



ZEPHYR
ADVENTURES



2024 TOUR CATALOG

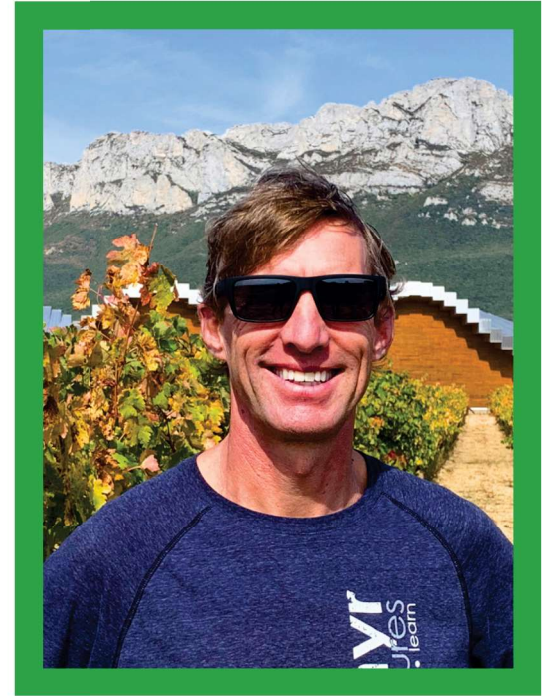
A WORD FROM ALLAN

Dear Travelers,

2024 will mark our 28th season of running active tours around the world!

As the founder of Zephyr Adventures, that sort of track record makes me very proud. It is not easy to create a small business, It is not easy to keep it going for so long. We have weathered economic downturns, various disasters, and the worldwide COVID pandemic. We are still here.

To those of you who have never traveled with us, you might wonder why you should consider joining us? We at Zephyr Adventures are a small company, by design, and as such cannot offer you tours in all locations and on multiple dates each year. But it is exactly that reason our travelers join us year after year.



In some ways, we are more like a travel club than a tour operator. Once you travel with us, you get to know those of us in the office, our guides, and your fellow travelers. On most of our public tours, as we do introductions our alumni greet travelers they might have met the previous year or ten years ago. People stay in touch with each other after a tour runs. We have had fast friendships form and marriages develop from our tours. We often have travelers get together and ask us to run specific tours they are interested to do together.

To our alumni out there, thank you for your continued trust in us. To our potential new travelers, just know that while you might hesitate before registering for a tour, you will be happy you joined the Zephyr travel club once you do.

Sincerely,

Allan Wright

Allan Wright
Founder & President
Zephyr Adventures

P.S. Don't forget our sister brands—part of the same small company—Taste Vacations and Travel Montana!



SMALL BY DESIGN

We created Zephyr because we love active travel and wanted to bring this passion to others. We only run about 15 public tours per year, which allows us to handpick locations from around the world we think will be most appealing to our travelers. We recognize this means your preferred tour location or date might not be available, which is why we also have a terrific private tour option with low minimum numbers.

UNPRETENTIOUS

We rarely use five-star hotels because the high prices are not worth it to us or our travelers. We also don't stay in budget hotels because we prefer more comfort than that at this point in our lives. You need not bring a formal dress for fancy dinners or a lycra cycling suit for our biking tours. If you like to travel in comfort but without any pretension, we are right fit for you.

YOU ARE NOT A NUMBER

When you travel with us, you will find many of your fellow travelers have adventured with Zephyr before. Our travelers return because we consider them members of the Zephyr Adventures family. Why is this important to you? In this modern day of being a number to so many big companies, when you travel with us you are treated as an individual.

DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

Just because we are small does not mean we are inexperienced. In fact, we have been prioritizing adventure for our travelers for over 25 years! The Zephyr team has decades upon decades of adventure travel experience. So when you talk to us or travel with us, you are talking to and meeting someone who knows travel, adventure, and our tours.

PLENTY OF CHOICE

Because we are a small company, our fixed-date public tour offerings are limited. However, we have dozens of tours you can take as a private tour with your own group of travel companions. In addition, our sister companies Taste Vacations and Travel Montana provide you even more choice if you are looking for food, wine, and beer tours, or outdoor vacations in one of the best adventure locations in the world.



WHY TAKE A GUIDED VACATION?

So You Can Relax: Someone has to be in charge of making decisions during a vacation. Hand over the reins to us and leave the stress behind.

Save Time: This is a key reason to sign up for a group tour if you have too little time to spend planning a vacation. Even with so many resources available via the Internet, it can take a LOT of time to plan hotels, meals, and activities on a tour. All of that is planned for you on a group tour.

Logistics: Going with a tour operator solves many logistical problems as it too challenging for most people to plan their own bicycle rental, routes, luggage transfers, etc. Group tours make some destinations and itineraries possible you would otherwise never do.

Local Expertise: On a group tour you will either have a local guide or one who knows the area and this expertise can turn a good vacation into a great one or a great vacation when you get the full local experience.

Sharing a Memorable Experience: We believe the main reason our alumni keep coming back on tours is the "group bonding" of sharing a memorable experience with others who have similar interests. Trips with a more focused niche tend mean you get to do something you love in the company of others whom you have much in common. This "human magic" (when a group creates more fun than one person could create on his or her own) that makes organized tours so fun and powerful.

PUBLIC VERSUS PRIVATE ADVENTURES

The beauty of a **small group public tour** is that you don't have to get your own group together. You also have the chance to meet other people who have the same interests as you—a zest for travel and being active in the great outdoors! We offer a full roster of public tour itineraries each year in the U.S. and around the world, featuring hiking, hiking, inline skating, and multisport options.

With a **private tour**, we make it easy to plan your next unforgettable vacation. Gather your friends and family (some with as few as two or four people), pick your dates and your Zephyr Adventures itinerary—we'll do the rest! You get share a great experience with people you choose, but without the stress of planning and organizing.



FIND YOUR ADVENTURE TOUR STYLE

Interested in a specific style of tour? Scroll through the catalog looking for these flags that will direct you to specific itinerary themes.

WOMEN
Only
TOUR

By traveling with other women, you (as a woman) get the chance to settle into an experience meant just for you, to be open and vulnerable, and to relish treating yourself to that experience. You'll enjoy shared livelihoods, empowerment, support and a lot of fun with a group of like-minded travelers.

Outstanding opportunities for adventure await within our national parks. From breathtaking scenery, to wildlife viewing, to cultural and historical highlights, the parks provide a plethora of outdoor activities and the fun challenge of an active and adventurous getaway.

NATIONAL
PARK
HIGHLIGHT

INN
TO
INN

Explore a new place at a slower pace. Hike or bike all day moving from one comfortable inn to the next, with luggage transport so your bags are already at the inns when you arrive, ready for a hot shower and comfy bed. All you have to carry is your daypack with water, snacks, and extra layers.

The perfect pairing on vacation! Food, wine, and beer + activity such as biking, hiking, and multisport adventures. This is a tangible way to experience a destination, and you earn the extra food and beverages along the way.

ACTIVE
+
culinary
ADVENTURE

HIKING & TREKKING ADVENTURES





Hiking and trekking adventures get you in fantastic, out-of-the-way places to journey and explore, without having to carry more than a daypack!

Inn-to-inn hikes allow you to travel from one destination to the next only carrying what you need for the day, and your meals and comfy accommodations awaiting you when you arrive.

Peru: Machu Picchu & Inca Trail Trek for Women

Acadia National Park Hiking Adventure

Montana: Beartooth Hiking for Women

England: Hadrian's Wall Inn-to-Inn Trekking Adventure

Chamonix Hiking Adventure

Scotland Trekking Inn-to-Inn & Whisky Adventure

PRIVATE GROUP HIKING TOURS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE ABOVE DESTINATIONS AND...

Yellowstone, Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Tanzania, Bhutan, and many more...

FEATURED TRIP STYLES IN HIKING & TREKKING

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PERU: MACHU PICCHU & INCA TRAIL TREK

April 13 - 20, 2024





Tour Details

April 13 - 20, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,975

Optional Single Supplement:
\$380

Activities: Hiking, Culture,
History



Peru offers great civilizations, vast landscapes, rich culture and history. Find yourself wandering colonial cities, visiting the Inca capital of Cuzco, and exploring the lost city of Machu Picchu. Hiking the Classic Inca Trail is a remarkable adventure that crosses Dead Woman's Pass (4,200 meters or 13,860 feet in elevation). It offers stunning views of the surrounding cloud forest and peaks of the Andes Mountains. You will visit several isolated Incan ruins en route, and end at the Sun Gate overlooking Machu Picchu.

Our days on the trail are filled with the astonishing sights. Nights are spent swapping stories and learning about the area from our local guides. You'll sleep in tents for the three nights on the trail and have porters carry your equipment, cook your meals, and cater to you. They'll even deliver hot tea, coffee, and hot water to your tent door each morning. While this is camping, it is luxurious and truly exotic. This trip includes airport-to-airport service, acclimatization hikes in the Sacred Valley, a scenic train ride through the Andes, and a day in Cusco.

Day 1: We meet in Cusco for lunch on our way to the quaint village of Ollantaytambo where we'll acclimatize to the altitude while exploring town. We'll enjoy dinner and perhaps our first wonderful sips of coca tea.

Day 2: We shuttle to start a hike to the town of Maras for a lunch and a visit to nearby salt pans, then will return to Ollantaytambo for a pre-trek route talk about packing, and a wonderful dinner.

Day 3: We transfer to Piscacucho for an intro to the route and porters, then trek along the Urubamba River to the ruins of Llactapata, and then up the Kusichaca River Valley to our camp near Wayllabamba (3000m/9900 ft).

Day 4: The most challenging day ascending to the great Warmihuañusca (Dead Woman) pass (4200m/13860ft), the highest point on the trek and a view you won't forget—before descending to Pacaymayo, our second camp.

Day 5: A steep but short ascent to the Runkurakay ruins, then down to the Sayacmarca ruins. After lunch we head into jungle terrain and a spectacular cloud forest before arriving at our third camp (3760m/12400 ft).

Day 6: The final trail day, we pass multiple ruins before arriving at the Sun Gate and the first glimpse of Machu Picchu. After a short descent and time to explore, we'll shuttle to bustling little Aguas Calientes and our hotel.

Day 7: We return to Machu Picchu for the sun rise, and time to ourselves for a few hours. Learn about the fascinating history or hike up the steep Huayna Picchu. We'll return to Cusco for our farewell dinner in town.

Day 8: Our final day in Cusco includes a walk through Sacsayhuaman ruins, a guided walk through the city or time for you to explore and shop on your own. After lunch, we will transfer to the Cusco airport.

See website for full itinerary details: [ZephyrAdventures.com](https://www.zephyradventures.com)

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK HIKING ADVENTURE

June 19 - 23, 2024

NATIONAL
PARK
HIGHLIGHT





Tour Details

June 19 - 23, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,100

Single Supplement:
\$750

Activities: Hiking, History, Food



Acadia is the only national park in the northeastern United States and a true coastal wonder. Nestled into the far-flung, rocky coast of Maine, it is home to majestic forests, tranquil ponds, boundless mountains, and breathtaking coastline.

The hiking is excellent with a variety of differing levels to ensure everyone is able to do as much or as little as they wish. Trails to peaks of the island offer seascape views. Trails along the shoreline allow for exploration of beaches and tidal pools. Just outside the park, the quaint town of Bar Harbor has earned a reputation as one of the best vacation destinations in the U.S. Stroll the harbor village, learn about the historic lighthouses, be a foodie for a day, and learn how to lobster!

Day 1: From Bar Harbor we head into the park for a walk on the historic carriage roads to the Witch Pond Loop. This evening we will walk to dinner at Stewman's Lobster Pound for a traditional lobster dinner.

Day 2: Peak Bagger's Delight offering one, two, three, or four peaks to hike. Explore grab lunch in cute Northeast Harbor, and then a free afternoon in Bar Harbor to explore town, hang out on the hotel porch or in the pool, or join us for an optional walk across the tidal land bar to Bar Island.

Day 3: Acadia Mountain, the namesake mountain of the park and a nice loop trail. Add distance with additional mountain loops and a walk along the Somes Sound coastline. Lunch in Southwest Harbor, and time to explore. Then a two-hour lobster boat cruise on the local waterways to learn about the local lobster industry.

Day 4: Mix it up today with your choice of a bicycle or kayak. Ride from town into the national park to make use of the carriage roads network to loop for a total of 9, 14, or 19 miles. Or, kayak with a professional guide into Frenchman Bay off the coast of Bar Harbor for a fun and educational trip. In the afternoon, we'll walk through Bar Harbor to see the sights. Our final dinner will be at Jordan Pond House, the only restaurant in the park.

Day 5: A final hike is in the Great Head area, a rock promontory that juts into the Atlantic Ocean, with stunning views, rocky crags, and tide pools. We'll part ways in the afternoon.

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MONTANA: BEARTOOTH HIKING FOR WOMEN

July 30 - August 3, 2024

WOMEN
Only
TOUR





Tour Details

July 30 - August 3, 2024

Price per person:
\$2,800

Single Supplement:
\$500

Activities: Hiking, Yoga,
Wine Tasting



Join us for a genuine, non-touristed, real Montana experience in the breathtaking Beartooth Mountains. With an abundance of phenomenal hiking trails, you'll appreciate exploring with the support and encouragement of your guide and fellow female travelers.

Hike a number of spectacular trails to beautiful alpine lakes, scenic plateaus, and breathtaking vistas. Look for local wildlife including mountain goats, moose, wild turkeys, eagles, marmots, coyotes, and bears. Relax after fulfilling days outside with yoga and a local wine tasting.

Tucked into a valley between glaciers and plains, it won't take you long to fall in love with Red Lodge. Our charming mountain town has great restaurants, fun shops, and laid-back local watering holes.

Day 1: We meet in Billings and shuttle directly to Red Lodge, Zephyr's World Headquarters! We'll begin with our first hike, a gentle and gradual uphill trail along the beautiful rushing waters of the Lake Fork of Rock Creek, where we commonly see moose.

Day 2: A steady climb along West Rosebud Creek will take us through rock fields and stands of Lodgepole Pines and Aspens, to the edge of one of the most stunning locations in the area: Mystic Lake.

Day 3: Today is one of our favorite hikes to Glacier Lake, a beautiful alpine lake, the source of the beautiful Rock Creek and Red Lodge's drinking water, judged by some as among the best in the country.

Day 4: Today we drive up the famous Beartooth Pass, a legendary and stunning journey. We'll get out for pictures at the top before descending the other side to our hike from Island Lake to Beauty Lake—the flattest hike of the week but at almost 10,000 feet!

Day 5: Today includes an optional walk with beautiful vistas of the surrounding mountains. We'll then let you loose on Red Lodge one last time to have lunch on your own before shuttling everyone back to Billings.

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ENGLAND: HADRIAN'S WALL HIKING ADVENTURE

August 16 - 24, 2024

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Tour Details

August 16 - 24, 2024

Price per person:
\$4,950

Single Supplement:
\$1095

Activities:
Hiking and Culture



Hadrian's Wall country is quite simply a walker's paradise, with stunning landscapes and a rich history, you'll relish traveling across England, coast to coast and from inn to inn.

Hadrian's Wall is a testament to the enduring influence of the Roman Empire. As you trek along the wall, you'll encounter well-preserved Roman forts, "milecastles", and turrets. Trekking Hadrian's Wall allows you to immerse yourself in the local culture, interacting with friendly locals as we pass through many small villages. Along the trail, you'll have the opportunity to savor traditional British dishes in charming pubs and restaurants, such as fish and chips, hearty pies, and locally brewed ales.

Day 1: The group meets in Newcastle, located on the east coast. We'll have a pre-dinner orientation meeting at our hotel with our local guide for the trip.

Day 2: We shuttle west to the edge of the Channel of River Eden (which leads to the Irish Sea) and Bowness-on-Solway for the start of our journey along the Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail.

Day 3: Today we ramble through open countryside, passing through quaint villages, following the section of the wall made from sod—a tantalizing prelude of what's to come.

Day 4: Today is a short day today to allow a bit of a recharge before we re-join the trail and see our first bit of the stone wall!

Day 5: Turrets and milecastles today, one of most impressive and more challenging days of the hike with a gradual rise up to Winshields Crags—the highest point on the Wall.

Day 6: Sycamore Gap and Crag Lough are part of today's well-preserved, famous and dramatic section of the wall, featured in a number of movies.

Day 7: We'll move through more wide-open spaces with more distance but an easier day's walk that is fairly flat and in stark contrast to what we have previously done.

Day 8: Following the River Tyne through lovely countryside, and then through the rich industrial heritage which Newcastle upon Tyne was built on, finally reaching the Segedunum Roman Fort, the last outpost of Hadrian's Wall. We have a celebratory dinner tonight in Newcastle—you walked the Wall, from one coast of England to the other!

Day 9: Depart at your leisure knowing you can take the joy of the experience with you.

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FRANCE: CHAMONIX HIKING ADVENTURE

September 3 - 8, 2024





Tour Details

September 3 - 8, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,400

Single Supplement:
\$800

Activities:
Hiking and Culture



Chamonix in France is one of the most famous mountain towns in the world, nestled below the Alps with 15,777 foot Mont Blanc—highest peak in Europe—towering above. Chamonix is the perfect place to unwind and soak up a European vibe.

Take cable cars and gondolas up into the mountains to the start of breathtaking hikes past glaciers and alpine lakes. We will hike each day of the tour, and each day offers multiple route options. Relax over lunches at alpine refuges and chalets, high in the mountains with views across the Alps. Enjoy the pleasures of Chamonix from our centrally-located hotel near shopping, bars, and fun. In the evening dine at traditional French restaurants as well as a local Italian favorite and one with Swedish flavor too!

Day 1: We meet in Chamonix, and enjoy a casual walk on the Chamonix River Trail, giving us both an overview of the town and beautiful views of the mountains on all sides. This evening, we'll enjoy an aperitif on the terrace of our hotel, followed by a typical meal with local Savoy cuisine.

Day 2: Today we catch the Aiguille du Midi cable car to the top of the peak and an amazing panorama on both the Italian and French sides of the border. We hike on the Grand Balcon Nord—across the face of the mountain—ending with a view of the Mer de Glace glacier and a cog train back down to the valley floor. Tonight we'll walk to dinner at le Monchu, featuring elegant wood-fired cooking.

Day 3: La Flegere cable car will transport us to a hike on the opposite side of the valley: The Grand Balcon Sud. After walking across the hillside, we'll reach the Plan Praz cable car and the option to ride to the Brevent refuge high on the mountain or walk an extra three kilometers amongst the high alpine terrain to the top.

Day 4: Back on the train to the south-facing side of the valley to the famous Lac Blanc—an incredibly beautiful lake with views of the Mont Blanc range. We'll take a cable car up the mountain and then either a walk to the lake or a chairlift and a walk across the mountain. Dinner tonight at fun local microbrewery.

Day 5: We go down the valley to the town of les Houches, and choose a ride on the cog wheel Tramway du Mont Blanc to the Le Nid d'Aigle peak and chalet, or a walk up the mountain. Lunch at the refuge and a walk to the nearby glacier. Via mountain tram, cable car, and train we'll make our way back to Chamonix.

Day 6: This morning we eat our final breakfast together and then allow you to continue your onward journey home, in France, or elsewhere.

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SCOTLAND TREKKING INN-TO-INN & WHISKY ADVENTURE

September 19 - 26, 2024

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Tour Details

September 19 - 26, 2024

Price per person:
\$4,400

Single Supplement:
\$800

Activities: Hiking, Culture,
Whisky Tasting



The Speyside region of Scotland is renowned for its stunning landscapes with the River Spey and Cairngorms Mountains, its rich heritage which is closely connected with its famous whisky production, and an undeniable sense of community and pride for the traditional culture here.

This 8-day itinerary allows us to walk village to village and inn to inn, with two distance options each day ranging from 6 to 15 miles. Along the way we'll explore the sites, meet the locals, and relish the hearty traditional food. This is also our first ever 'whisky trail' which ensures daily stops for tours and tastings to learn about and savor the craftsmanship that is integral to this region.

Day 1: We meet in the quaint town of Aviemore for a welcome dram of whisky before we start the Speyside Way Trail. Our destination is the village of Boat of Garten and our hotel, nestled in a picturesque setting.

Day 2: We head toward Cairngorms National Park and the charming village of Nethy Bridge, before we land in Granttown-on-Spey with its grand stone buildings. We'll shuttle to Tomintoul and the Whisky Castle Shop for guided tasting of a few favorites.

Day 3: The challenging along a 'spur' of the trail over the moors to the panoramic Carn Daimh before descending to the famous Glenlivet Distillery. We'll end the day at the glens of the Ballindalloch Estate.

Day 4: We follow the banks of the river for the descent into the heart of whisky country. Visit the Ballindalloch Castle & Gardens or hike the whole route to the village of Aberlour for a distillery visit at the GlenAllachie Distillery or Aberlour Distillery.

Day 5: We detour to Dufftown to explore the Whisky Museum or the Balvenie Castle. We'll meet for a tour & tasting at the Glenfiddich Distillery, then make our way along the river to the town of Craigellachie.

Day 6: We'll visit to the Speyside Cooperage before hiking over Ben Aigen via the Craigellachie Forest, and our first glimpse of the North Sea. Choose walking or a whisky visit the Glen Grant Distillery. We meet up in Fochabers, a lovely town ideal for wandering.

Day 7: Today has a new coastal vibe as we depart through woods and eventually turn east to hike the coast until we reach the end of the trail in Buckie. We'll shuttle to the quaint fishing village of Cullen, famous for their namesake fish soup.

Day 8: We'll fit in a five mile round trip walk from the hotel to the Portknockie Cliffs with time to return and clean up before checking out and saying our goodbyes to send you on your way home or elsewhere in Scotland.

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BIKING/E-BIKING & SKATING ADVENTURES



Photo credit: Nova Scotia Tourism Board



How Do You Combine Skating, Biking & E-Biking?

The skating tour routes are made for skaters, which means they are perfect for bikers: flat, paved, smooth, and mostly car-free.

Likewise, you can e-bike on any of these tours and e-biking is a great way for people of average fitness to enjoy a bike tour—more kinds of travelers can join and go an extended distance, or try more effortless riding!

Skating and biking allow you to go the perfect speed to see the world; fast enough to get you from one place to the next and slow enough so you don't miss the sights, sounds, and people of a local area.

Arizona Inline Skating & Biking/E-Biking Adventure

Austria: Danube River Biking/E-Biking Adventure

Switzerland Skating & Biking/E-Biking Adventure

Canada: Nova Scotia Biking/E-Biking Adventure

PRIVATE GROUP BIKING TOURS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE ABOVE DESTINATIONS AND...

Montana, Minnesota, Vermont, Canada, Italy, France, Spain, and many more...

FEATURED TRIP STYLES IN BIKING/E-BIKING & SKATING



ARIZONA INLINE SKATING & BIKING ADVENTURE

February 9 - 13, 2024





Tour Details

February 9 - 13, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,150

Single Supplement:
\$900

Activities:
Skating, Biking, or E-Biking

Our Arizona Inline Skating Adventure is centered on the skating, which is excellent; the biking (cyclists love joining our skating tours because they know the paths will be flat and smooth); and the beautiful winter weather. But you will be pleasantly surprised by the fun cities of Tempe and Scottsdale, by the outstanding cuisine and fun night life, and by the many activities to do in this region of the world.

Enjoy one of the country's most incredible network of paved, flat, and car-free bicycle paths that allows you to skate or bike up to 126 miles over five days. Travel along canals, through the desert, past rural landscapes, and along green parks and golf courses. We'll stay in the fun college town of Tempe, home to Arizona State University, and Old Town Scottsdale, chock full of restaurants, shops, bars, and wineries.

Day 1: We meet in Tempe, Arizona for our first skate (or ride) at Tempe Lake. After we'll check into our downtown resort-style hotel and walk up Mill Street (center of nightlife for dinner at a lively local restaurant).

Day 2: Start with an optional hike up Hayden Butte, followed by a walk through campus. We'll be skating/biking along a series of canal paths from Tempe to Gilbert to Mesa. Lunch is in quaint Gilbert's downtown Heritage District, before returning the way you came or continuing on other canal paths to extend your sakte/bike. Tonight we dine a Zephyr owner Allan's favorite Arizona restaurant and after head to Mill Cue Club for pool or the Low Key Piano Bar.

Day 3: Choose between a hike in the South Mountain Park Preserve or kayaking on Tempe Lake. After we'll check skate/bike to Scottsdale and its beautiful sandstone buttes, fantastic Old Town, and an incredible network of paths situated in long greenways. At our Scottsdale hotel we can relax by the pool before dinner out.

Day 4: We'll depart on the Arizona Canal Path through Old Town connecting with the Cross Cut Canal Path, to go South to Papago Park. Turn around here or continue on, where the real adventure begins on an uphill paved path to the Papago Buttes with outstanding views. There will be time in the afternoon to relax at the resort or wander the town full of art galleries and shops. We'll visit the Goldwater Brewing or try a wine-tasting walking tour of local Arizona wineries before our final dinner of creative Mexican food.

Day 5: We start off from our hotel to skate/bike the Arizona Canal Path and the Indian Bend Wash Trail to reach Mountain View Park for a picnic breakfast. Return is via a different route, making a nice "Popsicle Stick" loop ride. We'll check out before you can choose to head to the airport or extend your stay in Arizona.

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AUSTRIA: DANUBE RIVER BIKING ADVENTURE

May 26 - June 2, 2024

BIKE IT
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Tour Details

May 26 - June 2, 2024

Price per person:
\$4,500

Single Supplement:
\$800

Activities:
Biking or E-Biking

The Danube biking route that stretches a little over 200 miles between Passau, Germany and Vienna, Austria and ranks as one of the world's best cycle routes. No other section of the river offers as diverse a range of landscapes and cultural landmarks. A mix of tranquil valleys, steep riverbanks, forests, and lovely vineyards line the Danube. And except for a few short sections in towns, bikers are on paved wide bike paths or minor roads that are away from traffic, usually right alongside the river, and often have the choice of a north or south bank.

This tour is perfect for cyclists who enjoy a more relaxed pace, with daily mileages that allow time to stop for leisurely lunches at the small towns we pass through and leave you with enough energy at the end of the day to take in the sights of our charming host towns by foot. It is also ideal for those looking for longer rides, as we have daily options to cycle away from the river to visit other small towns and cultural sites.

Day 1: We meet in the Bavarian fairytale-esque city of Passau where we'll embark on an ride up the Inn River before returning to our hotel to check in and have a festive first dinner together!

Day 2: We pass into Austria along the edge of the Bavarian forest and a stop at the 12th century Vichtenstein Castle. Enjoy a drink on the terrace while river steamers pass by, before dinner at the resort.

Day 3: Our ride today continues along the giant bends in the river. In the town of Untermuhl, the rocky slope under the Neuhaus Castle is not passable by bike so we must take a ferry for 800 meters to get around it!

Day 4: Downstream from Linz, the landscape returns to the green and fertile open countryside passing through storybook towns. You will have the option to detour, either to the Mauthausen Memorial, a former concentration camp or to the castle and countryside at Clam. Our ride ends in the charming town of Grein.

Day 5: An easy ride past palaces and castle ruins to the town of Melk which is home to a remarkable Benedictine Abbey. The museum, library, and garden here are considered the height of the flamboyant baroque architecture.

Day 6: We'll explore beautiful landscapes in one of Austria's best-known wine growing regions and pass by the "Venus of Willendorf," a carving of a plump female form art piece from the stone age.

Day 7: A few final stretches of time pedaling in nature before we reach Vienna along the canal bike paths into the center of the city. We'll celebrate all 200+ miles of this week's journey with a special farewell dinner.

Day 8: We'll enjoy a walk in the historical center of Vienna before returning to the hotel to check out.

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SWITZERLAND SKATING & BIKING ADVENTURE

August 15 - 20, 2024





Tour Details

August 15 - 20, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,500

Single Supplement:
\$900

Activities:
Skating, Biking or E-Biking

Switzerland is the only country in the world we know of that has designated and marked inline skating routes. This country is so dedicated to inline skating and biking that you won't need a map or directions to follow the routes.

This tour includes two distinct areas of Switzerland – the Rhine Valley and Lake Constance (plus an overnight in the country of Liechtenstein). The Alpine Rhine Valley, is lush farming land that runs alongside the Rhine River on its way down from its source in the Alps. The area is mostly flat, slightly downhill in the direction we are skating/biking, and scenic. Switzerland is also a very international destination with four official languages (German, French, Italian, and Romansch) and this sophistication is reflected in the Swiss attitudes and cuisine. The food is upscale, the hotels are clean and well run, and the people are extremely hospitable.

Day 1: We'll meet in Bad Ragaz, a swanky spa town at the foot of the Alps. We'll skate and bike from our hotel on a series of town bicycle paths, a paved trail on the Rhine River dike, and small farming roads. Our destination is the wine village of Malans. where we can sample a bit before skating, biking, or catching the van back.

Day 2: We start today with a three-mile hike in Bad Ragaz, getting us into the hills with a view of the valley and town below. We'll then skate or bike on small country roads down the Rhein valley paralleling the River.

Day 3: We move down the Rhine Valley revealing real life in Switzerland—and all on paved, mostly flat, and mostly smooth roads and paths. Our destination today is Altstätten, a historic walled village.

Day 4: We wrap up our time in the Rhine Valley by skating and biking down St. Margrethen, from where we hop on a train to our 800-year old palace hotel in Romanshorn on the shores of Lake Constance.

Day 5: Today we'll explore the popular Bodensee bicycle route, a multi-day route in Europe. We'll go out (and back if you wish) route that parallels the lake the whole way taking us through cute towns and past seaside cafes on our way to the city of Kreuzlingen.

Day 6: Our final morning, we skate and bicycle the other direction along Lake Constance, one of the best stretches with a path that is smooth, straight, and totally free of cars. We'll land in the small town of Arbon where you can enjoy a morning coffee and the lake breezes. After we'll return to the hotel to check out and say our goodbyes.

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CANADA: NOVA SCOTIA BIKING ADVENTURE

September 16 - 21, 2024

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Tour Details

September 16 - 21, 2024
Price per person:
\$3,400

Single Supplement:
\$600

Activities:
Biking or E-Biking



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Nova Scotia is a Canadian province located on a peninsula connected to the rest of Canada by a small land bridge, but otherwise is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Bay of Fundy. This tour is perfect for cyclists who want to pedal inn to inn, and with van support and e-bike rentals available it is accessible to everyone. The cycling is excellent, not too challenging, and always incredibly scenic.

We cycle from Yarmouth in the southwest up along the Bay of Fundy to the town of Wolfville. We also make our way through the Annapolis Valley, an agricultural center of the province, passing lovely local vineyards. The pace of the region is relaxed, the views are outstanding, and biking is the best way to see Nova Scotia. At the end of the day the importance of local fishing means the seafood is as good as it gets

Day 1: We meet in Yarmouth on the southwest coast of Nova Scotia and will head off for a fun ride to the Cape Forchu Lighthouse on the edge of the famous Bay of Fundy. Tonight we'll take a stroll through Central Yarmouth.

Day 2: The main route today takes us north on the Evangeline Trail coastal road along the Bay of Fundy which fills and empties with billions of gallons of water twice-daily, and the highest tides in the world. Dinner will be that delicious local seafood caught by local fishermen.

Day 3: Today we enjoy less-traveled inland roads from Meteghan to the cute port town of Digby, as well as head toward the coast to pass through Belliveau's Cove, with its lighthouse and high-quality restaurants that make for a nice lunch break. This evening we'll enjoy a private scallop and lobster feast at our seaside inn.

Day 4: A ride along the Bear River then continue up the coast. The last 12 kilometers are on a rail trail that runs straight and flat to our destination in Annapolis Royal—the location of the first European settlement on North America in 1605—two years before the English settled in Jamestown, Virginia.

Day 5: The longest day and along the Harvest Moon Trailway, an old railroad grade that runs up the valley formed by the Annapolis River. We'll make it to Wolfville, the center of a burgeoning wine scene.

Day 6: Back on the same bike path as yesterday, we'll visit the Grand-Pré National Historic Site then return to the hotel in time to check out.

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February 23 - 27, 2024

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PARK
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Tour Details

February 23 - 27, 2024

Price per person:
\$3,150

Single Supplement:
\$700

Activities:
Snowshoeing
Wildlife Observation



On this small group experience we're joined by wolf biologist, Jon Trapp to become "wolf watchers" in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley—the ultimate place to observe and learn about wolves. Yellowstone National Park in the winter offers a solitude that is truly magical with snow-covered peaks, elk foraging for food, and the unique thermal features. We'll spend our days on gorgeous trails in open valleys and narrow gorges, along frozen creeks, among groves of Aspens, next to herds of bison, and near the steamy Mammoth Hot Springs.

The first three nights we stay in the small town of Gardiner, steps away from the Roosevelt Arch which signifies the official entrance to the world's first national park. Our last night is spent at Chico Hot Springs Resort, with two hot springs pools that are the perfect place to relax and enjoy the views of the Absaroka Mountain Range.

Day 1: We'll meet in Bozeman then transfer through the Paradise Valley to our basecamp in the small town of Gardiner. We'll get started in the Park with our first snowshoe, a groomed 1.5-mile loop around the upper terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs. Tonight at dinner Jon Trapp the tour wolf biologist will join the tour.

Day 2: On the road before sunrise to Yellowstone's Lamar Valley. With spotting scopes and binoculars we'll keep watch as the wolves awaken for the day. We'll also fit in a trek from the Lamar Buffalo Ranch to one of three wolf acclimation pens built for the controversial reintroduction of wolves in the park in 1995.

Day 3: Back to the Lamar Valley to explore for tracks and other signs of wolves and a snowshoe to the former den of wolf #9 (one of the first wolves in the Park after the reintroduction). Along the way, Jon will teach us about den site selection, wolf mate selection and biology, and more.

Day 4: This morning we depart for our longest outing of the trip to the end of the Yellowstone Canyon and the Tower Fall overlook. After we'll head to Chico Hot Springs Resort for our last night, relaxing in the outdoor pools and enjoying a final dinner in the historic dining room.

Day 5: Today is a relaxing morning of soaking in the pools, or walking a resort trail. We'll check out and return to Bozeman by noon, where you can choose to extend your vacation or return home.

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CZECH REPUBLIC BEER & WALKING ADVENTURE

September 10 - 16, 2024

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ADVENTURE





Tour Details

September 10 - 16, 2024

Price per person:
\$4,100

Single Supplement:
\$700

Activities:
Beer Experiences, Walking

On this beer and walking-filled vacation, we'll visit 13 breweries in 7 days, including getting access to breweries and experiences not available to the public. We'll tour a hop farm and hop research institute. We'll meet with brewers from both the most famous Czech breweries and small family-owned ones. We'll even have the opportunity to enjoy a beer spa!

The Czech Republic is a leading beer vacation destination for good reason. It is the birthplace of the pilsner beer, Pilsner Urquell, and home to the original Budweiser. There are more than 400 Czech breweries and it is the homeland of the famous Moravian barley and Žatec (Saaz) hops. A pint of beer at a brewery is still less than \$3, and, well, they have the highest consumption of beer per capita in the world.

Beer industry experience and local expertise make this an exceptional beer tour. Zephyr guide Yannick de Cocqueau knows his beer (he is a beer sommelier, homebrewer, works for the Brussels Beer Challenge, and is part of the team behind the Zythos Beer Festival) and will be joined by two local Czech beer experts, Martin and Jakub, who own and operate Prague Craft Beer Tours. They are homebrewers by night and work professionally at Budvar by day. Martin is also a certified beer sommelier and has family experience in the hops industry.

Day 1: Walking tour of the Old Town with beer stops; a tour & tasting at Pivovar U Fleků, the beer gardens of Pivovar Národní, and the medieval underground brewery of U Kunštátů.

Day 2: Exploring the Prague Castle and Lesser Town along with a tour at the Břevnov Monastery and tasting of the lambic beers. In the evening a beer tapping class from Master Bartender Miroslav Nekolny, Restaurace Červený Jelen.

Day 3: Pivovar Obora, a young and sustainability-based brewery in South Bohemia, then a tour at České Budějovice, home to Budvar brewery.

Day 4: A cable car ride up to walk down to Český Krumlov for a visit to the town brewery dating from the 13th century. After we head to our hotel in Nepomuk with a beer tap in each room.

Day 5: The famous beer city of Plzeň and the Pilsner Urquell Brewery for fresh pilsner beer straight from the barrel, lunch in the original fermentation quarters, then a visit to Pivovar Proud, a small craft experimental wing of the brewery.

Day 6: We visit Žatec (a UNESCO world heritage site for its hop growing and beer making tradition), the Hop-Research-Institute Žatec, and a small family hop farm. We'll stop at the modern craft Zichovec brewery, then head back to Prague for a meet up at Cobolis brewery with local Czech homebrewers.

Day 7: More historic sites of Prague and a final beer stop back at the modern U Medvidku for a tasting of OLDGOTT, a lesson in bottling lager, and your own personalized BLONDGOTT lager gift as the tour comes to an end.

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ARIZONA PICKLEBALL ADVENTURE

October 13 - 17, 2024





Tour Details

October 13 - 17, 2024

Price per person:
\$3150

Single Supplement:
\$600

Activities: Pickleball, Hiking,
Biking, Kayaking

Join Diana and Carl Landau co-authors of *Pickleball for Dummies* for our Arizona Pickleball Adventure. This is a vacation that is a great combination of two hours of pickleball instruction and games each day, and the enjoyment of a cute small town, Southwest cuisine & Arizona wines, activities including hiking, biking, and kayaking, plus a jeep tour through the Red Rocks of Sedona.

You need not be fanatic about pickleball or good at the sport to enjoy this tour. The pickleball is a fun and social way to get exercise and meet your fellow tour participants. We then spend half our days enjoying the lovely mountain weather and scenery of northern Arizona.

Day 1: We'll meet at the Phoenix Airport and shuttle to Prescott. We'll arrive at our hotel for happy hour, introductions, and to hear from Diana and Carl Landau, co-authors of *Pickleball for Dummies* about the crazy history of the sport, a demystification of the "Kitchen" rules, and the Ten Common Pickleball Mistakes and how to fix them. Tonight we'll enjoy delicious Southwestern cuisine in the hotel's Peacock Dining Room.

Day 2: We head to the pickleball courts at Espire Sports and after some instruction from the pros we'll split into groups to play a few games. In the afternoon we'll head to Watson Lake to either kayak on the lake with its surreal landscape, or jump on an e-bike to cruise around and enjoy the views of the lake.

Day 3: Today the pros will focus the games with on-the-spot coaching. In the afternoon we head to famous Sedona with its red sandstone scenery and spiritual vortexes, where you can choose to stroll and shop, participate in an Art Gallery Walk, hike at Red Rock State Park, or do an off-road jeep tour through the canyons. We'll make a stop in Cottonwood, for a wine or beer tasting followed by dinner at Merkin winery's Trattoria.

Day 4: Today's third session of pickleball will be a fun rotating schedule of games. In the afternoon you can stay in town for a historical walking tour or head south to the Granite Mountain Hotshots State Memorial State Park, for a 1.5-mile or 5.7-mile hike to the fascinating memorial to wildfire fighters who lost their lives here. Tonight's final dinner will be at Farm Provisions restaurant, which focuses on using local Arizona products.

Day 5: We'll round out the week with a for-fun tournament with teams of balance skill levels. There will be time for an early lunch before heading back to Phoenix airport.

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