

Dear Steppin' Out Community,

It's been a while since I've checked in with you and it's because of unfortunate circumstances. My mother passed away mid January, exactly one year from the day of my father's death. My mother was not sick and I talked to her the night before she went into the coma-- she was doing all her routine things to take care of my disabled sister (I now realize how much that really is) and she was rearranging the new refrigerator that she had gotten that day. And the next day, she was gone. I'm not sharing this for pity or to be morbid, but it made me think a lot about the fragility of life. My father went suddenly as well. You just never know what life is going to bring or when it will stop and it is so important to nourish your relationships that mean so much to you and do the things that you want to do, now. Don't procrastinate. Visit a friend, a relative you haven't seen in a while or take time for yourself to have new experiences.

On that note, I want to thank so many of you who reached out, offering to help in various ways. Despite the sadness, I felt loved and supported by you. Thank you for that and for your understanding . Of course, I could not personally lead the Zermatt ski trip, but my friend and colleague who stepped in made it a most exciting trip and everyone had a great time.

As I work on the care of my sister, I am going to limit this year's group offerings to the ones I have on the books right now. Steamboat ski trip (March 4), we have one room left, the Cuba trip March 23 and the Tanzania and Rwanda trips in August and possibly Bhutan in November. I may need to move Morocco, Israel, South Africa to 2024. But that doesn't mean that these are the only trips I will offer this year. If any of you want to go to any of our destinations (Cuba, Costa Rica, Tanzania, Belize, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana, Morocco, Israel, Bhutan, Nepal, Hawaii, Thailand, Peru, Crete, Brazil to name a few) - we are happy to put together an unique, authentic experience for you and your friends or family (or organization). In fact, many of the destinations can be done with just two people. It is just too time consuming on our end to do the marketing to get a large group together for a specific date when I need to care for my family. But I have amazing contacts in all of the locations above, who are local and professional and I'd love for you to meet them (Maybe I should create a list serv of sorts where people can put in a request for trip with destination and dates and others can sign up to join with them (I can see my IT person rolling his eyes right now).

Thanks for your understanding and I'm looking forward to adventuring with you soon!

Robin just

#### **STEPPIN' OUT DID ZERMATT!**

The reviews are in... This was an amazing trip all around. There was great snow, amazing activities, and delicious food. Who will join us next year?

Or try out domestic ski trip to Steamboat in March!



### This is one of those experiences! The Magic of East Africa

**TANZANIA** -- Aug. 19-27 Safari, Bushmen, Wildebeest Migration RWANDA-- Aug. 27- Sept. 2 **Gorilla Trekking, Cultural Immersion and Music Festival** 

#### **Don't Miss Out**- Flights and Hotels are Filling Up. It's not that far away.

Because this group trip won't be offered again for a while and I want as many people to share this experience with me, I am offering **a generous installment plan that** extends beyond the trip date. See if you are eligible.



Tanzania and Rwanda are two of the most fascinating travel destinations in East Africa, each offering a unique and unforgettable experience. Tanzania is known for its stunning landscapes, including the Serengeti National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro, while Rwanda is home to rare mountain gorillas, lush rainforests, and captivating cultural experiences.

From the savannas of Tanzania to the rolling hills of Rwanda, both countries boast breathtaking natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or a cultural immersion, Tanzania and Rwanda have it all, and are guaranteed to leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.

One of the most scenic natural wonders of the world is hands down the Wildebeest Migration that takes place in Tanzania. Every year, millions of Wildebeests migrate in pursuit of fresh pastures & water - This as well as many other special activities like hunting with the Bushmen, hiking with the Masai, and sleeping to the sound of the lion's roar.

Plus, in Rwanda, we will visit the beautiful silverback gorillas, participate in local community celebration and music festival. And be on the invitation list to join the official gorilla baby naming celebration. You can do one country or both.

These once-in-a-lifetime event is part of our Tanzania and Rwanda trip itineraries so don't forget to learn more & SIGN UP TODAY!

We are now offering installment plans for these two locations! If you're interested in learning more, email Robin DIRECTLY!





## We're going to Cuba! March 23-April 2, 2023



#### **Interested in traveling to Cuba?**

Yes, it is legal to travel to Cuba, and the best part is the parts that make it legal are the most interesting. Cuba is known for gorgeous beaches and its art and music. But what is really enticing is meeting extraordinary people from interesting walks of life and hearing their stories. We will spend time with different members of Cuba's Jewish community and share a Shabbat service and meal with them. Our itinerary will have us meeting young and amazing artists, an independent film maker, a world-famous photographer, a horse whisperer trainer, a tobacco farmer from Pinar Del Rio, an award winning acapella group, musicians and amazing artists.

Discover an unforgettable travel opportunity to Cuba and plan your next adventure today! Click below for more information.

**Cuba Info** 

# **SKI TRIP TO STEAMBOAT SPRINGS:**

### **1 ROOM LEFT!**

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS Colorado** March 4-11, 2023



Steamboat is one of our favorites! Steamboat Springs, Colorado is a wonderful winter destination that offers a wide range of exciting outdoor activities for all ages. Skiing and snowboarding are some of the most popular winter activities in Steamboat, thanks to the resort's legendary Champagne Powder snow. Steamboat Ski Resort has over 160 trails and 3,000 acres of skiable terrain, making it perfect for both beginners and expert skiers. And this year is the year of the dump! Record snow.

Additionally, visitors can enjoy snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice fishing, tubing, and even hot air balloon rides. Our itinerary has us taking the gondola up for Sunset Happy hours, whiskey tastings, visiting the natural hotsprings at Strawberry Park Hot Springs and an old fashioned night out bowling in the cowboy town. No matter what your interests are, there are plenty of fun winter activities to enjoy in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Sign up now since there's only ONE ROOM LEFT! (half or full week)

**Yes for Steamboat** 

# **WHAT'S COMING** UP?



We know planning a trip can be **stressful.** All the organizing and piecing together of itineraries can really add unnecessary anxieties to an otherwise fun and exciting time to unwind and relax!

Steppin Out' Adventures wants to highlight that we in fact offer custom trips for you, friends, or family! We'll create an itinerary that meets your expectations and creates indelible memories for you and your group.

Click below or email me directly to get started on planning the trip of a lifetime!

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Let's get STARTED!