

# THE WORLD'S GREATEST NATURE JOURNEYS

Natural Habitat Adventures & WWF



2016



# When You Travel with Nat Hab & WWF, You Truly Make

*Dear Friend,*

You'll probably agree that all too often, news about the condition of our planet is doom and gloom. I admit, there's plenty to be worried about. But there's also good news to be celebrated, and I'd like to share with you an especially exciting conservation achievement...

## **India's Bengal tiger population is on the rise!**

In recent years the Bengal tiger has faced serious peril. A century ago, 100,000 tigers roamed the wild. But years of trophy hunting, habitat destruction and poaching have left tigers on the brink of extinction, with fewer than 3 percent of their original numbers left worldwide.

And yet conservation efforts have been paying off: a new study shows that India's tiger population has increased by more than 35 percent in less than a decade. The latest count – 2,226 wild tigers, up from 1,411 in 2006 – proves that conservation is working.

**And eco-travelers like you are a big part of this success story! When guests come to India's national parks to see tigers, local people realize the value of protecting them.**

Together, Natural Habitat Adventures and World Wildlife Fund have helped pioneer the concept of conservation travel. When you travel with us, you are supporting the wellbeing of the Earth, its wild inhabitants and the local communities that benefit economically from sustaining natural resources.

This exciting news is not limited to tigers. All around the planet, there's good news about wildlife conservation.

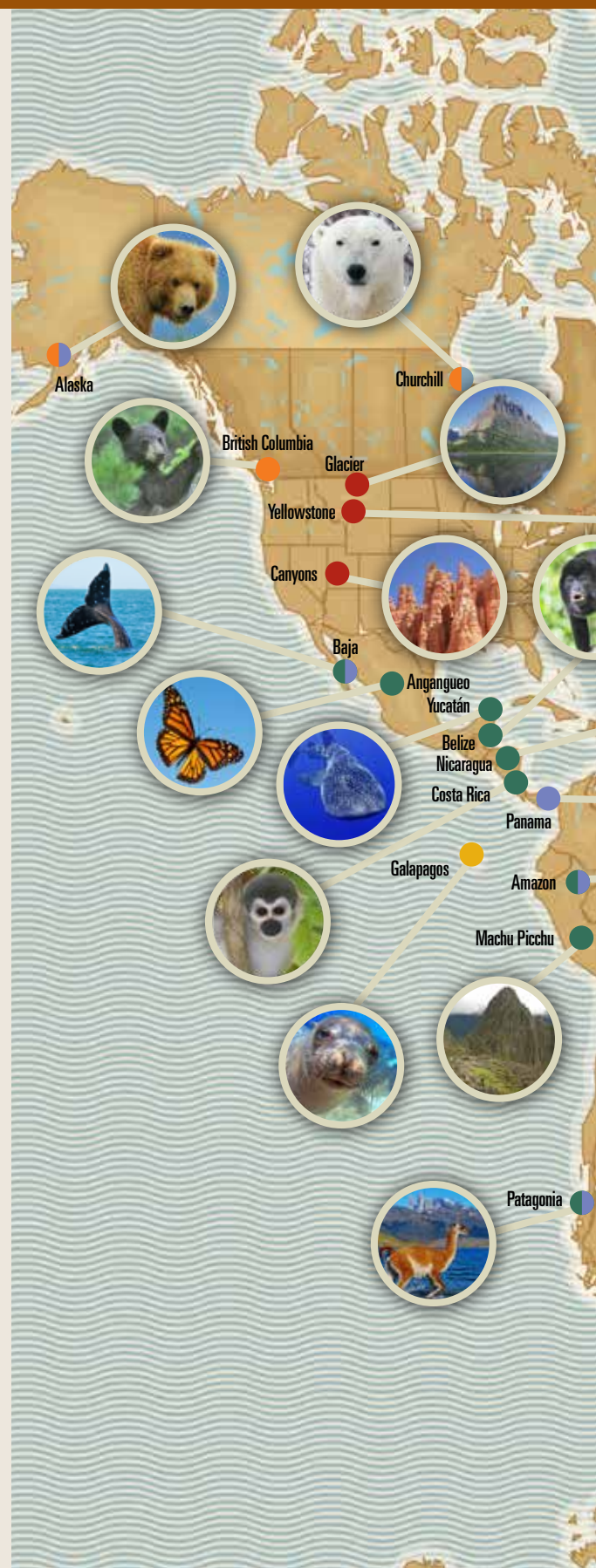
China's wild giant panda population has increased nearly 17 percent since the last census in 2003 – that's 268 additional pandas. And, despite ongoing poaching and encroaching human impacts, Africa's mountain gorillas – one of the world's most endangered species – are also on the rise.

**And what's truly heartening to me is the fact that travelers like you have been significant to these achievements!**

Conservation travel makes a difference for the fate of the wild world. I hope you'll join us in this mission. Please enjoy browsing our latest collection of nature adventures as you contemplate which conservation success story you'd like to be part of!

*Ben*

Ben Bressler  
Founder & President



ON THE COVER: This rare "close up" portrait of a Bengal tiger was captured using a telephoto lens in Ranthambore National Park, Rajasthan, India. © Andy Rouse.



# a Difference



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# Natural Habitat Adventures & World Wildlife Fund

Discovering our Planet Together



**T**he innovative alliance between Natural Habitat Adventures & World Wildlife Fund offers our guests exclusive benefits that simply cannot be gained through other means of travel. Specialized WWF guide training, WWF experts on our trips, and a complimentary subscription to WWF's *World Wildlife* magazine are just some of the many benefits this partnership provides our travelers.

**“We saw a tangible demonstration of Nat Hab’s partnership with WWF on this trip, in the lectures from the local biologist, being led on hikes by the local anti-poaching teams, and seeing the products sold by local community members. This trip made me a believer in the powerful work WWF is capable of, and they’ve earned my membership from now on. Your alliance with them is outstanding!”**

– J. Parrish, Mongolia: In Search of the Snow Leopard





## A Message from the President of WWF



Dear Traveler,

I've always believed in the power of a good story.

Stories entertain us, comfort us, captivate and transport us. They make the unknowable accessible and the unreal seem possible. And through the burgeoning power of social media, our stories can be told and shared around the world.

WWF's work requires us to transport people to the places we cherish and inspire them to help conserve these places before they're lost. We use storytelling every day as a powerful conservation tool to convey the importance of a future in which people live in harmony with nature.

Toward that end, we are extremely proud of our partnership with Natural Habitat Adventures, whose environmental ethos is second to none in the travel industry. And taking a nature journey with NHA guarantees you will come home with a wealth of extraordinary stories.

So get out there and revel in the glorious world we share. And when you come back, be sure to tell others about it. If we all share the stories of our travel experiences, we can start a conversation about the power and value of nature in our lives and help illuminate the many ways we can save what we cherish.

It all begins with a story. And, of course, an amazing adventure.

Best,

Carter S. Roberts  
President & CEO  
World Wildlife Fund



Natural Habitat Adventures has donated more than \$2 million to WWF's global conservation efforts over the past decade and will continue to give 1% of gross sales plus \$100,000 annually through 2018 in support of WWF's mission to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth.



# The World's Finest Expedition Leaders

## Not Just Hosts but Exceptional Naturalist Guides

**I**f you've traveled with us, you know our Expedition Leaders make the difference between a gratifying trip and a superlative adventure. Simply put, it's our outstanding guides that truly set us apart.

Despite all the intricate planning that goes into creating a superb nature adventure, we know that a successful trip can only happen with an extraordinary guide at the helm. That's why we're proud to have earned the reputation for the finest collection of naturalist Expedition Leaders on the planet!

No other company undertakes as rigorous a vetting process and in-depth guide training as we do. In addition, when you include instruction and resources from World Wildlife Fund's team of scientists – available exclusively to Nat Hab as WWF's travel partner – we can safely make the claim that Natural Habitat Adventures has the best guides in the business... It's part of our guarantee!

**“There are not enough words to comment on Eric's professionalism, knowledge of nature, knowledge of photography techniques and the nature of people, particularly travelers. He is the ultimate professional guide and naturalist. This was our second trip with Eric guiding, and we will seek out more in the future!”**

– R. Zervoudakis, Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari











Grand Teton National Park, USA: Hidden Yellowstone Wildlife Safari © R Stonehouse

## The Smallest Groups

### The Only Way to Experience Nature Intimately

**T**hrough group travel, like-minded people share amazing experiences. Yet many people are wary of group travel because they associate it with big crowds spending a lot of time getting on and off big buses. We count many avowed “non-group” travelers among our repeat guests. That’s because we keep our groups extremely small – just eight or nine participants on average. This way, we’re able to provide one-on-one attention from our Expedition Leaders and ensure that our guests enjoy the most intimate, authentic and rewarding experiences in nature.

**“We felt so fortunate to be part of such a small group. In Havana, we saw huge tour groups of 40 to 50, where the travelers had to wear name tags and the guide had to speak into a microphone for anyone to be able to hear them. It didn’t look like fun! With our group of only eight, we got lots of personal attention from our guide, we felt like we could ask more questions, and our group felt like a little family by the end. I hope to stay in touch with them!”**

– R. Bucknell, Undiscovered Cuba



# Featuring Exciting Accommodations

## Distinctive Inns & Camps in Remote Natural Locomes

**W**e've devoted years to finding some of the most atmospheric accommodations in the world. We select our camps, lodges and small hotels to place our guests as close to nature as possible without sacrificing comfort. Our accommodations aren't just a place to sleep, but an integral part of the overall experience. Dine in an outdoor *boma* overlooking African wildlife in the Okavango Delta. Overnight at a classic national park lodge for a vintage slice of American history. Enjoy tea on the shores of Hudson Bay at our Tundra Lodge, positioned to observe polar bears right outside your window. All of our accommodations include private bathroom facilities unless otherwise noted.

**“We loved the uniqueness of all the camps, and without fail, the camp staff members were always pleasant, smiling and helpful, which made our stay memorable. The rooms were fabulous, with every amenity we could hope for, but what we really loved was that the camps were in such close proximity to the wildlife!”**

– A. Vachon, Secluded Botswana Safari

Okavango Delta, Botswana: Secluded Botswana Safari © D Allen





# Natural Habitat Photo Tours



## Expertly Guided Small Group Nature Photography Adventures

**N**atural Habitat Photo Tours are specialized adventures for photographers of all ability levels. The focus is on helping you capture exceptional images of wildlife and natural landscapes, from Canada's polar bears and the African savanna to the amazingly tame animals of the Galapagos and more. Each trip is led by a highly trained naturalist Expedition Leader who is also a professional nature photographer, adept at offering personalized guidance. While all our trips feature small groups, our photo tours have even fewer guests, to ensure access for the best shots, plenty of room for your gear, and the utmost in flexibility to pursue photo opportunities as they arise. We often rise early and linger at sunset, to capitalize on the best light. If you're looking for a nature adventure that offers the ultimate in photography possibilities for pros and amateurs alike, choose a Nat Hab Photo Tour.

**“Our photo guides were in a category all their own. When it comes to the photography part of the adventure, I learned more about my camera during the days on the trip than in all the years I have been shooting. With the wealth of advice between the two of them, they were Florence Nightingale and Ansel Adams wrapped in one wonderful package. They are gems!”**

– J. Floyd, Monarch Butterfly Photo Adventure

Bifengxia Panda Base, China: The Wild Side of China Photo Adventure © B Josephs







Galapagos Islands, Ecuador: Family Galapagos Adventure © M Scott

## Specialized Family Adventures



Hassle-Free Multigenerational Nature Vacations Crafted by Experts

**N**atural Habitat Adventures is pleased to offer both scheduled and custom adventures for families of varied generations and sizes. We design each to accommodate different ages, abilities and interests. Drawing on three decades of experience in arranging custom departures for groups ranging in size from 4 to 40, we carefully craft the activities, itinerary and accommodations to create a trip ideally suited to family-specific desires. And the Expedition Leaders chosen to lead our family trips have a special rapport with kids. Speak with an Adventure Specialist in our Boulder office for details.

**“Esteban was great with the children! He always had his scope with him and the children loved seeing all the birds he found. He even taught my grandson how to use it and find things. The kids had such a great time, much thanks to Esteban’s ability to relate to them.”**

– A. Louthan, Family Costa Rica Adventure



# Private Custom Adventures

Your Exclusive Group, Your Trip, Your Way



**M**ost of our guests choose to join one of our hundreds of scheduled departures around the globe. These adventures are always accompanied by one or more of our experienced Expedition Leaders. Some guests opt to have us plan a Custom Adventure instead. Whether it's specific dates you need, or you wish to include a region not on our standard routes, or you just want the exclusivity of your own private party, we can make your personalized dream trip a reality.

Custom Adventures are available in select destinations worldwide. Please contact an Adventure Specialist in our Boulder office to learn more about planning your own Custom Adventure.

**"I always thought doing our own customized trip would be too much work and too expensive. But your iSafari.com tool made it so easy to browse different options and put a few ideas together. My Adventure Specialist was able to take those ideas and run with them, to help us design our dream safari for our 30th wedding anniversary!"**

– T. Milner, Custom Kenya & Tanzania Safari

Los Glaciares National Park, Argentina: Patagonia Photo Expedition © C Brokvist







El Rosario Butterfly Sanctuary, Mexico: Kingdom of the Monarchs © T Nolle

## Our Exclusive Quality & Value Guarantee

We Meet the High Standards We Promise – It's Guaranteed!

**O**ur exclusive Quality & Value Guarantee gives our travelers the confidence to make plans knowing that their lofty expectations will be met and that the fees we charge reflect the exceptional quality of the experience provided on our trips. We promise you: Your nature adventure will be outstanding!



### 1) We'll Deliver on Our Promises

We are so confident that the quality of our trips will meet your expectations and that you will enjoy the best possible nature travel experience, that should you be dissatisfied, we'll gladly give you credit toward a future trip. This is, to our knowledge, the best guarantee in the travel industry! Visit our website to read more about this exclusive promise.

### 2) The Best Trip at the Best Price

We don't think any other company offers comparable trips when you take into account our unique itineraries, stunning locations, small groups and quality Expedition Leaders. But, should you come across a matching itinerary of our quality at a lower price, even within 30 days AFTER booking with us, we will gladly refund the difference.

### 3) Don't Worry... We Won't Cancel!

While other companies often cancel trips due to low enrollment, we guarantee we never will! This gives our travelers the security and peace of mind in knowing their travel plans are guaranteed.



# We Are Proud of the Reputation We Have Earned

Don't Take It from Us - Look at the Accolades We've Received

**O**ur years of experience make the difference between a good trip and a great one. When you're traveling in the world's most remote and wild areas, experience is crucial. In recognition of our expertise, we have been chosen as WWF's Conservation Travel Partner and are a member of the prestigious Adventure Collection. Additionally, Natural Habitat has been recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler* as its highest-rated Green List tour operator, a one-time lifetime achievement award given to an operator whose environmental ethics exceed all other travel companies worldwide. Our unmatched experience in arranging and guiding global nature expeditions assures you of the highest-quality adventure. Our success is evidenced in the words of our guests themselves and you can find guest comments on every single trip in our collection featured on [nathab.com](http://nathab.com).



Galapagos Islands: Classic Galapagos Photo Adventure © M Scott



# Our Definition of Luxury

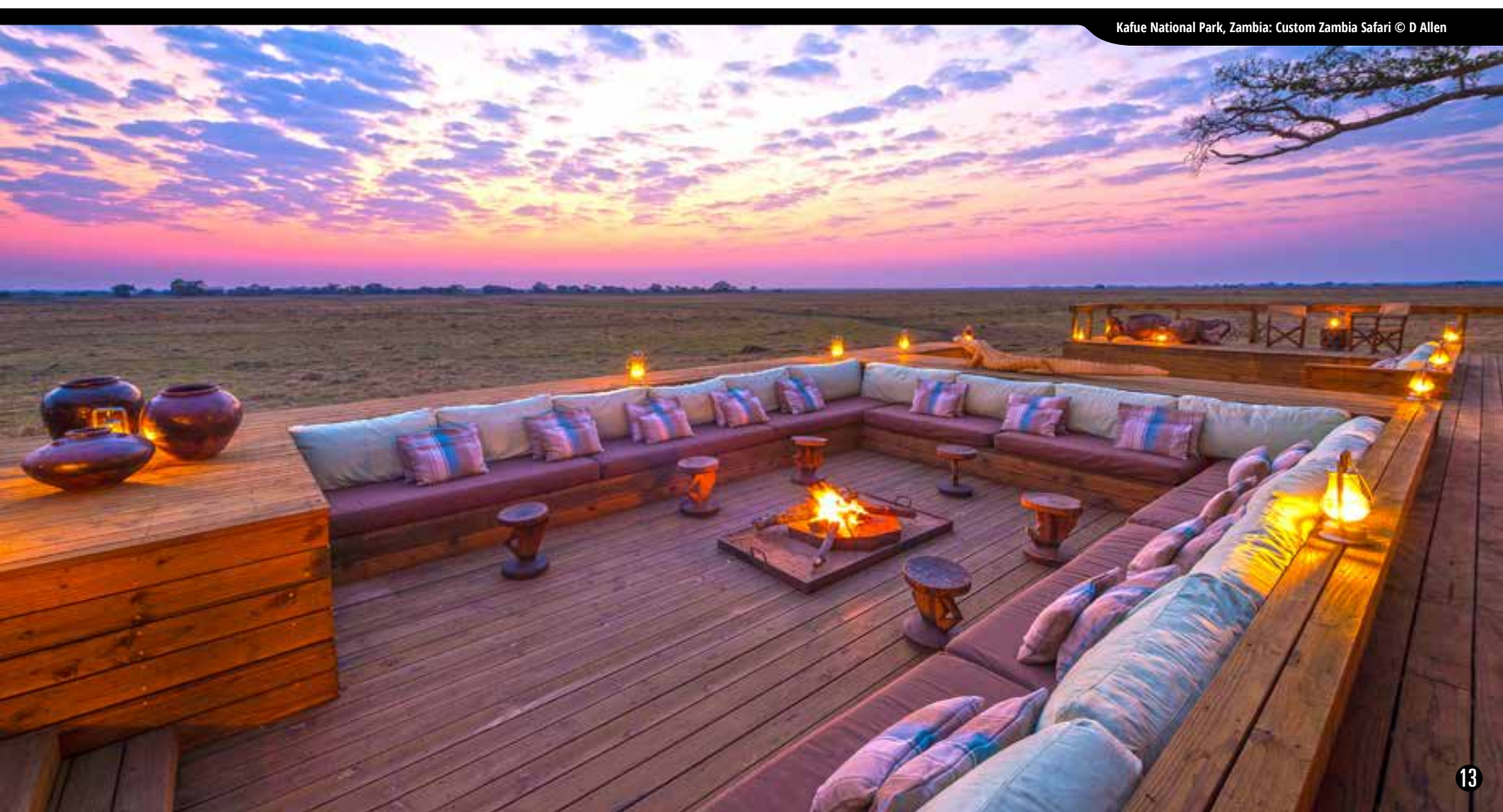
## Our Immersive Experiences Encompass Much More Than Just Opulence

**T**he word “luxury” means different things to different people. So, too, has its meaning changed over the years. In days gone by, “luxury” often referred to a level of opulence available to a select few. Today, many of those sorts of traditional luxuries are widely available and are no longer the exclusive domain of the very wealthy. While the fine amenities at many of our accommodations certainly meet the standard definition of “luxury,” our sense of the word goes far beyond silver table settings or high thread-count linens.

To us, “luxury” encompasses the overall experience we offer to nature travelers. “Luxury” is staying at a mobile lodge positioned on the remote tundra in the heart of wild polar bear habitat, flying via small chartered plane to go deeper into the Alaskan bush, or putting on a pair of night-vision goggles to view wildlife after sunset. “Luxury” is venturing off the beaten path in the company of the most knowledgeable and experienced Expedition Leaders in the business. So, while you don’t have to sacrifice comfort when you join us on an adventure, we know you’ll appreciate our far-more-inclusive definition of what constitutes “luxury.”

**“How many people in the world can say they’ve come face to face with a polar bear? I didn’t care if it was cold, I tried to spend as much time as I could on the outdoor viewing platform of the Polar Rover. The accommodations in Churchill may not be the fanciest, but this experience was pure paradise to me. Experiencing nature in its purest form and hearing nothing for miles except the light snarl of two polar bears playfully sparring in the snow.”**

– W. Frank, Classic Polar Bear Adventure



Kafue National Park, Zambia: Custom Zambia Safari © D Allen





Churchill, Canada: Classic Polar Bear Photo Adventure © B Josephs

## Unique Itineraries **Come From Years of Scouring Our Planet**

**Gleaned from Our Collective Expertise Over 30 Years**

**O**ur discerning travelers don't want the same old standard trips, with predictable itineraries and homogenized experiences. They travel with us because they want strikingly different, expertly crafted itineraries they won't find anywhere else. Our dedicated staff of professionals regularly travels on our adventures to ensure that our itineraries feature the novel, seldom-offered experiences our guests have come to expect. Through our decades of experience and the input of WWF's scientists and staff, we are able to provide rare opportunities for natural discovery that are out of reach of the typical tourist.

**“We looked at a number of companies for Myanmar, and we ultimately chose Nat Hab because you guys were the only ones who incorporated an element of nature into the itinerary. We loved exploring the unique ecosystem of the Inle Lake area, snorkeling in Mergui, and pairing that with the cultural elements of Bagan. It was such a nice balance, and each day was completely different.”**

**– K. Archer, Myanmar & Thailand: Exploring Nature & Spirit**



# Our Commitment to Conservation & Communities

## Your Participation Truly Makes the Difference

**W**e believe travel has the power to protect wildlife, benefit communities and preserve cultural heritage – principles we view not only as our goal, but our responsibility. Since our founding in 1985, Natural Habitat Adventures has been a global leader in sustainable travel and ecotourism. Led by a team of passionate conservationists, our commitment to these principles runs deep within our company ethos and is manifested throughout our office and field operations.

### A Holistic Approach

In addition to supporting crucial conservation efforts through our partnership with WWF, we know we must also be committed to sustainability in every facet of our own operations. From our head office in Boulder, Colorado, to our field operations worldwide, we scrutinize every aspect of our business and supply chain to find opportunities for improvement.

### Carbon-Neutral Travel

In 2006, Natural Habitat Adventures became the world's first 100-percent carbon-neutral travel company. This means we have measured, minimized, and offset the harmful carbon emissions resulting from all on-trip activities, transportation, accommodations, and even our office operations.

### Raising the Bar on Conservation and Ecotourism

Sustainability is in our blood, but it's a constantly changing world out there. While we're proud of our accomplishments, we must innovate, collaborate, and constantly push ourselves to raise sustainability standards internally and across the industry. Learn more about our uncompromising commitment to conservation at [nathab.com/sustainability](http://nathab.com/sustainability).







Old Havana, Cuba: Undiscovered Cuba © E Deemer

## Cultural Interactions on Our Trips

### Meet Local People in Authentic Settings

**O**ur relentless passion for wildlife and nature is evident in everything we do. Still, we recognize that memories of people we meet while traveling also stay with us in impactful ways. Toward this end, we do our best to get to know the locals in real-life, non-touristy settings whenever we can. Visiting a Maasai village or an Andean market or sitting with an Inuit carver are just a few examples of the illuminating experiences we try to include in every adventure. Learning about how other people live and immersing ourselves in their cultures is one of the most meaningful elements of travel.

**“One of the highlights of this trip was the visit to the Maasai village. We found the Maasai people to be wonderful, friendly, and very gracious. It was so kind of them to allow us to see their private dwellings and to photograph them. We were so enriched by our interaction with them.”**

– J. Irish, Great Tanzania Migration Safari



# The Habitat Club

## A Loyalty Program for Our Guests...and for the Environment

**L**oyalty reward programs are everywhere you look these days. Most of them are what we would consider “typical” programs where travelers get a few dollars off and a free tote bag. But we’ve never really considered ourselves typical, so why should our loyalty program be?

In addition to many perks such as discounts on Longitude Travel Books, ExOfficio travel clothing and Gaiam natural clothing and gear, plus 5-20 percent off designated departures, our program rewards you with all sorts of really cool and practical gear that will help you enjoy your travels to the fullest extent!

Furthermore – and this is where we think our program is truly unusual – The Habitat Club is designed to protect our planet by offering increasing conservation benefits each time you travel with NHA. After all, it’s our planet, and together we can make a difference in protecting it.

**“We love being Habitat Club members! I adore that Nat Hab fleece you gave me after my 4th trip last year, I wore it nearly every day in the fall. For our 5th trip, we decided to go with one of the Habitat Club departures so we could take advantage of the 20 percent Habitat Club discount – we’re doing the Botswana safari, it’s always been a dream of mine!”**

**– M. Seery, Paddling Portugal’s River of Wine**

Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Botswana: Kalahari, the Delta & Beyond © C Culbert







Churchill, Canada: Northern Lights & Arctic Cultures © B Josephs

## The NHA Gear Store

### Clothing & Equipment Chosen Especially for Our Trips

**W**ith Natural Habitat Gear, not only will you be outfitted in practical and durable gear (that's good-looking, too), but you'll also help protect the wild places and creatures you love – 5 percent of the purchase price of all NHA Gear is donated to the Natural Habitat Foundation. What's not to love? Get great gear and protect the planet, all at once! Go to [nathab.com](http://nathab.com) to order your gear online, or give us a call. If you're using your Habitat Club Gear Gift Card, call our NHA Gear Store today at 800-543-8917.

We stand behind our gear 100 percent! If you aren't satisfied with any Natural Habitat Gear item at any time, for any reason, just send it back. We'll be happy to give you a refund or an exchange.



**“My wife and I absolutely hate shopping, especially for trips, because it’s overwhelming. We love that you have an online gear store, so we don’t have to go to a crowded mall. Our Adventure Specialist was so helpful in recommending which items to purchase for our trip.”**

– N. Ogelby, The Great Uganda Gorilla Safari









Bryce Canyon National Park, USA: Canyons of the American Southwest © C Whelan

## Our Travelers Share a Common Passion

### Wild Nature Made Accessible on Our “Soft Adventures”

#### A Note About Physical Fitness on Our Trips

For many, the term “adventure travel” conjures visions of kayaking raging rivers or climbing sheer canyon walls. Our brand of adventure is decidedly different. Our travelers are people of all ages and abilities who share a common passion for nature and wildlife. They may not be able to climb Mount Everest like Sir Edmund Hillary or dive with great whites like Jacques Cousteau, but they share the same thirst for adventure and love for our natural world. Each of our trip listings includes a “physical rating” so you can determine which ones are best suited for you. Feel free to call one of our Adventure Specialists if you’d like to discuss the exact physical requirements of a specific trip.

#### Going It Alone? We Welcome Single Travelers

Because our travelers possess a unique interest in nature that may not be shared by their spouses, family or friends, we find that many people participate in our expeditions on their own. We encourage singles to join us. Not only do our nature vacations offer an opportunity to experience a wildlife thrill of a lifetime, they also give people from all over the world a chance to meet others who share a common interest.



# Our Boulder Headquarters

## A Collection of Passionate Nature Travel Experts

**T**he Natural Habitat team is a collection of dog-friendly, fun-loving spirits who work hard but tend to play even harder. Management encourages this philosophy and grants fantastic travel perks to augment product knowledge while fulfilling very special trip experiences. Voted by *Outside* magazine five years in a row as a **Best Place to Work!**



“Wendy is a fantastic Adventure Specialist! She is so attentive to our needs, and really listens to any concern or questions, and is so knowledgeable about every trip detail. What impresses me so much about Wendy is how good she is at matching the trip to the traveler. I know if she says we will like something, we will!”

– C. Monaco, Botswana Explorer Safari



**Front row:** Roxy & Kelley Fisher, Christy Lavoie, Sandy Shannon, Valerie Wimberley, Luna & Suzanna Spencer, Sarah Raby, Hershell & Kendal Yoakum  
**Second row:** Wendy Klausner, Janet Kazmierski, Lauren Deeley, Tricia Brennan, Megan Schwartz, Megan Bryant, Anne Avellana, Suzanne Kiser, Mandy Scott, Megan Koelemay, Kit Longnecker, Hazleena Hashim  
**Third row:** Court Whelan, Andrea Reynolds, Sara Higgins, Becky Pahl, Shelby Campbell, Aly Jacobsen, Amanda Jamieson, Mailia Kiser, Holly Glessner, Emily Kleinburd, Sarah Knight, Emily Deemer, Jordy Oleson  
**Fourth row:** Mark Hickey, Steve Selden, Rick Guthke, Dain Lewis, Don Martinson, Ted Martens, Mark Calder, Renata Haas, Conor Frantzen, Greg Courter, Matt Goddard, John Holahan, Lori Hobkirk, Ben Bressler  
**Not pictured:** Ben Forbes, Kelly Dellinger, Olaf Malver, Mat Unger, Brad Josephs, Eric Rock, Melissa Scott, John Mittan, Jacquie Prescott, Wendy Redal and Karin Delany









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## AFRICA

**A**n African safari will touch your spirit and move you for a lifetime. Our focus is on an **authentic** and exciting safari experience, in **remote** areas offering **exceptional wildlife** encounters. By selecting only the highest-quality and most **intimate camps and lodges**, we ensure an adventure that puts the African wilderness – not other travelers – front and center. Yet, despite the out-of-the-way locales we visit, you'll enjoy **surprising luxury** in the bush, with amenities and personalized service that will exceed your expectations. You won't find large lodges in our collection, as **seclusion and privacy** are paramount for our African safaris. As always, our guides are the key to an amazing adventure. Over the years we have assembled a collection of Africa's **top safari Expedition Leaders**, who expertly lead our private groups into the continent's most exciting nature destinations. If you're looking for an exclusive experience combining classic safari ambience with a superlative level of comfort, you've found it!

Lion, Okavango Delta, Botswana © T Moutloatse



# The Great Kenya Migration Safari



Follow the Herds Across the Maasai Mara in Africa's Most Celebrated Safari Destination



Wildebeest migration, Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

**I** sak Dinesen, better known as Karen Blixen, wrote in her memoir of early 20th-century Kenya, *Out of Africa*, that it was a "landscape that had not its like in all the world." Then, as today, Kenya's sweeping savanna, graceful acacia trees and endless sky provide the backdrop for nature's greatest spectacle. Witness the thunder of the Great Migration, when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra traverse the Maasai Mara, followed by a host of predators. Our private luxury mobile camp places you in the heart of the action. There's simply no nature adventure on earth to match it! Back at camp, sip sundowners before sumptuous dinners and exchange stories around the crackling campfire each night, under a sky full of glittering stars.

- » Enjoy unparalleled seclusion and proximity to wildlife from our own luxury mobile camp and private reserve away from the crowds
- » From open vehicles – a rarity in the Maasai Mara! – watch lions stalk thousands of migrating wildebeest and zebra as the huge herds traverse the vast savanna
- » Guided by top Expedition Leaders, discover true wilderness on walking safaris and off-road wildlife drives on a private conservancy

**"Everything was fabulous from start to finish. This was our first safari but our group mates had all previously traveled in Africa with other companies. All reported that this trip was by far their best safari experience!" C. Ruehle**



© R Gachie



© J Charleson

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8-9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Nairobi, Kenya • **Days 2 & 3:** Private Maasai Mara – Mara Naboisho Conservancy • **Days 4-7:** Maasai Mara National Reserve – Natural Habitat's Migration Base Camp • **Day 8:** Nairobi / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Maasai Mara Balloon Safari, Extra Day in Nairobi, Lewa Downs, Ol Donyo, Rwanda Mountain Gorillas, Custom Kenya Safari Camp, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$7,695-\$7,895 GROUP SIZE ~11 GUESTS

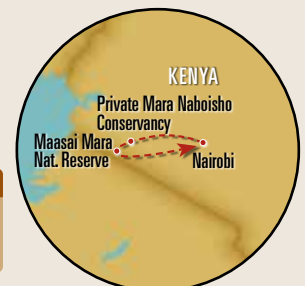
| 2016               | 2017               |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jul 19-26          | Jul 19-26          |
| Aug 7-14           | Aug 7-14           |
| Aug 11-19 <b>P</b> | Aug 11-19 <b>P</b> |
| Aug 19-26          | Aug 19-26          |
| Sep 4-12 <b>P</b>  | Sep 4-12 <b>P</b>  |
| Sep 13-20          | Sep 13-20          |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$9,995-\$10,295

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.





# Ultimate Kenya & Tanzania Safari

A Remote & Private Experience of East Africa's Most Renowned Wildlife Reserves



Lions, Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya © K Noppe

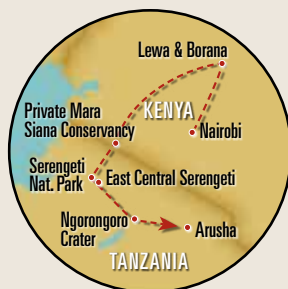
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 14 DAYS

**Day 1:** Nairobi, Kenya • **Days 2-4:** Lewa & Borana Conservancies • **Days 5 & 6:** Private Maasai Mara – Mara Siana Conservancy • **Days 7-9:** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania – Natural Habitat's Migration Base Camp • **Days 10 & 11:** East Central Serengeti – Namiri Plains • **Days 12 & 13:** Ngorongoro Crater • **Day 14:** Arusha / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Serengeti Balloon Safari, Extra Day in Nairobi, Tarangire National Park, Ol Donyo, Rwanda Mountain Gorillas, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp, Custom Kenya Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$15,995-\$16,495 **GROUP SIZE** ~11 GUESTS

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| <b>2016</b>   | <b>2017</b>   |
| Jun 28-Jul 11 | Jun 28-Jul 11 |
| Sep 30-Oct 13 | Sep 30-Oct 13 |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**K**enya and Tanzania: the very words evoke a bygone era of romance and adventure – seas of golden grass swaying beneath a far-off blue horizon, great herds of migrating wildebeest and zebra traversing the savanna amid rocky outcrops and spreading acacia trees, nights spent gazing into the flicker of a campfire under skies crowded with stars, days on safari beholding the timeless drama of predator and prey, the circle of life, unfolding rhythmically on one of Earth's last, great wild stages. This experience of Africa at its most primal still exists and is waiting to be discovered once more, on our Ultimate Kenya & Tanzania Safari. To enhance that ambience of old, we make sure the only crowds you encounter are crowds of animals!

- » Explore four of Africa's best wildlife-viewing hotspots on one inclusive itinerary: the Serengeti, Maasai Mara, Lewa Conservancy, and Ngorongoro Crater
- » Witness the phenomenon of the Great Migration as thousands of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle traverse the savanna with predators stealing behind
- » Experience classic safari ambience and superb service at our deluxe mobile camps, situated in secluded areas, often on private conservancies



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**"Coming so close to so many animals in their natural habitat was beyond my wildest dreams. Also, taking the hot air balloon ride was such a thrill! Our guide Joe's knowledge of the animals and their environment was amazing." L. Knopp**





# The Great Tanzania Migration Safari



A Deluxe Mobile Tented Safari Across the Serengeti in the Midst of the Herds



Wildebeest & zebra, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

**O**n the East African savanna, the pulse beat of the planet reverberates. Our Land Cruiser is a tiny island in a vast, grassy sea, surrounded by thousands of wildebeest and zebra. Each year the great herds gather on the Serengeti Plains in search of new grass, and to birth their young. Lion and cheetah lie in wait, finely tuned hunting machines ready to stalk and take down the weakest members of the herds. In the center of the world's greatest ancient migration route, we are subsumed in a primal spectacle as the drama of predator and prey unfolds before us. Witness it in rare seclusion from our remote private mobile camp, where the majesty of the African wilderness holds the same allure it has for millennia.

- » A small-group safari to witness the astounding wonder of hundreds of thousands of animals massed on the Serengeti Plains, during prime calving season
- » Nat Hab's expert safari Expedition Leader interprets predator-prey interactions as big felines track the young and vulnerable members of the herds
- » Enjoy unparalleled seclusion and vintage safari atmosphere at our private Natural Habitat Migration Base Camp, in a remote sector of the Serengeti

**"Seeing the animals in their natural environment, with exposure to an undisturbed landscape, was hauntingly beautiful. I loved the different perspectives on this trip, from air, from vehicle, and on foot. Such variety!" K. Tanabe**



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8-9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Arusha, Tanzania • **Days 2-4:** East Central Serengeti – Namiri Plains  
• **Days 5-7:** Southern Serengeti – Natural Habitat's Migration Base Camp •  
**Day 8:** Arusha or Ngorongoro Extension / Depart • **Extensions & Options:**  
Serengeti Balloon Safari, Ngorongoro Crater, Extra Day in Arusha, Rwanda  
Mountain Gorillas, Custom Kenya Safari Camp, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$7,795-\$7,995 GROUP SIZE ~14 GUESTS

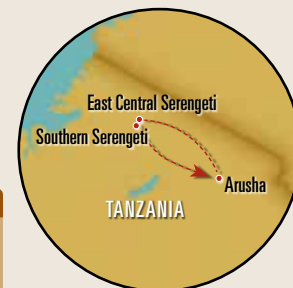
| 2016              | 2017              |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Jan 8-16 <b>P</b> | Jan 8-16 <b>P</b> |
| Jan 24-31         | Jan 24-31         |
| Feb 2-10 <b>P</b> | Feb 2-10 <b>P</b> |
| Feb 20-27         | Feb 20-27         |
| Mar 3-10          | Mar 3-10          |
| Dec 20-27         | Dec 20-27         |
| Dec 29-Jan 5 '17  | Dec 29-Jan 5 '18  |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$9,495-\$9,895

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# Kenya's Mara Siana Conservancy—From Goats to Lions

By Wendy Redal

Every time Joe Charleson takes guests from Leleshwa Camp into the surrounding Mara Siana Conservancy, he notices something different.

Dry stubble has given way to fresh green grass. Giraffe and zebra hoofprints outnumber those of cattle. Where there were once flocks of goats, hundreds strong, there are now even bigger flocks of gazelles. And there are daily lion sightings, when a few years ago big predators here were rare.

For Charleson, founder and manager of Leleshwa Camp and head guide for Natural Habitat Safaris, the Mara Siana Conservancy is the realization of a vision that embodies a commitment to the welfare of this land and its inhabitants.

He grew up in Kenya and has been guiding safaris in the secluded and scenic Siana region since the late 1990s. His dream is to see wildlife and sustainable tourism thrive while benefiting the local

Maasai people upon whose land his enterprise depends. Increasingly, what makes that possible in Kenya is the conservancy model: a community-run entity enabling the harmonious coexistence of people, livestock and wildlife in their native habitat.

The 30,000-acre Mara Siana Conservancy was formally established on July 1, 2015. And Charleson has been instrumental in its creation. Safari tourism will fund the endeavor, and safari guests will benefit from it, too.

## The Conservancy Movement: Protecting Wildlife & Wellbeing

The Mara Siana Conservancy is part of a growing movement in Kenya to address the challenge of conservation amid conflicts over land use. Typically, communities hosting wildlife see few benefits from tourism. There is little incentive to protect wild animals when they are seen as a nuisance to be fenced off or killed as a threat to life and property. The conservancy movement is changing all this.



© J. Charleson







While Kenya has some of Africa's most popular national parks, it has been struggling to protect its iconic wildlife. Maasai and Samburu lands comprise most of the key wildlife corridors bordering the country's famous tourism destinations, such as the Maasai Mara National Reserve that the Mara Siana Conservancy abuts. According to the Kenya Wildlife Trust, more than 70 percent of Kenya's wildlife lives outside protected areas. And while wildlife tourism has generated enormous sums, historically little of it has reached community members who often struggle with a low standard of living.

The conservancy model, however, incentivizes communities to protect wildlife and shares the economic benefits of tourism more equitably. Kenya leads the community-based movement, with some of the original and best-known conservancies such as Lewa and Ol Pejeta, as well as the fastest conservancy growth in Africa. A decade ago, only a few existed. By 2013, Kenya had 130 conservancies, and there are more than 200 now, encompassing

more than 10 million acres. The Mara Siana Conservancy is a prime addition to the collection, home to all the main animal species found in the Mara ecosystem except black rhinoceros.

### **An Innovative Plan to Help Wildlife Thrive**

Prior to the establishment of the Mara Siana Conservancy, the community's 30,000 acres were divided into some 3,500 individually owned plots as part of a government privatization program. Since no parcel that small can support grazing livestock, it behooves landowners to share rangeland – and to obtain economic sustenance through wildlife tourism.

Charleson spearheaded a plan, enlisting other conservation-minded colleagues in the safari industry and NGO realm, including WWF, to devise a structure to accomplish that goal. Six safari camps within the conservancy's bounds, including Leleshwa, have agreed to donate revenues to local landowners whose property they use. Each operator pays an annual fixed fee



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per bed, plus a nightly fee per client, to fund the cost of running the conservancy. Payments are made directly to each landowner through electronic bank deposits.

Convincing the community the plan would work took some doing on Charleson's part, who spent countless hours sitting under trees explaining the arrangement to the Maasai, including the need to set up a bank account, which many of the pastoral herders do not possess. "The administration of such a task is absolutely massive," he said, but it is the key to ensuring buy-in from the community and protection from corruption. In turn, conservancy land is administered to return a portion of it to its natural state, attracting more wildlife to support safari tourism.

### **Siana's Advantages for Safari Guests**

Private conservancies also have benefits for safari visitors. Guests will find Siana far less crowded than the Maasai Mara Reserve next door, without the fleets of mini-buses convening around a single lion. There are the extra advantages of activities not allowed in the national parks: night drives in search of nocturnal predators, fly camping in the bush, and walking safaris, including Maasai-guided treks in the Loita Hills. Anyone who walks in a



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lion's tracks just once will understand the value of a safari on a private conservancy.

Charleson says recent guests "are already seeing a significant increase in quality wildlife sightings close to camp. Siana has amazing game, and we want to ensure that they have an environment within which they can thrive. We have wildebeest throughout the year, including the Loita herds that calve outside Leleshwa Camp in January and February. Saving this land for them is vital."

An additional plus is the opportunity for genuine cultural experiences. Guests on the Mara Siana Conservancy enjoy uncontrived encounters with the Maasai who work at the camps and live in the nearby village. They may visit the elementary school, shop at the local market, or get a lesson in beadwork, traditional medicine or wielding a Maasai spear.

Like the conservancy model, the safari experience on Siana is an integrated one. It's about the land, its wildlife and the local people, all together, living in harmony. It is Africa's traditional past, and it may well ensure Africa's future.



### **Wendy Redal, PhD**

As Editorial Director, Wendy Redal is Nat Hab's chief writer and editor. She holds a PhD in mass communication and has focused her writing career on travel, conservation and the environment.



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# Secluded Tanzania Safari

See More of Tanzania – Including the Great Migration – Away from the Crowds!



Cheetah, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania © WL Davies

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Arusha, Tanzania • **Days 2-4:** Tarangire National Park • **Day 5:** Lake Manyara / Ngorongoro Highlands • **Day 6:** Ngorongoro Crater • **Days 7 & 8:** East Central Serengeti – Namiri Plains • **Days 9-11:** Northern Serengeti – Natural Habitat's Migration Base Camp • **Day 12:** Arusha / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Serengeti Balloon Safari, Rwanda Mountain Gorillas, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp, Custom Kenya Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$11,295-\$11,495 **GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 20-30    | Jun 20-30    |
| Jul 17-28    | Jul 17-28    |
| Aug 25-Sep 5 | Aug 25-Sep 5 |
| Sep 20-Oct 1 | Sep 20-Oct 1 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**O**n the plains of Tarangire, dotted with ancient baobab trees, elephants gather in herds several hundred strong, scratching dry riverbeds in search of underground springs. Lake Manyara is home to great flocks of pink flamingos and lions famed for climbing trees to laze in the branches. Rare black rhinos roam the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, which harbors Africa's densest concentration of wildlife. And beyond, on the sweeping savannas of the Serengeti, hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra flow in endless columns over the grasslands during the Great Migration. When you join us in secluded Tanzania, you'll witness some of the continent's most iconic animal spectacles, far off the well-trodden track, for a rare experience of the African wild.

- » Experience the legendary Serengeti on an itinerary designed to maximize wildlife viewing – including the Great Migration – far away from tourist crowds
- » Encounter Africa's densest wildlife concentrations in Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park when animal numbers are at their peak
- » Absorb the sights and sounds of the bush at our luxurious mobile Migration Base Camp, redolent with vintage safari atmosphere



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**"I have taken about 30 wildlife expeditions and this was the best ever. We had extraordinary sightings including black rhinos, a lioness nursing 8 cubs, two hippos mating, 30,000 wildebeest crossing the Mara River, and more!" R. Lukei**



# The Great Uganda Gorilla Safari

A Rare Opportunity to Sit with Families of Endangered Mountain Gorillas



Mountain gorilla, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda © G Guni

**Y**ou push aside a tangled rope of vine, pressing through the maze of foliage, when at last you see them. Ten or twelve gorillas sit in a forest clearing, two more up in a tree. They stop munching for a moment to observe you, nonchalant. A few feet away you spy the big silverback. Twice the size of the young females, he sits on massive haunches, stripping leaves from branches. He's close enough to hold your gaze with his liquid brown eyes. Something primal, inexplicable, connects the two of you in that moment, when the world exists only within this rarest of encounters. On this riveting wildlife expedition, meet mountain gorillas at close range and observe a host of other primates, too, including chimpanzees.

- » Multiple treks through Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable National Park offer close-up encounters with rare and captivating mountain gorillas
- » Observe interactions of wild chimpanzees in Kibale National Park, and view a wide variety of traditional African game in Queen Elizabeth National Park
- » Outstanding Expedition Leaders, the finest ecolodges close to wildlife, and a private flight ensure a peerless Uganda safari



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**"The wildlife we saw was much more varied and numerous than I expected. I went for the gorillas and chimpanzees, but boy, there sure was a lot more! The volcanic crater drive was such a beautiful experience for me."** C. Jessen

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Entebbe, Uganda • **Days 2 & 3:** Kibale National Park • **Day 4:** Kibale / Queen Elizabeth National Park • **Days 5 & 6:** Queen Elizabeth National Park • **Day 7:** Queen Elizabeth / Bwindi Impenetrable National Park • **Days 8 & 9:** Bwindi - Gorilla Treks • **Day 10:** Entebbe / Depart  
• **Extensions:** Rwanda Mountain Gorillas, Custom Kenya Safari Camp, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$8,995 GROUP SIZE ~11 GUESTS

| 2016                  | 2017                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jun 24-Jul 3          | Jun 24-Jul 3          |
| Jul 22-Aug 3 <b>P</b> | Jul 22-Aug 3 <b>P</b> |
| Aug 13-22             | Aug 13-22             |
| Sep 12-24 <b>P</b>    | Sep 12-24 <b>P</b>    |
| Sep 27-Oct 9 <b>P</b> | Sep 27-Oct 9 <b>P</b> |
| Nov 17-29 <b>P</b>    | Nov 17-29 <b>P</b>    |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$10,995-\$11,395

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# Ultimate Gorilla Photo Safari

Our Premier Primate Adventure – Photograph Mountain Gorillas, Chimpanzees & Golden Monkeys!



Mountain gorilla, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda © J Mittan

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 13 DAYS



**Day 1:** Entebbe, Uganda • **Days 2 & 3:** Kibale National Park • **Days 4 & 5:** Kibale / Queen Elizabeth National Park • **Day 6:** Queen Elizabeth / Bwindi Impenetrable National Park • **Days 7 & 8:** Bwindi – Gorilla Treks • **Day 9:** Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda • **Days 10 & 11:** Volcanoes – Gorilla Treks • **Day 12:** Volcanoes – Golden Monkey Trek / Kigali • **Day 13:** Kigali / Depart  
• **Extensions:** Custom Kenya Safari Camp, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$10,995-\$11,395

**GROUP SIZE** ~9 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jul 22-Aug 3 | Jul 22-Aug 3 |
| Sep 12-24    | Sep 12-24    |
| Sep 27-Oct 9 | Sep 27-Oct 9 |
| Nov 17-29    | Nov 17-29    |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**T**o trek into the rainforest and sit with a family of wild gorillas, looking into the eyes of a huge silverback at close range, watching babies cling to their mothers, laughing at youngsters playing in the trees, is a life-changing experience for a wildlife lover. To capture amazing photographs of such an encounter allows you to relive and share these rare moments in enduring images. Our Expedition Leader is both a primate naturalist and accomplished photographer, whose expertise on both fronts will help you go home with photos you only dreamed of beforehand. Your visit to endangered mountain gorillas and other primates in their natural habitat may also be a life-changing experience for them, as ecotourism is the main hope for protecting their future.

- » Four gorilla tracking expeditions – two each in Uganda and Rwanda – maximize photo opportunities with the world's last remaining mountain gorillas
- » Look for golden monkeys, too, and complete the primate experience in Kibale National Park to photograph wild chimpanzees and colobus monkeys
- » Join NHA's top Expedition Leaders to track the famed primates, plus traditional African plains game and predators on the savannas of the western Rift Valley



**“John was an outstanding guide. His knowledge of all things Uganda was impressive, especially considering he has 3,000 birds in his head. His photography tips were invaluable. I can't wait to go on another trip with him!” T. Rice**

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# Secluded Botswana Safari



Our Flagship African Safari – A Truly Exclusive Adventure into the Heart of Wildest Africa



Giraffe, Linyanti Private Reserve, Botswana © R Friedman

**T**his rare Botswana safari offers an experience of Africa as it used to be. Far from tourist crowds, we find the wonders that drew adventurers to the continent decades ago. Vast herds of elephant still roam the acacia-studded savanna. Hippos and crocodile crowd the Chobe River. Antelope, giraffe, buffalo and zebra thrive in the wetlands of the Okavango Delta and at watering holes that sustain life on the dry plains. Lions laze beneath mopane trees while leopards sprawl on branches above, icons of genuine wilderness that's vanishing all too quickly in the contemporary world. Intimate tented safari camps offer luxuries reminiscent of a nostalgic era in the African bush. You'll find it all here still, in secluded Botswana.

- » You won't find a higher quality, more in-depth privately guided safari to Africa's best protected reserves, designed for maximum wildlife encounters!
- » Isolated luxury tented camps – exclusively for the use of our small groups – in private reserves, offer unsurpassed comfort and proximity to wildlife
- » Our Expedition Leaders, trained by NHA & WWF, are Botswana's top guides: they know its remote sectors intimately, getting you closer to more big game



**"This was my third trip with Dave Luck and it just might have been the best yet. Dave continues to blow us away with his knowledge and skill. He amazes us with his tracking abilities and his understanding of animal behavior." E. Wallen**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 13 DAYS

**Days 1 & 2:** Livingstone, Zambia – Victoria Falls • **Days 3-5:** Chobe National Park, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve • **Days 6-8:** Okavango Delta – Santawani Private Concession • **Days 9 & 10:** Okavango Delta • **Days 11 & 12:** Moremi Game Reserve – Hunda Island • **Day 13:** Maun / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Kalahari Plains, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$11,595-\$12,495

## GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS

### 2016

Apr 25-May 7 Aug 8-20  
 Apr 30-May 12 **CL** Aug 14-26  
 May 10-22 Aug 26-Sep 7 **P**  
 May 13-25 Aug 29-Sep 10  
 May 16-28 Sep 4-16  
 May 25-Jun 6 Sep 10-22 **P**  
 May 28-Jun 9 Sep 19-Oct 1  
 May 31-Jun 12 **CL** Sep 22-Oct 4  
 Jun 3-15 Sep 25-Oct 7  
 Jun 9-21 Oct 1-13 **CL**  
 Jun 21-Jul 3 Oct 7-19  
 Jun 24-Jul 6 **P** Oct 13-25 **P**  
 Jun 30-Jul 12 Oct 16-28  
 Jul 12-24 Oct 16-28 **CL**  
 Jul 15-27 Oct 22-Nov 3 **P**  
 Jul 27-Aug 8 **P** Oct 25-Nov 6  
 Jul 27-Aug 8 **CL** Oct 28-Nov 9  
 Jul 30-Aug 11

### 2017

This safari will be offered on comparable dates in 2017. Fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**P** Special Photography Departure \$13,995-\$14,995  
**CL** Special Classic-Plus \$13,995



# Botswana Explorer Safari

A Classic Tented Safari That Reveals the Very Best of Remote Botswana



Wild dogs, Okavango Delta, Botswana © D Allen

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Livingstone, Zambia – Victoria Falls • **Days 2-4:** Chobe National Park, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve • **Days 5-7:** Okavango Delta – Santawani Private Concession • **Days 8 & 9:** Okavango Delta – Abu Private Concession • **Day 10:** Maun / Depart • **Extensions:** Extra Day in Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Kalahari Plains, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$8,995-\$9,195 GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS

| 2016               | 2017               |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| May 23-Jun 1       | May 23-Jun 1       |
| Jun 7-16           | Jun 7-16           |
| Jul 19-28 <b>F</b> | Jul 19-28 <b>F</b> |
| Aug 6-15 <b>F</b>  | Aug 6-15 <b>F</b>  |
| Sep 17-26          | Sep 17-26          |
| Oct 20-29          | Oct 20-29          |

**F** Special Family Departure: Child: \$6,495, Adult: \$8,995-\$9,195

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**C**an you imagine the sight and sound of a hundred elephants marching past your Land Rover at close range? In the wilds of Botswana, that's not unheard of. In fact, Botswana offers a safari experience evocative of an earlier era, when the African wilderness was uncrowded and synonymous with heady adventure. Our private tented camps make that possible still, situated deep in the bush where a multitude of wildlife resides, from rare sitatunga antelope to regal prides of lion. Enjoy game drives and bush walks, and explore the channels and marshes of the Okavango Delta by dugout canoe. A commitment to small-scale eco-travel is sustaining vast animal populations in Botswana, and we can't wait to share the wonders with you.

- » Explore exclusive private reserves with our renowned NHA Expedition Leaders, for a remote experience of some of Africa's very best wildlife viewing
- » Discover the waterways of the Okavango Delta, teeming with animals and birds, and cruise the Chobe River among great numbers of elephant and hippo
- » Our new itinerary – upgraded again for 2016! – features classic private bush camps where wilderness seclusion meets unexpected comfort

**“Francis had an uncanny ability to pilot a Land Rover over all kinds of ground while simultaneously spotting animals invisible to most mortals. He found the best positions for photos, providing shots I never dreamed of.” S. Berkowitz**



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# Botswana: Kalahari, the Delta & Beyond

On This Green Season Safari, Lush Grass Draws Prolific Wildlife & New Babies Abound!



Lions, Linyanti Private Reserve, Botswana

**B**otswana's lush summer, its most productive and colorful time, offers natural spectacles most travelers miss. Low, sporadic rains in the Kalahari mark a time of dramatic change, signaling a great influx of migrating wildlife and plains animal births – “bush babies” are everywhere! The Kalahari's high game concentrations and expansive open vistas make for some of the best cheetah viewing in southern Africa. Green vegetation springs to life on the bleached plains of Deception Valley, attracting herds from all over the reserve. The drier region of the Okavango Delta bordering the Moremi Game Reserve is also superb for wildlife viewing, with stable populations of lion, leopard and wild dog active within a wide range of diverse habitats.

- » Experience the Kalahari during its greatest wildlife season, when water is a magnet for desert species, and explore the vast Linyanti, teeming with game
- » Witness the thunder of Victoria Falls during its mightiest flow, with enough spray to create a rain forest microclimate on the rim of the Zambezi Gorge
- » View wildlife by 4x4 and on foot from remote tented camps, at the time of year when new births fill the plains and predators abound

**“This safari was a lifetime dream accomplished. Nat Hab does it right! When it was over, I cried – it was like leaving friends that I would never see again. Loved sleeping under the stars in the Kalahari Plains, did it twice!” S. Parker**



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Days 1 & 2:** Livingstone, Zambia – Victoria Falls • **Days 3-5:** Chobe National Park, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve • **Days 6-8:** Okavango Delta – Santawani Private Concession • **Days 9-11:** Central Kalahari Game Reserve • **Day 12:** Maun / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES \$11,495-\$11,795**

**GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS**

| 2016             | 2017             |
|------------------|------------------|
| Jan 20-31        | Jan 20-31        |
| Feb 2-13         | Feb 2-13         |
| Mar 7-18         | Mar 7-18         |
| Mar 25-Apr 5     | Mar 25-Apr 5     |
| Dec 1-12         | Dec 1-12         |
| Dec 15-26        | Dec 15-26        |
| Dec 21-Jan 1 '17 | Dec 21-Jan 1 '18 |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# Botswana's Green Season Photo Safari

Capture Outstanding Wildlife Images When the Kalahari & Delta are Most Verdant



Lion, Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Botswana

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS



**Days 1-3:** Maun, Botswana / Linyanti Private Reserve • **Days 4-6:** Okavango Delta – Santawani Private Concession • **Days 7-9:** Central Kalahari Game Reserve • **Day 10:** Maun / Depart • **Extensions:** Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$11,995-\$12,295 **GROUP SIZE** ~8 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Feb 13-22    | Feb 13-22    |
| Mar 17-26    | Mar 17-26    |
| Nov 28-Dec 7 | Nov 28-Dec 7 |
| Dec 20-29    | Dec 20-29    |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**J**oin accomplished photographers and premier naturalist guides on an adventure designed to reveal Botswana's abundant wildlife and staggeringly diverse ecosystems, from the fossilized salt pans of the Kalahari Desert to the emerald marshes and sprawling channels of the Okavango Delta. Photograph wildlife in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve as it bursts to life during brief summer rains: lush grasses lure throngs of wildebeest, springbok, gemsbok and other prey, while the region's legendary black-maned lion, cheetah and other predators follow in close pursuit. In the remote Linyanti, explore diverse habitat encompassing vast floodplains and acacia forests, savoring ample opportunities to capture images of Africa's legendary animals in action!

- » Hone your nature and wildlife photography skills with expert guidance from some of southern Africa's top photo-safari guides
- » Photo-oriented features include our smallest groups, extended sunrise/sunset wildlife drives to capture the best light, plus evocative skies at this time of year
- » Capture superlative wildlife photos from open 4x4 safari vehicles and on foot among some of southern Africa's largest game and predator concentrations

**"Dave's photography tips were invaluable, not just technically, but also in anticipating animal behavior to put us in the best possible spots, pointing out shots I might have missed and allowing enough time at each sighting."** U. Jacob



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© E Rock



# Epic Botswana & Namibia Safari



An All-Encompassing Adventure Featuring Southern Africa's Most Diverse Wildlife & Scenery



Zebra, Etosha Pan, Namibia © O Evans

**T**his is the ultimate southern African safari. A small group of just seven travelers will spend a fortnight crossing a vast tract of Africa's prime wildlife regions on a journey that evokes the classic safaris of old. From the vast desert wastes of Damaraland, hauntingly beautiful in its austerity, to the spray-drenched rain forest on the brink of Victoria Falls, no Africa itinerary offers more diversity than this. Though we stay in out-of-the-way locales where we see far more big game than people, our deluxe tented camps are the height of comfort and conviviality in the bush. Among the dunes of Sossusvlei, on the plains of Linyanti, and in the waterways of the Okavango Delta, teeming with life, you'll experience Africa at its most primal and magnetic.

- » From the deserts and dunes of Namibia to the emerald marshes of Botswana, marvel at Africa's astonishing ecological diversity
- » On classic 4x4 game drives and bush walks, enjoy superb close-up animal encounters in the best wildlife regions of these two contrasting countries
- » Stay in comfort at the finest small-group luxury bush camps in remote and isolated areas for the optimal safari experience

**"Everything – the sand dunes in Namibia, the fascinating guides, the beautiful and unique camps, the jaw dropping animal sightings, the dramatic settings and landscapes – was beyond what I ever could have hoped for."** S. Lublin



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 15 DAYS

**Days 1 & 2:** Windhoek, Namibia / Kulala Private Reserve – Sossusvlei Sand Dunes  
• **Days 3 & 4:** Damaraland – Skeleton Coast • **Days 5 & 6:** Etosha National Park – Ongava Private Reserve • **Days 7 & 8:** Okavango Delta, Botswana – Moremi Game Reserve • **Days 9 & 10:** Okavango Delta – Chitabe Private Concession • **Days 11-13:** Linyanti Private Reserve • **Day 14:** Chobe National Park / Livingstone, Zambia – Victoria Falls • **Day 15:** Victoria Falls / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$18,995 GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS

| 2016          | 2017          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Jun 24-Jul 8  | Jun 24-Jul 8  |
| Aug 23-Sep 6  | Aug 23-Sep 6  |
| Sep 2-16      | Sep 2-16      |
| Sep 27-Oct 11 | Sep 27-Oct 11 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# The Great Namibia Wildlife Safari

Search for Desert Rhino & Other Rare Wildlife on an Exclusive Fly-In Adventure to Africa's Desert Jewel



Thompson's gazelle, Kulala Private Reserve, Namibia © M Myers

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8-9 DAYS

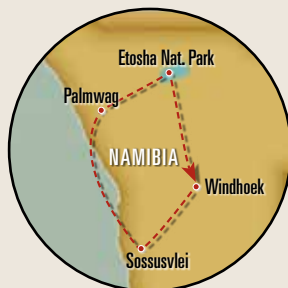
**Days 1 & 2:** Windhoek, Namibia / Kulala Private Reserve – Sossusvlei Sand Dunes • **Days 3-5:** Palmwag Concession • **Days 6-8:** Etosha National Park – Ongava Private Reserve • **Day 9:** Windhoek / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$9,695-\$9,895 **GROUP SIZE** ~7 GUESTS

| 2016           | 2017           |
|----------------|----------------|
| Jun 13-21      | Jun 13-21      |
| Jul 11-19      | Jul 11-19      |
| Aug 6-14       | Aug 6-14       |
| Sep 16-24      | Sep 16-24      |
| Oct 29-Nov 7 P | Oct 29-Nov 7 P |
| Nov 24-Dec 3 P | Nov 24-Dec 3 P |

P Special Photography Departure. \$10,995 **NEW**

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.

**N**amibia is soul-stirring. Here on the southwest edge of Africa, orange sand dunes rise a thousand feet high against a cobalt sky. The coastal desert is washed by the relentless ocean, while inland the sun bakes the plains into a cracked puzzle of dried mud, pocked with grass and thornbush. There is water here, too, though its presence is subtle. Ocean mists waft inland with the wind, sustaining rare desert-adapted plants and animals, including the endangered black rhinoceros. Water is the source of life in the stark Etosha salt pan, where isolated springs attract fantastic numbers of game, including feline predators. Springbok, oryx, kudu and dik-dik run to elude them, in a great and ancient desert dance.

- » Immerse yourself in the vast private reserves of Palmwag, Kulala and Ongava, teeming with unusual wildlife found nowhere else in Africa
- » Track rhinos on foot from rarely visited Desert Rhino Camp, and search for other uniquely desert-adapted species amidst Namibia's striking geography
- » Fly between remote and secluded luxury camps, enveloped by silent wilderness, to maximize time for wildlife drives and exploration

**"We really enjoyed Franco as our guide and appreciated his expertise in finding a wide array of wildlife. We saw 19 rhinos in 1 day – a new record! The ability to track animals via radio was an incredible new experience."** B. Carrier



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# Hidden South Africa & Botswana



Escape the Crowds on an Exclusive Small-Group Adventure into Remote Private Reserves



Cheetah, Kruger National Park, South Africa

**T**o many, South Africa's wealth is synonymous with its diamonds. But we think its greatest riches lie in another of its natural treasures: its wildlife. Kruger, Sabi Sand and other bushveld reserves protect an astounding diversity of big game, much of which has recovered from earlier threats to its survival. From the massive-tusked African elephant to the sleek leopard, from squat rhinos to regal lions, they are all here in healthy numbers that provide one of Africa's greatest safari experiences. And just over the border in Botswana, great volumes of wildlife thrive in remote and unspoiled Mashatu, along the Limpopo River that Kipling made famous in his *Just So Stories*. When your safari is over, one thing is certain: You'll go home far richer than when you arrived.

- » Get close to the Big Five and a multitude of wildlife as our Expedition Leader escorts our small private group through the region's best private reserves
- » Enjoy exclusive luxury safari camps and small lodges chosen for their superb natural settings in isolated areas far from tourist crowds
- » Immerse yourself in a diverse cross-section of African wilderness on three private reserves, where animals abound and visitors are few!

**"Each lodging was unique while providing a touch of luxury, the level of which I didn't expect. I enjoyed the blend of bush experience with the luxury of fine accommodations. And the wildlife sightings were phenomenal!" C. Stine**



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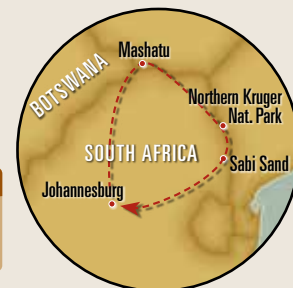
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Johannesburg, South Africa • **Days 2-4:** Mashatu Private Reserve, Botswana • **Days 5 & 6:** Northern Kruger National Park, South Africa – Private Concession • **Days 7-9:** Sabi Sand Private Reserve • **Day 10:** Johannesburg / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$10,495-\$10,795 GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 11-20    | Jun 11-20    |
| Aug 10-19    | Aug 10-19    |
| Aug 31-Sep 9 | Aug 31-Sep 9 |
| Oct 15-24    | Oct 15-24    |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# Hidden Jewels of Zimbabwe

A Rare Treasure for Safari Aficionados – Discover Some of Africa's Richest Wildlife Enclaves!



Elephant & impala, Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe © M Meyers

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe • **Days 2-4:** Hwange National Park  
• **Days 5 & 6:** Lake Kariba – Matusadona National Park • **Days 7-9:** Mana Pools National Park • **Day 10:** Harare / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$10,995 GROUP SIZE ~7 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 5-14     | Jun 5-14     |
| Jun 25-Jul 4 | Jun 25-Jul 4 |
| Jul 20-29    | Jul 20-29    |
| Aug 21-30    | Aug 21-30    |
| Sep 11-20    | Sep 11-20    |
| Oct 2-11     | Oct 2-11     |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**O**n safari in Zimbabwe's lightly visited national parks, touch the African wilderness as it existed over a century ago – a vast, raw landscape of powerful rivers, floodplains and rocky escarpments brimming with animals, including huge herds of elephant and Cape buffalo, great pods of hippo, and rare wild dog and rhinoceros. Zimbabwe offers some of Africa's most prolific and diverse wildlife viewing, as animals congregate in great numbers in the Hwange region and along the Zambezi River in Mana Pools. Zimbabwe also boasts some of the best guides in Africa – many are seasoned leaders of walking safaris that offer remarkably intimate encounters with the natural environs.

- » Our custom-crafted itinerary is exceptionally comprehensive: Explore much more of Zimbabwe's diverse natural highlights than most safaris show you
- » Experience some of Africa's densest concentrations of wildlife in remote, little-visited regions, interpreted by Zimbabwe's most legendary guides
- » Very small safari camps in utterly remote locations offer a rare and intimate immersion in some of Africa's last true wilderness



© D Allen

**"Zimbabwe is stunning – the wildlife and landscape is spectacular, and the people are so friendly and welcoming. All of the camps were fantastic – the accommodations, settings, staff service, and food were all exceptional."** L. Bolick



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# Wild Ethiopia: The Roof of Africa

Discover the Wonders of an Ancient Land Where Nature, Culture & History are Equally Magnificent



Walia ibex & baboons, Simien Mountains, Ethiopia

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia • **Day 2:** Gondar / Simien Mountains National Park • **Day 3:** Simien Mountains National Park – Chennek • **Day 4:** Gondar • **Day 5:** Lalibela • **Day 6:** Lalibela – Asheton Maryam Monastery • **Day 7:** Lake Ziway / Lake Langano • **Day 8:** Bale Mountains National Park • **Day 9:** Gaysay Grasslands • **Day 10:** Sanetti Plateau & Harenna Forest • **Day 11:** Abidjatta-Shalla National Park / Lake Langano • **Day 12:** Lake Langano / Addis Ababa / Depart • **Extensions:** Rwanda Mountain Gorillas, Custom Kenya Safari Camp, Custom Tanzania Safari Camp

**DATES & FEES** \$7,995-\$8,395 **GROUP SIZE** ~10 GUESTS

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| <b>2016</b>  | <b>2017</b>  |
| Oct 25-Nov 5 | Oct 24-Nov 4 |
| Nov 6-17     | Nov 5-16     |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



**A**top the Ethiopian Highlands, you are standing on the very roof of Africa. This vast high-altitude plateau, marked with volcanic peaks and rent with deep gorges, is one of the most dramatic landscapes on the planet. Its soaring crags and rock formations have been described as “the chess pieces of the gods.” Where the escarpment falls away on one side, the gash of the Rift Valley is revealed far below. Rare endemic wildlife such as walia ibex, mountain nyala, Ethiopian wolf and gelada baboons roam the alpine moors and grasslands, while raptors soar on thermals over these evocative mountains. Far below, ancient monuments and ruins stand in testament to Ethiopia’s rich human history, once one of the greatest kingdoms on Earth.

- » Explore three national parks including the stunning Simien Mountains, where volcanic basalt has eroded over eons into fantastic ramparts and pinnacles
- » Look for unique and endangered wildlife such as the elusive Ethiopian wolf and walia ibex, boisterous gelada baboons and predators like jackal and hyena
- » Visit Ethiopia’s most extraordinary cultural World Heritage Sites, from the ancient rock-hewn churches of Lalibela to the stone castles of Gondar





# Madagascar Wildlife Adventure



A Privately Guided In-Depth Exploration of the Planet's Most Unique Biodiversity Hotspot



Coquerel's sifaka, Anjajavy, Madagascar © G Johnson

**M**adagascar is a world apart. Its rain forests are home to diademed sifakas, indri and tenrecs, while didiera and pachypodia punctuate its desert landscapes. Curious about those exotic-sounding species? Madagascar offers a kaleidoscope of discoveries. More than 80 percent of the island's rare and intriguing plants and animals, including nearly 100 different varieties of lemur, exist only here. Look for them, plus Parson's chameleons, iridescent sunbirds and other intriguing species you'll find nowhere else on Earth. Madagascar is a living time capsule: Once part of a super-continent, Madagascar broke away from that landmass 100 million years ago and has since existed largely in biological isolation. Come with us to discover a "continent" you never knew existed!

- » Witness Madagascar's unique ecosystems and unusual life forms, the intriguing biological results of its isolated location
- » See a variety of the island's fascinating lemurs – a rare encounter with these primitive primates found only on Madagascar
- » Enjoy cultural encounters with the Malagasy people, renowned for their exceptional hospitality, and learn how conservation tourism benefits them

**"It was hard to sleep at night because I was excited from what I experienced that day and the anticipation of what we'd see tomorrow. I loved the thrill of searching for lemurs while hiking through such beautiful areas!" S. Crosby**



© C Whelan



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 14 DAYS

**Day 1:** Antananarivo, Madagascar • **Days 2 & 3:** Antananarivo / Andasibe-Mantadia National Park • **Days 4 & 5:** Ranomafana National Park • **Days 6 & 7:** Isalo National Park • **Days 8 & 9:** Zombitse-Vohibasia National Park / Ifaty • **Day 10:** Ifaty / Antananarivo • **Days 11-13:** Anjajavy Reserve • **Day 14:** Antananarivo / Depart • **Extensions:** Cape Town, Custom Southern Africa Safari Camp

## DATES & FEES \$10,995-\$11,395 GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

| 2016          | 2017          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Jul 13-26     | Jul 12-25     |
| Aug 3-16      | Aug 2-15      |
| Aug 17-30     | Aug 16-29     |
| Sep 7-20      | Sep 6-19      |
| Sep 28-Oct 11 | Sep 27-Oct 10 |

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## THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

**T**here may be no nature destination on the planet as **unique** as the Galapagos Islands. Indigenous animals found nowhere else on Earth are nonchalant to our presence. Sea lions cavort with us in the water. Marine iguanas show no fear at close range. Given that the Galapagos is a **once-in-a-lifetime experience** for most travelers, it's crucial to do it right. And we do. How? It comes down to three key elements: a comprehensive itinerary, highly trained **top-quality Expedition Leaders**, and **very small groups**. Our Galapagos adventures immerse you more intimately in the natural world, with **more insight into what you are seeing**, than any other trip out there. Our guides are the best in the field, trained by WWF, with the highest levels of in-depth knowledge and experience. On our **privately chartered yachts** – among the finest in the islands – we see what others miss, venturing to less-visited locations for **intimate wildlife encounters** while enjoying exceptional personal attention from our guides.



Blue-footed booby, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador



# Classic Galapagos: The Natural Habitat Experience



A Unique Small-Group Galapagos Itinerary Exclusive to Nat Hab & WWF



Galapagos sea lions, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador © M Goddard

**S**ix hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador, surrounded by open ocean, a volcanic archipelago straddles the equator. The Galapagos Islands, forged of black lava and named for the giant tortoises that are among its most noted inhabitants, are like nowhere else in the world. Home to a profuse array of wildlife, the islands offer an immersion in nature that feels primeval, where iguanas and penguins and blue-footed boobies share the beaches with us, unconcerned by our presence. Herman Melville called the Galapagos “Las Islas Encantadas” – the Enchanted Isles – an apt moniker for a realm that remains otherworldly, even today. Choose between three intimate yachts: our classic *MY Letty*, the ultra-deluxe *M/C Athala II*, or the brand-new, state-of-the-art *M/V Origin*.

- » Our flagship itinerary is simply the best week-long experience of the islands, with the most highly trained naturalist guides in the Galapagos
- » Snorkel with sea lions, swim with turtles, sunbathe with iguanas, watch for whales and dolphins, and stay among wild tortoises at our private highlands camp
- » With the lowest guide-to-traveler ratio in the islands, our guests are ensured personal encounters with the extraordinary nature and wildlife of the Galapagos

“Our ship was always the first to arrive at each destination, allowing us to view the wildlife with very few others. Seeing the wildlife so close up seemed surreal, especially knowing that many do not exist anywhere else.” K. Boyle



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Quito, Ecuador / Otavalo • **Day 2:** Otavalo / Andean Villages • **Day 3:** Quito / San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands • **Day 4:** Genovesa • **Day 5:** Santa Cruz / Bachas Beach / Cerro Dragon • **Day 6:** Isabela • **Day 7:** Fernandina / Isabela • **Day 8:** Rabida / Santa Cruz / Natural Habitat’s Tortoise Camp • **Day 9:** Santa Cruz / Darwin Station or Tortuga Bay • **Day 10:** San Cristobal / Quito / Depart

**Extensions:** Extra Day in Quito, Guided Machu Picchu Adventure, Amazon Lodge

**DATES & FEES \$5,995-\$8,195**

**GROUP SIZE ~16-20 GUESTS**

### 2016

#### *Athala II*

\$7,695-\$8,195  
Jan 21-30  
Feb 18-27  
Mar 31-Apr 9  
Apr 14-23  
May 12-21  
Jun 23-Jul 2  
Jul 7-16  
Jul 21-30  
Aug 25-Sep 3  
Sep 1-10  
Nov 10-19  
Nov 24-Dec 3  
Dec 22-31

#### *Letty*

\$5,995-\$7,295  
Jan 15-24  
Feb 12-21  
Mar 11-20  
Apr 22-May 1 **P**  
May 20-29  
Jun 24-Jul 3 **F**  
Jul 1-10 **F**  
Jul 22-31 **F**  
Jul 29-Aug 7 **F**  
Aug 26-Sep 4  
Dec 23-Jan 1, '17

#### *Origin*

\$7,845-\$7,995  
Apr 8-17  
Jun 3-12  
Jun 17-26  
Jul 15-24  
Aug 12-21  
Sep 9-18  
Nov 18-27  
Dec 16-25

### 2017

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#### PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**P** Special Photography Departure  
\$6,795-\$7,595  
**F** Special Family Departure  
\$6,295-\$7,095

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# Our Galapagos Fleet

The Best Ships in the Islands for Small-Group Exploration

**O**ur special collection of vessels has been selected to provide the highest-quality Galapagos experience possible. Carrying just 14-20 passengers each, our small ships offer a truly intimate encounter with the Enchanted Isles and their wondrous wildlife



## The M/Y Letty

**Our Classic Ship is an Island Favorite**

**O**ur flagship charter vessel *M/Y Letty* is one of the best private ships in the Galapagos for small-group exploration and is a leader in environmentally sustainable operations. With picture windows surrounding the upper two decks, an open floor plan with a lounge area and library, bar, comfortable dining room and one of the most spacious sundecks of all the small yachts in the islands, the *Letty* allows guests to enjoy the impressive sights of the Galapagos at all times. Accommodations include 10 air-conditioned cabins on three decks, each with private bathroom and hot- and cold-water shower. A Galapagos expedition aboard the *Letty* offers a highly personalized exploration of the islands available on very few other boats.



– away from crowds. Each ship, from the sleek new *Origin* and luxurious *Athala II* to our classic *Letty* or sporty *Nemo III*, is beautifully appointed for your comfort and safety.



## The M/C Athala II

**Cruise the Archipelago in Luxury & Style**

**T**his sleek, contemporary luxury motor catamaran was specifically designed for cruising the Galapagos Islands in style and stable comfort. Offering an intimate and well-appointed small-yacht atmosphere, the *M/C Athala II* accommodates a maximum of 16 guests. Eight spacious, air-conditioned en suite double staterooms are appointed with elegant polished wood décor and two large picture windows offering expansive views. Some cabins also have private balconies. A primary dining room is complemented by an outdoor dining area, and the large sun deck allows plenty of room for whale and dolphin watching, sunbathing, or relaxing in the hot tub.



Visit [nathab.com](http://nathab.com) to see images of these ships and more!





## The M/V Origin

**The Newest & Most Elegant Yacht in the Galapagos**

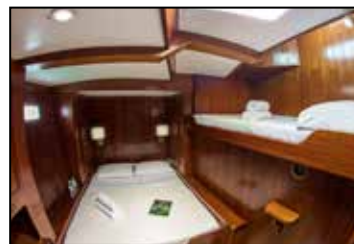
**D**ebuting in 2016, the *M/V Origin* is the newest luxury yacht in the Galapagos. Incorporating cutting-edge environmental standards, the *Origin* combines sophisticated design with superlative comfort. Twenty guests are accommodated in 10 en suite cabins on the main deck, with panoramic windows showcasing views of the passing scenery and marine life. Cabins have individual climate control, sitting area, satellite TV/DVD, iPod docking station and deluxe bath amenities. Gourmet meals are served in the dining room or al fresco, complemented by the ship's open-bar policy. On deck, spacious lounge areas feature hammocks, settees, bed-sized chaises and a Jacuzzi. An indoor fitness center and small library round out the *Origin's* offerings.



## The S/C Nemo III

**Our Nimble Catamaran is Your Base for Adventure**

**T**he *S/C Nemo III* is a 75-foot luxury motor sailing catamaran that carries 14 guests in seven classically outfitted cabins, all with en suite facilities and air conditioning. Public spaces include lounge areas inside and out, a dining salon and small bar, and a sundeck with lounge chairs. The boat's hospitable staff attends to guests' every need, including three wonderful meals a day plus snacks to energize a daily round of active pursuits. Although this sailing vessel is smaller and simpler than our larger Galapagos motor yachts, its intimate size and adventure focus are ideally suited for Natural Habitat's hiking and kayaking trip.





# Galapagos Hiking & Kayaking Adventure

Our Exclusive Catamaran-Based Odyssey is the Most Unique & Exciting Way to See the Islands!



S/C Nemo, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador © B Meyer

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Quito, Ecuador / Otavalo • **Day 2:** Otavalo – Hiking in the Andean Highlands • **Day 3:** Baltra, Galapagos Islands / North Seymour • **Day 4:** Isla Lobos / Kicker Rock / San Cristobal – Cerro Brujo • **Day 5:** Espanola – Gardner Bay / Punta Suarez • **Day 6:** Floreana – Punta Cormorant / Post Office Bay • **Day 7:** Santa Cruz – Tortuga Bay / Darwin Station / Natural Habitat's Tortoise Camp • **Day 8:** Santa Cruz Highlands / Santa Fe • **Day 9:** Bartolome / Sombrero Chino • **Day 10:** Mosquera / Baltra / Quito / Depart • **Extensions:** Extra Day in Quito, Guided Machu Picchu Adventure, Amazon Lodge

## DATES & FEES \$5,795-\$6,095 GROUP SIZE ~14 GUESTS

### 2016

Jan 15-24  
Jan 22-31  
Feb 12-21  
Mar 11-20  
Apr 8-17  
Apr 22-May 1  
May 6-15  
May 20-29  
May 27-Jun 5

Jun 3-12  
Jul 1-10  
Jul 15-24  
Jul 29-Aug 7  
Aug 5-14  
Aug 12-21  
Nov 18-27  
Dec 16-25

### 2017

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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It's no wonder Herman Melville called the Galapagos the "Enchanted Isles." This far-flung archipelago is unique on Earth. Giant tortoises roam misty meadows. Sea lions loll, nonchalant, on pristine beaches. Iguanas bask on sun-baked lava while sea turtles, rays and penguins swim with snorkelers in turquoise waters. Paddling this primeval paradise is a privilege few visitors get to enjoy. Our special kayaking permit allows us access to remote places that guests aboard larger ships never see. Our deluxe catamaran whisks us between anchorages and provides comfortable accommodations. Each day we explore a different island on foot, by kayak or both. The islands are surprisingly diverse, with new discoveries at each spot we visit.

- » A one-of-a-kind active adventure in the world's most unique wildlife destination – plus, hike in the Andean Highlands!
- » Enjoy nature hikes, snorkeling and tropical sea kayaking – we hold a special paddling permit from Galapagos National Park
- » Sleep comfortably in en suite cabins aboard our private sailing catamaran, the ideal mobile base for our multisport island adventure



© E Supermavage

"We loved the level of activity, and we got to do more than we had anticipated. Snorkeling and kayaking every day was very special. The diversity of wildlife and places we visited was exceptional and so fulfilling." P. Carroll



© E Rock



# Family Galapagos Adventure



An Exciting Marine Odyssey with the Most Family-Focused Fun in the Islands!



Galapagos tortoise, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador © T Church

**T**here may be no better place on the planet for an intimate encounter between children and wildlife than the Galapagos Islands. Here in the remote Pacific, 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, the magic of nature is palpable, as friendly sea lions, marine iguanas, penguins and blue-footed boobies entertain us at close range, nonchalant about our presence. Herman Melville called this ancient chain of submerged volcanoes “Las Islas Encantadas,” or the Enchanted Isles, an apt name for a destination that is sure to create family memories that can truly be found nowhere else in the world! Sail aboard our private motor yacht, snorkel with our naturalist Expedition Leaders, walk among wildlife ashore and spend a night at our exclusive Tortoise Camp!

- » On this exciting small-group family adventure, a dedicated children’s guide leads a variety of activities designed especially for kids
- » Swim with friendly sea lions, snorkel with turtles and meet wild giant tortoises up close on our exclusive Galapagos camping night!
- » Cruise among the islands’ prolific wildlife aboard our chartered private yacht, which accommodates just 20 guests



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**“The in-your-face adventure – snorkeling with penguins and sea lions, walking among the gigantic tortoises, kayaking and hiking... I’m so happy the kids got to experience all of this! They will remember it forever.” E. Donaldson De Voto**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Quito, Ecuador / Otavalo • **Day 2:** Otavalo / Andean Villages • **Day 3:** Quito / San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands • **Day 4:** Genovesa • **Day 5:** Santa Cruz / Bachas Beach / Cerro Dragon • **Day 6:** Isabela • **Day 7:** Fernandina / Isabela • **Day 8:** Rabida / Santa Cruz / Natural Habitat’s Tortoise Camp • **Day 9:** Santa Cruz / Darwin Station or Tortuga Bay • **Day 10:** San Cristobal / Quito / Depart • **Extensions:** Extra Day in Quito, Guided Machu Picchu Adventure, Amazon Lodge

**DATES & FEES** \$6,295-\$7,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~20 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 24-Jul 3 | Jun 23-Jul 2 |
| Jul 1-10     | Jun 30-Jul 9 |
| Jul 22-31    | Jul 21-20    |
| Jul 29-Aug 7 | Jul 28-Aug 6 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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## Stay in a Treehouse & Commune with Tortoises

Imagine waking up at sunrise, peering out from your cozy treehouse into the misty morning air and greeting a wizened face on the path below. It's a giant Galapagos tortoise, of course! And this is a common occurrence at Natural Habitat's Tortoise Camp in the highlands of Santa Cruz. Our rustic camp sits in scalesia forest and open meadow high above the Pacific Ocean in the midst of native wild tortoise habitat. These gentle creatures, which weigh up to 600 pounds and can live to 200 years old, are the islands' namesake, and a highlight of any visit to the Galapagos.

Only Nat Hab travelers get the privilege of an exclusive overnight at our private camp, which is not open to the public. As camp guests wander the nature trails that lace the grounds, they frequently come upon these ancient denizens of the Galapagos, munching on grass, resting in pools of mud, or ambling over to their circular nests to sleep for the night, head and feet tucked inside their huge, protective shell.



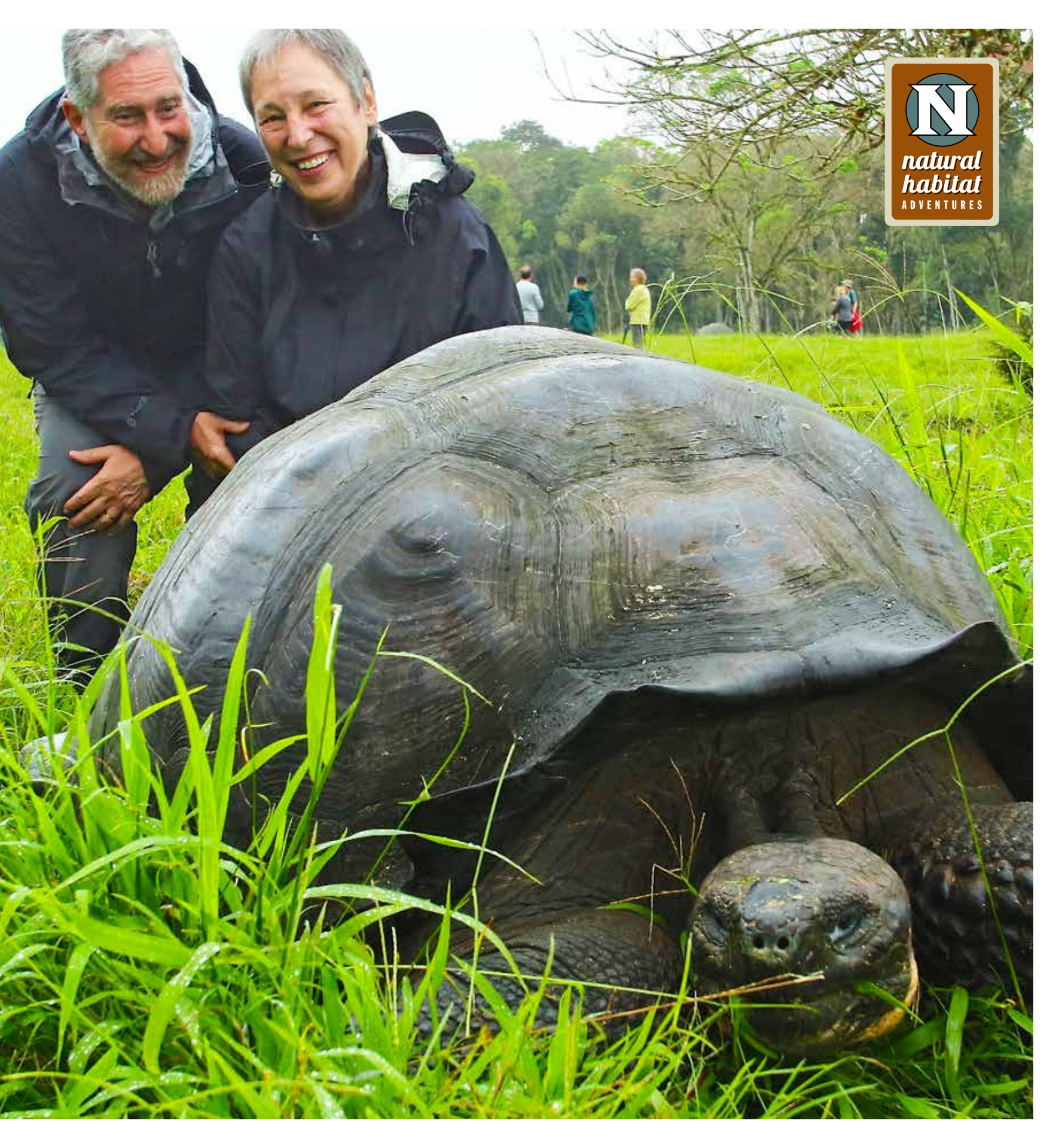
While some tortoises stay here year-round, they are most frequently on view from June through February, moving to lower elevations in the spring. Yet the tortoises aren't the only highlight of this unique "camping" experience: Nat Hab's Tortoise Camp itself is pretty exciting, too! In this secluded natural setting, guests stay in raised walk-in canvas tent cabins...or

fanciful treehouses! Accessed via a stairway ladder, the treehouses enjoy views of the sea beyond and the stars overhead. The camp's covered open-air lounge is warmed by a log fire crackling in the grate, while the bar and dining area invite relaxed conversation over freshly prepared cuisine

served by candlelight.

*A visit to Natural Habitat's Private Tortoise Camp is included in all Natural Habitat Adventures' scheduled Galapagos Islands journeys.*







# Amazon Lodge Extension

An Ecuadorian Rain Forest Adventure into Earth's Greatest Ecosystem – the Amazon Basin!



Napo Wildlife Center, Amazon Basin, Ecuador © A Reynolds

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 4-5 DAYS

**Day 1:** Quito, Ecuador / Coca / Napo • **Days 2-4:** Exploring the Rain Forest • **Day 5:** Coca / Quito / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$1,695-\$2,195

### 2016 & 2017

This adventure is offered immediately before or after any of our scheduled Galapagos adventures. It is also available on custom and family departures according to your preferred dates. Please call us to check for availability.

Departure can be any 4 or 5 days but cannot start or end on a Sunday

Note: Departures are available on other days, but may require a surcharge for private canoe transfers.

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**N**early half of all living species, both plants and animals, dwell in our planet's rain forests. With more complexity and diversity than any other ecosystem on Earth, the Amazon Basin holds myriad wonders for the nature traveler. In Ecuador, the Amazon Basin is called the Oriente, encompassing the vast, wild jungle east of the Andes. Discover it during a stay at a rain forest ecolodge in the Napo River region, whose remote location and naturalist programs offer outstanding opportunities to experience the sensory drama of the Amazon. Day and night walks reveal monkeys, sloths, black caiman and a kaleidoscope of tropical birds, while dugout canoe journeys offer insight into the lives of the indigenous people.

- » Travel up the Napo River, an Amazon tributary, to stay deep within the rain forest at a deluxe conservation-oriented jungle lodge
- » Enjoy naturalist-led small-group excursions that explore the Amazon rain forest and its profuse wildlife by trail and canoe
- » Get a macaw's-eye view and listen for howler monkeys as you climb the canopy tower to survey the endless jungle expanse



**"The cultural connection, indigenous guide, beautiful setting, wildlife, it was like a Shangri-La in the middle of the Amazon! There were more trails to hike and more wildlife to experience than I'd ever imagined."**  
**A. Steele**



© L Selva



# Guided Machu Picchu Extension



A Pilgrimage Through the Sacred Valley of the Incas to the World's Greatest Archaeological Site



Machu Picchu, Peru © A Frazao

**H**igh in the Peruvian Andes, the ruins of Machu Picchu rest amid knife-edged ridges and vertical slopes draped in emerald jungle. Hidden to western explorers until 1911, when a Quechua guide led Yale historian Hiram Bingham to the site, the marvelous Inca city was mesmerizing, even in its dereliction. Built on a granite mountaintop close to the sun, its intricate stone architecture reveals the ingenuity of its 15th-century designers. Far below, the Urubamba River rushes through a green gorge into the Sacred Valley where indigenous people continue centuries-old cultural traditions. Our journey into the mysteries of Incan civilization also includes Cusco, once the gold-laden capital of the Inca empire.

- » Explore the mysteries and marvels of Machu Picchu, ancient “Lost City of the Incas,” in the company of one of Nat Hab’s professional Expedition Leaders
- » Wander through the ruins of Inca cities and farming terraces in the Sacred Valley, stopping for cultural encounters with the traditional people of the Andes
- » Stay at historic luxury hotels and lodges replete with local character, from colonial splendor to Andean mountain ambience

**“Francis made this visit a once-in-a-lifetime experience with his personality, knowledge, passion and professionalism. He took us to places that may not have been on the agenda, and we were always captivated.” E. Wren**



© B Hadyński



© N Yanmaz

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6 DAYS

**Day 1:** Lima, Peru or Quito, Ecuador • **Day 2:** Cusco • **Day 3:** Sacred Valley of the Incas • **Day 4:** Machu Picchu • **Day 5:** Machu Picchu / Cusco • **Day 6:** Cusco / Lima / Depart

**DATES & FEES \$3,695-\$6,195**

### 2016 & 2017

This adventure is offered on a scheduled basis immediately following our scheduled Galapagos adventures, as well as our Great Amazon River Cruise. It is also available on custom and family departures according to your preferred dates. Please call us to check for availability.

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



### PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.



## LATIN AMERICA

**F**rom Costa Rica's tropical forests to the peaks of Patagonia, from the beaches of Belize to the Amazon Basin, Latin America encompasses extraordinary terrain for the nature traveler. It also harbors a greater **diversity of species** than anywhere else on Earth. Within the **varied ecosystems** of this region we find millions of monarch butterflies in Mexico's high-altitude forests, 30-ton gray whales nurturing their young in Baja's bays, hundreds of orchid species in the cloud forest of Costa Rica, a thousand different kinds of birds in the Pantanal, alongside caimans and jaguars. Nowhere is the keen eye and **intimate knowledge of our Expedition Leaders** more imperative to a nature adventure than amid this fantastic biodiversity. We head deep into places where **wildlife abounds** and the impact of our **small groups** is minimal. **Remote and distinctive accommodations** complement our experience: small jungle lodges, thatched-roof whale cabanas, an eco-camp at the foot of the Andes, beachfront bungalows offering simple luxury where turquoise sea meets white sand. Come discover *Pura Vida* with us!



Red-eyed tree frog, Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica © D Ercken



# Natural Jewels of Costa Rica



Rain Forest, Volcanoes, Jungle Wildlife, Tropical Birds & More on Costa Rica's Best Nature Adventure!



Monteverde Cloud Forest, Costa Rica © M Koelemay

**C**osta Rica may be a small country wedged between two continents, but few locales in the world are bigger on nature and adventure. Flanked by miles of beaches on the Pacific and the Caribbean, Costa Rica's interior is a lush tangle of rain forest, fern-filled cloud forest, mist-veiled mountains, active volcanoes and habitat for some of the greatest biodiversity on Earth. Within the layers of green upon green, thousands of species thrive: gigantic bromeliads, magenta orchids, neon-bright parrots, electric-blue morpho butterflies, three-toed sloths, monkeys, peccaries, crocodiles, iguanas and frogs, just for starters. In the colors and cacophony of the tropical jungle, our senses have never been so engaged.

- » Spot prolific wildlife on private boat cruises through the dense jungles of Tortuguero National Park and learn about green sea turtle conservation
- » In the Monteverde Cloud Forest, search for the resplendent quetzal, monkeys, sloths, agouti and more along nature trails and a canopy skywalk
- » Explore the tropical rain forest around Arenal Volcano via hanging bridges, and observe fascinating nocturnal creatures, including colorful frogs

**"The lodges were spectacular, especially the view of the Arenal Volcano from our room's deck! Our guide's knowledge and enthusiasm was tremendous, and his ability to spot and track birds and other wildlife is incomparable."** C. Sudman



© M Koelemay



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** San José, Costa Rica • **Day 2:** Tortuguero National Park • **Day 3:** Tortuguero – Private Boat Cruise / Village Visit • **Day 4:** La Ensenada / Monteverde • **Day 5:** Monteverde Cloud Forest • **Day 6:** Canopy Skywalk / Arenal Volcano • **Day 7:** Arenal Volcano / Vida Campesina • **Day 8:** Arenal / Ecocentro Danaus / San José • **Day 9:** San José / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$4,695-4,895

## GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017      |
|--------------|-----------|
| Jan 9-17     | Jan 7-15  |
| Jan 23-31    | Jan 21-29 |
| Feb 13-21    | Feb 11-19 |
| Mar 12-20    | Mar 11-19 |
| Apr 9-17     | Apr 8-16  |
| Jul 9-17     | Jul 8-16  |
| Aug 6-14     | Aug 5-13  |
| Nov 19-27    | Nov 11-19 |
| Dec 24-Jan 1 | Dec 23-31 |

Note: Fees may increase after Oct 2016. 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.





# Costa Rica Wilderness Explorer

Discover a Wilder Side of Costa Rica on a Guided Adventure into Remote Natural Realms



Scarlet macaw, Tiskita Private Biological Reserve, Costa Rica

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** San José, Costa Rica • **Days 2 & 3:** Tiskita Jungle Lodge • **Day 4:** Sierpe River / Costa Ballena • **Day 5:** Manuel Antonio National Park • **Day 6:** Cerro de la Muerte • **Day 7:** Los Quetzales National Park • **Day 8:** San José / Depart  
• **Extension:** Arenal Volcano

## DATES & FEES \$3,895-\$3,995 GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| Jan 16-23 | Jan 14-21 |
| Feb 6-13  | Feb 4-11  |
| Mar 5-12  | Mar 4-11  |
| Mar 13-20 | Mar 11-18 |
| Apr 2-9   | Apr 1-8   |
| Nov 12-19 | Nov 11-18 |
| Dec 17-24 | Dec 16-23 |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**C**osta Rica is one of the world's supreme destinations for nature travelers. And it's no wonder, because the natural wonders of Costa Rica are in a class all their own! So is this trip. It's a carefully crafted collection of experiences that take you into less-discovered regions of this adventure travel hotspot. We'll hike, explore and float amid incredible biodiversity on an epic Costa Rica ecotourism adventure. We'll also learn about the land and its hospitable people, tour a tropical fruit orchard, learn about local conservation efforts, and search for the elusive resplendent quetzal, regarded by many as the most beautiful bird in the world. Costa Rica is full of wonders, and full of surprises – come discover it for yourself!

- » Guided by our outstanding Expedition Leaders, discover Costa Rica's southern Pacific coast, an unspoiled region rarely seen by the casual tourist
- » Float the Sierpe River in search of monkeys, iguanas and crocodiles, and look for resplendent quetzals in Talamanca's cloud forests
- » Stay at authentic jungle lodges in Costa Rica's most pristine settings, where seclusion, hospitality and deluxe comforts prevail

**"The guide can really make or break a trip – Esteban rocked! As eco-guides ourselves, we have taken home with us the passion and enthusiasm for the environment he showed throughout the week into our everyday work." E. Baldwin**



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# Photographing Wild Costa Rica

Capture Images of Iridescent Birds, Intriguing Mammals, Mist-Veiled Mountains, Waterfalls & More!



White-faced capuchin monkey, Los Quetzales National Park, Costa Rica © S Camp

**S**cluded in the tropical wilderness, our small group of photographers is one with the verdant landscape. As we wait in silence in the cloud forest, train a keen eye high in the trees, looking for brilliant specimens of Costa Rica's hundreds of beautiful bird species. Our ultimate quest is the resplendent quetzal, sacred to the indigenous people of these remote mountains. Keep watch for sloths and monkeys, as we listen to nature's chirps, caws and calls. All around us, bright bromeliads, orchids and ancient oaks provide enticing subjects, too. Descending from the cloud-swathed Talamanca range to the rain forest of Sarapiquí, embark on a river cruise revealing crocodiles, frogs and myriad jungle wildlife. For nature photographers, Costa Rica is Pura Vida!

- » Photograph jungle wildlife including sloth, tapir, peccary, agouti, coati, monkeys and more on guided nature walks and a private river cruise
- » Visit world-famous La Selva Biological Station to learn about conservation from scientists and explore the rain forest on a naturalist-guided photo adventure
- » Shoot an extraordinary array of tropical birds, from brilliant hummingbirds to coveted finds like the resplendent quetzal and great green macaw



© P. Endres



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** San Jose, Costa Rica • **Day 2:** Cerro de la Muerte / Savegre Nature Reserve • **Day 3:** Paraiso del Quetzal • **Day 4:** Los Quetzales National Park / Los Robles • **Day 5:** Mirador Cinchona – Sarapiquí • **Day 6:** La Selva / Sarapiquí River Cruise • **Day 7:** Costa Rica Nature Pavilion / Snake Garden • **Day 8:** Sarapiquí / San Jose / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$3,795

**2016**

Feb 21-28

Nov 27-Dec 4

**2017**

Feb 21-28

Nov 27-Dec 4

## GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

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# Tropical Discovery: Costa Rica to Nicaragua

Explore Rain Forest, Cloud Forest, Volcanoes, Rivers & Ocean Coast – Plus Granada's Rich History



Concepcion Volcano, Ometepe Island, Nicaragua

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 11 DAYS

**Day 1:** San Jose, Costa Rica • **Day 2:** Talamanca Mountains / Savegre • **Day 3:** Savegre Nature Reserve • **Day 4:** Sarapiquí • **Day 5:** La Selva Biological Station / Sarapiquí • **Day 6:** San Jose / Isla Ometepe, Nicaragua • **Day 7:** Granada • **Day 8:** Granada / Masaya Volcano National Park • **Day 9:** Granada – Las Isletas Boat Tour • **Day 10:** Morgan's Rock Nature Reserve • **Day 11:** Managua / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$5,495

## GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jan 9-19     | Jan 9-19     |
| Feb 13-23    | Feb 13-23    |
| Mar 19-29    | Mar 19-29    |
| Nov 26-Dec 6 | Nov 26-Dec 6 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



**C**osta Rica holds legendary status as a nature tourism destination. Nicaragua, equally spectacular, is a travel treasure that's far less known. Our newest adventure combines them in an odyssey through a mosaic of tropical habitats that shelters a vivid diversity of wildlife. Listen for the musical call of the resplendent quetzal as you look for a glimpse of its brilliant feathers. Search for sleepy sloths. Watch raucous monkeys swing through the trees. Cruise down languid jungle streams among crocs and caimans. Add the distinctive history and culture of Granada, the first European city in mainland America, and you've got the ultimate Central American journey of discovery.

- » Explore vast forest reserves on foot and by boat for secluded encounters with jungle mammals, bats, reptiles and tropical birds
- » Discover Nicaragua's volcanic highlights, from ancient lava islets scattered across a giant lake and explore an underground lava tube by night
- » Enjoy cultural encounters with local people as we join a Costa Rican family for dinner and visit Nicaraguan artisans handcrafting hammocks and maracas





# The Great Gray Whales of Baja

Make Giant Friendships at Sea on Mexico's Baja Peninsula



Gray whale, San Ignacio Lagoon, Mexico © D Doyle

**T**he Pacific gray whale migration from Alaska's Bering Sea to the warm waters of Baja's Pacific lagoons is the longest mammal migration on Earth. Nearly hunted to extinction in the past, these gentle leviathans have made a dramatic comeback and today show little fear of humans. Every spring, hundreds of them return to traditional birthing and breeding grounds in sheltered San Ignacio Lagoon on Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Friendly and engaging, they are often intrigued with humans, swimming right up to our boats. We may see mothers "showing off" their babies, and our small groups can frequently approach at close range. You won't find a more remarkable Mexico whale-watching encounter than this rare adventure!

- » Witness the grand finale of the gray whales' migration of nearly 6,000 miles from Alaska to Baja, with the expert interpretation of Nat Hab's Expedition Leader
- » Come within arm's reach of friendly mothers with calves on multiple skiff journeys inside the protected waters of San Ignacio Lagoon
- » Explore the cactus-studded desert wilderness from our exclusive "whale cabanas," isolated accommodations right on the beach

**"Interacting with the whales was just magical. These memories will stay with me forever, and I plan to drive anyone who will listen quite crazy with every superlative I can think of to describe this thrilling experience." M. Turner**



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6 DAYS

**Day 1:** Loreto, Mexico • **Day 2:** Loreto / San Ignacio Lagoon • **Days 3 & 4:** Whale Watching • **Day 5:** Whale Watching / Loreto • **Day 6:** Loreto / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$2,995-\$3,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~18 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Feb 15-20    | Feb 15-20    |
| Feb 21-26    | Feb 21-26    |
| Feb 27-Mar 3 | Feb 27-Mar 4 |

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# Kingdom of the Monarchs

Witness Mexico's Amazing Migration of Millions of Butterflies!



Monarch butterflies, Chincua Butterfly Sanctuary, Mexico © A Frisch

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6 DAYS

**Day 1:** Mexico City, Mexico • **Day 2:** Angangueo – El Rosario Sanctuary • **Day 3:** Angangueo – Chincua Sanctuary • **Day 4:** Valle de Bravo • **Day 5:** Valle de Bravo / Toluca / Mexico City • **Day 6:** Mexico City / Depart • **Extensions:** Humpback Whale Watching, The Pyramids of Teotihuacan

**DATES & FEES** \$2,995-\$3,195 **GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

### 2016

|                    |                   |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan 3-8            | Feb 1-7 <b>P</b>  | Jan 2-7            | Jan 30-Feb 5 <b>P</b> |
| Jan 10-15          | Feb 7-13 <b>P</b> | Jan 8-13           | Feb 5-11 <b>P</b>     |
| Jan 11-16          | Feb 14-19         | Jan 9-14           | Feb 12-17             |
| Jan 17-22          | Feb 21-26         | Jan 15-20          | Feb 19-24             |
| Jan 24-29          | Feb 28-Mar 4      | Jan 22-27          | Feb 26-Mar 3          |
| Jan 25-31 <b>P</b> | Feb 29-Mar 5      | Jan 23-29 <b>P</b> | Feb 27-Mar 4          |
| Jan 31-Feb 5       | Mar 6-11          | Jan 29-Feb 3       | Mar 5-10              |

### 2017

|                    |                   |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan 3-8            | Feb 1-7 <b>P</b>  | Jan 2-7            | Jan 30-Feb 5 <b>P</b> |
| Jan 10-15          | Feb 7-13 <b>P</b> | Jan 8-13           | Feb 5-11 <b>P</b>     |
| Jan 11-16          | Feb 14-19         | Jan 9-14           | Feb 12-17             |
| Jan 17-22          | Feb 21-26         | Jan 15-20          | Feb 19-24             |
| Jan 24-29          | Feb 28-Mar 4      | Jan 22-27          | Feb 26-Mar 3          |
| Jan 25-31 <b>P</b> | Feb 29-Mar 5      | Jan 23-29 <b>P</b> | Feb 27-Mar 4          |
| Jan 31-Feb 5       | Mar 6-11          | Jan 29-Feb 3       | Mar 5-10              |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$3,795-\$3,995

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One of the world's most astounding natural events occurs each year in North America, featuring one of its most unlikely creatures, the delicate monarch butterfly. Every autumn, tens of millions of monarchs set flight on a remarkable 3,000-mile journey from the northeastern U.S. and Canada to their ancestral wintering grounds in the volcanic mountains of central Mexico. The location of their breeding grounds remained a mystery until 1977, and how an infant generation of butterflies finds this remote tract of high-altitude fir forest anew each year is still an enigma. Join our small group to experience this moving phenomenon, enhanced by Mexico's premier naturalist guides.

- » Travel on foot and horseback with our Expedition Leaders to remote forest groves where millions of brilliant monarchs congregate for the winter
- » Listen for the sound of butterfly wings humming together as great clouds of monarchs take flight in a flutter of orange
- » Explore traditional Mexican mountain villages and visit an authentic market, witnessing the benefits of butterfly ecotourism for local people



**"We appreciated Nat Hab's close relationships with the people at the butterfly reserves. It gave us better access and insight than what we would've had on our own, one of the biggest advantages of traveling with Nat Hab."** M. Alexandrou



© E. Rock



# Mexico Sea Turtle Odyssey

A Conservation Adventure with Olive Ridley Sea Turtles on Mexico's Pacific Coast



Olive ridley sea turtle, La Escobilla Turtle Camp, Mexico

**M**any of nature's greatest spectacles impress with their bold size: the Himalayan massif, Iguazu Falls, blue whales, millions of animals migrating across the Serengeti Plain. Yet one of the world's most intriguing natural marvels takes place quietly and involves tiny, vulnerable creatures. For a few months each year on Mexico's Pacific coast, olive ridley sea turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Under cover of darkness, the baby hatchlings scurry to the sea, remembering forever their birthplace to which they will one day return to continue the cycle of life. You are there to witness this wonder and help ensure the tiny turtles' safe passage, on a nature adventure like no other.

- » Watch sea turtles drop eggs at night as we patrol the beach and help turtle hatchlings reach the sea, alongside staff at La Escobilla turtle camp
- » Gain inside access to sea turtle conservation research through the extensive connections of WWF and our Expedition Leaders
- » Stay at a remote ecolodge where individual cabanas perched high atop a cliff survey the blue expanse of the Pacific Ocean



© V Wimberley

**"The beauty of the beaches was unsurpassable, and I felt spoiled by the delectable meals. Our guide Fernando was perpetually enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I enjoyed everything about the trip, except that it had to end!" D. Levesque**

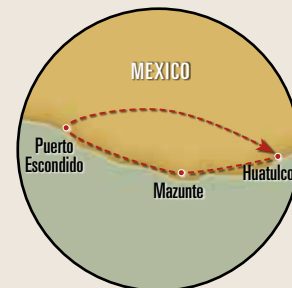
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6 DAYS

**Day 1:** Huatulco, Mexico • **Day 2:** La Ventanilla / La Escobilla Turtle Camp / Huatulco • **Day 3:** Mazunte / La Escobilla Turtle Camp / Huatulco • **Day 4:** Iguana Farm / Puerto Escondido • **Day 5:** Puerto Escondido • **Day 6:** Huatulco / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$2,895-\$2,995 **GROUP SIZE** ~8 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017      |
|--------------|-----------|
| Aug 22-27    | Aug 21-26 |
| Sep 5-10     | Sep 18-23 |
| Sep 26-Oct 1 | Sep 25-30 |
| Oct 3-8      | Oct 16-21 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





# Swimming with Mexico's Whale Sharks

Swim & Snorkel with These Gentle Giants, Which Are Actually the World's Largest Fish!



Whale shark, Isla Holbox, Mexico

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6 DAYS

**Day 1:** Cancún, Mexico / Puerto Morelos • **Day 2:** Isla Holbox • **Days 3 & 4:** Swimming with Whale Sharks / Isla Holbox • **Day 5:** Puerto Morelos • **Day 6:** Puerto Morelos / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$3,995-\$4,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~15 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jul 3-8      | Jul 2-7      |
| Jul 10-15    | Jul 9-14     |
| Jul 17-22    | Jul 16-21    |
| Jul 24-29    | Jul 23-28    |
| Jul 31-Aug 5 | Jul 30-Aug 4 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



**J**ust off the tip of Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula is a small island largely untouched by tourism. Isla Holbox might go unnoticed entirely, except for some highly noticeable visitors that frequent the warm ocean waters off its coast to feed seasonally each summer. Their presence is hard to ignore, since they average 40 feet long and weigh 15 tons. These are gentle whale sharks – not whales at all, despite their size, but actually the world's largest fish. Docile and unafraid, they allow us to swim close enough to observe the checkerboard pattern of pale yellow dots and stripes covering their thick gray skin. We make two separate excursions to swim with these gentle creatures, so if you're looking for a fish tale to trump all others, this is it!

- » Alongside our naturalist Expedition Leaders, swim with enormous, friendly whale sharks – the world's biggest fish!
- » Explore idyllic Holbox Island, a traditional fishing community with streets of white sand and virtually no cars
- » Visit Isla de los Pájaros – 'Bird Island' – teeming with frigates, flamingos, pelicans, herons and egrets, and snorkel over the world's second-largest barrier reef



© S Martens

**"Swimming with whale sharks and manta rays was life-changing, as was swimming in a cenote. Loved Holbox Island, and our guides' enthusiasm for the area, the wildlife, and conservation was contagious. Thank you!" J. Stockwell**



© A Frisch



# Undiscovered Cuba



Meet Local People, Share Culture & Discover Nature on a Small-Group Caribbean Adventure



Trinidad, Cuba © R Cavalleri

**E**xperience Cuba's intriguing culture and stunning tropical ecosystems on this educational exchange journey designed to provide a human perspective on the natural side of this Caribbean island nation. Our "People-to-People" approach offers personal encounters with contemporary Cubans eager to share their rich natural and cultural history, as well as details of modern life in a rapidly changing Cuba. Explore World Heritage Sites and UN Biosphere Reserves and learn about rural life on the land as we share meaningful interactions with our Cuban hosts. Our one-of-a-kind journey offers a rare chance to exchange ideas and insights with Cuban scientists, naturalists, academics, farmers, community activists, artists, business owners and more.

- » Meet Cuban experts involved in the study and stewardship of nature as we visit national parks, botanical gardens and conservation initiatives
- » Enjoy the delights of Cuban culture as we experience traditional foods, music and dance performances, and splendidly preserved historic districts
- » Learn about ecologically conscious agriculture on farms and communities using sustainable land management practices



**"I am surprised at how much I enjoyed the people to people lectures that you arranged. I chose your trip over others because of the specific contacts that you included, in addition to elements of nature and wildlife." S. Griffing**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Miami, Florida • **Day 2:** Cienfuegos, Cuba / Trinidad • **Day 3:** Trinidad – Valle de Los Ingenios • **Day 4:** Topes de Collantes / Cienfuegos • **Day 5:** Cienfuegos / Zapata Peninsula / Playa Giron • **Day 6:** Bay of Pigs / Ciénaga de Zapata National Park / Playa Giron • **Day 7:** Sierra del Rosario / Las Terrazas / Valle de Vinales • **Day 8:** Vinales National Park • **Days 9-11:** Havana • **Day 12:** Havana / Miami / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$7,695-\$7,995 GROUP SIZE ~14 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jan 9-20     | Jan 9-20     |
| Feb 6-17     | Feb 6-17     |
| Mar 5-16     | Mar 5-16     |
| Apr 2-13     | Apr 2-13     |
| Nov 28-Dec 9 | Nov 28-Dec 9 |

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# Ultimate Belize Nature Safari

From Reef to Ruins to Rain Forest, Explore the Heart and History of This Caribbean Paradise



Xunantunich Ruins, Belize © E Rock

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Belize City, Belize / Dangriga / Hopkins Bay • **Day 2:** Cockscomb Jaguar Preserve / South Water Caye • **Day 3:** Carrie Bow Cay • **Day 4:** Xunantunich Mayan Ruins / Hidden Valley • **Day 5:** Hidden Valley • **Day 6:** Hidden Valley / Chan Chich Lodge • **Days 7 & 8:** Chan Chich Lodge • **Day 9:** Belize City / Depart

**Extension:** Ruins of Tikal

**DATES & FEES** \$6,395-\$6,495 **GROUP SIZE** ~8 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jan 9-17     | Jan 9-17     |
| Jan 16-24    | Jan 16-24    |
| Feb 6-14     | Feb 6-14     |
| Feb 20-28    | Feb 20-28    |
| Mar 15-23    | Mar 15-23    |
| Mar 26-Apr 3 | Mar 26-Apr 3 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.

**B**elize may be one of the world's smallest countries, but it's huge when it comes to natural riches. A wealth of wonders is tucked within its compact borders – and that's just ashore. Belize also boasts the planet's second-longest barrier reef below turquoise seas dotted with dreamy cayes. Beyond the palms and powder-sand beaches, snorkeling reveals colorful corals and myriad tropical fish. In the lush rain forest, the screech of parrots and howler monkeys rings out across the canopy, while jaguars and ocelots slink secretly through a tangle of bromeliads and orchids. Beneath the verdant surface lies a maze of limestone caves and underground rivers. And when we tire of exploring – as if we could – the pleasures of the finest ecolodges in Belize await.

- » Discover the natural and cultural treasures of Belize and search for tropical wildlife as our Expedition Leader unveils its diverse riches
- » Search for signs of elusive jaguar in a rarely visited private conservation area that boasts the highest sighting rate in Central America
- » Snorkel over the world's second-longest barrier reef off remote South Water Caye, and enter ancient subterranean caves and underground ruins by canoe



**"Fermin was an amazing guide. He was a great ambassador for Belize and for Nat Hab. His extensive knowledge, enthusiasm and caring attitude really made our trip! We also loved the variety of activities on this trip." D. Richardson**



# The Great Amazon River Cruise

Explore the Wonders of the World's Largest Rain Forest on Our Private Peruvian Jungle Voyage



La Estrella Amazonica, Amazon River, Peru © K Benson

**A**s the riverboat chugs its way up the chocolate-colored waters, fringed on either bank by verdant rain forest, the primal depths of the upper Amazon beckon. Our focus is the Pacaya Samiria Reserve at the headwaters, a 5-million-acre mosaic of pristine habitats including flooded and dry forest. It shelters some of the largest wildlife populations in the Amazon: pink and gray river dolphins, troops of howler monkeys, languid sloths, brilliant macaws and bright butterflies. Lagoons covered in giant lily pads teem with fish and caiman, while scores of marsh birds hunt from shore. Cultural visits to local villages round out our rain forest adventure, as we explore more than 600 miles of the Amazon and its tributaries aboard our privately chartered deluxe riverboat.

- » Cruise in air-conditioned comfort aboard our private riverboat – all cabins have personal balconies and panoramic windows for private nature viewing
- » Travel to the Amazon headwaters to explore Pacaya Samiria Reserve – home to pink dolphins, scarlet macaws and 15 species of primates
- » Visit remote villages, meet the friendly “ribereños” who call the Amazon rain forest home, and learn about their traditional culture

“One of Renzo’s best qualities is his enthusiasm for his native Peru and its wildlife. We all fed on his energy. You can tell he loves his job, and he conveys that excitement to all the travelers. We were lucky to have him.” A. Dubrow



© JJ Hucklin



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Lima, Peru • **Day 2:** Lima / Iquitos / Embark Riverboat • **Day 3:** Amazon River / Yarapa River • **Day 4:** Source of the Amazon River / Ucayali River & Tributaries • **Day 5:** Ucayali River / Pacaya Samiria Reserve • **Day 6:** Yarapa River / Maranon River • **Day 7:** Maranon River / Pacaya Samiria Reserve – Yanayacu Pucate • **Day 8:** Nauta / Amazon River • **Day 9:** Iquitos / Lima / Depart • **Extensions:** Guided Machu Picchu Adventure, Lake Titicaca

## DATES & FEES \$4,995-\$5,695 GROUP SIZE ~28 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| May 20-28    | May 19-27    |
| Jun 17-25    | Jun 16-24    |
| Oct 28-Nov 5 | Oct 27-Nov 4 |
| Nov 11-19    | Nov 10-18    |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



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# A Big Deal for the World's Biggest Rain Forest

Sprawling over some 2.5 million square miles in the heart of South America, the Amazon is the world's largest rain forest. In fact, it comprises more than half the rain forest on Earth. And with the establishment of the Amazon Region Protected Areas (ARPA) program - the biggest tropical forest conservation initiative the world has ever seen - a huge swath of the Amazon will now enjoy permanent protection. Sometimes called the "green lungs of the planet" because it produces 20 percent of Earth's oxygen, the Amazon's importance is huge. It is home to 10 million known species of plants, animals and insects. WWF has been working to protect the intense biodiversity of the Amazon for more than 40 years. As a partner in ARPA, it is part of a collective global effort to set new standards, guidelines, collaborations and financing to conserve an area one and a half times the size of California (that's bigger than all U.S. national parks combined!), with secured funding for all time.

Learn more at [worldwildlife.org/places/amazon](https://worldwildlife.org/places/amazon)







# Discover Amazon & Machu Picchu

An Expertly Guided Small-Group Exploration of Peru's Natural and Archaeological Treasures



Alpacas, Machu Picchu, Peru

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Lima, Peru • **Day 2:** Cusco • **Day 3:** The Sacred Valley of the Incas  
• **Day 4:** Maras, Moray & Chinchero / Sacred Valley • **Day 5:** Machu Picchu  
• **Day 6:** Machu Picchu / Cusco • **Day 7:** Cusco / Lima / Iquitos / Nauta –  
Embark • **Day 8:** Pacaya Samiria National Reserve / Dorado River • **Day 9:**  
Zapote River / Supay Lake • **Day 10:** Puerto Miguel / Nauta – Disembark /  
Iquitos / Lima / Depart • **Extension:** Lake Titicaca

**DATES & FEES** \$6,995

**GROUP SIZE** ~10 GUESTS

### 2016

Jun 20-29  
Aug 15-24  
Sep 26-Oct 5

### 2017

Jun 19-28  
Aug 14-23  
Sep 25-Oct 4

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



**F**ew travel adventures offer as rich an experience of Peru's diverse natural and cultural treasures. A luxury riverboat cruise into the primeval rain forest takes us deep within the most biodiverse region of the Amazon Basin. Home to a staggering array of wildlife, including the elusive jaguar, the Peruvian Amazon boasts nearly a thousand species of birds alone. Plumb the jungle's depths via small excursion skiffs and meet the local indigenous people whose traditional lifestyles have persisted for centuries. West into the high green peaks of the Andes lies another marvel, this one of human origin: Machu Picchu, the mystical stone city built by the Incas in the 15th century, and below, the Sacred Valley of the Urubamba River, replete with myth and ruins.

- » Explore the Amazon rain forest from a small luxury ship designed especially for wildlife viewing on this legendary river of adventure
- » Look for monkeys, parrots, caimans, pink dolphins and a rainbow array of tropical birds during guided jungle excursions on foot and by boat
- » Wander the maze of ruins at Machu Picchu, fabled "Lost City of the Incas," as you learn about the site's fascinating history with our Expedition Leader



**"While I know you can not control nature, your naturalists certainly seem like they can! It was amazing how they know exactly where to look and went above and beyond to locate and reveal as many animals as possible."** C. Curry



# Jaguars & Wildlife of Brazil's Pantanal

A Small-Group Expedition into the Lush Biodiversity of South America's Grandest Wildlife Realm



Jaguar, Pantanal, Brazil © Zapa

**N**ational Geographic called Brazil's Pantanal the "Wild Wet," an apt moniker for the world's largest seasonal floodplain that sprawls over 75,000 square miles in the heart of South America. Though the Amazon is better known, the Pantanal is the continent's primary wildlife sanctuary. Its freshwater wetlands support a profusion of aquatic fauna that attract larger predators, from birds to reptiles and mammals, creating a huge, intricate food chain that constitutes the largest concentration of wildlife in the Americas. At the top is the elegant and elusive jaguar – and our Pantanal adventure offers the world's best chance to see them! On foot, by boat and 4x4, come venture into the Pantanal's verdant recesses on South America's most epic wildlife safari.

- » Alongside expert guides, discover South America's largest wildlife sanctuary in depth, where opportunities to view jaguars are the best on Earth!
- » Explore by boat in the north and on foot in the south – no other Pantanal trip offers such variation in perspective and sheer number of species on view
- » Journey to the remote, little-visited Caiman Ecological Refuge, where we'll look for jaguar, giant anteater, tapir, ocelot, marsh deer, hyacinth macaw and more



**"We got to check a variety of wildlife off our list! Tapir, giant otters, many different kinds of macaws, and various smaller birds. The accommodations were superb, with wonderful food, and very comfortable rooms." N. Hartounian**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10-11 DAYS

**Day 1:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • **Day 2:** North Pantanal – Araras Ec lodge • **Day 3:** Exploring the North Pantanal • **Day 4:** North Pantanal – Porto Jofre • **Days 5 & 6:** Jaguar & Wildlife Viewing • **Day 7:** South Pantanal – Caiman Ecological Refuge • **Days 8-10:** Caiman Ecological Refuge • **Day 11:** Campo Grande / Sao Paulo / Depart • **Extensions:** Golden Lion Tamarin, Extra Day in Rio, Iguacu Falls, Cristalino Jungle Lodge

## DATES & FEES \$8,295-\$9,295 GROUP SIZE ~12 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 13-23    | Jun 23-Jul 2 |
| Jun 24-Jul 3 | Jul 21-30    |
| Jul 25-Aug 4 | Aug 18-27    |
| Sep 12-22    | Sep 15-24    |
| Sep 30-Oct 9 | Sep 29-Oct 8 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





# Peaks, Lakes & Glaciers of Patagonia

Explore Both Chile & Argentina on an Epic Andean Adventure



Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 11-12 DAYS

**Day 1:** El Calafate, Argentina • **Day 2:** Petrified Forest / El Chaltén • **Day 3:** El Chaltén – Mount Fitz Roy Vista Hike • **Day 4:** Viedma Glacier Trek / El Calafate • **Day 5:** Upsala Glacier Cruise / Estancia Cristina • **Day 6:** Lago Argentino – Perito Moreno Glacier • **Day 7:** Torres del Paine National Park, Chile • **Day 8:** Torres del Paine – Salto Grande • **Day 9:** Torres del Paine – Laguna Torre • **Day 10:** Puerto Natales / Punta Arenas • **Day 11:** Punta Arenas / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$7,995 GROUP SIZE ~10-12 GUESTS

| 2016               | 2017               |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jan 20-30          | Jan 25-Feb 4       |
| Feb 10-20          | Feb 22-Mar 4       |
| Mar 15-26 <b>P</b> | Mar 14-25 <b>P</b> |
| Dec 7-17           | Dec 6-16           |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$8,295-\$8,495

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**A**t the bottom of South America, the southernmost Andes rise in jagged spires to the sky, their sheer granite walls drawing the eye and spirit upward. Glaciers wind down in frozen rivers from the ice-crowned massifs, choking lakes and fjords with floating blue bergs. Sunrise bathes the peaks in rosy alpenglow. Patagonia has no peer on Earth when it comes to dramatic landscapes. Yet despite the daunting environs, an array of unique wildlife thrives here, from pumas to guanacos to condors on land, while whales and penguins feed in the icy seas. Explore every facet of this legendary land of rock, ice and pampas on our all-encompassing journey to the remote southern reaches of Chile and Argentina.

- » Experience the gaucho lifestyle in the shadow of knife-edged peaks and sapphire lakes on a comprehensive itinerary spanning both Chile and Argentina
- » Visit the world's largest ice field, cruise to the face of massive glaciers and take a guided walk atop the ice, with a chance to peer safely into cracks and crevasses
- » Stay at renowned EcoCamp Patagonia, enjoying wilderness solitude in view of the granite spires of Chile's famed Torres del Paine



© E Rock

**“Torres del Paine was definitely the highlight of the trip. It’s such an amazing park, as is the EcoCamp there. But the single biggest element that made the trip is our guide Zapa. Can’t wait to do another tour with him!” D. Mortenson**



© P Poendl





## POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL

**F**ew nature adventures equal the thrill of a **close-up encounter** with wild polar bears in their natural habitat. Our **small-group expeditions** to Churchill, Manitoba – the **Polar Bear Capital of the World** – get you closer to more polar bears, in exceptional comfort and safety, than any other option out there. Each fall, the world's greatest concentration of polar bears convenes at the edge of Hudson Bay, waiting for the ice to form and hunting season to begin. Guided by our world-renowned Expedition Leaders, we track them in **custom-built Polar Rovers**, specially designed for travel across the tundra. Simply put, they are the newest and **very best polar-bear viewing vehicles** available. Every traveler has a window seat, and our heated Rovers also have an outdoor observation deck with a steel mesh floor, allowing curious bears to come safely within inches of us – a Nat Hab exclusive! Or, for the ultimate immersion in the kingdom of the polar bear, stay at our **strategically placed, private Tundra Lodge** beneath the dancing northern lights!

Polar bear, Churchill, Canada © G Delman



# OUR POLAR ROVERS

## A Closer Look at The Northland's Most Remarkable Vehicles!

**O**ur specialized Polar Rovers greatly enhance our excursions, combining the older concept of northern buggies with innovative new technology for exceptional comfort and safety while providing our guests the closest polar bear encounters on the planet! For more images of our Polar Rovers, please visit [nathab.com/polar-bear-tours](http://nathab.com/polar-bear-tours)

### OPEN-AIR VIEWING PLATFORMS

Large rear viewing platforms allow us to observe bears within the elements. Bears often lift their paws onto the sides to check us out!

### HEATING SYSTEM

Each Polar Rover features an onboard heating system designed to keep the entire Polar Rover at a comfortable temperature as we open and close the windows and doors for wildlife viewing.

### MESH STEEL DECKING

Unique mesh flooring installed into the outside decks allows us to come within inches of the "King of the Arctic."

### FLUSH TOILETS

Rather than a drop bucket, we have installed flush toilets to ensure our guests' comfort throughout the day.

### TUNDRA TIRES

Six-foot tires lift us safely above the bears and provide a comfortable ride.

### EASY-SLIDE WINDOWS

Specially designed windows open and close more easily in cold weather. The windows slide downward, allowing ample space for photography and polar bear viewing.

### POLAR ROVER OCCUPANCY

Our vehicles are designed to hold from 30-50 travelers, but for comfort and safety we limit our groups to approximately 16. All guests get their own window seat and plenty of room!







#### DUAL RADIO SYSTEM

Our radio system keeps our drivers in constant contact with our Rover base and other drivers while our Expedition Leaders maintain contact with other guides and our Churchill office - facilitating the safest and best polar bear viewing.

#### A DRIVER & LEADER TEAM

Our adventures include both a highly experienced driver/guide AND a professionally trained Natural Habitat Expedition Leader. It's our belief that a trip is only as good as the leadership!

#### SLOPED FRONT WINDSHIELD

An angled windshield - only on our vehicles - provides an opportunity for closer viewing when the action is right in front of us.

#### SUSPENSION SYSTEM

Our specially designed suspension system (leaf spring front with walking beam rear) enhances the glide of our vehicle and provides a gentler, more comfortable ride.

#### ENGINE

Polar Rovers are powered by 240 H.P. DT466 International engines, permitting a top speed of 35 miles per hour.

#### LUXURY BUS SEATS

Our reclining bus seats offer lumbar support and side bolsters, providing the most comfortable ride available.



# Classic Polar Bear Adventure

The World's Most Coveted Small-Group Polar Bear Expedition!



Polar bear mother and cubs, Churchill, Canada © P Brown

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6-7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill • **Days 3 & 4:** Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 5:** Explore Around Churchill / Evening on the Tundra • **Day 6:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 7:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Extra Day in Winnipeg, Northern Helicopter Tundra Adventure, Northern Wilderness Dog Sledding

**DATES & FEES** \$5,895-\$6,495 **GROUP SIZE** ~16 GUESTS

### 2016

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Oct 14-20    | Nov 3-9   |
| Oct 18-23    | Nov 4-10  |
| Oct 18-24    | Nov 5-10  |
| Oct 19-24    | Nov 6-11  |
| Oct 19-25    | Nov 7-12  |
| Oct 21-27    | Nov 7-13  |
| Oct 22-27    | Nov 8-13  |
| Oct 23-29    | Nov 9-15  |
| Oct 25-30    | Nov 10-16 |
| Oct 27-Nov 2 | Nov 11-16 |
| Oct 28-Nov 3 | Nov 13-19 |
| Oct 31-Nov 5 | Nov 14-19 |
| Oct 31-Nov 6 | Nov 15-20 |
| Nov 1-6      |           |

6-Day Trip  
7-Day Trip

Note: 2016 dates may change slightly. Please consult our website.



### 2017

This adventure will be offered on comparable dates in 2017. Fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.

Looking out onto the snowy tundra, we spy them, white on white. Alternately regal and whimsical and always awe-inspiring, polar bears in the wild offer a natural encounter charged with drama and magic. In our custom Polar Rover vehicles we can approach at close range without disturbing them, offering a chance for an incredibly moving wildlife experience. From our heated confines – or standing on the outdoor platform – we may see mothers with cubs, young males play-fighting, or a huge, solitary male ambling over the tundra. Sometimes a bear will even put its paws on the side of our vehicle and come nose to nose through the windows! There's no better time than now to see the King of the Arctic, and no one better to take you up close than us.

- » See the world's greatest concentration of polar bears in the intimacy of a small group, on our flagship polar bear adventure!
- » The most comfortable vehicles, with innovative mesh steel flooring on the outdoor observation platform, get you safely up close to the bears
- » Our professional Expedition Leaders are the best in the business, enhancing your polar bear adventure at every turn with their in-depth knowledge

**"Thanks for helping my mom check off the last big thing on her bucket list. The best moment was watching the bears wrestle, but seeing the animals glow in the afternoon sunlight was a photo op not to be missed!" G. McBrayne**



© C Brokivist



© E Brock



# Classic Polar Bear Photo Adventure



An Expert Photographer-Naturalist Leads This Immersive Journey into the Realm of the Polar Bear



Polar bear mother and cubs, Churchill, Canada

**Y**ou won't find another Churchill polar bear photography tour with this much proximity to polar bears, coupled with our intensive focus on helping you get outstanding photos. Our photo adventure spends three full days on the tundra where polar bears congregate on the shores of Hudson Bay, awaiting freeze-up and the start of hunting season. Custom-designed Polar Rovers take us into their wild habitat, with plenty of room for equipment and maneuvering for stunning shots. On-site guidance from our Expedition Leader, who is both an expert naturalist and professional photographer, is complemented by evening lectures on how to capture Arctic wildlife through the camera's lens – most notably polar bears, but also Arctic fox, Arctic hare and more!

- » Spend three full, unhurried days photographing polar bears and other Arctic wildlife on the tundra with our expert Photo Expedition Leaders
- » Just 16 guests on vehicles designed for 30-plus passengers means there's plenty of room to position for outstanding shots
- » Enjoy impressive vehicle features, such as our exclusive steel-mesh outdoor observation deck, for extreme close-ups

**“The polar bear viewing was fantastic, and having only 16 on the Rover really allowed me to get the photos I wanted. If there had been more, we would have been cramped for shooting space. It was a photographer's dream!” P. Stockfisch**



© B Josephs



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill • **Days 3-5:** Polar Bear Photography • **Day 6:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 7:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Extra Day in Winnipeg, Northern Helicopter Tundra Adventure, Northern Wilderness Dog Sledding

**DATES & FEES** \$6,895

**GROUP SIZE** ~16 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Oct 28-Nov 3 | Oct 28-Nov 3 |
| Oct 29-Nov 4 | Oct 29-Nov 4 |
| Nov 2-8      | Nov 2-8      |
| Nov 4-10     | Nov 4-10     |
| Nov 5-11     | Nov 5-11     |
| Nov 9-15     | Nov 9-15     |

Note: 2016 dates & 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



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# Tundra Lodge Adventure

Stay Among the Bears at the Northland's Most Remarkable Rolling Hotel – on the Tundra Itself!



Polar bears and Tundra Lodge, Churchill, Canada © M Koelemay

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill / Tundra Lodge •

**Days 3-5:** Tundra Lodge – Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 6:** Churchill / Winnipeg •

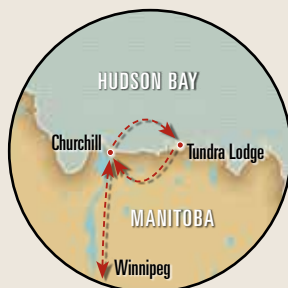
**Day 7:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Extra Day in Winnipeg, Northern Helicopter Tundra Adventure, Northern Wilderness Dog Sledding

**DATES & FEES** \$8,295

**GROUP SIZE** ~29 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Oct 17-23    | Oct 17-23    |
| Oct 21-27    | Oct 21-27    |
| Oct 25-31    | Oct 25-31    |
| Oct 29-Nov 4 | Oct 29-Nov 4 |
| Nov 2-8      | Nov 2-8      |
| Nov 6-12     | Nov 6-12     |
| Nov 15-21    | Nov 15-21    |

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**T**his is simply the most extraordinary polar bear experience available! Stay at the Tundra Lodge outside Churchill on the vast expanse of the wild tundra. From your private cabin window or the open-air observation platforms, you have constant proximity to polar bears in the area around the clock. As evening falls, remain in the domain of the polar bear to experience sunset across the snow and ice. Safe inside our custom lodge, you'll enjoy surprising comfort, considering our environs. This custom "train" of connected bedrooms, dining room and lounge car is built on wheels so it can be stationed for optimal bear viewing each season. There's no more thorough immersion in the polar bear's Arctic realm than on this most captivating of northern adventures!

- » Stay at one of the most unique accommodations in the world: a mobile hotel designed for polar bear observation, placed directly in the bears' habitat!
- » Enjoy incomparable polar bear viewing at all times of the day and night, inside or on the observation deck, in our exclusive small-group setting
- » Make daily excursions by Polar Rover along the ice-bound shores of Hudson Bay in search of polar bears and other Arctic wildlife



© H Holdsworth

**"Seeing polar bears in the wild was truly spiritual. The Tundra Lodge was exactly as I had expected, except the food was amazing! I would not have missed staying at the lodge for the world – it was key to my experience."** S. Stapleton



© E Rock



# Tundra Lodge Photography Expedition



Join Renowned Nature Photographers & Stay Round the Clock in the Polar Bears' Realm



Polar bears & Tundra Lodge, Churchill, Canada © A Komarnitsky

**C**hurchill is a pilgrimage for wildlife photographers yearning to capture close-up images of polar bears...and this photo adventure puts you in the very best spot to get those shots! From the Tundra Lodge, situated outside town on the open tundra, photograph bears from our unique "rolling hotel." Outdoor observation decks grant intimate access to the bears, which often approach us directly. With exclusive use of this facility, there's plenty of room to set up your gear for the best possible images. An on-site Polar Rover offers daily excursions to see polar bears and other wildlife farther afield. Our Expedition Leaders, all professional photographers and naturalists, are eager to share tips from their extensive experience to help you get those once-in-a-lifetime shots.

- » Stay at our exclusive Tundra Lodge, known as the best spot in the world for photographing polar bears, with access to bears in the area day and night!
- » Our award-winning Expedition Leaders offer expert tips for getting superb images of polar bears and other Arctic wildlife
- » Daily excursions by Polar Rover over the tundra and along the coast reveal the nature and wildlife of the Northland

**"Both Rinie and Colby were terrific. They were full of helpful advice to maximize the quality of our photos. Even while in the lodge, they reviewed photos with us and gave advice. The entire lodge staff was outstanding!" B. Day**



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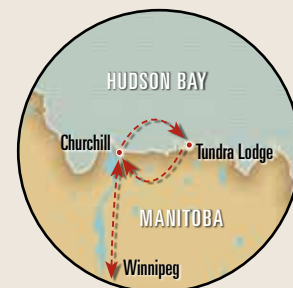
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill / Tundra Lodge •  
**Days 3-6:** Tundra Lodge – Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 7:** Churchill / Winnipeg •  
**Day 8:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Extra Day in Winnipeg, Northern Helicopter Tundra Adventure, Northern Wilderness Dog Sledding

## DATES & FEES \$9,295 GROUP SIZE ~29 GUESTS

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
| Nov 10-17   | Nov 10-17   |

Note: 2016 dates & 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





# Polar Bear Sheriff Saves Lives...and Bears

As sea ice on Hudson Bay diminishes with a changing climate, Canada's southerly polar bear populations are often driven into coastal towns to forage, browsing garbage dumps for food and threatening children and sled dogs - which can result in "outlaw bears" being killed. In the case of Arviat, an Inuit community about 150 miles north of Churchill, WWF stepped in, enabling the town to hire local hunter Leo Ikhaki to patrol and discourage bears from entering the town. On duty from midnight to 8 a.m., Ikhaki uses spotlights and noisemakers called "bear bangers" to drive away bears that approach the small hamlet. WWF also funded steel bins for storing food and electric fences around dog pens and the village perimeter. The result? People, dogs and polar bears are all staying alive. The Arviat project is part of an international WWF effort to reduce conflict between people and polar bears.

Learn more at [worldwildlife.org/species/polar-bear](http://worldwildlife.org/species/polar-bear)







# Tundra Lodge & Town Adventure

Stay on the Tundra Among the Bears – and in the Northern Outpost Town of Churchill



Tundra Lodge, Churchill, Canada © J Gibson

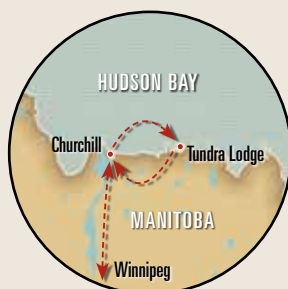
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill / Tundra Lodge • **Day 3:** Tundra Lodge – Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 4:** Exploring Churchill / Sled Dog Excursion • **Day 5:** Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 6:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 7:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extensions & Options:** Extra Day in Winnipeg, Northern Helicopter Tundra Adventure

**DATES & FEES** \$7,595-\$7,795 **GROUP SIZE** ~29 GUESTS

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| Oct 11-17 | Oct 11-17 |
| Oct 13-19 | Oct 13-19 |
| Oct 15-21 | Oct 15-21 |

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Looking for a polar bear adventure that combines the best of both worlds? You've found it! Spend two nights in the bears' wild habitat at the exclusive Tundra Lodge, a custom-designed rolling hotel that offers unparalleled seclusion and proximity to wild polar bears – then add two nights in the historic town of Churchill, for cultural activities and a chance to meet the hardy locals who call this subarctic outpost home. You'll experience the thrill of Polar Rover excursions on the tundra, close-up bear viewing from the safe and cozy confines of the Tundra Lodge, a comprehensive tour of Churchill, plus an exciting ride with a working sled dog team. This multifaceted trip truly does it all!

- » Stay on the tundra in our mobile Tundra Lodge, situated where bear density is highest – then return to town for two nights
- » Explore the historic hamlet and former fur-trading post of Churchill and discover its distinctive northern cultures on a comprehensive guided tour
- » Learn about working sled dogs from a local musher and ride behind a team as they run through the boreal forest

**“The Tundra Lodge was a fabulous place to stay – great meals, exceptionally clean, and courteous staff. And the bears! I really enjoyed the mix of time in town and on the tundra. It was a perfect week!” D. Kowalski**



© B O'Neill



© E Rock



# Ultimate Churchill Adventure



A Total Immersion in the North, Including Dog Sledding and a Helicopter Trip to a Polar Bear Den



Polar bear mother and cubs, Churchill, Canada © M Scott

**T**his expedition is our most thorough encounter with the world of the polar bear and the Canadian North. Travel in heated Polar Rovers over the tundra to watch the bears play and interact, often entertaining us just feet away from our large picture windows. We look for other wildlife, too, like Arctic hare, ptarmigan and Arctic fox. But this grand adventure doesn't end there! We'll also helicopter in to the bears' denning area, experience the northern boreal wilderness on an authentic dog sled ride, and enjoy cultural activities with local residents. When night falls, keep your fingers crossed to see the swirling colors of the aurora borealis, as vivid here as any place on Earth. "Ultimate Churchill" is the ultimate North!

- » Encounter the Arctic wilderness by Polar Rover, helicopter and dog sled on our preeminent polar bear adventure – tops among Churchill polar bear tours!
- » Our custom-built Polar Rovers provide window seats for each guest, plus exclusive steel-mesh viewing platforms for the closest possible bear encounters
- » Meet the First Nations peoples of Hudson Bay and learn about their age-old customs and traditions during special cultural presentations

**"We loved the bears, but the other activities were great fun too, like dog sledding, the helicopter ride, and curling. Leah was great, you couldn't ask for a better naturalist. This was a magical, off the charts experience!" Y. Diamond**



© M Poliza



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Churchill / Night Tundra Excursion • **Day 3:** Helicopter Tour / Dog Sledding / Northern Culture • **Day 4:** Polar Bear Viewing • **Day 5:** Polar Bears / Aurora Domes • **Day 6:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 7:** Winnipeg / Depart • **Extension:** Extra Day in Winnipeg

## DATES & FEES \$7,395-\$7,595 GROUP SIZE ~15 GUESTS

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| Oct 14-20 | Oct 14-20 |
| Oct 23-29 | Oct 23-29 |
| Oct 25-31 | Oct 25-31 |
| Nov 1-7   | Nov 1-7   |
| Nov 9-15  | Nov 9-15  |
| Nov 11-17 | Nov 11-17 |

Note: 2016 dates & 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





## ALASKA & THE NORTH

**I**n the Northland, a mosaic of habitats from sea ice to tundra to temperate rain forest hosts **seasonal wildlife events** matched by few on Earth. Humpback and gray whales make the world's longest mammal migration up the Inside Passage. Enormous bears congregate in the salmon-rich rivers of British Columbia and Alaska. Our itineraries are designed to witness such events at close range, on **exclusive excursions** not available to the standard tourist. In Alaska, we avoid cruise ship crowds in favor of small boats, bush planes and wilderness lodges. With **personalized interpretation from expert naturalists**, our **small groups** view brown bears from the beach and venture deep into the Denali backcountry. In Canada, search for rare white spirit bears, watch the northern lights, come within arm's reach of belugas. Or go all the way to Base Camp Greenland for the **ultimate Arctic adventure**. Commune with whales and seals, surrounded by nothing but icebergs, sea and sky – then retreat to the comforts of our deluxe expedition camp.

Tiniteqilaq, Eastern Greenland





# Alaska's Coastal Grizzlies: Kodiak to Katmai



Close Encounters With Mighty Alaskan Brown Bears From Our Private Ship – the Natural Habitat Ursus



Brown bears, Katmai National Park, USA © B Josephs

**N**ature puts on few displays as arresting as Alaskan brown bears feeding on summer's bounty. These bears – the largest coastal grizzlies in the world – gorge on spawning salmon as the fish swim up the rivers that pour onto these wild beaches. Our private chartered boat, the *Natural Habitat Ursus*, is ideally designed for our Alaska adventure cruise, offering an exclusive opportunity to follow the bears along the shoreline as they fish, dig for clams and amble along the beach. Ashore, we have an even closer vantage point as we watch with our guide from a careful distance. Here in Katmai National Park, experience this rarest of encounters with *Ursus arctos* in all its untamed majesty!

- » Get closer to giant brown bears – the world's biggest coastal grizzlies – in a wilder setting, than anywhere else on Earth!
- » Cruising just offshore on our private chartered ship, the *Natural Habitat Ursus*, allows unparalleled access for bear watching, in the most intimate of contexts
- » View bears foraging on the beach as we walk ashore in the careful company of our Expedition Leader, and capture photos from just feet away!

**“The proximity to, and interaction with, bears – eye to eye, ground level, without guns...feeling totally safe because of Brad. The week was filled with riveting, truly remarkable moments. A week I'll never forget!”**  
J. Alexander



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** Kodiak, Alaska • **Day 2:** Kodiak Island • **Day 3:** Kodiak / Katmai – Board *Natural Habitat Ursus* • **Days 4-7:** Coastal Katmai • **Day 8:** Kodiak / Depart • **Extensions:** Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness, Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari

## DATES & FEES \$8,995 GROUP SIZE ~8 GUESTS

| 2016           |              | 2017           |              |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Jun 17-24      | Aug 1-8      | Jun 17-24      | Aug 1-8      |
| Jun 21-28      | Aug 5-12     | Jun 21-28      | Aug 5-12     |
| Jun 25-Jul 2 P | Aug 9-16 P   | Jun 25-Jul 2 P | Aug 9-16 P   |
| Jun 29-Jul 6 P | Aug 13-20 P  | Jun 29-Jul 6 P | Aug 13-20 P  |
| Jul 3-10 P     | Aug 22-29 P  | Jul 3-10 P     | Aug 22-29 P  |
| Jul 7-14       | Aug 26-Sep 2 | Jul 7-14       | Aug 26-Sep 2 |
| Jul 11-18      | Aug 30-Sep 6 | Jul 11-18      | Aug 30-Sep 6 |
| Jul 20-27 P    | Sep 3-10     | Jul 20-27 P    | Sep 3-10     |
| Jul 24-31 P    | Sep 7-14 P   | Jul 24-31 P    | Sep 7-14 P   |
| Jul 28-Aug 4   | Sep 11-18 P  | Jul 28-Aug 4   | Sep 11-18 P  |

P Special Photography Departure

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





# Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari

An Epic Small-Group Nature Adventure – All-Encompassing & Away from Crowds!



Reflection Pond, Denali National Park, USA © R & M Zervoudakis

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 13 DAYS

**Day 1:** Fairbanks, Alaska • **Days 2 & 3:** Denali – Kantishna • **Day 4:** Denali / Talkeetna • **Days 5 & 6:** Talkeetna / Girdwood • **Day 7:** Kenai Peninsula / Fox Island • **Day 9:** Seward / Anchorage • **Days 10 & 11:** Katmai National Park – Brooks Falls • **Day 12:** Katmai / Anchorage • **Day 13:** Anchorage / Depart  
• **Extensions:** Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness, Alaska's Coastal Grizzlies: Kodiak to Katmai

**DATES & FEES** \$10,295-\$10,495 **GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

| 2016            | 2017            |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jun 22-Jul 4    | Jun 22-Jul 4    |
| Jun 23-Jul 6 P  | Jun 23-Jul 6 P  |
| Jun 28-Jul 10   | Jun 28-Jul 10   |
| Jun 30-Jul 13 P | Jun 30-Jul 13 P |
| Jul 5-17        | Jul 5-17        |
| Jul 7-20 P      | Jul 7-20 P      |
| Jul 12-24       | Jul 12-24       |
| Jul 14-26       | Jul 14-26       |
| Jul 16-28       | Jul 16-28       |
| Jul 18-30       | Jul 18-30       |
| Aug 19-31       | Aug 19-31       |
| Aug 24-Sep 5    | Aug 24-Sep 5    |
| Aug 25-Sep 7 P  | Aug 25-Sep 7 P  |
| Aug 28-Sep 9    | Aug 28-Sep 9    |

P Special Photography Departure  
\$11,595-\$11,895

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



While superlatives strive to convey the grandeur of Alaska, they never quite manage to capture the reality. Our Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari does, though. In the company of some of Alaska's top naturalist guides, we take you far afield from the heavily touristed routes and into a genuine Alaskan wilderness adventure: Experience the silent inner heart of Denali, where wolves and grizzlies roam the tundra. Come alongside the face of a calving glacier on a private small-boat cruise among whales and sea otters in Kenai Fjords. At the edge of Brooks Falls in remote Katmai, watch giant brown bears fish for salmon. This is Alaska "less discovered": bigger, wilder and more amazing than you ever imagined. You've got to see it for yourself!

- » Our exclusive itinerary includes close-up viewing of Alaska's famous brown bears at Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park
- » Cruise Kenai Fjords aboard our chartered yacht among glaciers, icebergs and marine wildlife, and stay in splendid isolation on private Fox Island
- » Experience genuine wilderness in the remote reaches of Denali National Park at one of the few lodges allowed within the heart of the park's interior



"Seeing bears at Brooks Falls was the be-all, end-all of wildlife viewing, hands-down the highlight of the trip! Seeing a bear fishing in the falls was spectacular! The logistical arrangements for this trip were outstanding." V. Coker

© E. Rock



# Alaska's Inside Passage Wildlife Explorer



A Private Small-Ship Adventure into Southeast Alaska's Remote Coastal Wilderness



Humpback whale, Inside Passage, USA © J Pitcher

**E**scape the big cruise ships on an Alaskan adventure that immerses you in nature and wildlife, not crowds of tourists. Alaska's Southeast Panhandle is wilderness on the grandest of scales, and our privately chartered yacht is the only way to explore it. Ice-capped mountains rising straight from the sea are the backdrop for a maze of fjords carved by glaciers. The world's largest temperate rain forest blankets hundreds of islands that dot the Inside Passage, the sheltered saltwater route that lies between the open Pacific and the Coast Range. Bears, whales, seals and eagles dominate these environs, where human presence is slight. On foot and at sea, we feel small and insignificant – just as we'd hoped to.

- » Explore remote islands and tranquil coves that big cruise ships can't reach, for intimate encounters with whales, porpoises, sea lions and sea otters
- » Marvel at rare close-up views of black and brown bears in their natural habitat at Anan Creek Bear Observatory, as they fish for spawning salmon
- » Stand before the thunder of calving tidewater glaciers at the head of Glacier Bay and witness a real-time geological laboratory

**"I loved the small group experience, the isolation and beauty, the photography opportunities, and closeness to nature. All outstanding! The ship was incredibly comfortable and well appointed. Could not have asked for more." S. Graves**



© M Koelenay

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** Juneau, Alaska / Embark • **Day 2:** Glacier Bay National Park • **Day 3:** Exploring Glacier Bay • **Day 4:** Icy Strait – Whale Watching • **Day 5:** Kuiu & Baranof Islands • **Day 6:** Frederick Sound • **Day 7:** Wrangell Narrows / Anan Creek Bear Observatory • **Day 8:** Ketchikan / Disembark / Depart • **Extension:** Alaska's Coastal Grizzlies: Kodiak to Katmai

## DATES & FEES \$8,895-\$9,995 GROUP SIZE ~20 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jul 29-Aug 5 | Jul 29-Aug 5 |
| Aug 5-12*    | Aug 5-12*    |

\* Trip runs in reverse order

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





# East Greenland: Crucible for a Changing Planet

By Olaf Malver

**S**tanding among yellow flowers inside the ruins of the old Inuit sod house at the rocky promontory of Pupik, I scan the fjord below. I am totally still with awe. I hear the crackling of million-year-old air bubbles escaping from aquamarine ice bits spawned from some distant glacier. Intermittently, an iceberg rolls and explodes with a rumbling thunder. Our Inuit guides call it the sound of the East Greenland artillery. For me, it is a primordial call of the wild.

In the distance, I notice the spout of a humpback whale piercing the surface of the leaden sea, sending a plume of steaming breath into the cold air. Far above, an Arctic tern dives towards my head with a frightening shriek, protecting her little ones hiding in a camouflaged nest close by. I spot seals that depend on ice floes to carry them to new feeding grounds, platforms upon which they can safely rest, molt and birth their young away from orcas and marauding polar bears.

This silent landscape interrupted by a cacophony of life is the essence of this place we call the Arctic Riviera – a magic and evocative place that very few people will ever see. For travelers yearning to experience one of the few undisturbed habitats of stunning beauty left on Earth, East Greenland awaits.

It is also a living laboratory in which visitors can witness the enormous shifts our planet is undergoing as a result of climate change. Having led expeditions in Greenland for more than 25 years, I have personally seen rapid changes: Some glaciers have receded more than a mile, more polar bears are coming ashore hungry, unable to hunt on melting sea ice. Greenlanders are catching yellow tuna, a subtropical fish species. Climate change is altering the nature of the ocean and ice that are fundamental to life here in all forms, including the Greenlanders who have eked out an existence for millennia.



© M Pihl Opposite: © J Skotte







Most scientists tell us that environmental changes due to a warming climate are accelerating. The coast of Greenland, on the edge of the island's massive ice sheet, is Earth's "canary in the coal mine." Travelers who come here will encounter energetic forces on display not found anywhere else on the planet.

Getting here, however, has long been a challenge. East Greenland is one of the most remote and undeveloped places on Earth. Yet it has finally become accessible by small Fokker aircraft, a 2-hour flight from Iceland. Historically, travel conditions have been rough, with no services outside a handful of small villages. Till now, you would have to camp in tents and sleeping bags in the elements, cooking over a tiny gas stove. I've led plenty of expeditions that did just that.

But at Natural Habitat, we had a vision for opening up East Greenland to visitors with an adventurous spirit without requiring hard-core expeditionary travel. To achieve this, we would need to build our own self-sustainable accommodations. And we did.

With the debut of Base Camp Greenland, we've merged genuine adventure with deluxe comforts, from hot showers and soft beds to gourmet meals. Yet the greatest luxury is where we are: Looking at the Greenland ice sheet at sunset while sipping a cocktail cooled by bits of the same ice. Exploring the fjord on an exhilarating Zodiac ride. Hiking through flower meadows. Watching whales and seals on kayaking excursions in the bay.







© S Seldon

Base Camp Greenland enjoys an incomparable setting near the Tasiilaq fjord complex just below the Arctic Circle. The camp is backdropped by huge glaciers and towering unnamed peaks, while on the far horizon, the Greenland ice sheet shimmers like a mysterious mirage. The second largest ice mass in the world after the Antarctic ice sheet, it is 1,500 miles long, 450 miles wide and an astounding 1,100 feet thick at its deepest point. It bears down with such force that the center of the island is warped, pushing its base over 1,000 feet below sea level.

Yet despite the dominance of the ice, Greenland bursts to life in the summer, its hyperactive photosynthesis producing verdant tundra vegetation under near-perpetual daylight. As the glaciers melt, massive icebergs calve to fill the fjords, racing by with the incoming tide. It was an enormous iceberg like one of these,

some of which are carried all the way from the North Pole, that sank the Titanic – and it is this same protective wall of moving ice that has kept whalers, explorers and even tourists away from East Greenland for decades.

Nature here reigns bigger than life. And while the Arctic Riviera is austere and implacable much of the year, in summer its harshness is tempered, and it becomes brilliant and welcoming. And now, with the advent of Base Camp Greenland, we can get here – and stay here – to revel in it.



**Olaf Malver, PhD**

Olaf is Natural Habitat's CEO (Chief Exploratory Officer). He speaks six languages, has a Ph.D. in chemistry and a master's in international law and diplomacy from Tufts University, and is a former university science professor. A passionate ecotourism activist, he works to promote sustainable tourism in developing countries in the quest to protect the planet's natural habitats.



# Natural Habitat's Base Camp Greenland

A Luxury Expedition Camp for Arctic Wilderness Exploration



Humpback whale, Sermilik Fjord, East Greenland, © J Skotte

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Keflavik, Iceland / Kulusuk, Greenland / Helicopter to Tasiilaq • **Day 2:** Tasiilaq – Whale Watching • **Day 3:** Tasiilaq / Base Camp Greenland • **Days 4-6:** Base Camp Greenland – Exploring Sermilik Fjord • **Day 7:** Base Camp Greenland / Tasiilaq • **Day 8:** Tasiilaq / Kulusuk / Reykjavik • **Day 9:** Reykjavik / Keflavik / Depart • **Extension:** Extra Day in Reykjavik

**DATES & FEES** \$9,995-\$10,295

**GROUP SIZE** ~12 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jul 22-30    | Jul 22-30    |
| Jul 27-Aug 4 | Jul 27-Aug 4 |
| Jul 31-Aug 8 | Jul 31-Aug 8 |
| Aug 7-15     | Aug 7-15     |
| Aug 11-19    | Aug 11-19    |
| Aug 15-23    | Aug 15-23    |
| Aug 19-27    | Aug 19-27    |
| Aug 25-Sep 2 | Aug 25-Sep 2 |
| Aug 29-Sep 6 | Aug 29-Sep 6 |
| Sep 2-10     | Sep 2-10     |
| Sep 9-17     | Sep 9-17     |

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**A**s technology makes our planet's most remote reaches more accessible, novel adventures are ever rarer. But we're offering a genuine first: Base Camp Greenland, a deluxe new expedition camp at the edge of the Greenland Ice Sheet. In East Greenland, one of the most isolated places on Earth, our guests will experience this stunning Arctic landscape in comfort. Greenland in summer is glorious: Wildflowers bloom and blueberries invite picking. Whales feed in the bay. Icebergs, spawned from massive glaciers, glitter in the late-night sun. Beneath granite peaks that tower over deep fjords, Greenland's "Arctic Riviera" offers some of the best hiking and kayaking in the North. There's no better way to experience this epic Arctic adventure than from our new base camp!

- » From our deluxe new eco-designed expedition camp, encounter this awesome wilderness on foot and by boat alongside our veteran Expedition Leaders
- » Explore the edge of the Greenland ice sheet and witness the effects of climate change as melting glaciers calve massive icebergs into the frigid sea
- » Enjoy authentic cultural encounters with local Inuit and visit ancient Eskimo ruins to learn about indigenous native cultures past and present



© M Pihl

**"I am thrilled to be a part of this innovative project to bring the remote and classic safari concept to Greenland's rarely-visited eastern fjords."**

**Ben Bressler, Nat Hab Founder**



© S Seldon



# Beluga Whales & Arctic Wildlife of Churchill



Discover an Abundance of Northern Canadian Wildlife on This Arctic Summer Expedition



Beluga whales, Churchill, Canada © A Devries

**F**ew of nature's marvels match the intense aliveness of an Arctic summer. In a region that's frozen, still and dark for much of the year, the Far North awakens with a burst of energy during these long days when the tundra turns green, animals come forth in great flocks, and the sea welcomes thousands of beluga whales back for their summer feasting. We greet them as they swim into the mouth of the Churchill River, often just arm's length from our excursion skiffs. With the remote yet accessible outpost town of Churchill as our base on the edge of Hudson Bay, we are part of the excitement, surrounded by a flurry of natural wonders that only a northern summer can provide.

- » Get amazingly close to beluga whales from our Zodiac boats on the Churchill River – an Arctic wildlife adventure like no other!
- » Join our Expedition Leaders in search of caribou, Arctic fox, snowy owls and possibly even polar bears near the shores of Hudson Bay
- » For the ultimate close encounter with charming, friendly belugas, kayak or snorkel with them on one of our adventure options

**“Karen is a lovely person and a terrific guide. She's so knowledgeable about Churchill – from flowers and tundra to trees, polar bears and belugas. Her love of the environment and her enthusiasm for all was infectious!” C. Weltler**



© M Poliza



© M Macri

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7-9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Train to Churchill • **Day 3:** Train to Churchill • **Days 4-7:** Churchill • **Day 8:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 9:** Winnipeg / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$4,995-\$5,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~13 GUESTS

| 2016        | 2017          |
|-------------|---------------|
| Jul 4-12    | Jul 3-11      |
| Jul 14-20 * | Jul 13-19 *   |
| Jul 23-31   | Jul 22-30     |
| Aug 1-9     | Jul 31- Aug 8 |
| Aug 13-21   | Aug 12-20     |

\*7-day trips that fly to Churchill rather than take the train.

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# Northern Lights & Arctic Cultures

A Winter Adventure in Churchill, Canada – One of the Best Places on the Planet to See the Aurora Borealis!



Northern lights, Churchill, Canada © B Josephs

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 6-8 DAYS

**Day 1:** Winnipeg, Manitoba • **Day 2:** Winnipeg / Train to Churchill • **Day 3:** Train to Churchill • **Days 4-6:** Churchill – History, culture, nature & aurora viewing • **Day 7:** Churchill / Winnipeg • **Day 8:** Winnipeg / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$4,795-\$5,195

**GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

### 2016

Jan 24-29\*  
Jan 28-Feb 3\* **P**  
Jan 30-Feb 6  
Feb 5-11\* **P**  
Feb 9-14\*  
Feb 13-19\* **P**  
Feb 15-22  
Feb 20-26\* **P**  
Feb 22-29  
Feb 27-Mar 5  
Feb 29-Mar 7  
Mar 3-9\* **P**  
Mar 7-14  
Mar 12-18\* **P**  
Mar 14-21  
Mar 19-26

### 2017

Jan 22-27\*  
Jan 26-Feb 1\* **P**  
Jan 28-Feb 4  
Feb 3-9\* **P**  
Feb 7-12\*  
Feb 11-17\* **P**  
Feb 13-20  
Feb 18-24\* **P**  
Feb 20-27  
Feb 25-Mar 4  
Feb 27-Mar 6  
Mar 2-8\* **P**  
Mar 6-13  
Mar 11-17\* **P**  
Mar 13-20  
Mar 18-25

**P** Special Photography Departure \$5,895-\$5,995  
Photography departures have one additional night in Churchill.

\*These departures fly to Churchill rather than take the train.

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**I**n the same land that hosts the brief, brilliant summer of beluga whales and the polar bears of autumn comes an amazing phenomenon that illumines the dark winter skies. The ethereal northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis, meaning “north wind of the dawn,” brighten the night sky in a mystical display of color. Churchill has one of the heaviest concentrations of auroral activity on Earth, and we view the lights from three different heated vantage points including our new custom-built glass Aurora Pod®, offering 360-degree views on the night sky. On this exciting Arctic adventure our days are filled with distinctly northern activities such as dog sledding, and our nights with the potential for the best aurora viewing on the planet.

- » Experience the northern lights in comfort from our brand-new glass Aurora Pod®, heated circular aurora domes, and the world famous Tundra Lodge
- » Journey from southern prairie to subarctic tundra on the Hudson Bay Railway to experience the magnitude of the Canadian North – or choose a direct flight
- » Discover local lifestyles and traditions of northern First Nations people on an array of winter activities in and around Churchill

**“We saw the amazing Northern Lights, wildlife and enjoyed other unanticipated excursions due to the great itinerary. I went on the trip to see the aurora, but if I hadn’t seen it I would’ve had an incredible trip anyway!” L. Kraymer**



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# Spirit Bears & Humpback Whales of BC



An Intimate Discovery of Canada's Inside Passage & Great Bear Rainforest Aboard a Private Sailboat



Kermode (spirit) bear, Great Bear Rainforest, Canada © M Scott

**I**n the wild valleys of the Coast Range on Canada's far western edge, some of the planet's oldest and tallest trees tower along salmon-studded rivers that rush to the Pacific. Thousand-year-old cedars and Sitka spruce that soar into the clouds provide shelter for the white spirit bear of Native legend. Here, too, are grizzlies and wolves, and eagles nest in ancient branches. At sea, humpback whales, orcas and porpoises ply the jade-green fjords. We join them as we sail a maze of inlets on the central British Columbia coast on a wilderness voyage into the Great Bear Rainforest, one of the earth's most magnificent – and most at-risk – natural realms. Our private chartered sailboat is the optimal base for exploring at sea and ashore in total seclusion.

- » On our exclusive Inside Passage journey aboard a private sailing ketch, explore the world's largest remaining tract of virgin temperate rain forest
- » Search for rare white spirit bears, grizzlies, black bears and wolves with expert guides who know the Great Bear Rainforest intimately
- » Watch humpback whales play as we meander through the sheltered waters of some of the most remote coastal wilderness on earth



© M Scott



© M Scott

**"The beauty of these wildlife-rich environs combined with so few other boats around (usually there were none!) was absolutely delightful. I'll never forget sitting within 15 feet of a spirit bear and her cubs!"**  
R. Emerson

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Vancouver, British Columbia / Bella Bella • **Days 2 & 3:** Board Island Roamer / Fiordland Conservancy • **Days 4-6:** Spirit Bear Conservancy – Princess Royal Island • **Days 7 & 8:** Great Bear Rainforest – Kitimat • **Day 9:** Terrace / Vancouver / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$7,895

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| <b>2016</b> | <b>2017</b> |
| Sep 12-20   | Sep 11-19   |
| Sep 20-28   | Sep 19-27   |

## GROUP SIZE ~12 GUESTS

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





## EUROPEAN ADVENTURES

**T**hink Europe is too conventional or too crowded for a real nature adventure? Think again! Our routes, **far from ordinary**, immerse you in places and experiences not available on standard tours. Discover a slice of the Old World as you **kayak Portugal's Douro River**, paddling between sun-drenched vineyards by day, feasting at historic family wine estates at night. **Sail the Adriatic** and **paddle turquoise bays** and islands off Croatia's coast, explore medieval fishing villages, then head inland to **wander among peaks, lakes and gorges** in Montenegro's little-visited high country. Watch millions of nesting seabirds in **Europe's largest rookeries** on the outermost edge of Scotland, and look for red deer and pine marten in the fabled Highlands. In Europe, there's plenty of natural habitat to explore!

Neist point lighthouse, Glendale, Scotland



# Croatia & Montenegro: An Active Adriatic Adventure



Sail, Paddle & Hike the Dalmatian Coast & Wild High Country of Durmitor National Park



Kayakers, Korcula Island, Croatia © O Malver

**W**ith more than 1,200 islands along the sun-soaked Dalmatian Coast, plus rugged mountains and waterfalls inland, Croatia and Montenegro are beguiling destinations for the nature traveler. Via kayak and on foot, revel in the best scenery in the Mediterranean, exploring rocky headlands, sandy beaches and turquoise bays. From our private sailing catamaran we launch kayaks at a new destination each day, navigating intimate coves and exploring ashore. Dubrovnik and the villages of ancient Dalmatia are a highlight – cultural and architectural treasures as seductive as the landscape. But we don't stop there: This unique adventure also includes Montenegro's little-visited Durmitor National Park, hiking among lakes, plateaus and some of the deepest gorges on Earth.

- » Sail the sparkling Adriatic aboard our deluxe private catamaran – an exclusive, small-group adventure for just eight guests
- » Kayak among forested isles and secluded coves along a coastline steeped in history, with some of the best local food and wine in the Mediterranean!
- » Discover some of Europe's most dramatic scenery in little-traveled Montenegro, hiking among the peaks, lakes and canyons of Durmitor National Park

**“Everything was fantastic! I loved being on the catamaran in Croatia, and the hiking in Montenegro was gorgeous. I enjoyed the cultural interaction of the home visits in Montenegro. And what delicious food, everywhere!” T. Welsh**



© M. Mikulec



© P. Ratitch

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 10 DAYS

**Day 1:** Dubrovnik, Croatia • **Day 2:** Sea Kayaking Zaton Bay / Dubrovnik • **Day 3:** Sea Kayaking Kolocep / Lopud / Sipan • **Day 4:** Sea Kayaking Mljet • **Day 5:** Korcula / Sea Kayaking Lumbarda / Mljet • **Day 6:** Sea Kayaking Ston / Slano • **Days 7 & 8:** Montenegro – Durmitor National Park • **Day 9:** Hiking in Durmitor / Dubrovnik • **Day 10:** Dubrovnik / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$4,795-\$5,195 GROUP SIZE ~8 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 10-19    | Jun 9-18     |
| Jun 24-Jul 3 | Jun 23-Jul 2 |
| Sep 2-11     | Sep 1-10     |
| Sep 16-25    | Sep 15-24    |
| Sep 30-Oct 9 | Sep 29-Oct 8 |

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# Scotland's Wild Highlands & Islands

Explore Rugged Coast, Ancient Forest & Wild Moors in One of Europe's Last Great Wildernesses



Callanish standing stone circle, Isle of Lewis, Scotland © G Johnson

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Days 1 & 2:** Edinburgh, Scotland / Bass Rock • **Days 3 & 4:** Oban – Wildlife Cruise / West Highlands • **Day 5:** The Isles of Mull & Staffa • **Days 6 & 7:** Outer Hebrides / Isle of Lewis Wildlife Cruise / Isle of Harris • **Day 8:** Outer Hebrides / Isle of Harris • **Day 9:** Callanish Standing Stones / Inverness • **Day 10:** Cromarty Firth • **Day 11:** Highlands at Aigas Field Centre • **Day 12:** Edinburgh / Depart • **Extension:** Orkney Islands

**DATES & FEES** \$8,995-\$9,195 **GROUP SIZE** ~11 GUESTS

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| May 9-20  | May 9-20  |
| Jun 13-24 | Jun 13-24 |
| Jul 11-22 | Jul 11-22 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



**D**uring a far northern summer, as the days stretch toward almost perpetual light, the Hebrides Islands off Scotland's far northwest coast are a flurry of life. Millions of seabirds nest in some of the largest rookeries in the world, while whales, seals and dolphins feed in clear waters warmed by the Gulf Stream. As we explore the coves and cliffs of the Outer Hebrides, we also find remnants of ancient human culture, from Iron Age stone forts to embellished Celtic crosses. Inland, the rugged Highlands abound with wildlife in the boreal forest and heather moorlands, including red deer, badgers, pine marten and the captivating Scottish wildcat. Come with us to discover wild, mystical Scotland!

- » Discover Scotland's nature and wildlife by land and sea with our Expedition Leader, an expert naturalist who enhances your adventure at every turn
- » Cruise to the remote Outer Hebrides where millions of seabirds nest in cliffside colonies, and enjoy a scenic private wildlife cruise off the Isle of Lewis
- » Explore the northern Highlands, one of Britain's last large wild areas, with interpretation from naturalist Sir John Lister-Kaye, director of the Aigas Field Center



© E Rock

**"We enjoyed this trip immensely! Scotland is lovely, with so much to recommend to it: history, geology, birds and beautiful scenery, with fantastic variation north to south. We're telling all our friends to go!"**  
J. & D. Van Ginkle





# Paddling Portugal's River of Wine



Kayak the Historic Douro River By Day & Feast at Classic Vineyard Estates By Night



Kayakers, Douro River, Portugal © O Malver

**T**he sun glints on the glassy surface of the Douro River as you dip your paddle, gliding through northern Portugal's historic Port wine district. Hawks circle overhead as we glide between rugged mountains terraced with ancient vineyards. Tranquil days on the river give way to festive evenings at centuries-old quintas, the wine estates of the Douro Valley. Within these hospitable mansions and farmhouses we share warm personal connections with our hosts, enjoying an inside encounter with contemporary rural life in Portugal. Savor the best in traditional European ambience and cuisine on a Dionysian paddling odyssey through romantic wine country. As our hosts say, "A sua saude" – To your health!

- » Revel in sunshine, nature, history and hospitality in a little-traveled corner of authentic Old World Europe that few travelers are privileged to visit
- » Overnight in luxurious manor houses and traditional farmsteads, and join host families for the finest in traditional Portuguese food and wine
- » In the fall, witness the harvest when ripe grapes are hand-picked from centuries-old terraced vineyards, while spring brings blossoms and wildflowers

**"Our guide Nancy loves the country and its people and exudes enthusiasm. I loved being in a place where the people live in total harmony with the land, meeting the people at the quintas, the food, wine, and the landscape." J. Creore**



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Porto, Portugal • **Day 2:** Felgar – Casa de Santa Cruz • **Day 3:** Casa de Santa Cruz • **Day 4:** Quinta do Barracão da Vilarça • **Day 5:** Quinta do Barracão da Vilarça / Coa Valley • **Day 6:** Bairro do Casal • **Day 7:** Casa de Casal de Loivos • **Day 8:** Pinhão / Porto • **Day 9:** Porto / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$5,895-\$5,995 **GROUP SIZE** ~12 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jun 5-13     | Jun 5-13     |
| Sep 3-11     | Sep 3-11     |
| Sep 13-21    | Sep 13-21    |
| Sep 23-Oct 1 | Sep 23-Oct 1 |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.





## U.S. NATIONAL PARKS

**A**

world traveler can easily overlook the natural treasures that exist closer to home.

Yet some of the planet's most **magnificent landscapes** and wildlife habitat are found in the United States, protected within its national parks. If you think you can't find **genuine wilderness** – or an escape from mass tourism – in our parks and their surrounding environs, think again. Based on our years of experience, we take a different approach from other companies. We travel to spots that are **secluded** and **close to wildlife**, just as we do on an African safari. We stay at atmospheric lodges and small inns. Our professional Expedition Leaders guide **exclusive small groups** to the most remote parts of America's famed nature sanctuaries. We **leave the crowds behind** to search for wolves hunting on a winter morning in Yellowstone, or scout for grizzlies beneath Glacier's imposing peaks. Witness the sunset over the Grand Canyon from the quiet North Rim. The national parks have been called "America's Best Idea" – we think so, too!

Grand Canyon National Park, USA © F Prochasson



# Yellowstone: Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Safari



An Exclusive Winter Wildlife Expedition Deep into Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks



Gray wolf & bison, Yellowstone National Park, USA

**I**n the pale light of sunrise, we survey the open expanse of Yellowstone's Lamar Valley. With expert naturalist guides at our side and spotting scopes at the ready, we hope to see a wolf pack emerge from the forest, energized by the awakening day. In the distance, a large male halts and sniffs the frosty air as we sense the mystical aura of this beast of legend. Elegant predators, wolves are an important part of the Yellowstone ecosystem, where elk, bison and other prey provide sustenance. Winter's white mantle offers a pristine backdrop against which to search for these elusive icons of the wild, away from summer crowds. The land itself is part of the magic, too, with steaming geysers and trees covered in ice crystals beneath an immaculate blue sky.

- » On this intimate small-group winter adventure, search for gray wolves in the remote Lamar Valley with the aid of scientist researchers
- » Travel into the heart of Yellowstone by private snowcoach to Old Faithful, and watch steaming geysers erupt against the snowy backdrop
- » Journey by sleigh across the National Elk Refuge for close-up views of the vast winter herds beneath the snow-clad spires of the Grand Tetons



**"The trip was as described and so much more! The scenery, the beauty, the education – all incredible. Seeing the wolves was magical. The amount of wildlife we saw was more than I expected. Much more!" C. Galantuomini**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

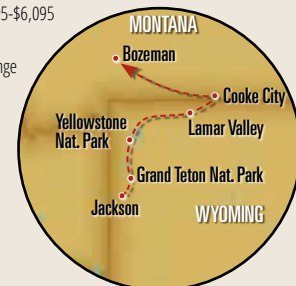
**Days 1 & 2:** Jackson, Wyoming / National Elk Refuge • **Day 3:** Grand Tetons / Interior Yellowstone / Old Faithful • **Day 4:** Mammoth Hot Springs / Lamar Valley / Cooke City • **Day 5:** Lamar Valley Wolf Safari • **Day 6:** Lamar Valley / Bozeman • **Day 7:** Bozeman / Depart • **Extension:** Dog Sledding

**DATES & FEES** \$4,995-\$5,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

| 2016               | 2017               |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jan 2-8            | Jan 1-7            |
| Jan 9-15           | Jan 8-14           |
| Jan 9-16 <b>P</b>  | Jan 8-15 <b>P</b>  |
| Jan 16-22          | Jan 15-21          |
| Jan 16-23 <b>P</b> | Jan 15-22 <b>P</b> |
| Jan 23-29          | Jan 22-28          |
| Jan 23-30 <b>P</b> | Jan 22-29 <b>P</b> |
| Jan 30-Feb 5       | Jan 29-Feb 4       |
| Feb 6-12           | Feb 5-11           |
| Feb 13-19          | Feb 12-18          |
| Feb 20-26          | Feb 19-25          |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$5,995-\$6,095

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# Yellowstone Wolf Quest & Photo Adventure

The Best Opportunity to Watch & Photograph Wolves & Winter Wildlife in its Natural Habitat!



Gray wolves, Yellowstone National Park, USA

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

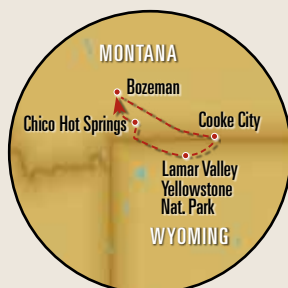
**Day 1:** Bozeman, Montana • **Day 2:** Paradise Valley / Yellowstone National Park • **Day 3:** Lamar Valley – In the Field with Local Professional Photographer  
• **Days 4-6:** Lamar Valley Wolf Watching • **Day 7:** Scenic Flyover / Blacktail Plateau / Chico Hot Springs • **Day 8:** Bozeman / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$5,995-\$6,095

**GROUP SIZE** ~12 GUESTS

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| Mar 5-12  | Mar 6-13  |
| Mar 13-20 | Mar 14-21 |
| Mar 21-28 | Mar 22-29 |

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**Y**ou won't find a better chance to observe wolves in the wild than on this rare immersion in their native realm. Our wolf and wildlife photography intensive spends five full days in the best spot on Earth for viewing wolves – and, if we're lucky, capturing images of wolf packs living freely in their natural environment: the famed Lamar Valley of Yellowstone's Northern Range. Though wolves are elusive and typically seen at a distance, the wide-open expanses of the Lamar offer the best prospects for sighting them. Through the relationships we've cultivated with local scientists, wolf researchers and renowned wildlife photographers, we are able to offer this exclusive photo safari for a few privileged guests keen for an intimate encounter with *Canis lupus*.

- » Five full days of tracking wolves in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone's Northern Range – you won't find a more in-depth opportunity!
- » A 2-hour scenic flight offers rare perspective on the scope of the wolves' habitat, plus elk, bison and moose migration patterns
- » Meet local wildlife photographers and field naturalists who augment our experience with their expertise during exclusive private engagements



© E Rock

**"As we look back through our trip journal, we marvel at how much we saw each day. The scenic flight over Yellowstone was out-of-this world! We also loved meeting the guest photographers, a fabulous addition to the trip." A. Skerker**



© B Forbes



# Hidden Yellowstone Wildlife Safari



An Expertly Guided Small-Group Discovery in the Quiet Entrancing Seasons of Spring & Fall



Bison, Yellowstone National Park, USA © S Levi

**W**hen President Theodore Roosevelt visited Yellowstone in 1903, he proclaimed it “absolutely unique in the world.” Embracing the idea of natural beauty as a national asset, he championed the idea of national parks, building a priceless legacy for generations to follow. In the northwest corner of Wyoming, two treasured parks offer an immersion in scenery and wildlife unparalleled in the Lower 48. This classic small-group safari through Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons takes us into the domain of elk and buffalo herds, moose, coyotes, foxes, bald eagles and, of course, bears and wolves. The backdrop is as magnificent as the wildlife, with steaming geysers rushing rivers and Teton spires. From plains to peaks, Yellowstone Country still works strong magic.

- » Safari in a small private group in search of wolves, grizzlies, elk, bison and more, guided by an expert naturalist Expedition Leader
- » Discover wildlife-viewing spots that casual tourists miss, along with other scenic surprises revealed by our guides who know this terrain like none other
- » Float the Snake River through Jackson Hole beneath the dramatic peaks of the Grand Tetons, and look for elk on the valley floor

**“We were able to see breathtakingly beautiful scenery as well as much wildlife. Because of our top-notch guides Paul and Sean, we got to see wolves, moose, elk, coyotes buffalo, sheep, pronghorns, and picas. It was amazing!” L. Harvey**



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Jackson, Wyoming • **Day 2:** Grand Teton National Park • **Day 3:** Yellowstone National Park / Old Faithful • **Day 4:** Yellowstone National Park / Mammoth Hot Springs / Cooke City • **Day 5:** Lamar Valley Wildlife Safari • **Day 6:** Hayden Valley / Yellowstone Lake / Jackson • **Day 7:** Jackson / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$4,595-\$4,695 **GROUP SIZE** ~14 GUESTS

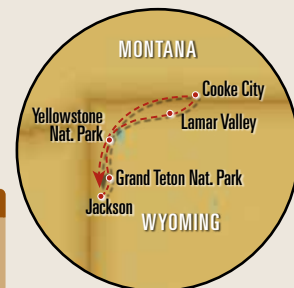
| 2016                  | 2017               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| May 21-27             | May 20-26          |
| May 28-Jun 3          | May 27-Jun 2       |
| Sep 3-9               | Sep 2-8            |
| Sep 10-16             | Sep 9-15           |
| Sep 17-24 <b>P</b>    | Sep 16-23 <b>P</b> |
| Sep 24-Oct 1 <b>P</b> | Sep 23-30 <b>P</b> |

**P** Special Photography Departure \$5,395-\$5,595

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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# Glacier Park & Waterton Lakes: An International Treasure

Discover the Scenic Splendors of One of North America's Most Spectacular Alpine Environments



Mt. Gould & Grinnell Lake, Glacier National Park, USA

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7-9 DAYS

**Day 1:** Kalispell, Montana • **Day 2:** Glacier National Park • **Day 3:** Glacier National Park – Two Medicine Valley • **Days 4 & 5:** Waterton Lakes National Park • **Days 6 & 7:** Glacier National Park – Many Glacier Valley • **Day 8:** Glacier National Park – Going-to-the-Sun Road • **Day 9:** Kalispell / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$4,795-\$4,895

**GROUP SIZE** ~7 GUESTS

### 2016

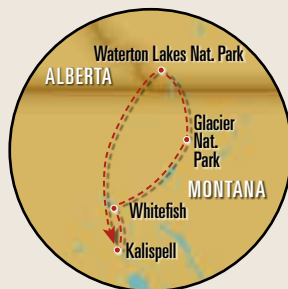
Jul 3-9 **G**  
Jul 10-16 **G**  
Jul 18-24 **G**  
Jul 25-Aug 2  
Aug 3-11  
Aug 13-21  
Aug 22-30

### 2017

Jul 1-7 **G**  
Jul 8-14 **G**  
Jul 16-22 **G**  
Jul 23-29 **G**  
Jul 31-Aug 8  
Aug 9-17  
Aug 19-27  
Aug 28-Sep 5  
Sep 7-15

**G** 7-Day Glacier Park Itinerary \$3,795-\$3,895

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When naturalist John Muir visited Glacier in 1901, he wrote, “Get off the tracks at Belton Station [now West Glacier] and in a few minutes you will find yourself in the midst of what you are sure to say is the best care-killing scenery on the continent.” Muir’s words are still valid today in this beguiling landscape of peaks, meadows, wildflowers and meltwater lakes fed by rills tumbling down off the park’s namesake ice shelves. Subalpine forests and granite ridges are home to grizzly bears, mountain goats, elk and more. This rare small-group foray into the natural bounty of Glacier – plus Canada’s Waterton Lakes National Park, which shares a border and an ecosystem – will refresh and energize contemporary spirits just as it did a century ago.

- » Join expert guides on an intimate, small-group natural history journey in two of North America’s most stunning national parks – a rare combination!
- » Traverse the alpine heights of the Continental Divide on the famed Going-to-the-Sun Road, and scout for wildlife in out-of-the-way reaches
- » Relax at grand lakeside lodges, replete with history and Old West atmosphere, each a national park icon in its own right

“Timing is everything in viewing wildlife, and for some reason Melissa always knew the best time and locations for seeing wildlife. Loved the chance to stay in historic lodges. Enjoyed the hikes, away from all the tourists!” B. Connell



© C. Lavoie





# Canyons of the American Southwest



An Expertly Guided Journey into the Hidden Corners of Grand, Bryce & Zion Canyons



Hoodoos, Bryce Canyon National Park, USA

**T**he landscape of the American Southwest has long captivated artists, writers and photographers who have sought to capture its drama in image or word. Standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon's 5,000-foot precipice, searching the lavender-shadowed depths below for a glimpse of the Colorado River's silver ribbon, you'll soon realize that no work of art can compare. Remarkably diverse but no less moving are the geological marvels of neighboring Bryce and Zion. We explore all three iconic canyons on this classic Western adventure, enjoying stays in historic park lodges en route. And we travel in the quieter seasons of spring and fall, when visitors are fewer and the light is pure magic

- » Our expert guide reveals hidden wonders of Zion and Bryce Canyon, whose towering walls and colorful hoodoos epitomize the high desert Southwest
- » Gaze into the Grand Canyon's storied depths from the more remote and less-visited North Rim, on our out-of-the-ordinary canyonlands adventure
- » After days filled with discovery and wonder, relax at classic stone-and-timber national park lodges, with the ambience of adventure from a century ago

**"The beauty exceeded my expectations. Combined with the intimate knowledge of our guides, the result was excitement every single day. I cannot stop raving about what you do. Your quality jumps out of your program!" T. Frankel**



© J Marvín



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 8 DAYS

**Day 1:** St. George, Utah • **Days 2 & 3:** Bryce Canyon National Park • **Days 4 & 5:** Zion National Park • **Days 6 & 7:** Grand Canyon, The North Rim • **Day 8:** St. George / Depart

**DATES & FEES \$3,995-\$4,095** **GROUP SIZE ~14 GUESTS**

### 2016

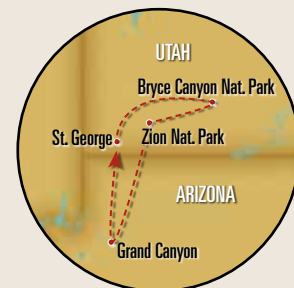
May 13-21 **P**  
May 23-30  
May 31-Jun 7  
Aug 27-Sep 3  
Sep 5-12  
Sep 13-21 **P**

### 2017

May 12-20 **P**  
May 22-29  
May 30-Jun 6  
Aug 26-Sep 2  
Sep 4-11  
Sep 12-20 **P**

**P** Special Photography Departure \$4,695-\$4,795

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## ASIA & THE PACIFIC

**F**or millennia, the treasures of Asia and the South Pacific have beckoned travelers from around the globe. And while richly layered histories and intriguing cultures are still a powerful draw, there are other alluring aspects for nature travelers: photograph India's wild tigers and track rhinos in Nepal. Scout for orangutans in the rain forests of Borneo. Get close to pandas in China. Watch whales breach on small-boat excursions in New Zealand. Our **diverse adventures** in Asia and the Pacific are expressly designed to bring you close to some of the world's most wondrous nature treasures. We head to **remote wildlife reserves** and national parks, staying at **small lodges and inns** where other travelers are few. At the same time, we don't omit the cultural highlights: choose an extension to the fabled Taj Mahal or walk atop the Great Wall of China. Throughout, our **outstanding Expedition Leaders** illuminate every dimension of our extraordinary **small-group experience**.

Giant panda, Bifengxia Panda Base, China © B Josephs



# The Grand India Wildlife Adventure

An In-Depth Odyssey In Search of Wild Tigers & Other Exotic Wildlife



Bengal tiger, Kanha National Park & Tiger Reserve, India

**T**he Indian subcontinent is one of the world's most stimulating destinations. While its mélange of human cultures has long drawn the attention of historians and travelers, its spectrum of wild habitats rich with exotic animals offers rare treasures for those who are passionate about nature. This comprehensive safari focuses on India's natural realm, renowned for its dramatic rivers, fabled jungles and intriguing wildlife. The majestic Bengal tiger reigns supreme, and we'll also search for rhinoceros, rare barasingha, Asiatic jackal, jungle cats, wild boar and much more. Ecotourism is integral to conservation in India, and our travels benefit the continued existence of some of the world's most precious vanishing species.

- » Explore three of India's top national parks on multiple game drives in open 4x4s – you won't find a fuller wildlife-focused itinerary!
- » Safari with our naturalist Expedition Leader in search of tigers, one-horned rhinos, Asiatic elephants and other fascinating wildlife
- » Relax in vintage-style atmosphere with modern comforts at premier ecolodges tucked within India's best wildlife reserves

**"I was ecstatic to see a tiger up close! I also enjoyed learning a great deal about Indian wildlife and culture, and sampling the delicious food. So much packed into one journey!" P. Brill**



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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Delhi, India • **Day 2:** Jabalpur / Bandhavgarh National Park • **Days 3 & 4:** Bandhavgarh National Park • **Day 5:** Bandhavgarh / Kanha National Park & Tiger Reserve • **Days 6 & 7:** Kanha National Park & Tiger Reserve • **Day 8:** Kanha / Raipur / Kolkata • **Day 9:** Jorhat / Kaziranga National Park • **Days 10 & 11:** Kaziranga National Park • **Day 12:** Guwahati / Delhi / Depart  
• **Extension:** Agra and the Taj Mahal

## DATES & FEES \$8,995-\$9,195 GROUP SIZE ~11 GUESTS

| 2016          | 2017          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Feb 10-21     | Feb 10-21     |
| Feb 25-Mar 7  | Feb 25-Mar 7  |
| Mar 9-20      | Mar 9-20      |
| Mar 23-Apr 3  | Mar 23-Apr 3  |
| Apr 11-22     | Apr 11-22     |
| Nov 16-27     | Nov 16-27     |
| Nov 30-Dec 11 | Nov 30-Dec 11 |
| Dec 7-18      | Dec 7-18      |

Note: Nov & Dec 2016 fees & all 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. -Please consult our website.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.





# India's Tigers & Wildlife: A Photo Safari

Optimal Photography Opportunities in Ranthambore National Park – Superb Tiger Territory!



Bengal tiger, Ranthambore National Park, India © A Ananth

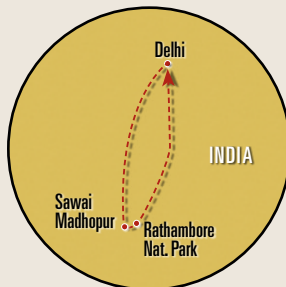
## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 7 DAYS

**Day 1:** Delhi, India • **Day 2:** Delhi • **Day 3:** Sawai Madhopur / Ranthambore National Park • **Days 4-6:** Ranthambore National Park • **Day 7:** Delhi / Depart • **Extension:** Agra and the Taj Mahal

**DATES & FEES** \$5,695-\$5,895 **GROUP SIZE** ~6 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| Apr 4-10     | Apr 4-10     |
| Apr 10-16    | Apr 10-16    |
| Apr 18-24    | Apr 18-24    |
| Apr 24-30    | Apr 24-30    |
| Apr 30-May 6 | Apr 30-May 6 |
| May 6-12     | May 6-12     |
| May 12-18    | May 12-18    |
| May 26-Jun 1 | May 26-Jun 1 |
| Jun 1-7      | Jun 1-7      |
| Jun 7-13     | Jun 7-13     |

Note: 2017 dates & fees may change slightly. Please consult our website.



## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

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**O**ur exclusive India photo expedition is designed to capitalize on the very best opportunities to see Bengal tigers and other wildlife. India's strictly protected reserves remain one of the only places to observe wild tigers in their natural habitat. As spring gives way to summer, animals anticipate the monsoon that is still weeks away. While they seek shelter during the soaring heat of midday, they still must drink and feed, moving to water at least twice a day. April to mid-June is thus the best time for tiger sightings, and we visit the park during this quieter season, making twice-daily excursions in the cooler early morning and late afternoon. There's plenty of time to obtain unhurried photos, while recognizing that tigers are elusive and sightings may be fleeting.

- » Enjoy India's best tiger photography opportunities with only two travelers per open safari truck – just six travelers total!
- » Explore Ranthambore National Park on twice-daily game drives at the optimal time of year for Bengal tiger sightings
- » Safari in search of entrancing jungle wildlife including sloth bear, leopards and more, on this immersive nature adventure



**"We've always had outstanding Expedition Leaders with Nat Hab, and Aditya met our expectation 100%. The whole trip was tremendous, but seeing tigers in the wild at close range was the most thrilling experience ever!" J. Popatia**



# The Wild Side of China: A Nature Odyssey



A Far-East Safari to See Pandas, Explore Remote Nature Reserves & Search for Rare Wildlife



Giant pandas, Bifengxia Panda Base, China © B Josephs

**D**eep in the Minshan Mountains of China's Sichuan province, great rivers and deep gorges dissect lush forests that shelter some of the world's rarest and most endangered wildlife. This is the last wild habitat of the giant panda, which subsists on the bamboo protected within a network of remote nature reserves. Supported by WWF, these little-visited wilderness enclaves also harbor rare moon bears, golden monkeys, shaggy takin, serow, blue sheep and exquisite birds, including the golden pheasant. Discover a side of China most travelers never see on our unique itinerary, carefully crafted to reveal rarely seen panda habitat and Chinese nature at its most captivating – plus panda encounters at three different research bases!

- » Travel deep into the mountains and forests of Sichuan and the Tibetan Plateau to search for rare and endangered species found nowhere else
- » Get up close and personal with endangered giant pandas and learn about efforts to conserve them at three renowned panda research and breeding bases
- » Exclusive permits grant us access to a remote, rarely visited wildlife reserve where we may find signs of some of the last wild giant pandas living freely



© J Gibson



© B Josephs

**“Seeing the pandas was spectacular, and to sit next to one and look into its soft and gentle eyes was truly amazing. What I didn't expect was how much I'd love learning about the culture, history, and people of China.” M. R. Ligammari**

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Chengdu, China • **Day 2:** Dujiangyan Panda Base / Chengdu • **Day 3:** Chengdu Panda Base / Ya'an • **Day 4:** Bifengxia Panda Base / Chengdu or Jianguyou • **Day 5:** Minshan Mountains / Qing Xi / Wild Panda Nature Reserve • **Days 6 & 7:** Wild Panda Nature Reserve • **Day 8:** Pingwu / Jiuzhaigou • **Day 9:** Jiuzhaigou National Park • **Day 10:** Exploring Jiuzhaigou • **Day 11:** Chengdu • **Day 12:** Chengdu / Depart • **Extensions:** Extra Day in Chengdu, Extra Day in Beijing

## DATES & FEES \$10,495-\$10,695 GROUP SIZE ~12 GUESTS

| 2016               | 2017               |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Apr 3-14           | Apr 3-14           |
| Apr 6-17 <b>P</b>  | Apr 6-17 <b>P</b>  |
| Apr 16-27          | Apr 16-27          |
| Apr 19-30 <b>P</b> | Apr 19-30 <b>P</b> |
| May 2-13           | May 2-13           |
| May 7-18 <b>P</b>  | May 7-18 <b>P</b>  |
| Sep 4-15           | Sep 4-15           |
| Sep 18-29          | Sep 18-29          |
| Oct 8-19 <b>P</b>  | Oct 8-19 <b>P</b>  |

**P** Special Photography Departure  
\$10,495-\$10,695

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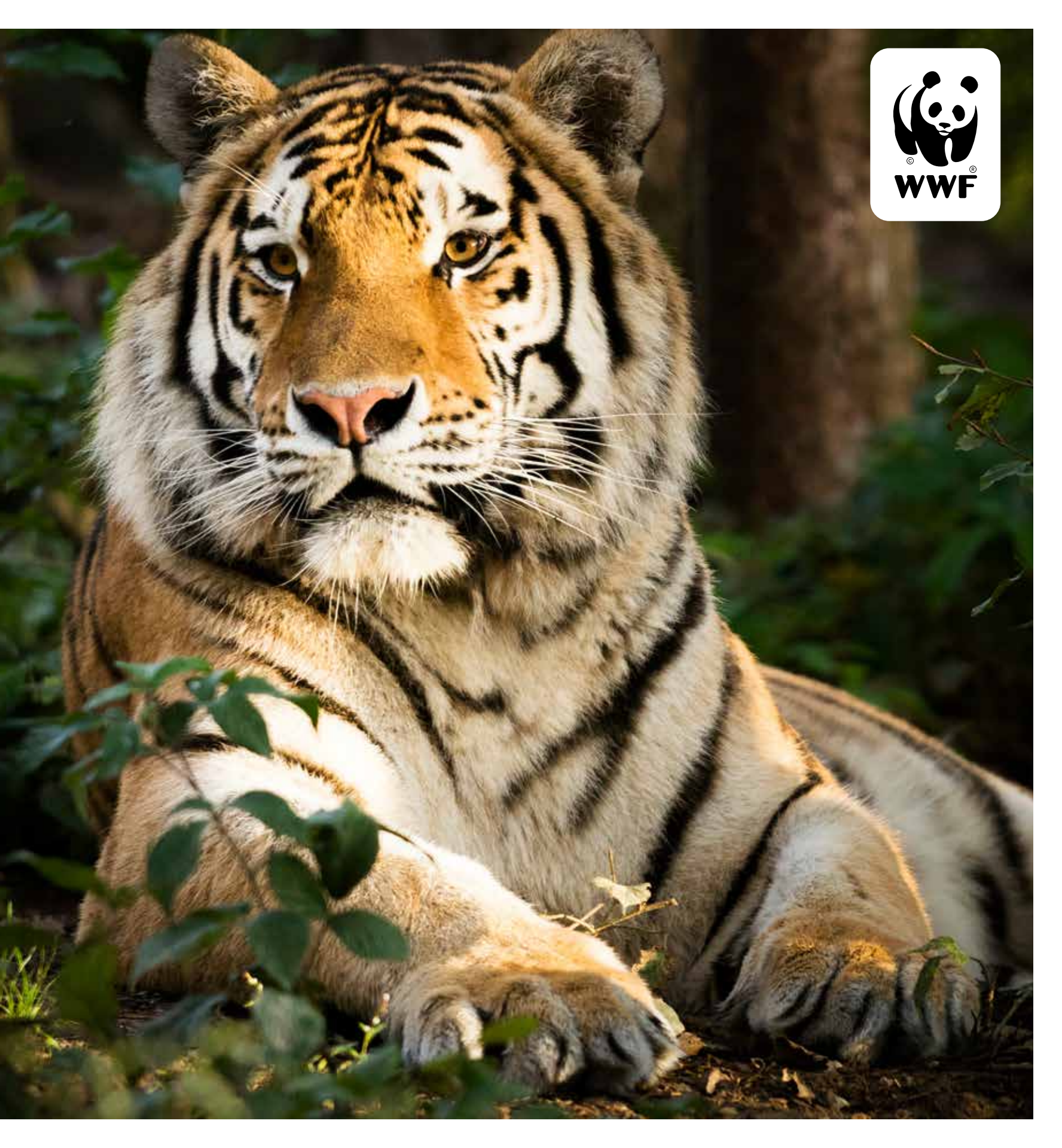


## Zero Poaching. A Smart Move.

Illegal wildlife trafficking is a highly sophisticated, multi-billion-dollar business. In order to stop it, the means to fight poaching have to be equally advanced. While India's latest tiger census is encouraging – 2,226 wild tigers in 2014, up from 1,411 in 2006 – achieving the “Zero Poaching” goal of WWF's Tigers Alive Initiative is crucial in order to keep tiger numbers rising. And rangers are the key. WWF is training rangers to use an innovative high-tech approach to monitor and combat poaching – the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) – that helps evaluate and improve wildlife patrols and site-based conservation activities. Thus far, WWF has trained more than 636 rangers to use the software across 37 sites, along with critical field skills to enhance their effectiveness. Now that's smart!

Learn more at [worldwildlife.org/species/tiger](http://worldwildlife.org/species/tiger)







# The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond

A Tropical Wildlife Quest in Search of Orangutans, Endangered Sea Turtles & More!



Bornean orangutans, Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary, Borneo

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 14 DAYS

**Day 1:** Kuching, Borneo • **Day 2:** Bako National Park / Kuching • **Day 3:** Gunung Mulu National Park • **Day 4:** Gunung Mulu National Park • **Day 5:** Sandakan / Sepilok Nature Reserve • **Day 6:** Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary / Sun Bear Conservation Center • **Day 7:** Selangan Turtle Island • **Days 8 & 9:** Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary • **Days 10-12:** Danum Valley • **Day 13:** Danum Valley / Lahad Datu / Kota Kinabalu • **Day 14:** Kota Kinabalu / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$8,895-\$8,995 **GROUP SIZE** ~10 GUESTS

| 2016         | 2017         |
|--------------|--------------|
| May 4-17     | May 4-17     |
| May 20-Jun 2 | May 20-Jun 2 |
| Jun 5-18     | Jun 5-18     |
| Aug 24-Sep 6 | Aug 24-Sep 6 |
| Sep 9-22     | Sep 9-22     |

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**I**n the emerald depths of the world's tallest rain forests on the island of Borneo, life flourishes. The dense canopy shelters a host of wildlife that leap, dart and crawl among the leafy trees, fringing jungle rivers and waterfalls. Endangered orangutans thrive in the lush vegetation, sharing branches and vines with leaf monkeys, wild gibbons, flying lemurs and more than 300 vibrant bird species. Rare proboscis monkeys are at home in coastal mangroves where hornbills and sea eagles soar above. In the forest beneath Mt. Kinabalu's prominent peaks, pygmy elephants lumber through the underbrush while monitor lizards sunbathe on the banks of the Kinabatangan River. If it's tropical wildlife you want to go in search of, look for it in the wilds of Borneo!

- » Observe orangutans as they move freely in their natural habitat, and learn about efforts to conserve them at Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center
- » Watch endangered green sea turtles swim ashore on Selangan Turtle Island to lay their eggs, and witness tiny hatchlings as they are released into the sea
- » Search for monkeys, gibbons, clouded leopards and birds in Danum Valley and see the world's largest limestone caves in Gunung Mulu National Park



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**"We saw more than I expected – lots of wild orangutans, including moms with babies, and males and females interacting. I was ecstatic with the variety of wildlife – macaques, pygmy elephants, and even flying squirrels!" K. Shraibati**



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# New Zealand Nature Explorer

A Small-Group Nature Adventure Amid the Scenic Splendors of the South Island



Milford Sound, New Zealand

**A**mong travelers who covet spectacular natural settings, New Zealand is legendary. We focus on the South Island, whose rugged coastline contains a land of topographic extremes, from seaside rain forests and volcano craters to jagged peaks, active glaciers and icy fjords. On this dramatic itinerary, we are immersed in nature at its showiest. Within the diverse landscapes we explore, we find intriguing and rare creatures such as Fiordland crested penguins and brown kiwis. We also experience the human side of New Zealand, equally renowned. We'll meet sheep farmers, learn about Polynesian Maori culture, and find a bit of Scottish heritage in the South Pacific in the charming city of Christchurch.

- » Cruise the fjords of Milford Sound, where mists weave through glacial valleys and waterfalls pour from vertical peaks above
- » Enjoy an exclusive two-night stay on wild, rarely visited Stewart Island, where our Expedition Leader guides us in search of the famed brown kiwi
- » From secluded wilderness ecolodges, search for wildlife on rain forest hikes, paddle a mountain lake, and stargaze under some of the earth's darkest skies

**"I especially enjoyed the kiwi bird, tuatara and yellow eyed penguin conservation centers. Ulva Island was fantastic, as was everything else. Our guide bent over backwards to be sure each guest had an incredible time."** W. Dixon



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 12 DAYS

**Day 1:** Christchurch, New Zealand • **Days 2 & 3:** Christchurch / Arthur's Pass  
• **Day 4:** Westland National Park / Lake Moeraki • **Day 5:** Lake Moeraki •  
**Day 6:** Haast Pass / Lake Wanaka • **Day 7:** Lake Wanaka / Te Anau • **Day 8:** Fiordland National Park / Milford Sound • **Days 9 & 10:** Stewart Island / Ulva Island • **Day 11:** Invercargill / Dunedin • **Day 12:** Dunedin / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$9,695

| 2016      | 2017      |
|-----------|-----------|
| Jan 19-30 | Jan 19-30 |
| Mar 11-22 | Mar 11-22 |
| Apr 3-14  | Apr 3-14  |
| Nov 7-18  | Nov 7-18  |
| Dec 5-16  | Dec 5-16  |

## GROUP SIZE ~12 GUESTS

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# Natural Jewels of Bhutan & Nepal

A One-of-a-Kind Nature Adventure Exploring the Cultural & Wildlife Treasures of Two Himalayan Realms



Greater one-horned rhinoceros, Chitwan National Park, Nepal

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 13 DAYS

**Day 1:** Kathmandu, Nepal • **Day 2:** Bharatpur / Chitwan National Park  
• **Days 3-5:** Chitwan National Park • **Day 6:** Bharatpur / Kathmandu •  
**Day 7:** Paro, Bhutan / Thimphu • **Day 8:** Thimphu • **Day 9:** Punakha  
Valley • **Day 10:** Punakha • **Day 11:** Paro • **Day 12:** Paro – Tiger's  
Nest & Kyichu Lhakhang • **Day 13:** Paro / Bangkok, Thailand / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$8,895-\$9,095 **GROUP SIZE** ~10 GUESTS

| 2016          | 2017          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Feb 20-Mar 3  | Feb 20-Mar 3  |
| Mar 4-16      | Mar 4-16      |
| Mar 17-29     | Mar 17-29     |
| Mar 31-Apr 12 | Mar 31-Apr 12 |
| Apr 15-27     | Apr 15-27     |

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## PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES

This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.

**T**he Kingdom of Bhutan is one of the world's little-known treasures, where quality of life is measured in terms of Gross National Happiness, rather than purely material measures. Till recently, the "Land of the Thunder Dragon" has remained in splendid isolation, dedicated to preserving its deep Buddhist traditions and pristine landscapes. A journey among ancient monasteries, Himalayan peaks, glacial rivers and peaceable villages reveals this mythical country's singular beauty. Geographically diverse Nepal contains the world's highest mountains, subtropical forests and captivating cultures. 4x4 drives reveal Nepal's rich wildlife as we search for sloth bears, leopards, rhinos and expertly camouflaged Bengal tigers that roam wild through jungle lowlands.

- » Join us on an intimate insider's discovery of two ancient Himalayan kingdoms, with a unique focus on nature in several diverse ecosystems
- » Explore Chitwan National Park, Nepal's jungle wildlife reserve that's home to elephants, rhinoceros, sloth bears, golden jackal, elusive wild cats...and more!
- » Visit Taktsang Monastery, Bhutan's famous "Tiger's Nest," perched half a mile up on an impossibly sheer mountain cliff

"The safari in Chitwan was fantastic – we were mesmerized by the rhinos, the plethora of birds and the anticipation of a tiger sighting. Payal was a phenomenal guide, with such a deep knowledge of the region's ecology." T. Segura



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# Myanmar & Thailand: Exploring Nature & Spirit



A Rare Foray into the Hidden Natural Treasures of Southeast Asia



Old Bagan temples, Bagan, Myanmar

**R**enowned in the annals of global adventurers a century ago yet little known to modern-day vagabonds, Myanmar – formerly Burma – has opened its doors after long being inaccessible to travelers. Experience what has until now remained in isolation, from Buddhist cultural treasures and traditional villages to unspoiled tropical landscapes and fascinating wildlife. We're sure you'll concur with Rudyard Kipling, who wrote, "This is Burma, and it is unlike any land you know about." That was in 1898 – and it's still true today. Our unusual two-country itinerary includes national parks and natural highlights of Myanmar, as well as three Thai national parks that comprise some of Southeast Asia's richest wildlife enclaves.

- » From our ecolodge perched on volcanic slopes, look for rare wild langurs – leaf monkeys – in Popa Mountain National Park
- » At conservation-focused Green Hills Elephant Camp, feed and wash Asian elephants, and visit a gibbon rehabilitation project in the Thai rain forest
- » Discover Thailand's Khao Sok National Park, where unique wildlife inhabits the world's oldest rain forest amid karst mountains and jade-green lakes

**"I enjoyed being a relatively early visitor to this country. It was wonderful being away from the crowds, and I appreciate the effort to combine nature into a trip in an area that is known for its cultural attractions."** P. Posner



## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE 13 DAYS

**Day 1:** Yangon, Myanmar • **Day 2:** Yangon / Green Hills Elephant Camp / Inle Lake • **Day 3:** Inle Lake • **Day 4:** Inle Lake Wetland Sanctuary / Inle Cultural Heritage • **Day 5:** Bagan / Popa Mountain • **Day 6:** Popa Mountain National Park / Bagan • **Day 7:** Temples of Bagan • **Day 8:** Bagan / Yangon • **Day 9:** Yangon – Shwedagon Pagoda / Hlawga National Park / Bago • **Day 10:** Moe Yun Gyi / Yangon / Phuket, Thailand • **Day 11:** Khao Phra Thaeo, Thai Muang and Khao Sok National Parks • **Day 12:** Khao Sok National Park • **Day 13:** Khao Sok / Phuket / Depart

## DATES & FEES \$8,895-\$8,995 GROUP SIZE ~10 GUESTS

| 2016          | 2017          |
|---------------|---------------|
| Feb 1-13      | Feb 1-13      |
| Nov 28-Dec 10 | Nov 28-Dec 10 |

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## ANTARCTICA & ADVENTURE CRUISES

**S**ometimes, the ends of the Earth can only be reached by sea. Our carefully selected Adventure Cruises are designed to take you there. From Antarctica to the North Pole, our **small-ship voyages** immerse you in the most **remote natural places** on the planet. We're among the world's experts on expedition-style cruises, and we've marshaled our collective expertise to present a **diverse collection of the very best ships** and destinations. Look for polar bears in Spitsbergen. Watch glaciers calve in Alaska. Stand among 100,000 king penguins on South Georgia Island. Each journey aboard an **intimate vessel designed for exploration** features comfortable accommodations, **onboard experts** including naturalists, scientists and historians, and a suite of equipment for investigating the coastline at close range and ashore, such as Zodiacs and kayaks. We know the ships. We know the routes. Let us help you select the Adventure Cruise you've always dreamed of!

King penguins, South Georgia Island





# Sailing Antarctica: The Ultimate Polar Nature Expedition



Join the Exclusive Few to Explore the White Continent by Private Sailboat!



S/V Australis, Melchior Island, Antarctica © J Mittan

**I**ntrepid explorers passionate about serious outdoor adventure won't find a more exhilarating way to experience Antarctica than on this one-of-a-kind polar expedition. With just seven travelers per departure, this is a truly exclusive opportunity! Explore the Antarctic Peninsula by ice-strengthened sailboat, surrounded by seals, whales, penguins and icebergs. In a world where "adventure travel" has become a relative term, we've reclaimed it with this total immersion in the planet's last, most pristine wilderness. Our exclusive sailboat voyage – with a world-class skipper and seasoned polar crew – is a genuine adventure that will reward expeditionary travelers with a rare experience of this utterly remote, raw and magnificent realm.

- » Just seven guests sail with premier polar naturalists and crew aboard an intrepid expedition sailboat, meeting prolific wildlife at close range
- » Options exist for rare opportunities to hike, kayak and camp ashore via our special permit from the National Science Foundation
- » Sail from South America to Antarctica and fly on your return, for a combination of high adventure and enhanced comfort while optimizing time with wildlife



**"While sailing through the surreal beauty of Antarctica, I felt like I was on another planet. What an incredibly rare opportunity to explore this spectacular frozen continent with such a small group of adventurers!" K. Souza**

## SAIL/FLY ITINERARY 17 DAYS

**Day 1:** Ushuaia, Argentina • **Day 2:** Ushuaia – Tierra del Fuego National Park • **Day 3:** Ushuaia – Board S/V Australis / Beagle Channel • **Days 4-6:** Crossing the Drake Passage • **Days 7-14:** Sailing and Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula • **Day 15:** King George Island • **Day 16:** Fly to Punta Arenas • **Day 17:** Punta Arenas / Depart

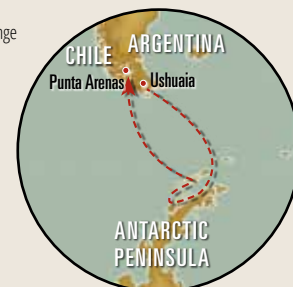
## FLY/FLY ITINERARY 12-14 DAYS

**Day 1:** Punta Arenas, Chile • **Day 2:** Punta Arenas • **Day 3:** Fly to King George Island • **Days 4-12:** Sailing and Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula • **Day 13:** Fly to Punta Arenas • **Day 14:** Punta Arenas / Depart

| DATES & FEES       |               | From \$22,995 | GROUP SIZE | ~7 GUESTS |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 2016               | 2017          |               |            |           |
| Dec 12-24*         | Jan 6-22*     |               |            |           |
| Dec 22-Jan 7, '17* | Jan 19-30*    |               |            |           |
|                    | Jan 27-Feb 7* |               |            |           |

- Sail Ushuaia, Argentina to Antarctica / Fly Antarctica to Punta Arenas, Chile
- Fly Punta Arenas, Chile to Antarctica / Sail Antarctica to Ushuaia, Argentina
- Fly Punta Arenas, Chile to Antarctica / Fly Antarctica to Punta Arenas, Chile

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# Antarctica Adventure Cruises

Discover the Wildlife Wonders of the Planet's Last True Wilderness



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When it comes to sheer magnitude of wilderness, no place on the planet rivals Antarctica. The world's most pristine destination for nature lovers, Antarctica offers epic landscapes, iceberg-studded fjords and a multitude of wildlife, including millions of penguins, whales and seals. Antarctica arguably supersedes any place on Earth in provoking a traveler's awe, and no less now than for explorers like Shackleton or Amundsen. We offer a variety of Antarctica itineraries aboard a carefully chosen selection of independently operated small ships. Browse our offerings below and speak with a seasoned Adventure Specialist to help you determine which vessel and voyage are ideal for you.



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## Classic Antarctica

Antarctica. The name alone is epic. No place is more synonymous with adventure, extremes and raw wilderness. Though rumored to exist even among the ancient Greeks, Antarctica had no documented sightings by humans until 1820. The most intrepid expeditions in history penetrated its inner reaches just over a century ago. Today, its white wonders are within reach of anyone with an explorer's spirit. Our small ships cruise among colossal icebergs and giant whales, while tens of thousands of penguins congregate ashore. There's no more profound wilderness encounter!

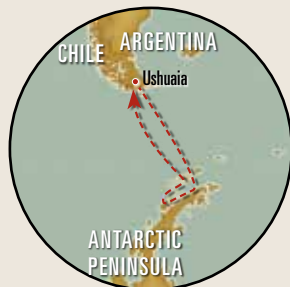
**SAMPLE ITINERARY** 10-14 DAYS

**GROUP SIZE** ~92-189 GUESTS

**Day 1:** Ushuaia, Argentina • **Day 2:** Ushuaia / Embarkation Day • **Days 3 & 4:** The Drake Passage • **Days 5-8:** Antarctica • **Days 9-11:** Return Voyage to Ushuaia / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$5,595-23,560

Multiple itineraries available. Please consult our website for a complete list.



## Antarctica, Falklands & South Georgia

The icy islands of the Southern Ocean are a prelude to the vast white wilderness that awaits at the bottom of the world – yet they are just as captivating in their own right. On this comprehensive voyage, experience the scenery and wildlife of the Falklands and South Georgia in addition to the Antarctic Peninsula. The region abounds with whales, seals, penguins, seabirds, indescribable landscapes and legendary history – embrace it all on a typical 3-week journey, accompanied by a team of top Expedition Leaders, naturalists, geologists and polar history experts.

**SAMPLE ITINERARY** 19-24 DAYS

**GROUP SIZE** ~92-189 GUESTS

**Day 1:** Ushuaia, Argentina • **Day 2:** Ushuaia / Embarkation Day • **Days 3-5:** Sea Day & Falkland Islands • **Days 6-11:** Sea Days & South Georgia • **Days 12-17:** Sea Days / South Shetlands / Antarctic Peninsula • **Days 18-20:** Return Voyage to Ushuaia / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$9,295-43,250

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# Arctic Adventure Cruises



Follow in the Wake of Legions of Explorers on an Epic Voyage to the Far North



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**T**he Arctic holds a legendary place in the annals of adventure travel. These polar realms, dark and daunting for much of the year, burst into life in the brilliant light and hospitable climate of summer. Great colonies of seabirds nest on sheer cliffs, warmed by the midnight sun, while caribou roam Arctic plains and polar bears amble over the ice. Steeped in ancient Inuit and Viking history, the North is shaped by human presence, too. Explore that heritage amid encounters with wildlife, scenery and silence – save for the roar of calving glaciers, the crackle of bobbing icebergs, and the swirl of the North Wind over the tundra.



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## Spitsbergen, Iceland & the European Arctic

From glaciers and icebergs to mud pots and geysers, the European Arctic is an awe-inducing realm. It's also home to prolific wildlife – polar bears, caribou, whales, seals and huge colonies of seabirds. The brief, intense summer sees the tundra abloom in wildflowers, with waterfalls thundering from sheer peaks. Inuit and Viking heritage reflect human habitation going back centuries. Depending on the itinerary you select, your cruise may include Norway's fjords, the polar bears of Svalbard, Iceland's geothermal wonders, and remote East Greenland.

**SAMPLE ITINERARY** 9-20 DAYS

**GROUP SIZE** ~86-148 GUESTS

**Day 1:** Longyearbyen / Embarkation Day •  
**Days 2-8:** Exploring Spitsbergen • **Day 9:**  
Disembarkation Day in Longyearbyen / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$4,995-\$27,750

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## Greenland & the Canadian Arctic

Canada's High Arctic and the west coast of Greenland offer dramatic glaciated landscapes and a rich Inuit cultural heritage. More than 35,000 islands comprise the Canadian Arctic archipelago alone. This austere realm that surrounds Hudson Bay and Baffin Bay, encased in shifting pack ice and dominated by imposing peaks, is nonetheless home to abundant wildlife. Depending on your itinerary, you may see polar bears, whales, seals and colonies of seabirds, including whimsical puffins.

**SAMPLE ITINERARY** 19-24 DAYS

**GROUP SIZE** ~86-148 GUESTS

**Day 1:** Copenhagen, Denmark • **Day 2:** Kangerlussuaq / Embarkation Day • **Days 3-7:** West Greenland •  
**Day 8:** Cobourg Island • **Days 9-11:** Lancaster Sound • **Day 12:** Disembarkation Day in Resolute and Overnight in Toronto • **Day 13:** Toronto / Depart

**DATES & FEES** \$2,995-\$51,995

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Small-Ship Expeditions to the Polar Regions, the South Pacific & Beyond

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long with voyages to Antarctica, we've created a collection of some of the world's most exciting Adventure Cruises that showcase an array of stunning natural places not easily reachable by other means. Each has been carefully vetted by our expert staff to take our guests to the ends of the earth in comfort, safety and distinction. From the South Pacific to the North Pole, from the High Arctic to the Chilean fjords, these voyages offer fascinating encounters with wild places and isolated cultures that standard tours can't reach. And they are offered with the benefit of an impartial consultation with our highly experienced Adventure Specialists. Visit [nathab.com](http://nathab.com) for full details and images of our Adventure Cruises.

"When we first decided to take a small-ship cruise, we were intimidated by all the options. Aly helped me find exactly the right trip – we are picky travelers, and her patience with all my questions and impressive knowledge of the various ships made me feel I was in the right hands. We can't wait to cruise to a different corner of the world next!" L. Dibold



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## Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness

Cruise the channels and fjords of Southeast Alaska's Inside Passage, and meet wildlife up close in the company of top naturalists.

**8 Days / May-Aug, From \$6,490**



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## Among the Great Whales

Enjoy magical close encounters with gray whales in the warm waters of the Baja Peninsula, which are their winter breeding and nursery grounds.

**8 Days / Jan-Mar, From \$6,390**





### Voyage to the North Pole

An expedition to the top of the world aboard the most sophisticated icebreaker ever built. For the adventure traveler who's been everywhere, this is the ultimate trip!

**14 Days / Jun, From \$26,995**



### Australia's Kimberley: Voyage to the Outback

Along northwest Australia's wild coast, marvel at sandstone gorges, rushing rivers, waterfalls, tropical islands and a multitude of wildlife.

**15 Days / Apr-May, From \$13,580**



### Patagonia, the Falkland Islands & Cape Horn

The ultimate southern maritime adventure exploring a wonderland of glaciers, icebergs, islands and fjords filled with abundant wildlife.

**10 Days / March, From \$9,980**



### The Panama Canal & Wonders of Costa Rica

Wander pristine beaches and tropical rain forests, snorkel over colorful reefs, and cruise the legendary Panama Canal.

**8 Days / Nov-Mar, From \$6,190**



### Indonesia: Raja Ampat & Asmat Villages

For the modern-day explorer, the tropical archipelago of Indonesia feels like a place lost in time – a montage of wild natural beauty and captivating cultures.

**19 Days / Nov, From \$14,980**



### Faces of Melanesia

Visit isolated traditional villages and dive or snorkel over pristine reefs in these idyllic isles of the western South Pacific.

**17 Days / Nov, From \$13,980**







# travel calendar

| TRIP                                      | # OF DAYS   | PAGE  | JAN '16 | FEB '16 | MAR '16 | APR '16 | MAY '16 | JUN '16 | JUL '16 | AUG '16 | SEP '16 | OCT '16 | NOV '16 | DEC '16 | JAN '17 | FEB '17 | MAR '17 | APR '17 | MAY '17 | JUN '17 |   |
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| <b>ALASKA &amp; THE NORTH</b>             | Alaska's Coastal Grizzlies: Kodiak to Katmai        | 8     | 85      |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
|   | Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari                     | 13    | 86      |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
|   | Alaska's Inside Passage Wildlife Explorer           | 8     | 87      |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Base Camp Greenland                                 | 9     | 92      |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Beluga Whales & Arctic Wildlife of Churchill        | 7-9   | 93      |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Northern Lights & Arctic Cultures                   | 6-8   | 94      | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Spirit Bears & Humpback Whales of BC                | 9     | 95      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
| <b>EUROPE</b>                             | Croatia & Montenegro: An Adriatic Adventure         | 10    | 97      |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
|   | Scotland's Wild Highlands & Islands                 | 12    | 98      |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■ |
|   | Paddling Portugal's River of Wine                   | 9     | 99      |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
| <b>US NATIONAL PARKS</b>                  | Yellowstone: Ultimate Wolf & Wildlife Safari        | 7     | 101     | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Yellowstone Wolf Quest & Photo Adventure            | 8     | 102     |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Hidden Yellowstone Wildlife Safari <b>PC</b>        | 7     | 103     |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |   |
|   | Glacier Park & Waterton Lakes                       | 7-9   | 104     |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Canyons of the American Southwest                   | 8     | 105     |         |         |         |         | ■       |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
| <b>ASIA &amp; THE PACIFIC</b>             | The Grand India Wildlife Adventure <b>PC</b>        | 12    | 107     |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |   |
|   | India's Tigers & Wildlife: A Photo Safari <b>PC</b> | 7     | 108     |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |   |
|   | The Wild Side of China: A Nature Odyssey            | 12    | 109     |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |   |
|   | The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond            | 14    | 112     |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |   |
|   | New Zealand Nature Explorer                         | 12    | 113     | ■       |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |   |
|   | Natural Jewels of Bhutan & Nepal <b>PC</b>          | 13    | 114     |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Myanmar & Thailand: Exploring Nature & Spirit       | 13    | 115     |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |   |
| <b>ANTARCTICA &amp; ADVENTURE CRUISES</b> | Sailing Antarctica: Polar Nature Expedition         | 12-17 | 117     | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Classic Antarctica                                  | 10-14 | 118     | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Antarctica, Falklands & South Georgia               | 19-24 | 118     | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Spitsbergen, Iceland & the European Arctic          | 9-20  | 119     |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■ |
|   | Greenland & the Canadian Arctic                     | 19-24 | 119     |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness               | 8     | 120     |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■ |
|   | Among the Great Whales                              | 8     | 120     | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Australia's Kimberley: Voyage to the Outback        | 15    | 121     |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       |         |   |
|   | Voyage to the North Pole                            | 14    | 121     |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■ |
|   | The Panama Canal & Wonders of Costa Rica            | 8     | 121     | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Indonesia: Raja Ampat & Asmat Villages              | 19    | 121     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |
|   | Patagonia, the Falkland Islands & Cape Horn         | 10    | 121     |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |   |
|   | Faces of Melanesia                                  | 17    | 121     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | ■       |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |   |

**PC** PRIVATE CUSTOM ADVENTURES This adventure can be customized on a private basis for couples, families & small groups. Call for details.



## Please read this carefully... it's the small print, but we think it's important

### NHA's Quality & Value Guarantee

NHA has committed to our guests that our trips are of the highest quality at the best value, and we'll back that up with our exclusive Quality & Value Guarantee:

#### 1) Satisfaction Guarantee

NHA guarantees your trip will meet your expectations or we will gladly give you a credit toward a future trip! We're so confident that our trips offer a life-enhancing experience that we stand behind their quality with what we believe is the best guarantee in the travel industry. Of course, as with any guarantee, we are required to present the restrictions. Our travelers tend to be very sophisticated and honorable people, but we must cover ourselves should someone attempt to take unfair advantage of our bold promise. This satisfaction guarantee can apply to an entire trip or to a portion of a trip. For example, should you find that the accommodations do not match the standards that we promised in our printed materials but the rest of the trip was great, we will apply the accommodations portion of your fee to a future trip. Some items cannot easily be quantified, so, in the off chance that you are dissatisfied with an item that does not have a straight forward dollar value, we'll work with you to come up with a credit amount. Our operations department will make all final decisions on values. The important part of our guarantee is to remember that the trip must meet the expectations set in our printed materials, not unreasonable expectations that do not match the promises we've made. As you read our catalog you'll see that we've made some pretty bold promises, so the standards we've set are already very high.

#### 2) The Best Trip at the Best Fee!

If you book a trip with NHA, and, in the off chance you find a trip that matches our itinerary and inclusions at a better rate, we will gladly refund the difference. Here are the restrictions: You must notify us within 30 days after your initial booking with us; the other company must be a U.S.-based tour operator (not a travel agency) that is actually participating in the operations of the trip (i.e., using their own guides) rather than merely booking another company's product; you must fax, email or send us the brochure from that company that indicates who the company is (or direct us to their website); the

trip must be of equal quality with the same or very similar itinerary; the departure dates must be the same or very similar, not dates that are what we would consider a different season; the trip must be available from the company offering it, not a "base price" offered on a minimal number of departures. The trip cannot be a "fire sale" offer of unused inventory. Here are the parameters within the trip itself: All inclusions must be similar; the accommodations must be similar; the group size must be the same; the level of training of the guide must be comparable; if the itinerary is a slightly different length, we will prorate it. Should the other trip include airfare where ours does not, you must ask the other company to quote you a land-only rate. Sorry to put you through this, and we don't think this will ever be an issue since we are completely committed to creating unique and exclusive itineraries, but I'm sure you understand our need to cover ourselves.

#### 3) NHA Will Never Cancel

We have created our "no cancellation policy" so our guests can feel confident in their travel plans. On rare occasions, outside of our control, local ship or hotel owners may cancel departures. Should this occur, we will do everything we can to move you to a comparable trip but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Should traveler numbers on a specific departure fall below a certain level, some activities and services including the size of vehicles, day charters, and guiding service, may be altered. (We also reserve the right to cancel Exploratory trips, although we've never done that and we do not anticipate that this will happen.) Furthermore, included activities or excursions within a trip itinerary could conceivably be canceled or rearranged with little or no notice as a result of factors outside our control (e.g., inclement weather leading to safety concerns). In some cases where a comparable activity or trip cannot be arranged, NHA may provide a trip credit. Please remember this is adventure travel, and even the best laid plans must be fluid.

#### Small Groups Are Our Specialty

Throughout our catalog NHA emphasizes that our focus is on small-group wildlife experiences. The average number of travelers on our trips is about eight or nine. In some regions it's fewer (just seven in Africa) and in some places it's more (13 in Canada), but in

all areas our groups are substantially smaller than any other company that we know of, even those who claim to offer small-group tours. Our commitment upholds our belief that the best wildlife encounters and most authentic experience in nature can only be achieved in small groups. If this philosophy of small-group travel matches yours, we feel confident that we are the company for you!

#### Specially Selected Accommodations in Nature

NHA takes the selection of our accommodations very seriously, as the places we stay can often add significantly to the appeal and authenticity of a nature travel experience. We generally choose the best accommodations available that are closest to wildlife and wild places. We won't, for example, travel for miles to a fancy hotel if there is a simple and classic accommodation that will place us "where the action is." In fact, we primarily choose accommodations specifically designed to place us in natural places in a comfortable and authentic manner, often including such features as open verandas overlooking the African veld or special viewing platforms for watching wildlife. We have at times even funded the construction of such facilities to be certain our guests can experience wild places in comfort. On some trips, we include stays at classic lodges (like national park lodges in Yellowstone and Glacier) that are larger but well worth the relative crowds, as they are on the "must-see" list for any nature traveler. In "hub" cities where our trips begin and end we try to choose accommodations that balance atmosphere, comfort and authenticity, which are complementary to the accommodations used on the rest of the trip. All of our accommodations have private toilet and shower facilities unless otherwise noted. Single, triple and quad accommodations are not always available. Double accommodations have twin beds or one two-person bed which may be a king, queen or double size.

#### Private Custom Departures

Some of NHA's trips can be customized for independent travelers, allowing our guests to travel in the company of established local guides and operators who also focus on nature expeditions. Each trip is different in its inclusions – some may include a Natural Habitat Adventures Expedition Leader and some may not, depending on the travelers' requests. Options for independent trips

include: Africa, Costa Rica, Galapagos Islands, India, Amazon & Machu Picchu, and many more. Many of our extensions are also operated in this manner where we contract with trusted local companies to operate our guests' excursions. All custom trips and custom extensions require a 25% nonrefundable deposit.

#### Booking Adventure Cruises with Natural Habitat

Over the past three decades Natural Habitat's staff has been on dozens of expedition cruises, inspecting ships and company operations so that we are intimately familiar with a wide range of adventure cruise options. Our expertise enables us, without bias, to help you select the best ship choice. In places like Antarctica, the choices can be daunting, so we are here to help!

#### NHA's Exploratory Adventures

On our Exploratory Adventures, a select small group of travelers takes an exhilarating inaugural journey to a new destination. While these trips tend to be very exciting (and often include surprises that even we are unaware of), we ask travelers to "go with the flow" and expect the unexpected. These adventures are for those true explorers who enjoy a free-spirited adventure, as our itineraries will most likely change. The flexibility in our itineraries allows us to give our travelers the best travel opportunity for each region. Since these are Exploratory Adventures, they may be canceled by NHA if we deem it necessary. Exploratory Adventures may only depart with a minimum of five travelers.

#### Booking Your Adventure

##### 1) Call us to check availability!

Our groups are small – sometimes very small – and they often fill quickly, so call us to check availability.

##### 2) Reserve your spot

Most of our trips require a \$500 deposit to reserve space. The exact deposit for each trip is listed on the individual tour pages on our website. Your deposit can be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express over the telephone. Some deposits are nonrefundable. Custom itineraries require a 25% nonrefundable deposit. When you sign on to one of our adventures, you agree to sign our Terms & Conditions Form, which states that you and your party have read and



understand the important information on these pages, including a release of liability prior to and/or during your trip. Deposits are due upon making your reservations. Your reservation is neither guaranteed nor considered complete if we do not receive a Terms & Conditions Form from you. All fees are in U.S. dollars.

### 3) Receive confirmation

You will receive a confirmation letter upon booking, along with a reading list prepared exclusively for your adventure. You will also receive an insurance form and brochure detailing the service we offer as well as booking forms requesting additional vital information. These forms can conveniently be completed on our website at [nathab.com](http://nathab.com).

NHA must receive, in its Boulder, CO office, travelers' Booking and Terms & Conditions Forms within 14 days of making an initial booking or deposit. Failure to submit these forms to us on time may result in cancellation of booking by NHA with no refund beyond what is listed in our cancellation policy. If trips forms are received later than 14 days after initial booking/deposit and the forms indicate, in our estimation, that a traveler or travelers may not be able to perform the physical requirements for their selected trip, NHA reserves the right to also cancel the booking with no refund made beyond those listed in our cancellation policy. The information provided in these forms helps us ensure the quality of our trips for all participants as travelers who cannot perform the required physical activities, however limited those activities may be, may adversely affect the experience for the entire group. The earlier we know of physical limitations the better chance we have of a) handling the situation, and b) getting some refund for a guest, though neither of these are guaranteed.

### 4) Final balance

Your final balance will be automatically charged to your credit card 90 days prior to departure unless you return your booking form prior to final balance due date indicating you prefer to pay by personal check. At this time we will charge the insurance premium with your final balance unless we receive a written decline of insurance. If payment is not received by the due date, the reservations are subject to cancellation. Note on payment and terms for Private Custom Departures: If you are

booking on a private custom trip, the deposit is generally 25% of the trip cost. The full payment, cancellation and refund policies that are provided by our office for your custom departure supersede the policies listed above.

Note on payment and terms for Adventure Cruises: Some Adventure Cruise companies require different deposit terms as well as final payment 90-120 days prior to departure. Please ask your NHA Adventure Specialist for details. On these trips travelers must adhere to these specific terms, conditions and payment policies.

### 5) Receive your Pre-Departure Briefing & preparation materials

Your Pre-Departure Briefing will arrive approximately two to three months prior to your trip. This booklet will inform you about how to prepare for your trip, what to bring, what to leave home and what to expect. It will be accompanied by additional materials that will help you prepare for your trip. We can now send your Pre-Departure Briefing electronically to your e-reader!

### 6) Trip forms

To enhance our service for our guests and to reduce paper waste, NHA provides pre-trip forms online. Links to these forms will be sent by e-mail. Please submit these forms online within 14 days after booking.

### Included in Your NHA Trip

Unless otherwise noted in the "Included" section on our website, our trips include accommodations, meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on the final day, services of NHA's professional Expedition Leader(s), transportation within the trip, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, gratuities for airport transfers provided by NHA, baggage portage, permits and parks fees while on the trip. Some trips also include air transportation within the itinerary as well as many other items. Please see "Included" sections on our website.

### Important Information on Our Trips

Please consult the "Important Information About This Trip" section of each individual trip on our website. These notes describe some of the special circumstances and conditions guests should be aware of in each destination before signing on to our adventures.

### NHA's Air Travel Department

Natural Habitat Adventures employs our own full-time air and travel department to assist our guests with air transportation from their home cities to the starting point of their trip plus any required additional night's accommodations. Some guests prefer to utilize online booking engines such as Orbitz or Expedia in search of cheaper rates, and that is fine. These companies are sometimes able to offer last-minute fares or "special" hotel deals that may not be available through our services. We encourage our guests to select the booking method that best suits their needs. We are always happy to help!

### Trip Cancellation & Refund Policy

We understand how disappointing it is for travelers in the event they are forced to cancel their adventure, especially one that has been anticipated for a long time. But we, too, plan for these adventures for a long period prior to departure and continuously send nonrefundable payments to hotels and suppliers of transportation. Therefore, we must adhere strictly to our Cancellation & Refund Policy for all travelers – we hope you understand. We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance in the event you must cancel.

The following are cancellation policies for our adventures.

- All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to NHA at the following address: P.O. Box 3065, Boulder, Colorado, 80307. You may also e-mail your cancellation to [info@nathab.com](mailto:info@nathab.com). Travel Protection services purchased through NHA are

completely nonrefundable once purchased.

- All cancellations processed before 90 days prior to departure will incur a \$100 cancellation fee per person. Some of our trips have nonrefundable deposits. Please refer to specific trip pages to learn whether the trip you're interested in requires a nonrefundable deposit.
- Cancellations made 45 to 89 days prior to departure will incur a loss of 50% of the entire program fee, including all extensions booked.
- Cancellations made within 44 days of departure forfeit the entire trip fee including all extensions booked.
- Adventure Cruise travelers must adhere to payment requirements, cancellation policies and terms and conditions set by the ship owners and operators.
- Private Custom Adventures have special cancellation policies set forth within individual proposals.

### Travel Insurance

NHA strongly suggests purchasing travel insurance, so we have contracted to provide to our guests travel insurance with some of the most comprehensive benefits possible. It may cost slightly more, but it is well worth it! Because we must send your payment to suppliers well in advance of our departure dates, we cannot offer refunds beyond those described in our Cancellation & Refund Policy. We even have a "Cancel for Any Reason" policy. Please see our website for more details. We will include the cost of our Full-Coverage Travel Insurance protection in your confirmation letter along with information on specific coverage. We will charge the insurance premium with your final balance unless

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we receive a written decline of insurance. All insurance is nonrefundable. Pre-existing medical conditions can be covered if payment is made for your insurance within 14 days of NHA processing your initial reservation. Medical Evacuation Insurance purchased through NHA, either as a part of our Full-Coverage Travel Insurance or on its own, is required for all Africa, some small-ship voyages, Galapagos, Antarctica, Bhutan & Nepal, Borneo, Croatia, Greenland, India, Myanmar, Portugal, and China. In the future other trips may be added to this list with little or no notice.

### Single Travelers

NHA encourages single travelers to join our trips! Travelers who would prefer a single room (not available on some trips or portions of some trips) may book at a single-room surcharge.

We cannot always guarantee single accommodations even after reservations and confirmations have been made. We apologize for having to charge the single-room fee, but our program costs are based on two people sharing the expense of a hotel room. We will be happy to attempt to make a roommate match for those who choose. If we cannot arrange a match, we will charge just 50% of the single supplement fee (except on certain trips where roommate matches are guaranteed and on all custom trips where there is no opportunity to arrange a match). To accommodate our single travelers, we have made a concerted effort to keep our single supplement fees as low as possible.

### Gratuities

NHA has made a concerted effort to pre-arrange tipping of local services so you do not have to carry excessive cash and experience the inconvenience of 'reaching into your pocket' at every turn. Regarding NHA's Expedition Leaders, field staff and drivers, they are all paid salaries for their work. They will go out of their way to make your trip special and do not perform their jobs just for money. However, staff do accept gratuities should you determine that they have performed their jobs at an outstanding level. Gratuities should reflect your satisfaction with their level of service. Suggested gratuity guidelines will be provided in the Pre-Departure Briefings for each trip.

### The Habitat Club

NHA's Habitat Club is designed to reward our loyal travelers. We truly appreciate your patronage. Trip discounts are retroactive, meaning that discounts on our special Club departures will be offered to all travelers who have, since the founding of Natural Habitat Adventures in 1985, participated in two or more trips. The count for receiving special Habitat Club gifts begins with all trips departing after Jan. 1, 2002 (regardless of when they were booked). Restrictions: Trips booked through affinity groups and Habitat Club departures are not included in the trip count. Should a trip be placed on the Habitat Club and you're already booked on that trip, you will receive the Habitat Club discount, so feel free to go ahead and book – you'll be protected. NHA reserves the right to change the benefits of the Habitat Club and/or cancel the program with little or no notice. All other normal booking terms apply.

### Referrals

Only Habitat Club members are eligible for our Referrals Program. When you refer a traveler to NHA, we will send them a catalog with a letter indicating that you thought they might be interested in one of our adventures. To receive the \$200 referral credit we ask that you provide us with the referral's name and physical mailing address either by calling your Adventure Specialist, filling out the online referral form, or providing the name and address on your post-trip evaluation form. That referral must then book a trip. Referrals must be first-time NHA travelers who were not already in our database prior to the referral and must book with NHA directly or through their travel agent within one year of being referred. While we sincerely appreciate past referrals, those made prior to September 1, 2007, are not eligible for this program. The \$200 gift card will be awarded per booking party referred, not on the number of passengers booked. For example, if you refer a friend who eventually books a trip for herself and her family of four, you will receive one single \$200 gift card. Trip participants living in the same household or who are traveling on the same departure as the referring person are not counted toward rewards. Guests may use only two gift cards per trip booked (\$400 discount). Gift cards are transferable from one past guest to another. Gift cards will be sent within 30 days of travel completion.

### Travel Consultants

NHA welcomes bookings from the travel agent community! Please see the Travel Consultants section of our website for full information on our travel consultant partnerships.

### Pre-Trip Documents

Preparing NHA travelers for their adventures is a priority for us. Approximately two to three months prior to departure, you will receive a comprehensive Pre-Departure Briefing detailing your trip, the history and wildlife of the region, what to pack and how best to prepare. Depending on the specific trip, you may receive other documents at this time or at a later date. If you have purchased air tickets to the starting point of your trip through our Travel Desk these will generally be included at this time but may, in some instances, arrive at a later date.

### Family Travel & Age Limits

NHA welcomes families on certain trips and often arranges special scheduled family departures. Some trips have minimum age requirements. We generally welcome children ages six and older on our family adventures. However, while some six-year-olds are well-suited for some or all of our family adventures, others may not be ready for the requirements of group travel. For this reason, we believe it is more useful to consider this age limit a guideline rather than a hard and fast rule. We believe that you, as a parent or guardian, are best qualified to decide whether or not your child would enjoy the experience without compromising the comfort of others. We strongly encourage you to call our office to speak with an Adventure Specialist about the specific requirements of the trip you're considering so you can make an informed decision about your child's participation. We are unable to allow children younger than six on scheduled departures due to safety regulations, physical limitations and concerns regarding group dynamics. On all trips, parents or guardians of children under 18 must sign a minor permission waiver requiring them to make certain that children do not place themselves, other travelers or wildlife in harm's way, or jeopardize the enjoyment of the trip for the group as a whole. We also accept minors with the clear understanding that parents or guardians believe that their child/children is/are unusually mature and are able to conduct themselves according to the same expectations held for adults.

### Luggage Restrictions

Some of NHA's trips have enforced luggage weight restrictions for our guests' comfort and safety. Many of our vehicles have limited space, and when traveling in light aircraft, overweight conditions create a serious safety hazard. Baggage exceeding specified limits is subject to being left behind or forwarded to the ending point at your expense. All "carry-ons" includes camera equipment. Please pack lightly and follow the guidelines in your Pre-Departure Briefing. Please visit [nathab.com/luggage](http://nathab.com/luggage) for more up-to-date information.

### Documents & Vaccinations

NHA will provide details on visa and vaccination requirements in your confirmation packet. For up-to-date vaccine information, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

### Viewing Wildlife & Itinerary Changes

Because NHA's programs specialize in viewing wildlife, every effort is made to plan programs where wildlife is known to exist. However, the animals we visit live wild and free, and we cannot fully predict nor control their migratory patterns (nor would we want to). In an attempt to locate wildlife that may have deviated from its normal pattern, or in the interest of traveler comfort or safety, we may be required to make changes in itineraries. If we feel it is necessary to change hotels, boats or other facilities, we will make reasonable efforts to substitute comparable accommodations wherever possible. If such changes or fluctuations in exchange rates occur, additional costs may require the program fee to change with little or no notice. Additionally, an increase in the cost of fuel may require that NHA enforce a fuel surcharge upon travelers booked on an existing trip, particularly on small-ship voyages. Should NHA be required to cancel a trip due to unforeseen circumstances, travelers will be granted trip credit in the amount of their trip cost already paid, but NHA will not be liable for accompanying expenses (such as gear purchases, airline tickets, etc.). It is very important for our guests to have realistic expectations for wildlife encounters on our trips, and we try to portray accurate expectations for our wildlife-viewing activities in our itineraries. Of course, weather conditions may preclude us from participating in any or all activities as listed. The images shown in our printed materials and on our

website represent what our guests have regularly seen on “typical” trips in the past (or in the case of a new trip, what our staff and researchers have seen). Due to the weather conditions and/or wildlife behavior, some trips naturally may have fewer close encounters with wildlife than we normally anticipate, and we ask guests to sign onto our adventures knowing this. Also, be aware that some images in our materials are taken with a telephoto lens, and guests should not assume that they will get this close to wildlife. For example, we may show a close-up shot of a wolf, but nearly all of our encounters with wolves are at a distance. Please Note: Due to the nature of our programs, hotels, modes of transportation, and, in some cases, itineraries, are all subject to change.

### Getting to the Starting Point of Your NHA Trip

NHA travelers are responsible for getting to the starting point of our trips, and should airlines fail to deliver them on time to participate, there will be no refund made for missed services. Our Air Travel Department is happy to assist guests with their air travel arrangements.

### Currency, Fuel & Other Fluctuations

Out of respect for our guests, only in an extreme situation would Natural Habitat Adventures consider increasing a trip price due to fluctuations in exchange rates, energy prices and government surcharges.

### Cell/Satellite Phone Usage

Guests who require access to an emergency cellular or satellite phone may carry one during their NHA trip. However, we do not allow guests to use those phones in the presence of other guests, especially in secluded or enclosed areas. We appreciate your understanding.

### Terms & Conditions

It is NHA's, our cooperating agents' and representatives' goal to select reliable suppliers and contractors to provide air and other transportation, hotels, guides and other travel-related services; we do not assume responsibility, directly or indirectly, for any loss, damage or injury to property or person in connection with such services. Each traveler agrees not to hold NHA, its owners, employees, agents and representatives liable, in the absence

of their own gross negligence, for any loss or injury, expense or damage that results directly or indirectly from any act or omission of any person or firm that is to or does provide goods or services in connection with the trip or with any available option. You agree that NHA and its cooperating agents and representatives shall not be liable for circumstances arising as a result of acts of God, weather, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, military, political or terrorist action, civil disturbances, government restrictions, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, discrepancies or changes in transit over which they have no control. NHA reserves the right to change the program fee, dates or itinerary with little or no notice. If such changes do occur, no refunds will be made beyond those described in our cancellation policy, and NHA will not be liable for expenses incurred as a result of the change (such as air ticket change fees, etc.).

### Safety & Trip Enjoyment

NHA trips take place in natural areas where environment conditions can sometimes be unpredictable. To avoid potentially dangerous situations, both for our travelers and wildlife, it is extremely important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by NHA's Expedition Leaders and/or local guides and demonstrate consideration for all staff and fellow travelers. We reserve the right to prohibit any traveler from continuing on a trip if, in our opinion, that traveler's actions pose a threat to the safety of her/himself, others or wildlife, or if that traveler's actions or behavior are seriously jeopardizing the enjoyment of the trip for others, as determined by NHA's staff. Should a guest be asked to leave a trip, there will be no return of unused funds nor will NHA be responsible for additional expenses incurred by the guest for accommodations, return transport, etc. Participation in the program will require that travelers sign releases and covenants not to sue NHA or its participating agents and representatives. On advancement of a deposit, the traveler agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

### Smoking on NHA's Trips

Travelers may not smoke in areas where others are affected (in our vehicles or within enclosed areas or while others are around). This rule applies to electronic cigarettes and

vaporizers. Most of the rooms we secure do not allow smoking, and smokers should be aware that even if we try to secure them a “smoking room” we cannot guarantee that one will be provided. Please sign on to our trips knowing that there may be times when you will not be able to smoke.

### Drones

Drones are not permitted on any NHA adventures.

### Small Aircraft on NHA Trips

On many NHA trips, we use small aircraft to access our planet's most remote and pristine wild areas. Please consult the individual web page for each trip to find more information on aircraft specifics.

### World Wildlife Fund

For more than a decade WWF, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has partnered with Natural Habitat Adventures to take travelers to see the world's wild places. WWF selected Natural Habitat as its travel partner because of NHA's long-standing commitment to conservation and the high quality of our adventures. Natural Habitat Adventures has donated more than \$2 million to WWF's global conservation efforts over the past decade and will continue to give 1% of gross sales plus \$100,000 annually through 2018 in support of WWF's mission to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. Further information is available from Natural Habitat Adventures. World Wildlife Fund, Inc. (“WWF”) does not own, operate or control Natural Habitat Adventures or any of the companies or individuals that supply goods or services for the travel described in this publication, including without limitations, hotels, restaurants and transportation whether by air, boat, bus, train, automobile or other vehicle. As a result, WWF is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such company or individual not within its control. Please refer to discussion of WWF in NHA's Acceptance of Terms & Conditions, which is sent to registrants.

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# 10 Reasons to Choose Nat Hab Instead of a 'Typical' Group Tour

Choosing your travel company is the single most important decision you will make as you plan your long-anticipated adventure. At first glance, some companies may seem 'cheaper.' But when you dig a little deeper, you'll see why traveling with Nat Hab ensures that you will have the finest and most valuable nature travel experience possible. In fact, we guarantee it!

## 1 World's #1 Adventure Travel Company

Among the many awards we've received over the decades, *Outside* magazine named Nat Hab the best adventure travel outfitter on the planet! Be sure, when you consider a travel company, to look closely at its reputation and credentials.

## 2 Nature Travel: Our Sole Focus for 30 Years

For three decades, every trip we've run has focused exclusively on nature and wildlife – that's why we're the world's premier nature travel company! If you're a traveler looking for the utmost quality and depth specifically in nature travel, we're your experts.

## 3 Award-Winning Expedition Leaders

Our guides are award-winning professional naturalists and wildlife scientists, vetted by NHA and trained by WWF. In contrast to companies that rely on drivers or tour escorts with limited knowledge, our leaders' expertise in nature and wildlife guarantees a superior experience.

## 4 The Smallest Groups in the Industry

We are proud to boast the smallest groups – averaging just 8 to 9 guests – for the most intimate nature travel experiences. Compare that to 50-passenger motorcoach tours or cruise ships jammed with hundreds of other tourists – there's no comparison!

## 5 Unique Itineraries You Won't Find Elsewhere

With WWF by our side throughout the planning process, and with our decades of experience, we're able to craft nature adventures with resources and insight not available to others. Our itineraries shun crowded spots in favor of private wildlife reserves, secluded corners of national parks and less-discovered nature gems.

## 6 Distinctive Accommodations Surrounded by Nature

Outstanding nature adventures require the quiet and seclusion of small luxury safari camps and remote ecolodges – that's what we provide! Chain hotels and large, crowded lodges diminish your experience markedly, so we avoid them.

## 7 The Best Vehicles

No big tour buses...no crowded mini vans... Our vehicles, carefully chosen for the varied experiences and terrain we encounter, provide the safest, most comfortable ride with the best access for wildlife viewing – and they're always filled below capacity to maximize your comfort and nature-viewing experience!

## 8 We Won't Cancel

If you've ever experienced the disappointment of having your long-awaited trip canceled at the last minute because your tour operator couldn't fill it, you'll appreciate our guarantee to never to cancel due to low enrollment. Rest assured, if you book, you're going! Other companies don't always make the same promise.

## 9 WWF's Travel Partner – Committed to the Planet

Of all the travel companies around the globe, Nat Hab has been selected by WWF-US as its travel partner, a prestigious designation from the world's leading conservation organization that reflects the quality of our adventures and our unwavering commitment to conservation and sustainability.

## 10 Quality & Value Guarantee

Our exclusive Quality & Value Guarantee promises that we will meet (and usually exceed) the lofty expectations set forth in our promotional materials. No other travel company we are aware of offers a comparable guarantee!

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## Natural Habitat Adventures & World Wildlife Fund

Discovering our Planet Together

For more than a decade, the world's leading environmental conservation organization has partnered with Natural Habitat Adventures because of our long-standing commitment to conservation and the high quality of our adventures. WWF's mission is to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. This is something NHA strongly believes in, too. For that reason, we are honored that your travels with us allow us to support WWF's important work.

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