

2020

Legacy Journeys

SIX EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS

Your Invitation to Experience Nature with The Legacy Club

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July 12-17

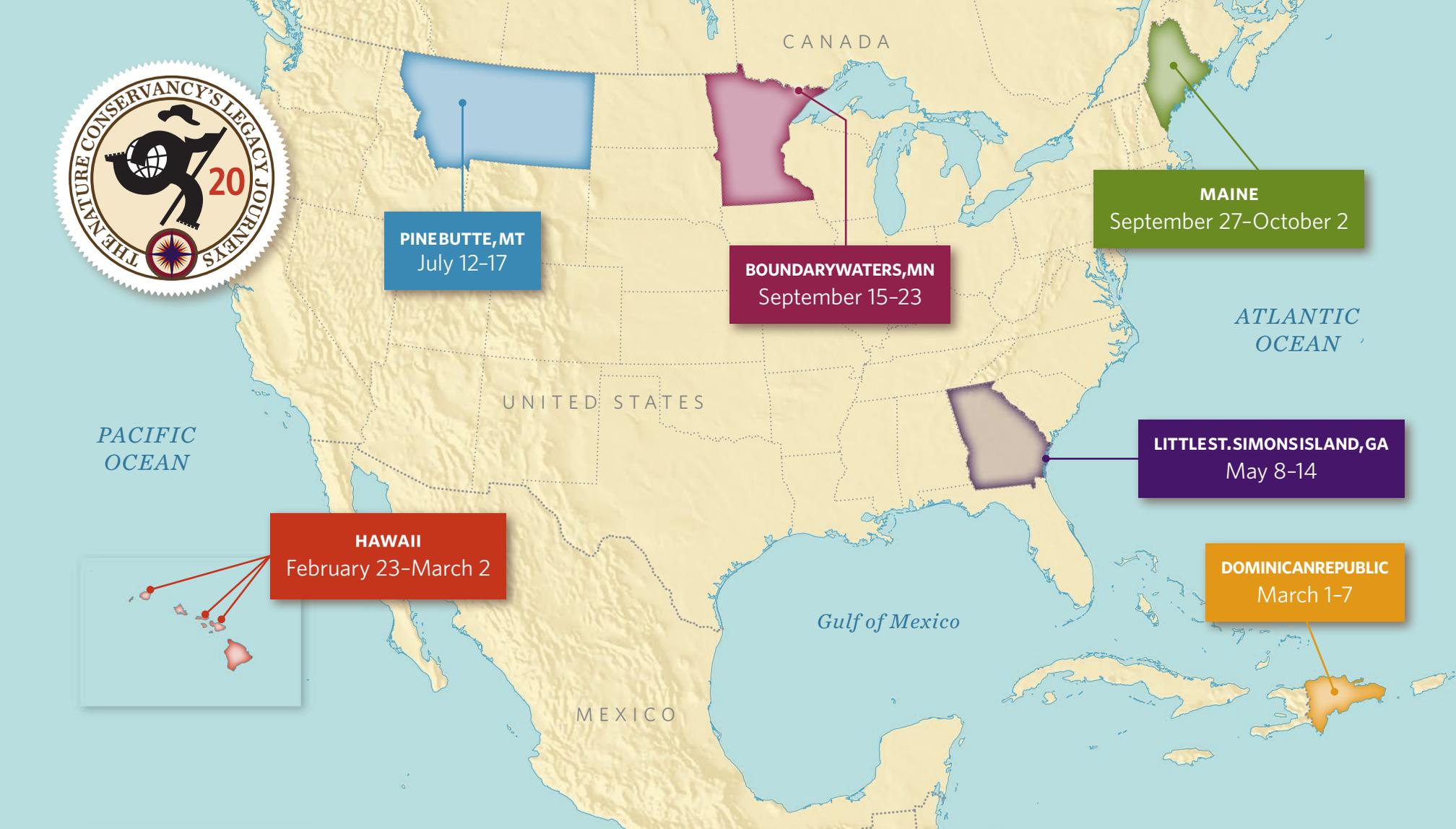
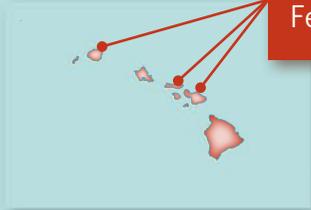
BOUNDARYWATERS, MN
September 15-23

MAINE
September 27-October 2

LITTLEST.SIMONSISLAND, GA
May 8-14

HAWAII
February 23-March 2

DOMINICANREPUBLIC
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JOURNEY TO:

HAWAII to visit three islands formed by volcanoes, shaped by the surrounding sea, and teeming with unique plants, animals and natural habitats.

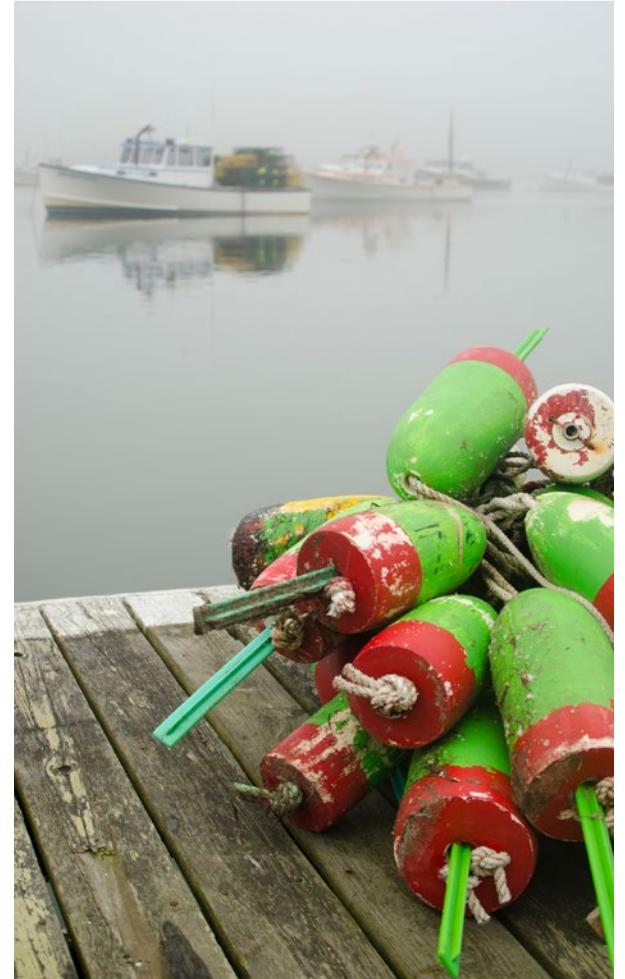
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC to marvel at the unspoiled beaches, mangrove forests, coral reefs and waters conserved through partnerships and policies committed to protecting nature.

LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND to unwind and discover the abundant wildlife and pristine pockets of nature found on this undeveloped barrier island off the coast of Georgia.

PINE BUTTE to experience the old American West as a guest at our 13,000-acre preserve, located on the Rocky Mountain Front, where Montana's rugged beauty meets the big sky.

THE BOUNDARY WATERS to explore the rugged shoreline of Lake Superior and a glacial landscape that reveals its American Indian influences and prehistoric beginnings.

MAINE to settle into the cozy comfort of a family-owned lodge where your only neighbors are the moose, beavers, loons and other creatures that roam throughout this vast wilderness.



Dear Legacy Club Member,

What inspires your sense of adventure? Is it the sight of a kayak pointed at the horizon on a peaceful lake? Or is it the smell of the sea while watching birds glide above the crashing waves? Maybe it's the sound of loons calling out from a pink sunset or the cozy feeling of a campfire under a clear starry sky.

Prepare to satisfy all your senses on one of the *Legacy Journeys* offered by The Nature Conservancy in 2020—from excursions to the Dominican Republic's pristine beaches and Lake Superior's rugged shoreline to sojourns in Montana's Big Sky Country and Maine's tranquil woodlands. All offer a variety of active, outdoor exploration opportunities tailored to accommodate most ability levels. And at the end of each day, guests enjoy comfortable accommodations nestled within beautiful surroundings.

Without your support, none of the conservation work highlighted on these trips would be possible. Thank you for supporting the health of the planet we all share.



Warm regards,

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

Meg B. Thomson
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P.S. For more details, call the travel specialists listed for each journey or contact Christine Kessler, manager of TNC's Legacy Journeys program (ckessler@tnc.org or 877-812-3698.) You can also visit [nature.org/legacyptrips](https://www.nature.org/legacyptrips) to learn more.



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



Hawaii

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HAWAII'S NATURAL SPLENDOR during an unforgettable journey to one of the most ecologically diverse places on Earth. Our trip to three of Hawaii's eight main islands—Maui, Moloka'i and Kaua'i—reaches beyond beautiful sunsets and crystal clear waters to embrace a heritage of endemic plants and animals, rich Hawaiian culture and a dynamic landscape. After exploring Maui from ridge to reef, we'll visit Moloka'i's Mo'omomi Preserve, where a windy, salt-sprayed environment support native Hawaiian species, including 'ua'u kani (wedge-tailed shearwater) colony. Then head to Kaua'i to discover its natural treasures, including Waimea Canyon, dubbed “the Grand Canyon of the Pacific.”

HIGHLIGHTS: Snorkel with TNC's Maui marine program director. □ Witness humpback whales that have migrated from Alaska to breed in the warm waters of the 'Au'au Channel. □ Bring binoculars to the Waikamoi Preserve, a rainforest that harbors endemic native birds, including the critically endangered ākohekohe and kiwikiu, found only on Maui. □ Watch red-footed boobies nest in trees and Laysan albatrosses gliding over the waves at Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge. □ Hike along the Pihea Trail through the high-elevation forest of the Alaka'i Swamp.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In Hawaii, TNC is conserving lands, waters and local livelihoods in the spirit of *malama 'aina*, which means to care for the land so that future generations can thrive and prosper. For example, at Maui's Waikamoi Preserve, the largest private nature preserve in the state, TNC mitigates invasive plants and animals posing a threat to hundreds of native Hawaiian species, including 12 different native birds (seven of which are endangered). The preserve also protects part of the 100,000-acre East Maui watershed, which annually provides 60 billion gallons of clean water to the island.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES

February 23–March 2

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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ESTIMATED COST

\$5,600/person (double occupancy)

\$6,665/person (single occupancy)

(Please note: These prices are based on a minimum of 12 participants.)

Dominican Republic

SAVOR A BEAUTIFUL SETTING WITH LUSH FORESTS AND TURQUOISE WATERS that are hallmarks of a Caribbean vacation. This journey will take you to the white beaches of Punta Cana and the Samaná Peninsula, and the best hiking and bird-watching spots at Parque Nacional del Este. You can also get a closer look at colorful coral reefs teeming with sea life at the numerous snorkeling and diving sites along the coast. During the trip, our staff will relate how TNC conserves nature to support the lives and livelihoods of the island's population.

HIGHLIGHTS: Swim in the protected waters surrounding Saona Island, part of Parque Nacional del Este. 📍 Hike in Cotubanamá National Park to see Cueva Padre Nu estro. 📍 Visit the Center for Marine Innovation to learn about Grupo Puntacana Foundation's work with coral and its partnership with TNC. 📍 Visit scenic Cayo la Farola, a small cay that the locals are boosting as an ecotourism destination. 📍 Don snorkeling gear for an underwater view of coral propagation at work. 📍 Enjoy a day of humpback whale watching in Samaná Bay. 📍 Experience the sights and sounds of Santo Domingo's historic Colonial City.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

TNC and local partners established two water funds in the Dominican Republic, the first place in the Caribbean where this innovative financing mechanism has been implemented. These funds direct money from downstream users to conservation projects upstream in order to maintain a clean and abundant water supply for more than 60% of the island's population. The revenue raised supports reforestation, national park management and new water conservation initiatives. With this approach, the communities and industries that rely on local freshwater can invest in sustaining it. At the same time, the natural systems that produce and filter water are restored and supported, ensuring that both nature and people can flourish together.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES

March 1-7

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

Joe Solomon: (800) 329-4930
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ESTIMATED COST

\$4,867/person (double occupancy)
\$5,822/person (single occupancy)

(Please note: These prices are based on a minimum of 10 participants.)

Little St. Simons Island

ENVISION A TRANQUIL MORNING ON AN ISLAND OFF THE GEORGIA COAST, where you can smell the salt air and feel the sand beneath your feet while admiring the seashells and shorebirds on the beach. The relaxed, slower pace continues with days spent exploring maritime forests, tidal creeks, salt marshes and other pristine pockets on this private, undeveloped barrier island. If venturing out isn't in the plans, find a quiet spot surrounded by the sounds of nature. Stop by the organic garden for a peek at the herbs, vegetables and fruits that will be enjoyed at each traditional Southern meal.

HIGHLIGHTS: Accompany an island naturalist to look for wildlife and learn about local history. ☐ Feel a million miles away while paddling through the salt marshes in a kayak or canoe. ☐ See what's biting in the tidal creeks or surf with spin gear and fly rods, bait and artificial lures provided by the lodge. ☐ Climb aboard a truck for a safari that leads to habitats harboring native reptiles and amphibians. ☐ Take your binoculars and bird list to the viewing towers and blinds at Myrtle Pond. ☐ Dine on local Georgia shrimp on the patio, under the shade of ancient moss-draped oaks.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Little St. Simons Island lies in the delta of the 137-mile-long Altamaha River, known as the “Amazon of the South.” The delta hosts amazing biodiversity, including American oystercatchers, piping plovers and thousands of other resident and migratory birds. Like other estuaries around the world, it faces threats from agricultural and industrial pollution, upstream development, recreational activities and altered water flows. Since the 1960s, TNC has worked to protect a contiguous 50-mile corridor along the Altamaha to bolster the estuary’s resilience to these challenges and a changing climate.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES

May 8-14

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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ESTIMATED COST

\$3,025/person (double occupancy)
\$4,975/person (single occupancy)

(Please note: These prices are based on a minimum of 26 participants.)

Pine Butte, Montana

EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF THE OLD AMERICAN WEST. As one of the nation's largest yet least populated states, Montana boasts vast expanses of wilderness that are habitats for moose, mountain lions, lynx and a great variety of birds—from warblers and waterfowl to raptors. It is also one of the last places in the lower 48 states where grizzly bears roam freely. Whether walking, riding a horse or sitting under a big sky of twinkling stars, we invite you to enjoy the rugged and beautiful Rocky Mountain Front as a guest at our 13,000-acre Pine Butte Preserve.

HIGHLIGHTS: Set out on trails that pass lush wetlands, century-old pines, rock outcrops, alpine streams and views that never end. [▶](#) Listen to naturalists talk about North America's largest intact ecosystem and the species described more than 200 years ago by Lewis and Clark that are still present in the region. [▶](#) Ride horseback through the high meadows of the Rocky Mountain foothills. [▶](#) Take a behind-the-scenes tour of TNC conservation projects focused on preserving one of the remaining pristine Western landscapes. [▶](#) Soak in the ranch's rustic vibe while relaxing in one of its sturdy porch rockers.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In 1979, TNC began acquiring portions of several cattle ranches and a dude ranch to assemble the Pine Butte Preserve. Today, the property serves as a migration corridor for grizzly bears, mountain lions, mule deer, lynx, moose, bighorn sheep and other wildlife traveling between grasslands of the Great Plains and higher elevations in the Rockies. Many stop at the preserve's Pine Butte Swamp, the largest wetland complex along the Rocky Mountain Front. Remaining true to the property's roots, TNC works with ranchers and other partners to conserve the landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale to benefit the area's unique ecology, spectacular wildlife and local, often traditional, livelihoods.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES

July 12-17

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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ESTIMATED COST

\$4,235/person (double occupancy)
\$4,235/person (single occupancy)

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Boundary Waters

VIEW THE DRAMATIC BEAUTY OF A NORTHERN MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE SCULPTED BY GLACIERS. The one-million-acre Boundary Waters Wilderness encompasses rugged cliffs, rocky shores and countless lakes. We will travel up the shore of Lake Superior, the centerpiece of this journey, to find picturesque beaches, lush forests and historic lighthouses. In addition to exploring the region's natural history—its flora, fauna, geography and geology—we will learn about its culture and the American Indian, voyageurs, miners, loggers and resort owners who shaped its destiny.

HIGHLIGHTS: Watch birds of prey soar over Hawk Ridge during their annual migration. □ Visit the historic Naniboujou Lodge with its brightly colored, canoe-shaped ceiling, once described as a “North Woods Sistine Chapel.” □ Learn about TNC’s work near Grand Portage and on private lands at Cathedral Grove, one of the best examples of old-growth white pine and white cedar trees in Minnesota. □ See a spectacular waterfall at Cascade River State Park and enjoy a picnic lunch nearby. □ Join a naturalist in exploring Lake Superior’s shoreline. □ Listen for common loons on Boundary Waters lakes from Gunflint Lodge and look for moose from the vantage point of a canoe.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

The lake-dotted-terrain of north-central Minnesota covers about a quarter of the state. Its considerable forests slow runoff, absorb pollutants and trap sediment to purify the lakes, rivers and groundwater feeding the Mississippi River. Right now, this intact landscape keeps the water clean. To preserve it in the future, TNC has created the Minnesota Headwaters Fund—a \$10 million, privately funded investment dedicated to supporting high-impact conservation action in the state’s Mississippi River watershed to ensure that clean water remains available for people and nature.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES

September 15-23

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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ESTIMATED COST

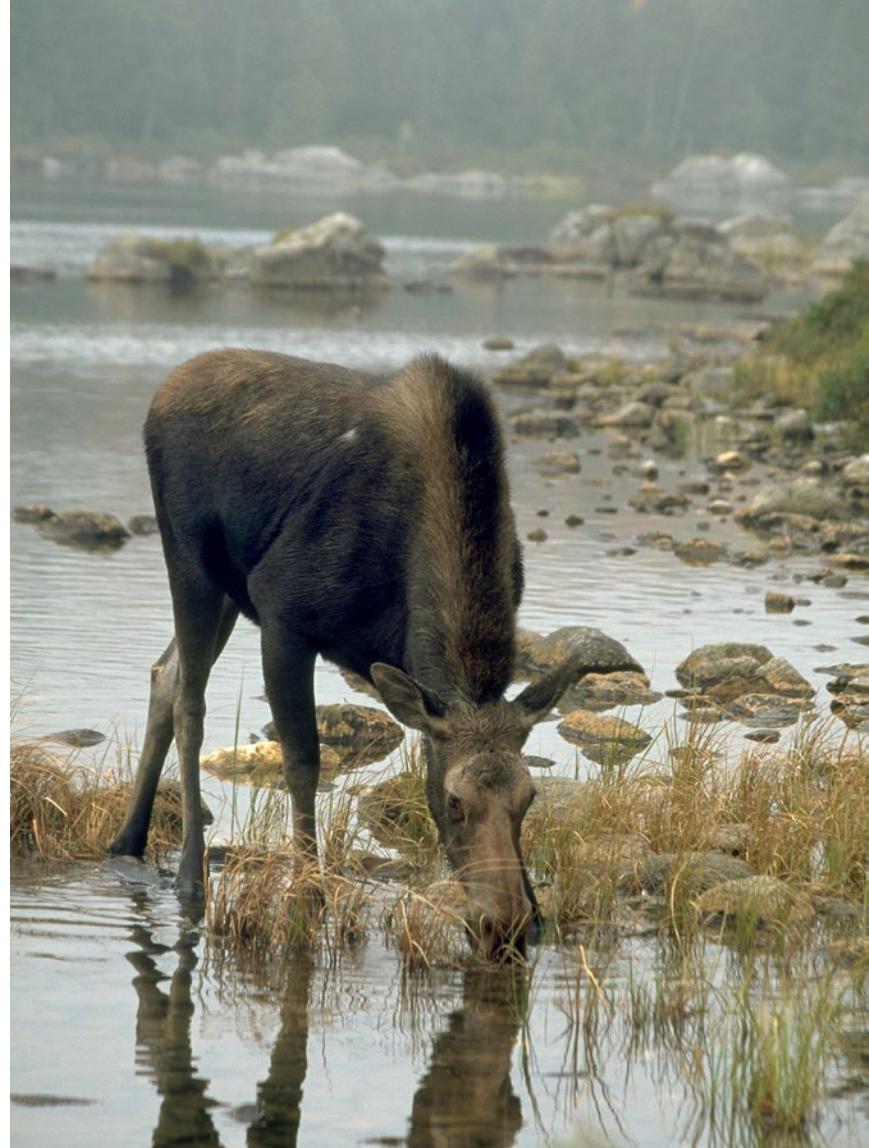
\$4,785/person (double occupancy)
\$5,670/person (single occupancy)

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Maine

UNPLUG AND SLOW DOWN IN THE BREATHTAKING WILDERNESS OF NORTHERN MAINE. During this journey, we will reside among the moose, beavers, Canada lynx and other wildlife that inhabit a landscape where local news is delivered through the hoots, yodels and tremolos of loons. This week, we will settle into a comfortable, family-owned resort on Millinocket Lake to enjoy the picture-perfect scenery. Plan on numerous opportunities to take in the solitude and abundant natural beauty during a hike, a paddle or from the porch with a view of Maine's highest mountain, Mount Katahdin.

HIGHLIGHTS: Climb aboard a pontoon boat for a moose safari. □ Take a paddling tour of TNC's groundbreaking Penobscot River dam removal project. □ Board a float plane for an aerial tour of the Maine Highlands. □ Hike the Ice Caves Trail that features beautiful views of Katahdin, old-growth forest, lakes and surrounding mountains. □ Visit an active logging operation to see sustainable forestry in action. □ Dine on Atlantic lobster, blueberry cobbler and other fresh, regional delicacies □ Explore Millinocket, a charming village on the rebound after the collapse of the local paper industry.





CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In 2002, TNC acquired the 195,000-acre Katahdin Forest conservation easement to expand the 46,000-acre Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area (DLWA), which serves as a vital link in nearly a half-million acres of contiguous conservation land. TNC manages the DLWA as an ecological reserve—an area that is large and resilient enough to stand up to storms, pests, airborne pollution, climate change and other natural disturbances while providing habitat for wide-ranging species such as moose, fisher, bobcat and pine marten.

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DATES

September 27–October 2

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ESTIMATED COST

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Experience Nature

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JOURNEY into the field to hear the boots-on-the-ground stories behind conservation projects from all around the globe in TNC's new podcast series: nature.org/DestinationNature

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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 be outdoors from four to eight hours on most days. A range of weather conditions is possible during each trip: If you do not wish to participate in an activity, discuss this with the tour operator before the trip, and, if possible, accommodations will be made.

Please note that the prices quoted in this brochure are estimates and may be different based on taxes and other incidental fees.



“In every walk with nature
one receives far more
than he seeks.”

—JOHN MUIR



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