

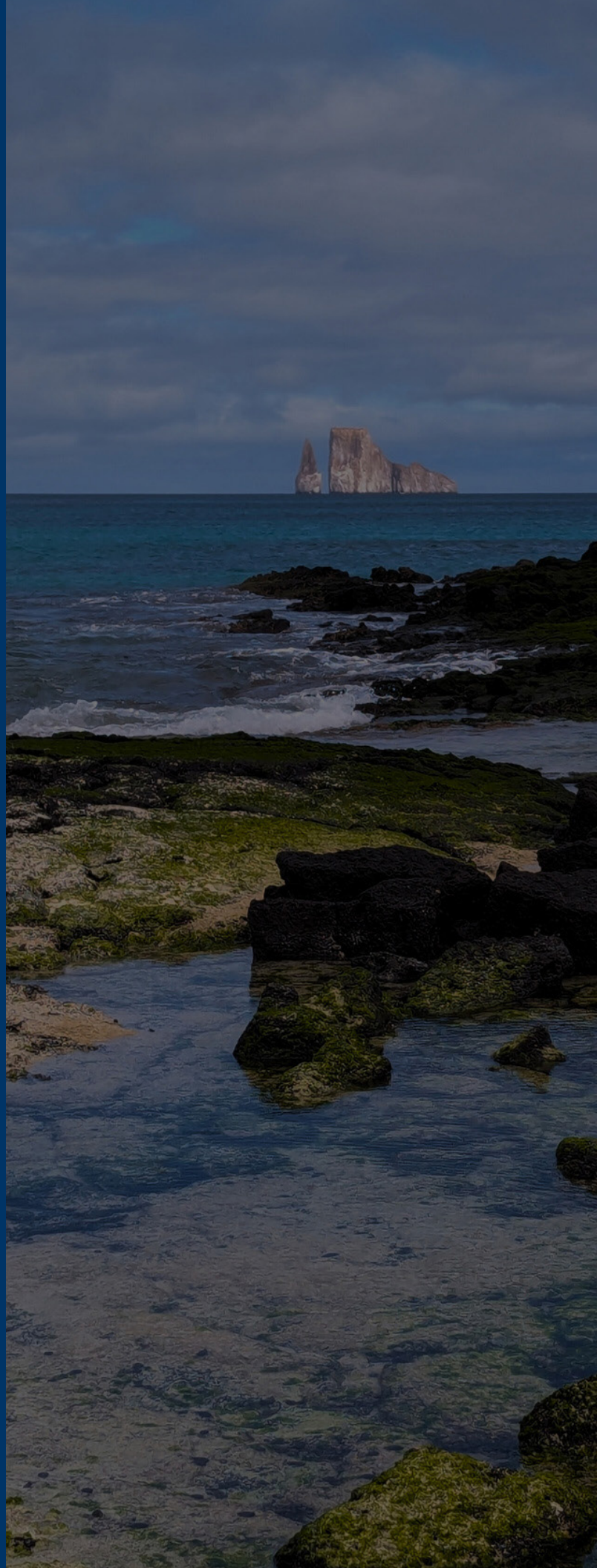


Travel Made *Your* Way



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From Monika,

"Travel changes us — or at least, it should."

I often ask myself why I'm so drawn to it. What is it about stepping into another culture, tasting unfamiliar food, or standing before architecture that tells a story older than my own that makes me feel both grounded and impossibly small? Maybe it's the reminder that the world is vast and beautiful beyond measure — and that my place in it, while small, still matters.

Each journey shifts something in me. I return home not quite the same person who left. Travel humbles me. It stretches my perspective and reminds me how deeply connected we all are — how the differences between us are often just variations on the same human story. Travel makes me want to live more kindly, to show hospitality in my own community, to be a better neighbor and citizen.

Perhaps that's why we go. To see the world, yes, but also to see ourselves more clearly within it. I think of the faces and friendships I've gathered along the way — people whose laughter, generosity, and shared moments now live in me. They remind me that travel isn't about escape, but about becoming — becoming smaller in ego, and larger in understanding.

So to those of you longing to go, *carpe diem*. You will not regret it.




ADVENTURE LIFE CEO

*"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."
— Saint Augustine*

About Adventure Life

Your World. Your Way.

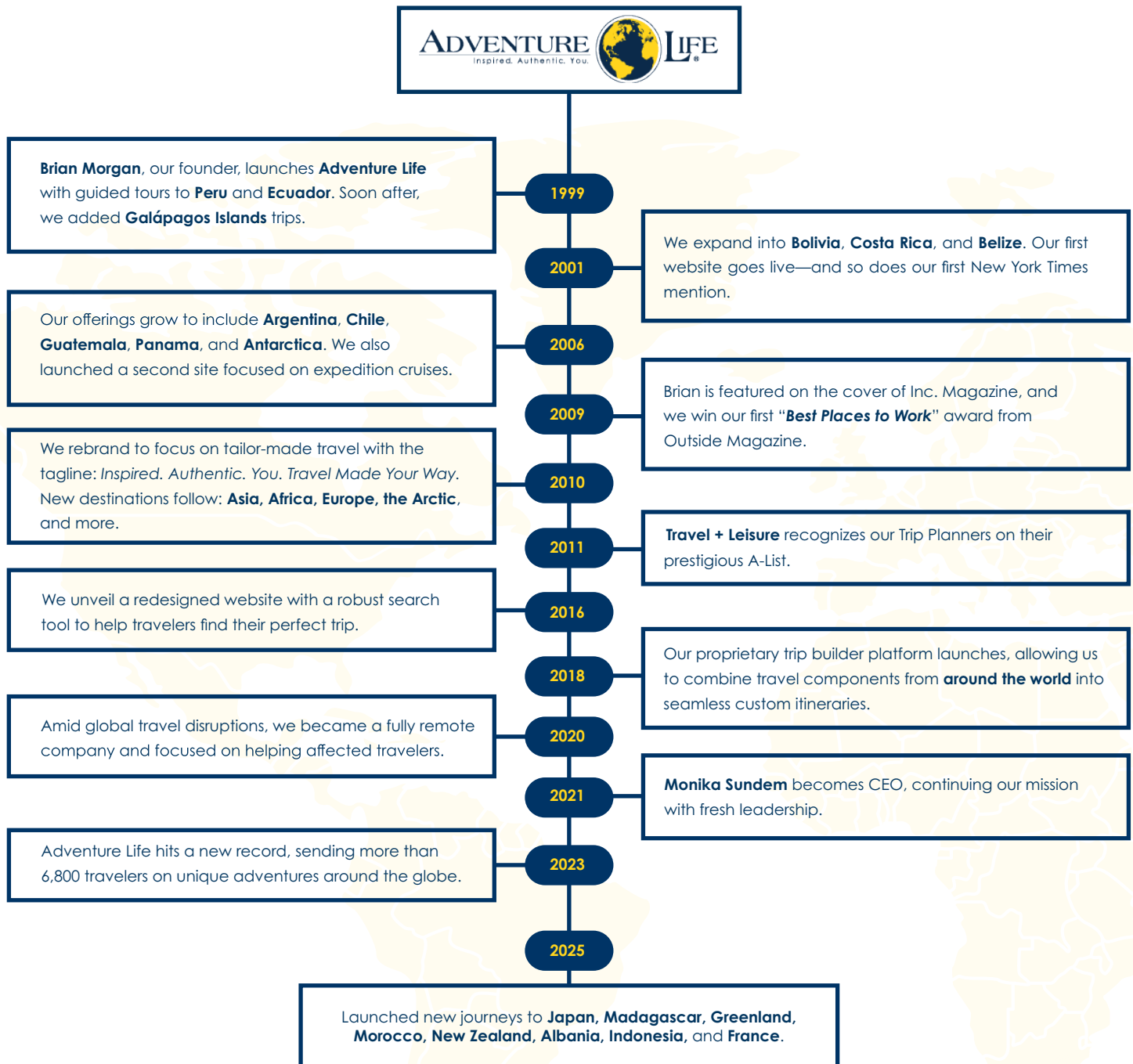
At Adventure Life, we believe the best journeys are personal. We're a team of passionate travelers who don't just sell trips—we help you *live them*. Whether you're kayaking beneath the cliffs of Patagonia, cruising through the Galápagos, or trekking remote Arctic landscapes, we tailor your adventure to reflect your dreams, interests, and style.

With more than **111 years of combined experience** across **650+ trips** worldwide, our team brings deep knowledge and firsthand insight to every itinerary we design. Some of us have studied abroad, guided in the Rockies, or volunteered in remote villages. Others have lived in the very destinations we send you to explore. Our aim is simple: to craft unforgettable, immersive experiences that feel truly unique, personal, and life-changing to you.



Our Journey

What started with three trips and a paper pamphlet has grown into one of the most respected names in tailor-made travel.



Our Philosophy: Travel With Purpose

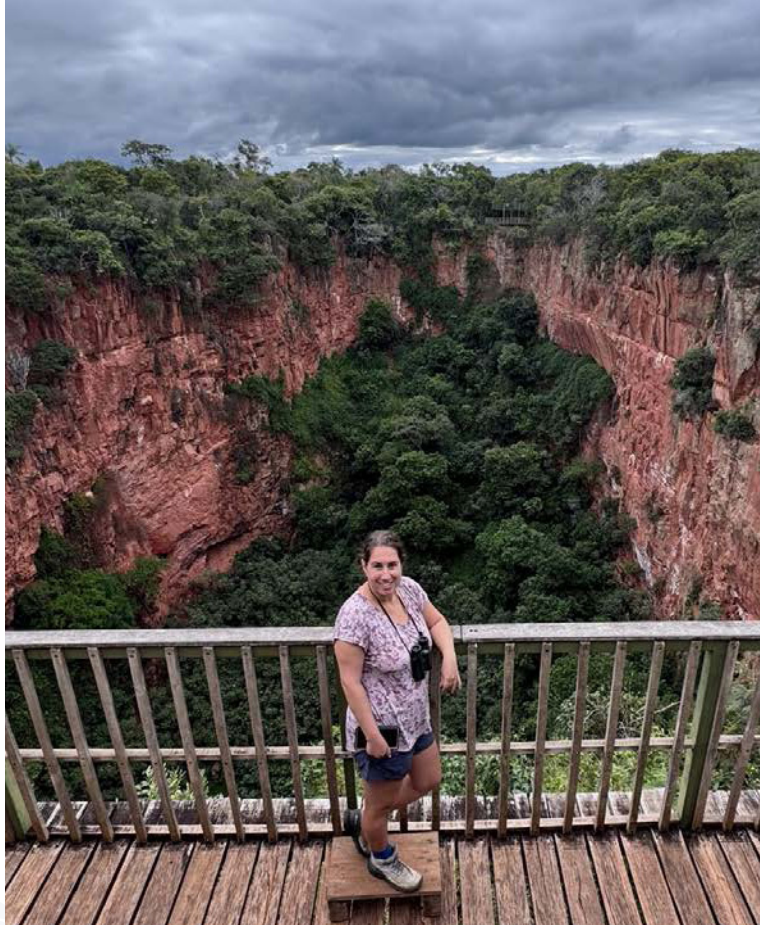
We're committed to more than just great vacations. At Adventure Life, responsible travel is built into our DNA.

We believe that travel should support—not harm—the people and places we visit. That's why every itinerary is designed with care, prioritizing conservation, cultural respect, and community benefit.

We support wildland preservation, work with trusted NGO partners, and fund community grants that make a real difference.

Our local guides, accommodations, and activities are chosen to protect ecosystems and empower communities.

We believe tourism can—and should—be a force for good.



At **Adventure Life**, responsible travel isn't just a trend — it's the heart of everything we do. We believe that the people and places that make our trips unforgettable deserve genuine support in return.

We love collaboration, such as:

Working with local partners who share our values, from community-run lodges to small-ship cruise operators committed to sustainability.

Designing trips that give back, making sure tourism dollars stay local and support grassroots conservation and community development.

We're proud to be part of and to support leading organizations like:

ATCF (Adventure Travel Conservation Fund)

ATTA (Adventure Travel Trade Association)

IGTOA (International Galápagos Tour Operators Association)

IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators)

Whether it's reforestation in South America, education grants in rural communities, or low-impact travel in Antarctica and the Galápagos, our goal is simple: protect what makes travel meaningful.

When you travel with us, you're part of something bigger — a global movement that values people, planet, and purpose.

What is Custom Travel?

Custom travel is travel designed around you, not a tour group. At **Adventure Life**, custom travel means crafting an itinerary based on your interests, timeline, budget, and preferred activity level. You're not locked into set departures, and you don't need to navigate the details alone. Instead, you work directly with a Trip Planner who creates a seamless, guided, but flexible experience.

We call these **Tailor-Made Tours**—adapted from our online itinerary samples or fully built from scratch. While these itineraries often include shared activities (like rafting or transfers), the trip as a whole is independent. You decide what to do, where to stay, and how long to stay there, and we make it happen.



Who is Custom Travel For?

Custom travel is ideal for:

Independent travelers who want guidance without group constraints.
Busy professionals or families who want to save time but still travel meaningfully.
Adventure seekers are looking for immersive, off-the-beaten-path experiences.
Anyone who values intentional, thoughtful travel over cookie-cutter vacations.

It's especially suited to travelers who:

Prefer not to travel with the same people throughout the trip.
Want curated experiences and expert recommendations.
Want to combine relaxation and exploration.
Have a special need or want flexibility in the day to stop more often or take in the serendipitous moments that can happen along the way.

Note:

Custom travel doesn't mean every element is private. Shared services (like boat excursions or day tours) are often included for both environmental and cost reasons.

What It's Not

- ❌ **Not** a fixed group tour with set dates, schedule, and other people on a bus each day.
- ❌ **Not** a fully private, VIP-style experience (unless requested).
- ❌ **Not** a DIY, figure-it-out-yourself travel plan.
- ❌ **Not** for someone looking for the cheapest, quickest option.

Custom travel requires a level of flexibility and trust in your Trip Planner to guide the process.

How Adventure Life Does It

Adventure Life has always specialized in **custom and semi-private travel**. Most of our itineraries start with a traveler saying, *"I love this idea, but can we tweak it?"*

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We start by **listening**. You tell us what you're imagining—we guide you on what's possible.



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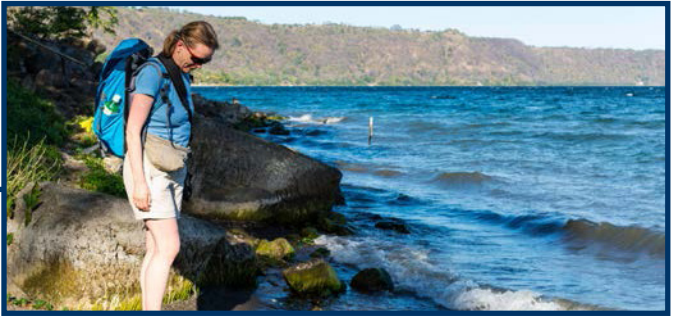
Our **Trip Planners** have firsthand knowledge of the regions they sell and only work with **vetted local suppliers** committed to safety and sustainability.



3



Every itinerary is **personally crafted**—from guides, to hotel preferences, to dietary needs.



4



You don't need to be an expert—we'll handle the logistics while you focus on what matters to you.



From honeymoons to family trips to once-in-a-lifetime treks, no matter your interest, there's a trip for you. And if you want something even more unique? We also build truly custom tours that go beyond anything listed on our website—if we have the experience or a trusted partner in the region, we'll do the research and make it happen.



Advantages for Travel Agents



Niche, adventure travel
customized for your client



Lifetime customer guarantee with
commission for future bookings



Concierge services for you and your
client through the return home



Commissions up to 15%



5% referral commissions



Expert trip planner services



Access to our operator network



Unbiased advice on tour partners
& small-ship cruises



Payment portal options

[Trip Planner about Your Client Needs](#)

What Type of Adventurer is Your Client?

Every traveler sees the world differently. Some chase glaciers and high peaks; others seek out wildlife, culture, or connection. We believe each journey should reflect the traveler's unique style of exploration. That's why we've defined a range of travel styles, to help you understand what fuels your client's sense of adventure and connect them with the journeys, experiences, and support that align with it.

The Active Explorer



Loves to: Move, climb, paddle, and hike through remote and rugged landscapes
Motivated by: Physical challenge, immersive nature experiences, and the satisfaction of earning every view.

The Active Explorer thrives on physically engaging trips, from multi-day treks to sea kayaking adventures. They're drawn to rugged trails, volcanic landscapes, and multisport routes that showcase a destination's raw beauty and reward effort with spectacular views.

Get Active:

- Patagonia's Classic W-Trek (5 days)** – Hike through Torres del Paine's granite peaks, turquoise lakes, and iconic valleys on Chile's most famous trekking route.
- Patagonia's Epic O-Circuit (8 days)** – A challenging loop around Torres del Paine that combines remote wilderness, glacier views, and dramatic mountain landscapes.
- Iceland Ring Road Self-Drive Adventure (10 days)** – Circle Iceland at your own pace, discovering waterfalls, black-sand beaches, glaciers, and volcanic highlands.
- New Zealand: Complete South Island Explorer (14 days)** – A self-drive journey through fjords, glaciers, and alpine passes, with plenty of opportunities for hiking and adventure.
- Sacred Valley Multisport Adventure, Peru (7 days)** – Kayak, bike, hike, and raft your way through the Sacred Valley while exploring Incan history and local villages.
- Mount Everest Basecamp Wellness Trek, Nepal (16 days)** – Trek to the foot of the world's highest peak with built-in wellness activities to balance challenge and recovery.

The Global Voyager



Loves to: Journey along the world's great rivers and remote coastlines with comfort, culture, and an ever-changing view
Motivated by: Slow-paced exploration, access to inland treasures, and the ease of unpacking just once

The Global Voyager discovers the world from the water. From **river cruises** through historic capitals to **small ship expeditions** along remote coastlines, each journey combines comfort with meaningful exploration. River itineraries dock in city centers and riverside towns, offering easy access to culture, cuisine, and local life at a relaxed pace. Expedition ships, on the other hand, reach hidden ports, untouched landscapes, and wild-life-rich shores that larger vessels cannot.

Set Sail

Melodies of the Danube (8 days) – Cruise from Budapest to Vilshofen, exploring Vienna's imperial palaces, quaint Wachau Valley villages, and medieval fortresses.

Amazon River Cruise – Pacaya Samiria Reserve (8 days) – Glide through Peru's pristine rainforest, spot pink dolphins, and meet local river communities.

Mekong River Cultural Voyage (11 days) – Sail from Vietnam to Cambodia, visiting floating markets, silk workshops, and the temples of Angkor.

Galápagos Small Ship Cruise (8 days) – Experience upclose wildlife encounters, volcanic landscapes, and guided explorations by expert naturalists.



The Wildlife Wanderer



Loves to: Get close to wildlife in their natural habitats, from rainforest rivers to open savannas

Motivated by: Once-in-a-lifetime encounters with iconic species and the thrill of untamed landscapes

For the **wildlife enthusiast**, travel is all about raw encounters with nature—whether spotting giant tortoises in the Galápagos, tracking jaguars in the Amazon, or watching elephants roam free across Africa's plains. These journeys immerse you in the world's most biodiverse regions with expert guides leading the way.

Your Wild Side Awaits:

Galápagos Family Safari Camp (5–7 days) – Stay in luxury safari-style tents in the highlands of Santa Cruz, explore nearby islands by day, and return each evening for stargazing, comfort, and unique family-focused activities.

Amazon Wildlife & Culture Journey, Peru (7 days) – Cruise through the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, spot pink river dolphins and monkeys, and meet local communities that thrive in one of Earth's most biodiverse ecosystems.

South Africa's Big Five Safari (9 days) – Track lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalo on game drives through private reserves, while enjoying upscale lodges that balance adventure with comfort.

Tanzania's Northern Circuit Safari (11 days) – Witness the legendary Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Tarangire, following the Great Migration and encountering some of Africa's most iconic wildlife spectacles.



The Culture Seeker

Loves to: Dive deep into local traditions, history, and everyday life **Motivated by:** Authentic storytelling, immersive rituals, and connecting with people and heritage

The Culture Seeker is not just a traveler, but a listener, learner, and participant. They seek to understand a destination through its architecture, cuisine, festivals, and oral traditions. From ancient civilizations to vibrant contemporary life, they choose itineraries that offer both depth and context.

Find Your Cultural Connection:

Timeless Treasures of Egypt (9 days) – Sail the Nile and uncover the world of pharaohs with visits to Luxor, Aswan, and the Valley of the Kings, paired with local cultural encounters along the river.

India: Colors, Temples & Traditions (12 days) – A cultural immersion through bustling markets, historic forts, and sacred rivers, highlighting India's deep-rooted spirituality and vibrant everyday life.

Japan Shinkansen Odyssey (10 days) – Travel by bullet train through Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima, balancing modern innovation with traditions like tea ceremonies, temples, and gardens.



The Social Explorer



Loves to: Travel with like-minded adventurers on well-organized, social journeys

Motivated by: Shared discovery, structured itineraries, and a sense of community

The Social Explorer prefers to travel in the company of others without the hassle of planning. They enjoy having expert guides, pre-set dates, and curated routes. Ideal for solo travelers, couples, or those who love camaraderie and connection, these group departures balance exploration and ease.

Join The Adventure:

Treasures of the Adriatic Cruise (8 days) – Sail the Dalmatian Coast, visiting medieval towns, island harbors, and UNESCO sites in Croatia and Montenegro.

Caribbean Flair Away from Everyday (9 days) – Sail through Saint Lucia, the Grenadines, and Les Saintes, with time for UNESCO sites, snorkeling, and laid-back beach escapes.

Around Spitsbergen, In the realm of Polar Bear & Ice (10 days) – Explore Spitsbergen's fjords and tundra while spotting polar bears, walruses, and seabirds on this Arctic wildlife adventure.



The Family Adventurer

Loves to: Create lasting memories with their children or multigenerational group

Motivated by: Education through travel, quality time, and immersive experiences for all ages

The Family Adventurer seeks experiences that are enriching for both kids and adults — wildlife encounters, cultural immersion, soft adventures, and hands-on learning. These travelers value flexibility, safety, and fun across generations, often opting for private guides or family-focused accommodations.

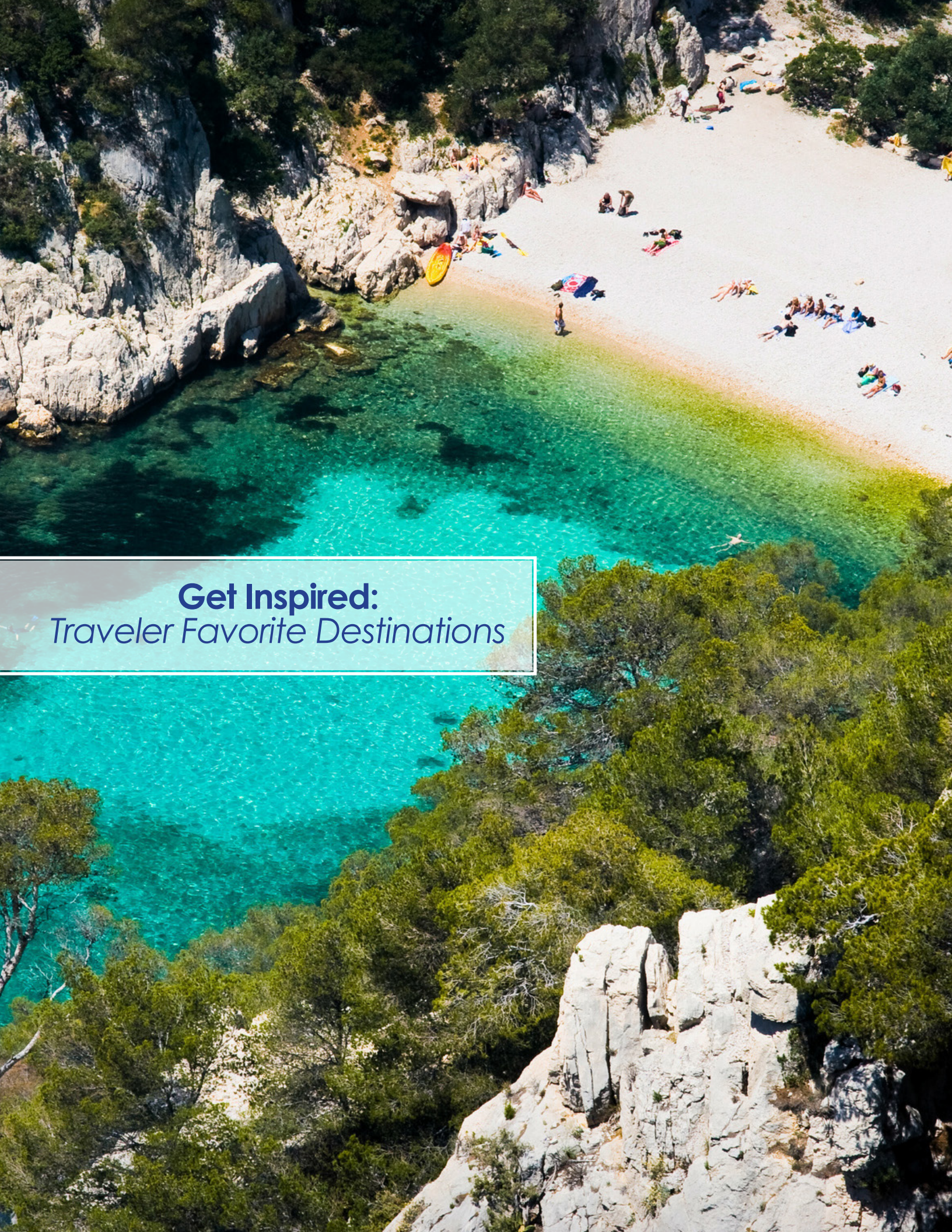
Family Favorites:

Botswana Family Safari (7–9 days) – Float through Africa's Okavango Delta in mokoros (canoes), spot elephants and hippos, and engage with local schools —safari made safe and thrilling for multi-age families.

The Best of Southern Madagascar (10–16 days) – Explore the biodiversity hotspot of Ranomafana National Park, spotting rare lemurs and chameleons. Hike scenic trails, visit local Tanala villages, and unwind at natural hot springs and waterfalls.

Costa Rica Family Quest (8 days) – Experience rainforest magic in Tortuguero. Witness nesting green sea turtles, raft the Sarapiquí River, and hike in lush reserves with safe, fun learning for all ages.





Get Inspired:

Traveler Favorite Destinations



Europe

Europe offers an elegant blend of rich history, world-class cuisine, scenic landscapes, and diverse cultures. Whether you're cruising the Danube, hiking Iceland's highlands, or exploring medieval villages in Croatia, Europe has something to offer for everyone.

Journey Highlights They'll Love

- Croatia** - Cruise the Adriatic from Split to Dubrovnik while exploring medieval towns and sun-drenched islands.
- Norway** - Journey through the Arctic and fjord-filled landscapes on a 12-day adventure.
- France (Burgundy)** - Sail the Saône River through France's legendary Burgundy wine region.
- Greece** - Visit ancient ruins, Aegean islands, and charming coastal villages on a classic Greek voyage.
- Iceland** - Circumnavigate Iceland for a full immersion in volcanic beauty and geothermal wonders.

What They'll See and Do

River cruises through vineyard-laced valleys
 Exploring UNESCO sites and ancient ruins
 Cycling, wine tasting, and countryside hiking
 Sailing through fjords and volcanic landscapes
 Culinary immersion, from Provencal markets to Mediterranean feasts



Why It's Worth a Trip

Europe offers compact diversity, iconic cities, storybook towns, and unforgettable flavors all within a few hours' reach. Perfect for immersive, multi-country experiences.



North America

North America is home to some of the world's most powerful landscapes, from Alaska's icefields to Baja's warm waters. Our journeys dive deep into the wild, with Indigenous-led tours, remote hiking, and small-ship coastal cruising.

Where Adventure Takes Them

Alaska (USA) - Discover dramatic glaciers, whales, and native heritage along Alaska's coastal wilderness.

Baja California (Mexico) - Cruise the Sea of Cortez and witness one of the world's best whale-watching sites.

British Columbia (Canada) - Navigate the wild coastline and fjords of western Canada on an expedition voyage.

Pacific Northwest (USA) - Explore the history and nature of the Columbia and Snake Rivers by paddlewheel riverboat.

What They'll Experience

Glacier trekking and fjord kayaking in Alaska

Whale watching and snorkeling in Baja

Rainforest hikes and Indigenous cultural visits in Canada

Wine tasting and river cruising in the Pacific Northwest

Why It's Worth a Trip

Nature still rules here. From untouched coastlines to wildlife encounters, North America offers world-class wilderness without requiring long-haul travel.





South America

South America is a land of staggering contrasts, where snow-capped Andes meet lush rainforests, ancient civilizations echo through stone ruins, and vibrant cities pulse with music and flavor. With Adventure Life, you'll explore beyond the highlights, diving deep into landscapes, cultures, and adventures that define this extraordinary continent.

Adventures They'll Treasure

Argentina – Discover tango in Buenos Aires, sip world-class Mendoza wines, and trek among the glaciers of Patagonia.

Chile – Explore the surreal landscapes of the Atacama Desert, kayak in fjords, and hike Torres del Paine.

Peru – Journey to Machu Picchu, immerse in Quechua traditions, and sail the waters of Lake Titicaca.

Ecuador & The Galápagos – Stand on the equator, explore colonial Quito, and meet the unique wildlife of the Galápagos Islands.

Brazil – Marvel at Iguazú Falls, cruise the Amazon River, and enjoy the rhythm of Rio de Janeiro.

Colombia – Wander colorful colonial towns, explore coffee country, and hike to hidden archaeological sites.

What They'll Discover

Hiking glaciers, volcanoes, and high-altitude trails in the Andes
 Rich indigenous cultures, vibrant festivals, and traditional music
 Rainforest wildlife, from jaguars to macaws in the Amazon Basin
 Legendary archaeological wonders like Machu Picchu and Tiwanaku
 Diverse culinary scenes, from fresh ceviche to sizzling asado
 Adventure opportunities from rafting wild rivers to sailing remote coasts

Why It's Worth a Trip

South America is a place where every horizon brings a new kind of wonder—whether it's the first glimpse of Machu Picchu at sunrise, the sound of glaciers calving into icy fjords, or the shared laughter over a home-cooked meal in a remote village. It's a continent that inspires awe, challenges your senses, and leaves you with stories you'll carry for a lifetime.





Arctic

The Arctic is stark, fragile, and astonishing, an evolving landscape of sea ice, Northern Lights, and rare wildlife. Our polar experts lead you through Svalbard, Greenland, the Canadian High Arctic, and more via ice-class expedition ships.

Awe-Inspiring Landscapes

Svalbard (Norway) - Circle the wild archipelago of Svalbard, spotting polar bears and Arctic wildlife.

Greenland - Explore East Greenland's fjords, icebergs, and Inuit communities.

Canada's Northwest Passage - Sail the historic ice route through remote Arctic Canada.

Iceland - Discover the rugged north coast of Iceland, where volcanic and Arctic landscapes meet.

What Awaits Them

Zodiac cruising past calving glaciers

Spotting polar bears, walrus, and Arctic fox

Visiting remote Inuit settlements

Hiking tundra landscapes under the midnight sun

Witnessing the Aurora Borealis



Why It's Worth a Trip

The Arctic is changing rapidly, and now is the time to see it. These voyages provide not only rare access but also critical context through expert-led education and cultural exchange.



Antarctica

The White Continent offers an expedition unlike any other—icebergs, penguin colonies, and whales set the stage for transformational travel. With fly-cruise options, luxury ships, and science-focused itineraries, Antarctica is more accessible than ever.

Must-See Polar Voyages

Antarctic Peninsula - Cruise past towering icebergs and step ashore on the southernmost continent.

South Georgia & Falklands - Encounter vast penguin colonies and rich history on this subAntarctic wildlife voyage.

Fly-Cruise Antarctica - Skip the Drake Passage and fly to the icy edge of the world for an unforgettable short expedition.

What They'll Encounter

Zodiac excursions through ice floes

Penguin and whale watching

Kayaking in polar waters

Visiting historic scientific research stations

Optional polar plunge or mountaineering

Why It's Worth a Trip

Few people on Earth have stood here. Antarctica offers a once-in-a-lifetime connection to nature that's both thrilling and meditative. There's no place more pristine or impactful, and the journey there becomes part of the story.





Oceania

Oceania is a vast expanse of breathtaking landscapes, rich cultures, and extraordinary wildlife. With Adventure Life, you'll journey far beyond the usual routes—exploring coral kingdoms, rugged coastlines, ancient rainforests, and vibrant cities.

Adventures They'll Treasure

French Polynesia - Cruise through turquoise lagoons and remote atolls of the Society and Tuamotu Islands.

Fiji & Tonga - Swim with humpback whales and immerse in island culture on this tropical odyssey.

Papua New Guinea - Travel through isolated villages and rainforest-fringed coastlines on an exploratory cruise.

Solomon Islands - Navigate the untouched isles between Vanuatu and the Solomons, rich in WWII history and culture.

Australia - Dive the Great Barrier Reef, explore the rugged Outback, and encounter unique wildlife found nowhere else on Earth.

New Zealand - Hike dramatic fjords, kayak pristine lakes, and discover Māori culture in a land of striking beauty.

What They'll Discover

Snorkeling coral reefs, marine sanctuaries, and the Great Barrier Reef

Immersive encounters with unique wildlife, from kangaroos to kiwis

Hiking volcanic islands, fjords, and alpine landscapes

Exploring ancient cultures and vibrant indigenous traditions

World-class wine regions, fresh seafood, and local culinary delights

Adventures by land and sea—kayaking, sailing, diving, and more

Why It's Worth a Trip

Oceania is more than a destination, it's a collection of worlds in one journey. You'll feel the thrill of discovering rare wildlife, the peace of drifting through turquoise waters, and the inspiration of meeting communities who live deeply connected to their environment. Every adventure here offers a fresh perspective, reminding you just how wild, beautiful, and diverse our planet can be.



Africa

Discover Africa's wildlife, rivers, and culture on tailored trips from gorilla treks to Nile cruises.

What They'll See and Do

Travel through Madagascar's southern highlands, villages, and coastal parks for a mix of nature and culture. Cruise the Nile River and experience Egypt's ancient pyramids, temples, and lively local traditions. Visit Cape Town, Robben Island, and Kruger National Park for a taste of South Africa's wildlife and history. See the powerful Victoria Falls and explore Chobe National Park, known for its abundant wildlife. Enjoy a family-friendly safari in Botswana with river cruises and exciting wildlife encounters.

Why It's Worth a Trip

Africa delivers unforgettable moments: watching a lioness stalk her prey, meeting the gaze of a mountain gorilla, or hearing hippos at night from your safari lodge. It's a place where nature feels wild and alive, and where each journey brings rich cultural connections.



Journey Highlights They'll Love

Botswana

Spot elephants, lions, and leopards on thrilling safaris in the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park.

Tanzania

Witness the Great Migration in the Serengeti and trek the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

South Africa

Explore world-class wildlife parks, dramatic coastlines, and vibrant cities like Cape Town.

Namibia

Discover surreal desert landscapes, towering dunes, and wildlife in the stark beauty of the Namib.

Zimbabwe

Stand in awe of Victoria Falls and go game viewing in Hwange and Mana Pools.

Zambia

Take a walking safari in South Luangwa and feel the spray of Victoria Falls up close.

Rwanda & Uganda

Track endangered mountain gorillas in the misty forests of Volcanoes and Bwindi.

Madagascar

See lemurs, baobab trees, and otherworldly landscapes found nowhere else on Earth.

Seychelles Islands

Relax on white-sand beaches and snorkel vibrant reefs in this remote Indian Ocean paradise.

Egypt

Cruise the Nile and explore ancient wonders like the Pyramids and the Valley of the Kings.

Caribbean

Go beyond the beaches of the Caribbean—set sail to hidden coves, captivating cultures, and pristine coral reefs.

What They'll See and Do

Cruise through the Grenadines and Grenada to swim in clear waters, snorkel coral reefs, and visit colorful island towns.

Sail around the British Virgin Islands to see The Baths, explore reefs, relax on quiet beaches, and hike scenic trails.

Travel through the Eastern Caribbean and visit St. Barths, with time for beach stops, snorkeling, and walking through island towns.

Visit the Windward Islands on a small ship cruise with snorkeling, local villages, and laid-back beach time.

Cruise to places like Martinique, St. Lucia, and Bequia for a mix of island views, culture, and peaceful coastal stops.

Why It's Worth a Trip

The Caribbean is easy to reach, but it feels a world away. Each island has its own personality; some are perfect for beach days, others for jungle hikes or diving into clear blue water. It's the kind of place where every stop brings something new, and you never feel rushed getting there.



Journey Highlights They'll Love

Grenada

Grenada blends spice-filled markets, hidden waterfalls, and colorful coral reefs for a rich island escape.

St. Lucia

St. Lucia stuns with its iconic Piton peaks, lush rainforests, and volcanic beaches perfect for adventure and romance.

St. Barthélemy

St. Barts offers upscale charm with French flair, luxury yachts, and pristine white-sand beaches.

Antigua

Antigua is a sailor's paradise with 365 beaches, turquoise bays, and colonial landmarks.

Dominica

Dominica is the Caribbean's nature island, full of rainforest trails, hot springs, and dramatic volcanic terrain.

The Grenadines

The Grenadines invite travelers to sail crystal-clear waters and relax on untouched, peaceful islands.

British Virgin Islands (BVI)

The BVIs are ideal for island-hopping, snorkeling, and soaking up sun in calm, secluded coves.

Asia

A region of ancient temples, bustling rivers, and vibrant cultures—this destination invites you to travel deeper, not just farther.

What They'll See and Do

Experience Thailand's culture, food, and scenery, from Bangkok's temples to Chiang Mai's markets and relaxing beach spots.

Cruise down the Mekong River in Vietnam, stopping at riverside villages, markets, and temples along the way.

Visit the highlights of Cambodia and Laos, including Angkor Wat, floating villages, waterfalls, and the ancient capital of Luang Prabang.

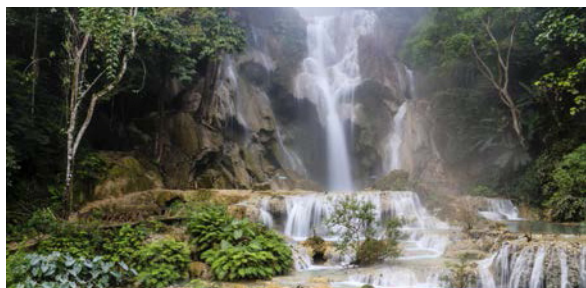
Travel around Bali to see temples, volcanoes, beaches, and the island's unique culture and landscapes.

Take a small ship trip through Borneo and Komodo to see orangutans, Komodo dragons, coral reefs, and tropical forests.



Why It's Worth a Trip

It is a region of diverse traditions, ancient wonders, and unforgettable food. Explore the Khmer temples of Cambodia to the rice terraces of Bali and the rivers of Laos. Whether you're wandering through quiet villages or bustling markets, each day brings something new to explore.



Journey Highlights They'll Love

Thailand: A vibrant blend of golden temples, tropical beaches, and bustling street markets.

Vietnam: From Ha Long Bay to the Mekong Delta, explore dramatic landscapes and rich history.

Cambodia: Discover ancient wonders like Angkor Wat and experience warm Khmer hospitality.

Laos: A tranquil escape of misty mountains, river life, and timeless Buddhist traditions.

Indonesia (Bali): Island paradise offering lush jungles, surf-friendly beaches, and spiritual culture.



Central America and Mexico

Central America & Mexico offer a rich blend of jungle-covered ruins, wildlife-packed rainforests, and colorful coastal towns. Every itinerary is packed with adventure—snorkel Belize's barrier reef, hike Costa Rica's volcanoes or explore Mayan temples in Guatemala. This region is ideal for travelers seeking a blend of culture, nature, and easy access to diverse landscapes in one unforgettable trip.

What They'll See and Do

Hike through the rainforests of Costa Rica, walk canopy bridges, raft rivers, and snorkel vibrant coral reefs.

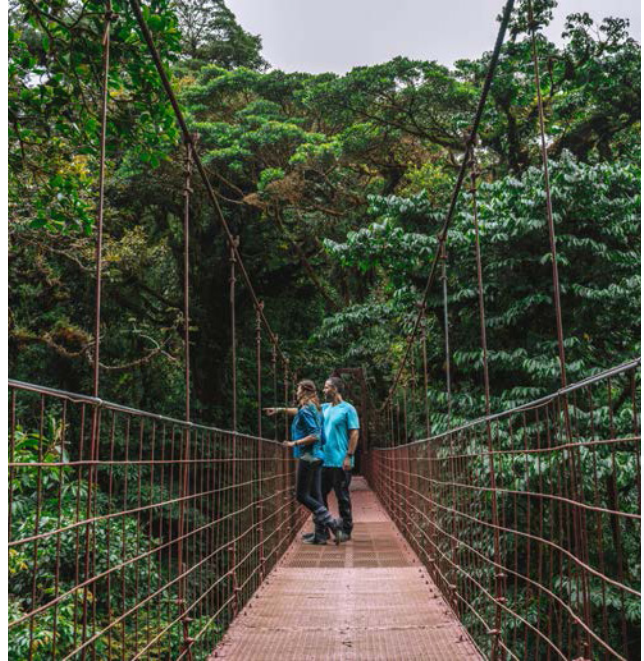
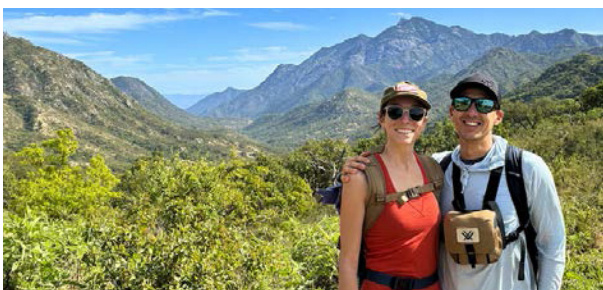
Visit Guatemala to see Antigua, local markets, weaving cooperatives, and the ancient pyramids of Tikal.

Travel through Belize's rainforest, Maya ruins, and Caribbean coast with a mix of culture, wildlife, and reef adventures.

Stay at a Belize resort and enjoy snorkeling, jungle hikes, and learning about Mayan traditions and diverse wildlife.

Why It's Worth a Trip

Central America is full of energy and contrasts: ancient ruins hidden in the jungle, colorful markets, active volcanoes, and pristine coastlines. You can spot toucans in Costa Rica, snorkel Belize's barrier reef, or explore the highland villages of Guatemala. It's a compact region that offers huge adventure, rich culture, and warm hospitality.



Journey Highlights They'll Love

Costa Rica: A lush haven of rainforests, volcanoes, and wildlife perfect for nature and adventure lovers.

Guatemala is home to colorful highland markets, ancient Mayan ruins, and dramatic volcanic landscapes.

Belize: A tropical paradise where jungle adventures meet Caribbean reefs and Mayan history.

Mexico: A rich mosaic of vibrant culture, historic cities, ancient ruins, and stunning coastlines. It is the home of Tacos.



Small Ship Cruises With Adventure Life

Small ship cruising allows you to travel in comfort more privately and personalized than when you are cruising with a crowd of more than 300 people. With 12 to under 200 guests, you get personal service, access to remote destinations, and a relaxed atmosphere both on and off the water.

We offer a wide range of itineraries, from cultural river voyages to expedition small ship cruises in some of the most remote corners of the planet. These expedition trips often include kayaking, hiking, wildlife watching, and Zodiac landings for a *truly immersive* experience.



What Our Small Ship Cruises Are

Our small ship cruises are designed to bring you closer to nature, local culture, and your fellow travelers. They strike a balance between comfort and authentic, meaningful exploration.

- ✓ Guest capacity under 250 passengers, for a personal and friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Itineraries that reach remote or culturally-rich destinations that larger ships cannot access
- ✓ Small ship expedition cruises that include active exploration, guided shore landings, and wildlife encounters
- ✓ Attentive service from the crew and local experts who know the region well
- ✓ Flexible shore excursions that make the most of your time ashore



What Our Small Ship Cruises Are Not

If you are picturing towering ships with casinos, malls, and thousands of passengers, this is something very different.

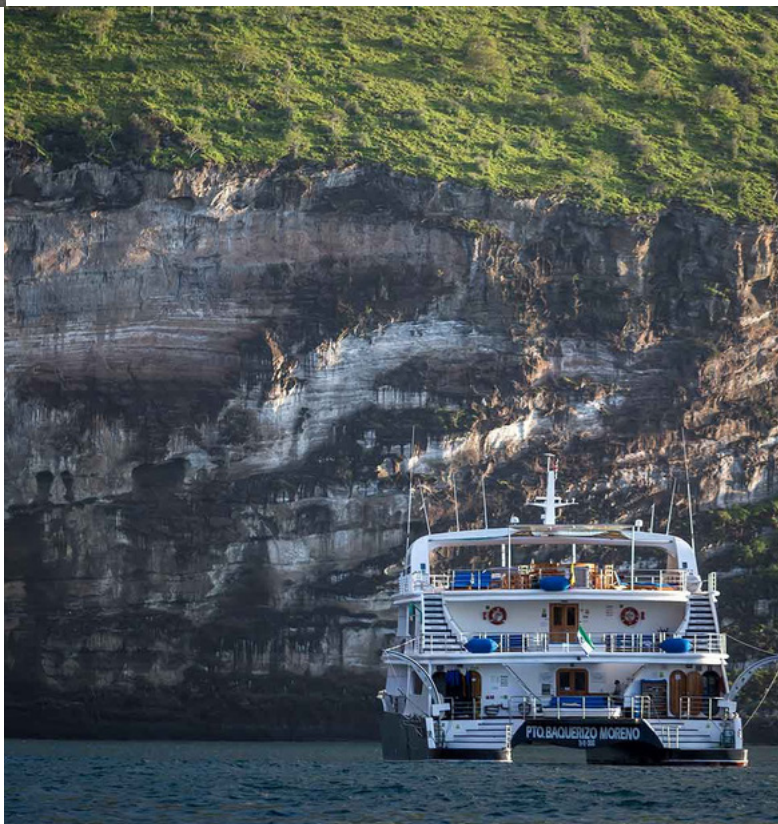
- ✗ **Not** crowded mega ships with thousands of travelers
- ✗ **No** floating resorts with theme park-style entertainment
- ✗ **No** impersonal journeys where you feel like just another ticket number



Why We Love Small Ship Cruises

Small ship cruising gives you more than just a place to sleep between ports. It opens the door to experiences you cannot have on larger ships.

- Faster boarding and departure, so you can spend more time exploring
- Friendlier connections with the crew and fellow travelers
- Close-up encounters with wildlife, nature, and local communities
- Access to hidden bays, small harbors, and narrow waterways
- On expedition itineraries, opportunities for guided hikes, Zodiac rides, and hands-on exploration



Our Top Cruise Destinations

We choose destinations that truly come alive when explored on a small ship. Some are designed for expedition-style cruising with active exploration and wildlife encounters, while others focus on cultural treasures, charming ports, and stunning scenery. Each one offers experiences you simply cannot get on a large cruise ship.

Galápagos Islands

Sail between volcanic islands home to blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, and playful sea lions. Small groups travel with naturalist guides who lead snorkeling trips, hikes over lava fields, and visits to remote beaches.



Alaska

Navigate past towering glaciers, deep fjords, and untouched wilderness. Small ships can anchor in secluded coves, perfect for kayaking, hiking, and whale watching.



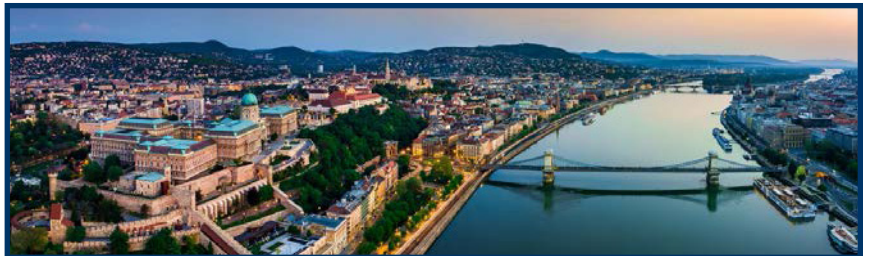
Antarctica

It's our ultimate expedition small ship cruise. Board Zodiacs to step onto icy shores, walk among penguin colonies, and witness massive icebergs.



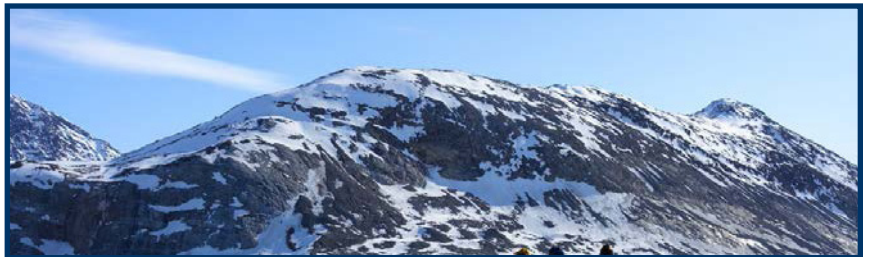
European Rivers

Cruise into the heart of cities like Vienna, Budapest, and Amsterdam. Sail narrow waterways lined with castles, vineyards, and storybook villages, with daily shore excursions for cultural immersion.



Arctic

Search for polar bears, walruses, and Arctic foxes while exploring glaciers and remote fjords. Visit isolated Inuit communities and sail under the midnight sun during summer voyages.



South Pacific

Island-hop through turquoise waters and coral reefs, visiting traditional villages and white-sand beaches. Smaller vessels can anchor right off the shore for swimming, snorkeling, and relaxed exploration.



FAQs

What is custom travel?

Custom travel means we build your trip around your client—their interests, travel dates, budget, and activity level. They're not joining a fixed group tour start to finish unless they select one from the handful we offer; they're getting a thoughtfully crafted experience tailored to their preferences. That may include join-in day excursions with others (e.g., rafting excursions), but many days, they may be by themselves or with their guide only. It is up to your clients to decide how they like to travel.

Custom trips may include accommodations, guided excursions (private or shared), transfers, internal flights, meals, and more. We also help with travel insurance, special requests, dietary needs, and documentation.

What types of travel does Adventure Life specialize in?

Adventure Life specializes in custom, experience-driven travel, including small-ship expedition-style cruises, eco-lodges, active adventures, luxury experiential travel, and privately guided journeys with responsible local operators. We focus on immersive, personalized trips rather than mainstream cruises, large beach resorts, hotel-only stays, or simple point-to-point travel bookings.

Is custom travel only for luxury travelers?

No. We design trips across a range of budgets, from adventure-forward experiences to high-end, private escapes. It's about the right experience for the traveler, not the most expensive one.

What is the minimum age for your trips?

It depends on the destination, the activities involved, and the child's travel experience. Most trips have a minimum age of 6 or older, but some itineraries may be suitable for younger children. We're happy to help you find the best fit for your client's family.

What travel services does Adventure Life help arrange?

We help coordinate nearly every aspect of a trip, including accommodations, cruises, flights, transfers, guides, excursions, insurance, pre- and post-trip stays, packing guidance, and other travel logistics to create a seamless, customized experience from start to finish.

Can I include private or shared experiences in an itinerary?

Yes. While many activities are shared (like day tours or boat excursions), we also offer fully private experiences, whether that's a private guide, driver, or chartered vessel.

Can you help arrange special accommodations for someone in my group?

In most cases, yes. The options depend on your destination and the type of activities planned. Let us know your needs in advance, and we'll work closely with our partners to arrange the best possible accommodations for your trip.

Can you accommodate dietary restrictions and accessibility needs?

Accessibility may vary based on destination and operator. Just let your Trip Planner know in advance, and we'll make sure to match you with a trip that accommodates any dietary, medical, or mobility considerations.



**Are the trips always in English?**

The vast majority of our trips are conducted in English. However, some cruises and tours may also offer translation services in other languages. We can often arrange a private tour guide in your preferred language upon request.

Do you offer 24/7 support during travel?

Yes. Your client will have access to both our team and local partners throughout their trip, along with emergency contact numbers and logistical support anytime they need it.

Do my clients have to follow an itinerary from your website?

Not at all. Sample itineraries are just a starting point. We can tweak those to fit your needs or build something completely unique from scratch.

Who will I work with to plan a trip for my clients?

You'll be paired with a Trip Planner and their support team who specialize in your destination. They'll guide your entire planning process and remain available before, during, and after your client's trip.

How do you protect my client relationship?

We offer a Lifetime Customer Guarantee. Our team builds the trip and recognizes that you, as the travel agent, are our client. Should one of your travelers reach out to Adventure Life directly for a future trip, our system alerts our Trip Planners to include you. As long as you and the traveler want to continue working together, we will build their next trip together and award your commission—up to 15% on every trip!

Is everything on your website commissionable to me?

Yes, with some exceptions. For the vast majority of our itineraries online (~97%), you are eligible for 10% commission on commissionable items in the package. Please note that some trips tack on or require non-commissionable items, like charter flights and port fees. Due to low margins in certain areas or on certain necessary products, we have to reduce commission on certain items. If you are looking at a product with one of these exceptions, your Trip Planner will advise you, and Adventure Life will split the total margin with you if the commission falls lower than 10%.

What is your Agency Partnership Agreement?

Effectively selling custom travel to the world's most exotic destinations requires a significant time investment. To reward agencies that commit to offering and selling our custom tours and cruises, we offer an Adventure Life Travel Agency Partnership Agreement. This plan provides an easy path to increased commissions via retroactive overrides for volume each calendar year. We offer up to 12% commission on small ship cruises and packaged products, and up to 15% commission on custom land travel. Agencies that achieve this repeatedly can then lock in this rate as a permanent commission. Reach out to a Trip Planner to learn more about how we can support your agency.

What is the 5% referral commission?

Some travel agents prefer to send clients our way and have us work directly from there. If you prefer to let our team handle the niche, adventure travel requests, we gladly offer a 5% referral commission.

Will someone follow up with my clients after their trip?

That is at your discretion. We'll customize our client communications to your preferences for the planning and traveling processes.

Do you have a travel agent portal?

You will have an account in our My Trips portal, where you can manage all your client reservations in one spot and have visibility to your total commission calculations and when payouts are due. We are also working on building out a more robust portal with training tools to help you sell well.



Meet Our Team

Our team members are more than travel consultants—they're explorers, researchers, former guides, and storytellers. Most of us see the world as our playground and have personally experienced many of the destinations we offer. From trekking in Patagonia and sailing through the Galapagos to diving in Belize or camping in Antarctica, we've lived the adventures we plan for you.

Adventure Life was founded in 1999 by Brian Morgan, whose vision to connect curious travelers with meaningful, off-the-beaten-path experiences continues to guide our work today.

Whether planning from the U.S. or abroad, each Trip Planner brings their depth of experience and genuine curiosity to every itinerary. We listen first, and then we plan, always keeping your interests at the center. You won't find cookie-cutter tours here. Instead, we create trips that immerse you in the colors, culture, cuisine, and hidden corners of each destination.

[Learn More](#)

Senior Team Members



Mary Curry

A Voyage Product Director and Trip Planner who's been with Adventure Life since nearly the beginning—and she's instilled a passion for global travel in her four kids. A Montana native with a Master's in Occupational Therapy, she's been recognized as a Travel + Leisure AList Advisor and Condé Nast Traveler Top Specialist.



Monika Sundem, CEO

Monika is a lifelong adventurer with deep roots in Latin American travel and over 18 years of experience at Adventure Life. She's passionate about creating life-changing journeys and believes in the power of travel to connect people and cultures.



Kassandra Magruder

Kassandra is a trusted contributor at Adventure Life, bringing destinations to life through her 20 personal travel stories, filled with rich insights, expert tips, and personal reflections. She writes with a keen eye for detail to inspire travelers planning their next unforgettable journeys.



Erin Correia

Whether hiking dunes or attending quirky festivals, Erin is a lover of the outdoors and is curious about what nature has to offer. She turned that curiosity into a career as a Trip Planner at Adventure Life. She's a Travel + Leisure A-List Top Travel Advisor for the Galápagos and loves sharing her passion for exploring wild places with others.



Kevin Moore

He found his love for travel while leaving his comfort zone one college summer by choosing the Rockies over home. Kevin now channels that same adventurous spirit into helping others find their next favorite destination.



Jeff Rottschäfer

Jeff Rottschäfer first caught the travel bug after a year of studying in France and then spent years living in destinations as far apart as Berlin and China. Now, as an Adventure Life Trip Planner and a Condé Nast Traveler Top Travel Specialist, he's eager to help others discover the joys of diverse food, languages, and culture.



Jess Heuermann

She began her journey in the heart of the Cascades and discovered a broader world during a study abroad in England—then travelled extensively with Missoula Children's Theatre. She now helps clients find those tucked-away secrets on the map while fueling her own love for backpacking, theatre, and dark roast coffee.



Franny Friesz

Growing up in the foothills of Montana, Franny fell in love with travel after visiting Brazil at age ten. Since joining Adventure Life in 2015, she's visited places like Costa Rica, Antarctica, and Croatia—and she's thrilled to plan your next trip of a lifetime.



Jane Packer

Jane Packer's wanderlust began with family road trips and service trips in Central America, eventually leading to two years of solo travel across South America. As a Trip Planner at Adventure Life and a Condé Nast Traveler Top Travel Specialist, she brings that same adventurous spirit to helping craft your next journey.



It was a wonderful trip! Thank you so much for all your help and patience! We loved our guide Santiago, who was with us on the Inca trail before and beyond. He was extremely informative and helpful!!!! The Amazon portion was amazing. We enjoyed all the critters we saw on the visit. Our guides were very knowledgeable and helpful in finding critters. Thanks for an unforgettable trip!!!

- Cheryl Konkol-Broullre (Peru) ★★★★★



Everything about our trip was phenomenal. All the excursions were excellent, meaningful, and fun. Each guide was professional, friendly, and shared valuable information about their country. All the accommodations were gorgeous and truly super comfortable. A standout for us was Ndali Lodge in Uganda. What a special place, the views are unbelievable, dinner by candlelight is pretty special, and there is so much to do on site. Really, everywhere we went was special and unique. The biggest highlight was gorilla habituation. After gorilla trekking, we thought it couldn't get any better; however, habituation is a day we will never, ever forget.

- Aana Rivlin (South Africa, Uganda, and Madagascar) ★★★★★



Arranging visits to three countries in 17 days was a daunting and challenging task... Adventure Life listened to our needs, considered our concerns, and took into consideration our mobility issues. Their hotel recommendations were excellent, and the local tour guides were knowledgeable and friendly.

- Hal O'Connell Jr. (Patagonia) ★★★★★



Everything about our trip was perfect. Adventure Life set us up on an amazing adventure to Antarctica. We booked with Atlas Voyage and couldn't have been happier. They went above and beyond to make sure our trip was as perfect as possible. The guides were extremely knowledgeable, and the excursions were planned to perfection.

- Chris Rankin (Antarctica) ★★★★★



Your team helped on so many levels. The M/Y Bonita exceeded our expectations, largely due to the amazing crew. Our guide was informative and enthusiastic, and we learned so much about the flora and fauna. Of course, the animals were the real prize, and we'll never forget so many wonderful experiences to be "up close and personal" during our many outings on land and at sea. The opportunity to snorkel with sea lions and turtles was magical

- Peter and Jennifer Linder (Galápagos) ★★★★★



We enjoyed every minute of our honeymoon. Service, accommodations, food - everything was top notch, and we will be recommending Adventure Life and South Africa to all of our friends.

- Shelby Oaks (Africa) ★★★★★



This is a perfect trip for active people of all ages (we are in our 70's), combining activities such as waterfall rappelling, canyoning, zip-lining, white-water rafting, hiking, and wading through the surf to get from a boat to remote national parks. Mixed in was an interesting tour of a plantation where we saw how chocolate is made (from cacao to cup), sugar (from cane to granules) and coffee (from raw beans to perfect brew). This, along with exploring the jungle, seeing exotic animals and birds in their wild habitat made it a perfect, memorable trip.

- Chuck Carlson (Costa Rica) ★★★★★



The best way to describe the trip was "red carpet treatment" from start to finish. Guides and drivers in China were incredible, walking, talking encyclopedias. Travelling as a twosome meant we got to see many things you could not do as part of a larger group...cooking class, the calligraphy lesson, the visits to the People's parks in three cities, meeting the man who discovered the Terra Cotta Soldiers. It was a trip of a lifetime. Every single day had unique experiences. I have already recommended you to many people.

- Pat McKenzie (China) ★★★★★



I absolutely loved my trip to Egypt. The trip was tailored to my interests and my goals, and I was able to see monuments I never imagined would fit into my itinerary. We were so lucky to work with Sayed on the ground in Egypt. He was a fountain of knowledge and cared for all of our needs as though we were his family. We really felt like we got to see much that Egypt has to offer, and we felt safe the entire time.

- Mindy Lawrence (Egypt) ★★★★★



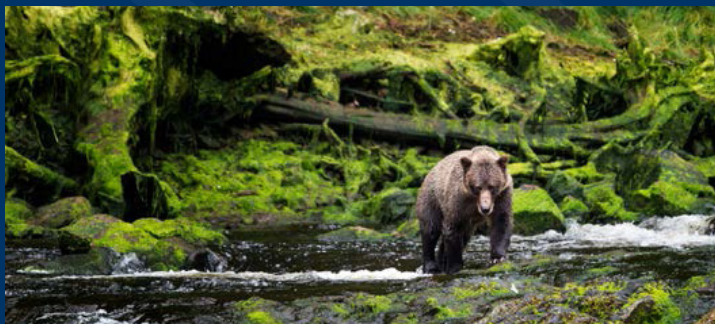
The overall trip was excellent. The guides were extremely knowledgeable and caring. Four excursions were offered almost every day, and we learned an incredible amount about the Amazon, both wildlife and its people. The crew onboard was top-notch and the food was plentiful. We found the other passengers to be quite interesting, and the time went by quickly, but at a very leisurely pace.

- Matt Cohn (Amazon) ★★★★★



Wow!! So many positive things to share. I couldn't recommend them more and we could not be happier with our guides. Our guide, Mumi in Bangkok and our guide, Jira in Chiang Mai both were personable, knowledgeable and made us feel safe and well taken care of. I highly recommend the outings we did in Bangkok. It was a perfect way to see the city. Our excursions in Chiang Mai were amazing. The peddle and paddle activity was beyond what we expected. Overall please keep using the local guide company because they were attentive and wonderful! We've done 2 trips with Adventure Life now. One to Costa Rica and now to Thailand. We've been very pleased with both trips and will definitely return for our next big adventure.

- Jessica Webb (Thailand) ★★★★★



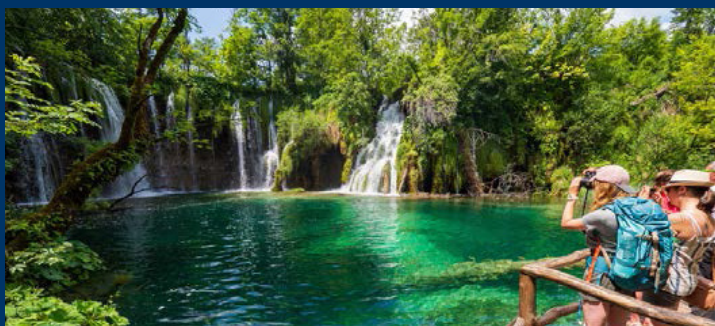
It was a holiday of a lifetime, exceeding expectations, especially the amount of wildlife we saw, and the genuine experiences meeting first nation tribes. Being on an Alaska-owned trip definitely made a difference, and the local guides were welcoming, friendly and knowledgeable.

- Elizabeth O'Neill (Alaska) ★★★★★



I loved the trip. We were all so happy that we decided to rent kayaks and gear; the kayaking was absolutely the highlight of the trip. Peter and Teal were fabulous guides. They got along with each other great, and made us feel safe, yet adventurous! I was so happy to be paddling and seeing animals, ice, etc., up close!

- Liz Ryder (Arctic Circle) ★★★★★



Our adventure to Croatia was wonderful! We were more than happy with all our guides & excursions. Accommodations were good. Located so that we were able to get around easily without a car during our free time. We've traveled with Adventure Life before & you have always treated us well. Once again, you didn't disappoint. Tilly & Nina were very helpful & patient with us while we were planning our trip. We recommend Adventure Life often to our friends and fellow travelers.

- Karen Stelling (Croatia) ★★★★★



Everything was so smooth with our travels. All drivers and guides were on time and very friendly. With all the moving parts of a trip that included multiple Greek islands we were so happy that we had everything planned out ahead of time. Working with you allowed us to make the most of our travels. We even received some free upgrades at some of our hotels which was such a wonderful surprise! We will certainly be working with you again in the future.

- Abbie Bideaux (Greece) ★★★★★



This was one of the best trips we have taken with everything planned and managed so well, we had no itinerary issues. Our guides were knowledgeable and timely, we saw everything we wanted to see, and we had plenty of leisure time. Also the quality of accommodations and transportation was comfortable and clean.

- El Grabar (Italy) ★★★★★



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