



# OFF *The* BEATEN PATH

— Since 1986 —

**TRAVEL BOOK**

— 2018 —





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## DEAR FRIENDS,

Maybe someday I won't be surprised at how quickly a year flies by. But here's how I choose to look at it: this crazy speed we set for our lives creates the perfect entitlement to break free from the commotion now and then. Time away lets us catch our breath, be grateful, and ponder those larger questions—like what is life really all about and where the heck can you see a scarlet macaw?

I hope this year's Travel Book inspires you to imagine what might come next in your life's journey. Maybe immersion in a beguiling landscape with a guide who makes you feel suddenly at home in a new place. Or filling your lungs with mountain air. Or sharing the thrill of watching grizzly bear cubs tumble and play.

As always, I am endlessly enriched by our client relationships, and appreciate the way my best-job-in-the-world allows me to talk with old friends and new every day. We chat about where they've traveled recently, how the kids have grown...all the things friends talk about. Then we do the other thing that friends do, take care of each other. They—*you!*—share aspirations, interests, and needs with us, and we translate that into travel that brings joy and rejuvenation.

Over the next year I invite you to join me in considering the good that life has brought, and planning ways to share that goodness with others. For me, travel always inspires that kind of taking stock. I hope it's the same for you, because that's why we're here.

*Wishing you all the very best in travel and life,*

**Cory Lawrence**  
President & CEO



# YOU JUST FELT IT:

that spark of joy emerging from your core. It happened when your breath expanded, your shoulders softened, and suddenly the colors seem brighter.

In each moment, the patter of leaves in the wind, the rushing water of the creek, and the high pitch of children's laughter are more present in your thinking—and you are more present in each sound, happily present in them. You have time, or rather you are outside of time, as you engage with your traveling companions and even yourself in ways that are definably different from everyday life. In this place, each moment is the story.

*Off the beaten path* is just this: the experiences that shape you, that let you grow and see and feel in ways you haven't previously. Being off the beaten path is real. Finding off the beaten path is pure magic. It's where the world isn't at your fingertips on a keyboard but is under your feet. Is it the first time you've heard the murmur of Sandhill Cranes in Montana? Is it the cadence of the weaver's voice in Peru that reminds you of your grandmother? They are so different, yet that's the beauty of traveling far from our ordinary routes—we get to return home as if for the first time. We are renewed.

*To be* OFF THE BEATEN PATH *is to be* OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM *and into* A QUIETER SPACE *of both* INNER REFLECTION *and* OUTER CONNECTION.

Each time you come back to it, you strengthen its presence in you and it becomes the way you go through life. It's about choosing to see, to really experience and know the world around us. It becomes a philosophy, that is, an investigation of the truth of being.

All of us at Off the Beaten Path are driven by the need to know this philosophy for ourselves, but moreover, it's our mission to be a catalyst, a helper, as our clients find their *off the beaten path*.

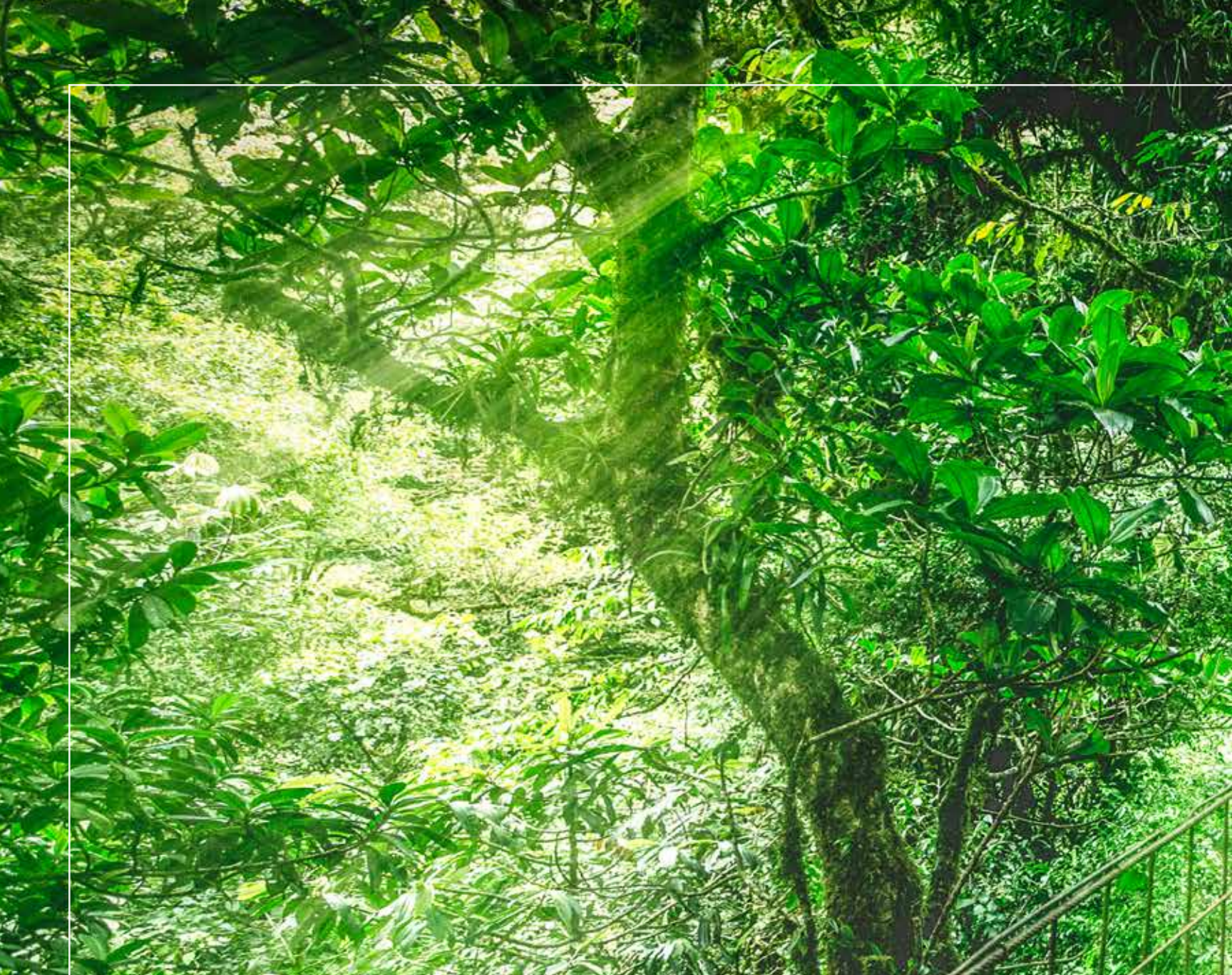
For 2018, we are deepening our exploration of the notion of what off the beaten path is (note the lowercase o, b, and p). In our effort to share what we do and what is most important to us, we hope to inspire you to connect with the idea that there is such a thing as off the beaten path—it is out there and it is especially yours. We want everyone to achieve this in the coming year, whether in travel or otherwise. Mostly we want to motivate people to know what it means to be truly *off the beaten path*.

*Then, call us.*





Discover extraordinary beauty and strength *off the beaten path* at Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska.



## *What is our off the beaten path?* **YOU.**

At Off the Beaten Path, we believe that connecting the essence of place to the core beliefs and virtues of a person produces experiences that far surpass the traditional definition of travel. More than belief, we know this to be true. For decades, we have honed our technique and deepened our knowledge and relationships around the world, all to be a great partner to you, our traveling friends.

We have never had a traveler exactly like you. As a result, the places we love have never hosted a traveler exactly like you. And that is worth careful consideration, special handling.

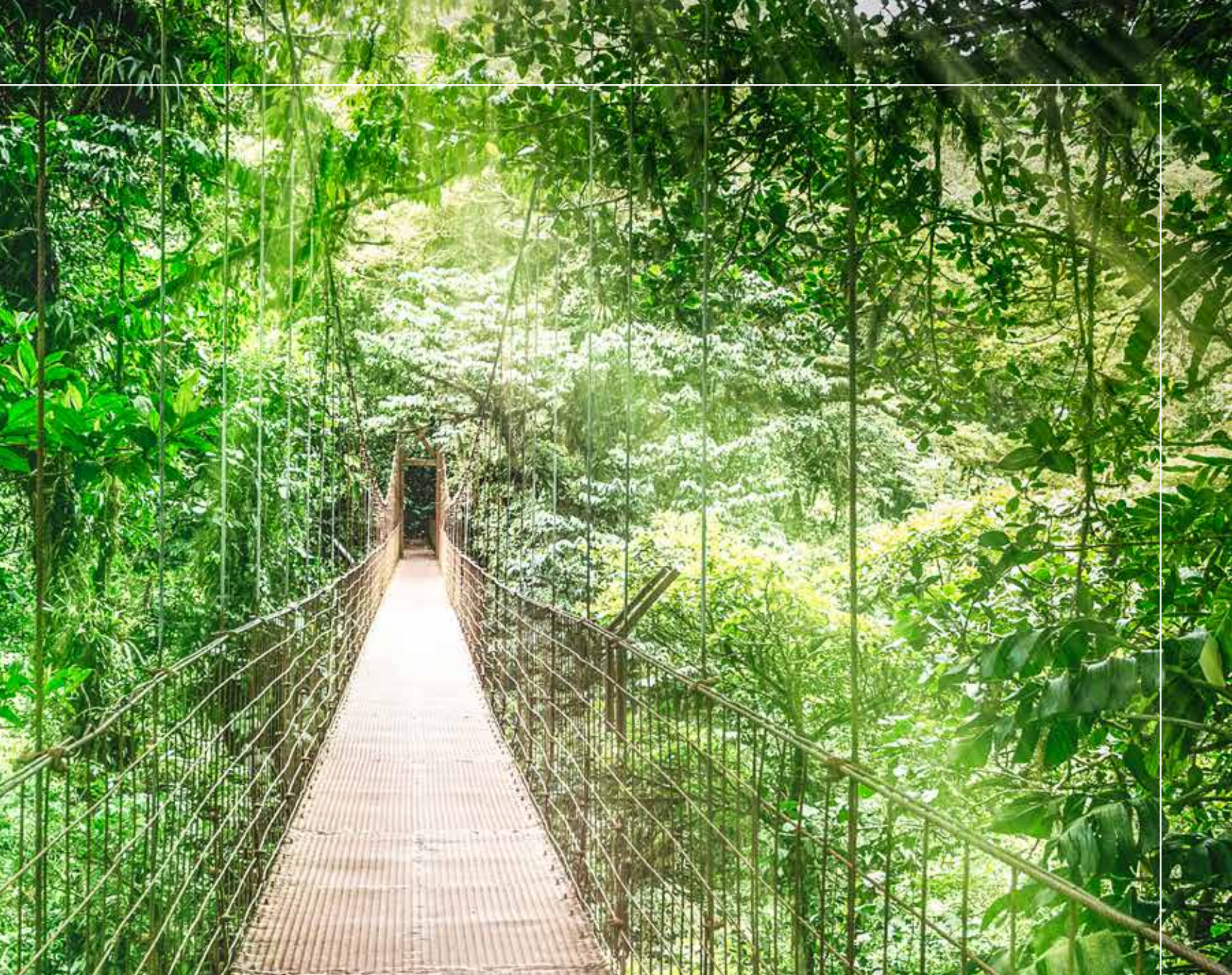
Our *off the beaten path* is that place where we connect with both person (you!) and place. It's where we serve as catalyst to a perfect reaction between curious, engaged travelers and the nature, culture, history, beauty, science, and spirit of this inspiring world.

Let us meet at the confluence of journey and destination, where the heart of the traveler meets the soul of the place. That's where you'll find us—and something new about yourself—off the beaten path.



*"After six trips with Off the Beaten Path we can not say enough good things about you. We recommend you to everyone we meet! We are already looking at what trip is next - and we can't wait!" Brad and Cyndir M., Abbeville, AL*

*"The best and only travel company we'll ever work with!" Lisa B., Ridgewood, NJ*



## DISTINCTIVE TRAVEL

We find our commitment to helping you be *off the beaten path* is unequalled among adventure travel companies in the industry. Here are a few ways we differentiate:

### *Experienced, Unique Guides*

In short, our guides are the best in the industry. They are classic characters: naturalists, wildlife biologists, historians, writers, tribal elders, influencers, passionate lovers of place. They truly make all the difference to our travelers during their time exploring and are our greatest differentiator.

### *Connections, Connections*

Partnerships with friends old and new are the hallmark of OBP's philosophy. We have cultivated professional allies that help us ensure responsible travel for people and the planet. The integrity of this approach means we are welcomed back by the dog mushers in Alaska and the children in Peru. For us it's about connecting, not just passing through.

### *Small Group Adventures*

Like most travel companies, we offer comprehensive guided trips, but our Small Group Adventures (see page 8) are really small (2-16 people), allowing nimbleness while exploring and maximum exposure to our sage guides.

### *Custom Travel*

Unlike most travel companies, Off the Beaten Path offers bespoke trips in which geographically focused travel designers learn about you and then craft a custom-made experience for you and yours. Custom Travel is the pinnacle service offered to our travelers (see page 42).

### *Mission and Purpose*

For all of our 32 years, we have been driven by the idea that home is worth sharing. We consider many places around the world home and we would love to share them with you.



## EXPLORING OUR NATIONAL PARKS TOGETHER



### The OBP-NPCA Partnership Means the Best of Travel to Protected Places

For years, Off the Beaten Path (OBP) and National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) have partnered to bring distinctive travel opportunities to thousands of national park lovers just like you. We're deeply committed to these special places, and we're passionate about helping people get out and experience them.

That's why NPCA and OBP combined our expert resources to create memorable trips to our National Parks. Whether you have your sights set on one of America's "bucket list" parks such as Grand Canyon or Yellowstone, or rounding out your national parks passport with a visit to American Samoa or Isle Royale, you couldn't be in better hands than with NPCA and OBP.

### About NPCA

Since its founding in 1919, NPCA has been the independent, nonpartisan voice working to protect America's favorite places. The organization's members, staff, and volunteers work to strengthen and protect our nation's natural, historical, and cultural heritage. Join the movement at [npca.org/join](http://npca.org/join).

### Together We Are More

Your benefits from the OBP+NPCA partnership include:

- Insider access to the national parks during your Small Group Adventure.
- Special OBP-exclusive information from NPCA before, during, and after your trip.
- Travel with NPCA representatives on select departures to provide insight and perspective.
- Financial support of NPCA's work and mission through a portion of your trip price going directly to NPCA.



*"It was the best vacation of my life! I had previously been to all of the National Parks on our trip, but with your expert advice, we were able to experience them like never before. It was spectacular! Thanks for all you do!"*  
Curtis S., Spartanburg, SC





## DEAR FRIENDS,

From the shores of Acadia to the peaks of the Rocky Mountains, our national parks are dynamic places that visitors from around the world travel to for once-in-a-lifetime experiences. They are some of the most breathtaking landscapes and most important historic sites our country has to offer. They humble and inspire us—and teach us. The best way to appreciate their richness, majesty, and fragility is by experiencing them for yourself. And when you do, the best way to ensure a unique experience is through special tours organized by National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and its partnership with Off the Beaten Path (OBP).

Through NPCA's partnership with OBP, we offer the best in small-group educational adventures and custom travel to America's national parks, enabling our travelers to experience these national treasures in special ways that other companies don't.

OBP's guides live and breathe the parks. In fact, many of them live near parks like Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, and Volcanoes National Park. Their on-the-ground expertise will get

you to places that others don't often go, and their knowledge will leave you with a deep understanding of every park you visit.

I hope you will join us on one of our more than 25 journeys to our national parks, where you'll be reminded of how fortunate we are to call these incredible places our own.

See you off the beaten path,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa Pierno". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Theresa Pierno,  
President & CEO  
National Parks Conservation  
Association





Mesa Arch in Canyonlands National Park, Utah, offers a spectacular view of life far *off the beaten path*.



## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES: *In Good Company*

Off the Beaten Path was born out of the joy of sharing out-of-the-way spectacular spaces with friends. Since 1986 we have grown that commitment to connecting people and places in significant ways on our incomparable Small Group Adventures. These journeys are custom-designed route plans that include everything—from transportation, hotels, and meals to the leadership of our long-in-the-tooth guides who have deep knowledge of the landscapes and an abiding love for making people feel special and “on the inside” during their travels.

### *Immersive Experiences, Inimitable Places, Intuitive Companions*

The value of joining an OBP Small Group Adventure means hikers get to explore side canyons without having to search for the trailhead or fix their own lunch. Parents get to enjoy watching their kids introduced to fishing in fun, engaging ways. International travelers can become immersed in new cultures under the wing of a bilingual guide who offers depth, perspective, and safety. Whether you are a solo traveler, a couple, or a family, you'll be accompanied by good people sharing a meaningful time.

## GREAT GUIDES *are the sterling hallmark of our company.*

The humor, intelligence, patience, skill, and passion of OBP guides and our guide-to-guest ratio set our group trips apart from the competition. We travel around in bands of as few as two travelers and never more than sixteen. Traveling in a nimble, well-led group lets you relax and absorb your surroundings—so the place affects you, instead of the other way around.

Our personal relationships in the places we go are the foundation we build long before we take you anywhere, and this local knowledge shines in the ease of our guides pausing for a villager to hand you a fruit or show you a bird. Add to this our thirty-two years in business and our partnership with National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), and you can trust that you are getting to the right place at the right time, every time, to find yourself in the peace of wild things.

### *Find Your Trip*

Browse through the Small Group Adventures on pages 12-41 and see what strikes your fancy. Then call or e-mail us. We can send you a detailed trip brochure—and we're happy to answer your questions on the phone, too.



## TRAVEL DIFFERENTLY

At Off the Beaten Path, we believe our approach to small group travel is unique in the industry. It begins with our awe for a place, followed by our sense of connection to specific locations, people, and experiences that have left lasting impressions upon us. We translate all of that into the essential components that make a great trip. Our bottom line is doing good in the world by providing positive experiences that influence your life and the lives of those you will meet. Here are the primary elements of all our **Small Group Adventures** that you can rely on:

### *Mind of a Leader, Heart of a Friend*

The spirit, dedication, knowledge, and professionalism of every Off the Beaten Path guide shows from the moment they greet you through to the moment they say "until we meet again." Our guides provide the context you crave to get the most out of your travel experience by connecting deeply to each place.

### *Historic Inns, Wilderness Lodges*

Where you stay matters to us as much as where you go. OBP has hand-picked accommodations based on beauty, tranquility, comfort, sustainability values, uniqueness, and personal connections. For example, the Cottages at Roosevelt Campobello International Park are not available to the general public for rent, but the Park welcomes select organizations such as OBP to this picturesque setting and now you can stay in these turn-of-the-century homes.

### *Small Size, Unlimited Possibilities*

OBP's industry-leading guide-to-guest ratio of 1:5 on average means you get to enjoy traveling with others without getting lost in the crowd. You get the benefits of a well-planned itinerary with all the details taken care of without losing the freedom to say "could we . . . ?" Smaller groups also mean less impact on an area and more immersion in the place for you.



## *Right Place, Right Time*

We admit it: we're day-dreamers, and from these visions your small group adventure begins. We like to think back on that first time we saw an eagle catch a salmon or a humpback whale breach, and then we call the Kenai Fjords park ranger we know through our NPCA partnership to talk about what they are seeing now. Next thing you know, there you are, inside the magical moment.



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*Call Our Travel Experts*

## **ACTIVITY INDEX**

Our Small Group Adventures are crafted to fit the variety of effort that travelers like to exert on trips. From energetic hiking trips to mellow wildlife safaris, this guide will help you determine what trip is best suited for you and your fitness level.

### **Light**

1-2 miles of walking or hiking per day, plus easy activities

### **Light/Moderate**

2-4 miles of walking or hiking per day, with easy and active options

### **Moderate**

3-6 miles of hiking per day, plus physically active exploration

### **Moderate/Heavy**

5-10 miles of hiking per day, plus possible peak-bagging and other action-oriented fun

### **Heavy**

7+ miles of hiking per day, peak-bagging, and tons of highly active excursions

## ALASKA



## NORTH TO ALASKA!

*Denali National Park to the Kenai Peninsula*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Your adventure begins in Fairbanks listening to tales from a dog-mushing friend of ours whose whole life symbolizes off the beaten path. Next you will take a scenic train ride to Denali National Park, followed by a bus tour watching for moose, caribou, wolves, grizzlies, eagles, and Dall sheep.

In view of Denali—the highest mountain in North America at 20,310 feet—you'll stay in private cabins with a variety of naturalist-guided outings to watch wildlife. These very special family-owned accommodations offer an unequalled experience of the rich colors and sounds of Alaska's wildlife and expansive solitude.

Driving down to the Kenai Peninsula, you'll gain perspective on this vast, diverse state. Take a wildlife-watching float through the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and a boating excursion into the Kenai Fjords National Park where you'll see and hear glaciers, puffins, sea otters, and whales.

## DATES

2018: JUN 21-28, JUL 12-19, JUL 19-26

(8 DAYS)

## PRICE

FROM \$6,195

## ACTIVITY

LIGHT/MODERATE



# ALASKA'S WINTER MAGIC

*Northern Lights, Hot Springs, and Alyeska*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

At Chena hot-springs resort outside of Fairbanks, rippling ribbons of blue, green, and pink lights glow overhead, and you can feel that you are far off the beaten path. Here, in this snow-muffled landscape, you'll have two nights to watch for more flickering nighttime skies and two days to cross-country ski, snowshoe, and soak in the open-air hot pools.

After a flight from Fairbanks to Anchorage, you'll helicopter-sightsee near Girdwood for eye-popping views of the Chugach Mountains and Prince William Sound. Your attention shifts from the sky to the sea for the returning gray whales who have traveled 5,000 miles north from their winter in Baja. There will also be sea otters, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, puffins, eagles, and seabirds. The salty smells, cold sprays of water, and guttural sounds are unforgettable.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: MAR 18-23, MAR 25-30 (6 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$4,395</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LIGHT</b>





## GLACIER BAY AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE

*On the Wild Side in Southeast Alaska*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

You'll hop the beloved blue state ferry from Juneau to Haines up Lynn Canal, one of the longest fjords on the planet. Bear-watching and a float through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve—which boasts the largest concentration of these raptors in the world—will put you squarely where the wild things are, which is where you'll stay for this entire adventure.

On a short flight to Glacier Bay National Park, you'll gain a bird's-eye view of this vast wilderness and its 15,000-foot peaks. During your three days in the park, you'll venture out into coastal rain forests on comfortable excursion boats. Glacier Bay is one of the best places in the world to see whales and to witness the power (and fragility) of colossal, tidewater glaciers.

#### DATES

2018: JUN 28-JUL 4, JUL 5-11,  
AUG 13-19, AUG 20-26 (7 DAYS)

#### PRICE ACTIVITY

FROM \$3,995  
LIGHT/MODERATE





# PACIFIC NORTHWEST



## HIKING OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

*Rain Forests, Rugged Coasts, and Mountain Meadows*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

From hiking under towering Douglas firs one day to viewing the sunset through ancient sea stacks the next, you'll be immersed in a vast world unto itself. Each day offers something different: Roosevelt elk, bears, lynx, and Norwegian and Chilean monuments to ships smashed on the rocks. Everywhere there are birds and flowers and mosses of all colors.

This hiking adventure takes you to three distinct ecosystems: subalpine forests and wildflower meadows, rare temperate rain forests, and the rugged Pacific Ocean shore. Feast on expansive views from mile-high Hurricane Ridge. Take a relaxing walk in the Hoh and Quinault Rain Forests. On the coast, feel fully alive in the presence of boulders sculpted by waves and tidal pools teeming with sea life. Each moment you are aware of the thousands of years of history present in this untrammled place.

**DATES** | 2018: JUN 24-29, JUL 1-6, SEP 16-21,

SEP 23-28 (6 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$3,250

**ACTIVITY** | MODERATE/HEAVY





# THE OREGON EXPERIENCE

*Crater Lake, Rogue River, and Gold Beach*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

When it's time to renew your spirit, an OBP trip to Oregon makes it possible. Begin at Crater Lake, elevation 7,000 feet and the deepest lake in the U.S. There are many trails to hike—from easy to strenuous—as you take a scenic drive around the 33-mile rim. Watch the night sky for meteors and planets.

Then, it's Grants Pass, where you can enjoy the inviting downtown before heading to the historic log lodge half-hidden by groves of evergreen, maple, and oak.

For the next three days on the Rogue River, our expert raft guide will navigate you smoothly through fun rapids. River time is a great way to unwind, and the delicious meals and comfortable camping will let you deepen the off-the-beaten-path experience.

Last stop is at a resplendent lodge on the coast with a full day to beachcomb, hike, take a scenic drive, or simply read a book on the deck. The solitude and beauty of the Oregon coast rejuvenates and restores you.



**NEW FOR 2018!**



**DATES**

2018: JUL 9-15, JUL 16-22, AUG 6-12,  
AUG 13-19 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE**

FROM \$4,750

**ACTIVITY**

MODERATE

# CALIFORNIA



## SEASONS OF YOSEMITE

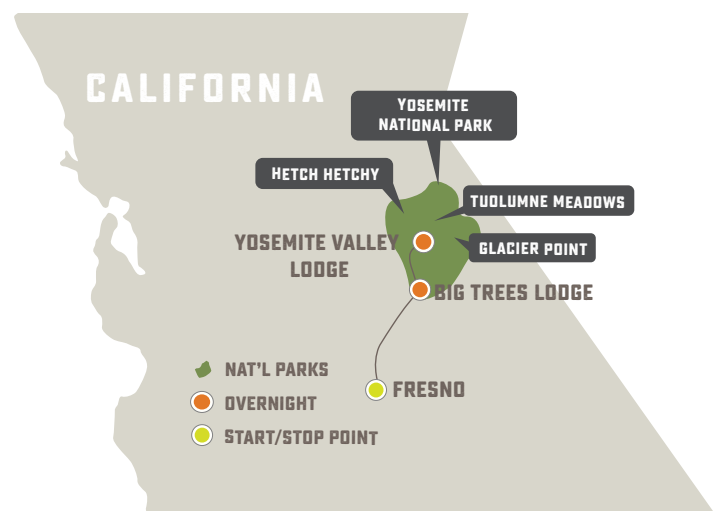
*Giant Sequoias, Waterfalls, and Welcoming Trails*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

As one who inspired generations to be off the beaten path, John Muir explored Yosemite afoot: hiking mountain trails, walking among giant sequoias, and wandering through a waterfall mist. Abraham Lincoln declared Yosemite our nation's first-ever protected parkland in 1864, eight years before Yellowstone was the first officially designated national park.

Your eyes will open wider to see the grandeur of Muir's beloved Sierras. Well-planned hikes open new perspectives into this much-photographed granite-hewn valley. You'll be at landmarks like El Capitan, Half Dome, and Yosemite Falls. You'll also hike the less-known Tioga Road to Tuolumne Meadows or wind over to glacial Hetch Hetchy Valley where the peaks might hold snow above and wildflowers below.

In the presence of the magnificent ancient sequoias, you might want to sit awhile with pen and paper and let yourself unfurl. Like Muir himself said, "Another glorious Sierra day..."



**DATES** | 2018: MAY 20-25, JUN 10-15, SEP 16-21,  
OCT 7-12 (6 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$3,250  
**ACTIVITY** | MODERATE



# JOSHUA TREE & DEATH VALLEY

*Exploring Extraordinary Deserts*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Your imagination will soar as you take in the subtle waves and dips of light against sandstone. In these vast deserts, complex interplays of water and life burst forth in unexpected places. Each day here offers you a chance to see resilience in a twisted Joshua tree or an aged lichen. Lizards, bats, and coyotes are just some of the iconic desert life that hides out of sight until you let your focus soften and your gaze open.

In Death Valley, you'll go to Zabriskie Point at sunrise; you'll trace the smooth, cool walls of Mosaic Canyon; and you'll travel miles of red dirt roads where pinyon pines scent the air. At night the coolness brushes your face and the bright galaxies above make you want to stay awake.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: MAR 18-23, MAR 25-30, OCT 29-NOV 3, NOV 5-10 (6 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$3,495</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>



# ROCKY MOUNTAINS



## ESSENCE OF YELLOWSTONE & GRAND TETON

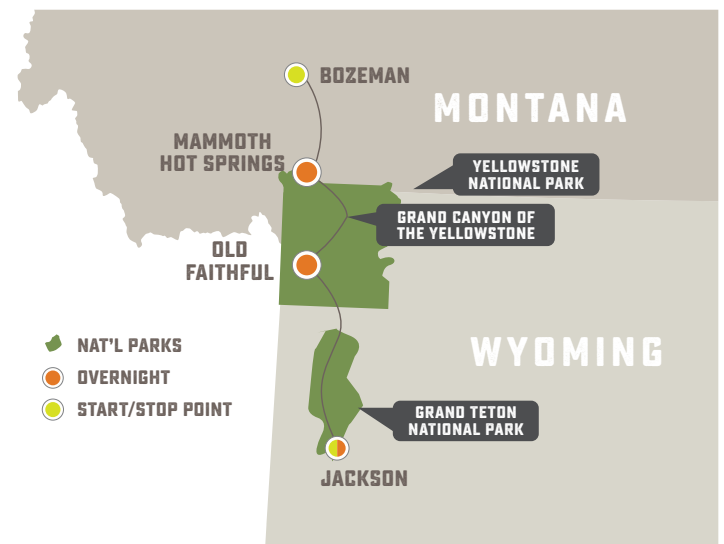
*Wildlife-Watching, Floating, and Discovery*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

While you watch, there blows Old Faithful! It's such a childlike pleasure to have witnessed this extraordinary natural phenomenon. After an explanation of the science behind the geysers, you travel on for some bear watching.

More sights on the less-traveled ways: a massive bull bison rolls in the dust. An elusive wolf rapidly crosses a ridgeline. Your guide tells you about the dynamics between wolves and elk and aspens. In another breath, he's recounting Chief Joseph's flight. You revel in the depth of history and beauty present in America's first national park.

Equally amazing to learn is how much fun you can have in the midst of all that discovery. In your explorations of Yellowstone and neighboring Grand Teton National Park, you'll hike, raft, and belly-up to the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar in Jackson.



#### DATES

2018: JUN 24-29, JUL 29-AUG 3, SEP 2-7,  
SEP 16-21 (6 DAYS)

#### PRICE

FROM \$3,295

#### ACTIVITY

LIGHT/MODERATE



# YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE SAFARI

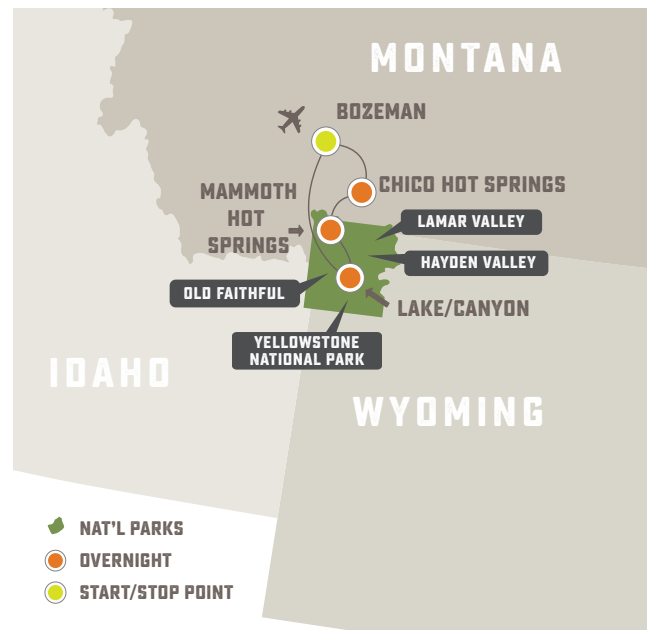
*Spring and Fall Wildlife-Watching*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

On one especially fruitful Yellowstone Wildlife Safari, our OBP travelers saw twenty-seven grizzly bears, eight black bears, and a wolf. You don't get that from a big tour bus, only off the beaten path.

Dawn and dusk in the Lamar and Hayden Valleys are two of the wondrous passages you will get to see and hear. In the springtime, frolicking calves, cubs, fawns, fledglings, and pups are testing their wings, legs, noses, and voices. In the fall, bears are foraging to put on weight for hibernation, wolves are ranging and hunting, bull elk are bugling and collecting harems, bighorn sheep are sparring, and raptors are migrating through.

You'll round out the trip with visits to the park's notable landmarks like Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. We think you will leave with a new appreciation of just how magnificent our forefathers were to protect this beloved place for lifetimes yet to come.



**DATES**

2018: MAY 6-11, MAY 13-18, SEP 9-14,  
SEP 29-OCT 4 (6 DAYS)

**PRICE**

FROM \$2,750

**ACTIVITY**

LIGHT

# YELLOWSTONE FOR FUN

*Outdoors under the Big Sky*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Hiking, zip-lining, rafting, and cave exploration keep this family vacation off the beaten path. Fly into our thriving hometown of Bozeman, Montana, and follow the Jefferson River to Lewis and Clark Caverns and the enchanting underground geology with twisting passageways. You'll understand why it's called "Big Sky" country during your stay at a historic guest ranch in the Gallatin Canyon. Enjoy the starry night sky over an outdoor fire pit.

In Yellowstone National Park, your family-friendly guide unlocks the mysteries of geysers and mud pots. You will gain an advantageous perspective for watching wildlife and feel the earth rumble when Old Faithful erupts. The adventure winds up in Cody, Wyoming, with an extraordinary tour of the renowned Buffalo Bill Center, relaxing river-rafting, and the classic Cody Rodeo.



**DATES** | 2018: JUL 8-13, JUL 15-20, JUL 22-27,  
AUG 5-10 (6 DAYS)

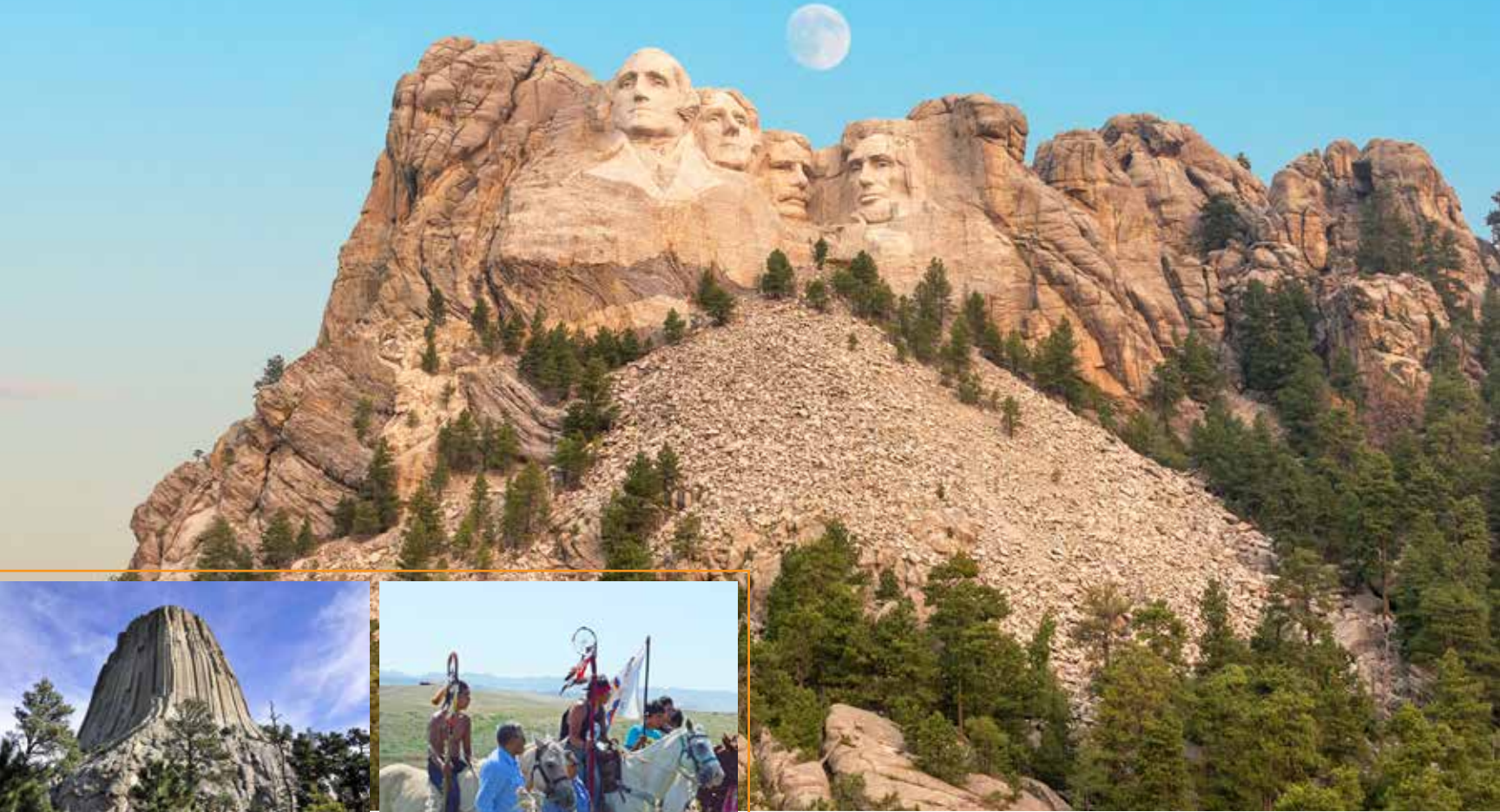
**PRICE** | FROM \$3,150

**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE



**LET'S GO!**

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*Call Our Travel Experts*



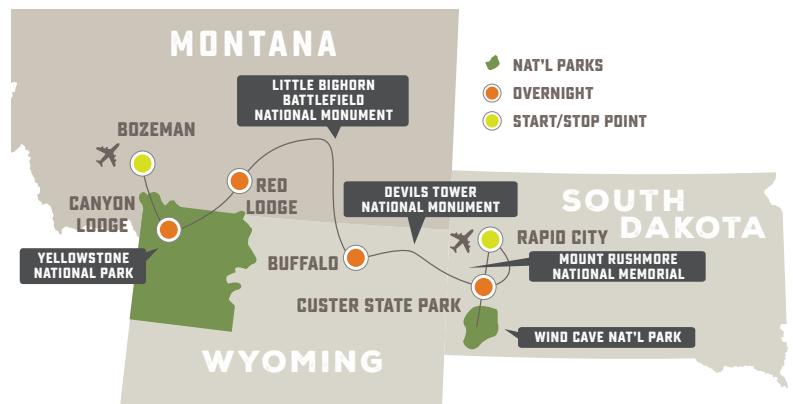
# THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST

## *The Black Hills to Yellowstone National Park*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Your imagination will soar when you gaze up to take in the magnitude of historic Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Not far off sits Wind Cave National Park. This is one of the longest and most complex caves in the world. Then you'll get a breath of fresh Western air at Custer State Park, with its hiking trails and prairie wildlife. Next is a walk around Devils Tower—a sacred site for the Lakota, who call it Bear Lodge. Then it's on to the Little Bighorn Battlefield, escorted by a Crow Indian elder. A panoramic high-altitude drive over the Beartooth Highway gives you a whole new definition of off the beaten path before you arrive in Yellowstone National Park for amazing geysers and a look at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

**DATES** | 2018: JUN 17-23, JUL 15-21, AUG 5-11,  
AUG 19-25 (7 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$3,450  
**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE





# YELLOWSTONE'S WINTER WONDERS

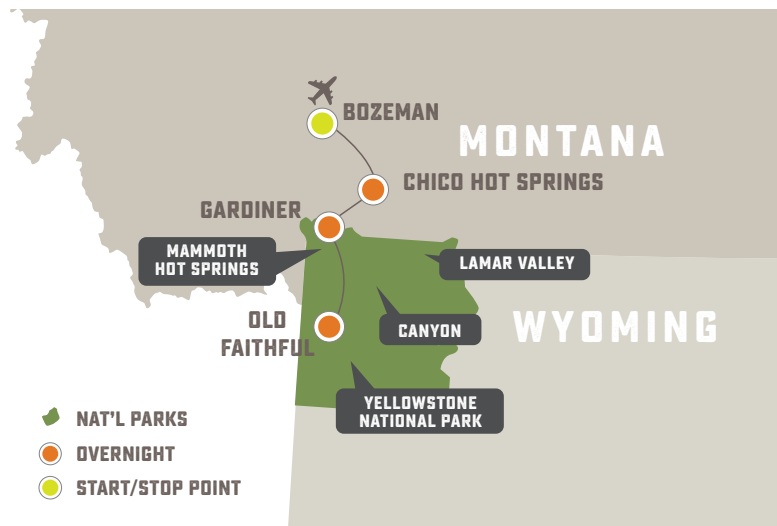
*Experience the Extraordinary!*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

The magic of Yellowstone takes on an entirely different hue in winter. Frozen waterfalls hang in icy sculptures. Sulfur-scented steam hangs over blue and orange hot springs. You'll see why artists use a lot of blue in winter as you watch the light across miles of glittering open spaces blanketed in deep, deep snow.

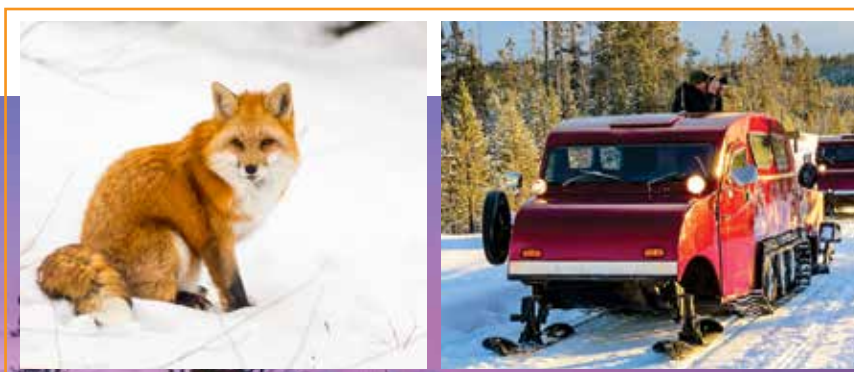
Winter is an ideal time for wildlife-watching: no crowds. Snow pushes animals to lower elevations, and the quiet surrounds you on your way to Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Bison shovel snow with their huge heads to find buried grass. You might see elk, wolves, foxes, and raptors. Take advantage of cross-country skis or snowshoes to explore trails to hidden geysers.

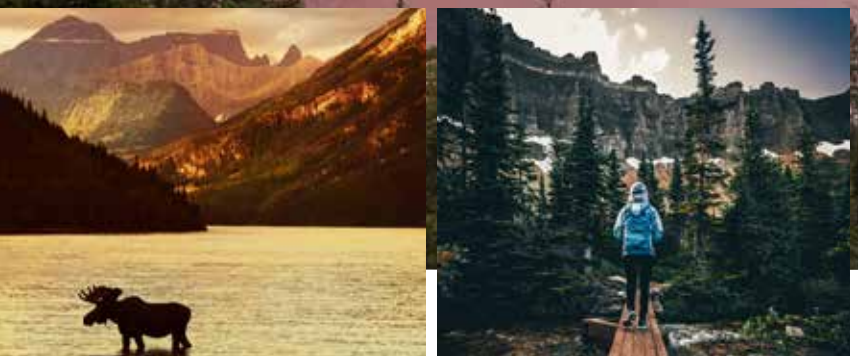
The trip ends at legendary Chico Hot Springs. At last you get to soak in the healing geothermal waters and enjoy fine dining, Montana-style.



**DATES** | 2017/2018: DEC 21-26, DEC 29-JAN 3, FEB 9-14 (6 DAYS)  
2018/2019: DEC 21-26, DEC 29-JAN 3, FEB 12-17 (6 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$3,395  
**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE





# CROWN OF THE CONTINENT

## Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Grab your favorite hiking boots and come with us to a staggeringly beautiful wilderness straddling the U.S.-Canada border. In the 1890s, conservationists dubbed this mountain kingdom the “Crown of the Continent,” which today is anchored by Glacier National Park in the U.S. and Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada. The Crown is a place of lofty peaks, dazzling lakes, and wild creatures, such as grizzly bears and wolverines. Historic small towns add personal charm to the larger-than-life geography.

Along with classic national park hikes, you belong on the trails less traveled—accessible right from the door of your tranquil backcountry lodge in British Columbia. Even the drives will expand your heart, with views for miles and miles and miles from the Going-to-the-Sun Road and Chief Mountain Highway.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: JUL 21-26, JUL 28-AUG 2, AUG 19-24, AUG 26-31 (6 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$3,195</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>



# CANADIAN ROCKIES QUEST

*Banff, Jasper, and Yoho National Parks*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Alberta's Front Range shoots up from the flat expansive prairie, close to sea level. It startles. You can't help but ponder what it was like to be here with no automobile, no flight back to civilization. Although outlined on the map now, it's still far, far off the beaten path.

On this journey into the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, you'll encounter splendor at every turn. In Yoho (a Cree expression of awe and wonder) National Park, you'll be wowed by dizzying peaks and roaring waterfalls. In Jasper National Park, you'll find breathtaking trails right outside your doorstep. Surround yourself with wildflowers in the Edith Cavell Meadows, and then travel the Icefields Parkway, one of the continent's most scenic drives. On the trail to Johnston Canyon in Banff, follow canyon-clinging catwalks and cliff-mounting staircases to the gorge's cascading falls. It's a long way to get here, and you wouldn't have it any other way.

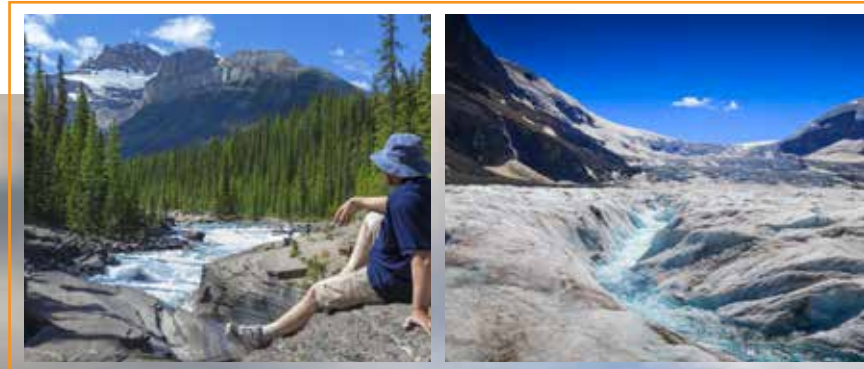


**DATES** | 2018: JUL 18-24, JUL 25-31, AUG 8-14,

AUG 15-21 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$4,395

**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE



# DESERT SOUTHWEST



## CLASSIC CANYON MEDLEY

*Grand Canyon, Zion, Glen Canyon, and the Colorado River*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

This delightfully different journey satisfies your curiosity from the geologic depths of the Earth to a massive river. You'll see mankind's grand works from the technological feat of the Hoover Dam to the intricacies of Sioux beadwork. Your anchors are Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, with time to hike and explore both of these stunning landscapes. A morning float on the Colorado River sets you to river time. Your mind can't question how far off the beaten path you are at the expansive Horseshoe Bend overlook. Your heart softens in the beauty of a Grand Canyon sunset. A stop at the famous Cameron Trading Post takes you to a page out of history, where your imagination will start telling the stories of your adventure through this dramatic setting.

<b>DATES</b>	2018: APR 2-7, APR 8-13, OCT 14-19, OCT 21-26 (6 DAYS)
<b>PRICE</b>	FROM \$2,995
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	LIGHT/MODERATE



# HIKING UTAH'S NATIONAL PARKS

*Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Locals call Utah's national parks "The Mighty Five," and by the end of your trip you'll see why: no two are alike and all offer the traveler who takes the time to get here, off the beaten path, profound rewards.

Begin in Moab, Utah's adventure capital. From here, you'll discover the fins and needles of Arches National Park, which holds the world's largest array and quantity of natural arches. In Canyonlands National Park, you'll enjoy one of the nation's quietest landscapes. When you venture through the backcountry canyons of Capitol Reef National Park, you'll find a different display of Utah's varied rock formations. Then, you'll go to the hoodoo heaven that is Bryce Canyon National Park. You may be able to see 200 miles on a clear day. In Zion National Park, every one of your trails will culminate in an astounding view of crimson, orange, and pink rock monoliths.



**DATES** | 2018: APR 18-26, APR 27-MAY 5,  
OCT 5-13, OCT 14-22 (9 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$4,695  
**ACTIVITY** | MODERATE/HEAVY





## ZION AND BEYOND

*Hiking and Exploring Zion, Bryce, and Grand Staircase-Escalante*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Each of these parks offers a different experience of what it looks and feels like to be off the beaten path in the desert, a place with millions of years present before your eyes. Bryce Canyon National Park has giant natural amphitheaters and legions of hoodoos—natural rock formations eroded into fantastic forms. At Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument the land rises in broad terraces of red, white, gray, and pink layers of limestone, sandstone, and sediment. Zion National Park is a maze of narrow canyons with unexpected springs and waterfalls fringed with moss. Your bonus comes in the seldom-visited Kodachrome State Park, with a hike among the pillar-like sand pipes. While the hikes give you happy feet, lovely accommodations and superb Southwest cuisine satisfy your cultural hunger. If you are in luck, they'll have the traditional posole followed by a chocolate chile cream pot.



**DATES**

2018: MAY 6-12, MAY 27-JUN 2, SEP 21-27, OCT 14-20 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE**

FROM \$3,495

**ACTIVITY**

MODERATE

# GRAND CANYON NEW YEAR

*Grand Canyon National Park and Sedona*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Winter is an enchanting time to find yourself on the Grand Canyon's South Rim. It's quiet, uncrowded, and visually stunning, with the play of low-angled light and an occasional lace shawl of snow on canyon temples and buttes. Days are typically sunny, with highs in the low 40s F.

Your guide will help you discover unforgettable beginning-of-the-new-year moments on this naturalist-led adventure. Revel in three days at Grand Canyon National Park filled with hiking and exploring through breathtaking scenery.

New Year's Eve will bring a very special celebration at the historic El Tovar Hotel dining room. Your journey will end with a couple of days in the red-rock wonderland of Sedona, with a jeep tour and a spectacular night of stargazing. May every year be filled with off-the-beaten-path experiences for you.

**DATES** | 2017/2018: DEC 29-JAN 3 (6 DAYS)

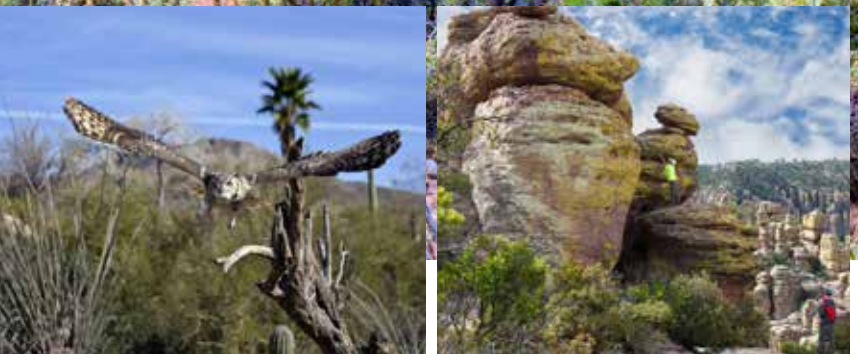
2018/2019: DEC 29-JAN 3 (6 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$2,995

**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE

**Additional Winter Dates: Feb 11-16, 2018 and Feb 10-15, 2019**





NEW FOR 2018!

# SONORAN DESERT MYSTIQUE

*Organ Pipe Cactus and Saguaro National Park*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

The diversity of cactus in the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument—28 cacti species to behold—will astonish you. The surprisingly green area is also home to javelina, mountain lions, pronghorns, desert big sheep, birds, and reptiles.

Next visit Saguaro National Park, and feel yourself arrive off the beaten path into the slow pace of time in the desert. A saguaro may be thirty-five years old before it produces its first bloom, and over fifty before its branches grow. You'll learn more at Tucson's world-renowned Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum.

Then tour Kartchner Caverns State Park. These spacious caverns were discovered only 43 years ago and host unusual water drip formations in the limestone, calcite, and travertine. At last explore the "wonderland of rocks" at Chiricahua National Monument and hike through the balancing rocks and hoodoos.

This land holds thousands of stories from Native Americans, Spanish, Mexicans, explorers, homesteaders, and miners. Every day of this sojourn is filled with ecological surprises and cultural significance.



**DATES**

2018: APR 8-14, APR 15-21, SEP 30-OCT 6, OCT 7-13 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE**

FROM \$3,395

**ACTIVITY**

LIGHT/MODERATE



# PUEBLOAN MYSTERY

*Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

A thousand years ago, civilizations thrived in what is now the Four Corners region of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. It is humbling to view the mysterious cliff dwellings of the Ancestral Puebloans (Anasazi) and consider life in a place most of us couldn't endure and which they considered sacred.

On this journey, which *Travel + Leisure* named a "Best Adventure Travel Choice," you take in Mesa Verde National Park, with its astonishing cliff dwellings. Still farther along, Chaco Culture National Historical Park's massive ancient buildings testify to the engineering abilities of the Puebloans.

Next, at Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona, your Navajo guide will share traditional knowledge and insights. Last you visit Acoma Pueblo, one of the oldest continually inhabited U.S. communities, to connect the stories and imagine the span of time that has shaped the people and cultures of this hallowed region.



**DATES** | 2018: APR 28-MAY 4, MAY 5-11, OCT 22-28, OCT 29-NOV 4 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$2,795  
**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE



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## BIG SECRET, BIG BEND

*The Chisos Mountains and Chihuahuan Desert*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Tucked into a bend of the Rio Grande is the most surprisingly diverse national park you've never thought of visiting. While the Grand Canyon draws five million visitors each year, only about 300,000 curious travelers go off the beaten path to discover Big Bend National Park. Very few other travel companies offer trips to this spellbinding place in far West Texas, and none provide the active exploration and excellent naturalist guides you get with Off the Beaten Path.

Big Bend National Park is a jackpot for hikers, birders, stargazers, and explorers—magical, remote, and quiet. Along with the largest protected tract of Chihuahuan Desert in the U.S., the park is also graced by the forested and wildlife-rich Chisos Mountains, limestone cliffs and canyons, and an astounding 27,000 acres of wetlands.

<b>DATES</b>	2018: MAR 20-26, MAR 31-APR 6, OCT 27 – NOV 2, NOV 3-9 (7 DAYS)
<b>PRICE</b>	FROM \$3,095
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	MODERATE

Call to inquire about our El Paso Loop trip extension that visits White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns, and Guadalupe Mountains National Park.



# GREAT LAKES



## ISLE ROYALE WILDERNESS SOJOURN

*Lake Superior and the Keweenaw Peninsula*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

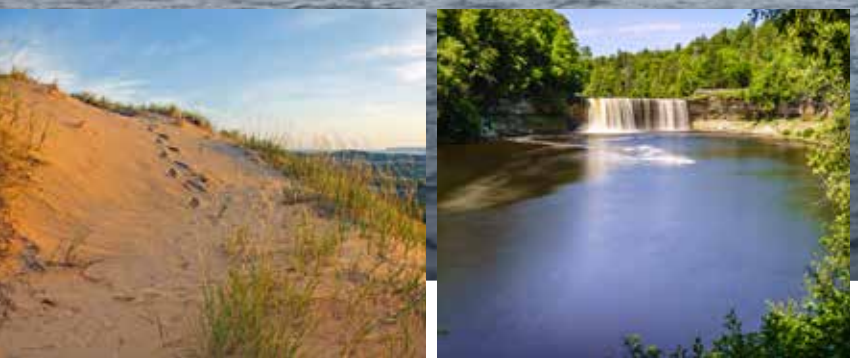
Whether you unwind in motion or in stillness, this island offers renewal. It is full of adventures for hikers, boaters, and wildlife lovers. It is also replete in stunning scenic beauty and solitude, with inspiration for reflection and growth.

Isle Royale is a rugged wilderness of forests, rocky ridges, and small lakes surrounded by Lake Superior. It is difficult to access, even for wild creatures. The wolves and moose probably walked there over winter ice. You'll take a three-hour ferry ride from Michigan's Upper Peninsula (the UP) to accomplish the feat.

On the island, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve since 1980, you'll explore by foot, kayak, and canoe. You'll also get to meet with the scientist dedicated to studying the moose and wolf population. Each day here off the beaten path will be filled with a deep awareness of and education in the interrelationships of all life.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: JUL 15-22, JUL 29-AUG 5, AUG 12-19, AUG 26-SEP 2 (8 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$4,350</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>





## NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S NATIONAL LAKESHORES

### *Pictured Rocks and Majestic Sand Dunes*

#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

The UP, as Michigan's Upper Peninsula is called, features sandstone cliffs, beaches, waterfalls, archways, hardwood forests, and renowned sand dunes. Here America's first national lakeshore, Pictured Rocks, is sided by Lake Superior—our coldest, deepest, and largest Great Lake. Ninety miles of trails are available to hike. You can boat along miles of cliffs, watching sunsets that remind you what a gift this great big natural world around us really is.

Further south, in Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore, you can sink your heels into the sandy banks and listen to the many birds—and frogs. Perched atop glacial moraine headlands, the dunes stand 450 feet above Lake Michigan. Viewers of *Good Morning America* once named this lakeshore the "Most Beautiful Place in America." Your guide takes you off the beaten path to the insider's points of interest where you might see a red fox or a bald eagle.

#### DATES

2018: JUL 8-13, AUG 5-10, SEP 9-14,  
SEP 16-21 (6 DAYS)

#### PRICE ACTIVITY

FROM \$3,095  
LIGHT/MODERATE



# NEW ENGLAND



## ACADIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK

*Acadia National Park, Roosevelt Campobello International Park, and the Bay of Fundy*

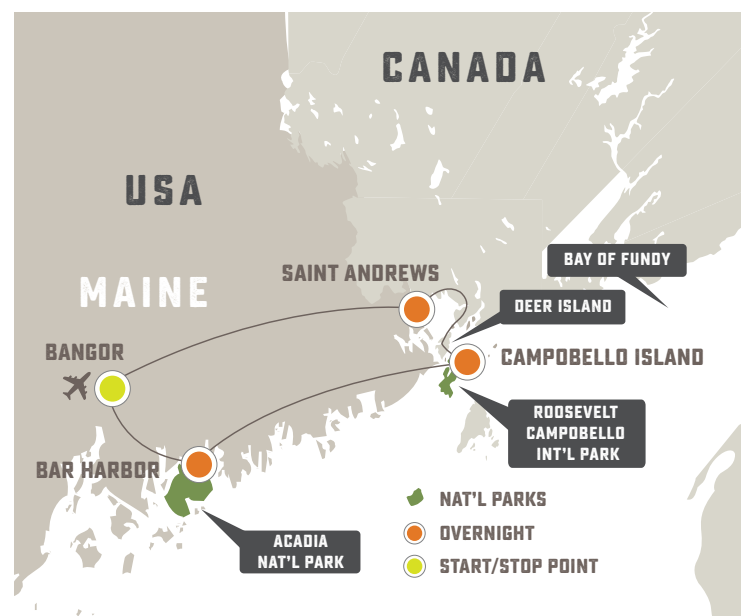
### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

The Bay of Fundy on the Atlantic Coast has the highest tides on Earth and is a feeding ground for the protected and legendary North Atlantic right whale. Rightfully, it is one of Seven Natural Wonders of North America.

In Maine's Acadia National Park, early birds can be the first in the country to watch the sun rise across the water. You can hike granite peaks, bike historic carriage roads, and every day be awed by the rocky seascape. In the nearby Roosevelt Campobello International Park, you will see why Franklin D. Roosevelt chose this as a place to be off the beaten path and renew himself. You can stay in an historic cottage on the grounds—an OBP connection not open to the general public. On the New Brunswick side of the Bay of Fundy, paddle your sea kayak in one of the planet's most prized marine biospheres.

**DATES** | 2018: AUG 13-19, AUG 20-26, SEP 4-10,  
SEP 11-17 (7 DAYS)

**PRICE** | FROM \$3,495  
**ACTIVITY** | LIGHT/MODERATE



# SCOTLAND



## SPLENDID SCOTLAND

*Hikes, Castles, Wildlife, and Whisky*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

When it's time to do something totally different, take a trip to Scotland. From Cairngorms National Park—one of *National Geographic Traveler Magazine's* top 20 places in the world to visit—to Balmoral Castle—a royal getaway, you'll take an insider's look at some of this country's special places.

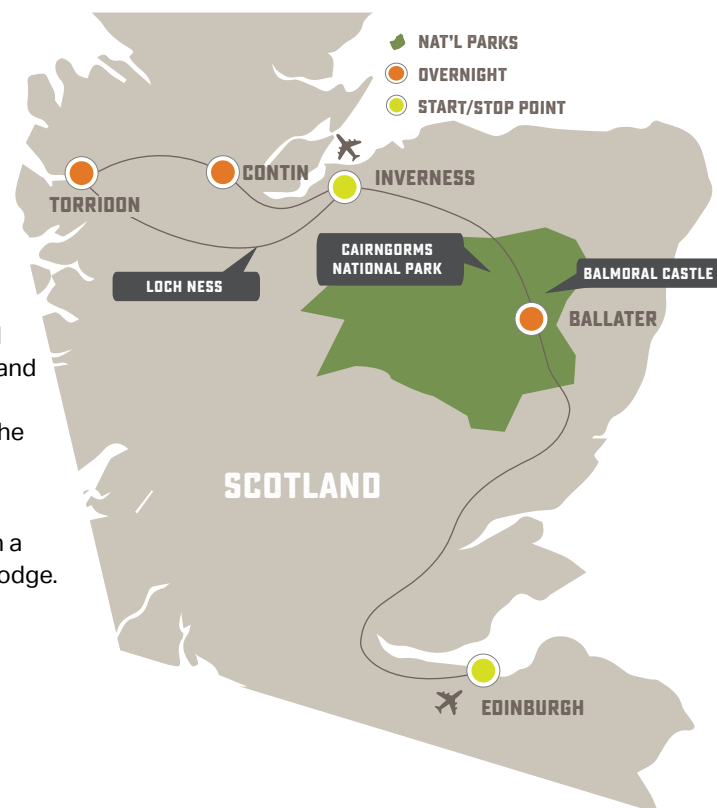
Each day features easy-to-moderate hikes with expansive mountain views, lakes, and some of Queen Victoria's favorite places to hunt and walk. Golden eagles, hairy Highland cows, Scottish wildcats, osprey, ptarmigan, Cairngorm reindeer, and dolphins are just some of the wildlife you might see. Your days off the beaten path will weave through the ancient pine forests, some of the oldest rocks in the world, and gorgeous coastline.

You'll pop in at a whisky distillery for local hospitality and sample the hops at a village microbrewery. Each place you stay offers something special, from a Victorian Inn with a lively music scene to an 1820's family-owned mansion and a 19th-century shooting lodge. The food is made from scratch and something you'll remember fondly for years.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: JUN 24-JUL 1, JUL 2-9, AUG 26-SEP 2, SEP 3-10 (8 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$4,995</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>



**NEW FOR 2018!**



# COSTA RICA



## COSTA RICA UNDER THE RADAR

### *Cloud Forest and the Osa Peninsula*

#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Costa Rica's abundance places it among top spots in the world for biodiversity. This narrow bridge of land between North and South America envelops you in every color in both its plants and animals. From postcard-perfect beaches to veiled mountaintops, this is a place that peels away your cares and tunes your spirit to life off the beaten path.

Your journey begins with white-water rafting Rio Sarapiquí through lowland rain forests filled with howler monkeys, one of the loudest creatures on earth. Next, you'll discover the mystical light of the mountain cloud forests through hiking or ziplining. Cascading waterfalls abound, and brightly colored bromeliads, orchids, ferns, and mosses are plentiful. With luck you might see the shy Resplendent Quetzal. On the southern tip of the Osa Peninsula, enjoy a wide variety of ways to explore this lively place such as hiking, surfing, horseback riding, snorkeling, fishing, and dolphin watching.



#### DATES

2018: DEC 10-16 (7 DAYS)

2019: APR 23-29 (7 DAYS)

#### PRICE

FROM \$3,795

#### ACTIVITY

MODERATE

## PERU



## MACHU PICCHU AND THE SACRED VALLEY

*Peru, Past and Present*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

At the Awanacancha weaving cooperative, you'll see wool-producing llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas, and observe the weaving and dyeing techniques that have been used by local people for centuries. Then, you'll have time to take in the colorful Pisac market.

At Machu Picchu, you can climb Huayna Picchu Mountain for a bird's-eye view or you can take time to reflect on the significance of this site oriented toward the sun and stars. In Cusco, there are opportunities to see the citadel Sacsayhuaman, the Inca religious site of Q'enqo, and the military ruins of Puka Pukara. Or you can look for the aqueducts, canals, and waterfalls that run through the terraced rocks at Tambomachay.

From the traditional weavers to the magnificent engineers, each day immerses you in that feeling of how off the beaten path, many different ways of living and being are possible.

## DATES

2018: OCT 7-14 (8 DAYS)

2019: APR 28-MAY 5 (8 DAYS)

## PRICE

FROM \$4,350

## ACTIVITY

MODERATE



- NAT'L PARKS
- OVERNIGHT
- START/STOP POINT



## CHILE



## CHILEAN ADVENTURE

*Santiago, Lake District, and Torres del Paine*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

To experience Chile, you need both the cities and the wilderness. Churches old and new, famous architecture, and regional wine during the first half of the week segue into a high mountain lakeside ecotreat with ample opportunities to hike, boat, and watch wildlife.

Santiago is filled with colorful art markets, private collections, and museums. Valparaiso holds a magical bustle of sights, sounds, and smells, from the fishermen hauling in their catches to the devout offering worship.

The enchantment shifts focus when you travel to the Lake District. You'll hike in two distinct national parks where lush forested mountains ascend from the water's edge and stunning emerald waters rush under snow-capped peaks. Then explore Torres del Paine National Park on foot and by boat, and stay in the first fully sustainable ecolodge, complete with green technology. While you gawk at the iconic Cordillera del Paine, you might also see foxes, pumas, and raptors throughout these spectacular tall peaks dotted with glaciers and lakes.



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## DATES

2018: DEC 1-9 (9 DAYS)

2019: JAN 12-21, FEB 16-24, MAR 10-18 (9 DAYS)

PRICE  
ACTIVITY

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MODERATE

# PACIFIC ISLANDS



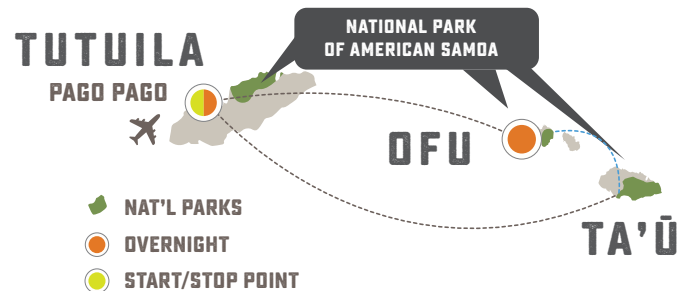
## MAIMOANA AMERICAN SAMOA

*Tropical Islands, Culture, and the National Park of American Samoa*

### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

Settled by seafaring explorers 3,000 years ago, Samoa is the cultural hub of the Polynesian wheel. It is also a true off-the-beaten-path paradise, with rugged volcanic mountains, dramatic shorelines, empty beaches, colorful coral reefs, and dense tropical forests.

You'll visit three islands—Tutuila, Ta'ū, and Ofu—each containing sections of the National Park of American Samoa. Instead of food courts and gift shops, you'll find blue lagoons, pristine beaches, flying foxes, red-footed boobies, green sea turtles, and small villages that follow a traditional lifestyle. In keeping with the meaning of the word Samoa, "sacred earth," the park helps protect fa'a samoa—the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the ancient, family-centered Samoan culture. Was it the sound of Samoan voices singing that's keeping you uplifted? Or was it the day at the beach with no footprints but your own? Maimoana means to explore, or experience, and that's just what you'll do on this adventure.



<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: OCT 5-12, OCT 19-26 (8 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$4,550</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LIGHT/MODERATE</b>

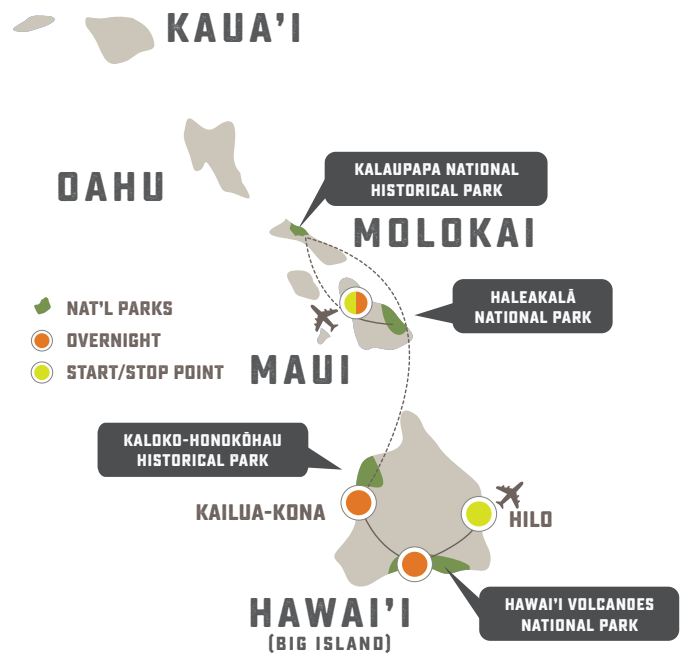
# EXPLORING HAWAI'I'S NATIONAL PARKS

*The Big Island, Molokai, and Maui*

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

You'll feel it as soon as you step off the plane: Hawai'i wrapping you in a flower-scented embrace of warm welcome. This active journey connects you with some of Hawai'i's most special places, from lush rain forests to dramatic lava plains. You'll explore six national parks on three islands—the Big Island, Molokai, and Maui—investigating volcanoes, identifying plants, looking for sea turtles, and learning about ancient Hawai'ian culture. Leading the way are volcanologists, biologists, cultural specialists, naturalists, and park rangers.

Of course, you'll hike, swim, and snorkel on these calming Pacific Islands. However, being the off-the-beaten-path traveler that you are, you'll go deeper by spending time with local Hawai'ians at a private backyard luau—an intimate, traditional Hawai'ian custom that few visitors get to experience.



<b>DATES</b>	<b>2018: OCT 14-22 ; OCT 28-NOV 5 (9 DAYS)</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>FROM \$6,495</b>
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>LIGHT/MODERATE</b>



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## **CUSTOM JOURNEYS:** *On Your Own, But Not Alone*

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Custom Travel at Off the Beaten Path, our signature service for over 32 years, is focused on creating these moments. You might not even have a place in mind yet, just the desire to be in that expansive state of curiosity. You can call us with that spark of interest—and we'll jump into the conversation with you. We will get to know you or catch-up from our last encounter (the majority of our clients return many times). We will connect with your likes and dislikes, from the big picture of countries, landscapes, or times of year; down to more detailed considerations, such as wildlife viewing, active explorations, or localized experiences.

OBP not only takes the stress out of finding the best places to stay and go, but also connects you with our extraordinary world in meaningful ways. Our goal is not to prepare your itinerary but enhance your life. Watercolors in Zion Canyon? We know an artist for you. Ziplining the rainforest canopy? You got it. The sunrise from the top of a volcano? We'll see that you get there. A place where your parents can relax in the shade, the kids can have fun learning something new, and you and your spouse get to adventure? Perfect. We'd love to make that happen.

When our conversation completes, the result is a perfect plan that only requires execution. We then prepare your Journey Guidebook with all the details and suggestions for additional things to see and do.

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# THE THIRD WAY

You might have the urge to go someplace this year, but don't want the constant company of a group—yet don't want to miss the secret spots a guide knows. The good news is there is another choice, a third way: an Off the Beaten Path Custom Journey. It's the holy middle ground, the best of both worlds. You get to travel independently, and you get personal guidance to add more to the key spots where a naturalist, wildlife biologist, author, or indigenous elder can immerse you in the spirit of the place.

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You will appreciate the wisdom of your OBP guide when you are viewing the desert and wishing you knew more about geology, or when you are watching for wildlife in deep forest but not seeing any.

Additionally, you will benefit from the conversations with your travel designer, whose deep insights about each geography make them an invaluable partner in travel. They are also great people—genuinely interested in getting to know you and craft something unique. We send these folks out and about to make the connections, confirm the substance of these experiences, feel the quality of the thread counts and firmness of the mattresses, and understand the best room in the house. With this knowledge and an unwavering commitment to getting you to the heart of each place, our process is tried and true.

We encourage you to find your *off the beaten path* this year. We'd love to help you achieve this oh-so-important end. Call us to get the conversation started.



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Every Airstream has exceptional features including comfortable beds, fine linens, and bathrooms with showers. Kitchens

are complete with stovetop, microwave, refrigerator, great cookware, and dishes. Other trailer amenities include flat-screen TV, gas barbecue grill, power awning, air conditioning, and camp chairs.

Off the Beaten Path takes care of the trip planning details in the same fashion as our Custom Journeys service, from the best times of day to drive through certain areas to the best campsites and activities to make it magical. We can suggest fun places to hike or to find the perfect slice of homemade pie. Whether it’s wildlife-watching in the Rockies, canyoneering in the Southwest, or tide-pooling on the coast, we will connect you with naturalists and experts for an unforgettable journey.

This is the trip you’ve been looking for, with the comforts of a fine hotel and the independence to go where the journey takes you. One caution: the enthusiasm for Airstream travel is infectious. Call us to get the happy ailment seeded!





## JUST THE FACTS

Think you might be interested in exploring the hidden gems of this country from behind the wheel of an Airstream? Let's get you started:

### *What*

Book a 28-foot Airstream trailer that sleeps up to six, along with a perfectly paired full-size tow vehicle. Basic instruction on driving, setting up, and using all of your onboard systems and equipment is provided at the time of pick-up.

### *When & Where*

Pick up your Airstream 2 Go unit in the best location for your travels: year-round in Los Angeles and Las Vegas, or late spring to early fall in Bozeman and Rhode Island. Book early to ensure availability.

### *How*

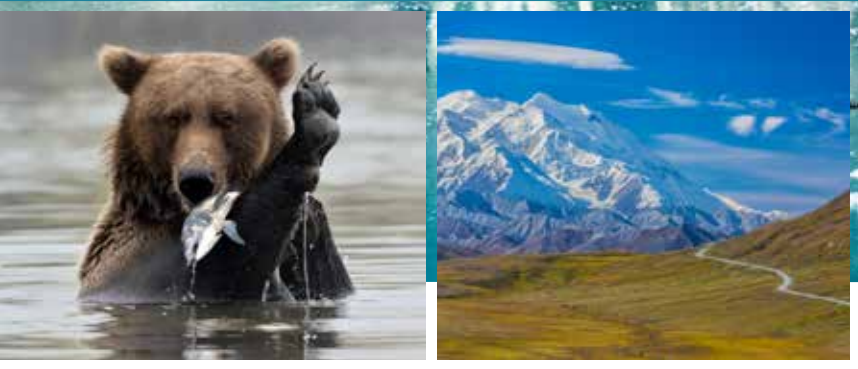
Call 800-780-9880 or visit [airstream2go.com](http://airstream2go.com) to the start the planning process.

### *Why*

Because you can, and you'll be glad you did!



## ALASKA



## ALASKA'S NATIONAL PARKS GRAND SLAM

*Capturing Alaska's Eight Amazing National Parks*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

The big state of Alaska holds eight national parks, and you can see all of them in one epic adventure.

In the stunning beauty of the northern wilderness, you'll meet Alaskan guides, boat skippers, outfitters, pilots, and others who will share their love of being off the beaten path with you. Throughout your journey, hiking and sea kayaking let you fully take in the striking colors and surprising sounds—from whales, bears, birds, caribou, and even glaciers. You can view massive glaciers from the boat or strap on crampons and explore. Watching humpback whales is unforgettable, and you'll see grizzlies fishing for salmon just feet from where you stand on a platform. You'll see old mining towns, unusual sand dunes, and caribou migration routes. You'll gaze up at the "Great One" and reflect upon Wonder Lake. Throughout this whole trip, you get a sense of the passion that drove people here—and still does.

DATES  
PRICE

JULY & AUGUST (19 DAYS)  
FROM \$16,000



# ALASKA, OFF THE BEATEN PATH

## *Tutka Bay and the Wilderness of Wrangell-St. Elias*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

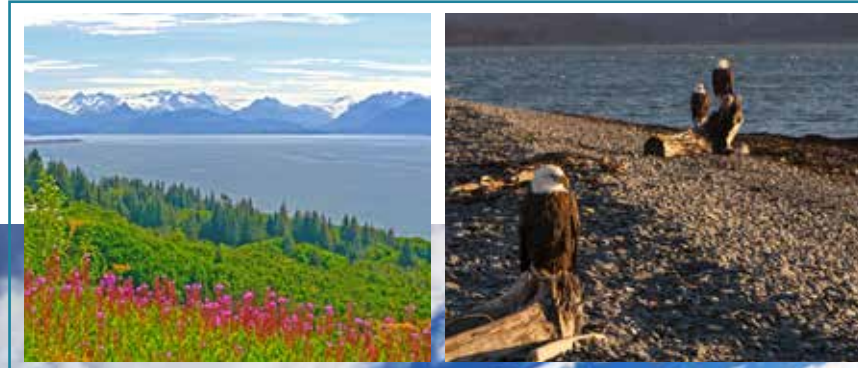
When you want to go deeper off the beaten path, you want to go to Alaska's vast landscape graced with spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife, and charismatic people who live off the land.

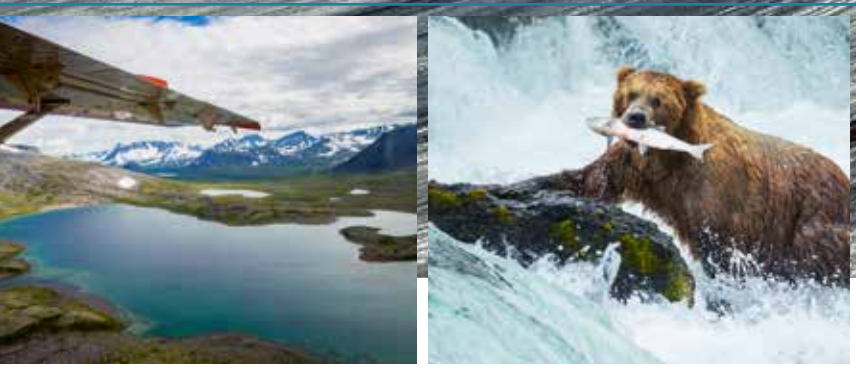
At the end of Kachemak Bay, your family-owned lodge is surrounded by dramatic mountains, old-growth Sitka spruce forests, and quiet beaches. After each day's hiking, kayaking, deep sea fishing, and bear watching, you'll dine on a fine meal—made by the owners' daughter—with the freshest ingredients, including salmon supplied by neighboring fishermen.

Then you'll shift to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which is home to nine of the sixteen highest peaks in the United States. Activities abound here such as hiking—on or off glaciers, wildlife viewing, flightseeing, and fishing for salmon and trout. The wildlife is as varied as the terrain, with mountain goats on the peaks, moose in the bogs, and trumpeter swans nested alongside the Copper River. Guttural sea lions and harbor seals gather on the coast, and black bears and grizzlies roam throughout.



**DATES** | JUNE-AUGUST (12 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$15,900





## TRUE ALASKA

*Katmai, Lake Clark, and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Until you've been to Alaska, it's hard to realize how dramatic the scale—of everything!—really is. Soaring mountain ranges collide in this wild and ruggedly beautiful place, including the tallest coastal mountains in the world and waist-high flowers.

You can hike, raft, sea kayak, fish, flightsee, ski, ride ATVs, and watch wildlife. You'll find glaciers, rivers, active volcanoes, and even an abandoned mining town with tales of tenacity and tragedy.

Migratory birds fly through and trumpeter swans nest in river drainages. The lowland bogs are home to moose, while the lichens and sedges attract caribou. Bears roam throughout, especially enjoying blueberry season and spawning salmon. Sea lions and harbor seals are found in the coastal areas, while up high you might see mountain goats and Dall sheep under the crags.

Katmai, Lake Clark, and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks offer the best of Alaska's wildlife and scenery. With the insider's knowledge from OBP, you'll make it your own off-the-beaten-path experience to remember.



**DATES** | **JUNE-AUGUST (12 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$9,300**

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST



## BEAUTIFUL, BOUNTIFUL BRITISH COLUMBIA

*Vancouver, Pender and Salt Spring Islands*

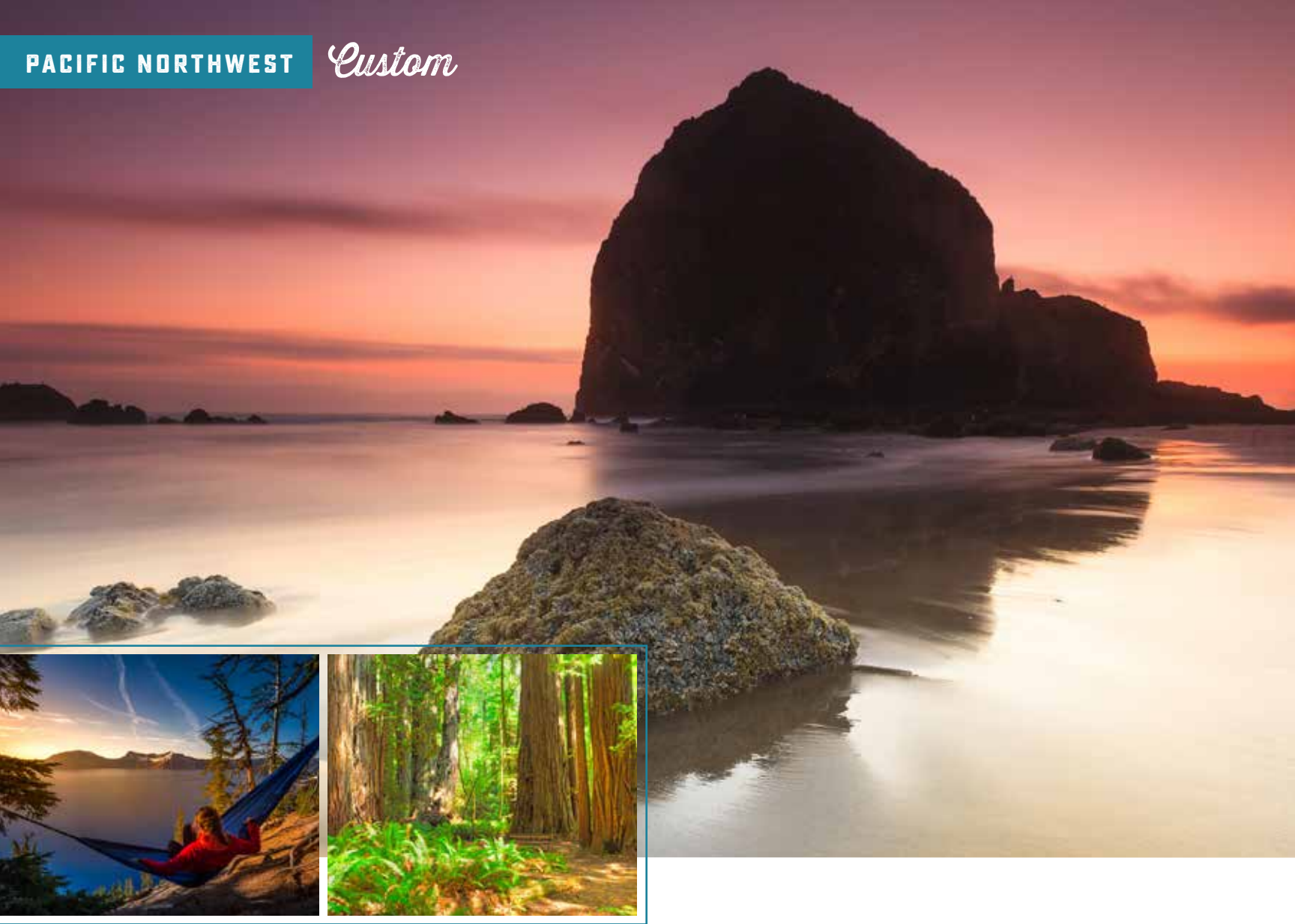
### CUSTOM TRAVEL

British Columbia might really have it all: cultures from around the world, commitments to sustainable agriculture and creative cuisine, a booming film industry—and skiing, whale watching, mountain biking, kayaking, and hiking. It's where vibrant culture meets rugged nature.

Begin on Vancouver Island at The Butchart Gardens' fifty-five acres of colorful masterwork. Then drive to East Sooke Regional Park where you hike the windswept rocky coast in solitude. Learn local history at Sooke Regional Museum before viewing wildlife while you kayak. Next explore Victoria by bicycle and take a foodie tour. Boat to Pender Island for kayaking, farm-to-table dining, and excellent small-farm wine tasting. Continue to Salt Spring Island for sumptuous meals and impressive art galleries. An unforgettable scenic flight with views from the ocean to the snow-capped peaks lifts you inland to the resort lodge at Tyaughton Lake. Opportunities await to mountain bike and ride horses through spectacular meadows of wildflowers and aspen groves.



**DATES** | **MARCH-NOVEMBER (7 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$3,500**



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST ADVENTURE

*Cannon Beach, Hood River, Crater Lake, and Redwoods National Park*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

The diverse environments of the Pacific Northwest invite exploration to uncover their many different beautiful facets. Here ancient forests back up to crater lakes, pumice deserts exist alongside mountain meadows, and coastal rocks stand sculpted by wind and water.

You'll begin with Oregon's Cannon Beach filled with colorful tidepools, diverse bird life, and dramatic views. Next it's the Columbia River Gorge, where lofty basalt faces are showered with the greatest concentration of waterfalls in North America. From there ascend to Crater Lake National Park—home to the deepest lake in the nation. There are many trails to hike or you can drive the 33-mile caldera rim at 7,000 feet elevation, which is also open only for biking during specific dates. Three days by the Rogue River will enchant you with unique lodging and camping. Last, California's Redwoods National Park immerses you off the beaten path in deep tranquility and awe of these majestic wonders.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**APRIL-OCTOBER (17 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$8,400**

# CALIFORNIA



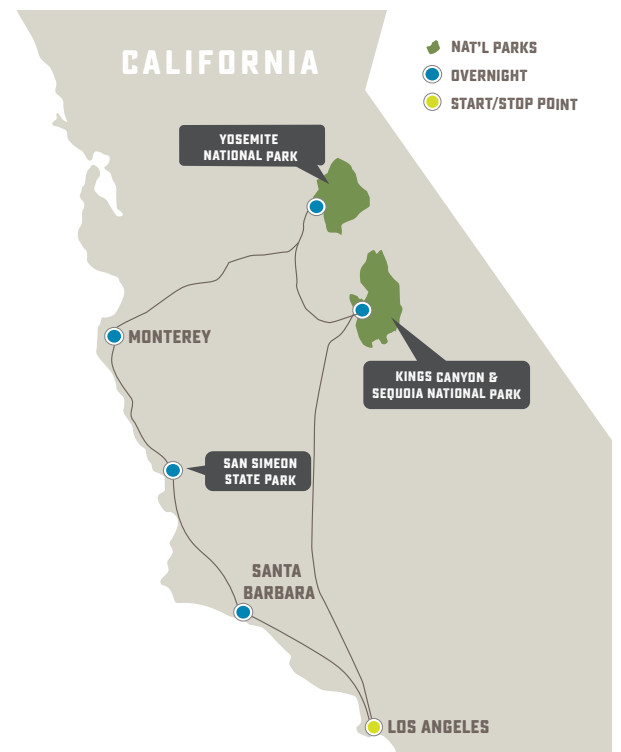
## CALIFORNIA CRUISIN': AN AIRSTREAM ADVENTURE

*Sequoia, Yosemite, and the California Coastline*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

An Airstream trailer will give you an up-close experience of California's dramatic coastline and rugged mountains. Sleep surrounded by some of the world's tallest trees and listen to the magic of the forest at night. With nearly 300 national and state park units, California's natural wonders are something everyone should get to experience. It's an unforgettable journey from your own movable camp that you can set down in the midst of all that grandeur.

Travel by Airstream and you can spend time basking in the presence of giants in Sequoia National Park. Move on to Yosemite and park—and there's base camp for hiking or simply gazing at the peaks. Then drive slowly and absorb the panoramic Pacific Coast scenery. A behind-the-scenes tour of the famed Monterey Bay Aquarium offers you ocean life like you've never seen it. In contrast but equally delightful, tour the extravagant Hearst Castle. Last, relax in wine country and tell a good tale about life on the road.



**DATES** | **APRIL-NOVEMBER (15 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$8,800**



## CLASSIC CALIFORNIA

*SoCal Beaches, Big Sur and Monterey Bay, Yosemite, and Wine Country*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Few states pack in as much variety from south to north as does California. This extraordinary trip gives you a taste of it all from classic beach life to epic wilderness to welcoming wine country.

Begin with an insider's tour of Hollywood, then shift to the water for invigorating surf lessons. Drive the cliff-hugging Pacific Coast Highway and inhale the pungent saltwater air while the sun brightens your spirit. A marine biologist will spark your curiosity in tidepooling on the coast of Big Sur before an afternoon of sea kayaking in Monterey Bay.

Not much farther and you're in Yosemite National Park to hike 8.5-miles on the Panorama Trail, with views of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, Vernal Falls, and the entire valley. Then take a walk among the giant sequoias of Mariposa Grove. Heading north you can bike the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and explore San Francisco's bustle of sights and sounds. Connect with northern California's Sonoma wine country for heavenly farm-to-table foods paired with artisan wines.

**DATES** | **APRIL-NOVEMBER (15 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$4,250**





# ROCKY MOUNTAINS



## WANDERING IN THE WEST

*Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Each season in the West is a treasure. In spring, snowmelt rips through the rivers and new offspring of bison, wolves, bears, and birds send ripples of activity through the landscape. In summer, the long hours of daylight spread blankets of colorful wildflowers and the wildlife actively plays and feeds. In early fall, the bears forage, elk bugle, and aspen turn gold. There's no better place to witness this majestic life than in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Start in Jackson with a mountain bike ride through meadows and aspen groves. Horseback ride to a butte overlooking the Snake River Valley, then float the river through spruce-fir forests. Watch for eagles, wolves, bears, and lynx visiting the water and on your hike the next day.

In Yellowstone National Park, see Old Faithful earn its name and awe you with the earth's remarkable power. Your OBP guide shows you insider's spots for wildlife watching, letting you immerse yourself off the beaten path in the rhythm of wild things.



**DATES** | MAY-SEPTEMBER (9 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$2,400



# ROAMING THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

*Airstream Adventure in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

Writing the script for a Western includes rivers, peaks, wildlife, rodeos, ghost towns, and explorers. Navigating by Airstream trailer, you'll be able to choose the scene for each stage of your journey off the beaten path through the heart of the Rockies.

Begin in Montana's Big Sky Country with an exploration of underground caverns or a ghost town that tells many tales. Shift over to Idaho for hiking that fills your lungs with pristine air or canoe the crystal-clear water that's home to rainbow trout. Then in Jackson take a hot air balloon ride with breathtaking views of the Grand Tetons, while during the rodeo you can watch bravery in action.

Next enjoy a beautiful day rafting the Snake River, then satisfy your curiosity with a guided tour of the area's geology and history. In neighboring Yellowstone, an OBP guide gives you an insider's peak at wolves, bison, and bears. On your way back to Bozeman, learn how to rock climb in the Gallatin Canyon.



**DATES** | **MAY-SEPTEMBER (15 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$8,800**

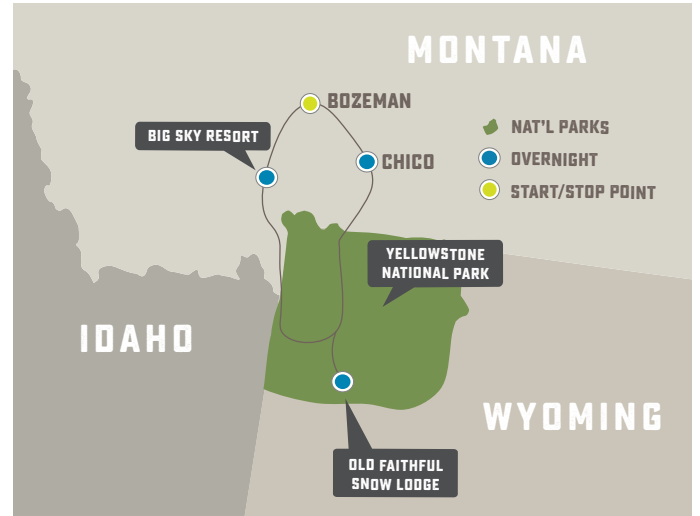
# CELEBRATE WINTER IN THE ROCKIES

*Big Sky, Yellowstone National Park, and Paradise Valley*

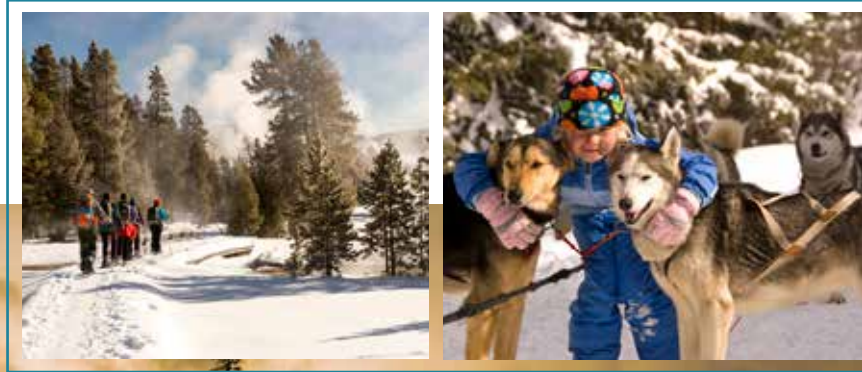
## CUSTOM TRAVEL

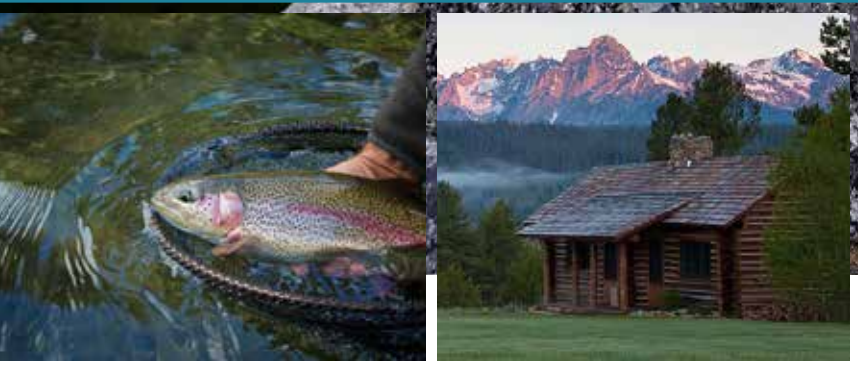
Snow-filled mountains inspire many people to measure their lives by days on the slopes. The joy of moving through the crystalline landscape—on skis, on snowshoes, with sled dogs—is an experience you’ll smile about all year long.

Start the New Year with fireworks filling the Big Sky of Montana and lighting up your world with good cheer. Downhill ski long slopes with minimal wait times and a tram for bigger powder stashes, or cross-country ski groomed trails for a tranquil experience of deep forest. Your lodge is an ideal place to bring a book and spend a day by the fire. Take a snowcoach into Yellowstone National Park and gasp at the winter magic with miles of glittering snow surrounding steaming geysers. Snowshoe through the peaceful environment while watching for wildlife. Shift to the heart of Paradise Valley where you’ll stay at a legendary hot springs resort. Relax in the healing waters, snowshoe, and enjoy a breathtaking ride through the wilderness on a husky-drawn sled.



**DATES** | **NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY (7 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$4,400**





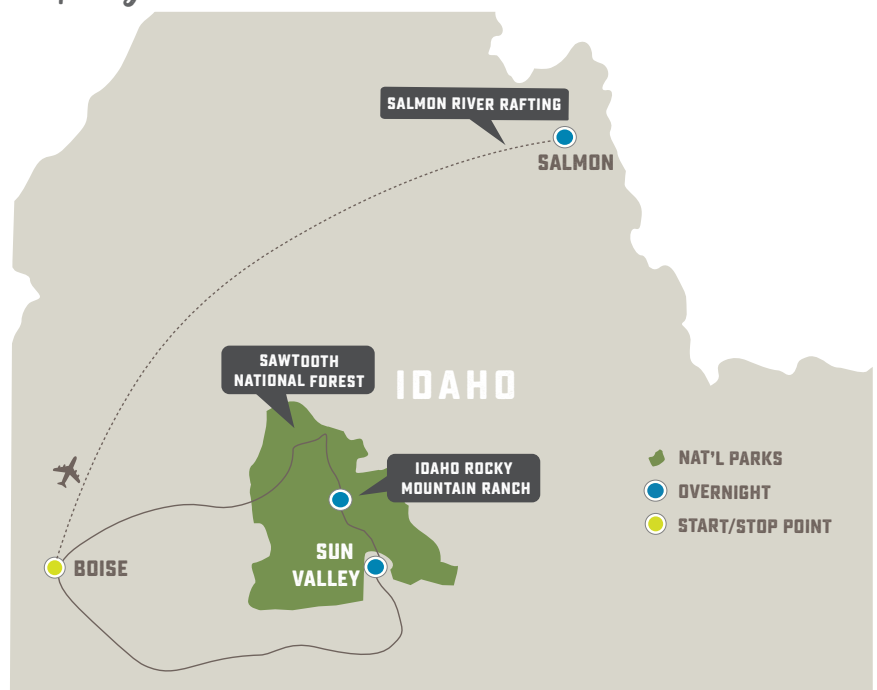
## WILD WEST ADVENTURE

### *Salmon River Rafting and a Western Ranch Stay*

#### CUSTOM TRAVEL

River time takes you out of yourself into the largeness of water and sky. The push of water against your raft lets you feel the earth's currents bursting to life. Each moment is fresh, new to be discovered, navigated, and let go. Letting go might be the essence of river time, where the water carries you off the beaten path.

Then discover the essence of artful restoration at a fully renovated historic lodge surrounded by the largest protected wilderness area in the lower 48. Fill your days in the magnificent Sawtooth mountains hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing, and whitewater rafting, or simply relax in the natural hot springs pool. Your lodge offers unparalleled western hospitality, giving you room to reflect on the solitude and freedom of the West.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**JUNE-SEPTEMBER (12 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$4,990**

# GORGEOUS GLACIER!

*Exploring Glacier National Park and Backcountry Llama-Trekking*

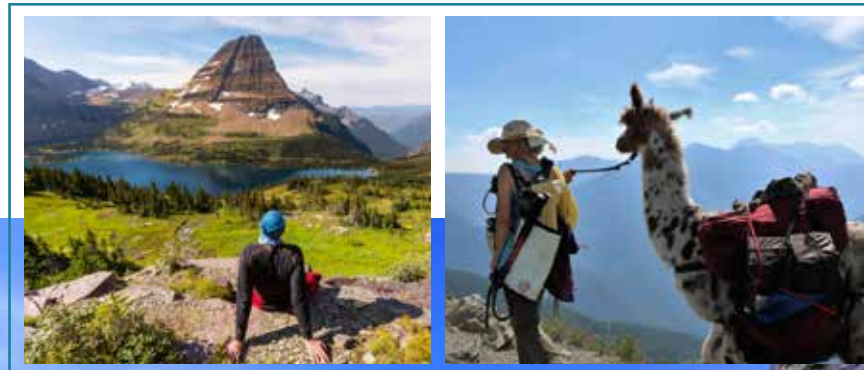
## CUSTOM TRAVEL

Glacier is a paradise for adventurers seeking wilderness, solitude—and to test their skills, or at least maybe to learn something new. Our specially-crafted trip lets you play on ropes, rafts, mountain bikes, and boots.

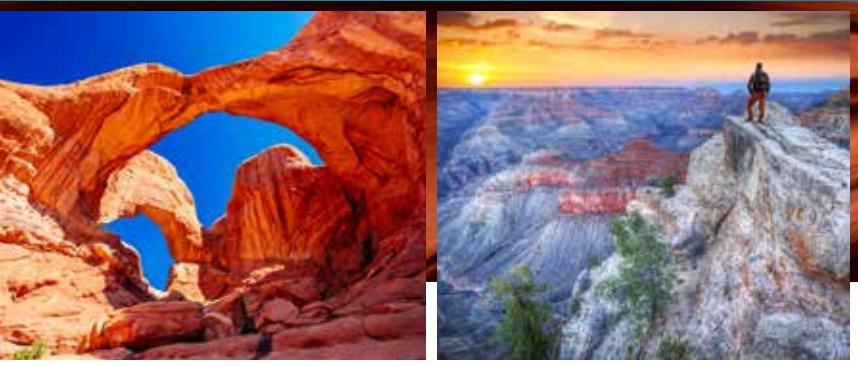
Your journey begins in Whitefish, a classic lakeside mountain town full of people who are passionate about the outdoors. Tackle an aerial adventure high-ropes course in the morning and a downhill mountain biking lesson in the afternoon. The next day energizes you on the stunning Middle Fork of the Flathead River, where you run the rapids on a white-water rafting excursion. Sleep peacefully in a luxury camp in West Glacier, although take some time to gaze at the night sky and you'll be rewarded with a natural astronomy show. Hike in the wilds of Glacier National Park where you might spot mountain goats and perhaps grizzlies. Drive the glorious Going-to-the-Sun Road before embarking on a llama-supported camping trip in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Off the beaten path in Glacier puts you in the crown of the continent.



**DATES** | **JUNE-SEPTEMBER (9 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$2,500**



# DESERT SOUTHWEST



## HEART OF THE CANYONS

*Classic Road Trip through the Best of Canyon Country*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

We can't choose a favorite canyon of the Southwest, and that's why this trip offers five national parks and one monument to give you the best of the area's iconic places. Before the nature journey begins, take in a performance from Cirque de Soleil in Las Vegas and admire the wonders of the human form.

Drive to the South Rim of Grand Canyon for a naturalist-led exploration uncovering secrets of the flora and fauna. Next it's Zion's twisting narrow canyons with unexpected springs and waterfalls inviting you to deeper parts of yourself, places of deep calm. Then drive through Bryce Canyon, getting eyefuls of eclectic rock formations before arriving at your lodge with exquisite dining. Hike in Grand Staircase-Escalante, with terraces of rock varying from brown to pink. In Moab stay on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River. Then hike in the Needles of Canyonlands, followed with guided hiking in Arches, home to suspended rocks that lift your gaze and your heart.



DATES  
PRICE

MARCH-NOVEMBER (10 DAYS)  
FROM \$2,995

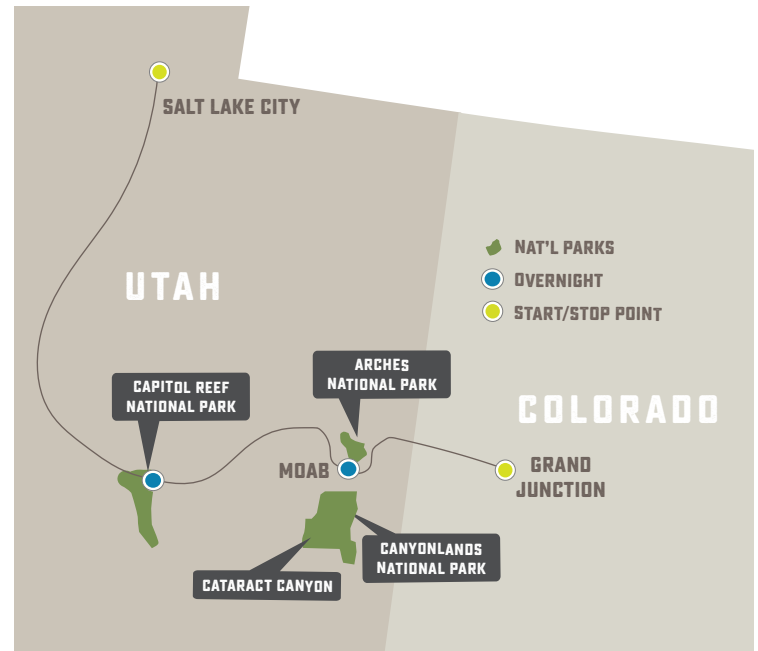
# SUPREME SOUTHWEST!

*Capitol Reef, Arches, and Canyonlands*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

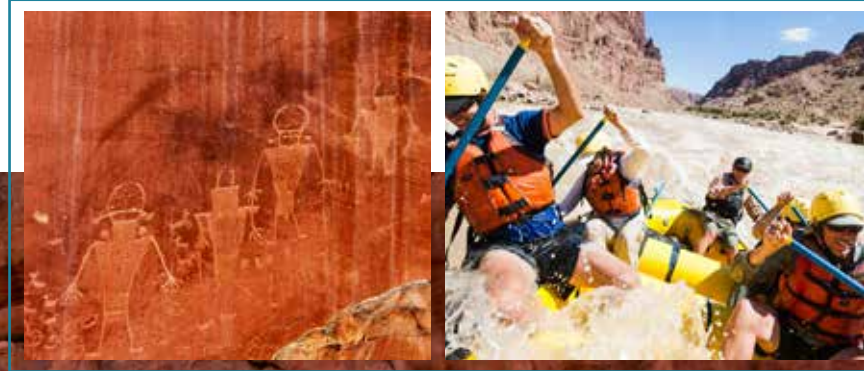
The contrasts of Utah's canyon country could take a lifetime to explore, but we've planned a journey that lets you experience the colorful rock formations, cultural history, and powerful river with ease.

Let the kinetic energy of the Southwest reverberate through you on explorations by foot, 4x4, and raft to give you the full picture of this extraordinary place. On hikes, contrast the ancient petroglyphs and pictographs of Capitol Reef National Park to the gracefully arching stone and legendary red-rock landscapes of Edward Abbey's beloved Arches National Park. A rugged vehicle takes you far beyond the tourist attractions and deeply off the beaten path into the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park where colorful spires of sandstone reach high into the blue sky. Then expert guides navigate you through the invigorating power of white water coursing through Cataract Canyon on the Colorado River. During this life-changing three days, you'll sleep on sandbars under bright stars and awaken to the desert's epic light filling your soul.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**MARCH-NOVEMBER (9 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$2,550**





## SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS GRAND LOOP

*An Airstream Southwestern Sojourn*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Usually the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the desert Southwest is the dramatic colors suffusing the landscape unlike anyplace else in the U.S. This area is the inspiration for photographers, painters, climbers, rafters, hikers, and geologists. It becomes a personal journey off the beaten path in an Airstream 2 Go travel trailer.

The ease of Airstream camping puts you right there to enjoy the sunrise scaling the walls of the 8,000' high North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, visited by only 10% of park tourists. Enjoy hiking while looking for some of the park's nearly 450 bird species, including many rare and endangered birds. Then rent a boat on Lake Powell to see one of the world's largest natural bridges. In Bryce, hike through the hoodoos with a naturalist explaining the unusual formations and spotting the elusive wildlife. In Zion, learn to climb and rappel through a slot canyon. Make this the year you are in the amazing photos of the desert Southwest.

**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**FEBRUARY-NOVEMBER (9 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$5,700**





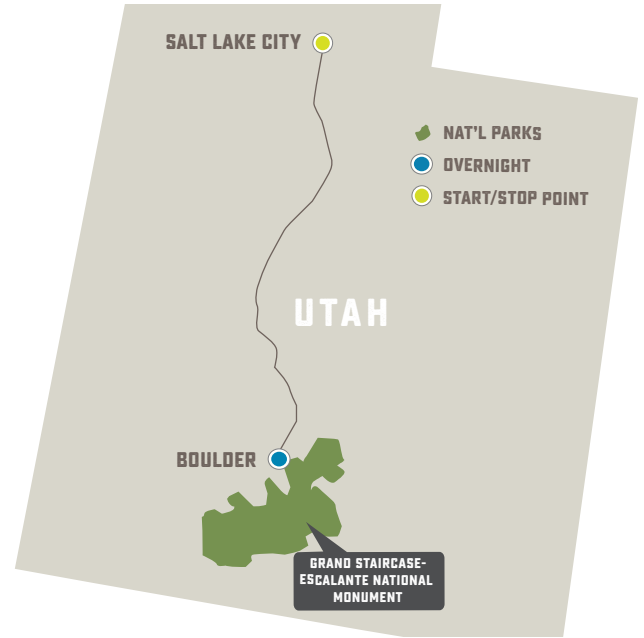
# EXPLORING GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

*Slickrock, Slot Canyons, River, and Archaeology*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

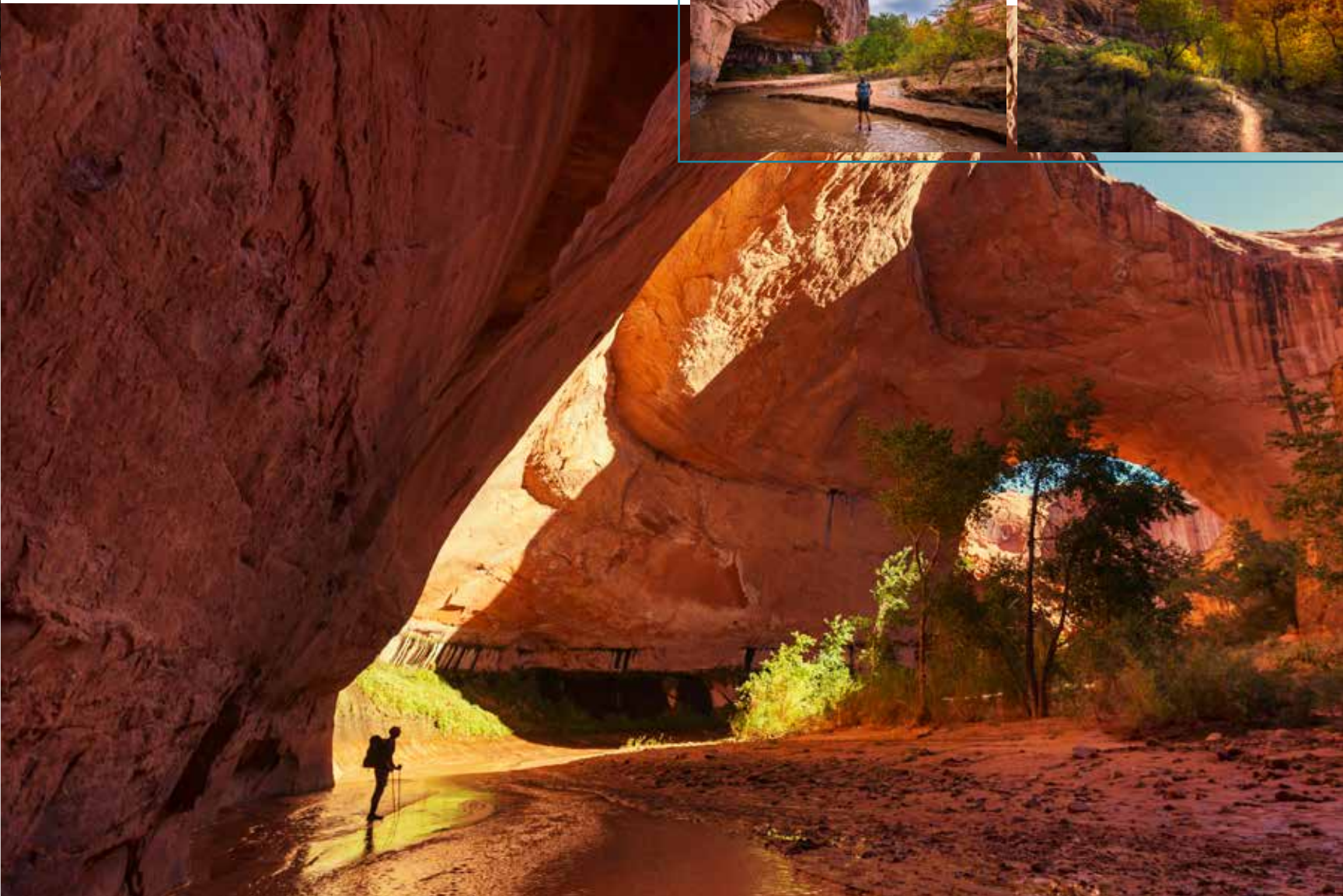
Although Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is the largest protected area in the Southwest—150 miles long—it is one of the least visited, making it a perfect place to hike in solitude through spectacular history and scenery.

Active waterfalls, arches, and riparian oases are tucked into the many hues of sandstone you'll explore. You can hike through the Escalante River and feel its lifeforce attracting bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and, depending on the zone, the occasional mountain lion, bear, or desert bighorn sheep. Sinuous slot canyons invite the curious to go further and linger in the deep stillness. Each day offers many choices: go upward for 1,000 feet and gain sweeping views, or follow trails leading to grottoes, monoliths, natural bridges, arches, and archaeological sites. Perhaps most telling that you are off the beaten path in Grand Staircase-Escalante—after all this was the last place in the continental United States to be mapped—is how soon you want to come back.



DATES  
PRICE

MARCH-NOVEMBER (8 DAYS)  
FROM \$3,250





## PERFECTION IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

*Art and Culture in Santa Fe, Mesa Verde, and Taos*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

The serenity of New Mexico has cradled spiritual traditions for Native American tribes and numerous monasteries. Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe are everywhere, as are hummingbirds, flowering vines, and tall ponderosa pines. It's called the land of enchantment because of its magical light, a light that has seduced generations of painters.

Begin by visiting the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, then take an evening walk among ancient Puebloan stone masonry and petroglyphs at Bandelier National Monument. See Santa Fe's famous Canyon Road galleries, but step three blocks away to discover many lesser-known artists. Abiquiu is a must to tour O'Keeffe's home plus the locations that inspired her. Wander Chaco Culture National Historical Park with a naturalist/history guide to appreciate the thousands of years of civilization here. Gaze in wonder at the cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde. Relax off the beaten path through the mountains on the historic Narrow Gauge Railway before arriving in Taos to enjoy art and music festivals.

**DATES** | APRIL-NOVEMBER (12 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$4,995



# NEW ENGLAND



## AMAZING ACADIA

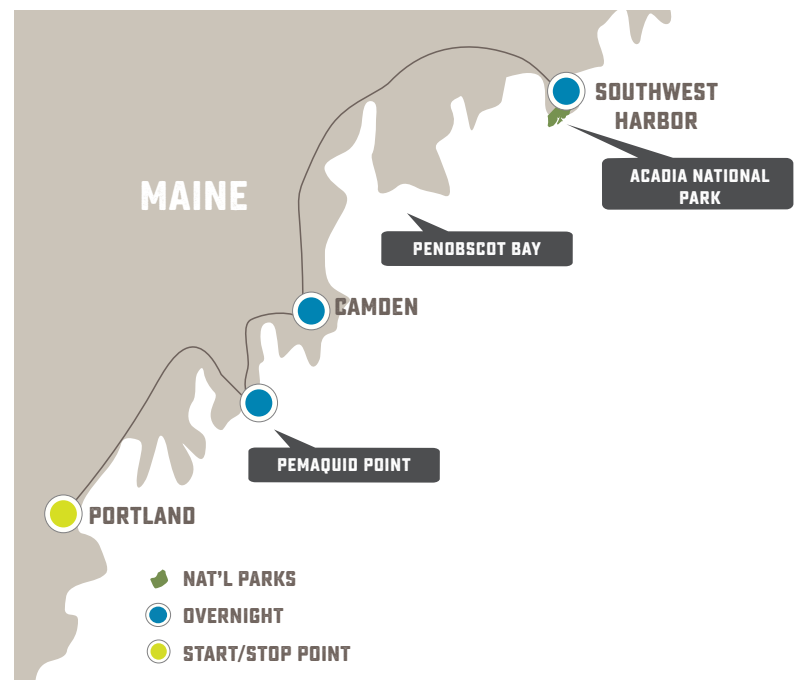
*Penobscot Bay, Acadia National Park, and Pemaquid Point*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

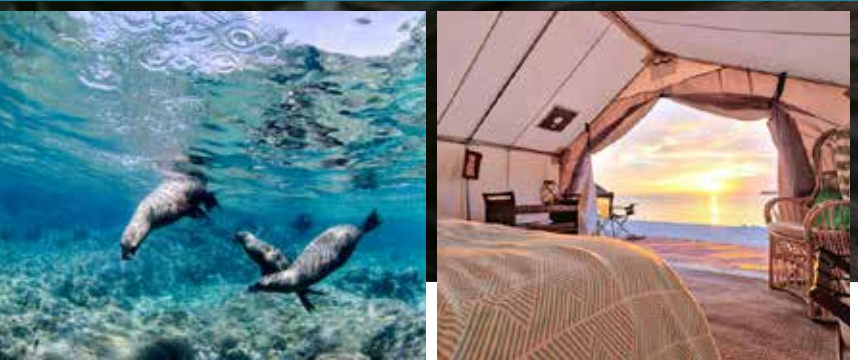
Acadia—the only national park in New England—offers rugged coastal beauty, serenity, and activities for both leisurely hikers and adventure seekers.

Start in Penobscot Bay, considered the jewel of the coast with its rocky shoreline, lighthouses, seals, bald eagles, islands, lobster boats, and hidden coves. Sailing is the best way to get a feel for the quiet strength of both the land and the people. Enjoy some of the local catch with fresh lobster rolls for lunch. Next, in Acadia National Park, granite walls test your rock climbing skills (lessons available), or an OBP naturalist takes you to the special spots of beauty that very few visitors find. Continue exploring the park, this time by kayak through remote sections of the idyllic bays filled with fishermen and sailboats. A gorgeous drive along Highway 1 reveals the iconic stonework and soft light that inspired Andrew Wyeth. Last, Pemaquid Point's lighthouse and fishing museums let you see the passion of the people living off the sea.

**DATES** | **JUNE-SEPTEMBER (8 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$3,200**



# MEXICO



## TAKE A BREAK IN BAJA

*Todos Santos, Playa Los Cerritos, Isla Espiritu Santo*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Mexico's beaches are some of the finest in the world, with white sand, surfable waves, and transcendent sunsets. Answer the call to head south this year and replenish your spirit in the gifts of the Pacific Ocean.

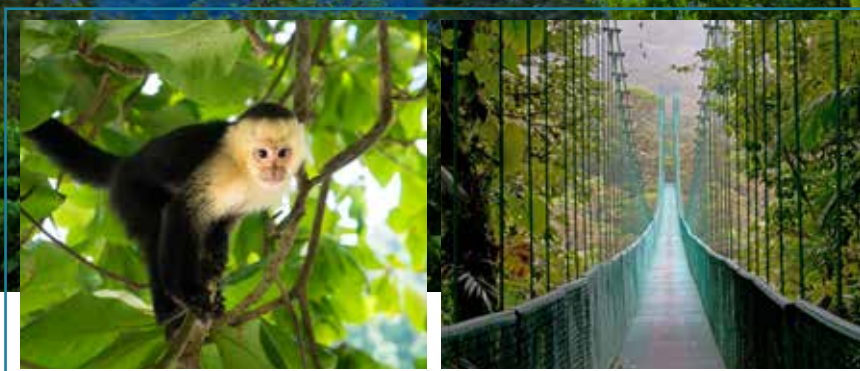
Todos Santos—"All Saints"—is the ideal place to begin letting go of any tension. This small village is the lifeblood of everything leafy and green in the desert, thanks to the river that runs beneath the town. You'll stretch out off the beaten path on 70 miles of pristine beach. Nearby Playa Los Cerritos is one of Baja Sur's best swimming and surfing beaches, with soft sand and good waves to suit all abilities. Or ride horseback and enjoy sweeping views. Then go to Isla Espiritu Santo in the Sea of Cortez. This protected National Marine Park offers kayaking, whale watching, and snorkeling. You might see whale sharks and sea lions and will relish glamping on the beach with gourmet food and stories of a lifetime.

**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**OCTOBER-APRIL (9 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$3,000**



# COSTA RICA



## ICONIC COSTA RICA

*Ziplining, Canyoning, and Rafting the Pacuare River*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Costa Rica's extraordinary biodiversity will spark your curiosity and enchant your senses. Add postcard-perfect beaches and veiled mountaintops, and you'll discover why this is a place that tunes your spirit to life off the beaten path.

At Arenal Volcano, ride a fantastic zipline network and explore the rain forest canopy where you might get eye-level with white-faced capuchin monkeys. Arenal Lake is graced with consistent winds, making it perfect for windsurfing and supplying twelve percent of the country's energy needs.

Take a morning canyoning excursion and rappel spectacular waterfalls before entering a flower-filled canyon that sings with tropical birds, bubbling creeks, and howler monkeys.

Explore the Sierpe River ecosystem by boat en route to your jungle ecolodge. Hike in Corcovado National Park, home to scarlet macaws, tapirs, jaguars and squirrel monkeys, or snorkel to see beautiful fish and corals. On the pristine Pacuare River, take a top-10 world-ranked raft trip through whitewater surrounded by rain forest wildlife.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**YEAR ROUND (9 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$2,950**

# ECUADOR



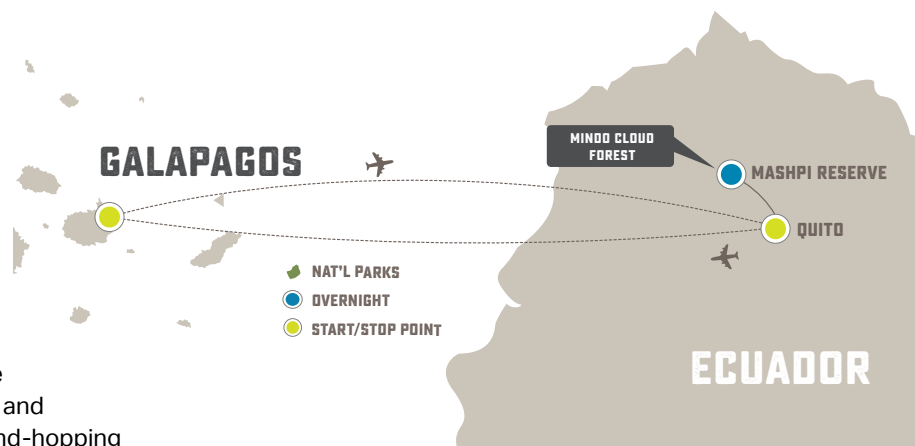
## ECUADOR EXPEDITION

*Galapagos Islands and Mindo Cloud Forest*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

When you're hungry for someplace really different, Ecuador is the place to go. This small South American country touches the equator and touches your heart through its friendly people with colorful textiles, coast-to-peaks heavenly landscapes, and wildlife's surprising antics.

Arrive in the colonial city of Quito and enjoy the 17th-century architectural details, thriving markets, and magnificent art-filled churches. Fly to the Galapagos Islands and board a catamaran for eight days of island explorations that take you through the best-known spots—Pinnacle Rock on Bartolome—and to lesser-known places, such as Mosquera Island, home to the Galapagos sea lion. The guttural sounds from these highly curious and social creatures will welcome you off the beaten path. As your island-hopping adventure unfolds, you'll discover the highly unusual marine iguana, fur seals, hawks, giant tortoises, and the prancing blue-footed boobies. On the mainland, stay at a cloud forest hideaway near Mashpi Reserve, a planetary biodiversity hotspot filled with 500 species of birds, trees and tree frogs, waterfalls, and mysterious felines.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**YEAR ROUND (12 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$11,250**

# PERU



## PERU FAMILY ADVENTURE

### *The Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu*

#### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Off the beaten path in Machu Picchu is intriguing. Historical ruins tell tales of invaders and show engineering feats and astronomical correlations that baffle us still. The landscape is strikingly beautiful and the journey includes hiking, biking, ziplining, culture, and legendary sites.

Visit a local artisans' cooperative and see traditional weaving and dyeing techniques as well as wool-producing llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas. Then shop the colorful Pisac market to view the finished wares. Horseback ride or bike to the amazing agricultural terraces at Moray and the Maras salt works. Hike to the Pumamarca and Ollantaytambo ruins for a panoramic view of the Sacred Valley.

Take a fun whitewater rafting adventure on the Urubamba River. Overnight in a "sky lodge," a transparent luxury capsule that hangs from a mountaintop overlooking this stunning landscape. Explore the legendary Machu Picchu on a private tour and wonder at the mysterious solar orientation and meaning. Enjoy a walking tour of Cusco, noting the Inca and Spanish influences, and appreciate this colorful culture.



**DATES** | **APRIL-OCTOBER (9 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$3,985**

## CHILE



## CHILE, BOLIVIA &amp; BEYOND

*Atacama Desert and Uyuni Salt Flats*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

An off-the-beaten-path journey into Chile and Bolivia means you go beyond the cities, beyond the mountains, and into the desert to see how the elements craft unexpected wonders.

Begin in Santiago, where the energetic flamboyance pulls you to the museums, cafes, and hillside parks. Taste the seafood just hauled to market and feast your eyes on snowcapped mountains. Then shift to Valparaíso's maze of steep, sinuous streets filled with poets and painters. Next, discover the Atacama Desert's stony pinnacles and salt lakes. Continue to the Valle de la Luna nature sanctuary, evocative of the moon. Meet the sunrise at the Tatio Geysers for a mystical introduction to the steaming mud pots. Take a rejuvenating thermal hot-springs soak. Pass through Andean villages and stunning alpine lagoons on the way to Uyuni Salt Flats. Be astonished by Incahuasi's century-old giant cacti filling the landscape. Last, gaze at the Arbol de Piedra, a stone formation wrought from wind and sand and time into the shape of a tree.

DATES  
PRICE

YEAR ROUND (8 DAYS)  
FROM \$4,850





# PATAGONIA



## POWERFUL PATAGONIA

*Aysen Glacier, Parque Patagonia, Maipo Valley*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Patagonia is a land of passionate extremes, from the cosmopolitan city life to the sacred churches, from the hard-working fishermen to the world-class trout fishing. It's a place to get lost in thought high in the mountains, or get found among friends over a good bottle of wine.

Begin by exploring the magical city of Santiago—on bikes! It'll refresh you before you trek Balmaceda's Aysen Glacier Trail, a place of jaw-dropping beauty and stillness off the beaten path atop miles of snow under brilliant skies and peaks. Then it's off to Parque Patagonia—the largest private conservation project on Earth with a top-notch ecolodge. In this stunning landscape, watch for many species while you hike, including the endangered huemul deer, puma, and Andean condor. Next you'll cruise the legendary Carretera Austral to Coyhaique's incredible fly fishing and thrilling whitewater. Return to Santiago for an exploration of the city's remarkable museums, historical churches, and imposing architecture. Conclude your trip at Maipo Valley's vineyards filled with unsurpassably wonderful tastes and service.



**DATES** | NOVEMBER-APRIL (26 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$9,400



# PATAGONIA PILGRIMAGE

*Perito Moreno Glacier, Los Glaciares, and Torres del Paine National Park*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

Patagonia is a place of rarefied air and contemplation. The majestic peaks and powerful glaciers call to the intrepid for discovery and exploration.

Begin in Buenos Aires and explore this cosmopolitan city's art and architecture, old and new. Catch a flight to Patagonia and visit an historic estancia with delicious coffee and cake in the café. Drive to El Chalten, where epic hiking trails will put your feet in motion and your mind in the clouds. Capture the glory of the Fitz Roy Massif and Cerro Torre in your memory's book, and tap into it whenever you need a reminder that you were off the beaten path. Drive around picturesque lakes to Perito Moreno Glacier, with a wall of snow and ice that's over 200 vertical feet. Cross into Chile and feel the joy when you first glimpse the stunning beauty of Torres del Paine and Cuernos del Paine. Below the soaring mountains, uncommon wildlife such as llama-like guanacos shelter in the grasslands.

**DATES** | NOVEMBER-APRIL (14 DAYS)  
**PRICE** | FROM \$7,500



# MOROCCO



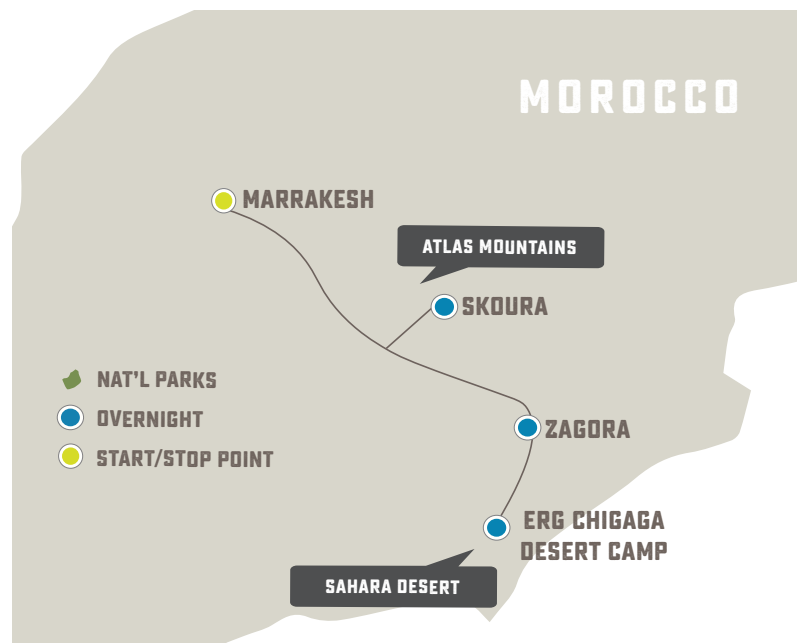
## THE MAGIC OF MOROCCO

*Imperial Cities, Atlas Mountains, and the Sahara Desert*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Morocco is a jewel of geography and culture. Get to know its deserts, mountains, people, and marketplaces on an off-the-beaten-path journey that's more than a brochure; it's a connection.

In Marrakech, visit the Lalla Hasna Garden, Palais de la Bahia, and Saadian Tombs, and sense the commitment to beauty and to life infused in every inch of this place. Have tea with a Berber family, which is a ceremony that may change you in its simplicity and ritual. Hike the Atlas Mountains, a natural divide between the mild Mediterranean and the intense Sahara. Visit the ksar—a group of earthen buildings surrounded by high walls, then explore the dunes by camel. There is magic in abundance on this excursion to Morocco—from the salty breeze of ocean air to the richly colored hidden alleys to the otherworldly nature of camels. The gracious welcome of the people will stay with you back home. It's a welcome that makes the smallest gesture profound with good intentions.



**DATES** | **OCTOBER-MARCH (8 DAYS)**  
**PRICE** | **FROM \$6,550**

# AUSTRALIA



## ALL ABOUT AUSTRALIA

*Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu, and Arnhem Land*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Australia's wild beauty captivates travelers in soulful stories with indigenous twists becoming sophisticated cities overlooking technicolor reefs.

Welcome to Queensland, home to the life-giving Great Barrier Reef and Australia's haven of white sands and turquoise water. Snorkel and scuba dive to see thousands of reefs and 600+ types of hard and soft corals. See numerous species of fish, mollusks, starfish, turtles, dolphins, and sharks. Next, tour Mossman Gorge and take a Dreamtime Gorge Walk. Your local indigenous guide will demonstrate traditional plant use and provide a narrative of their special relationship with the unique environment. Then Darwin begins your journey through the Northern Territory's Kakadu National Park. See the beauty of the legendary outback and bush in Arnhem Land, home to the aboriginal culture that is one of the oldest surviving peoples in the world. Full of ancient rock art, towering escarpments, beautiful billabongs, and panoramic vistas, Arnhem Land is a life experience realized. Then tour Kakadu National Park until you reach breathtaking Ubirr Rock—and find yourself off the beaten path.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, MARCH-MAY (17 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$7,500**

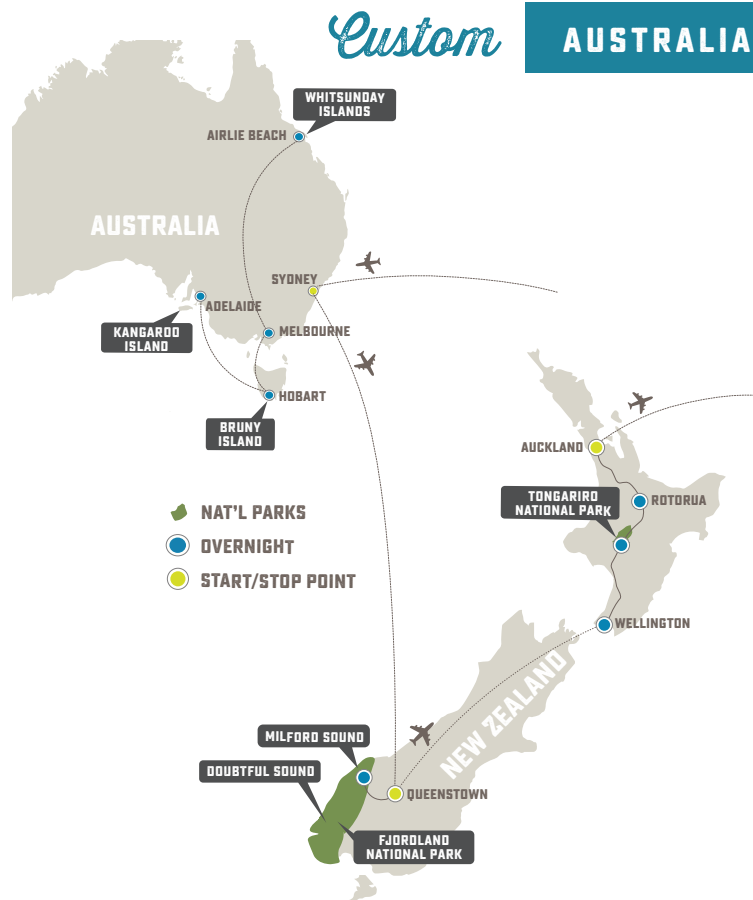
# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND IMMERSION

*Cities and Wilderness, Great Barrier Reef, South and North Islands*

## CUSTOM TRAVEL

Australia and New Zealand are wonderlands full of rich culture, unique wildlife, inspiring landscapes, and heart-warming people.

Begin in Sydney with over 1,000 bicycle paths, a famed opera house, a royal garden, and a skywalk offering 360-degree views of the city. In South Australia explore the rolling hills of wine region. Then an excursion to Kangaroo Island's nature preserves before uncovering Tasmania, with startling convict history, amazing seafood, and remote, untouched lands. Next you're off to explore the white sand beaches of the Whitsunday Islands and dive and snorkel through the extraordinary Great Barrier Reef. Arrive at New Zealand's South Island to explore stunningly beautiful Queenstown, set between a lake and the Southern Alps. Soon you'll hike off the beaten path in Fiordland National Park and in Doubtful and Milford Sounds. The North Island features vast plains, rugged coast lines, and the majestic Maori people. Throughout these breathtaking landscapes you'll connect with locals to share wine, organic food, and stories for a lifetime.



**DATES**

**FEBRUARY-APRIL,  
AUGUST-OCTOBER (38 DAYS)**

**PRICE**

**FROM \$13,690**



# NEW ZEALAND



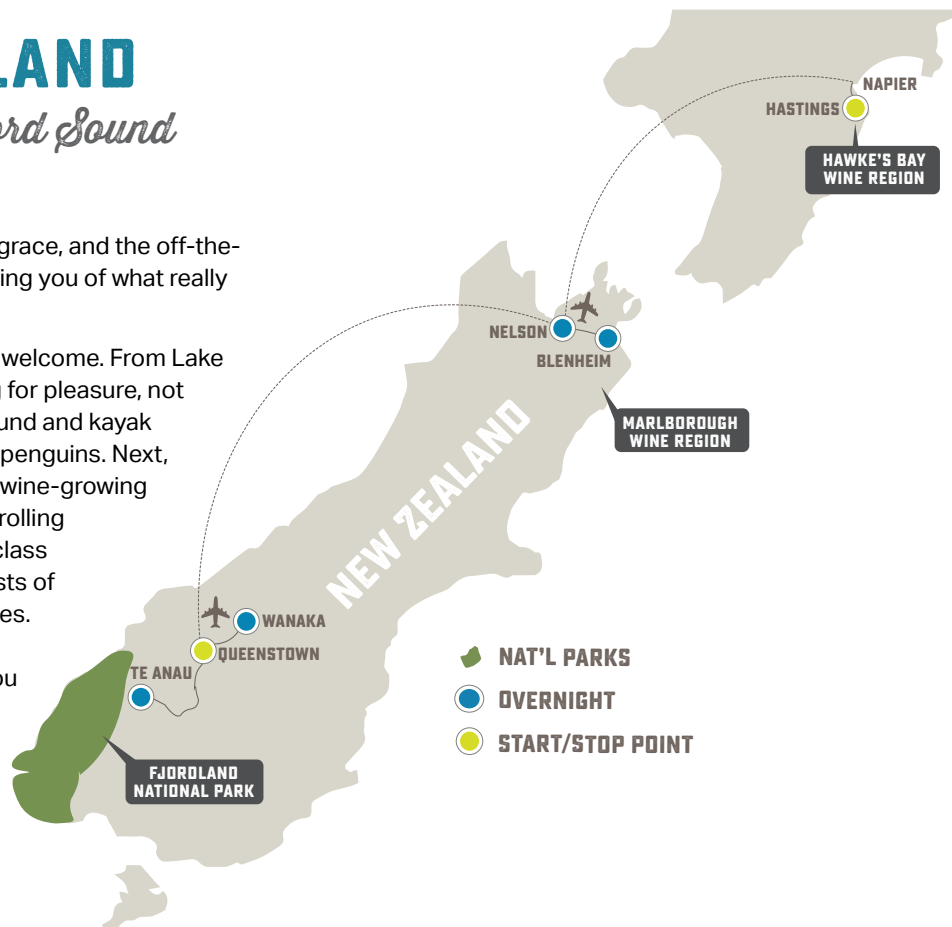
## DELIGHTFUL NEW ZEALAND

*Lake Wanaka, Wine Tours, and Milford Sound*

### CUSTOM TRAVEL

The wonders of New Zealand are arresting in their grandeur and grace, and the off-the-beaten-path experiences they provide will permeate you, reminding you of what really matters.

Begin with Queenstown's stunning scenery and renowned warm welcome. From Lake Wanaka, embark on a wine tour where the emphasis is on tasting for pleasure, not pretension. Travel to Fiordland National Park, home to Milford Sound and kayak under the amazing peaks while watching for dolphins, seals, and penguins. Next, Nelson offers easy access to beaches, restaurants, and another wine-growing region, Marlborough. Here you'll discover an array of wildlife and rolling hills while learning about the unique limestone creating a world-class Sauvignon Blanc. Go to the North Island, where Hawkes Bay boasts of 2,200 hours of sunshine a year contributing to its successful wines. Your last few days in New Zealand will be spent horseback riding through breathtaking scenery and sipping on wines that make you pause in thanks for the good life.



**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**OCTOBER-APRIL (17 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$8,900**

# PACIFIC ISLANDS



## HAWAI'I'S BIG ISLAND AND MAUI

*Volcanoes, Waterfalls, and Lava Galore*

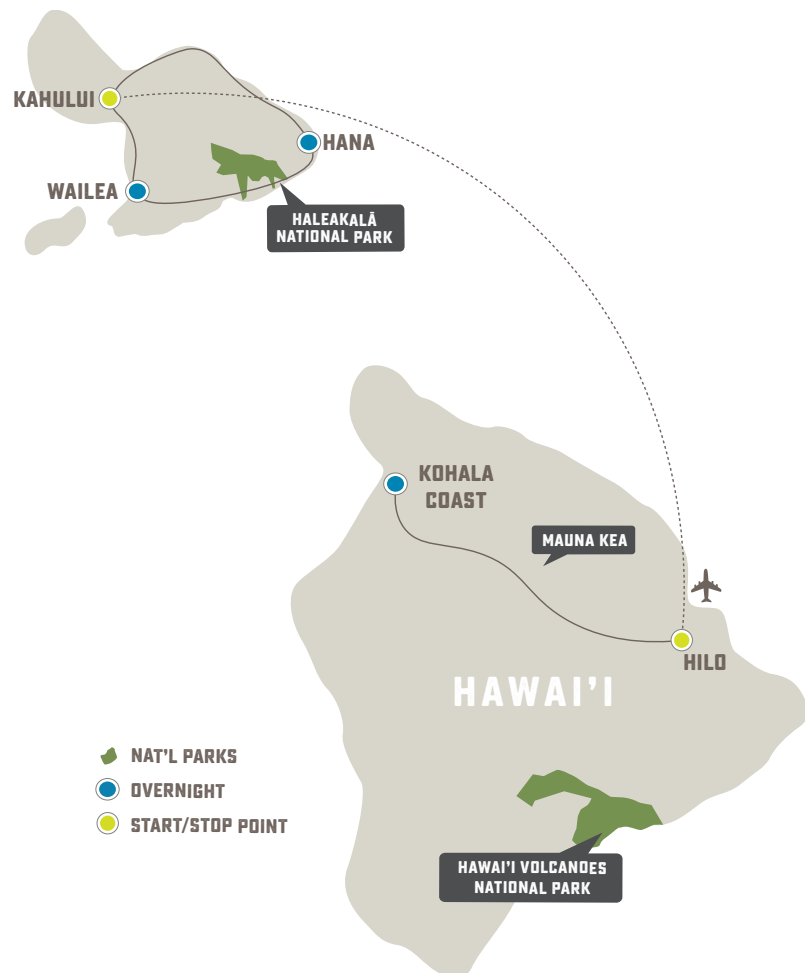
### CUSTOM TRAVEL

Life in Hawai'i is lived outdoors in the rich colors and textures of this geological and cultural wonderland. Whether you are a hiker or a surfer, a history buff or a nature lover, you're going to be pulled into the magic of this timeless place.

Begin at Kohala Coast, where the picture-perfect white sand beach immediately calls you to relax. Boat to Kealahou Bay and snorkel in colorful coral gardens with tropical fish that gently pull you further off the beaten path into reverie of this world's diverse life forms. Explore Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park where the raw power and dynamic of the Earth's systems are on display. Then in Maui hike the trails of Haleakalā National Park and Wai'ānapanapa State Park, sure to renew your spirit. On a rainforest hike, jump—safely—from rock ledges into refreshing waterfalls. Catch the sunrise from Haleakalā Volcano's top before an easy downhill pedal lets your mind replay the unforgettable moments that filled every day of this beautiful journey.

**DATES**  
**PRICE**

**YEAR ROUND (9 DAYS)**  
**FROM \$4,865**





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## DEDICATED TO LIFE *off the beaten path.*

At Off the Beaten Path, our inspiration from the places we introduce to our travelers has grown—from awe and amazement to a fervent commitment to stewardship and sustainability. We want these inspiring places to be there for centuries to come, still aweing and amazing. We know that The Golden Rule matters—not only to everyone around us, but also to place, which includes plants, animals, rivers, mountains, deserts, savannas, forests, oceans, and so on. While we plan our trips for your enjoyment, comfort, and discovery, behind the scenes we've also put our ethics to work.

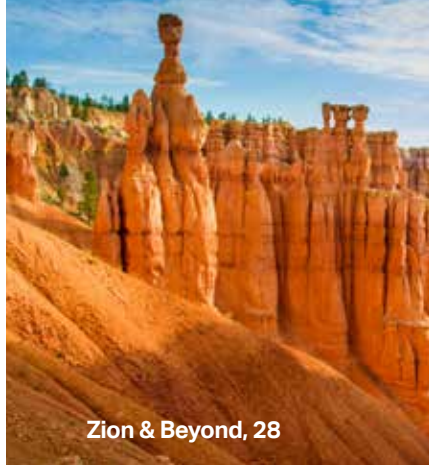
This means we want the places we visit to actually benefit from us being there. We choose family-run inns where we revel in hearing what's happened since we last were there and in introducing them to you. We support local economies by taking you to the little store making chocolates as you watch or by choosing lodging and restaurants using all local produce and meats. It's all part of our commitment to wanting you to get the "it" of a place, that is, to connect with the essential core of the landscape or locale while traveling.

We want to unlock the door for you to the life that is found off the beaten path. It's where the integrity of indigenous traditions flourishes and the joy of ecological beauty surfaces. When we say "hello" to your call, we want this to be your first step in a journey like no other—a journey with not only all of the meaning and soul you expect from great travel, but also an unabashed commitment to ensuring longevity and health of the places we explore.



The OBP Home Team, Your Travel Partners for Life. Left to Right: Elin Hert, Alan Stelling, Sandi Gerchow, Katy Lingman, Rob Wales, Kelsea Jacobs, Carrie Lawrence, Cory Lawrence, Emmy Luenemann, Cary Costello, Anna Burkhardt, Julie Eik Gilleen, Jeff Lee, Kayla Newville, Theresa Corelli. *Not Pictured: Julianne Mohr, Kelly Palmer*





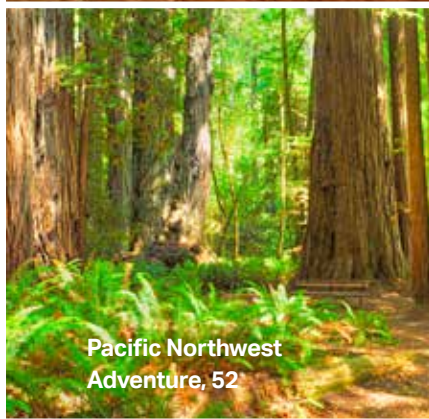
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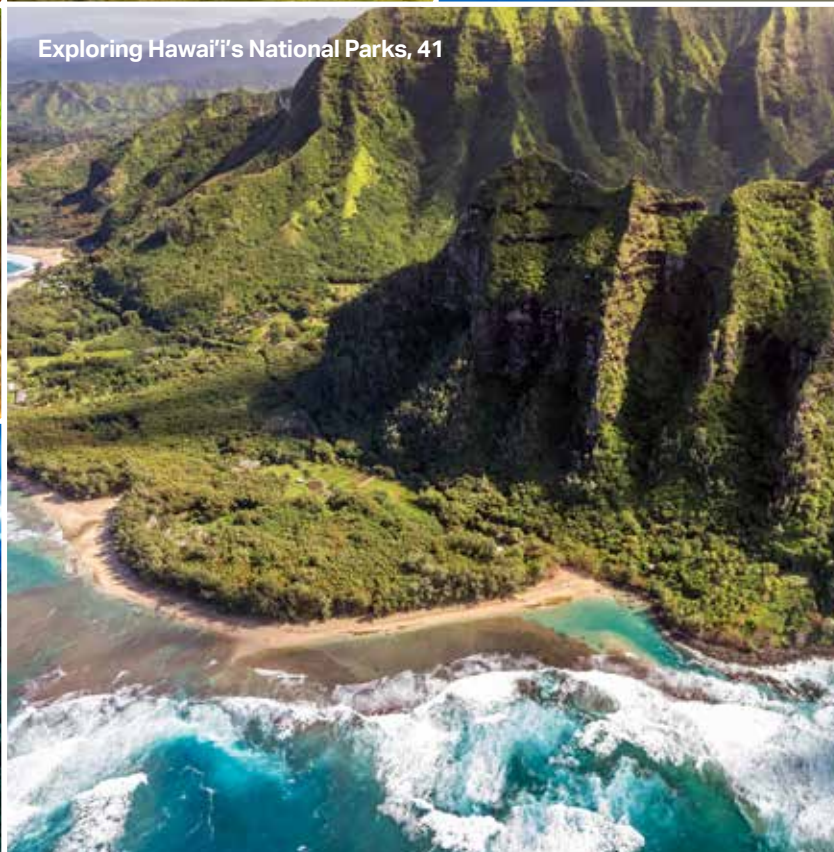
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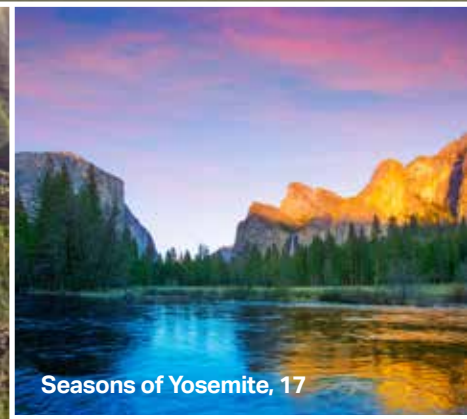
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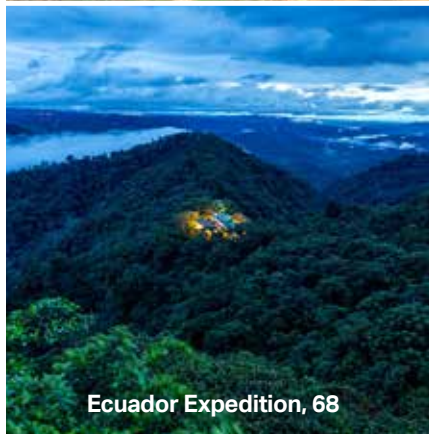
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## RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

When we opened our doors over thirty years ago, "responsible travel" was a new idea. It's deeply satisfying to see how the concept has become important to many savvy travelers, and we are glad to be a part of it. It is a part of what inspired us to be a founding member of the Adventure Collection, which now includes nine companies, all of which share an ethos about the importance of travel that is authentic, appreciative of place, and responsible in its delivery. It is humbling and inspiring to be affiliated with the member companies of the Adventure Collection.

As significant, we are proud to partner with National Parks Conservation Association, whose charter since its founding 99 years ago is to strengthen and protect America's national parklands. It is through this partnership that we linked up



with Subaru to participate in the "Zero Landfill Initiative," which establishes the lofty goal of avoiding placing a single pound of refuse from National Parks into landfills. Two of the measures OBP takes to further this noble effort include providing green canteens for all of our travelers so you don't have to rely on plastic water bottles while traveling, and customizing our vans to make it easy to collect and sort our trash for recycling. Additionally, OBP facilitates traveler contributions to local programs serving communities on the front lines of stewardship.

The truth is, travelers themselves are the essential component of responsible travel. You are ambassadors and witnesses, friends and allies, students and teachers. Off the Beaten Path recognizes this and helps you travel with your eyes, mind, and heart wide open.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## OUR COMMITMENT

At the heart of our relationship with our travelers is our desire to be clear and fair when it comes down to the details. Because our terms and conditions may occasionally change, you will receive the most current version along with your travel documents at the time of booking. Since 1986, Off the Beaten Path (“OBP”) has been partnering with travelers on fabulous experiences throughout the world. Being clear about our terms and conditions is at the heart of these successful partnerships.

## MAKING RESERVATIONS

To secure your place on a Small Group Adventure or to begin planning your own Private Custom Journey, call (800) 445-2995 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time, or log on to [www.offthebeatenpath.com](http://www.offthebeatenpath.com) and select the journey style in which you are interested.

## PAYMENT TERMS

Exceptions to these terms may apply for certain trip types (e.g., ranch and lodge stays, single destination trips, cruises, deluxe camping excursions, etc.) and will be discussed with you in advance. International departures are trips not based in the US or Canada.

PAYMENT	DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS
1ST PAYMENT	DOMESTIC	\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON	\$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT TO BEGIN TRIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. APPLIED IN FULL TO FINAL PAYMENT.
	INTERNATIONAL	\$1000 DEPOSIT PER PERSON	
CONFIRMATION PAYMENT	DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL	N/A	50% OF TOTAL TRIP PRICE DUE AT RESERVATION CONFIRMATION (TYPICALLY WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF DEPOSIT)
FINAL PAYMENT	DOMESTIC	TRIP BALANCE DUE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE.	
	INTERNATIONAL	TRIP BALANCE DUE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE.	

## SINGLE DESTINATIONS, RANCH VACATIONS, YACHTING, AND FLY-FISHING EXPEDITIONS

Travel planning that entails a single, or only a few, reservations are subject to payment terms that coincide with those imposed by the related service providers and may vary from the payment terms detailed above. In such cases the payment terms associated with your itinerary will be discussed with you as a part of the travel planning process.

## PRICING

**Small Group Adventures** – Prices for Small Group Adventures detailed in this catalog are per person and are based on double occupancy. We work hard to maintain the rates that we publish, but reserve the right to adjust them should our own journey-related costs change materially. Although price changes rarely occur, you can always verify pricing with one of our travel advisors or at [www.offthebeatenpath.com](http://www.offthebeatenpath.com). We accept personal checks, wire transfers, and most major credit cards.

**Single Travelers** – We encourage solo travelers to join Small Group Adventures and for those who do, and occupy a single room, a single supplement will apply.

**Family Pricing** – Families love our trips—and we love to have them. To encourage this, we offer a 10% discount on our Small Group Adventures for children 12 years of age or under. (For younger than 5, call for special pricing.)

**“Make It All Yours!”** – We have many travelers who prefer to take over one of our Small Group Adventures exclusively for their own group. Call our office at (800) 445-2995 and speak to one of our Travel Advisors about making a departure yours. Tell us about your group and give us your preferred dates, then we'll determine if those dates are available, and if any pricing differences apply. Payment and cancellation terms will vary depending upon the details of your trip and will be covered with you at the time of booking.

What's included in the price of your Small Group Adventure – Trip pricing includes all lodging, activities, baggage handling, transportation and return airport transfers, permits, entrance fees, most meals (a handful of trips include one meal “on your own”—see itinerary for details), speakers, and professional guide service from the commencement point of your trip. Not included are trip interruption/cancellation insurance; costs associated with travel to and from the point of trip commencement; separately identified on-trip airfare; alcoholic beverages; end-of-tour gratuities (not required but strongly encouraged and customary); telephone calls; laundry service and other personal expenses; expenses incurred due to inclement weather or other acts of God; altered river, road, or trail conditions; sickness; flight delays; or unforeseen security issues.

**Custom Journeys** – Pricing for Custom Journeys detailed in this catalog is an estimate of the per person pricing for the trip detailed. In general terms, trip pricing for Custom Journeys is conveyed in one, per-person amount and includes accommodations, planned activities, itinerary development, travel planning services, support services while traveling, and your deluxe pre-departure package featuring your personalized Journey Guidebook, maps, travel vouchers, and detailed regional information. As this service is tailored to your specific interests and needs, we are not able to provide itemized detail of individual costs. Trip pricing does not typically include travel to and from the point of trip commencement, on-trip transportation, rental car charges, meals, or gratuities, although exceptions to this will occur should specific requests be arranged in the planning process.

**Ranch Vacations** – OBP maintains one of the industry's most extensive, consumer-based databases of guest, dude, and working ranches in the American West. Our unique Ranch Matching Service combines this information with our traditional travel planning services to select the appropriate ranch experience for your specific needs and interests. A fee of \$300 is charged for this Ranch Matching Service in addition to the cost of the ranch booking for your party. Pricing does not include transportation to and from your destination or rental car charges, if necessary.

**Fly-Fishing Expeditions** – As with Private Custom Journeys, pricing for Fly-Fishing Expeditions is entirely dependent upon the features, choices, and amenities that are developed in partnership with your travel planner. Pricing typically includes the lodge fees, planning services, support services while traveling, and pre-departure materials that are custom published specific to your itinerary. Pricing does not include transportation to and from your destination, rental car charges, or gratuities.

## CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

In the event that OBP cancels your travel for reasons other than acts of insurrection, strikes, acts of God or nature, government restriction, or any other cause beyond the control of OBP, you will be refunded the entire amount that has been paid to that point, and OBP will pay for any change fees associated with airline tickets that you have purchased related to the trip. Cancellation fees charged by OBP for travel that you cancel on your own accord are necessary to cover the costs associated with development and document processing costs and/or the loss of appropriate time to resell the space. If you are unable to begin or complete your trip, notice must be given to OBP immediately and in writing. Refunds are based upon the date of receipt of written notice (mail, e-mail, or facsimile) and will be subject to the following cancellation fees as well as any additional fees associated with non-refundable advance payments made on your behalf related to your trip.

DOMESTIC (INCLUDES CANADA)	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS
> 90 DAYS	\$250 PER PERSON	\$500 DEVELOPMENT DEPOSIT
61 - 90 DAYS	25% OF TRIP PRICE	25% OF TRIP PRICE*
31 - 60 DAYS	50% OF TRIP PRICE	50% OF TRIP PRICE*
< 30 DAYS	100% OF TRIP PRICE	100% OF TRIP PRICE*

INTERNATIONAL	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS
> 120 DAYS	\$250 PER PERSON	\$500 DEVELOPMENT DEPOSIT
91 - 120 DAYS	25% OF TRIP PRICE	25% OF TRIP PRICE*
61 - 90 DAYS	50% OF TRIP PRICE	50% OF TRIP PRICE*
< 60 DAYS	100% OF TRIP PRICE	100% OF TRIP PRICE*

\*Cancellation fees for Private Custom Journeys will be in excess of this total to the extent that reservations made on your behalf are subject to fees greater than the amount imposed by OBP.

## Single Destinations, Ranch Vacations, Yachting, and Fly-Fishing Expeditions

Cancellation fees for these trip types are dependent on those fees imposed by the service providers associated with your trip. An additional OBP cancellation fee will also apply.

## OTHER

### Confirmed Departures and Group Size

Every Small Group Adventure has a stated minimum group size at which OBP guarantees the trip will run. Almost all domestic departures run when 2 travelers are booked. See individual trips for minimum number of travelers required.

### Trip Interruption/Cancellation Insurance

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip interruption/cancellation insurance. Such insurance can be purchased directly through OBP. A full explanation of travel insurance coverage will be included with your trip confirmation materials. Travel insurance premiums are nonrefundable unless your journey is cancelled by OBP.

### Late Bookings

Trip reservations made within 30 days of departure may be subject to additional fees to allow for express mailing and other necessary expediting.

### Traveler Responsibility

Travelers are responsible for choosing a Small Group Adventure or Private Custom Journey consistent with their ability, fitness, and overall health. All travelers are required to complete and return their trip enrollment form and consent to these Terms and Conditions prior to the commencement of their travel with OBP. Travelers are also responsible for reading and understanding all pre-departure materials, bringing appropriate clothing and gear as suggested by OBP, and acting in a manner that is considerate to other people with whom they are traveling or with whom they come into contact.

### Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk

Off the Beaten Path, LLC, its employees, shareholders, officers, and directors (collectively, “OBP”) does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, guides or trip leaders, food service providers, equipment suppliers, ground and safari operators, etc., including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the OBP name. OBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under its control.

Without limitation OBP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, restaurant or food supplier, bus, taxi, van or safari operator, local outfitter or guide, whether or not it uses the OBP name, which is to or does supply any goods or services for this trip. OBP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, insolvency, or default of any third party, attacks by animals, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or nature, government restriction, acts of terrorism, civil disturbance or threats thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Travelers agree to hold OBP harmless from its own negligence.

OBP reserves the right, either prior to or after departure, to cancel, change or re-price any tour, trip or expedition due to acts of insurrection, strikes, acts of God or nature, government restriction, or any other cause beyond its control. OBP may, as it deems desirable for the benefit of the trip, among other things, alter or omit any part of the itinerary, substitute hotels, leaders or trip features, or change any means of conveyance without notice and without allowance of refund, with the liability for increased costs, if any, to be borne by trip members. OBP reserves the right to pass on fuel surcharges or other cost increases beyond its control.

All Traveler Information Forms are subject to acceptance by OBP in Bozeman, Montana. OBP reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a trip member at any time. Trip members grant OBP express permission to take photographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use.

## CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

Client will be required to sign a traveler information form consenting and agreeing to these Terms & Conditions and acknowledging that he, she, and/or they are not relying on any oral, written, or visual statements of any kind, including promotional statements made by OBP to induce him, her, and/or them to travel with OBP. Changes to this document can be made only in writing signed by an officer of OBP.

Client acknowledges that in the event any part or portion of the Terms & Conditions is found to be void or unenforceable, then such part or portion will be stricken but the rest of this document will be given full force and effect.

Client agrees that these Terms & Conditions and any other agreement entered into with OBP will be governed exclusively in all respects by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana. Client irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Montana and agrees that no other courts can exercise jurisdiction over the agreements and claims referred to herein. Any litigation pertaining to this agreement or arising out of the Client's OBP travel experience shall be instituted in the State of Montana and nowhere else.

Client affirms that he, she, and/or they is/are of legal age to enter into this Agreement and that he, she and/or they have had sufficient time to read and understand what he, she, and/or they is/are agreeing to in this Agreement before signing it and that it will be binding on his, her, and/or their heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and successors.

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Yellowstone with pristine snow and almost no people, herds of elk and bison, eagles and hawks overhead, and our unforgettable encounter with the wolves ... *Your trip has been carved into our memories forever.*

—Lois C., Santa Ana, CA

Our trip with OBP impacted each of us about our relationship to the planet in various ways. You enabled us to realize that we cannot take the existence of our national parks for granted. *You have done well.*

—Diana B., Bozeman, MT



We needed everything from cribs and car seats to wheelchair access. OBP delivered! The guys got their fishing trips, I got my hiking, Mother got her driving; everyone was happy. *The trip was one of our best life experiences.*

—Holly B., Rome, GA



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