, 7 nights (ports of call include Rijeka (Croatia), Opatija, Pula, Krk, Goli otok, Rab, Zadar, National Park Telascica, Sali, Sibenik, Skradin, Krka National Park), disembark Primošten, departure.

Meals: 24 total (10B, 5L, 9D)

Vessel Description

MS Casanova: La Vida's *MS Casanova* is a small motor ship that can carry up to 36 passengers in 19 cabins and features a dining room, an open air lounge area, and a sun deck.



📍 Croatia | Montenegro

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Most Popular ★

The Best of Croatia: A Coastal Voyage by Yacht

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20118YLH

Activity Level:
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 Split, Croatia, 2 nights Hotel in Split; embark vessel, 7 nights (ports of call include Split, Trogir, Stari Grad, Hvar Town, Korcula Town, Island of Mljet National Park, Dubrovnik); disembark, transfer to Herceg Novi, Montenegro, 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 28 total (11B, 7L, 10D)

Vessel Description

MY Barbara: Built in 2006, Barbara Cruising's *MY Barbara* is a motorized, three-masted sailing yacht measuring 135 feet and can carry up to 34 passengers. The ship features ample space on teak decks, a sunbathing area and a Jacuzzi. A restaurant and bar onboard serves Adriatic seafood specialties prepared by an expert chef and renowned Croatian wines.



📍 Cuba

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

Discover the Pearl of the Antilles: A Circumnavigation of Cuba

15 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23131YLH

Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Circumnavigate the island of Cuba on an exclusive voyage aboard the *Victory I* — an elegant small ship reserved only for Road Scholars! Beginning in Miami, sail to Santiago de Cuba, Trinidad, Cienfuegos and Havana to enjoy at least two nights in each port and experience the culture and flavors of each of these dynamic cities with the help of a local Cuban expert. During time at sea, you'll enjoy expert-led classes on everything Cuba — from the history of the Bay of Pigs to salsa dancing and community projects. Enjoy people-to-people interactions with local artists, musicians, dancers and more, offering you insight into daily Cuban life and culture. This learning adventure allows you the most time on land to learn about Cuba's fascinating cities than any other voyage.

Highlights:

- Explore the island of Cuba on a ship that has been reserved exclusively for Road Scholar.
- Become truly immersed in Cuban culture during classes held at sea that offer a look into Cuban history and culture.
- Learn about Cuban dance, theater, arts, community projects and much more during people-to-people interactions.

Itinerary: Arrive Miami, Fla., 1 night; aboard *M/V Victory I*, 15 nights (ports of call include Santiago de Cuba (Cuba), Trinidad, Cienfuegos, Havana); disembark Miami, departure.

Meals: 43 total (15B, 13L, 15D)

Lodging: Miami: Comfortable hotel near airport.

Vessel Description

M/V Victory I: Victory Cruise Line's 110 stateroom *M/V Victory I* is a 4-star, intimate, charming, and fully stabilized ocean-going vessel.



📍 Egypt

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Small Group Most Popular ★

Beyond the Pharaohs: Egypt Past and Present

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12778YLH



How were the pyramids built? What happened to Queen Nefertiti? And why does Tut Ankh Amon, the “boy king,” still capture the public imagination? Journeying overland and on the Nile, Egyptologists reveal the mystery behind Egypt’s storied history and the country’s place in the modern world.

Highlights:

- Egyptologists lead expeditions to Saqqara, Dahshur, the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and the Solar Boat Museum.
- Venture to the Valley of Kings, King Tut’s tomb and the famed Colossi of Memnon.
- Delve deeper into Ancient Egypt during a four-night study cruise on the Nile.

Itinerary: Arrival Cairo, transfer to Giza, 3 nights; coach to Alexandria, 2 nights; coach to Cairo, 2 nights; fly to Luxor, embark vessel, 4 nights (ports of call include Luxor for the Valley of the Kings, Edfu for the temple of Horus Falcon God, Kom Ombo for the Temple of Sobek and Haroeris and Aswan, for Philae Temple and Abu Simbel Temple); disembark, fly to Cairo, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 34 total (12B, 11L, 11D)

Lodging: Comfortable hotels.

Vessel Description

Legacy: Steigenberger’s *Legacy* is a five-star deluxe cruise that features 76 spacious and beautifully furnished cabins. The ship has facilities onboard for relaxation and entertainment, including a large sun deck with a pool and pool bar, beauty salon, delicious buffet-style dining and a daily tea time service on the sun deck during sailing.



📍 Egypt | Jordan | Israel

Adventures Afloat Small Ship New

Allure of the Middle East: Egypt, Jordan and Israel by Yacht

15 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23221YLH



Experience Petra’s rock-hewn grandeur. Discover tombs of iron-fisted pharaohs who commanded the desert. At the Mount of Olives, absorb Jesus’ celebratory entry in Jerusalem. A learning voyage at once timeless and sensory-piquing plies the historic waters of the Red Sea, Suez Canal and Mediterranean Sea. Aboard the elegant yacht *Harmony V*, call at exotic ports for exclusive field trips with experts to examine ancient wonders, natural beauty and unparalleled history. Splice the ongoing stories of people who have thrived and survived in this special land for thousands of years.

Highlights:

- Experience the UNESCO site Wadi Rum, known as “The Valley of the Moon.”
- Discover ancient burial sites and mummies at the Valley of the Kings, as well as mystical temples in Luxor.
- Go in-depth at Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial), where millions of documents, photographs and films tell the story of 6 million Jews and their communities who perished in the Holocaust.

Itinerary: Arrival Amman (Jordan), 1 nights; coach to Dead Sea, 1 night; coach to Petra, 2 nights; coach to Aqaba, embark *M/Y Harmony V*, 7 nights (ports of call include Hurghada (Egypt), 1 night in Luxor, Suez, Port Said, Cairo); disembark Ashdod (Israel), 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 39 total (13B, 13L, 13D)

Vessel Description

M/Y Harmony V: Variety Cruises’ *M/Y Harmony V* is a deluxe, 187-foot-long, three-deck cruising vessel accommodating 46 participants. All outside cabins have a double or two lower beds, air conditioning, windows or porthole and private bathrooms.



📍 France

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Most Popular ★

The Seine: D-Day Beaches to Paris

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12416YLH



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 Botticelli: CroisiEurope's *Botticelli* is a two-deck river ship that accommodates 151 passengers. The ship was built in 2004 and is 110 meters long.



📍 France

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Best Value

The Best of the Rhone River From Provence to Paris

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #12417YLH



Combine Burgundy's charming countryside and Lyon's Roman and medieval past with Provence's picturesque villages and stunning natural beauty to experience the essence of the Rhône River. From Martigues to Avignon to Paris itself, discover the region's history and beauty and the world's greatest vineyards along the way.

Highlights:

- Learn about the wine trade in the Rhône region from the time of the Romans to today, then taste some of the regional wines and local products.
- Follow in the footsteps of Cezanne with a historian and visit sites reflected in his art.
- Marvel at technology created more than 2,000 years ago at the Saint Romain en Gal settlement and the Chaponost Aqueduct.

Itinerary: Arrival Marseille, coach to Aix-en-Provence, 3 nights; embark vessel, 6 nights (ports of call include Martigues, Arles, Avignon, Viviers, Tain-l'Hermitage, Lyon, Chalon-sur-Saone); disembark Chalon-sur-Saone, coach to Paris, 2 nights; departure.

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

Vessel Description

MS Van Gogh: CroisiEurope's *Van Gogh* is a deluxe two-deck river ship that can accommodate 108 passengers in its 54 cabins, all of which have windows. The library, restaurant, lounge-bar and sun deck can be accessed by stairs.



📍 France

Adventures Afloat Riverboat

In the Footsteps of the Great Masters: Impressionism Along the Seine

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #14662YLH

Activity Level: Keep the Pace

The art world was forever changed in the 19th century when a group of young artists broke with tradition to embrace a radical new approach to painting, conveying the impression of an experience. Step into the vivid, colorful scenes of a Monet or Pissarro as you start in Paris, Impressionism's birthplace, and sail along the Seine from Honfleur to the sites that most inspired these legendary artists.

Highlights:

- Voyage along the Seine in comfort aboard a two-deck river ship.
- Journey to Auvers-sur-Oise and visit sites painted by Vincent van Gogh, as well as the artist's home and final resting place.
- Venture to Giverny to experience the splendor of Monet's gardens.

Itinerary: Arrival Paris (France), 4 nights; embark vessel, 6 nights (ports of call include Rouen, Vernon); disembark in Honfleur, coach to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport, departure.

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

Vessel Description

MS Renoir: CroisiEurope's *Renoir* is a deluxe two-deck river ship that was built in 2001. It is 110 meters long and can accommodate 158 passengers in its 78 cabins, all of which have windows. The library, restaurant, lounge-bar and sun deck can be accessed by stairs.



📍 Ecuador

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Small Group Most Popular ★

The Galápagos: Natural and Cultural History

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #6043YLH

Activity Level: Let's Go!

Daily walks on sharp volcanic stones and loose rocks. Potentially rough water transferring from yacht into a Zodiac. Wet and dry Zodiac landings onshore. Quito, Ecuador has an elevation of 9,350 feet. Some participants fly in a day early to acclimate.

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, fly 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 II: The *Galaxy II* is a 88.5-foot-long first class motor catamaran built in 2014. The vessel can accommodate up to 16 passengers in 8 air conditioned cabins with en suite bathrooms. Public areas include a dining room, common room, bar, sun/sky deck and small library.



📍 Greece

Adventures Afloat

Small Ship

Grecian Voyage: Discover the Wonders of the Aegean

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20441YLH



A volcanic caldera rising from cerulean waters. Clusters of white-washed houses where traditional village life thrives. Sacred ground on which Greek mythology tells us humans conversed with the gods. Discover these and more on a voyage through the Cyclades, a group of islands southeast of mainland Greece. Plus absorb the ancient history of Athens during three nights on shore.

Highlights:

- Go ashore on the volcanic island of Santorini to discover the largest settlement, Fira, and the picturesque village of Oia.
- Explore Paros including a lovely fishing village and the Church of Ekatonpiliiani, one of the greatest early Christian monuments in Greece.
- Enjoy a full-day excursion to Delphi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was home to the ancient oracle and was once considered the center of the world.

Itinerary: Arrival Athens, 2 nights; embark *M/Y Callisto*, 7 nights (ports of call include Poliegos, Folegandros, Santorini, Antiparos, Delos and Mykonos, Syros, Kythnos); disembark Athens, departure.

Meals: 28 total (10B, 8L, 10D)

Vessel Description

M/Y Callisto: Variety Cruises' elegant motor yacht *M/Y Callisto*, accommodating just 30 guests, is ideal for our unique approach to cruising. The ship was renovated in 2015 and the 17 cabins feature large windows (portholes on the Lower Deck) that look out on the sea. Public areas include two large sun decks, a library, and indoor and outdoor dining areas.



📍 Greece

Adventures Afloat

Small Ship

New

Winter in Greece: Explore the Peloponnese Peninsula by Yacht

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23192YLH



During its height in the Middle Ages, the Byzantine Empire was the most powerful economic, cultural and military force in all of Europe, with a strong focus in science, art, music and literature. Along with top-notch instructors, trace the history of Byzantium around the Peloponnese as you explore ancient ruins and incredible artifacts. Study the roots of Greek mythology at the Temple of Hera and explore one of the most important natural wonders in all of Greece—the Caves of Diros—while the tourists have all gone home. As you sail around the peninsula, learn about the framework laid by ancient Greeks to create the mighty Byzantine Empire and the modern-day nation of Greece we know today.

Highlights:

- Explore Ancient Epidaurus and learn about this healing sanctuary known throughout Greece and the rumored birthplace of Apollo's son Asclepius.
- Discover Nestor's Palace in Pylos with preserved royal apartments and a centuries-old bathtub.
- Enjoy two nights in Athens where you'll explore ancient Greek ruins including the Acropolis and the Parthenon.

Itinerary: Arrival Athens, 2 nights; embark *M/S Callisto*, 8 nights (ports of call Palaia Epidavros, Nafpilo, Monemvasia, Gytheio, Pylos, Katakolo, Itea); disembark Athens, departure.

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

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📍 Iceland

Adventures Afloat Small Ship Expedition Ships Most Popular ★

Fire and Ice: A Circumnavigation of Mystical Iceland

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21877YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Turquoise thermal pools. Otherworldly waterfalls. Towering blue icebergs. Iceland is an astonishing package of the planet's natural wonders. Discover them on colorful display — fjords, geysers, glaciers, volcanoes — during an extraordinary learning voyage around this dramatic country. From Reykjavik on the southwest coast, sail clockwise around the island and navigate pristine fjords, setting foot on a glacier and soaking in soothing hot springs.

Highlights:

- Observe and photograph local birds and whales from close proximity.
- See “Pompeii of the North” — a volcanic crater and houses half-buried from the volcanic eruption of 1973.
- At the rejuvenating waters of the Blue Lagoon, learn about its geological and man-made history.

Itinerary: Arrival Reykjavik (Iceland) 2 nights; embark *MV Ocean Diamond*, 9 nights (ports of call include Stykkishólmur, Isafjörður, Siglufjörður, Grimsey Island, Akureyri, Húsavík, Seydisfjörður, Djúpvogur, Westman Islands); disembark Reykjavik, departure.

Meals: 32 total (12B, 10L, 10D)

Vessel Description

MV Ocean Diamond: Iceland Pro's *MV Ocean Diamond* is an expedition cruise ship carrying a maximum of 224 passengers. Its many onboard amenities include a wellness program and well-stocked polar library. Ideal for Arctic expeditions because of its ice-strengthened hull, the ship's compact size allows it to take passengers far off traditional cruise routes to experience the highlights of Iceland and Greenland.



📍 Iceland

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

Dramatic Iceland by Foot and by Sea: A Circumnavigation

12 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21878YLH



Activity Level Outdoor:
Spirited

Your hiking boots trace a picturesque coastline as cliff-side blow-holes spray seawater skyward. Later, riding a Zodiac in a clear bay, you are awestruck as a mighty whale breaches starboard. At every turn of this educational adventure in Iceland, unexpected beauty and natural phenomena abound as you learn while exploring its ice, sand and lava by foot, and by weaving into fjords and pristine bays by water craft. Discover why this extraordinary Land of Fire and Ice has an evolving story like no other.

Highlights:

- Walk to Gullfoss waterfall and learn why the threat of a landowner's daughter, Sigríður Tómasdóttir, to plunge into the Gullfoss turned it into a natural treasure.
- At the magnificent glacier Lagoon of Jökulsárlon, float past magnificent icebergs in a specially equipped boat and hike the extraordinary lava fields of Berserkjahraun.
- Swim in the rejuvenating waters of Blue Lagoon and visit the site of the first Icelandic parliament at Thingvellir National Park.

Itinerary: Arrival Reykjavik (Iceland) 2 nights; embark *MV Ocean Diamond*, 9 nights (ports of call include Stykkishólmur, Isafjörður, Siglufjörður, Grimsey Island, Akureyri, Húsavík, Seydisfjörður, Djúpvogur, Westman Islands); disembark Reykjavik, departure.

Meals: 32 total (12B, 10L, 10D)

Vessel Description

MV Ocean Diamond: See left.



📍 Italy | France | Spain

Adventures Afloat Ocean Liner New

Voyage to Antiquity: Art & History in the Mediterranean

17 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23234YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Napoleon, the Ancient Romans, Michelangelo, Machiavelli and the Nasrid Sultans — see the places where these and other renowned historical figures lived, worked and are buried as you sail aboard the *Aegean Odyssey* from Italy to France and Spain. Learn about art, architecture and history in epic European cities like Rome and Florence, and stop in smaller but historically significant towns and islands, like Tivoli, rich in caves, waterfalls and legend. Discover ornate gardens, Renaissance city walls, cobbled streets, handsome piazzas and more on this journey through antiquity.

Highlights:

- With an expert instructor, spend two days in Rome before and two days in Seville after your voyage to learn about these fascinating world cities.
- Ride a cable car to the “Top of the Rock” in Gibraltar and learn about the Great Siege Tunnels.
- Explore the magnificent Moorish buildings of the Alhambra fortress, once home to the Nasrid Sultans—the last Islamic sultanate in the Iberian Peninsula.

Itinerary: Arrival Rome (Italy), 2 nights; embark *Aegean Odyssey*, 11 nights (ports include Florence, Pisa/Lucca, Elba, Ajaccio (France), Mahon (Spain), Palma, Malaga, Gibraltar (UK), Cadiz (Spain)); disembark Seville, 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 45 total (16B, 14L, 15D)

Vessel Description

Aegean Odyssey: Voyages to Antiquity’s *Aegean Odyssey* offers boutique-style cruising at its best. It is a midsized ship adapted for island and coastal cruising.



📍 Mexico

Adventures Afloat Small Ship

The Whales of Baja: An Up-Close Look at Mexico’s Gentle Giants

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20182YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

The peaceful lagoons of the Baja Peninsula double as a nursery of sorts — thousands of gray whales return there each year to raise their young. And while nine species of whales enjoy frolicking in the waters off the coast of Baja, this ecosystem is also teeming with myriad bird species, sea lions and dolphins. Experience the most vibrant of Baja’s 37 islands as onboard naturalists and horticulturalists share insights into what makes this ecosystem unlike any other. Kayak, snorkel and swim in its pristine waters, and explore Isla San Jose’s varied habitats during Zodiac excursions into the mangrove channels.

Highlights:

- Swim and snorkel in the turquoise waters of Los Islotes and Isla Espiritu Santo, home to many playful sea lions.
- Visit the city center of La Paz, enjoying opportunities to explore the cathedral and whale museum and a stroll along the malecon (boardwalk).
- Spend three days in Bahia Magdalena — one of the main breeding grounds for gray whales — and search for these gentle giants as many swim with their calves in tow.

Itinerary: Arrival San Jose del Cabo (Mexico), 1 night; coach to La Paz, 1 night; embark *National Geographic Sea Lion*, 7 nights (ports of call include Bahia Magdalena, Los Cabos, Los Islotes); disembark La Paz, departure.

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

Vessel Description

National Geographic Sea Bird: Lindblad Expeditions’ nimble *National Geographic Sea Bird* is scaled to cater to small groups and to be in harmony with the environment.



📍 Yucatán

Adventures Afloat Small Ship New

The Yucatán's Best-Kept Secrets: Stories of the Maya & More

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23265YLH

 Activity Level: Keep the Pace

The Maya settled there. The Spanish “discovered” it. Today, thousands of people visit the Yucatán Peninsula each year — but few truly experience it like a local. On this Road Scholar exclusive voyage, explore the ancient and modern wonders of the Yucatán with local experts who share their knowledge of archaeology, Colonial settlements, pirate attacks and much more. Get a sense of regional culture as you meet artisans who have perfected the art of the Panama hat, and dine at establishments preferred by the locals. From cobblestones to pyramids and the Caribbean coastline, you’ll experience the Yucatán in a whole new light!

Itinerary: Arrival Miami, Fla., 1 night; flight to Campeche (Mexico), 2 nights; embark *Victory II*, 3 nights; coach to Chichen Itza (Mexico), 1 night; re-board *Victory II*, 6 nights (ports include Progreso, Isamal, Valladolid, Puerto Morelos, Havana); disembark Miami, departure.

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

Lodging: Miami: Hotel near the airport. Campeche: Comfortable hotel in the historic center of the city. Chichen Itza: Hotel near archaeological site.

Vessel Description

M/V Victory II: Navigating the world’s remarkable coastal regions, Victory Cruise Line’s *M/V Victory II* shares the joys of sailing with a maximum of 202 guests. An intimate and charming vessel; its small size makes it an ideal vessel for exploring destinations larger ships cannot reach.



📍 Peru

Adventures Afloat Riverboat Small Group Most Popular ★

Two Worlds of Peru: The Inca Highlands and the Amazon

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21829YLH

 Activity Level: Keep the Pace

Experience two amazing worlds in one country on a journey that takes you high into the Andes and deep into the Amazon. First, learn how the Incas lived, farmed, communicated, worshiped and ruled as you explore Cusco, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley. Then embark on a riverboat voyage that reveals the natural beauty, intriguing wildlife and tribal villages of the Peruvian Amazon.

Highlights:

- Discover the “Lost City” of Machu Picchu high in the Andes plus other remarkable Incan ruins.
- On a six-night riverboat voyage, experience the Amazon’s beauty and look for monkeys, dolphins and colorful birds.
- Walk through Lima’s colonial center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Itinerary: Arrival Lima, 2 nights; fly to Iquitos, embark *La Amatista*, 6 nights; disembark Iquitos; fly to Cusco; coach to Sacred Valley, 2 nights; train to Machu Picchu, 1 night; train and coach to Cusco, 2 nights; fly to Lima; departure.

Meals: 35 total (13B, 12L, 10D)

Vessel Description

M/V Amatista: G Adventures’ *M/V Amatista* was built with a combination of Amazonian hardwood and steel with a typical design of the region. It features 3 decks: the Observation deck, which has a reading lounge, bar, covered observation deck and open observation deck/platform, the Top deck, which features 7 cabins with windows and the dining room and the Main deck features 8 cabins with windows.



📍 Spain

Adventures Afloat Ocean Liner New

Great Global Get-Together on the Mediterranean

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23359YLH



Join an inspiring group of fellow Road Scholars and premier instructors for our first ever Great Global Get-Together by ship! Become a true explorer as you chart a course through the Mediterranean, stopping to uncover Italian and Greek history along your route. With historians and group leaders by your side, uncover the roots of Greek mythology, learn about the architectural legacies of Crete's turbulent past and admire the beautiful architecture of Sicily, while learning the secrets of these cities from fascinating locals.

Highlights:

- Spend two nights in Málaga where local experts offer insight into its Phoenician, Roman, Arabic and Christian history, and explore the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens of Granada.
- Explore the Greek theater and archaeological ruins in Segesta, stroll through the plazas of Taormina, and experience the Archaeological Museum of Chania.
- Immerse yourself in the history and cultures of the Mediterranean as you take in onboard lectures, exclusive for Road Scholar.

Itinerary: Arrival Málaga (Spain), 2 nights; embark *Aegean Odyssey*, 11 nights (ports of call include Trapani (Sicily), Palermo, Catania, Valletta (Malta), Chania (Crete), Santorini (Greece), disembark Piraeus; departure.

Meals: 34 total (12B, 11L, 11D)

Vessel Description

Aegean Odyssey: Voyages to Antiquity's *Aegean Odyssey* offers boutique-style cruising at its best. In contrast to the massive vessels cruising to and from major ports, it is a mid-sized ship adapted for island and coastal cruising. The *Aegean Odyssey* can visit smaller, less crowded harbors and sail closer to the coast enabling you to really appreciate the magical views.



📍 Vietnam | Cambodia

Adventures Afloat Barge Small Group Most Popular ★

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

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19033YLH



In the 19th and 20th centuries the nations of Vietnam and Cambodia — the offspring of empires that dominated Asia for more than 1,000 years — 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:

- 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 Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), 2 nights; embark *Toum Teav*, 7 nights (ports of call include My Tho, Sa Dec, Tan Chau, Phnom Penh (Cambodia), Kampong Chhnang, Tonle Sap); disembark Siem Reap, 3 nights; departure.

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

Lodging: Ho Chi Minh City: Comfortable, full-service hotel. River barge: Comfortable cabins with private baths. Siem Reap: Comfortable, four-star hotel.

Vessel Description

Toum Teav: Built in 2001, CF Mekong's *Toum Teav* features 10 authentically designed cabins with A/C, en-suite bathroom and panoramic windows with view of the river.



📍 Portugal

Small Group

The Amazing Azores: From Volcanos to Vineyards

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22755YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Join local experts and fellow explorers as you discover the striking landscapes of the Azores — a stunning Portuguese archipelago in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Venture to the islands' enormous volcanos and vast craters, and marvel at shimmering crater lakes and dramatic coastlines. Along the way, learn about the island's exquisite vineyards, and trace the history of Azorean whaling. Finally, survey the centuries-old churches and bustling markets that form the lifeblood of the Azores.

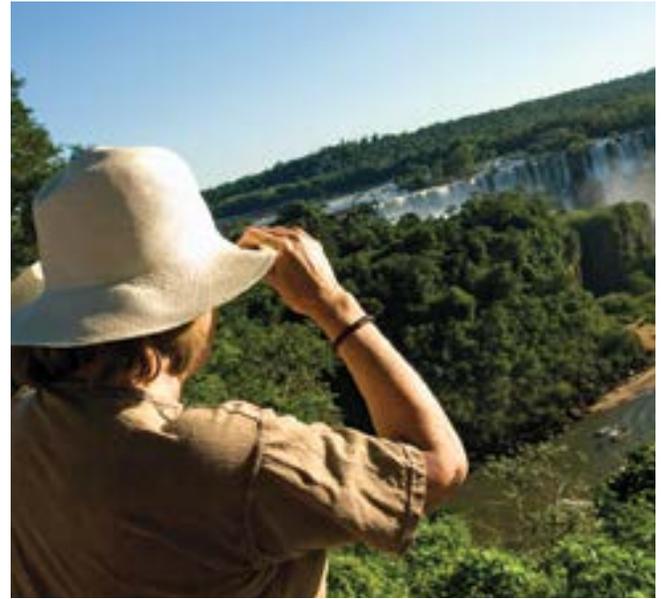
Highlights:

- Learn about the extraordinary volcano on Pico Island, and marvel at its vast crater.
- Explore the magnificent natural wonders of the legendary Sete Cidades — the “Seven Cities.”
- Sample local cheeses and wines at Azorean marketplaces.

Itinerary: Arrival Horta (Portugal), 2 nights; fly to Ponta Delgada, 4 nights; departure.

Meals: 17 total (6B, 6L, 5D)

Lodging: Horta: Four-star hotel. Ponta Delgada: Elegant four-star hotel.



📍 Chile | Argentina

Small Group

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

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20789YLH



Activity Level:
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 and 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; fly to Puerto Montt; coach to Puerto Varas, 2 nights; ferry to Bariloche (Argentina), 2 nights; fly to Buenos Aires, 2 nights; fly to Iguazu Falls, 2 nights; fly to Buenos Aires, 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.



📍 China

Small Group

Classic Icons of China and Yangtze River Cruise

15 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #15122YLH



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 ji 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 #8577YLH



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 eco-lodge. Arenal Volcano: Comfortable hotel with volcano views. Monteverde: Quiet, family-run hotel.



📍 Cuba

Small Group Most Popular ★

Cuba Today: People and Society: Cienfuegos to Havana

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20437YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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 who provide insight into how Cuba's culture has evolved throughout the decades.
- Learn about conservation and enjoy lunch at a beachfront private enterprise.

Itinerary: Arrival Miami, Fla., 1 night; flight to Santa Clara (Cuba), 1 night; coach to Cienfuegos, 2 nights; coach to Havana, 4 nights; return flight to Miami.

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

Lodging: Miami: Comfortable hotel near airport. Santa Clara: Rural hotel in a natural setting. Cienfuegos: Mid-Century modern hotel with outdoor pool. Havana: Historic landmark hotel on the Malecón.



📍 Cuba

Small Group Most Popular ★

Cuba Today: Remedios and Havana

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22879YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Gain rare insights into the history and culture of Cuba through exclusive People-to-People interactions with local musicians, artists, dancers and entrepreneurs. Visit historic Remedios — one of the island's oldest colonial towns — for a taste of authentic Cuban charm and an in-depth discovery of authentic traditions. Explore the spectacular Villa Clara province to discover the vibrant city of Santa Clara. Venture to Hemingway's favorite haunts and home.

Highlights:

- Explore a museum of agriculture that conserves the history of sugar production and hosts the largest collection of steam train locomotives in Cuba.
- Enjoy a performance from a Cuban dance company and meet with the dancers to discuss their craft.
- Engage with artisans, historians and community leaders to understand life in Cuba today and how it has changed over the last century.

Itinerary: Arrival Santa Clara; coach to Remedios, 3 nights; coach to Havana, 3 nights; departure.

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

Lodging: Remedios: Boutique hotel on the town square. Havana: Historic landmark on the Malecón.



📍 Czech Republic | Hungary

Small Group

Budapest and Prague: Capital Cities and Jewels of Central Europe

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21707YLH



Activity Level:
Varies by Date

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

Hundreds of Gothic rooftop spires give the Prague skyline a fairytale character. In Budapest, locals' warm smiles and the legendary Danube River pulse at the city's heart. In one 12-day adventure, explore the history, art and culture of the Czech and Hungarian capital cities. Start each morning with our experts and later set out on your own. In Prague, discover where Mozart played a 1787 solo piano piece, then independently walk the stunning Charles Bridge. In Budapest, learn about the history of Hungary during a lecture at the National Museum, and visit Gödöllo, Baroque palace and summer residence of emperors and governors. One adventure, two cities — capture the breadth of these Central European jewels.

Highlights:

- Join fellow adventurers for a dinnertime boat excursion on the Danube River through Budapest, drifting past the illuminated city center and under its famous series of bridges.
- Learn about Prague's Old Town Square on an expert-led walking exploration, contrasting its 1,000-year-old history and architecture with today's cast of musicians, dance troupes and cafes.
- With an expert, experience mighty Prague Castle's churches, gardens, alleyways and residences. The world's largest ancient castle is roughly the size of seven football fields.

Itinerary: Arrival Budapest (Hungary), 5 nights; coach to Prague (Czech Republic), 5 nights; departure.

Meals: 21 total (10B, 6L, 5D)

Lodging: Budapest: Four-star hotel in city center. Prague: Stylish four-star hotel.



📍 England

Signature Cities New Small Group

London's Neighborhoods: The City, the East End & Greenwich

6 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23325YLH



Activity Level:
On Your Feet

London has a secret. A lot of them, actually. It's not Big Ben or Buckingham Palace's scarlet-jacketed soldiers. It's Bangladeshi cuisine in the East End's Brick Lane. It's artist Rachel Whiteread's "Tree of Life" façade on Whitechapel Gallery. It's the unearthing of a Roman temple in the City. London's lesser-known lore and hidden gems are the stars of an educational adventure exploring art, culture, food and history. To wit: On the River Thames, a cozy pub is named for the Mayflower — in sight of the ship's original 1620 mooring. Not a bad place to begin your discovery.

Highlights:

- Alongside a local expert, explore some of London's lesser-known sites and hidden gems, from historic remains of the Roman Wall to the Temple of Mithras.
- Walking through London neighborhoods to see their evolving face, from the East End to Smithfield, Bermondsey and the St Katherine Docks.
- Discover World Heritage Site and Royal Borough of Greenwich, the power of Westminster as well as modern art in the Whitechapel Gallery and Tate Modern.

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

Lodging: Iconic hotel on River Thames with views of Tower Bridge.



📍 France

Small Group Most Popular ★

Independent Paris: People, Places, Culture

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #10034YLH

Activity Level:
Let's Go!

Independent City Discoveries

Significant free time and many meals on your own.

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.

Note: Program includes six-day Métro and museum passes, all breakfasts, six escorted field trips and an option to join any of six additional escorted excursions at no additional charge.

Meals: 10 total (7B, 3D)

Lodging: Small Parisian hotel in the heart of the historic Faubourg Saint-Antoine, near the Bastille and Marais districts.



📍 France

Small Group Most Popular ★

The Best of Northern France: Paris and Normandy

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21095YLH

Activity Level:
Let's Go!

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

Experience two faces of France on this journey that combines field trips led by top-notch Road Scholar experts with plenty of time for independent discoveries. Begin by discovering Paris' grand boulevards, Gothic architecture and world-class museums. Then venture to Normandy to explore its Celtic-influenced culture, medieval history, natural beauty and tantalizing cuisine.

Highlights:

- Explore Paris' markets, museums and cafés and take a field trip to the opulent Palace of Versailles.
- Learn the story of the Allied Invasion of Normandy as you explore the D-Day landing beaches.
- Discover Mont Saint-Michel, a medieval island fortress and abbey that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Itinerary: Arrival Paris, 3 nights; coach to Bayeux, 3 nights; coach to Paris, 1 night; departure.

Meals: 14 total (7B, 4L, 3D)

Lodging: Paris: Modern hotel; comfortable hotel near airport (final night). Bayeux: Charming hotel on a pedestrian street in the city's old section.



📍 France

Small Group

The Best of Southern France: Provence and the Cote d'Azur

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21096YLH

Activity Level:
Let's Go!

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

From the green hills, sunbaked villages and lavender fields of Provence to the brilliant azure waters and billowing white sails of the French Riviera, absorb the colors — not to mention the sights, sounds and flavors — of Southern France on this journey that combines field trips led by top-notch Road Scholar experts with plenty of time for independent discoveries.

Highlights:

- Explore Provence's lively open-air markets, medieval villages and natural environments.
- Discover the famed medieval city of Avignon and the historic city of Nice on expert-led excursions.
- Enjoy independent time to experience this beautiful and unique region on your own.

Itinerary: Arrival Marseille, coach to Avignon, 4 nights; coach to Nice, 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 13 total (7B, 2L, 4D)

Lodging: Avignon: Stylish hotel in the heart of old town. Nice: Four-star hotel in the city center.



📍 Greece

Small Group Most Popular ★

The Best of Greece: Island Hopping in the Aegean

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20916YLH

Activity Level:
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.

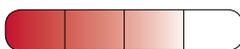


📍 Iceland

Small Group

On the Hunt for the Northern Lights: A Long Weekend in Iceland

5 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22981YLH



Activity Level:
Varies by Date

Iceland in six days? There's more than enough time to discover the natural beauty of this incredible island during this exciting learning adventure! Beginning in Reykjavik, soak in the healing waters of the Blue Lagoon — Iceland's most famous geothermal gem. Then, venture into the countryside to explore the Golden Circle, home to the historic Thingvellir National Park, the Gullfoss waterfall and active Strokkur geyser. Walk along the black sand beach below the Myrdalsjokull glacier, and learn about the creation of Iceland at the Lava Centre. On quiet evenings in the country, search for the magical northern lights and enjoy the calming stillness of Iceland in the winter.

Highlights:

- Search for the magical northern lights — conditions and weather permitting — and learn about this phenomenon at the Northern Lights Center.
- Savor a greenhouse-fresh lunch at the Fridheimar tomato farm, and learn how geothermal energy is used to grow vegetables in Iceland.
- Marvel at the many natural wonders of Iceland, including a geyser, glacier, volcano and waterfalls.

Itinerary: Arrival Reykjavik, 1 night; coach to Hella, 2 nights; coach to Reykjavik, 1 night; departure.

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

Lodging: Reykjavik: Four-star hotel in the heart of the city. Hella: Family-run hotel in the countryside.



📍 India

Small Group

Highlights of India: Discover Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and Varanasi

11 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22519YLH



Activity Level:
Let's Go!

Learn about Sikh culture in a local temple. Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal. Visit Varanasi, one of the holiest places along the Ganges River. India's most fascinating treasures are yours to discover on this learning adventure that begins in Delhi and makes its way through Agra, Jaipur and ending in Varanasi. Along the way, share meals with local families, learn how incredible mausoleums and forts were built generations ago and admire architectural relics that are now UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Highlights:

- Learn about Sikh culture as you observe prayer at a local temple and volunteer in their soup kitchen.
- Watch the sun rise and set over the Taj Mahal in Agra, and explore the gardens of Mehtab Bagh.
- In Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism, observe and learn about the daily rituals that people perform at ghats along the Ganges River.

Itinerary: Arrival Delhi, 3 nights; coach to Agra, 2 nights; coach to Jaipur, 2 nights; fly to Varanasi, 2 nights; departure 1 night.

Meals: 25 total (9B, 9L, 7D)

Lodging: Delhi: Four-star hotel. Agra: Four-star hotel. Jaipur: Four-star hotel. Varanasi: Four-star hotel.



 Ireland

Small Group Most Popular ★

Enchanting Ireland: Town and Country

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21258YLH

 Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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

The spirit of Ireland is as stirring as a fiddle reel, as hearty as a pub breakfast and as complex as “Finnegans Wake.” Experience it as you explore Ireland’s cities, villages, farms and natural environments and interact with her people on this journey from the rural West to cosmopolitan Dublin in the East. Along the way, enjoy plenty of free time to make your own discoveries.

Highlights:

- Absorb the beauty of Ireland’s West at the soaring Cliffs of Moher and the otherworldly Burren.
- Learn about the life of an Irish farmer as one welcomes you to his land and discusses the meeting of tradition and technology in agriculture.
- In Dublin, get a look at the Book of Kells, attend a show at the Abbey Theatre and enjoy free time to discover the city.

Itinerary: Arrival Shannon, coach to Ennistymon, 3 nights; coach to Adare, 3 nights; coach to Dublin, 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 19 total (9B, 3L, 7D)

Lodging: Ennistymon: Four-star hotel nestled in a wooded vale beside the River Inagh. Adare: Elegant country house-style hotel with beautifully landscaped gardens. Dublin: Four-star hotel set on a leafy canal near the city center.



 Italy

Most Popular ★

The Best of Italy: Rome, Florence and Venice

13 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18206YLH

 Activity Level:
Let’s Go!

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.



📍 Sicily

Small Group

Winter in Italy: Sicily's Culture & Cuisine

7 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22850YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Sicily's idyllic location on the Mediterranean Sea has long made it a place of inspiration and respite for multiple cultures. In the heart of Taormina, experience the sights, sounds and flavors of Sicily as you explore this historic island during the quieter months, and learn how the Byzantines, Greeks, Romans and others influenced Sicilian life through the years. Marvel in the views of Mount Etna as you enjoy a field trip to a local market, sample wines at a local vineyard, try your hand at creating traditional cuisine and much more!

Highlights:

- Savor traditional Sicilian cuisine during a hands-on cooking class with Chef Massimo Tomarchio.
- Join Benjamin Spencer, director and founder of the Etna Wine School, for an exploration of a local vineyard and full Sicilian lunch.
- Ride along the Circumetnea Railway around the base of Mount Etna, learning about one of the world's most active volcanoes and taking in views of lava fields.

Itinerary: Arrival Taormina, 6 nights; departure.

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

Lodging: Charming hotel overlooking the coast and Mount Etna.



📍 Italy

Small Group

Cooking in Tuscany

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #19672YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Experience the best of Tuscan culinary traditions during intimate cooking classes at the International Academy of Italian Cuisine and visits to local markets where you gather ingredients for your lessons, then enjoy the results. Get a first-hand look at artisanal food production as you meet a farmer who makes both sheep- and cow's-milk cheeses, learn the centuries-old traditions of Lardo di Colonnata and sample wines with a sommelier.

Highlights:

- Four comprehensive, hands-on cooking lessons encompass complete meal menus featuring seasonal ingredients.
- Visit local markets with your chef-instructor to shop for the freshest produce, meat and fish.
- Excursions around the region introduce you to producers of traditional Tuscan staples; olive oil, pasta, wine and cheese.

Itinerary: Arrival Pisa; coach to Lucca, 8 nights; coach to Pisa for departure.

Meals: 19 total (8B, 6L, 5D)

Lodging: Lucca: Historic hotel with spectacular views of the cathedral and piazzas.



📍 Italy

Small Group

Winter in Italy: Puglia's Hidden Gems

7 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #23004YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Located on Italy's "heel," Puglia boasts the longest stretch of coastline of any other mainland region in the country. Explore Puglia's idyllic coast from the Baroque city of Lecce to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alberobello, all while learning about its rich history, tantalizing cuisine and local life. Brush up on your Italian during sessions with a local professor and try your hand at creating local dishes during a hands-on cooking class. You'll experience the very best of Puglia during the mild winter months when all the tourists have gone home!

Highlights:

- Discover the Baroque beauty of Lecce — the "Florence of the South" — on an expert-led walking exploration of the Old City.
- Learn the vast history of the Sassi de Matera, a troglodyte settlement and one of the oldest cities in the world.
- Marvel in the unique trulli houses of Alberobello, historic homes built during the 16th century that are now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Itinerary: Arrival Brindisi, coach to Lecce, 3 nights; coach to Alberobello, 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 15 total (6B, 3L, 6D)

Lodging: Lecce: Five-star hotel located in historic district.
Alberobello: Four-star hotel.



📍 Italy

Small Group

Roaming Rome: The City of the Seven Hills

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22620YLH



Activity Level:
Let's Go!

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

Become an expert on the icons of Rome and seek out knowledge of its lesser-known treasures on an adventure that combines the insight of local scholars with a flexible schedule and city-center lodging ideal for self-led discovery. Illustrated presentations provide a wide angle on the Eternal City from before Caesar to today and narrated field trips ensure you experience the essentials, while periods of unscheduled time leave it to you to decide what next to explore.

Highlights:

- Explore the Colosseum and Roman Forum with a local expert.
- On an expert-led visit, take in the Vatican Museums including the Raphael Stanze, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Over a cappuccino at a historic café, learn about the English and American writers who lived in and wrote about the Eternal City.

Itinerary: Arrival Rome, 7 nights; departure.

Meals: 14 total (7B, 3L, 4D)

Lodging: Four-star hotel in the center of Rome.



📍 Kenya | Tanzania

Small Group Most Popular ★

The Best of Kenya and Tanzania: A Classic Safari

14 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18783YLH



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

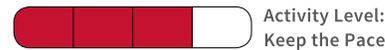


📍 Malta

Small Group

The Magnificence of Malta: A Journey Through Antiquity

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22500YLH



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

Boasting windswept cliffs, prehistoric temples, medieval fortresses and Baroque cityscapes, Malta seems to transcend time itself. Discover the best of this Mediterranean archipelago on a combination of expert-led excursions and independent explorations. Explore some of the oldest freestanding buildings in the world and examine 16th-century fortifications built by the fabled Knights of the Order of St. John. Then, set off on your own to experience the sun-soaked splendor and rich heritage of Malta — the "Land of Honey."

Highlights:

- Explore the Baroque elegance of Valletta and the medieval walled city of Mdina to get a taste for Malta's historic grandeur.
- Walk inside the Megalithic Temples of Malta, which are among the oldest freestanding structures in the world.
- Take a jeep ride along Malta's gorgeous and rugged coastline to the iconic Red Tower, a stronghold for the Knights of the Order of St. John.

Itinerary: Arrival Saint Julian's, 8 nights; departure.

Meals: 18 total (8B, 4L, 6D)

Lodging: Modern hotel with swimming pool, overlooking the sparkling Mediterranean Sea.



📍 Panama

Best Value

Small Group

The Best of Panama: Exploring Natural and Cultural Wonders

10 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22498YLH



Activity Level:
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.



📍 Peru

Best Value

Small Group

Most Popular ★

Perspectives of Peru: Discover Lima, Cusco, Yucay & Machu Picchu

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22809YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Much like the textiles that are woven from traditional Andean techniques, Peru's culture is a colorful mesh of ancient influences and modern industry. Discover the very best of its mountain communities, bustling cities and age-old ruins on a learning adventure that begins in the capital city of Lima and ends in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cusco. Along the way, meet local residents who introduce you to their villages, weaving traditions and music.

Highlights:

- Thrill in the vast beauty and ancient history of Machu Picchu, a ceremonial and administrative epicenter for the Inca.
- Feel the fibers of llamas, alpacas and vicu—as in your fingertips as you learn about Andean weaving traditions.
- Meet local families in the community of Maras, and attend a traditional Pachamama ceremony led by a local shaman.

Itinerary: Arrival Lima, 2 nights; fly to Cusco, coach to Yucay/Sacred Valley, 2 nights; train to Aguas Calientes/Machu Picchu, 1 night; train & bus to Cusco, 2 nights; departure.

Meals: 19 total (7B, 7L, 5D)

Lodging: Lima: Modern hotel. Yucay/Sacred Valley: Mountain lodge. Aguas Calientes/Machu Picchu: Centrally located hotel. Cusco: Hotel in historic downtown.



📍 Poland

Small Group

Independent Warsaw and Krakow: Capitals Past and Present

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #18187YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

Independent City Discoveries

Significant free time and many meals on your own.

Reduced to rubble during World War II, the city of Warsaw is once again a proud capital following a painstaking restoration and re-construction made possible by the hard work of the Polish public. Discover this inspiring urban success story firsthand, then move from political capital to cultural capital as you continue the journey amid the impressive art collections and cozy restaurants of Krakow, where a maze of cobblestone alleyways contains the largest concentration of historical monuments and cultural treasures in Poland.

Highlights:

- Enjoy a concert featuring the works of great composer and Polish native son, Frédéric Chopin.
- With an expert in Krakow, discover the Market Square, where the surroundings have remained unchanged for almost 700 years.
- Hear a lecture on the life of Polish Jews before and after the war, then set off to experience Krakow's Jewish Kazimierz district and its modern-day renaissance.

Itinerary: Arrival Warsaw, 3 nights; train to Krakow, 4 nights; departure.

Meals: 10 total (7B, 1L, 2D)

Lodging: Warsaw: Four-star historic boutique hotel in the city center. Krakow: Four-star hotel near the Old Town Square.



📍 Portugal

Small Group Most Popular ★

The Best of Portugal: From the Age of Discovery to Today

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #20983YLH



Activity Level:
Keep the Pace

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

Six centuries ago, ships and sailors departed Portugal's shores to find new knowledge, vast riches and little conflict during a period known as the Age of Discovery. Experience your own discoveries on this journey to medieval monasteries, fertile vineyards and cities that are equal parts history and modern energy. This program combines field trips led by local experts with some time for independent exploration.

Highlights:

- In Lisbon, examine architectural treasures of the Age of Discovery and enjoy a lively evening of music at a Fado house.
- Set off on an expert-led field trip to one of the world's oldest universities, the University of Coimbra, founded in 1290.
- Taste and learn about port wine at the vineyards of the Alto Douro Wine Region.

Itinerary: Arrival Lisbon, 3 nights; coach to Figueira da Foz, 2 nights; coach to Porto, 3 nights; departure.

Meals: 17 total (8B, 3L, 6D)

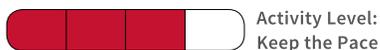
Lodging: Lisbon: Four-star hotel. Figueira da Foz: Beachfront hotel. Porto: Comfortable, centrally located hotel.



📍 Scotland

Edinburgh's Cultural Heritage

8 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #22948YLH



Storyed home of authors and artists alike, culture and history flow from every crooked corner of Edinburgh's splendid streets. As you make your way through historic streets, underground vaults and the water holes favoured by literary giants, join your fellow Road Scholars on a journey of discovery into the fascinating literary history of Scotland, its people and its world-renowned culture. Experience medieval Edinburgh Castle, immerse yourself in the grand oral tradition of storytelling and study classic and modern Scottish art at the National Gallery.

Highlights:

- Immerse yourself in Scotland's royal legacy during field trips to Edinburgh Castle and the Palace at Holyrood House — Queen Elizabeth's official residence in Scotland.
- Explore Edinburgh's lesser-known villages and learn about the life and works of Sir Walter Scott at his home, Abbotsford House.
- Admire the masterpieces of Scottish artists as you explore the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery and City Arts Centre.

Itinerary: Arrival Edinburgh, 7 nights; departure.

Meals: 15 total (7B, 4L, 4D)

Lodging: Four-star hotel.



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The Best of Spain: Barcelona and Madrid

9 NIGHTS | PROGRAM #21336YLH



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

Gaudí and Picasso. Paella and Tapas. Mediterranean chic and capital-city grandeur. There are no other cities in the world like Barcelona and Madrid. Join us to learn about what's new in these two dynamic cities and reflect on what's been around since antiquity, from fanciful architecture to wind-swept Roman ruins. With special insight from our local experts and plenty of time to discover on your own, you'll get the most of these two bold European cities.

Highlights:

- Learn about the incredible fairytale-like curved roofs and bright colors of one of the world's most intriguing parks and heritage sites: Parc Guëll.
- Attend expert-led lectures and gain insight into Spain's fascinating historical and artistic roots.
- In Madrid, explore two of Europe's most renowned art museums with top-notch instructors.

Itinerary: Arrival Barcelona, 4 nights; high-speed train to Madrid, 4 nights; departure.

Meals: 16 total (8B, 1L, 7D)

Lodging: Barcelona: Centrally located four-star hotel. Madrid: Hotel in the heart of Madrid.

Road Scholar Policies

Due to space limitations, this is an abbreviated list of program terms and conditions. Please visit www.road scholar.org or call (877) 426-8056 for complete terms and conditions.

Securing Your Group's Program

Once you have selected a program and agreed on a date, please sign and return our standard agreement letter and a deposit.

The deposit is fully refundable provided you meet the agreed-upon minimum enrollment requirement for the program within the allotted sales time frame — generally between 45 to 60 days after the program is available for your group to enroll.

The specific payment terms and cancellation penalties are dependent on the type of program you choose.

Medical and Physical Needs

Road Scholar is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in our programs. If anyone in your group has any impairments or medical needs requiring accommodation, we ask that you communicate your needs to Road Scholar's Participant Services team at the time of enrollment. Our Advisors will work with you to accommodate your needs and will provide you specific information on such matters as the suitability and functionality of requested modifications, the physical demands of the program and the availability of dietary options.

Program Cancellation

Road Scholar reserves the right to cancel programs either prior to departure or while in progress and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in Road Scholar's sole opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participants requires such action. Additionally, due to low enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances, Road Scholar must occasionally cancel or revise the dates of a program. When that occurs we will notify you as far in advance as possible and will assist you in transferring into another program or refunding your full program payment. If you have made transportation arrangements, such as an airline ticket purchase, Road Scholar will give you a voucher to help cover the cost of transferring your travel arrangements for use on a replacement program. The maximum value of the voucher will be \$300 and documentation of your paid fees is required before issuance of the voucher.

Program Pricing

On occasion, costs we can't anticipate and that are beyond our control — fuel surcharges, government tax increases or security fees and visa fees — arise and may be passed along to you. If this occurs, we will let you know as soon as possible.

About Program Details and Itineraries

We do all we can to finalize all aspects of our programs — including itineraries — well in advance, but logistics occasionally must be altered. Our website reflects the most recent information, and we are committed to providing you with final program details no later than eight weeks before the start of programs outside the U.S. and no later than six weeks before the start of programs within the U.S. If you have questions about your program, please contact us and we will assist you.

Safety & Risks

Certain risks — from natural disasters to accidents, outbreaks of illness, insect-borne and other infectious diseases, terrorism and other unforeseen events — are inherent in travel. While such occurrences are beyond our control, we make substantial efforts to be prepared for such possibilities. Participants are encouraged to review the safety and travel information provided by the U.S. Department of State's travel site at www.travel.state.gov to learn about current security issues, travel alerts and warnings, and other helpful destination-specific information. By enrolling in a program, you agree to assume responsibility for your own health, safety and welfare and acknowledge that Road Scholar cannot guarantee your safety at any time.

Responsibility

These Terms govern the relationship between you and Elderhostel, Inc., d/b/a Road Scholar. By enrolling in a program with us, you agree to be bound by these Terms; please be sure to read them carefully and make sure you understand them. Road Scholar's responsibility is limited. Road Scholar organizes, promotes, and sells educational programs consisting of certain travel services, including land, air, and water transportation, excursions, and cruise/barge/hotel accommodations that Road Scholar purchases or reserves from various suppliers (collectively, "Suppliers"). Road Scholar neither owns nor operates any of these Suppliers; they are independent contractors and are not Road Scholar's agents. Therefore, Road Scholar is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any Supplier or any other third party. You agree that you will look to such Suppliers, and not to Road Scholar or its agents, for any accident, injury, property damage, or personal loss you may suffer. Without limitation, Road Scholar is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of, or failure to provide, any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from — but not limited to — acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Road Scholar.

Admission & Participation Policy

Granting or denial of admission to a program is within the sole discretion of Road Scholar. Road Scholar may revoke admission or limit or terminate participation at any time if, in the opinion of Road Scholar, a participant's condition, behavior or actions are problematic, inappropriate or disruptive. Road Scholar reserves the right to take action as needed on an individual or group basis when, in Road Scholar's sole opinion, the health, safety or well-being of participants requires such action.

Photography

Road Scholar reserves the right to take photographs or videos during any program and to use them, whether taken by representatives of Road Scholar or by participants, for promotional purposes. By enrolling in a Road Scholar program, participants agree to allow their images to be used in such photography; participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to program staff and the photographer at the start of their program.

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