

NEW Ways to Travel & Save with Steppin' Out Adventures

Wow, what a busy few weeks. Some exciting things are happening behind the scenes! We've been working on *new partnerships* that will bring you even more incredible travel opportunities, save you money, and add even more chances to make a positive impact while you explore the world.

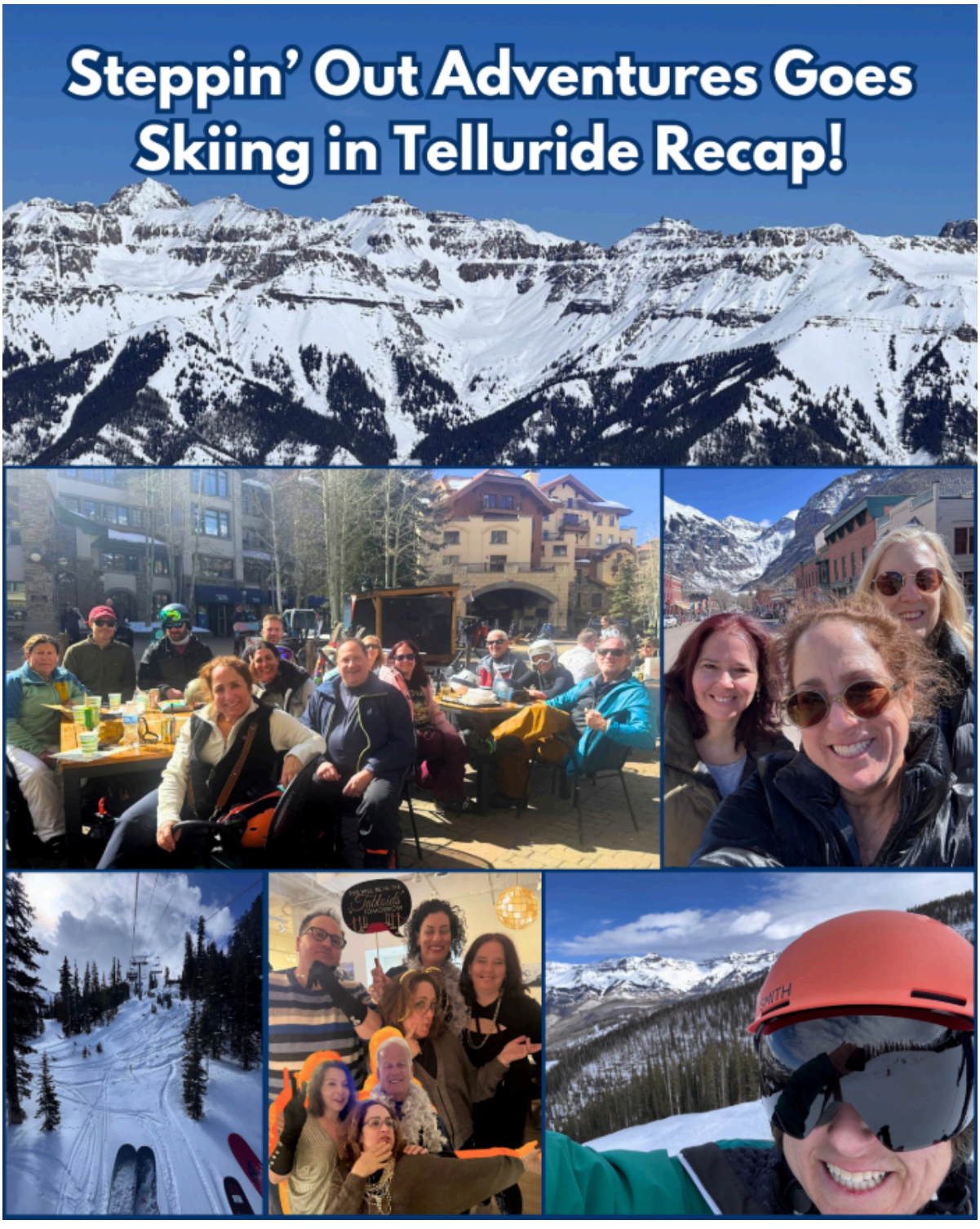
Last week, you should have received an email announcing our new partnerships with other travel companies **read it here.** Let us help you book a trip—whether it's with Backroads, Viking Cruises, or Disney Orlando Resort—and **we'll rebate you up to 5%** off the cost! Plus, if you share that email with friends who book through us, *you'll receive an additional 0.25% rebate or a $20 Steppin' Out coupon to use as you'd like!*

We've also teamed up with organizations that are making a difference. **Threads Worldwide** empowers women in underdeveloped countries by providing life-changing work through the creation of beautiful jewelry and crafts. Their mission this month is to generate one month of sustainable income for women in eight countries! Join them online tonight to shop and support their cause: **TONIGHT!** Thursday, March 13, at 8 PM Central / 9 PM EST / 6 PM PST.**Register here** And don't forget to tell them Robin Richman sent you!

In addition, we know that while some of you may not be able to join one of our planned trips, you still want to travel—but not alone. That's why we're in the process of launching a **Trip Matchmaker** to connect Steppin' Out travelers who want to explore together. We'll be creating an ongoing database of people who want to travel, preferred destinations, dates available and type of trip and match small groups up. For example, on our ski trip, a number of people said they wanted to go to Iceland. We surveyed dates and now we are probably offering Iceland starting October 25th. Stay tuned for more details soon!

Newsletter Topics:

- Group Skiing in Telluride Recap
- Storybook Summer Adventure in Bulgaria and Romania
- Traveling to Colorful Peru (Save $200 when you sign up in March)
- Why Tanzania Should Be Your Next Adventure
- Face-to-Face with Gorillas: A Journey Through Rwanda's Heart
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Group Ski Trip Recap

We returned from our stunning mountain adventure in *Telluride, Colorado* and we're still on cloud nine! We skied up a storm together, explored breathtaking mountain views, and made some special memories with old friends and new! Hope you enjoy some of our fun images from this trip.

Here's what some of our amazing adventurers had to say about their trip to Telluride :



If you are interested in a Storybook Summer Adventure in Eastern Europe--
We need to hear from you NOW !

This summer, we're inviting you to embark on an extraordinary journey through Eastern Europe—where ancient history, breathtaking landscapes, and immersive cultural experiences come together in one unforgettable adventure. Picture yourself hiking through dramatic mountain scenery, unwinding in natural hot springs, e-cycling through charming villages, and stepping into the past as you explore medieval castles and centuries-old traditions.

With customizable options to match your interests—*whether it's tracing Jewish heritage*, indulging in authentic local cuisine, or adding a scenic detour to Croatia — this is a chance to create a travel experience that feels uniquely yours.



BULGARIA

June 26 - July 3, 2025

Bulgaria feels like stepping into a storybook—where misty mountains cradle hidden villages, golden fields stretch to the horizon, and history whispers from ancient ruins. This active, multi-sport journey will take you on scenic hikes, e-bike rides through charming villages, and into soothing, mineral-rich hot springs. Along the way, you'll uncover ancient ruins, visit centuries-old monasteries, and immerse yourself in traditions that have stood the test of time. You'll savor local flavors in homesteads and connect with traditions passed down through generations. From the charm of lively markets to the serenity of untouched nature, every turn reveals something magical, making this adventure as rich in culture as it is in breathtaking landscapes.

✨ **Hike the Seven Rila Lakes** – Follow scenic trails through Bulgaria's most breathtaking glacial lakes, each with its own legend and ethereal beauty.

✨ **Bike along the Dospat Dam** – Ride through lush forests and take in panoramic views of one of the country's largest and most picturesque reservoirs.

✨ **Eagle's Eye Lookout & Chairski Lakes** – Feel on top of the world as you gaze out over the Rhodope Mountains from this incredible cliffside viewpoint.

✨ **Descend into the Devil's Throat Cave** – Step into a mythical underworld where legend says Orpheus entered the depths of Hades. The cave's thundering waterfall and eerie tunnels will leave you spellbound.

✨ **Experience Bulgaria's Living Traditions** – Witness the unique wedding customs of Bulgaria's Mohammedan communities, join locals in a lively folklore dance, and enjoy an authentic home-hosted meal in a traditional village.

✨ **Explore Historic Plovdiv** – Wander through one of Europe's oldest cities, where Roman ruins, colorful 19th-century homes, and vibrant street art blend into an unforgettable cultural experience.

From Sofia's bustling streets to the serene beauty of Bulgaria's mountain villages, this adventure is packed with history, culture, and natural wonders. See our website event link button right below for all details and pricing.

BULGARIA GROUP TRIP | June 26 - July 3



ROMANIA
July 3 - 8, 2025

Continue the adventure into Romania, a land where misty forests hide ancient castles, and winding rivers carve through rugged mountains. This enchanting country is steeped in folklore, with charming villages that seem frozen in time and majestic castles standing guard over rolling hills. You'll wander through these picturesque towns, visit iconic castles— including an exclusive after-hours excursion to Dracula's Castle—and experience a unique blend of cultures that weave through Romania's history. **For those interested in tracing Jewish heritage**, we offer a special opportunity to explore Bacau, Buhusi, and Piatra Neamț, where we can arrange personalized visits to ancestral towns, cultural sites, and important historical landmarks. Simply reach out to us via

email and we can add this meaningful experience to your adventure.

✨ **Bucharest Hidden Gems** – 🏛️ Step into the eclectic heart of Bucharest, with its mix of neo-classical, Bauhaus, and communist-era architecture. Explore the "Little Paris of the East" as you discover its best-kept secrets!

✨ **Cantacuzino Castle** – 🍷 Indulge in a gourmet lunch and wine tasting at this stunning mountain estate, where history and beauty meet.

✨ **Bran Castle After Hours** – 🏰 Take an exclusive, candlelit tour of the legendary Dracula's Castle after dark—immersing yourself in the eerie atmosphere and local folklore.

✨ **Piatra Craiului National Park** – 🌲 Embark on a scenic hike through Romania's pristine wilderness, with towering limestone ridges and breathtaking mountain views.

✨ **Traditional Romanian Dinner with Locals** – 🍷 Savor a homemade feast and connect with locals to learn about Romanian culture and traditions.

✨ **Electric Bike Ride through Viscri & Saxon Villages** – 🚴 Cycle through picturesque Transylvanian countryside and UNESCO-listed Saxon villages, where every corner feels like stepping back in time.

✨ **Sighisoara Medieval Citadel** – 🏰 Wander through Europe's best-preserved medieval town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Vlad the Impaler.

✨ **Village Museum** – 🏡 Discover Romania's traditional heritage through a collection of century-old rural houses and churches from across the country.

This journey through Romania is a tapestry of ancient legends, vibrant traditions, and stunning landscapes that will captivate your senses and ignite your sense of wonder. See our website event link button right below for all details and pricing.

ROMANIA GROUP TRIP | July 3 - 8



While we regret to share that **our Croatia trip had to be canceled due to limited early sign-ups, we still have options for those hoping to visit.** If you'd like to add a few leisure days in Dubrovnik, Zagreb, or even Plitvice National Park (it's stunning) before heading to Bulgaria, we're happy to assist with add-on dates to your Eastern European adventure! Send us an email or call us for any customization booking or questions.

Through our trusted travel partners (Backorads.com and others mentioned in the newsletter below), we can help find an alternative Croatia trip that fits your schedule perfectly.

This is your chance to explore Eastern Europe in a way that feels personal and meaningful. *If you're considering joining us, now is the time to let us know!* We can't wait to create unforgettable memories together.

Click the button below to see the trips we're hosting this year for full trip details and secure your spot!

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Traveling the Colorful World of *Peru*

New Date! November 9-22, 2025



SAVE $200 when you sign up in March!

There’s something special about Peru that keeps drawing us back. Since 2000, we’ve had the privilege of exploring this incredible country, and every trip leaves us in awe of its magic. From the sacred landscapes to the vibrant traditions, Peru offers a journey like no other. It’s not just about the famous landmarks—it’s about the connections we make, the people we meet, and the experiences that stay with us long after we’ve left.

This adventure will take you deep into the Sacred Valley, where ancient Inca ruins like Machu Picchu will leave you speechless. Whether you're hiking a day on the Inca Trail, rafting through the valley, or e-biking through tiny villages, Peru’s natural beauty surrounds you at every turn. But it’s not just about the sights—it’s about understanding the culture and spirit of this place. You’ll meet local artisans, visit colorful markets, and experience life here in a way few others ever will.

We are also adding an optional pre-trip to Lima, where colonial architecture and pre-Columbian artifacts tell the story of Peru’s rich history. Journey down Peru’s Pacific coastline to Paracas, where a scenic flight over the Nazca Lines offers a bird’s-eye view of the ancient geoglyphs. Take a boat in the Ballestas Islands, often called the "Galapagos of Peru," Enjoy a dune buggy ride on the largest sand dunes in South America and partake in pisco tastings.

This journey is more than just a visit to the famed Machu Picchu—it’s an immersion into the heart of Peru. Whether you’re hiking ancient trails, rafting through the Sacred Valley, cooking with local chefs, or standing

atop Rainbow Mountain, you'll leave with more than just photos. You'll leave with stories, connections, and a deeper understanding of this extraordinary place.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable adventure! Book your spot now to save $200 when you sign up in March! We can't wait to explore Peru with you!

PERU | November 9 - 22, 2025





Why *Tanzania* Should Be Your Next Adventure

August 21 - 31, 2025

Tanzania is the kind of place that leaves a lasting mark on your soul. Picture yourself waking up to the sound of wildlife just outside your window—elephants strolling by, lions calling in the distance, and zebras grazing in the golden light. There's a magic to the Serengeti that you can't get anywhere else. Travel to Tanzania to truly see why so many of our previous adventurers say this trip is truly "life-changing." Here are 5 reasons why you should join us on this unforgettable adventure:

1.The Great Wildebeest Migration – We'll be in Tanzania during the peak of the wildebeest migration, one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on Earth. Picture thousands of wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles moving in unison across the plains, a stunning display of nature's power. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness an epic event that will leave you in awe.

2. Cultural Immersion with the Hadzabe & Maasai Tribes – Step into the world of Tanzania's ancient cultures. You'll meet the Hadzabe, one of the last hunter-gatherer tribes, and learn the art of survival from these incredible people. Then, immerse yourself in the vibrant traditions of the Maasai, renowned for their colorful clothing and rich heritage. This is more than just a visit—it's a chance to truly connect with the heart of Tanzania.

3.Unmatched Wildlife Encounters – Beyond the migration, Tanzania is a wildlife lover's dream. The Serengeti, Ngorongoro

Crater, and other iconic parks are home to a staggering diversity of animals. Imagine watching lions stalk their prey, elephants in herds, and flamingos gracing the shores of Lake Natron. The wildlife here is abundant, and every safari offers something new and extraordinary.

4. Breathtaking Landscapes & Adventure – From the lush landscapes of the Ngorongoro Crater to the rugged beauty of the Serengeti, Tanzania's natural wonders will take your breath away. Whether you're biking along Lake Manyara or walking on the rim of the crater, the adventure is endless, and the scenery is unforgettable.

5. Exclusive & Authentic Lodging – Sleep in the heart of the wilderness at lodges where animals roam right by your window. Enjoy luxurious, all-inclusive accommodations, with private safari vehicles for the best view of Tanzania's stunning wildlife. The experience is seamless—everything is taken care of, so you can focus on what matters most: the adventure.

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Don't miss out on the chance to experience Tanzania's magic for yourself. Visit our Tanzania trip event page for all the details, including pricing, itinerary, and how to join us on this unforgettable journey. Let's make this dream a reality!

TANZANIA | August 21- 31, 2025



Click the image above to see how we immerse in Tanzania's culture! ^

RWANDA | August 31 - September 5, 2025

Face-to-Face with Gorillas: A Journey Through

Rwanda's Heart

Imagine trekking through Rwanda's mist-covered forests, your heart racing with anticipation as you step closer to a family of mountain gorillas. Just a few feet away, you see them—majestic, powerful, yet gentle. A mother nurturing her young, playful babies tumbling through the brush, and a silverback watching over his family with quiet strength. You could lose track of time just staring at them, mesmerized by their grace and depth. The connection is immediate, profound—a shared moment that leaves you forever changed. There's a magic to this experience that can't be found anywhere else.

This isn't just about seeing wildlife; it's about feeling it. Every glance from a gorilla carries weight, every gesture seems to say something, and you'll be captivated, as if transported to another world. Trekking to meet these incredible creatures, especially with expert guides like Francois—who worked alongside Dian Fossey—gives you a truly intimate connection that few ever experience. And the best part? Your visit helps ensure their protection, as the money you spend goes to pay local scouts (formerly poachers) who monitor and safeguard the gorillas.

But the experience doesn't stop with the gorillas. Rwanda's welcoming villagers will immerse you in their culture, from drumming sessions to cooking alongside the locals. The genuine warmth of the people, the music, and the traditions will leave you with a deeper connection to the land and its people. We will even participate in a regional festival,. Whether you're trekking the misty mountains or sharing stories with the community, Rwanda offers a rare, life-changing adventure that brings you closer to nature in a way you've never imagined.

Don't just visit Rwanda, live it. Book your spot today and embark on a journey that will stay with you forever.



Click the Image above to see videos of the gorillas we've seen on our adventures!^

RWANDA | August 31 - September 5, 2025



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Check out our list of **destinations** on our website for ideas.

And if you need help with anything—from restaurant recommendations to finding those hidden gems—don't hesitate to reach out.

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- ✔ Tailored itineraries that go beyond the tourist traps
- ✔ 30+ years of expertise creating unforgettable journeys
- ✔ Seamless planning with a personal touch, so you can focus on enjoying the experience.
- ✔ Insider access to hidden gems and unique experiences you won't find elsewhere.
- ✔ Special Immersive cultural connections.

Upcoming Steppin' Out Adventures Group Trips



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.

Discover More ››



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.

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Peru | November 9 - 22, 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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