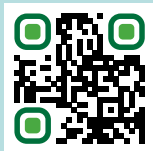




2027 Legacy Journeys

SEVEN EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS

Your invitation to experience nature with The Legacy Club



To see full trip itineraries or
submit your interest to travel
with The Legacy Club, scan here!

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JOURNEY TO:

Little St. Simons Island off the Georgia coast to discover abundant wildlife and lush pockets of nature throughout its wetlands, shell-strewn beaches and maritime forests. ► [page 8](#)

Nebraska's Platte River for the incredible sight of thousands of sandhill cranes converging along their Central Flyway route during one of the greatest migrations on Earth. ► [page 10](#)

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Churchill in Canada to experience summer in a subarctic town known as the polar bear capital of the world and a beluga whale-watching hot spot. ► [page 18](#)

Vermont for an idyllic New England autumn respite among vast forests, small-scale farms, local artisans and cool, clean waters that include the 120-mile-long Lake Champlain. ► [page 20](#)



Dear Legacy Club Member,

Nature takes center stage on seven exclusive 2027 Legacy Journeys offered by The Nature Conservancy and curated for Legacy Club members like you. I hope you'll join us!

We're visiting farms and forests in rural New England and reefs and rainforests in the Caribbean. We're exploring tidepools along the Oregon coast, soaking in summer near the Arctic Circle, witnessing true wilderness off the coast of Georgia, and more. Each trip serves as a celebration of your inspiring commitment to this planet we share.

Are you interested in traveling with us next year? ***We invite you to submit your interest online and rank your trip preferences by Thursday, September 17, 2026, at [nature.org/LegacyJourneys](https://nature.org/legacyjourneys).*** Trips will then be filled in random order to ensure that all interested travelers have an equal opportunity to participate in a trip.

I hope that 2027 will be a year when you travel with us on a Legacy Journey. Whether you join us or not, I want to thank you for your continued support for TNC's work around the world. We couldn't do it without you!



Best wishes,



Meg B. Thomson
Associate Director, Legacy Club Program

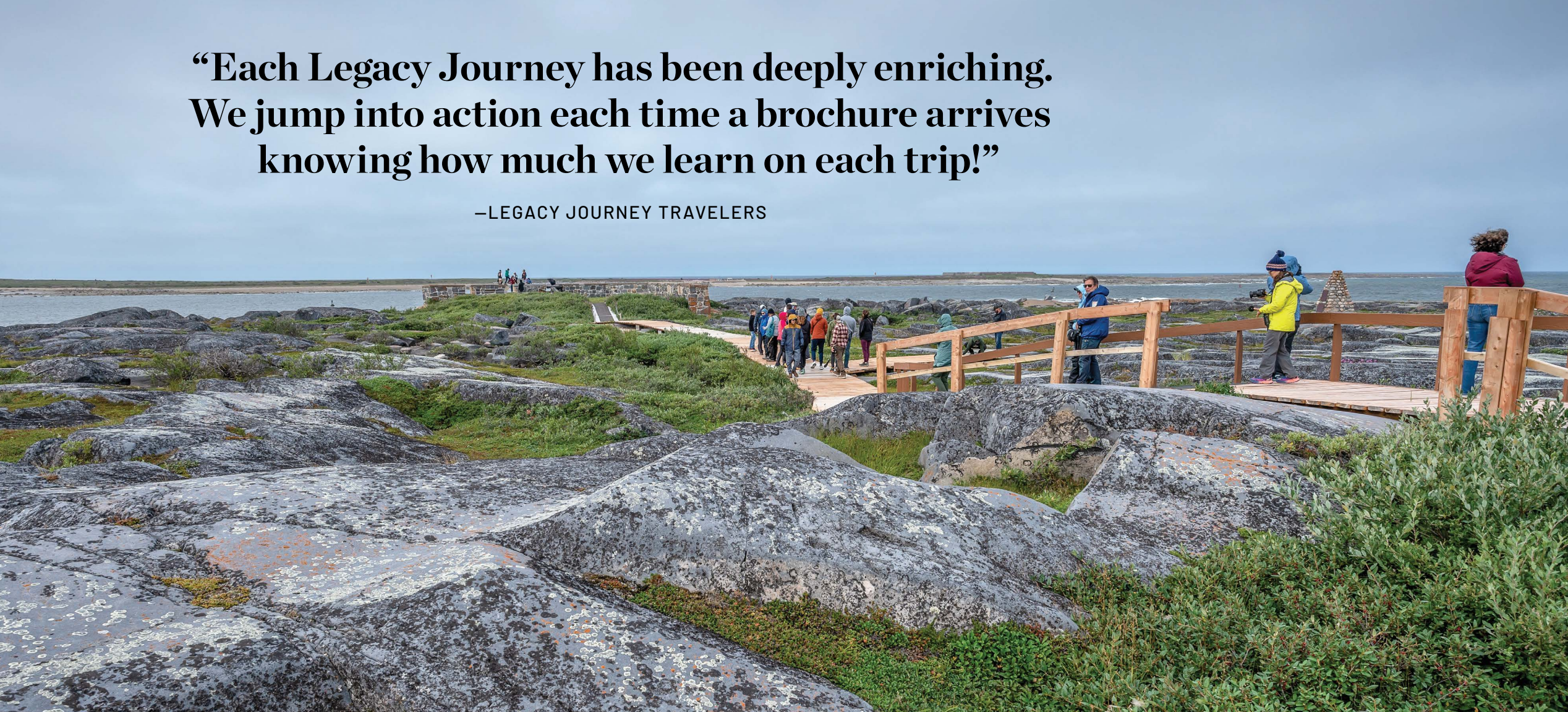
P.S. Turn the page for more details about the registration process for Legacy Journeys.



Visit **nature.org/legacyjourneys** for full itineraries and further information.

**“Each Legacy Journey has been deeply enriching.
We jump into action each time a brochure arrives
knowing how much we learn on each trip!”**

—LEGACY JOURNEY TRAVELERS



Journeys Sign-up Process

TNC uses a streamlined and equitable registration process for the Legacy Journeys program. **We invite you to submit your interest in our exciting 2027 departures now through Thursday, September 17, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. PDT, using our online Journeys Interest Form at nature.org/legacyjourneys.**

Instructions

1. Legacy Club members looking to travel with TNC in 2027 must **submit a Journeys Interest Form**.
 - The date and time by which you submit *will* not affect your chance of being assigned to a journey, as long as you do so by the September 17 deadline.
2. The Journeys Interest Form will allow you to rank in order of preference **up to three** trips you would like to join.
3. After the September 17 deadline, a random selection process will assign travelers to one journey, taking into account your destination preference(s).
 - You may be assigned to your second- or third-choice destination if your first choice is already full.
4. If all of your chosen and ranked journeys are full by the time it is your turn to be assigned a spot, you will be added to the wait list for each journey of interest.

For more information about this process and to access the Journeys Interest Form, visit nature.org/LegacyJourneys or contact TNC’s Legacy Journeys travel manager, Erin Crowther, at LegacyJourneys@tnc.org or **(317) 829-1873**.

Note: Travelers will be assigned to only one Legacy Journey per year.

Icon Legend

We've included icons to represent anticipated journey activities to help you consider if an excursion would be a good fit for you.



Birding



Boating



Cycling



Fishing



Hiking



Horseback
Riding



Kayaking



Snorkeling



Swimming



Walking



Wildlife
Viewing



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Travel



Zodiac
Touring



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 with an on-site ecolodge, open to a limited number of guests year-round. 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 waterways or strolling through maritime forests with moss-draped oaks, you're sure to enjoy this incredible place.

Highlights

- Kayak along tidal creeks surrounded by thousands of acres of protected coastal salt marsh.
- Scan the shores and marshes for shorebirds and American alligators.
- Hop in a truck for a guided excursion with naturalists who live and work on the island.
- Tuck into a bird blind to observe egrets, wood storks, herons and roseate spoonbills.



Conservation Efforts

One of Georgia's first living shorelines was established on Little St. Simons Island by the island's Center for Coastal Conservation, TNC and other partners. Stabilizing banks with native plants and live oyster beds to prevent erosion from tides, storms and runoff serves as a natural alternative to concrete sea walls or bulkheads. This work is making the island's shoreline more resilient in the face of climate change and is replenishing the local oyster population. Oysters play an important role in filtering water and enhancing fish habitat.

March 7-12

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$3,163/person	\$4,975/person



Scan for your Little St. Simons Island itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have a minimum of 24 participants, with a maximum of 30.

Nebraska's Platte River



Watch Nebraskan prairies come alive with the sights and sounds of the Central Flyway. See the spectacle of over 1 million sandhill cranes court-ing, preening and roosting during their annual migration, when about 88% of the world's population gather on the Platte River. Its wetlands spill over with the cranes, along with bald eagles and millions of ducks and geese. Take in awe-inspiring panoramic views in the Sandhills, the most intact temperate grassland left on Earth. Also see greater prairie-chickens perform their ancient courtship rituals on dancing grounds called leks. This journey promises to be a springtime adventure you will never forget. You have to see it to believe it!

Highlights

- Witness the spectacle of sandhill crane migration when numbers peak in the hundreds of thousands.
- Take a tour of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, frequently ranked as one of the world's best zoos.
- Venture out on an overland tour of the Switzer Ranch to learn how ranching operations blend with wildlife management.



Conservation Efforts

Sandhill cranes rely on healthy, open freshwater wetlands for most of their lives. Since Nebraska irrigates more cropland than any other U.S. state, TNC is working with local farmers, the University of Nebraska and additional partners to explore irrigation practices that support profitable crop yields while securing clean and abundant water flows into the Platte River. Since 2015, participating farmers have reduced pumping by about 20%, saving more than a billion gallons of water with no loss in productivity—a promising outcome for wildlife and local livelihoods.

March 14–19

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$4,790/person	\$5,290/person



Scan for your Platte River itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have a minimum of 8 travelers, with a maximum of 12.

Belize



From rainforest to reef, this journey highlights the beauty and biodiversity found in Belize, a tropical paradise safeguarded for millennia by the Mayans. From a home base in the heart of the Selva Maya (Maya Forest), we will discover blue lagoons, ancient Mayan sites, scenic vistas and trails winding through a vast wilderness that harbors around 80 species of mammals and 400 species of birds. On another leg of this journey, we will visit the Mesoamerican Reef, which is included in the country’s goal of protecting 30% of its ocean areas by 2030. Throughout the visit, our staff will discuss how TNC works to safeguard these lands and seas as the inheritance of the Mayan legacy.

Highlights

- Venture on an evening wildlife tour in search of tarantulas, tree frogs, margays, ocelots and other creatures inhabiting the Selva Maya.
- Board a private boat to visit a seaweed farm and learn how mariculture (underwater agriculture) fuels Belize’s local economy.
- Go snorkeling in Laughing Bird Caye National Park and listen for the gulls known for their laugh-like calls that gave this place its name.



Conservation Efforts

For years, TNC has been committed to protecting Belize’s Maya Forest, playing a key role in conserving nearly 241,000 acres—about 9% of the country’s land area—and securing one of the region’s most important biodiversity hot spots. This landmark achievement demonstrates what is possible through strategic investment and partnership. It also highlights a powerful opportunity: By working alongside local farmers to advance regenerative agriculture, we can strengthen livelihoods while protecting forests, freshwater systems and soil health.

April 4–9

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$6,640/person	\$7,995/person



Scan for your Belize itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have 11 travelers.

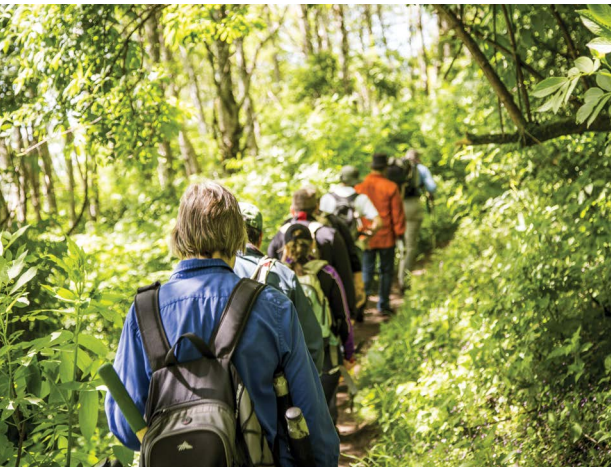
Coastal Oregon



In Oregon, lush forests and braided estuaries meet tidal marsh, mudflats and a striking coastline. On this journey, we will visit many of the Beaver State’s habitats while learning about TNC’s efforts to improve the health of the region’s estuaries. The group will enjoy a picnic lunch at the gateway to Oregon’s breathtaking Cascade Head Marine Reserve. In addition, we’ll explore Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge, enjoying panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean while learning about TNC’s work in estuary restoration. And a trip to Oregon is not complete without excursions to its iconic landmarks, like Cannon Beach’s Haystack Rock to explore tidepools and look for tufted puffins.

Highlights

- Visit the Cascade Head Marine Reserve by water to search for whales, seals, river otters, bald eagles, elk, salmon and other wildlife found around this coastal headland.
- Unwind with a bonfire on the beach near Haystack Rock after searching the tidepools for sea stars, anemones and other underwater critters.
- Explore the vibrant estuary of Yaquina Bay and learn how conservationists are working to protect interconnected land and sea ecosystems.



Conservation Efforts

Coastal Oregon’s forests and estuaries are part of the world’s largest coastal temperate rainforest, the Emerald Edge, that spans over 100 million acres across the Pacific Northwest. This interconnected system supports exceptional biodiversity, stores vast amounts of carbon and sustains the cultural and economic well-being of local communities. In Oregon, TNC is helping coastal landscapes thrive by building on years of wetlands restoration work to reverse habitat fragmentation, and addressing climate impacts through kelp forest recovery, restorative aquaculture and improved forest management.

June 5–10

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$6,275/person	\$7,370/person



Scan for your Oregon itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have 14 travelers.

Pine Butte Preserve



Where the Rocky Mountains meet the prairie in northwest Montana lies a vast expanse of wilderness that is habitat for moose, mountain lions, lynx and birds ranging from warblers to raptors. The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Preserve serves as your home base for a remarkable experience in a jewel of the Crown of the Continent. Within this showcase of one of North America's most intact and wild ecosystems, you will find dramatic limestone peaks that tower above native grasslands with striking wildflowers abloom. Through hikes, horseback rides and guided tours, you will have the unique opportunity to connect with this rugged and beautiful region.

Highlights

- Set out on trails that pass lush wetlands, century-old pines, wildflowers and alpine streams.
- Accompany TNC Montana staff as they guide you through crucially important habitats that support a variety of critical plants and animals.
- Keep an eye out for signs of grizzly bears, moose and elk.
- Head out for a half-day trail ride through the high meadows of the Rocky Mountain foothills.



Conservation Efforts

Pine Butte's unique, groundwater-fed wetlands attract a variety of species that travel between the grasslands of the Great Plains and higher elevations in the Rockies. Depending on the time of year, grizzlies, beavers, mountain lions, deer, lynx, moose, bighorn sheep and about 200 species of birds visit the preserve. To conserve this landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale, TNC, along with community partners, manages the land in a way that benefits the area's spectacular wildlife, unique ecology and local, often traditional livelihoods.

July 12-17

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$5,925/person	\$5,925/person



Scan for your Pine Butte itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have 14 travelers.

Churchill, Canada



During this journey far north to Canada’s Hudson Bay, we will soak in a subarctic summertime by exploring the boreal forest, finding which wildflowers are blooming across the landscape, spotting majestic belugas (dubbed sea canaries for their vocalizations) and visiting places still vast enough for caribou to roam. We will also be on the lookout for polar bears seeking respite from the sea ice to bask in the sun. Along the way, learn how Indigenous stewardship and connection to place are shaping conservation across the province of Manitoba—one of the world’s most intact ecosystems and a stronghold for nature and people.

Highlights

- Embark on a water-based excursion by Zodiac boat to witness beluga whales moving to warm, shallow waters to give birth and feast on fish.
- Hop on a Tundra Buggy to visit the Churchill Wildlife Management Area in search of summer wildlife, including caribou, arctic foxes and maybe even polar bears!
- Ride in a dog-pulled cart through a northern boreal forest to tour Churchill's independent field station dedicated to researching the subarctic region.



Conservation Efforts

Stretching across northern Manitoba to the shores of Hudson Bay, the Seal River Watershed is a remarkable network of free-flowing rivers, wetlands, tundra and boreal forest. It supports species like caribou, beluga whales, wolverines and grizzly bears, while its deep soils, wetlands and peatlands hold significant stores of carbon. TNC is working alongside the Seal River Watershed Alliance as four First Nations advance a shared vision: protecting this extraordinary place through an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area that will sustain healthy lands, waters, wildlife and communities for generations to come.

August 14–21

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$11,181 CAD/person	\$12,299 CAD/person



Scan for your Churchill itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers, with a maximum of 15.

Vermont



Vermont—where there are more trees than people (nearly 80% of the state is forested)—is the perfect destination for conservation-minded explorers. We will spend the week leaf-peeping, taking in the brilliant foliage that makes New England so special in the fall. These forest resources are also key to safeguarding biodiversity and the quality of the region’s freshwater lakes, rivers and streams, and they support an entrepreneurial ecosystem of local farms, maple syrup producers and artisans that forms the backbone of the Green Mountain State’s small-business-fueled economy. During this journey, we will also enjoy the region’s breathtaking autumn scenery at Lake Champlain and Mount Mansfield and learn about TNC’s efforts to protect this iconic landscape.

Highlights

- Take in stunning panoramic views of Caspian Lake and the nearby mountains from TNC’s Barr Hill Natural Area.
- Explore a “living laboratory” of American elms as you learn about TNC’s partnership with the USDA Forest Service to develop a population of elms resistant to Dutch elm disease.
- Step aboard a boat to learn about TNC’s aquatic work in the region’s largest body of water, Lake Champlain, also known as the “sixth Great Lake.”



Conservation Efforts

The 2,000-mile Appalachian Mountains landscape is expected to increasingly support the movement of species in response to a changing climate. Vermont is uniquely positioned in this range, with five critical connectivity corridors that provide habitat for threatened species while supporting carbon storage and watershed function. Over the past 65 years, TNC has conserved over 300,000 acres of land and hundreds of acres of river corridors in Vermont, and continues to work strategically to secure a healthier future for people and nature across the Appalachians.

September 22-27

TRIP COST BY OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$6,500/person	\$7,765/person



Scan for your Vermont itinerary or visit nature.org/legacyjourneys

Note: This trip must have 14 travelers.



“Time spent around trees is never wasted time.”

—KATRINA MAYER, AUTHOR

Is a Journey Right for You?

When considering whether a trip is right for you, review the itinerary and activities involved. Travelers should be able to walk as far 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.

If you have any questions about whether a trip is right for you, contact Erin Crowther at **legacyjourneys@tnc.org** or **(317) 829-1873**.

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; and
- reducing waste.

While we'd like to host as many supporters as possible to experience nature and TNC's work, we limit the number of travelers 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 ultimately differ based on taxes and incidental fees. If the price is listed in non-U.S. dollars, please look at the current exchange rate for the cost in U.S. dollars.

QUESTIONS?

The Legacy Club team is here to help you with any questions you may have about your Legacy Club opportunities or communications, as well as TNC's conservation work.

Email **LCteam@tnc.org** and a team member will get back to you!

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