2021

Legacy Journeys

THREE EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS
Your invitation to experience nature with The Legacy Club
JOURNEY TO:

PINE BUTTE GUEST RANCH in Montana to behold stunning Western scenery and captivating natural beauty in the heart of Big Sky Country.

MICHIGAN'S GREAT LAKES to discover the dramatic beauty, diverse wildlife and lustrous American history that define this treasured Midwestern landscape.

HART PRAIRIE PRESERVE in Arizona for rustic comfort and awe-inspiring scenery that make for a memorable visit to the American Southwest.
Dear Legacy Club Member,

We are hopeful for what nature has in store in 2021 and optimistic for the future. This summer, we aim to resume our Legacy Journeys. Please know that we are monitoring conditions and will adjust itineraries or refund deposits if it is not safe to travel. **With that in mind, we hope you will adventure with The Nature Conservancy in 2021!**

This brochure invites you on three exclusive trips to experience the world we are working together to protect. From the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana to the Arizona desert, our 2021 Legacy Journeys promise opportunities for immersive outdoor exploration that showcase TNC’s work around the country. Full details and itineraries can be found at [nature.org/legacyjourneys](http://nature.org/legacyjourneys).

**Reservations will open for all three journeys on Tuesday, January 19, at 12 p.m. EST.** While you may reach out with questions or concerns in advance, no reservations will be taken prior to January 19.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to protect the planet. We look forward to exploring our world with you!

Warm regards,

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P.S. If you have questions, please contact the travel specialist listed for each journey, or Kelly Newburg, manager of TNC’s Legacy Journeys program, at: kelly.newburg@tnc.org or (720) 778-1659.
Pine Butte, Montana

WHERE THE MOUNTAINS MEET THE PRAIRIE in western Montana, you see “The Big Sky,” a phrase coined by A.B. Guthrie Jr. in his 1947 novel of the same name, and it’s where you’ll find The Nature Conservancy’s Pine Butte Preserve. The historic Pine Butte ranch is your base for this remarkable journey into one of North America’s most intact and wild ecosystems. Dramatic limestone peaks tower above native grasslands, the views go on forever, and opportunities for exploring diverse habitats seem just as endless. Through hikes, horseback rides and guided naturalist tours, you’ll have a unique opportunity to experience this rugged and beautiful region.

HIGHLIGHTS: Hike through colorful hills, mountain meadows and the expansive prairie with a knowledgeable naturalist. ✯ Take in an evening wildlife watch for grizzly bears, moose and elk herds. ✯ Ride horseback through scenic trails and the high meadows of the Rocky Mountain foothills. ✯ Recharge to the symphony of birdsong on the porch of your cabin.

► SEE THE FULL TRIP ITINERARY online at nature.org/legacyjourneys.
CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Pine Butte Preserve harbors unique, groundwater-fed wetlands which attract a variety of species that travel 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. To conserve this landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale, TNC, along with community partners, manages the land in a way that will benefit the wildlife, natural habitats and traditional ways of life found only in the West.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
July 11–16

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Katie James: (800) 329-4930
tnc@iconicadventures.com

ESTIMATED COST
Double or single occupancy: $4,235

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of 10 participants, with a maximum of 14 or 15 (depending on family size). Very few spots will be available.

Please note: There are only a few openings for this trip.
Michigan’s Great Lakes

IN MICHIGAN, THEY SAY YOU’RE NEVER MORE THAN A FEW MILES FROM A LAKE. The Upper Peninsula alone boasts more than 4,000, scattered along rugged coastlines and rock outcroppings, peaceful forests and complex wetlands that host an incredible array of wildlife. On this journey, we explore the unparalleled beauty of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Starting in Marquette, explore along the coast to the northernmost point, which projects into Lake Superior and carries the moniker of Copper Country, marking its prominence in the nation’s first mining boom in the 1800s. With conservation experts in tow, this adventure promises to provide insights into places most visitors don’t experience.

HIGHLIGHTS: Set out on a sunset kayaking adventure to explore the rocky shorelines, a historic lighthouse and old shipwreck found along the Keweenaw Peninsula. ★ Hike beneath dramatic granite cliff-tops at The Nature Conservancy’s Echo Lake Nature Preserve. ★ Travel by boat to visit Isle Royale National Park’s remote and untamed wilderness.

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CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In 2019, TNC and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources participated in a land exchange that served to connect protected lands and advance conservation at the Two-Hearted River Forest Reserve and the Northern Great Lakes Forest Project. As the largest land protection effort in state history, the exchange set the stage for conserving wildlife that depends on the region’s forests, lakes, rivers and wetlands for all or part of their life cycles. It also advanced TNC’s efforts to pilot sustainable timber harvesting techniques—encouraging forest diversity and resiliency in the face of disease, pests and a changing climate.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
August 8–14

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Katie James: (800) 329-4930
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ESTIMATED COST
Double occupancy: $4,395
Single occupancy: $5,025

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of 9 travelers, with a maximum of 14.
Hart Prairie, Arizona

NESTLED WITHIN THE SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS near Flagstaff, Arizona, the 1870s homestead at Hart Prairie was gifted to The Nature Conservancy following the discovery of the world’s largest known community of globally rare Bebb willows. Here, your cozy and rustic cabin serves as home base for exploring the preserve’s mosaic of old-growth aspens, ponderosa pines and open meadows. Throughout the property, you can look for herds of elk and deer, porcupines, prairie dogs, and the impressive array of birds and butterflies that inhabit this pocket of the Southwest. We will also venture off-site to the Wild and Scenic Verde River and the unforgettable Grand Canyon.

HIGHLIGHTS: Enjoy an exclusive, off-the-grid stay in historic lodging at TNC’s Hart Prairie Preserve. ✴ Search for signs of Sunset Crater Volcano’s eruption nearly 1,000 years ago. ✴ Visit the ruins of ancient Sinagua cliff dwellings at Walnut Canyon National Monument. ✴ Enjoy an unhurried hike into the Grand Canyon with a private guide from the Grand Canyon Conservancy Field Institute. ✴ Kayak on the Verde River.

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CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In Arizona, the Verde River serves as a primary source of water for wildlife, recreation and local communities. These competing demands threaten to compromise the aquifer that feeds the Verde, even reducing its flow for downstream users. The Conservancy and partners are developing an innovative, community-driven and voluntary program for water users to purchase offset credits from other users willing to reduce their consumption in an effort to collectively alleviate the negative impact of groundwater pumping on the river.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
September 20–25

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Katie James: (800) 329-4930
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ESTIMATED COST
Double or single occupancy: $3,990

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of 8 travelers, with a maximum of 10.
Experience Nature

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO ENCOUNTER TNC’S WORK?

VISIT a preserve in your state: nature.org/visitourpreserves

CONNECT with nature by volunteering in your community: nature.org/volunteer

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

“Time spent amongst the trees is never wasted time.”

—KATRINA MAYER, AUTHOR


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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. 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.
Join us on an exclusive journey!