NOW, MORE THAN EVER, THE WORLD NEEDS MORE INTREPID PEOPLE
BE OPEN
BE CURIOUS
BE FEARLESS
BE CHALLENGED
BE INTREPID
For some, being Intrepid means pushing one step further across a remote mountain range. For others, it’s trying street food for the first time. It’s sitting cross-legged on the floor sharing a meal with a local family, it’s choosing to travel with a bunch of strangers. It’s an attitude. A willingness to take yourself far from home and open up to new experiences. To be curious, challenged, fearless and open. To be alive.

**BE OPEN**
We travel so we can learn something new about the world that we live in, not to confirm what we think we know. By being open, by challenging our beliefs, we can change how we see the world and may just be able to inspire others to do the same.

**BE CURIOUS**
Which do you trust more: an online review or a stranger’s smile? With a wealth of information available at the touch of a button, it’s easy to forget that the best stories often have no formula. Sometimes the best guide is your gut, a hunch beats a recommendation and the biggest changes come from chances.

**BE FEARLESS**
It's a mix of anticipation, excitement and fear. You’re heading into the unknown. It’s terrifying for some, second nature to others, and it’s healthy. You’re doing something different, something worthwhile, and though you’ll one day look back on it, you’ll never look back.

**BE CHALLENGED**
You know that little voice in your head telling you to just give it a go? Listen to it. We all have boundaries and we all have a responsibility to push them, whatever that looks like.

FIND OUT MORE AT intrepidtravel.com/be-intrepid
SMALL GROUP ADVENTURES

Travel should be about more than just ticking boxes. Sure, the highlights take our breath away, but it’s the simple, spontaneous moments away from the crowds that stay with us the most. Whether it’s exchanging stories at a local homestay or cramming into a tiny restaurant hidden away from the main streets, the real magic happens during moments that can only be experienced as a small group.
Real life experiences
Travel should deliver moments when you know you’re truly alive and experiencing something special. It could be the first glimpse of something you’ve only ever seen on postcards, but it’s more likely to be finding yourself in the middle of a football game or sharing laughs with a local family in their home. These kinds of experiences just aren’t possible when travelling with a big group.

Travel like a local
We travel the world to keep things local. Wherever we can we’ll use experienced local leaders, stay in small, locally run accommodation and eat at local restaurants. This means that you’re not only getting a real, authentic experience, but also contributing to the local economy.

Travel made easy
The world’s a big place, but we’ve put years of research into our itineraries, operators and accommodation so you can focus on having real life experiences. Travelling in a small group means you can spend more time exploring and leave the details to people who live and breathe your style of travel.

Not too big, not too small
Our groups are small enough to feel like you’re exploring a destination independently, but big enough to create a good social vibe. Numbers vary depending on where and how you’re travelling, but the average size of a tour in North America is ten people, which opens up opportunities for experiences the big groups only dream of.

The right balance
Travelling in a small group means leaders can strike the perfect balance between planned activities and ‘you time’. There’s always an itinerary, but there are also opportunities to be spontaneous and make the journey a little more you. With the flexibility afforded by being in a small group, you’ll spend more time connecting with the people and places we visit.
WHY DO A GROUP TRIP IN NORTH AMERICA

We do the driving
North America's varied landscapes and cities can come at a price. Though the distances are sometimes vast, travelling with us means you'll spend the time getting to know the group, kicking back in the same private vehicle for the entire trip, with more flexibility for unscheduled breaks.

Travel in comfort
Our vehicle of choice is the 14-seat Ford Transit. Spacious, comfortable, sturdy and safe, it’s hard to beat for a cross-country road trip. If you're on the taller side – say, more than six feet – don't worry, seats with extra leg room can be rotated among the group.

Each van comes with:

- LARGE WINDOWS & STORAGE TRAILER
- INDIVIDUAL SEATS WITH SEATBELTS & HEADRESTS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- WI-FI ONBOARD (USA ONLY)
- CHARGING PORTS

Local knowledge
Our leaders are local legends who navigate the roads as well as the local culture. With insider knowledge when it comes to hikes, sights and tipping, they’ll be on hand to show you the real North America.

No hidden fees
Forget those incidental expenses draining your budget. There are no hidden fees in any of these trips and with all national park fees and gas covered, you can spend your hard-earned money on making this the trip of a lifetime.

Meet like-minded explorers
The best adventures are shared adventures, and travelling in a small group means you’ll never want for company (or alone time). Discover cities, wilderness, deserts and mountains with like-minded explorers who share the same philosophy when it comes to travel.
LOOK OUT FOR THESE SYMBOLS

Each of our trips has a physical rating, so you can tell how physically exerting a trip is and how fit you'll need to be to enjoy it.

As a guide:

- Easy and relaxing
- Bring your walking shoes
- An average level of fitness required
- Action-packed, physically demanding
- Full-on active adventure for the more agile traveller

LOCAL LEADERS

The best folk to show you a place are the ones that live there. All our leaders are passionate locals and more than just guides. What's the difference? Guides take you around a destination, leaders take you to its core.

Ours aren't just travel experts: they're teachers, they're friends, they know their history as well as their shortcuts and they're fiercely proud of where they come from.

With our local leaders, you don't just see a destination, you experience it.

FIND OUT MORE AT intrepidtravel.com/about/meet-intrepid-leaders
BE RESPONSIBLE

With great travel comes great responsibility. The world is an amazing place and we do what we can to keep it that way. That is why at Intrepid everything is done with four principles in mind: be kind, be aware, be sustainable and be fair. For us, the only way to travel is responsibly, and we want to give our travellers the ability to be responsible too.

FIND OUT MORE AT
intrepidtravel.com/be-responsible

The Intrepid Foundation was set up to help local organisations improve livelihoods through sustainable travel experiences. It now supports over 35 local, grassroots organisations around the world and empowers travellers to have a positive impact on the communities they visit. Travellers can give back by supporting a range of projects and not-for-profit organisations.

Find out how you can help at theintrepidfoundation.org
BE KIND

Our travellers and staff are a caring bunch, especially when it comes to animal welfare. That’s why we made the decision to ban elephant rides across all our trips – the first global tour operator to do so – after funding some eye-opening research led by World Animal Protection. We’ve also made it our mission to educate the travel industry in the hopes they adopt better animal welfare practices – for all animals.

BE AWARE

The complicated, uncomfortable reality is that orphanage tourism has led to an industry that is forcibly institutionalising children to attract tourist dollars. It may seem counterintuitive, but visits and donations to these sorts of organisations often do more harm than good. After working closely with researchers, we made the decision to stop visiting orphanages on our trips.

BE SUSTAINABLE

Sustainability has always been at the core of how we travel and is part of our business at every level. We’ve been carbon neutral since 2010, and our business-wide carbon offsetting initiatives, efforts to minimise single-use plastics on trips and emphasis on minimising impact on local communities are all part of our commitment to the UN Global Compact, and also to the world we’re so lucky to explore.

BE FAIR

At Intrepid, we know our differences are our strength. This is why we’re committed to promoting gender equality, diversity and inclusion across our business. Whether it’s by highlighting positive stories of gender equality like East Africa’s first female truck driver, pushing for a global gender balance of local leaders on trips, or showcasing traveller stories of diversity in our content, we want to make it clear that the future of travel can be fair for everyone.

Certified B Corp

In 2018, Intrepid celebrated becoming a certified B Corp, making us the largest in the travel industry. More than just a logo, B Corp certification is a rigorous process that helps businesses to be better, and customers to easily identify the difference between good business and good marketing. It demonstrates our commitment to creating positive change for our planet, our people and the local communities we visit.
Like any good parent, we avoid picking favourites. But there’s a lot to cover in this brochure, so here’s a taste of what we’re most excited about for 2019. From winter adventures in the Canadian Rockies to New Orleans’ famous jazz festival and the oldest national parks in the world, there has never been a better time to visit North America.

1. **Seattle to San Fran: Oregon Discovery**
   Discover Oregon: home to lush forests, snow-capped peaks, a wild Pacific coast and some of the most progressive cities in the country.
   
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2. **Trekking the Appalachian Trail**
   Pack your hiking boots and tackle some of the most beloved sections of the famous Appalachian Trail.
   
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3. **Canadian Rockies Winter Adventure**
   Embark on the coolest trip around. Try your hand at cross-country skiing, ice hockey and more amid stunning, snowy scenery.
   
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4. **Nova Scotia & Newfoundland Expedition**
   Immerse yourself in ancient landscapes carved by wind and sea in this beautiful yet seldom-visited part of the country.
   
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5. **American Jazz Festival Tour**
   Jazz things up a little with this adventure through Tennessee and Louisiana, ending with two days at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.
   
   *Enter SSRF on our website*

6. **Rockies, Yellowstone & Mt Rushmore**
   Delve into the pristine wilderness of the American Rockies on this journey from Denver to Chicago, taking in some of the most famous natural sights in the region.
   
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Okay, it may not seem like the most exciting announcement in the world, but you can now create an online account and save your favourite trips. Bucket lists are for dreamers, shortlists are for doers, so take the first step towards your next adventure and sign up for an account by visiting: intrepidtravel.com/shortlist
A SLICE OF NORTH AMERICA

North America is a land of endless variety and our trips reflect that. Whether you’re after an epic road trip from New York to San Fran or a week spent exploring Vancouver Island, there’s something to satisfy each and every adventurer. Here are some of our favourites.

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There’s a lot to see and do in North America, so we’ve made extended travel easier by joining many of our itineraries into seamless combo trips. Here’s a selection of them.
Are you the rugged type who likes to travel on a budget? A lover of the outdoors who thrives on freedom to explore? For amazing experiences that won’t break the bank, look no further than our Basix style trips.

### Basix Trips

**Accommodation**
Our campsites are chosen for their prime location and facilities. But sometimes, facilities need to take a hit for an amazing setting.

**Inclusions**
Every trip includes leader-led orientation tours, park entry fees throughout the journey and a full set of high-quality camping gear.

**Food**
Instead of paying for meals as you go, you can choose to join in on the group kitty (approx. USD 10 per day), helping to keep your costs down.

Find out more at intrepidtravel.com/trip-styles/basix
Western USA Highlights
18 DAYS, LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Experience the south-western corner of the USA in depth, visiting iconic national parks and the glamour capitals of Cali and Nevada. Hello Los Angeles and Las Vegas!

While other tour groups breeze through Yosemite in a day, you’ll spend two days in the park, allowing for a full day of hiking and exploring.

Along with the well known, must-see attractions, visit some less famous but no less spectacular natural features, such as Dead Horse Point and Arches National Park.

Day 1 Los Angeles Arrive in Los Angeles, aka ‘La La Land’. Day 2 San Diego Explore the historic Old Town or hit the beaches of this laidback city. Day 3 Joshua Tree NP Head into the Mojave Desert and marvel at Joshua Tree’s peculiar geology. Be amazed by the giant boulder piles that litter the horizon. Days 4-5 Grand Canyon NP Set eyes on a great American natural wonder. Travel to the jaw-dropping rim of the Grand Canyon and peer down to the valley floor. Perhaps hike among the canyon walls. Day 6 Las Vegas Discover Nevada’s one and only ‘Sin City’, soaking up the glitz and gaudiness of the Strip. Day 7 Zion NP Blaze a trail through the gorges and canyons of Zion National Park, a spectacular collection of sandstone cliffs and rocky ridges. Day 8 Bryce Canyon NP Head deeper into central Utah and hike through the spindly rock spires of Bryce Canyon. Days 9-10 Moab Journey through Arches National Park, home of the world’s largest concentration of natural stone arches. Day 11 Monument Valley Take a jeep tour around this famous backdrop of many a Western film. Sleep in a traditional Navajo hogan, a dwelling made from logs and earth. Day 12 Lake Powell With a dramatic backdrop of blood-red rock, Lake Powell’s canyons and waterways are perfect for discovering idyllic hidden coves. Days 13-14 Las Vegas Return to hedonistic Las Vegas and re-enter the nightlife of this party town. Day 15 Death Valley Weather permitting, explore unique Death Valley, a place surprisingly rich in life. Days 16-17 Yosemite NP Head over the Tioga Pass into the heart of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Hike amid Yosemite’s granite domes, dramatic waterfalls, lush green forests and clear lakes. Day 18 San Francisco Set eyes on the Golden Gate Bridge and be romanced by the Bay Area.
Wild Western USA
11 DAYS, LOS ANGELES TO SAN FRANCISCO

With its out-there culture and wild nightlife, Las Vegas definitely deserves the decent two-night stay you’ll get on this trip.

Towering granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, redwood forests and epic night skies – Yosemite National Park feels like utopia. Take two days to fully explore its wonders.

A flat and barren wasteland Death Valley is not – be surprised by landscapes of water-sculpted canyons, extinct volcanic craters and, in spring, fields of wildflowers.

Day 1 Los Angeles Arrive in star-studded LA and meet your leader and group in the evening. Maybe get dinner together at one of the many restaurants or food trucks. Day 2 San Diego Explore the historic Gaslamp Quarter or just grab a towel and head for the golden beaches of Mission Bay. Perhaps grab some Mexican food tonight.

Day 3 Joshua Tree National Park Leave the coast behind and travel to the Mojave Desert. Search for the famous Joshua trees that lend their name to the renowned national park (and a U2 album) and set up camp near the Colorado River.

Days 4-5 Grand Canyon National Park Travel to the rim of the mighty Grand Canyon and gaze in awe at this natural world wonder. Perhaps embark on a hike atop the canyon walls. With birds soaring overhead and the giant chasm extending infinitely toward the horizon, this is a North American experience not to be missed.

Days 6-7 Las Vegas Hit the town in an optional limo ride, then maybe try your luck on the tables. Afterwards, people-watch in a bar or head along the Strip for some weird and wacky Vegas attractions.

Day 8 Death Valley If conditions allow, brave the scalding heat of Death Valley and, after sweating it out a little, get up close and personal with one of the United States’ most unique ecosystems.

Days 9-10 Yosemite National Park From giant granite domes to gushing waterfalls that feed the forests and lakes below, Yosemite will take your breath away at every turn of your bike or hike.

Day 11 San Francisco Be romanced by the incredible Bay Area and its crown jewel, the progressive and popular city of San Francisco – a memorable way to end this classic USA road trip. There’s plenty to do here and so much to see, like the Golden Gate Bridge, China Town and Alcatraz.
Vegas to San Fran
5 DAYS, LAS VEGAS TO SAN FRANCISCO

With two incredible national parks sandwiched between a couple of the States’ most memorable cities, this is the perfect quick intro to Cali and Nevada.

All roads lead to California. Where better to end your adventure than in San Francisco, the eclectic, multicultural ‘City by the Bay’.

Day 1 Las Vegas Welcome to Vegas – a hedonistic party town. Perhaps have a crack at blackjack, check out a show or just soak up the craziness that is Vegas. Day 2 Death Valley Arrive in sizzling Death Valley, a place surprisingly rich in living things. If conditions are favourable (i.e. not the summer highs of 56°C) walk onto the sand and take a look at how life survives – and thrives – in this inhospitable terrain. Days 3-4 Yosemite National Park Discover giant granite domes, forests rich in greenery, dramatic waterfalls and lakes that reflect this natural beauty like a dream. Take to hiking trails or cycle around the valley floor to get the best experience of this incredible part of the USA. Day 5 San Francisco Depart Yosemite and head west towards San Francisco, aka the ‘City by the Bay’, where this trip ends on arrival after a walk along the Golden Gate Bridge. If you decide to stay longer, perhaps catch a cable car to Fisherman’s Wharf and enjoy some of the spectacular food on offer.

LA to Vegas Adventure
6 DAYS, LOS ANGELES TO LAS VEGAS

Get an other-worldly feeling among the desert cactus gardens and strange rock formations of Joshua Tree National Park.

Grand Canyon National Park needs no introduction. There’ll be time for hikes both around the rim and deep into this wonder.

Day 1 Los Angeles Arrive in the City of Angels. Get a feel for this sun-blessed city by soaking up the sights of Santa Monica or wandering the star-studded sidewalks of Hollywood. Day 2 San Diego Take a leisurely drive south to this city of sunshine. Stroll through Balboa Park, hit the beach, then make your way to the lively entertainment hub of the historic Gaslamp Quarter. Day 3 Joshua Tree National Park Head inland to this famous national park and be amazed by the giant boulder piles that litter the horizon. Take a dip in the Colorado River and set up camp near the bank. Days 4-5 Grand Canyon National Park This is it. The big ticket, the show stopper: the Grand Canyon. Travel to the rim of the canyon and peer down to the valley floor and perhaps hike into its depths. Day 6 Las Vegas What better way to finish your USA road trip than by living it up in the party capital of the world – Las Vegas. Try your luck on the tables, catch a show, or test your limits at an all-you-can-eat buffet.
Utah Parks Circuit
8 DAYS, LAS VEGAS TO LAS VEGAS

Discover a great variety of landscapes all within a short drive of each other, from the stone hoodoos of Bryce Canyon to the hanging gardens of Zion National Park.

The iconic sandstone formations of Monument Valley have played backdrop to many a Western movie. Learn about Navajo culture here and retire to a traditional hogan.

Day 1 Las Vegas Why not arrive early and soak up the sights and sounds of this brightly lit fantasy land.
Day 2 Zion NP Blaze a trail through the gorges and canyons of Zion National Park, a spectacular collection of sandstone cliffs and rocky ridges that conceal hanging gardens and tranquil pools. Day 3 Bryce Canyon NP Branch out on foot and follow the many hiking trails through this unique setting of twisted rock hoodoos.
Days 4-5 Moab Journey across the craggy Moab landscapes and into beautiful Arches National Park, a photographer’s dream. Day 6 Monument Valley Take an incredible jeep tour and learn about Navajo culture, watching as the sun paints the landscape gold. Sleep under a vast desert sky. Day 7 Lake Powell Discover a dramatic backdrop of blood-red rock, canyons, waterways and idyllic hidden coves.
Day 8 Las Vegas Complete the final leg of this Utah circuit by heading back to Las Vegas, making the most of this entertainment capital.

Selected dates from May to September
Enter SSRI on intrepidtravel.com. See inside cover for prices

Colorado & Utah Active Adventure
9 DAYS, DENVER TO SALT LAKE CITY

Hike, bike and raft from mountainous Telluride to the dusty desert landscapes of Canyonlands, with optional rock climbing and desert Hummer trips along the way.

Raft the mighty Colorado River and sleep under the stars before a canyoning adventure like no other.

Day 1 Denver Welcome to Colorado’s progressive capital. Join an optional group dinner or explore on your own.
Days 2-3 Telluride Travel to Telluride, a ski town with plenty of outdoor opportunities all year round. Hit the slopes on a mountain bike, explore the hiking trails or soak up the vibe in town.
Day 4 Moab Drive to this adventure playground and spend half a day hiking in Arches National Park, culminating with sunset at Delicate Arch.
Day 5 Colorado River Up early for an overnight rafting trip in Cataract Canyon. Float down flat water and power through rapids, then camp out on the riverbank.
Day 6 Moab Continue rafting down the Colorado. Once finished, enjoy the best canyoning in the country before returning to Moab.
Day 7 Moab Spend a day hiking the Island of the Sky section of Canyonlands National Park, catching a view of Dead Horse Point on the return trip to Moab.
Days 8-9 Salt Lake City Explore the historic beauty of Temple Square, then enjoy a free afternoon and evening.

Selected Fridays from May to August
Enter SSTU on intrepidtravel.com. See inside cover for prices
The best, but better

Dying to spend extra time in NYC? We have no allegiance when it comes to east vs west, so you can book the Best of America in reverse and stay a little longer than a New York minute. So why not grab a New York slice and take some time to embrace the empire state of mind.

For more info enter SSOX on intrepidtravel.com

Best of America

22 DAYS, NEW YORK (NEWARK) TO SAN FRANCISCO

Travelling coast to coast, this action-packed adventure plays out like a greatest-hits mixtape of classic Americana. All killer, no filler.

This is for those who want to see it all – from the high-rises of New York, through to the musical mayhem of Nashville and westward to the Golden Gate Bridge.

With stops in five different national parks, you’ll soon discover what makes this country a nature lover’s paradise.

Day 1 New York (Newark) Check out New York City. Days 2-3 Washington DC Drive to Philadelphia for a quick insight into the nation’s birthplace, then continue to the capital. Day 4 Appalachian Mountains Take the scenic Skyline Drive to Shenandoah National Park. Day 5 Nashville Maybe get musical with a stop in at the Country Music Hall of Fame or the famous Ryman Auditorium. Day 6 Memphis Sun Studio, Stax Museum, Graceland, Beale Street – Memphis is the home of all things musical. Days 7-8 New Orleans Take in Bourbon Street, visit Louis Armstrong Park or taste gumbo at a local restaurant. Day 9 East Texas Be sure to feast on some delicious Texas barbecue. Day 10 San Antonio Head out on the highway along Route 10 and check out San Antonio’s historic Alamo. Day 11 Carlsbad Caverns NP Enter the deserts of New Mexico and explore one of the biggest caverns in the world.

Day 12 Santa Fe Discover pueblo architecture, local museums and galleries, and this city’s unique charm. Day 13 Mesa Verde NP Explore one of the park’s ancient cliff dwellings on a short walk. Day 14 Monument Valley Perhaps see prominent buttes and mesas with a Navajo guide. Days 15-16 Grand Canyon NP Visit one of the world’s seven natural wonders and hike the trails at the South Rim. Days 17-18 Las Vegas Discover pyramids, roller coasters and superheroes in Vegas. Day 19 Death Valley If the weather permits, go for a walk across the incredible salt flats in Badwater Basin. Days 20-21 Yosemite NP Travel from the heat of the desert to the cool mountain air of Yosemite. Hike trails and become one with nature. Day 22 San Francisco With its cable cars, steep streets and painted houses, San Fran is begging to be explored. Stroll crooked Lombard Street or see the sea lions at Fisherman’s Wharf.

Discover more trips, detailed destination information and the latest prices at intrepidtravel.com/united-states
Combine big-time thrills with beachside chills
Hit the Sunshine State for a Florida Adventure bookended by the party hotspots of New Orleans and Miami. Swing by Panama City Beach, Orlando and Key West on the way, and soak up some serious sun while having some not-so-serious fun.

For more info enter SSRM on intrepidtravel.com

Big Apple to Big Easy
7 DAYS, NEW YORK (NEWARK) TO NEW ORLEANS

Washington DC was built on the foundations of North American history. Stop by the White House and Capitol Hill, and feel small next to marble-ous Abraham Lincoln.

The cities of Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans are renowned for their rich music and nightlife scenes. See live blues, jazz, country and rock in celebrated venues.

Day 1 New York (Newark) See why the pulsing urban mass of New York has earned the moniker ‘capital of the world’. Days 2-3 Washington DC Roll into Philadelphia en route to the nation’s capital and admire its regal architecture. Then, perhaps explore Washington’s famous landmarks, and visit some museums by day. Day 4 Appalachian Mountains Escape the city grind and cross the Appalachian Mountains, stopping at Shenandoah National Park. Day 5 Nashville Keep cruisin’ to the heart of Tennessee. Country music fans can’t afford to miss Nashville’s Country Music Hall of Fame – the home of Elvis’s gold Cadillac. Day 6 Memphis Get into the groove of Memphis, the ‘Home of the Blues’. Perhaps pass time by shuffling over to Graceland or dropping by Sun Studio – the birthplace of rock & roll – before heading to Beale Street for dinner. Day 7 New Orleans Head south to the ‘Big Easy’. Get acquainted with the French Quarter, browse the local shops and taste a delicious po’boy.

Selected dates from May to September
Enter SSRJ on intrepidtravel.com. See inside cover for prices

New York to Miami
14 DAYS, NEW YORK TO MIAMI

Soak up the sun on Panama City Beach (all 27 white, sandy miles of it) and paddle in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Throw yourself into Miami’s world-famous nightlife. The city’s Cuban population, beachside setting and balmy nights set a sultry scene.

Day 1 New York Perhaps get to know the group over a couple slices of NYC pizza. Days 2-3 Washington DC Navigate the nation’s white-stone capital. Day 4 Appalachian Mountains Leave the city and head to Shenandoah National Park – it’s a bit of a long drive but the scenery and destination are worth it. Day 5 Nashville Cruise into the heart and capital of country music. Day 6 Memphis Dive into musical history, then grab some barbecue ribs on Beale Street. Days 7-8 New Orleans Take an optional tour of the French Quarter, feast on Cajun food and maybe wander Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 in the Garden District. Day 9 Panama City Beach White sand, beach umbrellas, the Gulf of Mexico: welcome to paradise. Days 10-11 Orlando Release your inner kid with the excitement of Disney World or Universal Studios. Days 12-13 Key West Once a haven for artists, Key West retains its wonderfully weird charm. Day 14 Miami Get a final fix of white beaches, sunshine and party vibes.

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Your time may be restricted but your experience doesn’t have to be. Make the most of your trip and travel between Chicago and New York over six or eight days, heading either north or south to see the cities, lakes and mountains of the eastern USA.

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East USA Adventure
14 DAYS, NEW YORK (NEWARK) TO NEW YORK

Mighty Niagara Falls is a sight to behold. Maybe get wet and wild on a cruise to the base of the falls by day, and see it lit up in technicolour by night.

For unforgettable scenes of rural America, walk through the lush lands surrounding the Appalachian Trail and wind your way through the Blue Ridge Mountains.


Trekking the Appalachian Trail
9 DAYS, BOSTON TO BOSTON

Hike to mountain-enclosed Lonesome Lake and tackle the Franconia Ridge Trail in White Mountain National Forest.

Scramble over huge granite rocks to reach the spectacular summit of Mt Katahdin – the official terminus of the Appalachian Trail.

Day 1 Boston Welcome to Boston. Days 2-4 White Mountain National Forest Answer the call of the wild and travel to Franconia Notch State Park. Your first hike will take you past bubbling brooks, through hardwood forest and up a rocky climb to Franconia Ridge. Stay overnight in a back country cabin maintained and staffed by the Appalachian Mountain Club, the oldest outdoors club in the US (est. 1876), where you may well encounter hikers tackling the entire trail. Days 5-7 Baxter State Park Leave behind the thickets for Baxter State Park’s lakes and spruce trees. Mt Katahdin, the official end of the trail, towers over the park and you’ll have an opportunity to attempt the summit trek on either Day 6 or 7. It’s a sometimes gruelling hike, but the views more than make up for it, or there are also less strenuous hiking options. Opt to take a float plane to a back country cabin for dinner on one of the evenings. Days 8-9 Boston Travel down the coast to Boston and explore the Freedom Trail.
Southern USA Road Trip

10 DAYS, NEW ORLEANS TO LAS VEGAS

The Grand Canyon National Park needs no introduction. See the mighty canyon up close on a variety of hikes or take a helicopter flight overhead.

Learn about the ancient culture and history of the Anasazi Indians on a visit to Mesa Verde National Park, home to 600 traditional Indian cliff dwellings.

Day 1 New Orleans Meet your group and take in the Big Easy.
Day 2 Houston Long travel day to Houston, stopping for an optional swamp tour.
Day 3 San Antonio Explore Houston then head to San Antonio. Stroll along the riverfront and visit the one and only Alamo.
Day 4 Carlsbad New Mexico’s desert can look like a barren place, but it’s a different story underground. With over 118 known tunnels, the caves are home to a colony of bats that make a spectacular sunset exit.
Day 5 Santa Fe New Mexico’s culture-buffs flourish under the desert sun and blue skies. Stroll the market, museums and art installations.
Day 6 Mesa Verde NP Get a sense of the incredible human history of North America.
Day 7 Monument Valley The backdrop for countless Westerns, this valley is part of the biggest Indian reservation in the USA.
Day 8-9 Grand Canyon Spend two days exploring the mighty Grand Canyon.
Day 10 Las Vegas Finish the adventure in Las Vegas and celebrate the trip with your new friends.

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Rockies, Yellowstone & Mt Rushmore

11 DAYS, DENVER TO CHICAGO

Take a scenic drive through the spectacular snow-capped mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers of Grand Teton National Park, one of North America’s natural treasures.

Spend two days exploring the pristine wilderness of Yellowstone National Park. Keep your eyes open for bison, bears and even rare grey wolves.

Day 1 Denver Touch down in the Mile High City.
Day 2 Sinks Canyon State Park Journey north to the rugged Wind River Mountains and explore Sinks Canyon and its disappearing river.
Day 3-4 Jackson/Grand Teton NP Soak in the Old West feel in the mountain town of Jackson, then get active among snow-capped peaks and fast-flowing rivers at Grand Teton.
Day 5-6 Yellowstone NP Prepare for jaw-dropping views of pristine wilderness as you take in lakes, tumbling waterfalls and gushing geysers, including Old Faithful.
Day 7 Devils Tower Camp in the shadow of the Devils Tower, a sacred site for Native Americans.
Day 8 Mount Rushmore See the faces of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln in the Black Hills of South Dakota.
Day 9 Badlands NP/Sioux Falls Hike the lunar-like landscape of Badlands National Park.
Day 10 Goose Island Roadtrip to Wisconsin on a quest for the mighty Mississippi River.
Day 11 Chicago Finish among the architectural marvels of Chicago.

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Explore Alaska

9 DAYS, ANCHORAGE TO ANCHORAGE

Alaska is unlike any other place on earth. Drive past massive peaks on frozen plains, walk across remote tundras to glacial rivers and kayak along Prince William Sound.

Look out for moose, caribou and grizzly bears in Denali National Park, then get close to sea otters, puffins and humpback whales while kayaking among glaciers in Valdez.

Day 1 Anchorage This is the modern world in the heart of a raw natural environment. Days 2-3 Denali National Park Venture north into a world of sparkling lakes, epic glaciers and the Alaska Range. Look out for caribou, grizzly bears and wolves that prowl the landscape. Day 4 Maclaren River Traverse high alpine country on the Denali Highway, then take a boat to the 'Glacier Camp'. Hike trails, search for wildlife, and pitch a tent within sight of a glacier. Days 5-6 Wrangell–St Elias National Park Experience the true meaning of epic in the USA's largest national park – endless glaciers and nine of the 16 highest mountains in the country. Optional activities include ice climbing and scenic flights. Days 7-8 Valdez Head back to civilisation in seaside Valdez. Learn more about the local Native Americans or explore the waters by kayak. Day 9 Anchorage Take the scenic route back to Anchorage. Enjoy another look around the urban hub of Alaska before this adventure comes to an end.

DATE DEPARTURE GUARANTEED
Selected Mondays from June to August
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Alaska's Kenai Peninsula

6 DAYS, ANCHORAGE TO ANCHORAGE

Take in incredible scenes of Alaska as you voyage down the Turnagain Arm en route to Homer – considered one of the most beautiful drives in the world.

Look out for wildlife like sea lions, otters, bald eagles and colourful puffins as you cross the lush, blue waters of Resurrection Bay on your way to a remote hostel.

Day 1 Anchorage Welcome to this unique city, the largest in Alaska. Day 2 Homer Enjoy a scenic drive beside vast lakes and mudflats en route to Homer. Keep an eye out for the white beluga whales that swim through the area in pursuit of silver salmon. Day 3 Homer Explore the wide open waters of Homer by kayak and perhaps make friends with a sea otter. Look out for bald eagles, puffins and moose. Day 4 Seward Journey to the coastal town of Seward and the surrounding Kenai Fjords National Park. Get lost in the town’s many galleries, boutique shops and bustling harbour life. In the afternoon, water taxi across the incredible blue waters of Resurrection Bay and stay in one of Alaska’s most remote retreats. Day 5 Seward Enjoy a free day to explore the stunning national park and Prince William Sound. Head out among the fjords and glaciers, keeping an eye out for orcas, bears and seals. Day 6 Anchorage Return to Anchorage and explore the city’s sights before this Alaskan adventure ends.

DATE DEPARTURE GUARANTEED
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Alaska Adventure
14 DAYS, ANCHORAGE TO ANCHORAGE

Wrangell–St Elias National Park is the world’s largest internationally protected area, boasting North America’s biggest collection of glaciers and some of its tallest mountains.

Venture across Resurrection Bay and spend two nights at one of Alaska’s most remote retreats, a spot that can only be accessed by kayak or water taxi.

Day 1 Anchorage Welcome to Alaska!

Days 2-3 Denali National Park Head north to the pristine world of Denali, North America’s highest peak.

Day 4 Maclaren River Traverse high alpine country on the Denali Highway to the Maclaren River Lodge. Canoe upriver to the ‘Glacier Camp’ or hike the surrounding trails.

Days 5-6 Wrangell–St Elias National Park Explore the largest national park in the USA. Choose from ice climbing, rafting, mountain biking or a scenic flight.

Days 7-8 Valdez Spend the night at seaside Valdez. Learn more about local Native Americans at the museum.

Day 9 Anchorage Cross the immense Thompson Pass.

Days 10-11 Homer Keep watch for beluga whales en route to Homer. Explore the waters by kayak, looking out for bald eagles, puffins and moose.

Days 12-13 Seward Explore the stunning Kenai Fjords National Park and Prince William Sound, an area home to glaciers, fjords and incredible wildlife.

Day 14 Anchorage The adventure ends back in Anchorage.

DEPARTURE DATES
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Highlights of Vancouver Island
6 DAYS, VANCOUVER TO VANCOUVER

Vancouver Island boasts world-class whale watching, as an ideal viewing point on the Alaska–Mexico migration route. Sometimes whales are even spotted from the ferry.

‘Best surf town,’ ‘best beach town’ – Tofino is no stranger to top-ten lists. Spend two nights here and see why this is one of North America’s most talked about coastal spots.

Day 1 Vancouver Welcome to beautiful Vancouver!

Day 2 Nanaimo Take the ferry across the Strait of Georgia to Nanaimo for your first taste of Vancouver Island. Maybe stroll the harbour-front walkway and the Old City Quarter or perhaps kayak in Newcastle Island Marine Provincial Park.

Day 3 Tofino Drive across the centre of Vancouver Island to Tofino. On the way, stop at Cathedral Grove to explore the network of trails under the shadows of towering ancient Douglas fir trees.

Day 4 Tofino Maybe join a First Nations guide to learn about aboriginal history and way of life, or take a stroll and go tide-pooling. Alternatively, sign up for a whale watching tour. Tofino lies along the route of the annual grey whale migration and whale watching trips can often be combined with wildlife viewing and hot spring excursions.

Day 5 Victoria With its landscaped gardens and preserved historical buildings, Victoria is one of the most British-influenced cities in North America.

Day 6 Vancouver Board the ferry back to Vancouver.

DEPARTURE DATES
Selected Saturdays from June to September
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Canadian Rockies
15 DAYS, VANCOUVER TO VANCOUVER

With lakes, mountains and glaciers across huge national parks, the Rockies feature an array of striking landscapes that you won’t see anywhere else in the world.

This is the perfect opportunity to explore nature at ground level. Hike through forests, cycle remote trails and canoe across a picturesque lake.

The Kicking Horse River offers some of the best whitewater rafting in Canada. Choose to ride the rapids, or simply kick back and listen to the river’s song.

Day 1 Vancouver Get a first glimpse of mountains on the skyline in laidback Vancouver. **Days 2-3 Whistler** Make tracks for western Canada’s outdoor playground: the cute resort town of Whistler. Hiking, cycling and even ziplining are on offer. **Days 4-6 Wells Gray Provincial Park** Journey through British Columbia to Wells Gray Provincial Park. Camp at a cowboy ranch, toast some s’mores, then the next day paddle across the aptly named Clearwater Lake to a remote campsite. On your canoe trip back, stop for a picnic lunch and witness some amazing waterfalls. **Days 7-8 Jasper National Park** Witness Jasper National Park’s palette of snow-white or summer-grey mountains, brilliant turquoise lakes, lush green pine forests and colossal blue-white glaciers. Choose to head up the SkyTram line, and try to spot the Canadian Rockies’ Big Five: elk, moose, deer, wolf and bear. **Days 9-11 Banff National Park** Traverse the Icefields Parkway through stunning Rocky Mountain scenery en route to Banff. Catch a cable car to the top of Sulphur Mountain, take a dip in hot springs or simply gaze for hours at pristine Lake Louise. **Days 12-13 Yoho National Park** Uncover one of the lesser-known spots in the Canadian Rockies and spot a wealth of unique plant and animal species. Explore unspoilt mountainous terrain and perhaps tackle whitewater rapids in the Kicking Horse River. See majestic Takakkaw Falls — at 384 metres, they’re the second-highest falls in Canada. **Day 14 Glacier National Park/Kamloops** Make a stop at Glacier National Park, where the Rockies meet the prairie. Pay a visit to the world’s only temperate inland rainforest on the way to Kamloops. **Day 15 Vancouver** Stroll around Canada’s west-coast jewel and see why this harbourside city continually rates as one of the world’s most liveable cities.

Maximum group size 13
Hotel (1 nt), camping with facilities (12 nts), camping with basic facilities (1 nt)
Optional food kitty
Private vehicle

**DEPARTURE DATES**
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Not the camping type? Stay in comfortable hotels, cosy log cabins and heritage properties instead. This is adventure travel with the rough edges smoothed away.

Accommodation
Hotels are chosen for their location, quality and value, though we will sometimes sacrifice a little quality for an excellent location.

Inclusions
All national park fees are included in the price, as are a selection of activities designed to give you the best destination experience.

Food
Some meals are included, others are left open so you can seek out your own food experiences. A group lunch kitty may also be used.

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Kauai, Hawaii
USA National Parks Explorer
18 DAYS, SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES

Pine forests, waterfalls, dramatic granite cliff faces and ancient sequoias make Yosemite feel like something out of The Land Before Time.

Don’t let the name fool you. With its water-sculpted canyons, extinct volcanic craters and salt flats, Death Valley is rich in natural beauty and endemic wildlife.

Joshua Tree National Park’s rugged desert landscapes and natural cactus gardens mark the meeting place of the Mojave and Sonora deserts.

Day 1 San Francisco Meet your group before taking an Urban Adventure that includes a guided walk and dinner at a local restaurant. Day 2 Sonoma Enter the heart of wine country and Jack London State Park. Enjoy a relaxed wine tasting and lunch. Days 3-4 Yosemite NP The definition of natural beauty, Yosemite overpowers with cascading waterfalls, dramatic rock formations and breathtaking views. Day 5 Lake Tahoe Whatever the season, a free day in the Sierra Nevada Mountains offers plenty of heart-pumping activities. Days 6-7 Lone Pine/Death Valley Stay overnight in Lone Pine – locale of many a classic Hollywood Western film – on the way to Death Valley. On Day 7 perhaps check out Ubehebe Crater in Death Valley National Park. Days 8-9 Las Vegas Discover the sparkling city that rose from the desert to become the party capital of the world. Days 10-11 Zion NP Cross into Utah to visit a masterpiece of towering cliffs, deep red canyons and massive monoliths. Day 12 Bryce Canyon NP Walk among spectacular columns of craggy rock called hoodoos. Day 13 Monument Valley Travel through this iconic place with a local guide before enjoying Navajo food and traditional songs. Days 14-15 Grand Canyon NP Whether on a hike or jaw-dropping helicopter ride, the Grand Canyon is sure to boggle the mind. Day 16 Joshua Tree NP Explore this ecological crossroads, where the high Mojave Desert meets the low Colorado Desert. Days 17-18 Los Angeles Spend some more time in Joshua Tree this morning then drive to LA. Grab some local fare at the Original Farmers Market for lunch and head to Santa Monica Pier for a dose of sea, sand and eccentricity. Farewell your crew with dinner and drinks before this trip comes to an end.
Vegas to LA: Grand National Parks

10 DAYS, LAS VEGAS TO LOS ANGELES

Flashy Las Vegas, the cliffs of Zion National Park, Grand Canyon epicness – discover a diversity of North American landscapes in a relatively short time period.

Explore Utah’s iconic Monument Valley by jeep, then share stories and a meal by the campfire with members of the largest Native tribe in the USA, the Navajo.

Day 1 Las Vegas Begin your USA adventure in a city famous for excess and flamboyance. Days 2-3 Zion NP Prepare to break in those new hiking boots in a park full of soaring cliffs, cascading waterfalls and challenging trails. Day 4 Bryce Canyon NP Walk among spectacular hoodoos in a landscape that’s a kaleidoscope of desert colours. Day 5 Monument Valley Be awestruck by massive sandstone formations with a local guide before enjoying Navajo food and traditional songs and stories. Days 6-7 Grand Canyon NP After hiking one of the world’s most famous natural wonders, perhaps take to the skies in a helicopter for an incredible perspective.

Day 8 Joshua Tree NP Feed your senses amid a vastness of desert flora and stunning rock formations.

Days 9-10 Los Angeles Continue exploring Joshua Tree in the morning then drive to LA. Visit the Original Farmers Market for lunch, spend an afternoon at Santa Monica Pier, then discover LA on your own terms.

San Fran to Vegas: Parks, Canyons, Valleys

9 DAYS, SAN FRANCISCO TO LAS VEGAS

Combine the steep hills of San Francisco, a Yosemite hike, a stroll in Death Valley and a trip to the Strip on this diverse adventure.

Lake Tahoe is a stunning destination all year round. In summer it’s all about water activities; in winter it’s all about the snow.

Day 1 San Francisco Get to know cosmopolitan San Fran with a guided evening tour of North Beach and Chinatown. Day 2 Sonoma Head to the rolling green hills of California’s renowned wine country, where you’ll sample some of the region’s best wine and cheese. Days 3-4 Yosemite NP With incredible hiking trails and imposing granite cliffs, Yosemite is a powerhouse of natural wonder. Hike to the Nevada Falls or Mirror Lake, or hire a bike and cycle through the valley. Day 5 Lake Tahoe Whatever the season, this free day in the Sierra Nevadas offers plenty of heart-pumping activities. Day 6 Lone Pine Stay a night in Lone Pine, the location of many classic Western movies. Day 7 Death Valley NP Visit the huge sand dunes, canyons, sculpted rocks and volcanic craters of Death Valley National Park. Days 8-9 Las Vegas End your trip in Vegas.
Seattle to Los Angeles

Travel south from Seattle to LA on this epic, 29-day adventure through the western States. Sip coffee and microbrews in progressive Portland, roll the dice in Vegas and hit the trails in more than ten national parks on your way through.

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Seattle to San Fran: Oregon Discovery

12 DAYS, SEATTLE TO SAN FRANCISCO

Discover the quirky, hipster-haven of eclectic Portland and its never-ending range of breweries, restaurants and galleries.

Explore Oregon’s coast and local delicacies. Then, hit up not one, not two, not three, but four national parks for a smorgasbord of visual treats.

Day 1 Seattle Welcome to Seattle! Maybe check out the Pike Place Market or iconic Space Needle before meeting your group. Days 2-3 Olympic National Park Spend two days exploring this park’s mountains, beaches and forests including La Push and the Hoh Rain Forest, staying overnight in Port Angeles. Day 4 Mt Rainier National Park This park is popular with all kinds of recreationalists thanks to its endless outdoor opportunities. Days 5-6 Portland Discover breweries, food trucks, street art and more, then take a bike tour with a local and delve into the city’s hidden treasures. Day 7 Coos Bay Cruise down the Oregon coast stopping at a brewery, an artisan cheese producer and the Tahkenitch Dunes. Day 8 Crater Lake National Park Hike the Rim Trail around the USA’s deepest lake. Days 9-10 Redwood National Park Take a tour of Oregon’s caves then lose yourself among some of the oldest, tallest trees in the world. Days 11-12 San Francisco Check out the Golden Gate Bridge then explore San Fran at your own pace.

Seattle to Las Vegas

20 DAYS, SEATTLE TO LAS VEGAS

Embrace progressive Portland, the hipster capital of the USA, and indulge in world-class food and craft beer while exploring this eclectic city.

Spend time in seven separate national parks, from the lush landscapes of Washington to Death Valley’s infamous terrain and everything in between.

Day 1 Seattle Welcome to Seattle! Meet your group at 6 pm. Days 2-3 Olympic NP Explore the mountains and forests of Olympic NP, overnighting in Port Angeles. Day 4 Mt Rainier NP Enjoy endless outdoor opportunities. Days 5-6 Portland Bike around this quirky city and hit the live music scene. Day 7 Coos Bay Cruise down the coast. Day 8 Crater Lake NP Hike the Rim Trail around the USA’s deepest lake. Days 9-10 Redwood NP Lose yourself among the oldest, tallest trees in the world. Days 11-12 San Francisco Get to know cosmopolitan San Fran on a guided tour. Day 13 Sonoma Sample some of the region’s best wine. Days 14-15 Yosemite NP Hike or cycle through the valley and wonder at Yosemite. Day 16 Lake Tahoe Enjoy Lake Tahoe’s beautiful blue waters. Day 17 Lone Pine Stay in Lone Pine, where many films have been shot. Day 18 Death Valley NP Visit the incredible landscapes of Death Valley NP. Days 19-20 Las Vegas End your trip exploring the weird and wonderful Strip.
Mt Rushmore to Yellowstone

10 DAYS, DENVER TO JACKSON

| Journey across three states of North America, starting in Colorado’s capital of Denver and finishing in the former outlaw town of Jackson, Wyoming. |
| The Wild West is ingrained in North American culture. Stay in frontier town of Cody, named after Buffalo Bill Cody, and catch a re-enactment of a famous shootout. |
| Yellowstone is a natural wonderland of hot springs and alpine forests. Walk to a steaming geyser one day and track wolves with local experts the next. |

Day 1 Denver Arrive in the Mile High City. Maybe sample some craft beer at one of the city’s many breweries before meeting the group. Day 2 Custer Travel into South Dakota and stop by the largest concentration of mammoth remains in the world, then head to Custer, an old gold-rush town. Day 3 Mount Rushmore/Custer See the giant faces of past presidents carved into Mt Rushmore and take a look at the Crazy Horse National Monument, an artwork in progress. Discover Wind Cave National Park – calcite crystals line nearly all of its walls. With over 200 kms surveyed to date, it’s thought to be the longest cave in the world. Day 4 Badlands NP/Deadwood Take a driving tour of the prairie grasslands of Badlands National Park, then visit the National Historic Landmark of Deadwood. This wild town was settled illegally by gold rushers in the 1870s, and its streets are lined with old buildings that have since been restored with gambling dollars. Day 5 Cody Cross into Wyoming to the frontier town of Cody, named after Buffalo Bill Cody and full of Wild West adventure. Maybe travel back in time with a Western-style variety show tonight. Days 6-8 Yellowstone National Park Enjoy the lush greenery, mountains, hot springs and geysers of Yellowstone. Take time to explore the park, then head out on an exhilarating wolf-tracking excursion with an experienced guide. Enjoy a driving tour of the lakes and waterfalls, looking out for bison and elk. Days 9-10 Grand Teton National Park/Jackson Depart Yellowstone for the glacier-carved peaks of the Grand Tetons. This tranquil national park is a hiker’s paradise. Continue to Jackson, once a hideout for outlaws and rustlers, to do some exploring before the trip ends on Day 10.
Southern Comfort USA
12 DAYS, ATLANTA TO NEW ORLEANS

Get a true taste of the Deep South on a road trip including sultry Savannah, historic Charleston and the inimitable hotspots of Nashville and New Orleans.


Sitting on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, Vicksburg offers a wealth of Civil War history, antebellum mansions, riverfront murals and even a Coca-Cola museum.

Day 1 Atlanta Meet the group before a free evening to explore Georgia’s capital.

Day 2 Savannah Discover the charms of a city that provided rich material for the bestseller Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Days 3-4 Charleston Absorb this South Carolina city’s rich history and incredible architecture before touring a plantation home.

Day 5 Asheville Enjoy a free afternoon in this creative oasis nestled between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains. You may choose to hit one of Asheville’s many breweries and perhaps tour Biltmore House, the largest private residence in the USA.

Days 6-7 Nashville Drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains before heading through Tennessee towards Nashville. Make an included trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame, and maybe choose to visit Ryman Auditorium, original home of the Grand Ole Opry, as well.

Day 8-9 Memphis Stop along the way to pay homage to the King of Rock & Roll with a tour of Graceland, Elvis’s lavish mansion and burial place. Continue to Memphis. The next day visit Sun Studio, where the aforementioned King first laid down tracks, as did Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. Perhaps visit the National Civil Rights Museum before checking out Beale Street.

Day 10 Vicksburg Head into the Deep South along Highway 61 to Vicksburg, Mississippi. A must-visit is the National Military Park, where reconstructed forts and trenches evoke memories of the 47-day siege that ended in Vicksburg’s surrender during the Civil War.

Days 11-12 New Orleans Explore this vibrant, heaving city and its European, Creole and Cajun flavours. For dinner tonight head to the French Quarter for jazz and Cajun-style food, over which you can swap stories and bid farewell to your fellow road trippers.
Hawaii Discovery
10 DAYS, HONOLULU TO LAHAINA

Explore Kauai’s diverse landscapes. Hawaii’s Garden Isle has tropical beaches, powerful waterfalls, lush rainforest and narrow valleys. There’s something for everyone.

The world’s most active volcano, black-sand beaches and stunning national parks make the ‘Big Island’ the most distinctive of the whole archipelago.

It’s no coincidence that Maui is often voted one of the world’s best islands to visit. Waking early to see the sunrise from the top of Haleakala is highly recommended.

Day 1 Honolulu Welcome to beautiful Hawaii. Meet your fellow travellers in the afternoon, then get acquainted with this tropical paradise. Later, join your fellow travellers for a leisurely sunset sail around the bay. Days 2-3 Kapa’a Take a short flight to the Garden Isle of Kauai then visit Waimea Canyon for tremendous views and beautiful hiking trails. Perhaps rent a kayak and paddle to a waterfall, or relax on the scenic beach in Kapa’a. Spend a free day getting to know the island and its trails, then enjoy a traditional luau full of food and dancing. Days 4-5 Kona Fly to the island of Hawaii and on to Kailua-Kona, known locally as Kona. Spend time exploring this lovely spot. Perhaps visit Hulihe’e Palace, once the vacation home of Hawaiian royalty, or take a swim in Kua Bay. In the evening you have the option of swimming with manta rays – but if you don’t want to get too close (or wet), you can see them from a local bar. Days 6-7 Hawaii Volcanoes NP On the way to the national park, visit Pu’uhonua O Honaunau National Historic Park to learn about the traditional Hawaiian belief system and the kapu (religious laws) that serve as its basis. Explore some of the largest and most active volcanoes in the world – Mauna Loa and Kilauea. Walk around a crater rim and observe natural volcanic formations, then stop by the Thomas A Jaggar Museum to learn more about the history of volcanology. Days 8-10 Lahaina Fly to Maui, which is what you might imagine paradise to look like, then take a short drive to Lahaina. Time here may be split between days lazing on the sand or swimming in the warm ocean. The adventurous types can get active with some optional downhill mountain biking – a chance to witness the awe-inspiring sunrise from Haleakala National Park before this Hawaiian adventure ends.
Best of Alaska
12 DAYS, ANCHORAGE TO ANCHORAGE

Wrangell–St Elias National Park is the world’s largest internationally protected area. See North America’s biggest glacier collection and some of its most impressive mountains.

Discover Seward, set at the base of Mt Marathon and one of Alaska’s oldest and most scenic communities, a great base for exploring Kenai Fjords National Park.

Denali National Park is home to some incredible native wildlife like moose, caribou, grizzly bears, Dall sheep and wolves.

Day 1 Anchorage Meet your group in the evening in this unique urban environment, situated in the heart of wilderness. Days 2-3 Denali National Park Travel up the Old Highway into Denali. Hike trails and perhaps watch a dog sled demonstration, or even take a scenic flight with the chance to land on a glacier.

Day 4 Maclaren River Drive into the heart of the Alaska mountain range along the Denali Highway. The Alaska range is the highest mountain range in North America and includes Mt Denali (formerly known as Mt McKinley), which is the continent’s highest peak. Keep your eyes peeled for wild caribou and birdlife. Take a scenic canoe trip across the river and perhaps fish for grayling.

Days 5-6 Wrangell–St Elias National Park Experience enormous mountain ranges, ice fields, glaciers and wildlife in the largest national park in the USA. Perhaps take a scenic flight over the park or venture out on a glacier walk, where you can get up close to the huge chains of glaciers within the park. Maybe have a go at ice climbing or head out on a hiking trail in search of moose, bears and caribou.

Days 7-8 Valdez Visit the imposing Worthington Glacier before continuing to Valdez. Kayaking is hugely popular here, and you can paddle among the glaciers, down the fjords through to waterfalls with imposing mountains in the background.

Days 9-10 Seward Embark on optional day cruises in Kenai Fjords National Park, soaking up the pristine nature of the Alaskan wilds and hopefully seeing humpback and killer whales, sea otters, harbour seals, sea lions and puffins. Or chill in Seward, one of Alaska’s oldest and most scenic towns.

Days 11-12 Anchorage Return to Anchorage and spend some time exploring the city’s sights before this Alaska adventure ends.

Maximum group size 13
Hotel (8 nts), cabin (3 nts)
5 breakfasts, 1 dinner
Private vehicle

DEPARTURE DATES
Selected Sat & Sun from June to August
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Grand Canadian Rockies
12 DAYS, VANCOUVER TO CALGARY

Discover one of the most awe-inspiring mountain ranges in the world: the great Canadian Rockies. The drive from Jasper to Banff is one of the most scenic on Earth.

This is the home of some extraordinary wildlife. Keep an eye out for elk, black bears, grizzly bears, eagles and – if you’re lucky – beavers, wolves and moose.

Glide through the waters of McGillivray Lake in a traditional wooden canoe, stopping at a remote spot for a four-course meal in the style of Canada’s pioneering fur traders.

Day 1 Vancouver Get acquainted with one of the world’s most liveable cities. Stroll around Stanley Park or historic Gastown. Days 2-3 Victoria Board a ferry to Victoria. Perhaps stroll through the Royal BC Museum or take a whale-watching tour on the bay. The following morning, visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens.

Days 4-5 Whistler Return to Vancouver via ferry, then drive to Whistler. Perhaps have a late lunch of traditional indigenous fare at the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre or relax and soak up the stunning surrounds. Board the world’s longest, highest lift, the Peak 2 Peak gondola, for outstanding views of volcanic peaks and coastal forest. Day 6 Sun Peaks Explore this stunning mountain on foot or bike. Travel into the past on a traditional wooden canoe, before enjoying a four-course dinner of bannock, soup, salad, salmon, ribs and cookies – the food of the old travelling fur traders.

Days 7-8 Jasper Head to Jasper, Canada’s largest Rocky Mountain park, and then ride the Jasper Tramway for a view above the Rockies. There will be plenty of free time to pursue optional activities in Jasper, such as hiking up Whistler Mountain, mountain biking in the Valley of Five Lakes, cruising on Maligne Lake or sampling local beer at Jasper Brewing Company.

Days 9-10 Banff Buckle up for a scenic drive to Banff, with stops at the Columbia Icefields Centre and Athabasca Falls along the way. Visit the picturesque Lake Louise and enjoy a soak at Banff Hot Springs.

Days 11-12 Calgary Drive to Calgary, completing this crossing of the Rockies. Spend time exploring as you wish – perhaps chill with a book in Prince’s Island Park, visit the home of the Calgary Stampede or find out why this city is referred to as Cowtown before the trip comes to an end.
US & Canada Discovery

**12 DAYS, CHICAGO TO NEW YORK**

Over a simple, home-cooked meal, learn about another way of life in the company of an Amish family in Berlin, Ohio.

Get under the skin of Toronto in a short period of time with an Urban Adventure through the Kensington Market district and Chinatown.

**Day 1 Chicago** In the Windy City, it’s only natural to hunt for the best deep-dish pizza or stroll along Lake Michigan. **Day 2 Berlin** In the largest Amish settlement in the world, enjoy dinner at a local family’s house for a first-hand experience of their culture. **Day 3 Niagara Falls** Take a boat trip to the base of the world-famous waterfall. **Day 4 Toronto** After a guided tour through Kensington Market and Chinatown, catch a Blue Jays baseball game (in season) or visit the Hockey Hall of Fame. **Day 5-6 Montreal** Absorb the city’s fantastic food and atmosphere – and be sure to grab a big bowl of poutine. **Day 7 Stowe** Ride the Mt Mansfield gondola or take a walk in the Green Mountains. **Days 8-9 Boston** After a stop at Ben and Jerry’s ice cream factory you’ll be thankful for Boston’s historic Freedom Trail and walkable downtown. **Day 10 Cape Cod** Continue onto Provincetown to check out art galleries and beaches. **Days 11-12 New York** Explore the city that never sleeps.

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**Nova Scotia & Newfoundland Expedition**

**15 DAYS, HALIFAX TO ST JOHN’S**

Take in jaw-dropping views of steep cliffs and deep river canyons in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, then walk the earth’s red mantle at Gros Morne National Park.

You can’t visit the Maritimes without visiting the Bay of Fundy, home to the world’s highest tides. Check out its unusual rock formations and dinosaur fossils.

**Days 1-2 Halifax** Welcome to Canada’s east coast. Visit Old Town Lunenburg for its colourful 18th-century wooden houses and marvel at the phenomenal Bay of Fundy. **Days 3-5 Halifax/Prince Edward Island** Stop at Canada’s most famous lighthouse in Peggy’s Cove. Walk among unusual flowerpot rock formations at Hopewell Rocks then explore Prince Edward Island National Park and the landscape that inspired Anne of Green Gables. **Days 6-8 Cape Breton Island** Hike Cape Breton’s rugged coastline and forested interior, looking out for moose and bald eagles. **Days 9-12 Gros Morne NP/L’Anse aux Meadows** After a long ferry, explore Newfoundland’s spectacular Gros Morne, shaped by years of colliding continents and glaciers. See 1000-year-old Norse ruins at L’Anse aux Meadows, the fabled Vinland from Norse sagas. **Day 13 Terra Nova NP** Soak in Terra Nova’s rolling forested hills, serene ponds and wetlands. **Days 14-15 St John’s** Get acquainted with North America’s oldest city.

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There’s something magical about a North American winter. Whether it’s a skate under the stars in New York City or a dog-sled ride in British Columbia, this continent really knows how to turn it on in the colder months.

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Canadian Rockies & Northern Lights

11 DAYS, EDMONTON TO CALGARY

Navigate the frozen waterfalls, ice caves and imposing ice formations of Maligne Canyon on a guided hike in the deepest accessible canyon in Jasper National Park.

Chase aurora borealis, the famous northern lights, through the Rockies and watch the colours dance across the dark sky.

Dogsled through the snowy scenery of Canmore on a truly Canadian adventure powered by huskies.

Day 1 Edmonton Welcome to Canada! Meet your group this evening, and if you have time why not check out the Ukrainian Cultural Village or University District. Days 2-3 Peace River Visit Fort Edmonton Park, a living history museum. Search the skies for aurora borealis, the northern lights, and spend some free time hiking or snowshoeing. Days 4-5 Jasper Travel to Jasper via the Miette Hot Springs for a well-deserved soak. Take in the Rockies’ deepest canyon, Maligne Canyon, on a guided icewalk and, if you choose, ride the highest guided aerial tramway in Canada – the Jasper SkyTram. Days 6-7 Lake Louise Take the drive of a lifetime through a mind-blowing landscape of jagged mountaintops and over 100 ancient glaciers along the Icefields Parkway. Hike the ‘toe’ of Athabasca Glacier. Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride and snowshoe hike around Lake Louise. Day 8 Banff Head for Banff and discover why it’s Canada’s most popular mountain town. Take a spectacular included hike among the ice pillars in Johnston Canyon then enjoy a free evening in this charming ski town. Day 9 Banff National Park Free morning in Banff before taking a guided backcountry snowshoe hike at Sunshine Village Ski Resort, including a stop for hot cocoa and cookies on top of the world. Day 10 Canmore/Calgary Take a short drive to Canmore for an included, unforgettable dogsledding adventure. Rug up and feel the power of the pups as they pull you through the snowy landscape, then spend a final night in Calgary, where you’re free to check out the home of the Calgary Stampede and enjoy Cowtown’s varied nightlife. Day 11 Calgary This winter escape comes to an end today. Maybe stay on and discover Calgary’s legendary hospitality.

Selected Sundays from December to March
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Canadian Rockies Winter Adventure

10 DAYS, CANMORE TO CALGARY

Get your fill of active winter adventures in Canada's stunning Rocky Mountains. You'll have plenty of time to snowshoe, cross-country ski and ice skate in the great outdoors.

Go on two unforgettable ice walks at Grotto and Johnston Canyon, past staggering pillars of ice, towering frozen waterfalls and a few dareddevil ice climbers.

Days 1-4 Canmore Welcome to the Great White North! Transfer to Canmore and go on a guided shoeshoe hike in Kananaskis Country. See towering frozen waterfalls and ancient native pictographs on an icewalk through Grotto Canyon and take an optional dogsled tour. Try your hand at curling and hockey after learning from the pros. Day 5 Banff/Invermere Stroll the shops in Banff Town before snowshoeing through pristine wilderness at the Continental Divide. Days 6-7 Invermere Skate along frozen Windermere Lake, the world's longest ice skating trail, then warm up with a soak in the hot springs. Get active in the Selkirk Mountains. Choose to snowshoe, cross-country ski, fat bike or snowmobile. Days 8-9 Banff NP/Lake Louise Icwalk through Johnston Canyon then drive past soaring mountains and ancient glaciers along the Icefields Parkway to the Athabasca Glacier for a hike, or enjoy a free day in Lake Louise for your last fix of winter activities. Day 10 Calgary Your active winter adventure ends.

Lake Tahoe & Yosemite Winter Adventure

8 DAYS, SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN FRANCISCO

Hike through a frosted valley in Yosemite National Park, with more stunning vistas than you can poke a walking stick at and fewer people than in the summer months.

Hit the slopes by foot, ski or snowboard in Lake Tahoe, then take a scenic gondola ride to the top of Heavenly Mountain for an apres-ski.

Day 1 San Francisco Welcome to colourful, eclectic San Francisco. Days 2-4 Lake Tahoe Head inland to Lake Tahoe, with a stop in the city of Placerville, where the historic houses and shops are framed by towering green pines. Continue to Lake Tahoe and get your boots on for a hike around the South Lake. Hit the slopes of nearby Heavenly Mountain Resort on an included gondola ride. Explore the snow-dusted hills on foot, snowshoe, cross country skis or snowmobile, or lace up and get into the winter spirit with outdoor ice skating. Days 5-6 Yosemite National Park Hike between stark grey cliffs in the Yosemite Valley. See the rugged Clark Range up close along easily navigable tracks and maybe have a twirl on the outdoor skate rink under the watchful eye of the towering granite Half Dome. Enjoy an included dinner at the chandelier-lit Majestic Yosemite Dining Room. Days 7-8 San Francisco Check out the Golden Gate Bridge and perhaps the local produce at the Ferry Building Marketplace before the trip ends.

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US & Canada Discovery Winter
12 DAYS, CHICAGO TO NEW YORK

Enjoy a mixture of highlights and seasonal treats on this unique and flexible itinerary. There's always something going on – from Christmas markets to festivals of lights.

This is our only trip that visits Ottawa, a beautiful city with grand Victorian architecture, excellent museums and a canal that turns into a skateway in winter.

Enjoy a home-cooked meal with an Amish bishop and his family and learn about another, very different, way of life.

Day 1 Chicago Welcome to the Windy City. If arriving early, find a cozy blues club to curl up with a drink in or visit Christkindlmarket, the German-American Christmas market, if it’s the season. Day 2 Berlin Head to an Amish settlement in Ohio. Dinner tonight is at a local Bishop’s house; enjoy a home-cooked meal and take the opportunity to learn more about the Amish way of life from a community member. Day 3 Niagara Falls/Toronto Niagara Falls is a beautiful sight in winter, with mist and spray blowing around and settling to create lovely and strange ice sculptures. Enjoy a free evening in Toronto. Day 4 Toronto Explore Canada’s biggest city on a guided Urban Adventure, eventually retiring to the pub for a pint of craft beer with the locals. Day 5 Ottawa Drive to Canada’s capital, Ottawa, where the Rideau Canal turns into a winter skateway. Visit the Gothic parliament building, the National Gallery and the Canadian Museum of History. Don’t forget to try a beavertail, a deep-fried, sweet doughy treat. Days 6-7 Montreal Continue to eclectic Montreal. This city is home to 80 ethnic communities and enjoys an outstanding reputation for gourmet dining, so waste no time. Try the famous pastrami sandwiches at Schwarz’s Deli, or get involved in some winter activities ranging from ice skating to snowshoeing. Day 8 Stowe Stop at Lake Champlain and the Ben and Jerry’s ice cream factory on the road to Stowe for included snowshoeing. Days 9-10 Boston Don’t miss the highly recommended Freedom Trail in this gorgeous city. Days 11-12 New York Head south through Rhode Island and Connecticut to NYC. Use your included 24-hour metro card to explore. Maybe grab a slice and head to the iconic Rockefeller Center ice skating rink.

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Private vehicle

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