# Iceland Northern Lights Adventure

#### ARCTIC NATURE DISCOVERY 7 DAYS

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### TRIP ITINERARY



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Multi-year recipient of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's "**World's Best Tour Operator**"; and recognized by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine as one of the **Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth.** 

# Iceland Northern Lights Adventure

Thank you for your interest in this fantastic journey to Iceland to see the Northern Lights. We have hand-crafted this tour from our own experience and hope you fall in love with the area—as we have!

#### THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

The Northern Lights are a truly magnificent gift of nature. Observing their extraordinary colors dancing across the arctic sky is an unforgettable experience —and Iceland is one of the best places in the world to see them.

Our adventure begins as we set out away from the city in search of clear night skies and dancing lights. Our destination is the small fishing town of Stokkseyri, where we are welcomed with a seafood feast. The following day we are introduced to Icelandic culture, with a tasting tour of Reykjavik. From the captivating Harpa Concert Hall, to art galleries in colorful neighborhoods and fishing boats on the harbor, this is the perfect introduction to this creative and pulsating city.

We spend the rest of our adventure immersed in mother nature's elements as we explore the beautiful countryside of Iceland. Testaments to the constantly evolving earth are everywhere—hot rivers, snowy peaks, and majestic waterfalls dominate our views. We traverse glaciers on foot and by snowmobile and ford rivers in a super jeep. As the winter sun retreats each day, we seek out the spectacular Northern Lights, as they paint dramatic shapes, colors, and patterns on the night sky. Rejuvenating soaks in thermal baths and charming accommodations round out this exciting adventure.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Savoring an unforgettable langoustine lobster feast and sampling traditional cuisine while touring the capital city of Reykjavik.
- Exploring the unique landscape on foot and snowmobile, getting up-close to immense waterfalls and steaming geysers—even walk on a glacier!
- Experiencing the Icelandic way of life at thermal baths (including the Blue Lagoon) greenhouses, and viking sites.
- Seek out the majestic Northern Lights each evening, as they paint dramatic shapes, colors, and patterns on the night sky.

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# TOUR OVERVIEW



#### THE BASICS

Duration:	7 days / 6 nights				
Tour start:	Reykjavík, Iceland				
Tour end:	Reykjavík, Icelandt				
Accommodations:	6 nights in charming, boutique hotels				
Trip rating:	1	2	3	4	5
	Easy Strenuous (See page 10 for more details)				
Land cost:	\$5,995 per person				
Single Supplement:	First two reserved on each departure: \$400 (must reserve at least 120 days ahead); Additional singles: \$900				



#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags—we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- Expert leadership
- All accommodations
- All meals from dinner on Day 1, to breakfast on Day 7
- All on-tour transportation
- · All activities and entry fees as noted in the itinerary
- · Local wine and beer with dinners
- · All gratuities except for those for your guide and driver, which are at your discretion
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, small-group trip (conditions apply)

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance with booking your flights or other travel plans, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at 800-941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.



#### **ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE**

#### DAY 1

This evening, we drive to the south coast, away from the lights of the city for a sumptuous seafood feast and to start our search for the Northern Lights.

#### DAY 2

Learn about Icelandic art and culture with a walking and tasting tour of the city of Reykjavik. Head to the Viking Settlement Center in Borgarnes before a hike to a remote hot spring for a soak. We seek out the Northern Lights this evening at our hotel.

#### DAY 3

Delve into the landscape, both hot and cold as we explore the two stunning, lesser-known waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafossar, one of Iceland's grandest ice caves, a medieval geothermal pool, and Iceland's second largest glacier. This evening brings another opportunity to view the Northern Lights.

#### DAY 4

Visit three of Iceland's most famed sites (and for good reason), Thingvellir, Gullfoss waterfall, and the Geysir area. Tour a greenhouse that uses geothermal energy and enjoy lunch using fresh produce grown onsite. We hope for a sighting of nature's lights this evening.

#### DAY 5

Head to South Iceland for a glacier hike, walk on the Reynisfjara black sand beach to see the incredible basalt columns, and a stop at one of Iceland's most famous waterfalls, Skogafoss. We look to skies for the aurora tonight.

#### DAY 6

Visit Seljalandsfoss and Gljufrabui waterfalls en route to the fascinating Lava Center. Enjoy a snowmobile tour on Eyjafjallajökull Glacier. One last evening to enjoy the dancing colors above us.

#### DAY 7

Explore the unique Krisuvik geothermal area. Take a relaxing bath in the healing mineral waters of the Blue Lagoon, and transfer to the airport for departing flights.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, local events, and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.

## THE JOURNEY



#### DAY 1: Lobster Dinner & Northern Lights

Early this evening, we meet our guide and begin our quest in search of the Northern Lights. We depart for the south coast, away from the lights of the city, to one of Iceland's most renowned seafood restaurants for an unforgettable lobster feast. Afterwards, we return to our deluxe accommodations in the capital city.

Accommodation: Alda Hotel, Reykjavik Meals: D

#### Day 2: Reykjavik & The Highlands

Activity Overview: Walking and hiking Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 3-4 hours

Today, we learn about Icelandic art and culture with a walking and tasting tour of the city of Reykjavik. Stops will include the impressive Harpa Concert Hall, the Parliament building, City Hall, and the artfully designed Hallgrímskirkja Church.

As we stroll through the city, we are introduced to a cuisine shaped by isolation and the extreme forces of nature. While strongly rooted in customs and traditions, Icelandic chefs are also innovative, creating exciting menus using fresh ingredients harvested from the sea and family-run farms.

After lunch, we depart for Borgafjörður, the region where most of the Icelandic sagas take place. The area's landscape, nature and culture reflect the heritage and bring history to life. We drive for about an hour to our first stop, the Settlement Center in Borgarnes for an introduction to the Saga of The Settlement of Iceland and Iceland's most famous Viking and first poet, Egill Skallagrimsson. From there, it is a short ride to the trailhead for today's hike in the remote Icelandic Highlands.

On this 2-hour excursion, we enjoy a relaxed walk among natural wonders including the spectacular two-tiered Langifoss waterfall, an icy stream of glacial meltwater, and the former site of Okjökull, Iceland's first glacier claimed by climate change.

The highlight of our hike is a serene soak in the new Húsafell Canyon Baths, a surreal hot spring paradise that has to be seen to be believed. We enjoy 30 minutes of relaxing, recharging, and breathing in the pure Icelandic air before heading to our hotel for the evening for a second chance at viewing the Northern Lights.

Accommodation: Hotel Húsafell, Húsafell Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 3: The Western Interior

Activity Overview: Walking Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 3-4 hours

Our day is filled with natural wonders, first at two waterfalls, Barnafossar and Hraunfossar, the latter described as a collection of countless creeks and cascades streaming out of lava rock over a distance of about 3,000 feet. We then head into Cave Víðgemlir, Iceland's largest lava cave and an experience not to be missed. Having recently opened to the public after almost a half-century, the cave features amazing colors and lava formations that lurk in the depths of the earth. Elevated walkways make this an easy and enjoyable underground tour.



"An up close and personal look at a country with stunning beauty. The accommodations and food were stellar. Visits to geothermal spas, waterfalls, geysers, and parks gave a wide variety of experiences. Thanks for a great trip! I will come back to Boundless Journeys again."

A.E., Arlington, VA

We enjoy a locally-sourced lunch at the Brúarás Geo Center before making our way to our glacier experience. En route, we make a short stop in Reykholt. This tiny village is locally famous as the home of Iceland's best-known author, Snorri Sturluson, who lived in the early 1200s. Here, the geothermally heated pool, Snorralaug (named after him), is one of the best-preserved medieval sites in the country.

Arriving at Langjökull Glacier, we head into the new manmade ice tunnel in Iceland's second largest glacier to explore the inner-workings of this "river of ice." Today, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allows us to see a glacier from the inside, while in two days' time we will be hiking on the surface of one.

We return to our hotel for dinner, where our guide will check the aurora forecast for the evening.

Accommodation: Hotel Húsafell, Húsafell Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4: The Golden Circle

Activity Overview: Walking Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 2-3 hours

We begin by driving through the countryside to Thingvellir, a remarkable geological and historical site. It was here that the world's oldest democratic parliament was founded in 930 by the Vikings. Now a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, the beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of Earth's tectonic plates. The area's combination of natural phenomena and historical significance make it inseparable from the fabric of Icelandic national life. For lunch, we visit the Friðheimar greenhouses for an insight into the processes of greenhouse horticulture followed by a delicious lunch among the tomato plants. By creating yearround Mediterranean conditions using geothermal energy, it is possible to grow vegetables in Iceland's cold climate.

Our exploration of Iceland's magnificent landscape continues with a visit to the impressive Gullfoss Waterfall, a spectacular sight in winter surrounded by snow and hanging sheets of ice. The sheer power of the earth emanates from the cascading water. Only a few minutes away is one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, which shoots up almost 100 feet into the air every few minutes.

At day's end, we return to the comforts of our hotel and another fine meal as we await the possible display of dancing lights in the sky.

Accommodations: Geysir Hotel, Haukadalur Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 5: The South Coast

Activity Overview: Glacier walk and walking Activity Level: Easy to moderate Activity Length: Glacier walk 3-4 hours (approximately 1 mile); afternoon walk, 1 hour

Today, we discover South Iceland with a short drive to the Eyjafjallajökull massif. From the eastern face, the Sólheimajökull Glacier tongue extends down from its parent glacier, Mýrdalsjökull, Iceland's fourth largest. Here, we meet our Icelandic mountain guide, who equips us with the proper tools (crampons and ice axes) for an adventure on an active glacier. After instruction on the proper use of our



equipment, we traverse the glacier onto an ice field, where a wonderland of ice sculptures, ridges, and deep crevasses await our discovery. This adventure is like no other and only available in a few parts of the world.

We enjoy lunch in the small village of Vik, where we visit a woolen goods store and explore the black-pebble Reynisfjara Beach with its unique basalt columns. From here, we continue to the immense Skógafoss Waterfall, one of the biggest and most beautiful of Iceland's many waterfalls with an astounding width of 82 feet and a drop of 196 feet. It's so impressive, it has been a filming location for *Thor: The Dark World* and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.* 

This evening, we dine and relax at our luxury hotel and await a showing of the Northern Lights.

Accommodations: Skálakot Manor Hotel, Hvolsvöllur Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 6: LAVA Center & Snowmobiling

Activity Overview: Walking & snowmobiling Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 2 hours, 2-hour snowmobile tour

This morning, we set out to see the breathtakingly beautiful Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, part of the Seljandsá river, which has its origins in Eyjafjallajökull Glacier. We continue through a secret passage to find the Gljufrabui Waterfall, known as the "hidden waterfall of the south."

For lunch, we stop at the Lava Center, which features an interactive display of the natural forces that shape our planet and the unique geology of Iceland.

Perhaps the highlight of our day is snowmobiling on top of Eyjafjallajökull Glacier, the same glacier that feeds Seljalandsfoss, which we saw earlier. This tour is designed for first-time riders as a fun, scenic way to experience Iceland's winter wilderness and breathtaking views over South Iceland.

We drive up Eyjafjallajökull's slopes and on to the glacier base where we have a short briefing to go over safety procedures. We dress in a snow suit and helmet and head out for an unforgettable snowmobile ride on the glacier.

This evening, we celebrate our adventures with our final group dinner and one more opportunity to view the celestial Northern Lights.

Accommodations: Skálakot Manor Hotel, Hvolsvöllur Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 7: Krisuvik Thermal Area, Blue Lagoon

Activity Overview: Walking Activity Level: Easy Activity Length: 30 minutes

On our way to the airport, we stop to stretch our legs in the lunar landscape of the Krisuvik thermal area and Lake Kleifarvatn, where we can walk along a boardwalk over mud pools and steam vents.

Our final stop is the Blue Lagoon, where the warm waters beckon us for a soak. A fitting tribute to our stay in the land of fire and ice. From here, the Keflavik International Airport is only 15 minutes, and we will drive you there in time for your late-afternoon flight.

Meals: B

### ACCOMMODATIONS



#### NIGHT1

Alda Hotel

Reykjavík, Iceland

Tel +354 553 9366 | reception@aldahotel.is Situated in the heart of downtown Reykjavik, the 4-star Alda Hotel is perfectly positioned for your stay. Guestrooms feature Nordic design and modern amenities offering the perfect blend of both comfort and style. Enjoy complimentary smartphones for local calls and internet use, a sauna and hot tub, and on-site restaurant and bar.



#### NIGHTS 2 & 3

Hotel Húsafell

Húsafell, Iceland

Phone: +354 435-1551 | booking@hotelhusafell.is

Named by *National Geographic* as one of them "Unique Lodges of the World" and by *Forbes* as one of the best places to see the Northern Lights, Hotel Húsafell will not disappoint. Each room features paintings by a renowned local artist, heated floors, and bath products made from Icelandic herbs. Designed to be in harmony with the environment, this hotel offers breathtaking views of the surrounding nature.



#### NIGHT 4

Geysir Hotel

Haukadalur, Iceland

Phone: +354 480 6800 | geysir@geysircenter.is

This new family-run hotel, located on the doorstep of the geothermal area of Geysir and Strokkur in the historic Haukadalur Valley, harmoniously blends with the surrounding environment through the use of materials that reflect the landscape in the architectural design of the building. The hotel's rooms and suites are bright and light and all have views of stunning scenery.



#### NIGHTS 5 & 6

#### Skálakot Manor Hotel

Hvolsvöllur, Iceland

Tel: +354-487-8953 | info@skalakot.com

The Skálakot Manor Hotel is a 14-room boutique hotel on a horse farm in a remote area of southern Iceland. Surrounded by beautiful countryside, Skálakot offers optional horseback rides, spacious yet cozy common areas, and family-style dining.

## WHAT TO EXPECT



#### **TRIP RATING**

Boundless Journeys trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. Iceland: Northern Lights Adventure is rated 2, easy to moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). The terrain we cover is incredibly varied. We'll enjoy some gentle hikes, glacier hiking, and snowmobiling. Please be aware that hikes and/ or activities may be changed last-minute due to weather conditions, which are highly unpredictable in Iceland.

#### PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. The more well-prepared you are for the activities, the more you will enjoy yourself. As a general guideline, we suggest that you engage in easy to moderate aerobic activities (such as walking, hiking, jogging, or cycling) for at least 30-45 minutes several times a week for 4-6 weeks before the trip. If you live in a flat area, try to incorporate some stairs into your workout, or use a treadmill with varying incline capability (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this tour.

#### THE GLACIER WALK

A half-day glacier walk is included, weather permitting. All necessary equipment is provided, including crampons and ice axes. Boots are available for rental, although your hiking boots should suffice. The Icelandic mountain guides we hike with are experienced mountaineers with a great deal of knowledge about glaciers and safety procedures. After being fitted with gear and a safety briefing, we head onto the ice itself for a unique perspective on the importance and beauty of glaciers. If the weather makes this adventure unsafe, a traditional hike will be offered instead.

#### **SNOWMOBILING**

With thousands of acres of year-round snow, Iceland is well suited for snowmobiling. On Day 6, we will embark on a snowmobile adventure. Please note that the snowmobiling activity is priced for double use. Please let us know in advance if you prefer a single snowmobile at an additional fee of \$95. Helmets, waterproof coveralls, balaclavas, gloves, and boot covers are available for use.

#### NORTHERN LIGHTS VIEWING

It is important to see the Northern Lights as just one of many thrills of a winter trip to Iceland. Immense glaciers, snowy peaks, majestic waterfalls, relaxing thermal baths, fewer crowds, and the vibrant city of Reykjavik, are reasons enough to go. With luck you will also see the sky ablaze with dancing lights, but this can never be guaranteed. The Northern Lights are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. And, like many natural wonders, they are ephemeral—appearing for a bit, and then disappearing

The unique colors of the Northern Lights are created by the Earth's spectra of gases and the height in the atmosphere where the collision of particles from the sun and the Earth's gases takes place. Our naked eye can most easily see the green-yellow part of the spectrum where the sun emits most of its light. Green is the most common color observed but the Northern Lights can also appear white-gray.

Please be prepared to wait outside while looking for aurora. It is best to dress warmly, in layers, with good footwear, gloves, hats and whatever else will make you comfortable while you patiently await the possibility of a truly outstanding light show.

#### **DRIVING DISTANCES**

Although Iceland is a relatively small country, the distances from one place to another are sometimes long, due to actual miles covered or, in some cases, the conditions of the road. We have tried to balance experiencing certain unique places with time out of the vehicle to explore and immerse ourselves in diverse landscapes. On a couple of days, driving times may total 3-4 hours, but rest assured that they are broken up and that both the drives and the destinations are well worth the effort.

#### WEATHER

Thanks to warming Gulf Stream winds, Iceland enjoys a much warmer climate than it should given its northerly location (and its name). Weather in Iceland can change quite suddenly, so it is a good idea to always dress in layers.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE					
	HIGH	LOW			
FEBRUARY	37 °F	28 °F			
NOVEMBER	39 °F	34 °F			

#### TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a trip participant, you have responsibilities to Boundless Journeys, your fellow travelers and guide, and the local people you encounter. This includes understanding and preparing for the conditions described in the itinerary, ensuring it meets your interests and abilities, and following the health and safety guidelines of Boundless Journeys, local authorities, and/or the CDC. At their discretion, a guide may ask a guest to leave the trip if further participation may be detrimental to the individual or other participants.

We strongly urge any guest feeling ill shortly before departure to cancel their trip. To help cover your investment, we highly recommend purchasing travel insurance with supplemental "Cancel for Any Reason" coverage. If you feel unwell during the tour, please immediately inform your guide, who can help take the appropriate next steps. We appreciate your cooperation.

#### SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

Small group travel affords us the opportunity to seek out the most remote and exotic destinations on the planet. Often we are exploring these locales with just 8-12 guests. The nature of active group travel is such that not all participants have the same ability level or interests. Traveling at a pace that is comfortable for the entire group, with a spirit of flexibility and adventure, are all part of this shared experience.

#### **DRINKS WITH MEALS**

At Boundless Journeys we believe group dinners are a time to celebrate our day, while enjoying the best of local cuisine, and good company. In keeping with this spirit, we typically include local beer and wine with group dinners. If you prefer premium wine, or liquor, please feel free to order what you like, and you may settle your tab at the end of the meal.

#### **DRINKING WATER**

We provide purified or bottled water on all trips; however, in an effort to reduce waste, we strongly encourage you to bring a water bottle to refill where safe to do so, as is the case in Iceland. This is just one small way we strive to travel more responsibly, and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.

Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel. You can take the pledge, too, and learn more about TAP's efforts at www.travelersagainstplastic.org.

#### CUISINE

Menus in Iceland generally feature a choice of meat (often lamb) and fresh fish (commonly salmon and trout). Some menus are more extensive. Icelandic cuisine has come a long way, and many chefs train in mainland Europe before bringing their skills home to create innovative dishes using native ingredients. It is common even for small hotels to offer meals buffet-style, as this allows travelers to try traditional local dishes alongside more familiar fare. Please inform us of any specific dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please call our office with any questions or concerns about our ability to meet your needs.

### OUR ICELAND TEAM

#### TRIP MANAGER



#### **Deborah Tobey**

Originally from Long Island, NY, Deborah has lived and worked around the country. After a decade out west adventuring as a river guide and ski instructor, Deborah was drawn back east to be closer to family. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2010 initially managing Ecuador, Palau, and Spain. Now, her portfolio includes Croatia, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, Finland, and Costa Rica. She loves being on the water, hiking in Vermont's Green Mountains, and camping with her family and dog, Winston.

#### **GUIDES**

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



#### **Snorri Wium**

Snorri was born and rased in Reykjavík, where he studied classical singing. He graduated with a diploma as an opera singer from the Vienna Conservatory. Upon completion of his studies, he worked for several years as an opera singer, primarily in Germany and Austria.

Snorri returned to Iceland and began working as a guide in 2010. He is certified to guide group tours, hiking adventures, and glacier explorations. He enjoys every opportunity to take guests into the mountains and to remote, off-the-beaten-path areas of Iceland where they can experience the beautiful landscapes together.



#### Klara Hallgrimsdottir

Klara was born on the Western Islands off the south coast of Iceland, where she spent much of her childhood. She has traveled to many countries in the world, worked as a ski instructor in the Austrian alps, studied in Germany, and cycled in the Andes in South America. Klara also completed a teaching degree at the University of Iceland and taught high school mathematics for over a decade. For the past 20 years, she has been sharing her love of the outdoors and her country as a certified Icelandic hiking guide. First during school vacations, and now full time. Her favorite tours are in the countryside, where she can spend time in nature enjoying life's simple pleasures, fresh air, and beautiful scenery. Klara speaks fluent Icelandic, English, German, and Pinzgauerisch (an Austrian dialect).

### **NEXT STEPS**



#### TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

#### **ONCE YOU RESERVE**

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

#### **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

#### **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

#### QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at info@ boundlessjourneys.com. Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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# BOUNDLESS BEYOND



#### **RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL**

At Boundless Journeys, our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

#### WE ARE COMMITTED TO

**Making connections**. Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a deeper understanding and connection to each place.

**Going local.** Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners and friends abroad as we return year after year.

**Respecting people and the environment.** We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Give back**. Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or servicebased travel opportunity.

**Learn more.** Visit boundlessjourneys.com/responsibletravel to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

**Join us.** Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at travelersagainstplastic.org.

#### CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.



