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Happy Holidays

I hope everyone is finding this end of year time period to be filled with light, warmth, hope and peace. It's the start of longer daylight and new hopes for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to introducing our new program Trip Matchmaker in the upcoming weeks. But I am leaving for Argentina to check out things for our Patagonia Adventure in 2027. I'll try and share photos along the way. But I'm sure that many of you are also leaving town, so just a few reminders when leaving your House:

-Home electronics & security: Set your thermostat, unplug electronics, and double-check that all windows and doors are locked.
-Mail: Depending on the length of your trip, arrange for mail pickup or place your mail on hold.
-Neighbors: Let a trusted neighbor or friend know your travel dates and leave them a key. If you have plants, ask them to water them every few days.
-Email: The best part? Set that out-of-office message!
Wishing you safe and seamless travels this holiday season,
Robin & The Steppin' Out Team

Where the Wild Things Are: Africa 2026

New Trip



Ghana Group Trip

NEW GROUP TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

GHANA | JULY 2 - 10, 2026

We're beyond excited to introduce Ghana as our newest group trip destination! This 10-day journey takes you deep into the heart of West Africa, from vibrant Accra to powerful coastal history, lush rain forests, wildlife safaris, cultural villages, river cruises, and peaceful beach towns along the Gold Coast. This trip blends adventure, culture, nature, and connection, with space to learn, explore, relax, and truly experience Ghana alongside an incredible group. If a new African adventure has been calling you, this is your sign!

✨ GHANA | 10-Day Trip Highlights & Daily Flow

Day 1 – Arrive in Accra
Arrive in Ghana and transfer to Alisa Hotel.



Rwanda Group Trip

GROUP TRIP:

RWANDA | JULY 11-16, 2026

We're returning to East Africa for an unforgettable journey through Rwanda, the Land of a Thousand Hills. This intimate group experience blends wildlife, culture, conservation, and deep human connection, anchored by the once-in-a-lifetime experience of tracking mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park. You'll come face-to-face with these rare primates in their natural habitat, track golden monkeys through misty bamboo forests, hike volcanic landscapes, and engage in meaningful community and conservation projects. This journey is active, emotional, and deeply rewarding — offering moments of awe, reflection, and connection that stay with you long after you return home.

✨ RWANDA | Trip Highlights & Daily Flow

Day 2–Shai Hills, Krobo Beads &Volta
Wildlife walk at Shai Hills, hands-on Krobo bead-making, sunset Volta River cruise. Overnight in Akosombo.

Day 3 – Mount Afajato & Travel North
Early hike up Mount Afajato (Ghana's highest peak), Fly to Tamale and head to Mole NP

Day 4 – Mole Safari & Village Visit
Morning walking safari tracking elephants, afternoon cultural visit to Mognori Village, river canoe safari.

Day 5 – Cape Coast History
Travel south to Cape Coast. Visit the powerful Cape Coast Castle and reflect on history. Overnight in Elmina.

Day 6 – Kakum & Culture
Walk the famous Kakum canopy bridges, visit the Stingless Bee Center, and enjoy traditional drumming & dance.

Day 7 – Beach, Biking & Kayaking
Bike along the coast, kayak a peaceful lagoon, sunset dinner, and beach bonfire

Day 8 – Elmina Castle & Markets
Explore Elmina Castle, fishing markets, and traditional boat builders. Return to Accra.

Day 9 – Accra City Tour
Black Star Gate, Independence Square, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Jamestown, art markets, and local food.

Day 10 – Departure
Morning relaxation and airport transfer — leaving Ghana with unforgettable memories.

Day 1 – Arrive in Kigali
Arrive at Kigali International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in, relax, and enjoy your first night in Rwanda.

Day 2 – Kigali City Tour & Travel to Ruhengeri
Explore Kigali's vibrant city, including the Genocide Memorial, craft markets, and museums. After lunch, drive to Ruhengeri with views of the Virunga volcanoes.

Day 3 – Golden Monkey Tracking & Cultural Exchange
Track golden monkeys in Volcanoes National Park, then visit the Red Rocks Intercultural Center for cultural exchange, conservation discussions, and local connection.

Day 4 – Gorilla Trekking (Bucket-List Day)
An early start for a once-in-a-lifetime experience: mountain gorilla trekking. Spend an unforgettable hour observing these incredible primates in their natural habitat. Evening cultural performances and dinner with the community.

Day 5 – Community, Conservation & Optional Hike
Choose between hands-on community and conservation activities — tree planting, banana beer making, drumming, and dance — or an adventurous hike to Mount Bisoke and the Dian Fossey site for incredible views and deeper insight into gorilla conservation.

Day 6 – Return to Kigali & Departure
Travel back to Kigali for last-minute shopping before departing Rwanda with memories that will last forever.

Last chance to join the 2026 Tanzania group trip!

Let us know ASAP to see if it's still an option.
Otherwise, we're always happy to create cost-effective *custom* Tanzania trips for 2026. We'll begin securing new group reservations for 2027 as soon as this January. Believe it or not, it's already getting tight.

Let us know of you are interested.

Tanzania Group Trip



Watch Our New 2025 Peru Group Adventure Recap Video

See our full adventure to the beautiful country of Peru!
Contact us to design your own trip, or check when our next group trip will take place.

Upcoming Steppin' Out Adventures 2026 Group Trips:



Morocco

May 24-June 7, 2026

Morocco Group Trip



Iceland

October 8-15, 2026

Iceland Group Trip

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⭐Travel Tips: Holiday Edition⭐

Holiday Packing Checklist



Holiday travel necessities:

-Travel Vacuum Bags with Pump (space savers). They pack easily and compact down your clothing for additional space in your luggage.

Travel Vacuum Bag

-Pack a foldable duffle to carry all the gifts you'll be carting home. Use it as your personal item, or check it once on the way home. Here are some we like that pack up small:

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Upcoming Steppin' Out Adventures Group Trips



Steamboat Ski Trip | Feb 28 - March 7, 2026

Enjoy the slopes at Steamboat with trails for every ability, then unwind with spa time, hot tubs, and cozy evenings at the Steamboat Grand Hotel. Join our last run - final group ski trip as we know it. Full of connection, adventure, & memorable moments together.

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Morocco | May 24 - June 7, 2026

Experience Morocco beyond the ordinary. Over 15 days, you'll move through mountains, villages, and Sahara dunes in a way most travelers never do. Every moment is designed to connect you with Morocco's landscapes, traditions, and people. An adventure that moves both your body and your spirit.

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Ghana | July 2 - 10, 2026

From lively Accra streets to serene Volta River cruises, golden Savannah safaris, historic castles, lush rain forests, and pristine beaches, this trip blends adventure, culture, and unforgettable wildlife encounters. Experience bead-making, canopy walks, kayaking, and drum-filled evenings.

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Rwanda Gorilla Adventure | July 11 - 16, 2026

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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Tanzania Safari | July 16 - 26, 2026

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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Iceland | October 8 - 15, 2026

Exploring Iceland's wild beauty: soak in the Blue Lagoon, hike volcanic valleys, ride ATVs on black sand beaches, and explore glacier ice caves in custom vehicles. Plus horseback riding on Icelandic horses, expert-led Northern Lights viewing, and local whiskey tastings. Accommodations, select meals, and all activities included.

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