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Adventures with a Cause

Welcome to Sierra Club Outings!

These are unprecedented times we're living in, with the coronavirus pandemic still not under control at home and around the world. If there is one thing I am grateful for in the midst of all this uncertainty, it is the reminder of the healing benefits of the outdoors and the value of spending time with loved ones. This is why I'm so excited to present this annual showcase of our travel program and the volunteer-led trips we offer. While resuming trips is our goal, your safety is our first priority, and there likely will be some changes to how trips are run this year (and perhaps for the foreseeable future). With that in mind, we are developing special safety guidelines and have also revised our cancellation and transfer policies to encourage our travelers to make decisions that they feel are best for their health and well-being. Though it is likely that there will be adjustments to some of the trips in this catalog, we're hopeful that with improved conditions, some—perhaps many—will be able to run. You can read more about this on our COVID-19 travel update page at sc.org/outings.

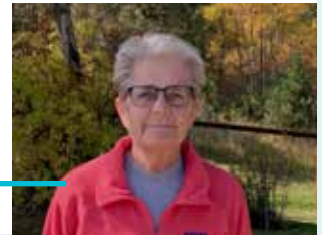
Here you will find a multitude of experiences, from hiking, backpacking, and water vacations in North America to active adventures and history tours around the world. The central goal of all of these trips is to establish lifelong connections with the outdoors. We all need nature, as the challenges of 2020 have demonstrated like never before. In addition to the trips listed here, we encourage you to check out Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outings, and Military Outdoors, which are a part of our larger movement to increase access to nature for all people. Learn more on page 36 or head to sierraclub.org/get-outside to view the full menu of ways to get outside with the Sierra Club.

In an effort to build a more diverse and inclusive program, we're once again highlighting an expanded selection of trips specifically for audiences we want to draw in, including adults under 50, women, and LGBTQ+ people. We also hope you'll check out our trips for younger adults, which are heavily subsidized to make joining one of these experiences easier than ever. Also, travelers ages 18 to 35 are eligible for a \$300 scholarship to participate in any of this year's all-ages trips. For more on this, head to pages 26 to 27 or visit us at sc.org/outings.

Finally, we invite you to check out a series of articles throughout this catalog profiling the individuals who embody the Sierra Club at its best—a rich tapestry of people with different backgrounds, passions, and experiences, who together form a powerful voice for others and for the planet. We hope these stories will be an inspiration and that you will join us to explore, enjoy, and protect the outdoor spaces that we all love.

Mary Owens

National Outings Chair and Trip Leader



Adventures with a Cause: Our Commitment to the Planet

We're part of the country's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization, and we're serious about running our program responsibly. Here's how we do it:

We minimize our on-trip impact.

Our trips revolve around low-impact activities such as hiking and kayaking, and we follow Leave No Trace principles (see p. 6). We also try to use group transportation where possible.

We contribute 25,000 volunteer hours per year to land agencies.

Through our service trip program, we connect nearly 1,000 volunteers per year with understaffed land agencies such as the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. We estimate that our trips contribute at least 25,000 hours of work per year. See p. 32 for service trips.

We create connections to the outdoors for all people.

Our Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outdoors, and Military Outdoors programs create lifelong connections to nature to improve the social, physical, mental, and environmental health of our nation. For more on this, see p. 36.

Most important, we inspire activism.

We provide the tools. The rest is up to you. All our trips immerse you in the splendor of one of our planet's wild places and inform you about local environmental challenges and what you can do to help. It was the impetus for our very first trip in 1901, and it's still the reason we run our program today.



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Alaska & Arctic Canada

Backpack America's last true wilderness; raft among glaciers, grizzlies, and towering peaks; assist with service projects among stunning Arctic scenery; and other immense experiences.

Wildlife and Photography Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska. May 22–29. Explore and photograph the richness and wonder of spring in Alaska aboard our historic 12-passenger yacht, the *Discovery*. We'll observe tens of thousands of migrating birds, marine mammals, and likely, bears fresh out of a long winter of hibernation, as we cruise amid western Prince William Sound's magical fjords. Comfortable lodging, delicious food, and hospitality await us on board. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$4,245. [21019A]*

Backpacking the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 7–18. Join a backpack journey into America's last true wilderness. As we hike the plains and tundra-filled valleys, we'll experience the sudden arrival of spring in the Arctic. With luck, we will encounter the Porcupine caribou herd on its calving-time migration. This once-in-a-lifetime experience may also include sightings

Backpack Ratings

Trips are assigned difficulty ratings based on overall mileage, ascent, descent, campsite elevations, and other factors, with "1" denoting the least difficult of our trips and "5" the most difficult. These ratings are only a general guide. To more fully understand the trip difficulty, please consult the trip brochure and speak with the trip leader.

of wolves, grizzly bears, and numerous bird and plant species. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Gary Keir. Price: \$5,295. [21010A]*

The High Valleys of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 14–25. Follow glacier-fed streams over the Continental Divide on this spectacular trek through the high valleys of the Brooks Range. With spring blossoming and 24 hours of daylight, we'll have the chance to see caribou, grizzlies, wolves, Dall sheep, moose, and a multitude of migratory bird species. A midway cache of food and wine will lighten our packs as well as our spirits. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Jonas Wickham. Price: \$4,995. [21011A]*

Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 20–26. Work alongside bald eagles, otters, and snowcapped mountains on the stunning Kenai Peninsula. Upon arriving in Seward, we'll head to the spruce forests of Caines Head on Resurrection Bay to assist Alaska State Parks with cabin maintenance and other projects. Our trip will end on the magnificent Kenai Fjords National Park boat tour among wildlife and

ABOVE: BACKPACKERS IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA.
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glaciers. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,325. [21025A]*

Great Alaska Photography Voyage: Denali National Park and Prince William Sound. July 6–14. Join us for the ultimate Alaska photography adventure, featuring dramatic scenery and awe-inspiring wildlife. Accompanied by Alaska's premier naturalist and photographer, Hugh Rose, we'll take an intimate three-day tour of Denali National Park, view Denali by plane, and finally, explore Prince William Sound by small boat. Our journey will begin in Fairbanks and end in Anchorage. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$6,575. [21016A]*

Explore Glacier Bay by Yacht and Kayak, Alaska. July 8–16. Enjoy watching calving glaciers, soaring eagles, spy-hopping whales, and playful sea otters from the comfort of a 65-foot yacht in Glacier Bay National Park. On our journey, we'll kayak calm waters; hike seashores amid bear and moose tracks; see rugged snowcapped mountains, temperate rainforests, deep fjords, and tall glaciers; and learn about the area's amazing biodiversity from our expert naturalist. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$5,995. [21070A]*

Kenai Peninsula Adventure for Women, Alaska. July 16–23. Explore the stunning rivers, lakes, bays, and culture of southcentral Alaska with like-minded, active women. We'll raft the Kenai River, beachcomb, hike through boreal forests, admire wildflowers, watch glaciers calve, kayak Kachemak and Resurrection Bays, and visit an artists' colony. We'll also have daily wildlife-viewing opportunities and enjoy comfortable lodging, hearty meals, and heavenly views. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,995. [21015A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Juneau to Wrangell. July 26–August 5. Explore the Inside Passage aboard a comfortable 12-person yacht. Accompanied by a naturalist, we'll observe massive humpback whales, journey into narrow fjords, kayak among icebergs, and go ashore to view bears and other wildlife up close. Evenings will be spent anchored in remote coves in the Tongass National Forest, enjoying local foods and relaxing in the yacht's library. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$6,225. [21435A]*

Wilderness Base Camp in the Remote Arctic, Alaska. July 30–August 7. Join us for a rare base camp journey near the legendary Brooks Range just as fall colors begin to appear. After an epic bush plane ride, we'll arrive at the head of the Sheenjek River and set up camp for a week of exploration in this vast wilderness. Daily hikes will lead us to high mountains, glaciers, and drainages, and we'll have ample opportunities for fishing, blueberry picking, and searching for wildlife, including the Porcupine caribou herd, bears, wolves,



and more. *Leader: Richard Gross. Price: \$4,545. [21020A]*

Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. August 1–7. Maintain trails in magnificent Denali National Park, home to North America's tallest peak. Each day, we'll hike to our work site and return to our camp-

ground for warm meals. On our free day, we'll explore the park by bus, with chances to see moose, caribou, grizzlies, and awesome views of majestic Denali. We'll return to Anchorage on the historic Alaska Railroad. *Leader: John Kolman. Price: \$1,175. [21027A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Petersburg to Sitka. August 7–17. See trip 21435A, left, for details. *Leader: Bunny Sterin. Price: \$6,225. [21440A]*

Rafting among Glaciers and Grizzlies on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers, Alaska and British Columbia. August 14–25. The Tatshenshini offers one of the world's premier mountain rafting experiences. On our 140-mile adventure from the Yukon to near the Gulf of Alaska, we'll float past majestic glaciers in Glacier Bay National Park amid the 20,000-foot St. Elias Mountains. We'll also visit the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, look for bears, hike the Walker Glacier, run rapids, and photograph wildlife in this vast wilderness. *Leader: Wendy Wyels. Price: \$4,695. [21067A]*

Finding Nowhere: Backpacking the Western Brooks Range, Alaska. August 21–28. Explore the remote western Arctic on a wilderness trek deep into the Brooks Range during the height of the tundra foliage season. Modest hiking dis-



SEA OTTER IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA. CREDIT: HUGH ROSE

tances and two layover days will leave us plenty of time to explore, photograph, fish, and pick berries, with a chance to witness the fall caribou migration. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Patrick Frisbie. Price: \$3,195. [21012A]*

Autumn Arctic Adventure and Photo Tour, Alaska. August 28–September 5. Explore the remote Arctic during the most spectacular time of year. We'll travel from Fairbanks north along the Dalton Highway to the Arctic Coastal Plain looking for musk oxen, owls, falcons, bears, and wolves on the tundra. We'll spend a night in Prudhoe Bay before flying to a native Alaskan village to observe and photograph the area's top predator, the polar bear. *Leader: Bunny Sterin. Price: \$9,745. [21013A]*

Prince William Sound Wilderness Cruise, Alaska. September 4–11. Explore the 1.9-million-acre Nellie Juan–College Fjord Wilderness Study Area aboard our historic 12-passenger yacht, the *Discovery*. We'll cruise alongside walls of glaciers and incredible turquoise icebergs while watching humpbacks breach and orcas feed. Pilot your own kayak to shore, where you can walk on a glacier, gaze at shimmering waterfalls, or stroll through wildflowers. Comfortable lodging, delicious food, and hospitality await us on board. *Leader: Patrick Nichols. Price: \$4,265. [21017A]*

Treading softly upon the Earth: The Ethics of Leaving No Trace

Environmental standards have changed since the days when William Colby romped through the wilds with 100 Sierra Club members and dozens of mules. Today, our leaders practice a set of guidelines developed by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Here are some examples of how we minimize backcountry impact.

- packing out all of our trash, including food
- keeping group size small and strictly following all land-use restrictions
- using efficient stoves instead of wood fires to cook
- walking on trails where they exist and fanning out where they don't
- camping, cooking, and washing at least 200 feet from any water source
- camping and walking on durable surfaces
- packing all food in bear-proof containers where necessary or appropriate

To learn more, see content.sierraclub.org/outings/wilderness-manners.

Alaska Fall Colors Sampler, Fairbanks. September 13–20. Join us for an action-packed week in the heart of Interior Alaska. From our guesthouse, we'll sample a variety of activities, including museums and exhibits, day hikes in the

surrounding mountains, an excursion along the oil pipeline to the Arctic Circle, a leisurely river raft trip, wildlife spotting and photography, and basking in the warmth of Chena Hot Springs. *Leader: Gary Aguiar. Price: \$2,525. [21014A]*



RAFTING THE TATSHENSHINI RIVER, ALASKA. CREDIT: MATT ZIMMERMAN



Hawaii & American Caribbean

Stimulate your senses on an enchanting island adventure. Assist with service projects or join a sampler trip featuring cool breezes, coastal hikes, and wintering whales.

Bird Habitat Restoration and Conservation, Big Island, Hawaii. May 1–8. Join us for a week of service and exploration on Hawaii’s Big Island. We’ll support native birds by replanting mamane trees on Mauna Kea and assisting with projects at a nature conservancy. We’ll also have opportunities to hike, explore, relax, and savor excellent meals, cool breezes, and great conversation. *Leader: Carl Martin. Price: \$945. [21081A]*

Wild Kauai, Garden Isle of Hawaii. June 5–11. Explore the wilds of Kauai, the oldest and arguably most beautiful of the Hawaiian islands. We will spend our days kayaking the world-famous Napali Coast, snorkeling and hiking along palm-lined bays and verdant canyons, and learning about Hawaiian culture. At day’s end, we’ll return to comfortable lodging, including three nights in a modern resort and three nights in historic cottages along a black-sand beach. *Leader: Patty McDonald. Price: \$2,675. [21082A]*

Go with the Flow: Highlights of the Big Island, Hawaii. July 17–24. Adventure awaits on our traverse of Hawaii’s magical



GECKO ON HAWAII’S BIG ISLAND. CREDIT: CRAIG WEAKLEY/TANDEM STILL+S+MOTION

Big Island. During our stay, we’ll snorkel in aqua-blue water, relax on beaches, and enjoy Kona coffee, tropical fruit, waterfalls, and rainforests. At Hawaii’s Volcanoes National Park, we’ll walk in lava tubes, hike across a crater, and see recent lava flows. Evenings will be spent in a hillside home, savoring cool trade-wind breezes and Pacific sunsets. *Leader: Barb Davis. Price: \$1,865. [21083A]*

Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. July 25–August 1. Join us in a beautiful highland rainforest and coastal dune as we work to restore native plant habitat. We will savor ocean views and trade winds from our comfortable condos, with time to explore Molokai on a free day. We’ll also enjoy delicious meals with locally sourced food and learn about conservation efforts and culture from our hosts and Native Hawaiians. *Leader: Larry Miller. Price: \$2,045. [21084A]*

ABOVE: NAPALI COAST, KAUAI, HAWAII. CREDIT: INDUSTRYANDTRAVEL/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. August 8–14. The fungal disease known as Rapid Ohia Death has been devastating to native birds that rely on endemic ohia flowers for survival. We will gather and propagate ohia seeds to help preserve this keystone species. Between seed collecting, we will hike short, scenic trails; snorkel on the north shore; and learn from Native Hawaiians about local history and responsible environmental practices. *Leader: Jill McIntire. Price: \$1,295. [21085A]*

The Best of the Big Island of Hawaii. September 17–24. Discover the essential and lesser-known highlights of the Big Island. We'll hike to a hidden beach along a trail abounding with pictographs, stargaze on Mauna Kea, watch a sunset over Kilauea volcano, snorkel at several perfect locations, visit a tropical garden and the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, see numerous waterfalls along the Hamakua coast, search for native birds, and much more. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,235. [21080A]*

Caribbean Sun and Sea on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. January 23–29, 2022. Trade in the winter doldrums for the crystal clear waters of Vieques, a peaceful Caribbean island with a complex history. Our trip will mix adventure and relaxation as we depart our eco-friendly lodge each day to snorkel, walk on beautiful sandy beaches, or explore the island and its history. Highlights will include a visit by kayak to bioluminescent Mosquito Bay and a guided paddleboard tour. *Leader: Holly Wenger. Price: \$1,995. [22401A]*



The pull of a special place is something most of us know intimately. Whether it's the comfort of a quiet corner in our backyard or an otherworldly destination far from home, there is nothing that satisfies the soul like forging a deep connection to nature. **Kim Steutermann Rogers** and her husband were so enchanted by the tropical scenery, world-class beaches, and abundant plant and animal life of Hawaii when they honeymooned on Kauai, they bought into a time-share condo and continued returning to Hawaii on vacation. "Finally, right after our 11th wedding anniversary, we moved here—for one year," she says. "That was 21 years ago. We're still here."

Beyond the obvious attractions, Kim says the thing that makes Hawaii stand out is its biodiversity of flora and fauna and the endemic species found nowhere else in the world. "They hold the culture and stories of the place. Without the native plants and animals, Hawaii would be just another tropical destination with sand and palm trees." The scientific concept of adaptive radiation, she explains, has gone wild in this remote island ecosystem, as evidenced by the speciation of Hawaii's famous honeycreepers, in which a single species of finch evolved into more than 50 different honeycreepers as they adapted to their new environment in Hawaii.

At the same time, this biodiversity is under a daily assault from invasive species that make their way to the islands in air and ship cargo. "In some places, entire valleys are being overtaken by a single introduced tree species, choking out natives and eliminating any understory or ground cover. When this happens, after heavy rains, mud and debris flow down the rivers and streams to the ocean, smothering the reef and creating a chocolate milk-like ring around the island."

Kim's exhaustive knowledge of these conservation challenges stems, in part, from her work for Kauai Invasive Species Committee, a partnership between government, private, and nonprofit organizations and concerned individuals working to preserve Kauai's native biodiversity and minimize the adverse ecological, economic, and social impacts of invasive species. Kim's area of expertise is raising awareness about Hawaii's most abundant native trees—ohia—and a threat called Rapid Ohia Death that is killing them. She is also a freelance journalist covering the science and nature of Hawaii's native and endangered flora and fauna. In a recent story for *Audubon* magazine, for instance, she wrote about the ups and downs in the hopeful recovery of Hawaii's 'alalā, also known as the Hawaiian crow. In addition to her professional work, she volunteers for a couple national wildlife refuges and a national marine sanctuary on the island.

Sierra Club Outings leader Jill McIntire met Kim years ago during a volunteer project on Midway Atoll, which is home to 75 percent of the world's population of Laysan albatross. She has since become an invaluable resource for Sierra Club trips, helping leaders plan camping arrangements and service projects and delivering conservation presentations on a wide range of topics, including Rapid Ohia Death, the impact of marine debris on Hawaiian monk seals and Laysan albatross, and more. "Over the years, I've met with various Sierra Club trip participants who are all so eager to learn more about Hawaii and to help." Kim encourages them to give back to the Hawaiian Islands by participating in hands-on conservation projects and will often provide them with biosanitation kits to stop the spread of invasive species as they travel from one part of the island to the other.

"To live in Hawaii, in my opinion, comes with a responsibility to take care of the place," Kim says, echoing not only the modern environmental movement but also the native people who inhabited these lands long before us and still do. Ultimately, honoring our special place boils down to the following: "Be respectful. Give back. Ask permission first. Leave this world in a better state than you found it—basically, all the things my mother taught me!"

Learn more about Kim and read her writing at kimsrogers.com.



Contiguous U.S. & Canada

Looking to stick a bit closer to home? Check out our many trips in the Lower 48. Vacations range from lodge-based family trips to rugged wilderness backpacking. We also run specialty trips for beginners, LGBTQ+ people, women, younger participants, and more.

Backpack

Savor unmatched solitude in an area where few travelers have gone before. Not sure where to start? No problem! Our beginner trips are the perfect way to learn the ropes with other first-timers.



BACKPACKING PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK RESERVE, BRITISH COLUMBIA. CREDIT: JOSH MCCULLOCH/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Women's Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. June 23–27. Backpack with a group of adventurous women along the northwest coastline of Olympic National Park. Our challenging route will be filled with the sounds of the ocean, the stature of the bald eagle, and the history of those whose footsteps we follow. We'll return home with lasting memories of the vast ocean, dotted with sea stacks and framed by the brush strokes of a magnificent sunset. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$895. [21157A]*

A Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. July 9–14. Olympic National Park is home to some of the most majestic, intriguing, and primitive coastal areas in the Lower 48. Captivating ocean views, dramatic cliffs, memorable sunsets, and nearby rainforests are just a few of the wonders to be found along our route. Anticipate a full sensory experience as we backpack for six memorable days up the Olympic coast. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Kurt Hassell. Price: \$995. [21105A]*

Stevens to Snoqualmie: Through the Alpine Lakes Wilderness on the Pacific Crest Trail, Washington. July 24–August 1. Considered one of the loveliest and most remote sections of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness offers mountain meadows, beautiful lakes, rushing rivers, and jagged, snowcapped peaks. Our 74-mile backpack journey will take us along craggy ridges, and we will traverse two major watersheds while passing through scenic lake basins. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Marybeth Dingley. Price: \$675. [21103A]*

Trekking the West Coast Trail, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, British Columbia. August 23–31. Trek one of the most alluring and legendary trails on Earth. Experience remarkable biodiversity and learn about shipwrecks and First Nations history on our 47-mile route featuring boardwalks, cable cars, ladders, lighthouses, suspension bridges, tidal pools, beaches, and more. Between ancient forests and ocean shores, the mystic, magical West Coast Trail will come alive as we hike this rugged wonderland. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$1,895. [21104A]*

Spider Meadow to Buck Creek Pass Loop, Glacier Peak Wilderness, Washington. August 29–September 4. Travel through some of the most scenic areas of the North Cascades backcountry. Our adventure will take us to wildflower-filled meadows, glaciers, alpine lakes, and high mountain passes. Nights will be spent at campsites with stunning views of Glacier Peak, and we'll have two layover days to visit Image Lake, Flower Dome, or High Pass. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Rick Szafarz. Price: \$1,025. [21107A]*

Wonderland Trail Loop, Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. August 30–September 9. Embark on a breathtaking 93-mile loop around Mt. Rainier, the great peak of the Northwest. This world-class trail will take us through a progression of alpine meadows and old-growth forests, over high passes, and past glaciers, lakes, and waterfalls, with ever-changing views as we circle the mountain. Two food caches will lighten our load on this 10-day trip; it will be one to remember. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: \$1,075. [21108A]*

Dave Neumann joined the Sierra Club in 1968, when he was just 16 years old. After a few years participating mostly in local trips with the San Francisco Bay chapter, he staffed his first trip as an assistant leader on a California backpack trip for 13-to-15-year-olds, many of whom were exploring the backcountry for the first time. Though he wasn't much older than these young backpackers, Dave was inspired by their boundless energy and enthusiasm, and he enjoyed passing wilderness skills and his love of the natural world along to them at an important time in their lives. "Getting young people into nature early builds confidence through real-life challenges that strengthens their feelings of self-worth," he says, "and also helps them become passionate Sierra Club members who will carry the torch for saving our planet."

Of the many teen and adult backpack trips Dave led throughout the 1970s and '80s, his standout memory is from a 1976 teen trip to the remote Ionian Basin region of the High Sierra, which he describes as an epic journey visiting numerous alpine lakes and crossing three high passes. When an optional day hike turned into a day-and-a-half overnight with a bivouac, the group found itself behind schedule with a lot of ground to cover in a short amount of time. Dave knew that getting to the trailhead, where the parents were waiting, would be a challenge, but the teens rose to the occasion and worked hard to keep their scheduled arrival. "It was tough at times, but everyone had a feeling of accomplishment and developed confidence in their own skills as a result of the effort."

Dave took the next three decades off from leading trips, but he was never far from kids and the outdoors. As a parent of three children, a grandparent of five, and an education professional (he's been a teacher, a coach, an athletic director, a principal, and a school district superintendent over the course of his career), it's fair to say Dave has spent the majority of his life around young people. He continued to sharpen and expand his outdoor skills on personal backpack, raft, bike, and fishing trips and as a volunteer ranger and wilderness first responder at Joshua Tree National Park, California. And in recent years, he developed a knack for building things, including a log home, furniture, and birdhouses made out of recycled license plates.

Upon his retirement in 2015, Dave decided to return to leading with the Sierra Club. But he was surprised to learn that there had not



been any teen trips since 2001 (during his time, the Sierra Club ran about 15 annually). So he set out to bring them back. It took a few years, but with the support of the Outings volunteer leadership, the first teen trip of the new era ran in 2017 in California's Emigrant Wilderness. "Enjoying the beautiful lakes and seeing glorious night skies always prove to be memorable experiences for the teens I take into the mountains," he explains. "The stark beauty of the landscape helps us understand how we fit into the fabric of life. I think it helps teens to grow, being away from their parents and surrounded by new friends as they learn to safely travel in the wild."

Dave is now encouraging other leaders to take on these trips and cultivate the next generation of young travelers to love and protect the natural world. He's optimistic that Generation Z will be receptive to the lessons he's learned over a lifetime of exploration and conservation. "We can't save wild places without also striving to provide a clean and healthy environment for all of Earth's inhabitants," he says. "Equity and social justice go hand in hand with environmentalism."

Thirteen-to-17-year olds: Are you ready to discover the joys and challenges of exploring the backcountry? If so, you can join Dave on "Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite" (see trip 21130A, p. 13).

MIDWEST

Isolated Island Wilderness: Backpacking Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. August 29–September 5. Isle Royale National Park, a Lake Superior archipelago 20 miles from shore, is known for its isolation, beauty, tranquility, wolves, and moose. Our weeklong backpack trip will feature challenging but low-mileage days on the 42-mile Greenstone Ridge Trail, which winds along the "spine" of the volcanic main island. We'll enjoy cool September temperatures, highly rated meals, and cozy nights beside lakes inhabited by loons. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jayson Margalus. Price: \$1,425. [21100A]*



COLORFUL ROCKS ALONG LAKE SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN. CREDIT: LARRY GEDDIS/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Gitchee Gumbol: Backpacking Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan. August 30–September 3. Enjoy late-summer backpacking in the wilderness hugging Lake Superior's south shore. This five-day adventure on 42 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail has it all: spectacular multicolored lakeshore cliffs, natural arches, cascades, turquoise-blue waters, and 30-story sand dunes. We'll explore the area's rich history and sleep to the sound of Lake Superior's rolling surf. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Donna Kurtz. Price: \$745. [21101A]*

CALIFORNIA



BACKPACKING THE SILVER DIVIDE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS. CREDIT: MARK LUM

Desert Hiking and Wildflowers in Joshua Tree National Park. March 21–26. Hike an iconic desert wilderness along historic paths on this moderate spring backpack journey. Highlights will include the Wonderland of Rocks, remote Smith Water Canyon, and stark Juniper Flats, with chances to encounter vibrant desert wildflowers and bighorn sheep and other wildlife. We will carry potable water, with more cached along the route. Desert backpacking experience is not required. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: David Melton. Price: \$775. [21415A]*

Backpacking California's Wild and Remote Lost Coast. May 17–21. Backpack California's legendary Lost Coast on this five-day adventure along all 25 miles of the King Range National Conservation Area. We'll trek on rugged shoreline, across stream canyons, and on coastal bluffs as we make our way from Mattole to Black Sands Beach. Along the way, we'll catch a glimpse of sea elephants, otters, and elk and spend evenings at beach campsites near creeks and waterfalls. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$995. [21127A]*

Early Season Exploration in the Golden Trout Wilderness, Inyo National Forest. June 6–12. Follow the cold, clear streams abounding with the fish that give the Golden Trout Wilderness its name. This 46-mile loop traverses the area's characteristic expansive meadows and skirts its finest lakes, some possibly half frozen. Heavy winter

precipitation may necessitate snow travel to access the region's remote alpine lake basins. We'll peak-climb, swim, or relax on our layover day at secluded Funston Lake. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$765. [21126A]*

New To Backpacking?

Learn The Ropes On A Beginner Trip

A patient leader will get you on your way by teaching you:

- what to bring and how to pack it
- how to fix tasty backcountry meals on a portable campstove
- how to reduce your impact in the backcountry and more!

Trips marked **BEGINNER TRIP!** are specifically designed for the new or less-experienced backpacker looking for a learning experience.

Backpacking the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Yosemite National Park. June 24–28. Follow the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River from Tuolumne Meadows to just above Hetch Hetchy Valley on this classic Yosemite trek. Along this stretch, the river drops like a staircase, with awesome cascades, like Waterwheel Falls, interspersed with delightful swimming holes. We'll complete our journey with a final camp midway out of the canyon on a clearing with a spectacular view. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Mark Chang. Price: \$845. [21128A]*

30s and 40s Five-Day Emigrant Wilderness Exploration. July 14–18. Discover the lakes, creeks, and waterfalls of this less-visited yet still stunning wilderness area north of Yosemite National Park. The hiking days on this 25-mile semiloop will be short but challenging, and there will also be plenty of time for exploring mountain peaks and swimming in alpine lakes during afternoon day hikes. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$425. [21129A]*

Fish, Frogs, and Waterscapes of the Ansel Adams Wilderness. July 24–31. Backpack to lakes stocked with trout in the High Sierra. At night, listen carefully for the calls of native frogs. We'll learn principles of aquatic ecology unique to alpine waterscapes that shape the ways these creatures survive. This 30-mile trip will offer fishing and science-based activities to highlight the importance of mountain water supplies and

those that depend on them most. (Rated: 3.)
Leader: Carol Reeb. **Price:** \$925. [21131A]

Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite National Park. July 25–August 1. Spend a week backpacking Yosemite’s high country with other 12-to-17-year-olds. We’ll visit scenic lakes, travel through majestic Matterhorn Canyon, scramble up Matterhorn Peak, and watch the alpenglow on Sawtooth Ridge. Our 45-mile hike will feature four high pass crossings, teen-friendly meals, and several partial layover days for fishing, swimming, or just relaxing with new friends. (Rated: 4.) **Leader:** David Neumann. **Price:** \$495. [21130A]

Cross-Country Ramble around the Pinnacles, John Muir Wilderness. July 31–August 8. Enjoy a cross-country backpack around the central Sierra’s strange and seldom-visited rock formation known as the Pinnacles, just south of better-known Seven Gables. We’ll spend all but the first day hiking cross-country, finding sometimes challenging, always satisfying passages around this striking formation. Our route will offer peaks to climb and lakes for swimming, and we’ll have one layover day for relaxing or exploring. (Rated: 5.) **Leader:** Pam Abell. **Price:** \$945. [21133A]

Emigrant Wilderness: Land of Contrasts. July 31–August 8. Explore one of the most enchanting parts of the High Sierra. During our stay, we’ll encounter open alpine country, flower-filled meadows, and midmountain forests, lakes, and rivers. We’ll camp at a different lake each night and spend a layover day at lovely Dorothy Lake at the northernmost tip of Yosemite National Park. (Rated: 3.) **Leader:** Gayle Labrana. **Price:** \$725. [21132A]

Journey through Evolution: North Lake to South Lake, Kings Canyon National Park. August 1–7. Find inspiration in the many splendors of Piute Canyon, Evolution Basin, LeConte Canyon, and Dusy Basin on this 53-mile, bucket-list backpack journey through Kings Canyon and John Muir’s “Range of Light.” Anticipate magnificent views while crossing Piute, Muir, and Bishop Passes and at high camps surrounded by breathtaking granite peaks. (Rated: 4.) **Leader:** Richard Clowdus. **Price:** \$845. [21141A]

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginners Eastern Sierra Jaunt, Little Lakes Valley. August 7–11. Are you new to backpacking or looking to enhance your wilderness skills? Join our adventure in scenic Little Lakes Valley. We’ll saunter alongside alpine lakes on gentle terrain for two days, then spend a layover day relaxing lakeside or venturing cross-country on steeper terrain with a day pack. This is an excellent opportunity to learn and develop your backcountry knowledge with other adventurers in an incredible high-country setting. (Rated: 2.) **Leader:** Jeannette Sivertsen. **Price:** \$675. [21143A]



Hidden Gems of Pioneer Basin, John Muir Wilderness. August 8–14. Embark on an unforgettable backpack experience in the heart of the John Muir Wilderness. Traveling at a relaxed pace, we will take two days to surmount the Sierra crest and reach the gentle wilderness of Pioneer Basin. A layover day and lakeside campsites will afford ample opportunities for swimming, peak bagging, or just relaxing in the cool alpine air. (Rated: 3.) **Leader:** Linica Suceava. **Price:** \$595. [21134A]

Humphreys High-Country Circuit, John Muir Wilderness. August 8–14. Explore the open, lake-studded land between towering Mt. Humphreys and the majestic Glacier Divide. We’ll travel off-trail over a high pass to a campsite at one of several pristine lakes along our route, then cross French Canyon to reach remote and scenic Merriam Lake. On two separate layover days, we can choose to hike, swim, fish, or relax in this austere and beautiful country. (Rated: 4.) **Leader:** Jane Uptegrove. **Price:** \$785. [21135A]



HAPPY CAMPER IN THE HIGH SIERRA. CREDIT: JEANNETTE SIVERTSEN

Silver Divide Inspiration, John Muir Wilderness.

August 8–14. Explore the many lakes of the John Muir Wilderness. Backpacking from the west side of the Sierra, we will stop at Graveyard, Peter Pande, and Lone Indian Lakes; enjoy a layover day beneath the splendidly colored Red and White Mountain; and head back to our starting point via Silver Pass. Anticipate exploration, camaraderie, and wilderness inspiration. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Dave Simon. Price: \$595. [21144A]*

Miter Basin and More beneath the Whitney Crest, John Muir Wilderness.

August 12–20. We'll cross the Sierra divide to reach Miter Basin, the first of four high and isolated lake basins we'll explore west of the Whitney crest. The route connecting these remote places is often rugged and challenging but always rewarding. Of our 50 miles, 20 are off-trail, including a 12,600-foot cross-country pass, and we'll camp above 11,000 feet most nights. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,045. [21148A]*

Women's Range of Light: A High Sierra Adventure in California's John Muir Wilderness.

August 12–21. Enjoy solitude and the company of other women on this high, cross-country trek through alpine basins west of the Sierra Nevada crest. We will explore Humphreys Basin before traversing French Canyon and crossing 12,360-foot Feather Pass to reach remote Bear Lakes Basin, with dozens of secluded lakes nestled beneath 13,000-foot peaks and the striking Seven Gables. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$1,025. [21140A]*

All-Ages Off-Trail Reconnaissance in California's John Muir Wilderness.

August 14–21. Leave the dusty trail behind and explore the magical lakes, passes, and ridgelines of the Silver and Mono Divides on this cross-country trek for hikers of all ages. Traveling light, we'll hike a high route traversing a series of rugged and airy passes and bask in the serenity of solitary alpine lakes at sunset. Our challenging hike and diversity of experiences and perspectives will make this a memorable and rewarding journey. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Timothy Jung. Price: \$795. [21138A]*

Hiking High: Mammoth, McGee, and the Silver Divide, John Muir Wilderness.

August 14–21. Join us on a seven-day, 30-mile Eastern Sierra journey from the Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide. We'll hike the legendary John Muir Trail; visit several high-country lakes, including Virginia, Ram, Cotton, and McGee; and enjoy a layover day to explore or relax. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$895. [21154A]*

Women's Backpacking the Rae Lakes and Kings Canyon High Country.

August 14–21. Join other experienced women backpackers on a classic route through the High Sierra. Our approach to Rae Lakes will start high in Onion Valley (9,192 feet) and cross two 11,000-foot passes. We will stay two days in the Rae Lakes area, relaxing and enjoying views of Painted Lady and Fin Dome, and continue past Arrowhead and Dollar Lakes

before crossing the Sierra crest on the beautiful Sawmill Pass Trail. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$785. [21139A]*

Fish, Frogs, and Waterscapes of Yosemite and Parker Pass.

August 15–21. Join a 16-mile, science-based adventure to explore the alpine world of fish and frogs in the High Sierra. We'll backpack to lakeside camps beneath towering peaks and learn principles of aquatic ecology in high-altitude waterscapes that influence how these creatures manage to survive. We'll also cross three high passes; scale a challenging, 12,800-foot peak; and enjoy two layover days. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Carol Reeb. Price: \$945. [21147A]*

Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite National Park.

August 18–25. See trip 21130A, p. 13, for details. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$495. [21130B]*

20s and 30s Tableland Tramp: Hiking among the High Lakes of Sequoia National Park.

August 19–23. This is a quick, five-day backpack on a mostly cross-country route into a fantastic backcountry basin above timberline. We'll camp by lakes and soak in huge "top of the world" vistas, looking out on granite canyons below us. Anticipate strenuous hiking days, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. Prior backpacking experience is encouraged. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: \$445. [21136A]*

Remote Lakes and Granite Canyons of the Emigrant Wilderness.

August 22–28. Our six-day on- and off-trail journey to the remote lakes of the Emigrant Wilderness traverses a glacially sculpted landscape featuring broad granite expanses, rushing mountain streams, and deep canyons. Our itinerary will include a layover day to relax or explore the sweeping panoramas and pristine lakes, including a rare Sierra lake with a wide, sandy beach—each with its own unique beauty. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$725. [21142A]*

Matterhorn Inspiration in Yosemite National Park.

August 22–29. Join us as we explore the

northeastern part of Yosemite, the spiritual home of the Sierra Club. Our lake-filled loop route will begin at Twin Lakes, just outside the park. We'll meander on-trail down Matterhorn Canyon, spend a layover day at Rodgers Lake, and continue through Kerrick Meadow. Anticipate plenty of time for exploration, relaxation, and wilderness inspiration. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Dave Bugay. Price: \$675. [21149A]*

Evolution and Ionian Basin Adventure, Kings Canyon National Park.

August 23–31. Travel mostly off-trail over rugged alpine passes to the wild and remote Ionian Basin. Our route will pass spectacular alpine lakes and traverse Humphreys and Evolution Basins as well as Darwin Canyon, and we'll camp at high lakes surrounded by jagged peaks surpassing 13,000 feet. Opportunities will abound to savor the solitude and beauty of John Muir's "Range of Light." (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Arian Prenger. Price: \$1,275. [21145A]*

Lake Basin High Country, Kings Canyon National Park.

August 28–September 6. Our trek will take us to Dusy Basin, where the striking peaks of the Palisades and the Black Divide dominate the skyline, and end on the lightly used trail over starkly beautiful Taboose Pass. The highlight of our journey will be remote Lake Basin, which we'll reach via a challenging cross-country route over high, trailless passes. Most camps will be above 10,500 feet. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$785. [21146A]*

Sierra High Route: Alpine Lake Basins and the Mono Recesses, John Muir Wilderness.

August 28–September 6. Challenge yourself along the Sierra High Route, crossing six high passes, including four cross-country, to access Humphreys, Bear Lakes, and Seven Gables Basins and the Mono Recesses. We'll enjoy abundant solitude as we travel through vast, open expanses of moonscape densely packed with lakes and dominated by granite spires and peaks. We'll travel over 50 miles, predominantly off-trail, with most camps above 11,000 feet. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$795. [21137A]*

Sierra High Route: Off-Trail Adventure in the Ansel Adams Wilderness.

September 5–11. Join this classic cross-country backpack trek to sky-blue lakes, cascading waterfalls, panoramic passes, and the rugged shoulders of the iconic Minarets and Ritter Range. We'll bask in glorious late-summer light on a traverse of rugged and airy passes immortalized in Ansel Adams's photographs and swim, fish, relax, and watch the alpenglow paint the ridge lines from our lakeside campsites. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Rick Self. Price: \$1,075. [21155A]*

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore.

September 12–17. Learn or refresh backpacking skills while exploring the wild California coast on this beginner-friendly route. A day hike through the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve will ease us into five backpack-



CATALINA ISLAND FOX.
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ing days on forested trails. We'll visit rocky headlands, spectacular beaches, and open grasslands and learn about the history and biological diversity of this special place. (Rated: 2.) **Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: \$595. [21150A]**

High Lakes of Yosemite National Park. September 12–20. Bask in glorious Yosemite light on our journey to the remote Lyell Fork of the Merced River. For experienced hikers, our 50-plus-mile on-trail route from Tuolumne Meadows will cross splendid Vogelsang Pass. Unforgettable panoramas of the Clark Range will unfold as glacier-carved canyons cradling idyllic alpine

lakes beckon. Our itinerary will include a layover day for relaxation or upper-basin exploration. (Rated: 4.) **Leader: Cornelia Bellamacina. Price: \$785. [21152A]**

Autumn Light on Sabrina Basin, John Muir Wilderness. September 28–October 3. The end of summer in the Sierra Nevada means autumn light, cooler days, and less crowded trails. Our moderate journey will take us through stunning Sabrina Basin, nestled below glaciated granite peaks and high alpine lakes. Short distances between camps will offer plenty of opportunities to explore nearby lakes, relax, and soak up the sea-

sonal changes and solitude. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$745. [21151A]**

Backpacking the Trans-Catalina Trail, Catalina Island. October 27–November 1. Catalina Island is a wonder of biodiversity 22 miles off the Southern California coast that belongs on everyone's bucket list. We'll backpack the Trans-Catalina Trail for five days, with an extra day to visit the island's remote northern tip. Along the way, we'll camp on the beach and high above the ocean, watch for Catalina Island fox and bison, and learn about endemic species and conservation efforts. (Rated: 3.) **Leader: Mark Chang. Price: \$1,125. [21156A]**



There's no shortage of clichés about travel and its ability to challenge us, broaden our worldviews, or enrich our lives. Eye-roll-inducing as they may be, there's a good reason for these hackneyed phrases: They're often true, as 21-year-old **David Taylor** of Detroit, Michigan, can attest. Growing up, David was no stranger to the outdoors, but his experiences were limited mostly to sports, games, and climbing trees near home. That changed in a big way five years ago, when he joined a canoe trip run by his local Boys and Girls Club in partnership with the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) program, which provides adventures for kids who wouldn't ordinarily have the chance to experience nature. This trip, and the many that followed, opened David up to places and activities he'd never considered before and expanded his perspective of the world. "Honestly, the Sierra Club is the reason why I have a bucket list in the first place," he explains.

Since that first trip, David has enthusiastically embraced almost all of the new adventures offered by Detroit ICO, including canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping, and skiing. Of all these memorable experiences, he is particularly vocal about an overnight trip led by the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit (a Detroit ICO partner) to the annual Ice Fest in Munising in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. On this trip, David and his peers hiked to an ice cave, learned to dogsled, and received ice-climbing instruction from world-renowned climber Phil Henderson, who flew from Utah just to be with the group. The ice climbing, David recalls, was particularly challenging. "I was a little nervous because I had never done this before. The first time I went up the mountain, I had no training and no

techniques. I was going on pure instinct." He fell a few times on his first climb, but with perseverance and close adherence to the techniques he learned during a one-on-one session with Phil, David eventually made his way to the top faster than before and without falling once. His confidence restored, David began instructing the group and demonstrating what he'd learned. The day ended as magically as it began, with a group dinner followed by stargazing and contemplating constellations on the deck of the lodge.

David's story, says Detroit ICO chair Garrett Dempsey, "is emblematic of the power of communion both between people and between people and nature." David's involvement in the program has established a broad, interconnected network, including him and his family, Detroit ICO volunteers, the Boys and Girls Club, the wider Sierra Club, and beyond. This network has influenced others in David's immediate circle, such as his mother and aunt, who camped overnight in a tent—something they once said they would never do—as part of a Detroit Outdoors camping leadership training for adults. The leadership David has demonstrated in taking these trips, Garrett believes, is part of a virtuous cycle that will encourage the next generation of teen leaders to try these adventures, as well. "It shows how trusting relationships between caring adults, youth, and organizations that serve young people can grow beyond two individuals," says Garrett. "Time outdoors has the power to forge and strengthen relationships that grow outwards from individuals and weave themselves into a larger community fabric."

The past year has been busy for David, who is now enrolled in college and working for the Ford Motor Company while in school, though he's made time to apply his passion for music to writing an original score for a Sierra Club Detroit Outdoors youth camping collaborative video. And he's eager to try his hand at new adventures, including skydiving, ziplining, and swimming with sea life. Reflecting on his journey these past few years, David says that ICO helped him build a lot of healthy relationships that he's grateful for and taught him to be more open-minded. And he hopes that his growth can inspire other young people to take a chance, too. "Don't be afraid to try new things—because you might like it!"

Do you want to help inspire connections outdoors? Learn more, volunteer, or donate at sierraclub.org/ico.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS



MCGOWN PEAK REFLECTION IN THE SAWTOOTH RANGE, IDAHO. CREDIT: ROBERT HARDING/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Wandering the Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado.

July 18–25. Here's your chance to explore this fabled and varied wilderness. Daily hikes along the Continental Divide Trail will lead us to unforgettable vistas of expansive valleys and cirque lakes, with layovers planned between more challenging hikes. Traveling from Denver by van, we'll stop overnight near Great Sand Dunes, the tallest dunes in the United States (8,000 feet), with peaks soaring overhead. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$1,095. [21109A]*

Exploring Beartooth Glaciers, Montana. July 24–30. Backpack the Beartooth range, a spectacular high-elevation area just north-east of Yellowstone National Park. We'll explore rich valleys and pristine lakes, and on layover days, we'll go off-trail in search of climate change's effects and rapidly disappearing glaciers. Relatively short, steep distances and day hikes on layover days make this a trip for seasoned backpackers and strong novices alike. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jennifer Cost. Price: \$1,075. [21110A]*

Sawtooth Sojourn, Idaho. July 25–August 1. Share an adventure in Idaho's crown jewel on this breathtaking trek deep into the aptly named Sawtooth Range. We'll climb alongside glaciated pink granite, dazzling wildflowers, and tumultuous cataracts and camp beside gorgeous alpine lakes. A layover day is planned for exploring or relaxing lakeside. Our exciting exit route will lead us over a trailless col and down through a rarely visited watershed. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: \$975. [21113A]*

The North Wall Loop: Bob Marshall Wilderness, Montana. July 30–August 7. Discover a secret treasure of the Bob Marshall Wilderness on this eight-day backpack trip to the remote North Wall. Anticipate crystal-clear rivers, jagged peaks, and, with luck, a glimpse of the enormous Sun River elk herd and elusive mountain goats. Our challenging journey will be rewarded with rugged scenery and breathtaking views. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Sandy Chilton. Price: \$875. [21115A]*

Alpine Glory in Wyoming's Wind River Mountains. July 31–August 7. Wyoming's majestic Wind River Range, beneath the Continental Divide, forms the backdrop for this unsurpassed hike. Pristine valleys are filled with abundant wildflower meadows, and carpets of blueberry and raspberry plants decorate our trail. We'll enjoy a myriad of streams and glacial lakes with spectacular panoramic views of snowcapped, jagged peaks in this remote and dramatic area of the Rockies. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: \$1,025. [21116A]*

High, Wild, and Remote: Backpacking in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 7–14. Join other adventurous hikers on a backpack journey through one of North America's greatest wilderness areas. Daily hikes will lead us to wildflower-filled meadows, and we'll climb up rocky passes for stunning vistas of the Continental Divide's jagged peaks. Evenings will be spent camped along pristine lakes and crystal-clear streams, and we'll wake each morning to soul-replenishing mountain views. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Marybeth Dingley. Price: \$895. [21111A]*

Tranquil Lakes, Granite Spirals, and Endless Wildflowers of Wyoming's Wind River Range. August 9–13. Backpack a scenic loop in Wyoming's Wind River Range, a land of U-shaped valleys, serrated peaks and ridges, and alpine cirques. Our route will explore the Cook Lakes and cross Lester Pass for panoramic views of this rugged landscape and the Continental Divide. A layover day is planned to explore Wall Lake and Tiny Glacier or relax at camp. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Becky Wong. Price: \$775. [21112A]*

Lake Hopping in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 16–20. Hike from one beautiful lake to the next in the magnificent Wind River Range, a landscape dominated by granite peaks—many over 13,000 feet—and more than 1,000 lakes. We will wander through high meadows, camp beside beautiful alpine lakes, and enjoy wonderful views. The rugged and spectacular scenery will leave you in awe. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: \$785. [21114A]*

Trail of the Trilobites, Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, Montana. August 21–29. Backpack one of the wildest and most remote regions in the Lower 48 on a 60-mile "lollipop" loop exploring lush green valleys, crystal-clear running streams, and the rarely visited heights of the Trilobite Range. The vastness of this untouched ecosystem will alert your senses and some long days far off the grid will invigorate your spirit. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: \$845. [21119A]*

Across the Continental Divide in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. September 12–18.

Immerse yourself in intoxicating outdoor beauty on this 40-mile, six-day backpack journey across the Continental Divide. We will travel through elk meadows and serene moraines and among boulder brooks, dream lakes, and pine forests as we hike past gorgeous glacier peaks to the top of the continent. Spectacular 360-degree views await as we cross the ex-

hilarating Rocky Mountains. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$1,025. [21120A]*

Fantastic Four Pass Loop, Maroon Bells–Snowmass Wilderness, Colorado. September 19–25. Experience your own “Rocky Mountain High” adventure in one of the most scenic locales in North America. We’ll ring around the iconic

Maroon Bells on a challenging late-summer high-country circuit, witnessing the turning of the aspens while traveling over four mountain passes above 12,000 feet. Anticipate panoramic views, lush forests, broad river valleys, expansive meadows, and picturesque Snowmass Lake. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Dave Bugay. Price: \$745. [21117A]*

Being a volunteer trip leader is, in many ways, the culmination of the interests, skills, and experiences **Pete Johnson** has cultivated over the course of a full life in the United States and abroad. He traces his earliest interest in conservation to the fourth grade, when he read Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*, a classic of the 20th century environmental movement. As a young adult, Pete joined the U.S. Army and spent years working as an intelligence officer in light infantry, armored cavalry, Special Forces, and embassy assignments around the world, where he developed a deep appreciation for foreign cultures and learned to speak several languages. It was in the army that he learned to kayak, a lifelong passion that he shares with his wife, Ilene, who is a Red Cross water safety instructor. “Being at water level gives you a feeling of floating and peace,” he says. “You move quietly with animal life and can intuit how things help and harm water ecosystems.” He is also a longtime member of the Sierra Club Georgia Chapter and is heavily involved as a local Outings leader and advocate for the environment.

So it’s no surprise that Pete gravitated toward Sierra Club Military Outdoors, a national campaign to establish connections to the outdoors among veterans and their families and to inspire them to become outspoken champions for environmental conservation and justice. Beginning in 2016, Pete joined other veterans from around the country on a series of Military Outdoors trips, forming connections over their shared experiences and passion for nature. “Some of our outings have been like family reunions of people who served and immediately find a bond,” Pete explains. One of these veterans is Lornett Vestal, the Southeast coordinator for Military Outdoors, who lives nearby. The two became good friends and teamed up to plan and lead outdoor adventures for the veteran community, including hikes, river trips, and a March for Peace event with refugee kids of high school age living in Atlanta.

As their relationship has grown, Pete and Lornett have found increasingly creative ways to connect veterans with the natural world and other opportunities for healing that dovetail with their own backgrounds and interests. For instance, Pete co-led a conservation walk for veterans and their families around his hometown of Atlanta, featuring stories about the changing face of the city and the creation of outdoor space the Atlanta BeltLine, followed by a trip to one of his favorite restaurants for a taste of authentic southern cooking. For another project, Lornett enlisted a local yoga studio to provide free classes in therapeutic yoga to a group of veterans. “The ways we can cross-connect are endless,” Pete says.

In recent years, Pete has come to see a parallel between the work he’s doing with veterans and the larger problems facing the country. Citing generations of disparities among America’s most marginal-

ized populations, he believes that the Sierra Club must expand its conservation mission by embracing social, economic, and environmental justice for all. “Flint, Michigan, was a neon warning sign,” he explains, “that highlights how underserved communities are being killed by a lack of clean air, water, and soil.” This has been particularly apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has brought many of these disparities into stark relief by throwing thousands of American workers into increasingly precarious circumstances. “I was struck by the first photos of hospital workers coming off shifts with a thousand-yard stare that you often see in combat veterans,” Pete recalls. “Those who survived have endured moral injury and seen horror.” So have hospital staff. “They are the nation’s tragic new cohort of PTSD sufferers.” Lornett remembers Pete being especially heartbroken by the local and national response to the pandemic. He credits Pete as the force behind their new initiative, the Vets for Essential Workers campaign, which aims to help veterans and military families advocate for essential workers and frontline medical personnel to help them access the benefits and gear they need to fight the virus.

The pandemic has undoubtedly slowed Pete down—he’s been able to join only virtual outings this past summer—but it hasn’t gotten in the way of his plans to serve the community while enjoying the outdoors. It’s only a matter of time before Pete returns to business as usual: teaching veterans’ families to kayak or raft while telling jokes and anecdotes from his days abroad, and advocating for increased access to the outdoors for those who need it the most. Or, as he summarizes his mission, “Let’s get outside, get to know each other, and tackle the world’s problems at the same time!”

Learn more about Sierra Club Military Outdoors at [sc.org/military](https://www.sierraclub.org/military).



SOUTHWEST



BACKPACKERS ON THE RAINBOW PLATEAU, UTAH. CREDIT: MICHAEL JENSEN

Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. April 4–10. The South Rim of the Grand Canyon, from Red Canyon to the Little Colorado River, offers dramatic views and unique geological formations. Our journey will traverse exposed and rugged trails, including Tanner, New Hance, Beamer, and the Escalante Route, used by travelers thousands of years ago. Remnants of their passage can be found if we look closely. We will camp near the river on most nights of this journey. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$995. [21031A]*

Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 4–10. Explore this intimate redrock canyon in the heart of the Colorado Plateau. The Paria River slices through the spectacular geology of the remote Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness on its way to the Colorado River, sculpting colorful sandstone into soaring cliffs, stunning arches, and intriguing side canyons. Our unforgettable adventure will include Buckskin Gulch, Wrath Arch, and numerous ancient petroglyph sites. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: \$1,195. [21033A]*

20s and 30s Secrets of Kanab Creek, Grand Canyon, Arizona. April 4–10. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s as we backpack a rugged and remote region sculpted by water and rock.

Kanab Creek and its tributaries carved this desert labyrinth of slot canyons and will provide our path toward the Colorado River. By day, we'll appreciate the inviting waters of Showerbath Spring, mysterious Scotty's Hollow, and Whispering Falls. At night, we'll stargaze from our camps on high canyon shelves. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: \$895. [21032A]*

Kanab Creek Wilderness: Expansive Terraces and Dramatic Views, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 10–17. The Kanab Creek Wilderness area, bordering the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, contains a labyrinth of canyons and streams that converge and ultimately flow into the Colorado River deep in the park. On our journey, we will hike through the finest red-wall narrows and camp on huge esplanade expanses with dramatic panoramic views. This is a unique wilderness adventure. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Bert Fingerhut. Price: \$975. [21034A]*

Mystery of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. April 10–17. Trek cross-country through a canyon so mysterious, its name isn't found on modern maps. With natural battlements impassable to ordinary hikers ensuring our solitude, we'll visit beautiful slots, pools, pour-offs, a cave, ruins, and rock art and see miles of slickrock sandstone. Ap-

propriate for mountain goats and comparably sure-footed humans. A boat ride on Lake Powell is included. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Richard Fite. Price: \$1,175. [21035A]*

Five Days of Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. April 18–22. Backpack one of the Grand Canyon's premier routes on this five-day North Rim loop to the Colorado River. We'll experience the Esplanade's redrock hoodoos and potholes, the roaring cascade of Thunder River springing forth from a monolithic canyon wall, and an enchanted world of waterfalls and brilliant, multicolored rock strata at Deer Creek. This is a must-do trip for all canyon lovers. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Jake Jaramillo. Price: \$945. [21038A]*

Women's Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 18–24. Join our team of adventurous women as we experience the splendor and solitude of this pristine desert canyon sheltered by towering red sandstone walls. Unsurpassed in beauty and remarkable in color and form, Paria Canyon should be on every backpacker's to-do list. We'll journey 38 miles downstream through colorful winding corridors of stone, ending at the confluence of the Paria and Colorado Rivers. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: \$1,195. [21036A]*

Redrock Canyons of Escalante, Utah. May 22–28. Enjoy the splendor of red slickrock sculpted into magnificent canyons with arches and plunge pools. We'll explore the Silver Falls and Choprock side canyons of the Escalante River and climb surrounding mesas for desert views stretching for miles. As the sandstone stuns you with its colors and shapes, you'll quickly discover the magic of this enchanting place. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Vincent Jones. Price: \$1,225. [21037A]*

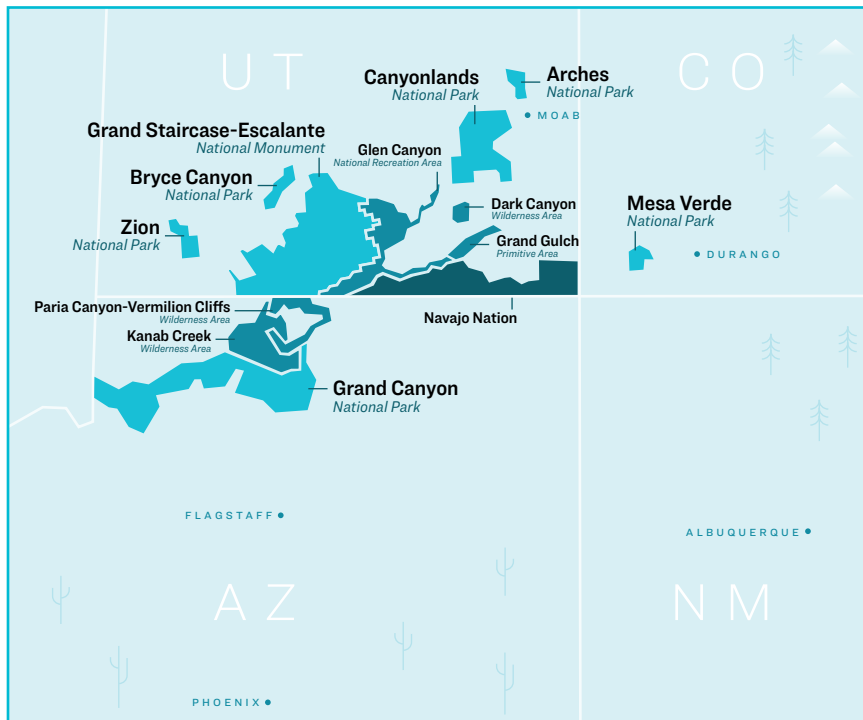
Pecos Wilderness Traverse: Sangre de Cristo Mountains, New Mexico. June 22–30. Traverse the heart of the Pecos Wilderness, from its northeast corner to the Santa Fe ski basin. Much of our route will follow 12,000-plus-foot ridges, which we'll descend to camp beside high lakes and streams. Along the way, we will cross the Santa Barbara Divide, climb the Truchas Peaks, and enjoy exceptional views of the colorful New Mexico desert. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Arian Pregoner. Price: \$995. [21118A]*

Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. September 25–October 1. Join our team of adventurers as we experience the splendor and solitude of this pristine desert canyon sheltered by towering red sandstone walls. Unsurpassed in beauty and remarkable color and form, Paria Canyon should be on every backpacker's to-do list. We'll journey 38 miles downstream through colorful winding corridors of stone ending at the confluence of the Paria and Colorado Rivers. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Rick Russman. Price: \$1,195. [21123A]*

Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 3–9. See trip 21031A, p. 18, for details. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Bert Fingerhut. Price: \$995. [21124A]*

Kanab Canyon, Deer Creek, and Indian Hollow Loop, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 9–16. Descending from the North Rim to the vast and enchanting Esplanade, we will follow Sowats and Jumpup Canyons to Kanab Canyon and the Colorado River. We'll hike upriver to Deer Creek before ascending to Surprise Valley, Thunder River, and the Esplanade, ending at Indian Hollow. Our journey will include huge waterfalls, awe-inspiring side canyons, and plenty of plunge pools for swimming. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: \$995. [21125A]*

Autumn Colors and Star-Filled Nights in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. November 14–20. Late fall is a perfect time for backpacking in the Grand Canyon. Low-angled sunlight enhances variations in colors, cottonwood trees flutter their yellow and orange leaves, daytime temperatures are pleasantly cool, and shorter days mean darker nights for stargazing. Our 50-mile trek will wind along the undulating Tonto Platform between the history-rich Grandview and Hermit Trails. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Mike Bolar. Price: \$995. [21158A]*



Forbidden Heart of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. September 19–25. We will descend a lonely and forbidding canyon into the heart of the Rainbow Plateau. Starting on a rarely used Navajo trail, our adventure will begin gently but become increasingly challenging as we negotiate the lower canyon's many pools and pour-offs. After exploring alcoves with historic

inscriptions, we'll exit by one of the world's largest natural stone bridges. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Richard Fite. Price: \$1,245. [21121A]*

Five Days of Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 22–26. See trip 21038A, p. 18, for details. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$955. [21122A]*



PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS AND FLOWERS IN THE GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA. CREDIT: ED CALLAERT/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Base Camp & Supported Trekking

Travel light and easy on a hiking vacation run out of a central campground or an assisted journey through remote landscapes, with plentiful opportunities to swim, take photos, and bask in the scenery.



FALL COLORS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: JONATHAN NGUYEN/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama-Supported Hike. April 4–10. Join our llama-supported exploration of two fabled side canyons of southern Utah's Escalante River. Discover natural wonders and history while thrilling to the "ribbon of green," desert varnish, and towering red sandstone. Our base camp on an Escalante sandbar will allow us to travel light, with only a day pack. Airport pickup and lodging before and after the trip are included. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,825. [21060A]*

Escalante Canyons Base Camp, Utah. May 8–14. Discover the highlights of the Escalante River canyons without the heavy backpack. We'll explore different sites daily, delighting at the variety of sculpted red slickrock monuments, arches, and walls and the endless permutations of multihued sandstone. On our last night, we'll descend into a deep and dramatic canyon and camp under mature cottonwoods next to Death Hollow Creek. *Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$1,395. [21160A]*

Glacier's Edge: Dayhiking the Ice Age Trail, Wisconsin. June 5–9. Hike 1 of 11 National Scenic Trails, following the southern edge of the last Ice Age. During five days in the southern unit of the

Kettle Moraine State Forest, we'll explore hills and ridges pushed together by a mile-high glacier and wonder at mature forests and prairies in southern Wisconsin. This 36-mile adventure features challenging day hikes and a cozy campsite. *Leader: Phil Snyder. Price: \$665. [21162A]*

Lake Michigan Bike and Hike, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan. June 6–12. Join a moderate bike-and-hike trip exploring the rivers, lakes, and small towns in and around Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, voted "Most Beautiful Place in America" by *Good Morning America* viewers. We will pedal 30 to 40 miles each day through great scenery, relax at well-appointed hotels, dine at area restaurants, and take short evening hikes to inspiring sunset views of Lake Michigan and the dunes. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$1,825. [21180A]*

In the Presence of Giants: Dayhiking, Kayaking, and Conservation in California's Redwoods. June 19–26. Immerse yourself in California's redwoods, which represent 5 percent of the remaining old-growth redwoods worldwide. We'll hike in the silent, primeval forest among the tallest trees in the world; explore the misty, rugged coastline; and glide along waterways that

sustained Native peoples. We'll also learn the history of logging and tree sitting, the industry's impacts on the ecosystem, and subsequent preservation efforts. *Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: \$1,695. [21163A]*

Signature Day Hikes in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows, California. July 19–24. Recharge your senses amid the rugged High Sierra splendor of Yosemite National Park's less crowded eastern side. We'll challenge ourselves on a variety of day hikes, stopping to savor lunch with a panoramic view of glaciated granite peaks or pristine alpine lakes. And after each hike, we'll return to a cool lake, hearty food, and the camaraderie of similarly emancipated city slickers. *Leader: Shawn Bates. Price: \$1,045. [21166A]*

The Best of South Lake Tahoe, California. July 25–30. Experience the finest outdoor activities along the south shore of legendary Lake Tahoe. From our cozy base camp, we'll venture each day to dazzling mountains with spectacular lake views. We'll also hike to lush meadows, kayak the surreal blue waters of Emerald Bay, and savor delicious, healthful meals on this exceptional weeklong adventure. *Leader: Terri Lyde. Price: \$1,095. [21167A]*

Waterfalls, Lakes, and Meadows of Mt. Hood, Oregon. July 25–31. At 11,235 feet, Mt. Hood is Oregon's tallest mountain and the heart of the Mt. Hood Wilderness. From our forested streamside campground, we'll dayhike to explore the surrounding lakes, waterfalls, alpine basins, ridges, and rivers. Hikes tailored to the group will take us to grand views, wildflower meadows, and old-growth forests. We'll enjoy hearty meals at camp and one restaurant dinner. *Leader: Stephen Brown. Price: \$945. [21164A]*

Natural and Geologic Wonders of the Eastern Sierra, California. August 2–7. Explore the spectacular portion of the Eastern Sierra surrounding Mono Lake, an area of lush meadows, waterfalls, scenic lakes, and majestic mountain peaks. We'll carpool from our campground to a different trail each day, hiking six to nine miles at elevations of up to 10,000 feet, and visit the spectacular tufa towers and ancient wetlands of mysterious Mono Lake. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$895. [21165A]*

Dayhiking the Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota. August 29–September 5. Discover the North Dakota badlands that inspired Theodore Roosevelt to become the most conservation-minded president in history. We'll explore this stunning wilderness on challenging day hikes featuring bison, prairie dogs, wild horses, and gorgeous vistas and relax in comfortable campsites. A night at the famous Medora Musical is also included. *Leader: Margaret Klose. Price: \$995. [21170A]*

Red and White Mountain and the Blue Lakes of the John Muir Wilderness, California. September 1–12. Experience the countless granite peaks, streams, lakes, and meadows of the legendary John Muir Wilderness with our load carried by mules and horses. We'll circle the imposing Red and White Mountain and visit many of the stunning blue lakes around the McGee Pass and John Muir Trails and throughout the Mono Creek basin. *Leader: Gayle Labrana. Price: \$3,745. [21211A]*

Vistas and Volcanoes: Hike and Bike the Eastern Cascades of Central Oregon. September 6–11. Hike and bike among the forested, volcanic wonderland of Oregon's eastern Cascade Mountains, a landscape dominated by the unique Three Sisters and Broken Top volcanoes and the equally stunning caldera and cinder cones of Newberry National Volcanic Monument. Back at our comfortable cabins in LaPine State Park, we'll relax and explore natural and cultural history. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$1,125. [21169A]*

Hut-to-Hut Traverse of the Presidential Range, New Hampshire. September 12–17. Don't miss this scenic and challenging hut-to-hut journey through the Presidential Range of New Hampshire's White Mountains. We'll summit a number of high peaks named after presidents,

including Mt. Washington, the Northeast's highest peak, and we'll overnight in the friendly atmosphere of the Appalachian Mountain Club's high huts, which offer comfortable bunk rooms and delicious, hearty meals. *Leader: David Pearson. Price: \$1,275. [21213A]*

Ruins and Rock Art: Mysteries of Cedar Mesa, Utah. September 12–18. Transport yourself to a time before steel hammers and chisels, acrylic paint, and asphalt roads on our journey through the canyons and along the cliffs of Grand Gulch. Experience the mystery of Basket Maker art on canyon walls. Are petroglyphs spiritual visions or messages for passersby? Ponder this and many other enigmas as we hike in the path of the ancients. *Leader: Linda Siegle. Price: \$1,175. [21173A]*

Fall Kaleidoscope in Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Michigan. September 26–October 2. Enjoy fall colors along Michigan's Lake Superior shore in magnificent Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, one of the Midwest's largest wilderness areas. Challenging day hikes will lead us to high peaks, past pristine backcountry lakes and waterfalls, and through the largest old-growth forest in the country. Find out why "the Porkies" is rated among the top state parks in the country by readers of *USA Today*. *Leader: Phil Snyder.*

Price: \$725. [21174A]

Escalante Canyons Base Camp, Utah. October 9–15. See trip 21160A, p. 20, for details. *Leader: Roger Grissette. Price: \$1,395. [21176A]*

Visit the Vastness: Dayhiking and Stargazing in Death Valley National Park, California. November 4–7. From stark canyons and ancient salt flats to towering mountains and picturesque sand dunes, the exceptional topography of Death Valley offers dramatic views with humbling silence. Our selection of short hikes will cover all of the major sights, historical points, and geology, delighting the senses with ever-changing unfolding terrain. Anticipate cooler November days and wondrously starry nights. *Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: \$995. [21177A]*

Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas. February 20–26, 2022. Escape winter on the Sierra Club's first domestic hiking trip of the year, in remote, sunny Big Bend National Park. Classic day hikes will lead us to camera-clicking views from 2,500-foot cliffs in the rugged Chisos Mountains, through towering canyons, and across miles of beautiful desert. This popular car camping trip features memorable hikes, stunning scenery, highly rated meals, and a soak in historic hot springs. *Leader: Margaret Klose. Price: \$1,025. [22407A]*



HUT-TO-HUT TREKKING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WHITE MOUNTAINS. CREDIT: DAVID PEARSON

Canoe & Kayak

Set your own pace on these playful paddling journeys featuring magical islands, clear springs, rushing rivers, placid lakes, colorful canyons, and more.



MANATEES NEAR THE SUWANNEE RIVER, FLORIDA. CREDIT: MICHAEL WOOD/STOCKTREK IMAGES

Canoeing the Scenic Rio Grande River and Hiking in Big Bend National Park, Texas. March 24–28. Grab a paddle and join us on a spring canoeing and hiking adventure through the scenic wilderness of western Texas near the Mexico border. We'll canoe the legendary Rio Grande, a designated national wild and scenic river, on a four-day journey through 33-mile, 2,000-foot-deep Boquillas Canyon. Along the way, we'll enjoy a guided hike on pine-scented trails in the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend National Park. *Leader: Mitch Stevens. Price: \$1,095. [21420A]*

Kayaking Coastal Carolina, South Carolina. April 11–17. Coastal South Carolina offers some of the best paddling opportunities in the world. On this trip, we'll explore the barrier islands, estuaries, marshes, maritime forests, swamp forests, blackwater rivers, and historical sites that characterize the coastal plain of

the amazing area known as the Lowcountry. Lodging will be at a beautiful beachfront house near historic Charleston. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,575. [21052A]*

Kayaking and Boating Georgia's Untamed Coast. April 18–24. Water, sky, and land meet in spectacular fashion on the Georgia coast. Join us as we kayak and explore the waterways and barrier islands that contribute to this region's rugged mix of living history and untamed landscapes shifting with the tides. Lodging will be in upscale cabins in a beautiful marsh surrounded by palm trees near historic Savannah. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,595. [21053A]*

Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. June 1–6. Paddle a responsive two-person canoe on the lower Green River as it slices between the reddish-

orange sandstone cliffs of Labyrinth Canyon near Canyonlands National Park. We'll enjoy riverside camping and hiking in narrow side canyons with 800-year-old Native American rock art and desert wildlife. This 60-mile guided tour is considered the premier calm-water canoe trip in the Southwest. *Leader: John Killeen. Price: \$945. [21181A]*

Canoe the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine. June 28–July 5. Embark on an epic paddling journey on Maine's legendary Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a designated national wild and scenic river widely recognized as one of the best canoe trips in the country. Accompanied by a registered Maine guide, we will paddle 80 miles north past lakes and plentiful wildlife to our destination at Allagash. Canoeing and camping experience is strongly recommended. *Leader: John Killeen. Price: \$1,245. [21182A]*

Kayaking Newfoundland: Coast, Coves, and Wildlife. July 11–17. Discover the magical coast and hidden coves of this remote Canadian province. We'll search for whales, puffins, and countless bird species on four separate all-day paddles, with a good chance to spot an iceberg off the coast, and spend another day hiking and sightseeing. Accommodations are comfortable cabins overlooking the ocean. *Leader: Leanora Kovacs.* *Price: \$2,345. [21186A]*

Kayak, Cruise, and Whale-Watch in the San Juan Islands, Washington. August 8–12. Kayaking is the focus on this trip of a lifetime exploring the magical San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington. We'll spend three days paddling, with overnight stays on two islands and opportunities to see harbor seals, shorebirds, the North Cascades, and Vancouver Island, Canada. We'll also take a private cruise to view orcas and other whales and hike diverse island trails to prairies, forests, and rocky shores. *Leader: Betty Connor.* *Price: \$1,825. [21050A]*

Deep Wilderness Canoeing in Wabakimi Provincial Park, Ontario. August 21–29. Venture deep into the wild, remote, and unspoiled wilderness of Wabakimi Provincial Park. Ours will be among the few groups exploring and canoeing routes used for centuries by First Nations, traders, and adventurers. The trip will begin and end in Minneapolis and includes a memorable floatplane ride. Some camping and canoeing experience is required for this moderately difficult trip. *Leader: Terry DeFraties.* *Price: \$1,875. [21187A]*

Kayak the North Woods: Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine. September 3–11. Kayak a vast network of lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams through Maine's legendary North Woods. We'll paddle approximately 10 miles per day, with abundant opportunities for hiking and enjoying the solitude. We'll camp along the way and spend a night in a comfortable cabin with a hot tub and sauna. *Leader: Jane Jontz.* *Price: \$1,265. [21188A]*

Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. September 5–10. See trip 21181A, p. 22, for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace.* *Price: \$995. [21189A]*

20s and 30s Current River Canoeing, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri. October 10–14. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s on a relaxed, early-autumn canoeing and camping expedition on the paddler-friendly Current River in the Missouri Ozark National Scenic Riverways. We will spend our days hiking to historic places, paddling to crystal-clear springs, fishing a blue-ribbon trout stream, and taking in the beauty of the Ozarks in the fall. Novice paddlers considered. *Leader: Cora Henry.* *Price: \$625. [21190A]*

Family

Family getaways made easy. Take the planning out of the picture on these engaging adventures featuring activities, meals, and down time that will leave the whole family satisfied.



FAMILY SERVICE IN TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: SIERRA CLUB

West Virginia Family Multisport Sampler. June 20–26. Join us for a week of family-friendly activities in wild West Virginia. From our base camp, we will hike several trails for hawk's-nest views of the New River Gorge, visit the remnants of mining and railroad industries by mountain bike, and hike to a charming swimming hole. An overnight raft trip on the New River, which appears on the state's quarter, is also planned. Minimum age: 12. *Leader: Marty Joyce.* *Price: \$795 (child)/\$895 (adult). [21191A]*

Family Fun and Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. August 9–15. Join other kids and adults in Tahoe for a week of environmental activities and maintenance projects at historic Clair Tappaan Lodge on the famed Donner Pass Road. Projects will include planting flowers around the lodge, stream-rock work, and other kid-friendly tasks. A

day off will leave time for visiting the Donner museum and Lake Tahoe, riding the Squaw Valley gondola, and more. Minimum age: 10. *Leaders: Steve Veit, Karen Peters.* *Price: \$595 (child)/\$695 (adult). [21317A]*

Adirondacks Family Holiday: Hike, Swim, and Paddle, New York. August 15–20. Join us in New York's Adirondacks for a classic family holiday based out of a comfortable mountain lodge. We'll embark on a variety of daily activities, including hiking, mountain biking, and kayaking and canoeing on pristine lakes and streams. We'll also visit historic Adirondack attractions, learn about conservation successes and challenges, and have the option to participate in a service project. Grandparents are welcome, too. Minimum age: 12. *Leader: Margaret Stephens.* *Price: \$995 (child)/\$1,595 (adult). [21238A]*

Raft & Small Boat

Raft challenging rapids, hike to expansive views, and explore ancient rock art on a classic river trip. Or float past calving glaciers and wildlife on a raft or small boat trip in Alaska and Arctic Canada.



RAFTING THE ROGUE RIVER, OREGON. CREDIT: SUN COUNTRY TOURS

Wildlife and Photography Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska. May 22–29. See p. 4 for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$4,245. [21019A]*

Rafting the Wild and Free Yampa, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah. May 23–May 28. The Colorado River basin's last major free-flowing river, the Yampa roars for 72 miles through 2,500-foot canyons in Dinosaur National Monument. We'll raft intermediate rapids and view bighorn sheep, falcons, and 800-year-old rock art on billion-year-old walls. We'll also hike and learn about the area's history. Beginners welcome. *Leader: Kate Sender. Price: \$1,025. [21073A]*

Raft Adventure on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon. June 23–27. Sparkling water, exciting rapids, abundant wildlife, and lush forests make this one of the West's premier river trips for all ages. Try an inflatable kayak, find a swimming hole, camp on sandy beaches, visit a historic ranch, or relax in a fern grotto. We'll also learn about the region's colorful history and experience conservation firsthand on the river on a hike or visit to a wildlife rehabilitation center. *Leader: Patti Miller-Crowley. Price: \$1,045. [21257A]*

Rafting, Dinosaurs, Outlaws, and Petroglyphs in Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. June 25–29. Raft intermediate rapids through the spectacular redrock canyons of Lodore, Whirlpool, and Split Mountain Gorge, where dinosaurs once thrived. We'll hike side canyons, paddle inflatable kayaks, and search for Native American petroglyphs, fossils, and bighorn sheep. At riverside camps, we'll

relax and enjoy tasty meals. A visit to Vernal's natural history and dinosaur museum will also be included. Minimum Age: 8. *Leader: Nicole Garrett-Hoppe. Price: \$925 (child)/\$1,025 (adult). [21200A]*

Great Alaska Photography Voyage: Denali National Park and Prince William Sound. July 6–14. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$6,575. [21016A]*

Explore Glacier Bay by Yacht and Kayak, Alaska. July 8–16. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$5,995. [21070A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Juneau to Wrangell. July 26–August 5. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$6,225. [21435A]*

River of No Return: Rafting the Main Salmon River, Idaho. July 31–August 6. Splash through 40 fun rapids in 80 miles on one of the most famous rivers in the West. Rafting through the epic Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness, we'll enjoy hot springs, clear side streams, hikes to ancient Indian art, and abandoned mines and homesteads. We'll camp on broad, sandy beaches under star-filled skies and enjoy tasty meals. Families are welcome. *Leader: Lisa Katzman. Price: \$1,445 (child)/\$1,695 (adult). [21261A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Petersburg to Sitka. August 7–17. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Bunny Sterin. Price: \$6,225. [21440A]*

Rafting among Glaciers and Grizzlies on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers, Alaska and British Columbia. August 14–25. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Wendy Wyels. Price: \$4,695. [21067A]*

Autumn Rafting on the Colorado River, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. September 11–28. Travel 280 miles of breathtaking scenery and exhilarating whitewater on your choice of raft or dory. Autumn means cooler temperatures and no motorized boats within the park. Along the way, we'll take unforgettable side hikes, search for ringtail cats and bighorn sheep, and visit cactus gardens, Native American ruins, and incredible swimming holes. This trip is run with OARS, a Grand Canyon National Park–authorized concessionaire, and lodging before and after is included. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$6,855. [21425A]*

Prince William Sound Wilderness Cruise, Alaska. September 4–11. See p. 6 for details. *Leader: Patrick Nichols. Price: \$4,265. [21017A]*

Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. September 19–27. Edward Abbey called Canyonlands a “weird, wonderful, magical place.” Our trip will begin with daily hikes from our base camp to strange, mushroom-shaped rocks and smooth slot canyons. We'll then raft through the park, thrilling to big waves in Cataract Canyon and stopping for day hikes to side canyons, waterfalls, and rock art accessible only via the river. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$1,675. [21262A]*

Specialty Trips

We want you! In addition to our usual offerings, we offer a variety of trips designed for specific audiences. Sound like you? If so, we hope you'll join us! And be sure to check out our Family (p. 23) and Younger Participants (p. 26) sections for more great options.



TEEN BACKPACKING IN CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SIERRA. CREDIT: DAVE NEUMANN

BEGINNERS

Beginners Eastern Sierra Jaunt, Little Lakes Valley, California. August 7–11. *Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$675. [21143A]*

Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. September 12–17. *Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: \$595. [21150A]*

50-PLUS

50-Plus Ramble and Scramble in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. July 24–31. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$2,245. [21228A]*

50-Plus Clamber in the Collegiate Peaks of Colorado's Sawatch Range. August 21–28. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$1,745. [21241A]*

50-Plus Day Hikes in New Mexico's Black Range. September 18–24. *Leader: Susan Roebuck. Price: \$1,895. [21249A]*

50-Plus Service in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. September 19–25. *Leader: Kathleen Barton. Price: \$795. [21326A]*

LGBTQ+

LGBTQ+ Service at Central California's Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. October 17–23. *Leader: Cara Wilson. Price: \$525. [21341A]*

TEENS

Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite National Park, California. July 25–August 1. *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$495. [21130A]*

Teen Backpacking in Northern Yosemite National Park, California. August 18–25. *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$495. [21130B]*

WOMEN

Women's Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 18–24. *Leader: Teresa Rounds. Price: \$1,195. [21036A]*

Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 15–23. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,945 [21071A]*

Moab Women's Adventure: Hike and Raft in

Southeast Utah. May 23–29. *Leader: Lisa Tobe. Price: \$2,345. [21072A]*

Women's Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. June 23–27. *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$895. [21157A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 10–17. *Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: \$625. [21308A]*

Kenai Peninsula Adventure for Women, Alaska. July 16–23. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,995. [21015A]*

Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women's Multisport Adventure in Central Oregon. July 25–31. *Leader: Jennifer Moon. Price: \$2,095. [21227A]*

Women's Range of Light: A High Sierra Adventure in California's John Muir Wilderness. August 12–21. *Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$1,025. [21140A]*

Women's Backpacking the Rae Lakes and Kings Canyon High Country, California. August 14–21. *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$785. [21139A]*

Younger Participants



YOUNG BACKPACKERS ON MT. HOOD, OREGON. CREDIT: JAMES GIFFORD

These trips are subsidized for younger adults on a budget. Many are shorter in duration, timed to coincide with holidays, or easily accessible by plane or public transportation.

Looking for something else? If you're 18 to 35, you're eligible for \$300 off any of our all-ages trips. Learn more or apply for a scholarship at sierraclub.org/young-adventurers.

20s and 30s Secrets of Kanab Creek, Grand Canyon, Arizona. April 4–10. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s as we backpack a rugged and remote region sculpted by water and rock. Kanab Creek and its tributaries carved this desert labyrinth of slot canyons and will provide our path toward the Colorado River. By day, we'll appreciate the inviting waters of Shower-bath Spring, mysterious Scotty's Hollow, and Whispering Falls. At night, we'll stargaze from our camps on high canyon shelves. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: \$895. [21032A]*

30s and 40s Five-Day Emigrant Wilderness Exploration, California. July 14–18. Discover the lakes, creeks, and waterfalls of this less-visited yet still stunning wilderness area north of Yosemite National Park. The hiking days on this 25-mile semiloop will be short but challenging, and there will also be plenty of time for exploring mountain peaks and swimming in alpine lakes during afternoon day hikes. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$425. [21129A]*

20s and 30s Tableland Tramp: Hiking among the High Lakes of Sequoia National Park, California. August 19–23. This is a quick, five-day backpack on a mostly cross-country route into a fantastic backcountry basin above timberline. We'll camp by lakes and soak in huge "top of the world" vistas, looking out on granite canyons below us. Anticipate strenuous hiking days, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. Prior backpacking experience is encouraged. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Andy Johnson. Price: \$445. [21136A]*

20s and 30s Current River Canoeing, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri. October 10–14. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s on a relaxed, early-autumn canoeing and camping expedition on the paddler-friendly Current River in the Missouri Ozark National Scenic Riverways. We will spend our days hiking to historic places, paddling to crystal-clear springs, fishing a blue-ribbon trout stream, and taking in the beauty of the Ozarks in the fall. Novice paddlers considered. *Leader: Cora Henry. Price: \$625. [21190A]*

SHARON CHURCHWELL TRIPS

If you're 18 to 35, you may be able to go on one of these service trips for \$300 off the listed price, thanks to the Sharon Churchwell Fund. To sign up, or to make a donation to the fund, please call 415-977-5522. Donations are tax deductible.

Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 8–15. Help repair trails high in the Chiricahua Mountains. Our project will take place in one of the most biologically diverse of the sky island mountain ranges and a world-class birding area. *Leader: Howard Kellogg. Cook: Janet Talbot. Price: \$525. [21300A]*

Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 15–22. Experience Northern California's legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We'll work

along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. *Leader: Michelle Stewart. Price: \$595. [21097A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 10–17. Enjoy forests, flowers, wildlife, and beautiful mountain views with other women as we clear trails to improve access to this spectacular wilderness, with a free day to explore our surroundings. *Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: \$625. [21308A]*

Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 17–24. Backpack into this wilderness gem to work on the Ruby Crest Trail and access trails. We'll camp near a serene alpine lake, marvel at towering summits, and enjoy uncrowded hikes. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Delphine Dahan. Price: \$645. [21309A]*

Wilderness Service in the Wasatch Range, Utah. July 25–31. Join us as we reroute backcountry trails in the beautiful high country of the Mt. Naomi Wilderness. We'll explore wildflower-filled meadows and craggy peaks in our free time. *Leader: Kirsten Howe. Cook: Elizabeth Taylor. Price: \$665. [21312A]*

Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 31–August 7. Join us in Oregon's "Little Switzerland" for trail repair projects, with a day off to explore snowy peaks, verdant meadows, and the alpine lakes of this

majestic landscape. *Leader: Laura Mitchell. Cook: Kathleen Barton. Price: \$675. [21313A]*

Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. August 1–7. Go off the grid with fellow volunteers on this rewarding week of trail maintenance. We'll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes and peaks on our day off. *Leader: John Clarkson. Price: \$595. [21337A]*

Service in the John Muir Wilderness, California. August 7–14. Assist with service projects in the area that inspired Ansel Adams and Sierra Club founder John Muir while enjoying hearty vegetarian meals and basking in unmatched mountain scenery. *Leader: Alison Campbell. Cook: Kelley Cousin. Price: \$825. [21315A]*

Gros Ventre Wilderness Service, Wyoming. August 14–21. Join our group of young volunteers as we hike into this mountain wilderness, part of the Yellowstone ecosystem, to help repair trails. From open meadows and ridges, we'll enjoy views of nearby peaks, including the Tetons and the Wind River Range. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Allison Rieck. Price: \$685. [21316A]*

Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 21–28. Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working on tough but rewarding projects in the remote Idaho Panhandle. We'll improve trails and hike to lakes and mountains on our days off. *Leader: Doug Pilcher. Price: \$345. [21322A]*



TRAIL WORK IN THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS, MONTANA. CREDIT: NANCY LE

Lodge

Spend your vacation in comfort on a trip combining the amenities of home and easy access to the outdoors. Return at day's end to cozy accommodations, hearty meals, and captivating conversation.



HIKING AMONG THE HOODOOS OF BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, UTAH. CREDIT: MARK SKERBINEK/EYEEM/GETTY IMAGES

Birding and Bliss in Puerto Rico. March 9–15. Join us for an active exploration of Puerto Rico, a vibrant and verdant island of friendly people and fantastic birds. On daily excursions, we'll search for all 17 of the island's endemic bird species and the many others that pass through or stay year-round. We'll also visit a bioluminescent bay and swim and snorkel along a white-sand beach. *Leader: Holly Wenger. Price: \$2,595. [21412A]*

Enchanted Day Hikes in a Desert Paradise, Arizona. March 13–19. Explore three magnificent natural areas—Saguaro National Park, Catalina State Park, and Sabino Canyon Recreation Area—from our peaceful lodge outside of Tucson. While hiking on easy-to-moderate trails, we will marvel at stately saguaro cacti, colorful canyons, and ancient petroglyphs. In the evenings, we'll enjoy tasty southwestern dinners at a variety of acclaimed restaurants. Pickup from the Tucson airport is included. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$1,875. [21413A]*

Gliding Through Glacier National Park, Montana. March 13–20. Experience Glacier National

Park like never before. Cross-country ski amid pristine forests, alpine meadows, and rugged, spectacular mountains while enjoying the best snow in the Lower 48. Glacier is a paradise for adventurous cross-country skiers seeking the best the national park system has to offer. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$3,695. [21421A]*

Hoodoos and Hikes in Brilliant Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. April 25–30. Marvel at spectacular redrock spires and horseshoe-shaped amphitheatres on our hiking vacation in beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park. Easy-to-moderate day hikes will lead us past enchanting rock formations, including Queen's Garden, the Sinking Ship, the Alligator, and Thor's Hammer. We will also visit a historic village. Accommodations and all meals will be at Bryce Canyon Lodge, a national historic landmark. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$1,875. [21064A]*

Appalachian Spring: Hiking in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia. May 2–9. Experience a week of moderately strenuous hiking in Shenandoah National Park. During our stay, we will see waterfalls; granite peaks; an explosion

of wildflowers, including mountain laurel and rhododendron; and maybe a black bear or two. We'll relax at our secluded lodge and horse farm near Old Rag Mountain. Evenings will include slideshows and discussions about park history and conservation. *Leader: Richard Fite. Price: \$1,625. [21065A]*

Geologic Gems of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Utah. May 2–9. Join us for a week of easy-to-moderate hikes among the natural wonders of two iconic national parks. From our lodge base in Moab, we'll hike to amazing rock arches, giant balanced rocks, spectacular spires and pinnacles, slickrock domes, canyon mazes, and sandstone pillars and search for high-desert wildlife and plants. Pickup from the Moab airport is also included. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,495. [21066A]*

Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 15–23. Explore the enchanting Four Corners region with our band of women adventurers. We'll raft and kayak the San Juan River, hike to Ancestral Puebloan dwellings at Mesa Verde

National Park and Canyon de Chelly National Monument, wonder at Native American rock art, ride horses through Monument Valley, and visit modern pueblos. We'll combine riverside camping with comfortable lodgings and spend time in nearby galleries and museums. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,945.90. [21071A]*

Moab Women's Adventure: Hike and Raft in Southeast Utah. May 23–29. Spend a week with other women adventurers in Utah's redrock wonderland. We'll explore Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, raft the Colorado and Green Rivers, and cool off in natural swimming holes. Each night, we'll return to our rustic house for home-cooked meals and comfortable beds. *Leader: Lisa Tobe. Price: \$2,345. [21072A]*

Summer Day Hikes in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. June 11–17. Spend a week in the scenic, secluded Stehekin valley. This alpine area is reached by traveling across beautiful Lake Chelan by ferry. Day hikes from our comfortable lodgings will range from easy to moderately strenuous and will lead us to views of glaciers, waterfalls, wildlife, and wildflowers. Midweek optional activities will include fishing, kayaking, and biking. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$1,825. [21222A]*

Michigan Multisport at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. June 13–19. Anticipate new adventures each day on this multisport sampler at an iconic American destination. From our lakeside cottages, we'll kayak the Crystal River, stand-up paddleboard on Little Glen Lake, cycle the Heritage Trail, and hike to gorgeous views of Lake Michigan. We'll also enjoy morning yoga, climb immense dunes, explore cool forests, savor beach sunsets, and much more. *Leader: Jenny Wachter. Price: \$1,145. [21248A]*

Hooray for Ouray: Colorful Day Hikes in Southwest Colorado. June 20–26. Join us for a week of challenging day hikes around the historic mountain town of Ouray, Colorado. Led by a mountain naturalist, we'll hike to aqua-colored lakes and jagged peaks and walk the lofty Perimeter Trail, surrounded by mountains. Evenings, we'll return to our comfortable lodge for conversation, rest, and local cuisine. A midweek visit to Telluride is also planned, and airport pickup is included. *Leader: Tom Davis. Price: \$1,775. [21224A]*

Boots and Brushes: Hiking and Painting in the Sierra, California. June 27–July 3. Join our artist in residence in a magnificent mountain setting for this weeklong watercolor workshop. We'll hike to a different location each day to capture the beauty of the mountains, wildflowers, forests, rock outcroppings, and lakes. Our cozy lodge will provide home-cooked meals and a spacious living room where we can relax or continue the day's work. *Leader: Anne*

Roberts. Price: \$1,075. [21219A]

An Active Adventure in Quebec City: History, Culture, and Bike Rides, Quebec. July 11–16. Quebec City isn't far from the United States, but it's a world apart in terms of history, culture, and style. Summer is the perfect time of year for active exploration of this charming, European-style city. We'll take history walks, food tours, and easy, guided bike rides; enjoy gourmet meals; and spend five nights in private rooms in the heart of Old Quebec. Most meals are included. *Leader: Linda Cooper. Price: \$1,325. [21225A]*

Epic Sights, Delights, and Highlights on the North Shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota. July 11–17. Discover Gitchi Gami, "the great sea," by foot, bike, and canoe as we explore attractions from Duluth to Grand Portage, including famous waterfalls, beaches, scenic vistas, and the iconic Split Rock Lighthouse. We'll enjoy unforgettable views from the private balconies of our hotel, perched on a cliff on the edge of Lake Superior. The trip includes roundtrip van transportation from Minneapolis. *Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: \$1,395. [21229A]*

Summer Day Hikes in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. July 12–18. See trip 21222A, left, for details. *Leader: Paul Saindon. Price: \$1,725. [21230A]*

Lodge Adventure in America's Alps, North Cascades, Washington. July 18–23. Washington's magnificent North Cascades feature jagged peaks, glaciers, ice fields, alpine meadows, lakes, rivers, and forests. On this trip, we will dayhike to ridges and passes, catch views from impressive overlooks, ramble along streams, and admire the Skagit River and its lakes. By night, we will relax at a lodge beside Diablo Lake, enjoying comfy beds and hearty meals. *Leader: Charles Schmidt. Price: \$1,895. [21231A]*

50-Plus Ramble and Scramble in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. July 24–31. Join other 50-plus-year-olds as we explore the beauty of the Rockies with a former park ranger. From the comfort of our lodge, we'll dayhike to alpine



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meadows, high-country lakes, spectacular waterfalls, glaciers, and the Continental Divide. Evenings will include time for relaxing, reading, and enjoying the lodge amenities. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$2,245. [21228A]*

Ridges, Rivers, Rainforests, and Waves in Olympic National Park, Washington. July 25–30. Discover the remarkable diversity of Olympic National Park, a World Heritage site packed with rainforests, Pacific beaches, mountain ridges, rivers, lakes, and abundant wildlife. From our lodge on beautiful Lake Crescent, we'll dayhike to different ecosystems, viewing glacier-clad peaks, alpine meadows, sea stacks, arches, tidepools, and more with our expert naturalist. In the evenings, we'll be rewarded with home-cooked meals, lake vistas, and friendly conversation. *Leader: Betty Connor. Price: \$1,625. [21226A]*

Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women's Multisport Adventure in Central Oregon. July 25–31. Enjoy the camaraderie of other adventurous women during an active week discovering Bend and surrounding central Oregon. We'll stand-up paddle, flatwater kayak, and raft on the Cascade Lakes and Deschutes River; hike to waterfalls, volcanic landscapes, lava-cast forests, and lava tubes; and take in the vibe of Bend on a unique cycling experience. This trip is suitable for beginners. *Leader: Jennifer Moon. Price: \$2,095. [21227A]*

Canadian Rockies Van Venture: Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, Alberta. July 31–August 7. The Rocky Mountains achieve their most spectacular grandeur in Canada. By day, we will visit Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, hiking mountain trails to meadows and scenic overlooks. By night, we will dine in classic restaurants and lodge in comfortable hotels. Our itinerary will also include a visit to the Athabasca Glacier. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$2,825. [21234A]*

Grizzlies, Glaciers, and Climate Change: Dayhiking in Glacier National Park, Montana. July 31–August 7. With experts from the Glacier Institute, we'll hike amid the spectacular scenery of the "Crown of the Continent," learning about glaciers and climate change, the geology of the park, local flora, and grizzly bears. At day's end, we'll return to our rustic cabins for hot showers, a warm meal, and lively conversation. Hikes will be moderate to strenuous and range from 9 to 12 miles. *Leader: Mary Owens. Price: \$1,735. [21232A]*

Puffins, Whales, and Coastal Trails: Newfoundland's East Coast Trail by Land and Sea. August 4–11. Enjoy coastal hikes in a pristine wilderness of rocky cliffs, enchanted forests, sea meadows, and secluded coves. We'll see wildflowers and nesting seabirds on this dramatic coastline, kayak in a protected bay, take a Zodiac ride to watch whales and puffins, and

tour a 175-year-old lighthouse. In St. John's, we'll visit historic sites, museums, pubs, and shops. Lodging will be in pleasant cottages with beautiful ocean views. *Leader: Alline Anderson. Price: \$2,295. [21223A]*

Best of the Midwest: Dayhiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, Minnesota. August 8–14. The Superior Hiking Trail, often hugging the ridgeline above Lake Superior along Minnesota's north shore, is the Midwest's premier hiking trail. Nearly 40 miles of inspiring and challenging day hikes will be highlighted by panoramic views, pristine inland lakes, rushing rivers, cascades, and waterfalls. At our comfortable lodge, we'll enjoy good food and nightly naturalist-led programs and activities. *Leader: Susan Elsner. Price: \$1,225. [21235A]*

Mountains and Fjords of Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park. August 13–19. Visit the rugged west coast of Newfoundland! Explore Gros Morne National Park, which features towering mountains, unique tablelands, and stunning fjords. Guided walks with rangers will enlighten you about the locale, and a boat tour of the most majestic fjord in the park will amaze you. Daily easy-to-moderate hikes will lead us to sea stacks, caves, volcanic cliffs, and a diversity of plant and animal life. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,595. [21236A]*

Beartooth Bliss: Dayhiking Montana's Spectacular Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. August 15–21. Explore the spectacular glacier-carved valleys of the Beartooth Mountains on moderate to moderately strenuous day hikes of 7 to

12 miles. We will hike alongside crystal-clear streams and past numerous waterfalls to picturesque alpine lakes with stunning mountain views. After dinner in the mountain town of Red Lodge, we will retire each night to cozy rooms in our streamside lodge. *Leader: Mary Owens. Price: \$1,625. [21240A]*

Hot and Wild: Dayhiking Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. August 15–21. Leave the road behind and explore the wonder of the United States' first national park. With a naturalist accompanying us, our day hikes will include wildlife viewing, thermal activity, majestic waterfalls, petrified forests, and expansive, breathtaking vistas. At night, we'll nestle in rustic lodging high on a mountainside with a bird's-eye view of the Yellowstone River blanketed by stars. *Leader: Sandra Kiplinger. Price: \$1,765. [21242A]*

50-Plus Clamber in the Collegiate Peaks of Colorado's Sawatch Range. August 21–28. Join other 50-plus-year-olds as we explore the beauty of Colorado's Southern Rockies with a former park ranger. From the comfort of our resort, we'll dayhike to alpine meadows, high-country lakes, spectacular waterfalls, and the Continental Divide. Evenings will include time for reading, relaxing in hot springs, or enjoying the resort's other amenities. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$1,745. [21241A]*

Paw Prints, Tribal Customs, and Fall Day Hikes in Glacier National Park, Montana. August 29–September 4. Hike the "Crown of the Continent" as it transitions into autumn mag-

nificence. We'll hike varied trails to glorious waterfalls, expansive valleys, and sparkling lakes and glaciers and possibly spot grizzlies, moose, and wolves as they fatten up for a long winter. We'll also learn about ecology with experts from the Glacier Institute and enjoy creature comforts at day's end. *Leader: Sandra Kiplinger. Price: \$1,535. [21244A]*

Downeast Maine: Lobsters, Whales, and Wildlife. September 11–17. Discover Downeast Maine at the northern tip of the state's rugged coastline, an area of small fishing harbors, abundant wildlife, and unspoiled ambience. We'll hike easy-to-moderate trails, watch for birds and whales, and enjoy freshly caught seafood. We'll also visit Franklin Delano Roosevelt's summer home at Campobello Island in adjacent New Brunswick, Canada. Evenings will be in comfortable, family-owned accommodations. *Leader: Rochelle Gerratt. Price: \$1,495. [21243A]*

Spectacular South Dakota Sampler. September 16–20. Sample iconic landscapes and rich history on our lodge adventure in vast and varied South Dakota. From our comfortable lodging nearby, we will visit Crazy Horse Memorial, the Black Elk Wilderness, Badlands National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Mt. Rushmore, and more on day trips and hikes. An optional hike up Black Elk Peak is also planned. *Leader: Robin Green. Price: \$1,095. [21245A]*

50-Plus Day Hikes in New Mexico's Black Range. September 18–24. Tour the one-time home of Geronimo with other 50-plus-year-olds on our lodge-based dayhiking vacation. We'll spend our days on the trail and nights in a rustic lodge featuring wonderful meals, shared rooms, and an outdoor hot tub. We'll also learn about late-1800s silver mining, Native American history, and local flora and fauna with colorful characters from the local community. *Leader: Susan Roebuck. Price: \$1,895. [21249A]*

Ohio's Wild and Scenic Rivers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio. September 19–23. Join us on a varied vacation in Ohio's only national park. We will hike, kayak, bike, and explore the forests, ledges, caves, rock outcroppings, rolling hills, narrow ravines, wetlands, river scenery, waterfalls, and historic Towpath Trail of this hidden gem of the Midwest. Lodging will be within the park in a historic farmhouse built in the 1830s. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$995. [21247A]*

Yoga, Hiking, and Meditation in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. September 20–25. Spend a relaxed week in the scenic and secluded Stehekin Valley. We'll reach this historically rich alpine area via a 50-mile ferry ride across Lake Chelan. Autumn splendor awaits us on a variety of day hikes and during optional activities, like



CELEBRATION IN THE STEHEKIN VALLEY, WASHINGTON. CREDIT: BILL GIFFORD

yoga, meditation, photography, kayaking, horseback riding, and biking. We'll return each day to rustic accommodations, hot showers, and hearty food. *Leader: Bill Gifford. Price: \$1,375. [21246A]*

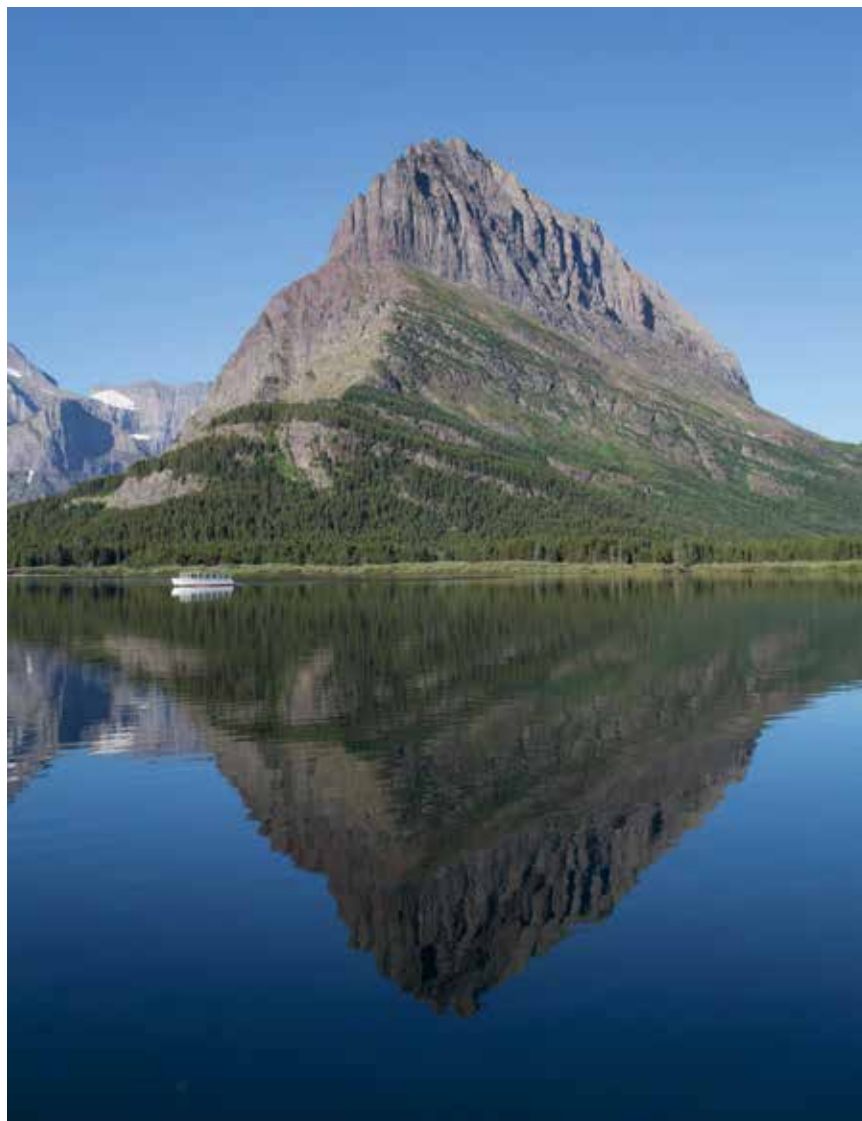
Vancouver to Whistler: A British Columbia Adventure. September 26–October 2. Discover southern British Columbia, from a multicultural city to rugged mountains. Our trip will begin and end in Vancouver, where we'll take in history, culture, cuisine, and other attractions. In between, we'll head to the Whistler area for hiking and sightseeing in Garibaldi Provincial Park, a landscape of glaciated mountains, valleys, and lakes. Accommodations will be in a hotel and private riverside cottages. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,245. [21250A]*

Fall Foliage Hiking in Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest. October 3–8. Crisp weather and burnished maples beckon in picture-perfect central Vermont. Experience foliage season at its finest on daily four-to-nine-mile walks on moderate trails in Green Mountain National Forest. Learn about real maple syrup and folk crafts and enjoy gourmet meals and five nights of double accommodation at small country inns, with airport transportation included. *Leader: Linda Cooper. Price: \$2,175. [21251A]*

Hiking on the Wild Side: Potomac Highlands, West Virginia. October 3–9. Explore the Allegheny Front, a geologic boundary running between the ancient Appalachian Mountains and the Allegheny Plateau in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. This wildly beautiful area contains sweeping vistas, deep canyons, red spruce and hardwood forests, meadows, and bogs. We'll hike throughout this diverse region each day before returning to modern cabins on the rim of a canyon for rest, relaxation, and home-cooked meals. *Leader: Russ Norfleet. Price: \$1,245. [21252A]*

Shenandoah National Park: History, Trails, and Fall Colors, Virginia. October 10–16. October is perfect for hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains of northern Virginia. Trails parallel rivers, dip into quiet hollows, and rise to magnificent, multicolored views. On daily hikes, we'll explore the historical remains of a bygone era, where families scratched out meager lives. We'll also assist with a rewarding trail maintenance project and stay in private rooms at a comfortable lodge. *Leader: Priscilla Roberts. Price: \$1,745. [21254A]*

Kicks on Historic Route 66 and the Eleven Point National Scenic River, Missouri. October 15–22. Spend a spectacular week sightseeing and canoeing two American classics. We'll dine at a winery, tour Route 66 landmarks and Saint Louis's Gateway Arch, take in an annual Oktoberfest celebration, and stay at the historic Wagon Wheel Motel. We'll also visit Ozark attractions, spend three days on



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA. CREDIT: RICHARD MASCHMEYER/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

the spring-fed Eleven Point River, and visit a re-created 1930s village where we can take Model A rides. *Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: \$1,345. [21253A]*

Autumn Glory in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee. October 17–22. Explore the magnificent Smokies' towering stands of hardwood forest during the season of spectacular fall colors. We will be based inside the park at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. Each day will offer at least two hike distances, and evening activities will range from campfire programs to Appalachian music and storytelling. *Leader: Glenn Gillis. Price: \$1,145. [21255A]*

Georgia O'Keeffe and Ancestral Puebloan Culture, New Mexico. October 17–24. Georgia O'Keeffe's beloved Ghost Ranch will be our lodging for an exploration of the artist's life and work and guided van tours, on which

we'll learn about the Southwest's historic Ancestral Puebloan culture. A professional archaeologist will lead hikes to petroglyphs and the remnants of an ancient civilization. We will visit Bandelier National Monument, Chaco Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, and the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. *Leader: Paul Gross. Price: \$2,485. [21256A]*

Peak Experience: Snowshoeing in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. February 26–March 5, 2022. Snowshoe through the silent winter beauty of the Grand Tetons. From our deluxe cabins inside the park, we will embark on daily snowshoe tours through open meadows, aspen groves, and coniferous forests, where we may observe moose, bison, elk, deer, coyotes, foxes, and bald eagles. We'll also take an unforgettable dogsled trip to a hot spring, enjoy four-star dining, and spend evenings relaxing in our large outdoor hot tub. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$4,095. [22406A]*

Service

Go **behind the scenes** on a volunteer vacation supporting public lands. Take your pick of projects and destinations, with free time for hiking, history, or simply relaxing.



TRAIL SERVICE IN THE JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: STEVE VEIT

Audubon Research Ranch Service, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Arizona. March 14–20. Participate in projects to conserve and restore facilities and the ecosystem in this area of desert grasslands. We'll enjoy mild weather in a region rich in southwestern history. *Leader: Phil Williams. Price: \$595. [21414A]*

Spring Celebration Service at Fort Ord National Monument, Monterey, California. March 21–27. Sweeping vivid landscapes provide rich natural diversity and are home to 35 rare species of plants and animals. We'll work with Bureau of Land Management biologists to restore unique habitats and explore fascinating military history. *Leader: Ellen Gartside. Cook: Robin Fox. Price: \$475. [21417A]*



Nantahala Trail and Trek, North Carolina. April 4–10. Join us for our 32nd year helping build and restore trails in Nantahala National Forest. We'll enjoy scrumptious meals and relaxing accommodations at a lodge tucked away in the lush North Carolina mountains. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$965. [21086A]*

Service at Padre Island National Seashore, Texas. April 9–17. Assist with service projects at Padre Island National Seashore, the longest stretch of undeveloped barrier island in the world with 70 miles of coastline and a haven for 380 bird species. *Leader: Charles Hiatt. Price: \$395. [21087A]*

California Dreaming: Redwoods, Beaches, and Service. April 10–17. Camp and volunteer at



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Hendy Woods State Park, a fern-filled redwood forest just north of San Francisco. On our free days, we'll hike, sea kayak, and visit a winery and cheesemaker. *Leader: Sally Loker. Cook: Alline Anderson. Price: \$675. [21099A]*



Mammoth Cave National Park Service, Kentucky. April 11–17. Spring brings an incredible burst of birdsong, croaking frogs, and new growth in this unique karst geologic region. We'll help with invasive-plant removal, trail work, and research projects; tour caves during free time; and stay in a comfortable bunkhouse. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$395. [21077A]*


Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 1–8. Assist with diverse spring projects, including a public garden, beach, and trail. On our free day, we will enjoy classic beaches and tour the island. *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$845. [21091A]*

Spring Service in Arches National Park, Utah. May 2–8. Discover spectacular Arches—with cowboy cooks to feed you. We'll base-camp

and tackle projects including trail work and fence removal. Challenges will exist for newcomers and veterans alike. *Leader: Mike Kobar. Price: \$675. [21089A]*


Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 8–15. Help repair trails high in the Chiricahua Mountains. Our project will take place in one of the most biologically diverse of the sky island mountain ranges and a world-class birding area. *Leader: Howard Kellogg. Cook: Janet Talbot. Price: \$525. [21300A]*

Martha's Vineyard Service, Massachusetts. May 9–15. Work with the Nature Conservancy on native-plant restoration, invasive-species removal, and other conservation projects while enjoying spring in a spectacular setting. *Leader: Janice Birnbaum. Price: \$995. [21090A]*

 **Service under the Stars at Historic Mt. Wilson Observatory, California.** May 14–20. Assist with service projects at historic Mt. Wilson Observatory in the mountains above Los Angeles. Trail maintenance and invasive-plant removal will be rewarded with incredible stargazing using telescopes. *Leader: Tim Wernette. Cook: Charlie Reimann. Price: \$585. [21094A]*

Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 15–22. Experience Northern California's legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We'll work along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. *Leader: Michelle Stewart. Price: \$595. [21097A]*

 **New York City Park Service, New York.** May 16–23. Join us for park work in the heart of the Big Apple. We'll stay in a comfortable hostel, with most meals catered, and enjoy ethnic foods and tours of the city. Families are welcome. *Leader: Richard Grayson. Price: \$775. [21098A]*

 **Service and History at Shenandoah Valley Battlefields, Virginia.** May 23–29. Help improve trails and re-create historically accurate landscapes at the site of one of the largest battles in the Shenandoah Valley. We'll also learn Civil War history and stay in a comfortable dorm-style lodge. *Leader: Helen Bannan-Baurecht. Price: \$795. [21092A]*

Wildlands of Monhegan Island: Jewel of the Sea, Maine. May 23–29. Monhegan boasts rugged headlands, varied hiking, sustainable lobstering, and art galleries. We will remove invasive plants and brush, collect litter from beaches, improve trails, and enjoy picturesque scenery and relaxing evenings. *Leader: Faye Sitzman. Price: \$625. [21095A]*


Protecting Island in the Sky, Canyonlands National Park, Utah. June 6–12. Take part in a

Choose Your Comfort Level: Camp or Lodge


In an effort to keep our service trips affordable as possible, most involve camping. If you'd rather rest your work-weary bones in a soft bed, try one of our lodge-based trips, marked with this symbol. Accommodations are typically rustic, such as dormitories, cabins, or research stations, and they are always shared.



week of service and discovery on this legendary mesa. We'll base-camp and assist with trail work and fence installation. Challenges will exist for newcomers and veterans alike. *Leader: Mike Kobar. Price: \$695. [21096A]*

 **Long Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California.** June 23–27. Join us for a long weekend of service and activities at Clair Tappaan Lodge. We'll help maintain the lodge and its natural setting, with opportunities to explore the sur-

rounding High Sierra and Lake Tahoe region. *Leaders: Bill Glenn, Allison Rieck. Price: \$445. [21301A]*

 **Long Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California.** June 25–29. See trip 21301A, left, for details. *Leaders: Bill Glenn, Allison Rieck. Price: \$445. [21302A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 10–17. Enjoy forests, flowers, wildlife, and beautiful mountain views with other women as we clear trails to improve access to this spectacular wilderness, with a free day to explore our surroundings. *Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: \$625. [21308A]*

Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 17–24. Backpack into this wilderness gem to work on the Ruby Crest Trail and access trails. We'll camp near a serene alpine lake, marvel at towering summits, and enjoy uncrowded hikes. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Delphine Dahan. Price: \$645. [21309A]*

Grand Canyon Garden Party on the North Rim, Arizona. July 18–24. Join us as we work with National Park Service staff to keep the North Rim of the Grand Canyon green and inviting for all who visit. *Leader: Mike Kobar. Price: \$795. [21350A]*



GRASSLANDS RESEARCH IN VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE, NEW MEXICO. CREDIT: ANN DAIGLE

Lake Superior Service, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. July 23–31. Discover America's least visited park while assisting with trail maintenance. We'll work and hike among wolves, moose, and loons on this lush and remote island. *Leader: Susan Elsner. Price: \$945. [21310A]*

Service in the North Woods, Maine. July 25–31. Assist with rugged, varied, and rewarding maintenance projects near the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. We'll explore our spectacular wilderness surroundings, with nights in a cozy, eco-friendly lodge. *Leader: Pamela Wolf. Price: \$845. [21311A]*

Wilderness Service in the Wasatch Range, Utah. July 25–31. Join us as we reroute backcountry trails in the beautiful high country of the Mt. Naomi Wilderness. We'll explore wildflower-filled meadows and craggy peaks in our free time. *Leader: Kirsten Howe. Cook: Elizabeth Taylor. Price: \$665. [21312A]*

Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 31–August 7. Join us in Oregon's "Little Switzerland" for trail repair projects, with a day off to explore snowy peaks, verdant meadows, and the alpine lakes of this majestic landscape. *Leader: Laura Mitchell. Cook: Kathleen Barton. Price: \$675. [21313A]*

Scholarships Available

If you're aged 18–35, you may be able to go on select service trips for \$300 off the listed price, thanks to the Sharon Churchwell Fund. For a full list of these trips, see p. 27.

Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. August 1–7. Go off the grid with fellow volunteers on this rewarding week of trail maintenance. We'll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes and peaks on our day off. *Leader: John Clarkson. Price: \$595. [21337A]*

Service in the John Muir Wilderness, California. August 7–14. Assist with service projects in the area that inspired Ansel Adams and Sierra Club founder John Muir while enjoying hearty vegetarian meals and basking in unmatched mountain scenery. *Leader: Alison Campbell. Cook: Kelley Cousin. Price: \$825. [21315A]*



Coast, Whales, Pilgrims, and Dance: Service in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

August 14–21. Assist with trail work near the picturesque and historic Massachusetts

coast. We'll enjoy whale-watching and optional visits to Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth Rock, and *Mayflower II*. Lodging will be in cabins at a lakeside music-and-dance camp. *Leader: Zehava Rosenberg. Price: \$725. [21318A]*

Gros Ventre Wilderness Service, Wyoming. August 14–21. Join our group of young volunteers as we hike into this mountain wilderness, part of the Yellowstone ecosystem, to help repair trails. From open meadows and ridges, we'll enjoy views of nearby peaks, including the Tetons and the Wind River Range. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Allison Rieck. Price: \$685. [21316A]*

Volcanic Views and Hiking Trails: Service at Lassen Volcanic National Park, California. August 14–21. Participate in remote trail-restoration projects amid a thriving volcanic ecosystem. We will camp on the shores of beautiful Juniper Lake with spectacular views of Lassen Peak. *Leader: William Loker. Cook: Didi Toasperm. Price: \$425. [21319A]*

Service and Whitewater Rafting in New River Gorge, West Virginia. August 15–21. Help the National Park Service build hiking and biking trails and enhance cultural and natural resources. We'll take an exciting whitewater-rafting trip and explore the gorge's culture and history. *Leader: Marit Anderson. Price: \$595. [21320A]*



TRAIL CREW IN THE IDAHO PANHANDLE. CREDIT: WILLIAM MERRITT

More Service Trips

See the Alaska & Arctic Canada (p. 4), Hawaii & American Caribbean (p. 7), and Family (p. 23) sections for other excellent volunteer vacations.

Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 21–28. Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working on tough but rewarding projects in the remote Idaho Panhandle. We'll improve trails and hike to lakes and mountains on our days off. *Leader: Doug Pilcher. Price: \$345. [21322A]*

Acadia National Park Service, Maine. August 29–September 4. Help rehabilitate the carriage roads and trails of this rugged and diverse coastal park. On our free day, we'll explore beautiful Mt. Desert Island. *Leader: John Killeen. Price: \$545. [21321A]*

Audubon Research Ranch Service, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Arizona. September 5–11. Participate in projects to conserve and restore facilities and the ecosystem in this area of desert grasslands. We'll enjoy mild weather in a region rich in southwestern history. *Leader: Phil Williams. Price: \$645. [21323A]*

Service in Magnificent Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 11–18. Help preserve and enhance trails below the glacier-covered giant for which this spectacular park is named. We'll stay at rustic Mowich Lake Campground and hike to scenic work sites nearby. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Didi Toasperm. Price: \$675. [21327A]*

Winding through the Winds: Trail Restoration in the Mountains of Wyoming. September 11–18. Perform vital trail work in the magnificent Wind River Range, with time off to explore the waterfalls and high, jagged peaks of the stunning Popo Agie Wilderness. *Leader: Michelle Stewart. Cook: Kelley Cousin. Price: \$475. [21324A]*

Working among Wolves: Service at the Wolf Conservation Center, New York. September 12–18. During our week at this leading wolf conservation and education facility, we will help renovate wolf enclosures, construct dens and furniture, repair fences, and install webcams. We'll camp in yurts in a nearby 1,000-acre park. *Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: \$695. [21325A]*

Fall Service at Bear Run Nature Reserve and Fallingwater, Pennsylvania. September 12–19. Construct trails in the Bear Run watershed, which includes the stream that flows under Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater. We'll receive a private tour and enjoy whitewater thrills on our day off. *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$495. [21333A]*



50-Plus Service in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. September 19–25. Join our team as we preserve public lands. We'll explore mountains, streams, and trails, with lodging in a comfortable ranch house serving vegetarian-friendly, family-style meals. *Leader: Kathleen Barton. Cook: Terry Sario. Price: \$795. [21326A]*



MARTHA'S VINEYARD SERVICE, MASSACHUSETTS. CREDIT: MIKE WHITTEMORE

Bird Habitat Restoration and Conservation, Big Island, Hawaii. May 1–8. *Leader: Carl Martin. Price: \$945. [21081A]*

Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 20–26. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,325. [21025A]*

Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. July 25–August 1. *Leader: Larry Miller. Price: \$2,045. [21084A]*

Grasslands Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. September 19–25. The 13-mile-wide Valles Caldera is known for its high meadows, wildlife, and fish-filled streams. We'll stay in a private camp, hike to work sites, and collect data on the biomass of the grasslands. *Leader: Phil Williams. Price: \$795. [21332A]*

Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. August 1–7. *Leader: John Kolman. Price: \$1,175. [21027A]*

Family Fun and Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. August 8–14. *Leaders: Steve Veit, Karen Peters. Price: \$595 (child)/\$695 (adult). [21317A]*

Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. August 8–14. *Leader: Jill McIntire. Price: \$1,295. [21085A]*



New York City Forestry Service, New York. September 19–26. Assist the New York Botanical Garden with conservation of the 50-acre urban remnant of a forest that once covered all of Manhattan. We'll attend conservation talks and sample cultural events by night. *Leader: Kenda Peterson. Price: \$895. [21328A]*

Looking for Other Ways to Connect to the Outdoors?

Sierra Club chapters and groups offer a wide range of outdoor activities and opportunities to get involved in national, regional, and local advocacy actions. All Sierra Club Outings are guided by the Outdoors for All Theory of Change vision for a just, equitable, and sustainable future where all people benefit from a healthy, thriving planet and a direct connection to nature.



CALIFORNIA VETERANS GROUP ON THE SOUTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: ROB VESSELS

Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Each year, Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) volunteers provide safe, inspiring, and fun outdoor adventures for over 14,000 participants—mostly youth from communities of color and low-income groups. Volunteer leaders work with partner organizations to engage their communities on hiking, camping, backpacking, paddling, snow, and service trips in areas near and far from their homes. ICO strives to highlight the known benefits of engaging people in the outdoors, such as increasing feelings of social connection, curiosity, self-efficacy, and life purpose. It also aims to create the next generation of environmental and social justice leaders, increase exposure to outdoor recreation, support grassroots community leadership, and build a broad platform for all people to access the outdoors. ICO is funded entirely by grants and your generous donations. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit sc.org/ico.

Local Outings

The Sierra Club offers over 15,000 local and mostly free trips each year led by dedicated Sierra Club volunteers who reflect the communities where they live and play outside. Participants are welcome regardless of background and experience. We offer outdoor activities that connect folks to nature and each other in a multiplicity of ways: day hikes, peak scrambles, bicycling, cross-country skiing, birdwatching, conservation-oriented walks, and forays into the natural areas of our major cities. Find trips near you at sc.org/localoutdoors.


Military Outdoors

The Sierra Club Military Outdoors campaign (SCMO) is working to improve the lives of veterans and their families through connections with the outdoors, and by inspiring members of the military and veteran community to become outspoken champions for environmental conservation and justice. Learn more at sc.org/military.

Outdoors for All

Outdoors for All is an initiative of the Our Wild America campaign. Outdoors for All works with local, state, and national coalitions to advance administrative policy changes and raise decision-makers' awareness of the importance of expanding access to nature and outdoor learning and recreation. The campaign contributes to a national dialogue about equity and access to the outdoors, helping to establish access to nature as a human right. For more, visit sierraclub.org/outdoors-for-all.

Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico. September 25–October 2. Chaco Canyon is the center of the vanished Ancestral Puebloan culture and a true archaeological mystery. Join us as we assist in protecting and preserving its fragile resources. *Leader: Karen Greif. Price: \$645. [21329A]*

 **Service at Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland.** September 26–October 2. Help restore historic landscapes and buildings at the site of a decisive Civil War battle. We'll learn history from park rangers and reenactors and tour the battlefield with a professional guide. *Leader: William Baurecht. Price: \$855. [21330A]*

Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. September 26–October 2. The 13-mile-wide Valles Caldera is known for its high meadows, wildlife, and fish-filled streams. We'll stay in a private camp, hike to work sites, and gather data on the local trout population. *Leader: Phil Williams. Price: \$795. [21331A]*

Big Sur Service, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California. October 3–9. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking California coast while contributing to much-needed trail work. We enjoy hearty vegetarian meals and have time off to hike and relax among the magnificent redwoods. *Leader: Mia MacCollin. Cook: Dan Ballin. Price: \$625. [21334A]*

Service among Ancestral Puebloan Ruins, Utah. October 3–9. Assist with service projects in


southeastern Utah's canyon country, home to stunning cliff dwellings. On our days off, we'll hike and view evidence of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilization. Our campsite is car accessible. *Leader: Tim Wernette. Cook: Adam Kapp. Price: \$575. [21335A]*


Service in the Footsteps of Daniel Boone in the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. October 16–23. Help with trail-building projects and camp amid spectacular fall views of heavily forested slopes, ridges, and cliffs, a stunning backdrop that includes more than 100 natural arches. *Leader: Julie Koivula. Price: \$475. [21336A]*

Top of Texas, Guadalupe Mountains National Park. October 16–24. Participate in service projects in comfortable autumn temperatures at the highest mountain in Texas. During rest days, we will hike a 260-million-year-old reef and visit nearby Carlsbad Caverns National Park. *Leader: Charles Hiatt. Price: \$565. [21339A]*


LGBTQ+ Service at Central California's Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. October 17–23. Help build a multiuse trail in the golden-grass, oak-studded Hernandez Valley of Central California. Free-day activities will include a hike and other chances to explore our surroundings. *Leader: Cara Wilson. Cook: Deborah Wine. Price: \$525. [21341A]*

Martha's Vineyard Service, Massachusetts. October 17–23. See trip 21090A, p. 33, for details. *Leader: Mary Alice Smith. Price: \$945. [21343A]*

 **New York City Parks Service at the Historic Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, New York.** October 17–24. Work on the trails around a historic mansion in Pelham Bay Park, New York City's largest park. We'll stay at a Manhattan hostel and sample the city's culture, food, and entertainment. *Leader: Richard Grayson. Price: \$815. [21342A]*

 **Sea and Service at Point Reyes National Seashore, California.** October 23–30. Stay in a historic lifeboat station on Drakes Bay while removing a variety of non-native vegetation to improve valuable habitat. Free-day opportunities may include hiking, birding, or exploring this dramatic coastal environment. *Leader: Deni Lopez. Cook: Robin Fox. Price: \$595. [21344A]*

Hot Springs, Falling Water, and Service in Saline Valley, California. November 7–13. Restore and explore precious riparian canyons amid waterfalls and fern grottoes, read history in ancient petroglyphs, bask in restful hot springs after a workday, and sleep beneath a million stars. *Leader: Andrea Siegrist-Baez. Cook: Bob Devor. Price: \$575. [21345A]*

 **Piedras Blancas Light Station Service, Big Sur, California.** December 5–11. Join us on the majestic Big Sur coast to assist with service projects around the iconic Piedras Blancas Light Station. During free time, we'll beachcomb, search for coastal wildlife, and enjoy hearty group meals. *Leader: Mia MacCollin. Cook: Francine Wai. Price: \$595. [21346A]*



BRILLIANT FALL COLORS NEAR KENTUCKY'S RED RIVER GORGE. CREDIT: R. PATRICK JENNINGS/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO



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Hike Ireland's Natural and Ancient Wonders: Dublin to the Aran Islands. April 20–30. Discover the natural wonders, history, and culture of Ireland on an incomparable hiking adventure, from Neolithic tombs near Dublin to the rugged western shores of the Atlantic. We'll visit ancient and medieval sites dotting the countryside near Galway and on the Aran Islands and take inspiring hikes along the breathtaking coastline, through scenic valleys, and among dramatic mountains. Lodging will be in comfortable bed-and-breakfasts and small country inns. *Leader: Brian Anderson. Price: \$3,445. [21600A]*

England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. May 3–16. Embark on a grand cross-country walking tour through three of England's most beautiful national parks: the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales,

and the North York Moors. Our moderate-to-strenuous day hikes will take us to Grasmere, Keld, and Robin Hood's Bay while a mini-van transports our luggage to comfortable bed-and-breakfasts. Local British friends will share daytime walks and evening talks in colorful pubs. *Leader: Hurston Roberts. Price: \$4,295. [21625A]*

Jewels of Croatia: Forests, Rivers, and Islands. May 3–16. Discover Europe's most diverse outdoor destination on this active trip. Starting in Zagreb, our journey will take us south toward the coast of Dalmatia. We will hike in dense forests; bike through leafy national parks; raft, kayak, and swim in pristine rivers; and discover history and culture in ancient towns. Our adventure will end with a sailing cruise among the idyllic coves and fishing villages of the Elafiti Islands, with ample opportunities to

swim, snorkel, bike, and hike. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$5,165. [21610A]*

Vienna to Prague: Walking the Czech Greenways, Austria and Czech Republic. May 6–19. Explore four World Heritage sites and two UNESCO biosphere reserves while hiking along a system of medieval trade routes. We'll start in the great cultural center of Vienna and end in magical Prague. Our walks will take us across the southern Czech areas of Moravia and Bohemia, where we'll discover fairy-tale castles, old town squares, and the World Heritage sites of Telc and Cesky Krumlov. We'll enjoy moderate hiking with bus support and spend our nights in quaint village inns. *Leader: Tom Brown. Price: \$5,425. [21620A]*

Lake District Ramble, England. May 11–19. Pack your camera and binoculars for a walking

journey among the fells and glittering lakes of northwestern England. As we ramble through this historic landscape, we'll picnic near beaches spanned by old stone bridges and visit tiny cafés to discuss the famous writers drawn to the region. We'll also admire ancient scenery from hilltops, cruise on lake steamers, and visit the famous Castlerigg stone circle. This trip is for moderate-to-experienced hikers. **Leader: Marti Greason. Price: \$3,325. [21710A]**

Hiking the Franciscan Trail, Umbria, Italy. May 15–27. Following the path of Saint Francis, patron saint of the environment, we'll hike through forests and wildflowers and past ancient mills, Etruscan tombs, Roman roads, springs, vineyards, and olive orchards. Hiking three to six miles daily, we'll visit remote abbeys, monasteries, hill towns, and churches with priceless art. A contessa, a priest, and locals will be our guides. We will visit Cortona of *Under the Tuscan Sun* fame, enjoy local cuisine, and stay in a country inn. **Leader: Stu DeLaCastro. Price: \$4,725. [21635A]**

Treasures of Sicily and the Aeolian Islands, Italy. May 17–28. Sicily, the largest of the Mediterranean islands, offers diverse art, archaeology, architecture, cuisine, and nature. We will explore the fascinating cultural abundance resulting from centuries of occupation by Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. On the Aeolian Islands, we'll hike along stunning coastlines and through mountain forests and climb a volcano. We will be accompanied by local experts who will help us understand Sicily's unique mix of cultures and landscapes. **Leader: Jenny Roberts. Price: \$4,895. [21640A]**

From the Sea to the Mountains: Hiking across Northern Greece. May 22–June 2. Explore the wilder side of Greece, from an idyllic island to the rugged mountains and steep canyons of the mainland. Our trip will begin on the enchanting island of Corfu, where we'll hike, swim, and relax on magnificent beaches. We'll then head to little-known Vikos-Aoos National Park on the mainland to discover its varied trails and hidden gorges. Finally, we'll hike to the monasteries atop the cliffs of Meteora and on the slopes of Mt. Olympus. **Leader: Angela White. Price: \$3,275. [21715A]**

Traversing the Spanish Pyrenees. May 28–June 10. Visit the best of the southern Pyrenees, one of Europe's grandest mountain ranges, as we travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. Starting in artsy Bilbao in the Basque Country and ending in cosmopolitan Barcelona, the capital of the Catalonia region, we will hike through canyons, up mountains, beside ancient volcanoes, and along pristine rivers. Evenings will be spent in small hotels and a castle in charming villages along the way. **Leader: Lee Thomas. Price: \$6,095. [21655A]**

Hiking and Culture in Romania. June 5–16. Explore the path less traveled in Romania's picturesque countryside. We'll discover a rural way of life and ancient traditions on our walking tour of villages, farms, and mountain paths. Wildflowers and waterfalls will abound on daily hikes, with chances to meet local shepherds, farmers, and cheese makers. Accommodations in small hotels and traditional houses will allow us to experience local customs, culture, and delicious home-cooked meals. **Leader: Angela White. Price: \$2,545 (12–15)/\$2,845 (11 or fewer). [21670A]**

Poets and Pilgrims: A Literary Walking Tour of Ireland. June 14–25. Experience Ireland through the eyes of four of its master storytellers. We'll walk the streets of James Joyce's Dublin, sail to John M. Synge's remote Aran Islands, hike Hazel Woods to Yeats's "Lake Isle of Innisfree," and explore Patrick Kavanagh's rural County Monaghan. A literary guide will accompany us on our pilgrimage across the Emerald Isle as we combine sightseeing and hiking for a remarkable cultural adventure. **Leader: Kathie Fowler. Price: \$4,325. [21685A]**

Hiking through Time along Hadrian's Wall, England. June 14–28. Experience life as a Roman centurion while hiking the 84-mile path of Hadrian's Wall. Built in A.D. 122 by Emperor Hadrian, the wall once crossed northern England from coast to coast. Beginning in metropolitan Newcastle, we'll walk through rolling hills and farmland into the rugged interior, visiting fort ruins, archaeological digs, castles, and museums. Our journey will end in the wetland sanctuary of Bowness-on-Solway. Lodging will be in comfortable hotels and bed-and-breakfasts with luggage transport. **Leader: Melinda Goodwater. Price: \$4,145. [21680A]**

Easy Hiking the Dolomites, Italy. June 21–July 4. Join us for a leisurely hiking vacation in the dramatic Dolomites, renowned for their beauty

and magnificent mountain views. Beginning in Cortina and ending in Austrian-influenced Bolzano, we'll traverse a variety of mountain settings with stops for photographs and alfresco lunches. Evenings will be spent in comfortable, family-owned hotels (including one with a pool and a spa) offering excellent cuisine, refreshing showers, and cozy beds. Luggage will be transported between hotels. **Leader: Shlomo Waser. Price: \$4,295. [21690A]**

Eiger and Jungfrau Up Close, Switzerland. June 27–July 5. The Eiger's imposing North Wall and the massive Jungfrau are two of the most iconic features in the Bernese Alps. We'll visit them and other dramatic scenery on our daily hikes. Along the way, we'll stop to admire cows in high pastures, glorious wildflowers, and shimmering waterfalls and to sample cheese and chocolate. We'll stay in cozy hotels; eat healthful, hearty meals; and supplement our hiking with gondola lifts and trains, including the famous Jungfrau cog railway. **Leader: Steven Veit. Price: \$4,195. [21695A]**

Cave Paintings, Paddling, and History in Dordogne, France. July 1–11. The Dordogne region in southwestern France is world-renowned for its beautiful countryside dotted with picturesque villages and castles. From our riverside hotels in medieval villages, we will tour prehistoric caves and marvel at their mysterious and skillful paintings. We will also paddle down the gentle Dordogne and Vézère Rivers, stopping to explore 12th-century castles and picnic with wines, cheeses, and other delicacies purchased at local markets. **Leader: Wendy Van Norden. Price: \$3,395. [21700A]**

Hiking the Alps of Bavaria and Tyrol, Germany and Austria. July 5–17. Explore the mountain paths, lakes, forests, and wildflower meadows of the Berchtesgaden and Ammergau Alps in Bavaria and the Karwendel range of Austria's Tyrolean Alps. We'll hike to lovely baroque country



RED WINE GRAPES IN THE DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL. CREDIT: AH_FOTOBX/GETTY IMAGES

churches and the fantasy castles of King Ludwig II, cruise the fjordlike Lake Königssee, tour Salzburg and Munich, enjoy a Mozart dinner concert, and sample the delicious local cuisine. In the evenings, we'll return to small, family-run hotels with unbeatable alpine views. **Leader:** *Shlomo Wasser*. **Price:** \$3,645. [21725A]

Adventures above the Arctic Circle, Lofoten Islands, Norway. July 7–16. Enjoy some of the most spectacular mountains and fjords in the Lofoten Islands. We will travel through a large part of the islands, hike several mountains and coastlines, visit quaint villages, and experience the lifestyle of an earlier era. Our hiking and chance for kayaking will be interspersed with travel by coach. We will stay in traditional fishermen's housing in charming coastal towns and enjoy local cuisine. **Leader:** *Pritpal Kochhar*. **Price:** \$4,995. [21730A]

Day Hikes in the Dolomites: Treasures of South Tyrol, Italy. July 9–15. The Dolomites are among the most dramatic mountains on Earth. Though not as big as the nearby Alps, they are even more striking in their color and the way their pale, craggy peaks rise abruptly from the surrounding meadows. This comfortable, hotel-based trip will feature daily hikes on easy-to-moderate trails through these stunning mountains. **Leader:** *Steve Welter*. **Price:** \$2,325. [21732A]

Dolomiti di Brenta: Hut to Hut in the Trentino Alps, Italy. July 16–24. West of Italy's Brenner valley lie the Brenta Dolomites, the most dramatic and rugged area of the Dolomite range. Our hut-to-hut adventure will bring us through the heart of their towering spires, which at sunset take on the spectacular colors of fire. We may spot chamois, eagles, grouse, and even bears, and we'll spend most evenings at mountain huts enjoying the local atmosphere, tasty food, and the company of travelers from around the world. **Leader:** *Becky Wong*. **Price:** \$2,695. [21735A]

Volcanic Vacation: Hut-to-Hut Trekking in Iceland. July 19–30. Trek an otherworldly volcanic landscape where few have gone before. Our route will take us from Landmannahellir through the Reykjadalur geothermal valley to Landmannalaugar, then up into the highlands and down to the southern coast. We'll encounter a wide range of landscapes, including multicolored volcanic mountains, black-sand deserts, glaciers, volcanic rifts, and craters, with the chance to discover new lava fields and craters from the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjalajökull volcano. **Leader:** *Daniel Pettit*. **Price:** \$4,925. [21740A]

In Search of Pack Ice, Polar Bears, and Whales in the Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway. July 20–29. Experience unparalleled scenery and wildlife viewing on a cruise through Norway's Svalbard archipelago. From our comfortable

and spacious vessel, we'll view enormous colonies of seabirds, seals, and walrus hauled out on ice floes; observe the thrilling antics of whales; and search for the Arctic's iconic polar bears. Onboard scientists and naturalists will discuss natural history and environmental impacts, and we'll enjoy a variety of optional activities, including Zodiac side trips, snowshoeing, and hiking. **Leader:** *Kath Giel*. **Price:** \$6,875. [21745A]

Exploring Norway's Fjords and Glaciers. July 22–August 1. Our adventure will begin in the historic city of Bergen, gateway to the fjords, with an introduction to Norse history and culture. We will travel by ferry up the Sognefjord to the artists' community of Balestrand, where we will begin our hikes through valleys, over passes, and past waterfalls and glaciers before a train ride and a tour of cosmopolitan Oslo. We'll enjoy dramatic scenery, excellent cuisine, and delightful accommodations in hotels and a traditional farmhouse with full amenities. **Leader:** *Pritpal Kochhar*. **Price:** \$3,975. [21755A]

Advanced Trekking and Via Ferrata in the Dolomites, Italy. July 25–August 2. Combine trekking and via ferrata (a protected climbing route using steel cables) on this exceptional journey in Italy's legendary Dolomites. Under the guidance of certified local mountain guides, we will navigate the world-famous Via delle Bocchette and spend five days trekking, with walks up two dramatic peaks. Each night will be spent in a well-appointed mountain refugio or our base hotel. No climbing experience is necessary to enjoy this rare adventure. **Leader:** *Mike Abbott*. **Price:** \$3,325. [21775A]

Walking the Witches Trail from Inn to Inn, Harz Mountains, Germany. July 26–August 6. In the heart of Germany lie the Harz Mountains, a



HIKING IN ROMANIA. CREDIT: ANGELA WHITE

region rich in folklore and diverse geologic features. We'll enjoy easy-to-moderate hikes along the Witches Trail as it winds through valleys, moors, and meadows, with stops at UNESCO sites and in medieval towns. We'll also walk in the footsteps of Goethe; explore the fabled Brocken, believed to be a traditional meeting place of witches; and ride a narrow-gauge railway through deep ravines. Our journey will conclude in the historic city of Leipzig. **Leader:** *Erhard Konerding*. **Price:** \$3,025. [21750A]

Exploring Norway's Fjords and Glaciers. August 2–12. See trip 21755A, left, for details. **Leader:** *Steve Welter*. **Price:** \$3,975. [21760A]

Hut to Hut in the Picos de Europa, Northern Spain. August 30–September 10. The dramatic Picos de Europa are the perfect landscape for our hut-to-hut hiking journey. Along our route, we'll visit the three iconic massifs, explore deep gorges and high peaks, and discover abundant natural and cultural history. We'll also observe the unique coexistence of wildlife, traditional farming, and protected areas that are open to the public. In the evenings, we'll enjoy spectacular sunsets and mingle with other international travelers in small inns and high mountain huts. **Leader:** *Nancy Mathison*. **Price:** \$3,845 (11–14)/\$4,145 (10 or fewer). [21795A]

England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. August 30–September 12. See trip 21625A, p. 38, for details. **Leader:** *Becky Wong*. **Price:** \$4,095. [21790A]

Adventures in the Scottish Highlands. September 1–11. Experience Scotland's historical and cultural highlights, with walks among scenic mountains, lochs, beaches, forests, and glens. We'll begin by exploring the fairy-tale setting of Edinburgh's medieval old town, then follow the shores of famous Loch Lomond into the heart of the Highlands. We'll visit Glencoe, the mystical Loch Ness, the Isle of Skye, a world-famous whisky distillery, and a few of the country's cornucopia of castles. **Leader:** *Pritpal Kochhar*. **Price:** \$3,995. [21802A]

Exploring the French and Italian Alps: Mont Blanc and Gran Paradiso National Park. September 3–14. Join us on a hiking journey to two of the most classic destinations in the Alps. Beginning in France, we will explore the awe-inspiring Mont Blanc massif from the charming town of Chamonix. Later, as we cross the Alps from France to Italy, we'll tour Gran Paradiso National Park and visit the quaint Val d'Ayas. Our itinerary will also include plentiful opportunities to experience local culture and cuisine. **Leader:** *Shlomo Wasser*. **Price:** \$4,945. [21799A]

Hiking the Peaks and Valleys of the Dolomites, Italy. September 6–17. The surreal pale peaks of the Dolomites rise dramatically from rolling green valleys dotted with small villages. We



TURQUOISE WATERS ALONG THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS, ITALY. CREDIT: GABRIELE SCOTTO DI FASANO/GETTY IMAGES

will travel to a different trailhead each day and hike through scenic mountain settings, spending our nights in picturesque villages. Lodging will be in small, family-run hotels (and, one night, a mountain refuge), where we will sample local cuisine and wines and experience the Italian, Tyrolean, and Ladin cultures. We'll also visit Ötzi the "Ice Man" and a World War I outdoor museum. *Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: \$3,225. [21785A]*

Hiking the Greek Islands. September 21–October 4. Join an Aegean adventure exploring the unique character, culture, and historic sites of the Cyclades Islands. Climb Mt. Zas, the highest peak in the islands; marvel at the Temple of Apollo; swim in crystal-clear waters; and absorb the wonderful ambience of the waterfronts. We will island-hop across the cerulean Aegean Sea by fast boat and ferry, then return to magnificent Athens to discover the magic and mystery of the ancient Acropolis and Parthenon. Accommodations will be in locally run hotels. *Leader: Aurora Roberts. Price: \$4,325. [21805A]*

In Pursuit of Blue Zone Longevity Secrets in Sardinia, Italy. September 24–October 2. What makes Sardinia a blue zone, where an

above-average number of citizens live to over 100 years? We'll pursue its secrets as we hike rugged mountains, boat and swim in cerulean Mediterranean waters, and share in the traditional social values, culture, cuisine, and wine that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. A one-day excursion will also take us to the French island of Corsica. *Leader: Carol Marty. Price: \$3,975 (10–12)/\$4,875 (9 or fewer). [21810A]*

Naples to Brindisi: Secrets of Southern Italy. October 1–12. Discover Italy's deep south, a prime destination for vacationing Italians, known for its stunning landscapes and delicious food. Our tour of the Mezzogiorno will take us to Campania, Basilicata, and Puglia, where we'll walk along Europe's most picturesque coast, the Amalfi, and speak with locals about their farming methods and vineyards. We'll also cruise to Capri for views of the Bay of Naples, tour the baroque architecture of Lecce, visit Greek ruins and two World Heritage sites, and swim along the white-sand beaches of the Adriatic. *Leader: Pritpal Kochhar. Price: \$4,495. [21812A]*

Hidden Trails of Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera, France and Italy. October 4–15. Extending north from the famed Cinque Terre (Five Lands)

to the border of France, the magnificent Italian Riviera abounds with World Heritage sites and nature reserves. We'll hike lesser-known trails, enjoy stunning vistas of the crystal-blue sea, and visit charming little towns that have retained their ancient beauty and cultural traditions. Highlights will include Portovenere, Monterosso, Riomaggiore, Portofino, Camogli, Sestri Levante, Noli, and Varigotti in Italy and Menton and Gorbio in France. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$4,625. [21720A]*

Portugal Traverse: Hiking through History from the Mountains to the Sea. May 2–16, 2022. Our traverse from Porto to Lisbon will explore Portugal's historical and natural landscapes, including cork oak montado forest, granitic mountains, and dramatic coastline. We'll immerse ourselves in the culture and livelihoods of the Portuguese people and discover what attracted Iberians, Phoenicians, Romans, Muslims, and Christians to this land as we visit rural villages, hilltop castles, terraced vineyards, the Douro Valley, monasteries, ancient ruins, and a sustainable farm. Our itinerary involves moderate hiking on hilly terrain. *Leader: Laura Bonds-Johnson. Price: \$6,025 (12–15)/\$6,735 (11 or fewer). [22840A]*

CENTRAL AMERICA



FRESH ACHOTILLO FRUIT IN BOCAS DEL TORO, PANAMA. CREDIT: CAROL MARTY

Raft, Kayak, Wildlife, and Waterfalls: An Active Costa Rica Adventure. March 6–14. Renowned for its diverse natural beauty, Costa Rica is the perfect setting for our active water and nature adventure. We'll raft for two days on the famous Pacuare River, kayak Caribbean backwaters teeming with wildlife, and hike through forests to a giant waterfall near smoking Arenal Volcano, with plenty of time to rest and relax. Accommodations will be in comfortable eco-lodges and inns, and we'll travel by air-conditioned minibus. Recent rafting or similar experience is required. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$3,345. [21580A]*

Panama's River of Raptors: Fall Migration Spectacular. October 23–30. Millions of migrating raptors squeeze through the Isthmus of Panama each fall for one of the greatest natural spectacles on Earth. From the top of our eco-lodge's observatory deck and from the highest hill in Panama City, we will enjoy the aerial parade and sharpen our identification skills. We'll marvel at the abundance of tropical birds in the canopy, among the Pipeline Road's forest floor, and buzzing the hummingbird feeders at our comfortable lodge. *Leader: Pati Rouzer. Price: \$2,975 (8–10)/\$3,295 (7 or fewer). [21855A]*

Hummingbirds to Harpies: Birding Panama's Darién Forest. December 10–18. From bejeweled hummingbirds to majestic eagles and hundreds of tropical birds in between (nearly 1,000 to date), Panama's remote tropical forest is a birder's paradise. On our journey, we'll explore two of the richest, most biodiverse areas in Central America: the Canal Zone and the Darién forest. Panama's abundant flora will delight us as we search for sloths, bats, butterflies, slinky reptiles, and who knows what else. Nights will be spent enjoying delicious Panamanian meals and good company in comfortable eco-

lodge. *Leader: Pati Rouzer. Price: \$3,495 (8–10)/\$3,795 (7 or fewer). [21895A]*

Natural Highlights of Costa Rica. December 20, 2021–January 1, 2022. Sample Costa Rica's major ecosystems on a visit to six national parks and several private preserves. Among our adventures, we will explore secluded waterfalls, search for wildlife by boat along a jungle river, snorkel in the ocean, view the forest canopy by skywalk, and bathe in hot springs. We will look for monkeys, coatis, crocodiles, iguanas, the famous quetzal, and a host of other wildlife. Accommodations will be in clean, comfortable lodges and hotels. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$3,895. [22505A]*

Costa Rica's Tropical Trails. December 26, 2021–January 4, 2022. Join us for an exceptional adventure in Costa Rica, a haven of biodiversity, stunning vistas, lush forests, and wildlife. We'll walk and float in lowland forests, soak in volcano-heated hot springs, swim below a waterfall, picnic along a gorgeous beach, learn about conservation projects, and hike a world-famous cloud forest reserve. Along the way, we'll observe howler monkeys, keel-billed toucans, and scarlet macaws. Accommodations will be in simple but comfortable eco-lodges and locally owned hotels. *Leader: Cy Englert. Price: \$3,545 (10–12)/\$4,095 (9 or fewer). [22510A]*

Up Close in Undiscovered Costa Rica. January 15–25, 2022. Sample Costa Rica's least toured treasures in the Osa Peninsula's Corcovado National Park, Marino Ballena National Park, and Savegre. We'll view wildlife with a naturalist guide on early-morning bird walks, hike through cloud forests and rainforests, and engage in a variety of outdoor activities, including kayaking, whale-watching, and river boating. Our unique lodgings will include a mountain retreat, a hand-built and fully sustainable lodge, and an eco-lodge overlooking the Pacific coast. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$3,675. [22522A]*

Hiking the Natural Beauty of Southern Costa Rica and Northern Panama. February 7–19, 2022. Explore the trails less traveled in two ecologically friendly countries. We'll hike through cloud



RED-EYED TREE FROG, COSTA RICA. CREDIT: PCHOU/GETTY IMAGES

forests and rainforests and over mountainous volcanic terrain to stunning vistas and cascading waterfalls. Accompanied by a naturalist guide, we'll look for abundant wildlife and colorful wildflowers in national parks, conservation areas, and private reserves. We'll hike up Panama's tallest mountain for views of the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea and visit the Osa Peninsula, which *National Geographic* calls "the most biologically intense place on Earth." *Leader: Kevin Breen. Price: \$3,675. [22535A]*

ANTARCTICA

Active Exploration on the Seventh Continent, Antarctica. January 3–15, 2022. Looking for a genuine trip of a lifetime? On this rare adventure, we'll leave our comfortable boat to hike, snowshoe, sea kayak, visit research stations, explore by Zodiac raft, and even camp for one night. Evenings will feature lectures and videos by our onboard naturalists and other experts. Anticipate massive icebergs; colonies of penguins, whales, and albatross; and basking in the unparalleled splendor of the seventh continent. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$9,675. [22515A]*

Extraordinary Adventure to the Seventh Continent, Antarctica. January 15–February 3, 2022. Experience one of the last untamed areas on Earth, a land of ruggedly beautiful landscapes and amazingly varied wildlife. We'll explore the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula by boat and foot; follow in polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's footsteps; get close to king penguins and penguin chicks; and view whales and orcas in this awesome, ice-filled landscape. *Leader: Kath Giel. Price: \$16,075. [22520A]*

SOUTH AMERICA

Pure Peru: Machu Picchu and the Qhapaq Ñan. August 27–September 10. Indulge in the adventure of a lifetime as we follow the footsteps of the Incas to places rarely visited by adventurers. After an inspiring visit to Machu Picchu, we'll travel to the Cordillera Blanca to mount an expedition on a pristine portion of the Qhapaq Ñan, also known as the Main Andean Road, one of the preindustrial world's true engineering marvels. We'll be part of the first U.S.-based group to walk this remote and rugged swath of Peru's northern Andes. *Leader: Tom Brown. Price: \$5,975 (10–12)/\$6,575 (9 or fewer). [21770A]*

Exceptional Birds and Biodiversity in Ecuador. October 5–22. A visit to equatorial America has been described as "ornithological ecstasy." Blessed with 1,600 bird species, Ecuador's complex geography supports habitats ranging from high-Andean paramo to lowland rainforest



TREKKERS AT MACHU PICCHU, PERU. CREDIT: BARRY MORENZ

and from arid scrubland to humid cloud forest. Highlights will include seeking birds at Angel Paz's famous reserve, Podocarpus and El Cajas National Parks, and Antisana Ecological Reserve as well as exploring colonial Cuenca and highland Saraguro. Our finale will be in Amazonia at a Quechua-owned lodge in Yasuni National Park. We'll enjoy comfortable lodging and guidance from our master naturalist. **Leader: Jennifer Moon.** Price: \$6,125. [21820A]

Orcas, Dolphins, Penguins, and More: Wildlife Watching in Northern Patagonia, Argentina. October 9–16. Discover the magical Península Valdés, a World Heritage site and global conservation area for sea life. We'll spend our days exploring diverse coastal and marine ecosystems and their inhabitants, including southern right and orca whales, elephant seals, dolphins, and penguins. We'll also observe abundant land mammals, like maras, rheas, armadillos, and guanacos. Staying in comfortable hotels, we'll travel by bus to daily destinations for hiking and wildlife watching. **Leader: Angela White.** Price: \$3,725 (12–15)/\$4,195 (11 or fewer). [21825A]

Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu: The Best of Ecuador and Peru. October 18–30. Imagine combining two trips of a lifetime—the enchanting Galápagos Islands and mystical Machu Picchu—into one unforgettable adventure. In Ecuador, we'll stroll among giant tortoises, iguanas, sea lions, a multitude of birds, and many other creatures in the living laboratory that inspired Darwin. We'll then fly to Peru to tour the Sacred Valley, visit Pisac Market, and explore the lost city of Machu Picchu, a World Heritage site

and an archaeological treasure. **Leader: Aurora Roberts.** Price: \$7,625. [21850A]

Machu Picchu Eco-lodge Trek, Peru. October 30–November 9. Forgo the crowded Inca Trail and strike out instead along a less traveled route through the Cordillera de Vilcabamba. After five days of challenging hikes past snow-mantled 20,000-foot peaks—and five nights in comfortable eco-lodges—our journey will culminate in a full day at the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu. A guided tour of Cusco, Peru's ancient capital, will also be included. The small group size (maximum 11) and sumptuous, remote lodges make this an intimate and comfortable trek. The trip will begin and end in Cusco. **Leader: Barry Morenz.** Price: \$5,295. [21870A]

Trekking the Patagonia Circuit, Argentina and Chile. November 16–28. Discover culture and cuisine in two countries while enjoying dramatic vistas and spectacular hiking in the vast Patagonian Andes. In Chile, we will trek the "W" in spectacular Torres del Paine National Park. In Argentina, we will explore the major highlights of Los Glaciares National Park, including the Perito Moreno Glacier and the famous Fitz Roy massif area. Our itinerary will also include visits to an estancia (ranch) and a glacier museum. Hikes can accommodate various fitness levels and interests. **Leader: Lee Thomas.** Price: \$5,325. [21880A]

Rewilding Patagonia National Park, Chile. December 1–12. Join us for a unique exploration of the flagship of Chilean Patagonia's 10-million-acre national park system, more than three times the size of Yosemite and Yellowstone National

Parks combined. On our adventure, we will dayhike, kayak, and contemplate the Patagonia wilderness, where few people travel. We will learn about the rewilding efforts to restore and protect natural resources and learn firsthand how conservation impacts the traditional gaucho lifestyle. **Leader: Kath Giel.** Price: \$5,725 (8–10)/\$6,095 (7 or fewer). [21885A]

The Enchanted Galápagos Islands and Colonial Quito, Ecuador. December 20, 2021–January 1, 2022. Discover the unique ecosystems of the Galápagos Islands on this active, land-based adventure. Our itinerary will include snorkeling among marine life, hiking through blue-footed-booby rookeries, and strolling among multitudes of birds. We will also search mountain pastures for giant tortoises and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about these great symbols of the islands. There will be plentiful opportunities for up-close photographs, and we'll stay in cozy hotels. **Leader: Patrick Tierney.** Price: \$6,125. [22500A]

The Enchanted Galápagos Islands, Ecuador. May 3–14, 2022. Discover the unique ecosystems of the Galápagos Islands on this active, land-based adventure. Our itinerary will include snorkeling among marine life, hiking through blue-footed-booby rookeries, and strolling among multitudes of birds. We will also search mountain pastures for giant tortoises and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to learn about these great symbols of the islands. There will be plentiful opportunities for up-close photographs, and we'll stay in cozy hotels. **Leader: Wendy Van Norden.** Price: \$5,825. [22615A]

ASIA

Upper Dolpo Trek, Nepal. May 8–June 13. At the southern edge of the Tibetan Plateau lies wild and open Dolpo, the most remote and sparsely populated region in Nepal. This is an extraordinary 31-day trek. After crossing the Toudje La (18,250 feet) beyond Dhaulagiri, we will descend into a world of snow leopards, yak caravans, blue sheep, and medieval villages and their monasteries, including Yangser, Samling, Shey (Crystal Mountain), and Ringmo, on the shores of unearthly Phoksundo Lake. *Leader: Cheryl Parkins. Price: \$7,335. [21705A]*

Temples, Mountains, and Reefs of Bali, Indonesia. May 19–31. Join us in the lush tropical paradise of Bali, the “island of the gods,” renowned for its warm hospitality, terraced rice fields, and Hindu temples and palaces set against stunning natural backdrops. During our stay, we’ll visit temples, dine at a royal palace, raft, hike mountainous terrain, and scuba dive or snorkel among incredible reefs and abundant sea life. We’ll stay in comfortable Balinese-style accommodations utilizing nature in their design and enjoy traditional meals and massages. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$4,595 (10–11)/\$4,795 (9 or fewer). [21645A]*

Hiking Japan’s Ancient Kumano Kodo Pilgrimage Trail. May 20–28. The Kumano Kodo pilgrimage tour is a fully guided walking tour between the vibrant, modern city of Osaka, the mountain temple community of Mt. Koyasan, and the Japanese imperial shrine at Ise. One of only two World Heritage pilgrimage routes in the world, the Kumano Kodo is a journey through a thousand years of Buddhist history on Japan’s beautiful Kii Peninsula, which connects these iconic sites. *Leader: Todd Duncan. Price: \$5,695 (8–10)/\$5,995 (7 or fewer). [21605A]*

Hike, Bike, and Kayak in Vietnam. October 2–16. Experience the magic of Vietnam on our multi-sport adventure in this diverse land. Our journey will begin in the bustling Hanoi Old Quarter and end with two nights on a beautiful yacht in Ha Long Bay, where we’ll kayak to secluded caves and floating fish farms. Along the way, we’ll hike and bike to waterfalls, caves, rice paddies, and remote villages. We’ll also dine on local delicacies, experience a fish pedicure, and learn about the endangered langur. *Leader: Francy Rubin. Price: \$3,325. [21815A]*

Scenic China: Mountains, Villages, and Classical Gardens. October 11–24. Away from China’s megacities are places of extraordinary beauty and culture, which we’ll discover on our journey in south-central China. We’ll stay atop Huangshan, China’s most sacred mountain; admire the peaks and pinnacles of Wulingyuan, featured in the movie *Avatar*; enjoy a cable car ride to admire the views of spectacular Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park; and visit several traditional villages for a glimpse of “old China” and to meet some of the area’s minority people. For a more complete experience, pair this trip with “Scenic China: Xian and Beijing” (see trip 21860A, right, for details). *Leader: Kathie Fowler. Price: \$4,295. [21830A]*

Beyond Manaslu: A Himalayan Journey, Nepal. October 11–31. Trek beyond Manaslu (26,781 feet), the world’s eighth-highest mountain, located in one of Nepal’s less toured regions. Closed to trekkers until 1991, much of our path will follow an ancient salt-trading route, crossing the high pass of Larkya La at 16,752 feet. With experienced guides showing us the way and porters carrying all but our day packs, we’ll enjoy unsurpassed views of towering peaks and spend evenings in simple trekking lodges along the way. *Leader: Steven Veit. Price: \$3,975. [21835A]*

Trekking to Mt. Everest, Nepal. October 14–November 5. Follow the historic Khumbu Valley route on this classic trek to the base of Mt. Everest. Accompanied by Nepalese guides and porters, we’ll explore bustling Namche Bazaar, sit with monks at the renowned Tengboche Monastery, and view Ama Dablam, Nuptse, Pumori, and countless other Himalayan giants. After reaching Everest Base Camp (17,600 feet), we’ll ascend to the 18,450-foot Kala Patthar viewpoint. Before and after the trek, we’ll experience the cultural riches of Kathmandu. *Leader: Bill Flower. Price: \$4,755. [21845A]*

Scenic China: Xian and Beijing. October 24–29. Explore Xian and Beijing, two of China’s most important cultural destinations, on this five-day extension to “Scenic China: Mountains, Villages, and Classical Gardens” (see trip 21830A, left, for details). In Xian, we’ll visit the ancient city wall, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and of course, the Terracotta Army, one of the most stunning archeological finds in history. In Beijing, we’ll walk on the Great Wall and tour the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, and Tiananmen Square, all UNESCO World Heritage sites. *Leader: Kathie Fowler. Price: \$2,395. [21860A]*

Land of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan. October 25–November 8. Travel to a land rarely visited by Westerners, with one of the most intact ecological systems on Earth. Bhutan’s Himalayan terrain and Buddhist culture make it a fascinating place to visit, and our combination of day hikes and trips to cultural and artistic sites will open up many wonders to us. Tiger’s Lair, Divine Madman, Bumthang—the names alone conjure up the sublime. Travel will be by comfortable charter bus, and lodging will be in cozy hotels. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$4,845. [21865A]*

Vietnam: Hiking, Coffee, Tea, and More. November 9–22. Experience a sensational coffee and tea journey through the lush mountains of Vietnam. We’ll hike to coffee and tea plantations to learn how each is processed from bean and leaf to cup. In the capital city of Hanoi, we’ll visit quirky coffee shops and sip the absolute best, freshly roasted arabica coffee from the Central Highlands. We’ll also cruise beautiful islands in Lan Ha Bay, visit caves, kayak, and enjoy abundant local delicacies. *Leader: Hurston Roberts. Price: \$2,975 (11–14)/\$3,325 (10 or fewer). [21875A]*

Jewels of Northern Vietnam and Cambodia. December 1–14. Join us on an extraordinary journey in northern Vietnam and Cambodia featuring two World Heritage sites, ancient temples and pagodas, water-puppet shows, and exquisite cuisine. In Vietnam, we’ll hike in two national parks; spend two days on a yacht while exploring, swimming, and kayaking Ha Long Bay; and stay overnight in a traditional village and experience local culture through



FLOATING MARKET, VIETNAM. CREDIT: HADYNYAH/GETTY IMAGES

music and dance. In Cambodia, we will tour the temples of Angkor Wat, bicycle through villages, and visit a floating community. All physical activities are optional. *Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: \$3,025. [21890A]*

Rebuilding a Village in Earthquake-Damaged Nepal. February 4–22, 2022. Trek through the forests, villages, and fields of the Himalayan foothills to reach the village of Badel, home to many of the staff who have supported Sierra Club treks over the years and whose houses were damaged or destroyed in the 2015 earthquakes. We'll work for a week under professional supervision to help rebuild homes with a quake-resistant design. During our stay, we'll learn how villagers live in harmony with their environment without many of the conveniences we take for granted. *Leader: Cheryl Parkins. Price: \$4,395. [22545A]*

Vietnam Adventure. February 26–March 13, 2022. Join us on an exploration of southern, central, and northern Vietnam, visiting many of the most beautiful, important, and interesting natural and cultural sites from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi. We'll hike in two national parks, snorkel in Nha Trang Bay, and kayak on Ha Long Bay (all physical activities are optional). We'll also stay overnight in a traditional village; experience Vietnamese culture through music, dance, and water-puppetry performances; and enjoy exquisite cuisine. *Leader: Barbara Kamm. Price: \$3,295. [22570A]*

PACIFIC

Australia: Journey through a Timeless Land. June 14–25. Explore the ancient and rugged landscape of Australia's Red Centre. From Sydney, we'll fly into Alice Springs to learn about Aboriginal culture; visit sacred sites, including Uluru and Kata Tjuta; converse with an Aboriginal elder; and hike along weathered mountain ranges and rocky gorges. In the evenings, we'll sleep under a starry outback sky along the oldest river in the world. *Leader: Becky Wong. Price: \$5,995. [21675A]*

MIDDLE EAST

Natural and Historical Highlights of Israel. March 2–15. Discover unique history and incredible biodiversity on a comprehensive journey through this enduring land. Traveling from the verdant north, where the Jordan River starts, to the southern desert, we'll visit history-rich cities, like Jerusalem and Jaffa (the oldest port town in the world), as well as the famous Dead and Red Seas. Our travels will also include hikes in nature reserves, sea snorkeling, birdwatching, and evenings in hotels and on a kibbutz. *Leader: Shlomo Waser. Price: \$4,945. [21575A]*



CAMPING IN THE SAHARAN DESERT, MOROCCO. CREDIT: CAROL MARTY

AFRICA

Botswana and Zimbabwe: A Living Eden. June 2–14. Botswana still feels like the Africa of old: vast savannas with free-ranging herds of graceful antelope, all the big cats, giraffes, hyenas, 500 species of spectacular birds, and more. With plenty of time to observe and photograph, we will move with our comfortable mobile camp from the premier game territories of the Okavango Delta to arid Savuti to the Chobe National Park waterfront, with its large elephant herds. In Zimbabwe, we'll hike at world-famous Victoria Falls. *Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: \$9,595. [21665A]*

Magnificent Madagascar. August 12–28. Remote, exotic, and rich in flora and fauna, Madagascar, the "eighth continent," is the fourth-largest island in the world. It separated from Africa more than 100 million years ago, and this long isolation has created an evolving environment that is home to many endemic mammals, orchids, and other unique species, including the world's largest population of lemurs. Our tour will take us to verdant rainforests and spiny dry forests, which we will reach by bus and air transport. Warm and generous Malagasy hospitality will greet us throughout our journey. *Leader: Jenny Roberts. Price: \$6,395. [21765A]*

Magical Morocco: From Casbahs to Camels. September 3–17. Explore Morocco as we visit the imperial cities of Casablanca, Rabat, and Meknes and the medieval cities of Fez and Marrakech, with their bustling souks. We'll roam into deep mountain gorges, explore Berber vil-

lages, and trek in the Atlas Mountains. We'll also journey by camel to a tented camp deep in the pink sands of the Sahara. Accommodations will include hotels, lodges, and a luxury desert tent. *Leader: Carol Marty. Price: \$4,575. [21780A]*

Tanzania Safari: Migration over the Mara River. September 15–25. Witness the incredible abundance of wildlife in Tanzania, including the famous wildebeest migration over the crocodile-infested Mara River, and other dramatic sights on this classic safari. We'll tour the widely acclaimed Serengeti, fly over its limitless expanse, and visit the bottom of the Ngorongoro Crater. We will have many opportunities to observe and photograph a plethora of animals and birds on our game drives. Accommodations will include safari lodges and private luxury camps. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$7,945. [21800A]*

Gorillas, Chimpanzees, and More in Uganda and Rwanda. January 18–February 2, 2022. With only 900 mountain gorillas left in the wild, the privilege of observing them at close range is a rare and humbling experience. We'll spend four days on challenging hikes to view these gorillas as well as playful chimpanzees, and we'll visit national parks for lion tracking, boat safaris, jungle walks, and game drives. We'll observe up to 13 species of primates and 1,000 species of birds as well as hippos, elephants, Cape buffalo, and Uganda kob; explore the friendly local culture; and stay in comfortable, scenic lodges. *Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: \$9,695. [22530A]*

Reservations & Cancellations

Our complete reservation and cancellation policy is available at content.sierraclub.org/outings/reservation-cancellation-policy

Eligibility

Our trips are open to all Sierra Club members. Membership is required for all trip participants 18 years or older. Typically, a person under 18 years of age may join an outing only if accompanied by a parent or designated guardian and with the consent of the trip leader. In addition, each trip participant must sign a liability waiver prior to trip departure.

How to Register for a Trip

We accept reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Phone:** You can register by using a Visa or MasterCard and calling 415.977.5522. Please have the trip number, your credit card information, and your membership number handy.
- **Online:** You can register on the Web by using our secure and easy online reservation form at sierraclub.org/outings
- **U.S. Mail:** Send your completed reservation form to the address listed on the bottom of the reservation form (see opposite page).
- **Fax:** You can fax your completed reservation form to 415.977.5795. You must include your credit card information on the fax.

Deposit

Every trip requires a deposit for each individual on the trip (including children). The amount of the deposit varies with the trip price:

\$50 deposit for trips under \$500	\$100 deposit for trips \$500–\$999	\$200 deposit for trips \$1,000 and above
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All deposits and payments are in U.S. dollars. If you make your reservation less than 90 days before the trip starts, the full trip fee is due when you register. If you cancel from a trip, we may charge you a cancellation fee. Please read the Cancellation Chart shown at right.

Payments

If you pay your deposit by check or money order, you need to send final payment by the dates indicated in your confirmation packet.

International trips require an additional interim payment of \$300 per person six months before the trip start date. The billing methods are the same as above.

Full payment is due 90 days prior to the trip start date. If you pay your deposit by credit card, we'll automatically charge that credit card for the final payment 90 days before the trip starts.

Confirmation

When a space is available on a trip and you pay your trip deposit, we reserve a confirmed spot for you and mail a confirmation packet or email with confirmation details to the primary applicant in the party. **You have a 14-day grace period from your sign-up date to cancel or transfer your reservation free of charge, unless the trip starts within 30 days, in which case there is no grace period.**

Waitlist

If there isn't space available when you register, we place you on a waitlist and your deposit holds your space there. Your deposit is fully refundable if you need to cancel from a waitlist.

Approval Process

All trip reservations are subject to approval by the trip leader. Further details about this process are included in your confirmation packet or email.

Please note: All payments are due at the times indicated, regardless of whether or not you've been approved by the trip leader.

International Trip Tier-Pricing

Some international trips are tier-priced, meaning that a trip's price is dependent on the number of participants. Final billing is based on the sign-up level

at 90 days prior to the trip start date. If, between final billing and trip start dates, the sign-up level goes up sufficiently to qualify for the low-tier price, we'll apply the lower price and will process refunds on the trip start date for any differences in amounts paid. Once we lower a trip price, we will not increase it, even if sign-up levels drop.

Transportation

Our trip prices do not include travel to and from a trip's starting point. Travel to and from the starting point is your responsibility.

Cancellations And Refunds

You must notify us directly if you need to cancel from a trip. Contact Sierra Club Outings weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., PST, at 415.977.5522. The amount of your refund is determined by the date that you notify Sierra Club Outings of your cancellation. Trip leaders have no authority to grant or promise refunds.

Trips Cancelled Or Changed By Sierra Club Outings

On rare occasions, we must cancel or change trips. If this occurs, our responsibility is limited to a refund of any trip reservation money you've already paid. Sierra Club Outings is not responsible for airline tickets, other tickets or payments, or any similar penalties that you may incur as a result of any trip cancellations or changes.

Travel Insurance

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance (including medical and evacuation insurance) to cover costs of cancellation fees, airfare, and other nonrefundable expenses in the event that you cancel from or are injured on a trip. Your confirmation packet or email contains information on travel insurance. We cannot advise on the policies and coverage; please contact the company directly.

Seller Of Travel Registration Information

California: CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. Florida Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST37115. Nevada Tour Operator Ref. No. 2008-0041. Iowa Travel Agent Ref. No. 893

Cancellation Chart

Cancellation fees apply as follows:

Time of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty
60 or more days prior to trip start date	Amount of deposit
14–59 days prior to trip start date	50% of trip price
0–13 days prior to trip start date	Entire trip price
"No show" at the starting point, or you leave during the trip	Entire trip price

You will NOT pay cancellation fees if:

- You cancel from a confirmed position within 14 days of when we receive your reservation. This grace period does not apply if your trip start date is within 30 days of when we receive your reservation.
- You are not approved by a trip leader after he/she has received your approval forms.
- You cancel within 14 days of a Sierra Club Outings change in trip date, trip leader, and/or trip price.
- You cancel from a waitlist.
- You fail to move off a waitlist onto a trip as a signed-up participant.

Contact Information & Forms

Sierra Club Outings • 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1300 • Oakland, CA 94612

General Information and Reservations: 415.977.5522

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For more details on any of our trips

You can use this coupon to order detailed trip brochures for any of the outings you see listed here. We send all brochures via U.S. mail.

Clip, complete, and mail this coupon to:

Sierra Club Outings, Attn: Brochure Requests
2101 Webster Street, Suite 1300, Oakland, CA 94612

Trip listings and detailed trip brochures are also available on our website at

sierraclub.org/outings

You can always call or e-mail us for details:

415.977.5522 or ***national.outings@sierraclub.org***

Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
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Please send me the following detailed trip brochures (enter Trip # ex: [20565A])			
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SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS RESERVATION FORM

Membership #	Trip #	Trip Name		
Your Name	Home Phone	Work Phone		
Street Address	<i>Please use separate sheet for additional party members' addresses</i>		E-Mail Address	
City	State	Zip	Is This A New Address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>Print your name and the names of any other people in your party</i>	<i>Per person cost</i>	<i>Membership #</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
1.	\$			
2.	\$			
3.	\$			
4.	\$			
Total Payment Enclosed	\$			
Emergency Contact While On The Trip (Name And Phone Number)				
Payment Method	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <i>If you pay by check or money order, make payable to Sierra Club</i>			
Cardholder Name	Signature			
Card #				Expiration Date

IF YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION LESS THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO TRIP DEPARTURE, THE FULL TRIP FEE IS DUE.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Sierra Club Outings
2101 Webster Street, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

IF YOU PAY YOUR DEPOSIT BY CREDIT CARD, WE'LL AUTOMATICALLY CHARGE THAT CREDIT CARD FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT 90 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP STARTS.



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