

# **Enough Talk, Time to Register Final Call for Belize & Bhutan**

And May 3rd is Ikon Pass Early Bird Deadline

Authentic Belize: Paradise with Purpose

### FINAL CALL June 8-15, 2024

(or Dec.28-Jan.2)



Belize is world renown for its pristine, crystal-clear Caribbean waters habitated with colorful marine life. There are many adventures for everyone's interest, from enjoying the beautiful beaches, jungle hikes, cave explorations, kayaking or engaging with the local communities. We may try to add a hands-on reef conversation effort.

This is truly a transformative experience that will provide you with lifelong, cherished memories all while learning a little more about protecting our planet's precious ecosystems. Check out our Information Session <a href="Here">Here</a> to Learn More

It is not too late to join us! Book now for our Next Set Departure: 6/8/2024 - 6/15/2024. Click **here** to register and get more details.

Interested in doing a Belize trip Dec. 28-Jan.2? Let us know now

# Niagara Falls Trip Q and A Zoom Call May 15



Join us July 25-28 for a weekend getaway. This Niagara Falls trip will break the mold and will be nothing like that family trip you took when you were a kid. We have arranged a fun activity-packed weekend that will explore both sides of the

falls, the areas surrounding, and the amazing city of Buffalo, NY. Our guide is a local Steppin' Out group member that is very involved with the remarkable resurgence of this truly hidden gem of a city.

Immerse yourself in the the breathtaking landscapes by bike, scooter, and on foot. Get a chance to try the legendary local dish, the Buffalo Chick wings! The area has a rich tapestry of history and you are sure to feel the pulsating energy of the majestic Niagara Falls.

Join us as we explore the region's stunning beauty and have the opportunity to celebrate the great outdoors, and even find chances to be a little silly! Click the link below for more information.

Register for the Q and A Zoom Meeting May 15

Details and Sign Up for the Trip July 25-28



### The Kingdom of Bhutan

With a Pre-trip to Kathmandu Next Set Departure: 11/9/2024 - 11/22/2024

### TWO SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Join our group to Bhutan and learn why they are said to be the country of happiness. Enjoy the lush landscapes and peacefulness this trip offers. Bhutan is a natural preserve because they limit tourism to protect their environment and culture. Our group is very privileged with a chance to visit such a phenomenal destination. But because we are going during the Festival time, hotels and air are filling up. So don't hesitate.

Why do we love this tiny country between India and China? There is natural beauty every corner you turn. The Bhutan people refer to tourists as their guests. We meet and interact with a diverse group of people ranging from a prayer flag street salesman to an American who brought baseball to the locals. Their kindness towards our group is unmatched and must be experienced to be believed.

Our itinerary covers the gamut, hiking, rafting and archery (their national sport) to cooking and meditating with the monks allow for calm enjoyment. We are invited to participate in vibrant local festivals and also camp peacefully beneath the starlight skies. Experience and appreciate Bhutan's uniqueness.

Since we are departing from Kathmandu, there are two pre-Bhutan trip options to Nepal. The first option leaves on Nov 4 and then visits Nepal's Chitwan National Park with the hope of seeing Bengal Tigers and exploring Kathmandu. The second option is to arrive on Nov 7 and partake in the Kathmandu exploration. With either option, we would love for you to be part of our group! Click the link below to learn more!

PS-- Please let us know you are considering this trip as soon as possible.

There is a meeting for participants on May 7th, for anyone who is still thinking of attending. **Contact us** if you'd like the zoom invite.

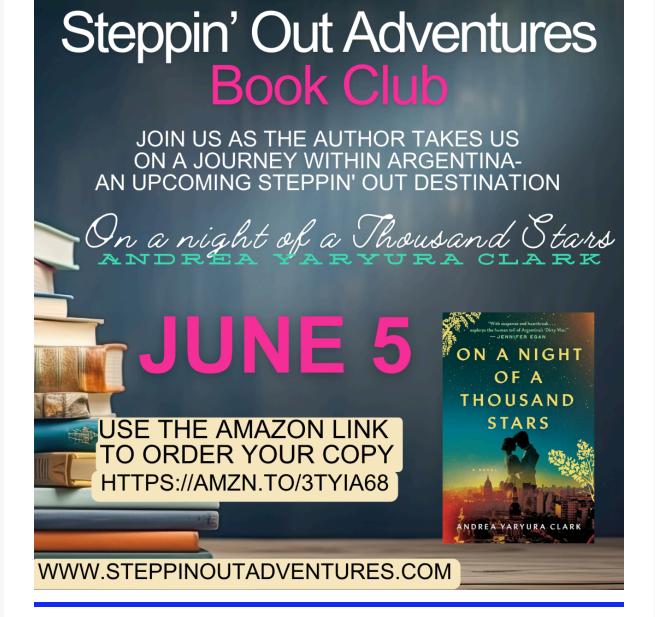
Plus, Here's **detailed info** from the website.

Sign Up Now and Take Advantage of a Generous Installment
Plan

## NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING June 5: On A Night of a Thousand Stars

For those new to Steppin' Out, we're all about building community. With 30 years of experience, we've seen how shared experiences strengthen bonds. Now, we're launching an armchair travel group. Through captivating books, we'll take virtual journeys on Zoom. Our next read is **On A Night of a Thousand Stars** Link here.

Click <u>here</u> to register for the meeting June 5 at 7:30 CST



An Invitation to A Chicago Art Event- May 18
Sponsored by Genesis at the Crossroads

### **IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ART**



# Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 7 - 10pm DINNER, MUSIC & ART SALE

Featuring a bequest of works by the late artist Edwin Rosen

#### THREE-COURSE DINNER PAIRED WITH WINE

Suda's Lebanese Cuisine | 1524 W. Fullerton (Ample Street Parking)

Performance by Katherine Davis and Yoko Noge: Blues/Jazz Singer and Pianist Genesis Academy Summer Institute Graduate Reflections: Andrea Perez and Diego Madriz

\$125 Advanced Ticket Sales Through May 1st (\$150 Thereafter)

#### TICKETS

Chicagoland's renowned artist, the late Edwin Rosen created an art trust for arts and education before he passed away. Genesis at the Crossroads is so proud to be the recipient of 325 of his oil paintings, etchings, monotypes, pen and ink drawings and intaglios to support our work in peacebuilding education and the arts, and our Genesis Peace Hub.



Building peaceful communities at the intersection of social justice, education, and the arts to foster healing since 1999

If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit www.gatc.org or send to Genesis at the Crossroads, PO Box 14781, Chicago, IL 60614









Edwin Rosen Art Trust



### Telluride-2025

We are so excited about our 2025 Telluride Ski trip. It truly is a ski lover's paradise located in southwest Colorado's majestic San Juan Mountains. The ski areas have both mild and tough terrains accommodating beginners and challenging for the experts!

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The Peaks Hotel is a ski-in, ski-out facility where they have outstanding ski valet service, a five story spa, an amazing lounge, and truly pamper the guests during the stay. We were shocked at what tremendous value this resort is compared to other four-star hotels in the area that are much more expensive. It is the perfect combination of luxury and affordability.

A \$100 down payment before May 31 can provide you with a 10-month installment plan for the early bird pricing. We want you to be there for fun, friendship, and an amazing hotel!

**Plan Now and Join Us** 

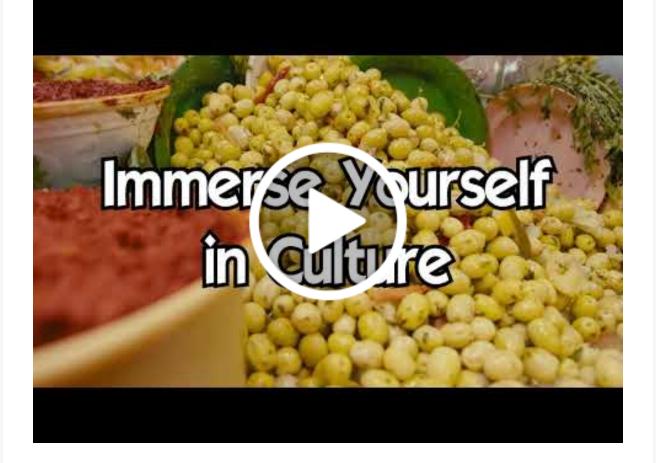
### TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO GET YOUR IKON PASS EARLY BIRD GROUP DISCOUNT CODE

If you go skiing more than a couple of days a year, you might want to consider the <a href="Ikon Pass">Ikon Pass</a>. With the ability to use the pass at 54 resorts across 11 countries, you'll have the opportunity to explore some of the most iconic mountains worldwide. And we have a promotional code available! For further details on how to access your promo code for the group discount, please <a href="contact us">contact us</a> with your phone number and DOB and we will email you your unique code. Those who forgot to renew, can use the code to get the early bird renewal rate.



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