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How we deliver

THE WORLD'S GREAT ADVENTURES

A passion for travel. Simply put, we love to travel, and that infectious spirit is woven into every one of our journeys. Our staff travels the globe searching out hidden-gem inns and lodges, taste testing bistros, trattorias, and noodle stalls, and discovering the trails and plying the waterways of each remarkable destination. When we come home, we separate wheat from chaff, creating memorable adventures that will connect you with the very best qualities of each destination.

Unique, award-winning itineraries. Our flexible, hand-crafted journeys have received accolades from the world's most revered travel publications. Beginning from our appreciation for the world's most breathtaking and interesting destinations, we infuse our journeys with the elements of adventure and exploration that stimulate our souls and enliven our minds. Whether you are looking for a challenging physical expedition or a leisurely cultural exploration, Boundless Journeys has exceptional itineraries to match your sense of adventure.

Insider connections. There is simply no substitute for traveling with a knowledgeable insider, and our expert local guides will open doors for you that other travelers miss, like dinner with their extended family in Peru's Sacred Valley, or meeting an art scholar in Florence. Relationships developed over many years allow you to experience our destinations through a well-connected friend.

Small groups. Although the camaraderie of a group of like-minded travelers often enhances the journey, there can be too much of a good thing! We tread softly, and our average group size for safaris is just 6-8 guests (or as few as two on private journeys), allowing us access to opportunities that would be unthinkable with a larger group.

Flexibility to suit your travel style. We offer both scheduled, small-group departures and private journeys so that you can choose which works best for you. Not finding exactly what you are looking for? Let us customize a journey to fulfill your travel dreams.

Customer service that goes the extra mile. Having trouble finding flights that work for you? Want to surprise your traveling companion with a bottle of champagne at a tented camp in the Serengeti to celebrate an important milestone? There is no request that is too big—or too small—for our staff to handle. From your first call, we guide you through choosing your trip, provide advice on preparing for your adventure, and hold your hand until you return home.



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**.

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Thank you for joining us on this fantastic journey to the Pacific Northwest. 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

Off the coast of Washington lies a group of islands that make up the San Juan Archipelago. Known for pristine landscapes, thriving orca populations, and a laid-back vibe, the San Juan Islands are a refreshing escape from the bustling mainland.

Occupied at one time by both the British and the Americans, these islands were the site of the “Pig War,” a historic border dispute started by (of all things) a wandering pig. Today, parks protect the islands’ diverse ecosystem, home to orcas, bald eagles, sea lions, and more.

On this Boundless Journeys tour, we visit the two largest of the San Juan Islands—at island pace, of course. Enjoy sweeping mountaintop views on San Juan Island and explore galleries and artists’ studios on Orcas Island. Delight in fresh-caught seafood at renowned restaurants, ending each day at relaxing accommodations in bucolic settings.

A short ferry ride from Seattle but seemingly a world away, our Boundless Journeys tour captures the scenic beauty and relaxed pace of life that makes the San Juan Islands truly special.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a whale watch to view the majestic resident orca population, along with other marine wildlife
- Circumnavigate Dinner Island via kayaking
- Hike through forests and along stunning coastline keeping an eye out for the many bald eagles that call the islands home
- Meander artists’ studios and savor fresh cuisine, including local wine and day-boat seafood

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TOUR OVERVIEW



THE BASICS

Duration:	6 days
Tour start	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, WA
Tour end:	Seattle, Washington
Accommodations:	5 nights in waterfront hotels
Trip rating:	1 2 3 4 5 Easy Strenuous
Land Cost:	\$3,895 per person
Single Supplement:	First two reserved per departure: \$285*; Additional singles: \$785 *Must reserve at least 120 days ahead



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 as noted in the itinerary
- All activities and park entrance fees as noted in the itinerary
- All on-tour transportation
- All gratuities except for those for your guide(s) and driver, which are at your discretion
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, small-group trip (conditions apply)

Airfare to and from Burlington 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

Take the San Juan Clipper, hike Mt. Grant, and visit the American Camp.

DAY 2

Enjoy a whale watch and an afternoon hike at the San Juan Islands Sculpture Park.

DAY 3

Tour the historic buildings at English Camp and kayak in Griffin Bay.

DAY 4

Explore Orcas Island and summit Mt. Constitution.

DAY 5

Visit artisan studios and galleries and chat with farmers.

DAY 6

Depart from Orcas Village and transfer to Seattle.

THE JOURNEY



DAY 1: San Juan Island, American Camp

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 3-4 hours

Welcome to San Juan Island! Your guide will meet you in Friday Harbor upon arrival of your the San Juan Clipper from Seattle. Soak in the welcoming ambiance and relaxed pace of life as we stroll this historic town's square-mile of galleries, museums and cafes.

The second-largest of the islands in the archipelago, San Juan has the largest population, at around 7,000 (about half the student body of Baylor!). A tranquil haven of thriving farmlands and quiet forests, San Juan Island attracts artists, sportsmen, and outdoor enthusiasts year-round.

From Friday Harbor, we'll make our way to the foot of Mt. Grant where we begin our ascent to the summit. We hike past towering Douglas firs and colorful wildflowers to reach a sweeping 360-degree panorama of mountains, islands, and water. Clear views reveal the Cascades, the Olympics, and Mt. Rainier, as well as Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

In the afternoon, we head to the American Camp area at the southern part of San Juan Island. Here, we stroll the grassy slopes of the long-deserted Belle Vue Sheep Farm towards picturesque Grandmas Cove. We continue our hike along the coast, overlooking the scenic Strait of Juan de Fuca. After a visit to sandy South Beach, we return to the trailhead to visit the site of the American Camp. Claimed by both the British and the Americans, tensions on San Juan Island escalated into the "Pig War" when a British pig found its

way into an American garden. Each side established a war camp. Today, we'll visit the relics of the American Camp's historic buildings including the officer's quarters and the building that housed the camp's laundress'.

This evening, we return from our hike to settle into our lakeside accommodation before dinner at a favorite local restaurant, featuring cuisine made from locally-sourced ingredients from the land and sea.

Accommodation: Lakedale Resort, Friday Harbor

Meals: L, D

DAY 2: Whale Watch, Roche Harbor

Activity Overview: Whale-watching; Walking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1-2 hours

This morning, we head to the harbor to explore the waters around San Juan Island on an exciting whale watching boat tour. Keep an eye out for the playful humpbacks, inquisitive minkes, and majestic orcas that call these waters home. Year after year, the same whales return to the area, and your friendly guides will give you a rundown of who's who. An area rich in marine wildlife, other animals we're likely to see include harbor seals, Dall's porpoise, and sea lions.

Back on land this afternoon, we'll make a visit to the San Juan Islands Sculpture Park at Roche Harbor. The walking paths of the 20-acre park allow us to explore an outdoor collection of over 150 sculptures. Stroll past a scenic pond and through open meadows admiring artwork by local, national, and emerging artists.



Tonight's relaxing dinner is at another local favorite, where you'll get a taste for genuine San Juan hospitality along with delicious homemade food.

Accommodation: Lakedale Resort, Friday Harbor

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3: English Camp, Griffin Bay kayaking

Activity Overview: Walking & kayaking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 2-4 hours walking, 3 hours kayaking

Today, we head to the north side of San Juan Island to visit English Camp, the counterpart to American Camp. After a tour of the Visitors' Center, we take a path towards Garrison Bay where we'll find the camp's historic buildings. Once a vast compound, the blockhouse and commissary still remain, while the Visitors' Center occupies the barracks. We'll stop to admire the camp's lush formal garden, with its manicured flower beds and shrubs—a recreation of the original garden, which served as a beautiful reminder of the officers' English home.

From English Camp, we follow a forested trail along the shore of the bay to Westcott Bay Shellfish Farm, a cooperative aquaculture farm. If time allows, we may also stop at a local distillery to sample handmade shrubs and gins.

After lunch, we head out from Friday Harbor on kayaks. No experience is necessary as our kayak guides will provide basic instruction. We glide through the serene waters in the shadow of Mt. Baker in search of pelagic wildlife as we explore the tidal zone of Griffin Bay. We paddle around

Dinner Island and enjoy splendid views of the Olympic Mountains cresting above Cattle Pass.

Upon landing back in Friday Harbor you may choose to either return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner or wander the studios and galleries with sculptures, paintings, jewelry, pottery, and other crafts. The inspiring natural beauty of the San Juan Islands attracts artists of all kinds, making Friday Harbor the perfect place to view original works by the area's artists.

We gather again for dinner in town.

Accommodation: Lakedale Resort, Friday Harbor

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4: Orcas Island, Moran State Park

Activity Overview: Hiking

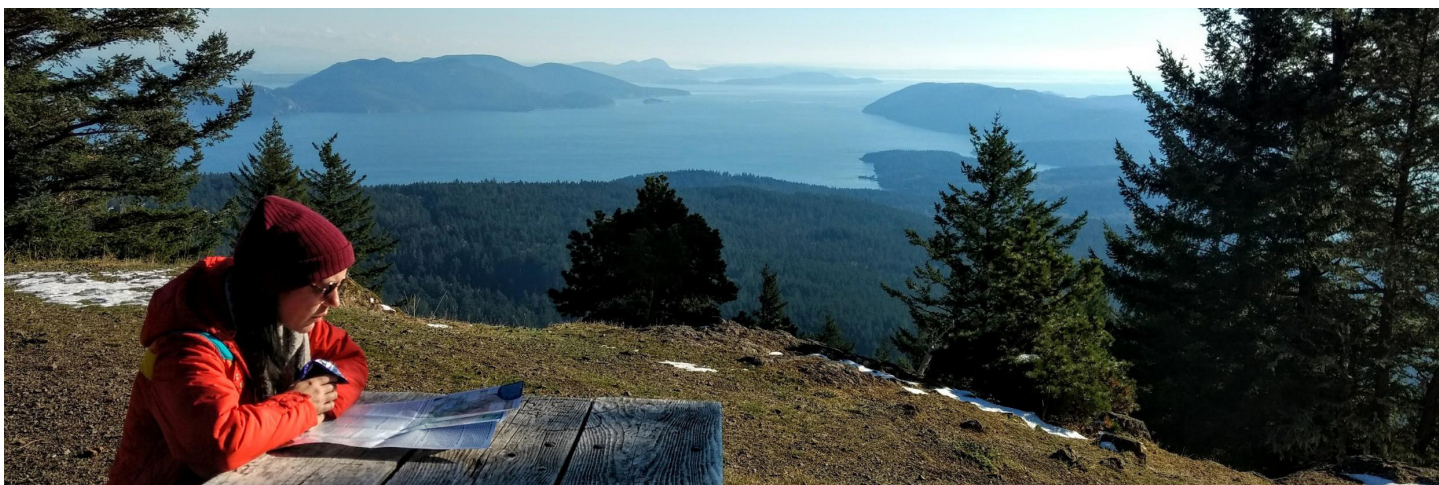
Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: 3-4 hours

This morning we board a ferry for Orcas Island, the largest of the San Juan Islands. Its hilly terrain and dense woodland offer exciting opportunities for hiking and walking, and the island's horseshoe shape has an extensive coastline with secluded bays and beaches.

Although its name is similar to the area's endangered whale, the name Orcas actually comes from "Horcasitas," the name of the Mexican viceroy whose expeditions arrived in the area in the late 1700s.

From the ferry dock at Orcas Village, we transfer to Moran State Park on the opposite side of the island. With 38 miles of hiking trails, five freshwater lakes, and the archipelago's



highest mountain, Mt. Constitution, opportunities to explore the island's diverse landscape abound. Here, we'll stroll beside picturesque lakes, trek to secluded waterfalls, and ascend towering Mt. Constitution. From the stone lookout at the mountain's summit, we're treated to sweeping views of the San Juan Archipelago islands scattered through deep blue waters, with Mt. Baker and the North Cascade mountains in the distance.

Next, we visit the spa at Doe Bay Resort & Retreat (optional) where heated, outdoor, saltwater soaking tubs soothe tired muscles and melt away stress. Admire stunning views of the bay from the tubs or spend some time relaxing in the spa's dry sauna.

Once we're thoroughly refreshed from the spa, we check in to the night's charming inn.

Accommodation: Rosario Resort, Eastsound

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5: Art Studios and Farms

Activity Overview: Walking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1-2 hours

After breakfast, we set out to explore the studios and galleries, which feature the works of Orcas Island's many artists. From pottery to jewelry, painting to glasswork, photography to stonework, Orcas Island is home to a thriving community of local artists. We'll stop to admire artwork and speak to the artists themselves about their craft. As we peruse the studios and galleries, perhaps you'll discover a special piece to bring home.

Throughout the day, we'll visit with local farmers whose bounty graces the tables of the island's restaurants and kitchens. We'll also have a chance to speak with the vegetable farmers, ranchers, and crafters responsible for supplying the ingredients for tonight's dinner at a restaurant in town.

Accommodation: Rosario Resort, Eastsound

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6: Departure

On our final morning on the San Juan Islands, we transfer to Orcas Village to board the ferry. Enjoy the views of Shaw, Lopez, and Blakely Islands on the way to Anacortes. From here, we transfer to Seattle for journeys home or more west coast adventuring.

Meals: B

PLEASE NOTE: *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.*

ACCOMMODATIONS



NIGHTS 1-3

Lakedale Resort

4313 Roche Harbor Rd

Friday Harbor, WA

Tel: 360-378-2350 | info@lakedale.com

With lodging spread along the shores of three lakes, Lakedale Resort places guests in the midst of San Juan Island's wild beauty. Nestled between Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor, it's the perfect base for enjoying all that this island has to offer.



NIGHTS 4 & 5

Rosario Resort

1400 Rosario Rd

Eastsound, WA

Tel: 360-376-2222 | info@rosarioresort.com

The historic Moran Mansion, listed on the National Historic Register, is the centerpiece for the resort and marina spread out on 30 acres along the shores of Cascade Bay on Orcas Island. The Mansion houses waterfront dining and a full-service spa, including an outdoor pool and whirlpool. All rooms offer spectacular water views, with most guest rooms located directly on the water.

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. This journey is rated 2, easy to moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). The walks on this trip are day walks with some vehicle support. Much of the walking on this tour will be on flat terrain, well-worn nature trails, and town streets.

PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is 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 on this trip, the more you will enjoy yourself! Please engage in moderate exercise (walking, cycling) for at least 30-45 minutes several times a week for several weeks before the trip. Consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program.

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.

WEATHER

The San Juan Islands enjoy an average of 247 days with sunshine and about half the rainfall of Seattle, thanks to the "rainshadow" effect of the Olympic Mountains to the south. Winds are variable, usually staying between 5-10mph with occasional gusts of 20mph or more.

Please come prepared for a variety of weather conditions. You can learn more at www.weatherbase.com

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE °F (HIGH/LOW)

July	71/49
August	72/48

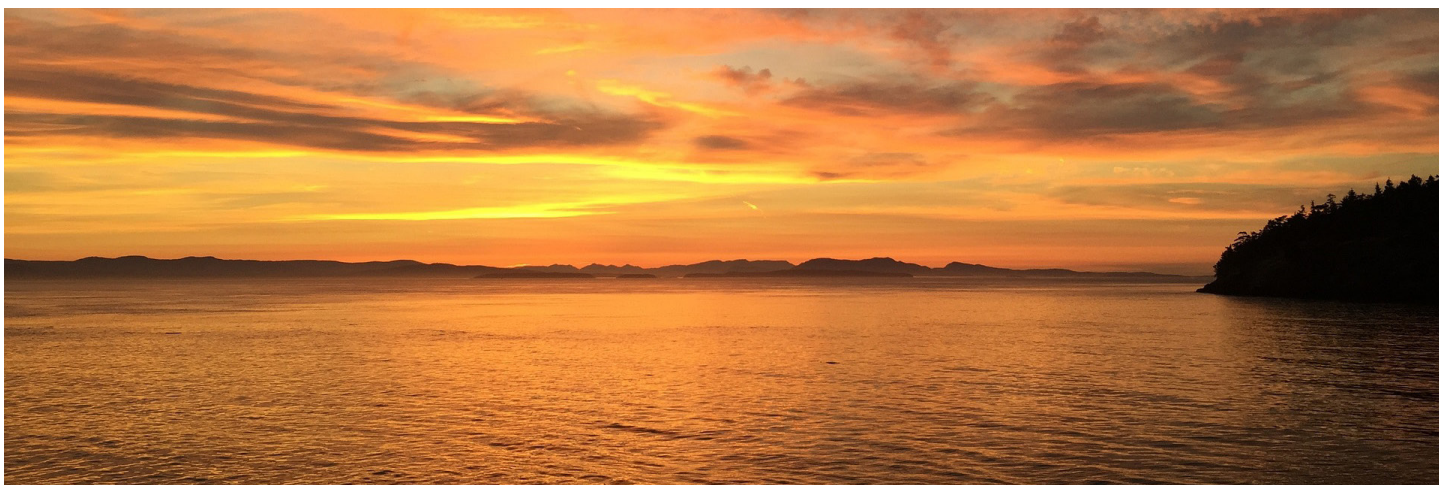
WHEN TO GO

The islands enjoy a temperate year-round climate. The Warmest temperatures and lowest rainfall occur between June and September.

DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all activities; however, we strongly encourage guests to bring refillable bottles as tap water in the San Juan Islands is safe. 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 to and learn more about TAP's efforts at www.travelersagainstplastic.org.

CUISINE

Fine dining in the San Juan Islands means tasty food—often locally produced—served in a laid-back atmosphere. Fresh seafood is often a highlight of any menu and restaurants often change their menus seasonally. Vegetarians can be accommodated with advance notice. Please inform us of specific dietary restrictions.

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 6-12 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 intimate 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.

TRANSPORTATION

All on-tour transportation is provided in private, air-conditioned vehicles or public ferries.

OUR WASHINGTON TEAM

TRIP MANAGER



Emily Trostel

Originally from Pennsylvania, Emily spent several years adventuring and teaching in Wyoming, California, and Colorado before driving cross-country to relocate in Vermont. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2017, and her portfolio includes New Zealand, Spain, England, Peru, Vermont, and our Alpe Adria trip. Emily loves any and all water activities—swimming, hot springs, and boats that require paddling. She also enjoys food and wine, literature, and hiking with her wife and their three dogs.

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.



Heather Harding

Heather Harding has been guiding professionally for decades on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, where she lives, and in the plateaus and canyons of the American Southwest. In 1997, she began guiding during the winter in Latin America, leading whale watching/research expeditions in Costa Rica, Mexico, and Dominican Republic.



Eric Kessler

Eric has been a wilderness and adventure travel guide for almost 40 years. His career has taken him to every continent except Antarctica in a variety of positions from mountaineering guide, to academic researcher, to assignment photographer. Eric currently guides in western U.S. National Parks, British Columbia, and Cuba, where he first led an academic bicycle tour in 2003. Besides guiding, Eric's freelance photography work specializes in adventure travel and cultural and environmental conservation. When he is not guiding, Eric spends time with his two children, bicycling, reading, and living on Washington's San Juan Island and the Olympic Peninsula.

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.

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 service-based travel opportunity.

Learn more. Visit boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel 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.

