FIVE EXTRAORDINARY EXCURSIONS

Your invitation to experience nature with The Legacy Club

Legacy Journeys

2022
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JOURNEY TO:

NEBRASKA’S PLATTE RIVER for a chance to relish the wide-open spaces of the Great Plains and witness one of the greatest animal migrations on Earth.

THE Chesapeake Bay Region to observe breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife and the maritime culture of Maryland and Virginia fueled by the nation’s largest estuary.

GEORGIA’S LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND for a relaxing excursion to a privately owned barrier island teeming with wildlife.

MINNESOTA’S BOUNDARY WATERS to explore its forests, glacier-shaped landscape of lakes and streams, and nearby Lake Superior’s rugged coastline, and to learn about the region’s American Indian influences.

ARIZONA’S HART PRAIRIE to take in a stunning American Southwest sanctuary with one of the rarest forest communities in the world.
Dear Legacy Club Member,

We invite you to tap into your wanderlust with The Nature Conservancy on one of our 2022 Legacy Journeys. We carefully and responsibly planned a full slate of five excursions just for you, a valued Legacy Club member.

This year, our Legacy Journeys include paddling the placid waters of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, witnessing a half-million migrating sandhill cranes along a stretch of Nebraska’s Platte River, taking in the breathtaking views from the Grand Canyon’s South Kaibab Trail, and much more. Each of these trips promises a safe and enriching outdoor and cultural experience executed by environmentally responsible tour operators who have worked closely with our capable staff.

**Reservations will open for all five journeys on Tuesday, September 14, at 12 p.m. ET.**

We hope you will join us for one of these incredible opportunities to learn about TNC’s work against the backdrops of some of our planet’s most extraordinary places. Nature awaits. Travel with us!

Best wishes,

Meg B. Thomson
Associate Director, Legacy Club Program

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

WELCOME TO THE GREAT PLAINS OF NEBRASKA, and the heart of the Central Flyway, where a 75-mile stretch of nature hosts an annual migration of sandhill cranes that’s as old as time itself. With wings spanning more than 6 feet, these majestic creatures can’t be missed, especially at sunset, when thousands descend on the wetlands surrounding The Nature Conservancy’s private duck blind, which we’ll visit on the banks of the Platte River. We’ll also explore other natural hot spots within this Midwestern mosaic of farms, wetlands and woodlands, including the Calamus Reservoir to look for bald eagles and American white pelicans, and get an insider’s look at a working ranch in the Nebraskan Sandhills.

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 the world’s best zoos.

• Attend a demonstration about how TNC processes native seeds for prairie restoration.

See full trip itineraries online at nature.org/legacyjourneys
CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Sandhill cranes rely on healthy, open freshwater wetlands for most of their lives. Since Nebraska irrigates more cropland than any other 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 reduced pumping by about 20% to save more than a billion gallons of water with no loss in productivity, a promising result for wildlife and local livelihoods.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
March 13–19

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Peg Abbott, (866) 900-1146
travel@naturalistjourneys.com

COST
$3,290/person (double occupancy)
$3,690/person (single occupancy)

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of six travelers, with a maximum of 12.
Chesapeake Bay

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION ATTRACTS TRAVELERS from around the world for its serene beauty and rich glimpse into American heritage. This journey stretches from the nation’s capital to quiet historic towns steeped in maritime culture along Maryland’s Eastern Shore to a remote Virginia island in the bay. Our trip begins in Washington, D.C., where a boat ride along the Anacostia reveals a river revived and teeming with returning wildlife, including bald eagles. From there, we follow the water to tranquil creeks, a cypress forest, quaint fishing towns, oyster reefs and out on the open bay.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Visit Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, a prime spot for viewing bald eagles and other birds during spring migration.

• Ferry to Virginia's Tangier Island, a small island community rich in history and culture in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay.

• Look and listen for prothonotary warblers, wood ducks and pileated woodpeckers at the Nassawango Creek Preserve.

• 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, TNC and its partners 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.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
April 23–29

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

COST
$4,995/person (double occupancy)
$5,650/person (single occupancy)

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers, with a maximum of 14.
Little St. Simons Island

EXPERIENCE QUIET BEAUTY ON THE GEORGIA COAST and immerse yourself in the ecological riches of Little St. Simons Island. Accessible only by boat, this barrier island has been managed as a conservation property for generations. Its 11,000 acres of coastal salt marsh, maritime forests and ever-changing coastline beckon exploration by foot, bike or kayak. Intimate tidal creeks meander through untouched coastal salt marsh rich in native wildlife. Each day of your visit holds a new adventure, from paddling to birding to biking. Since only a small number of overnight guests are permitted each day, you are ensured the peaceful enjoyment of this enchanting wild landscape.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Take a guided adventure with an expert naturalist.
• Begin the day with a morning beach walk.
• Go on a guided kayak trip along tidal creeks surrounded by thousands of acres of protected coastal salt marsh.
• Scan the shores and marshes for migrating water birds.

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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.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
May 6–12

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Shana Love, (888) 733-5774
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COST
$3,288/person (double occupancy)
$5,475/person (single occupancy)

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of 24 participants, with a maximum of 30.
Boundary Waters

VISIT A PADDLER’S PARADISE IN MINNESOTA at the 1.1-million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, which straddles the U.S.-Canadian border in northern Minnesota, to take in the dramatic beauty of a landscape sculpted by glaciers. Composed of boreal forest interspersed with abundant streams and glacial lakes, this remote wilderness is a vast playground for outdoor enthusiasts, as well as a natural carbon sink, water filter and sanctuary for diverse wildlife. Keep your binoculars handy and come spend a week in awe of the natural beauty, spectacular surroundings and the wealth of biodiversity that defines the region.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Hike to stunning waterfalls at Cascade River State Park.
• Paddle a canoe on a serene Boundary Waters lake.
• Search the sky for raptors during fall migration.
• Visit with local Anishinaabe tribal members.
• Explore Grand Marais—“America’s Coolest Small Town.”
CONSERVATION EFFORTS
Each year, anglers from far and wide arrive in northeastern Minnesota to fly-fish in the region’s cool, clean streams. However, logging and deforestation, coupled with a warming climate, threaten the surrounding forest that shades and filters these cold-water habitats, which are ideal for trout and other species. In response, TNC is working with partners in The North Shore Forest Collaborative to restore the forests with a mix of native species that scientists predict will be resilient as Minnesota’s climate warms.

TRIP DETAILS
DATES
September 15–22
INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Peg Abbott, (866) 900-1146
travel@naturalistjourneys.com
COST
$4,490/person (double occupancy)
$5,530/person (single occupancy)
Please note: This trip must have a minimum of six travelers, with a maximum of 12.
Hart Prairie

AN ARIZONA OASIS OF ALLURING GRANDEUR, TNC’s Hart Prairie Preserve promises a welcome respite from your day-to-day routine. Nestled within the San Francisco Peaks, the nearly 150-year-old homestead was the first stop on the Flagstaff-to-Grand Canyon stagecoach route and is on the National Register of Historic Places. This unique retreat has the world’s largest known community of globally rare Bebb willows and a mosaic of old-growth aspens, ponderosa pines and open meadows. Keep your eyes wide as you explore the property for elk herds, porcupines and more than 120 species of birds, such as the spotted owl and three-toed woodpecker. Venture off-site to the majestic Grand Canyon and to the Verde River—the lifeblood of the region.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Take an unhurried hike down the Grand Canyon’s South Kaibab Trail.
• Travel a scenic loop through high ponderosa pine forests to Sunset Crater, a volcano that last erupted 950 years ago.
• Kayak on the Verde River.
• Look for the ruins of ancient Sinagua cliff dwellings at Walnut Canyon National Monument.
CONSERVATION EFFORTS

A Wild and Scenic River, the Verde River serves as the primary source of water for local wildlife, recreation and communities. These competing demands threaten to compromise the aquifer that feeds the Verde. To reduce stress on the river, TNC worked with the largest farm in the Verde Valley on transitioning from water-thirsty corn and alfalfa to more drought-resistant barley, which is sold to a new company that processes the grain for beer making. This shift has saved 425 million gallons of water in just three years.

TRIP DETAILS

DATES
September 19–24

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS
Katie James, (800) 329-4930
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ESTIMATED COST
$3,990/person (double occupancy)
$3,990/person (single occupancy)

Please note: This trip must have a minimum of nine travelers, with a maximum of 10.
“Nature has been for me, for as long as I remember, a source of solace, inspiration, adventure, and delight; a home, a teacher, a companion.”

—LORRAINE ANDERSON, AUTHOR
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