

## OFF The BEATEN PATH



100 YEARS OF PROTECTING AMERICA'S FAVORITE PLACES



Kissed by the mist; Sol Duc Falls, Olympic National Park. Cover: During the latter part of February the setting sun creates a natural firefall effect when it strikes Horsetail Fall in Yosemite National Park.

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#### Dear Friends,

There is a wonderful annual cadence in our business that compels us to deeply consider what we have to share with you in the coming year.

As much as ever, I have enjoyed this process in the current year as we decided to ask something very important of you—to travel with heart. We want to inspire you to take stock this year and move in an intentional manner to experience the world in ways that enlighten your senses, warm your heart, and recharge your spirit.

We invite you to create separation from the oval-track routine of daily life and direct your senses—all of them—to traveling in a way that feels as if you have passed not simply over miles, but through time as well. Smell the deep pine of a Rocky Mountain forest. Feel warmth and inspiration as sunrise brings a canyon landscape from blues and deep purples to shades of orange, yellow, red, and green. Drive the Pacific Coast Highway in the long-shadowed evening hours when the road is empty but your heart is full. There's never been a more important time to unplug and unlock the essential spirit of being human. Travel does this.

We are also celebrating the centennial birthday of the National Parks Conservation Association. 100. Three big and notable digits confirming the strength of an organization advocating and supporting our national park system in ways it can't for itself. We are proud to be in our third decade of partnership with NPCA. As much, we are thrilled by the unique depth this relationship brings to the travel experiences we offer our travelers.



So enjoy these pages, be inspired, and make the choice to travel with heart this year. Then give us a call.

With heart,

Cory Lawrence, President & CEO

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There are as many ways to travel as there are types of destinations. You have your giant cruise ships to who-cares-where, your all-inclusive beach resorts, giant travel companies with hundreds of trips and dozens of departures ... then you have Off the Beaten Path. Take a big breath. You are out of the mayhem and on the road less traveled as soon as you call us and say "let's go."

#### **LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE**

If you're who we think you are, you want your travels to transcend mass-market itineraries. You're looking for something special. You would like to see into the true heart of the places you visit and understand what makes them unique in the world. We're betting you don't want to just buy an alpaca hat, you want to touch the Inca stones in the ancient wall and connect those exquisitely set blocks to the history of the Quechua woman you just exchanged smiles with over that hat. Off the Beaten Path journeys have depth, texture, and heart because you like to travel wholeheartedly, with your eyes open and your mind ready to be lit up.

#### THERE IS ONLY ONE MACHU PICCHU only one Old

Faithful, one Grand Canyon—and you need to see those remarkable sights. You really do. Happily, we know how to minimize your exposure to the crowds while connecting you with the essence of the place. Then aside from your time at those "iconic staples," the rest of your trip flies nicely under the tourist radar.

Our commitment to your exceptional travel experience is personified by our guides. The value of coming to know a place through the heart and mind of a knowledgeable guide can't be overstated. Your Small Group Adventure trip leader or the sitespecific guides on your Custom Journey show you things you would otherwise miss, tell you stories you wouldn't otherwise hear, and answer questions that have been on your mind since you decided to visit this place. We consistently hear from travelers that guides are at the center some of their best and liveliest memories.

#### **COMFORTABLE IN THE WORLD**

A big part of what we call "OBP style" is our cheerful willingness to blow up the meaning of "amenity" as it's used in the universe of high-end travel that we occupy. In New England or New Zealand we can give you amenities as the luxury travel world defines them, like five-star accommodations, while also giving you OBP-Style essentials like wilderness hiking and neighborhood pubs. In Colombia, new on our list of Custom Travel territories, we can't give you much luxury outside Bogotá, but we can give you OBP style in the form of welcoming casitas, a Cartagena foodie experience designed to connect you to author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's magic realism-and the exhilaration of being on the forefront of an exciting new travel frontier with so much to offer. We love luxury too and take it where we can get it, but we don't let that tail wag this dog. In our world, the greatest amenity is being tucked into the physical and emotional heart of the intriguing destination you've traveled so far to see.

So, let's go! We warmly invite you to meet us this year off the beaten path, at the confluence of journey and destination where the heart of the traveler meets the soul of the place. Call us at 800.445.2995 soon to get the wheels turning.

## **Two Ways to Travel**

#### WITH OFF THE BEATEN PATH

You have your choice of two great ways to travel with Off the Beaten Path: Small Group Adventures and Custom Journeys. We see those two styles as our fraternal twins—equally cherished, both beautiful in their own ways, each bringing unique gifts to the table.

#### **SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES**

When we say small, we mean small. Trips typically depart with 8 guests, and cap at a maximum of 12 to 16. Numbers like that allow a super guest-to-guide ratio and foster a lovely sense of camaraderie and shared adventure. And about that adventure—we build our small group trips around supple, rather than rigid, itineraries so there is always room for spontaneity and serendipity. That's what off the beaten path travel is all about, after all.

With the structural elements in place—small group size, comfortable vans, distinctive accommodations, compelling destinations, and creative itineraries—your guides are the spark that bring the adventure to life. OBP guides are seasoned professionals, intimately familiar with the amazing places you'll explore. Along with being deeply knowledgeable, they're also responsive, interesting, patient, and good humored.

Traveling on an OBP small group trip is the shortest, surest, easiest path to adventure you could ask for. We're offering 26 terrific trips this year, so look for the "Small Group Adventure" banners in these pages, see what catches your eye, and come with us!

#### **CUSTOM JOURNEYS**

Custom Journeys begin and end with you. Tell us your unfettered desires and practical considerations and we'll craft a travel experience that fits your needs and wishes while adding dimension, depth, and fun you hadn't imagined.

It starts with a conversation. We listen to you, then bring our insider knowledge of the dazzling possibilities together into an exceptional trip that will exceed your expectations. Based on what you've told us, we'll recommend (or not) activities like naturalist-led bushwalking in New Zealand, bear watching in Alaska, a cooking class in Peru, rafting in the Rockies, or watercolor lessons in the Southwest. We tweak the plan until you're perfectly satisfied, then secure your reservations with outfitters, wilderness lodges, charming inns, and historic park hotels. We turn you loose with a personal Journey Guidebook containing all your routes, day-by-day details, insights into local history and culture, and recommendations on everything from the best place for huckleberry pie and lobster rolls to not-tobe-missed museums, galleries, and points of interest. Look for the "Custom Travel" banner in these pages for ideas and starting points, and let's start that conversation!

True to our Roots: We've been planning perfect-fit Ranch Vacations and epic Fly Fishing Expeditions for our OBP family of friends for over 30 years. Make your ranch stay or fishing trip the main event, or part of a larger travel experience like on pages 41 and 73. Call us to learn more!

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Everything went off without a hitch. It was fantastic not to have to worry about details!

-C&RW, ROCKY MOUNTAINS CUSTOM JOURNEY

## **10** Bedrock Reasons

We expected good things but experienced great things. The trip was so much more than we anticipated.

> -JM, YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE SAFARI SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

The list of travel companies you can choose from is long, but there's only one you, and only one us—and therein lies the heart of the matter. Why should you travel with OBP? Let us count the ways ...

## 01

#### YOU'RE NOT A NUMBER, YOU'RE FAMILY.

Because Off the Beaten Path is a small, family-owned business, and because our mission is to change people's lives through exceptional travel, there's nothing "cookie cutter" about what we do. You aren't a number to us, you're family. Trumpeter swans are famous for their loyalty, which is why we adopted them for our logo over 30 years ago. We want to be your travel partner for life. About a third of our travelers each year have traveled with us before, and another third are referrals from those friends. We'd love for you to join our intrepid tribe and see the world, off the beaten path.

## 02

### YOUR TRIP WILL BE FUN, INTERESTING, AND UNFORGETTABLE.

When you travel with us on a Small Group Adventure or Custom Journey, your experience is packed with activities, encounters, and lodgings that immerse you in a unique and particular landscape and culture—whether you're in South America or the American Southwest. Your hiking guide might lead you to astonishingly intact Puebloan ruins in a hidden side canyon. Or in the sweep of a headlamp, the nocturnal world of the tropical cloud forest comes to light. Your trip is at once intimate and expansive, and remarkable at every turn. You're off the beaten path and in the flow. That's the OBP Way.

## OUR EXCEPTIONAL GUIDES ENSURE YOUR EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE.

The value of traveling with a knowledgeable, experienced guide is beyond measure. You see more, experience more, learn more, understand more, and oftentimes stretch yourself in ways you otherwise wouldn't. You wade the creek. Order the haggis. Knock on the unmarked door. We trust our exceptional guides implicitly, and you will too. They're wildlife biologists, naturalists, professors, writers, photographers, former park rangers—and storytellers, fixers, leaders, encouragers, and excellent traveling companions. They, more than anything, will transform your travels in countless ways, large and small. We love them and believe you will too.

## 04

#### MOMENTS OF CONNECTION MAKE IMPRESSIONS FOR LIFE.

Connection is at the core of authentic travel—or more precisely, of authentic travelers. You go to a new place because you're genuinely curious about what you might find. Off the Beaten Path trips create opportunities to connect in memorable ways with the people and landscapes you visit. Those are the conversations, images, feelings—the memories of pungent sagebrush and evening breezes and the weaver who showed you how she makes natural dyes—that create the sort of heartfelt connection that will live in your heart and mind for the rest of your life.



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Our guide connected well with us personally, and got us walking on some trails that we might not have gone on without him.

-LB, ROCKY MOUNTAINS CUSTOM JOURNEY

**66** The two trips we've taken have been incredible—well planned, great activities, and superior guides. It is so nice to have everything taken care of and planned out ahead of time.

-HW, CUSTOM TRAVELER



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#### THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR WHIM.

Your Off the Beaten Path trip isn't a fixed set of days, it's a doorway into an ever-changing array of circumstances, potential, and individuals—the raw material of your travels. We don't orchestrate every second or demand adherence to a rigid schedule, because we want you to feel free to visit with people you meet along the way, or duck into a bakery, or take the time it takes to watch a bear playing with her cubs. In our book, the best laid plans actually enhance the serendipity and chance encounters that make travel so indelible and delightful.

## 06

#### WE HAVE THE MAPS.

Geography has always been our favorite subject. Across more than 30 years of travel and travel planning, we've marked up a mountain of maps. We've circled where to find sand dunes in Alaska, pictographs in Utah, hidden geysers in Yellowstone, condors in Patagonia, undeveloped archaeological sites in Arizona, coffee roasters in Colombia, and the best place to greet the dawn at Machu Picchu. So let's pull out the maps, put our heads together, and chart your next course to adventure, off the beaten path.

#### WE'RE YOUR EYES ON THE WORLD.

How would you know about the cabin set apart from Yellowstone crowds where you can sit on the porch and watch bison drink from the creek? What are the chances you've heard about the tiny New Zealand island with the ancient podocarp forest and ringing chorus of native birds? The Norse god Odin sent his ravens Hugin and Munin out each morning to gather news of the world. (Hugin translates as "thought," Munin as "memory.") Consider OBP your personal ravens, continually scouting the planet for remarkable sights and ready to translate travel thoughts into travel memories.

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#### YOU WILL BE MOVED.

Off the Beaten Path travel will move you in every sense. Each day brings the opportunity to hike and walk, because we believe in the simple yet transformational power of putting one foot in front of the other. You're hiking along, identifying wildflowers, listening to the aspen leaves whisper, and after a while you turn around and see that you've climbed far above the valley floor. Then you sit down on a warm rock and share a sandwich with your companion and see in that familiar face how far you've come together. Travel truly can be an act of love.

## 09

## WE DO THE HEAVY LIFTING, YOU DO THE PACKING.

Great travel is magic, but you can't just say abracadabra to make it happen. The very best travel begins long before you step on a plane or start the car. You don't see the magic of our group travel planners on the phone in October booking space for July so you'll have the room with the river view at that amazing lodge with eight rooms. Then again, when you travel with us on a Custom Journey, you do have a front row seat to the magic as your personal travel designer conjures the perfect trip right before your very eyes. Superlative research and meticulous planning don't build a box to hold you in on your trip, but create a framework for travels full of joy, ease, serendipity, and discovery.







## **66** I've been on many trips with a dozen different companies. This one was excellent.

-RT, ACADIA & NEW BRUNSWICK SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE



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#### THE BEST TRAVEL SERVICE IS A STRETCH.

One of our favorite repeat travelers asks us to find ways to challenge her family to learn something, try something, experience something new on every trip. That's what we want Off the Beaten Path journeys to be for all our travelers. We're here to serve, but also to push just a little bit—to suggest a day on the Blackfeet Indian reservation with an old friend of ours, or recommend a backcountry llama trek so you can sleep under the stars, or encourage you to harness up and rappel into a slot canyon, or direct you to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park so you can know what true wilderness feels like. Great travel helps stretch your comfort zone, and the best travel partners are at your elbow cheering you on. As we said, we want to be your travel partner for life—to learn what interests you, thrills you, and moves you. The world awaits and there's no better time than now to come with us, off the beaten path.



## **A Message from Our Partner**

**100** YEARS

#### **OUR HEARTS ARE IN THE PARKS**

Over the past few decades, Off the Beaten Path and National Parks Conservation Association have taken travelers to some of the most iconic places our country has to offer, from Acadia to Yellowstone. With OBP's expertise in tour design and NPCA's extensive knowledge of and connection to America's national parks, our partnership allows us to successfully provide meaningful experiences for you, our travelers.

#### WHO WE ARE

From communities to Capitol Hill, National Parks Conservation Association works to educate the public, decision-makers and opinion leaders about the most pressing issues facing national parks—and what they can do together to protect them. npca.org

#### **100 YEARS OF ADVOCACY**

In 1919, two visionary park champions launched what is now National Parks Conservation Association. Stephen Mather, the National Park Service's founding director, was our first benefactor, and Robert Sterling Yard, its Chief of Education, was our first Executive Director. They knew that America's national parks needed an independent group whose sole purpose was to protect and enhance the parks for future generations. And a century later, NPCA is still needed as much as ever. From the earliest days of producing newsletters for a few dozen members, we've grown to over 1.3 million members and supporters—and together we continue to stand guard over these unparalleled places to preserve them now, and for generations to come.

#### **OUR PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS YOU**

A few of the benefits you will receive through our partnership include:

- Behind-the-scenes knowledge and park insights from NPCA experts on select trips
- Special OBP-exclusive information from NPCA before, during, and after your trip
- Reusable Kleen Kanteen water bottle to use on the trip as part of our zero-landfill initiative
- Complimentary one-year NPCA membership and subscription to the award-winning *National Parks* Magazine





#### **DEAR FRIEND,**

For many of us, the national parks hold a special place in our hearts. They inspire us with their magnificence, rejuvenate us with their beauty, and captivate us with their timelessness. Whether you're discovering the history of the Ancestral Puebloans in Chaco Culture National Historical Park or spotting caribou in Denali National Park, each park has something rewarding to teach us.

Through our partnership with Off the Beaten Path, we have the exciting opportunity to help you discover your own connection to these cherished places. Not only will OBP's guides give you an in-depth look into parks' history and wildlife, they will inspire you with their passion. You'll walk away with a greater appreciation for why these parks must continue to be protected and restored for generations to come.

In honor of the National Parks Conservation Association's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019, I encourage park enthusiasts like you to become

active stewards of our national park lands. OBP and NPCA will help you get started by equipping you with a reusable water bottle, utilizing local vendors as often as possible, and guides encouraging leave no trace principles throughout your trip.

Here at NPCA, we value the importance of outdoor adventures and hope that you join us out on the trails. These are your parks. And now it's your turn to visit them, and join us in protecting them.

See you off the beaten path,

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Theresa Pierno, President & CEO National Parks Conservation Association



## The OBP Home Team:

#### HOW WE WORK FOR YOU

We might look like a bunch of fun-loving travel hounds (okay, true enough), but behind these smiles is a serious, well-oiled machine committed to bringing you exceptional, seamless, and even life-changing travel experiences.

Great travel moments absolutely do happen by chance. But extraordinary journeys are built with forethought, careful planning, attention to detail, conscientious follow-through, persistence—and the understanding that "extraordinary" means different things to different people. That's why we offer both Custom Journeys and Small Group Adventures, and why we take the time to help you make the best choices.

#### **ADVISORS, DESIGNERS, AND STEWARDS**

Your first contact with OBP will likely be one of our friendly Travel Advisors. They are fonts of information and always happy to assist! If you're interested in a Small Group Adventure, they will answer your questions so you can feel sure the itinerary, activity level, and departure dates are exactly what you want. If you're interested in a Custom Journey, your Travel Advisor will link you up with a Travel Designer who has deep experience in the region you want to visit, who will work with you until your trip plan fits you to a T. Your Travel Designer then enlists the help of our Journey Stewards, who work tirelessly to secure your reservations and make sure there are no logistical hitches. You may never have occasion to talk with our Journey Stewards, but their impeccable work is evident every single day of your carefree trip.

#### **CURATORS AND CONNECTORS**

Another key OBP travel hound keeps our source materials up to date and writes your comprehensive personal Journey Guidebook, which you'll receive whether you travel with us on a custom or group journey. We get a continual flow of information on scouting trips, from our guides, and from locals we stay in touch with, so we know when fun new restaurants open, when opportunities arise for cool new experiences, or when certain places or trails lose their luster for one reason or another. We also keep track of Mother Nature's remodels—floods or wildfires or lava flows that affect trip routes and trails. We're your eyes on the world, your ear to the ground, and hopefully your feet to the fire to get out there, seeing the world.

#### HERE TO GET YOU THERE

Every single member of the Off the Beaten Path team is committed to your trip. We want you to gush, to cry happy tears, write us postcards, and come back for more. We pull in unison, in one unwavering direction, to deliver a journey with heart and soul that brings you an authentic sense of connection to the places you travel. We are here, at your service, whenever you're ready.

Put the team to work. Call us at 800-445-2995, and we will set you up on the trip of a lifetime!



The OBP Team: First Row: Sandi Gerchow, Breanna Denson, Kelsea Jacobs, Elin Hert; Middle Row: Kelly Palmer, Judy Schaap, Carrie Lawrence, Julie Eik, Theresa Corelli, Anna Burkhardt; Back Row: Katy Lingman, Cary Costello, Jeff Lee, Cory Lawrence, Ian Damon, Rob Wales

#### **RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

Everything we do at Off the Beaten Path is guided by our dedication to responsible travel. We work with local communities in ways that appreciate traditions, contribute directly to the economy, cause as little negative impact as possible, and create opportunities for authentic connection and exchange. We provide our group travel guests with "Klean Kanteens" to avoid reliance on plastic water bottles, support Subaru's National Park Zero-Landfill Initiative, back efforts like the expedition Bruce Smith (Seascape Kayak Tours) is taking to promote protections in the Bay of Fundy, and make good stewardship a priority in all our endeavors.



Ultimately, travelers themselves are an essential component of responsible travel, through their choices and actions. We are heartened every day by OBP travelers who explore not merely to be entertained, but to be enlightened, inspired, and energized to make the world a better place.

FOUNDING MEMBER



#### ADVENTURE COLLECTION

Off the Beaten Path is proud to be a founding member of the Adventure Collection, nine premier adventure travel companies dedicated to sustainable, responsible exploration.

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#### FORGET ROADS.

#### Alaska just doesn't have that many.

What you need to get around in this state are Twin Otters on floats, Cessna tail draggers, boats of various sizes (state ferries to skiffs), and us. We know the best ways to get you from one awe-inspiring point to the next, and have lots of ideas for what to do when you get there. We give you, the Great Land.



# LASKA



#### **NORTH TO ALASKA** DENALI NATIONAL PARK TO THE KENAI PENINSULA

8 Days | From \$6,295 | 8 Guests Avg, 14 Max

Get a feel for how great the Great Land is on this expansive journey from Alaska's northern interior to the southcentral coast. The scenery begins to unfold on a train ride from Fairbanks to Denali National Park and Preserve, and keeps unfurling along Turnagain Arm to the port town of Seward and stunning scenery of Kenai Fjords National Park.

DAY 1: Arrive in Fairbanks, visit musher Mary Shields.
2: Catch the train to Denali NP, hop the lodge bus to Wonder
Lake. 3-4: Explore Denali with naturalist guides. 5: Scenic drive from Denali to Anchorage. 6: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge,
Seward, and Exit Glacier. 7: Wildlife watching cruise in Kenai
Fjords NP. 8: Anchorage for departures home.

#### "THIS IS THE FIRST TRIP I RECOMMEND TO MY FRIENDS visiting Alaska. You get the best of two very different, very wild worlds." –JIM ADAMS, NPCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Wildlife from mountains to sea. Watch for moose, brown bears, caribou, whales, sea otters, puffins, and more.

Your comfortable cabin in Denali affords an unparalleled perspective on the Tall One.

This journey gives you a beautiful survey of Alaska's diverse environments.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

2019 DATES:

JUL 4-11 JUL 18-25 AUG 1-8

#### REQUEST A TRIP BROCHURE! CALL 800-445-2995

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#### VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM

**CAMP DENALI & NORTH FACE LODGE** These private, family owned lodgings provide unequaled access to the park. Staff naturalists offer daily outings for an unforgettable experience of Alaskan wildlife and solitude.

#### GLACIER BAY AND THE INSIDE PASSAGE ON THE WILD SIDE IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA

7 Days | From \$4,695 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Steam up the Inside Passage on the state ferry from Juneau to Haines, where you float through the Chilkat Eagle Preserve. Then catch a breathtaking flight from Haines to Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve for three glorious days of hiking and cruising, watching for calving tidewater glaciers, whales, seabirds, and even mountain goats and bears! It's pure Alaska magic.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Whales, puffins, bears, eagles, moose-wildlife abounds!

Glacier Bay is one of the rare places you might see humpback whales "bubble-netting."

The massive glaciers are an impressive sight, as are the rocky moraines and sculpted granite landforms left behind as glaciers retreat.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

2019 DATES:			
JUN 27-JUL 3	JUL 11-17	JUL 25-31	AUG 15-21

DAY 1: Juneau to Haines on the state ferry. 2: Float the Chilkat Eagle Preserve. 3: Fly to Glacier Bay, half-day whale-watching cruise. 4: Hike and kayak or fish. 5: Full day cruise into the heart of Glacier Bay. 6: Fly to Juneau. Mt. Roberts tramway and exploring. 7: Mendenhall Glacier, flights home from Juneau.

#### **REQUEST A TRIP BROCHURE!** CALL 800-445-2995 — *op*— VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM



#### **TRUE ALASKA** KATMAI, LAKE CLARK, AND WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARKS

12 Days | From \$9,300 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

You're off to a wild start in Katmai National Park and Preserve to experience some of the most natural, unconstrained bear viewing in the world. Ride out in the skiff each morning with your guide to spot bears digging clams, catching salmon, and just being bears.

Next up, fly into a fabulous backcountry lodge in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve to hike, kayak, canoe, or try some famous fishing. For the grand finale, catch a small plane into Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, largest national park in the U.S., to hike, explore, and absorb the essence of real wilderness. This is true Alaska, as promised.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Fly into the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias in a bush plane and land on a dirt strip to hike and explore.

Strap on crampons and hike on a glacier to explore moulins, blue pools, crevasses, and other glacial features.

Take four days to be with the bears in Katmai, on their turf and terms. It's an unforgettable experience.

Staying in fly-in wilderness lodges keeps you (comfortably!) out in Alaska's backcountry.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JUNE-AUGUST



DAY 1: Arrive in Anchorage. 2: Fly to Kodiak and explore. 3-6: Catch a floatplane to Katmai NP&P and meet the bears. 7: Regroup in Anchorage. 8: Fly to Lake Clark NP to hike, explore, and fish. 9-11: Fly to Wrangell-St. Elias NP to hike and explore. 12: Back to Anchorage with a stop at the Musk Ox Farm. 13: Fly home from Anchorage.

**START PLANNING!** CALL 800-445-2995 — *or* — VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM

#### ALASKA, MOUNTAINS TO SEA WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK TO PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

9 Days | From \$5,265 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Explore two of Alaska's most beautiful facets on this journey the wild and remote mountain kingdom of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, and the marine wonderland of Prince William Sound. Your days in Wrangell-St. Elias are devoted to hiking, glacier trekking, rafting, and flightseeing. In Prince William Sound, paddle a kayak through ice caves and picnic on remote beaches.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JUNE-AUGUST

DAY 1: Arrive in Anchorage. 2-4: Catch a charter plane to Wrangell-St. Elias NP. Hike, raft, flightsee. 5-6: Explore Prince William Sound by small tour boat and kayak. 7-8: Enjoy all Alyeska Resort has to offer, including hiking and helicopter flightseeing. 9: Fly home from Anchorage.

START PLANNING! CALL 800-445-2995 — or — VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Stay active throughout your trip with hiking, kayaking, rafting, glacier trekking, and even glacier dog-sledding.

See the blue tidewater glaciers of Prince William Sound up close from a small tour boat and your own kayak.

Catch a small plane into Wrangell-St. Elias NP and stay at a lodge in a mining ghost town.





#### ALASKA'S NATIONAL PARKS GRAND SLAM ONE EPIC TRIP, EIGHT NATIONAL PARKS

19 Days | From \$16,500 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Only two of Alaska's eight national parks are accessible by road. That's your first clue to the epic, out-there essence of this once-in-a-lifetime journey. You will feel the wilderness as you hike, boat, kayak, and fly through the stunning beauty of Alaska's wildest places. See sand dunes and caribou migration routes, stand in awe of the Tall One, and wrap this place around yourself like the blessing it is. If you're not ready for the full Grand Slam, we'll help you pick and choose.

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Bag Alaska's eight national parks in one trip: Gates of the Arctic, Kobuk Valley, Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, Lake Clark, Kenai Fjords, Katmai, and Glacier Bay.

See brown bears fishing for salmon, watch for humpback whales breaching, listen for eagles laughing, and look for puffins.

Mountain glaciers, valley glaciers, tidewater glaciers, hanging glaciers—see them all, from boats, planes, and on cramponed foot.

Comfortable lodgings make you feel at home at the ends of the earth.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JULY-AUGUST

**START PLANNING!** CALL 800-445-2995 — *or* — VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM



DAYS 1-3: Fly into glorious Glacier Bay. 4: Fly to Brooks Falls in Katmai; overnight in Anchorage. 5-6: Take the train to Seward and Kenai Fjords. 7: Overnight in Anchorage. 8-10: Catch a floatplane to Lake Clark. 11-12: Hop a bush plane into the Wrangell-St. Elias mountain kingdom. 13-14: Fly to the entrance of Denali then ride the magic bus to the lap of the Tall One. 15: Catch the train to Fairbanks. 16-18: Fly to Bettles, gateway to Gates of the Arctic and Kobuk. 19: Fly back to Fairbanks for flights home.







#### THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA IS WAITING FOR YOU-

along with fresh pineapples, sea turtles, surf and sandal culture, and the scent of flowers wafting in on warm ocean breezes.



#### THE BIG ISLAND AND MAUI WHALES, WATERFALLS, RAIN FOREST

9 Days | From \$4,895 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



This happy escape takes you to two islands, the Big Island of Hawai'i and Maui. Between them, you get Hawaiian culture, two national parks, waterfalls, whales, snorkeling, lush rainforest hiking, sandy beaches, the Hana Road, and volcanoes. All along the way you enjoy lovely accommodations with ocean views, swimming pools, easy access to offsite activities, and dining on the premises or within a short walk. You're on island time, for real.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: YEAR-ROUND

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Helicopter over the Kilauea Volcano to see recent lava flows, lush rain forests, and towering sea cliffs.

Hike and explore Volcanoes National Park with an expert guide in the aftermath of the 2018 eruption.

Bicycle 25 miles downhill from the top of Haleakala Volcano, stopping in the paniolo (cowboy) town of Makawao to hit the bakery.

Savor a stay at Travaasa Hana, an oasis of tranquility voted Hawaii's "No. 1 Boutique Hotel."



DAYS 1-3: Settle into your Kohala Coast bungalow on one of the Big Island's best swimming beaches. Hike, explore, swim, and relax. 4-5: Fly to Maui and drive down the famously scenic 50-mile Hana Highway to the extraordinary Travaasa Hana for two delicious nights. Hike and explore. 6-8: Drive around to Wailea, with two full days to hike, snorkel, and bike Haleakala. 9: Catch flights home from Kahului, Maui.

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#### GO ON, GO WILD.

The Pacific Northwest is perfect for romantic getaways, hiking and kayaking adventures, food and wine (and microbrew) excursions, fall harvest road trips, and sweet, easy days of fun and discovery.



#### HIKING OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK HOH RAIN FOREST TO HURRICANE RIDGE

6 Days | From \$3,450 | 6 Guests Avg, 12 Max

Daily hikes immerse you in different environments, from the Hall of Mosses Trail in the Hoh Rain Forest, to the sublime subalpine zone of Hurricane Ridge, to the wild and rugged Third Beach and section of Pacific Northwest Trail. At every step you're in the company of a knowledgeable guide who will explain the unique flora and fauna and fill you in on the region's cultural history.

DAY 1: Seattle to Quinault Valley, hike. 2: Hike the Hoh Rain Forest. 3: Hike beaches and on Pacific Northwest Trail. 4: Hike Sol Duc Valley and Deer Lake. 5: Hike Hurricane Ridge; views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. 6: Seattle for departures home.

"OLYMPIC IS LIKE THREE PARKS IN ONE: oceans, forest and mountains—with plants and animals found nowhere else and rare quiet." –ROB SMITH, NPCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Hike four to eight miles a day on all kinds of trails, from mossy rain forest to see-forever ridgelines and low-tide beaches.

Experience a quiet, brooding, breathing old growth forest of Sitka spruce and western hemlock draped with mosses and licorice ferns.

Classic lodges keep your entire experience in perfect Northwest character.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE/STRENUOUS

2019 DATES:				
JUN 23-28	JUL 7-12	SEP 8-13	SEP 22-27	

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#### **PACIFIC NORTHWEST ADVENTURE** BEACHES, RIVERS, REDWOODS

14 Days | From \$6,200 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Feel like a leisurely Northwest road trip? How about this launch from the Inn at the Market in Seattle, then make your way from one stunningly set premier accommodation to the next, hiking, beach walking, paddling, wining, dining, and exploring to your heart's content. Stops include Oregon's Cannon Beach (your room has a view of Haystack Rocks), the Columbia Gorge, Mount Hood, Crater Lake National Park, and Redwoods National Park in Northern California.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL-OCTOBER

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Stay in distinctive lodgings in full Northwest style.

Enjoy fresh seafood, regional wines, local produce, and scrumptious baked goods.

Hike, bike, kayak, fish, raft-or not. Tell us how active you'd like to be and we'll plan accordingly.

The Columbia Gorge wine growing region is a peaceful 40-mile stretch of road with views of Mount Hood and Mount Adams.

DAY 1: Wake up at Seattle's Pike Place Market, take a foodie tour, walk the city, hop a ferry. 2-3: Cannon Beach, OR; beach walks and coastal hikes. 4-5: Hood River, OR; hike the Columbia Gorge with a naturalist guide; vineyards tour. 6-7: Rejuvenate at Sunriver Resort near Bend, OR. 8-9: Hike Crater Lake National Park. 10-11: Explore Gold Beach from the tranquility of the Tu Tu' Tun Lodge. 12-13: California Redwoods National Park. Explore with a naturalist guide; beach walk to spot whales. 14: Medford, OR for flights home.





**CONSIDER THIS**—Add a fully outfitted three-day float on the Wild & Scenic Rogue River to completely unplug. Choose lodge-to-lodge or river camps.

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND ESCAPE TRAILS, TIDE POOLS, WILDLIFE

8 Days | From \$4,000 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Vancouver Island is 291 miles long, 62 miles wide, and a world apart with its old growth forests, wild coastlines, and small villages. Spend two days on the island's south tip in picturesque Sooke, not too far from Victoria, hiking through old growth forest or along rugged coastal wilderness. Then head to your luxury inn in the quaint town of Tofino, midway up the island's west coast for whale watching, bear watching, tide pooling, and hiking with expert naturalist guides.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

The black-sand Long Beach, in Pacific Rim National Park near Tofino, is a beach walker's dream.

Tofino's tide pools hold some of the richest diversity of scuttling, waving, gurgling life forms on North America's Pacific coast.

Orca whales are frequent visitors to the waters right off Sooke's shore.

Cruise in a small boat along protected beaches watching for crab-hunting bears and other wildlife.

#### **BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL:** MAY-SEPTEMBER

DAYS 1-2: The ferry from Vancouver lands in picturesque Victoria. Visit beautiful Butchart Gardens, drive 30 miles to Sooke and your distinctive oceanfront inn. 3-6: Enjoy the 4.5-hour drive to Tofino through majestic old growth forests, over scenic Sutton Pass, and through Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Hike forests and beaches, watch wildlife. 7: Drive back to Victoria and explore this wonderfully walkable city. 8: Ferry back to Vancouver for flights home.



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### **66** It's like friends are sending us on a trip.

-LB, ROCKY MOUNTAIN CUSTOM JOURNEY

Yes! In 1986, Off the Beaten Path opened its doors with a profoundly simple premise and a very short ad: "Let us be your friend out West." OBP was all Rockies then. We've since expanded our travel territories to span the globe but the Rockies are still at the center of our lives and our hearts, and we are more than ever your friend out West. Come see us.





#### **ESSENCE OF YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON** WILDLIFE WATCHING, FLOATING, AND DISCOVERY

6 Days | From \$3,395 | 8 Guests Avg, 14 Max

Yellowstone is unlike any other place on earth, with the greatest concentration of geysers, bubbling mud pots, and other thermal features in the world. The park also holds obsidian cliffs and petrified trees, great drifting herds of bison and elk, and wolves, bears, and trumpeter swans.

Discover the essential heart of Yellowstone—world's first national park—and neighboring Grand Teton National Park on this fun and deeply informative journey. You'll hike boardwalks and trails, see Old Faithful and other iconic features, and enjoy a quiet wildlife watching float on the Snake River under the watchful gaze of the Tetons.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Your naturalist guide knows the best places to spot wolves, bears, moose, bison, bald eagles, and more.

A quiet float on the Snake River offers majestic views in the distance and wildlife watching up close.

Stay two nights at the lovely and modern Old Faithful Snow Lodge, a perfect base for exploring.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

#### 2019 DATES:

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DAY 1: Bozeman, MT through Paradise Valley to Yellowstone NP. 2: Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, look for wolves in Hayden Valley, Old Faithful. 3: Walk the Upper Geyser Basin. 4: Head to Grand Teton NP, hike and explore. Jackson Lake Lodge.
5: Snake River wildlife watching float. 6: Fly home from Jackson.

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#### YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE SAFARI SPRING AND FALL WILDLIFE WATCHING

6 Days | From \$2,950 | 8 Guests Avg, 14 Max

This journey gives you maximum wildlife watching opportunity in the best seasons, in one of the world's greatest places to not only see animals, but observe wildlife behavior. Your guide knows the territory and its wild residents by heart and can help you develop your own wildlife spotting skills.

On spring departures, you're liable to see cavorting bison calves, awkward moose calves, ducklings, tumbling bear cubs—and their mamas, of course. In the fall, bison are rutting, bull elk are bugling, bighorn rams are sparring, and bears are hyperphagic (your guide can will explain).

DAY 1: Bozeman, MT to Yellowstone NP. 2: Scope the Hayden Valley for bears, harlequin ducks, and other wildlife. Hike at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. 3: Hayden Valley wildlife watching and Mammoth Hot Springs travertine terraces. 4: Scan the Lamar Valley for wolves. 5: Morning wildlife, then Chico Hot Springs. 6: Bozeman for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Your guide is well-schooled in the habits, biology, and conservation history of Yellowstone wildlife.

With its drifting herds of bison and packs of wolves, you'll see why Yellowstone is called the "American Serengeti."

Spring and fall are the absolute best times for observing Yellowstone wildlife, and you have a front row seat.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX:** LIGHT

#### 2019 DATES:

MAY 5-10	MAY 12-17	SEP 15-20	SEP 22-27

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#### **HIKING IN YELLOWSTONE** HIKING, PADDLING, AND A BOUTIQUE TIPI

6 Days | From \$3,295 | 8 Guests Avg, 14 Max

Only a fraction of Yellowstone's visitors take to the trails. That fortunate fact leaves you far from the madding crowds on this terrific hiking-focused trip in a lesser traveled corner of the park.

Your guide knows where to find hidden thermal basins and geysers, and if your timing is right and a geyser spouts off, or you see a wolf through the trees, it's high fives all around. Whitewater rafting through the Gallatin Canyon puts you in the middle of the right kind of action, and kayaking on Yellowstone Lake is a great way to feel the power of this very special place.

DAY 1: Bozeman, MT up Gallatin Canyon to 320 Guest Ranch. Hike. 2: Hike YNP like a local from Gallatin Canyon trailheads. 3: West Entrance into Yellowstone, hike. Lake Lodge cabins. 4: Morning kayak on Yellowstone Lake, afternoon hiking. 5: Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, hiking. Campfire at your tipi. 6: Bozeman for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Stay one night in a "boutique tipi" 100 yards from the Yellowstone River, and two nights at a historic guest ranch.

Hike a new trail every single day.

For perfect balance, add in a rollicking whitewater ride and a tranquil lake paddle.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE/STRENUOUS

<b>2019 DATES:</b>			
JUN 22-27	JUL 6-11	JUL 20-25	AUG 3-8

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#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE | Rocky Mountains

#### THE GREAT AMERICAN WEST MOUNT RUSHMORE, DEVILS TOWER, YELLOWSTONE, AND MORE

#### 7 Days | From \$3,695 | 8 Guests Avg, 14 Max

It's hard to know what to make of Mount Rushmore on its face. That's where Off the Beaten Path comes in. We reveal the soul of this landmark through stories and historic insights then do the same for the Crazy Horse Memorial, Little Bighorn Battlefield, and Devils Tower (sacred to the Lakota, who know it as Bear Lodge).

Along with the monuments and laccolithic butte (your guide will explain), this great western journey is further filled with great western outdoors. Hike wildlife-rich Custer State Park, and walk the prairie and caverns of Wind Cave National Park. The finale is a jaw-dropping drive over Beartooth Pass into Yellowstone the "back way," cementing your sense of Big Sky country, past and present.

DAY 1: Rapid City, SD to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Custer State Park. 2: Hike and explore Custer SP and Wind Cave NP. 3: Devils Tower and Buffalo, WY. 4: Walk the Little Bighorn Battlefield with a Native American guide. 5: Yellowstone over Beartooth Pass. 6: Explore Yellowstone. 7: Bozeman, MT for departures home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Custer State Park is a lesser traveled gem. You stay at President Calvin Coolidge's "Summer Whitehouse."

The trail around Devils Tower passes through ponderosa pines which sometimes bear Native American prayer bundles.

Arrive on Yellowstone's back doorstep over the eyepopping Beartooth Pass.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

2019 DATES:			
JUN 16-22	JUL 7-13	JUL 28-AUG 3	AUG 18-24

#### "WIND CAVE HAS AS MUCH TO EXPLORE

ABOVE GROUND AS BELOW, and is home to one of the last free-roaming bison herds in North America." -LYNN MCLURE, NPCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

**Rocky Mountains** 

#### YELLOWSTONE'S WINTER WONDERS EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

6 Days | From \$3,495 | 10 Guests Avg, 16 Max (24 for New Year trip)

Yellowstone is otherworldly in winter. Quiet has descended with the blanket of snow, frosty bison stand near sulfurscented hot springs, waterfalls hang in frozen suspension, and wolves howl and prowl. Crowds are gone and snow has pushed animals down from higher elevations into the valleys.

Most of the roads are closed so you travel largely by overthe-snow coaches, sometimes easing past groups of bison also commuting on the snow-packed way. You'll see herds of elk, watch for wolves, discover wing prints left in the snow by hunting raptors, and keep an eye out for foxes pouncing on "subnivean" mice. Part of your stay settles you at the snowed-in Old Faithful, with a fireplace waiting at day's end.

DAY 1: Bozeman, MT to Yellowstone NP. 2: Wildlife watching in Lamar Valley; Cooke City. 3: Snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge, stop by frozen falls at Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. 4: Explore the geyser basins, rent x-c skis or snowshoes for further exploring. 5: Snow coach out to Mammoth and on to Chico Hot Springs. 6: Bozeman for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy cross-country skiing or snowshoeing on trails around the Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

Walk boardwalks through steamy thermal basins with their frost laden trees.

End the trip at historic Chico Hot Springs for a soak and world-class dinner.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

#### 2018-2019 DATES:

DEC 16-21, 2018	DEC 29-JAN 3, 2019	FEB 13-18, 2019
2019-2020 DATES:		
DEC 15-20, 2019	DEC 29-JAN 3, 2020	FEB 7-12, 2020

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#### **ROCKIES WINTER WONDERLAND** BIG SKY SKIING AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

7 days | From \$3,500 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

We love winter in the Rockies! Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog-sledding... it makes our cheeks ruddy just to think about all the fun.

Start in Big Sky, "Biggest Skiing in America" with endless terrain, oodles of powder, and 4,350 feet of vertical drop. Or if you prefer, cross-country ski on groomed trails or telemark the backcountry. Then catch a snowcoach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge in Yellowstone for glittering snow, steaming geysers, and wildlife. Top it all off at historic Chico Hot Springs. No driving required!



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Winter is a sublimely beautiful time of year. Snow sparkles like diamonds on sunny days and snowy days are quiet and magical.

Generate your own heat with downhill- or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and tromping around.

Some of Yellowstone's best wildlife watching happens in winter and you're there to see it.

Forget driving. Private drivers and a snow coach get you where you need to go.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: LATE DECEMBER-MID MARCH



DAYS 1-2: Catch your ride from Bozeman, MT to deluxe digs in Big Sky. Carve some turns or tuck in by the fireplace. Sleigh ride dinner. 3-4: Snow coach into Yellowstone NP and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Upper Geyser Basin with a naturalist guide. Snow coach tour to West Thumb Geyser Basin. 5-6: Snow coach to Mammoth Hot Springs, transfer to historic Chico Hot Springs for soaking, fine food, and dog-sledding. 7: Transfer back to Bozeman for flights home.

#### YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS FINE-TUNED FOR YOU

9 Days | From \$2,400 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Talk about a perfect pairing. Yellowstone has bubbling mud pots, spouting geysers, steaming fumaroles, and wildlife at every turn. Neighboring Grand Teton has blue lakes, the steepled Tetons, Snake River—and wildlife at every turn.

Across your trip, we'll match you with naturalist guides perfectly suited to your interests. They help you avoid crowds, see wildlife, hike the right trails, discover the backcountry, and dive deep into your curiosities, like maybe geology, geothermal features, wildlife, or park history.

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Pick your season! Spring brings baby animals, summer offers long days, and fall features golden aspens and bugling elk.

The view from Jackson Lake Lodge's fine dining room will leave you grasping for words.

Ride horses, paddle a kayak, mountain bike, raft, or do whatever floats your boat.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MAY-OCTOBER

DAYS 1-3 Fly into Jackson Hole, WY. Mountain bike, ride horses, walk, explore. 4-5: Grand Teton NP Snake River "First Light Float," naturalist guided hiking, kayaking. 6-8: Yellowstone NP, from your West Yellowstone base. Old Faithful, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, wildlife, day with a naturalist guide. 9: Bozeman, MT for flights home.





**CONSIDER THIS**—Add Glacier National Park to the trip, and include a very real experience with our friends at the Blackfeet Culture Camp. Stay in a

traditional tipi and follow your Blackfeet guide to sites on the Blackfeet reservation, including buffalo jumps and medicine lodges.

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#### **CROWN OF THE CONTINENT** GLACIER AND WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARKS

6 Days | From \$3,195 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Grab your hiking boots and come with us to a staggeringly beautiful wilderness straddling the U.S.-Canada border. Early public lands advocate George Bird Grinnell dubbed this mountain kingdom "The Crown of the Continent," which today is anchored by Glacier National Park in Montana, and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada. Thanks to the efforts of Grinnell and others the Crown is still home to wolverines and grizzly bears.

Along with classic alpine hikes in Glacier and Waterton, you'll explore lesser traveled trails right from the door of your fabulous backcountry lodge near Fernie, British Columbia. Even the drives expand your heart, with endless views offered by Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier and Waterton's Chief Mountain Highway.

DAY 1: After a short drive from Whitefish, MT, you're in Glacier
NP! 2: Hiking in Glacier. 3: Cross the border into Waterton NP.
4: Waterton and Island Lake Lodge. 5: Hiking from Island Lake
Lodge. 6: Kalispell, MT for departures home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Hiking! If you have been pining for heart-soaring mountain hiking, this is your trip.

Island Lake Lodge give you unparalleled access to pristine wilderness, right out the door.

Watch for mountain goats, bighorn sheep, grizzly bears, moose, pikas, ptarmigan, and more.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE**

2019 DATES:			
JUL 21-26	JUL 28-AUG 2	AUG 11-16	AUG 25-30

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#### **CANADIAN ROCKIES QUEST** BANFF, JASPER, AND YOHO NATIONAL PARKS

#### 7 Days | From \$4,445 | 6 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Set along the spine of the Rocky Mountains like jewels on a crown, Banff, Jasper, and Yoho National Parks dazzle the eye and stir the soul. "Yoho" is a Cree expression of awe and wonder and you'll feel it, gazing at the tall and tumbling Takakkaw Falls, marveling at turquoise Lake Louise, and ice-walking across Athabasca Glacier.

The Canadian Rockies are magnificent and you are in the heart of the splendor as you hike glorious trails, learn about hanging glaciers, and immerse yourself in this breathtaking landscape. At the end of each full day you'll relax at lovely, exquisitely located lodges.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy great hiking and walking with an emphasis on scenic, rather than strenuous.

You can't believe the color of Lake Louise until you see it for yourself.

If the season is favorable you'll find wildflowers galore, especially on the lovely Edith Cavell Meadows Trail.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

2019 DATES:			
JUL 14-20	JUL 21-27	AUG 7-13	AUG 14-20

DAY 1: Calgary, Alberta, to Banff NP. Takakkaw Falls. Emerald Lake, Moraine Lake, Lake Louise. 2: Hike and explore Yoho NP. Wapta Falls, Burgess Shale exhibit at Field Visitor Center. 3: Walk on Athabasca Glacier on the way to Jasper NP. 4: Hike and explore Jasper NP. 5: Drive the spectacular Icefields Parkway to Banff NP. 6: Banff NP and the boardwalks of Johnston Falls. 7: Calgary for flights home.

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#### CUSTOM JOURNEY | Rocky Mountains

#### RANCH TIME AND RIVERS RIDING, RAFTING, ROCK CLIMBING, FISHING

5 Days | From \$3,000 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



This is pure R&R however you define it: rest and relaxation, ranch life and riding, or rafting and really great hiking. A world of Rocky Mountain recreation is right in reach, right when you want it—because you're on ranch time!

Your base is an acclaimed guest ranch in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, surrounded by the largest swath of protected wilderness in the Lower 48. We'll map out fun days of wilderness hiking, rafting, climbing, or fly fishing, all based on your interests. Rest well in an artful cabin that offers the perfect union of historic charm and modern amenities.

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

This is a terrific choice for multi-generational families, honeymooners, and solo travelers.

We know this area well and can put together a perfect rhythm of days with just the right pacing and activities.

Arrive and depart any day of the week and stay three nights or thirty. (You might want the latter.)

Ranch cuisine is innovative and locally sourced whenever possible. You'll love BBQ nights.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: JULY-SEPTEMBER

DAY 1: Fly into Boise, ID and drive your rental car to the ranch just outside Stanley. Fill out the day with riding, hiking, biking, or practicing your casting. 2: Take on some Salmon River whitewater, breaking out the inflatable kayaks after your Class IV run. 3: Get a private introduction to rock climbing today. 4: Go deep into the wilderness with your naturalist guide on a hike tailored to your interests and abilities. 5: Enjoy a half or full day of guided fly fishing. 6: One last cup of coffee, and off you go. Yellowstone perhaps?



**CONSIDER THIS**—Let us link your ranch stay to a day or two in Sun Valley, or add four days and end the trip in Yellowstone National Park.



#### **GOOD FOR THE SOUL.**

The Southwest is one of those places that gets under your skin and calls you back, again and again. There is so much to do and discover, so many astonishing sights, and such grand landscapes for resetting one's perspective. What will it be this year? Slot canyons? Rivers? Mysterious ruins? Saguaros? It's soul food. Get your fill.





# OUTHWEST

#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE | Desert Southwest



#### **CLASSIC CANYON MEDLEY** GRAND CANYON, ZION, GLEN CANYON AND THE COLORADO RIVER

#### 7 Days | From \$3,795 | 6 Guests Avg, 16 Max

You have full days to hike and explore Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks, and will also enjoy an array of unique experiences like slipping through a slot canyon, visiting the mind-boggling Hoover Dam, and dropping by the famous Cameron Trading Post.

A half-day flatwater float on the Colorado River drifts you through some of the most dramatic scenery in the region, and Grand Canyon sunsets will make you fall in love with the planet all over again. Flights in and out of Las Vegas make it easy. So, grab your water bottle and come marvel at the magic of the Desert Southwest.

DAY 1: Vegas to Hoover Dam, then on to Grand Canyon. 2: Hike and explore Grand Canyon NP. 3: Cameron Trading Post, Horseshoe Bend Viewpoint, arrive Lake Powell. 4: Secret slot canyon and Lake Powell. 5: Half-day Colorado float, drive to Zion. 6: Hike and explore Zion NP. 7: Las Vegas for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy a fun and diverse mix of hiking, walking, flatwater rafting, and sightseeing.

Slip through a quiet slot canyon near Lake Powell.

Feel the pulse of this place on a smooth-water Colorado River float through Glen Canyon.

#### ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT/MODERATE

#### 2019 DATES:

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#### HEART OF THE CANYONS CLASSIC SOUTHWEST ROAD TRIP

10 days | From \$3,395 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Grab your rental car in Las Vegas and take ten days to cruise the astonishing American Southwest. Cool experiences along the way ensure this is no touch-and-go tour, but a fully immersive journey. Your route includes Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Arches, and Canyonlands national parklands. Distinctive lodgings offer comfort and tranquility at the end of each memorable day.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MARCH-NOVEMBER

DAYS 1: Fly into Las Vegas. Cirque du Soleil. 2-3: Drive to Grand Canyon NP. Day with naturalist guide. 4-5: Drive to Zion NP. Day with naturalist guide. 6: Bryce Canyon NP and Grand Staircase-Escalante NM, day ends at Boulder, UT. 7-9: Head to Moab. Elephant Hill 4x4 expedition in Needles District of Canyonlands and guided hiking in Arches. 10: Drive along the Colorado to Grand Junction, CO for flights home.

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Travel from some of the most-visited parklands to the least, getting bucket-list landscapes plus solitude.

America's Desert Southwest is a road-tripper's nirvana, with empty highways and no end of wow.

Your lodgings along the way are deeply set oases of quiet and creature comforts.

Time with naturalist hiking guides expands your experience and understanding of the diverse landscapes.

"ONE OF THE MOST INTENTIONALLY WILD national parks, Canyonlands offers wonderous land

forms, powerful silence, and ancestral Puebloan ruins." -DAVID NIMKIN, NPCA REGIONAL DIRECTOR



**CONSIDER THIS**—Hit the river too! The Southwest is full of rivers, each with its own personality. Take your pick: 2-4 guided days in Cataract Canyon, 3 days on the Green River, 1 mellow day on the Colorado, and so much more. Ask us about luxury options!

#### **GRAND CANYON NEW YEAR** GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK AND SEDONA

#### 6 Days | From \$3,095 | 14 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Put time into perspective by ringing in the New Year on the Grand Canyon's South Rim, millions of years in the making. Winter in the park is an enchanting time, with uncrowded sunny days and an intermittent dusting of snow. Your three days at the park are filled with hiking and exploring, and New Year's Eve brings a toast to this memorable way to launch the year. Top it off with two nights at a charming inn in the heart of Sedona. Your guide knows perfect places to hike and explore.

DAY 1: Phoenix, AZ to Grand Canyon NP. Short hikes and stops along the way. 2: Hit the trail with your naturalist guide. 3: Another full day in GCNP to hike and explore. Festive New Year dinner! 4: Stop in Flagstaff on the way to Sedona. Evening stargazing. 5: Hike Sedona, jeep expedition. 6: Phoenix for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

You're already living your resolution of making the coming year fun, adventurous, and full of travel!

Grand Canyon is quiet and uncrowded in the winter, with beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

Hike among the red rocks of Sedona and enjoy spectacular stargazing with a local astronomer.

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#### 2018-2019 DATES:

DEC 29, 2018-JAN 3, 2019

#### 2019-2020 DATES:

DEC 29, 2019-JAN 3, 2020

Already have New Year plans? No worries, this trip also runs FEB 10-15, 2019 and FEB 9-14, 2020.

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#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE | Desert Southwest



#### **SOUTHWEST FAMILY FUN** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING, JEEP SAFARI

6 Days | From \$3,095 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Shake off screens, schedule-juggling, and city noise on this active Southwest summer vacation. Your guides are handpicked for their family savvy and your lodgings are kidfriendly—you can even stay in a tipi or Conestoga Wagon along the way.

Each day brings outdoor fun and discovery on a route that sticks to higher elevations to moderate the heat. Discover Kolob Canyon, a lesser-traveled section of Canyonlands National Park, and explore Capitol Reef and Bryce Canyon National Parks and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Leave the planning and meals to us, and just come out and play! (Suggested age: 6 and up.)

DAY 1: From St. George, UT, explore Kolob Canyon on the way to the town of Torrey. 2: Hike and explore Capitol Reef NP. 3: Jeep safari in Capitol Reef, hiking, or relaxing. 4: Hike in Grand Staircase-Escalante NM on the way to Bryce Canyon NP. 5: Bryce, horseback ride. 6: Stop at Cedar Breaks NM on the way to St. George for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

You don't have to do anything except have fun and spend time with your family.

Kid-friendly lodging includes comfortable tipis or Conestoga wagon.

A horseback ride in Bryce Canyon National Park winds through hoodoos on trails once ridden by Butch Cassidy.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE**

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JUN 23-28	JUL 7-12	JUL 21-26	AUG 5-10

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#### **SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE**



#### **HIKING UTAH'S PARKLANDS** THE MIGHTY FIVE PLUS ONE

9 Days | From \$4,795 | 6 Guests Avg, 12 Max

Utah calls its national parks "The Mighty Five," and you'll see why on this hit-the-trails trip. We keep you to lesser traveled trails as much as possible, on a secluded hike in Capitol Reef, a sunrise hike in Zion, and hiking in the remote Needles District of Canyonlands. And unlike most other travel companies, we build in enough time in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument to take longer and more remote hikes, with the reward of no people, great views, and a deeper understanding of this very special place.

DAY 1: Grand Junction, CO to Arches NP; day ends in Moab. 2: Hike the Needles District of Canyonlands NP. 3: Hike Capitol Reef NP; day ends in Boulder. 4: Hike in Capitol Reef NP 5: Hike Grand Staircase-Escalante, on to Bryce NP. 6: Hike Bryce NP. 7: Bryce to Zion NP. 8: Hike Zion NP. 9: Sunrise hike and St. George, UT for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Hike in Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Stay at the one-and-only Boulder Mountain Lodge with its award-winning Hell's Backbone Grill.

You have two nights at each destination to keep you from feeling rushed.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE/STRENUOUS**

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#### SUPREME SOUTHWEST CAPITOL REEF TO CATARACT CANYON

9 days | From \$2,950 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Capture an outstanding slice of Utah's Canyon Country on this trip to Capitol Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, and Grand Staircase-Escalante national parklands. Add a three-day adventure on the Colorado River through Cataract Canyon and you have yourself one Supreme Southwest journey!

Explorations by foot, 4x4, and raft fill in your picture of this extraordinary region. Guided hikes get you out following cairns over slickrock, seeing arches and petroglyphs, and learning the geology and ecology. A jeep transports you to a sandstone-spired backcountry trail, and your Cataract Canyon expedition delivers thrills and otherwise inaccessible scenery.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Hike with a guide through the permit-only Fiery Furnace in Arches National Park.

Take a jeep-creep up Elephant Hill into the remote Needles District of Canyonlands National Park.

Meeting up with naturalist hiking guides gets you on trails you might not otherwise explore.

Your three-day, two-night adventure through Cataract Canyon offers exciting whitewater and comfortable camping.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: MARCH-NOVEMBER



DAYS 1-2: Fly into Salt Lake City, UT, drive to your lodge near Torrey on the doorstep of Capitol Reef and Grand Staircase-Escalante. 3-5: Drive to Moab. Guided hike in Arches' Fiery Furnace; 4x4 expedition and hiking in Needles District of Canyonlands. 6-7: Cataract Canyon! Expect big whitewater and comfy camping. 8: Flightsee back to Moab. 9: Grand Junction, CO for flights home.

#### **ZION AND BEYOND** HIKING ZION, BRYCE CANYON, AND GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE

7 Days | From \$3,595 | 6 Guests Avg, 16 Max

This hiking trip delivers a beautiful mashup of high-profile national parks and out-of-the-way parklands so you get to experience iconic landscapes while also exploring off the beaten path. Zion National Park is a maze of narrow canyons and hanging-garden seeps. Bryce Canyon National Park is a natural amphitheater filled with legions of hoodoos. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument feels like terra incognita with its sun-dappled streams, and Kodachrome Basin State Park features peculiar sand pipes found only there.

DAY 1: St. George, UT to Bryce Canyon. 2: Hike Bryce Canyon NP. 3: Hike Kodachrome Basin State Park. 4: Hike and explore Grand Staircase-Escalante NM. 5: Travel and discovery day, ending at Springdale, UT. 6: Hike Zion NP. 7: St. George, UT for departures home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Hike through narrow twisting canyons, under graceful arches, and along cottonwood creeks.

Relax and refresh in charming and ideally located accommodations.

Not many people visit Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, but you do.

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#### **GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE DISCOVERY** SLOT CANYONS, STREAM CROSSINGS, AND ANCIENT ROCK ART

8 days | From \$3,250 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Sometimes you want to go deep—take the time and make the effort to get to know one inscrutable place. This trip is that. You settle into a distinctive lodge and head out every day on phenomenal guided hikes in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Not only is there not a staircase (the name refers to a stepped series of rock plateaus that stretch from Grand Canyon to Bryce Canyon), there's not even an official entrance. Local guides are key to exploring GSENM, and yours are the best.

#### **BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL:** MARCH-MAY AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Hike to waterfalls, arches, archaeological sites, slot canyons, and silence. Bring your water shoes!

This particular journey is priced to include a transfer to and from Salt Lake City, but you could rent a car and drive yourself.

Your excellent and amazing guides, who we know well, pick you up and drop you off every day at your lodge.

Basecamp is Boulder Mountain Lodge, one of our favorite spots to stay in the region. (Hint: Hell's Backbone Grill.)

DAY 1: Arrive Salt Lake City, UT. 2-7: A private driver takes you to your lodge in Boulder, UT. Guides' favorite hikes might include Where Dinosaurs Drink, Whirling Dervish Reef, Water Master, Rock Whisperer, Escalante Alchemy, and Never-Speak-of-it-Gulch. 8: A driver takes you back to the airport in Salt Lake City, possibly changed forever.

#### **START PLANNING!** CALL 800-445-2995 — *or* — VISIT OFFTHEBEATENPATH.COM

**A NOTE ABOUT NATIONAL MONUMENTS:** In late 2017, a presidential executive order reduced the size of Grand Staircase-Escalante NM by 46 percent and Bears Ears NM by 85 percent, opening the Utah landscapes for resource extraction and other high-impact uses. Visit these rare places and weigh their value for yourself.



#### **SONORAN DESERT MYSTIQUE** SAGUARO AND ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL PARKLANDS

7 Days | From \$3,495 | 10 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Many people consider hiking among the priestly saguaros of Saguaro National Park to be a spiritual experience. And in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, the organ pipes stand like sentries in the only place in the U.S. where they grow wild.

Pushing farther into southeast Arizona, you'll wander through the pinnacles of Chiricahua National Monument and slip into the cool underground world of Kartchner Caverns. Each day is filled with ecological surprises and cultural resonance lent by the area's Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and homesteader histories.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy otherworldly hikes through a wonderland of odd and elegant cacti.

Hear stories of Aztecs, Tohono O'odham, Franciscan priests, and Wild West gunslingers.

Lodgings are in a restored school, historic hacienda, tranquil garden retreat, and copper-era hotel.

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DAY 1: From Tucson, AZ head to the west Mountain District of Saguaro NP to hike; visit the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.
2: Hike Organ Pipe Cactus NM. 3: Hike the east Rincon Mountain district of Saguaro NP. 4: Underground tour and hiking in Kartchner Caverns State Park. 5: Montezuma Pass to hike Coronado Peak. 6: Hike the birding mecca of Chiricahua NM; Bisbee.
7: Tombstone then Tucson for flights home.

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#### **BIG SECRET, BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK** CHISOS MOUNTAINS AND CHIHUAHUAN DESERT

#### 7 Days | From \$3,195 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Tucked into a bend of the Rio Grande is the most surprising and little-visited national park you've never thought of visiting. Very few other travel companies offer trips to this spellbinding place, and none provide the active exploration and excellent guided interpretation you get from Off the Beaten Path.

You'll walk sandy washes and watch for neotropical birds along cottonwood-lined streams, hike the Chisos Basin for panoramic views of the Chihuahuan Desert, stop by the McDonald Observatory, and visit the Fort Davis Historic site, once occupied by African-American Buffalo Soldiers. Come with us to explore this undiscovered national park treasure.

DAY 1: El Paso, TX through ranching country to Fort Davis and your historic adobe lodge. 2: Fort Davis Historic Site, then through Persimmon Gap into Big Bend NP. 3: Hike among cottonwoods and limestone cliffs. 4: Hike Chisos Basin, watch for wildlife. 5: Hike Santa Elena Canyon, dinner at the quirky Starlight Theater. 6: Final hike and bid goodbye to Big Bend; afternoon in Marfa. 7: El Paso for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Spring migration brings "a river of birds" to Big Bend, and wildflowers flourish after the fall monsoons.

Big Bend is a designated Gold Tier Dark Sky Park, and is also a welcome reservoir of unusual quiet.

Your lodge is nestled into the heart of the park with stunning scenery, tranquility, and star-studded night skies.

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"MORE THAN 450 SPECIES OF BIRDS and 1,200 plant species can be found in Big Bend. Keep an eye out for this remarkable diversity." –JARED DIAL, NPCA PROGRAM MANAGER

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#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE | Desert Southwest



7 Days | From \$2,795 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

*Travel* + *Leisure* named this OBP trip a "Best Adventure Travel Choice" for its unique and intrepid cultural exploration, which veers *way* off the beaten path. At the end of a long dirt road, New Mexico's Chaco Culture National Historical Park holds the most exceptional concentration of pre-Columbian pueblos in the American Southwest. And remote Canyon de Chelly National Monument, located on Navajo tribal lands, holds evocative ruins and preserved traditions.

DAY 1: Durango, CO to Mesa Verde NP. 2: Cross into New
Mexico. Day at Chaco Culture NHP. 3: Cross into Arizona and
Canyon de Chelly NM. 4: Navajo jeep tour of Canyon de Chelly.
5: Historic Hubbell Trading Post, Navajo headquarters at Window
Rock, petroglyphs at El Morro NM. 6: Acoma Pueblo; on to
Albuquerque, NM. 7: Flights home from Albuquerque.

#### "CHACO CANYON MIGHT SEEM LIKE THE MIDDLE

OF NOWHERE, but 1,000 years ago it was the center of a sophisticated social and economic network." –ERNIE ATENCIO, NPCA PROGRAM MANAGER

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit the mesa-top Acoma Pueblo, known for its rich art, and continuously occupied since 1150 A.D.

Gain insight and understanding from a seasoned professional guide who possesses a deep knowledge of Puebloan history.

Wander freely among the more remote ruins on this journey for a truly magical experience.

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#### **IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT** SANTA FE, TAOS, AND MESA VERDE

12 days | From \$4,850 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Explore the landscapes, history, and contemporary culture of a region that has inspired generations of artists from ancient times to today.

Root your sense of Southwest human history at Mesa Verde National Park and the remote Chaco Culture National Historic Park. Balance that with time in Santa Fe to browse galleries and poke around with a local guide. And be sure to catch Abiquiú and O'Keefe's Ghost Ranch—as well as Taos and Taos Pueblo, occupied for the last six centuries.

#### **BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL:** LATE DECEMBER-MID MARCH

DAYS 1-3: Fly into Albuquerque, NM, drive the Turquoise Trail to Santa Fe. Explore with a local, visit Bandelier NM. 4: Visit Abiquiú, O'Keefe studio tour. 5-6: Head to Farmington, NM. Explore Chaco Canyon with an expert guide. 7-9: Drive to your historic hotel in Durango, CO. Mountain train ride and Mesa Verde NP. 10-11: Off to Taos. Museums, art galleries, and Taos Pueblo. 12: Back to Albuquerque for flights home.

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Enchanted stops include Santa Fe, Bandelier National Monument, Abiquiú, Chaco Culture Historical Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Taos, and Taos Pueblo.

Ride the historic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad into the San Juan Mountains.

Hikes and walks keep you ready for the next mouthwatering meal.

Peruse museums, galleries, shops, and craft markets to your heart's content.





Coast Highway through Big Sur to Monterey Bay. Zig inland through Central Valley farmland into the Sierra Nevada and Yosemite National Park. Zag west to San Francisco, and finish with a flourish in the Sonoma wine country. This trip has legs—plus distinctive lodgings and a golden trove of great experiences along the way.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL-NOVEMBER

Roll down the windows and cruise the dramatic shoreline curves of the Pacific Coast Highway through Big Sur.

Go tide-pooling with a marine biologist in Monterey Bay, and hike with a naturalist guide in Yosemite.

In San Francisco, a bike ride across the Golden Gate bridge and ferry ride back is de rigueur.

A wine blogger recently wrote, "Napa Valley is a wine Disneyland, while Sonoma is a wine region." We rest our case.

DAYS 1-3: L.A.! Hollywood studio tour, surf lessons in Santa Monica. 4-6: Pacific Coast Highway. Big Sur, Hearst Castle, Carmel-by-the-Sea. 7-9: Yosemite NP. 10-11: San Francisco. Bike the Presidio and Golden Gate Bridge. Fisherman's Wharf.
12-14: Savor the Sonoma wine region. 15: Fly home from San Francisco with a fond farewell and case of CA wine.

#### **SEASONS OF YOSEMITE** TRAILS, WATERFALLS, GIANT SEQUOIAS

6 Days | From \$3,350 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Ansel Adams couldn't stop taking pictures. John Muir fell in love and didn't want to leave. Teddy Roosevelt went on a lifechanging camping trip. You'll feel the long reach of history as you see El Capitan, Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and the Mariposa Grove for yourself. Your guide has history here too, so knows how to navigate each day to minimize today's crowds and maximize the kinds of off-the-beaten-path sights and hiking experiences that inspired Muir and the rest.

DAY 1: Fresno, CA to Yosemite NP. Short hike and settle into your lodge near Mariposa Grove. 2: Mariposa Grove, hiking.
3: El Cap, Half Dome, waterfalls. Resettle in your lodge near the falls. 4: Hiking. Possibly Hetch Hetchy or Tuolumne Meadows. 5: Falls, trails, Ansel Adams gallery. Dinner at the famous Ahwahnee dining room (now Majestic Yosemite).
6: Fresno for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

This trip is 100 percent Yosemite, with stays in two historic park lodges.

See the iconic landmarks but also push off to discover furtherremoved trails and viewpoints.

Your guide knows the interwoven histories—natural, human, and conservation—of Yosemite intimately.

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#### "THERE'S NO WAY TO DESCRIBE THE SENSE OF

AWE you experience at your first glimpse of Yosemite Valley, or how small you feel standing under a giant sequoia." -MARK ROSE, NPCA FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

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#### **JOSHUA TREE AND DEATH VALLEY** STRANGE AND WONDERFUL DESERT WORLDS

#### 6 Days | From \$3,595 | 10 Guests Avg, 16 Max

The desert landscapes of Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks are by turns sublime, surreal, severe, and surprising. Hike and explore these distinctive parks with your expert guide to discover the strange topography and wonderfully complex webs of life that persist in each place.

In Joshua Tree, hike among the twisted trees and evergreen scrub oaks. A full day in the park gets you deep into this rugged wilderness where the high Mojave meets the low Colorado desert. In Death Valley, watch dawn roll over the stone dunes of Zabriskie Point, touch the marble walls of Mosaic Canyon, and stand at Dante's View, with its 360-degree panorama and perspective on Badwater Basin, 282 feet below sea level.

DAY 1: Palm Springs, CA to Joshua Tree NP. Hike and explore.
2: Joshua Tree NP. Star-gazing tonight. 3: Drive through Mojave National Preserve to Death Valley. 4-5: Death Valley NP. Dante's View, Mosaic Canyon, Badwater Basin, Salt Creek pupfish, Zabriskie Point. 6: Las Vegas for flights home.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Enjoy beyond-the-ordinary terrain, trails, and views on this hiking focused journey.

Plunge into the spring-fed pool at your exquisite oasis inn, set in the heart of Death Valley.

The value of exploring these enigmatic parks with an experienced naturalist guide will make itself crystal clear.

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There is no etymological connection between "prairie" and "prayer," but at times it seems there ought to be.

-WRITER DAVID J. UNGER

SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

America's Prairie

#### **OCEAN OF GRASS** FLINT HILLS AND TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PRESERVE

5 Days | From \$1,995 | 10 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Western settlers were awed by the prairie, an ocean of head-high grass mixed with dazzling wildflowers. Today, only about one percent of America's tallgrass prairie remains.

Learn about this deeply important landscape on long, interpretive walks through rolling hills, taking time to pause at historic structures, watch for wildlife, and appreciate the sunset. You'll also visit historic small towns and a working ranch to catch glimpses of life from the days of one-room schoolhouses. The promise of clear skies, sweeping grasslands, and ample time in the outdoors make this an ideal autumn journey.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

The excellent Flint Hills Discovery Center grounds you for a fuller prairie experience.

Enjoy early morning birding on the Neosho River Walk, which marks a key crossing of the historic Santa Fe Trail.

Settle in and stay at a historic Council Grove hotel for all but your first night.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX: LIGHT**

#### **2019 DATES:**

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DAY 1: Kansas City, MO; orientation dinner. 2: Flint Hills, Konza Prairie Biological Station, unpack in Council Grove. 3: Neosho River Walk, Tallgrass Prairie NP, town of Cottonwood Falls. 4: Kaw Mission State Historic Site, Allegawaho Heritage Memorial Park, Pioneer Trail, Tallgrass Prairie NP, Flying W Ranch. 5: Kansas City for flights home.

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#### SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE

**Great Lakes** 

#### ISLE ROYALE WILDERNESS SOJOURN LAKE SUPERIOR AND KEWEENAW PENINSULA

8 Days | From \$4,550 | 8 Guests Avg, 16 Max

Isle Royale National Park is a rugged wilderness of forests, rocky ridges, and small lakes accessible only by boat or seaplane. Catch a ferry to the park, where you settle in for two days of exploring by foot, kayak, and canoe, with an opportunity to meet wildlife biologists. Other unique experiences include a cruise to Raspberry Island in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, a hike to Lookout Louise, and a visit to Keweenaw National Historical Park.

#### "ISLE ROYALE'S REMOTENESS FORCES YOU TO

UNPLUG and focus on what's in front of you, which may just be a moose." –CHRIS GOEPFERT, NPCA PROGRAM MANAGER



#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Lakes, lakeshores, lighthouses, beaches, ferries, fallswater is the warp and weft of this trip.

Isle Royale is one of the least visited national parks, and one of the most revisited.

Native peoples were mining Keweenaw copper 7,000 years ago.

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DAY 1: Duluth, MN, Apostle Islands Cruise. 2: Michigan's Upper Peninsula. 3: Ferry to Isle Royale, explore. 4-5: Full days in Isle
Royale NP. Hike, kayak, learn. 6: Boat to Lookout Louise trailhead. Evening in Copper Harbor. 7: Keweenaw National Historical Park.
8: Flights home from Houghton, MI.

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#### **SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE**

**New England** 

#### ACADIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK HIKING, KAYAKING, AND EXCLUSIVE CAMPOBELLO STAY

7 Days | From \$3,695 | 12 Guests Avg, 16 Max

The journey begins in Acadia National Park with a Cadillac Mountain sunrise, hiking, walking on historic carriage roads, a Bass Harbor cruise, and lobster bake. Then fish out your passport and head to New Brunswick and the unforgettable Bay of Fundy, with its critical habitat for rare right whales and the biggest tides on earth. The kayaking is fabulous, and you have the exclusive privilege of staying two nights on an island in the Bay of Fundy in a historic cottage at Roosevelt Campobello International Park, former summer home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

DAY 1: Bangor, ME to Acadia NP. 2: Cadillac Mountain, boat to Frenchboro, lobster bake. 3: Kayak or hike. 4: Cross the Canadian border to Roosevelt Campobello International Park.
5: Whale-watching cruise. Lobster dinner. 6: Kayaking and St. Andrews by-the-Sea. 7: Flights home from Bangor.



#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Porpoises might come visit as you kayak in the wildliferich Bay of Fundy.

Be among the first in the U.S. to see the sun rise, from the granite dome of Acadia's Cadillac Mountain.

As our guest, enjoy the exclusive privilege of staying in a cottage at Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

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**CONSIDER THIS:** Hop your way up the coast on a Custom Journey in peak leaf-peeping season, mid to late October. Stop at out-of-the-way trailheads, antique shops, lighthouses, and lobster shacks. Kayak quiet bays. End each evening in a quaint new inn with a toast to another exquisite day.

### LORIDA VERGLADES

**SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE** 

Florida Everglades

#### WILD FLORIDA EVERGLADES, BISCAYNE, AND DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARKS

7 Days | From \$4,195 | Guests Avg, 16 Max

Kayaking mangrove tunnels in Everglades National Park gives you a gator's-eye view, and hiking park trails adds a marsh rabbit perspective. Next, board a boat to explore the pirate history and coral reefs of Biscayne National Park. Later, another boat ride takes you out to snorkel and explore Dry Tortugas National Park. The coral reefs and sea grass beds there are among the most vibrant in the Keys, and the massive 19th century Fort Jefferson is fascinating. End your trip in the wild-in-its-own-way Key West.

DAY 1: Fort Myers to Everglades City. Stops along the way. 2: Hiking, mangrove kayaking. 3: Key Largo via Everglades Shark Valley. 4: Biscayne NP. 5: Key Largo to Key West, stops along the way. 6: Dry Tortugas NP. 7: Flights home from Key West or ride with the guide back to Miami.



#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

In addition to the "main event" national parks, your trip is a pearl necklace of parklands that might include Audubon Corkscrew Swamp, Fakahatchee Strand, Ten Thousand Islands, Key Largo Hammock Botanical, Windless Key Fossil Reef, and Bahia Honda.

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#### CUSTOM JOURNEY Baja

**BAJA BLISS** KAYAK GLAMPING IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

10 days | From \$4,815 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Isla Espiritu Santo, an uninhabited island in the Sea of Cortez, is one of the best places in the world to see marine wildlife. Species include humpback and blue whales, whale sharks, sea turtles, manta rays, and more. Kayak with naturalist guides from beach to beautiful beach, staying in comfortable walk-in tents in fully catered camps. Each day unfolds however you want it to, snorkeling, walking deserted beaches, swimming with sea lions, or paddling hidden lagoons. Evenings bring margaritas and millions of stars. Your blissful island adventure is bookended with good times in culturally rich Todos Santos.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: NOVEMBER-APRIL



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Spending two nights at each beach sets a perfect pace.

The guides are there for you all day to organize whatever adventure calls your name.

Each day starts with a hot breakfast and ends with oh-so happy hour and a delicious dinner.

Your walk-in tent has comfy cots and chairs, and camp includes a composting toilet cabana.

DAY 1: A driver meets you at the San Jose del Cabo airport. Off to Todos Santos and a traditional Mexican cooking class. 2-7: Isla Espiritu Santo glamping! Kayak, hike, snorkel, spot wildlife, walk beaches, bliss out. 8: Back to Todos Santos. 9: Surfing lesson and horseback riding at Playa Los Cerritos. Fabulous farewell dinner in town. 10: San Jose del Cabo for flights home.

## PELIZE

#### CUSTOM JOURNEY Belize

#### **OFF THE BEATEN PATH BELIZE** MAYAN RUINS AND CORAL REEFS

12 days | From \$4,580 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Lush lowland jungle meets turquoise Caribbean Sea in this diverse and stunningly beautiful Central American country, which boasts a barrier reef second only to Australia's.

Base your adventure in two jungle lodges and a boutique beachfront villa—all of which situate you perfectly for exceptional opportunities to explore. There might be sunrise canoe expeditions, Maya ceremonial caves, extraordinary snorkeling, manatee watching, nocturnal nature walks, and more. It's unforgettable, off the beaten path, and all yours.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: NOVEMBER-APRIL



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Experience some of the finest snorkeling in the world.

The official language of Belize is English, a vestige of its days as a British colony.

Cross the border into Guatemala for a day at the famous Maya ruins of Tikal.

Canoe a mile deep into a Maya ceremonial cave with stalactites, clay pots, and artifacts.

DAYS 1-4: Fly into Belize City, transfer to your jungle lodge in the Orange Walk District. Ruins and wildlife. 5-7: Transfer to your next jungle lodge in the Cayo District. Explore rivers and caves, venture to Tikal. 8-11: Fly to Ambergris Caye, Caribbean coast. Snorkel the barrier reef, relax in the sand, soak up the sunshine. 12: Flights home from Belize City.

## LOMBIA

CUSTOMJOURNEY Colombia

#### THE HEART OF COLOMBIA ADVENTURE AND CULTURAL DISCOVERY

12 days | From \$4,580 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Relish an unforgettable experience to a reborn and blossoming travel destination where you connect with neighborhood life, culture, food, and traditions. Get your first taste of Colombia in Bogotá at the colorful Paloquemao market, a bucket-lister for savvy foodies. Head from there into the Andean countryside and a perfectly preserved world of pueblos, wild parakeets, and quaint colonial villages. Hike, bike, raft, hear local history, and enjoy hands-on workshops. Then hop a flight to Cartagena to explore streets that inspired the magical realism of Colombianborn Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: DECEMBER-APRIL

GUANE ■ BARICHARA GUATAPÉ ■ VILLA DE LEYVA ■ BOGOTÁ

COLOMBIA

CARTAGENA

MEDELLÍN

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Your guides are professional and bilingual, and all ground transportation is included.

Beat the crowds before Colombia gets back on the tourist trail.

This journey is the very definition of authentic travel. Try the *hormigas culonas* (fat-bottomed ants).

Art, food, workshops, nice accommodations, gorgeous scenery... *¡De una!* Let's do it!

DAYS 1-2: Bogotá! Paloquemao market and famous graffiti district. 3: Historic Villa de Leyva; hands-on pottery workshop en route. 4: Through cloud forest to colonial Barichara. 5: Ancient Royal Road to village of Guane. Hiking, paper-making, rammedearth architecture workshop. 6: Whitewater rafting, cable car across Chicamocha Canyon, fabulous fusion dinner. 7: Fly to Cartagena, "Seven Paradises" street food tour. 8: Canoe mangroves, visit the hip Barrio of Getsemaní. 9: Departures home-or press on to Medellín and colorful Guatapé!



#### **PURA VIDA**

*Pura vida* is to Costa Rica what *aloha* is to Hawaii. It's a vibe. A cultural embrace of happiness and the simple, joyful life. This national mindset, together with the country's steadfast commitment to conservation, make Costa Rica a welcoming (and family friendly) place to experience the joys of tropical nature like being out on a full moon night when turtles hatch up from the sand and run to the ocean. Go for the joy!



#### ICONIC COSTA RICA ARENAL VOLCANO, OSA PENINSULA, PACUARE RIVER

9 days | From \$2,950 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Enjoy some of Costa Rica's top-of-list activities ziplining, rafting, hiking, hanging bridges, wildlife viewing—in the country's most quintessential landscapes: rain forest, volcano, river, beach.

The imposing Arenal Volcano is surrounded by rain forest—and hanging bridges, ziplines, and a tram. Rappel down the face of a waterfall, then soak in natural *aguas termales* (hot springs). Fly and boat to your next destination: Drake Bay on the Osa Peninsula, one of the lesser-visited destinations. Walk sandy beaches, snorkel at famous Isla del Caño, and explore the wildlife-rich jungles of Corcovado National Park. For your trip finale, spend a day whitewater rafting on the breathtaking Pacuare River.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Rappel tropical waterfalls through beautiful canyons.

The Osa Peninsula gets you off the main tourist track and deep into pura vida.

Flights in and out of San Jose can be quite convenient and economical.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: DECEMBER-APRIL

DAYS 1-3: San Jose, CR to Arenal Volcano. Hanging bridges, wildlife watching, hiking. 4-6: Osa Peninsula and Corcovado NP. 7-8: San Jose and Pacurare River. 9: Flights home from San Jose.



## CUADOR Co the CALAPAG

Ecuador offers passage into four beckoning worlds: the Galapagos Islands, Pacific Coast, Andes, and Amazon each with unique opportunities for adventure. Go for the Galapagos, stay for so much more.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Mindo Cloud Forest

Yasuni

GUAYAQUIL

ECUADOR

#### **CUSTOM JOURNEY**

Ecuador

#### **ECUADOR EXPEDITION** GALAPAGOS ISLANDS AND MINDO CLOUD FOREST

12 days | From \$11,250 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

The wide range of Ecuador's wonders are yours! Explore the extraordinary Galapagos Islands, historic World Heritage City of Quito, and the beautiful and important Mindo Cloud Forest. Ample time in each destination allows for a wonderful balance of wildlife, hiking, walking, and cultural immersion. Enjoy unique accommodations in the heart of Quito's Old Town, on a luxury 16-passenger catamaran, and in the midst of the cloud forest. Fresh, delicious meals—with a view—punctuate blissful days spent outdoors.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: YEAR-ROUND

#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Hike, snorkel, kayak, swim, and see marine iguanas, bluefooted boobies, giant tortoises, and more during your six-day Galapagos cruise.

Ride a "sky bike" through the cloud forest canopy.

Explore the colonial architecture and plazas of Quito's historic Old Town.

Your guides are professional, bilingual naturalists and historians.

DAY 1: Quito. 2-7: Galapagos Islands. Wildlife like you've never seen! 8: Quito and Old Town. 9-11: Mindo Cloud Forest hiking, birding, wildlife watching. 12: Quito. 13: Flights home from Quito.



Machu Picchu is just a drop in the Peru bucket list! Round out your pilgrimage with adventures in the Amazon, Lake Titicaca, Lima (food!), Nazca, Colca Canyon, El Chaco Beach...

#### **CUSTOM JOURNEY**

Peru

#### **PERU FAMILY ADVENTURE** SACRED VALLEY AND MACHU PICCHU

9 days | From \$3,985 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Explore the wonders of Peru on an adventure that combines active fun with significant historic sites. At the heart of your travels are four days to explore the Sacred Valley, ample time to absorb Machu Picchu, and a walking tour of Cusco.

In this context, "exploration" includes a half day of whitewater rafting on the Urubamba River, riding Peruvian Paso Fino horses to the Inca ruins of Moray, soaring over the Sacred Valley on a zipline, and hiking to Huayna Picchu peak for the highpriest view of Machu Picchu.

#### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL-OCTOBER



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Spend the night in a "sky pod"-the ultimate room with a view.

Bilingual guides help you gain a deeper sense of Peru's history and culture.

You're at Machu Picchu near first light, with plenty of time to explore.

Visit a community weaving cooperative, traditional markets, and compelling Inca ruins.

DAY 1: Fly to Lima, Peru. 2-4: Fly to Cusco, proceed to the lower elevations of the Sacred Valley to acclimatize and explore. 5: Whitewater rafting on the Urubamba; Via Ferrata to the Sky Lodge. 6: Morning zip line off the mountain, then ride the rails to Aguas Calientes, gateway to Machu Picchu. 7: Machu Picchu ruins and hiking Huayna Picchu. Cusco for the night. 8: Explore Cusco on foot. 9: Fly to Lima for connections home.

## RCENTINA

#### CHILE AND ARGENTINA ARE SOUTH AMERICA'S HORN OF PLENTY.

And where does Patagonia figure in? Patagonia is a geographic region that drapes like a horse blanket across the spine of the Andes to encompass the southern parts of Chile and Argentina. Taken altogether, figure on endless outdoor adventure, abundant wildlife, thrilling national parks, rugged mountains, vast glaciers, dramatic deserts, pristine rivers with fat trout, renowned wine regions, rich culture, and vibrant capital cities.


## **CHILEAN ADVENTURE** SANTIAGO, PUERTO VARAS, AND TORRES DEL PAINE

9 Days | From \$5,395 | 6 Guests Avg, 12 Max

The adventure begins in and around Santiago with colorful markets, the Casablanca Valley wine region, and Valparaiso. A short flight to Chile's Lake District opens the second leg of the trip, with hikes through the forests of Alerce Andino National Park and to the waterfalls of Vicente Pérez Rosales National Park. The last, unforgettable leg gives you two days at the acclaimed Ecocamp Patagonia in Torres del Paine National Park. Head out each day with naturalists to hike, watch wildlife, and absorb the spectacular surroundings.

DAY 1: Explore Santiago's Central Market and other landmarks. 2: Casablanca Valley wine; seaport city of Valparaiso. 3: Fly to Puerto Montt; fish market and Catedral de Puerto Montt. Drive to Puerto Varas.
4: Hike Alcerce Andino NP. 5: Hike Vicente Pérez Rosales NP. 6: Fly to Punta Arenas, scenic transfer to Torres del Paine NP. 7-8: Patagonia Ecocamp. Choose your activities in this awesome landscape.
9: Fly to Santiago for connections home.

## **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Tour the vineyards of Bodegas RE, and see their giant clay jars in the cellar.

Hike through a forest of ferns, evergreens, and deciduous trees to a 3,000-year-old alcerce (Patagonian cypress) tree.

Your geodesic dome is a cozy nest in the soaring heart of Torres del Paine.

#### **ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE**

#### 2018-2020 DATES:

DEC 1-9, 2018 FEB 16-24, 2019 DEC 2-10, 2019 FEB 15-23, 2020



**CONSIDER THIS**—Explore Argentine Patagonia on a Custom Journey! Witness some of the region's most exciting miracles of geography, including the FitzRoy massif in Los Glaciares National Park and Perito Moreno Glacier, one of

the largest living glaciers in the world. Hike, ride, boat, and experience the best of Argentine hospitality (and access) on a rural estancia. We'll shape the trip length, pace, activities, and accommodations to suit your preferences.

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## CHILE AND BOLIVIA DESERT DISCOVERY ATACAMA DESERT AND UYUNI SALT FLATS

9 Days | From \$5,500 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



Chile's Atacama Desert is the driest place on earth. Most precipitation comes in the form of fog from the Pacific Ocean, yet there are flamingo-filled lakes. Bolivia's surreal Uyuni Region is home to the largest salt flats on earth, colorful lagoons, mummy caves, and summits over 19,000 feet above sea level. We'll manage the tricky logistics of getting you to these amazing ends-of-the-earth places and set you up with the best lodgings and guides (which can also be tricky). Adventure awaits!

## BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: YEAR-ROUND



## **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Start the trip with cosmopolitan Santiago, the seaport city of Valparaiso, and the Casablanca Valley wine region.

Catch the amazing dawn steam show at Tatio Geysers, the highest-elevation geysers in the world.

Visit the hilly outpost of Isla Incahuasi, moored in a sea of salt tiles and covered in San Pedro cactus.

The adventurous journey from Atacama to Uyuni follows primitive roads over incredible mountain passes. Watch for flamingos and Andean foxes on the way!

DAYS 1-2 Santiago, Casablanca Valley, Valparaiso. 3-4:
Atacama Desert, Chile. Valle de la Luna, Dinosaur Valley.
5-7: Altiplano crossing (remote outposts, alpine lagoons, wildlife) to Uyuni Salt Flats, Bolivia, and salt hotel. 8: Return to San Pedro de Atacama and overnight. 9: Fly to Santiago for departures home.

**START PLANNING!** CALL 800-445-2995

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## PARQUE PATAGONIA AND FABLED FLY FISHING HISTORIC CONSERVATION, FLY FISHING, WINE

16 days | From \$10,750 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Discover the heart of Chile and leave with the country lodged in your own heart forever. Parque Patagonia is not on the tourist radar, so you'll be among the first to visit this newly minted national park—one of the largest grassland restoration projects in the world and a haven for hikers, wildlife enthusiasts, and lovers of wild places.

Then, settle in for five days of world-class fly fishing in the Coyhaique area, staying at a fishing lodge of simple elegance. Non-anglers can hike, ride, raft, or enjoy any number of other pursuits. The trip wraps up with excursions through the Maipo and Casablanca wine regions and the World Heritage City of Valparaiso.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Parque Patagonia is an awe-inspiring landscape and protects many vulnerable species, including ñandu, Andean condor, guanaco, and three wildcats. What you won't find are crowds, fences, and boardwalks.

Revel in five days of fly fishing heaven and toast the end of each wonderful day on the deck of your riverside lodge.

Savor tasting tours in some of Chile's most famous vineyards.

Discover Chilean history and culture through modern and historical architecture, artist studios, markets, and museums.

## BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: NOVEMBER-APRIL



DAY 1: Santiago, Chile. Bike quiet neighborhoods. 2-4: Fly to Balmaceda. Hiking and wildlife watching in Parque Patagonia. 5-10: Transfer to Coyhaique for five days of fly fishing. Non-angling companions have a trove of terrific options. 11-15: Transfer back to Balmaceda, fly to Santiago. Day trips to wine country and Valparaiso. 16: Flights home from Santiago in the evening.





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Stewart Island

Milford Sound

INVERCARGIL

SOUTH ISLAND

Fiordland NP

## But Australia and New Zealand could hardly be more different. Australia is a continent, with the monolith

Uluru in the flat Red Centre. New Zealand is an island nation bisected by snowy peaks. Australia has koalas and the vast Kimberley wilderness. New Zealand has kiwis and Milford Sound. Polynesian Maori ancestors landed in New Zealand about 800 years ago. Aboriginal people arrived in Australia more than 40,000 years ago and might comprise the oldest surviving culture on earth. Now—the greatest commonality? They're both thrilling to see, and you have to go.

## CUSTOMJOURNEY Australia

## ALL AROUND AUSTRALIA FIVE-STAR WILDERNESS AND WILDLIFE

32 days | From \$20,000 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

This home run of an adventure covers off-thebeaten-path bases all the way around Australia. You can pick and choose or swing for the fences—begin in Tasmania then hopscotch Western Australia clockwise from Perth to Ningaloo Reef, Broome, and the Kimberley. Fly back to Perth, reset, and catch the Indian Pacific train for a luxurious threeday ride to Adelaide. Fly from there to the Great Barrier Reef.

Your unique accommodations are top notch, from luxury safari camps on the Ningaloo Coast and in the Kimberley, to a platinum-level cabin on the Indian Pacific train, to a secluded resort on a private island in the Great Barrier Reef.



#### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Go on "Quoll Patrol" in Tasmania to see kangaroos, brush-tail possums, eastern quolls, pademelons, wombats, and wallabies.

Seafood and wine-fresh and sublime-are a running subtheme to the journey.

Swim with peaceful, filter-feeding whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef.

Take seven days to travel with a guide through the Kimberley, a wilderness of dramatic gorges and 41,000 years of Aboriginal history.

## BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: APRIL-OCTOBER



DAYS 1-6: Arrive in Tasmania. Hobart, Launceston,
Freycinet NP. Wildlife! 7-9: Fly to Margaret River. Wine and walking. 10-12: Fly to Perth, head to Ningaloo
Reef. Snorkel, swim, walk, relax. 13: Overnight in
Broome. 14-21: Fly to the Kimberley for a guided
expedition through the wilderness. 22: Fly to Perth.
23-25: Catch the Indian Pacific to Adelaide. 26: Fly
to Cairns. 27-31: Boat to Bedarra Resort. Serenity,
tranquility, snorkeling, rain forest walking, kayaking.
32: Back to Cairns for flights home the next day.

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND IMMERSION WILDERNESS, WILDLIFE, WINE

33 Days | From \$17,000 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip



This grand Down Under tour delivers an impressive collection of quintessential experiences in Australia and New Zealand. Ramble South Australia's wine country, bushwalk in Tasmania, sail the Great Barrier Reef waters of the Whitsunday Islands, hike in Tongariro and Fiordland National Parks, and cruise Milford Sound.

### BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER AND MARCH-APRIL

DAY 1-2: Sydney, so many options! 3-4: Fly to Adelaide, discover South Australia's wine regions. 5-7: Hop the ferry to fabulous Kangaroo Island. Kangaroos, wallabies, echidnas, koalas, platypus. 8-9: Fly to historical Hobart, Tasmania, explore! 10-11: Remarkable bushwalking on Bruny Island. 12: Back to Hobart. 13-16: Northeastern Tasmania bush magic. Platypus, Tasmanian devils, kookaburras, wallabies, and wombats. 17-18: Fly to stylish, arty Melbourne. 19-22: Fly to Airlie beach, sail the Whitsunday Islands in bottle-green waters sheltered by the Great Barrier Reef. 23: Back to Airlie, world's best beaches. 24: Fly back to Sydney. 25-27: Fly to Queenstown, NZ, South Island. Wine tour, biking, bungy jumping. 28-30: Milford Sound and Fiordland NP. Hike, cruise. 31-32: Fly to Wellington on the North Island and head to Tongariro NP for epic hiking. 33: Fly to loveable Auckland. Flights home from there.



## CUSTOM JOURNEY New Zealand

## **NEW ZEALAND WILDLIFE QUEST** PENGUINS, KIWIS, WHALES

11 Days | From \$7,000 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

The kiwi is a nocturnal, flightless bird with hair-like feathers and nostrils at the tip of its bill. The tuatara is the only beakheaded reptile on the planet. Glowworms are luminescent larvae that the Maori call *titiwai*, "projected over water." What a wild and wonderful place, this New Zealand!

You'll boat out from Kaikoura to spot sperm whales and dolphins, and hike in Fiordland National Park watching for yellow-crowned parakeets, blue ducks, and long-tailed bats. For toppers, take two very special days to explore Otago Peninsula and Stewart Island, where you might see yelloweyed penguins and kiwis.



### **JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS**

Hike the pristine, primeval rain forest of Stewart Island for close encounters with rare birds.

Sperm, humpback, pilot, blue, and southern right whales all frequent the waters off Kaikoura in various seasons.

Drift through a dark underground grotto lit by a Milky Way of glowworms.

Roam the remote podocarp forest of the coastal Catlins Conservation Park listening and looking for native birds.

## BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: LATE FEBRUARY-APRIL AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

DAY 1: Arrive in Christchurch, acclimate and explore. 2: Drive your rental car north to Kaikoura. Whale watching and exploring. 3-4: Head to your Southern Alps base of Tekapo. Guided hiking in the Hooker Valley. 5: Drive to Ohau for biking; on to Dunedin. 6: Guided hike on Otago Peninsula, watch for penguins, albatross, seals, and sea lions. 7: Fly to Stewart Island. Guided day on this far-removed island. Look for kiwis. 8-10: Fly back to Invercargill, explore Fiordland from your Te Anau base. Hike, bird-watch, cruise Milford Sound. 11: Drive to Queenstown for flights home the following day.







## Scotland

OTLAN

## **SPLENDID SCOTLAND** HIKING, CASTLES, WILDLIFE, WHISKY

8 Days | From \$5,295 | 6 Guests Avg, 12 Max

Scotland is a lyric poem of mountain wilderness, deep blue lochs, rugged coastlines, beguiling castles, and wee drams of whisky at the local pub.

Learn about Scotland's rich history on daily hikes that weave through ancient pine forests, along wild shores, past Queen Victoria's hunting lodge, and across brooding Scottish Highlands. Along the way watch for golden eagles, wildcats, osprey, ptarmigan, reindeer, and dolphins. Visit Balmoral Castle if the Queen isn't in residence, or Braemar Castle if she is—and the ruins of Urquhart Castle in any case. Evenings might find you awash in local hospitality at a whisky distillery or sampling hops at a village microbrewery. Distinctive, exceptional lodgings put the bow on this poetic package of Scots enchantment.

DAY 1: Edinburgh to Balmoral and Cairngorms NP. 2: Hike ancient pine forest around Loch Muick. 3: Ben Rinnes hike and Speyside whisky distillery. 4: Hike the Black Isle coastline and boat out to see dolphins. 5: Your Loch Coulin trail offers spectacular views. 6: Hike Torridon between high peaks of Devonian-age rock. 7: Hike the Applecross moorlands. 8: Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, and Inverness for departures home.

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

TORRIDON APPLECROSS

Isle of Skye

You're afoot in Scotland, hiking Cairngorms National Park wilderness and the Applecross moors, and hillwalking Ben Rinnes.

Speyside Region

DINBURGH

■INVERNÉSS Loch Ness Cairngorms NP

ASGOW

Sip a single malt in Speyside, home of Glenlivet and Glenfiddich.

Explore the brooding ruins of Urquhart Castle and tour Balmoral if the Queen isn't there.

### **ACTIVITY INDEX: MODERATE**

#### **2019 DATES:**

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## CUSTOM JOURNEY Morocco

## THE MAGIC OF MOROCCO

12 days | From \$6,550 Pricing will depend on how you choose to tailor your trip

Explore Morocco with local guides who get you immersed in the vibrant culture, souks, kasbahs, and desert camps of this deeply historic and welcoming country. It will feel like a movie but you really are prowling the ancient Imperial Cities of Marrakech and Fez, riding a camel in the desert, crossing the Atlas Mountains, having tea with a Berber family, and wandering the red clay *ksar* of Ait Ben Haddou (set for "A Man Who Would be King"). You stay in a variety of small and special accommodations in extraordinary locales, with memorable meals throughout. *And, action...* 

## BEST MONTHS TO TRAVEL: SEPTEMBER-MARCH

**JOURNEY FEATURES AND OPTIONS** 

Sahara Desert

MARRAKECH

Atlas Mountains

Erg Chegaga

Your guides crack open the real Morocco for you to see, hear, taste, and begin to understand.

Cross over Tizi N'Tinififft pass in the Atlas Mountains and see the dunes of the Sahara come into view.

Visit the little village of Tamegroute, with its green-glazed pottery and astonishing ancient library.

Spend two nights in a luxurious desert camp in the Moroccan Sahara.

DAYS 1-4: Marrakech. History and culture immersion in the medina; Atlas Mountains day trip for hiking and tea with a Berber family. 5-8: Expedition to the Sahara desert and luxury desert camp; Ait Ben Haddou en route. Walking, sandboarding, stargazing, sunrise worship, and camel rides. Timbuktu trade route to oasis town of Zagora. 9-11: City of Fez. Tannery tour, ceramic school experience, Moroccan cooking class. 12: Transfer to Casablanca for flights home.

## **Terms & Conditions**

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	International	\$1,000 deposit per person	50% of total trip price					
FINAL	Domestic	Trip belance due 0	00 dave prior to departure date					
PAYMENT	International	The balance due 9	0 days prior to departure date					

NOTE: Some custom-tailored itineraries require a development deposit to formally engage planning process

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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 interuption/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, 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. Pricing is equal to the retail cost of the ranch property selected, plus a nominal fee for document, administrative, and mailing costs.

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.

#### **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 up his, her, and/or their heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and successors.

#### **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.

#### from Liability nd Assumption of Risk

Off the Beaten Path, LLC, its employees, shareholders, officers, and directors (collectively, "OBP") does not own or operate on the beaten Path, LLC, its employees, shareholders, oncers, and directors (conecutive), obr ) does not own of 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. ortation

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, guarantine, 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.

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PAGE	TRIP	TERRITORY		# DAYS	FROM PRICING*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
18	North to Alaska	ALASKA	Group	8	\$6,295							•	•				
19	Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage True Alaska		Group	7	\$4,695						•	•	•				
20			Custom	12	\$9,300												
21	Alaska, Mountains to Sea		Custom	9	\$5,265							-					
22	Alaska's National Parks Grand Slam	11 414/4 1/1	Custom	19	\$16,500							•	•		_		
25	The Big Island and Maui	HAWAI'I	Custom	9	\$4,895	•	•			•		•	•		•	•	
27	Hiking Olympic National Park	PACIFIC NORTHWEST	Group	6	\$3,450						•	•		•			
28	Pacific Northwest Adventure		Custom	14	\$6,200										•		
29	Vancouver Island Escape	DOOLOG MOUNTAINO	Custom	8	\$4,000					•	•	•	-				
32	Essence of Yellowstone and Grand Teton	ROCKY MOUNTAINS	Group	6	\$3,395						•	•	•	•			
33	Yellowstone Wildlife Safari		Group	6	\$2,950					•				•			
34	Hiking in Yellowstone		Group	6	\$3,295						•	•	•				
35	The Great American West		Group	7	\$3,695						•	•	•				
36	Yellowstone's Winter Wonders		Group	6	\$3,495	•	•										•
37	Rockies Winter Wonderland		Custom	7	\$3,500	•	•										
38	Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks		Custom	9	\$2,400					•	•	•			•		
39	Crown of the Continent		Group	6	\$3,195							•	•				
40	Canadian Rockies Quest		Group	7	\$4,445							•	•				
41	Ranch Time and Rivers		Custom	5	\$3,000							•	•				
44	Classic Canyon Medley	DESERT SOUTHWEST	Group	7	\$3,750				•						•		
45	Heart of the Canyons		Custom	10	\$3,395										•	•	
46	Grand Canyon New Year		Group	6	\$3,095	•	•										•
47	Southwest Family Fun		Group	6	\$3,095						•	•	•				
48	Hiking Utah's Parklands		Group	9	\$4,795				•	•					•		
49	Supreme Southwest		Custom	9	\$2,950											•	
50	Zion and Beyond		Group	7	\$3,595				•	•				•	•		
51	Grand Staircase-Escalante Discovery		Custom	8	\$3,250											•	
52	Sonoran Desert Mystique		Group	7	\$3,495				•					•	•		
53	Big Secret, Big Bend National Park		Group	7	\$3,195			•	•					•		•	
54	Puebloan Mystery		Group	7	\$2,795				•	•					•		
55	In the Land of Enchantment		Custom	12	\$4,850	•	•	•									
56	California Select	CALIFORNIA	Custom	15	\$5,495							•			•	•	
57	Seasons of Yosemite		Group	6	\$3,350					•	•			•	•		
58	Joshua Tree and Death Valley		Group	6	\$3,595			•							•	•	
59	Ocean of Grass	AMERICA'S PRAIRIE	Group	5	\$1,995										•		
60	Isle Royale Wilderness Sojourn	GREAT LAKES	Group	8	\$4,550							•	•	•			
61	Acadia and New Brunswick	NEW ENGLAND	Group	7	\$3,695								•	•			
62	Wild Florida	FLORIDA	Group	7	\$4,195		•		•							•	
63	Baja Bliss	BAJA	Custom	10	\$4,815	•	•	•								•	
64	Off the Beaten Path Belize	BELIZE	Custom	12	\$4,580		•	•									
65	The Heart of Colombia	COLOMBIA	Custom	12	\$4,580	•	•										
67	Iconic Costa Rica	COSTA RICA	Custom	9	\$2,950	•	•	•									
68	Ecuador Expedition	ECUADOR	Custom	12	\$11,250	•	•			•	•	•			•	•	
69	Peru Family Adventure	PERU	Custom	9	\$3,985					•	•	•	•		•		
71	Chilean Adventure	CHILE & ARGENTINA	Group	9	\$5,395		•										•
72	Chile and Bolivia Desert Discovery		Custom	9	\$5,500		•					•					
73	Parque Patagonia and Fabled Fly Fishing		Custom	16	\$10,750	•	•									•	
75	All Around Australia	AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND	Custom	32	\$20,000						•		•				
76	Australia and New Zealand Immersion		Custom	33	\$17,000											•	
77	New Zealand Wildlife Quest		Custom	11	\$7,000		•								•	•	
78	Spendid Scotland	SCOTLAND	Group	8	\$5,295						•	•	•	•			
79	The Magic of Morocco	MOROCCO	Custom	12	\$6,550		•	•						•	•		

## CUSTOM JOURNEYS

• See referenced page for sample itinerary with journey features and options. This is just a starting point—Off the Beaten Path Custom Journeys are fully tailored to your interests, preferences, and needs. Final pricing will depend on the specific details of your trip.

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES

• See referenced page for trip description, average and maximum group size, specific departure dates, and activity index rating. Earliest bookers receive lowest tier price. (Trip price excludes any ontrip airfare.)

## SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE ACTIVITY INDEX

If you have any questions or concerns about trip activity levels, don't hesitate to call us at 800-445-2995.

## LIGHT

1-2 miles of walking or hiking each day, plus easygoing explorations.

## LIGHT/MODERATE

2-4 miles of walking or hiking each day, with options for easy or moreactive explorations.

## MODERATE

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

## MODERATE/STRENUOUS

5-10 miles of hiking each day with potential elevation gain, plus other high energy activities.

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Are we there yet? Brown bear family in Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska. Back Cover: Minus 25 and all is well; bison in Yellowstone National Park.



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