



Time of Light & Year End Wrap Up

This year the first night of Chanukah, the Holiday where we celebrate light over darkness, hope over despair, coincides with Christmas, so Happy Holidays to all!

As we close out another year at Steppin' Out Adventures, we can't help but reflect on the incredible journeys we've shared and the impact we've made together. 2024 was filled with unforgettable moments—adventures that took us to breathtaking destinations, all while giving back to the communities we visited.

This year, we were fortunate to lead trips to some *truly inspiring locations:* from the stunning slopes of ***Jackson Hole*** to the awe-inspiring landscapes of ***Zion National Park***, the cultural richness of **Nepal and Bhutan**, and the vibrant

ecosystems of **Belize**. Each journey offered something unique and special, but one common thread ran through them all: our commitment to making a difference.

Highlights of our Do Good Adventures in 2024
Our Do Good Adventures, which partners with businesses, foundations, and non-profit organizations, continued to thrive in 2024. This year, we were proud to continue our mission of empowering communities through travel. Every trip was an opportunity to make a tangible difference.

Bhutan – Empowering Youth Through Sports
We were honored to support Bhutan's Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) by delivering equipment to their U18 girls' softball team. This gesture sparked confidence in these young athletes and supported BBSA's mission to teach not just the sport, but the life lessons of teamwork, discipline, and leadership.

Belize – Pottery, Preservation, and Purpose
Our Belize trip took travelers on a journey through lush ecosystems and Mayan ruins, while supporting local women's pottery co-ops funding education and preserving the heritage as well as contributing to conservation efforts at Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and the Baboon Community Sanctuary. These experiences allowed travelers to connect with both nature and the local communities in meaningful ways.

It's hard to talk only about the good we did and shared when there has also been such profound sadness. Between the hostages in Gaza that we lost, particularly our family's friend son, Hersh Goldberg Polin, the rise of anti-semitism on college campuses and across the world and the increase in natural disasters, we are reminded that the world is still in need of miracles. May this Holiday season be filled with LIGHT and MIRACLES.

Looking Ahead for Steppin' Out
As we move into 2025, we are filled with hope and excitement for the future of travel. We know that every adventure we take together is an opportunity to strengthen our bonds with one another, protect the places we love, and create positive change that will ripple out for generations to come.

Thank you to all of you who joined us on these journeys this year. Your willingness to step outside the ordinary and embrace the world with a spirit of giving has been a true inspiration. We look forward to more adventures, more connections, and more opportunities to do good in the year ahead.

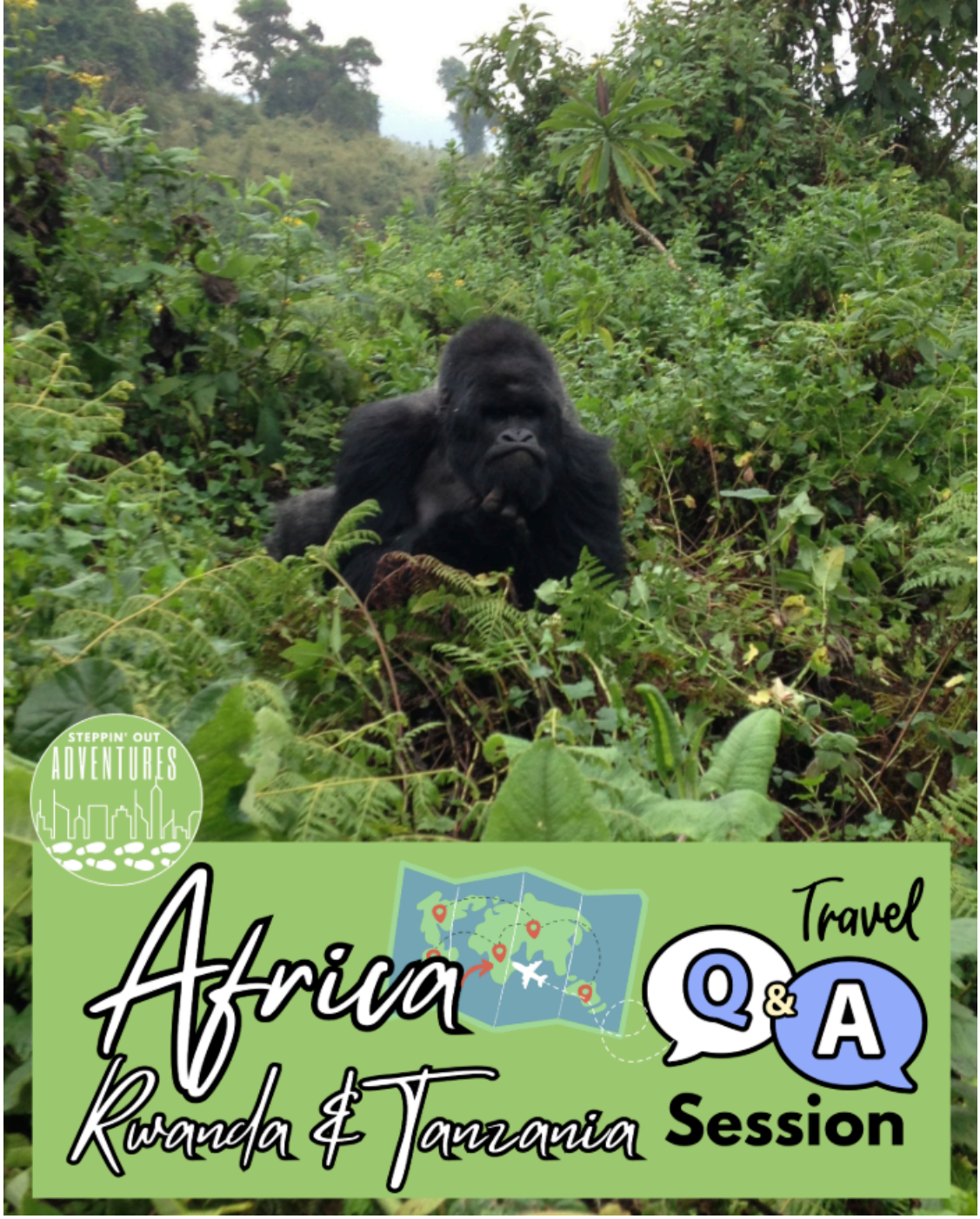
Here's to another year of fun-filled adventure, purpose, and impact.

With gratitude and wishes for a wonderful year,
Robin & the Steppin' Out Adventures Team

Explore our 2025 Group Trips



New Africa Q&A Session *Wednesday, January 8th*



Kick start the New Year with an Exclusive Africa Adventure Q&A! For those of you eagerly anticipating our Tanzania and Rwanda trips, we're starting the year with a special extra Q&A session that you won't want to miss!

Curious about where we'll be staying while witnessing the world's largest animal migration? Or eager to hear firsthand what it's like to have a lion's roar shake the ground next to your tent as the African night unfolds?

This session is your golden opportunity to get a sneak peek at the unforgettable experiences awaiting you on this once-in-a-lifetime journey and find out more about the trip. . Join us to:

- Meet fellow adventurers embarking on this epic trip.
- Discover fascinating details about the wildlife, culture, and landscapes you'll encounter.

- Ask all your burning questions about travel logistics, immersive experiences, itineraries, hand-picked accommodations, packing tips and more.

Don’t miss out—this Q&A is the perfect way to start 2025 with inspiration and excitement!

🗓️ **Join us on Wednesday, January 8th**
⏰ at 7:30 PM CT
📍 On Zoom

Q &A Registration Link

Last Minute Gifts for the Traveler

Looking for a thoughtful must-have gift for the traveler in your life? Whether they’re off exploring distant lands or heading out for weekend getaways, these practical and reliable gifts will make every journey smoother and more enjoyable. And if you want to help a Steppin' Outer with an Amazon store, check out some of the items at Amazon's K-Bern store (**example**).

And of course, you can always give your family a gift of travel -- Steppin' Out is happy to help you plan a special trip with your family and friends and share our 30+ years of experience with you to create a family-bonding, memory-sharing trip for all of you.



Packing Made Simple: Travel Must-Haves:

- **Compression Packing Cubes.** Every traveler knows the struggle of squeezing clothes into a suitcase. Compression packing cubes, like the Thule Compression Packing Cubes, not only save space but also keep everything organized. No more digging for socks at the bottom of your bag—everything has its place.
- **Travel Bottles.** Help your loved one avoid leaks and spills with durable travel bottles. The Travel Bottles Set is TSA- approved and perfect for carrying shampoo, conditioner, or lotion.
- **Airplane Pockets-Airplane cover:** The gift of organized space on a plane. An airplane back tray cover with pockets for phone and others to keep you
- **Portable Neck Fan.** This Portable Neck Fan might seem like an unusual gift, but it's a lifesaver for travelers heading to warm destinations or standing in long airport lines. Bonus: it's rechargeable and lightweight.
- **Trtl Travel Pillow.** Long flights or bus rides can be brutal without the right support. The Trtl Travel Pillow offers a compact alternative to bulky pillows while keeping your neck supported. It's a frequent traveler's favorite.
- **Fleece Poncho Blanket.** For those chilly flights, the Fleece Poncho Blanket is a game-changer. It's cozy, functional, and folds up small enough to stash in a carry-on.
- **No wire phone charger** This is for traveler and non traveler alike. Anyone who is on the go. This quick charger just attaches to the phone and charges. (And it is an item of a Steppin' Outer)

- **Travel Power Strip** I know this may not look like a fun gift, but for the traveler,this is awesome. The USB desktop power strip with switch works great on your nightstand, home and office table desk to handle your Bluetooth speaker, laptops, smart phone, iPads, camera battery without problems. check the actual height between your nightstand and wall socket
- **Luggage Travel Cup Holder**: Small but useful. Trust me!
- **HD Monocular with Tripod**: This is great when you're going out in nature but don't have a lot of room in your bag. The high powered lens is great for birding and star gazing.
- **Bluetooth Speaker with Phone stand** A practical combination of 2 functions. The PHONE STAND is stable and convenient to hold your phone or tablet. And the cell phone stand with portable Bluetooth speaker delivers stunning sound
- Stay Connected and Organized. **Twelve South AirFly Pro.** For tech-savvy travelers, the AirFly Pro lets you connect wireless headphones to airplane entertainment systems. No more tangled wires or relying on airline earbuds.
- **Money Belt.** Whether exploring a bustling city or hiking remote trails, keeping valuables safe is key. The Neck Wallet and Money Belt offer discreet ways to stash cash, IDs, and credit cards.
- **Travel Mirror.** This compact Travel Mirror is perfect for quick touch-ups or on-the-go makeup applications. It's lightweight and durable, making it a great stocking stuffer.
- **Packing List Pad.** Frequent travelers know that a solid packing list can be a lifesaver. The Packing List Pad ensures nothing gets left behind. Practical and fun.

These traveler-approved gifts aren't just practical—they're a way to show you care about the adventures your loved ones take. And if you're ready to inspire their next great trip—or maybe your own—explore our custom trips or planned adventures and start planning the experience of a lifetime. Come travel with us and discover the world!



Vibrant Morocco Awaits with DC Internationals

Although we won't be heading to Morocco next year, a trusted friend of ours is taking travelers on an amazing cultural journey in Morocco from October 10-19, 2025, and I wanted to share it with you. **This isn't a Steppin' Out trip, but if Morocco is on your bucket list this year, then do consider this. Steppin' Out will be traveling to Morocco in 2026.**

Led by a former Fulbright scholar who lived in Morocco, the trip offers a real taste of Moroccan life. You'll stay with local families, enjoy home-cooked meals, and take a cooking class with the Moroccan Battered Women's Society. The adventure includes camel rides into the desert for a stunning sunset, followed by a relaxing retreat in luxury glamping tents. The trip also covers guided tours through UNESCO World Heritage sites like Marrakech, Fes, and Rabat, where you'll learn about the rich history and culture of these incredible cities. Plus, you'll hike through mountains, explore waterfalls, and spend time in the beautiful beach town of Essaouira on the Atlantic coast.

If you're still dreaming of Morocco, check out the trip details below. Feel free to call and email us so we can send you the itinerary.



Telluride | Feb 22 - March 1, 2025

A renowned Colorado ski destination, combines world-class skiing with charming Victorian architecture and stunning mountain views, offering the perfect winter escape for adventurers and relaxation seekers alike.

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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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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 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 | Nov. 2 (TBD)

Discover the vibrant soul of Peru, where ancient Inca heritage meets colorful local cultures, from bustling markets, biking, learning to cook traditional meals, sacred rituals with indigenous shamans, express hike to the famed Machu Pichu, with extensions to Lima, flight over Nazca lines and Rainbow mountain. An unforgettable adventure that

brings you face-to-face with the heart of this extraordinary country.

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