

# 2024 Legacy Journeys

SEVEN EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS

*Your invitation to experience nature with The Legacy Club*



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YEARS

**Upper Peninsula, MI**  
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**Colorado's Front Range**  
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# 2024 Legacy Journeys

## Journey to:

**Southern California** and witness nature's wonders from mountain vistas to pristine coastlines. ▶ [page 4](#)

**Little St. Simons Island** off the Georgia coast to discover abundant wildlife and lush pockets of nature found among the wetlands, shell-strewn beaches and maritime forests. ▶ [page 6](#)

**The Chesapeake Bay** to take in stunning scenery, abundant wildlife and the maritime culture of the largest estuary in the U.S. ▶ [page 8](#)

**Colorado's Front Range** where breathtaking scenery, American history and forward-thinking conservation projects make for an unforgettable trip. ▶ [page 10](#)

**Michigan's Upper Peninsula** to discover the dramatic beauty and varied wildlife that define this treasured lakeside landscape. ▶ [page 12](#)

**Big Bend & West Texas** to explore landscapes sculpted by wind and water that support diverse wildlife and local communities. ▶ [page 14](#)

**The Dominican Republic** to explore—from green ridges to sparkling waters—one of the Caribbean's most vibrant islands. ▶ [page 16](#)

Registration for 2024 trips opens Tuesday, August 29 at 2 p.m. ET!





# Dear Legacy Club Member,

I'm excited to invite you to our 2024 Legacy Journeys! I hope you'll consider making us part of your 2024 travel plans.

I'm regularly in awe of the beautiful places and incredible on-the-ground conservation that The Nature Conservancy is involved with around the world. These trips capture some of this magic. Regardless of which journey you choose, our conservation staff and valued partners look forward to highlighting our work for you and sharing how it advances efforts in each location to conserve biodiversity and help nature and people adjust to a changing climate.

In 2024, we're offering seven Legacy Journeys, stretching from the Caribbean to destinations across the continental U.S., from sojourning at a working ranch in Colorado to seeking out wildflowers in California's Central Valley. Each journey offers an opportunity to connect with like-minded travelers while exploring natural landscapes and communities that benefit from your support.

I hope you'll join us next year for an inspiring experience that will satisfy your wanderlust and desire to make a difference. Whether you travel with us or not, I want to thank you for supporting nature's future. We can't do it without you!



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg B. Thomson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meg B. Thomson  
Associate Director, Legacy Club Program

Visit [nature.org/legacyjourneys](https://nature.org/legacyjourneys) to find:

- Registration information: Reservations can be made on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on Tuesday, August 29, at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT.
- TNC's travel requirements and information.

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Questions about any of the departures? Reach out to the travel specialist listed for



the specific journey or contact Erin Crowther, TNC's program manager for Legacy Journeys, at [erin.crowther@tnc.org](mailto:erin.crowther@tnc.org) or **(317) 829-1873**.

To provide more transparency when considering if a trip is a good fit for you, we've included icons to represent the anticipated departure activities. For a full legend of the icons, visit [page 20](#).

# Southern California



**Venture into the wilds of California**, one of the few corners of our planet where you can visit desert and coast, forests and farmland, rivers and mountains, and an island boasting 12 species found nowhere else on Earth—all in one trip. This journey represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore unique natural landscapes throughout the state's Central Valley and along the coast that most visitors never see. Traveling in the company of TNC scientists and conservation partners, you won't just visit these amazing places—you'll also learn how you are helping save them.

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## Highlights

- Travel off the beaten path to catch a glimpse of the poppies, lupines and other wildflowers that blanket California's hillsides after winter rains.
- Take in picture-perfect views of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes and spring bird migration from the boardwalks at Oso Flaco Lake.
- Explore the high peaks, deep canyons and pristine coastline of Santa Cruz Island and learn about groundbreaking conservation on this largest of California's Channel Islands.





## Conservation Efforts

In 1978, TNC purchased Santa Cruz Island and began seeking innovative, science-based conservation approaches that would have a long-term impact on unique and fragile ecosystems jeopardized by overgrazing and the introduction of non-native species. These efforts over the past 45 years have restored balance to the island’s natural landscape and now serve as a model for the increasingly ambitious projects required to address the global climate and biodiversity loss crises. In California, such projects include conserving one of the state’s last untouched coastlines at the 24,000-acre Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve and enabling habitat connectivity for wildlife to safely roam at the 70,000-acre Frank and Joan Randall Preserve.

**March 24-30**

### INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS

(800) 329-4930  
concierge@iconicadventures.com

### OCCUPANCY

Double \$5,840/person	Single \$6,570/person
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**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers and no more than 14.

# Little St. Simons Island



**Immerse yourself in the pristine, quiet beauty** of Little St. Simons Island and the breathtaking ecological riches of the Georgia coast. This privately owned barrier island is accessible only by boat and has been managed as a conservation property for generations. Its wetlands, woods and changing coastline beckon exploration by foot and kayak. Your visit is timed with the peak of shorebird migration. Whether boating on tidal creeks and salt marshes or strolling through maritime forests with moss-draped oaks, you're sure to enjoy this incredible island.

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## Highlights

- Take a guided adventure with naturalists who live and work on the island.
- Tuck into a bird blind to watch egrets, herons and roseate spoonbills.
- Kayak along tidal creeks surrounded by thousands of acres of protected coastal saltmarsh.
- Scan the shores and marshes for migrating water birds and American alligators.







## Conservation Efforts

Little St. Simons Island lies within the Altamaha River Delta, one of Georgia's most important habitats for thousands of seabirds and shorebirds. This area has long been a focus for TNC's conservation work in the state. Since the 1960s, we have protected a contiguous corridor of more than 50 miles of ecologically important lands within the watershed to bolster the resilience of coastal habitats threatened by increasing development and a changing climate.

## May 3-9

**INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS**  
 Shana Love, (888) 733-5774  
 shana@littlessi.com

### OCCUPANCY

Double \$3,788/person	Single \$5,775/person
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**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 24 travelers and no more than 30.

# Chesapeake Bay



**Experience the Chesapeake Bay, a national treasure** that attracts travelers from around the world for its serene beauty and rich glimpse into our American heritage. This journey stretches from the nation's capital to quiet, historic towns steeped in maritime culture along Maryland's Eastern Shore. Our trip begins in Washington, D.C., where a boat ride along the Anacostia River reveals a river revived and teeming with returning wildlife, including bald eagles. From there, we follow the water to tranquil creeks, quaint fishing towns, oyster reefs and out on the open bay.

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## Highlights

- Hoist the sails and cruise across the waters of the Chesapeake Bay on a sailboat.
- Bike along the trails of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a prime spot for viewing bald eagles and other birds.
- Visit Horn Point Laboratory, one of the largest oyster hatcheries on the East Coast.





## Conservation Efforts

With 50 tributaries flowing across six states into the Chesapeake Bay, oysters play an important role in the watershed, filtering pollution at an impressive rate. Reefs developed with oyster shells also provide nursery and feeding grounds for striped bass, crabs and other important species. In 2015, The Nature Conservancy led an effort to seed the 350-acre Harris Creek reef with more than 2 billion oysters bred at the University of Maryland’s Horn Point Hatchery. In 2018, a follow-up study concluded that the restoration is proving to be an important and cost-effective addition to the bay’s recovery.

**May 12-17**

### INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS

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### OCCUPANCY

<b>Double</b> \$5,690/person	<b>Single</b> \$6,515/person
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**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers and no more than 14.

# Colorado's Front Range



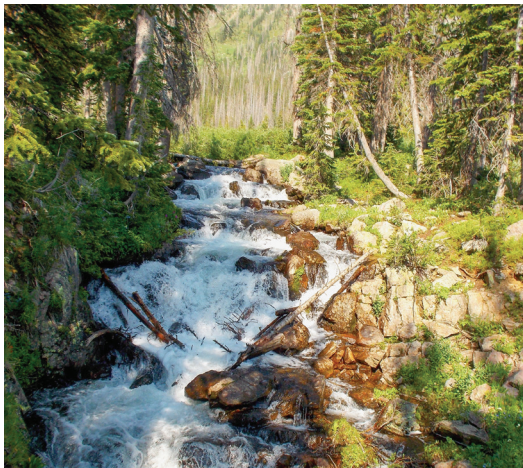
**Savor the spectacular in Colorado** by exploring some of the state's unique gems, from a historic chautauqua nestled at the foot of the Flatirons to a bison ranch in the San Luis Valley to North America's tallest sand dunes at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. This trip promises to be filled with natural wonder and glimpses into the rich history of the western U.S. It also includes a front-row seat to the innovative conservation work taking place in a part of the world grappling with significant population growth, water conservation challenges and a rapidly changing climate.

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## Highlights

- Stroll around artsy downtown Boulder and take a tour of the Colorado Chautauqua, a National Historic Landmark that celebrates a community of artists, nature lovers and lifelong learners.
- Visit the scenic wilderness of TNC's Phantom Canyon Preserve, which boasts one of the last remaining roadless canyons along Colorado's Front Range.
- Stay on-site and explore the Zapata Ranch on horseback and on foot in hopes of seeing elk, pronghorn, great horned owls and bison.





## Conservation Efforts

Thirty-five years ago, the discovery of a rare flower, Larimer aletes, in Colorado's Laramie Foothills led The Nature Conservancy to acquire the land where it grew along rocky canyon walls and establish Phantom Canyon Preserve. Since then, advancements in science and conservation laid the groundwork for larger and more ambitious projects and partnerships to connect and protect areas that provide room for wildlife to move and adapt to a changing planet. This approach fostered an expansion of TNC's efforts in the Laramie Foothills, where more than 140,000 acres are now protected. It also informs work at Zapata Ranch and the protected areas surrounding Great Sand Dunes National Park.

**May 14-19**

### INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS

(800) 329-4930

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### OCCUPANCY

Double  
\$5,875/person

Single  
\$6,670/person

**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 13 travelers and no more than 14.

# Michigan's Upper Peninsula

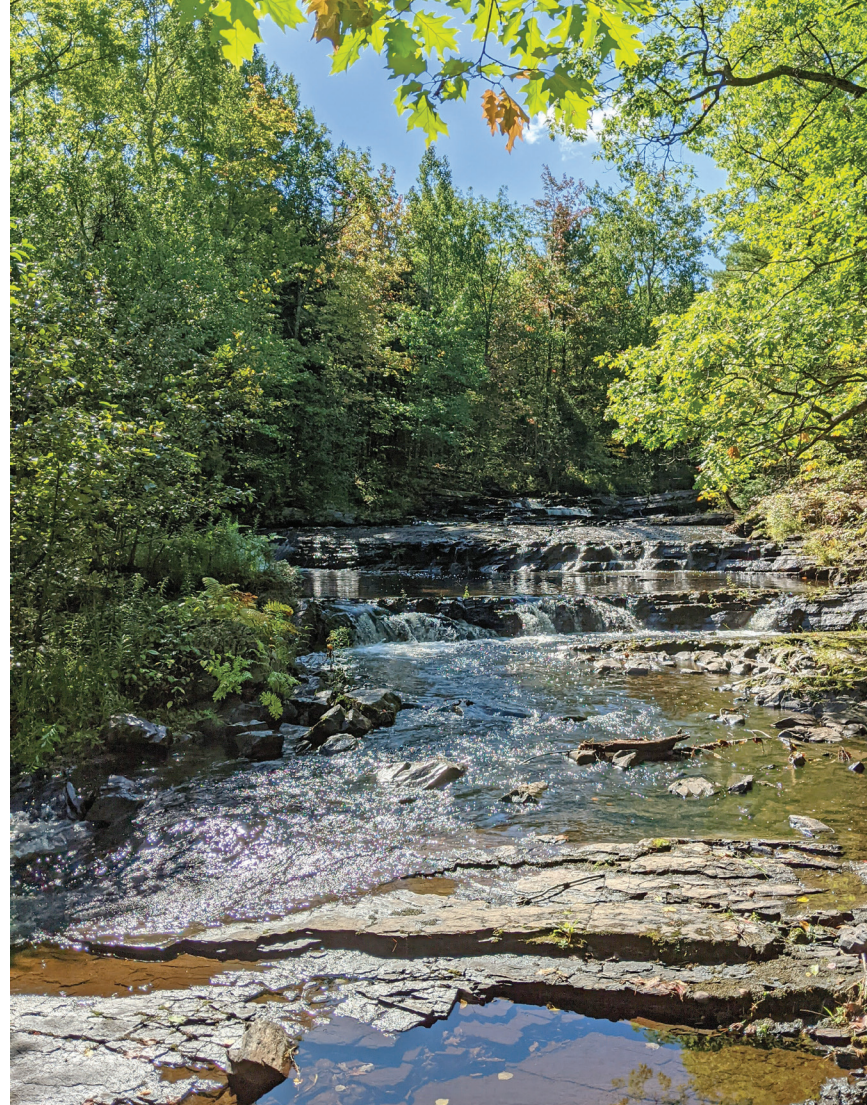


**Dip your toes in sparkling fresh water** with a visit to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which boasts more than 4,000 lakes scattered along rugged coastlines and rock outcroppings, peaceful forests and complex wetlands that host an incredible array of wildlife. On this journey, experience the unparalleled beauty of Lake Superior's shores. Starting in Marquette, explore the coast to its northernmost point, which projects into Lake Superior and carries the moniker of Copper Country to mark its prominence in the first U.S. mining boom in the 1800s. From the rocks below to the sky above, this adventure promises to provide insights into places many visitors don't experience.

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## Highlights

- Hike beneath dramatic granite clifftops at TNC's Echo Lake Nature Preserve.
- Take to the sky on a sea plane with remote, wildlife-filled Isle Royale National Park as your destination.
- Set out on a kayaking adventure to explore quality sandy beaches and wetlands along Lake Superior.





## Conservation Efforts

Sustainably managed as healthy, mature working forest for decades, the Slate River Forest—with towering hemlock trees and free-flowing rivers—is rich, diverse and stunningly beautiful. The Conservancy’s science has shown that this area is some of the most resilient land in Michigan, meaning it can sustain natural diversity in the face of a changing climate. That’s why, after taking ownership of the property in 2021, TNC is establishing it as a working forest reserve, where continuing good stewardship practices will help sequester carbon and sustain the vitality and diversity of the forest.

**August 4-9**

### INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS

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### OCCUPANCY

<b>Double</b> \$5,885/person	<b>Single</b> \$6,645/person
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**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 13 travelers and no more than 14.

# Big Bend & West Texas



**Gaze in wonder beneath the sky islands of West Texas** that seemingly emerge from an ocean of sand and clouds. This incredible landscape harbors ecosystems that are at risk of disappearing. After a scenic drive to Marfa—an eclectic town filled with art and history— we’ll explore TNC’s Davis Mountains Preserve, which rises more than 8,300 feet above sea level out of the vast Chihuahuan Desert. Our journey also leads to Big Bend National Park, where the Rio Grande nourishes an arid region teeming with life throughout the year. Join this trip of a lifetime where you’ll explore by foot and horseback the awe-inspiring natural landscape of West Texas.

## Highlights

- Saddle up for a beginner’s horseback ride through the Chihuahuan Desert.
- Hike through juniper, oak and pinyon pine forest at Big Bend National Park to be rewarded with stunning views over Pine Canyon and the Sierra del Carmen in Mexico.
- Explore Big Bend National Park with staggering vistas and the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.







## Conservation Efforts

While Texas is known for wide-open spaces, its growing population is stretching natural resources to their limits. As a result, conserving the 33,075-acre Davis Mountains Preserve is more important than ever. To build on this progress, TNC has worked with a variety of partners to permanently protect more than 110,000 additional acres. This protection will help to maintain natural corridors that allow plants and animals to thrive without disturbance, promote dark skies critical to ongoing astronomical research, and secure water sources key to the survival of the people and wildlife that call this region of the Lone Star State home.

## October 13-19

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### OCCUPANCY

Double \$5,550/person	Single \$6,350/person
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**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 13 travelers and no more than 14.

# Dominican Republic



**Discover a nature lover's paradise** in the white sandy beaches and lavish greenery of the Dominican Republic. From Pico Duarte—the highest mountain in the Caribbean—to the country's lowest point at Lake Enriquillo, diverse wildlife settles into an intricate mosaic of lush rain and cloud forests, mangrove-lined lagoons, and calm azure waters that harbor fragile and productive coral reefs. Before long, you will be on “island time,” cultivating an appreciation for why 25% of this tropical country has been protected forever.

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## Highlights

- Explore the Colonial City of Santo Domingo, the city's historic core and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Don snorkeling gear for a close-up look of coral outplanting at work.
- Swim in the protected blue waters of the Caribbean Sea off Saona Island in the magnificent Parque Nacional del Este.





## Conservation Efforts

Many island nations have limited fresh water, and this scarce resource is further stressed by agricultural and urban uses. In the Dominican Republic, TNC is introducing water funds—a first on a Caribbean island—where funds from downstream users like beverage companies will target conservation work upstream. Through partnerships with local groups, TNC has established a water fund in Santo Domingo to support watershed conservation. 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.

**December 8-14**

### INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS

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### OCCUPANCY

Double \$5,375/person	Single \$6,315/person
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A vibrant field of orange poppies in full bloom, interspersed with green grasses and shrubs. The scene is set against a backdrop of rolling hills and mountains under a clear, bright sky. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunny day.

“The Earth laughs  
in flowers.”

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON



# 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. Travelers should be able to walk as many as 3 miles over uneven terrain with some elevation gain per day. Some trips may include activities such as boating, snorkeling or swimming. Expect to be outdoors for 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 prior to the trip, and, if possible, accommodations will be made.

With each journey, we are committed to travel practices that have a minimal impact on our planet. These include, but are not limited to:

- utilizing environmentally and socially responsible vendors;
- pursuing carbon offsets for every traveler to establish a carbon-neutral program; and
- reducing waste.

While we want to host as many supporters to experience nature and TNC's work as possible, we limit the number of travelers on these journeys to:

- ensure travelers have the opportunity to personally connect with TNC staff.
- promote relationship and community building with fellow travelers; and
- provide a variety of activities that are best accomplished with smaller groups.

**Note that the prices quoted in this brochure are estimates and may be different based on taxes and incidental fees.**

## Icon Legend



Birding



Cycling



Fishing



Hiking



Horseback  
riding



Kayaking



Snorkeling



Stargazing



Swimming



Wildlife  
viewing

# Experience Nature

## Looking for more ways to encounter TNC's work?

**VISIT** a preserve in your state: [nature.org/visitourpreserves](https://www.nature.org/visitourpreserves)

**CONNECT** with nature by volunteering in your community: [nature.org/volunteer](https://www.nature.org/volunteer)

**EXPLORE** unique landscapes and experience some of the nature that you help protect from the comfort of your home through The Legacy Club's webinar series. Past series can be viewed at: [nature.org/webtalks](https://www.nature.org/webtalks)

**QUESTIONS?** Your Legacy Club team is here to help you! If you need information on TNC conservation work or your Legacy Club communications or opportunities, let us know. Email [LCteam@tnc.org](mailto:LCteam@tnc.org) and a team member will get back to you!

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Scan the code with your phone's camera to learn more about the 2024 Legacy Journeys.

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