

# Explore Up Close

HAND - CRAFTED TRAVEL

## MID-YEAR TRAVEL CATALOG 2023 - 2024

**EXPLORING THE CAROLINAS AND THE SOUTHEAST  
SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD  
CUSTOM PRIVATE TRIP PLANNING**





## A WARM GREETING FROM EXPLORE UP CLOSE FOUNDER, CHUMLEY COPE

*Hi everyone!*

Welcome to the intriguing world of Explore Up Close, where exploration—no matter how close or far from home—is primarily a state of mind.

We welcome you to our travels, to the stories we uncover and feature, and to the rewarding mindset of being an “explorer.” We’re delighted to roll out our first Mid-Year Travel Catalog—featuring trips for the second half of 2023 and the first half (or so) of 2024. Explore Up Close trips happen throughout the Southeastern US—our home base—in other parts of the US and Canada, and all over the world.

We intend our travel style to produce “best of” experiences: driving routes that are scenic-beyond-belief; site visits that often feature local experts; local dining and lodging that invites warm hospitality; and insights into the stories and landscapes just out the front door.

Consider this your personal invitation to join us as a solo traveler (close to half of our travelers are), or with a friend or partner. Or bring your adult children along, and make it a family affair, which is always a great thing!

In the pages to follow, you’ll find our scheduled public trips for 2023-24. And, if you’re interested in doing your own thing, we also plan and guide private trips for your small group or create itineraries for that special travel experience, like a family vacation, couples get-away, etc.

Please share this catalog with a friend who loves to explore, and come travel with us! Here’s to all those exploration possibilities around the next curve!

*Chumley*


*(Where am I in the photo above? Snowdonia, on our recent Wales adventure!)*

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## 2025 PREVIEW

**New Zealand** | February 2025

**Southern Italy** | May 2025

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A TRIP?

Accommodation (usually with breakfast), comfortable ground transportation, most meals, all activities and admissions per the itinerary, and guide / concierge services.

Pricing does not include: airfare, alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (optional, but recommended).

Find full itineraries on our website: [www.exploreupclose.com](http://www.exploreupclose.com).



*We curate trips that celebrate authentic exploration and a deep sense of place. This is the heart of our company.*



**Explore Up Close is a family-run boutique travel company with deep roots in the Carolinas. We're explorers, preservationists, and storytellers. Since 2004, we've guided small groups of curious travelers off the beaten track in the Southeast & around the world.**

#### **GET TO KNOW THE SOUTHEAST**

If you're interested in the stories, geography, and places of the Southeastern U.S., check out our **Southeastern Trips of Discovery**—which explore hidden backroads, fascinating sites, and take you behind the scenes of the region's complex past.

#### **OFF THE BEATEN TRACK IN EUROPE**

The best of enchanting villages and towns, rich culture and history, and perhaps the world's greatest concentration of stunning countryside.

#### **THE SMALL GROUP**

Our typical group size is 6 - 14 travelers, which gives us great flexibility to craft one-of-a-kind trip experiences with a high standard of service, like opening the doors for delightful boutique hotels and snagging cozy tables at acclaimed local restaurants.

#### **HAND-CRAFTED ITINERARIES FOR PRIVATE GROUPS**

Let us create a custom travel plan for you or lead a private group trip for your family & friends. We hand-craft each and every travel proposal to fit the group.

#### **OUR SIGNATURE TRAVEL STYLE**

We believe in the right blend of structured touring and group activities, including free time to explore and relax at your own pace. Our travel experiences are designed to be inspiring and refreshing—not exhausting. We avoid constant packing and unpacking. We make frequent stops at places of interest, and we explore along the way. You'll find that our itineraries typically focus on concentrated regions, which translates to a more relaxing, pleasant experience for our travelers.

#### **ON THE ROAD**

Our main means of transportation is a comfortable high-quality van, which we limit to half capacity to maximize comfort. In the U.S., our vans are high-roofed with large "picture windows", and in Europe and South America, we use 9-passenger vans.

#### **DELIGHTFUL LODGING**

We build our itineraries around multi-night stays in excellent inns and hotels that blend warm hospitality with impeccable attention to detail and outstanding comfort. We pride ourselves in introducing you to hotels that will shine as a trip highlight.

#### **MEMORABLE MEALS**

Our small group size allows travelers to enjoy local cuisine and foodways at eateries of acclaim. Our travel leads us to regions with excellent specialty products and outstanding farm-to-table dining experiences.

#### **MEET THE LOCALS**

From private site visits and planned encounters with local experts—historians, artisans, winemakers, naturalists, and more—to casual encounters, the human side of our journey enriches our experience.

*This was a side of Georgia I never knew existed, and I've lived in the Southeast for 40 years.*





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*Our popular Southeastern Trips of Discovery showcase charming towns, historic & cultural sites, and beautiful backroads of the region! For more details about any trip, visit [www.exploreupclose.com](http://www.exploreupclose.com).*

## **QUESTIONS?**

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## THE APPALACHIAN EXPLORER: ASHE COUNTY AND THE RIVER HOUSE INN

**August 25 - 28, 2023**

North of Boone, North Carolina, lie the magnificent high valleys of the New River—North and South Forks. It's a bucolic country that seems to have more in common with Virginia, just to the north, than the craggier mountains that dominate most of NC's mountain west. Ashe County is the mother of the "mountain farm"—you've heard of Ashe County Cheese? Well, that's just the beginning. This adventure will be a top-shelf odyssey in farm-to-table—with meals in delightful eateries. And our home for three nights? The River House Inn, a hotel with a soul and a wonderful story of preservation, is located beside the bucolic New River with a "sitting porch," rolling grounds, and restaurant that serves as a festive gathering place for food, live music, and conversation. This trip is the latest in our unique "Appalachian Explorer" itineraries, where we'll discover mountain stories, historic foodways and folkways, and a peaceful environment that eludes commercialism and tourist crowds. Join us!

**\$2,188 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$280)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed Mercedes Sprinter van transportation, 3 nights accommodation with breakfast in the River House Inn, all activities per the itinerary, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners. Price does not include other meals, alcohol, or trip insurance (recommended).



## FOODIE ADVENTURE IN SOUTH CAROLINA'S OLDE ENGLISH DISTRICT

**September 15 - 17, 2023**

*Culinary & Cultural Adventure in  
South Carolina's "Outback"!*

Calling all history lovers and those of epicurean tastes—the red carpet is rolled out for us in the Olde English District! Savor private dinners by a local chef hired specially for our group; guided touring of historic homes; and colorful Carolina stories that span the centuries. We'll make our home for three nights at Kilburnie, the Inn at Craig Farm, near Lancaster, SC. From there, we'll explore some of the Southeast's prettiest countryside—rife with intriguing and "off the radar" stories.

**\$1,878 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$225)** Price includes comfortable Mercedes Sprinter van transportation, 2 nights lodging and breakfast at Kilburnie (inn), jazz piano / vocal performance, all activities per the itinerary, 3 lunches, and 2 sumptuous dinners with wine. Price does not include trip insurance (recommended).

*"Very professional, well organized, extra care to sculpting trips to your likes. Extremely personal staff to travel with you. All around a great experience, I have traveled multiple times and countries with Chumley Cope, and each trip was fabulous!"*





## FALL FOLIAGE TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA AND THE GENERAL LEWIS INN

**October 4 - 8, 2023**

All aboard for the New River Gorge National Park! Join us for a classic small group adventure as we explore beautiful southern West Virginia, one of the Southeast's natural and cultural gems. Our slow drives will uncover West Virginia stories—from the thermal springs that have attracted well-heeled tourists for centuries to the coal mining and timber days and their heyday. We'll ascend the valley of the Greenbrier River, past the birthplace of author Pearl Buck, to Cass, WV—home of the Cass Steam Railway. We'll spend three nights at the classy General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg, one of the South's prettiest towns. Fall colors, crisp autumn air, and the fun of small group travel!

**\$2,853 (double occupancy; single supplement, \$490)** Price includes comfortable Mercedes Sprinter van transportation, lodging and breakfasts, all activities per the itinerary, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, and guide and concierge services. Price does not include other meals, alcohol, or optional trip insurance.



## ON THE ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL

**October 16 - 21, 2023**

*Rediscovering the Path Forward in the Heart of Dixie*

Join Explore Up Close as we explore Alabama and the poignant stories found along its Civil Rights Trail. These stories and experiences will resonate more deeply than ever for us today. We'll spend time in Montgomery, Tuskegee, Selma, and Birmingham, delving into the places and personalities that wrung the bold civil rights legislation of the mid-1960's out of the politics of status quo. From Martin Luther King, Jr's first (and only) pastorate to impressive new museums, join us as we explore the moving stories that line the roads and rivers of the Deep South. Trip highlights include the Sweet Auburn neighborhood and Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the Tuskegee Institute, the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and 16th Street Baptist Church.

**\$2,680 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$595)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed van transportation, 5 nights accommodation with breakfast in high-standard hotels, all touring per the itinerary, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners. Price does not include alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).

*“What a fabulous trip. Barcelona was everything I anticipated, wonderful but the Basque country was the real treat. Wow! For me it was new and different and totally delightful. Thank you, Explore Up Close!”*





## NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS: EDENTON AND MANTEO

**November 12 - 18, 2023**

Back by popular demand: a coastal pilgrimage! Join us as we explore North Carolina's Enchanting East! Spend two nights in idyllic Edenton, which could be North Carolina's prettiest and quaintest town. It's certainly an architectural treasure trove and the oldest true town in North Carolina. Then, spend two nights in Manteo—home to a delightfully walkable waterfront, Elizabethan gardens, the lost colony of Roanoke, and the gateway to Cape Hatteras. Enjoy wonderful backroads drives and hidden gems, coming and going, as we discover the best kept secrets and stories of the Outer Banks.

**\$3,439 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$815)** Price includes comfortable van transportation, 6 nights accommodation with breakfast in high-standard boutique lodging, 5 lunches, 5 dinners, and all entrances and activities per the itinerary. Price does not include alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).



## NASHVILLE AT CHRISTMAS

**December 6 - 8, 2023**

*The Grand Ole Opry | the Country Music Hall of Fame | Old Nashville neighborhoods | the Opryland Hotel, including a Christmas Dinner Show*

Deck the Halls with a Country Twang! Let's go to fun and festive Nashville for the Holidays! We'll enjoy accommodation in the one-of-a-kind Opryland Hotel, including a Christmas dinner show in the hotel ballroom. We'll explore Nashville's musical heritage, including stops at the Country Music Hall of Fame and a tour of historic RCA Studio B. We'll also drive through several of Nashville's beautiful residential neighborhoods, showing off their holiday flavor and décor.

**\$1,789 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$240)** Price includes comfortable transportation, 2 nights accommodation and breakfast at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, all touring per the itinerary, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners (including Christmas dinner show). Price does not include alcohol or trip insurance (recommended).

*"I've traveled extensively and have never had a trip that felt as intimate and custom-tailored as this. The planning, flexibility and attention to detail were second to none. Our ten days were peppered with memorable "gifts" — an evening ride through the countryside to an historic restaurant. An overnight stay (we had the whole grounds to ourselves) at a chateau with a multi-course gourmet meal. The level of professionalism, our guides' extensive knowledge of French history, their ability to tailor outings to our individual interests — I could go on and on. A top shelf trip of a lifetime.*





## OUR ANNUAL OLD FLORIDA TRIP: FERNANDINA & SAPELO ISLAND

**February 16 - 21, 2024**

It's our annual migration to Old Florida—among our most popular trips! (Sure: “Winter doldrums” meet The Land of 80 Degrees—we get it!) We will inaugurate a somewhat new itinerary this year, but with some familiar turf involved. Criss-crossing South Georgia backroads remains its own type of highlight: two-lane roads, rural scenes, and a pace-of-life that lets you pay attention to details. Our southward drive will feature stops at Bath Gardens, the railroad town of Folkston, and one overnight. Then two nights at the Amelia Schoolhouse Inn in the pretty (railroad) town of Fernandina, followed by two nights in the 1920's version of the Reynolds Mansion on car-free Sapelo Island. Are you a nature lover? We offer pristine Little Talbot Island, Fort Clinch and Fort George Island State Parks, and the isolation of Sapelo. This is the perfect adventure at the perfect time of year!

**\$2,973 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$765)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed van transportation (with convenient pick-ups), five nights lodging with breakfast, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, and all group activities per the itinerary. Price does not include 1 lunch, 1 dinner, optional activities, alcohol, or trip insurance (recommended).

“If you want to travel, but need an expert to plan the perfect trip for you, I highly recommend Explore Up Close! Not only did my family enjoy some beautiful cities and landscapes, we learned so much history. They are memory makers!”



## UNCOVERING HIDDEN SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**March 20 - 22, 2024**

Welcome to our featured spring-time South Carolina exploration trip this year! The azaleas will be in bloom, along with yellow jessamine (SC's state flower) and magnolia, all of which will enhance time-forgotten rural churches and cemeteries, plantation homes, atmospheric millponds, and small towns. We'll make the pretty town of Sumter our home for two nights in excellent lodging in the heart of downtown. Our exploration will take us to a remarkable variety of interesting and historic sites— from the Temple Sinai Synagogue to the Church of the Holy Cross; from the Boykin Millpond to Joel Poinsett State Park; and from the Francis Marion murals in Manning, SC, to stunning Millford Plantation. Local experts will add their insights to the stories we hear and the pictures we see.

**\$1,920 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$150)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed van transportation, two nights lodging with breakfast, all lunches and dinners, and all activities per the itinerary. Price does not include alcohol or trip insurance (recommended).

“Somehow you manage to make each day seem better than the day before. I don't know how that's possible.”





## WILLIAMSBURG AND VIRGINIA'S NORTHERN NECK

**April 21 - 27, 2024**

Virginia stands at the top of our rankings of fascinating southern states that have the punch to back up their amazing historical legacies, and this springtime trip will show off that "punch." We'll spend an entire week exploring Virginia's flatter, bucolic landscapes that spill east to the Chesapeake Bay then melt into it. Our drive will take us through beautiful "Southside Virginia," entering and departing the state with one overnight each direction. We'll spend two nights in the heart of Colonial

Williamsburg and then two nights on the Northern Neck at the acclaimed Hope and Glory Inn. The trip will feature historic homes and their stories, decorative arts, Revolutionary War history, and the Chesapeake "way of life."

**\$4,283 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$1,025)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed van transportation, six nights lodging with breakfast, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, and all activities per the itinerary. Price does not include other meals, alcohol, or trip insurance (recommended).

### FAQS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### I'M TRAVELING SOLO - IS EXPLORE UP CLOSE FOR ME?

Absolutely! The nature of our small group trips means built-in camaraderie, festive group dining, and lively conversations that connect you with your fellow travelers. Many of our travelers are solo travelers, who often find themselves planning future trips with new Explore Up Close friends!

### WHERE DOES AN EXPLORE UP CLOSE TRIP BEGIN?

For our Southeastern trips, we will arrange pick-up either from your home or from a convenient location, depending on our trip itinerary. For our domestic and international trips that involve a flight, our group will meet at the airport or at our destination airport / hotel.

### DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

To reserve a trip, Explore Up Close requires a \$500 per person deposit for domestic trips, and a \$1,000 per person deposit for international trips. Payment of the remaining balance is due 30 days prior to departure for domestic trips and 90 days prior to departure for international trips.

### HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR A TRIP?

To register for a trip online, visit our website at [www.exploreupclose.com/upcoming-trips](http://www.exploreupclose.com/upcoming-trips) and select a trip within the appropriate category. Then click through

each "Book Now" link until the trip registration page opens up. Next choose your room type by entering the number of travelers sharing a room or occupying a single room, complete the registration form, and pay your trip deposit with a credit card. You'll receive a confirmation email and then a reminder email when it's time to pay for the balance of your trip.

Prefer to register by mail? Please contact us directly by phone or email so that we can reserve your spot, then mail your personal check to:

Explore Up Close  
613 Poplar Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

### WHAT ABOUT TRIP INSURANCE?

Trip insurance safeguards your travel investment, your belongings, and, most importantly, you. Though trip insurance is optional for our domestic trips, we strongly encourage travelers to purchase trip insurance in the event you have to cancel or leave a trip for any reason.

Please note, Explore Up Close is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred due to changes in itineraries or trip cancellations, such as airline tickets. Please confirm with Explore Up Close before making additional travel arrangements.





*Slow Travel, Further Afield:*

*Multi-night stays in lovely inns open the door to local stories, charm, and mystique. For more details about any trip, visit [www.exploreupclose.com](http://www.exploreupclose.com).*

### **QUESTIONS?**

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## SCENIC BACKROADS TO PITTSBURGH

May 19 - 25, 2024

Join us for our second pilgrimage to Pittsburgh—stunning in its stories of interest and wealth of knowledge from great guides to help us in our explorations there. And Pittsburgh is just one part of the outstanding trifecta of facets to this adventure. We will also explore the beautiful “Laurel Highlands” south of the city, featuring places like Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater (house / estate), and we’ll delve into some of eastern America’s prettiest drives and beautiful geography on our “small roads drives” through Virginia and West Virginia—on both ends of the trip.

**\$3,941 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$695)** Price includes comfortable high-roofed van transportation, 6 nights lodging with breakfast in a variety of high-standard inns / hotels, 5 lunches, 4 dinners, all activities per the itinerary, and guide / concierge service throughout the trip. Price does not include alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).



## EXPLORING SOUTHERN UTAH

May 30 - June 6, 2024

Let’s explore one of the world’s most fascinating landscapes, which draws explorers from all over the world! This is an Explore Up Close favorite that sets the bar for scenic drives, opportunities to explore on foot, and inns that capture the spirit of the Old West. We’ll make a cirque route that takes us to Zion National Park (featuring lodging inside the park at the Zion Lodge), to the Bryce Canyon / Grand Staircase area (our lodging features a “backdoor” entrance into Bryce Canyon!), over Boulder Mountain to the Capitol Reef area, and then back to St. George, Utah. We’ll also soak in the phenomenal dark skies at night, remarkable views from our inns, and fascinating histories of the Native Americans and Mormon pioneers.

**\$4,974 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$950)** Price includes comfortable van transportation, 7 nights lodging with breakfast, all activities per the itinerary, 4 lunches, 5 dinners, and guide / concierge service. Price does not include airfare, alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).





## SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE: THE ENCHANTING DORDOGNE

October 25 - November 4, 2023

It's no secret that we love exploring every corner of France, and we're here to tell you that this fairytale region will sweep you off your feet! With "hanging villages" perched on cliff tops overlooking pristine vineyards and ancient river valleys, the Dordogne is an enchanting place that feels delightfully under the spell of an earlier time. From its famed ancient cave paintings to its foie gras, this area is the cradle of France's art and culinary history.

**\$5,279 (double occupancy; single supplement, \$1,150)** Price includes comfortable ground transportation in France, accommodation in high-standard boutique hotels with breakfast, 3 lunches, 6 dinners, all activities and admissions per the itinerary, and guide and concierge service throughout the trip. Price does not include airfare, alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (optional).

## CHILE + PATAGONIA

March 6 - 18, 2024

Ahhh, this is the perfect trip. We'll enjoy multiple nights in two of Chile's premier wine-producing regions, lodging in two distinct hotels—one known for recapturing the refinement of its historic estate and the other nestled in a mountain-ringed valley. They are casual in style with a swimming pool this way, an easy walk to a great local restaurant that way, and the Laura Hartwig Winery just through the field and gate. After visiting these two distinguished places (Casablanca and Colchagua), we will retreat to the sunny and unique Santiago. Then we fly south—all the way south—to the world's foremost name in outdoor, natural drama: Patagonia. There, we'll spend three nights on Lago Grey (at the Lago Grey Hotel); explore the serene beauty of the Torres del Paine and its soaring peaks, lakes, glaciers, and wildlife; and benefit from guided excursions and well-prepared meals. We'll live it!

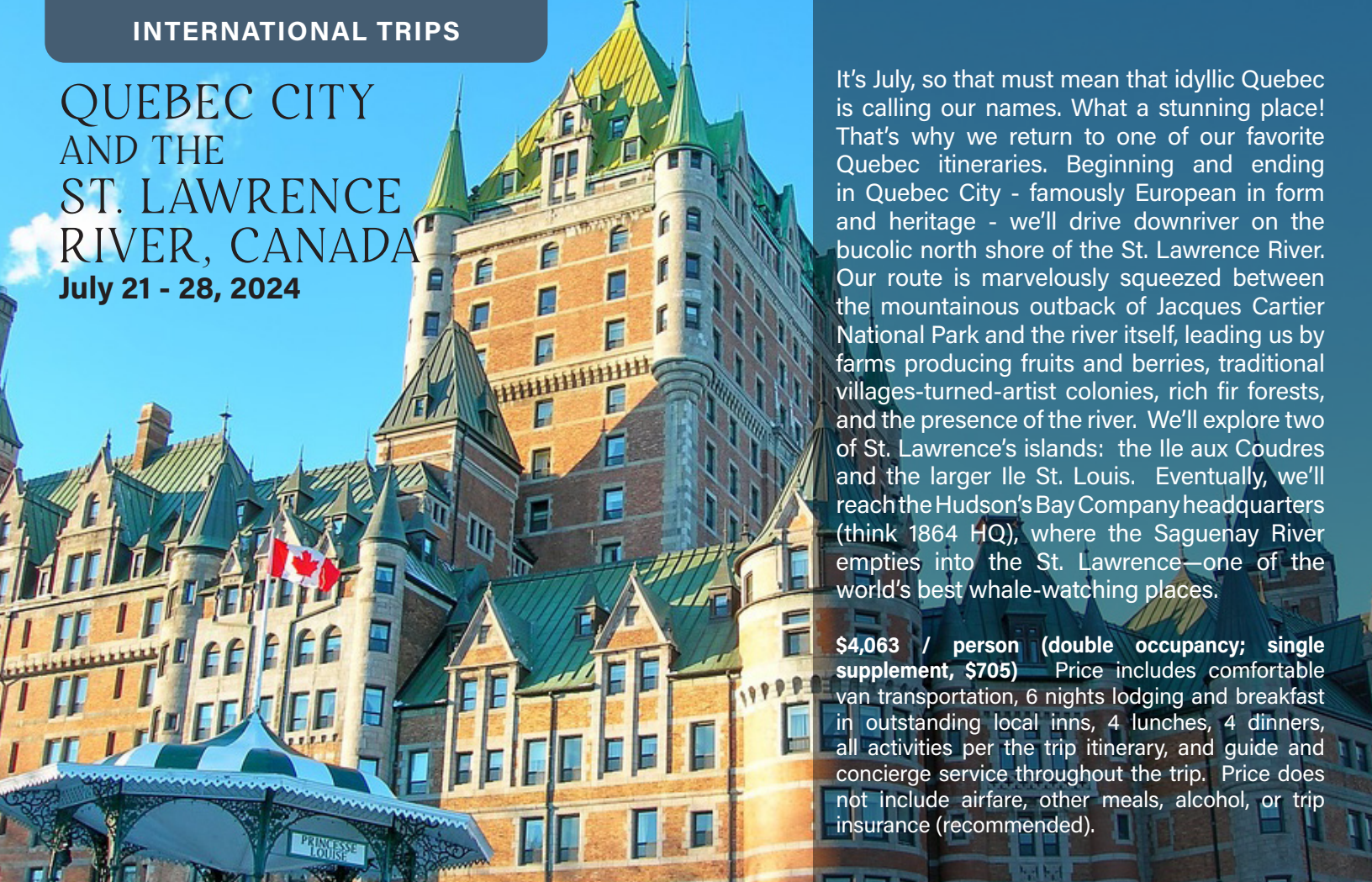
**\$9,789 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$2,715)** Price includes 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in high-standard inns, comfortable transportation, 7 lunches, 6 dinners with wine, all activities per the itinerary, scheduled wine tastings / winery visits, guide / concierge service throughout the trip, and flight from Santiago to Patagonia (roundtrip). Price does not include international flight (US - Chile), other alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).





## QUEBEC CITY AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, CANADA

July 21 - 28, 2024



It's July, so that must mean that idyllic Quebec is calling our names. What a stunning place! That's why we return to one of our favorite Quebec itineraries. Beginning and ending in Quebec City - famously European in form and heritage - we'll drive downriver on the bucolic north shore of the St. Lawrence River. Our route is marvelously squeezed between the mountainous outback of Jacques Cartier National Park and the river itself, leading us by farms producing fruits and berries, traditional villages-turned-artist colonies, rich fir forests, and the presence of the river. We'll explore two of St. Lawrence's islands: the Ile aux Coudres and the larger Ile St. Louis. Eventually, we'll reach the Hudson's Bay Company headquarters (think 1864 HQ), where the Saguenay River empties into the St. Lawrence—one of the world's best whale-watching places.

**\$4,063 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$705)** Price includes comfortable van transportation, 6 nights lodging and breakfast in outstanding local inns, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, all activities per the trip itinerary, and guide and concierge service throughout the trip. Price does not include airfare, other meals, alcohol, or trip insurance (recommended).

## SCOTLAND

August 6 - 15, 2024

It's time to return to Scotland—a place intertwined with the travel style and sense-of-place values that we embrace at Explore Up Close. Our itinerary will take shape around four "places" / regions that deserve it: Edinburgh, Scotland's primary city and cultural hub; Fife, the historic heartbeat of Scotland, just north of the River Forth; Balmoral Castle and the lovely Cairngorm Highlands; and Scotland's near North Coast, including Moray and the enchanting "Black Isle." We'll start in Edinburgh and drive north with multi-night stays in each region.

**\$6,091 / person (double occupancy; single supplement, \$1,380)** Price includes 8 nights accommodation with breakfast in outstanding inns, comfortable transportation, all activities per the trip itinerary, and guide / concierge service throughout the trip. Price does not include international airfare, alcohol, other meals, or trip insurance (recommended).



**Find detailed trip itineraries and online registration at [www.exploreupclose.com](http://www.exploreupclose.com).**

**You can also register by mail using the form below!**

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### **TRIP REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please mail this registration form, along with your deposit, to:**  
Explore Up Close, LLC | 613 Poplar Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

Trip name(s)/destination(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Travel dates: \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will a spouse / friend / guest accompany you on this trip? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of person(s) traveling with you: \_\_\_\_\_

How to contact this person:

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging specifics, if applicable (requests will be honored to the degree possible):

\_\_\_\_\_ room with two (2) beds \_\_\_\_\_ room with one (1) bed

#### **DEPOSITS / REFUNDS**

**Domestic Multi-day Trips:** Please mail a deposit of \$500 / person, along with this registration form to hold your space. Final payment is due 30 days prior to the trip departure date. Refunds can be given if requested more than 30 days before the trip date, minus a \$100 service fee plus any vendor fees incurred (ex. show tickets, train tickets, etc.).

**International Trips:** Please mail a deposit of \$1000 / person to hold your space. Final payment will be due 90 days prior to trip departure. Refunds can be given if requested more than 90 days before the trip date, minus a \$100 service fee, plus any vendor fees incurred (ex. show tickets, train tickets, etc.)

Enclosed is my check, payable to **"Explore Up Close,"** in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **NOTES**

Explore Up Close, LLC, reserves the right to alter trip itineraries when necessary.

By registering for a trip, participants assume the standard risks of travel, including highway and traffic dangers; uneven surfaces, steps and stairs; the necessities of maneuvering into and out of vans, mini-vans, and buses; and risks unique to private property visits.

By registering for a trip, I accept and agree to the Booking Terms and Conditions on behalf of myself and anyone listed on my booking.

For Booking Terms and Conditions, please visit our website: [www.exploreupclose.com/policies](http://www.exploreupclose.com/policies).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / QUESTIONS:**

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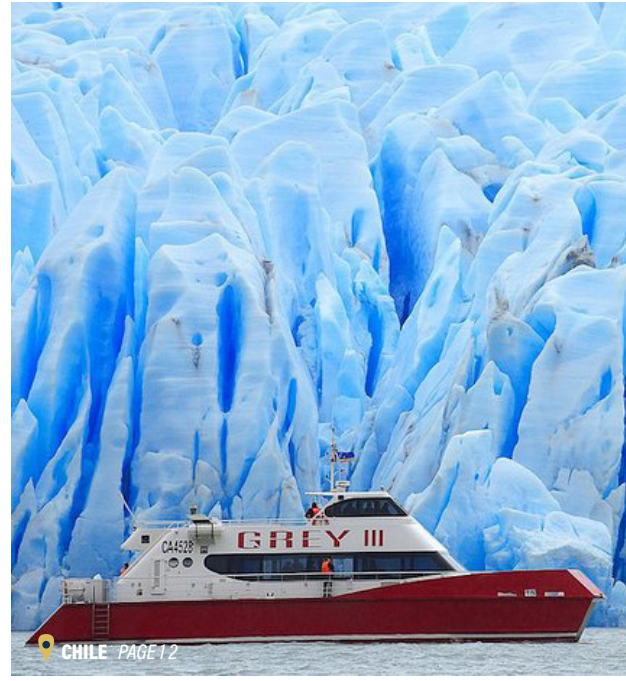
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