

2019

# Legacy Journeys

SIX EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS

*Your Invitation to Experience Nature with The Legacy Club*

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**KENAI  
PENINSULA,  
ALASKA**  
August 18-25



**PINE BUTTE,  
MONTANA**  
June 23-28



**MAINE HIGHLANDS**  
September 22-27



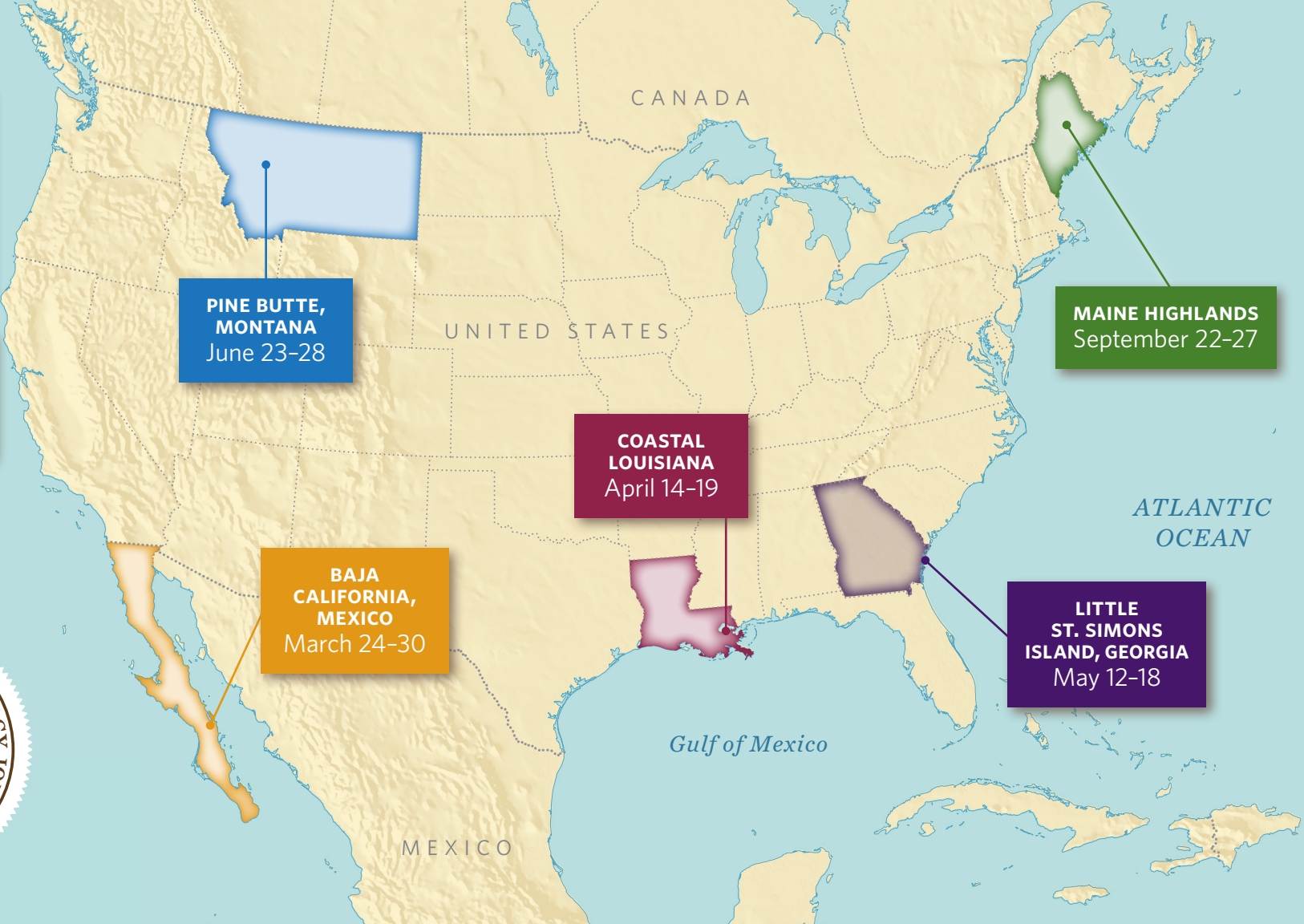
**COASTAL  
LOUISIANA**  
April 14-19



**BAJA  
CALIFORNIA,  
MEXICO**  
March 24-30



**LITTLE  
ST. SIMONS  
ISLAND,  
GEORGIA**  
May 12-18



# 2019 Legacy Journeys

## JOURNEY TO:

**BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO**, to behold the natural marine and terrestrial wonders that serve as key sources of income, food and economic growth for millions of people.

**COASTAL LOUISIANA** to discover how a whole systems approach to conservation at larger scales—encompassing freshwater, forest and coastal ecosystems—benefits one of the most productive estuaries on Earth.

**LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA**, to connect with nature on an 11,000-acre barrier island sanctuary boasting maritime forests, salt marshes, coastal wetlands and shell-strewn beaches.

**PINE BUTTE, MONTANA**, to enjoy a peaceful respite from the stress and distractions of daily life while exploring a traditional Western setting along the Rocky Mountain Front.

**KENAI PENINSULA, ALASKA**, to venture into one of our nation's last expanses of wilderness—a place that harbors iconic wildlife, valuable natural resources and breathtaking landscapes.

**MAINE HIGHLANDS** to explore a wilderness blessed with lush forests and pristine mountain lakes nestled in the shadow of the state's highest peak.

## IS A JOURNEY RIGHT FOR YOU?

When considering whether a trip is right for you, look closely at the itinerary and discuss your ability level with the tour operator if you have concerns. Travelers should be able to walk as many as three miles over uneven terrain with some elevation gain. Some trips may include activities such as boating, snorkeling or swimming. Expect to spend four to eight hours outdoors most days.

A range of weather conditions is possible during each trip: Please pay special attention to the trip itinerary materials provided and pack accordingly. If you do not wish to participate in an activity, please discuss this with the tour operator before the trip and, if possible, accommodations will be made. For more ways to connect with the Conservancy's work, see page 16.

# Dear Legacy Club Member,

We've lined up some incredible adventures for you in 2019! The enclosed *Legacy Journeys* brochure highlights six exclusive trips and serves as your invitation to experience the world we're working together to protect.

Each journey offers a range of delights—from songbird symphonies in Maine's North Woods to dramatic landscapes and seascapes along Mexico's Baja California peninsula—and promises to satisfy your wanderlust and validate why you support The Nature Conservancy's mission. You can immerse yourself in local culture and interact with TNC scientists and local naturalists in the company of fellow nature lovers.

Without exception, every journey guarantees clean and comfortable accommodations and first-rate, environmentally responsible tour operators.

Whether you join us or not, allow me to thank you for your dedication to supporting nature, local livelihoods, and the health and well-being of our world for many years to come.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg B. Thomson".

Meg B. Thomson  
Legacy Club Manager



P.S. **Sign up for your Legacy Journey today**

by contacting the travel specialist listed for the trip that captures your interest. Our Legacy

Journeys Program Manager Christine Kessler (available at [legacytrips@tnc.org](mailto:legacytrips@tnc.org) or 877-812-3698) is also happy to help you.

**Legacy Journeys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We suggest signing up as soon as possible to secure your spot.**







# Baja California

DISCOVER MEXICO'S NATURAL WONDERS, ON LAND AND AT SEA

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The seas surrounding the 775-mile-long Baja California peninsula are among the richest on Earth. The Gulf of California, on its eastern shore, supports abundant shrimp, squid, tuna and other fish that constitute 70 percent of Mexico's annual catch and many of the world's marine mammals, including blue, gray, humpback and pilot whales. It is around these waters where we will camp on a beach, snorkel along rocky reefs or gaze out on the horizon from a quiet spot near the surf. This trip offers a rare opportunity to experience Isla del Espíritu Santo, part of a UNESCO World Heritage site and Biosphere Reserve and an unparalleled location for observing sea lions, marveling at temperate and tropical fish, or walking along pristine mountain trails and beaches.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* Guided by local fishermen, tour the blue-green waters—filled with colorful tropical fish—of Bahía de Loreto National Park. \* Snorkel around Coronado Island, part of the national park's marine protected area. \* Ride alongside gray whales and their calves in Magdalena Bay. \* Visit the historic San Javier mission, which dates back to 1758. \* Watch for (and swim alongside!) whale sharks, as well as mobula rays and dolphins putting on acrobatic displays, while traveling through the Bay of La Paz. \* Under soft linens and a stretched canvas tent, “glamp” beneath the stars above Espíritu Santo.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Baja California's rich natural resources help fuel the region's economy, attract tourists from around the world, and provide food for millions of people. Sustaining its valuable biodiversity involves working with local communities and a variety of partners, including the Mexican government, which The Nature Conservancy assisted in acquiring and securing Isla del Espíritu Santo as a national marine park more than a decade ago. More recently, the Conservancy helped to establish zones designed to replenish fisheries and build resilience in coastal ecosystems and communities against the impacts of climate change.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

March 24-30, 2019

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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tnc@iconicadventures.com

### ESTIMATED COST

\$4,350 double occupancy, per person  
\$4,960 single occupancy, per person

# Coastal Louisiana

HEAD TO THE BAYOU TO DISCOVER A RICH CULTURE AND SOME OF THE FINEST BIRD-WATCHING IN THE COUNTRY

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There is no better way to understand the scale at which The Nature Conservancy is working to conserve Louisiana's vital ecosystems than from the seat of a seaplane.\* The height of this trip is a bird's-eye tour of the Pelican State's bayous, forests and the formidable Mississippi River. Before taking to the skies, get up-close and personal with the sentinels of the swamp by boating on skiffs amid towering bald cypress and tupelo trees. Along the way, there will be chances to experience unparalleled bird-watching during peak migration and enjoy sweet beignets, savory gumbo and other world-famous cuisine. You can even dance to some zydeco! (\**Seaplane departure is weather-dependent.*)

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* Enjoy a traditional Louisiana crawfish boil in the Cajun town of Breaux Bridge. \* Visit the French Quarter and other hot spots in "The Big Easy." \* Settle in at The Fallout, a Grand Isle camp where birds making their first stop after crossing the Gulf of Mexico during their northbound migration appear to fall out of the sky with fatigue while taking refuge in Lafitte Woods. \* See one of North America's largest rookeries of nesting herons, egrets and roseate spoonbills at Cypress Island Preserve. \* Tour the Atchafalaya Conservation Center. \* Look for dolphins and migrating birds aboard a skiff ride to visit oyster beds.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Louisiana's history and culture are deeply tied to its rich and varied landscapes and the natural resources they provide. It is a place where abundant rainfall sends fresh water into more than 125,000 miles of rivers, bayous and streams. Forests cover almost 50 percent of the state, acting as natural water filters and harboring wildlife. And its coastal habitats feed the nation while providing natural buffers against wind and waves. For these reasons, the Conservancy takes a whole systems approach to conservation there—especially in places where freshwater, forest and coastal ecosystems interact—to make Louisiana and the larger Gulf of Mexico region more resilient and productive places for people to live, work and play.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

April 14-19, 2019

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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### COST

\$3,940 double occupancy, per person

\$4,610 single occupancy, per person

*(Please note: Pricing is based on a minimum of 14 people.)*

# Little St. Simons Island

SPEND GOLDEN DAYS IN THE SUN OFF THE COAST OF GEORGIA

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You haven't lived until you've seen the pinks and oranges of a Southern sunrise on the East Coast—the perfect backdrop for birds feeding in the morning shadows and surf. Bring along binoculars to get a close-up look at them while they're having their breakfast along the shore. This is just one of the many pleasures to experience during a journey to Little St. Simons Island in Georgia. Its maritime forests, tidal creeks, salt marshes and other pristine pockets of this private, coastal island await exploration. Treat yourself to the gracious hospitality provided during this special getaway.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* Look for armadillos, alligators, herons, egrets and other native wildlife on a guided excursion across the island's diverse landscape. \* Cast a line in the tidal creeks to see what's biting. \* See how fire influences island ecology at a slash pine forest. \* Relax with a refreshment among ancient moss-draped oaks. \* Observe bitterns, ibises, yellowlegs and other birds through viewing blinds at Myrtle Pond. \* Feast on Georgia shrimp and other cuisine made with ingredients sourced from coastal waters and the island's garden.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Little St. Simons Island lies along the Georgia coast, which supports many diverse species such as loggerhead sea turtles, shortnose sturgeon, right whales and blue crabs. It is located within the Altamaha River Delta, among the state's most important habitats for thousands of seabirds and shorebirds. This area has long been, and remains, a focus for The Nature Conservancy's conservation work in Georgia, beginning in the 1960s with the acquisition of two small islands formed from sediment and sand washed downstream by the river. Since then, we have protected a contiguous corridor of more than 50 miles of ecologically important lands within the watershed in an effort to bolster the resilience of coastal habitats threatened by increasing development and a changing climate.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

May 12-18, 2019

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

Shana Love

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### COST

\$2,700 double occupancy, per person

\$4,145 single occupancy, per person

*(Please note: Final trip costs will be based on the actual number of participants.)*

# Pine Butte Guest Ranch

SPEND A WEEK IN BIG SKY COUNTRY ON A RANCH FROM THE OLD WEST

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Imagine taking in the same sights and sounds witnessed by Lewis and Clark more than two centuries ago. Such awe-inspiring beauty is still found in Montana at The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Preserve, nestled in a vast landscape where mountains, prairie and wetlands converge. This home base offers a perfect balance between the quiet of a private cabin and socializing among like-minded travelers in the rustic lodge. From here, plan to move at a slow, relaxing pace as you head out to explore—on foot, horseback or in a vehicle—to connect with the nature that surrounds you.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* See the Crown of the Continent and TNC's conservation work on the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front. \* Dip your toes in the clear water of an alpine-fed stream. \* Set out on a hiking trail right from your cabin door. \* Enjoy a campfire and s'mores in Big Sky Country. \* Look for signs of grizzly bears, moose and elk. \* Learn about local plants and animals from TNC staff. \* Recharge to the symphony of birdsong on the porch of your cabin. \* Take in the views of the spectacular 13,000-acre Pine Butte Preserve. \* Enjoy gourmet meals with fresh and locally sourced ingredients.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Pine Butte Preserve harbors unique, groundwater-fed wetlands that attract a variety of species traveling between the grasslands of the Great Plains and higher elevations in the Rocky Mountains. Depending on the time of year, grizzly bears, beavers, mountain lions, deer, lynx, moose, bighorn sheep and about 200 species of birds visit Pine Butte. In an effort to conserve this landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale, the Conservancy works with community partners—from local ranchers and residents to government agencies, nonprofit organizations and scientific institutions—to manage Pine Butte in a way that will benefit the wildlife, natural habitats and traditional ways of life found only in the West.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

June 23–28, 2018

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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### COST

\$3,370 per person, single occupancy  
\$3,370 per person, double occupancy  
*(Please note: Pricing based on a minimum of 10 people.)*

# Kenai Peninsula, Alaska

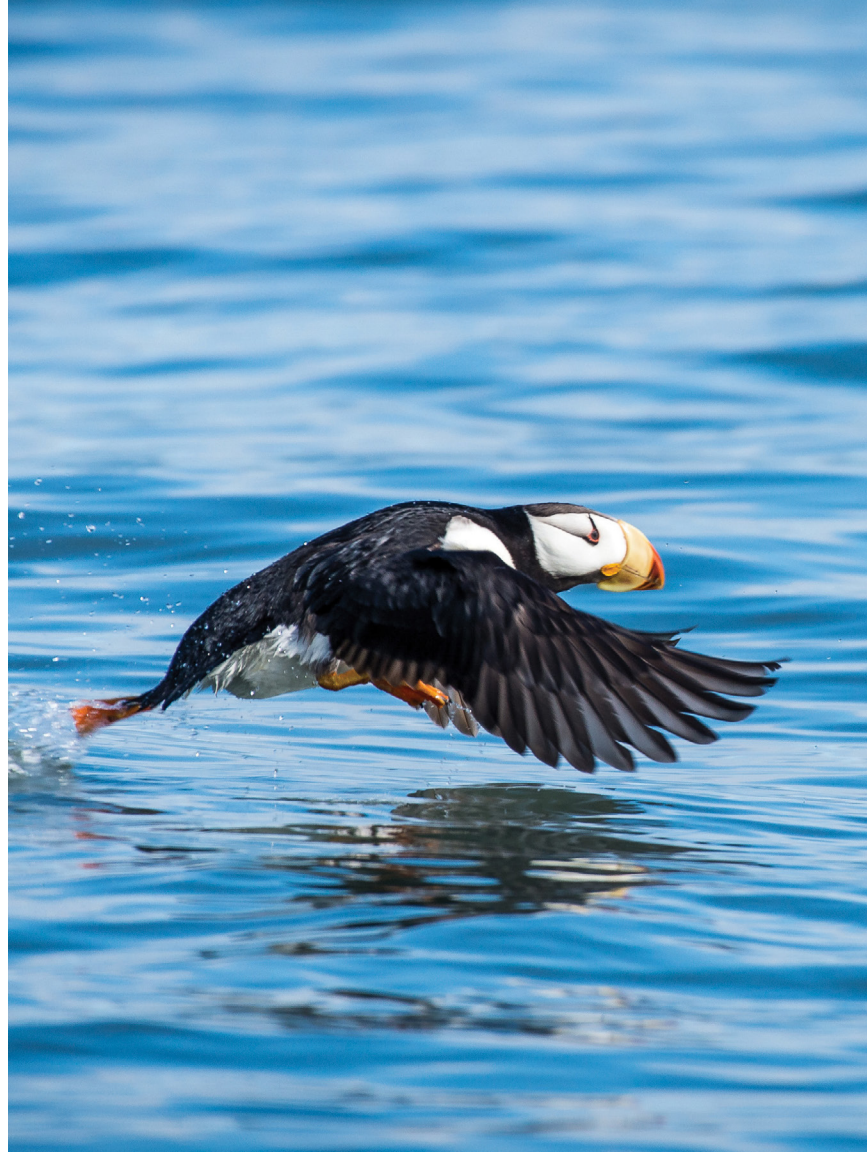
ALLOW THE BEAUTY OF ALASKA'S KENAI PENINSULA TO PROVIDE A RESPIRE FROM MODERN-DAY PRESSURES

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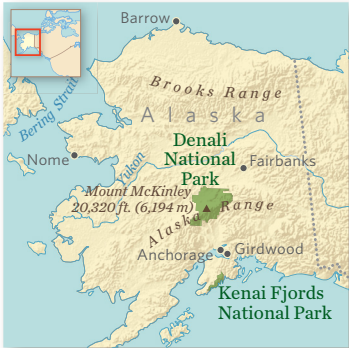
Tap into your inner adventurer and experience the last truly wild landscape in the United States, a place where vast reaches of land and water are accessible only by foot, floatplane, boat or dog sled. It's a place where millions of migrating wild salmon return each year to spawn, where orcas and humpback whales grace the sea, and where caribou herds, grizzly and black bears regularly roam. Our journey narrows in on the Kenai Peninsula, a wilderness located south of Anchorage that promises sightings of iconic wildlife against a backdrop of glacier-covered mountains and pristine waters.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* Take a stroll around Anchorage's art galleries and shops. \* Ride a tram to the top of Mount Alyeska for a bird's-eye view of seven glaciers. \* Scan for eagles, salmon, bears and moose during a guided rafting excursion on the Kenai River. \* Cruise the rugged coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park to see whales, puffins and sea lions. \* Kayak and canoe amid icebergs near the face of a glacier. \* Relax on the deck of a lodge in the company of curious sea otters. \* Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Alaska is one of the world's last great wild places and a shining example of how nature and people can thrive together. Its lush forests, clear streams and expansive waters support abundant fish and wildlife populations. Alaskans have long relied on these rich resources for their culture, sustenance and livelihoods. The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure the long-term health of Alaskan communities by addressing the social, environmental and economic factors affecting community integrity, because when you meet the needs of people, conservation can become a priority.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

August 18-25, 2019

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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### COST

\$4,895 double occupancy, per person  
\$6,195 single occupancy, per person  
*(Please note: Taxes are not included.)*



# Maine Highlands

HEAD DEEP INTO THE WOODS TO ENJOY TRANQUIL DAYS  
SURROUNDED BY MAINE'S UNADORNED BEAUTY

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Nestled in the shadow of Mount Katahdin, just south of Baxter State Park, The Nature Conservancy's Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area provides a vital link in nearly 500,000 acres of contiguous conservation land. Come hike to the sound of songbirds, through a peaceful setting of mossy logs and ancient trees that is home to moose, bobcats, black bears and pine martens. Fish pristine lakes full of brook trout, bass and rare freshwater mussels. Look to the skies to see bald eagles soaring above the shoreline of the Penobscot River. We invite you to enjoy this magical place—on foot, by paddle and maybe even from the seat of a floatplane.

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**HIGHLIGHTS** \* Spend a week in the presence of Katahdin, the highest mountain in the Pine Tree State. \* Hike the Ice Caves Trail, a classic Maine excursion with beautiful views of lakes, mountains and woods. \* Join a local guide to search for moose or birds. \* Paddle on the Penobscot River. \* Cast a line into one of the region's many pristine freshwater lakes. \* Dine on fresh Maine lobster and blueberry cobbler. \* Visit an active logging project to learn about sustainable forestry in the North Woods. \* Hear from staff and local partners to learn how TNC works with local communities to build a nature-based economy.







## CONSERVATION EFFORTS

The Conservancy is a partner in the Penobscot River Restoration Project, an innovative and unprecedented collaborative effort between industry, conservation groups, and federal, state and tribal governments to balance renewable hydropower generation with removing or altering dams to support local wildlife. About 1,000 miles of habitat along the river and its tributaries are now open to support the life cycles of 11 species of native sea-run fish. In addition to large-scale ecological benefits, the project is delivering new recreational opportunities to surrounding communities and tourists, which are fueling local economies throughout New England's second largest river system.

## TRIP DETAILS

### DATES

September 22-27, 2019

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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### COST

\$3,950 double occupancy, per person

\$4,590 single occupancy, per person

# Experience Nature

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO ENCOUNTER TNC'S WORK?

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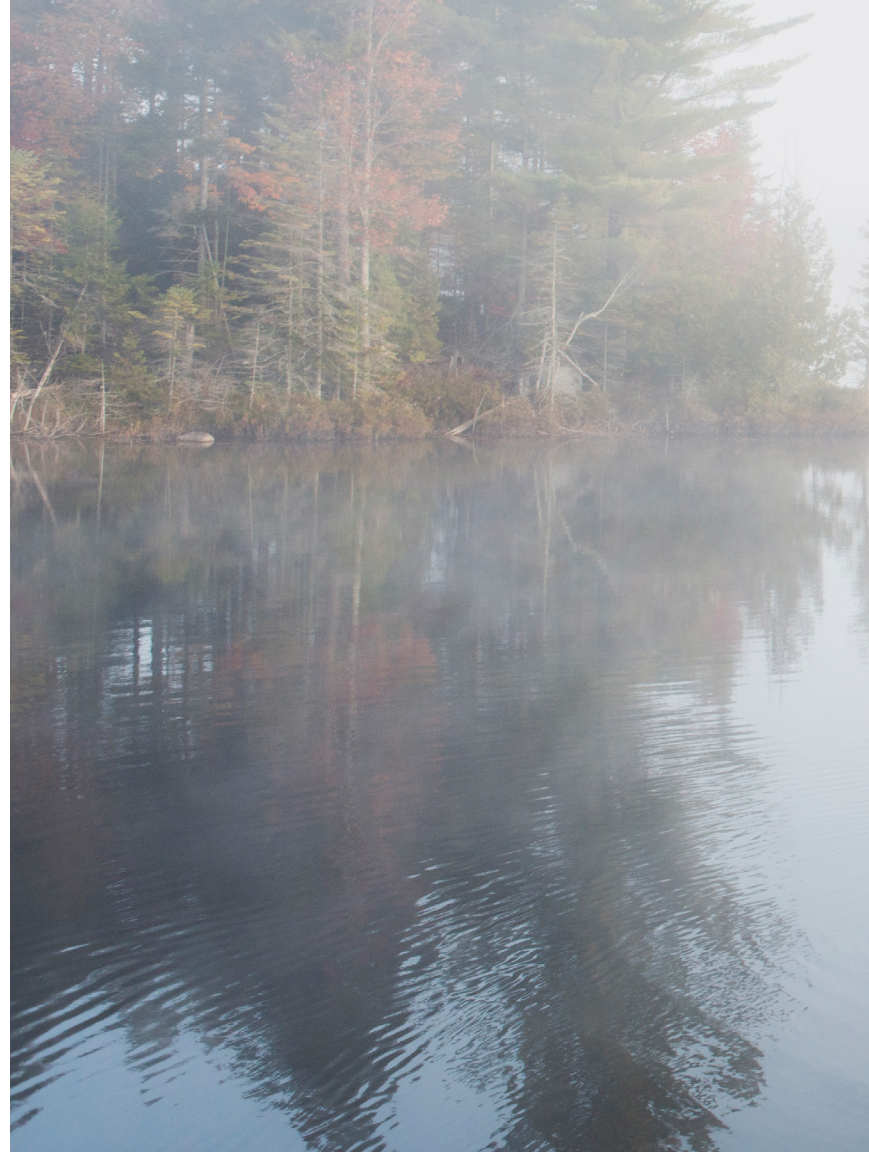
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**Big adventure. Small footprint.** We invite you to calculate your environmental impact by using our voluntary carbon offset program, designed by Conservancy specialists to meet or exceed the highest standards for reducing emissions. Calculate your carbon footprint at [NATURE.ORG/CARBON](https://www.nature.org/carbon).

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“Come forth into the light of things,  
Let Nature be your teacher.”

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH





# You're invited!



Protecting nature. Preserving life.

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