



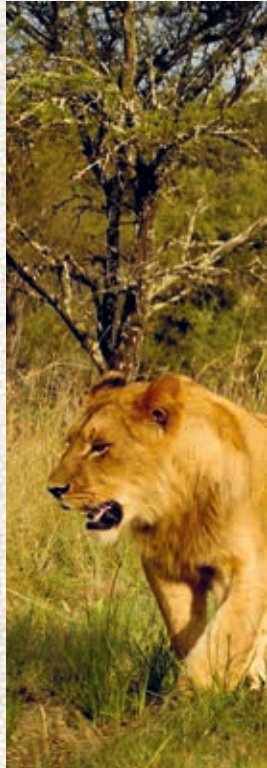
Vacations WITH PURPOSE





Discover **A NEW WAY TO TRAVEL**

Discover Corps is a grassroots travel company that is pioneering a new way to explore life and culture around the world in a way that rejuvenates the human spirit.





Travel, REDEFINED

Discover Corps trips are spontaneous, authentic and unforgettable experiences. The best travel stories cannot happen on a giant tour bus or while following a flag - they come through everyday interactions with other people. Whether you are volunteering, sightseeing or just relaxing, the people you meet will stimulate your mind and recharge your spirit.



LOCAL IMMERSION

Traveling with Discover Corps entails going beyond the norms of typical trip itineraries. You'll live in a community and experience it alongside our Program Hosts who are residents of that country. While exploring your destination, you'll learn about its people and form lifelong friendships. Our "on the ground" staff will immerse you into a schedule of meaningful volunteerism, cultural workshops, insightful sightseeing, and sharing meals and ideas with interesting local people.

LODGING

Far from the tourists, these are living spaces reserved for you. Simple, unencumbered and comfortable, our lodging ranges from Rustic, Standard to Premium. All properties are carefully selected for quality, location and charm. Each is unique, providing a warm place to unwind from the day's activities and foster genuine connections with fellow travelers and the local community.

UNPARALLELED ACCESS

Our Program Hosts are experts in the local community and the country because they are year-round dwellers in these areas. During your trip, they'll share with you places and people that other travelers never see.

Why DISCOVER CORPS

A volunteer vacation is a unique blend of activities that allow you to discover a country through its people. Our trips combine volunteering with cultural immersion and local expertise to give you a 360-degree look at life in a local community. This makes traveling with Discover Corps one of the best ways to experience a new country in an authentic, sustainable and inspiring manner.



ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

Our all-inclusive pricing means you don't have to worry about a thing once you arrive in-country. The trip price includes the following:

- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- Comfortable, unique, locally-owned lodging
- Expert local guides that are there to support, inform and guide you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- Entrance fees to national parks, historic sites and other scheduled events
- An active daily itinerary including lectures, day trips and volunteering alongside the local community
- Day tours, overnight excursions, and cultural immersion activities.
- All gratuities for hotels, meals, baggage & transportation
- All land transportation during the trip
- \$50,000 medical and emergency evacuation insurance
- Turnkey customer support the entire time: from preparing for your trip to your arrival back home



Trips **FOR EVERYONE**

"My husband and I knew this Discover Corps trip would be a fun and meaningful experience for our daughters, but we never imagined how deeply we would all connect with the Tanzanian people."

- Catherine F. Walnut Creek, California



TRIPS FOR FAMILIES

On departures specifically designated as “Family Friendly,” travelers of all ages are encouraged to join — and our staff will offer special activities that allow younger travelers to connect with the youth of the destination country. Let your children or grandchildren discover the world in a way they never could in a classroom. Best of all, families of four or more that join an existing trip qualify for our group discount.



TRIPS FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

Don't have a travel partner? No problem! While other travel companies usually charge a premium for solo travelers in the form of a “single supplement” fee, we offer options that make our trips far more affordable for you. If you are open to having a roommate of the same gender, we will do our best to pair you with another solo traveler so that we can keep costs low for both of you. On selected departures labeled “Solo Traveler Savings” (STS), we completely waive the Single Room Supplement for any solo travelers who request a single room.



TRIPS FOR GROUPS

A private or customized journey tailor-made for your group. We have organized service-learning programs for schools, team building trips for corporations, and alternative breaks for universities. Whether it's a group of friends, family, students or colleagues - we have some great options for you.



Our **VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

Discover Corps' volunteer projects are driven by the local communities, not by us.

We respond to requests where our travelers can make a meaningful contribution in a short amount of time. In order to maximize your time, our local staff plan everything in advance and provide you with the support you need while you're there. From building classrooms, improving water systems, and creating eco-friendly communities, to preserving habitats and protecting wildlife, we partner with local non-profits to help them achieve their development goals.

While our trips only last a week or two, we strive for a long-term impact by partnering with organizations who have ongoing relationships with the communities where we volunteer. Each of our groups is a link in the chain of our partner's ongoing work.

By supporting communities to help them achieve their goals, travelers are transformed into friends and advocates of a country.

Travel with the
NATIONAL PEACE
CORPS ASSOCIATION



Discover Corps is an operator of the National Peace Corps Association's (NPCA) Next Step Travel trips. These trips include a NPCA host journeying with you to countries where Peace Corps has made an impact. Hands-on experience will define your journey with service projects that matter and peer-to-peer educational sessions, allowing you to see the direct impact of your volunteer service.

Belize CARIBBEAN MANATEE ADVENTURE

Blue seas, mangroves and rainforests are waiting to be explored. This is Belize.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

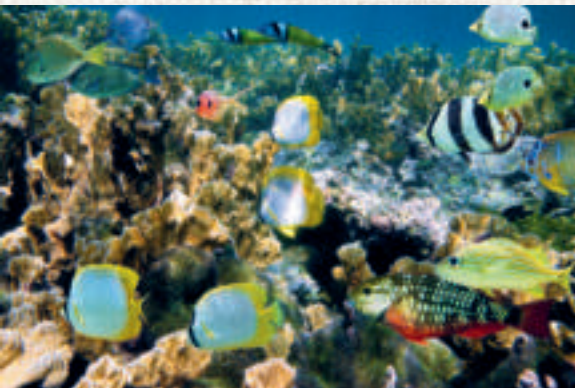
- Volunteering directly with manatees to monitor conservation efforts
- Coming up close with baboons and other animals at a wildlife sanctuary
- Exploring pristine beaches and rainforests while scouting for wildlife
- Rafting through the jungle, discovering waterfalls and exploring caves
- Snorkeling over colorful reefs in crystal blue Caribbean waters
- Visiting ancient Mayan ruins tucked deep in the rainforest
- Enjoying the laidback tropical rhythms of the country

I'll never forget the feeling in my heart as we pulled the boat over and *watched our first group of manatees swim by* - such majestic creatures! The itinerary was the perfect mix of activities around the coast, reefs and onshore.

- Lisa Samuelson



Straight out of a postcard: coral-fringed islands dot the coast and a vast network of inland national parks teem with wildlife. Amidst this beauty, you'll become part of the effort to protect manatees.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Habitat loss, boat strikes, and human impact have led to reduced numbers of manatees in Belize. Volunteer alongside a leading manatee conservation organization to help collect critical data on these creatures. Explore the three unique ecosystems where manatees are found, collecting data on the salinity of the water, currents, and number, size, and health of the local manatee population. This information is used by conservation groups to better protect the endangered West Indian Manatee.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Belize has one of the most unique blends of cultures in the Caribbean: a combination of Kriol, Maya, Mestizo, and African Garifuna, which yields a friendly and fascinating experience for visitors. You'll enjoy the vibrant and colorful culture of the Punta Gorda area, while also connecting with researchers and rangers working to protect the manatees.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Venture by boat to a remote island to snorkel along colorful reefs and relax on white sandy beaches. Raft through the rainforest and explore caves tucked deep in the jungle. Uncover ancient Maya culture by visiting archaeological ruins and spending a day with a Maya family, learning to make cocoa and playing traditional instruments. Trek to a waterfall and swim in its cool waters.


LODGING

You'll spend your first night outside Belize City, followed by three nights at the ranger's station bunkhouse inside Payne's Creek National Park. Although rooms are rustic with shared bathrooms, the experience of living enveloped in a tropical park is unforgettable. The next three nights are at a 3-star oceanfront hotel in Punta Gorda, walking distance from shops and restaurants.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand 

Group Size **Max 16, Avg. 10**

Volunteer Time 

Solo Traveler Savings **No**

Dates & Price [see Trip Calendar in back pocket](#)



Family Friendly
trip dates available

Dates & Prices? See Trip Calendar in back pocket.

Costa Rica

THE SEA TURTLE INITIATIVE

Help protect one of the ocean's most beautiful creatures.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Volunteering with a sea turtle conservation organization
- Witnessing baby turtles make their long trek to the ocean
- Getting up close and personal with monkeys, toucans, and jaguars
- Hiking through lush rainforests with a naturalist guide
- Living steps from pristine Costa Rican beaches
- Flying through the treetops on a zip-line adventure
- Rafting down a jungle river surrounded by lush flora and fauna

A fabulous family vacation full of a ***lifetime of experiences and memories.*** From our guides, to the accommodations, to the food and the locals we got to work side by side with, everything was beyond expectation

- Kristin McGarey



Dive into Costa Rica's vast and wild animal kingdom to get up-close and personal with rare and endangered species – and the conservationists who protect them.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

The population of Costa Rican sea turtles has declined by 90% since 1980. Volunteer with a conservation organization and help ensure the survival of these fragile creatures. Depending on the time of year, you'll help protect the turtles by doing night patrols, collecting eggs, assisting researchers, or releasing hatchlings.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Visit inspirational conservationists who have dedicated themselves to rescuing and rehabilitating animals. Encounter a kaleidoscope of birds, as well as mammals like monkeys, pumas, ocelots, jaguars, and sloths. Become part of the movement to protect wildlife while also enjoying the "pura vida" lifestyle that makes Costa Rica one of the friendliest countries on earth.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Immerse yourself in Costa Rican nature on a variety of adventurous activities. Zip-line through the rainforest, raft down rivers surrounded by tropical birds, and stroll down pristine beaches. You'll also visit heartwarming animal rehabilitation centers.

LODGING


This program moves with the turtles. From January to July, we're on the Caribbean coast. You'll arrive in San Jose, spend a night near the capital, then three nights at a rustic bunkhouse near the turtle conservancy. The last three nights are at a comfortable 3-star beachfront lodge with a swimming pool.

From July to December, you'll arrive in Liberia, spend a night nearby, followed by four nights on the Pacific coast in private chalets near the beach. Chalets are equipped with air conditioning and have access to a swimming pool. The last two nights are at a 3-star lodge in the heart of the rainforest.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand 

Group Size **Max 22, Avg. 15**

Volunteer Time 

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



Family Friendly
trip dates available

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Costa Rica

PROTECTING THE PACIFIC

*Become part of one of the
happiest countries on earth.*

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Volunteering to protect a National Marine Park
- Scouting for dolphins, whales, turtles, and tropical fish
- Traversing one of the most biologically intense places on Earth
- Snorkeling along the reef of a biological reserve
- Learning about artisanal fishing from local fishermen
- Relaxing on some of the world's most unspoiled beaches

Just wanted you to know my family had a wonderful time in Costa Rica. *It exceeded our expectations*, and we have been singing your praises to anyone who will listen.

- Deirdre Flesche



Become part of a community nestled between a breathtaking ocean reserve and rainforest-covered mountains, while helping them preserve their ecosystem and way of life.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Because Marino Ballena National Park is both a breeding and feeding ground for a variety of whales, it's critical to preserve it in the face of increasing tourism and development. We do a variety of community projects to raise environmental awareness; you could do everything from developing classroom activities and improving a recycling program to using GPS technology to create strategies to prevent ocean pollution.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

This off-the-beaten-path corner of Costa Rica still maintains its traditional way of life. Visit a farmer who will welcome you into his home and share how concepts like “organic” are simply how he’s always done things. Meet artisanal fishermen who have become allies in the struggle to preserve the ocean, as well as scientists, activists and other “Ticos” eager to share their culture with you.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand **■■■■■**

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time **■■■■■**

Solo Traveler Savings **No**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



Family Friendly
trip dates available

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Discover gorgeous wildlife and fascinating flora in Corcovado National Park, called “one of the most biologically intense places on earth” by National Geographic. Scout for whales, dolphins and seals off the coast of the Whale Tail of Marino Ballena National Park. Whether you snorkel through an array of tropical fish or simply relax on the beach, you’ll find yourself enjoying all the unique outdoor activities this town has to offer.

LODGING

Your home-away-from-home is a small hotel in the town of Bahia Ballena. It’s conveniently situated just a short walk to the heart of the town or to the Pacific Ocean. It’s simple, clean, and safe, and each room has a private bathroom. In the afternoons, you can cool down in the swimming pool or enjoy coffee from a locally-owned farm. If you look closely, you might even see iguanas and monkeys in the hills above town.

Dates & Prices? See Trip Calendar in back pocket.

Cuba

BUILDING BRIDGES

Build bridges of friendship and understanding. Be part of history in the making.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Exploring Havana's historic neighborhoods
- Revisiting history at the Bay of Pigs
- Soaking in the beauty of Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Having lunch with a renowned Cuban artist
- Rewriting the future of Cuba-U.S. relations
- Discovering Cuba on the verge of unprecedented changes

Every time I travel to Cuba, my perception changes. Though each trip reveals something new and fascinating about this enigmatic country, one thing is constant: *the vibrant energy and resilience of the Cuban people.*

- Sarah Rodriguez

Build bridges of friendship and understanding with the Cuban people while immersing yourself in their vibrant culture and rich history.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Since Cuba's educational and medical systems are the envy of the region, volunteering looks very different here. Due to the US embargo, Americans and Cubans have only known what media outlets portray in their respective countries. The best way to help the Cuban people, therefore, is by rebuilding bridges of friendship and understanding between our people. By having direct people-to-people interactions, we can rebuild relations from the ground up — one traveler at a time.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Cuban culture is an eclectic fusion of Spanish, African, and Caribbean influences — and through your connections with the Cuban people, their one-of-a-kind culture will come alive. Enjoy a uniquely Cuban experience through Latin dance classes, visits to Afro-Cuban religious ceremonies, musical performances, and explorations of places with deep cultural significance.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Discover Havana, the capital city of fascinating history and charming architecture. See all the key sites such as Cathedral Square, Old Havana, and some of Ernest Hemingway's old haunts. From there, progress east and enjoy the smaller towns in the countryside. Discover the stark contrast between rural and urban life while visiting colonial towns, seaside villages, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

LODGING

We'll stay in a variety of accommodations, ranging from Spanish-style hotels with quirky characteristics, all the way to family-run bed and breakfasts, where you can really see how Cuban people live. In Havana, we'll stay in 4-star hotels full of colonial charm and character that put you right in the heart of all the action. All hotels offer single or double occupancy with a private bathroom.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Premium**

Physical Demand **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**

Group Size **Max 15, Avg. 10**

Volunteer Time **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**

Solo Traveler Savings **No**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**

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Dominican Republic
**HEART & SOUL OF
THE CARIBBEAN**

*Join the rhythm of positive
change on this vibrant island.*

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Hiking to a stunning remote waterfall
- Helping build a rural medical clinic
- Riding a catamaran over crystal blue waters
- Living in a coastal eco-lodge steps from a white sand beach
- Savoring home-cooked Dominican meals
- Learning about the environmental challenges faced by rural communities

*This was exactly what we wanted –
an up close and personal
experience of the real Dominican Republic.*

- Patty Ching

On this stunning Caribbean island, the cheerful rhythm of life will recharge your soul as much as your volunteer project will affect the lives of the local residents.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Environmental degradation threatens people's health and livelihood in the Caribbean, where many islands rely on their natural surroundings as a source of income. You'll build health clinics and schools out of discarded plastic bottles, work on organic vegetable gardens, and be a friend and a role model for local children.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

The rural towns on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic are worlds away from the cookie-cutter tourist resorts. Get inspired by a Haitian doctor who is working to improve the health of his people. Meet organic honey farmers and taste the sweet fruit of their labors. Learn first-hand about the plight of Haitian migrants from local school teachers.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Live surrounded by idyllic beaches, upbeat Caribbean music, and an unmatched passion for baseball. Explore the tropical countryside by hiking to hidden waterfalls, riding a catamaran over the clear blue sea, and uncovering pristine beaches set amongst lush mountain landscapes. Visit famous sites in Puerto Plata such as the Mount Isabel gondola, amber museum, and a local rum distillery.


LODGING

Live steps from the beach in a rural community. Our Home Base is an eco-lodge sustainably built completely out of local materials. It's as much a model for rustic, ecological living as it is a place to relax — which you can easily do at one of its two swimming pools or by savoring a home-cooked meal prepared by our kitchen staff.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Rustic**

Physical Demand 

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time 

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



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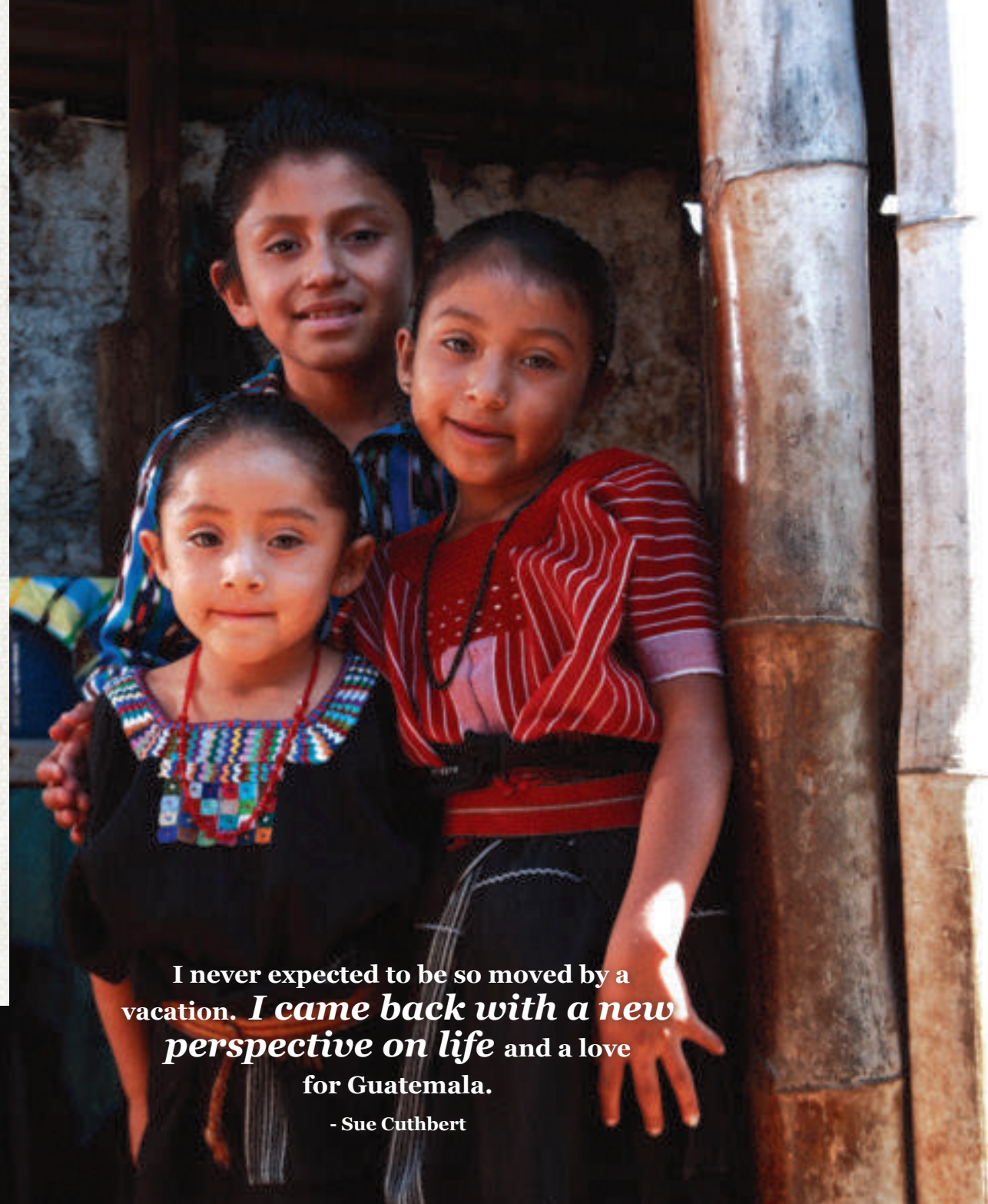
Guatemala

CHILDREN OF THE MAYA

Discover the world of the Maya through the eyes of the next generation.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Helping to improve the education of Maya children
- Visiting pre-Columbian archaeological sites
- Boating across sacred Lake Atitlan to visit rural villages
- Attending a traditional ceremony with a Maya shaman
- Relaxing in a natural hot spring surrounded by mountains
- Exploring the boutiques, galleries and cafes of colonial Antigua



I never expected to be so moved by a vacation. *I came back with a new perspective on life* and a love for Guatemala.

- Sue Cuthbert

Discover an ancient Maya culture that continues to thrive today – despite pressures of modernization. Uncover the art, artifacts, landscape and inspiring young minds that constitute this majestic land.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Since the peace accords were signed in 1996, the indigenous Maya communities have been struggling to preserve their culture and fully claim their place in society. You'll beautify Mayan schools by painting or refurbishing classrooms, or developing educational games that reinforce the teacher's' lessons. These teaching aids live on after you depart as a form of solidarity and support for this community.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Discover the indigenous wisdom and traditions of Guatemala. Learn from a shaman who shares the secrets of Maya cosmology. Dive into Guatemala's rich culture by learning how to make colorful indigenous textiles and play the marimba (their national instrument). Discuss the challenges currently facing the Maya community with fascinating grassroots leaders.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Explore Guatemala's cultural treasures with a visit to Antigua, a charming colonial town with gorgeous colonial architecture and narrow cobblestone streets. Visit the largest craft market in the hemisphere, navigating locals selling everything from bright cloths to colorful flowers and medicinal plants. Trek to Lake Atitlan and experience its peaceful beauty.

LODGING

You'll be based four hours away from the capital city, in the town of Quetzaltenango. It is the epicenter of indigenous Maya art and music. On any given day, you will see local families in the narrow city streets adorned in brightly colored traditional fabrics, walking past artisan markets selling age-old handicrafts. In the distance, vast plains make way for volcanoes that scrape the sky.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **8 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**

Group Size **Max 15, Avg. 8**

Volunteer Time **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



Peru

SPIRIT OF THE ANDES

***Journey to the heart of the
Inca Empire.***

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Exploring the breathtaking ancient city of Machu Picchu
- Helping to improve the education of local Peruvian children
- Engaging in hands-on workshops on Andean music and weaving
- Partaking in a traditional ceremony with a Peruvian shaman
- Reliving history at colonial cathedrals and on cobblestone streets
- Visiting key archaeological sites throughout the Sacred Valley

It was so much
*deeper than any trip I've
taken;* it was an inspiring and
enlightening journey.

- Ingrid Apogs

Relive the past at Machu Picchu while writing your own new stories in the Sacred Valley. Make a difference in the lives of the Quechua people while immersing yourself in the rich culture of the Andes.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

In the small towns outside of Cusco, education is key to unlocking the doors of opportunity created by the city's tourist economy. Lend a hand to local teachers to help students learn English and reinforce other subjects through enrichment activities. Whether it's creating teaching materials or engaging the students in educational games, this will be a memorable experience for both you and the children of the local community.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Discover remnants of a well-preserved historic civilization, as well as a thriving modern culture. Our guides will facilitate meetings with fascinating people and organize hands-on cultural workshops. Whether you're meeting with the founder of a school, spending time with a Quechua family, or learning from a traditional shaman, you'll experience the many dimensions of this rich and fascinating culture.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Go back in history by visiting some of the best known archaeological sites around Cusco. In the cathedrals, learn about the unique fusion of indigenous religion and Spanish Catholicism that occurred in the 17th century. At the Home Base, learn about traditional Andean textiles and Peruvian cooking. Cap off your trip with a visit to the famed ancient city of Machu Picchu.

LODGING

Only 45 minutes away from the city of Cusco lies a small town where cobblestone streets meander by traditional Peruvian houses. Children dance around the town plaza, chasing each other past old men deep in discussion. The Andes soar in the distance, in stunning contrast to the bright mountain sky. This pueblo will be your base for most of the trip, aside from a few nights in Cusco.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **10 or 14 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand **■■■■■**

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time **■■■■■**

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



Family Friendly
trip dates available

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South Africa

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

Be a part of the conservation efforts in one of Africa's largest safari reserves.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Going behind the scenes of the conservation efforts to protect endangered species
- Feeding orphaned baby rhinos by hand
- Tracking the "Big 5" throughout Kruger National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- Visiting a center that rescues and rehabilitates injured wild animals
- Playing a hands-on role in conservation using camera traps to track leopards and other animals
- Admiring the third largest canyon on earth, filled with subtropical vegetation and dazzling birds

My daughters and I bonded over the *once-in-a-lifetime experience* of being so close to *nature and the animals*. It's an experience we'll remember for the rest of our lives.

- Sandra Almeida

Live in harmony with nature on an exclusive African reserve and become part of the efforts to protect the incredible animals of the Greater Kruger National Park region.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Though Kruger National Park is the largest reserve in the country, its animals face many different threats. You'll use camera traps to assist a leopard conservation organization gather data on leopard density, behavior, and population dynamics outside of formally protected areas. This will help improve local policymaking and allow conservationists to work with farmers to manage leopard encroachment.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Meet conservationists working to protect endangered species and personally support their efforts to protect leopards. Along the way, you'll get up close and personal with a variety of wildlife in a way most travelers never do: you'll hold lion cubs, nurse baby rhinos, and feed injured animals. This trip allows you to go far beyond the safari -- you'll become part of the wildlife conservation movement!

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

The Greater Kruger National Park region is comprised of more than 7,500 square miles of protected land and has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. It's home to more than 500 species of birds and contains more species of large mammals than any other African reserve. Within this region, it's possible to spot all "Big 5" (lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros).

LODGING

Your home-away-from-home, the Discover Corps basecamp, is a deluxe tented camp on the banks of the Blyde River. It features a common building with a dining area and panoramic private deck, where you can enjoy the sights and sounds of the bush. Rooms include crisp white linens, a plush bed, full private bathroom with hot and cold water, hairdryer, lockbox, and fan. You'll also be able to enjoy an infinity pool, wi-fi, hiking trails, and an assortment of South African beer and wine for sale.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **10 days**

Accommodations **Premium**

Physical Demand **■■■■■**

Group Size **Max 16, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time **■■■■■**

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



Family Friendly
trip dates available

Dates & Prices? See Trip Calendar in back pocket.

Tanzania

EAST AFRICA UNVEILED

Discover the heart, soul, and wildlife of East Africa.

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Volunteering with local children at a village primary school
- Scanning the African savannah for zebras, elephants, lions, and rhinos
- Hiking to a waterfall that gushes down the side of Mount Kilimanjaro
- Experiencing first-hand the nomadic lifestyle of the Masai
- Learning traditions like African dance, bead making, and percussion
- Meeting inspirational leaders making a grassroots impact in their country
- Relaxing into the rhythms of African village life

Tanzania was an *inspiring place*.
I feel like I have friends there now and I'm
looking forward to going back.

- Karen King



Go beyond the movies and discover the real Africa: spot wildlife on an African safari, spend time with the Masai people, and volunteer at a village school. This journey is a window into a uniquely preserved way of life.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

Schools in rural areas suffer from overcrowded classrooms and deteriorating infrastructure. Assist in a local primary school by teaching English and basic math. Volunteer alongside teachers to develop instructional aids that enrich the curriculum. When not in the classroom, help to improve the school's infrastructure by planting gardens and refurbishing classrooms.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Though the media may portray Africa in a negative light, this is your opportunity to see the true heartbeat of Tanzania: the welcoming people who make this country great. Visit local non-profit organizations and meet with inspirational grassroots leaders working hard to improve the lives of their people. Work side-by-side with teachers and their smiling students. Enjoy guest speakers, dance performances and hands-on cultural workshops while learning to make African batik and other beautiful handicrafts.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Take a nature walk to a stunning waterfall along the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa. Enjoy the jeep ride of a lifetime in two of the world's most famous safari parks: Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park. Connect with the Masai and learn about their unique, age-old nomadic culture by throwing spears, learning traditional dances, and making jewelry.

LODGING

Rising above the African plains, Mount Kilimanjaro is the backdrop of your Home Base. Located off the narrow dirt roads in a village outside of Moshi, you'll be in the center of Tanzanian culture. Walk down the road and inevitably be greeted with a handshake and a loud "Jambo!" The Chagga tribe, who are local to this region, are incredibly friendly and eager to share their customs and history.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **10 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand **■■■□□**

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time **■■■□□**

Solo Traveler Savings **Yes**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



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trip dates available

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Thailand

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE

*Experience life in the
"Land of Smiles" and find
your spirit recharged.*

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Cooking a delicious traditional Thai meal
- Broadening opportunities for eager students by making English fun
- Reflecting on the greater meaning of life from a mountaintop temple
- Meeting the village elders of a rural hill tribe community
- Bathing, feeding, and riding giant and gentle elephants
- Discussing the role of Buddhism in modern society with learned monks

It is a land of **contrasting
landscapes, beautiful people
and amazing cuisine.**

- Alex Thompson

Get an up-close look into a distant kingdom where incense fills the air, monks dot the landscape, and remnants of the oldest monarchy in the world are on display.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

In Thailand, speaking English is essential for getting a good job. The traditional Thai education system, however, emphasizes rote learning. Our travelers have a simple mission: to make learning English fun! Through a combination of educational games, tutoring, conversation, and arts & crafts, you can inspire a child to enjoy learning English — and improve their chances for a brighter future.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Experience the diversity of local life in Thailand: visit the market to source fresh ingredients for a meal, chat with Buddhist monks, and learn from youth about the ever-smiling Thai perspective. Journey to rural hill tribe communities and talk to village elders about how they maintain their unique and traditional way of life.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

Venture into the hustle and bustle of Thailand's authentic street markets, learn to cook iconic (and scrumptious) Thai dishes, and come face-to-face with giant elephants. Ride a bamboo raft through the verdant countryside and visit Wat Doi Suthep, the ornate mountaintop temple that is surrounded by Hmong hill tribe villages.


LODGING

Lush mountain landscapes surround the traditional-style buildings and golden spires. Stay at a charming boutique hotel located walking distance from the shops and restaurants of Chiang Mai's historic town center. This Thai city is the cultural capital of the country — its streets are filled with everything from carts selling pad thai to monks shuffling to the temple and monkeys dangling from treetops.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **10 days**

Accommodations **Premium**

Physical Demand 

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time 

Solo Traveler Savings **No**

Dates & Price **see Trip Calendar in back pocket**



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Thailand

THE ELEPHANT CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

*Get up close and personal
with elephants and so much
more!*

IMAGINE YOURSELF...

- Volunteering at a camp that cares for elephants
- Bathing — and getting sprayed by — elephants in a river
- Venturing to a hill tribe village tucked in the lush green mountains
- Rafting down a river through the jungle and zip-lining through the treetops of a pristine rainforest
- Exploring colorful street markets filled with local handicrafts
- Taking elephants out for their morning walks through the jungle



Working alongside these gentle giants *truly blew me away*. I was impressed by the care that the local people gave the elephants. It was a *unique and wonderful* way to experience a beautiful country

- Tim Jarvis

Have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to interact with one of the world's most majestic creatures. Work with elephants and live amongst people who commit their lives to caring for them.



MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEERISM

You'll live part of the time in a rural village where elephant trainers, called mahouts, dedicate themselves to raising these gentle beasts. Work alongside the mahouts as you learn exactly what it takes to care for an elephant, including bathing, feeding, cutting grass, and cleaning up after them.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Visit mountain communities to learn about the unique hill tribe culture. Witness the ancient traditions of the Karin long neck tribe. You'll also meet inspirational figures working to protect the Thai elephant, such as the conservationists who care for the Royal Elephants, and staff at a hospital that cares for sick and injured elephants. At local galleries, marvel at elephant-themed artwork sold around the world to raise money for elephant conservation.

ENGAGING EXPLORATION

A trip to Thailand wouldn't be complete without visits to its magnificent Buddhist temples and the natural beauty of its countryside. You'll raft down a jungle river and zip-line through the treetops of the rainforest as you accustom yourself to the easygoing life of The Land of Smiles.

LODGING

Spend six nights at a small boutique hotel near the center of Chiang Mai, walking distance from delicious street food, dazzling craft markets, and relaxing Thai massages. Spend three nights at the elephant camp, where you'll get to personally connect with the elephants and their trainers. Accommodations at the elephant camp are simple, but do contain mosquito nets and private bathrooms with hot showers and western-style toilets.

TRIP FACTS

Trip Duration **10 days**

Accommodations **Standard**

Physical Demand **■■■□□**

Group Size **Max 20, Avg. 12**

Volunteer Time **■■■□□**

Solo Traveler Savings **No**

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