

Hello, from sunny Telluride, Colorado where the skiers are enjoying beautiful Bluebird days with fantastic scenery!

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All Group Trips

Mix and Match Your Perfect Eastern European Summer Adventure!

Now you can mix and match adventure travel itineraries! Join select parts of each destination’s itinerary instead of committing to the full trip. Love Croatia but only want a few days? Maybe add Dubrovnik before heading to Bulgaria? Don't have that much time? What about half of Bulgaria and half of Romania? Combine your favorite experiences with unforgettable adventures in Bulgaria and Romania. Design your perfect Summer 2025 journey and explore Eastern Europe your way! We will do all the connections for you. Email or call us for any questions.


Croatia
June 17-25
Bulgaria
June 26 - July 3
Romania
July 3 - 8

Why Eastern Europe?

CROATIA June 17-25

There's a special air in Croatia. Surrounded by a warm, sparkling sea, it has an effortless charm—like a place that invites you to slow down and soak it all in. Towering mountains rise over the Adriatic's turquoise waters, historic cities glow with stunning architecture, and old town streets are filled with wondrous little shops and the freshest, most delicious food. We're setting out to explore what makes Croatia so magical—learning the delicate, time-honored art of agave lace making, sipping wine at family-owned vineyards, and traveling the best way possible—by boat. From the water, we'll take in the beauty of the coastline, feeling the breeze on our faces.

After wandering through historic towns, we'll get active, hiking through the rich Dalmatian plains, where farmers and villagers have cultivated the land for generations. And, of course, we'll visit some of Croatia's most breathtaking natural wonders, like Krka National Park, where ethereal waterfalls cascade into emerald pools. This is a relaxing adventure to remember—one that feels like a deep breath of fresh air.

***The Deadline to sign-up for this trip is March 1**. Those thinking of doing Bulgaria (6/26 - 7/3) can add a few days in Dubrovnik, ask us about that.*

BULGARIA June 26- July 3

Bulgaria—a land of majestic mountains, serene lakes, and ancient Roman ruins, including an entire city uncovered just a decade ago beneath Sofia. But what truly makes it special is its people—warm, gracious, and eager to share their traditions and culture. Whether you're an adventurer, a foodie, or a culture seeker, this journey is all about immersion—stepping into history, exploring breathtaking landscapes, and forming unforgettable connections.

Sofia, a bustling cosmopolitan city, is alive with charming city streets, incredible food, and natural hot springs. But venture into the countryside, and you'll discover a world where you can learn to cook traditional Bulgarian dishes, dance centuries-old folklore dances, and meet the Bulgarian Mohammedans, a community that has preserved traditions dating back to the Middle Ages. For nature lovers, the mountains call—hike through the stunning landscapes of the Rila Mountains, where the famous Seven Rila Lakes shimmer like mirrors in the high-altitude air. Bike along crystal mountain lakes that have fairytale vibes. Bulgaria is a place meant to be explored—not just seen from a car window.

ROMANIA July 3- July 8.

With option to visit Jewish Heritage sites.

Romania has a way of stealing your heart with its charm. From medieval castles that rise like giants from the mist, to rolling hills and wild mountains that seem untouched by time. It's a place where history lingers in the air and

traditions are woven into the fabric of daily life. We'll wander through villages where cobblestone streets lead you into another world, and where the warmth of the people is matched only by the stunning landscapes that surround them. Along the way, you'll be mesmerized by the grandeur of Peleș Castle, the mystery of the Transfăgărășan Road, and the breathtaking beauty of the Carpathian peaks. We will hike the stunning Piatra Craiului National Park, one of Romania's most picturesque and unspoiled natural reserves. We'll take e-bikes around the enchanting village of Viscri, one of Transylvania's most picturesque Saxon villages and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An exclusive after hours candle-lit tour of Dracula's castle will make this tourist site unique and special. We'll share a homemade meal with a local family to learn the ancient crafts and traditions that have shaped this land. We can add the option of traveling through the picturesque countryside via Bacau and Buhusi before arriving in Piatra Neamț. Along the way, enjoy the authentic rural landscapes and historic charm of Eastern Romania. In **Bacau, Buhusi** and Piatra Neamț, explore cultural sites that delve into the region's rich Jewish heritage.

Romania offers an adventure that feels like stepping into a living storybook and the hospitality of our hosts will provide a glimpse into the authentic soul of Romania.

Take a look at our detailed itineraries for each trip on our website, links below! (Sign-in to access all details).

Croatia Group Trip : June 17 - 25

Bulgaria Group Trip : June 26 - July 3

Romania Group Trip : July 3 - 8



🎥 🔗 **Watch Fun New Travel Video Here ^**



Experience the *life changing* Great Migration and Safari FINAL CALL

August is around the corner, and if you have been searching for a truly *life-changing* adventure, there is nothing quite like

experiencing the great migration and safari in Tanzania. A growing travel destination, Tanzania has so much to offer those travel lovers who are looking for something special that will blow them away. Don't just take our word for it, so many of our past Steppin' Out Travelers have expressed their deep gratitude for experiencing such a rich environment filled with peace and perspective. Something really calming and grounding happens when you see wild animals roaming around the great plains, just a couple of feet away! It's hard to put into words the magic that happens when being in the wild yourself. But check out what a few of our past travelers have said **here** about Tanzania and Rwanda.

The animals are truly spectacular, but a favorite experience of ours has to be spending time with the locals. The vibrancy, hospitality and happiness we experience from the Tanzanian people is so heart warming you can't help but smile the whole time. We're lucky to really get to hear their stories, learn their customs, see their traditions. It puts life into perspective- Isn't that what is so beautiful about traveling. We love to arrange these beautiful experiences to share the euphoria that happens when you connect deeply to new places and cultures. So if you have been thinking about steppin' out, and experiencing something new. There is no better time than now.

Don’t miss out! We still have a few spots left for our immersive Tanzania and Rwanda adventures this year. Reach out today to lock in your spot and take advantage of our special installment plans before it's too late. Treat yourself to an experience of a lifetime!

Discover Tanzania : August 21 - 31, 2025

Watch the magic unfold in our video as our Steppin' Out travelers share their unforgettable experiences in Tanzania and Rwanda. 🎥🔗 Link To Video





Face-to-Face with Gorillas

Honestly, what could be more magical than encountering a family of gorillas up close in the wild? A true highlight of our Rwanda trip is the chance to observe these incredible, intelligent giants as we trek through Volcanoes National Park. Join us in combination with Tanzania, or if you are interested in doing only Rwanda, we can add a few additional days if you are interested. Please **email** us if that is of interest.

There's something profoundly humbling and awe-inspiring about standing just feet away from a family of gorillas in their natural habitat. As these majestic creatures look back at you with their deep, intelligent eyes, it's impossible not to feel an overwhelming sense of connection. The moment you make eye contact with one of these gentle giants, you realize just how much we share with them — their emotions, their intelligence, and their family bonds. Experiencing their world, hearing the rustling of leaves as they move through the jungle, and feeling the powerful energy of their presence is what we look forward to each year.

With the help of our trusted Rwandan guides, who know exactly where the families are, we get a very personal and special experience. Our guides also include conservation experts, and our treks directly support gorilla protection efforts. By employing former poachers as scouts, we help safeguard these magnificent creatures. One of our special guides, Francois, who has traveled with us for years, shares his unique connection with the gorillas, telling stories about his ability to "talk" to them — an experience that makes the adventure even more extraordinary.



The true Rwandan culture comes alive on our adventure, offering us the chance to witness this vibrant country through special, hands-on experiences. Connecting with the Red Rocks Rwanda group, we'll engage with local traditions. Drumming alongside locals, you'll feel the countries rhythm. Brewing banana beer and singing traditional songs, we'll witness a powerful celebration of Rwandan resilience, hope, and conservation efforts for future generations. This journey isn't just about observing; it’s about being a part of something transformative, where every activity is an invitation to understand and contribute to the cultural fabric of Rwanda, with the kindness and hospitality of the people. By joining us, you’re not just a traveler — you’re an active participant in a story of growth, unity, and change.

Don’t just see the magic of gorillas through a screen— live it! Join us in Rwanda for a wild adventure and be part of something unforgettable. Limited spots available — claim yours now!

Discover Rwanda: August 31 - Sept. 5, 2025





Peru In Full Color Awaits

From Sacred Valleys to Ancient Ruins



Peru is calling! From the coastal deserts to the towering Andes, this adventure is a deep dive into a land of contrasts and beauty. Ancient Inca cities rise from misty mountaintops, and the Sacred Valley pulses with energy as you journey through history. Alongside Machu Picchu, you'll discover the warmth of local traditions, sacred rituals, and the powerful connection Peruvians have with Pachamama (Mother Earth). Discover the soul of Peru through hiking, biking, rafting, kayaking, cooking with local chefs, and learning from shamans who continue to honor the earth. This trip is active and covers all the activities, most meals except for six during the two week trip, and most tips.

Before we head to the Sacred Valley, we're offering a pre-trip option to Lima and the southern desert of Paracas. You'll see the cosmopolitan city, travel to take a flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines, explore the Ballestas Islands (Peru's Galapagos Island) dune buggy ride across the sand dunes and savor Peru’s famous Pisco through traditional distillery tastings.

Then, head to the Sacred Valley, the heart of Incan heritage, where you’ll raft the Urubamba River, bike through breathtaking landscapes and towns, like Pisac, where you'll see Incan wonders and shop the local artisan market for one-of-a-kind textiles and jewelry. Visit and participate in local customs like the Pachamanca lunch and a ceremony with an indigenous shaman. We'll explore markets, visit working salt mines and rare Incan ruins. We even have an option (if responding early enough) to go to one of the restaurants noted as one of the top 50 restaurants in Latin America.

See how adventure meets culture, and every moment is a chance to connect —whether through hands-on activities, like learning to weave with traditional dyes, creating our own Andean elixir with organic herbs, or by giving back with a community service project.

Certainly not least, the highlight: Machu Picchu! We'll spend a full day hiking to reach once hidden city, checking out other famous ruins along the way. We'll come back the next day and get a full tour of all the famous parts of the citadel.

Ready for an even bigger adventure? The optional Rainbow Mountain extension will take you to surreal landscapes where the earth's colors swirl into vibrant reds, greens, and golds—an unforgettable experience.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dive deep into Peru's landscapes, people, and sacred traditions. This adventure is a transformative experience, one that will leave you with a connection to Peru like no other.

Join us this November 2-15, 2025!

Peru Group Trip : November 2 - 25, 2025



Next Travel Q&A Session : *All About Eastern Europe*



Our travel Q&A sessions are back in March! Get ready for a fun and informative chat all about YOU and your travel curiosities!

Whether you're seeking expert packing tips or uncovering hidden gems in far-off destinations, no question is too big or small.

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Eastern Europe—three exciting group trips are coming this summer: Croatia, Bulgaria, and Romania. This info session is the perfect opportunity to learn all about what we're doing, the special highlights of these trips, and **how you can mix and match itineraries** to create your perfect adventure.

Join us to connect, ask questions, and get inspired for your next journey with Steppin' Out Adventures. We can't wait to see you there and catch up!

Next Session:

When: Tuesday, March 25th

Time: 7:30 PM Central

Where: Zoom (Register using the button below)

Q & A Registration Button

Win a Trip to Guatemala While Supporting Women Artisans



As you know and many have experienced, Robin is always on the lookout for experiences that go beyond the ordinary—journeys that fill

our souls, forge deep connections in our community (and beyond), and leave everyone elevated. We're excited to share that we're partnering with a social-impact company, Threads Worldwide, to take a group to Guatemala August 5-10. We're thrilled to partner with Threads Worldwide to bring you a truly one-of-a-kind adventure—an immersive journey to Guatemala this August! More than just a getaway, this Soul Journey is an opportunity to connect with inspiring women while supporting talented artisan.

The most exciting part? You can earn this trip for free (or at a big discount)! By engaging with the talented Guatemalan artisans behind Threads Worldwide's stunning fair-trade jewelry, home goods, and gifts before we travel, you'll not only support their craft but also work toward your own spot on this unforgettable trip.

Imagine traveling together, meeting the incredible women whose artistry brings these handcrafted pieces to life, and forming deep, lasting connections with both fellow travelers and the local community.

Want to learn more? Join Angela Melfi, founder of Threads Worldwide, and Robin for an intro session on **March 5th at 7:00 pm** Central time. where we'll share all the details.

This is your chance to travel with purpose, support women-owned businesses, and be part of something truly meaningful—don't miss it!

Register for Meeting and For Further Info



Steppin' Out Adventures

Book Club is Back!
Meet the Author!
New Meeting Date - May 7th

We've moved our Book Club Meeting! To give our readers more time to dive into our book of the season, we've rescheduled to a later date.

📖 This season's pick: I Will Scream to the World: My Story. My Fight. My Hope for Girls Everywhere by Jaha Marie Dukureh. (🔗 link to book here)

A powerful memoir of survival, resilience, and advocacy, this book follows Jaha's journey—from surviving female genital mutilation (FGM) and being forced into marriage as a teenager to defying cultural norms and leading a global movement that changed laws and lives. Her relentless fight led to a national ban on FGM in The Gambia and recognition from the United Nations and TIME's 100 Most Influential People list.

Beyond her personal story, Jaha offers a rare glimpse into The Gambia's rich yet complex culture, highlighting both its deep-rooted traditions and the power of change driven by fearless individuals. One day, she hopes to take us there—to witness firsthand the country that shaped her extraordinary journey.

✨ Special Guest Alert: Jaha herself will be joining us live! This is a rare chance to hear directly from her and take part in an eye-opening conversation on advocacy, survival, and hope.

🗓️ When: May 7th, 2025 at 7:30 PM CT
📍 Where: Zoom
🔗 Register Here

Don't miss this opportunity! Grab your copy now and be part of this powerful discussion. We can't wait to see you there!

Book Club Meeting Registration Button



Email Steppin' Out Adventures



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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Bulgaria | June 26 - July 3, 2025

Step into a land of stunning mountains, secret lakes, and ancient ruins. Hike the Seven Rila Lakes, discover hidden villages with timeless traditions, and immerse yourself in Bulgaria's rich culture with traditional cooking, folklore dances, and visits to charming mountain villages.

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Romania | July 3 - July 8, 2025

Explore medieval castles, charming cities, and dramatic mountain landscapes. Wandering through Bucharest's grandeur, uncover the legends behind Peleș and Bran Castles, and lose yourself in the picturesque streets of Transylvania. From hiking the Carpathian peaks to tasting local delicacies. Romania offers a blend of 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 this event, 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.

More Info ››



Peru | November 2 - 15, 2025

Explore Peru's breathtaking contrasts—from misty mountaintop ruins to the vibrant traditions of the Sacred Valley. Hike, raft, and cook with locals while immersing yourself in the deep spiritual connection to the land. More than a trip, it's an experience.

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