OFF The BEATEN PATH Since 1986



2025 Journeys

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Front Cover: Through transformation and movement, islands evolve into something new. Travel is the lava that shapes us. Capture Travel. Capture Life. Inside Front Cover: A slot canyon caress in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; Fragrant tagine spices swirl through the Moroccan night.





DEAR FRIEND,

Remarkably, another year has passed. For us, this means it is time to tap into our spirit as a company and inspire everyone to get out in our world and travel.

Each year, the effort to produce this *Journeys Catalog* is a labor of love inspired by our passion for travel. Every day we are reminded by our travelers of the profound value and growth derived from exploring our world. We receive wonderful letters about how travel and the experiences they captured changed their perspective and, sometimes, their life. We are told that the guide we arranged or the friendly lodge owner we introduced them to made all the difference. As reliably as time itself, travel touches us deeply.

In the pages that follow, we invite you to explore our mainstays – from Alaska, the Rocky Mountains, Desert Southwest, and Pacific Coast to the far-flung and inspiring cultures and landscapes of Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, as well as targeted parts of Africa and Europe. We have carefully crafted our unique style of travel for those who are eager to explore the world and are equally excited to be permanently enriched.

As we enter our 40^{th} year of inspiring people to get *off the beaten path*, we feel tremendous gratitude. Explore, learn, share. This is what we do – and we are deeply thankful for the opportunity to do it. Being a worthy partner to our travelers is our great love.

So, capture the moment for you and yours this year. Capture travel - and you will capture life itself.

Wishing you the best in travel and life,

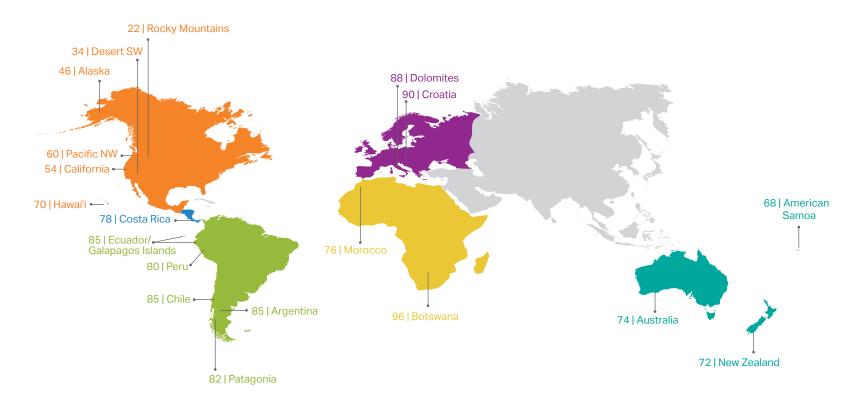


With friend and mentor, Sven Lindblad

Cory T. Lawrence President & CEO



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Kayaking through New Zealand's cascading beauty; An Alaskan bald eagle in pursuit; Wandering Croatia's colorful labyrinth

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Your motto – "Where the Heart of the Traveler Meet the Soul of the Place" couldn't be more true. I have never been on a trip where I felt so much a part of the local people and scene. SUSAN M., PAST TRAVELER

We all have an obligation to make the most of our time in this world. At our best, we have moments in which we hit the mark perfectly, all our senses trigger, and the awe that surrounds us is all encompassing. The feeling is pure joy. After such events, a great and lasting satisfaction sets in. We know this sliver of time – what we have experienced or achieved or sought and obtained – is ours to keep and cherish for the rest of our lives. We have captured the essence of life.

Travel is one of the most reliable conduits to achieving such moments.

We travel to dwell in experiences that delight and invigorate our senses – the welcome coolness of slot canyon walls while canyoneering in the Desert Southwest, the pungent umami of an Istrian truffle, spotting a meadowlark in the mid-day sun of summer in the Northern Rockies, hearing the lions' roaring chorus from your tent as another day dawns across the African continent, a silent conversation with a stranger conducted in hand movements, smiles, and laughter when languages don't match, and the sound of your own gasp as the misty clouds move away to reveal the ancient wonders of Machu Picchu.

Travel is among the rarest of endeavors that, with abiding consistency, expands our mind and connects us to the world around us. As much as you can in this life, you must travel. Make it part of what makes you and the life you live unique and special. Capturing travel will help you capture life in all its most abundant glory.

Capture travel. Capture life.



WATCH "JYNELLE'S STORY" as she Captures Life on her Yellowstone journey.





WHY Off the Beaten Path

Life changing experiences, awe-inspiring landscapes, truly exceptional guides – these are just some of the things that have guided our approach to travel from day one.

LOCAL AND AUTHENTIC

It's all right there in our name – *off the beaten path*. That's the path we follow and our promise to you: to create truly unique and memorable moments on each of our journeys. From regional ingredients exciting your palate to tensing your whole body as you see a brown bear lumbering across an Alaskan beach to the awe of traversing the Going-to-the-Sun Road, these captured moments are yours, forever.

CHOOSE YOUR STYLE

Everyone has their own reasons for discovering new places and preferences of what that journey looks like. That's why we offer two ways to see the world.

Small Group Adventures

With your sage and enthusiastic guide leading the way and everything taken care of, you and your new small group of travel friends can narrow your focus to capturing memories.

Private Custom Journeys

Our Travel Designers are ready to craft the bespoke trip of your dreams with a back pocket full of the latest insider information and their own first-hand experience in the region.

TRUST IN THE TEAM

At OBP, we dwell in the world of experiential travel. After nearly four decades, we know the ins and outs, tips and tricks, and have developed a great knack for crafting the right experiences for our travelers. Our close ties with the modern-day stewards of our travel territories allow us to ensure quality and consistency in your travels, delivering a truly unique experience.

YOUR TRAVEL PARTNER FOR LIFE

Above all else, we want to be your worthy partner in travel. Whether you're a new referral, a devoted repeat client, or we haven't met yet, our promise is to help you capture extraordinary moments while traveling on immersive and deeply engaging journeys.





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Rest your head framed by the craggy peaks of Torres del Paine National Park; A memorable view at Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier National Park



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DISTINCTIVE LODGING

The best accommodations and the local characters who lovingly manage them weave the stories of a place into a good night's sleep, whether that's in the lap of luxury or glamping under the stars on Yellowstone's doorstep. From our start, we've looked for lodging that offers warm hospitality and reflects the area's charm and landscapes surrounding it.

You might find yourself in a historic national park lodge, in the heart of a vibrant city in a small boutique inn, or in a locally-owned gem in the middle of nowhere. A private helicopter flight whisks you into the heart of Botswana's Okavango Delta to a treehouse camp set on a palm island on the Matsebi River. Wake up in the historic Buenos Aires barrio, Recoleta, in an upscale mansion surrounded by Parisian-style architecture, colorful energy, and tango rhythms. Cap off your day of hiking on the balcony of your riverfront room watching a colorful sunset over Zion Canyon.

Our ultimate goal is simple, to help you capture moments every step of your journey. Whether you're viewing wildlife from your doorstep, laughing with the lodge owner, setting out to explore a historic neighborhood, or simply witnessing the landscape with a hot cup of coffee to warm your hands, we aim for lodging that puts you in center stage.

We're back and wow, what a vacation!! How you found all these awesome tours, tour guides, hotels and B&Bs, and venues is beyond our imagination. We never could have done this ourselves.

RICK AND ALLISON H., PAST TRAVELERS

exceptional **Guides**

Off the Beaten Path guides and trip leaders are biologists, botanists, naturalists, former rangers, historians, and college professors eager to share their expertise and help you to deeply understand a place. Whether they share their years of research on Puebloan mysteries or wax poetic about the integral part bison play in Yellowstone's ecosystem, they will help you capture each moment, ultimately transforming your travels.

Besides being walking encyclopedias, our guides genuinely care about our travelers and adding real meaning and insights to each destination. Along the way, they are eager to celebrate discoveries with you – from the thrill of spotting a kiwi on New Zealand's remote Stewart Island to learning how to identify epiphytic spike moss in one of North America's few remaining temperate rainforests.

Our OBP guides are all passionate, wise, charming, and, most of all, flexible – expertly leading you through each landscape to the best trail or most beautiful lookout, while weaving in anecdotes, history, jokes, and musings about the natural world. As sage storytellers, they will capture you, as accomplished guides, they will enrich your discovery of new corners of the globe.

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David's knowledge was immeasurable. His humility made each experience a learning opportunity. His enthusiasm is contagious.

DENNIS AND LORI D., PAST TRAVELERS







WATCH "FILL YOUR SENSES" to see how unique experiences help

our clients Capture Life.



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A Quechua woman in Peru weaving ancestral artistry; Local Croatian guide and his truffle dog discover a treasured fungi







authentic, localized, out-of-the-ordinary **Experiences**

At OBP, we've spent decades crafting rich, connected experiences that open the doors to discovery, bring a destination to life, and help our travelers capture authentic moments that they'll remember for a lifetime.

In Alaska, you'll fly into the backcountry of Denali National Park for hiking excursions with naturalist guides, then spend the night deep in the heart of the park in a remote lodge. Learn about the "Samoan Way" and the ancient history of American Samoa, where you'll visit three islands – Tutuila, Ta`ū, and Ofu – each containing sections of the National Park of American Samoa.

Stroll through a lush Croatian forest in search of elusive truffles, led by a masterful local guide and his fungi-sniffing canine companion, then savor delicious truffle delicacies with your friendly hosts. In Hawaii, horseback ride through the misty grassy hills of Waimea before trading in your horse for hiking boots on a guided hike into the historically and culturally important Waipio Valley, surrounded by soaring cliffs, crashing waves, and stunning waterfalls.

Our itineraries weave together quiet time for reflection, hours of exploration, rejuvenating rest, and moments of exhilarating discovery. Throughout your journey you will have opportunities to capture the nature, culture, and history of each destination to get a deeper sense of place. And, as is the "OBP Way," there is always room to embrace surprise and serendipity, whim and wonder, and moments of spontaneity.

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Amazing! Our trip was phenomenal – it was a special and unique trip. We can't stop singing OBP's praises.

BOB AND ROBIN R., PAST TRAVELERS

OUR PILLARS

respect for **Place & People**

Each destination in our portfolio has its own distinctive story, carving out its unique place in the world. As we absorb these landscapes and immerse ourselves in their beauty, it is important that we also respect and preserve them. As an OBP traveler, and someone who holds the natural world dear, your journey will be socially responsible, contribute to the local economy, and be sensitive to the ecology of each special place – protecting it for future generations.

Here at OBP, we understand the essential role genuine connection to place plays in our quest to capture travel and capture life. Being respectful and real in our interactions with the modern-day stewards of a destination is how we make these connections possible. We follow that up with efforts to be helpful to these stewards in ways that are meaningful to them. If you, our partners in travel, are inspired to join us in protecting the people and places that make our world special, we will have achieved our highest purpose.

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Our guide was clearly a deep part of the local community. He was well versed in the history of the park, conservation efforts and concerns, and was full of stories (and bad puns). Just a kind soul.

DEBBIE F. & JAY K., PAST TRAVELERS





WATCH "A GENTLE NATURE" to see how respect for place lies at the heart of Off the Beaten Path journeys.



CAPTURE YOUR

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Wading through the majesty of the Narrows in Zion National Park; Capturing perspective beside a glacier



ENERGY Index

Since our Small Group Adventures always offer unique, active experiences – hiking through a temperate rainforest in Glacier Bay, spotting yellow-eyed penguins on New Zealand's Stewart Island, or kayaking to witness a calving glacier – our Energy Index is your key to picking the active journey that's right for you. Each Energy Index is intended to provide a good, general sense for the level of daily activity for a given trip. However, options are always available to travelers for more or less activity each day. Call us to learn more about the particular nature and options available for any of our trips.



EASY GOING

Short walks and hikes as a part of each day, plus time on your own and other leisurely activities



NICE AND ACTIVE

Active engagement daily, with easy-to-moderate walking and hiking and other physically active activities



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Very active walking and hiking each day, plus other action-oriented activities

Turn to the inside back cover where you'll find the Small Group Adventure Energy Index listed for each trip on the 2025 Journeys Calendar. As Private Custom Journeys are tailored to your preferred activity level, no Energy Index is necessary.

SMALL GROUP







EXCEPTIONAL TRIPS for Curious Travelers

Join our extraordinary guides and a small group of fellow explorers, off the beaten path. With a meticulously crafted itinerary, we ensure you're taken care of – from transportation to lodging and meals – so that you can spend your time simply capturing moments, whether you're exploring familiar national parks or Italy's Dolomite peaks.

SMALL GROUP SIZE

Our small group size – departing with as few as 2 or capped at a maximum of 12 to 16 participants – allows your crew of intrepid travelers to be nimble. Unobtrusive discovery and moments of spontaneity rule. Together with your new group of traveling friends, you'll discover a sense of camaraderie and connection that makes the journey even sweeter.

SUPERLATIVE GUIDES

Our Small Group Adventures are a truly immersive way to explore the world, and we have the sage guides at the helm of each trip to thank for that. Our guides are intensely interesting and eager to share their stories and knowledge of what makes each destination special. Not only might your guide be a former park ranger, expert birder, or geologist, but as you scan the landscape for wildlife or hike along a beautiful trail, they'll help bring to life the unique landscape, culture, and history that surrounds you.

IMAGINATIVE ITINERARIES

Over the decades, we have honed what makes a trip feel like it's truly off the beaten path. We strive to capture the essence of the destinations in each itinerary – the least crowded trails, the most gorgeous viewpoints, and days full of rich, connected, exciting experiences. Throughout the trip, the itinerary zigs and zags avoiding peak crowds and minimizing drive duration, so your time spent exploring is unrushed and expansive.

MEMORABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

On each Small Group Adventure, we strive to make sure that your immersion into a destination doesn't stop when the sun goes down. You might stay in a locally-owned lodge, an adobe hacienda, an eco-retreat, or a historic national park hotel, because where you rest your head is an integral part of capturing the experience. Not only does lodging with a true sense of place heighten your journey, but it might just be the closest spot to what you've traveled so far to see.



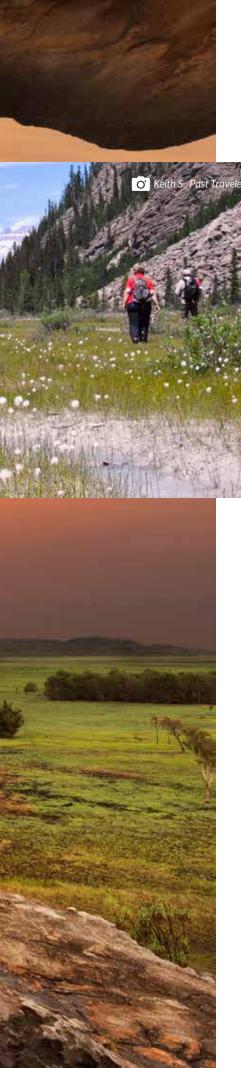
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Book any fully guided Small Group Adventure for your own family or group of friends. Scan the code or talk to a Travel Advisor today – 800-445-2995.



PRIVATE CUSTOM





THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED Just for You

We've spent decades delving into our territories – understanding the lay of the land, figuring out the best routes, compiling lists of stellar accommodations, zeroing in on authentic experiences, and finding classic, local characters to introduce to our clients. All of our discoveries and resources are at your disposal when enlisting our tailored itinerary service.

HOW IT WORKS

We kick things off with a chat to get to know you and your preferences – rustic or luxury, heart of town or middle of nowhere, kayaking or biking – and what particular goals or special interests have you contemplating travel. Then, using your desires as a compass, your Travel Designer will develop a superlative experience based on our nearly 40 years of designing bespoke travel, integrating the local connections we've built over decades.

As your trip is designed, we let you know where we think a guide – maybe a naturalist or historian – will deepen your journey and capture the heart of place in unforgettable ways. To wrap things up, we'll get the reservations paid for and confirmed, double-check all logistics, and then get to work on your Journey Guidebook.

YOUR JOURNEY GUIDEBOOK

We custom-publish a comprehensive, personalized Journey Guidebook for each of our Private Custom Journey clients. Along with specifics like contact information, driving directions, and coordination for getting to your lodge or meeting up with guides and outfitters, the guidebook also covers a wealth of insider information



like trail descriptions, travel tips, notes on natural and cultural history, and ideas on where to find an amazing meal. The guidebook will open doors of discovery – helping you capture special moments along the way and ensuring you are armed with everything you need to keep your focus on absorbing and experiencing the glorious world around you.

SAVOR YOUR TIME

Planning a trip with authentic experiences, exhilarating activities, and a true understanding of where you are visiting takes time. So, leave the planning process to us. Your return on this investment will be a journey where you can immerse yourself, enlisting all your senses as you explore landscapes, engage deeply, and capture travel – and life – at its essential best.



LET US PLAN YOUR CUSTOM EXPERIENCE! Scan the code or talk to a Travel Designer today – 800-445-2995.

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THIS IS OUR HOME TURF

The Rocky Mountains are home to expansive wilderness, abundant wildlife, glaciers, craggy peaks, gushing geysers, and crystal-clear alpine lakes. This vast and beautiful range also happens to be our backyard. Welcome! We can't wait to show you around. We know the best guides to bring the storied Wild West to life, the most romantic national park lodges, and the finest trails for wildlife, views, and pure joy.

The Rockies will capture you – a face full of cold water on a Class III rapid, pondering the towering geological wonder of Devils Tower, and the thrill of spotting a grizzly bear and her cubs in a wildflowerstrewn meadow. As you explore, you'll find Yellowstone, the Tetons, Glacier's Crown of the Continent, Canada's jaw-dropping parks, and lots of big sky country in between.



GO CUSTOM IN THE ROCKIES!

Let our Travel Designers plan your perfect trip. See page 20 for details or call 800-445-2995.



ESSENCE OF Yellowstone and Grand Teton

Wildlife Watching, Floating, and Discovery



7 Days | From \$6,695 Weekly Departures from May-September Special Wildlife Departures Available Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Discover the essence of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks on this rich, naturalist-led journey. You'll hike geyser basin boardwalks and forested trails, see Old Faithful and bubbling mud pots, and watch for elk, wolves, bison, bears, as well as iconic birds like bald eagles and trumpeter swans. A morning wildlife-watching float on the Snake River seals the sense of wild quiet.

Your expert guide has intimate knowledge of this landscape and will help you understand the intricate symbiotic relationships at work here. The trip is as fun as it is informative, with stays in distinctive national park lodges.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Your guide knows where to find wildlife in every season, and will explain the region's complex ecological relationships.
- Classic national park lodges and other perfectly situated accommodations keep you close to nature throughout the trip.
- An early morning float on the quiet Snake River is like being in a drifting wildlife blind.







ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

Day 1: Meet your guide and traveling companions over dinner at the very special "OBP sister hotel," the Kimpton Armory in downtown Bozeman, MT. 2: Head down through Paradise Valley to Yellowstone. 3: Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.
Look for wolves in Hayden Valley. Old Faithful. 4: Walk the Upper Geyser Basin.
5: Head to Grand Teton, hike and explore. 6: Snake River wildlife-watching float.
7: Fly home from Jackson, WY.





Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, and More



GROUP

8 Days | From \$5,995 Departures from June-August

Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Follow your knowledgeable guide deep into the nature and character of famous Western touchstones such as Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Little Bighorn Battlefield, and Devils Tower ("Bear Lodge" to the Lakota). You'll hear old stories, absorb new insights, and gain a fresh, face-to-face understanding of Western history and landscapes.

This great American road trip immerses you in Western wildlife and landscapes. You'll hike in Custer State Park and drive over the awe-inspiring Beartooth Pass into Yellowstone National Park for a day of walking, sightseeing, and wildlife viewing in the Lamar Valley.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Follow a Crow Indian guide back in time on a moving exploration of the Little Bighorn Battlefield.
- Enjoy stays at Calvin Coolidge's "Summer White House," a historic frontier hotel in the Black Hills, and in a lodge in the heart of Yellowstone.
- Learn the backstories and local perspectives on important western landmarks and history.







ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

Day 1: Meet your guide and traveling companions over dinner in Rapid City, SD.
2: Morning in Badlands NP; afternoon at Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse.
3: Hike and explore Custer; Wind Cave NP or Jewel Cave NM, time-permitting.
4: Devils Tower and Buffalo, WY. 5: Walk the Little Bighorn Battlefield with a Native American guide. 6: Over Beartooth Pass to Yellowstone National Park.
7: Explore Yellowstone. 8: Bozeman, MT for departures home.



YELLOWSTONE'S Winter Magic

Wildlife, Ethereal Thermal Basins, and Old Faithful



7 Days | From \$6,995 Departures from December-February Special New Year Departures Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Yellowstone in winter is sublime. Human crowds are gone, but animals have come down from higher elevations to congregate near hot springs and in valleys where the snow isn't so deep. Wolves, foxes, elk, bison, moose, bighorn sheep, river otters, birds, and other creatures are all out and active in the sparkling, snowy expanses.

You'll ease into the ethereal scene at Mammoth Hot Springs, then travel by snowcoach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge for two cozy nights. Explore the thermal basin and surrounding forest on snowshoes or crosscountry skis for an unforgettable communion with the nature of winter.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Part of the magic is getting there, on a snowcoach ride over closed roads as your driver spins local lore and brakes for bison.
- Only two park lodges are open in winter, and you get to stay in both of them.
- Yellowstone shows a very different side of itself in winter, with frost-shrouded geyser basins and a sense of peace and quiet.







ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

Day 1: Meet your guide and traveling companions over dinner at the very special "OBP sister hotel," the Kimpton Armory in downtown Bozeman, MT. **2:** Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone. **3:** Wildlife watching in Lamar Valley. **4:** Snow coach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge, stop at Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. **5:** Walk geyser basin boardwalks. Option to rent XC skis or snowshoes. **6:** Snowcoach tour, then leave the park via the North Entrance with a stay in the heart of Paradise Valley at a historic hot springs resort. **7:** Bozeman for flights home.



EXPLORING Glacier National Park

Mountain Hiking, Boating, and Wildlife



7 Days | From \$6,995 Departures from June-August Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Glacier National Park is tucked up against the Canadian border in northern Montana. Explore this stunning, glacier-sculpted mountain landscape with naturalist-led hikes, a Flathead River float, a cruise across Swiftcurrent Lake, and a jaw-dropping drive over the Goingto-the-Sun Road. Glacier is home to its original complement of native wildlife, so you might spot mountain goats, grizzly bears, pikas, and more during your journey.

Stays at Lake McDonald Lodge and Many Glacier Hotel add a very special element to the trip. Both are historic national park hotels, set on pristine lakes and surrounded by dazzling mountain views.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Relish a stay at the renowned Many Glacier Hotel, nestled in the park on the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake with stunning views.
- Get an otter's-eye view of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River on a float through one of the most pristine watersheds in the U.S.
- Extra support from the park's own guiding team ensures that everyone can hike at their own pace, in knowledgeable company.







ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

Day 1: Meet your guide and traveling companions over dinner in the heart of charming Whitefish, MT. 2: Off to the Flathead River for half-day float, explore the town of Whitefish this afternoon. 3: West side of Glacier NP hiking. 4: Drive Going-to-the-Sun Road to Logan Pass for hiking, then continue down the East side to Many Glacier Hotel. 5: Boat ride across Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, then hike to Grinnell Lake.
6: Guide's choice hiking in the Two Medicine area. 7: Whitefish for flights home.





ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

Wildlife, Mountains, and Monuments



17 Days | From \$10,695 Best Months to Travel: May-September We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Wend through some of the most storied places in the Northern Rockies on a beautiful sweep from the Black Hills of South Dakota across Wyoming and up through Montana. Skies are big and landscapes are boundless on this journey from the sculpted stone Badlands, to Yellowstone's geyser basins and broad valleys, to the soaring peaks of Glacier. Local guides and your comprehensive OBP Journey Guidebook ensure you know the important tales and trails as you follow scenic roads through small western towns and vast public lands. Guided explorations and active days fill this journey of discovery with endless magical moments.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Explore the parks from perfectly situated, character-rich accommodations, including historic hotels and upscale lodges.
- Connect with local guides along the way for memorable hikes and to expand your understanding of the region's nature, history, and culture.
- With your journey guidebook to steer you, stop in small western towns along the way to try the pie and support the community.







SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Rapid City, SD; head to Custer SP. 2-3: Guided hiking and exploring; Badlands NP, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse. 4: Drive to Buffalo, WY; stop at Devils Tower. 5: Over the Bighorn Mountains to Grand Teton NP.
6: Hike, explore, boat. 7: Quiet Snake River wildlife float. 8: Yellowstone NP; Old Faithful Inn. 9: Guided hiking and exploring. 10: Drive through YNP to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone; Canyon Lodge. 11: Guided wildlife watching.
12: Explore Mammoth Hot Springs, then head to Bozeman via Paradise Valley.
13: On to Glacier NP; stay at Many Glacier Hotel. 14: Boat across Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes to Grinnell Glacier trail. 15: Drive the high-and-winding Going-to-the-Sun-Road to Lake McDonald. 16: Guided hiking in Glacier NP.
17: Departures home from Kalispell, MT.





WATCH "ROCK & SKY" Desert Southwest



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Hiking nature's secret passage in Zion National Park; Canyonlands National Park through the eyes of a naturalist guide



If your mission is to capture life through travel, set your sights on the Desert Southwest. Overwhelm your senses with the unreal landscape – hoodoos, arches, spires, fins, needles, sand pipes, and canyons – decidedly delicious regional cuisine, spring's riot of color as desert wildflowers bloom, and the cool canyon rocks surrounding you as you explore hiking trails on a bluebird day.

The Desert Southwest is a place full of mysteries. Strange land formations, ancient deserts, layers of cultural history, and distinct desert wildlife are all waiting to be discovered and pondered. We know the best hikes, the ultimate desert jeeping adventure, where to find hidden cottonwood-lined creeks, and our guides are versed in the region's diverse flora and fauna, geological processes, and intriguing Puebloan history. Capture the essence of the Southwest.

GO CUSTOM IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST!

Let our Travel Designers plan your perfect trip. See page 20 for details or call 800-445-2995.

UTAH'S Mighty Five

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Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks



9 Days | From \$7,695 Departures in April-May, July-October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

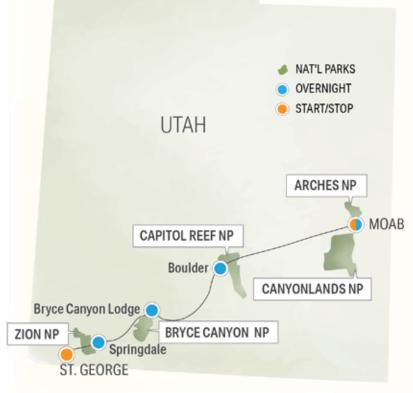
Utah's national parks are known collectively as the "Mighty Five." Situated not too far from each other in the southern part of the state, each park is a powerhouse of unique wonder and beauty. Arches has the highest density of natural arches in the world. Canyonlands is so sprawling that it's divided into three districts, each with its own, different draw. Capitol Reef is a 100-mile "pinch" in the earth, filled with geological intrigue and cultural history. Bryce Canyon is a highelevation hoodoo heaven. And Zion features narrow canyons, pockets of green, and soaring, colorful cliffs. Mighty Five, mighty amazing!

- Relax each night in the perfect basecamps; a remote lodge, in historic national park lodging, and in the heart of downtown Moab.
- **Be transported by a meal**. Rest your feet and excite your taste buds after a day of exploring with memorable meals featuring the flavors of the southwest.
- Hike and explore all five of Utah's extraordinary national parks with exceptional guides who know the terrain intimately.









Day 1: Fly into Moab, UT; welcome dinner. 2: Stop at Newspaper Rock on the way to Canyonlands. Hike in the Needles district. 3: Full day in Arches. Short hikes, spectacular sights. 4: Drive to Boulder Mountain Lodge; hike and explore Capitol Reef on the way. 5: Full day in Capitol Reef and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. 6: Drive to Bryce Canyon; hike and explore; Bryce Canyon Lodge. 7: Morning hike in Bryce; short-but-scenic drive to Zion. Start exploring!
8: Full day in Zion to immerse in this remarkable place. Festive farewell dinner.
9: Sunrise hike, then off to St. George, UT for connections home.





AMERICAN SOUTHWEST By Private Air

Journey Through High Desert National Parks



12 Days | From \$13,995

Departures in April-May, September-October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Capture the time-carved essence of the Southwest, from Utah's "Mighty Five" national parks to the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Charter flights on two legs of the trip give you an unparalleled sense of the region's scale and geological structure, while expertly guided hikes and activities take you deep into each of several spectacular landscapes. This active trip also includes a river float, slot canyon adventure, and dirt back roads. The variety of each place you visit, plus the spirited guides leading you and the diversity of activities make for a unique and special journey. Experience the preeminent journey of America's Desert Southwest!

- Minimize "windshield time" and maximize the excitement with regional private flights between destinations.
- Get an astonishing view of the vast, Grand Staircase rock formation flying from Canyonlands to Grand Canyon, then explore on foot!
- Between its delicious meals and warm, welcoming locals, the Southwest serves up a perfect recipe for fun and adventure.





Day 1: Fly into Moab, UT. Welcome dinner. 2: Newspaper Rock; hike Needles District, Canyonlands. 3: Full day in Arches. 4: Charter flight over Grand Staircase to Grand Canyon. 5: Grand Canyon immersion day! 6: Off to Page, AZ. Stops at Cameron Trading Post and Horseshoe Bend. Slot canyon with Navajo guides. Lake Powell.
7: Easy float on the Colorado River. Charter flight to Lyman, Utah, population 206. Hike in Capitol Reef; Boulder Mountain Lodge. 8: Hike and explore Capitol Reef and Grand Staircase-Escalante. 9: Drive to Bryce, hike through hoodoos. 10: Morning hike; short drive to Zion. Explore! 11: Full day in Zion; farewell dinner. 12: Morning hike, drive to St. George, UT for connections home.





GROUP

BIG SECRET, **Big Bend**

The Chisos Mountains, Chihuahuan Desert, and Rio Grande



8 Days | From \$5,095 Departures in March-April, October-November Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

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

You'll walk sandy washes and cottonwood-lined streambanks, watch for migrating birds, and hike in the Chisos Mountains with views of the Chihuahuan Desert. Adding science and culture to all that nature, you'll visit the McDonald Observatory, tour the Fort Davis Historic Site, and rub elbows with locals at a historic hotel, sipping a beverage on the patio while famous steaks sizzle on the grill.

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- Get a close-up look at McDonald
 Observatory's large research telescopes on a guided tour of this world-class facility.
- Count yourself among the few who can say they've visited one of the most remote and lightly visited national parks in the Lower 48.

NOTE for 2025: Due to the renovation project at Chisos Mountains Lodge, Fall 2025 departures will have an adjusted itinerary. Speak with your travel advisor for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!







Day 1: Meet your guide and group over dinner. Stay in landmark boutique hotel in El Paso, TX. 2: Your guide explains the landscape on the drive to Fort Davis.
3: Fort Davis cavalry post; through Persimmon Gap into Big Bend. 4: Bird among cottonwoods at Rio Grande Village, hike past limestone cliffs at Boquillas Canyon.
5: Hike and spot wildlife in Chisos Basin. 6: Explore Santa Elena Canyon. 7: Set your memories on an early morning hike, then enjoy the drive through Big Bend State Park to Marfa, with stops along the way. Festive farewell dinner tonight at historic Hotel Paisano. 8: El Paso for flights home.



puebloan Mystery

GROUP

Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly



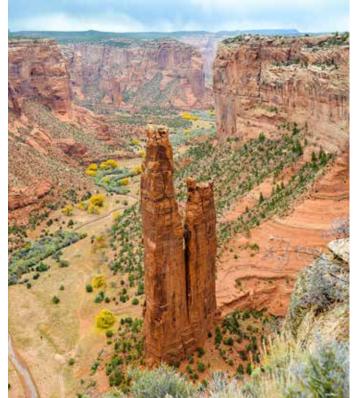
8 Days | From \$4,995 Departures in May, September, and October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Travel + Leisure named this OBP trip a "Best Adventure Travel Choice" for its unique and intrepid nature. You begin at Mesa Verde National Park, then veer even farther off the tourist trail to Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Canyon de Chelly National Monument.

Located at the end of a long dirt road, Chaco holds the most exceptional concentration of pre-Columbian sites in the Southwest. At Canyon de Chelly, which is located on Navajo tribal lands, you'll find evocative ruins and preserved traditions. The sense of this trip as "time travel" is sealed with stops at Hubbell Trading Post and Acoma Pueblo.

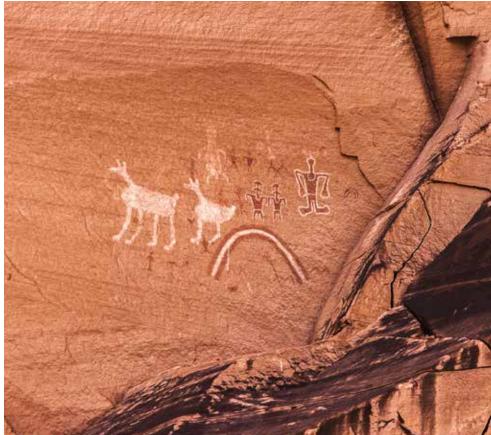
- Your guide peels back layers of mystery with a deep knowledge of the area's history, nature, and culture.
- A four-wheel drive exploration of Canyon de Chelly, led by a Navajo guide, takes you into the farther reaches of time and place.
- Relax in the courtyard of your historic hacienda inn, built in the 1940s as a gracious family home.







Day 1: Circle up with your group and guide for dinner at your historic hotel in downtown Durango, CO. 2: Enjoy short hikes through Mesa Verde NP. 3: Explore Chaco Culture National Historical Park, former hub of Chacoan culture. 4-5: Short hikes and archaeological discovery in Canyon de Chelly on Navajo lands.
Jeep excursion to learn geography, history, and cultural traditions. 6: Historic Hubbell Trading Post, Window Rock. 7: "Sky City" Acoma Pueblo; Albuquerque.
8: Flights home from Albuquerque, NM.



SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

10 Must-See Parks and Monuments



20 Days | From \$10,825 Best Months to Travel: April-October We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Notable national parks meet fantasy road trip on this grand loop drive through the American Southwest. Head west from Grand Junction (Colorado) into the astonishing parks of southern Utah, dip into Arizona to the one-and-only Grand Canyon, bend eastward through stunning Monument Valley, and then head back up through Utah – ultimately capping the adventure at mysterious Mesa Verde in southwest Colorado. Unique and memorable experiences await at each stop: jeeping deep into the Needles District of Canyonlands, canyoneering in slot canyons near Zion, sunrise hiking in Monument Valley, floating on the Colorado River, and lots of privately guided hiking and exploring.

- The Southwest offers myriad opportunities to engage with and support Native American communities on and near their ancestral lands.
- Your local guides are a mix of 5th generation homesteaders, nth generation tribal members, naturalists, and good old desert rats.
- This truly epic journey is strategically planned to cover the most iconic landscapes as well as lesser known gems in between.

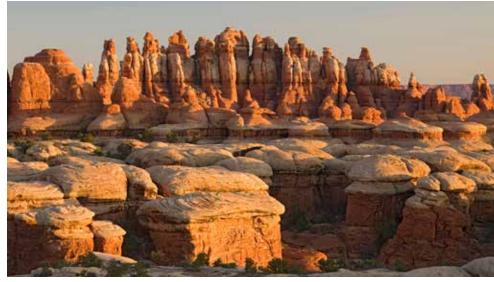






SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Grand Junction, CO to Moab; river float. 2: Guided exploring in Arches.
3: Backcountry jeeping adventure in Canyonlands. 4: Scenic drive to Capitol Reef. 5: Guided hiking and exploring in Capitol Reef. 6: Beautiful Highway 12 to Boulder Mountain Lodge. 7: Guided day in Grand Staircase-Escalante.
8: On to the tiny community of Tropic and Bryce Canyon. 9: Guided day in Bryce Canyon. Hoodoos! 10: More scenic miles on Highway 12 to Zion.
11: Canyoneering through the sandstone labyrinths. No experience needed!
12: Guided day in Zion. 13: Drive to Grand Canyon by way of Lake Powell, Horseshoe Bend, and Glen Canyon Dam. 14: Guided day in Grand Canyon.
15: Drive to Monument Valley through Navajo lands. 16: Sunrise tour of Monument and Mystery Valleys. On to Bluff, UT. 17: Guided exploration of Bears Ears. 18: Let it all sink in on the drive to Mesa Verde. 19: Guided tour of Mesa Verde. 20: Durango, CO for flights home.



Denali reflections on serene Wonder Lake; Kayakers gain perspective under a colossal glacier

Aaska

O' Mike S., Past Traveler

BIG, BEGUILING, BREATHTAKING

The moments will capture you in Alaska – the weightlessness of flying high above it all in a float plane, the awe of seeing brown bears salmon fishing, the salty mist after a humpback whale breach in a towering fjord, and the thunderous sound of being front row to a calving glacier. The Great Land will excite, overwhelm, inspire, and humble even the most seasoned traveler.

Alaska, with its vast, almost roadless landscape, remains a wilderness stronghold for wildlife, glaciers, free-flowing rivers, and pristine lakes. A trip here promises a glimpse into the grandeur, adventure, thrills, and joys of the 49th state – walk over groaning glaciers, take a small ship cruise through the Inside Passage, hike through a rainforest, or watch a caribou herd sweeping across the vast arctic tundra.



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ABSOLUTE Alaska

See the Last Frontier by Sky, Land, and Sea



9 Days | From \$14,995 Departures from June-August

Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

This trip has a shelf life! In 2021, the road into the heart of Denali National Park was closed by a landslide, isolating one of our favorite places on earth. Capture the moment and take advantage of the splendidly (and temporarily) uncrowded park. OBP is continuing to lodge guests at the foot of Denali, via scenic helicopter flight. Once the road is rebuilt, this exclusivity will be gone. The rest of the trip is also extraordinary in its own right, with fly-out bear viewing, stops in quaint Alaska villages, glacier ice walks, a boat cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park, and much, much more.

- Helicopter into your lodge at the foot of **Denali.** Explore in an area restricted to others by a multi-year road closure.
- Board a boat for a wildlife-and-glacier cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park. Watch for whales, seabirds, and more.
- The thrill of a bush plane ride is only the beginning as you fly out to a remote spot to watch bears going about their bear lives.





Day 1: Meet up for dinner in Fairbanks. 2: Drive to the Denali NP entrance and hop on a chopper for the thrilling 35-minute flight to your lodging. Afternoon hike.
3: Full guided day, hiking and exploring in Denali NP. 4: Morning hike; helicopter out of the park. Scenic 4.5-hour drive to Girdwood and Alyeska Resort. 5: Morning hike. Beautiful drive to Seward. Explore Exit Glacier. 6: Private tour of the fabulous Alaska SeaLife Center; boat cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park.
7: Head to Homer, with a stop at Kenai Fjords National Wildlife Refuge. 8: Fly-out bear viewing, either Lake Clark or Katmai National Parks. 9: Fly to Anchorage for connections home.





GLACIER-BAY And the Inside Passage

On the Wild Side in Southeast Alaska



8 Days | From \$8,295 Departures from June-August Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Southeast Alaska is one of the most magnificent places in North America with its fjords, glaciers, mountains, forests, and abundant wildlife. To get the most intimate view of this grand landscape, come with us – up Lynn Canal (part of the Inside Passage) to Haines on the Alaska State Ferry, and over to Glacier Bay National Park on an unforgettable charter flight over vast Alaskan wilderness.

You have three glorious days to relish the grandeur of Glacier Bay. That's time aplenty to hike the rainforest and cruise in small tour boats to see glaciers, spot seabirds, and watch for whales. You might even see whales breaching or bubble-netting. It's pure Alaska magic.

- Forget giant cruise ships. See Southeast Alaska up close and personal with us.
- **Travel like a local,** on the Alaska Marine Highway ferry and regional charter flights.
- **Glaciers and wildlife** whales, seabirds, moose, bald eagles, and more – form the heart of this spectacular journey.







Day 1: Arrive into Juneau, AK and meet your guide and group for dinner. 2: Juneau to Haines on the state ferry. 3: Float the Chilkat Eagle Preserve. 4: Fly to Glacier Bay, scenic views of glaciers, mountains, and lakes. 5: Full day boat cruise into the heart of Glacier Bay. 6: Half-day whale watching excursion. Hike with your guide or sea kayak. 7: Fly to Juneau; marvel at Mendenhall Glacier. Farewell dinner.
8: Ride Mount Roberts Tramway and explore the trail system and nature center. Flights home from Juneau.



ALASKA'S NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

Eight National Parks, One Epic Adventure



19 Days | From \$23,750 Best Months to Travel: June-September We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Only three of Alaska's eight national parks are accessible by road. That's your first clue to the epic, out-there essence of this trip of a lifetime. You're surrounded by wilderness as you hike, boat, kayak, and fly through the stunning beauty of Alaska's wildest places in the company of experienced guides.

You'll see sand dunes and caribou migration routes, stand in awe of Denali, and wrap the Great Land around you like the blessing it is. If you're not ready for the full Grand Slam, we'll help you pick and choose so your trip is everything you want it to be.

- Getting from place to place is an adventure in and of itself, with ultra-Alaskan experiences and expansive views at every turn.
- The rugged, iconoclastic character of the state comes alive in the guides, pilots, hosts, and others you meet on the journey.
- Get a taste of the state in accommodations that span the spectrum from fly-in lodges, to mining ghost towns, to arctic village inns.







SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-3: Fly low over vast wilderness into Gustavus, AK – gateway to Glacier Bay. Boat out to see glaciers and whales, hike old growth trails, kayak in Bartlett Cove. **4:** Fly to Brooks Falls in Katmai for an unforgettable day of bear watching; overnight in Anchorage. **5-6:** Relax on a scenic train ride to Seward. Cruise through Kenai Fjords watching for marine mammals, seabirds, and calving glaciers. Hike trails around Exit Glacier. **7:** Overnight in Anchorage; walk the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, enjoy a local restaurant. **8-10:** Catch a floatplane to your Lake Clark cabin. Fish, watch bears, kayak, enjoy! **11-12:** Small plane to Wrangell-St. Elias to hike, explore, and walk on a glacier. **13-14:** Fly to Denali, jump in a helicopter to your cabin in the heart of the park. Naturalist-led guided outings. **15:** Catch the Denali Star train to Fairbanks. Wildly scenic! **16-18:** It's a quick flight to Bettles, your base for explorations in Gates of the Arctic and Kobuk Valley. Village tour, riverboat ride, flightseeing, hiking. **19:** Fly back to Fairbanks for flights home.



A classic road trip view near Bixby Bridge on California's Pacific Coast Highway; A moment of reverence in Sequoia National Park

California



CALIFORNIA DREAMING

From northern California's towering ancient redwoods to the enchanting Channel Islands off its southern coast and from the dramatic coastlines of the Pacific Ocean to the ruggedly beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Golden State is a true natural beauty boasting everything from Joshua trees and giant sequoias to sea lions and red foxes.

Feel the wind in your hair as you cruise the Pacific Coast Highway, spot otters through the fog as you kayak over kelp forests, dive into the crisp clear water of Lake Tahoe, and pair briny oysters with a crisp rosé in Tomales Bay. California invites you to adventure from coast to mountains, learn Gold Rush history, taste its farm-to-table bounty, and visit its iconic national parks – Yosemite, Joshua Tree, and Death Valley just to name a few. Let *California Cool* capture you.



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SEASONS OF Yosemite

Trails, Waterfalls, and Giant Sequoias



7 Days | From \$5,695 Departures in April-June, and September Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Yosemite Valley was protected as a national parkland in 1864, eight years before Yellowstone became the first "official" national park. You'll feel the long reach of history as you hike this beautiful and important park and see El Capitan, Half Dome, Glacier Point, Yosemite Falls, and Mariposa Grove for yourself.

Along with the landmarks, you'll also venture farther off the beaten path to the Hetch Hetchy Valley or Tuolumne Meadows. Your guide shapes each day to maximize experiences that inspire appreciation for the majesty and serenity of the High Sierras, and your stay each night will keep you comfortable and close to nature.

- This superbly curated trip is 100 percent Yosemite, with ample time and space for hiking, seeing the waterfalls, and exploring.
- Feel awe in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, where some of the 500 trees might have sprung to life well over 2,000 years ago.
- Push your view of Yosemite all the way off the beaten path to Hetch Hetchy Valley or Tuolumne Meadows.







Day 1: Arrive Fresno, CA. Meet your group and guide for a welcome dinner.
2: On to Yosemite! Short hike and settle in at Tenaya Lodge, just outside the park.
3: Mariposa Grove, hiking. 4: El Cap, Half Dome, waterfalls. Resettle into Yosemite Valley Lodge, near the falls. 5: Hiking. Hetch Hetchy or Tuolumne Meadows.
6: Falls, trails, Ansel Adams gallery. Dinner at the famous Ahwahnee Hotel dining room. 7: Fresno for flights home.



CALIFORNIA'S NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

A Perfect Time Out

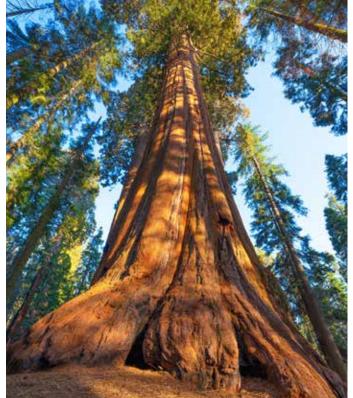


20 Days | From \$10,950 Best Months to Travel: April-October We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Ramble from one sweet spot to the next on this delightful road trip, beginning at a luxury boutique hotel in Santa Barbara. After a day exploring the Channel Islands, take your time cruising the Pacific Coast Highway to Monterey Bay, cross the Golden Gate Bridge to Point Reyes, and head up to Redwoods National Park. Moving on, you'll discover pure California gold at a lovely ranch resort near Lassen Volcanic National Park. Next up, Yosemite and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. The journey wraps with some chill time or fun excursions from your chic Santa Monica hotel.

- Naturalist guides along the way expand the diversity of your experiences, and open up new insights into the landscape.
- See iconic parks like Yosemite and Sequoia, but broaden your sense of place in lesser traveled spots like Channel Islands and Point Reyes.
- Stay in boutique inns, cottages, mountain lodges, and classic national park hotels, including Yosemite's matchless Ahwahnee.







SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Pick up your car in Los Angeles, CA; Santa Barbara boutique hotel.
2: Channel Islands NP, sea kayaking and exploring. 3: Pacific Coast Highway to Carmel. 4: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; afternoon hike in Pinnacles NP. 5: Head to Point Reyes National Seashore. 6: Sea kayaking and hiking. 7: Drive to Redwoods NP; explore along the way. 8: Redwoods NP; hike and explore. 9: Lassen Volcanic NP and ranch resort. 10-11: Hike Lassen; optional horseback riding, fly fishing, paddle boarding. 12: Drive to Yosemite NP.
13-14: Guided explorations in Yosemite. 15: Sequoia & Kings Canyon NPs.
16-17: Guided days in the parks. 18: Back to the coast and your Santa Monica ocean view suite. 19: Chill, surf, do some beach yoga, or go on a culinary tour.
20: Departures home from Los Angeles.





Mossy magic surrounds you in Olympic National Park; Mt. Rainier over Seattle's iconic skyline



LUSH ABUNDANCE

In the wild and green Pacific Northwest, you'll find water everywhere, in sparkling straits and sounds, in thundering waterfalls, and in mossy, magical rainforests. The rugged coastline is full of adventures and a feast for the senses – cool, misty ferry rides, the sound of calling seabirds and surfacing whales, salty fish and chips, and hot artisanal coffee, plus experience the excitement of discovering Olympic National Park and island-hopping through the San Juans.

Inland is a mix of towering volcanoes – including Mount Rainier tucked into Seattle's skyline – wildflower meadows and alpine hiking trails, emerald green river valleys, world-famous wine regions, and stunning blue Crater Lake. The Pacific Northwest is a unique blend of urban excitement, natural beauty, and rich cultural experiences. Let us help you capture moments of serenity and awe in this lush playground.

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EXPLORING Olympic National Park

Hoh Rain Forest to Hurricane Ridge



7 Days | From \$5,395 Departures from June-September Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Olympic National Park is a hiker's paradise, with soul-satisfying trails through a wild diversity of environments. Hikes on this trip take you from the Hoh Rain Forest Hall of Mosses, to sweeping subalpine meadows on Hurricane Ridge, to wild and rugged Third Beach, along a section of the Pacific Northwest Trail.

At every step, you're in the company of a knowledgeable guide who will explain the unique flora and fauna and fill you in on the region's cultural history. Stays in classic lodges keep your entire experience in perfect Pacific Northwest character.

- Every day brings new vistas and hiking experiences, from mountain rambles to beachcombing adventures on the wild coast.
- Stays at Kalaloch and Lake Crescent lodges give you a grand taste of classic Olympic Peninsula ambiance.
- Step into the quiet embrace of the Hall of Mosses, a pristine tract of old growth temperate rainforest with more than 100 different species of moss.







Day 1: Meet your guide and group for dinner at a quiet urban oasis near the Seattle, WA airport. **2:** And we're off to Quinault Valley for a short hike. Day ends at oceanfront lodge. **3:** Explore Hoh Rain Forest on walks and hikes, including famous Hall of Mosses Trail. **4:** Hike out to wild coastal beaches. Day ends at lakeside lodge with a short hike to Marymere Falls. **5:** Full day to explore Sol Duc Valley and hike. **6:** Hike Hurricane Ridge for stunning views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. **7:** Seattle for departures home.





PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

Sea Level to Alpine Ridges



11 Days | From \$5,850 Best Months to Travel: April-October We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Dip your toe into the lakes – and forests and mountains of the nature-rich Northwest on this memorable adventure. This journey covers the quintessential regional landscapes: an extinct volcano, a moss-draped rainforest, wild beaches, waterfalls, and steep, evergreen mountains. Guided explorations immerse you into your surroundings as you hike, bike, kayak, and beachcomb your way into a true sense of place. Your lodgings keep you firmly in the Northwest spirit, with stays at historic Paradise Inn at Mt. Rainier, classic Lake Crescent Lodge in Olympic National Park, and a riverside cabin on the doorstep of the Cascades.

- Sample the luscious Northwest, from rugged beaches and old-growth forests to the lofty Mount Rainier and North Cascades.
- Experienced local guides share their favorite trails and tune you into the intricacies of the region's natural history.
- Historic lodges, national park hotels, riverside resorts, and quaint small towns give the journey its welcoming ambiance.







SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Pick up your rental car in Seattle, WA and head to Mount Rainier NP.
2-3: Grab your trail map and wildflower guide and explore Rainier. 4: Follow one scenic highway to the next; Lake Quinault in Olympic NP. 5-7: Guided day trips to Marymere Falls, Hurricane Ridge, Hoh Rain Forest, Rialto Beach.
8: From Lake Crescent Lodge, head to La Conner via ferry to Whidbey Island.
9: Guided day in North Cascades National Park. 10: Day tour to Mount Baker for scenic vistas in the Cascades. Head back to Seattle for your last night.
11: Departures home from Seattle.





Dive into New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds; Capturing a Hawaiian humpback hello

ALOHA, KIA ORA, TALOFA, G'DAY!

The Pacific Ocean is a vast canvas of watery blue, with dots of vibrant beauty, ancient culture, intriguing wildlife, and diverse landscapes sprinkled across its expanse. Oceania captures in one word a whole world of discovery from the Aloha State to far-flung destinations like New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, and American Samoa. Discover volcanic geology in real time, the history of brave seafaring ancestors, and wild and strange endemic creatures.

Capture the wonder of Oceania – the emotions of witnessing a fierce Māori haka, the pure exhilaration of an evening snorkel with massive manta rays, the awe and serenity of sunrise on Uluru, the thrill of spotting surfacing dolphins as you kayak through Milford Sound, and the salty taste of perfectly seasoned kalua pig at a luau or refreshingly sweet shave ice on a hot day.

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MAIMOANA: American Samoa

Tropical Islands, Culture, and the National Park of American Samoa



8 Days | From \$7,995 Departures in April, June, August-September Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Settled by seafaring explorers 3,000 years ago, Samoa is the cultural hub of the Polynesian wheel. It is also a true *off the beaten path* paradise, with rugged volcanic mountains, dramatic shorelines, pristine beaches, colorful coral reefs, and lush tropical forests.

You'll visit three islands – Tutuila, Ta'ū, and Ofu – each containing sections of the National Park of American Samoa. Instead of food courts and gift shops, you'll find blue lagoons, pristine beaches, flying foxes, red-footed boobies, green sea turtles, and small villages that follow a traditional lifestyle. In keeping with the meaning of the word Samoa, "sacred earth," the park helps protect "fa'a Samoa" – the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the ancient, family-centered Samoan culture. Was it the sound of Samoan voices singing that's keeping you uplifted? Or the day at the beach with no footprints but your own?

- Gain an understanding of fa'a Samoa, the Samoan Way, through cultural interactions, food, and ceremonies.
- Rejuvenate at a family-owned lodge on a quiet lagoon with a sandy beach, under dazzling night skies starring the Southern Cross.
- Let OBP help you check off the last U.S. National Park on your life list, on an unforgettable and immersive experience.







Day 1: Arrive in Pago Pago and meet your guide. **2:** Explore Aunu'u Island and village. Enjoy traditional Samoan dance performances. **3:** National Park of American Samoa Visitor Center, plus mountains and coastlines. Look for fruit bats. Visit the National Marine Sanctuary. **4:** More exploring on Tutuila. **5:** Fly to Ta'ū Island and explore the "littoral zone". Boat ride to Ofu Island **6:** Mountains, lagoons, coral reefs. Hike, snorkel, explore. **7:** Guided hike on Ofu. Down time at the beach. Traditional umu dinner. **8:** Flight to Tutuila and walking tour of Fagatogo village. Farewell dinner and flights home.





HAWAII'S NATIONAL PARKS Grand Slam

Fire Islands-the Big Island and Maui



13 Days | From \$10,575 Best Months to Travel: Anytime – It's Paradise! We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Pele, "she who shapes the sacred land," informs the heart of this trip as you explore two volcano-centered national parks and beyond. On the Big Island, lush Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is home to Mauna Loa and also Kilauea – two of the most active volcanoes on earth. At Haleakalā National Park on Maui, hiking down into the dormant crater is an otherworldly experience. Your journey holds an abundance of other rich adventures and experiences as well, like swimming with giant manta rays, snorkeling in Molokini crater, horseback riding, and discovering Hawaiian history in Waipio Valley.

- Hawaii's destinations, lodgings, local guides, and diverse explorations all bring you to Aloha 'Aina, love of the land.
- **Distinctive accommodations** range from a quaint B&B tucked into the rainforest to a luxury resort on the Kohala Coast to a historic hotel on Waikiki Beach.
- Stay active with a variety of adventures and experiences designed to immerse you in Hawaiian nature and culture.







SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly into Honolulu, HI; hit Waikiki Beach! **2:** Private tour of Pearl Harbor National Memorial. **3:** Fly to the Big Island; pick up rental car, drive to lodgings near Hawai'i Volcanoes NP. **4:** Privately guided hiking and exploring in the park. **5:** Drive to the Kohala Coast; evening guided manta ray dive. **6:** Morning horseback ride; afternoon guided hike. **7:** Two-site scuba dive. Warm water, great visibility, lots to see! **8:** Explore or relax. **9:** Fly to Maui. **10:** Kayak, snorkel, and hike to two waterfalls. **11:** Haleakala Crater! Guided hike to the 10,000-foot summit, and lava trail lined with rare plants. **12:** Sunrise snorkel at Molokini Crater. **13:** Departures home from Maui airport.





Abel Tasman, Mt. Cook, Fiordland National Parks, and Stewart Island



GROUP

14 Days | From \$15,195

Departures in February-March and October-November Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Take two glorious weeks to explore the South Island by boat, van, train, and plane. Led by local guides, the journey is well-paced and active, with gorgeous hikes, magical kayaking, easy biking, and outstanding wildlife watching for kiwis, penguins, whales and more. Interspersed in all that active exploration are tastings (wine, fruit, and salmon), a train ride from Marlborough Sounds to Christchurch, and a Doubtful Sound wilderness cruise. Your flight out to Stewart Island is a real *off the beaten path* highlight. Most of the island is protected as a national park, and its lush native vegetation is a haven for kiwis and other endemic birds.

- **Distinctive accommodations** with warm Kiwi hospitality range from sophisticated eco-resorts and lodges to a charming island hotel.
- Enjoy the view on breathtaking hikes, including Abel Tasman's famed "tracks" and Hooker Valley's icebergs, glaciers, and stunning Mt. Cook vistas.
- **Travel on the Coastal Pacific train** along rugged coastline, across remote beaches, and through lush wine country.







Day 1: Meet your guide in Nelson, head to Abel Tasman NP. Short hike, welcome dinner. 2: Morning kayak, afternoon hike. 3: Hike Abel Tasman.
4: Drive to Marlborough Sounds; wine-tasting, Coastal Pacific Train to Kaikōura. 5: Full day whale watching. Afternoon train to Christchurch.
6: Drive Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. 7: Hike Hooker Valley-Mt. Cook area. 8: Bike ride along the Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail. 9: Magnificent drive to Fiordland NP. 10: Full-day wilderness cruise in Doubtful Sound. 11: Scenic drive of Milford Sound, hike along the way. 12: Gorgeous drive to Invercargill. Fly to Stewart Island; evening kiwi tour. 13: Full day Stewart Island. 14: Fly back to Invercargill for connections home.



EXTRAORDINARY Australia

Kakadu National Park, Kangaroo Island, Tasmania, and More



25 Days | From \$23,725 Best Months to Travel: April-October We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Nature and Aboriginal culture are at the heart of this exceptional journey, with delightful dips into Australia's delectable food and wine. Your lodgings are the stuff of dreams – a luxurious tent pavilion by Uluru-Kata Tjuta, fly-in wilderness river lodge, eco beach retreat, Kakadu safari camp, and stone homestead.

An exquisitely curated array of unforgettable experiences takes you well *off the beaten path*. Along with the requisite stop in Sydney, your trip map includes the Great Barrier Reef, Darwin, Kimberley region, Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Kantju Gorge, Kangaroo Island, and Tasmania. If you've been dreaming about Australia, this trip will make your wildest dreams come true.

- Join an Aboriginal guide for a remarkable camping experience at one of the world's most significant ancient rock art sites.
- Traverse Australia's Red Centre on the luxury Ghan Train, or base your stay at a luxury station homestead with warm and friendly outback hospitality.
- Experience the breadth of Australia, from the Sydney Opera House to remote Arnhem Land, from wine tasting to wombats.





SAMPLE ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Arrive and explore the harbor city of Sydney. **3-4:** Fly to Port Douglas beach retreat. Explore, cruise the Great Barrier Reef. **5-6:** Overnight at Quinkan rock art site. Cairns. **7:** Fly to Darwin. **8-10:** Kakadu and Arnhem Land safaris. **11:** Fly to Kimberley wilderness river lodge. **12-13:** Heli ride to rock art, gorge hikes, river cruise. **14:** Fly back to Darwin. **15-17:** Fly to Uluru. Walk the base of Uluru and into Kantju Gorge. Day at Cave Hill. **18-20:** Fly to Kangaroo Island. Explore. **21-22:** Fly to Adelaide then Launceston, Tasmania. Evening quoll patrol. **23-25:** Interpretive overland tour from Launceston to Hobart. Flights home from Hobart.







PURA VIDA TO PATAGONIA

Capture cultural legacies and wildly diverse nature, it's time to head south! Experience the sound of your saddle's creaking leather as you follow gauchos through the Andes' foothills, the smell of steaks cooking on an open fire parrilla, the cacophony of wildlife calls in the Amazon, and the awe of seeing Inca dry-stone walls high above the cloud forest at Machu Picchu.

Costa Rica is a haven for wild things from toucans to trumpet flowers, leafcutter ants to leatherback turtles, and resplendent quetzals to red-eyed tree frogs. Follow the soaring Andes from the fertile valleys of grapevines down to the wild and diverse landscape of Patagonia. Then, capture nature at its extremes – kayak at Argentina's impossibly huge Perito Moreno Glacier and hike through the vast golden pampas of Chile's Torres del Paine.



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costa rica's True Nature

Volcanic Explorations, Biodiversity, and Rio Celeste



8 Days | From \$7,895

Departures in March, June-July, October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Pura Vida – Pure Life – is the mantra for this lush, green, ecoconscious country's way of life and this exploration of the beguiling northwest region of Costa Rica illustrates the pure life intent to perfection. Discover Rincón de la Vieja, home to 300 species of animals and captivating volcanic features like bubbling mud pots and steaming vents. Migrate to Tenorio Volcano where the turquoise waters of the Rio Celeste wind through verdant forest, exposing waterfalls and wildlife. Explore Arenal Volcano and dip in its volcanic natural hot springs. Finish on the shores of the Gulf of Papagayo with ocean explorations among gorgeous sandy beaches. Capture life, pura vida, on this genuinely off the beaten path exploration of Costa Rica.

- **Discover and explore active volcanoes** with guided walks and hikes alongside boiling streams and fumaroles, and dive into magnificent volcanic hot springs.
- Walk high above the rainforest on a network of hanging bridges, and get eye level with toucans and exotic orchids.
- See the intense blue, volcanic waters of Rio Celeste, as you look for birds, monkeys, sloths, amphibians, and more!





Day 1: Arrive Guanacaste. Enjoy a wood-fired Costa Rican welcome dinner at your mountain resort. **2:** Casual stroll to La Oropendola Waterfall and explorations in Rincón de la Vieja National Park. **3:** Discover Tenorio Volcano National Park, including Rio Celeste. **4:** Classic Arenal Volcano exploration before dipping in volcanic hot springs. **5:** Heliconias Rainforest and a visit to a tapir reserve. **6:** Migrate from mountains to sea, with a cruise through Hacienda el Viejo Wetlands. **7:** Gulf of Papagayo exploration to remote, untouched beaches before a wonderful farewell dinner. **8:** Flights home from Guanacaste.





TREASURES Of Peru

Cusco, Machu Picchu, and Inca Mysteries



9 Days | From \$6,395

Departures in May, July, September-October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Discover Peru's rich history and culture with explorations of colonial Lima, mist-shrouded Machu Picchu, and the cobblestone streets of pre-colonial Cusco. Spend a full day exploring Lima, then transfer to the Sacred Valley of the Inca. Stroll through colonial towns and walk ancient Inca sites before spending two days exploring Machu Picchu. Learn about the ancient Inca citadel with a guided tour and a hike up Machu Picchu Mountain. Cusco is an open-air museum – every ancient street you walk, every plaza you see has a story waiting to be discovered. Cap off the journey by getting *off the beaten path* with a tour along the Andean Baroque Route.

- See the Inca masterpiece of Machu Picchu not once, but twice, with a superlative overnight stay at a nearby 12-acre property.
- Unveil Lima's colonial buildings, museums and plazas by day, then dine overlooking the 500 AD-built Huaca Pucllana pyramid by night.
- Discover the "open-air museum" that is Cusco with guided wanderings through its archaeological sites, cobblestone streets, and intriguing living history.





Day 1: Arrive in Lima. 2: Full day of colonial Lima explorations. 3: Fly to Cusco, transfer to Sacred Valley, with a textile workshop visit en route. 4: Explore Inca salt mines, circular terraces, and a traditional village. Peruvian farm-to-table lunch. 5: Spectacular train ride to Machu Picchu Pueblo; guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. 6: Optional hike on Machu Picchu Mountain or continued explorations of Machu Picchu. Lunch, then transfer to Cusco.
7: Morning guided tour of Cusco and surrounding archeological sites; free afternoon to explore artisan neighborhoods. 8: Tour the Andean Baroque Route.
9: Fly from Cusco to Lima. Farewell dinner, then flights home.







PATAGONIA Explorer

Adventures in Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine



17 Days | From \$15,550 Best Months to Travel: November-April We can shape this trip to fit you perfectly! That's the beauty of OBP Custom Travel.

Top-notch naturalist guides and outstanding accommodations create the framework for this quintessential Patagonia adventure. Los Glaciares and Torres del Paine national parks anchor the journey. We have so much we want to show you in Los Glaciares that your explorations are based from three different lodgings, including a remote and gracious estancia on Lago Viedma. Hiking, horseback riding, and jaw-dropping vistas abound! Your days in breathtaking Torres del Paine center in the extraordinary Explora Hotel, with unforgettable guided hikes and outings right from the hotel. The trip is bookended by short, rich stays in the vibrant, historic cities of Buenos Aires and Santiago.

- OBP has been working with the same exceptional naturalist guides in these regions for years. We trust them to take care of you.
- Stays at Explora Hotel and Estancia Helsingfors are wildly different experiences, while both embody the spirit of Patagonia.
- Hikes abound, with additional opportunities for active exploration like kayaking at Perito Moreno Glacier and horseback riding.



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires; neighborhood walking tour. 2: Guided half-day city tour. 3: Fly to El Calafate, transfer to El Chaltén in Los Glaciares NP. 4: Full day hiking with naturalist guide. 5: Guided excursion to Lago del Desierto for hiking and boat ride. 6: Transfer around Lago Viedma to Helsingfors. 7-8: Hike, explore, enjoy! 9: Back to El Calafate. 10: Perito Moreno Glacier; kayak and viewing platforms. 11: Private transfer to Explora Hotel in Torres del Paine NP.
12-14: Immerse in fantastic daily guided hikes and explorations. 15: Private transfer to airport for flight to Santiago and hotel. 16: Casablanca Valley wine tour and tasting. 17: Guided art-and-history city tour. Evening flights home.





DEEP EXPERIENCE Exploring Latin America

From our founding in 1986, we have been planning custom-tailored itineraries to Latin America. We started in the wilds of Patagonia, with hiking, horseback riding, and fishing trips that connected travelers to local folks with great enthusiasm to share what they love most about their homeplace. Over the years, we have made similar friends throughout Central and South America that we can't wait to introduce you to. If you have an interest in Latin America, give us a call. We would love to share our deep knowledge and great love of these places as your partner in travel.



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From the vibrant launching pads of Santiago and Buenos Aires, dive into the wild landscapes of Chile and Argentina.

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- As you migrate down to Patagonia, discover Chile's stunning Lake District in the foothills of the Andes, then board a boat for a unique lake border crossing into Argentina.
- Discover the otherworldly landscape of Chile's Atacama Desert on an intriguing guided tour before trading the salt flats for city lights with explorations of the colorful port city of Valparaiso.

After decades in this breathtaking and friendly country, we know how to get off the usual tourist trail and immerse you in Costa Rica's wild side.

UNIQUELY OBP

- Hike with a local guide along a mesmerizing turquoise river, spot the vibrant red throat of a bare-necked umbrellabird high in the forest, ponder an electric orange orchid, and look up in the rustling overstory for monkeys, macaws and three-toed sloths.
- Discover the remote and wild Osa Peninsula from Gulfo Dulce one of the four tropical fjords on earth – to the pristine rainforests of Corcovado National Park to boat rides and wet landings accessing nature hikes and wildlife watching adventures.

Take an unforgettable bucket list adventure through the heart of the Inca Empire.

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- Discover the flora and fauna of the Peruvian Amazon, explore colonial towns and ancient Inca sites, fly high above the mysterious and ancient Nazca Lines, and wander the ancient cobblestone streets of Cusco.
- After a stunning and memorable train ride through the Andes, stay on a 12-acre reserve near Machu Picchu to allow for multiple days of discovery or take the less traveled lodge-tolodge route to the famous site.

Ecuador brims with adventure – the unparalleled Galapagos Islands, sunny Pacific Coast, towering Andes, and the wild Amazon.

- Stay in Quito's "Old Town", a beautifully restored UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll discover colonial architecture, cobblestone streets, charming plazas, and grand cathedrals.
- Set sail on a private yacht with a seasoned local guide for an unreal adventure through the Galapagos Islands. Discover diverse islands, encounter wildlife beyond imagination, and snorkel pristine, protected waters.



OLD-WORLD CHARM & PRISTINE NATURE

Let the wild landscapes, ancient architecture, and cultural treasures of Croatia and Italy capture you. Visit sun-speckled villages along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast and stop mid-hike for lunch in a traditional rifugio in the Dolomites. Ancient alleyways, an afterdinner gelato, roe deer along the trail, crumbling Roman ruins, and the sparkling sapphire water of the Adriatic – this is Europe, off the beaten path.

Enjoy a perfectly chilled glass of Prosecco after exploring a 12th century village and Italian abbey. Ramble through an oak forest before a memorable truffle tasting. Capture the moment as you take in one of Plitvice's turquoise lakes and pay reverence as you hike to Santa Croce Sanctuary. Croatia and Northern Italy offer pockets of unique culture, undisturbed wilderness, and picturesque villages in verdant valleys inhabited since the Middle Ages.

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dolomites Delight

Hiking, History, and Culture in Northern Italy



8 Days | From \$9,195 Departures in June, July, and September Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Culture, history, and hiking weave together in this enchanting journey to Italy's Dolomite Mountains – a stunning landscape of towering pinnacles, gentle foothills, green valleys, and picturesque villages. The region is home to the Ladin people, who trace their lineage back to the Middle Ages and maintain traditions and customs that recall ancient times. You'll walk Ladin valleys and South Tyrolean villages, and hike wild alpine meadows, forests, and high terrain surrounded by soaring peaks. The adventure ends in the Prosecco region, known for its beauty as well as its namesake sparkling wine. Salute!

- Grab a tram lift to start your hike high in the breathtaking Dolomite Mountains.
- Enjoy charming inns and hand-picked local restaurants featuring cuisine rooted in an age-old agrarian culture.
- Your top-notch guide will provide insights beyond the fairytale scenery, connecting you to the rich culture, nature, and soul of the Dolomites.







Day 1: Meet your travel companions in Venice. Off to village of Fiè allo Sciliar, short hike. Stay in Castelrotto. 2: Cable car to town of Compaccio to begin the hike around Mount Bulacia. 3: Spectacular views hiking Puez-Odle Nature Park.
4: Explore Fanes-Sennes-Braies Natural Park with a hike from Capanna Alpina.
5: Learn Italian WWI history as you hike through the Cinque Torri area. Wine tasting. 6: Hike to the Santa Croce Sanctuary. 7: Alpine resort town of Cortina D'Ampezzo; on to Prosecco region for lunch, hiking, and wine tasting. 8: Venice for departures home.





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Nature, History, Culture, and Cuisine



9 Days | From \$7,395 Departures in May, September-October Make it Private. Book an exclusive departure of this trip.

Explore Croatia, from the beautiful Istria Peninsula down the Dalmatian Coast to the historic island of Vis. Your adventures are hemmed between mountains and the Adriatic Sea, and offer a superb blend of nature, culture, history, and connection.

You'll visit hilltop villages and WWII fortifications, hunt truffles, and savor exquisite meals with welcoming hosts. UNESCO World Heritage sites and nature reserves lie along the way, and hikes take you through beech forests and past turquoise lakes. The journey also takes in such notable landmarks as an ancient monastery, a medieval town tucked into Roman ruins, and the captivating Blue Grotto sea cave.

- On Vis, one of the ten best-preserved islands in the Mediterranean, stay in a 200-year-old stone house turned boutique hotel.
- Food is part of the adventure, with exquisitely fresh local lunches, truffle and olive oil tasting, wine sampling, and traditional peka meal.
- Hike through forests, by lakes, and along a winding rails-to-trails route, and walk ancient marble streets and Roman ruins.







Day 1: Meet your guide in Pula; tour most complete Roman colosseum in the world. 2: Walk marble streets of coastal Rovinj; sail Lim Bay, traditional dinner on the beach. 3: Hike Parenzana trail; truffle hunting and tasting. 4: Visit tiny medieval town of Hum; hike Plitvice Lakes National Park, with 16 colorful lakes linked by falls and travertine pools. 5: Hike Paklenica National Park through beech and black pine forest. Arrive Trogir, the "Little Venice" of Dalmatia.
6: Explore Roman ruins in Split; board a ferry for Vis, a contrast in unspoiled nature and historic military tunnels and bases. 7: Walk to the highest point on Vis; trace the island's various histories from Dionysius to Tito. 8: Ferry to Biševo Island; explore fabulous Blue Grotto. Peka dinner back on Vis. 9: Ferry to Split airport for departures home.



DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF AFRICA

Separated by over 3 million square miles of the Sahara, northern and sub-Saharan Africa are vastly different. We can help you capture both.

Immerse yourself in Morocco – delight your palate with the delicious saffron-infused flavors in a tajine, feel pure relaxation in your luxurious accommodations after hiking the exotic Atlas Mountains, and lean into the rhythm and sway of the camel as you explore the Sahara's enchanting Erg Chegaga dunes.

In Botswana, embark on a truly *off the beaten path* African safari that gets you out to where the wildlife roam. Wake up in secluded and well-appointed bush camps to the roaring of lions and witness an elephant's low rumble as you sip a cool sundowner. Encounter abundant wildlife, unique lodges, and cultural experiences, all meticulously designed to capture wild Africa at its best.

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THE MAGIC **Of Morocco**

Imperial Cities, Atlas Mountains, and Sahara Desert



12 Days | From \$12,995 Departures in May, September, and October

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Morocco's lively culture will leave you breathless! Explore labyrinthine souks and lodge in historic, perfectly located kasbahs and riads in the ancient Imperial Cities of Fes and Marrakech. Hike in the Atlas Mountains, based from one of the most luxurious mountain retreats in the country. Fly by private charter to a secluded desert camp. Enjoy dinner accompanied by Berber musicians, wander (and ponder) ancient Roman ruins, and ride a camel from your luxury desert camp. Throughout the journey, you'll stay in distinctive accommodations and savor delicious, authentic cuisine, from Marrakech street food to gourmet Moroccan dinners under the Saharan stars.

- Yes. You stay in Sir Richard Branson's magical retreat high in the Atlas Mountains, with its stunning views and exquisite cuisine.
- Yes, again. You are flown by private charter to a remote luxury Berber camp in the Saharan dunes, enjoying fine meals and impeccable hospitality.
- Your local guides lead you through mountain and desert, as well as into colorful souks and kasbahs and important historic sites.





Day 1: Arrive in Casablanca. Ocean lunch, on to Fes. 2: Meet your guide for immersion in Medina history and culture; explore the impressive labyrinth of souks in Fes. 3: Visit a former Imperial City, Roman ruins, and a holy town.
4: Atlas Mountains. Relax at your luxury hotel. 5: Morning hike, late lunch, back to your hotel. 6: Charter flight to your private Desert Camp in Erg Chegaga, the more remote and authentic portion of the Sahara Desert in Morocco. Late afternoon camel ride. 7: Saharan exploration day. 8: Explore sites on your way to Ouarzazate and Aït Benhaddou. 9: Return to Marrakech and your fabulous riad. 10: Sites and sounds in Marrakech. Evening cooking class. 11: Open day, souk tour, farewell dinner. 12: Flights home from Marrakech.





BOTSWANA Off the Beaten Path Safar

Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta, and Victoria Falls



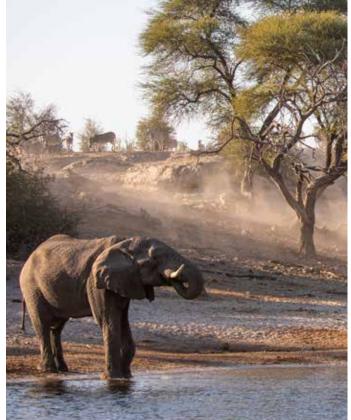
12 Days | From \$15,195 Departures in June, August-October

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For years we've contemplated ways to offer an African wildlife safari that stands out from the usual fare. Finally, we found the right combination of elements to deliver a truly connected and authentic *off the beaten path* experience. Botswana holds the most wildlife species on the African continent, and this journey embeds you in the heart of that wild kingdom. Your safari camp in the Makgadikgadi salt pans overlooks the Boteti River, where impressive zebra and wildebeest migrations occur in season. Walk with migratory herds such as giraffe and zebra. In the Okavango Delta, gain perspective from two different camps; your Matsebi River tree house brings you into intimate connection with the delta wilderness, and to the north, a fly-in mobile camp keeps you up-close to the wildlife action. End the journey with a flourish at the thundering Victoria Falls.

- Local communities play a large, interactive role in the journey, including walks with a Bushman who shares his knowledge with you.
- You might see elephants, zebras, lions, leopards, hippos, rhinos, giraffes, buffaloes, wild dogs, oryx, wildebeest, and more.
- Top off your time in the bush with an ultra-civilized side trip to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls, on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border.







Day 1: Arrive in Maun, head to your luxury safari camp on a wildlife-rich private reserve. Marked walking trails are safe and inviting. **2-3:** Head to Makgadikgadi Pans and your Old-World classic camp on the Boteti River. Full-day game drive, memorable Bushman walks. **4-6:** Migrate to Mokolwane Tree House Camp in the Okavango Delta; wildlife viewing, mokoro canoe excursion, bird watching. **7-9:** Fly to the north part of the delta and your super-stylish mobile safari camp for game drives and remote island walks. **10-12:** Fly to Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World; a Ra-Ikane boat cruise harks back to David Livingstone's historic river journey. Departures home from Victoria Falls airport.





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PRICING

Small Group Adventures – Prices for Small Group Adventures detailed in this catalog are per person and are based on double occupancy. We work hard to maintain the rates we publish, but reserve the right to adjust them should our own journey-related costs change materially. Although price changes rarely occur, you can always verify pricing with one of our travel advisors or at www.offthebeatenpath.com. We accept personal checks, wire transfers, and most major credit cards.

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What's included in the price of your Small Group Adventure – Trip pricing includes all lodging, activities, baggage handling, transportation and return airport transfers, permits, entrance fees, most meals (a handful of trips include one or more meals "on your own" – see itinerary for details), speakers, and professional guide service from the commencement point of your trip. Not included are trip interruption/cancellation insurance; costs associated with travel to and from the point of trip commencement; separately identified on-trip airfare; alcoholic beverages; end-of-tour gratuities (not required but strongly encouraged and customary); telephone calls; laundry service and other personal expenses; expenses incurred due to inclement weather or other acts of Goi; altered river, road, or trail conditions; sickness; flight delays; or unforeseen security issues.

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PAYMENT TERMS

The following payment terms apply to all Small Group Adventures and Private Custom Journeys.

PAYMENT	DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS				
DEPOSIT	DOMESTIC	\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON	50% OF TOTAL TRIP PRICE				
DEPUSII	INTERNATIONAL	\$1,000 DEPOSIT PER PERSON	50% OF TOTAL TRIP PRICE				
FINAL	DOMESTIC	TRIP BALANCE DUE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE					
PAYMENT	INTERNATIONAL	TRIP BALANCE DUE 120) DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE				

NOTE: Exceptions to these terms may apply for certain trip types (e.g., ranch and lodge stays, single destination trips, cruises, deluxe camping excursions, and highly technical travel design) and will be discussed with you in advance. International departures are trips not based in the US.

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

In the event that OBP cancels your travel for reasons other than acts of insurrection, strikes, acts of God or nature, government restriction, or any other cause beyond the control of OBP, you will be refunded the entire amount that has been paid to that point, without exception, and OBP will pay for any change fees associated with airline tickets that you have purchased related to the trip.

Cancellation fees charged by OBP for travel that you cancel on your own accord are necessary to cover the costs associated with development and document processing costs and/or the loss of appropriate time to resell the space. If you are unable to begin or complete your trip, notice must be given to OBP immediately and in writing. Refunds are based upon the date of receipt of written notice (mail, e-mail, or facsimile) and will be subject to the following cancellation fees as well as any additional fees.

DOMESTIC	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS						
> 90 DAYS	\$250 PER PERSON	\$500 DEVELOPMENT DEPOSIT*						
61 - 90 DAYS	25% OF TRIP PRICE	25% OF TRIP PRICE*						
31 - 60 DAYS	50% OF TRIP PRICE	50% OF TRIP PRICE*						
< 30 DAYS	100% OF TRIP PRICE	100% OF TRIP PRICE*						
INTERNATIONAL	SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES	PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS						
INTERNATIONAL > 120 DAYS		PRIVATE CUSTOM JOURNEYS \$500 DEVELOPMENT DEPOSIT*						
	ADVENTURES							
> 120 DAYS	ADVENTURES \$500 PER PERSON	\$500 DEVELOPMENT DEPOSIT*						

*Cancellation fees for Private Custom Journeys will be in excess of this total to the extent that reservations made on your behalf are subject to fees greater than the amount imposed by OBP.

Single Destinations, Ranch Vacations, Private Charters, and Fly Fishing Expeditions

Cancellation fees for these trip types are dependent on those fees imposed by the service providers associated with your trip. An additional OBP cancellation fee will also apply.

CONSENT AND AGREEMENT

Traveler Responsibility

Travelers are responsible for choosing a Small Group Adventure or Private Custom Journey consistent with their ability, fitness, and overall health. Travelers are responsible for reading and understanding all pre-departure materials, bringing appropriate clothing and gear as suggested by OBP, and acting in a manner that is considerate to other people with whom they are traveling or with whom they come into contact.

Traveler Consent

Client will be required to sign a Traveler Information Form consenting and agreeing to these Terms & Conditions and acknowledging that he, she, and/or they are not relying on any oral, written, or visual statements of any kind, including promotional statements made by OBP to induce him, her, and/or them to travel with OBP. Changes to this document can be made only in writing signed by an officer of OBP.

Client acknowledges that in the event any part or portion of the Terms & Conditions is found to be void or unenforceable, then such part or portion will be stricken but the rest of this document will be given full force and effect.

Client agrees that these Terms & Conditions and any other agreement entered into with OBP will be governed exclusively in all respects by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana.

All Traveler Information Forms are subject to acceptance by OBP in Bozeman, Montana. OBP reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a trip member at any time.

Client agrees to grant OBP express permission to take photographic or videographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use.

Traveler Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk

Off the Beaten Path, LLC, its employees, shareholders, officers, and directors (collectively, "OBP") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, guides or trip leaders, food service providers, equipment suppliers, ground and safari operators, etc., including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the OBP name. OBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under its control.

Without limitation OBP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, train, boat or other provider of transportation, hotel or other lodging institution, local ground handler or tour or safari operator, restaurant or food supplier, bus, taxi, or van operator, local outfitter or guide, whether or not it uses the OBP name, which is to or does supply any goods or services for this trip. OBP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, insolvency, or default of any third party, attacks, bites or diseases by or from animals, pests, or insects, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, disease, epidemics or the threat thereof, acts of God or nature, government restriction, transportation failures or delays or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, acts of terrorism or the threat thereof, civil disturbance or threats thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, criminal activity, financial failure or other defaults by suppliers, or any other cause beyond its control. In addition, OBP is not liable for any negligent act or failure to act committed by it.

Nothing in this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk and Release and Indemnity Agreement shall be interpreted as the participant releasing OBP from liability for injuries, damage, death, or other loss to participant or others that may occur within the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and is caused by OBP negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional conduct, including but not limited to any negligence with respect to OBP judgments and decisions, or OBP failure to take reasonable precautions to ensure it provides defect-free equipment.

OBP reserves the right, either prior to or after departure, to cancel, change or re-price any tour, trip or expedition due to acts of insurrection, strikes, acts of God or nature, government restriction, or any other cause beyond its control. OBP may, as it deems desirable for the benefit of the trip, among other things, alter or omit any part of the itinerary, substitute hotels, leaders or trip features, or change any means of conveyance without notice and without allowance of refund, with the liability for increased costs, if any, to be borne by trip members. OBP reserves the right to pass on fuel surcharges or other cost increases beyond its control.

OTHER

Confirmed Departures

Every Small Group Adventure has a stated minimum group size at which OBP guarantees the trip will run. See individual trips for minimum number of travelers required.

Trip Interruption/Cancellation Insurance

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip interruption/cancellation insurance. Such insurance can be purchased directly through OBP. A full explanation of travel insurance coverage will be included with your trip confirmation materials. Travel insurance premiums are nonrefundable unless your journey is cancelled by OBP.

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Journeys Calendar

PAGE	TRIP	TERRITORY	TRIP TYPE	DAYS	FROM PRICING*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
24	Essence of Yellowstone & Grand Teton	Rocky Mountains	Group M	7	\$6,695					•	•	•	•	•			
26	The Great American West	Rocky Mountains	Group <	8	\$5,995						•	•	•				
28	Yellowstone's Winter Magic	Rocky Mountains	Group <	7	\$6,995	•	•										•
30	Exploring Glacier National Park	Rocky Mountains	Group M	7	\$6,995						•	•	•				
32	Rocky Mountain National Parks Grand Slam	Rocky Mountains	Custom	17	\$10,695					•	•	•		•			
36	Utah's Mighty Five	Desert Southwest	Group M	9	\$7,695				•	•		•	•	•	•		
38	American Southwest by Private Air	Desert Southwest	Group M	12	\$13,995				•	•				•	•		
40	Big Secret, Big Bend	Desert Southwest	Group M	8	\$5,095			•	•						•	•	
42	Puebloan Mystery	Desert Southwest	Group <	8	\$4,995					•				•	•		
44	Southwest National Parks Grand Slam	Desert Southwest	Custom	20	\$10,825						•	•			•		
48	Absolute Alaska	Alaska	Group	9	\$14,995						•	•	•				
50	Glacier Bay and the Inside Passage	Alaska	Group <	8	\$8,295						•	•	•				
52	Alaska's National Parks Grand Slam	Alaska	Custom	19	\$23,750						•	•					
56	Seasons of Yosemite	California	Group M	7	\$5,695				•	•	•			•			
58	California's National Parks Grand Slam	California	Custom	20	\$10,950						-	-		-			
62	Exploring Olympic National Park	Pacific Northwest	Group	7	\$5,395						•	•	•	•			
64	Pacific Northwest National Parks Grand Slam	Pacific Northwest	Custom	11	\$5,850						-			-			
68	Maimoana: American Samoa	Oceania	Group 💦	8	\$7,995				•		•		•	•			
70	Hawaii's National Parks Grand Slam	Oceania	Custom	13	\$10,575											•	
72	Exploring New Zealand's South Island	Oceania	Group	14	\$15,195		•	•							•	•	
74	Extraordinary Australia	Oceania	Custom	25	\$23,725												
78	Costa Rica's True Nature	Latin America	Group 💦	8	\$7,895			•			•	•			•		
80	Treasures of Peru	Latin America	Group 💦	9	\$6,395					•		•		•	•		
82	Patagonia Explorer	Latin America	Custom	17	\$15,550			•									
84	Latin American Custom Offerings	Latin America	Custom	N/A	N/A												
88	Dolomites Delight	Europe	Group	8	\$9,195						•	•		•			
90	Captivating Croatia	Europe	Group M	9	\$7,395					•				•	•		
94	The Magic of Morocco	Africa	Group	12	\$12,995					•				•	•		
96	Botswana Off the Beaten Path Safari	Africa	Group 🜉	12	\$15,195						•		•	•	•		

PRIVATE CUSTOM

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

SMALL GROUP

• See referenced page for trip description and departure date ranges. You can visit our website or call for specific dates. Earliest bookers receive the lowest tier price. Trip price excludes any on-trip airfare or single supplement fees.

Small Group Adventure Energy Index

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

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Short walks and hikes as a part of each day, plus time on your own and other leisurely activities

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A bear's journey etched in muddy trails. Back Cover: Skilled hands fill the air with tango music in the streets of Buenos Aires.



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