





## A Legacy of Adventure, Learning & Discovery

Dear Traveler,

ROW was born from a long legacy of adventure. The photo above was taken by Peter's grandfather in 1913 when he was working for the U.S. Forest Service. From 1909-1916 he rode a horse throughout Idaho, snowshoed in Utah, and one summer, rode on this wooden scow for a few days on the Salmon, River of No Return.

Both Betsy and Peter had parents who made travel a priority over material things. Peter's parents, with five children in tow, set sail from New York in February 1965 on the SS Ryndam crossing to Rotterdam. On arrival, a new VW van was waiting and for the next five months they camped and stayed in youth hostels throughout southern Europe. Thus began Peter's love affair with travel, history, and the Mediterranean. Betsy's parents shared the world of nature with an epic canoe trip to the Bowron Lakes in British Columbia, numerous backpacking trips in the Cascade Mountains, and many Rocky Mountain ski adventures. To say that travel, learning and discovery are in the DNA of ROW would be an understatement.

As we reflect on 45 years, we evermore appreciate our roots that led us to a life of adventure and growth. We have planted and nurtured new trips in the world of adventure travel, including operating the first guided rafting trips on Idaho's Moyie (1982) and St. Joe (1986); yachting trips in Yugoslavia along the coast of Croatia (1988); the first descent of Ecuador's Amazon tributary, the Rio Upano (1991); the first-ever sea kayaking tours with island camping in the Galapagos (2006) and the first People-to-People educational sea kayaking tours in Cuba (2015). We are thankful for all those who have joined us and supported these new adventures.

We have always tried our best to be a positive force for good in the world. Today the world of travel abounds with terms such as ecotrail, responsible and sustainable travel, regenerative travel, and others, sometimes presented as new concepts. The fact is, ROW has always operated in a way that embraces these philosophies: following Leave No Trace practices, advocating for conservation, employing local people, supporting local economies, being sensitive to local cultures, service to others, traveling with purpose and setting the stage for personal growth and discovery.

We continue to ask ourselves, as Spokane artist Harold Balazs suggested, "How do I conduct my life so that my efforts end up on the credit column of the planet's ledgers?" This question has guided us and shaped our values.

We are thankful to share with you the celebration of our 45th year! More than ever, we believe that travel is a bridge between cultures that teaches us that we have much more in common with our global neighbors than differences. Walls between us have no place, and only through dialogue, sharing and cooperation will we meet the challenges of the future.

We hope you find inspiration in these pages to join us. We look forward, as always, to sharing with you the warmth of our campfire and our hearts.

Faithfully yours,

Peter Grubb & Betsy Bowen

Founders of the ROW Family of Companies



# The ROW Family of Companies

*One Family – Three Great Brands – Endless Adventure!*

**IN 1979 ROW'S** roots were planted lovingly on the banks of river canyons of the American West as a company specializing in wilderness river trips. Over the years, these roots took hold and flourished, nourishing our heartfelt mission of "Sharing Nature – Enriching Lives." This purposeful intent has always been our guide and throughout this journey, our river roots have remained strong and steadfast.

As time passed, we branched out to create what is today the ROW Family of Companies. We invite you to share this world of wonder with us and with your help, we will continue to build community within and across borders, to spread smiles and hope wherever we go, and be a positive force for good.



Our name, ROW, originally an acronym for River Odysseys West, is the perfect name for a rafting company. It's been adapted along the way, and

is also an acronym for our cycling division, **Ride Our World**. Our rafting, fly fishing and biking tours focus on the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountains of the USA and are led by guides that provide superlative guest service. In addition, we strive to bring meaningful cultural and natural history interpretation to our adventures hoping to inspire you to become stewards of wild places, as we are. The team of ROW promises you a warm welcome and adventures where friendship, growth, learning and fun blend together in harmony.



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Sea Kayak Adventures helps you explore the quieter waters of the world. We paddle in oceans, bays, estuaries, calm rivers and lakes to discover new appreciation and perspectives of this miraculous planet

we call home. These are waters where whales, dolphins, seals, fish, corals and a host of other marine plants and animals live. Some trips are lodge-based while others offer our signature camping experience. Local guides welcome you and share not only the riches of the natural world, but the treasure of their own lives.



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In 1984 we started operating international trips. As decades passed, we spread further across the globe, cultivating hiking, biking, wildlife and cultural journeys. As this division grew, it deserved its own identity and thus was born Adventure Unbound. Unbound because, together with you, we travel with unfettered hearts filled with love, open minds eager to learn, and arms wide, ready to embrace people and places around the world. We believe in the transformative power of travel and how it can shape people and make the world a better place.



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**CELEBRATING 45 YEARS! 1979-2024**





# The ROW Difference

*Your Journey, Our Passion—  
Inspired by You!*

**SINCE OUR BEGINNING** in 1979 our goal has been to set the high watermark for meaningful, inspiring, educational and joyful travel experiences that fulfill your dreams, invigorate your mind and soul, and open up the possibility for change and transformation.

**Learning & Connection** – One of our goals is to build community wherever we go, while giving you an insider's experience. Our guides are locals with intimate knowledge of the places we visit and masters at sharing cultural and natural history with our guests in a way that is meaningful and personally relevant. We conduct our own guide training workshops to teach "interpretive techniques" designed to help us share our knowledge in an inspiring, purposeful way.

**Relax–We've Got You Covered** – We're proud of our team that works hard at the art of creating life-enriching adventures that exceed our guests' expectations. During every part of your journey with us, from our Adventure Consultants who listen carefully to your desires, to support staff working behind the scenes, to our talented guides who foster friendship and growth on our trips, we are attentive, caring people making real-time decisions with your best interests in mind.

**Accommodations– Local, Authentic & Immersive** – We offer both lodge-based and camping trips including some that have a mix of both. Our goal is to provide comfort coupled with authenticity, staying in locally-owned places where you are warmly welcomed or camping in style surrounded by nature.



**Awards & Accolades**– We're honored to be recognized by a variety of organizations. It speaks to our commitment to set the high watermark for active travel.



**Proudly Featured in  
the New York Times:**  
*Galapagos Unbound  
Peaks of the Balkans  
Kayaking in Cuba*



**Setting the High Watermark for Adventure Travel™**

# SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

*Community, Conservation & Education*

**SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** and local community involvement go hand in hand. Done well, and with inclusivity, we know that sustainable tourism can be a positive force for good in the world. Since our early days we have worked to promote social equity, environmental stewardship, and accountability. We find meaning and purpose in our work knowing that a majority of your travel dollars stay within the communities and regions you visit. They are spent with locally owned accommodations and restaurants, local guides and various community projects. Travel is an effective way to spread wealth around the world in a tangible way.



**The Balancing Act** – Travel is a large contributor to the world’s carbon footprint. While we strongly believe that travel is a source for much good in the world, we must take an honest look at this impact. With thoughtfulness and intent, we do our best to make responsible choices. We also want our travelers to think about traveling responsibly and we work with you to reduce our impact through simple things like bringing water filtering bottles to reduce the use of single use plastic and, larger scale concepts such as designing itineraries to minimize the use of transportation.

Many of our trips are human-powered, using rafts, sea kayaks and bicycles. Nevertheless, even following Leave No Trace practices, taking people into wilderness areas does have an impact. Yet we also know that by sharing wild places with our guests, we create more advocates for their protection, which could someday save them from a much greater threat such as a dam, mine or other development.



**Giving Back** – We support numerous conservation organizations, as well as human-centered grassroots organizations that have meaningful and positive impact within the communities and places we visit. Our local teams help us determine which of these is the most effective. Not only do we provide financial support, but also time, and some of our trips directly contribute to these organizations by visiting their projects. Please see the “Sustainable Travel” pages on our websites for more information.



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# YOUR TRIP—YOUR WAY

*Scheduled, Private & Custom Journeys*



**Small Group Adventures** – With our wide array of destinations and ways to experience our world – by foot, bike, yacht, canoe, kayak or raft – you’re bound to find a trip that fits your interests. Our small groups (8-23 in the US, and 8-16 on international trips) led by phenomenal guides offer a superb combination of intimacy, discovery and camaraderie within the framework of finely-tuned itineraries.



**Make it Private** – Most of our trips can become a private departure for just your group. Choose an itinerary you like and bring your family or group of friends! Celebrate an anniversary or other special occasion. When a trip is private, guides can be more flexible. And since you are chartering an entire trip, you usually get our lowest price.

**Custom Tours** – Maybe you have an idea for a custom tour with special interests? We’re experts at designing experiences based on your needs and desires, so let’s work together to create your dream vacation. As one of our guests observed, their journey with us created “memories we’ll carry with us into heaven.”



**Family Trip Specialists** – Having traveled the world with our own kids, we’ve learned how to create top-quality adventures that embrace fun and learning for all ages. Our family itineraries feature special activities, meal planning and kid-loving staff to make these trips a masterpiece.



**Setting the High Watermark for Adventure Travel™**

# OUR GUIDES

**GREAT GUIDES** are the key to life enriching, transformative journeys, and we have some of the best. We start by selecting people seeking to set the high watermark in their own lives. We hire carefully, and provide extensive training, support and mentoring. We do our best to provide a healthy, supportive work environment and are proud of our high retention rate.

Our guides are ultimate professionals, bringing warmth and care to your journey, along with boundless energy and an eagerness to share their knowledge with you. Many have university degrees in fields such as marine biology, wildland management, geology or tourism. Their knowledge and connections open doors that lead you deeper into a region's natural and cultural history, taking you to those unknown places where meaningful interactions with locals can happen. They bring a can-do attitude and friendly smile, infusing trips with laughter, sharing and growth for all.

All our trips feature local guides. They are the portal through which you can truly understand the local culture and history. We are proud that our trips provide meaningful employment for gifted guides and other support staff around the world. This is another way in which we find purpose in what we do.



TEAM BAJA, MEXICO



TEAM ECUADOR/GALAPAGOS



TEAM CUBA



TEAM USA

**CELEBRATING 45 YEARS! 1979-2024**





*Pristine Alpine Wilderness, Towering  
Mountains and Deep Desert Canyons*

ROW Inc. and ROW Oregon, LLC, each doing business as ROW Adventures, are proud to be Equal Opportunity recreation service providers under separate permits from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service. ROW, Inc operates under special use permits from the Jarbidge, Vale, Cottonwood and Judith Resource Areas of the BLM; the Salmon, Payette, Boise, Challis, Clearwater, Umatilla and Panhandle National Forests. Also, the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. ROW Oregon, LLC operates on the Rogue River under permit from the BLM, Medford District along with the U.S. Forest Service in Siskiyou National Forest. All our operations and facilities are operated on a non-discriminatory basis.



**OUR HOME IS IN NORTHERN IDAHO**, on the edge of the Rocky Mountains in the Pacific Northwest. This is a vast expanse of land replete with wildlife, mountains, wild rivers and some of the largest protected areas in the US. For over 45 years we've shared our corner of the world with others on whitewater rafting, gentle float and canoe trips, bicycle tours, hikes and multisport adventures. We lead you to places that are familiar to us, but continually inspiring. We take you to wild places as well as into designated Wilderness areas, with a capital W. These areas are protected by law, no motors or anything mechanical is allowed and you can only travel on foot, horse or boat.

### ***Why Go on a River Trip?***

Rivers flow through some of the most majestic landscapes of the world and are a natural pathway to places that can be otherwise difficult to access. We run some of the world's most famous rivers and are also known as the river connoisseur's company because we have trips on rivers that few others float.

River canyons are a place to feel the earth under foot and the heavens above. A place you can find both peace and the mysterious thrill of gazing upon life and the world and being one with it. The rapids we encounter are exciting, heart-pounding punctuations of the poetry of the river trip experience. Between the rapids there is calm and time to gaze upon soaring eagles and magnificent pines. At camp there is hiking, good food, camaraderie around the campfire, and star-gazing.

The meals we prepare are made from fresh ingredients carried in coolers loaded with ice. The menu is varied, bountiful and delicious. We cook and clean up, leaving you time to hike, fish, read, visit, or simply relax on the river bank.

These are soul-expanding places. Places to feel the freshness of a breeze, the power of the river, the glow of the sunset. To share with us as we share ourselves with you.





# MIDDLE FORK SALMON

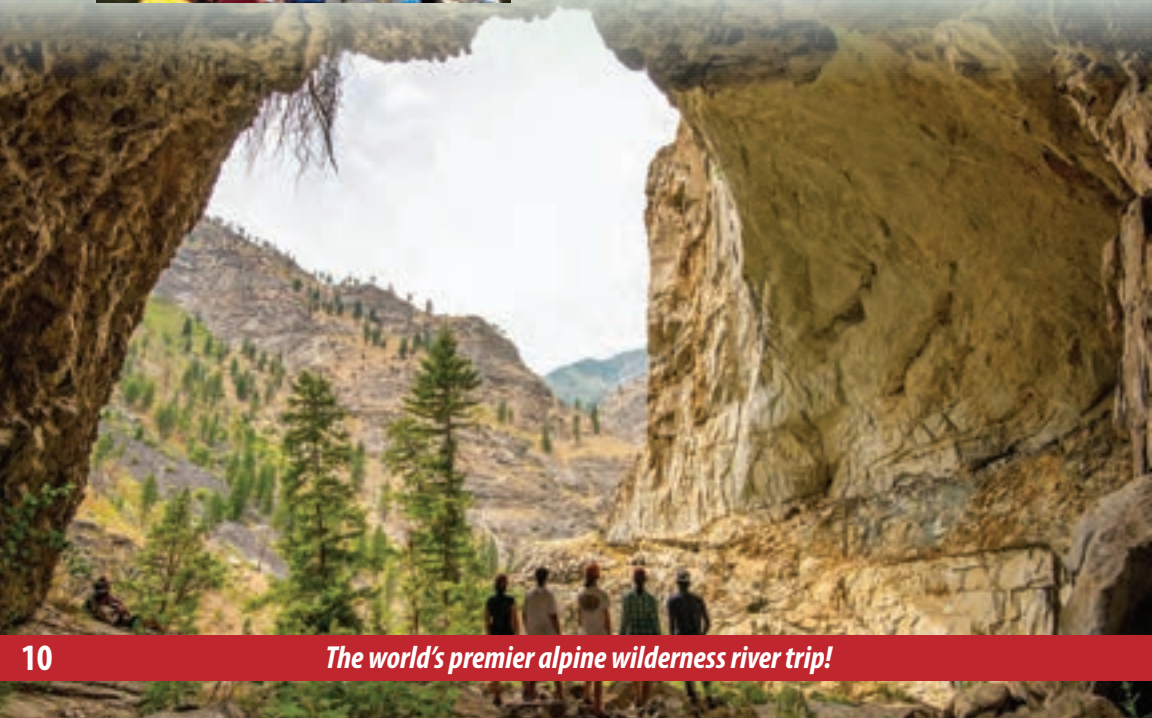
*Crown Jewel of Rivers*

**THERE'S A REASON** people come from around the globe to raft Idaho's Middle Fork of the Salmon, the most spectacular alpine wilderness trip in North America. 100 miles of pure, clear, free-flowing river that drops 3000 feet through the heart of the remote and stunning River of No Return Wilderness, the largest in the lower 48 states.

Launching at nearly 6000 feet above sea level, the river gallops through forests of fir and spruce. With each passing mile side creeks tumble into the river's diamond-sparkling water, deepening the way. The rapids are frequent and challenging with names that guides speak with reverence – Velvet Falls, Ram's Horn, Pistol Creek, Tappan Falls, Devil's Tooth – over 100 in all.

We stop often to visit Indian rock paintings and pioneer homesteads. You're likely to see big horn sheep, mule deer and maybe a playful river otter. Wilderness hot springs, superb hiking trails, fantastic fishing and granite mountains that slice into a cobalt sky all add to the enchantment of an adventure on the Middle Fork.

**5 & 6 day trips depart May through Sept.**





# MAIN SALMON

## River of No Return

**WHERE THE MIDDLE FORK** of the Salmon ends, trips on the Main Salmon River begin and travel some 80 miles from east to west across the state of Idaho with magnificent Wilderness Areas on each side.

This is the land of the Nimi'ipuu, or Nez Perce, who lived here for generations, and this journey is a chance to honor their legacy, their lives, and their homelands.

Early fur trappers, miners and homesteaders came in the latter part of the 19th century and starting in the late 1800's, a few pioneer boatmen ran wooden scows the length of the Main Salmon. We stop along our journey to learn about the human history and, the plants and animals of the river canyon. With luck we'll see big horn sheep, river otter and deer.

Hot summer days are common and camping is ideal, with some camps set on big, white-sand beaches, while on others we nestle our tents beneath towering ponderosa pines. The rapids are splashy and fun and are interspersed with long pools perfect for swimming, watching eagles and hawks soar above, and gazing upon a majestic mountain landscape. Part of the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers System, the Main Salmon is a National treasure, protected for generations to come.

**6-day trips depart June through Sept.**





# SALMON RIVER CANYONS *Family Magic*

**WHERE THE MAIN SALMON**, ends, the Salmon River Canyons begins. We offer trips on the Rig-gins section of the Salmon as well as the mostly roadless Salmon River Canyons; the last 60 miles of the Salmon before it meets the Snake River in Hells Canyon. This is where we run our Family Magic trips that have been a hallmark of our operation since 1988. Designed exclusively for families with children ages five and up, you can't join these trips if you don't bring a kid.

The trip is a magical mixture of hot sun, warm water, fun rapids, and the most beautiful, expansive, white-sand beaches of any river in the West. You float through twisted volcanic canyons that open up to vast mountains soaring into an endless western sky. Raft-tossing rapids make for big smiles and joyful laughter. Between the rapids we relax, drift, jump in to swim and enjoy the mountain vistas and soaring eagles.

On our Family Magic trips we have a specially trained River Jester™ who leads fun-filled, nature-oriented games and activities along with our family-friendly crew of professional guides. Our own kids inspired a delicious kids' menu that would make Dr. Seuss drool, while adults enjoy our usual gourmet fare. There are surprises every day including special stops, s'mores around the campfire and stories and songs under a star-studded sky.

***5-day Family Magic trips depart July & August.***

*Adult oriented trips are offered by request and in September.*





# ROGUE RIVER

## Lodge-Based Wilderness Rafting

**FLOWING FROM OREGON'S** Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, the Rogue River is one of the most famous rivers in the American West. Fun, intermediate rapids, warm water and a green-forested canyon make the Rogue the perfect natural playground. With luck, you'll see deer, black bear, river otters and a variety of birds that make this canyon their home. We stop to visit historic homesteads and enjoy superb hiking trails. Few rivers offer such a magical blend of fun suitable for all ages.

Our unique lodge-based trips give you the best of both worlds—outdoor fun during the day and the comfort of a bed at night. The lodges are basic but comfortable, set in remote wilderness settings near the river. *ROW Adventures is pleased to offer a variety of trips on the Rogue, including:*

- Unique lodge-based three and four-day trips depart every weekend June through August.
- Spring and fall hiking trips along the Rogue River trail.
- Spring and fall rafting trips with camping.
- Trips combining visits to Crater Lake or Redwoods National Park.
- Fall fishing trips for salmon and steelhead.

**3 & 4-day trips depart May through Sept.**





# SNAKE RIVER HELLS CANYON

## *Big Water & Geologic Wonder*

**THE DEEPEST RIVER** gorge in North America, straddling the borders of Idaho and Oregon, Hells Canyon is a place of grandeur. Running from south to north through Hells Canyon, the Snake River has shaped some of the most rugged, spectacular landscape on earth. Where boulders and rock slides have rolled into the river, the biggest rapids in the Pacific Northwest, with high-crested waves and paddle-swallowing holes, drench you in excitement.

Between the rapids, kick back and marvel at the snow-capped peaks over a mile above the river. There are great hiking trails, a multitude of Indian rock art sites and several pioneer homesteads to add to the intrigue of this adventure. Fishing for small-mouth bass and rainbow trout is excellent and on hot summer days a dip in the near 70-degree water is ideal. We invite you to join us for a journey through a land rich in myth and geologic wonder.

**3 to 6-day trips depart May through Oct.**





# BRUNEAU & OWYHEE

## *Sistine Chapels of the Desert*

**FOR THE NATURE LOVER** and river connoisseur, these rivers are a dream come true. Flowing from the mountains of northern Nevada, through Idaho and Oregon, these rivers are the world's best-kept whitewater secret. The dramatic, sheer-walled desert canyons captivate the soul and are filled with a kaleidoscope of life – wildflowers, birds, reptiles, beaver, otter, coyote, antelope and big horn sheep.

The whitewater is as diverse as the flora and fauna. From mellow class II to raging class V, along with an occasional portage, each section is unique. ROW offers trips on four sections of the Owyhee, the Bruneau and by request, a Jarbidge/Bruneau combination. Expeditionary-style trips take place on the remote upper reaches of the Owyhee and everyone paddles their own inflatable kayak. The Middle Owyhee and Bruneau have the most thrilling whitewater, while the lower Owyhee is suitable for families. Undammed and flowing free, these rivers are raftable only during spring snowmelt from April to June, with low water kayaking expeditions offered after that.

**4 to 17-day trips offered from late April to mid-June.**



# RAFT-SUPPORTED HIKING

## *Walk into America's Sacred Canyons*

**IN 1992, ROW PIONEERED** the concept of raft-supported hiking trips. A cargo raft carries all the camp gear while you hike on trails that roughly parallel the river's course, carrying only a small daypack and accompanied by one of our superb guides. Join us to experience the spectacular river canyons of the American West in an entirely different way!

***The Rogue River Trail***—Renowned for its scenic splendor, you walk through a diverse forest of pine, fir and oak where cool side creeks invite a dip and historic sites add to the intrigue. Choose our lodge-based trip or a camping adventure.

*4-day trips, May, June, Sept & Oct.*

***Hells Canyon of the Snake River***—The deepest river gorge in North America, the Snake River trail takes you beneath towering mountains and slopes of ponderosa pine. Indian rock art, pioneer homesteads and wildlife galore along the Idaho-Oregon border.

*5-day trips May, June, Sept.*

***Middle Fork of the Salmon***—Flowing through the largest Wilderness Area in the lower 48 states, the Middle Fork trail is spectacular. We camp near hot springs or tributary creeks and visit homestead sites, Indian rock art and other natural wonders.

*6-day trips: Late August & Sept.*

***Superlative Idaho—Raft, Hike, Kayak***—Our National Geographic award-winning trip climbs Idaho's highest peak, rafts its deepest canyon and paddles its biggest lake.





# FLY-FISHING

## *The Art of Mending the Line*

**THE RIVERS** of Idaho and Oregon are legendary for fly fishing. We offer trips lasting from a half-day to six days on several of the rivers we run.

**Middle Fork of the Salmon** – A legendary blue-ribbon cutthroat trout fishery, our six-day Middle Fork fly fishing expeditions take place in late August and September. The river is typically low and clear, and very productive, making for a rewarding fishing experience.

**Snake River in Hells Canyon** – Because of the upstream dam that releases water from the top of the reservoir, the Snake River is relatively warm. Trout fishing is excellent the first couple of days of the trip and then smallmouth bass become more plentiful. August and early September are perfect months for these five-day trips.

**St. Joe River** – A blue-ribbon cutthroat trout fishery close to Coeur d'Alene where we offer full-day trips as well as lodge-based overnight trips from two to four days. Your choice of walk-n-wade or float-boat fishing.

**Coeur d'Alene River** – Walk-n-wade the headwaters of the Coeur d'Alene with us, or enjoy float-boat fishing for rainbow trout, cutthroats and cut-bows.



# BIKE & E-BIKE TOURS

*Biking Adventures in the Pacific Northwest & Cuba*

**RIDE OUR WORLD™** biking tours immerse you in the landscape in an intimate way that is unique from any other. A world of wonder unfolds as you pedal your way along quiet roads or trails, through forests, farmland and urban landscapes. Fragrances fill the air with as much variety as the scenery. Air temperatures change from shadow to sun. Lungs are filled and life is good. Biking is a time to enjoy alone, while also sharing the joy of riding with fellow travelers. Our professional, enthusiastic, and talented guides set the stage for your own personal discovery as we share local history, culture and culinary delights.



In the Pacific Northwest, we are proud to offer both cycling and E-bike tours. Our four to six-day trips are designed to take advantage of rails-to-trails that generally keep bikes separated from traffic. In addition to cycling, you savor regional cuisine and stay in comfortable accommodations.

We are also a leader of biking tours in Cuba. Idaho and Cuba share an important connection through famous author and historical figure Ernest Hemingway, who lived in Cuba for 20 years, then came to Idaho in the final stage of his life. Indeed, it was Ernest Hemingway who once said: "It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best."



## ***Eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana Biking Tours***

Near our headquarters in Coeur d'Alene, we have some of the best rails-to-trails in the U.S. including two that are in the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Hall of Fame! These are the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and the legendary Route of the Hiawatha. Our three-state tours take place on these two trails as well as the Washington/Idaho Centennial Trail and the Route of the Olympian. As a local company you benefit from both our extensive knowledge of the area, as well as our local guides. Choose either a regular bike tour or an E-bike tour for these four to five-day cycling itinerary.







### ***E-Bike Tour of the Olympic Peninsula***

Join us to explore the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State as well as Olympic National Park. We ride on a mix of dirt roads and rail trails and, in addition, include some easy hikes in areas such as the magical Hoh rainforest and spectacular Hurricane Ridge. We stay in a variety of lodges along the way, including at least two historic National Park lodges. This fantastic six-day cycling tour starts and ends in Seattle making for easy access by road, train or air.

### ***Cycling Cuba***

In 2015 ROW launched a wide range of nature-based educational tours in Cuba, as Cuba Unbound. Included are cycling tours to discover this enchanting Caribbean Island of forested mountains, farmlands still plowed by oxen, gentle rivers, expansive beaches and quiet roads. Our trips immerse you in the island's history and culture. Music abounds and friendly people are everywhere. Frequent flights from Miami and other cities make access easy.

*Visit our website for the most current itineraries.*





*Worldwide Kayaking & Whale Watching*

SEA KAYAK ADVENTURES





**SEA KAYAK ADVENTURES** was launched in 1993 and is our division specializing in worldwide sea kayaking and whale watching trips. Sea kayaking is the perfect human-powered activity to immerse yourself in nature and, with each paddle stroke, take in the beauty around you. Most trips are suitable for beginners and generally we are paddling in calm, protected waters. We also offer more difficult trips that are expeditionary in nature with longer paddling distances and which may experience rougher waters.

Some trips are kayak focused, while others of these artfully-created itineraries include a mix of kayaking, hiking, cultural touring and wildlife viewing. We offer lodge-based, mothership and camping expeditions. Camping expeditions tend to have more immersion in nature and perhaps more opportunity for group bonding due to the nature of living outdoors together. Mothership and lodge-based trips offer more creature comforts and generally the kayaking distances are less. No matter which you choose, join us to paddle in some of the world's finest sea kayaking destinations!





# BAJA

## Kayaking, Whales & Culture

**DRAMATIC MOUNTAINS** fall into the brilliantly-turquoise waters of one of the world's most pristine seas. Gorgeous white-sand beaches tickle toes and seduce even the most driven soul into peaceful bliss. These carefully-crafted trips, refined over two decades of operating in Baja, showcase the authentic nature and culture of this rugged peninsula.



### Kayaking Trips

We are Baja's foremost sea kayaking company with an exceptional team of bilingual Mexican guides anchoring the foundation of our Baja operations. Many of these highly-skilled professionals are marine biologists who share their love and knowledge of the ocean with enthusiasm and joy. Others grew up in fishing families and bring their intimate first-hand knowledge of the marine ecosystem from another perspective. All are sincere, have big smiles and want to be sure your time in Baja is superlative!

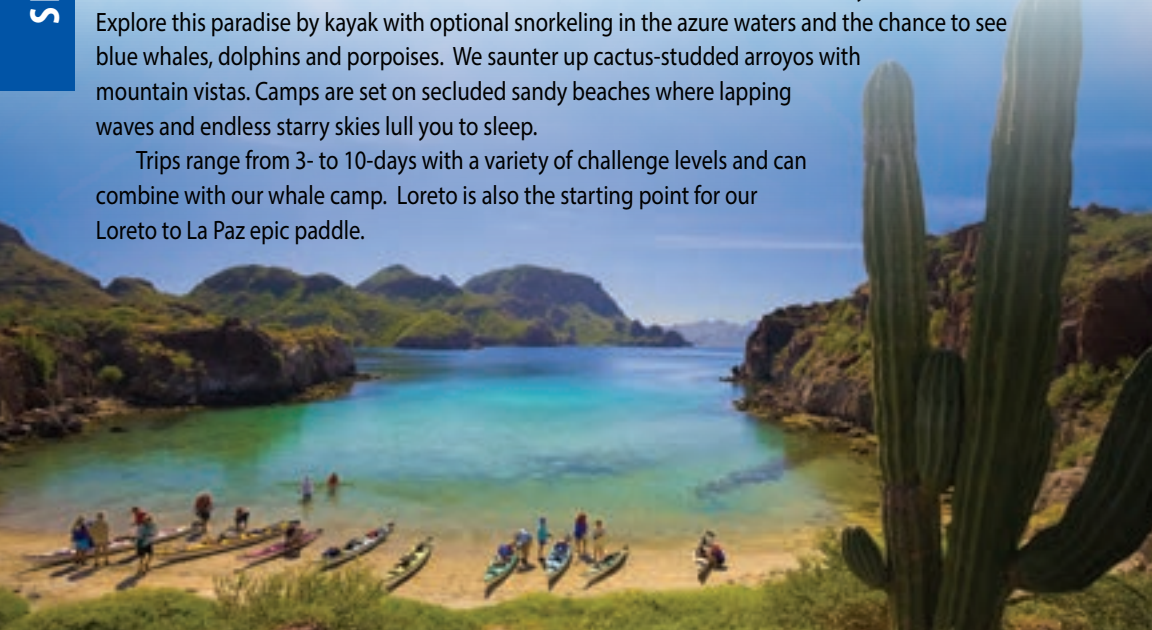


Our kayak journeys are accompanied by one of our motorized pangas that carry the bulk of the camping gear, food and supplies and add an additional safety net should it be needed. Their presence also allows a tired paddler to climb on board for a rest.

**Loreto Bay National Marine Park**— From our base in the quaint fishing town of Loreto on the Gulf of California, we paddle to the desert islands of the Loreto Bay National Marine Park.

Explore this paradise by kayak with optional snorkeling in the azure waters and the chance to see blue whales, dolphins and porpoises. We saunter up cactus-studded arroyos with mountain vistas. Camps are set on secluded sandy beaches where lapping waves and endless starry skies lull you to sleep.

Trips range from 3- to 10-days with a variety of challenge levels and can combine with our whale camp. Loreto is also the starting point for our Loreto to La Paz epic paddle.





**Isla Espiritu Santo**— North of Cabo San Lucas, near the capital city of La Paz, we offer a signature trip to the island of Espiritu Santo where deeply indented bays are perfect for paddling. Dreamy beaches and easy hikes add variety to the journey. We visit a sea lion colony to snorkel with playful teenagers and view colorful fish, hike volcanic arroyos and bathe in the radiant Baja sun.

**Isla San Jose**— In the early fall and late spring, when winds are calmer, we offer trips to the more remote island of San Jose located north of La Paz. This is a guest favorite with excellent hiking and more solitude than Espiritu Santo. When conditions allow, we do a full navigation of the island.

### Kayak & Gray Whale Camp Combinations

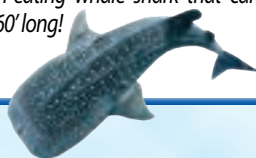
From mid-January to late April, we offer two options that combine kayaking and time at our whale camp where you can witness one of the world's most profound nature experiences when gray whales travel to Baja to birth and raise their young in the first months of life. Our Magdalena Bay whale camp is the finest in Baja, set on an island that separates the surf of the Pacific with the quiet whale lagoon. Whales swim and breach just in front of camp! During the day we ride out in small skiffs with our naturalist guides to view the whales including the "friendlies" that come very close to us. To see one of these 40' animals within a few feet, and look into their eye, is truly life changing.

In the evening learn more about the whales from our naturalist guides who give presentations. Then retire to your own standing-height tent with cots and air mattresses. (Also see page 45.) Join us for either a 3-day or 5-day Gulf of California kayak tour that then combines with our whale camp or, choose our **Magical Magdalena Bay** trip that includes two days and a night at our whale camp and a 5-day kayak adventure paddling the protected channel between Magdalena Island and the Pacific Coast.



### Swim with Whale Sharks

Before or after your La Paz area kayak trip we encourage you to take our half-day tour to swim with the world's largest fish, the peaceful, plankton-eating whale shark that can grow up to 60' long!





# BRITISH COLUMBIA

## *Kayak with Whales*

**THE TEMPERATE RAINFOREST** of coastal British Columbia is a natural wonderland with abundant wildlife. At the north end of Vancouver Island, Johnstone Strait and the Broughton Archipelago are home to the world's largest population of resident orca whales, numerous humpback whales, countless seals, sea lions and many other marine animals. We have a variety of creative itineraries that stay at our own exclusive camps with standing-height canvas tents and cots as well as an exclusive lodge-based kayaking trip at God's Pocket Resort.

### **Orca Base Camp**

Set on the shores of Vancouver Island, our orca base camp is located at a rubbing beach where orcas come to rub their bellies on smooth gravel not far below the surface. This is the best orca-viewing camp in the area, set up among massive cedars in a magical forest setting. The kayaking is moderate and includes a paddle to visit Robson Bight Ecological Preserve.

### **Humpback Base Camp**

Set on Swanson Island, this basecamp is close to the Broughton Archipelago and tends to have more viewings of humpbacks than our orca base camp. Each day we paddle and explore the area while soaking in the magic and spirit of this forested wonderland.

### **Blackfish Waters Orca Kayak Tour**

This is our signature 6-day tour in the area that visits three different base camps where tents are already set and ready to welcome you. It's an ideal choice for those wanting to see a larger part of Johnstone Strait along with the amazing variety of wildlife that resides in the area.





## God's Pocket Resort

This popular lodge-based kayak tour is ideal for those who love kayaking by day and a comfortable bed and hot shower at night. Jacques Cousteau rated God's Pocket Provincial Park the best cold-water scuba dive spot in the world due to its phenomenal marine diversity. Though we stay above water with stable sea kayaks, this island wilderness offers stunning scenery and flourishing marine life coupled with lovely accommodations and superb food prepared daily from scratch by the Resort chef.

## Broughton Archipelago

Each season we offer a few departures that paddle through Johnstone Strait to the Broughton Archipelago, a mystical place of quiet waters between small islands rich in cedar and gorgeous camps.

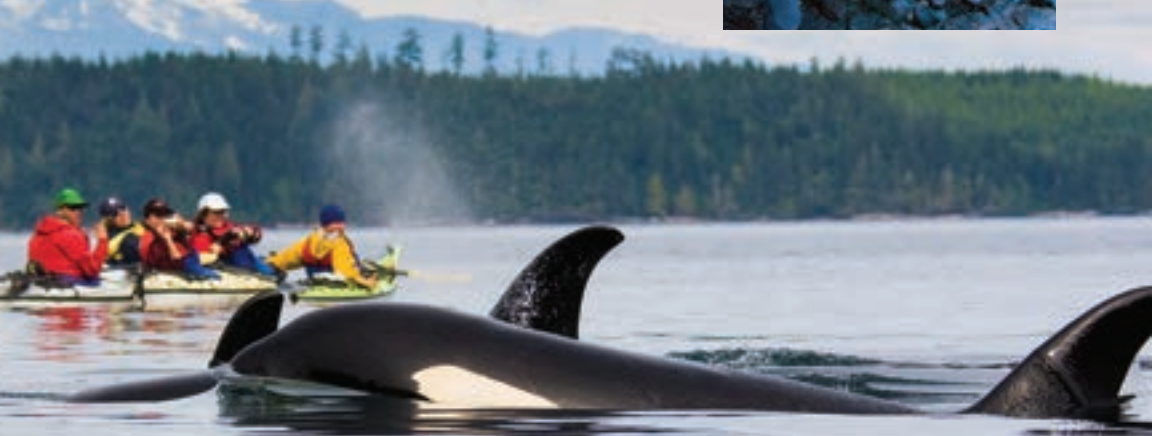
## Haida Gwaii

Known as Canada's Galapagos, Haida Gwaii is a wild archipelago that showcases both nature's magnificence and the Haida people who have lived in harmony with this land for centuries. Highlights include wildlife, First Nations history and visits to ancient Haida villages.

## Great Bear Rainforest

Herein lie some of the world's last pristine coastal forests where waterfalls cascade from precipitous mountains, sparkling rivers run full with salmon, wolves roam freely and the mighty grizzly and mystical spirit bear live. Join us to explore this sacred land.

***Trips offered May – September***





# QUEBEC

## *Belugas & Fjords*

**WELCOME TO OLD EUROPE** just north of Maine and Vermont – the heart of French-speaking North America. With a rich heritage and strong cultural ties to France, Quebec's culture complements her grand natural wonders. Free-flowing rivers, glaciated valleys, National Parks and majestic mountains are all part of the landscape. Ancient glacial forces carved the Saguenay Fjord, a natural wonder where high cliffs and wildlife meet the mixing of the waters of the Saguenay River and St. Lawrence Seaway. Beluga whales swim up this dynamic 62-mile-long waterway to feed and, like us, navigate the currents. Seeing them (which we usually do) is a true highlight of the trip.

We offer both a camping version and lodge-based version of this exhilarating kayak journey. Set off to explore the rich cultural and natural history of this awe-inspiring landscape.

### **Kayaking & Camping in Quebec's Saguenay Fjord**

The only zodiac-supported kayak trip through the Parc National du Fjord-du-Saguenay, we paddle 6-10 miles a day through rugged canyons, tranquil bays, and isolated islands. We camp four evenings, relax in a remote chalet for a night, and bookend the trip with two nights in picturesque hotels. The Saguenay Fjord offers nature at its grandest, and our kayaking adventure doesn't just dip your toe in its waters—it immerses you in them.

### **Lodge Based Kayaking with Belugas**

Our lodge-based Quebec kayak tour has you gliding through the mythic waters of Quebec's rugged Saguenay Fjord with time for short walks to explore both nature and heritage. Each evening we find ourselves in a lovely local inn where French influence is evident in design and cuisine. We also include a special whale watching tour on our last day that usually highlights several species.





# ALASKA

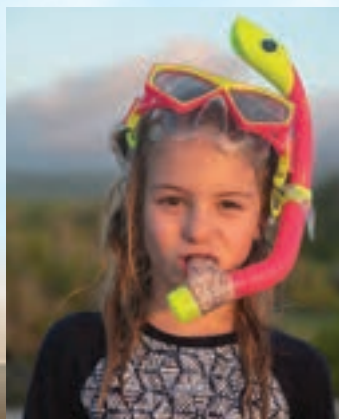
## *Mothership Kayaking*

**THE ENORMOUS WILDERNESS** of southeast Alaska will open your eyes to leviathan whales, countless eagles, bears catching wild salmon, sea lions, porpoises and various seabirds too numerous to count. Explore this magnificent wilderness aboard a historic wooden vessel that carries only 12 passengers. Kayaks are lowered into the water for daily jaunts into fjords, near glaciers of crackling ice, quiet estuaries and island rookeries of sea lions.

These 7-day journeys begin in either Juneau or Petersburg and nights are spent on board the romantic boat that has six cabins, some with private bathrooms. Weekly departures run from June through August.

We work with several yachts in the region, plying separate routes, and welcome you to contact us to find the perfect nautical journey that takes you to places the big cruise ships can't.





# GALAPAGOS

## *Kayaking the Enchanted Islands*

**ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC** destinations in the world, the Galapagos need little introduction. In 2006 we became the first to offer a land-based kayaking expedition coupled with camping on island beaches. We remain the only company offering these exclusive kayaking tours and offer you the choice of two itineraries that include intimate wildlife encounters, active exploration and meaningful cultural exchange with the local human population. With our expert local guides, you get to places few other visitors see.

### **Galapagos Unbound Multisport**

This is our signature tour that visits four or five different islands and includes two nights of exclusive camping on secluded beaches on San Cristobal Island along with five nights in small beachfront hotels. There's kayaking, snorkeling, hiking and the rare experience of going to sleep and waking up with the animals of the islands.

### **Galapagos By Kayak**

Designed for the sea kayak enthusiast, this is a relatively short tour of the Galapagos focused on kayaking and camping on the island of San Cristobal. Sharing the ritual of sunset and sunrise on the island, with the animals, is awe-inspiring. There's also time for snorkeling, watching starry skies and experiencing the Galapagos like no other adventure!





# CUBA

## *Pearl of the Antilles*

**IN 2015 WE BECAME** the first U.S. company to offer legal People-to-People cultural kayak tours to Cuba. Cuba's mythic presence looms larger than ever. Flamboyant vintage cars rumbling down streets lined with palm trees. Chilled glasses of mojitos resting next to smoking cigars. Mambo and salsa beats undulating through the humid nights. It's Hemingway's Havana. It's Ernesto "Che" Guevero's guerrilla movement. It's the Caribbean's wild child. It's Cuba.

### **Cuba Unbound – Our Signature Kayak Tour**

Discover the irresistible allure of Cuba on our eight-day tour through Cuba's most iconic sites seen from a new angle: a kayak. It's not simply a tour of Cuba, but a tour of the diverse natural world from which Cuba gets its wild spirit. By night we stay in hotels or private B&B's. By day we paddle along Cuba's sparkling Caribbean coasts and thriving coral reefs. We also learn through People-to-People exchanges, as we walk cobbled streets that saw the rise and fall of Spanish colonialism, plazas painted over with the colors of the revolution, and meet with Cuba's artists who continue to shape its culture and park rangers who persist in its conservation.

### **Cuba's East – Wild and Revolutionary**

Eastern Cuba gets a fraction of the tourists that the western part does and has an intoxicating essence. It's more raw, more tempestuous and filled with mountains and trees, bays and beaches and a sense of the wild. It's here that the revolution started when Cubans first sought independence from the Spanish, and later, in the 1950's, for a new form of government.

Join us for this immersive kayak tour of Eastern Cuba and discover for yourself its unadulterated allure. We paddle five days, hike to Cuba's highest waterfall and stay in charming inns and hotels.





# CORSICA

## *Mediterranean Kayak & Walk*

### BIRTHPLACE OF NAPOLEON,

part of France and the greenest and fourth largest island in the Mediterranean, Corsica rises dramatically from sea level to 8800'. It's wild and spectacular and the abruptly rising mountains and turquoise seas make the perfect combination for paddling and hiking.

We stay in unique and comfortable hotels and inns during this adventure that is a magical blend of sauntering and kayaking. We walk through oak-laden river canyons, dramatic mountain and coastal trails, including a small part of the GR20. Other days we paddle a crenulated coastline with sea caves and hidden coves.

The "Isle of Beauty" is renowned for its culinary treasures, full of flavor, proudly local and influenced by French and Italian traditions, but still singularly its own. Sheep's cheese, chestnuts, fresh fish, cured meats, honey and fresh fruits are all part of the feast along with island wines that are a treat for the palate.





# SCOTLAND

Kayaking, Walking & Whisky

## TRAVELING THROUGH SCOTLAND'S

Highlands & Coast is an active adventure that combines some of the best sea kayaking to be found in Europe with easy to moderate hikes and cultural exploration of the Highlands. On this exciting tour, dramatic scenery meets deep history among a lush green landscape, rugged coastline, and an array of castle ruins.

Our paddling is a mix of coastal waters and lochs. Much of our paddling is near or on the Scottish Sea Kayak Trail – the first of its kind in Europe. As one of our guests wrote....

*"...we were landing our kayaks at the base of the famous Glenfinnan monument, a 60-foot high memorial to the Jacobite uprisings, towering majestically over the most inland tip of Loch Shiel in the western Highlands. Leading up to this moment, we had paddled in the famous Glen Coe and among the breathtakingly beautiful Arisaig Skerries, landed on a castle-mounted island under blue skies and in view of the Atlantic, hiked to Highland village ruins and waterfalls, and sampled the varied spirits of Scotland along the way. It had been an unforgettable mix of adventure, history, culture, and good company and I was already planning when and how I could visit this inviting country and its rich landscape again soon."*





# ADRIATIC & IONIAN MAGIC

## *Paddling Through History*

**WE'VE BEEN GOING** to the Balkans of southern Europe since 1984, prior to the fall of the

Berlin wall and subsequent war in the region. Today peace reigns and the locals welcome us with open arms. It's a mountainous region of limestone peaks that soar into the sky, bordered by the deep blue Adriatic and Ionian seas. Paddling enthusiasts and history buffs alike will relish the opportunity to dine, paddle, walk, and explore this fascinating region where we offer two different kayaking itineraries.

### **Four Country Kayak Tour**

The adventure begins in Dubrovnik, Croatia, with its stunning Adriatic coastline dotted with terra cotta rooftops and ancient architecture. We stay in a family lodge in the Elephite Islands and paddle each day on warm, azure waters. Then south to Montenegro, a mountainous country rich with forests, steep cliffs, and fascinating sites of historical significance. Next is Albania, with a storied past and sites of architectural awe coupled with a mountainous coast. Lastly, we ferry to Greece and the island of Corfu, made famous by the books of Gerald Durrell and replete with Venetian architecture and Mediterranean charm.

### **Paddling Beneath Albania's Lightning Mountains**

Discover Albania on this creative mix of paddles, walks, and explorations. The rich history of Albania has left the country scattered with ancient Greek and Roman sites, Byzantine churches, Ottoman-era towns, mosques, and bridges. The landscapes are spectacular, with a coastline of picture-perfect sandy coves and dazzling alpine peaks. The food is a mouth-watering banquet influenced by 500 years of Ottoman occupation and a long relationship with Italy.





# RWANDA

## Lake Kayaking, Chimps & Gorillas

**AN AMAZING JOURNEY** that combines kayaking on the high mountain Lake Kivu, visits to several National Parks and the chance to track mountain gorillas in the wild.

A surprise awaits in the landlocked country of Rwanda – one of the great lakes of East Africa, Lake Kivu. At nearly 5000' above sea level, and Africa's sixth largest lake, it's an unexpected setting for a kayak tour! We visit with local fishermen who ply the waters and explore the verdant coastline. Before and after kayaking, we visit two National Parks to view chimpanzees and the rare mountain gorilla. Nights are spent in small inns and hotels, with one night camping on an island in the lake. This ideal mix of wildlife viewing and cultural immersion is the perfect combination for the curious kayaker.

***Available for groups of four or more.***



# adventure unbound

*Travel that Transforms*



ADVENTURE UNBOUND



**ADVENTURE UNBOUND** travels with you on original, immersive journeys that go behind the scenes and into the fabric of the places we visit. They are trips rich in cultural interchange and learning opportunities made possible through connection with locals, to explore and dig down deep into their culture, history and current affairs. Designed to savor each region's unique culinary specialties and locally-owned accommodations, these journeys are led by our superb tour leaders who share their personal and immense knowledge of their corner of the world.

"Travel that Transforms" is our mission. Our hope is that our travels bring positive impact to the people and places we visit. As well, that our travelers may find new meaning, enlightenment and even, a new way of being. It's a lofty idea to think that travel could offer this. Yet it does, if the traveler is willing. Ultimately, transformation is personal and self-directed. Our goal is to set the stage that gives you the opportunity and support for discovering the world within and without. Whatever your goal, rest assured that we have plenty of laughter and fun along the way!



Betsy & Peter in Algeria, 1987

# FRANCE & ITALY

## Nature & History Entwined

**JOIN US TO DISCOVER** the hidden gems of France and Italy, two countries with a magnetic draw for anyone interested in history, architecture, art, spirit-lifting scenery, heart-warming villages, wine and fine cuisine.

In France, join us to hike through the mountains of Corsica, where a fascinating mix of Italian and French culture flow together in a confluence of Mediterranean magic. The famous GR20 and sea-to-mountain trails provide an endless number of options.

Or saunter along the Robert Louis Stevenson trail, made famous by his 1879 book, *Travels with a Donkey in Cévennes*. Explore the Lot Valley, land of the Cathars, Dordogne, Normandy or elsewhere. We also have good friends with hotel barges in France if you're feeling less active and more hedonistic!

In Italy, walk the trails of Puglia, Sardinia, Sicily, the Dolomites, or Tuscany. Explore the Path of the Gods on the Amalfi Coast; the Cinque Terre, and so many more. Italy is exquisite for the art lover, wine connoisseur, history buff and romantic.





# CROATIA

## *European Jewel*

**AFTER FIRST** visiting Croatia in 1974 and returning in 1987, we operated our first yachting adventure along the Dalmatian Coast in 1988. No other adventure company has the depth of experience in Croatia as we do. Our featured trip combines time in Dubrovnik and Split coupled with a one-week yachting cruise through the Adriatic Islands. Aboard our gorgeous 100' yacht we visit Korcula, Hvar, Vis, Brac and other islands with Renaissance villages and idyllic coves. There's ample time for walking on narrow streets of limestone, ambling through tangled vineyards, swimming in turquoise water and being immersed in the local culture and history.

We are happy to arrange custom itineraries as well as private charters on yachts for groups from six to 30. Interior Croatia has much to offer as well, with spectacular National Parks, castles, artist villages and the charming capitol city of Zagreb.



# THE BALKANS

## *A Cultural Wonder*

**EXPLORE THE FASCINATING** countries of Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, and Macedonia. Emerging from tourism slumber, these mountainous countries are the new frontier of European travel! Our imaginative itineraries take you into the far corners from coast to mountain, offering a full immersion into the culture and natural magnificence of the region. There's Durmitor National Park and the River Tara in Montenegro; the Dinaric Alps of Albania; hidden valleys of Kosovo; Greco-Roman ruins; rugged coastlines and historic villages all woven into a complex and intricate tapestry of experiences.

We offer trips that range from cultural wanderings to strenuous hikes, sea kayaking on lakes and the Ionian Sea, and much more.

***Trips offered May to October.***





# GREECE

## Myth & Magic

**COMING TO GREECE** is like coming home, for truly it is a part of each one of us – a part of our knowledge and culture. In some ways Greece is not so much a country, but a light, which, like the light of some distant star, has never stopped shining for us to see.

Truly there is no better way to understand Greece than to travel over her wine-dark waters on a private yacht. Whether you're looking for a private charter, or just a cabin, we have yachts that take from six to 24 people. Choose from the glamorous Cyclades including Mykonos or Santorini; the lush Ionian Islands including Cephalonia, Corfu and Odysseus' own Ithaca; the Sporades, Dodecanese, Saronic, and more. Voyages combining Greece and Turkey are also possible.

***Trips are offered from April to October.***





# PORTUGAL & THE AZORES

## *Volcanic Island Splendor*

**PORTUGAL HAS MUCH** to offer the active traveler.

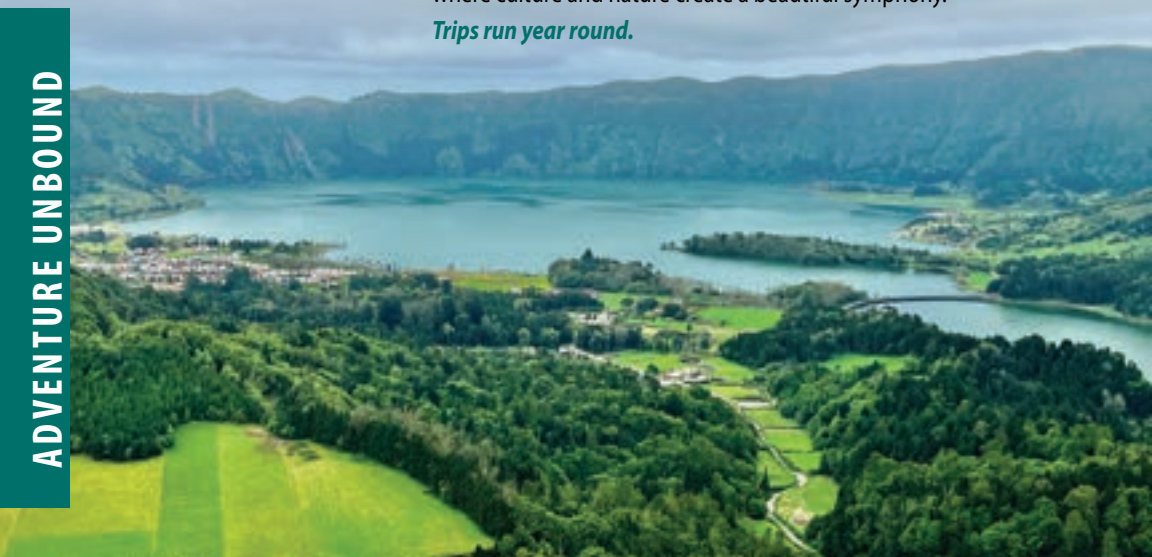
A diverse range of landscapes from rugged coastlines, towering mountains and green valleys are set under an almost eternal sun. There's a multitude of scenic trails perched on cliffs above the sea, through forests of cork trees and pine, along rivers that meander and through villages that crown mountain tops.

A thousand miles off the coast lies the Azores, a hidden gem in the heart of the Atlantic. This nine-island archipelago is bursting with untamed beauty, charming villages and a rich wine heritage. The islands are easily accessible via non-stop flights from the US east coast, or a hop from mainland Portugal. The lush landscape of volcanic origins features walking trails that lead to cascading waterfalls, volcanic craters, bubbling hot springs, and stunning vistas. Whale watching is a highlight here from March to June with the opportunity to snorkel in a rich marine environment available year-round. Join us to explore the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant culture, and delectable cuisine of these enchanting islands.

Portugal and the Azores are a mecca for walking, biking and gentle river kayaking, including a paddle down the Douro River beneath towering granite cliffs and the terraced vineyards of Porto while staying at small local inns and dining on local farm-to-table cuisine.

Replete with UNESCO World Heritage Sites, historic castles, vibrant towns, cities and ancient ruins, we invite you to a land where culture and nature create a beautiful symphony.

***Trips run year round.***





# PERU

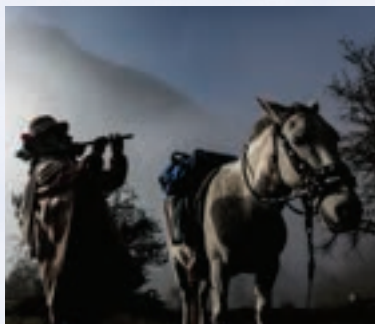
## *Land of the Incas*

**WITH THE SPINE** of the Andes running north to south through Peru, one is never far from snow-capped peaks. These mountains were the home of the ancient Inca who left a network of trails and the astounding ruins of their ancient cities. Not long after Hiram Bingham rediscovered Machu Picchu in 1911, Sir Kenneth Grubb, cousin of ROW Founder Peter Grubb, visited Machu Picchu and wrote, "Machu Picchu is the most surprising remnant of antiquity I have seen in the New World. As I climbed the final few yards, toiling up the steep steps that give access to the site, it was impossible to restrain an involuntary exclamation. Morning after morning the dwellers there must have risen to behold majesty depicted before their eyes."

*We offer several adventures in Peru, each distinct and remarkable:*

- Inca Trail treks, camping on route to Machu Picchu, or visit the Sacred Valley and head to Machu Picchu by train and bus.
- Trek the Salkantay Trail from one luxury mountain eco-lodge to the next, culminating upon arrival to Machu Picchu.
- A rigorous lodge-based trek on the community-based El Camino Del Apu Ausangate trail in the Cordillera Vicanota.
- Tours based on the annual festival of Inti Raymi - Festival of the Sun.
- Kayak on Lake Titicaca and visit unique island cultures.

***Trips run year round.***



# ECUADOR

## Amazon, Andes & Galapagos

### Galapagos

We've been sharing the Galapagos since 1994 and know it well. The stark beauty of the islands coupled with intimate wildlife encounters both on land and in water make this a most magical destination and incredible learning experience.

### Galapagos Cruises

The traditional way to visit, we work with a number of yachts that carry from 10 to 20 people. This is a great way to see the islands and you can choose from tourist class, first class and luxury options. Cruises range from as few as four days to as many as twelve. Come as a single, couple, family or charter the entire yacht.

### Flexible Galapagos

If you have specific dates you need to accommodate or, want a land-based option different from our scheduled group tours, these affordable and flexible programs may be perfect. You stay in small boutique hotels each day and travel between islands on a speed boat. There are numerous wildlife viewing excursions including walks and snorkeling.

*We offer a wide variety of other Ecuadorian adventures including:*

- Amazon wildlife lodges such as: Napo Wildlife Center, Kapawi, La Selva, Sacha and others. (Year round.)
- Hacienda-based walking tours in the Andean Highlands
- Lodge-based family or adult multisport trips at Cotapaxi National Park





# PATAGONIA

## Wildlife & Adventure

**PATAGONIA'S RUGGED SPIRES** and wind-swept pampas have been sculpted by glaciers for hundreds of thousands of years. It's a roughly-hewn world where wild is mixed with intrigue and romance. Dramatic towering spires, glaciers, cobalt lakes and endless vistas surround you while hiking or biking and staying in comfortable organic lodging nestled into this vast landscape. We offer options in both Argentina and Chile. Here are a few ideas:

Our carefully cultivated Torres del Paine Kayaking and Hiking Adventure lets you explore the pathways, the waterways, and the soaring, unbeaten in-between of Torres del Paine's diverse geography. This National Park is the gem in Chilean Patagonia's crown.

In the north of Chile is the new Patagonia Park, little-visited and spectacular. Kayaking in the Marble Caverns of Lake Carrera is a highlight.

On the Argentinian side is Los Glaciares National Park where the Fitz Roy massif shoots up into the heavens. A hiker's paradise with the advantage of staying each night in comfy inns with warm hospitality.

Let us design your ideal Patagonia discovery.





# CUBA

## Active Learning Journeys

**CUBA UNBOUND** is the preeminent outdoor adventure company for U.S. travelers wanting an active learning experience and culturally immersive journey. Our secret ingredient is the investment we've made in training local people in the skills of specialized guiding for sea kayaking, biking, walking and hiking tours. With our extensive network, we also organize special interest cultural tours. All our tours are legal for the U.S. traveler.

**Hiking Cuba's National Parks**—Cuba has an extensive park system and all our hiking trips are a perfect mix of nature and time in towns for culture, music and learning. No company knows Cuba's mountains, rivers and coast, as well as us!

**Cycling Tours**—With few cars, and roads that pass through forests and fields, Cuba is a superb biking destination. We offer several itineraries and can orchestrate custom tours for individuals and groups. Some trips combine participation in local bike races for an added People-to-People connection.

**Classic Cars, Rum and Cigars**—A tour in a 1950's American car that focuses on Havana and Viñales and the two products that have brought fame to Cuba – cigars and rum.

**Cuba Multisport**—Bike, hike and kayak combine with presentations from local artists, musicians, business people and more to provide an in-depth understanding of this enigmatic country.

**Scuba Cuba**—A land-based, affordable scuba adventure that includes presentations by local marine biologists, stays in private B&B's and dives at numerous sites on the southern coast.

**Custom & Private Tours**—We've curated specialized tours for birdwatching, herpetology, botany, music, culinary learning, history, religion, architecture, music, dance, art and more!





# BAJA

## Cave Paintings & Whales

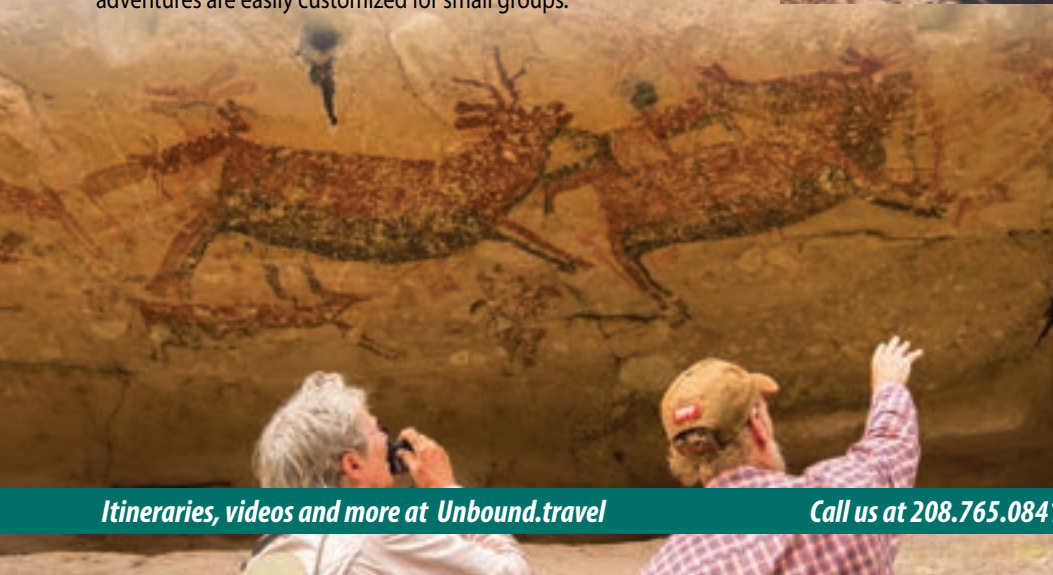
**BAJA CALIFORNIA** is a rugged, mountainous desert peninsula brimming with life and history! We've been running trips here since 1993 and our extraordinary guide team bring to life a rich mosaic of natural and cultural history. We have scheduled tours as well as custom trips.

### Whale Camp

The gray whales migrate from their arctic feeding grounds of summer to their winter breeding and calving areas in Baja. Our main whale camp is set up at Magdalena Bay and is the finest whale camp location in all of Baja. Deep water frontage means the whales swim by close to camp providing awe-inspiring whale watching. Walk across the island dunes to the Pacific where the waves crash to shore and more whales swim in the surf. Three to five-day stays can be combined with sea kayaking tours. Peak activity is from January to April.

### Prehistoric Cave Paintings

The giant wall murals of the central Baja mountain ranges boast prehistoric rock art that rivals any of the great rock art sites of the world. Mules carry our gear as we hike with local cowboys into remote canyons to see these larger-than-life paintings. Strictly protected, visits to the paintings are allowed by permit only. At least half the fun is traveling with the cowboys who live in these canyons where there are no roads or electricity. It's a step back in time and these four to ten-day adventures are easily customized for small groups.



# POLAR REGIONS

*Wildlife, Ice & Wonder*

## NEVER BEFORE IN HISTORY

have the polar regions of our planet earth been so accessible! These are places of superlatives. Huge icebergs, massive mountains, towering cliffs of rock and ice, endless blue waters, countless birds and animals, and mind-blowing experiences that stretch the imagination.

Maybe your dream is to visit Antarctica to see penguins, whales and majestic mountains of white? Or to go to the Arctic to see polar bears, walrus, wolves and musk ox? The two places are so very different! While Antarctica is a continent surrounded by water, the Arctic is an ocean





surrounded by land. Both have harsh climates where animals and plants have specialized to survive. These are wondrous places where you are quite literally traveling to the ends of the earth.

We offer expedition cruises to both regions, on ships large and small. Our focus is offering you the more unusual itineraries with options for unique activities such as kayaking, cross-country skiing, spending a night sleeping on the ice, and more! Our Adventure Consultants will match you with the trip experience that best fits your interests, schedule and budget.





# AFRICA

*Alive, Inspiring & Diverse*

## Namibia

Little-known but eminently fascinating, Namibia is a land of vast deserts where elephants, rhinoceros and lions have adapted to survive. Tribal people lead lives from a century ago. Our feature-rich tours explore many hidden corners as well as the legendary Skeleton Coast, Etosha Park and the dunes of Sossusvlei.

## Botswana/Zimbabwe

Favorite among safari aficionados, Botswana is home to the wildlife-rich Chobe National Park, the Okavanga Delta and the Kalahari, each a unique ecosystem. In Zimbabwe, discover Mosi-oa-Tunya (Victoria Falls) and some of our favorite safari camps.

## Zambia

Birthplace of African walking safaris, home to the vast South Luangwa National Park, Zambia offers up a palette of wildlife experiences like no other place in Africa. Fabulous lodges and mobile safari camps coupled with expert guides make this an adventure not to be missed. Easily combined with Victoria Falls.

## Gabon

If you want a raw African experience in a country that few visit, come to Gabon! Elephants in the thousands, primates of every sort, beaches along Africa's longest undeveloped coast and the Congo Basin, the world's second largest tropical rain forest after the Amazon, make Gabon a must-visit country for those willing to rough it.



## South Africa

Spectacular scenery, immense game reserves, a stunning coastline and more invite you to explore South Africa. Go whale watching, kayak to see penguins, hike Table Mountain and visit legendary Kruger National Park. Visit the Cape Peninsula, wine country, gardens and on to Zululand. Easily combined with time in Botswana, Victoria Falls and more!

## Uganda/Rwanda

Perhaps best known as home to the last surviving populations of mountain gorillas, Uganda and Rwanda each offer numerous cultural and natural highlights. Forested mountains, lush valleys, bumpy roads and smiling people add to the magic of trekking to see the mountain gorillas. Continue on to Lake Victoria and many other safari opportunities within the heart of the continent.

## Tanzania/ Kenya

Iconic place names such as Ngorongoro Crater, Masai Mara, the Serengeti and Kilimanjaro are just part of the magic of east Africa. Here is the largest mass migration of animals on Earth and you can be in the front seat to witness this natural wonder. Or climb Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro or the second-highest, Mt. Kenya. We'll help plan your dream trip.

## Egypt

Mark Twain once said of Egypt, "We were glad to have seen the land which was the mother of civilization – which taught Greece her letters, and through Greece Rome, and through Rome the world." Come explore this fascinating country!





# JORDAN & TURKEY

## *Cultural Tapestries*

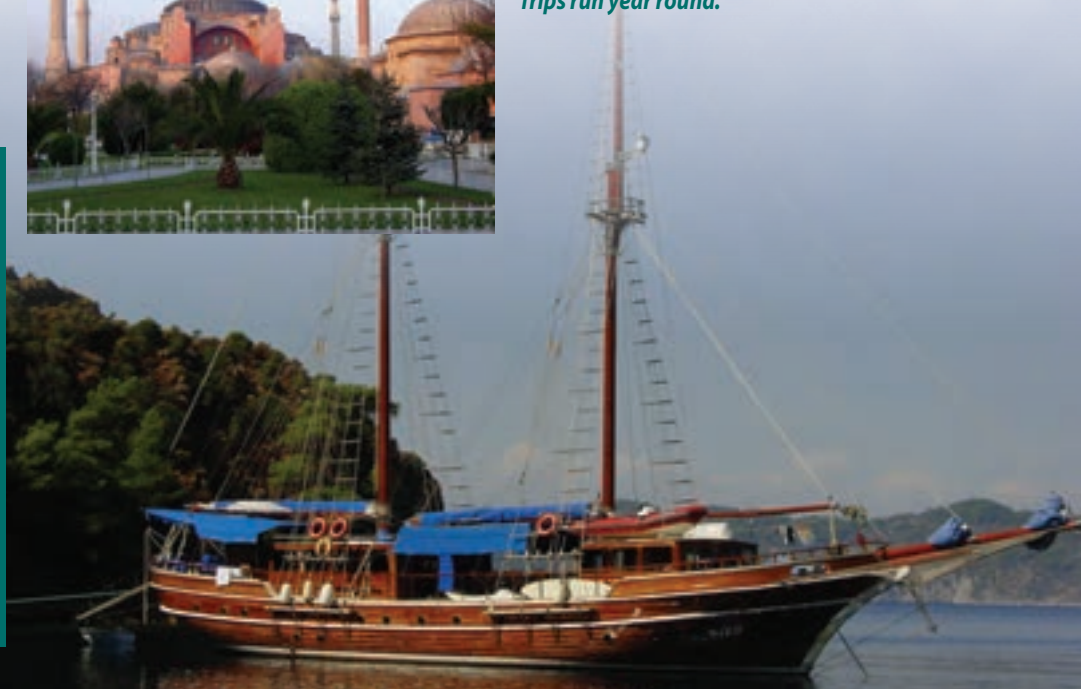
**FEW COUNTRIES**, on earth offer such delectable tapestries of history, culture and cuisine as do Jordan and Turkey. ROW's first international voyage took place in 1984 in Turkey and we've spent months personally exploring her cities, coastline, villages and antiquities. We offer scheduled departures that explore Turkey's southwest coast aboard a private gulet (motor/sail yacht) including an array of antiquities stretching from the Lycians to the Byzantines. Other destinations in Turkey include the other-worldly landscape of Cappadocia, the Kackar Mountains of the northeast and the mysterious southeast.



### ***Trips run from April to October.***

In Jordan explore the ancient rose-colored city of Petra, float in the Dead Sea and marvel at the Greek and Roman ruins of Jerash and Pella. Come with us to the spectacular Wadi Rum that Lawrence of Arabia described as "vast, echoing and God-like." We also snorkel in the fabulous Red Sea by Aqaba and enjoy the generous hospitality of the locals. Jordan offers a colorful mosaic of history and culture and we invite you on one of our scheduled trips or a custom departure.

### ***Trips run year round.***





# Territory Acknowledgement

## Understanding Our Travel Destinations

Many of the destinations we visit are traditional homelands of Indigenous Peoples. As a company committed to conservation and preservation of our fragile environment, we recognize there is a great deal we can learn from Indigenous communities in how we engage with and care for the natural world. We know that Indigenous communities have a long and rich history of proven resilience, resistance, and land stewardship and continue to fight today for the positive, sustainable treatment of the environment.

We acknowledge these communities and honor their legacies, their lives, and their descendants. By so doing, we hope to raise awareness about their history, culture, and continued disenfranchisement. For those of us who are non-Indigenous people, we welcome the opportunity to be allies in the struggle to realize justice for Indigenous populations.

An important part of this conversation is an acknowledgement of the history and legacy of colonialism, especially settler colonialism that has included the taking of land inhabited by Indigenous Peoples. Through this process, colonial societies have benefited greatly, yet there is either a reluctance to recognize this, or outright denial. This has contributed to a longstanding effort to erase Indigenous Peoples' history and culture, which, in its most extreme, has included the displacement and genocide of Indigenous populations worldwide. By opening the door to this conversation, there is potential to inspire us all to continue learning about these issues and participate in actions to correct the continued disenfranchisement of Indigenous populations today.

We recognize that while territorial acknowledgments are an important first step, their value is limited if there is not corresponding intentional and thoughtful action to address both colonial history and current structures that continue this disenfranchisement.

As a company and community, we are at the beginning of our own journey of fuller understanding. Part of this is having this conversation with our staff, our partners, and those who travel with us. It includes an effort to hire more Indigenous people in our organization. We are developing outreach programs with Native youth in the American West including training designed to create a path towards jobs as professional guides.

We also provide resources for our guests to learn more about the Indigenous homelands they are visiting.

Indigenous populations are thriving in many parts of the world, while in others, they are struggling to maintain their land and identity. To recognize and honor the people of the lands we visit, we've indicated (or soon will), on each of the trips on our website, the Indigenous

populations who have, or do, live there today.

In this process, we must recognize the limitations of our participation in Indigenous culture, spirituality, and ways of living, even as allies. We must engage respectfully, be prepared to be uncomfortable, and be consistent. This is the beginning of our pledge to help create a more just, equitable and thriving world and we invite you to join us in this endeavor.

Territory Acknowledgement is one of ROW's stated values in our Mission, Vision, and Values. We invite you to read the full text on our websites.

*"If we think of territorial acknowledgments as sites of potential disruption, they can be transformative acts that to some extent undo Indigenous erasure. I believe this is true as long as these acknowledgments discomfit both those speaking and hearing the words. The fact of Indigenous presence should force non-Indigenous peoples to confront their own place on these lands."*

—Chelsea Vowel, Métis,  
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