


# Welcome to 2025!

**Let’s make it a year to remember!** We’ve lined up some truly incredible trips this year, and we’d love for you to join us on these unforgettable journeys. And that’s not all—there are a few more surprises in store, so stay tuned.

This year, we’re heading to **Telluride** to hit the slopes, immersing ourselves in the culture and beauty of **Croatia**, and experiencing the wildlife of **Tanzania** and **Rwanda** up close. We’ll end the year with an unforgettable journey through **Peru.** Other destinations in the works include Romania and Bulgaria, Utah National Parks and Nepal. We need to hear your interest before we confirm them.

If you're looking for something truly unique, Custom trips are also available, designed just for you. At the end of this newsletter, you’ll find direct links to each trip, so you can dive into the details and sign up for your next great adventure.

We can’t wait to explore 2025 with you—let’s make it extraordinary!

**Explore our 2025 Group Trips | Website**




# Got Questions about travel to Africa? Our Africa Q&A Session is almost here!

## Wednesday, January 8th 7:30 CT

The adventure of a lifetime awaits, and we're here to bring it to life beforehand! With our Tanzania and Rwanda trips fast approaching, join us for a special **Africa Q&A session to dive into the magic and mystery of these unforgettable signature destinations.**

Have questions about the **Great Migration**? Imagine the awe of watching thousands of wildebeests and zebras thundering across the plains, plunging

into rivers as crocodiles lurk just beneath the surface. What's it really like to experience this breathtaking event up close? Curious about the best time of year to witness it or the surprising wildlife you might encounter along the way? Join us this Wednesday to find out!

We'll also explore the cultural richness of Africa—its traditions, people, and vibrant history—and answer any questions you have, from the best times to see specific wildlife to understanding local customs and packing for the adventure. No question is too small or too big!

This session is your all-in-one guide to connecting with fellow adventurers, discovering insider tips about the wildlife, culture, and logistics of the trip, and getting all your questions answered in one place.

**Our Group Africa Adventure is taking place August 21-31 2025 (Tanzania), and August 31-September 5th 2025 (Rwanda). If those days don't work for you, and you're interested in a perfectly tailored trip for you and your loved ones, reach out to robin@steppinoutadventures.com.**

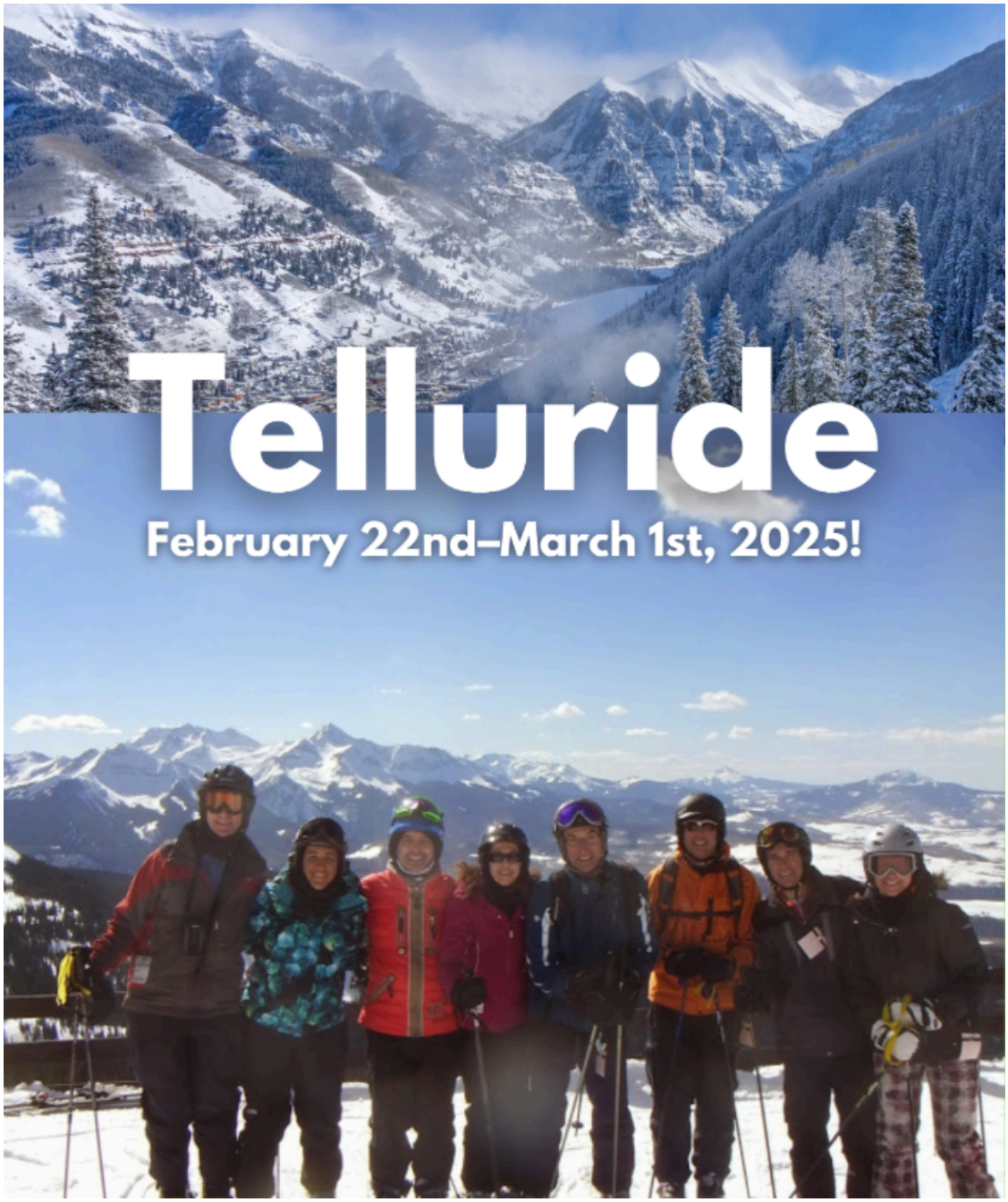
Start the year inspired—let's turn your African adventure into reality!

🗓️ When: Wednesday, January 8th
⏰ Time: 7:30 PM Cental; 8:30 Eastern, 5:30 pm Pacific
📍 Where: Zoom
🔗 Register Using Button Below:

**Q & A Registration Link**

**Tanzania & Rwanda Group Adventure Trip Details**

* Video Above features videos of our Africa adventures and Robin inviting you to join us for the Africa Q&A event!




# One Room Available!

The mountains are calling, and there's **only ONE ROOM left for our epic group getaway in Telluride, Colorado, from February 22nd–March 1st, 2025!** With ski season officially underway and snow blanketing the peaks there's no better place to experience winter magic than on Telluride's legendary slopes. Whether you're eager to ski, explore snowshoeing trails, or simply relax with unbeatable views, this adventure has it all.

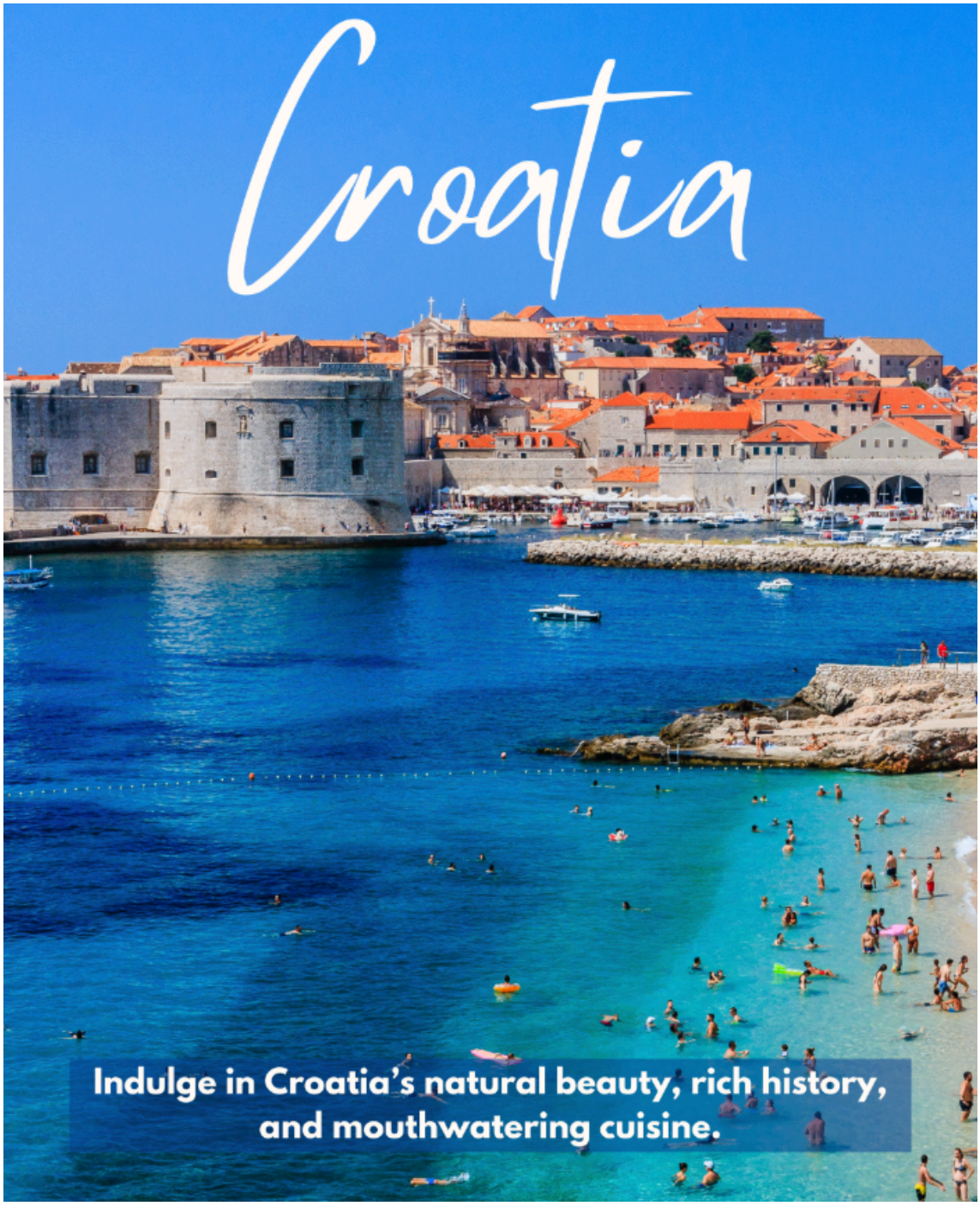
Stay at The Peaks, where ski-in, ski-out access means you're just steps away from the mountain's best runs. After a thrilling day in the snow, unwind at the luxurious five-story spa, indulge in delicious group meals Telluride is known for, or sip hot cocoa by the fireside in the cozy lounge. The charming town of Telluride offers a perfect mix of upscale dining, boutique shopping, and a relaxed, friendly vibe.

Don’t miss out on this unforgettable adventure with a fun group of fellow explorers! Steppin’ Out Adventures creates experiences you’ll cherish forever, and Telluride is no exception. Act fast and grab the last room before it’s gone!

For a sneak peek into all the highlights of this unforgettable trip—including stunning photos—check out Steppin' Out Adventures' **Facebook post**.

**Telluride Group Trip Details**






# A Luxury Escape to Timeless Beauty

## June 17-25 2025

Croatia has a way of stealing your heart. It's a place where stunning coastlines, rich history, and amazing food come together in perfect harmony. From ancient towns to the sparkling sea, the country offers a little bit of everything—relaxation, adventure, and unforgettable memories.

On this luxury trip, you won't just see Croatia—you'll experience it. **Instead of sitting in traffic on a bus, we'll be traveling by speedboat**, giving you a truly special view of the country. Imagine sipping wine at family-owned wineries with jaw-dropping views or learning the art of silk-making in factories where tradition runs deep. These are the kinds of experiences that make this trip special.

We'll visit some of Croatia's most iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites—Split, Trogir, Dubrovnik, and Stari Grad Plain. But it's not just about the landmarks; it's about the stories and the people who bring them to life. Local experiences include a visit to a farmer and the markets in Split, hiking in the Dalmatian Hinterland small village and having tea with the villagers, meeting with the founder of the wildlife birds of Prey sanctuary and Marjan the fisherman who started making art from the ocean clean -ups of plastics he leads.

You'll also get to dive into Croatian cuisine with a Soparnik cooking class, taste olive oils from local farms, and enjoy wine tastings in Hvar and Pelješac.

Whether you're exploring Krka National Park or wandering through medieval streets, this trip is all about giving you a taste of the real Croatia. Small group sizes ensure you get a personalized experience, so you can truly soak it all in.

**Your Experience Includes:**

- Private transportation, including speedboat transfers
- 8 nights in 4 and 5-star accommodations
- Most meals, as detailed in the itinerary (daily breakfast, select lunches, and dinners)
- Private guided tours of UNESCO World Heritage sites (Split, Trogir, Dubrovnik, and Stari Grad Plain)
- Exclusive experiences like a Soparnik cooking class and olive oil tasting
- Wine tastings in Hvar and Pelješac
- Admission to Krka National Park and other key sites
- Small group size (maximum of 10 participants) for a personalized experience

## CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

Summer in Croatia is waiting for you. Let's make this trip one to remember!

**Croatia Trip Details**




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# 2025 Travel Updates

## What you Need to Know and How to Prepare

2025 is shaping up to be an exciting year for travel, but staying informed about key updates is essential for smooth adventures. **Our latest blog dives deep into the new travel regulations, tools, and tips to ensure your trips are hassle-free.** Here's a quick overview of what you need to know:

- **REAL ID Compliance:** Starting May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers will need REAL ID-compliant identification for domestic flights.
- **ETIAS Visa Waiver:** Heading to Europe? A quick online application will now be required to enter Schengen countries. (a group of 27 European countries that have abolished border controls between them).
- **Going to Israel?** Starting January 25, travelers must have a valid visa or ETA -IL. Details provided on blog.
- **Biometric Border Checks:** Europe introduces a streamlined Entry/Exit System for easier crossings.
- **Essential Passport Tips:** Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your travel dates.
- **Travel Tools:** Discover apps and premium services to make your journey seamless, from Mobile Passport to TSA PreCheck.
- **Sustainable Travel:** Support eco-friendly tourism by choosing destinations that prioritize the environment.
- **Travel Insurance:** Protect your trip with comprehensive coverage for unexpected events.

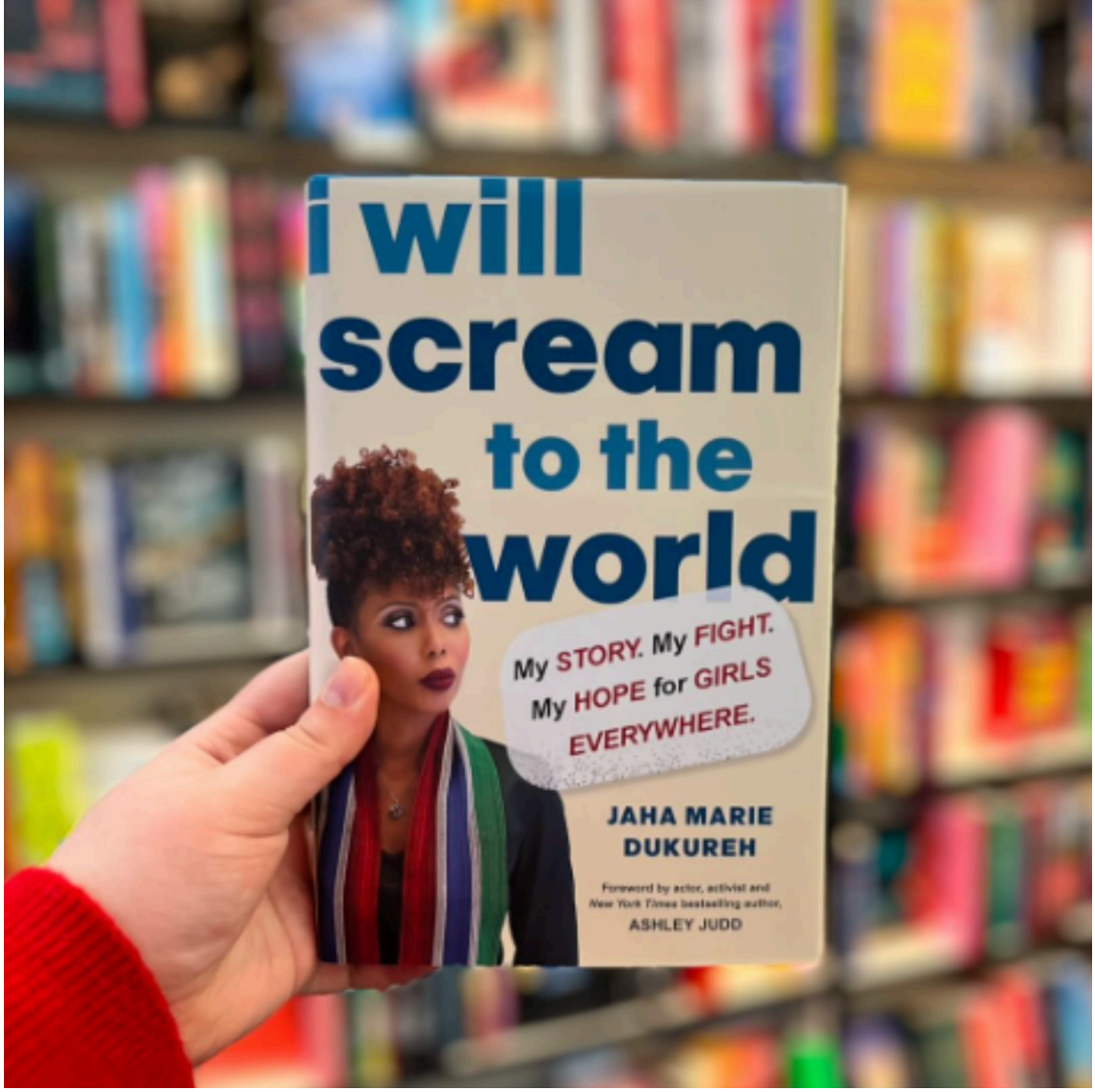
Want the full scoop on these updates and more? Check out our latest blog for in-depth insights and detailed advice to prepare for your next adventure.

👉 **Read the Full Article**

At Steppin' Out Adventures, we're here to handle the details so you can focus on exploring, connecting, and creating unforgettable memories.

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# Exciting News : Join Our Next Book Club Meeting!




We're thrilled to announce that our upcoming book club meeting will feature the incredible memoir, ***I Will Scream to the World: My Story. My Fight. My Hope for Girls Everywhere*** by Jaha Marie Dukureh. (🔗 **link to book here**)

This powerful book takes readers on Jaha's monumental journey from being a survivor of FGM (female genital mutilation) and forced child marriage to becoming a global activist and political leader. As the founder of Safe Hands for Girls, Jaha has made remarkable strides, including helping to ban FGM in Gambia. Her story is one of resilience, fearlessness, and the extraordinary power to create meaningful change.

📚 **Special Guest Alert:** Jaha Marie Dukureh herself will join us during the discussion to share her experiences growing up in Gambia and her ongoing fight for girls everywhere. Don't miss this inspiring conversation! For more details, visit our Facebook event page.

🗓️ **When:** March 3rd,

📍 **Where:** Zoom

🔗 **Register Here**

Let's come together to learn, connect, and discuss this extraordinary story. See you there!



# Morocco Awaits

### with DC Internationals

In case you missed our last newsletter: While Steppin' Out Adventures won't be heading to Morocco next year, a trusted pier of ours, DC Internationals is hosting a cultural journey through Morocco from October 10-19, 2025. It's not a Steppin' Out trip, but if Morocco's on your bucket list, **email us for more details!**



## Telluride | Feb 22 - March 1, 2025

A renowned Colorado ski destination, combines world-class skiing with charming Victorian architecture and stunning mountain views, offering the perfect winter escape for adventurers and relaxation seekers alike.

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## Croatia | June 17 - June 25, 2025

Experience the Dalmatian Coast, where history, culture, and natural beauty meet in an intimate, small-group adventure filled with private boat rides, local wine tastings, and hands-on culinary experiences.

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## Tanzania | August 21 - 31, 2025

Venture into the thrill of Tanzania's wild heart, from witnessing the world's largest animal migration to immersing yourself in the Hadzabe tribe's ancient dances, songs, and food-making traditions, all set against a backdrop of East Africa. With or without Rwanda

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## Rwanda | August 31 - September 5, 2025

Get up close to Rwanda's majestic gorillas on an unforgettable trek and golden monkeys, engage with the local community through vibrant traditions and stories at a cultural festival, all while discovering the country's passion for conservation and its inspiring journey of renewal. (Option to add on for those who only to go to Rwanda.

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## Morocco | October 10 - 19, 2025

Although we're not hosting a trip to Morocco, a trusted partner (DC Internationals) is offering an beautiful cultural adventure with camel rides into the desert, stays with local families, cooking classes, and guided tours through vibrant cities like Marrakesh and Fes, all while immersing in the rich history and traditions of this magical country.

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## Peru | Nov. 2 (TBD)

Discover the vibrant soul of Peru, where ancient Inca heritage meets colorful local cultures, from bustling markets, biking, learning to cook traditional meals, sacred rituals with indigenous shamans, express hike to the famed Machu Pichu, with extensions to Lima, flight over Nazca lines and Rainbow mountain. An unforgettable adventure that

brings you face-to-face with the heart of this extraordinary country.

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