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Outings

2022



**Adventures with a Cause**

# Welcome to Sierra Club Outings!

After 16 months of canceled trips and postponed vacations, I'm thrilled to report that we're back! I want to convey my deepest appreciation for you, our participants, who stuck with us and were unfailingly supportive of our safety protocols, and for our volunteer leaders, who worked tirelessly throughout a confusing and rapidly changing situation. In July 2021, we resumed a limited number of domestic trips and gradually increased to full capacity in September. International trips are still somewhat limited, but our hope is that by spring of 2022 we will be close to pre-pandemic levels. At the time of this writing, we have successfully run two international outings and 108 domestic trips without any COVID incidents. The fact that 96 percent of our 2021 participants were fully vaccinated contributed greatly to our safety profile, and we continue to strongly encourage anyone who wants to participate in these trips to get vaccinated. We have also implemented increased safety measures as your health remains our top priority. Learn about our safety procedures, policies, and more at [sc.org/outings](https://sc.org/outings).

In this catalog you will find an abundance of activities, from hiking, backpacking, and water vacations in North America to active adventures and history tours around the world. Feedback from our 2021 participants underscores the vital role we play in connecting people to the outdoors. In addition to the trips listed here, we hope you will check out Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outdoors, and Military Outdoors, which are a part of our larger movement to increase access to nature for all people. Learn more on page 32 or head to [sierraclub.org/get-outside](https://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 offering an expanded selection of trips specifically for audiences we want to draw in, including adults under 50, women, and LGBTQIA+ 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 page 23 or visit us at [sc.org/outings](https://sc.org/outings).

Lastly, I hope you will check out the profiles in this catalog of the people who make the Sierra Club such a powerful movement to protect the planet. In this time of rapid change and uncertainty, we need the outdoors and one another more than ever.

**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. 28 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. 32.

### **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 20–27.** 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. [22019A]*

**Backpacking the Brooks Range at the Moment of Spring, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 6–17.** Join a backpack journey into America's last true wilderness. As we hike from the plains into tundra-filled valleys, we'll experience the sudden arrival of spring in the Arctic. With luck, we will

## 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.

encounter the Porcupine caribou herd on its calving-time migration. This once-in-a-lifetime experience may also include sightings

of wolves, grizzly bears, and numerous bird and plant species. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Gary Keir. Price: \$5,295. [22010A]*

**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. [22011A]*

**Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 19–25.** Work alongside bald eagles, otters, and snowcapped mountains on the stunning Kenai Peninsula. Upon arriving in Seward,

ABOVE: KAYAKING IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA. CREDIT: PATRICK J. ENDRES/ALASKA PHOTO GRAPHICS

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 glaciers. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,425. [22025A]*

**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 and temperate rainforests as well as deep, sheltered fjords and tall, spiraling glaciers; and learn about the area's amazing biodiversity from our expert naturalist. *Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$6,145. [22012A]*

**Great Alaska Photography Voyage: Denali National Park and Prince William Sound. July 13–21.** 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 Anchorage and end in Fairbanks. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$6,670. [22015A]*

**Kenai Peninsula Adventure for Women, Alaska. July 15–22.** 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 lodgings, hearty meals, and heavenly views. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,995. [22016A]*

**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: Jennifer Moon. Price: \$6,345. [22013A]*

**Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. July 31–August 6.** 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 campground 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: \$1,275. [22026A]*



SUN DEW, ALASKA. CREDIT: PATRICK J. ENDRES/ALASKA PHOTO GRAPHICS

**Walk on the Wild Side: A Rare Base-Camp Journey through the Yukon Territory. August 1–12.** There have been only three recorded expeditions to the Yukon's remote Richardson and Barn Mountains: the first by a well-known Arctic explorer and the others by the leaders of this trip. Arriving by helicopter, we will base camp in two spectacular locations with abundant time to explore this magical and little-seen landscape filled with mountains, large green valleys, and abundant wildlife, including grizzly bears, wolves, caribou, and Dall sheep. *Leader: Richard Gross. Price: \$5,995. [22014A]*

**Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Petersburg to Sitka. August 7–17.** See trip 22013A, left, for details. *Leader: Nicole Garrett-Hoppe. Price: \$6,345. [22017A]*

**Glacier Wilderness Exploration, Wrangell–St. Elias National Park, Alaska. August 9–19.** Unforgettable wilderness awaits on this leisurely backpack into the heart of the Wrangell Mountains. Anticipate spectacular vistas and scenic beauty as we travel through the largest concentration of glaciers on the North American continent, with a visit to Alaska's largest mining ghost town. Our trip will include a van shuttle from Anchor-

age and a dramatic bush flight into the glacier wilderness. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Gary Aguiar. Price: \$3,345. [22018A]*

**Floating through Time in Wood-Tikchik State Park, Alaska. August 10–20.** Join us for an exceptional rafting adventure on one of Bristol Bay's finest wilderness gems. Flowing from a tundra headwater lake through a broad, mountain-ringed valley, the rushing Tikchik River will lead us through remote and scenic backcountry with opportunities to fly-fish for salmon, char, and rainbow trout. We'll also savor hearty meals, hike, and relax at lakeside base camps. *Leader: Don Murch. Price: \$4,795. [22020A]*

**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: Cristina Breen. Price: \$4,695. [22067A]*

**Prince William Sound Wilderness Cruise, Alaska. September 6–13.** Explore the 1.9-million-acre Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area aboard our historic

## 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](http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/wilderness-manners).

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: Nick Pilch. Price: \$4,575. [22027A]*

**Alaska Fall Colors Sampler, Fairbanks. September 12–19.** 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: \$2,675. [22021A]*



SERVICE ON RESURRECTION BAY, ALASKA. CREDIT: REBECCA DAMERON



# Hawaii & U.S. 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.

**Sun, Service, and Whales, Maui, Hawaii. January 22–29.** Celebrate the New Year on a service project featuring Hawaiian culture, storytelling, tours by local guides, and dirt. For the 14th year, we'll work in a remote west Maui valley, formerly a taro-growing site. We will also assist with beach cleanup projects and take a day for snorkeling and enjoying the graceful aerobics of wintering humpback whales. *Leader: Barb Davis. Price: \$2,025. [22402A]*

**Birding and Bliss in Puerto Rico. March 22–28.** 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: Kath Giel. Price: \$2,595. [22412A]*

**Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. March 6–13.** 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. 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. [22084A]*

**Culture and Conservation on Maui, Hawaii. April 23–30.** Join us in Maui's Honokowai and Olowalu Valleys for a trip focused on Hawaiian culture and conservation. By day, we will work with local groups to remove invasive species and plant native species. At night, we will learn about Hawaiian culture with storytelling by local residents. We'll also swim and snorkel with brightly colored fish on our day off and savor local food, with accommodations in a beachfront condo. This will be a trip to remember. *Leader: Christopher Hall. Price: \$1,795. [22080A]*

**Bird Habitat Restoration and Conservation, Big Island, Hawaii. May 8–14.** 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. [22081A]*

**Wild Kauai, Garden Isle of Hawaii. May 28–June 3.** 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. [22082A]*

**Work and Fun in Sunny St. John, Virgin Islands National Park, U.S. Virgin Islands. June 5–12.** Assist with trail maintenance projects on idyllic St. John, the most unspoiled of the Virgin Islands. Working in Virgin Islands National Park, we will help clear vegetation on trails and uncover historic sites, with two full days free for hiking, snorkeling, or simply relaxing. We'll camp at serene Cinnamon Bay and enjoy a half-day boat trip. *Leader: Terry DeFratis. Price: \$985. [22243A]*

**Go with the Flow: Highlights of the Big Island, Hawaii. July 16–23.** Adventure awaits on our traverse of Hawaii's magical Big Island. Dur-

ing our stay, we'll snorkel in aqua-blue water, relax on beaches, and enjoy Kona coffee, tropical fruit, waterfalls, and rainforests. At Hawai'i 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. [22083A]**

**Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. July 24–30.** 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 collections, 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: \$1,395. [22085A]**

**Surf and Turf: Swimming, Snorkeling, and Easy Hiking on Hawaii Island. August 6–14.** Embark on a new adventure each day during an unforgettable week on Hawaii's Big Island. We will observe marine life up close from shore and a boat, with a special nighttime trip to view gentle, giant manta rays. We will also hike tropical trails at a casual pace, search for petroglyphs, stroll through an ancient spiritual sanctuary, and tour a world-famous monk seal hospital.

Anticipate great views from our Kona accommodations and engaging conversations with your new *ohana* (Hawaiian family). **Leader: Colleen Kearney. Price: \$2,445. [22078A]**

**The Best of the Big Island, Hawaii. September 16–23.** Discover the essential and lesser-known highlights of the Big Island. We'll hike to a hidden beach along a trail filled 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: \$2,325. [22079A]**



**Shizumi Stewart** likes to stay busy. At 76 years old, she enjoys spending time hiking and painting in her home state of Texas and nearby Arkansas. The two meditative activities bring her a sense of peace and joy since her husband passed away 20 years ago. "Hiking alone in solitude gives me a special feeling I can't explain with words," she says. "My artwork is a way to express my impressions of beauty in natural and manmade structures." A self-described "serious hiker," she was attracted to the Sierra Club's approach to the outdoors, which emphasizes active adventure, natural wonders, and inspiring people rather than luxury restaurants, hotels, and other amenities. Since 2015, Shizumi has visited Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; Sedona, Arizona; the Cascades in Oregon; the Stehekin Valley in Washington; and Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument in Utah.

Each trip presents its own unique set of physical and mental demands, which, for Shizumi, is central to the appeal. "I'm happiest when I'm able to finish challenging trails," she explains. But that doesn't mean she takes preparation lightly. When she signed up for her most recent trip, to Big Bend National Park in Texas in 2020, Shizumi wanted to make sure she was in the best shape possible, so she discussed her questions and potential medical issues with trip leader Margaret Klose and developed a hiking and yoga training regimen to ensure that she would be up to the challenge. Shizumi completed the day hikes with flying colors, impressing the entire group—perhaps most of all, Margaret, who fondly describes Shizumi as a "ball of energy and curiosity." Along the way, she shared stories about what it was like to grow up in Japan and about her experience coming to the United States in 1973. One day on the trail, she

miraculously spotted an extremely rare and endangered rock cactus, which she eagerly pointed out to everyone. "She showed us all that age is just a number," Margaret recalls, "and to never be afraid to try something new." Afterward, Shizumi was so confident that she signed up for another challenging trip the following year.

The experience also left Shizumi with a deep appreciation for the volunteer leaders' willingness to help participants prepare for a trip, their love for nature, and the daunting task of preparing food for an entire group for a week. "Before the trip, they made a menu for each meal—and even did the test cooking at home. What preparation!" On top of that, she says, the meals were much better than at restaurants. "I can only guess that the leaders were exhausted by the end of the day, but they were the first ones I saw every morning starting coffee for us."

Each trip, Shizumi says, renews her awe of the natural world. Hiking in Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument, in particular, was truly beyond her imagination. "I've never seen before that kind of natural beauty on such a vast scale." Shortly after returning from this trip, she was devastated to learn from the leader that the Trump administration was planning to sharply reduce the size of Grand Staircase–Escalante and nearby Bears Ears National Monuments in order to open them up to mining and other private interests (President Biden restored the boundaries of these national monuments in 2021). "I wish that our happiness was measured by the health of Earth and not by economic growth," she states. Shizumi continues to exercise her love for the planet in her daily life by minimizing the waste she produces, collecting trash along the trail, and making more environmentally friendly choices, like driving a hybrid car.

While COVID-19 has thrown a wrench in Shizumi's more ambitious travel plans, including a Sierra Club Outings trip to Nevada's Ruby Mountains, she's determined to get back in the swing of things as soon as she feels comfortable traveling again. In the meantime, she's sticking to local hikes and plans to assist a Texas nature advocacy group with trail maintenance projects. Margaret reports that she is still in touch with Shizumi and probably will be for many years to come. "She just sent me pictures from where she is now camping with a friend," Margaret happily notes, "and they are picking up litter."

Looking for an epic Texas outdoor experience of your own? Join us for "Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas" (see pp. 20–21).



# 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.



MARSH LAKE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS. CREDIT: GERALD CORSI/GETTY IMAGES

## CALIFORNIA

**Solitude and Inspiration Backpacking in Joshua Tree National Park. March 2–7.** Usher in spring on a backpack trip exploring this iconic desert wilderness. We'll traverse remote Smith Water and Johnny Lang Canyons, stargaze after sunset at stark Juniper Flats, and marvel at snow-covered San Gorgonio Mountain from the summit of Quail Mountain, the highest point, and Mt. Minerva Hoyt. Expect vibrant desert wildflowers, bighorn sheep, and mountain lion tracks, with multiple water and food caches to lighten our load. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$875. [22030A]*

**Desert Hiking and Wildflowers in Joshua Tree National Park. March 27–April 1.** 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. [22415A]*

**Desert Hiking and Wildflowers in Joshua Tree National Park. March 27–April 1.** See trip 22415A, above, for details. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$775. [22415B]*

**Backpacking the Trans-Catalina Trail, Catalina Island, California. April 4–9.** 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: Doug Barrows. Price: \$1,245. [22033A]*

## 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 California's Wild and Remote Lost Coast. May 19–23.** 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: \$795. [22127A]*

**Spring above the Canyon of the Tuolumne, Yosemite National Park. June 5–10.** Our five-day backcountry hike will begin at Yosemite Creek in northern Yosemite and climb steadily to the upper lake basin above the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne. Our journey will include two layover days, with opportunities to hike to the surrounding upper lakes, enjoy dramatic vistas, and soak in the solitude of the early season. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$775. [22106A]*

**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. [22126A]*

**BEGINNER TRIP! Backpacking Basics in the Emigrant Wilderness. June 19–25.** Discover the lakes, creeks, and falls of this stunning wilderness area north of Yosemite National Park while learning or refreshing basic backpacking skills. Our 25-mile loop will feature short hiking days at moderate elevations to allow beginners to ease into backpacking. There will also be plenty of time for cross-country exploration of mountain peaks and alpine lakes during day hikes and swims. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Andrew Johnson. Price: \$595. [22107A]*

**Backpacking the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Yosemite National Park. June 22–27.** 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. [22128A]*

**Teen Backpacking in California’s High Emigrant Wilderness. July 9–16.** Spend a week backpacking the Sierra high country with other 13- to 17-year-olds. Entering from Sonora Pass, we’ll follow a 42-mile route through Yosemite National Park, where we’ll swim in warm mountain lakes, climb a peak, fish, and learn new wilderness skills. We’ll enjoy delicious meals as we fuel for our on- and off-trail hike, with a full day off to hang out in this awesome mountain wilderness. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Cornelia Bel-lamacina. Price: \$545. [22108A]*

**Backpacking the Eastern Sierra’s Hoover Wilderness. July 10–16.** Explore Buckeye Meadow and the lakes and creeks of the less-visited eastern corner of the Hoover Wilderness on this point-to-point backpack journey. We’ll enjoy magnificent views from 10,000-foot Kirkland Pass, the highest point on our trip. Our small group will hike 35 miles over six days, all on trail, with time to hike, fish, or swim on one layover day and one short day. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: David Melton. Price: \$935. [22109A]*

**Lake Hopping into a World of Native Alpine Frogs: The Yosemite-Inyo Loop. July 10–17.** Join us on a backpack adventure into a world of alpine frogs



and the ecosystem that sustains them. Traveling ancient trails and camping near glacial lakes, we’ll learn why frogs were once considered water guardians by California’s native people and discover why frogs and humans are both at risk in a future of climate change. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Carol Reeb. Price: \$1,045. [22110A]*

**Teen Backpacking Yosemite’s High Canyons and Lakes, Yosemite National Park. July 10–17.** Spend a week backpacking Yosemite’s high country with other 13- to 17-year-olds. We’ll visit scenic lakes, travel through majestic Virginia and Matterhorn Canyons, and watch the alpenglow on Sawtooth Ridge below the Finger Peaks. Our 43-mile hike will feature three high passes, delicious

teen-friendly meals, and several partial layover days for fishing, swimming, and exploring with new friends. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$545. [22104A]*

**Remote Gardiner Basin High Country, Kings Canyon National Park. July 16–24.** Secluded among the high peaks of Kings Canyon, Gardiner Basin remains untouched by trails and far from crowds. Our challenging route will take us over two 11,000-foot passes to reach this alpine sanctuary. We’ll explore the clear lakes and sparkling cascades of upper Gardiner Creek and exit via Kearsarge Pass. This trip is limited to six experienced and adventurous backpackers. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Jane Uptegrove. Price: \$1,525. [22111A]*



BACKPACKPACKERS IN KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK. CREDIT: TIM JUNG

**Humphreys High-Country Circuit, John Muir Wilderness. July 18–25.** 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: Arian Pregenzer. Price: \$945. [22112A]*

**Five-Day Tableland Adventure, Sequoia National Park. July 20–24.** This quick backpack trip, much of it off-trail, to a remote backcountry granite plateau features alpine lakes and vistas above timberline. Anticipate strenuous hiking to camps at between 9,400 and 10,600 feet, with a planned layover offering free time to relax or explore. The last day will include the stunning Watchtower Trail. Our starting point is accessible by public transportation. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Tom Miller. Price: \$785. [22113A]*

**Teen Backpacking the High Lakes of California's John Muir Wilderness. July 23–31.** Spend a week backpacking to pristine lakes and granite spires with other 13- to 17-year-old teens. After a short distance on the famous John Muir Trail, we will ascend Piute and French Canyons to reach beautiful Merriam and Royce Lakes. Two layover days will provide opportunities to fish, scramble up a peak, swim, and spend time with new friends. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$545. [22114A]*

**High Sierra Hiking: Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide, John Muir Wilderness. July 24–30.** If you've always wanted to backpack in the High Sierra, then this is the trip for you. We will cover new ground on most days of this 30-mile hike among the spectacular lakes and panoramic views of the Silver Divide and neighboring red-hued peaks. Enjoy a layover day with a chance to relax, swim, climb a peak, or dayhike. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Renee Botta. Price: \$865 [22115A]*

**BEGINNER TRIP! Beginners Eastern Sierra Jaunt, Little Lakes Valley. July 26–30.** 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. [22143A]*

**30s and 40s Journey Through Evolution: North Lake to South Lake, Kings Canyon National Park. July 29–August 7.** Join other young adventurers on a 10-day, 56-mile classic High Sierra backpacking trip through Kings Canyon and John Muir's "Range of Light." As we hike the John Muir

Trail over high passes to Humphreys, Evolution, and Dusy Basins, we will savor magnificent views, camp among granite peaks, and swim in spectacular alpine lakes. Our journey through this magical area is not to be missed. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$795. [22116A]*

**Remote Lakes and Granite Canyons of the Emigrant Wilderness. July 31–August 6.** 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: Kevin Loney. Price: \$835. [22117A]*

**Emigrant Wilderness Inspiration. August 7–13.** Join us as we explore the Emigrant Wilderness, a glaciated landscape of great scenic beauty just north of Yosemite. Our lake-filled backpack route will enter at Kennedy Meadows near Sonora Pass. We'll make a loop around the southern part of the wilderness and wind back to our starting point via Granite Dome. Anticipate exploration, camaraderie, and wilderness inspiration. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Dave Simon. Price: \$585. [22119A]*

**Backpacking Goddard Canyon and the LeConte Divide, John Muir Wilderness. August 11–20.** Our west-side route will cross the LeConte Divide on-trail to reach Goddard Canyon. We'll take one of two layover days here, with time to explore alpine cirques, relax among meadows and lakes, or scale a nearby peak. On our return, we'll negotiate two cross-country passes, visiting alpine lakes with colorful names such as Devil's Punchbowl and Six Shooter Lake. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Tom Miller. Price: \$1,145. [22120A]*

**Backpacking Mineral King: A Celebration of Collective Environmentalism, Sequoia National Park. August 17–22.** Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earthjustice as we backpack the site of its monumental first case, Mineral King, now part of Sequoia National Park after being saved from development as a massive ski resort. Our loop route will traverse high passes and deep valleys and past pristine alpine lakes, with a layover day to further explore or simply relax. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Richard Clowdus. Price: \$725. [22121A]*



PIKA IN THE HIGH SIERRA.  
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**Muir Pinnacles Traverse, John Muir Wilderness. August 19–27.** The Muir Pinnacles are usually seen only from a distance and are rarely visited. Our adventurous eight-day trek will leave a picturesque section of the John Muir Trail in search of wilder beauty off-trail as we circumnavigate the Pinnacles. We will camp at secluded crystal lakes and endeavor to climb Gemini peak or Seven Gables on our way through unforgettable Seven Gables Basin. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Timothy Jung. Price: \$1,075. [22131A]*

**Royce Lakes and Humphreys Basin, John Muir Wilderness. August 21–27.** The remote and seldom-visited Royce Lakes lie nestled on the southwestern shoulder of the Eastern Sierra crest, just beyond lake-filled Humphreys Basin. Commanding views of Mt. Humphreys will accompany us as we venture on- and off-trail through the basin to Muriel, Desolation, and L Lakes. Along the way, we will enjoy two layover days to explore our spectacular surroundings or relax. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Nancy Mathison. Price: \$775. [22122A]*

**Palisades Peaks and Passes, Kings Canyon National Park. August 22–29.** Our group will enter the high country at Bishop Pass and finish 42 miles later over barren but spectacular Taboose Pass. In between, we'll forge a challenging cross-country route over three high passes neighboring the Palisades. On layover days, we intend to climb 14,000-foot Mt. Sill and Split Mountain. Traveling high and light, the group is limited to six participants. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,385. [22123A]*

**Sierra High Route: On- and Off-Trail Adventure in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. September 4–10.** Join this classic cross-country backpacking trek to sky-blue lakes, cascading waterfalls, panoramic passes, and the rugged shoulders of the iconic Minarets and Ritter Range. We'll bask in the 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 ridgelines from our lakeside campsites. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Rick Self. Price: \$1,245. [22124A]*

**Women's Eastern Sierra Adventure, Big Pine Lakes. September 16–20.** Enjoy fall colors among glacier-fed turquoise lakes on this four-day women's trek. We will backpack this east-side Sierra canyon and camp beneath peaks including Temple Crag and the Palisades, with plenty of time to swim, relax, and climb to the Palisade Glacier on our layover day. This trip is suited for well-conditioned beginners and intermediate backpackers. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Pam Abell. Price: \$745. [22125A]*

**BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore. September 18–23.** 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 backpacking 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: Andrew Johnson. Price: \$565. [22129A]*

**Autumn Light on Sabrina Basin, John Muir Wilderness. September 27–October 2.** 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 seasonal changes and solitude. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jeannette Sivertsen. Price: \$775. [22130A]*



**Kelley Cousin** has spent over 10 years as a backcountry service trip cook, but her relationship with Sierra Club Outings began with a very different kind of experience to Ecuador's Galápagos Islands back in 2005. Her mother had always wanted to visit the islands, and Kelley knew that if she didn't take her to see the blue-footed boobies, tortoises, and other extraordinary wildlife, her mother would never go. Afterward, Kelly thought, "Wow, maybe I should check out other Sierra Club trips." Her interest deepened two years later on a "life-changing adventure" to Alaska's Kenai Peninsula to help construct a solar-powered composting outhouse at the Holgate Glacier. Upon completing the project, the group spent three days camping in torrential rain until the Forest Service offered them a hut for the rest of their stay. Out of that experience came lifelong friendships, she says, adding that "something happens when sharing hardship."

The deal was sealed shortly thereafter on a backcountry service trip to Glacier National Park, Montana, when she was asked to become a leader. Though Kelley was honored, she was unsure what role she wanted to play. Having spent 25 years as a physician, she knew that talking on the phone, filling out paperwork, and other leader responsibilities didn't appeal to her. As a service trip participant, she always looked forward to a rewarding meal after a day of strenuous work, which led her to consider becoming a cook. Despite having no formal training, she was attracted to the challenge of feeding multiple people, some of whom have special dietary needs. While planning a menu, she will often ask herself, "How will I feed this gluten-free person, or this vegan, or a gluten-free vegan?" Or, "How will I work around multiple food allergies, likes, and dislikes?"

Kelley has staffed a few front-country trips, but she prefers to cook in the backcountry, which requires careful planning because food and equipment must be backpacked in, often with the support of a packer. "It's a challenge to get there with everything

you need and to keep food safe and meals rolling in spite of weather, critters, and a lack of refrigeration." Experimentation is a big part of the fun, whether it's figuring out how to adapt a dish to work in the backcountry or integrating local foods into a menu, like lentils from her adopted home of Montana. "Who knew that Montana is one of the largest growers of lentils," she asks, "and how that came about is a story of sustainable farming practices?" Moreover, she believes that participants form tighter bonds without the distractions of civilization. "Many times our trip is that person's first experience backpacking or being disconnected from electronics."

Kelley's strengths as a trip staffer aren't limited to cooking, says trip leader Alison Campbell. "She provides all kinds of nurturing to people, both experienced and who have never been on a trip, just by her attitude and thinking of the little comfort things that make a trip special." The unpredictable nature of backcountry travel, Kelly notes, requires trip staff to be prepared to manage all kinds of unexpected events and situations. "No trip will go without incident," she says, "and if it does, that's a miracle!" This flexible approach and can-do attitude have also helped her grow and develop new leadership skills. "I used to be pretty reserved when meeting new folks," she says, adding that now it's her favorite part of the experience. Each trip is an opportunity to meet new people; to learn about their background, hardships, and reasons for being there; and to work with another leader to make the trip more successful and memorable. "Success means not only doing a good work project but making sure all the participants are comfortable—and, of course, well fed! 'Memorable' to me means having fun, completing a work project, forming lasting friendships, and appreciating the environment we are privileged to spend a week in."

This recipe has led to plenty of unforgettable and sometimes downright strange experiences, such as a windstorm in Saline Valley, California, that raged all night and destroyed her kitchen; being so exhausted after trail work in Glacier National Park that she didn't think she would be able to walk back to camp; viewing Ancestral Puebloan artifacts and exploring remote cliff dwellings in Grand Gulch Primitive Area, Utah; and so much more. One of her fondest memories occurred last summer on a trip in California's Sierra Nevada. "We had a talent show, and a participant who had never sung in front of a group before sang a beautiful ballad that brought tears to my eyes. We also had a group sing that was loads of fun!"

You can join Kelley for a taste of her rewarding backcountry cooking and a chance to make new memories on "Preserving the Lost Coast, California" (see p. 29).

## ROCKY MOUNTAINS



BACKPACKING THE WIND RIVER RANGE, WYOMING. CREDIT: MICHAEL JENSEN

### Lake Hopping in the Sawtooth Wilderness, Idaho.

**July 29–August 6.** Hike through glaciated valleys and beneath jagged granite spires to the spectacular lakes of the Sawtooth Wilderness. These peaks and lakes will be our companions on this eight-day, 40-plus-mile backpack journey, which will include a layover day to explore high meadows and hidden lakes, fish for trout, or just relax and take it all in. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Steve Mintz. Price: \$1,325. [22135A]*

**Alpine Glory in Wyoming's Wind River Mountains. August 6–14.** 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: Mike Bolar. Price: \$1,255. [22136A]*

**Wildflowers and Wandering in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 6–14.** Wyoming's Wind River Range is famous for its rocky mountains, vast glaciers, and flower-filled basins. Our trip, timed for what is traditionally peak wildflower season, will take us on a loop through Indian Basin, over high passes, and alongside myriad alpine lakes with stellar views. We'll explore

Titcomb Basin and the Angel Peak area on our two layover days. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Marybeth Dingleddy. Price: \$1,165. [22137A]*

### Lake Hopping in the Wind River Range, Wyoming.

**August 15–19.** 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. For a more complete Wind River Range experience, pair this trip with "Tranquil Lakes, Granite Spirals, and Endless Wildflowers of Wyoming's Wind River Range" (see trip 22141A, right, for details). (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: \$945. [22138A]*

**High, Wild, and Remote: Backpacking in the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 19–27.** Join other adventurous hikers on this loop through the northern Bridger Wilderness. From New Forks Lake, our route will climb from meadowed canyon floors up through timberline to rocky passes with grand panoramas of lofty granite peaks capped by the rugged Continental Divide. We'll camp near crystal clear streams and alpine lakes where the evening's alpenglow will replenish our soul. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: \$1,045. [22139A]*

### Tranquil Lakes, Granite Spirals, and Endless Wildflowers of Wyoming's Wind River Range.

**August 22–26.** 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 cross Lester Pass for panoramic views of this rugged landscape and the Continental Divide. For a more complete Wind River Range experience, pair this trip with "Lake Hopping in the Wind River Range, Wyoming" (see trip 22138A, left, for details). (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Becky Wong. Price: \$945. [22141A]*

**The North Wall Loop, Bob Marshall Wilderness, Montana. September 10–17.** 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: Stephanie Wilson. Price: \$995. [22140A]*

**BEGINNER TRIP! Alpine Beginners Backpack, Rawah Wilderness, Colorado. September 11–17.** Learn the ropes of backpacking in the majestic and accessible Rawah Wilderness, a Colorado favorite. Our trek through lush forests and across alpine tundra untouched

by wildfires will include a layover day for relaxation or exploring nearby reflecting lakes and beckoning peaks. We'll provide pretrip backpack instruction and mentoring and practice Leave No Trace principles, cooking, and navigation skills in the wild. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Richard Clowdus. Price: \$945. [22142A]*

**Fantastic Four Pass Loop, Maroon Bells–Snowmass Wilderness, Colorado. September 16–23.** 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: Tina Lindquist. Price: \$1,295. [22144A]*

If there's one thing that sets Sierra Club Outings apart from other travel operators, it's that our trips serve a higher purpose: to establish lifelong connections between people and the wild places that should be protected. It's a powerful idea that has galvanized generations of conservation-minded travelers for over 100 years. Yet few people understand the connective tissue between these trips and the Sierra Club's organizing strategy like **Chris Hill**, who is both a volunteer trip leader and the senior campaign director for the Our Wild America campaign. From a young age, Chris learned to find joy and healing outside, where she established a lifelong passion for backpacking, climbing, snowboarding, and fly-fishing. "Being outdoors," she says, "is the closest feeling to home for me."

This love of the outdoors dovetailed with Chris's professional career in 2011, when she became an organizer with the Sierra Club Maryland chapter and organized a trip by kayak to a polluting coal plant that needed to be retired. This trip, which was directly connected to the advocacy campaign, began the journey for many Sierra Club members to fight the plant to retirement. "It was really eye-opening to see the connections people made when they could see firsthand the pollution the coal plant was causing and the dire need for clean air, clean water, and healthy neighborhoods." She later moved on to the Sierra Club's federal office in Washington, D.C., and then to the Our Wild America campaign, where she now leads efforts to create and protect more nature for future generations to combat the climate crisis, and reduce the nature equity gap to connect all people to the outdoors. After eight years at the organization, Chris says one thing has remained the same: "the understanding and importance that Sierra Club Outings have to our advocacy and organizing efforts."

As part of the Our Wild America campaign, Chris works closely with the Sierra Club's Outdoors for All team, which envisions a "just, equitable, and sustainable future in which all people benefit from clean air, clean water, and equitable access to the outdoors." As a black woman, an avid outdoors person, and an environmental advocate, Chris feels a particular resonance with the nexus between conservation and outdoor equity. Not only did she rarely see anyone who looked like her in outdoor spaces while growing up, but fewer than half of all people in the United States live within walking distance of a park, she says, highlighting the great disparities in access to the outdoors, especially for low-income neighborhoods and communities of color as a result of discriminatory policies on the control and use of land and public transportation. "Understanding the multitude of barriers that exist for BIPOC communities in getting outdoors and improving access is so important," she explains, adding that "ensuring equitable access to the outdoors would have wide-ranging health, economic, and societal benefits."

Chris's extensive relationship with the outdoors and advocacy took a new turn in 2018, when she completed her training to become a

volunteer leader with Sierra Club Outings. Of her many experiences, all within Alaska, two stand out as all-time favorites. She describes her visit to Cape Krusenstern in northwestern Alaska, on the coast of the Chukchi Sea, as a relaxed trip "filled with joy wandering the hills at leisure, learning about the history of the area, observing the vast flora and fauna, and searching for musk ox on far-off ridges." Every so often, the group would sit down to take a break while the trip leader painted a watercolor of the landscape or a flower and shared intriguing facts about the area. The other trip, a raft journey on the Tatshenshini River, holds a special place in Chris's heart as it introduced her to Haines, Alaska, where she now lives, and it's also where she met her husband, Greg. Though the trip was riddled with storms and sideways rain, there were also incredible days filled with sun as the river meandered through massive mountains and past glaciers and lakes filled with icebergs. "I remember at dinnertime the guides would tell us about the First Nations land we were on and the stories of the campaign to stop a massive copper mine and road through the heart of the area. Being disconnected for so long on 'river time' was so rejuvenating and healing."

In 2019, Chris partnered with the Outbound Collective to tell her story in a short film, *Where I Belong*, which appeared at numerous film festivals and won Best Short Film at the Conservation Film Festival in 2021. She is currently taking a break from planning trips with Sierra Club Outings, but she's eager to get back to it soon, and she continues to be active at the intersection of the outdoors and advocacy. She recently embarked on a nearly two-week trip packrafting and backpacking in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. "It was an amazing trip connecting my friends to an important place and being able to provide them with the tools to create change when they get home."

Keep an eye on [sc.org/outings](https://sc.org/outings) for a chance to explore Alaska with Chris soon. And in the meantime, you can watch her short film at [outsideonline.com/video/chris-hill-lobbyist-alaska](https://outsideonline.com/video/chris-hill-lobbyist-alaska).



## SOUTHWEST



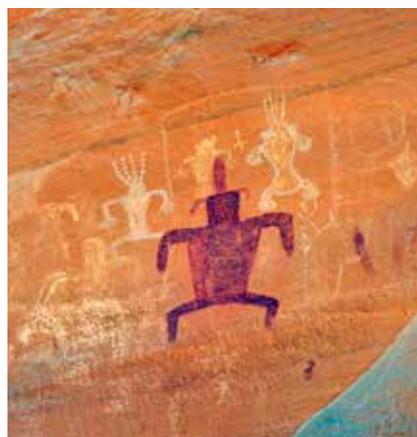
GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA. CREDIT: STEVEDUNLEAVY.COM/GETTY IMAGES

**Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. March 25–31.** 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. [22031A]*

**Mystery of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. April 2–9.** 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. Appropriate for mountain goats and comparably sure-footed humans. A boat ride on Lake Powell is included. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Richard Fite. Price: \$1,245. [22035A]*

**Kanab Creek Wilderness: Expansive Terraces and Dramatic Views, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 9–16.** The Kanab Creek Wilder-

ness 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: \$995. [22034A]*

PETROGLYPHS IN KANAB CANYON, ARIZONA  
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**Five Days of Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. April 17–21.** 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: \$955. [22038A]*

**Backpacking Paria Canyon: A Week of Visual Surprises, Arizona and Utah. April 17–23.** 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: Ralph Keating. Price: \$1,245. [22032A]*

**Redrock Canyons of Escalante, Utah. June 4–10.** 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: \$1,195. [22037A]*

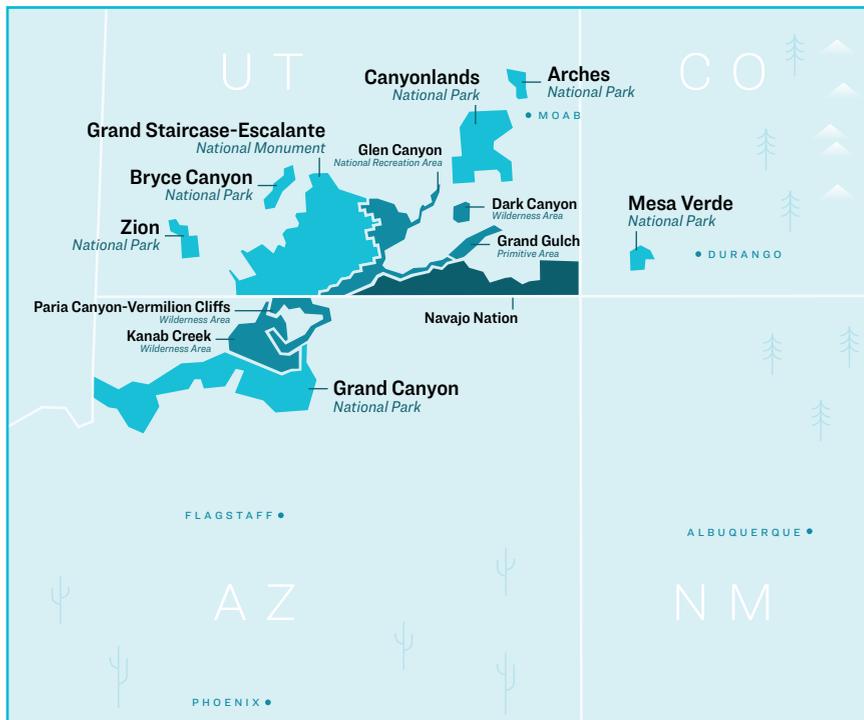
**Pecos Wilderness Traverse, Sangre de Cristo Mountains, New Mexico. June 21–29.** Traverse the heart of the Pecos Wilderness, from its northeast corner to the Santa Fe ski basin. Much of our route will follow 12,000-plus-foot ridges, which we'll descend to camp beside high lakes and streams. Along the 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 Pregonzer. Price: \$995. [22118A]*

**Forbidden Heart of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. September 25–October 1.** 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: \$1,345. [22150A]*

**Descent into Dark Canyon, Utah. October 9–15.** Hike a maze of remote canyons in the heart of the former Bears Ears National Monument. We'll descend into Dark Canyon and explore its world of multicolored, castle-like sandstone walls towering above. Side canyons, plunge pools, wildflowers, and Ancestral Puebloan archaeological treasures will grace our route on this classic backpack adventure. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Barry Morenz. Price: \$1,035. [22152A]*

**20s and 30s Backpacking the Kanab Creek Wilderness, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. October 10–15.** Backpack the rugged and remote Kanab Creek Wilderness, where water and rock are natural sculptors of endless labyrinthine slot canyons. Join other adventurers in their 20s and 30s for hiking and scrambling through red-wall narrows and camping on vast Esplanade expanses with panoramic views. We will appreciate life-giving desert springs and prehistoric pictographs while learning critical backcountry skills. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: \$895. [22153A]*

**Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 16–24.** Experience one of the premier backpacking routes in the Grand Canyon. From the rumbling cascade of the half-mile-long Thunder River, springing forth from a monolithic canyon wall,



to the 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: Arian Pregonzer. Price: \$1,135. [22154A]*

**Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 30–November 5.** See trip 22031A, p. 16, for details. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,145. [22155A]*



HARDY BACKPACKERS IN THE NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA. CREDIT: RICHARD FITE



MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON. CREDIT: SVETLANA57/GETTY IMAGES

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**Women's Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. June 27–July 1.** 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. [22157A]*

**Women's Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. July 12–16.** See trip 22157A, above, for details. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$895. [22157B]*

**A Walk on the Edge: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. July 15–20.** 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. [22105A]*

**Stevens North to Stehekin: 100 Miles on the Pacific Crest Trail, Washington. July 31–August 11.** Trek 100 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail through some of the most awesome, jaw-dropping alpine glacier scenery and flower-filled meadows between Canada and Mexico. We will spend 10 days hiking through the Glacier Peak Wilderness, end with a night at a wilderness ranch, and return by boat down Lake Chelan.

A midway food cache will lighten our pack weight. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Derrick Mahoney. Price: \$1,345 [22145A]*

**Backpacking the Eagle Cap Wilderness: The West Lostine River Loop, Oregon. August 21–28.** Backpack one of Oregon's best-kept hiking

## MIDWEST

**Gitchee Gumbol: Backpacking Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan. August 28–September 1.** 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: \$665. [22170A]*

**Isolated Island Wilderness: Backpacking Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. September 5–12.** 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: 2.) *Leader: Jayson Margalus. Price: \$1,375. [22171A]*

secrets, the Eagle Cap Wilderness, in the heart of the Wallowa Mountains. Our 38-mile route will include granite peaks, high-alpine passes, wildflower-filled meadows, clear streams, and mountain lakes, plus gourmet backcountry meals and blue-ribbon trout fishing. We'll enjoy a layover day and see breathtaking scenery that will knock your socks off. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$745. [22134A]*

**Spider Meadow to Buck Creek Pass Loop, Glacier Peak Wilderness, Washington. August 28–September 3.** 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: \$975. [22160A]*

**Wonderland Trail Loop, Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 5–15.** 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: \$1,245. [22161A]*

## NORTHEAST

**Adirondack Park Backpacking, New York. August 20–27.** Spend a week backpacking some of the finest sections of New York's Adirondacks wilderness. The Northville-Placid Trail will lead us through lush forests to views of sparkling lakes, and we'll spend nights in classic Adirondack shelters. Our trip will end with a whitewater rafting day on the Hudson River. This moderately challenging hike will appeal to experienced backpackers. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Charles McTiernan. Price: \$1,195. [22165A]*

**Backpacking the Loyalsock Trail, Pennsylvania's Hidden Gem. October 9–15.** Experience spectacular fall colors over six days on this 60-mile backpacking trip on one of Pennsylvania's premier trails. Stretching through remote Loyalsock State Forest and Worlds End State Park, our route will offer challenging climbs; views of river gorges, mountains, and waterfalls; and opportunities to spot deer, black bears, and porcupines. Backpacking experience is recommended for this moderately strenuous hike (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Charles McTiernan. Price: \$895. [22167A]*

## Canoe & Kayak

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



KAYAKING IN NEWFOUNDLAND. CREDIT: DESIGN PICS INC/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

**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: \$1,145. [22445A]*

**Canoeing the Scenic Rio Grande River and Hiking in Big Bend National Park, Texas. March 31–April 4.** See trip 22445A, above, for details. *Leader: Wendy Wyels. Price: \$1,145. [22445B]*

**Kayaking and Boating Georgia's Untamed Coast. April 17–23.** 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. [22053A]*

**Kayaking Coastal Carolina, South Carolina. April 24–30.** 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, black-water 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. [22052A]*

**Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. May 31–June 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: Doug Barrows. Price: \$1,125. [22055A]*

**Kayak, Cruise, and Whale-Watch in the San Juan Islands, Washington. June 26–30.** 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: \$1,995. [22054A]*

**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 routes 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: Tomas Dundzila. Price: \$1,275. [22185A]*

**Kayaking Newfoundland: Coast, Coves, and Wildlife. July 20–26.** 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 sight-seeing. Accommodations are comfortable cabins overlooking the ocean. *Leader: Leanora Kovacs. Price: \$2,365. [22188A]*

**Deep Wilderness Canoeing in Wabakimi Provincial Park, Ontario. August 14–21.** Venture deep into the wild and remote Wabakimi wilderness. Traveling by van from Minneapolis, we will visit Lake Superior lighthouses and waterfalls, then enter the wilderness for a week of canoeing and exploring and exit via a memorable float plane ride. Some camping/canoeing experience is required for this moderately difficult trip. Double-occupancy accommodations, canoe rental, and roundtrip transportation are included. *Leader: Terry DeFraites. Price: \$2,145. [22186A]*

**Delightful Days down the Wild and Scenic Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers, Wisconsin. September 4–9.** Join us for a canoe journey down the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers, two designated national wild and scenic rivers. Anticipate brisk weather, clean and clear water, plenty of fish, and possibly sturgeon, great blue herons, loons, kingfishers, otters, foxes, beavers, deer, and bears. We'll camp at a different riverside location each night and enjoy fireside meals, lively conversation, and the howl of wolves. *Leader: Holly Johnson. Price: \$975. [22187A]*

**Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. September 19–25.** See trip 22055A, left, for details. *Leader: Tim Wernette. Price: \$1,125. [22055B]*

## 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.



HIKERS IN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS. CREDIT: MARGARET KLOSE

### Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas.

**February 21–27.** Join us for a unique hiking vacation 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]*

**Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama-Supported Hike, Utah. April 3–9.** 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: Diana Livingston. Price: \$3,195. [22420A]*

**Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama-Supported Hike, Utah. April 10–16.** See trip 22420A, above, for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$3,195. [22420B]*

**In the Presence of Giants: Dayhiking, Kayaking, and Conservation in California's Redwoods. June 4–11.** 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. [22163A]*

**50-Plus Lake Michigan Bike and Hike, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan. June 5–11.** 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: \$2,015. [22180A]*

**Alpine Adventures in the Wild Ruby Mountains, Nevada. June 26–July 1.** Hike and explore

Nevada's little-known mountain gem, the Ruby Mountains, a desert island brimming with wildlife, sparkling lakes and streams, wildflower-filled meadows, and jagged 10,000-foot peaks. We will camp at 8,000 feet in our own exclusive campground in Lamoille Canyon, a glaciated U-shaped valley often called the "Yosemite of Nevada." *Leader: Angela White. Price: \$635. [22174A]*

**Signature Day Hikes in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows, California. July 18–23.** 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: \$1,345. [22166A]*

**Natural and Geologic Wonders of the Eastern Sierra, California. July 24–29.** 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, hike six to nine miles daily at elevations of up to 10,000 feet, and visit the spectacular tufa towers and ancient wetlands of mysterious Mono Lake. *Leader: Terri Lyde. Price: \$1,045. [22168A]*

**Waterfalls, Lakes, and Meadows of Mt. Hood, Oregon. July 24–30.** 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: \$885. [22175A]*

**Red and White Mountain and the Blue Lakes of the John Muir Wilderness, California. August 15–26.** 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: \$4,095. [22235A]*

**Exploring the Lakes of the Silver Divide, John Muir Wilderness, California. August 30–September 10.** Experience a sublime mix of lakes, streams, forests, meadows, and mountain peaks in the Silver Divide while carrying only a day pack. Packhorses will carry the rest of the load, and a cook will prepare delicious meals, leaving us lightweight and hassle-free. Four layover days will allow for further exploration, fishing, or just relaxing in our splendid surroundings. *Leader: Frank Eldredge. Price: \$4,095. [22237A]*

**Hike, Bike, Kayak, and Sail in Acadia National Park, Maine. September 3–10.** Join us for a varied week of activities in one of America's most beloved national parks. Based out of Backwoods Campground, we'll hike the Ladder Trail, summit stunning Cadillac Mountain, bike carriage roads, kayak, and enjoy a sunset sailing cruise. Highlights will include Somes Sound, Eagle Lake, Jordan Pond, and the spectacular Park Loop Road along the Atlantic cliffs of Otter Point and Thunder Hole. *Leader: Jane Jontz. Price: \$1,325. [2221A]*

**Vistas and Volcanoes: Hike and Bike the Eastern Cascades of Central Oregon. September 5–10.** 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 La Pine State Park, we'll relax and explore natural and cultural history. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$1,125. [22169A]*

**Hut-to-Hut Traverse of the Presidential Range, New Hampshire. September 11–16.** Experience the challenging trails and beautiful mountains of the Presidential Range on this hut-to-hut journey in 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: \$1,325. [22195A]*

**Escalante Canyons Base Camp, Utah. October 2–9.** 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. Van transportation

from Salt Lake City is included. *Leader: Howard Kellogg. Price: \$1,295. [22176A]*

**Visit the Vastness: Dayhiking and Stargazing in Death Valley National Park, California. October 27–30.** 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 autumn days and wondrously starry nights. *Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: \$995. [22177A]*

**Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas. October 30–November 5.** See trip 22407A, p. 20, for details. *Leader: Phil Snyder. Price: \$1,095. [22178A]*

## 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.



BISON FAMILY IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK, NORTH DAKOTA. CREDIT: DOMINIQUE BRAUD/DEMBINSKY PHOTO ASSOCIATES/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

**Family Service at Flight 93 National Memorial and Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Pennsylvania. June 12–18.** Join us for a family volunteer vacation at two historic American landmarks: the Flight 93 National Memorial commemorating the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, and Fort Necessity National Battlefield, the site of the opening action of the French and Indian War in 1754. We will complete a variety of tasks at these sites, with a free day to enjoy whitewater rafting and Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater, and Kentuck Knob. Minimum Age: 12. *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$695 (child)/\$795 (adult). [22190A]*

**Family Dayhiking the Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota. August 5–12.** Join a family adventure in the North Dakota badlands that inspired Theodore Roosevelt to become the most conservation-minded president in history. We'll explore this stunning wilderness on relaxing day hikes featuring bison, prairie dogs, wild horses, and gorgeous vistas and relax in comfortable campsites. A night at the famous Medora Musical and pretrip educational materials for kids are also included. Minimum Age: 5. *Leader: Jayson Margalus. Price: \$625 (child)/\$725 (adult). [22191A]*

## 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 SALMON RIVER, IDAHO. CREDIT: STEVE BLY/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

**Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. May 13–21.** 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: Jennifer Moon. Price: \$1,995. [22068A]*

**Wildlife and Photography Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska. May 20–27.** See p. 4 for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$4,245. [22019A]*

**Rafting and Hiking the San Juan River, Utah. May 21–28.** Enjoy the colorful canyons of the San Juan River on a raft trip featuring Class II rapids, Ancestral Puebloan ruins and petroglyphs, and a variety of side hikes. You’ll have the chance to take it easy and enjoy the view or paddle rafts and inflatable kayaks through rapids and over sand waves. Back at camp, we’ll relax, enjoy hearty meals, and watch for mountain goats. *Leader: Lisa Katzman. Price: \$1,625. [22070A]*

**Rafting the Wild and Free Yampa, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah. May 29–June 3.** 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: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$1,125. [22069B]*

**Explore Glacier Bay by Yacht and Kayak, Alaska. July 8–16.** See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Margie*

*Tomenko. Price: \$6,145. [22012A]*

**Rafting, Dinosaurs, and Petroglyphs in Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. July 18–22.** 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. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$1,125. [22230A]*

**Raft Adventure on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon. July 20–24.** 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 during a visit to a wildlife rehabilitation center. *Leader: Elisha Shephard. Price: \$1,235. [22231A]*

**Wilderness Cruise on Alaska’s Inside Passage: Juneau to Wrangell. July 26–August 5.** See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Jennifer Moon. Price: \$6,345. [22013A]*

**Wilderness Cruise on Alaska’s Inside Passage: Petersburg to Sitka. August 7–17.** See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Nicole Garrett-Hoppe. Price: \$6,345. [22017A]*

**River of No Return: Rafting the Main Salmon River, Idaho. August 8–14.** Splash through 40 fun rapids in 80 miles on one of the most famous

ivers 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 American 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: John Killeen. Price: \$1,795. [22232A]*

**Floating through Time in Wood–Tikchik State Park, Alaska. August 10–20.** See p. 6 for details. *Leader: Don Murch. Price: \$4,795. [22020A]*

**Rafting among Glaciers and Grizzlies on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers, Alaska and British Columbia. August 14–25.** See p. 6 for details. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$4,695. [22067A]*

**Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women’s Multisport Adventure in Central Oregon. August 21–27.** 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: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,395. [22220A]*

**Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. September 9–17.** See trip 22068A, left, for details. *Leader: Mitch Dion. Price: \$1,995. [22068B]*

**Moab Adventure for Women: Hike, Raft, and Ride in Southeast Utah. September 25–October 1.** See p. 26 for details. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,095. [22224A]*

## Younger Participants

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.



20S AND 30S BACKPACKING IN CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SIERRA. CREDIT: TERESA GONSOSKI

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 [sc.org/young-adventurers](http://sc.org/young-adventurers).

**30s and 40s Journey Through Evolution: North Lake to South Lake, Kings Canyon National Park, California. July 29–August 7. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$795. [22116A]**

**20s and 30s Backpacking the Kanab Creek Wilderness, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. October 10–15. (Rated: 4.) Leader: Merritt Draney. Price: \$895. [22153A]**

## SHARON CHURCHWELL TRIPS



SERVICE IN THE GROS VENTRE WILDERNESS, WYOMING. CREDIT: ALISON CAMPBELL

**Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 7–14. Leader: Michelle Stewart. Price: \$595. [22097A]**

**Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 14–21. Leader: Howard Kellogg. Price: \$525. [22300A]**

**Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 9–16. Leader: Elaine Stebler. Price: \$675. [22244A]**

**Service in the Selway–Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. July 16–23. Leader: Nancy Le. Price: \$645. [22272A]**

**Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 17–23. Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Price: \$695. [22245A]**

**Wilderness Service in the Wasatch Range, Utah. July 24–30. Leader: Kirsten Howe. Price: \$735. [22273A]**

**Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 30–August 6. Leader: Laura Mitchell. Price: \$675. [22313A]**

**Service in the John Muir Wilderness, California. August 6–13. Leader: Miles Holen-**

**stein. Price: \$545. [22249A]**

**Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 20–27. Leader: Doug Pilcher. Price: \$345. [22322A]**

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.

## 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.



DAYHIKERS IN THE COLORADO ROCKIES. CREDIT: RICHARD FITE

**Everglades Eco-adventure, Florida. January 9–14.** Experience four of the distinct Everglades ecosystems by foot and kayak. Naturalist guides will accompany us on day trips as we go inland or along the coast searching for manatees, dolphins, birds, rare orchids, and more. We'll stay in resort condos and take a three-day, two-night kayak camping trip in the Ten Thousand Islands. *Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: \$2,345. [22400A]*

**Enchanted Day Hikes in a Desert Paradise, Arizona. March 29–April 4.** 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. [22413A]*

**Geologic Gems of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Utah. May 1–8.** 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 included. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,495. [22066A]*

**Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 14–22.** 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: \$2,995. [22071A]*

**Summer Day Hikes in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. June 10–16.** 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. [22222A]*

**Michigan Multisport at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. June 12–18.** 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 paddle 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. [22248A]*

**Puffins, Whales, and Coastal Trails: Newfoundland's East Coast Trail by Land and Sea. June 25–July 2.** 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. [22223A]*

**Puffins, Whales, and Coastal Trails: Newfoundland's East Coast Trail by Land and Sea. July 4-11.** See trip 22223A, left, for details. *Leader: Alline Anderson. Price: \$2,295. [22223B]*

**Epic Sights, Delights, and Highlights on the North Shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota. July 10-15.** 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 DeFratis. Price: \$1,255. [22200A]*

**Mountains, Fjords, and Vikings: Exploring Newfoundland's Magnificent West Coast. July 12-18.** Experience the rugged west coast of Newfoundland and two UNESCO World Heritage sites. We'll explore Gros Morne National Park, which features towering mountains, unique tablelands, and stunning fjords and L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, the first European settlement in the New World. Daily easy-to-moderate hikes will lead us to sea stacks, caves, volcanic cliffs, and a diversity of plant and animal life, and we'll spend our evenings in comfortable lodges. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,595. [22236A]*

**An Active Adventure in Quebec City: History, Culture, and Bike Rides, Quebec. July 17-22.** 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. [22225A]*

**Grizzlies, Glaciers, and Climate Change: Dayhiking in Glacier National Park, Montana. July 23-30.** 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: Andrea Katz. Price: \$2,275. [22201A]*

**Beartooth Bliss: Dayhiking Montana's Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. July 24-30.** Explore the spectacular glacier-carved valleys of the Beartooth Mountains on moderate-to-moder-

ately-strenuous day hikes of 7 to 11 miles. We will hike alongside crystal-clear streams to picturesque alpine lakes with stunning mountain views. After dinner in the mountain town of Red Lodge, we will retire each night to our single occupancy rooms with kitchenettes in our streamside resort. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$2,295. [22202A]*

**Yoga, Hiking, and Meditation in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. July 25-31.** 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. Summer splendor awaits us on a variety of day hikes and during optional activities, like 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: \$1,365. [22203A]*

**Adirondacks Mountain Holiday: Hike, Paddle, Swim, and Cycle, New York. August 7-12.** Join us in New York's Adirondacks for a classic lodge holiday. 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. Children ages 12 and older, accompanied by adults, and grandparents are welcome too. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,695. [22204A]*

**Best of the Midwest: Dayhiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, Minnesota. August 7-13.** 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,



HORSEBACK RIDING IN CASTLE VALLEY, UTAH. CREDIT: CRISTINA BREEN

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: Greg Allison. Price: \$1,425. [22205A]*

**Lodge Adventure in America's Alps, North Cascades, Washington. August 12-17.** 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: Steve Kennedy. Price: \$1,845. [22207A]*

**Hot and Wild: Dayhiking Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. August 14-20.** 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 under a blanket of stars. *Leader: Sandra Kiplinger. Price: \$2,195. [22206A]*

**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: \$1,995. [22241A]*

**Paw Prints, Tribal Customs, and Fall Day Hikes in Glacier National Park, Montana. August 28-September 3.** Hike the "Crown of the Continent" as it transitions into autumn magnificence. 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: \$1,875. [22208A]*

**Jewels of the Maine Coast: Camden and Monhegan Island. September 21-27.** Coastal Maine is famous for its rocky shoreline and island-dotted bays. We'll explore these and other "picture-book" sights as we hike to endless vistas, take a sunset cruise on a schooner, and indulge in fresh seafood. Accommodations will include four nights at a historic inn and two nights at a lodge on Monhegan Island, known for its artists' colony and wild headlands. *Leader: Rochelle Gerratt. Price: \$2,425. [22209A]*

**Fall Foliage Hiking in Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest. September 25–30.** 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: \$1,835. [22210A]*

**Moab Adventure for Women: Hike, Raft, and Ride in Southeast Utah. September 25–October 1.** Spend a week with other adventurous women in Utah's redrock wonderland. We'll raft, kayak, or learn to stand-up paddleboard on the Green and Colorado Rivers; hike the stunning geologic formations of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks; and horseback ride through John Wayne country. At day's end, we'll retreat to our lodge for tasty food, camaraderie, and cozy beds. This trip is suitable for beginners. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,095. [22224A]*

**Fall Foliage Day Hikes in the White Mountains, New Hampshire. October 2–8.** As fall approaches, fiery red and golden yellow leaves spread across the White Mountains and valleys. From our base at Shapleigh Bunkhouse in Crawford Notch, we'll hike six to eight miles along on some of the east coast's finest trails to

mountain peaks, scenic vistas, and waterfalls. At day's end, we'll relax at our lodge and enjoy hot showers and hearty meals. *Leader: Tomas Dundzila. Price: \$1,325. [22211A]*

**Vancouver to Whistler: A British Columbia Adventure. October 2–8.** 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]*

**Adirondacks Autumn Beauty: Hike, Paddle, and Cycle, New York. October 9–14.** Join us in New York's forever-wild Adirondack Mountains for a multisport holiday featuring cool temperatures and fall foliage. We'll stay in a classic mountain lodge and hike lovely trails, kayak and canoe on pristine lakes, and mountain bike on varied terrain. We'll also visit historic Adirondack attractions, learn about conservation successes and challenges, and enjoy local music and lore. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,725. [22226A]*

**Dinos and Rock Art, Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. October 10–16.** Visit little-known Dinosaur National Monument, straddling the

border of Utah and Colorado, for a week of exploring rivers, cliffs, geological formations, dinosaur bones, and ancient rock art. We will also visit Nine Mile Canyon to view miles of spectacular Fremont rock art. Accommodations will be at a comfortable motel in Vernal and a rustic lodge in Nine Mile Canyon. *Leader: Rochelle Gerratt. Price: \$1,445. [22212A]*

**Kicks on Historic Route 66 and the Eleven Point National Wild and Scenic River, Missouri. October 14–21.** Spend a spectacular week sightseeing and canoeing two American classics. We'll dine at a winery, tour Route 66 landmarks and St. 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 the spring-fed Eleven Point River, and visit a re-created 1930s village where we can take Model A rides. *Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: \$1,675. [22213A]*

**Autumn Glory in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee. October 16–21.** Explore the magnificent Smokies' towering stands of hardwood forest during the season of spectacular 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, yoga, and storytelling. *Leader: Glenn Gillis. Price: \$1,145. [22214A]*



LAKE AND PEAKS IN NEW YORK'S ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS. CREDIT: LIGHTPHOTO/GETTY IMAGES

## Ski, Snowshoe & Dogsled

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



SKIERS IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA. CREDIT: MARTY JOYCE

**Gliding through Glacier National Park, Montana. January 15–22.** 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: \$3,295. [22450A]*

**Boundary Waters by Dogsled: A Bucket-List Adventure, Minnesota. January 19–23.** Explore the rugged beauty surrounding Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in winter. We'll dogsled among snow-covered lakes and woods that are home to timber wolves and moose. We'll sleep in modern cabins, enjoy chef-prepared meals, and meet world-renowned Arctic explorer Paul Schurke. Equipment, warm outerwear, and transportation from Duluth, Minnesota, are included. *Leader: Greg Allison. Price: \$2,325. [22410A]*

**Winter Wonders: Ski and Snowshoe in New York's Adirondack Mountains. February 13–18.** Glide through scenic woodlands during our

active week based out of a classic Adirondack lodge. Ski and snowshoe at your own pace on miles of groomed forest trails with expert guides and instruction included. After invigorating days outdoors, we will return to our cozy lodge to relax by the fireplace and enjoy good company, delicious meals, and evening programs. This trip is suitable for all levels, from novices to advanced skiers. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,575. [22455A]*

**Winter Wildlife and Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. February 22–March 1.** Join us in the first national park in the United States. We'll cross-country ski among elk, bighorn sheep, bison, and wolves and enjoy mountain peaks covered in deep powder. Yellowstone Falls, Old Faithful, and other geothermal features are among the exciting locations we'll visit during the day. Each evening, we'll retire to cozy lodges, hot tubs, gourmet meals, and educational talks by field experts. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$4,295. [22405A]*

**Cross-Country Skiing in the Shadow of Denali, Alaska. February 27–March 4.** Join an exhilarating late-winter skiing journey within sight

of awe-inspiring Denali, the tallest mountain in North America. From our rustic ski chalet, we will embark on daily jaunts through frozen wilderness, enjoying abundant snow and spectacular photo opportunities. Evenings will offer hearty and wholesome meals, a toasty woodstove and a sauna, and possible northern lights sightings. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,995. [22414A]*

**Ice, Northern Lights, and Hot Springs in Fairbanks, Alaska. February 27–March 5.** Join us for an action-packed week of winter activities in the heart of Interior Alaska. From our cozy guesthouse accommodations, we'll sample a variety of events and activities, including exploring a wonderland of colored, sculptured ice at the annual World Ice Art Championships; mushing our own dogsleds; viewing the northern lights; basking in the warmth of Chena Hot Springs; and more. *Leader: Gary Aguiar. Price: \$2,195. [22411A]*

**Winter Wonders: Ski and Snowshoe in New York's Adirondack Mountains. March 6–11.** See trip 22455A, left, for details. *Leader: Linda Cooper. Price: \$1,575. [22455B]*

## 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.



SERVICE IN ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, UTAH. CREDIT: VICKY JOHNSON

**Service in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. February 27–March 5.** Remove invasive plants to help preserve this vibrant desert ecosystem and enjoy spectacular night skies while camping at Borrego Palm Canyon. With luck, we'll see bighorn sheep and spectacular wildflowers. *Leader: Linda Kellough. Cook: Patti-Miller Crowley. Price: \$525. [22441A]*

**Service in Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico. March 13–19.** Sevilleta is one of the largest wildlife refuges in the Lower 48 and contains a remarkable array of plant and animal life. We will help replace metal water tanks with concrete "drinkers" for a variety of wildlife. *Leader: Janet Kahan. Price: \$995. [22435A]*

**Audubon Research Ranch Service, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Arizona. March 27–April 2.** 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. [22440A]*



**Nantahala Toil and Trek, North Carolina. April 3–9.** Join us for our 31st 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. [22086A]*



BUGLING ELK IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, COLORADO. CREDIT: CARLA GILBERT

**Wellfleet Wildlife Sanctuary Service with the Audubon Society, Massachusetts. April 3–9.** Spend a week on beautiful, historic Cape Cod helping Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary with ecological and restoration projects, such as bird fence installation and the creation of nesting-turtle habitats. *Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: \$1,195. [22088A]*

**California Dreaming: Redwoods, Beaches, and Service. April 9–16.** Camp and volunteer at 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 a cheesemaker. *Leader: Sally Loker. Cook: Alline Anderson. Price: \$675. [22099A]*

**Service at Padre Island National Seashore, Texas. April 15–23.** 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. [22087A]*

**50-Plus New York Botanical Garden**

**Service, New York. April 17–23.** Help maintain the Thain Family Forest, 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. [22240A]*

**Mammoth Cave National Park Service, Kentucky. April 24–30.**

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. [22092A]*

**Service in Arches National Park, Utah. May 1–7.**

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. [22089A]*

**Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 7–14.**

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. Cook: Kelley Cousin. Price: \$595. [22097A]*

**Spring Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 8–14.**

Work with the Nature Conservancy's islands program on native-plant restoration, invasive-species removal, and other conservation projects while enjoying spring in a spectacular setting. *Leader: Janice Birnbaum. Price: \$995. [22090A]*

**Beach, Farm, and Field: Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 14–21.**

Assist with diverse spring rehabilitation 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. [22091A]*

**Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 14–21.**

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. [22300A]*

**New York City Park Service, New York. May 15–22.**

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: Jerry Balch. Price: \$775. [22098A]*

## 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.



**Protecting Island in the Sky, Canyonlands National Park, Utah. May 15–21.** Take part in a 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. [22096A]*

**Service, Sweat, and Outdoor Ecstasy in the Green Mountains of Vermont. May 22–28.**

Experience the wonder of Green Mountain National Forest as we assist the Forest Service in maintaining the area's diverse ecology. Good food and camaraderie will fortify our efforts. *Leader: Erhard Konerding. Cook: Charlie Reimann. Price: \$475. [22094A]*

**Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. May 22–28.** 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: Julie Koivula. Price: \$975. [22100A]*

**Wildlands of Monhegan Island: Jewel of the Sea, Maine. May 29–June 4.** 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. [22095A]*

**Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico. June 4–11.** 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: \$425. [22242A]*

**Long-Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. June 22–26.**

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 surrounding High Sierra and Lake Tahoe region. *Leader: Bill Glenn. Price: \$445. [22301A]*

**Long-Weekend Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. June 24–28.**

See trip 22301A, above, for details. *Leader: Bill Glenn. Price: \$445. [22302A]*

**Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 9–16.** 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: \$675. [22244A]*



CANNON PAINTING AT SHENANDOAH VALLEY BATTLEFIELDS, VIRGINIA. CREDIT: HELEN BANNAN-BAURECHT

**Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, Idaho and Montana. July 16–23.** Help maintain trails in this rugged wilderness that is rich in wildlife. We'll hike to a scenic backcountry base camp and explore lakes, passes, and peaks on our day off. *Leader: Nancy Le. Cook: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Price: \$645. [22272A]*

**Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 17–23.** Backpack into this wilderness gem to work on the Ruby Crest Trail and access trails. We'll camp in a splendid setting, marvel at towering summits, and enjoy uncrowded hikes. *Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Cook: Allison Reick. Price: \$695. [22245A]*

**Lake Superior Service, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. July 22–30.** Discover America's least visited park while assisting with trail maintenance. We'll work and hike among

## 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. 23.

wolves, moose, and loons on this lush and remote island. *Leader: Susan Elsner. Price: \$925. [22246A]*



**Service in the North Woods, Maine. July 24–30.** 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: \$995. [22315A]*

**Wilderness Service in the Wasatch Range, Utah. July 24–30.** 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: \$735. [22273A]*

**Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 30–August 6.** 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. Kathy Barton. Price: \$675. [22313A]*

**Service and Whitewater Rafting in New River Gorge, West Virginia. July 31–August 6.** 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: Denise Sprague. Price: \$665. [22247A]*

**Service in the John Muir Wilderness, California. August 6–13.** 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: Miles Holenstein. Cook: Brenden McFarland. Price: \$545. [22249A]*



**Work and Play at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. August 7–13.** Have fun while working in or around rustic Clair Tappaan Lodge near Donner Summit. We'll spend our free time hiking the surrounding trails and soaking in the beauty of the area. *Leader: Mia MacCollin. Price: \$795. [22251A]*



**Coast, Whales, Pilgrims, and Dance: Service in Plymouth, Massachusetts. August 13–20.** 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 lake-side music-and-dance camp. *Leader: Zehava Rosenberg. Price: \$735. [22252A]*

**Volcanic Views and Hiking Trails: Service at Lassen Volcanic National Park, California. August 13–20.** Venture from our comfortable base camp to restore habitat and maintain trails in this geologically remarkable ecosystem. We'll explore the park's active volcanic features and enjoy the view from Mt. Lassen's 10,457-foot summit. *Leader: Steven Veit. Cook: Didi Toaspern. Price: \$495. [22274A]*

**Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 20–27.** Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working



TRAIL CREW IN THE IDAHO PANHANDLE. CREDIT: DOUG PILCHER

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. [22322A]*

**Service and Marine Education on Oregon's Rugged Coast. August 27–September 3.** Assist with service projects and marvel at marine life at the Oregon Coast Aquarium located on Yaquina Bay. On our free day, we'll explore hiking trails, lighthouses, and shorelines. *Leader: Candy Barnhill. Price: \$1,275. [22253A]*

**Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico. September 10–17.** 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: \$425. [22254A]*

**Service in Magnificent Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 10–17.** 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: Bill Glenn. Cook: Adam Kapp. Price: \$665. [22255A]*

**Winding through the Winds: Trail Restoration in the Mountains of Wyoming. September 10–17.** 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: Michal Phillips. Price: \$545. [22256A]*

**Acadia National Park Service, Maine. September 11–17.** 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: Tomas Dundzila. Price: \$595. [22257A]*

**Audubon Research Ranch Service, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Arizona. September 11–17.** See trip 22440, p. 28, for details. *Leader: Phil Williams. Price: \$675. [22258A]*



**50-Plus Service in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. September 11–17.** 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: Kathy Barton. Cook: Terry Sario. Price: \$795. [22326A]*



**Service and History at Shenandoah Valley Battlefields, Virginia. September 11–17.** Help re-create historically accurate landscapes and build trails at one or more Shenandoah Valley Civil War battlefields. We'll also learn history while working and exploring on our free day. *Leader: Helen Bannan-Baurecht. Price: \$875. [22260A]*

## More Service Trips

See the Alaska & Arctic Canada (p. 4), Hawaii & U.S. Caribbean (p. 7), and Family (p. 21) sections for other excellent volunteer vacations.



MAGNIFICENT MT. DENALI, ALASKA. CREDIT: HUGH ROSE

**Sun, Service, and Whales, Maui, Hawaii. January 22–29.** *Leader: Barb Davis. Price: \$2,025. [22402A]*

**Rebuilding a Village in Earthquake-Damaged Nepal. February 4–22.** *Leader: Cheryl Parkins. Price: \$4,395. [22545A]*

**Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. March 6–13.** *Leader: Larry Miller. Price: \$2,045. [22084A]*

**Culture and Conservation on Maui, Hawaii. April 23–30.** *Leader: Christopher Hall. Price: \$1,795. [22080A]*

**Bird Habitat Restoration and Conservation, Big Island, Hawaii. May 8–14.** *Leader: Carl Martin. Price: \$945. [22081A]*

**Work and Fun in Sunny St. John, Virgin Islands National Park, U.S. Virgin Islands. June 5–12.** *Leader: Terry DeFraties. Price: \$985. [22243A]*

**Family Service at Flight 93 National Memorial and Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Pennsylvania. June 12–18.** *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$695 (child)/\$795 (adult). [22190A]*

**Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 19–25.** *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,425. [22025A]*

**Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. July 24–30.** *Leader: Jill McIntire. Price: \$1,395. [22085A]*

**Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. July 31–August 6.** *Leader: John Kolman. Price: \$1,275. [22026A]*

## 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.



CHICAGO ICO YOUTH AT THATCHER WOODS, ILLINOIS. CREDIT: PAUL MICHELI

### Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Each year, Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) volunteers provide safe, inspiring, and fun outdoor adventures with 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](https://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](https://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](https://sc.org/military).

### Outdoors for All

Outdoors for All is a priority campaign of Sierra Club's Our Wild America. The goal of the campaign is to expand equitable and public access to the outdoors for all, especially those who lack nearby nature and are underrepresented in the outdoors. The campaign is working to close the nature equity gap by ensuring an additional 50 million people can exercise their human right to connect with the outdoors. Outdoors for All advocates for and works with partners to establish and activate local parks and green spaces, establish transit to trails routes, remove and replace racist and derogatory monuments and symbols on public lands, reduce entry fees and other costs associated with accessing public lands, and support programs, such as Sierra Club Outings, to directly serve communities with welcoming and inclusive outdoor experiences. For more, visit [sierraclub.org/outdoors-for-all](https://sierraclub.org/outdoors-for-all).

**Fall Service at Bear Run Nature Reserve and Fallingwater, Pennsylvania. September 11–18.** 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: \$575. [22259A]*

**50-Plus Service in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. September 18–24.** See trip 22326A, p. 31, for details. *Leader: Kathy Barton. Cook: Terry Sario. Price: \$795. [22326B]*

**Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Service, Pennsylvania. September 18–24.** Assist with projects at a raptor conservation, education, observation, and research center, with time to hike to mountain vistas and watch the migration of raptors and songbirds. *Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Price: \$815. [22261A]*



**Service, Kayaking, Hiking, and History in New Jersey's Pine Barrens.**

**September 18–24.** Assist with service projects on a sustainable farm and trails of this vast wilderness. We'll stay in rustic stream-side cabins; enjoy prepared meals, guided kayaking and hiking; and visit cranberry and blueberry farms, historic villages, and ghost towns. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$725. [22262A]*

**Working among Wolves: Service at the Wolf Conservation Center, New York. September 18–24.** 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: \$665. [22263A]*

**Service at Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland. September 25–October 1.** 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: \$875. [22264A]*

**Big Sur Service, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California. October 2–8.** 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: \$545. [22265A]*

**LGBTQIA+ Service Along the Central Coast, California. October 15–22.** Help the Bureau of Land Management work on trails on land just north of Santa Cruz that's not yet open to the public. We'll camp beside gorgeous views of the Pacific Ocean. *Leader: Cara Wilson. Cook: Deborah Wine. Price: \$495. [22266A]*



**Sea and Service at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. October 15–22.**

Stay in the historic Point Reyes hostel while improving valuable habitat by removing non-native vegetation and repairing wildfire damage. Our free day will include opportunities for hiking, birding, and exploring. *Leader: Arlene Jamar. Cook: Candy Barnhill. Price: \$685. [22275A]*

**Autumn Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. October 16–22.** Enjoy autumn on the island as we help the land steward at Hoft Farm restore rare plants and their natural habitats. *Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Price: \$1,025. [22267A]*

**Service among Cliff Dwellings, Gila Wilderness, New Mexico. October 16–22.** Spend cool fall days helping maintain the oldest designated wilderness area in the world near ancient cliff dwellings. We'll help restore trails and remove barbed wire that impedes the movement of wildlife, and we'll enjoy mountain hiking on our day off. *Leader: Erhard Konerding. Cook: Patti Miller-Crowley. Price: \$595. [22276A]*



**New York City Parks Service at the Historic Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, New York. October 23–30.**

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: \$945. [22268A]*

**Service in the Footsteps of Daniel Boone in the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. October 23–29.** 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: Adam Katrancha. Price: \$575. [22269A]*

**Audubon Acres: Bird Habitat Preservation and Service in Chattanooga, Tennessee. November 6–12.** Help create and maintain habitat for native birds and wildlife at Audubon Acres sanctuaries. We'll discuss local conservation efforts on trips to the Tennessee Aquarium and Raccoon Mountain. *Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: \$1,135. [22270A]*

**Hot Springs, Falling Water, and Service in Saline Valley, California. November 6–12.** 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: Linda Kellough. Cook: Didi Toasperm. Price: \$545. [22271A]*

**Piedras Blancas Light Station Service, Big Sur, California. December 11–17.** 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 beach-comb, search for coastal wildlife, and enjoy hearty group meals. *Leader: Janet Talbot. Price: \$595. [22277A]*



REDROCK EXPLORATION IN THE GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA. CREDIT: YOULING SUN



# International

**Search for brilliant birds** among Mayan ruins in Belize, ramble through the storybook Cotswolds of southern England, learn the traditions of Kazakh eagle hunters in Mongolia, and other exceptional experiences.

**Rebuilding a Village in Earthquake-Damaged Nepal. February 4–22.** 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 using 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]*

**Treasures, Tigers, and the Taj Mahal, India. February 7–20.** Focused on culture and wildlife, our journey will take us by airplane and bus to three incredible national parks, where we'll

have a chance of seeing wild tigers, exotic birds, and many of the big-game animals of the Indian subcontinent. We will explore the beguiling treasures of this ancient land, including New and "Old" Delhi, many World Heritage ancient temples and monuments, and of course, the magnificent Taj Mahal. *Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: \$4,725. [22555A]*

**Vietnam Adventure. February 26–March 13.** 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]*

**China's Giant Pandas and Mt. Qingcheng, Birthplace of Taoism. April 5–8.** Join us on an exploration of Sichuan Province on this five-day extension to "China's Ancient Cultures, Mystical Mountains, and Dynamic Shanghai" (see trip 22600A, p. 35, for details). Our journey will begin in Chengdu, where we will learn about the history of the region before spending a full day at the Dujiangyan Panda Base, the only place in the world where observing and interacting with giant pandas is permitted. Afterward, we will explore the sacred temples and pavilions on nearby Mt. Qingcheng, considered the birthplace of Taoism, followed by a visit to the Dujiangyan irrigation system, which was built in the

ABOVE: TREKKERS AT ANNAPURNA BASE CAMP, NEPAL. CREDIT: STEVE VEIT

second century B.C. and still supplies water to the fertile farmlands of the Chengdu Plain. This pretrip extension is open only to participants who have signed up for the main trip. **Leader:** *Kathie Fowler*. **Price:** \$2,045. [22595A]

**China's Ancient Cultures, Mystical Mountains, and Dynamic Shanghai. April 9–22.** Experience ancient and modern China on a unique itinerary that will include climbing the Great Wall, visiting the Terracotta Warriors, hiking in national forests and nature preserves, and exploring the sacred, mystical Mt. Huangshan. We will spend five days immersed in the otherworldly landscapes that have inspired Chinese artists for thousands of years yet are completely off the beaten path for Western tourists. The trip will end in Shanghai, known as "Paris of the East." For a more complete experience, pair this trip with "China's Giant Pandas and Mt. Qingcheng, Birthplace of Taoism" (see trip 22595A, p. 34, for details). **Leader:** *Kathie Fowler*. **Price:** \$4,425. [22600A]

**Upper Dolpo Trek, Nepal. May 7–June 12.** 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:** \$7,475. [22705A]

**Temples, Mountains, and Reefs of Bali, Indonesia. May 18–30.** 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:** \$4,795. [22635A]

**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). [22605A]

**Trekking in Mongolia's Altai Mountains. July 8–23.** This exclusive itinerary is a true testament to Mongolia's diverse cultural and natural

heritage. Our journey will begin in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, where we will explore Mongolia's age-old Naadam festival. It is an occasion to see Mongolians in their best costumes gather for large feasts and family reunions. The journey then continues to the western Altai Mountains, where some uncharted lands await trekking and offer opportunities for meeting some of Mongolia's most remotely located ethnic groups. Here, we will meet Kazakh eagle hunters for close encounters and Uriankhai archer families who share their ancient traditions upheld from the times of Chinggis Khan. **Leader:** *Rudy Scheffer*. **Price:** \$5,975 (13–16)/\$6,295 (12 or fewer). [22745A]

**Borneo Explorer, Malaysia. July 16–28.** Borneo, one of the world's last wild places, contains jungle valleys, mountain peaks, and wide rivers teeming with wildlife. On this trip, we will take advantage of comfortable lodges located in primary and secondary forests in order to see species such as orangutans, gibbon, proboscis monkeys, and the illustrious hornbill. We will hike, explore canopy walkways, and search for the infamous Rafflesia on this active adventure. **Leader:** *Kath Giel*. **Price:** \$5,945. [22750A]

**Ancient China: Mountains, Monkeys, Hutongs, and Pandas Too. October 9–22.** Join us in experiencing both ancient and modern China in an exciting new itinerary that includes exploring an ancient Hutong neighborhood, interacting with giant pandas, hiking on two sacred mountains, walking along the Great Wall at night, and cruising down the Li River (described by *National Geographic* as one of the top 10 watery wonders in the world). **Leader:** *Ruth Dyche*. **Price:** \$5,595 (12–15)/\$5,995 (11 or fewer). [22815A]

**Beyond Manaslu: A Himalayan Journey, Nepal. October 10–30.** 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:** \$4,135. [22820A]

**Trekking to Mt. Everest, Nepal. October 13–November 4.** 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:** \$4,875. [22825A]

**Hike, Bike, and Kayak in Vietnam. October 15–29.** 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:** *Fancy Rubin*. **Price:** \$3,325. [22880A]

**Land of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan. October 17–31.** 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. [22865A]

**Jewels of Northern Vietnam and Cambodia. December 3–16.** 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 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:** \$3,075. [22860A]



PANDA CUB, CHINA.  
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## CENTRAL AMERICA

**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 (10–15)/\$4,095 (9 or fewer). [22510A]*

### Up Close in Undiscovered Costa Rica.

**January 15–25.** 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]*

**Belize: Birding the Ruins. February 5–13.** This trip will focus on birding around the ancient Mayan ruins. Our eco-lodges are located adjacent to ruins, and our local birding/archeological guides are of Mayan descent with an intimate knowledge of Mayan culture and how it still lives within Belizeans' way of life. Lamanai, Xunantunich, and Caracol are target sites with a delight of tropical birds at every stop. *Leader: Pati Rouzer. Price: \$4,295. [22540A]*

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

**One-Week Active Marine Adventure in Bocas del Toro Archipelago, Panama. April 16–23.** Join us on an eight-day, action-packed adventure in an infrequently visited group of tropical islands in the Caribbean Sea. Our base for the week is a secluded eco-lodge set in a lush and pristine national marine park. We'll embark on daily kayak, snorkel, beach, and jungle excursions, and in the evenings, we'll enjoy sunsets and birding from our observation tower high above the canopy. We'll also visit the Smithsonian research facility to learn about climate change and human impact on Caribbean ecosystems. *Leader: Carol Marty. Price: \$3,545. [22558B]*

**Costa Rica: Reforestation, Turtle Conservation, and Community Support. July 18–29.** Join us on a unique and rewarding vacation contributing

to service projects and sustainable tourism in this lush tropical paradise. We will plant trees near the cloud forest, work alongside locals on a community project in Sarapiquí, and assist a turtle protection project in Tortuguero National Park. Accompanied by a local naturalist guide, we'll visit lowland tropical forests, hike through national parks and reserves, and soak in delightful hot springs. Lodging will be at locally owned hotels and lodges. *Leader: Cy Englert. Price: \$4,175 (11–14)/\$4,575 (10 or fewer). [22765A]*

**Hummingbirds to Harpies: Birding Panama's Darién Forest. December 11–19.** 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-lodges. *Leader: Pati Rouzer. Price: \$3,795. [22870A]*

**Natural Highlights of Costa Rica. December 20, 2022–January 1, 2023.** See trip 22505A, left, for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$4,045. [23500A]*

## ANTARCTICA

**Active Exploration on the Seventh Continent, Antarctica. January 3–15.** 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 on-board naturalists and other experts. Anticipate massive icebergs; colonies of penguins, whales, and albatross; and basking in the unparalleled splendor of the seventh continent. *Leader: Kern Hildebrand. Price: \$9,675. [22515A]*

**Extraordinary Adventure to the Seventh Continent, Antarctica. January 15–February 3.** 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]*

**Extraordinary Adventure to the Seventh Continent: Antarctica. November 22–December 10.** See trip 22520A, above, for details. *Leader: Kath Giel. Price: \$15,025. [22850A]*



WHITEWATER RAFTING IN COSTA RICA. CREDIT: PATRICK TIERNEY

## SOUTH AMERICA



HIKERS IN PATAGONIA, PERU. CREDIT: BARRY MORENZ

**Discover the Wild Heart of Patagonia, Chile and Argentina. February 28–March 15.** Experience the snowcapped peaks, stunning waterfalls, and sapphire-blue lakes of the breathtaking Andes range in two fascinating countries. We'll witness nature at its most dazzling on day hikes featuring volcanic peaks, massive glaciers, and a myriad of plant life. Wild and windswept vistas, guanacos and rheas, gaucho culture, and wonderful cuisine await us on this extraordinary journey. *Leader: Carl Martin. Price: \$6,445. [22565A]*

**Machu Picchu Eco-lodge Trek, Peru. March 28–April 8.** 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: \$5,395. [22585A]*

**The Enchanted Galápagos Islands, Ecuador. May 3–14.** 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]*

**Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu: The Best of Ecuador and Peru. October 25–November 6.** 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: Barbara Kamm. Price: \$8,345. [22830A]*

**Orcas, Dolphins, Penguins, and More: Wildlife Watching in Northern Patagonia, Argentina. October 30–November 6.** 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: \$4,085. [22835A]*

**Machu Picchu Eco-lodge Trek, Peru. October 30–November 9.** See trip 22585A, left, for details. *Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: \$5,295. [22890A]*

**Trekking the Highlights of Patagonia, Argentina and Chile. November 8–20.** Discover culture, history, cuisine, and spectacular hiking trails in the Patagonian Andes. In Argentina, we'll hike the highlights of Los Glaciares National Park, including the Perito Moreno Glacier and the Fitz Roy massif area. In Chile, we'll traverse iconic portions of the "W" circuit in Torres del Paine National Park and stay at refugios within the park. Our itinerary will include visits to an estancia (ranch) and a penguin colony. *Leader: Lee Thomas. Price: \$5,565. [22845A]*

**The Enchanted Galápagos Islands and Colonial Quito, Ecuador. December 19–31.** Imagine walking among tortoises and iguanas so fearless you have to step over them. Accompanied by a naturalist guide, we'll visit the islands and stroll among multitudes of birds, sea lions, and other animals in this unique living laboratory that inspired Darwin. In mainland Ecuador, we'll visit Guayaquil, a cloud forest for two nights, and historic Quito (a World Heritage site). Lodging will be in cozy, land-based hotels. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$6,125. [22895A]*

## PACIFIC

**Devilish Tasmania: Australia's Wilderness Wonderland. February 7–18.** Hike and tour the wild island of Tasmania, home to a vast array of endemic wildlife and a near-pristine World Heritage wilderness. We'll explore scenic beaches, high mountains, temperate rainforests, and rugged, rocky coastlines. We will also cruise the Pieman River to the untamed west coast and check out the unique animals of the Australian continent. We'll make use of a chartered minibus and enjoy local guides, healthful food, and Australian humor. *Leader: Jenny Roberts. Price: \$5,695. [22550A]*

**Australia: Journey through a Timeless Land. June 20–July 1.** 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, a UNESCO World Heritage site; 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: \$5,775. [22675A]*

**Hidden Gems of New Zealand's South Island. November 28–December 14.** Discover the lesser-known wonders of Aotearoa, the "Land of the Long White Cloud," on a unique adventure focusing on natural history and hiking on the South Island. Accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist guide, we will dayhike in national parks, forested valleys, and a 1,000-year-old kahikatea rainforest. We'll also get close to a massive glacier, hike portions of New Zealand's famous track system, and cruise along fjords and the golden-sand beaches of the Tasman Sea. *Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: \$6,795. [22855A]*

**Hidden Gems of New Zealand's South Island. February 20–March 8, 2023.** See trip 22855A, above, for details. *Leader: Kath Giel. Price: \$6,795. [23505A]*

**Hidden Gems of New Zealand's South Island. March 3–27, 2023.** See trip 22855A, above, for details. *Leader: Martha Schultz. Price: \$6,795. [23510A]*



FISHING VILLAGE, LOFOTEN ISLANDS, NORWAY. CREDIT: RUSM/GETTY IMAGES

## EUROPE

**Exploring North Holland by Bike and Barge. April 16–23.** Cycle through the quaint towns and former fishing villages of North Holland during the height of the tulip blooming season. Beginning in Amsterdam, we will embark on a circular route from the east to west, including the island of Texel. After daily jaunts cycling and exploring the countryside with a bilingual guide, we will return to our exclusive barge, which offers twin rooms with a toilet and a shower in each room and hearty meals. *Leader: Francy Rubin. Price: \$4,025. [22610A]*

**Hike Ireland's Natural and Ancient Wonders: Dublin to the Aran Islands. April 26–May 6.** 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. [22725A]*

**Jewels of Croatia: Forests, Rivers, and Islands. May 2–15.** 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 ad-

venture 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: \$5,275. [22620A]*

**Portugal Traverse: Hiking through History from the Mountains to the Sea. May 2–16.** 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 (12–14)/\$6,735 (11 or fewer). [22840A]*

**Vienna to Prague: Walking the Czech Greenways, Austria and Czech Republic. May 4–17.** 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: \$5,695. [22625A]*

**England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. May 6–19.** 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 minivan transports our luggage to comfortable bed-and-breakfasts. Local British friends will share daytime walks and evening talks in colorful pubs. *Leader: Steve Welter. Price: \$4,095. [22715A]*

**Lake District Ramble, England. May 10–18.** 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 becks 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. [22710A]*

**Treasures of Sicily and the Aeolian Islands, Italy. May 16–27.** 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: \$5,045. [22630A]**

**Mountains, Lochs, and Glens: The West Highland Way, Scotland. May 23–June 3.** Join us as we walk the entire 96 miles, from Glasgow to Fort William, of Scotland's oldest, most famous footpath. We'll journey along Loch Lomond's picturesque shore to lowland hill country and into the central Highlands. Luggage will be delivered to our hotel or guest-house each night. We'll visit the Isle of Skye and Armadale Castle as well as Eilean Donan Castle in Kyle of Lochalsh. This is a moderate-to-strenuous trip for experienced hikers. **Leader: Nancy Mathison. Price: \$3,995. [22640A]**

**Walking through History in the Cotswolds, England. May 26–June 5.** Ramble over the rolling hills and through the woods and fields of the storybook Cotswolds of southern England. We will stay at country inns in picturesque villages with thatched-roof houses and manicured gardens filled with spring flowers. Our daily walks of 4 to 11 miles will be van supported. This trip will also feature days in London, Bath, and Stratford-upon-Avon and a visit to the Neolithic stone circles of Stonehenge and Avebury. **Leader: Rochelle Gerratt. Price: \$4,295. [22645A]**

**Hiking the Franciscan Trail, Umbria, Italy. May 27–June 8.** 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: Carol Marty. Price: \$5,045. [22650A]**

**Traversing the Spanish Pyrenees. May 27–June 8.** 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: \$5,595. [22655A]**

**In Pursuit of Blue Zone Longevity Secrets in Sardinia, Italy. June 14–22.** 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). [22810A]**

**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: \$4,725. [22665A]**

**Easy Hiking the Dolomites, Italy. June 20–July 3.** 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: \$4,535. [22680A]**

**Eiger and Jungfrau Up Close, Switzerland. June 26–July 4.** The fearsome Eiger (ogre) and serene Jungfrau (maiden), kept forever apart by the solemn Mönch (monk), loom high above the villages of Grindelwald and Wengen in Switzerland's Bernese Oberland. These towering, ice-clad summits are the source of Europe's longest glacier and some of its most exciting climbing legends. We'll take advantage of Switzerland's highly developed cogwheel train and gondola lift network to start high up for our scenic alpine hikes among waterfalls, wildflowers, glaciers, and peaks. **Leader: Steven Veit. Price: \$4,195. [22685A]**

**Hiking the Alps of Bavaria and Tyrol, Germany and Austria. June 28–July 9.** Explore the mountain paths, lakes, forests, and wildflower meadows of the Berchtesgaden and Ammergau Alps in



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Bavaria and the Karwendel range of Austria's Tyrolean Alps. We'll hike to lovely baroque country churches and the fantasy castles of King Ludwig II, cruise the fjord-like 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: Erhard Konerding. Price: \$3,825. [22690A]**

**Cave Paintings, Paddling, and History in Dordogne, France. June 30–July 10.** 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 enjoy wines, cheeses, and other delicacies. **Leader: Wendy Van Norden. Price: \$3,625. [22695A]**

**From Spain to France: Trekking the Pyrenean Haute Route. July 3–12.** Trek one of the world's great mountain ranges on both sides of the Franco-Spanish border. We will walk through some of the largest and deepest canyons in Europe on the Spanish side and the three famous glacial cirques on the French side. Our route will include an integral part of Pyrenees–Mont Perdu, a UNESCO World Heritage site consisting of villages, farms, fields, upland pastures, and mountain roads, and a summit of 11,000-foot Mont Perdu. **Leader: Mike Abbott. Price: \$2,845 (10–12)/\$3,495 (9 or fewer). [22900A]**

**Day Hikes in the Dolomites: Treasures of South Tyrol, Italy. July 8–14.** 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: \$2,525. [22732A]**

**Advanced Trekking and Via Ferrata in the Dolomites, Italy. July 17–25.** 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. [22875A]**

**Volcanic Vacation: Hut-to-Hut Trekking in Iceland. July 18–29.** Trek an otherworldly volcanic landscape where few have gone before. Our route will take us from Landmannahellir through the Reykjadalur geothermal valley to Landmanna-

laugar, 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 Eyjafjallajökull volcano. *Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: \$5,095. [22740A]*

**Dolomiti di Brenta: Hut to Hut in the Trentino Alps, Italy. July 22–30.** 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: \$2,825. [22735A]*

**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 delight-

ful accommodations in hotels and a traditional farmhouse with full amenities. *Leader: Pritpal "Pepi" Kochhar. Price: \$3,975. [22755A]*

**Exploring Norway's Fjords and Glaciers. August 4–14.** See trip 22755A, left, for details. *Leader: Steve Welter. Price: \$3,975. [22760A]*

**In Search of Pack Ice, Polar Bears, and Whales in the Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway. August 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: \$6,545. [22730A]*

**Hike Ireland's Natural and Ancient Wonders: Wicklow Mountains to the Aran Islands. August 21–September 1.** Discover the natural wonders, history, and culture of Ireland on an incomparable hiking adventure, from Tara Hill 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: Barry Morenz. Price: \$4,145. [22770A]*

**Exploring the French and Italian Alps: Mont Blanc and Gran Paradiso National Park. September 2–13.** 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 Chamoni. 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 Waser. Price: \$4,945. [22800A]*

**Walking the Witches Trail from Inn to Inn, Harz Mountains, Germany. September 2–13.** In the heart of Germany lie the Harz Mountains, a 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: \$3,325. [22775A]*

**Hut to Hut in the Picos de Europa, Northern Spain. September 4–15.** 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). [22795A]*

**Hiking the Peaks and Valleys of the Dolomites, Italy. September 5–16.** The surreal pale peaks of the Dolomites rise dramatically from rolling green valleys dotted with small villages. We 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: \$3,575. [22785A]*

**England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. September 5–18.** See trip 22715A, p. 38, for details. *Leader: Becky Wong. Price: \$4,315. [22790A]*



HIKING IN THE DOLOMITES, ITALY. CREDIT: DAN LEIGHTON

**Hiking the Greek Islands. September 19–October 2.** 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: Angela White. Price: \$4,325. [22805A]*

## MIDDLE EAST

**Natural and Historical Highlights of Israel. March 15–28.** 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: \$4,825. [22580A]*

**Wings over Israel: Spring Migration, Nature, and Culture. March 29–April 10.** Witness the spectacular spring bird migration in one of the world's birding hotspots. Some 500 million birds from 283 species migrate through Israel each year, heading north from Africa to Europe and Asia. We'll visit Israel's most important birding areas, including the Mediterranean coast, the Dead and Red Seas, and the Judean and Negev Deserts. We'll also explore rich human history in Masada and some of Jerusalem's major sites, and stay in comfortable local hotels and kibbutz inns. Beginner birders welcome. *Leader: Rochelle Gerratt. Price: \$5,895. [22590A]*



BEE-EATERS, ISRAEL.  
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ACACIA TREE BELOW MT. KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA. CREDIT: 1001SLIDE/GETTY IMAGES

## AFRICA

**Botswana and Zimbabwe: A Living Eden. June 4–16.** 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: Marti Greason. Price: \$9,745. [22660A]*

**Tanzania Safari and Zanzibar Wildlife. June 17–27.** Witness the incredible abundance of wildlife in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater on this classic safari. Accompanied by local guides, we'll see lions, elephants, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, zebras, rhinoceroses, monkeys, flamingos, and hundreds of other species. We'll also view Mt. Kilimanjaro, visit a Maasai village and Olduvai Gorge, and enjoy fresh meals in our private luxury camp and lodges. Our adventure will end on Zanzibar, where we'll visit a spice farm, stroll along beaches, and snorkel in the warm Indian Ocean. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$7,695. [22670A]*

**Magical Morocco: From Casbahs to Camels. September 21–October 5.** 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 villages, 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. [22780A]*

**Gorillas, Chimpanzees, and More in Uganda and Rwanda. November 22–December 7.** 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. [22530B]*

# Terms & Conditions

Our complete terms and conditions are available at [content.sierraclub.org/outings/terms-conditions](http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/terms-conditions)

## Eligibility

Our trips are open to all Sierra Club members. Membership is required for all trip participants 18 years or older. If you're not currently a member, you may include your membership application and dues with your reservation request. If you're using a credit card to make a reservation and you're not a member, you will be required to join at that time. Typically, a person under 18 years of age may join a trip only if accompanied by a parent or designated guardian and with the consent of the trip leader.

## 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](http://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:

<b>\$50 deposit for trips under \$500</b>	<b>\$100 deposit for trips \$500–\$999</b>	<b>\$200 deposit for trips \$1,000 and above</b>
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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 spot and mail or email (depending on which option is selected) confirmation materials to the primary trip party participant. **You have a 14-day grace period from your sign-up date to cancel or transfer your reservation free of charge. If the trip leaves within 30 days of your sign-up date, 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. As long as you remain on the waitlist, your deposit is fully refundable at any time.

## Acceptance Process

All trip reservations are subject to acceptance 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 accepted by the trip leader.*

## International Trip Tier-Pricing

Some international trips are tier-priced. This means that a trip's price is dependent upon 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 will 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; this 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 Canceled 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 fees you've already paid. Sierra Club Outings is not responsible for airline tickets, other tickets or payments, or any similar fee penalties that you may incur as a result of any trip cancellations or changes.

## Travel Insurance

**We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to cover cancellation fees associated with a trip as well as airfare or other nonrefundable expenses in the event you need to cancel; medical expenses incurred on a trip; and the cost of a possible medical evacuation from 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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• You are not accepted by a trip leader after they have received your participant forms.</li> <li>• You cancel within 14 days of a Sierra Club Outings change in trip date, trip leader, and/or trip price.</li> <li>• You cancel from a waitlist.</li> <li>• You fail to move off a waitlist onto a trip as a signed-up participant.</li> </ul>	

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## SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS BROCHURE REQUEST FORM

### 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:

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Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Membership #		
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	Please use separate sheet for additional party members' addresses		E-Mail Address	
City	State	Zip	Is This A New Address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Print your name and the names of any other people in your party	Per person cost	Membership #	Date of birth	Relationship
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 <b>Sierra Club</b></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.**

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**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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