



I can't believe that our monthly newsletter went out before I even left for Israel. Now I'm back and working on lots of new trips and a lot of custom trips as well.

But for those of you who don't know, tomorrow is a special day.

**It's Random Act of Kindness Day.** I love just the thought of it. One of the things that I don't highlight as much as I should is our affiliate count with [Amazon](#). If you go on to Amazon through our [link](#), Steppin Out gets a tiny tiny referral fee. But I don't really tell people what I do with it. This is the money that I take and do something with the people that we visit in countries where the people could use a little boost. So whether it's buying salad thongs from the kid in Rwanda or jewelry in Tanzania or bringing medicines to those in Cuba, I've dedicated those little commissions to do random acts of kindness. So if you're shopping Amazon, hit the [link](#) first and do random acts of kindness every time you shop!

Have a great weekend and stay in touch!

## SO FAR: Here's What's up for 2024

- Feb.** Custom trip to Cuba
- Mar** Ski Trip to Jackson Hole- One spot left
- June** Belize Reefs & Rain forest
- July** Non Touristy Niagara Falls (July 25)
- Aug** Green Lake, WI Getaway
- Sept** Utah National Parks
- Oct** Magic of Morocco
- Nov** Bhutan (+Pre-trip to Kathmandu)

## ISRAEL AT WAR: What Can You Do?

I just returned from Israel and I have to say that of all the times that I've been there (close to a dozen) I never felt more connected to that country than I did this past time. I know (we know) the government is messed up, but the strength, resiliency and kindness of the people makes your heart burst. There is so much to do there and so much to say, that I just decided to do a brain dump in a blog. For those who wish to read more and see what you can do, go [here](#).

## Go With the Flow at Niagara Falls

July 25-28, 2024



Our weekend promises a fusion of tradition, excitement, and personal growth and hopefully an opportunity to do a little Tikkun Olam. Join us to discover breathtaking beauty of the region with someone who loves to show off his city.

[Get more Information here](#)

Join us for a jam-packed summer weekend at one of the wonders of the world: Niagara Falls (USA & Canada) and Buffalo, NY. This isn't your average trip, as you'll have a front-row seat, guided by a local and longtime Steppin' Outer. He'll let you in on the secret is starting to emerge...Buffalo, a perennial underdog, is experiencing a renaissance-- so before everyone finds out, sign-up for this unforgettable adventure. We invite vibrant souls, aged between the wisdom of experience and the thrill of possibility, for an exclusively curated itinerary. Explore picturesque landscapes on bike and on foot, savor world-famous chicken wings, delve into the area's unique history, and feel the energy of the mighty Niagara.

# BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

## INTRODUCTORY MEETING:



February 19, 2024  
Calendar Discussion

Join us on the 19th to discuss scheduling and calendar planning for future meetings.



For those who don't know Steppin' Out, we love to create community. From it's creation 30 years ago, we saw that sharing an experience is a great way to bond, and of course, that's what we have focused on. But not everyone can get away, so we thought we'd have an armchair travel group through books and meet together on zoom to discuss it. Since Morocco is in our Fall calendar, I found this extremely interesting book called The Caliph's House. Check [here](#) to order it. Invite people from across the country and even the world. I'd love to to get different perspectives.

The link to join is in the details of the [website](#), so please signup there. No fee. First date planned for Feb. 19th. Books and Dates to discuss the Caliph House will be at next meeting on the 19th. If you can't make the 19th, email us with date preferences.

## Journey with us to Bhutan Discover why it's the country of Happiness Nov. 9-22, 2024

**\$300 off if you book in February**



**Wow!** Such a great response regarding our trip to Bhutan.



No wonder though, the jaw dropping beauty, the kindness of the people and the curiosity of their traditions and colorful festivals is so alluring.

This is a once in a lifetime trip and because the local festivals had a calendar change, our trip is moving Nov. 10-22. The price on the website includes one night in Kathmandu and the flight from Kathmandu to Paro, Bhutan (those prices will increase as flights become more scarce)

We are working with our contact in Kathmandu to add extra days to visit other areas of Nepal like Chitwan National Park. We will be uploading that info soon enough.

## **BONUS!!!**

**Because we need to encourage people to sign up before the air and hotels fill up, we are offering a \$300 discount if you sign up in February.**

**PLUS, You can still sign up the month of February and get a 12-month Installment plan. That's right... pay until Feb. 2025 and make this trip a bit easier on your wallet.**

Remember,  
we can also put a custom Bhutan trip together for you if our dates don't work.

**More Details about Bhutan**



# Authentic Belize

June 8-14, 2024

Get ready for an incredible journey filled with thrilling activities, breathtaking sights, and an abundance of wildlife sightings! Belize is also famous for its thrilling activities in crystal-clear waters. Dive into the Caribbean Ocean and immerse yourself in the vibrant underwater world. Snorkel alongside colorful coral reefs, encountering a myriad of tropical fish and marine life. For the truly adventurous, shark diving is an option that will get your adrenaline pumping.

We will learn about various Belizean cultures directly from the people, including Creole, Garifuna, and the ancient and contemporary Mayan. We will snorkel with a marine biologist to a water world of brilliant colors and shapes of the reef and participate in an ongoing reef cleanup project. Our journey wouldn't be complete without experiencing the local culture and cuisine. Visit the Belize Zoo, a unique facility dedicated to conserving native species and providing educational opportunities. Delight your taste buds with delicious local dishes, sampling the flavors of Belize and savoring the culinary traditions of the regio

Our tour guide for this trip is Anthony Ippolito, a tropical ecologist with extensive experience in Central and South America, including Belize and tropical Austral-Asian countries. Throughout the trip, Anthony will guide you in understanding the delicate balance of nature and the importance of conservation efforts. By the end of this wild adventure, you will have not only created memories to last a lifetime but also gained a deeper appreciation for the natural world and the need to protect it. Join us on this unforgettable trip to Belize!

[See Itinerary and more Information about Belize](#)



**Do our trips look exciting?**  
*Need to spice them up or calm them down?*

**Did you miss our Cuba trip or our East Africa Safari?**  
*Crete or Peru?*

**You don't have to wait until the next time it's offered.**  
*Contact us and we will see what we can do for you!*

**Currently working on family trips to Costa Rica, Argentina  
a 40th birthday party in Cuba and a couple's trip East Africa.**

**What can we do for you?**

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