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Adventures with a Cause

Welcome to Sierra Club Outings!

We're pleased to report that since our last catalog, the number of trips we offer has returned to near pre-pandemic levels. As travel has resumed more broadly and many states and countries have relaxed mitigation measures, this development also comes with new challenges. Approximately 15 percent of our trips have had COVID cases; nearly all of those cases have been mild, and no one has required hospitalization. The vast majority of our participants are up-to-date on their vaccines, which has contributed greatly to our safety profile, and we strongly encourage everyone who wants to join us to stay current on their vaccines and boosters. We continue to follow increased safety measures on all trips, including testing of anyone with COVID-like symptoms. Thank you to our loyal trip participants for supporting our new health protocols and to our volunteer leaders for delivering safe and enjoyable trips in this challenging environment. You can learn more about our safety procedures, policies, and more at sc.org/outings.

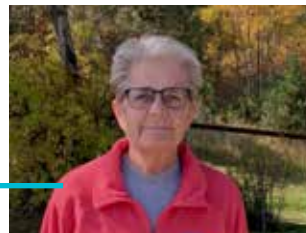
In this catalog you will find a broad spectrum of conservation-based adventures in the United States and abroad, all designed to connect people with the outdoors and advocate for these wild places once they return home. In addition to the trips listed here, we hope you will check out Inspiring Connections Outdoors, Local Outdoors, and Military Outdoors, which are 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 to view the full menu of ways to get outside with the Sierra Club.

As part of our work to ensure that our program reflects Sierra Club values and our commitments to equity, justice, and inclusion, we're once again highlighting an expanded selection of trips specifically for audiences we want to draw in, including adults under 50, LGBTQIA+ people, women, and more. 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. Additionally, travelers ages 18 to 35 are eligible for a \$300 scholarship to participate in any of this year's all-ages trips. For more on this, head to pages 22 to 23 or visit us at sc.org/outings.

Lastly, we're taking a break from the profiles of trip staff, participants, and others that usually appear in this catalog to provide you with some fun and informative articles from a few of our volunteers. Thank you for being part of our movement—and here's to more adventures ahead!

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 page 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 page 27 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 page 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.

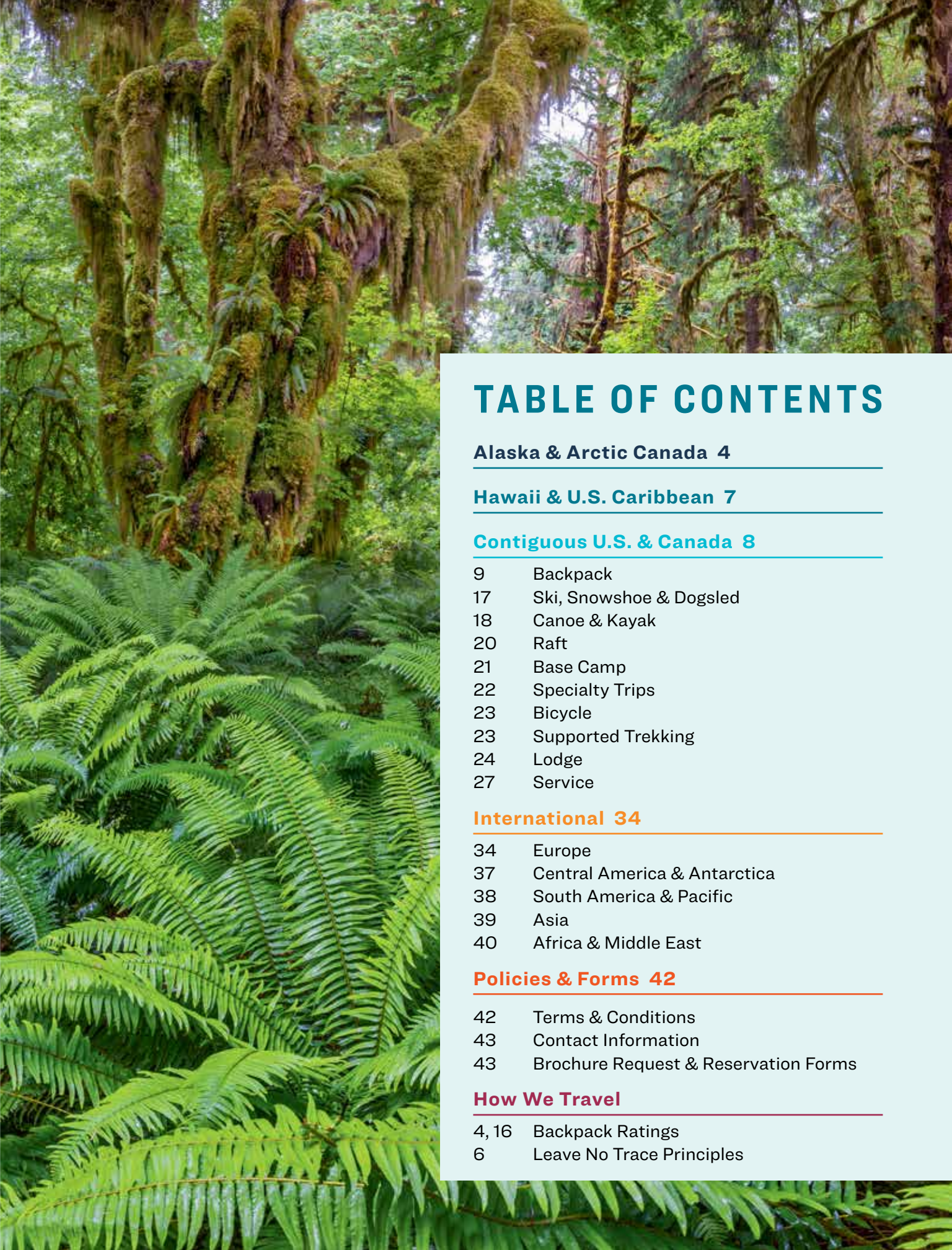


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Alaska & Arctic Canada

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.

Ice, Northern Lights, and Hot Springs in Fairbanks, Alaska. February 22–March 1.

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: \$2,895. [23426A]*

Cross-Country Skiing in the Shadow of Denali, Alaska. March 6–10. 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

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.

snow and spectacular photo opportunities. Evenings will offer hearty and wholesome meals, a toasty woodstove and a sauna, and

possible northern lights sightings. *Leader: Natalie Schoeppler. Price: \$2,045. [23418A]*

Cabin Building, Kayaking, and Hiking in Southeast Alaska's Tongass National Forest. May 13–20. Join us for a satisfying week of service at Settlers Cove State Recreation Area as we construct a cabin, maintain trails, and beachcomb. There will be time for fun as we hike, kayak, whale watch, and enjoy wild local foods. We'll also experience the plants and wildlife of the Inside Passage and hike in the world's largest temperate rainforest. *Leader: Gary Keir. Price: \$1,345. [23010A]*

Wildlife and Photography Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska. May 21–28. 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: Nick Pilch. Price: \$4,695. [23011A]*

Hot Springs, Service, and Waterfalls in Tongass National Forest, Alaska. June 10–16. Fly into a remote glacial valley for service projects and soaks in historic hot springs. From our base camp, we'll brush remote hiking trails and maintain a rustic shelter and rock hot tub pool. We'll also visit Misty Fjords National Monument by sea plane to savor the pristine wilderness and marvel at sheer 3,000-foot cliff walls and waterfalls. *Leader: Kim Kirby. Price: \$1,895. [23332A]*

Backpacking the Brooks Range, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 12–23. 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 summer in the Arctic. With luck, we will encounter the Porcupine caribou herd on its calving-time migration. This once-in-a-lifetime experience may also include sightings of wolves, grizzly bears, and numerous bird and plant species. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Gary Keir. Price: \$5,695. [23012A]*

Kongakut River Solstice Expedition, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. June 13–23. Raft, hike, and explore one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. Our trip will coincide with the spring migration of the Porcupine caribou herd, and layover days will allow time to climb peaks; discover tundra wildflowers; search for ptarmigan, bears, wolves, and musk oxen; and savor vast beauty and quiet solitude. Bush flights are included. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$6,495. [23407A]*

Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 18–24. Work alongside bald eagles, otters, and snowcapped mountains on the stunning Kenai Peninsula. Upon arriving in Seward, we'll head to the spruce forests of Caines Head on Resurrection Bay to assist Alaska State Parks with trail repair and other projects. Our trip will end on a magnificent Kenai Fjords National Park boat tour among wildlife and glaciers. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,775. [23013A]*

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 and Preserve. 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 biodiver-



sity from our expert naturalist. *Leader: Elisha Shephard. Price: \$6,345. [23408A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Juneau to Wrangell. July 25–August 4. 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: Dan Leighton. Price: \$6,695. [23409A]*

Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. July 30–August 5. Maintain trails in magnificent Denali National Park and Preserve, 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: \$1,525. [23014A]*

Wilderness Cruise on Alaska's Inside Passage: Petersburg to Sitka. August 6–16. 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: Cristina Breen. Price: \$6,695. [23410A]*



BREAKFAST IN THE WESTERN BROOKS RANGE. CREDIT: JAY ANDERSON

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 and Preserve 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: Nicole Garrett-Hoppe. Price: \$4,925. [23411A]*

Totally Remote: Backpacking the Brooks Range, Alaska. August 15–26. Explore a rarely visited corner of one of the most remote mountain ranges in the world. As fall colors envelop the landscape, 24-hour daylight will offer chances to observe caribou, grizzlies, wolves, Dall sheep, moose, Arctic fox, and a multitude of migratory bird species. As we follow glacier-fed streams through spectacular valleys, the grandeur and isolation will be palpable. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Jonas Wickham. Price: \$5,645. [23018A]*

Bears of Katmai: A Backpacking Adventure, Alaska. August 25–September 3. If you've ever seen a picture of a bear catching salmon in a stream, it was probably taken in Brooks Camp, our first stop in Katmai National Park and Preserve. After viewing bears, we will backpack into the volcanic landscape of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes and camp next to glacial lakes and the steaming fumaroles of Novarupta volcano. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Miles Bradley. Price: \$2,125. [23015A]*

Alaska Fall Colors Sampler, Fairbanks. September 6–13. Join us for an action-packed

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. In the 1970s, the Sierra Club pioneered a set of backcountry principles to reduce the impact of our trips by complying with a set of scientifically developed "wilderness manners." Today, we incorporate a universally adopted set of outdoor ethics known as Leave No Trace™ into all of our outdoor activities.

Minimizing our impact depends on attitude, awareness, judgment, and experience. Necessarily, our practices depend on where we're traveling—each wilderness area's soil, vegetation, wildlife, moisture levels, and the amount and effect of prior use inform our approach. The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics principles are:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others

Learn more at content.sierraclub.org/outings/wilderness-manners.

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-rafting trip, wildlife spotting and photography, and basking in the warmth of Chena Hot Springs. *Leader: Gary Aguiar. Price: \$2,925. [23016A]*

Prince William Sound Wilderness Cruise, Alaska. September 8–15. Explore the

1.9-million-acre Nellie Juan–College Fiord Wilderness Study Area aboard our historic 12-passenger yacht, the *Discovery*. We'll cruise alongside walls of glaciers and incredible turquoise icebergs while watching humpbacks breach and orcas feed. Pilot your own kayak to shore where you can walk on a glacier, gaze at shimmering waterfalls, or stroll through wildflowers. Comfortable lodging, delicious food, and hospitality await us on board. *Leader: Jay Anderson. Price: \$4,925. [23017A]*



BROWN BEAR FAMILY IN KATMAI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA. CREDIT: GERALD CORSI/GETTY IMAGES



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.

Caribbean Sun and Sea on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. January 16–21. Trade in the winter doldrums for the crystal clear waters of Vieques, a peaceful Caribbean island with a complex history. Our trip will mix adventure and relaxation as we go out each day to explore the island, swim, snorkel, and walk on beautiful sandy beaches. Highlights will include a visit by kayak to bioluminescent Mosquito Bay and a guided paddleboard tour. *Leader: Cheryl Oberkircher. Price: \$1,915. [23414A]*

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. [23403A]*

Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. March 5–12. Join us in a beautiful highland rainforest and on a 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: \$2,125. [23435A]*

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 plants and restore 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: \$2,295. [23070A]*

Surf and Turf: Swimming, Snorkeling, and Easy Hiking on Hawaii Island. August 5–13. Our adventures on beautiful Hawaii island will include snorkeling excursions from shore and from a boat and a nighttime snorkel in hopes of viewing the magical underwater ballet performed by gentle, giant Hawaiian manta rays. We will hike tropical trails while searching for petroglyphs and stroll through an ancient Hawaiian place of refuge. We will visit a coffee plantation and a local fruit stand to sample local specialties. *Leader: Colleen Kearney. Price: \$3,205. [23434A]*

Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. October 1–7. 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: Diana Moskowitz. Price: \$1,475. [23071A]*

ABOVE: BLACK SAND BEACH IN MAUI, HAWAII.
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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, LGBTQIA+ 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.



BACKPACKERS ON MT. HOOD, OREGON. CREDIT: BARRY MORENZ

NORTHWEST

Hike the Sublime: Coastal Trails of Olympic National Park, Washington. July 24–28. 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: Barry Morenz. Price: \$1,275. [23130A]*

Backpacking the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. August 6–12. Travel the ancestral lands of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce on a loop through the magnificent Eagle Cap Wilderness. Our journey will take us to old-growth forests, scenic passes, pristine lakes, wild rivers, and wildflower-filled alpine meadows. We'll top off our visit to the utterly breathtaking Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, with possible peak summits. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Leah Madoff. Price: \$785. [23131A]*

Trekking on the Timberline Trail, Mt. Hood, Oregon. August 14–19. Hike one of Oregon's crown jewels on this journey for fit backpackers of all ages. The 40-mile Timberline Trail circles Mt. Hood while passing through wildflower-filled meadows, old-growth forests, and river valleys and running along alpine ridges. Our journey will begin at the historic Timberline Lodge and will

include a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, views of several snowcapped northwestern peaks, and myriad photo opportunities. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: James Gifford. Price: \$585. [23132A]*

Wonderland Trail Loop, Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 4–14. 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: Derrick Mahoney. Price: \$1,245. [23133A]*

MIDWEST

Isolated Island Wilderness: Backpacking Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. August 27–September 3. Isle Royale National Park, a Lake Superior archipelago 20 miles from shore, is known for its isolation, beauty, tranquility, wolves, and moose. Our weeklong backpack trip will feature challenging but low-mileage days on the 42-mile Greenstone Ridge Trail, which winds along the "spine" of the volcanic main island. We'll enjoy cool September temperatures, highly rated meals, and cozy nights beside lakes inhabited by loons. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jayson Margalus. Price: \$1,375. [23125A]*

NORTHEAST

Backpacking the Loyalsock Trail, Pennsylvania's Hidden Gem. September 17–23. Experience spectacular fall colors over seven days on this 55-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. Prior backpacking experience and excellent conditioning is required for this challenging hike. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Charles McTiernan. Price: \$695. [23126A]*

SOUTHEAST

Backpacking Magical Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia. October 8–14. We will ferry to Cumberland Island National Seashore from mainland Georgia and backpack across the entire island, encountering amazing beaches, wind-twisted live oaks, abundant shore birds, architectural ruins from the Gilded Age, wild horses, wild hogs, armadillos, and one of the nation's most pristine maritime forests. After enjoying delicious dinners, we will have ample beach time for sunset watching. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Grant Brown. Price: \$1,125. [23150A]*



30S AND 40S BACKPACKING IN THE JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: RENEE RIVERA

CALIFORNIA & NEVADA

Trekking the Trans-Catalina Trail and More, Catalina Island, California. February 27–March 4.

Backpack the Trans-Catalina Trail and circle both ends of this biologically unique island just 20 miles from Los Angeles. Our journey from Pebbly Beach to Starlight Beach will require determination and a peppy pace and will include summits of Silver Peak and Black Jack Mountain. Along the way, we'll enjoy uncrowded beach camps, lush emerald fields, and cool early-season weather. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,345. [23417A]*

Desert Hiking and Wildflowers in Joshua Tree National Park, California. March 26–31.

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. [23420A]*

Backpacking the Trans-Catalina Trail, Catalina Island, California. April 17–22.

Traverse the entire length of biologically diverse Catalina Island, located 20 miles off the Southern California coast, during early spring. Spend days backpacking scenic coastal terrain, and camp at secluded and spectacular Pacific Coast beaches. This classic hike is easily accessed by a refreshing two-hour ferry ride from the mainland. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Douglas Barrows. Price: \$1,075. [23032A]*

Through the Southern Sierra on the Pacific Crest Trail, Golden Trout Wilderness, California. May 14–21.

Hike a 40-mile segment of the iconic Pacific Crest Trail. Starting low at the southern Kennedy Meadows and passing through Monache Meadow, the largest in the Sierra, we'll follow the Sierra crest to Trail Pass. As we climb, we'll savor grand views of the Golden Trout meadows on one side and the Eastern Sierra escarpment

on the other. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: David Melton. Price: \$775. [23033A]*

50-Plus Exploration of Yosemite Valley's North Rim, Yosemite National Park, California. May 16–22.

Experience the extraordinary cliffs of granite and waterfalls from above the valley floor of Yosemite. Our 6-day backpack journey will explore history, hidden scenic treasures, and iconic vistas along the North Rim of Yosemite Valley. We'll hike El Capitan, Eagle Peak, North Dome and Mt Watkins—all at a pace well suited for the seasoned hiker age 50 or beyond. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Jeannie Sivertsen. Price: \$1,175. [23100A]*

Spring above the Canyon of the Tuolumne, Yosemite National Park, California. 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: Jeannie Sivertsen. Price: \$875. [23101A]*

LGBTQIA+ Backpacking California's Legendary Lost Coast. June 7–11.

Celebrate Pride Month with other queer folks and allies while backpacking the legendary Lost Coast. Our 25-mile, five-day trek will traverse rugged shoreline and coastal bluffs and cross stream canyons as we make our way from Mattole River to Black Sands Beach. We'll view otters, sea elephants, whales, and elk and spend relaxing afternoons and evenings at beach campsites adjacent to creeks and waterfalls while enjoying the com-

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.

pany of new friends. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$875. [23102A]*

Remote Lakes and Granite Canyons of the Emigrant Wilderness, California. June 25–July 1. 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: \$1,075. [23151A]*

Seeking Solitude in Ionian Basin, Kings Canyon National Park, California. July 2–10. Join us as we venture into the isolated Ionian Basin from Darwin Bench and Evolution Valley, traveling cross-country into one of the most rugged regions of the High Sierra. We will keep our loads light with nutritious meals and tested gear as we scramble over 12,000-foot jagged cols and descend into breathtaking basins. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Arian Pregenzer. Price: \$1,375. [23103A]*

Teen Backpacking in California's High Emigrant Wilderness. July 8–15. 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 layover day to hang out in this awesome mountain wilderness. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Reid Bengard. Price: \$535. [23104A]*

Teen Backpacking in California's Rugged Ansel Adams Wilderness. July 8–16. Join other 14-to-17-year-old teens on this adventure in western Ansel Adams Wilderness as we explore remote alpine lakes and peaks just south of Yosemite. We'll enjoy views of Mt. Ritter and the Minarets from our off-trail trek to idyllic Bench Canyon. Two layover days will round out this trip as we wander above treeline to find the perfect alpine lake. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$595. [23105A]*

Teen Backpacking Yosemite's High Canyons and Lakes, Yosemite National Park, California. July 9–16. Spend a week backpacking Yosemite's high country with other 14-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 two layover days, with the option to climb Matterhorn Peak. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Grant Brown. Price: \$535. [23106A]*

Clark Range Ramble, Yosemite National Park, California. July 15–23. Visit sparkling Lillian, Rainbow, Breeze, Ottoway, and Sadler Lakes while traveling through four major basins around Yosemite National Park's Clark Range on this 50-



mile loop. We'll be rewarded with dramatic views, the highlight being at 11,180-foot Red Peak Pass with a panoramic view of the Minarets and the Ritter Range. This trip is suitable for conditioned backpackers with good balance carrying a loaded pack. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Chris Franchuk. Price: \$1,275. [23107A]*

Ansel Adams Wilderness Exploration for Young Adults, California. July 19–23. Explore the Ansel Adams Wilderness on this adventure for 18-to-23-year-olds with prior Sierra Club trip experience. Starting out of June Lake, just north of Mammoth, we will ascend on a challenging but rewarding route to spectacular Thousand Island Lake, which sits below the Ritter crest. On our layover day, we will attempt to climb the iconic

Banner Peak. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Douglas Barrows. Price: \$425. [23108A]*

Teen Girls Challenge: The High Sierra Trail and Mt. Whitney, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California. July 21–30. Join our challenging backpack journey for teen girls ages 13 to 17 traversing the historically significant, spectacular, and epic High Sierra Trail, which begins in Sequoia National Park and ends at Mt. Whitney. Along our eight-day, 90-plus-mile route, we will explore the Kaweah Gap and Kern River Valley, summit Mt. Whitney, travel the Pacific Crest Trail south, and exit at Horseshoe Meadow. The views, challenges, and rewards will be memorable and immeasurable. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: Cornelia Bel-lamacina. Price: \$655. [23109A]*



EVOLUTION LAKE, SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA. CREDIT: LISA DEARING/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Sierra High Route: Alpine Lake Basins and the Mono Recesses, John Muir Wilderness, California. July 24–31. Challenge yourself along the Sierra High Route, crossing six high passes, including four cross-country, to access Humphreys, Bear Lakes, and Seven Gables Basins and the Mono Recesses. We'll enjoy abundant solitude as we travel through vast, open expanses of moonscape densely packed with lakes and dominated by granite spires and peaks. We'll travel over 50 miles, predominantly off trail, with most camps above 11,000 feet. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,175. [23110A]*

Parents and Teens Five-Day Backpack in the Hoover Wilderness, California. July 27–31. Discover the lakes, creeks, and falls of this less-visited yet stunning wilderness area north of Yosemite National Park. The hiking days on our 15-mile "Y" route will be short but challenging. There will also be plenty of time for backcountry exploration of mountain peaks and alpine lakes during afternoon dayhikes or swims and on our layover day. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$525. [23111A]*

Backpacking Lucifer's Saddle and Beyond, John Muir Wilderness, California. July 29–August 5. Dreaming of idyllic, azure lakes nestled in glacial cirques beneath granite spires? Our route will take you there—first by trail, then off trail—into classic High Sierra timberline terrain including an intriguing cross-country pass. A layover day plus some shorter hiking days will allow for exploration, peak bagging, or simply relaxing amid the alpine splendor. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Anne Roessler. Price: \$1,175. [23114A]*

Teen Backpacking in the Remote Ionian Basin, Kings Canyon National Park, California. July 29–August 6. The joy of discovery awaits experienced, strong 14-to-17-year-old teens on this trek to the remote and rugged Ionian Basin. No trails enter this austere basin surrounded by high peaks like Black Giant, Charybdis, Scylla, and the Three Sirens. Our route will take us over four jagged cols exceeding 12,000 feet and through Evolution Basin and Darwin Canyon. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$595. [23112A]*

High Sierra Hiking: Mammoth Crest to the Silver Divide, California. July 30–August 5. 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, with a layover day amid the spectacular lakes and peaks of the Silver Divide, where participants may choose to relax, swim, climb a peak, or embark on one of several day hikes. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Tom Miller. Price: \$1,075. [23113A]*

Journey through Evolution: North Lake to South Lake, Sequoia National Park, California. August 4–13. Join us 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 Dusky Basins, we will savor magnificent views, camp among granite peaks, and swim in spectacular alpine lakes. A midway food cache will lighten our pack weight. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$1,375. [23115A]*

In the Shadow of the Miter, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California. August 6–12. Traverse the eastern Sierra crest on our challenging journey into spectacular and wild Miter Basin. Our small group will trek off trail deep into the basin, surrounded by jagged peaks towering over 13,000 feet. We'll have a layover day to explore, fish, and swim in a variety of stunning lakes, including Sky Blue, Primrose, and Iridescent, with abundant opportunities for rest and relaxation. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Nancy Mathison. Price: \$1,075. [23116A]*

20s and 30s Tablelands Tramp: High Lakes and Carved Granite in Sequoia National Park, California. August 8–13. Designed for youthful attention spans, our five-day journey will capture much of the classic High Sierra scenery of longer trips, including a visit to the giant sequoias. Once we emerge from the busy forests below, we will find a "tableland" of glacier-carved granite, hidden alpine lakes, and peaks with views to Mt. Whitney. Prior backpacking experience is encouraged; good conditioning is required. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Reid Bengard. Price: \$445. [23117A]*

Backpack Skill Building in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, California. August 13–19. Join us on a trip for backpackers with some experience who are interested in expanding their skills, including navigation, backcountry cooking, and Leave No Trace principles. The sparkling alpine lakes at the base of the Minarets, Mt. Ritter, and Banner Peak in the Ansel Adams Wilderness are the dramatic setting for our journey. Anticipate moderately paced but challenging hiking and ample time to experience and explore the beauty around us. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Linica Suceava. Price: \$975. [23118A]*

BEGINNER TRIP! Women's Beginner Backpack, Ansel Adams Wilderness, California. August 28–September 2. On this women's six-day beginner backpack journey through the Ansel Adams Wilderness, we'll learn backpacking skills such as gear selection and trip and route planning. We'll visit spectacular lakes nestled at the base of the Minarets, Mt. Ritter, and Banner Peak while crossing tumbling streams accented by bouquets of wildflowers and traverse boulders alive with whistling marmots and playful golden-mantled ground squirrels. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$875. [23120A]*

Women Backpacking the Treasures of Southern Yosemite and the Ritter Range, California. August 31–September 5. Hike among wildflowers, alpine lakes, and pristine High Sierra scenery with other experienced female backpackers. Our challenging, 30-mile, one-way trek will begin at Tuolumne Meadows. Following the John Muir Trail, we will travel through Lyell Canyon, crossing the Sierra crest at Donohue Pass and descending to the base of the Ritter Range. Strong novices are welcome. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$875. [23121A]*

Backpacking the Sierra High Route's Southern Terminus, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California. September 4–12. Travel fast, high, and light with like-minded hikers as we forge a challenging cross-country route over six rugged cross-country passes along Roper's Sierra High Route. We'll enter the high country at Copper Creek, ascending over 5,000 feet the first day, and exit 55 miles later through Paradise Valley. We'll enjoy two layover days exploring idyllic Granite and Lake Basins. (Rated: 5.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,275. [23119A]*

Women's Eastern Sierra Adventure, Royce Lakes Basin and French Canyon, John Muir Wilderness, California. September 9–13. Travel on- and off-trail on our four-day women's trek through this east-side Sierra canyon to reach remote and scenic Royce Lakes Basin and the many pristine lakes of French Canyon. We'll have ample time to swim, relax, and explore lakes in this austere and beautiful country. This trip is suited for well-conditioned beginners and intermediate backpackers. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Pam Abell. Price: \$775. [23122A]*

40s and 50s Mineral King and the Great Western Divide, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California. September 10–16. Join other backpackers in their 40s and 50s on a circumnavigation of the majestic Great Western Divide via Mineral King. During this adventure-filled week, we will ascend rugged Sawtooth Pass and Timber Gap, hike a dramatic section of the High Sierra Trail, investigate remote Nine Lake Basin, camp beneath towering giant sequoias, and behold the jagged cliffs of Valhalla. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Timothy Jung. Price: \$1,075. [23123A]*

BEGINNER TRIP! Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. September 16–23. 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: Joanne Mohr. Price: \$875. [23124A]*

Prepare for Your Next Backpack Trip with These 10 Tried-and-True Hacks

Anyone who's been on a backpacking trip knows that it's all about striking the right balance. Being prepared for blisters, bears, backcountry cooking, and inclement weather is essential, but when you're hiking five or more miles a day with all of your belongings on your back, one less pound makes a world of difference. So how do you equip yourself for such an experience without the kitchen sink? Simply ask our volunteer trip leaders, who have been honing these specialized skills for years or even decades.

"It's important to look at all the little things because the weight adds up," says **Dave Neumann**, who has been leading California backpack trips on and off since the 1970s (when gear was heavier and clunkier than it is today) and who also serves as a volunteer ranger and wilderness first responder with the National Park Service. "Selecting lighter and multiuse items, like a phone that can serve as your GPS and camera, reduces the physical load and simplifies life on the trail." In recent years, Dave has led an effort to kickstart the Sierra Club's coed teen backpacking trips he led back in the '70s and '80s and has enlisted other leaders to help introduce a new generation to the joys of the outdoors.

So are you ready to hit the trail with the perfect combination of useful-but-lightweight gear? Then read on for Dave's top 10 hacks. And if you're a budding young backpacker seeking your next wilderness experience, you can view a full list of 2023 teen trips on pages 11 to 12.

1. Dry your belongings while you hike.

Between rain, stream crossings, and swims, it's likely that some of your clothing will get wet or damp during a multiday backpack trip. Bring a few large safety pins to hang your socks and other wet clothing on your pack so they can dry while you're hiking.

2. Treat your clothes with insect repellent.

Ward off mosquitoes and ticks and reduce the amount of chemicals you put on your skin by spraying your clothes with a high-quality insect repellent. Note, however, that rain gear and down jackets should not be treated, as the spray may possibly damage the fabric.

3. Bring a pair of sleeping socks.

Don't risk getting your only clean pair of socks wet before bedtime. Instead, designate a pair that will stay dry in your pack to wear overnight. Keeping your feet warm is especially critical for cold nights at high elevations!

4. Pack only the sunscreen you need.

Rather than bringing an entire bottle of sunscreen, you can save weight and space by decanting just the right amount into a small, two-ounce plastic bottle with a flip lid.

5. Keep the bottom of your tent dry.

Buy a sheet of waterproof home wrap, which is available from building supply stores, and cut it so that it's half an inch shorter than the footprint of your tent. Laying it underneath the tent will prevent rain from seeping in.

6. Clean your bowl after dinner with a tea bag.

Once you finish your meal, fill the bowl with eight ounces of hot water, put in a tea bag to steep, drink the tea—which is usually all you'll taste—then use the tea bag to clean your bowl. This trick has been used on Sierra Club trips for years.

7. Make your pack waterproof.

Line your backpack with a heavy-duty plastic garbage bag or contractor bag to keep the contents dry. It's more effective than a pack cover, which usually protects only the top and front of your pack.

8. Mark your hiking poles.

Wrap a couple feet of duct tape around your left hiking pole so that you can easily identify which pole goes in your left hand when it's time to hit the trail.

9. Assemble a backcountry bathroom bag.

Use a small stuff sack for your trowel, toilet paper, and hand sanitizer so you're ready to go when nature calls. And make sure you give yourself plenty of time to dig that six-to-eight-inch-deep cat hole, which is deeper than you think!

10. Skip the heavy water bottle.

Bring two one-liter recyclable plastic bottles of your favorite sports drink. Drink them on day one, then refill them with filtered water. These weigh less than a typical reusable water bottle, plus you can carry one on each side to help balance your pack.



SOUTHWEST

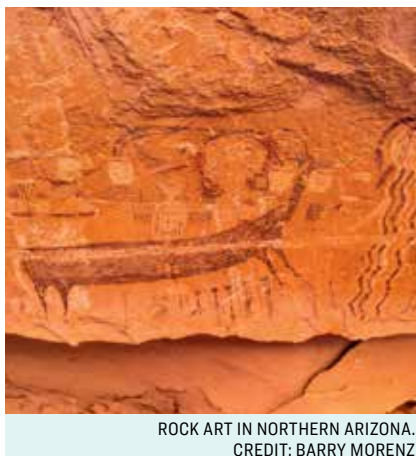


KANAB CANYON, GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA. CREDIT: BARRY MORENZ

Ancient Trails off the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. March 18–24. 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: \$1,195. [23419A]*

Mystery of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. March 26–April 2. 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. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,345. [23422A]*

A Circular Backpack in the Kanab Creek Wilderness, Grand Canyon Area, Arizona. April 14–22. The Kanab Creek Wilderness area, bordering the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, contains a labyrinth of canyons and streams that converge and ultimately flow into the Colorado River deep in



ROCK ART IN NORTHERN ARIZONA. CREDIT: BARRY MORENZ

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: \$1,075. [23030A]*

Backpacking Paria Canyon: Colorful Surprises and Ancestral Art in Arizona and Utah. April 16–22. 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, Wrather Arch, and numerous ancient petroglyph sites. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Ralph Keating. Price: \$1,265. [23031A]*

Redrock Canyons of Escalante, Utah. May 20–26. 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: \$1,345. [23034A]*

Descent into Dark Canyon, Utah. May 28–June 3. 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: \$845. [23035A]*

Forbidden Heart of the Rainbow, Navajo Nation, Arizona and Utah. September 24–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 visit one of the world's largest natural stone bridges. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Cornelia Bellamacina. Price: \$1,545. [23145A]*

Corridor Classic: Rim-to-River-to-Rim Hike and Service in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 8–14. The Grand Canyon's rim-to-rim route is one of the world's iconic treks set within a timeless geological masterpiece. As we hike this magnificent corridor along the famous Bright Angel and North Kaibab Trails, we'll stay in idyllic camps, visit enchanted Phantom Ranch, swim in the Colorado River, and assist with projects to protect this natural wonder, millions of years in the making. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$1,645. [23146A]*

Descending Deep into Nankoweap, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 14–20. Descending from Saddle Mountain, the unmaintained Nankoweap Trail, often perched precariously atop cliffs, weaves through towering walls of Supai, then plunges down Tilted Mesa into Nankoweap Creek. Challenging hikes from our idyllic creekside base camp will include Nankoweap Butte, Granaries, and Mesa as well as Kolb Arch. There will be abundant opportunities to relax, swim, and study the Nankoweap's unique geology. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,045. [23147A]*

Thunder, Wonder, and Awe, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 15–22. 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: \$1,395. [23148A]*

Autumn Colors and Star-Filled Nights in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. November 12–18. Late fall is a perfect time for backpacking

in the Grand Canyon. Low-angled sunlight enhances variations in colors, cottonwood trees flutter their yellow and orange leaves, daytime temperatures are pleasantly cool, and shorter days mean darker nights for stargazing. Our 50-mile trek will wind along the undulating Tonto Platform between the history-rich Grandview and Hermit Trails. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: John Plander. Price: \$1,155. [23149A]*



HARDY BACKPACKERS IN THE GRAND CANYON. CREDIT: MIKE HOLMES

ROCKY MOUNTAINS



HIKING IN THE WIND RIVER RANGE, WYOMING. CREDIT: STEPHANIE WILSON

Lake Hopping in the Sawtooth Wilderness, Idaho. August 4–12. Hike through glaciated valleys beneath jagged granite spires to the spectacular lakes of the Sawtooth Mountains. These peaks and lakes will be our companions on this eight-day, 37-plus-mile backpack journey, which will include a layover day to explore high meadows and hidden lakes, fish for wild trout, or just relax and take it all in. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Steve Mintz. Price: \$1,125. [23135A]*

High, Wild, and Remote: Backpacking the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 12–19. Join other adventurous hikers on this loop through the northern Bridger Wilderness. From New Forks Lake, our route will climb from tranquil meadows past timberline and over rocky passes with grand, panoramic views of the lofty granitic peaks of the Continental Divide. We'll camp near crystal clear streams and alpine lakes, where the evening's alpenglow will replenish our souls. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Richard Clowdus. Price: \$1,095. [23136A]*

Wind River Discovery, Wyoming. August 13–21. Leave the wilderness freeway behind and venture onto side trails, paths, and cross-country routes to discover relatively unknown gems in the wondrous Wind River Range. We'll graze the Continental Divide as

we hop between dazzling alpine lake basins, surrounded by towering granite peaks. Our itinerary will include two layover days for exhilarating exploration, restful relaxation, and fantastic fishing. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Mike Bolar. Price: \$1,295. [23137A]*

Cirques, Peaks, and Lakes of the Wind River Range, Wyoming. August 19–26. Explore the spectacular and less visited central Wind River Range. We'll be on and off trail in areas featuring granite spires and sparkling lakes along the Continental Divide. We will seek beauty, solitude, and

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.

adventure on our ambitious route. Vistas of soaring peaks will abound as we hike to glacier-created cirques and remote lakes. (Rated: 4.) *Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: \$1,195. [23138A]*

Sawtooth Scamper, Idaho. August 20–26. Sample the wonders of Idaho's crown jewel on this six-day trek into the Sawtooth Wilderness. We'll hike alongside jagged spires of pink granite, dazzling wildflowers, and tumultuous cataracts and camp beside gorgeous alpine lakes, with a layover day for further exploration or lakeside relaxing. Our journey will end with a ferry ride across iconic Redfish Lake. (Rated: 3.) *Leader: Stephanie Wilson. Price: \$1,095. [23139A]*

Fantastic Four Pass Loop, Maroon Bells–Snowmass Wilderness, Colorado. September 17–24. 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: \$1,395. [23140A]*

Ski, Snowshoe & Dogsled

Chart a path through frozen landscapes on these refreshing snow journeys in Alaska and the Lower 48. Warm your bones and relax at day's end in cozy lodges or cabins.



SLED DOGS IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA. CREDIT: YOU LI ZHAO/EYEEM/GETTY IMAGES

Winter Wonders: Ski and Snowshoe in New York's Adirondack Mountains. February 5–10. 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: David Torraca. Price: \$1,595. [23400A]*

Winter Wonders: Ski and Snowshoe in New York's Adirondack Mountains. February 12–17. See trip 23400A, above, for details. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,595. [23401A]*

Backcountry Skiing at Lassen Volcanic National Park, California. February 20–27. Discover Lassen Volcanic National Park at the peak of winter on this unique backcountry ski tour. As we travel along the eroded rim of Mt. Tehama near a volcano that erupted powerfully in 1915, we will experience sweeping vistas, observe active fumaroles, and learn about

the park's more than 20 dormant volcanoes. Evenings will be spent relaxing at a comfortable lodge in Mineral. *Leader: Mark Chang. Price: \$1,695. [23438A]*

Ice, Northern Lights, and Hot Springs in Fairbanks, Alaska. February 22–March 1. 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: \$2,895. [23426A]*

Intro to Alpine Ski Touring in Utah's Wasatch Range. February 25–March 4. Expand your skills from the piste to exploring the backcountry with this instructional alpine touring adventure. Professional guides will teach techniques and snow safety while guiding us through stunning alpine terrain. Upon successful completion, you'll receive Level 1 safety and companion rescue certifications

from the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE). *Leader: Rick Self. Price: \$2,955. [23423A]*

Cross-Country Skiing in the Shadow of Denali, Alaska. March 6–10. 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: Natalie Schoeppler. Price: \$2,045. [23418A]*

Gliding through Glacier National Park, Montana. March 11–18. 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: \$2,925. [23450A]*

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 SPRINGS IN OCALA NATIONAL FOREST, FLORIDA. CREDIT: MICHAEL WARREN/GETTY IMAGES

Georgia Gems: Okefenokee Swamp, Cumberland Island, and St. Marys River. March 26–April 1. Kayak the diverse waterways and discover the unique areas surrounding the quaint coastal town of St. Marys, Georgia. We will paddle and explore some of Georgia's true gems, including Okefenokee Swamp, Cumberland Island, and the St. Marys and Crooked Rivers. Accommodations will be in cozy cabins at our base camp on a bluff overlooking the Crooked River. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,595. [23421A]*

Kayaking and Boating Georgia's Untamed Coast. April 23–29. 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: \$1,745. [23045A]*

Kayaking Coastal Carolina, South Carolina. April 30–May 6. Coastal South Carolina offers some of the best paddling opportunities in the world. On this trip, we'll explore the barrier islands, estuaries, marshes, maritime forests, swamp forests, blackwater rivers, and historical sites that characterize the coastal plain of the amazing area known as the Lowcountry. Lodging will be at a beautiful beachfront house near historic Charleston. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,995. [23046A]*

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: Mitch Dion. Price: \$1,195. [23179A]*

Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women's Multisport Adventure in Central Oregon. June 25–July 1. 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: \$2,645. [23431A]*

Adirondack Wilderness Canoe, New York. June 25–July 1. Clear lakes and tranquil rivers await experienced and beginning paddlers alike on this "bucket list" trip in the Lower 48's largest park. Canoe the scenic Northern Forest Canoe Trail and the historic Adirondack Canoe Trail, staying at waterfront campsites each night. We'll also hike to a waterfall on the Northville-Placid Trail and visit the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. *Leader: John Killeen. Price: \$1,095. [23180A]*

Canoe the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine. June 28–July 5. Embark on an epic paddling journey on the legendary Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a designated national wild and scenic river widely recognized as one of the best canoe routes in the country. We will paddle 50 miles, camp in established but rustic sites, and portage around waterfalls and rapids with plenty of time to view wildlife as we head north. Some canoeing and camping experience is required. *Leader: Tomas Dundzila. Price: \$1,275. [23184A]*

Kayaking Newfoundland: Coast, Coves, and Wildlife. July 13–19. Prepare to be awed as we discover the magical coast, hidden coves, and beaches of this remote Canadian province. We'll search for whales, puffins, and countless bird species on four separate all-day paddles and spend another day hiking and sightseeing. Accommodations are comfortable cabins overlooking the ocean. *Leader: Leanora Kovacs. Price: \$2,595. [23185A]*

Wilderness Canoe Adventure in Remote Northern Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario. July 23–29. Enjoy unforgettable canoeing in the remote and uncrowded wilderness waters of northern Quetico Provincial Park. Beginning near Atikokan, our small group will paddle scenic and lightly traveled rivers and lakes with spectacular scenery, occasional cultural vestiges, great campsites, and plentiful opportunities to view wildlife. Round-trip transportation from Minneapolis is included. *Leader: Terry DeFratis. Price: \$1,775. [23181A]*

Lake Chelan by Land and Sea, North Cascades National Park, Washington. August 15–21. Lake Chelan, 55 miles long and a mile wide, has been the gateway to the North Cascades for millennia. Our trip will begin by riding the Stehekin Ferry up the lake to spend three nights at a wilderness ranch, where we will hike trails and admire the river. We will then kayak partway down the lake for three days, camping along the lake-shore before returning to Chelan. *Leader: Abby Wojcik. Price: \$1,895. [23186A]*

Adirondack Lodge-to-Lodge Canoe Classic, New York. August 27–September 2. Paddle classic Adirondack canoe routes and the first leg of the scenic Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Explore a unique mix of wild lands, landscapes, wildlife, private lands, towns, and villages. We'll also hike and swim; stay in varied indoor lodging, including the historic Adirondack Great Camps; and enjoy a gourmet dinner cruise on Raquette Lake with historic commentary. This trip is for experienced paddlers only. *Leader: Jeanne Blauner. Price: \$2,295. [23182A]*

Sea Kayaking at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. September 2–8. Isle Royale is a peaceful, 45-mile-long island surrounded by over 450 smaller islands in Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. We will spend our week exploring this remote wilderness by kayak and searching for moose, wolves, loons, and mergansers. We'll paddle among various small islands, visit a moose and wolf research center, and enjoy a tasty lodge meal. *Leader: Jane Jontz. Price: \$2,595. [23187A]*

Ohio's Wild and Scenic Rivers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. September 17–23. Join us on a varied vacation in Ohio's only national park. We will hike, kayak, bike, and explore the forests, ledges, caves, rock outcroppings, rolling hills, narrow ravines, wetlands, river scenery, waterfalls, and historic Towpath Trail of this hidden gem of the Midwest. Lodging will be in a historic farmhouse within the park built in the 1830s. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,595. [23196A]*

Canoeing, Hiking, and Rock Art in Labyrinth Canyon, Green River, Utah. September 18–24.

See trip 23179A, p. 18, for details. *Leader: Douglas Barrows. Price: \$1,195. [23183A]*

Canoeing the Scenic Rio Grande River and Hiking in Big Bend National Park, Texas. October 2–6. 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 below the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend National Park. *Leader: Tim Wernette. Price: \$1,395. [23433A]*

Kayaking Florida's Nature Coast. November 5–11. Join us as we kayak Florida's Nature Coast and Ocala National Forest, a region that has remained remarkably unchanged for centuries. We'll paddle and swim in crystal clear rivers and springs, explore an enchanting cluster of islands in the Gulf of Mexico, take a sunset boat tour of Cedar Key, and search for manatees, dolphins, alligators, and numerous birds. *Leader: John Kovacevic. Price: \$1,745. [23044A]*



CANOEING THE ALLAGASH, MAINE. CREDIT: TOMAS DUNDZILA

Raft

Raft challenging rapids, hike to expansive views, and explore ancient rock art on a classic river trip. Check out the Alaska & Arctic Canada section (p. 4) for more thrilling raft options.



RAFTING THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON RIVER, IDAHO. CREDIT: STEVE BLY/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

Rafting the Wild and Scenic Owyhee River, Oregon.

April 27–May 2. The Owyhee River flows through a colorful, high-desert wilderness known as the “Grand Canyon of Oregon” for its striking similarity to the Southwest. This pristine and remote wild and scenic river trip will take us on a fascinating journey through geologic time featuring thrilling Class III-to-IV rapids, an abundance of wildlife, unique archeological sites, and riverside hot springs. The Owyhee is one of our country’s true multi-day whitewater gems. *Leader: Lisa Katzman. Price: \$1,695. [23404A]*

Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. May 12–20.

Edward Abbey called Canyonlands a “weird, wonderful, magical place.” Our trip will begin with hikes to seek out slick rock, river views, petroglyphs, natural arches, and maybe even dinosaur tracks. We’ll then raft through the park, thrilling to big waves in Cataract Canyon and stopping for day hikes to side canyons, waterfalls, and rock art accessible only via the river. *Leader: Ronald Franklin. Price: \$1,995. [23056A]*

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: Mitch Stevens. Price: \$1,825. [23429A]*

Rafting the Wild and Free Yampa, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah. May 23–28.

The Colorado River basin’s last major free-flowing river, the Yampa roars for 72 miles through 2,500-foot canyons in Dinosaur National Monument. We’ll raft intermediate rapids and view bighorn sheep, falcons, and 800-year-old rock art on billion-year-old walls. We’ll also hike and learn about the area’s history. Beginners welcome. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$1,250. [23405A]*

Rafting, Hiking, and Petroglyphs in Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. May 31–June 5.

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: Douglas Barrows. Price: \$1,345. [23190A]*

Rafting the Wild and Free Yampa, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado and Utah. June 1–6. See trip 23405A, above, for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$1,250. [23406A]*

Green River Rafting and History through Desolation and Gray Canyons, Utah. June 25–30. Fly into the heart of Utah’s canyon country and raft through spectacular slickrock canyons on this unforgettable whitewater adventure. Abundant wildlife,

ancient petroglyphs, broad white-sand beaches, and more than 50 rapids await on the incredible 84-mile stretch of the Green River that runs through Desolation and Gray Canyons. *Leader: Mitch Stevens. Price: \$1,495. [23430A]*

World-Class Whitewater: Rafting the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Idaho. July 9–15.

Raft the crown jewel of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. We’ll bounce through 40 major rapids on our 100-mile journey across North America’s largest temperate-zone wildlands, exploring tributary canyons, hot springs, historic homesteads, and the immense Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness. This is one of the most magnificent river trips in the United States. *Leader: Kate Sender. Price: \$2,895. [23412A]*

Redrock Exploration: Rafting and Hiking in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. September 8–17. See trip 23056A, left, for details. *Leader: Douglas Barrows. Price: \$2,195. [23191A]*

Raft Adventure on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon. September 14–18. 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: Patti Miller-Crowley. Price: \$1,495. [23432A]*

Base Camp

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.



DAY HIKERS IN THE BADLANDS OF NORTH DAKOTA. CREDIT: MARGARET KLOSE

Springtime in the Smokies, Tennessee. May 13–19. Rejuvenate mind and body alike on a hiking vacation in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Smokies are renowned for their diversity of plants and animals, and we will enjoy late spring wildflowers along our hikes. From our base camp in Cades Cove, we will also explore the human history of this ancient land. *Leader: Ted Jackson. Price: \$745. [23041A]*

Alpine Adventures in the Wild Ruby Mountains, Nevada. June 25–30. 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: Jayne Hahin. Price: \$695. [23155A]*

Signature Day Hikes in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows, California. July 16–21. 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: \$1,125. [23156A]*

Waterfalls, Lakes, and Meadows of Mt. Hood, Oregon. July 16–22. 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: Bill Gifford. Price: \$975. [23157A]*

Hike and Kayak the Natural and Geologic Wonders of the Eastern Sierra, California. July 24–29. Explore the Eastern Sierra surrounding mysterious Mono Lake, an area of lush meadows, waterfalls, lakes, and majestic mountain peaks. We'll carpool to a different location each day, exploring the spectacular tufa towers on a guided kayak trip and hiking four to nine miles to several lakes, reaching elevations up to 11,000 feet. *Leader: Diana Livingston. Price: \$1,195. [23158A]*

Dayhiking the Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota. August 11–18. Discover the North Dakota badlands that inspired Theodore Roosevelt to become the most conservation-minded president in history. We'll

explore this stunning wilderness on relaxing day hikes featuring bison, prairie dogs, wild horses, and gorgeous vistas and relax in comfortable campsites. A night at the Medora Musical is also included. *Leader: Jayson Margalus. Price: \$1,095. [23159A]*

Fall Kaleidoscope in Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Michigan. September 24–30. Enjoy fall colors along Michigan's Lake Superior shore in magnificent Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, one of the Midwest's largest wilderness areas. Challenging day hikes will lead us to high peaks, past pristine backcountry lakes and waterfalls, and through the largest old-growth forest in the country. Find out why "the Porkies" is rated among the top state parks in the country. *Leader: Phil Snyder. Price: \$745. [23160A]*

Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas. October 28–November 4. 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 the darkest skies in the Lower 48. *Leader: Margaret Klose. Price: \$1,095. [23162A]*

Specialty Trips

In addition to our usual offerings, we offer a variety of trips designed for specific audiences. Sound like you? If so, we hope you'll join us!



LGBTQIA+ SERVICE ALONG CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST. CREDIT: MICHAL PHILLIPS

BEGINNERS

Women's Beginner Backpack, Ansel Adams Wilderness, California. August 28–September 2. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$875. [23120A]*

Beginner Coastal Ramble at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. September 16–23. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Joanne Mohr. Price: \$875. [23124A]*

FAMILY

Just for Grandparents and Grandkids, Tahoe National Forest, California. July 17–21. See p. 25 for details. *Leader: Angela White. Price: \$575 (child)/\$675 (adult). [23201A]*

Parents and Teens Five-Day Backpack in the Hoover Wilderness, California. July 27–31. See p. 12 for details. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$525. [23111A]*

LGBTQIA+

LGBTQIA+ Backpacking California's Legendary Lost Coast. June 7–11. See p. 10 for details.

Leader: John Plander. Price: \$875. [23102A]

LGBTQIA+ Service at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. October 21–28. See p. 33 for details. *Leader: Miles Holenstein. Price: \$595. [23327A]*

SENIORS (50-PLUS)

50-Plus New York Botanical Garden Service, New York. April 23–29. See p. 28 for details. *Leader: Kenda Peterson. Price: \$945. [23082A]*

50-Plus Exploration of Yosemite Valley's North Rim, Yosemite National Park, California. May 16–22. See p. 10 for details. *Leader: Jeannie Sivertsen. Price: \$1,175. [23100A]*

50-Plus Lake Michigan Bike and Hike, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan. June 4–10. See p. 23 for details. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$2,195. [23165A]*

50-Plus Ramble and Scramble in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. August 13–20. See p. 25 for details. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$2,395. [23219A]*

50-Plus Service in the Colorado Rockies. September 10–16. See p. 31 for details. *Leader: Terry Sario. Price: \$895. [23315A]*

TEENS

Teen Backpacking in California's High Emigrant Wilderness. July 8–15. See p. 11 for details. *Leader: Reid Bengard. Price: \$535. [23104A]*

Teen Backpacking in California's Rugged Ansel Adams Wilderness. July 8–16. See p. 11 for details. *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$555. [23105A]*

Teen Backpacking Yosemite's High Canyons and Lakes, Yosemite National Park, California. July 9–16. See p. 11 for details. *Leader: Grant Brown. Price: \$535. [23106A]*

Teen Girls Challenge: The High Sierra Trail and Mt. Whitney, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, California. July 21–30. See p. 11 for details. *Leader: Cornelia Bellamacina. Price: \$655. [23109A]*

Parents and Teens Five-Day Backpack in the Hoover Wilderness, California. July 27–31. See p. 12 for details. (Rated: 2.) *Leader: Teresa Gonsoski. Price: \$525. [23111A]*

Teen Backpacking in the Remote Ionian Basin, Kings Canyon National Park, California. July 29–August 6. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: David Neumann. Price: \$595. [23112A]*

WOMEN

Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 12–20. See p. 24 for details. *Leader: Cristina Breen. Price: \$2,995. [23055A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 8–15. See p. 28 for details. *Leader: Linda Kellough. Price: \$595. [23305A]*

Boots and Boats in Bend: A Women's Multi-sport Adventure in Central Oregon. June 25–July 1. See p. 18 for details. *Leader: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,645. [23431A]*

Women's Beginner Backpack, Ansel Adams Wilderness, California. August 28–September 2. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Julie VanTilburg. Price: \$875. [23120A]*

Women Backpacking the Treasures of Southern Yosemite and the Ritter Range, California. August 31–September 5. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Renee Rivera. Price: \$875. [23121A]*

Women's Eastern Sierra Adventure, Royce Lakes Basin and French Canyon, John Muir Wilderness, California. September 9–13. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Pam Abell. Price: \$775. [23122A]*

Women's Service along the Central Coast, California. September 16–23. See p. 31 for details. *Leader: Cara Wilson. Cook: Deborah Wine. Price: \$595. [23324A]*

Moab Adventure for Women: Hike, Raft, and Ride in Southeast Utah. September 24–30. See p. 26 for details. *Leader: Kathryn Norris. Price: \$2,245. [23197A]*

20S & 30S

20s and 30s Tablelands Tramp: High Lakes and Carved Granite in Sequoia National Park, California. August 8–13. See p. 12 for details. *Leader: Reid Bengard. Price: \$445. [23117A]*

Attention young travelers!

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.

Bicycle

50-Plus Lake Michigan Bike and Hike, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan. June 4–10. 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 45 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: \$2,195. [23165A]*

Rust to Rapids: Cycling the Great Allegheny Passage Trail, Pennsylvania and Maryland. June 10–16. Join us on a cycling adventure from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cumberland, Maryland, on the Great Allegheny Passage trail. We'll enjoy art and architecture in the Steel City before embarking on our 200-mile journey featuring quaint towns, long days under the forest canopy, whitewater rapids, four tunnels, and at least 12 impressive bridges. We'll also explore local history and quirky attractions and stay in charming bed-and-breakfasts. *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$1,535. [23166A]*

Supported Trekking



LLAMA-SUPPORTED TREKKING IN THE ROCKIES. CREDIT: WANDERLUSTER/GETTY IMAGES

Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama-Supported Hike, Utah. April 9–15. 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. [23040A]*

Exploring the Remote Northern Yosemite Backcountry, California. August 13–23. Trek into one of the most remote areas of Yosemite National Park where we'll enjoy magnificent vistas of glacier-carved granite domes and ridges, waterfalls and lakes, and miles of alpine meadows. Mules will carry most of our gear, and we will have three layover days for further exploration of this exquisite region of an iconic park. *Leader: Frank Eldredge. Price: \$4,025. [23175A]*

Evolution Basin and Beyond, Kings Canyon National Park and John Muir Wilderness,

California. August 26–September 5. Explore the most scenic section of the magnificent John Muir Trail, including Evolution Basin, Le Conte Canyon, and Dusy Basin, with most of the load carried by mules. Carrying only our day packs, we'll crest three passes and hike and camp by numerous alpine lakes, towering peaks, and other stunning vistas. Three layover days are planned for rest, relaxation, and further exploration. *Leader: Denise Sprague. Price: \$4,025. [23176A]*

Grand Staircase–Escalante Llama-Assisted Exploration, Utah. October 18–27. Join our challenging, 10-day, llama-supported exploration of the remote canyons of southern Utah's Escalante River. We'll discover natural wonders while immersing ourselves in lush river environments, colorful desert varnish, and Navajo sandstone. Our multiple base camps adjacent to the Escalante will allow us to travel light, with only a day pack, while the llamas will carry our food, commissary, tents, sleeping bags, and pads. *Leader: Diana Livingstone. Price: \$4,995. [23161A]*

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.



FALL COLORS IN GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, UTAH. CREDIT: LIGHTPHOTO/GETTY IMAGES

Everglades Eco-adventure, Florida. January 15–20. 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: \$2,745. [23402A]*

Uncover the Natural Wonders of Spring in the San Francisco Bay Area, California. February 15–24. Embrace the wonders of spring in the San Francisco Bay Area as elephant seals come ashore to breed, monarch butterflies overwinter, bird species migrate along the Pacific Flyway, and forests and hills come alive with growth from winter rains. We'll kayak an estuary, hike among giant redwoods, explore Angel Island, search for whales and other marine life, and much more. *Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: \$2,995. [23050A]*

Magical Madera Canyon: A Southern Arizona Hiking Adventure. March 27–April 2. Madera Canyon in southern Arizona combines the best natural features of the Southwest: mountains, desert, and springs. From our lodge in the canyon, we will hike on moderate-level trails by day and gaze at the stars at night. We may also

visit the ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center and the Titan Missile Museum. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,395. [23428A]*

Explore Captivating Capitol Reef and Enchanting Escalante, Utah. May 9–15. Discover two magnificent, yet less crowded, treasures of southern Utah. Moderate hikes in Capitol Reef National Park will lead us to the stunning Waterpocket Fold and other outstanding geologic features. Expert guides in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will take us off the beaten track to hidden slot canyons, hoodoos, and sandstone domes. Accommodations will be in comfortable lodges. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,395. [23051A]*

Four Corners Exploration for Women, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. May 12–20. 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. [23055A]*

Shenandoah National Park: History, Trails, and Fall Colors, Virginia. May 21–27. May is a lovely time to hike the Blue Ridge Mountains of northern Virginia. Trails parallel rivers, dip into quiet hollows, and rise to magnificent views. On daily hikes, we'll explore the historical remains of a bygone era, where families scratched out meager lives. We'll also assist with rewarding service projects and stay in private rooms at a comfortable lodge. *Leader: Paul Saindon. Price: \$1,595. [23052A]*

Summer Day Hikes in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. June 9–15. 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: Elaine Grace. Price: \$2,255. [23210A]*

An Active Adventure in Quebec City: History, Culture, and Bike Rides, Quebec. June 25–30. Summer is the perfect time for exploring this charming, European-style city rich in history and culture. We'll enjoy fine dining, guided history walks, cycling tours, and whale-watching from boats or Zodiacs with

naturalists' narration. We'll spend evenings on the town and in charming lodging with private rooms and baths in the heart of Old Quebec. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,625. [23211A]*

Just for Grandparents and Grandkids, Tahoe National Forest, California. July 17–21. Want quality time with your grandchildren? If you enjoy short hikes, wading in clear creeks, swimming in mountain lakes, and picnicking on the beach, don't miss this opportunity to create precious memories together. Join us on a Sierra Club classic at Clair Tappaan Lodge and discover why kids always ask, "Can we go again next year?" Minimum Age: 6. *Leader: Angela White. Price: \$575 (child)/\$675 (adult). [23201A]*

Beartooth Bliss: Dayhiking Montana's Spectacular Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. July 23–29. Explore the spectacular glacier-carved valleys of the Beartooth Mountains on moderate-to-moderately strenuous day hikes of 7 to 12 miles. We will hike alongside crystal clear streams and past numerous waterfalls to picturesque alpine lakes with stunning mountain views. After dinner in the mountain town of Red Lodge, we will retire each night to cozy rooms in our streamside lodge. *Leader: Pat Stevens. Price: \$2,595. [23212A]*

Lodge Adventure in America's Alps, North Cascades, Washington. July 30–August 4. 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: \$1,995. [23213A]*

Best of the Midwest: Dayhiking on the Superior Hiking Trail, Minnesota. August 6–12. The Superior Hiking Trail, often hugging the ridgeline above Lake Superior along Minnesota's north shore, is the Midwest's premier hiking trail. Nearly 40 miles of inspiring and challenging day hikes will be highlighted by panoramic views, pristine inland lakes, rushing rivers, cascades, and waterfalls. At our comfortable lodge, we'll enjoy good food and nightly naturalist-led programs and activities. *Leader: Greg Allison. Price: \$1,575. [23214A]*

Grizzlies, Glaciers, and Climate Change: Dayhiking in Glacier National Park, Montana. August 6–12. 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: Rick Self. Price: \$2,595. [23215A]*

Yoga, Hiking, and Meditation in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. August 7–13. Spend a relaxed week in the scenic and secluded Stehekin valley. We'll reach this history-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: \$1,675. [23216A]*

Adirondacks Mountain Holiday: Hike, Paddle, Swim, and Cycle, New York. August 13–18. 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, are welcome too. *Leader: Dennis Mann. Price: \$1,795. [23217A]*

Canadian Rockies Van Venture: Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, Alberta. August 13–19. The Rocky Mountains achieve their most spectacular grandeur in Canada. By day, we will visit Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper, hiking mountain trails to meadows and scenic overlooks. By night, we will dine in classic restaurants and lodge in comfortable hotels. Our itinerary will also include a visit to the Athabasca Glacier. *Leader: Margaret Elkins. Price: \$3,645. [23218A]*

50-Plus Ramble and Scramble in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. August 13–20. Join other 50-plus-year-olds as we explore the beauty

of the Rockies with a former park ranger. From the comfort of our lodge, we'll dayhike to alpine meadows, high-country lakes, spectacular waterfalls, glaciers, and the Continental Divide. Evenings will include time for relaxing, reading, and enjoying the lodge amenities. *Leader: Rob White. Price: \$2,395. [23219A]*

Lake Chelan by Land and Sea, North Cascades National Park, Washington. August 15–21. Lake Chelan, 55 miles long and a mile wide, has been the gateway to the North Cascades for millennia. Our trip will begin by riding the Stehekin Ferry up the lake to spend three nights at a wilderness ranch, where we will hike trails and admire the river. We will then kayak partway down the lake for three days, camping along the lakeshore before returning to Chelan. *Leader: Abby Wojcik. Price: \$1,895. [23186A]*

Hut-to-Hut Hiking in New Hampshire's White Mountains. August 20–26. Travel hut to hut on our trek through the heart of the White Mountains. Logged heavily in the early 20th century, the Pemigewasset Wilderness today contains 45,000 acres of hardwood forest, cascading waterfalls, and bare, rocky summits. Without the need for heavy backpacks, we will hike a comfortable 8 to 10 miles each day and stay overnight in comfortable mountain huts with meals provided. *Leader: Richard Fite. Price: \$1,445. [23170A]*

Adirondacks Active Sampler: Paddle, Bike, Service, and Hike, New York. August 25–31. Join a moderately strenuous multisport trip featuring cycling, flat-water paddling, hiking, and service with a local conservancy. We'll stay in varied lodging with private or shared bathrooms, including one overnight in a famed Adirondacks Great Camp, and enjoy tasty restaurant and home-cooked meals plus a dinner cruise on Raquette Lake. Fit adults and teens 15 and up accompanied by adults are welcome. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$2,165. [23198A]*



DAYHIKERS IN THE NORTH CASCADES, WASHINGTON. CREDIT: STEVE KENNEDY

Paw Prints, Tribal Customs, and Fall Day Hikes in Glacier National Park, Montana. September 3–9. 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: Gail Brewer. Price: \$2,895. [23220A]*

Art in Paradise: Plein Air Painting, Nature, and Yoga on the Shores of Lake Tahoe, California. September 10–15. Enjoy plein air and studio painting, hiking, yoga, and kayaking in a pristine setting. We'll fill our days with refreshing morning yoga, hikes through quiet forests, watercolor sketching and instruction with a professional artist, a gondola ride up a mountain to paint and hike, and evening kayaking and stargazing over Lake Tahoe. This trip is designed for participants with some painting experience. *Leader: Carol Armstrong. Price: \$1,795. [23221A]*

Explore Mighty Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington. September 10–16. Join us for a week of hikes around the Pacific Northeast's tallest mountain during a less crowded time of year. We will hike mostly moderate trails in each of the major regions of the park, taking in sweeping mountain views and impressive waterfalls. Accommodations will be in comfortable cabins a short distance from the park entrance. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,175. [23222A]*

Hidden Beauty and Hiking in the Stehekin Valley, North Cascades National Park, Washington. September 11–16. Spend a relaxed week in the scenic and secluded Stehekin valley. We'll reach this history-rich alpine area via a 50-mile ferry ride across Lake Chelan. Autumn splendor awaits us on a variety of day hikes and during optional activities, like kayaking, horseback riding, and biking. We'll return each day to rustic accommodations, hot showers, and hearty food. *Leader: Betty Connor. Price: \$1,925. [23223A]*

Jewels of the Maine Coast: Camden and Monhegan Island. September 24–30. 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: \$2,325. [23224A]*

Moab Adventure for Women: Hike, Raft, and Ride in Southeast Utah. September 24–30. 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: Kathryn Norris. Price: \$2,245. [23197A]*

Spectacular South Dakota Sampler. September 27–October 2. Sample the best of the west in South Dakota. From our comfortable lodging nearby, we will experience Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Badlands National Park, Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, Deadwood, the annual buffalo roundup, and more. A hike in the Badlands and visits to Wall Drug and the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site are also planned. *Leader: Robin Green. Price: \$1,525. [23225A]*

Fall Foliage Hiking in Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest. October 1–6. Crisp weather and burnished maples beckon in picture-perfect central Vermont. Experience foliage season at its finest on daily four-to-six-mile walks on moderate trails in Green Mountain National Forest. Learn about real maple syrup and local history and enjoy gourmet meals and five nights of accommodation at charming country inns, with airport transportation included. *Leader: Joel Everett. Price: \$2,095. [23226A]*

Fall Foliage Day Hikes in the White Mountains, New Hampshire. October 1–7. 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 daily 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: David Torraca. Price: \$1,325. [23227A]*

Hiking on the Wild Side: Potomac Highlands, West Virginia. October 1–7. Explore the Allegheny Front, a geologic boundary running between the ancient Appalachian Mountains and the Allegheny Plateau in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. This wildly beautiful area contains sweeping vistas, deep canyons, red spruce and hardwood forests, meadows, and

bogs. We'll hike throughout this diverse region each day before returning to modern cabins on the rim of a canyon for rest, relaxation, and home-cooked meals. *Leader: Russ Norfleet. Price: \$995. [23231A]*

Katahdin Vistas: Autumn Hiking in Baxter State Park, Maine. October 1–7. Join us for a week of moderate-level hikes in the North Woods while staying in charming lakeside cabins with stunning views of Mount Katahdin, Maine's tallest mountain. We'll climb a fire tower for outstanding 360 degree views, kayak a sparkling lake, take a wildlife tour, hike segments of the famous Appalachian Trail, and search for moose, otters, and beavers. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$2,095. [23228A]*

Adirondacks Autumn Beauty: Hike, Bike, and Paddle, New York. October 8–13. View gorgeous foliage in the forever-wild Adirondacks and enjoy activities at your own pace on this multisport holiday. From our classic mountain lodge, we'll hike trails, try mountain biking, and paddle on pristine lakes. We'll also visit historic Adirondack attractions, learn about conservation challenges and successes, and enjoy great company, evening programs, and local music and lore. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,795. [23229A]*

Shenandoah National Park: History, Trails, and Fall Colors, Virginia. October 8–14. October is a lovely time to hike the Blue Ridge Mountains of northern Virginia. Trails parallel rivers, dip into quiet hollows, and rise to magnificent views. On daily hikes, we'll explore the historical remains of a bygone era, where families scratched out meager lives. We'll also assist with rewarding service projects and stay in private rooms at a comfortable lodge. *Leader: Paul Saindon. Price: \$1,595. [23230A]*

Autumn Glory in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee. October 15–20. 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 include campfire programs, Appalachian music, yoga, and storytelling. *Leader: Gail Tooker. Price: \$1,345. [23232A]*

Catskill Mountains Camp Fun: Hiking, Horseback Riding, and More at Your Own Pace, New York. October 15–20. Sample a variety of outdoor activities at your own pace during a summer camp-style week in the Catskills. Daily options will include hikes, crafts, a farm tour, horseback riding, cider making, games, or simply savoring the scenery or a good book. We'll enjoy comfortable ranch lodging with double rooms, private bathrooms, and seasonal, chef-prepared cuisine. This trip is perfect for those seeking extra support and a relaxed environment. *Leader: Margaret Stephens. Price: \$1,175. [23234A]*



TANAGER EATING A WORM, SOUTHERN ARIZONA. CREDIT: HAL BERAL/GETTY IMAGES

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 VOLUNTEERS IN NEW RIVER GORGE, WEST VIRGINIA. CREDIT: DONNA DONOVAN

Service in Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, Arizona. January 29–February 4. Assist with projects to protect and restore habitat for endangered sky island wildlife. We will camp in the refuge, with a day to rest or explore our extraordinary surroundings. *Leader: Julie Koivula. Price: \$625. [23424A]*

Service in Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico. February 19–25. 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. [23415A]*

Plant-Based Cuisine and Service in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. February 26–March 4. 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: Andrea Siegrist-Baez. Cook: Robin Fox. Price: \$495. [23416A]*



Audubon Research Ranch Service, Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch, Arizona. March 5–11. Participate in projects to conserve and restore facilities and the ecosystem, in this area of desert grasslands.

We'll enjoy mild weather in a region rich in southwestern history. *Leader: Janice Birnbaum. Price: \$1,095. [23335A]*

Explore, Enjoy, and Protect Santa Catalina Island, California. March 14–23. Join us for service, backpacking, and plentiful learning opportunities on this remarkable island. We'll assist with volunteer projects for three days, then backpack to remote coastline campsites and spend an afternoon kayaking. *Leader: Gayle Labrana. Price: \$1,395. [23427A]*

California Dreaming: Redwoods, Beaches, and Service. March 25–April 1. Camp and volunteer at Hedy 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: Bill Glenn. Cook: Didi Toasperm. Price: \$645. [23436A]*

Big Sur Service, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, California. April 2–8. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking California coast while contributing to much-needed trail work. We will enjoy hearty vegetarian-friendly meals and have time off to hike and relax among the magnificent redwoods. *Leader: Jim Nicholas. Cook: Deni Lopez. Price: \$645. [23078A]*



Nantahala Toil and Trek, North Carolina. April 2–8. Join us for our 32nd year

helping build and restore trails in Nantahala National Forest. We'll enjoy scrumptious meals and relaxing accommodations at a lodge tucked away in the lush North Carolina mountains. *Leader: Cindy Madden. Price: \$1,075. [23077A]*

Wellfleet Wildlife Sanctuary Service with the Audubon Society, Massachusetts. April 2–8. 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: Pamela Wolf. Price: \$1,045. [23079A]*



Mammoth Cave National Park Service, Kentucky. April 16–22. 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: \$425. [23080A]*



New York City Park Service, New York. April 16–23. Join us for park work in the heart of the Big Apple. We'll stay in a comfortable hostel, with most meals catered, and enjoy ethnic foods and tours of the city. Families are welcome. *Leader: Jerry Balch. Price: \$895. [23081A]*



TRAIL SERVICE IN CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SIERRA. CREDIT: ALISON CAMPBELL



50-Plus New York Botanical Garden Service, New York. April 23–29. Assist the New York Botanical Garden with conservation of the 50-acre urban remnant of a forest that once covered all of Manhattan. We'll attend conservation talks and sample cultural events by night. *Leader: Kenda Peterson. Price: \$945. [23082A]*

Service in Arches National Park, Utah. April 30–May 6. 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: \$625. [23300A]*



Service under the Stars at Historic Mt. Wilson Observatory, California. April 30–May 6. Assist with service projects at historic Mt. Wilson Observatory in the mountains above Los Angeles. Trail maintenance and invasive-plant removal will be rewarded with incredible stargazing using telescopes. *Leader: Tim Wernette. Cooks: Charlie Reimann and Tim Bernthal. Price: \$625. [23083A]*

Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 4–11. 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: Elizabeth Taylor. Price: \$625. [23084A]*

Spring Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 7–13. Work with the Nature Conservancy's islands program on coastal sand-plain restoration and other conservation projects while enjoying spring in a spectacular setting. *Leader: Janice Birnbaum. Price: \$1,025. [23086A]*

Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 13–20. Experience Northern California's legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We'll work along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. *Leader: Michelle Stewart. Price: \$595. [23085A]*

Choose Your Comfort Level: Camp or Lodge

In an effort to keep our service trips as 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.



Farm, Garden, and Trail: Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. May 14–20. Assist with diverse spring rehabilitation projects, including a farm, garden, and trail. On our free day, we will enjoy classic beaches and tour the island. *Leader: Marty Joyce. Price: \$895. [23087A]*

Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. May 21–27. 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: \$995. [23301A]*

Monhegan Island: Jewel of the Sea, Maine. June 2–9. Monhegan boasts rugged headlands, sustainable lobstering, art galleries, and hiking trails. We will remove invasive plants, assist with trail work, and clean shorelines, with evenings in a historic cottage or your own tent. *Leader: Faye Sitzman. Price: \$795. [23302A]*

Chaco Canyon Service, New Mexico. June 3–10. 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: \$415. [23303A]*

Service, Sweat, and Outdoor Ecstasy in the Green Mountains of Vermont. June 4–10. 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: \$595. [23304A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 8–15. 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: Linda Kellough. Price: \$595. [23305A]*

Under 50 Service in the Gros Ventre Wilderness, Wyoming. July 15–22. Join our group of volunteers under 50, including both teens and adults, as we hike into this mountain wilderness that makes up part of the Yellowstone ecosystem. We'll work on a challenging yet rewarding service project and learn a variety of trail repair techniques. *Leader: Nancy Le. Price: \$595. [23306A]*

Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 16–22. Backpack into the crown jewel of Nevada for trail work and sublime wilderness. We'll camp in a splendid setting; marvel at peaks, lakes and meadows; and enjoy uncrowded hikes and camaraderie. *Leader: Laurel Bradley. Cook: Allison Rieck. Price: \$595. [23333A]*

Five Easy and Satisfying Ideas for Feeding Hungry Campers, According to Sierra Club Service Trip Cooks

How do you prepare a healthy and nourishing snack when you're far from home? And what does it take to feed a group of hungry campers, either at the beginning of the day, in the middle of a hike, or after a challenging service project? It's a perennial challenge that generations of wilderness explorers and outdoor enthusiasts have pondered. Lucky for you, our best service trip cooks are here to help!

"Advance planning and preparation is key," says **Deborah Wine**, cook training coordinator for the Service subcommittee. She's been cooking for service trips since 2016 and is especially adept at providing delicious and nutritious vegetarian and plant-based meals. "Base-camp cooking is easier than backpack-trip food preparation since you don't have to carry all the ingredients in your pack," says **Didi Toaspern**, training officer for the Service subcommittee. "But making it healthy, hearty, and quick requires forethought and a few shortcuts." Since the late '80s, Didi has led and cooked for service trips in a variety of locations across the West, her favorite being wilderness areas with fly-fishing opportunities (she prefers to catch and release fish but is more than happy to cook up her catch if requested).

We asked Deborah and Didi for some of their favorite base-camp snack and meal ideas; here's what they whipped up for us. Join one of their upcoming Sierra Club trips, "California Dreaming: Redwoods, Beaches, and Service" (see p. 27) and "Women's Service along the Central Coast, California" (see p. 31), or try these out for yourself on your next adventure!

1. Overnight oats

This is a hearty, healthy breakfast to get volunteers off to a strong start on the work project. Quick-cooking steel-cut oats are the perfect choice. Simply add nuts, dried fruit, and/or milk, then partially cook the combination the night before. "Preparation in the morning is a snap," says Deborah, "and campers love the melded flavors and creamy richness."

2. Cornmeal pancakes

"Chili and cornbread is a winning combination," Didi tells us, "and it's still possible in a camp kitchen." Simply follow your favorite cornbread recipe, but increase the liquid and fry it up as pancakes. "It's always fun to witness the surprise on people's faces when they realize this traditional pairing is possible far from an oven!"

3. Homemade cocoa mix

A cup of hot chocolate is a welcome treat after a long day of hard work—especially if the evening is chilly.

Frustrated with excess packaging or added preservatives? Do-it-yourself cocoa mix is a snap! "Blend your ingredients ahead and adjust until it's as sweet, creamy, or spicy as you like," Deborah explains. "Add some cinnamon and a bit of cayenne, and you have Mexican hot chocolate to round out taco night."

4. Trail mix tricks

It wouldn't really be hiking (or vigorous service work) without trail mix. Make your own with whatever combination of dried fruit, nuts, and candy-coated chocolate pieces you like, then divide it up in equal portions and hand it out at the first lunch. Package the trail mix in a reusable silicone baggie—one fewer piece of single-use plastic!

5. Palestinian lentils

"This is my newest favorite dinner," proclaims Deborah, who notes that it's as easy to make as it is delicious. Just boil two cups of soaked and drained red lentils with about eight cups of water for 10 minutes while sautéing onions with garlic, cumin, a dash of turmeric, and salt. Once the lentils are done, add the onions and spices, garnish with parsley, and serve with lemon wedges on the side. "Add your favorite side salad and pita bread, and voilà—dinner is served!"



More Service Trips

See the Alaska & Arctic Canada (p. 4), Hawaii & U.S. Caribbean (p. 7), and International (p. 34) sections for other stellar volunteer vacations.



MAINTENANCE WORK IN ALASKA. CREDIT: LUPE ZARAGOZA

Sun, Service, and Whales, Maui, Hawaii. January 22–29. See p. 7 for details. *Leader: Barb Davis. Price: \$2,025. [23403A]*

Rebuilding a Village in Earthquake-Damaged Nepal. February 3–21. See p. 39 for details. *Leader: Cheryl Parkins. Price: \$4,555. [23535A]*

Native Species Restoration and Natural Beauty on Molokai, Hawaii. March 5–12. See p. 7 for details. *Leader: Larry Miller. Price: \$2,125. [23435A]*

Culture and Conservation on Maui, Hawaii. April 23–30. See p. 7 for details. *Leader: Christopher Hall. Price: \$2,295. [23070A]*

Cabin Building, Kayaking, and Hiking in Southeast Alaska's Tongass National Forest. May 13–20. See p. 4 for details. *Leader: Gary Keir. Price: \$1,345. [23010A]*

Hot Springs, Service, and Waterfalls in Tongass National Forest, Alaska. June 10–16. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Kim Kirby. Price: \$1,895. [23332A]*

Resurrection Bay Restoration, Alaska. June 18–24. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: Rebecca Dameron. Price: \$1,775. [23013A]*

Volunteering in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. July 30–August 5. See p. 5 for details. *Leader: John Kolman. Price: \$1,525. [23014A]*

Service and Culture on Kauai, Hawaii. October 1–7. See p. 7 for details. *Leader: Diana Moskowitz. Price: \$1,475. [23071A]*

Corridor Classic: Rim-to-River-to-Rim Hike and Service in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona. October 8–14. See p. 15 for details. *Leader: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$1,645. [23146A]*

Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 29–August 5. 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: John Clarkson. Cook: Kathy Barton. Price: \$695. [23307A]*

Lake Superior Service, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. August 1–9. Discover America's least visited park while assisting with trail maintenance. We'll work and hike among wolves, moose, and loons on this lush and remote island. *Leader: Susan Elsner. Price: \$925. [23308A]*

Service in Glorious Glacier National Park, Montana. August 6–12. Delight in the majestic granite peaks of this iconic park while working on critical service projects alongside park staff. From our peaceful campsite, we'll enjoy hearty vegetarian meals and the camaraderie of fellow volunteers. *Leader: Mia MacCollin. Cook: Dan Ballin. Price: \$695. [23309A]*



Work and Play at Clair Tappaan Lodge, Tahoe National Forest, California. August 6–12. Have fun while providing needed upgrades to majestic 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: Karen Peters. Price: \$795. [23334A]*



Coast, Whales, Pilgrims, Music, and Dance: Service in Plymouth, Massachusetts. August 12–19. Assist with trail work near the picturesque and historic Massachusetts coast. We'll enjoy whale-watching and optional visits to Plimoth Patuxet Museums (formerly Plimoth Plantation), Plymouth Rock, and *Mayflower II*. Lodging will be in cabins at a lake-side music-and-dance camp. *Leader: Zehava Rosenberg. Price: \$795. [23331A]*

Volcanic Views and Hiking Trails: Service at Lassen Volcanic National Park, California. August 12–19. 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: Adam Kapp. Price: \$595. [23310A]*

Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 19–26. Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working on tough but rewarding projects in the remote Idaho Panhandle. We'll improve trails and hike to lakes and mountains on our days off. *Leader: Bill Glenn. Price: \$395. [23312A]*

Winding through the Winds: Trail Restoration in the Mountains of Wyoming. August 19–26. Help improve trails in the ruggedly spectacular Wind River Range. We'll hike daily from our drive-up campsite and explore ridges, can-

yons, and cascades on days off. *Leader: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Cook: Deni Lopez. Price: \$595. [23311A]*



50-Plus Service in the Colorado Rockies. September 10–16. Join our team of 50-plus-year-olds 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: Terry Sario. Cook: Penny Edyvean. Price: \$895. [23315A]*

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Service, Pennsylvania. September 10–16. Support the conservation efforts and operations of this historic bird sanctuary, and watch a variety of raptors and songbirds migrate from mountain vistas. *Leader: Paul LaQuatra. Price: \$875. [23314A]*

Fall Service at Bear Run Nature Reserve and Fallingwater, Pennsylvania. September 10–17. 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: \$585. [23313A]*

Women's Service along the Central Coast, California. September 16–23. Join other women as we 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: \$595. [23324A]*

Acadia National Park Service, Maine. September 17–23. Help rehabilitate the carriage roads and trails of this rugged and diverse coastal park. On our free day, we'll explore beautiful Mt. Desert Island. *Leader: John Killeen. Price: \$495. [23316A]*



Service, Kayaking, Hiking, and History in New Jersey's Pine Barrens. September 17–23. Assist with service projects on a sustainable farm and trails in this little-known wilderness gem. We'll stay in rustic streamside cabins; enjoy prepared meals, guided kayaking, hiking, and ghost lore; and tour historic villages. *Leader: Zehava Rosenberg. Price: \$815. [23317A]*

Working among Wolves: Service at the Wolf Conservation Center, New York. September 17–23. 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: \$675. [23318A]*

Needles Service at Canyonlands National Park. September 24–30. Discover the beautiful Needles of Canyonlands—with cowboy cooks to feed you. We'll base-camp and tackle projects including

trail work and fence maintenance. Challenges will exist for beginners and veterans alike. *Leader: Mike Kobar. Price: \$675. [23319A]*

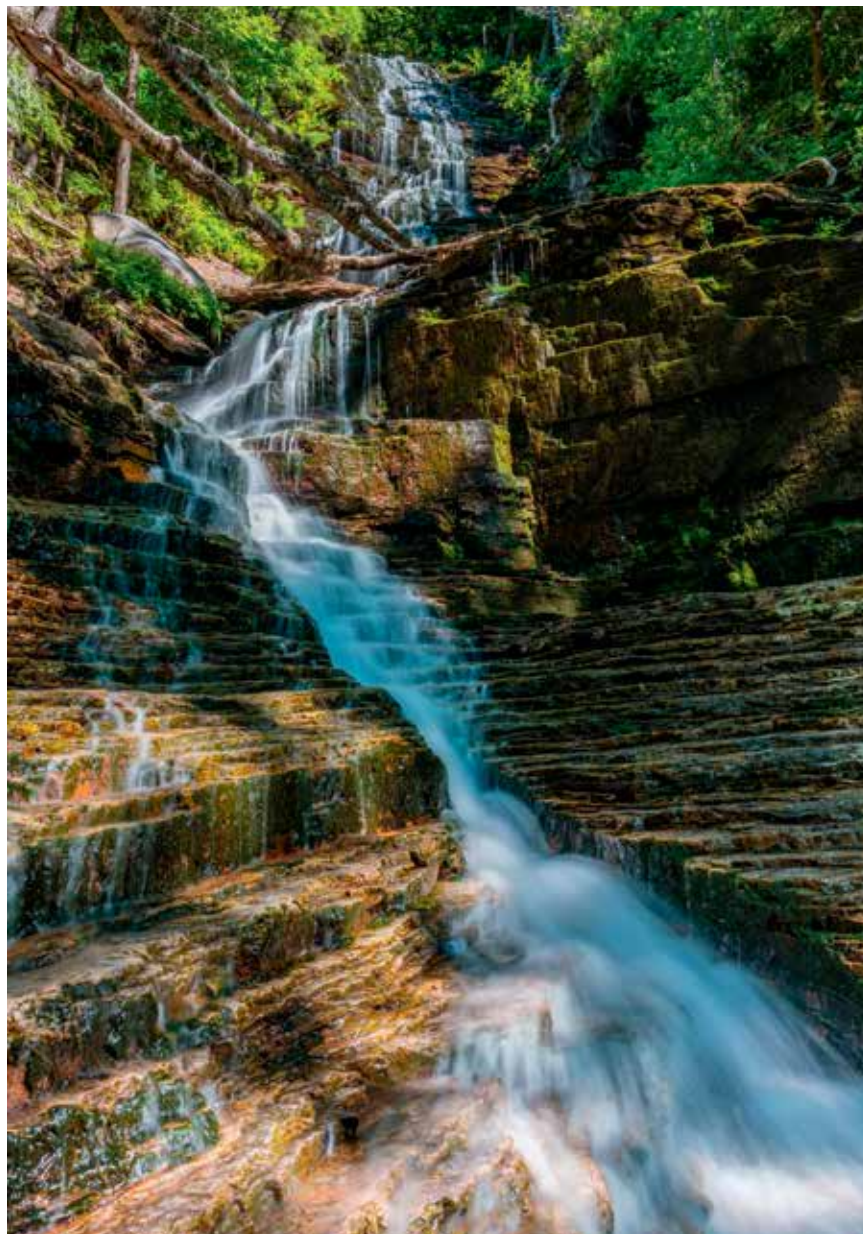
Service among Ancestral Puebloan Ruins, Utah. September 24–30. Assist with service projects in southeastern Utah's canyon country, home to stunning cliff dwellings. On our days off, we'll hike and view evidence of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilization. Our campsite is car accessible. *Leader: Elizabeth Taylor. Cook: Patti Miller-Crowley. Price: \$695. [23320A]*

Wild Trout Research in Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico. October 1–7. See trip 23301A, p. 28, for details. *Leader: Dennis Mann. Price: \$995. [23321A]*

Service in the Spectacular Yosemite Valley, California. October 8–14. Let the beauty of this iconic natural wonder inspire you as you assist with service projects to protect and preserve it. Our itinerary will include time off to explore the amazing landscape. *Leader: William Loker. Cook: Karen Peters. Price: \$495. [23323A]*



New York City Parks Service at the Historic Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, New York. October 8–15. 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. [23322A]*



WATERFALL IN VERMONT'S GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST. CREDIT: STEVEN NOROIAN/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO

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 advocacy actions. 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.



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 with the outdoors, such as enhanced feelings of social connection, curiosity, self-efficacy, and life purpose. It also aims to create the next generation of environmental and social justice leaders, increase exposure to outdoor recreation, support grassroots community leadership, and build a broad platform for all people to access the outdoors. ICO is funded entirely by grants and your generous donations. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit sc.org/ico.

Local Outings

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

Military Outdoors

The Sierra Club Military Outdoors (SCMO) is a project of the Outdoors for All Campaign working to improve the lives of veterans and their families through connections with the

outdoors and by inspiring members of the military and veteran community to become outspoken champions for environmental conservation and justice. Learn more at sc.org/military.

Outdoors for All

Outdoors for All is a priority campaign of the 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 trail 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.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (YCHC), a National Historic Landmark, was built by the Sierra Club in 1903–4. The Sierra Club still operates the iconic structure as a public education and visitor center, presenting and promoting the conservation ethic through public programs, educational displays, a publicly accessible library, and interactive programs for kids and families. Information for how to volunteer or to plan your visit is at sc.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center.

Autumn Service on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. October 15–21. Assist the Nature Conservancy with native-plant restoration, invasive-species removal, and other important projects while enjoying autumn in a spectacular setting. *Leader: Karin Tate. Price: \$1,175. [23325A]*

Service among Cliff Dwellings, Gila Wilderness, New Mexico. October 15–21. 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: Anne Slaughter Perrote. Price: \$695. [23326A]*

LGBTQIA+ Service at Point Reyes National Seashore, California. October 21–28. Visit lagoons, tidepools, and historic maritime landmarks on the California coast while protecting Point Reyes's native habitat. Our free day will include opportunities for hiking, watersports, and exploring. *Leader: Miles Holenstein. Cook: Alison Campbell. Price: \$595. [23327A]*

Service in the Footsteps of Daniel Boone in the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. October 22–28. 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 Katrantha. Price: \$455. [23328A]*

Hot Springs, Falling Water, and Service in Saline Valley, California. November 5–11. 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: Erhard Konerding. Cook: Arlene Jamar. Price: \$595. [23329A]*



Piedras Blancas Light Station Service, Big Sur, California. December 10–16. 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: Michelle Stewart. Cook: Robin Fox. Price: \$695. [23330A]*

SHARON CHURCHWELL TRIPS

Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. May 4–11. 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: Elizabeth Taylor. Price: \$625. [23084A]*

Preserving the Lost Coast, California. May 13–20. Experience Northern California's legendary Lost Coast, where the wild Pacific meets the majestic King Range Wilderness. We'll work along the shoreline as whales migrate northward and seabirds skim the waves. *Leader: Michelle Stewart. Price: \$595. [23085A]*

Women's Bob Marshall Wilderness Trail Preservation, Montana. July 8–15. 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: Linda Kellough. Price: \$595. [23305A]*

Under 50 Service in the Gros Ventre Wilderness, Wyoming. July 15–22. Join our group of volunteers under 50, including both teens and adults, as we hike into this mountain wilderness that makes up part of the Yellowstone ecosystem. We'll work on a challenging yet rewarding service project and learn a variety of trail repair techniques. *Leader: Nancy Le. Price: \$595. [23306A]*

Ruby Mountains Wilderness: Trail Work and Alpine Splendor High above the Nevada Desert. July 16–22. Backpack into the crown jewel of Nevada for trail work and sublime wilderness. We'll camp in a splendid setting; marvel at peaks, lakes and meadows; and enjoy uncrowded hikes and camaraderie. *Leader: Laurel Bradley. Cook: Allison Rieck. Price: \$595. [23333A]*



LUNCHTIME IN THE IDAHO PANHANDLE. CREDIT: DOUG PILCHER

Service and Splendor: Trail Repair in Eagle Cap Wilderness, Oregon. July 29–August 5. 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: John Clarkson. Cook: Kathy Barton. Price: \$695. [23307A]*

Unplug, Unwind, and Dig In: Trail Work in the Idaho Panhandle. August 19–26. Ditch the technology and break a sweat while working on tough but rewarding projects in the remote Idaho Panhandle. We'll improve trails and hike to lakes and mountains on our days off. *Leader: Bill Glenn. Price: \$395. [23312A]*

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.



International

Visit ancient temples and enjoy exquisite cuisine in Vietnam and Cambodia; explore Guatemala's incredible bird life and culture; tour prehistoric caves and 12th century castles in France; and many other unforgettable journeys.

EUROPE

Exploring North Holland by Bike and Barge.

April 22–29. 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: \$4,125. [23580A]*

Jewels of Croatia: Forests, Rivers, and Islands. May 1–14. Discover Europe's most diverse outdoor destination on this active trip.

Starting in Zagreb, our journey will take us south toward the coast of Dalmatia. We will hike in dense forests; bike through leafy national parks; raft, kayak, and swim in pristine rivers; and discover history and culture in ancient towns. Our adventure will end with a sailing cruise among the idyllic coves and fishing villages of the Elafiti Islands, with ample opportunities to swim, snorkel, bike, and hike. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$5,395. [23585A]*

Portugal Traverse: Hiking through History from the Mountains to the Sea. May 1–15. 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: \$6,595. [23590A]*

Vienna to Prague: Walking the Czech Greenways, Austria and Czech Republic. May 3–16. 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: \$6,395. [23600A]*

England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. May 5–18. 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: \$4,295. [23605A]*

Treasures of Sicily and the Aeolian Islands, Italy. May 15–26. 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: \$5,195. [23615A]*

Walking through History in the Cotswolds, England. May 19–29. 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: Marti Greason. Price: \$4,695. [23625A]*

Mountains, Lochs, and Glens: The West Highland Way, Scotland. May 22–June 2. 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 guesthouse 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: \$3,795. [23620A]*

Hiking the Franciscan Trail, Umbria, Italy. May 26–June 7. Following the path of Saint Francis, patron saint of the environment,

we'll hike through forests and wildflowers and past ancient mills, Etruscan tombs, Roman roads, springs, vineyards, and olive orchards. Hiking three to six miles daily, we'll visit remote abbeys, monasteries, hill towns, and churches with priceless art. A contessa, a priest, and locals will be our guides. We will visit Cortona of *Under the Tuscan Sun* fame, enjoy local cuisine, and stay in a country inn. *Leader: Stu DeLaCastro. Price: \$5,125. [23630A]*

Traversing the Spanish Pyrenees. May 26–June 7. 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: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$5,575. [23635A]*

Arctic Sojourn in the Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway. June 15–22. Join us on a rare adventure in an arctic region known for remarkable wildlife, extraordinary biodiversity, drifting pack ice, historic exploratory conquests, and advancing indications of climate change. From our small but comfortable expedition ship, we will explore the Svalbard archipelago by foot, Zodiac, snowshoe, and kayak during the season of the midnight sun. In addition to our experiential adventures, we'll enjoy a variety of on-board lectures and discussions about the natural history and changing landscape of this fascinating polar land. *Leader: Kath Giel. Price: \$5,825. [23660A]*

Easy Hiking the Dolomites, Italy. June 19–July 2. 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: \$4,785. [23685A]*

Hiking the Alps of Bavaria and Tyrol, Germany and Austria. June 27–July 8. Explore the mountain paths, lakes, forests, and wildflower meadows of the Berchtesgaden and Ammergau Alps in Bavaria and the Karwendel range of Austria's Tyrolean Alps. We'll hike to lovely baroque country 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: \$3,935. [23675A]*

Cave Paintings, Paddling, and History in Dordogne, France. June 28–July 8. 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: \$3,325. [23680A]*

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 Pyrénées–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: Lynn McNamara. Price: \$2,845 (10–12)/\$3,495 (9 or fewer). [23815A]*

Day Hikes in the Dolomites: Treasures of South Tyrol, Italy. July 6–12. 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: Sergio DeRada. Price: \$2,845. [23695A]*

Walking the Witches Trail from Inn to Inn, Harz Mountains, Germany. July 11–22. 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: \$3,675. [23705A]*

Volcanic Vacation: Hut-to-Hut Trekking in Iceland. July 17–28. Trek an otherworldly volcanic landscape where few have gone before.

Our route will take us from Landmannahellir through the Reykjadalur geothermal valley to Landmannalaugar, then up into the highlands and down to the southern coast. We'll encounter a wide range of landscapes, including multicolored volcanic mountains, black-sand deserts, glaciers, volcanic rifts, and craters, with the chance to discover new lava fields and craters from the 2010 eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. **Leader: Daniel Pettit. Price: \$5,575. [23710A]**

Dolomiti di Brenta: Hut to Hut in the Trentino Alps, Italy. July 21–29. 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: Richard Clowdus. Price: \$2,545. [23715A]**

Exploring Norway's Fjords and Glaciers. August 3–13. Our adventure will begin in the historic city of Bergen, gateway to the fjords, with an introduction to Norse history and culture. We will travel by ferry up the Sognefjord to the artists' community of Balestrand, where we will begin our hikes through valleys, over passes, and past waterfalls and glaciers, before a train ride and a tour of cosmopolitan Oslo. We'll enjoy dramatic scenery, excellent cuisine, and delightful accommodations in hotels and a traditional farmhouse with full amenities. **Leader: Steve Welter. Price: \$4,145. [23720A]**

Hike Ireland's Natural and Ancient Wonders: Wicklow Mountains to the Aran Islands. August 30–September 10. 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 moun-

tains. Lodging will be in comfortable bed-and-breakfasts and small country inns. **Leader: Margie Tomenko. Price: \$4,595. [23725A]**

Exploring the French and Italian Alps: Mont Blanc and Gran Paradiso National Park. September 1–12. Join us on a hiking journey to two of the most classic destinations in the Alps. Beginning in France, we will explore the awe-inspiring Mont Blanc massif from the charming town of Chamonix. Later, as we cross the Alps from France to Italy, we'll tour Gran Paradiso National Park and visit the quaint Val d'Ayas. Our itinerary will also include plentiful opportunities to experience local culture and cuisine. **Leader: Shlomo Waser. Price: \$5,445. [23730A]**

England's Coast-to-Coast Walk: From the Irish Sea to the North Sea. September 4–17. See trip 23605A, p. 35, for details. **Leader: Kevin Breen. Price: \$4,645. [23735A]**

Hiking the Peaks and Valleys of the Dolomites, Italy. September 11–22. 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: \$4,125. [23740A]**

Hiking the Greek Islands. September 18–October 1. 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: Stu DeLaCastro. Price: \$4,325. [23750A]**

From the Sea to the Mountains: Hiking across Northern Greece. October 3–14. Explore the wilder side of Greece, from an idyllic island to the rugged mountains and steep canyons of the mainland. Our trip will begin on the enchanting island of Corfu, where we'll hike, swim, and relax on magnificent beaches. We'll then head to little-known Vikos-Aoos National Park on the mainland to discover its varied trails and hidden gorges. Finally, we'll hike to the monasteries atop the cliffs of Meteora and on the slopes of Mt. Olympus. **Leader: Angela White. Price: \$3,375. [23760A]**



RAMBLING IN THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE. CREDIT: THERESA BREEN



CACTUS IN ESPIRITU SANTO NATIONAL PARK, BAJA SUR, MEXICO. CREDIT: RON WATTS/GETTY IMAGES

CENTRAL AMERICA

Natural Highlights of Costa Rica. December 20, 2022–January 1, 2023. 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: \$4,045. [23500A]*

Up Close in Undiscovered Costa Rica. January 14–24. 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: Marti Greason. Price: \$3,625. [23520A]*

Hiking the Natural Beauty of Southern Costa Rica and Northern Panama. February 6–18. 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 water-

falls. 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: \$3,775. [23545A]*

One-Week Active Marine Adventure in Bocas del Toro Archipelago, Panama. February 18–25. 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: Stu DeLaCastro. Price: \$4,025. [23555A]*

Whales of the Pacific and Kayaking Espiritu Santo National Park, Baja Sur, Mexico. March 1–9. View incredible whales, birds, and other wildlife along both of southern Baja's spectacular coasts. We'll kayak and snorkel on protected bays in beautiful Espiritu Santo Island National Park in the Gulf of California, then transition to viewing whales and sea turtles in Magdalena Bay on the Pacific coast. Along the way, we'll hike to remote white beaches and dine at restaurants in vibrant La Paz and Loreto. Previous

kayaking experience is recommended. *Leader: Patrick Tierney. Price: \$2,925 (12–15)/\$3,295 (11 or fewer). [23565A]*

Birding the Western Highlands and Maya Ruins of Guatemala. September 16–28. Join us as we explore incredible bird life and cultural heritage in Guatemala, a country renowned for its biodiversity and ancient history dating back to the Maya civilization. Accompanied by two of the best birding guides in Central America, we will search for a variety of mammals and nearly 800 species of birds, including quetzals, trogons, and scarlet macaws. Our intimate journey will lead us to highland forests, volcanic landscapes, dense tropical jungles, subtropical highland, hot springs, Maya ruins, indigenous markets and villages, and quaint colonial towns. *Leader: Kath Giel. Price: \$5,025 (8–10)/\$5,325 (7 or fewer). [23745A]*

ANTARCTICA

Extraordinary Adventure to the Seventh Continent, Antarctica. January 16–February 3, 2024. 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: \$17,495. [24500A]*

PACIFIC

Devilish Tasmania: Australia's Wilderness

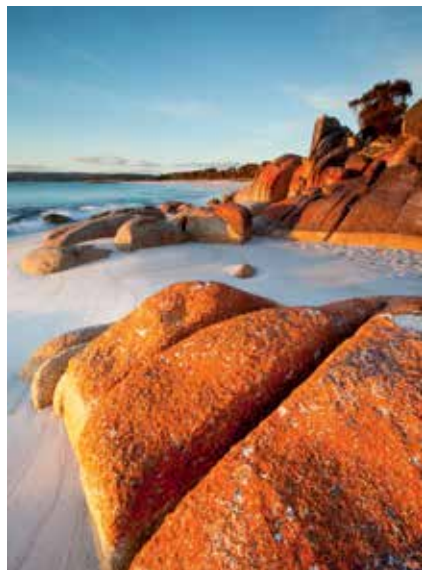
Wonderland. February 12–24. Hike and tour the wild island of Tasmania, home to a vast array of endemic wildlife and a near-pristine World Heritage wilderness. We'll explore scenic beaches, high mountains, temperate rainforests, and rugged, rocky coastlines. We will also cruise the Pieman River to the 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: \$6,850. [23550A]*

Australia: Journey through a Timeless Land.

June 19–30. 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: \$6,995. [23665A]*

Hidden Gems of New Zealand's South Island.

November 26–December 12. 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: Kath Giel. Price: \$6,995. [23800A]*



BAY OF FIRES, TASMANIA.

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GUANACO IN TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK, ARGENTINA. CREDIT: DIETERMEYER/GETTY IMAGES

SOUTH AMERICA

Discover the Wild Heart of Patagonia, Chile and

Argentina. February 27–March 14. 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: \$6,855. [23560A]*

Machu Picchu Eco-lodge Trek, Peru. March 29–

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: Michael Jensen. Price: \$5,745. [23575A]*

The Enchanted Galápagos Islands, Ecuador. May

2–13. 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: \$6,345. [23595A]*

Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu: The Best

of Ecuador and Peru. October 17–29. 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: Jenny Roberts. Price: \$9,395. [23780A]*

Trekking the Highlights of Patagonia, Argentina

and Chile. November 15–27. 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: Laura Bonds-Johnson. Price: \$5,845. [23790A]*

ASIA

Rebuilding a Village in Earthquake-Damaged Nepal.

February 3–21. 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: \$4,555. [23535A]*

Treasures, Tigers, and the Taj Mahal, India. February 6–20.

Focused on culture and wildlife, our journey will take us by airplane and bus to two 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: \$4,945. [23540A]*

Vietnam Adventure. March 4–19. 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: Francy Rubin. Price: \$3,275. [23568A]*

Temples, Mountains, and Reefs of Bali, Indonesia.

May 17–29. 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. [23690A]*

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: \$6,485. [23700A]*

Beyond Manaslu: A Himalayan Journey, Nepal.

October 9–29. 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: \$4,475. [23765A]*

Trekking to Mt. Everest, Nepal. October 12–November 3.

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: Becky Wong. Price: \$5,125. [23770A]*

Hike, Bike, and Kayak in Vietnam. October 14–28.

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: Elaine Grace. Price: \$3,395. [23775A]*

Land of the Thunder Dragon: Bhutan. October 16–30.

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 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: \$7,995. [23785A]*

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. [23805A]*



HAPPY HIKERS IN VIETNAM. CREDIT: THANG MANH DUONG

AFRICA



MAASAI WOMEN IN FRONT OF MT. KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA. PHOTO: HADYNYAH/GETTY IMAGES

Gorillas, Chimpanzees, and More in Uganda. January 31–February 16. 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 many 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. [23530A]**

Botswana and Zimbabwe: A Living Eden. June 3–15. Botswana still feels like the Africa of old: vast savannas with free-ranging herds of graceful antelope, all the big cats, giraffes, hyenas, 500 species of spectacular birds, and more. With plenty of time to observe and photograph, we will move with

our comfortable mobile camp from the premier game territories of the Okavango Delta to arid Savuti to the Chobe National Park waterfront, with its large elephant herds. In Zimbabwe, we'll hike at world-famous Victoria Falls. **Leader: Rudy Scheffer. Price: \$10,595. [23645A]**

Tanzania Safari: Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park, and More. June 13–23. 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, monkeys, flamingos, and hundreds of other species. We'll also view Mt. Kilimanjaro; visit a Maasai village and Olduvai Gorge, where Louis and Mary Leakey discovered some of the early hominin fossils; and enjoy fresh meals in our private luxury camp and lodges. **Leader: Marti Greason. Price: \$7,825 (12–15)/\$8,225 (11 or fewer). [23650A]**

Gorillas, Chimpanzees, and More in Uganda. November 21–December 7. See trip 23530A, left, for details. **Leader: Michael Jensen. Price: \$9,695. [23795A]**

MIDDLE EAST

Natural and Historical Highlights of Israel. March 14–27. 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: \$5,455. [23570A]**

9 Extraordinary International Destinations for Wildlife Lovers

Earth is an enormous place, home to a stunning variety of life, including humans, animals, plants, and even microscopic bacteria. Experiencing all of the environments that support the full range of our planet's biodiversity—from mountains and deserts to the deepest depths of the ocean—could take a lifetime. So, you may be wondering, what are the top destinations for witnessing this remarkable biological abundance? And where are the best places to observe epic wildlife in their natural habitat?

We couldn't think of a better person to answer this question than our very own **Kath Giel**, who has led many of our most ambitious and wildlife-rich international trips since 2001. "Travels to remote parts of the world help us to not only experience the rich diversity of cultures, wildlife, and environments but also connect with the common concerns and challenges that we face in the world," she explains. An avid backpacker, mountaineer, and traveler, Kath has visited over 100 countries and many of the world's major mountain ranges in search of uncommon experiences. Her passion for fascinating world cultures and endangered animals has resulted in trips to such rarely seen regions as Antarctica, Borneo, Norway's Svalbard archipelago, Madagascar, and more.

Which of these miraculous places make the list? Read on for a roundup of Kath's favorites and what you can expect to see there. We frequently run trips to all of these destinations, so if you don't see one of them in this catalog, be sure to check back soon!

1. Antarctica: Penguins, seals, whales, and orcas

Antarctica is the most pristine wilderness in the world. The remote beauty, vast landscapes, and wildlife are simply unparalleled. This once-in-a-lifetime trip is a must for serious adventurers.

2. Norway: Polar bears, reindeer, walrus, whales

Though the Arctic is being severely impacted by climate change, it is still a wonder of biodiversity. This destination offers a unique opportunity to witness remarkable wildlife and consider how our actions impact the natural world.

3. Borneo: Orangutans, pygmy elephants, sun bears, monkeys, hornbills

With its dense rainforests, tropical coastal islands, and jungle valleys, Borneo is one of the most biodiverse places in the world. Anticipate an abundance of exotic mammals, including some that can be seen only at night, and many species of butterflies, plants, and insects.

4. Botswana and Zimbabwe: Elephants, giraffes, lions, leopards, jackals, hyenas, monkeys, birds

A mobile camping safari is the perfect way to experience Africa's wild beauty and endless variety of wildlife. No visit would be complete without a stop at Victoria Falls,

which provides habitat to many endemic species of plants and animals.

5. Tanzania: Elephants, lions, rhinos, leopards, Cape buffalo

Of all the African wildlife areas, none surpasses Tanzania for spectacular scenery and wildlife. With 12 national parks and millions of wild animals, there is no shortage of awe-inspiring sights to be found.

6. India: Tigers, leopards, bison, gaurs, sambar, chital, barasingha, barking deer

India's complex ecosystem is home to many magnificent yet endangered creatures. Among the numerous highlights are observing tigers in their natural habitat and Kanha National Park, which was portrayed by Rudyard Kipling in his short story collection *The Jungle Book*.

7. The Galápagos Islands, Ecuador: Galápagos tortoises, marine iguanas, Darwin's finches, penguins

The wildly diverse ecosystems of the Galápagos Islands are a haven for unique wildlife, half of which are found nowhere else. And the magic is, they are approachable by humans!

8. Uganda: Mountain gorillas, chimpanzees, golden monkeys

Uganda's experimental approach to save mountain gorillas from extinction allows tourists the rare chance to visit them in the wild. Curious visitors can also take a night walk for a chance of spotting an ancient species of galago, a small night primate with very large eyes.

9. Costa Rica: Sloths, monkeys, coatis, anteaters

This tropical, biologically diverse country is considered a paradise for ecotourism, and for good reason. Its rainforests, beaches, volcanoes, mountains, and lowlands are prime habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna and provide plentiful opportunities for active exploration.



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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.
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- **Fax:** You can fax your completed reservation form to 415.977.5795. You must include your credit card information on the fax.

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

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

Payments

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

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

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

Confirmation

When a space is available on a trip and you pay your trip deposit, we reserve a 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.

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Travel Insurance

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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:	
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