



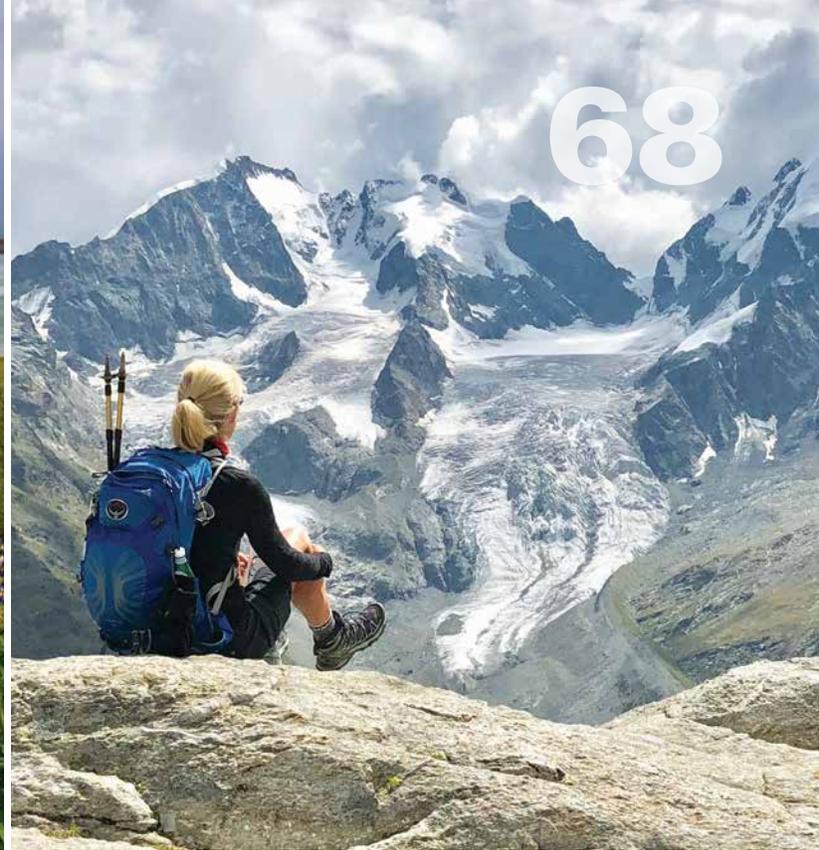
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# 35 Years

OF OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

**W**e've spent more than 35 years designing and fine tuning innovative inn-to-inn hiking adventures throughout the world. Discover why three decades of specialized service gives us the edge over our competitors.

#### AWARD WINNING

*Travel + Leisure* named us a "Stand Out Specialist" for hiking. *National Geographic* named us one of the "Top Ten Best Outfitters on the Planet." *Telluride Magazine* named us "Telluride's Ultimate Adventure Company," and we've received numerous mentions in the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, the *Washington Post* and *Outside Magazine*, just to name a few.

#### TREKKING SPECIALISTS

Founded in 1984, Ryder-Walker Alpine Adventures offers handcrafted inn-to-inn hiking itineraries that explore the most stunning landscapes on the planet. From private and small group guided adventures, to customized self-guided tours, we make it easy to realize the perfect adventure vacation.

#### CUSTOM ITINERARIES

We can offer anything you like. Our longest custom trip so far is a 54-day self-guided itinerary from the Italian Tyrol to the French Alps. Just tell us where you'd like to hike, what you'd like to see, and how you'd like to bed down for the night. We'll do the rest.

#### METICULOUS DETAIL

We take care of everything, from accommodations to providing the perfect hike. You simply walk with a daypack and leave your real-world cares behind.

Switzerland Network.  
Certified Specialist



# MEET OUR TEAM

**ANNICA ABBOTT:** Annica has been a member of the RW family for more than 15 years. Her son Rider is a lively 10 1/2 year old that keeps her busy, and therefore you don't see her out guiding in Europe. She is currently our manager of logistics and human resources.

**STAFFAN BJÖRKLUND:** Staffan has a passion for skiing, climbing, and adventure racing. He is a certified ski instructor, and his ambition is to become a UIAGM mountain guide and a pro athlete. On and off the trail, Staffan is witty, full of energy and will crush anyone in a timed mile.

**CONAN BLISS:** Having grown up in Colorado, Conan spent his free time trying to keep up with his parents during outings into the mountains. Thus began his passion for the high country. This love affair with the alpine world has carried him to South America, Alaska, the Alps, and the highest Himalayan summits. Conan shares this enthusiasm for the mountain landscapes and cultures with others. Whether trail or tundra, raclette or fondue, he seeks to make every moment of the journey exciting, precious, and memorable!

**EILEEN BURNS:** Eileen co-founded CEM, producers of the Chicago Marathon, before moving to Telluride 20 years ago. Shifting gears, she founded Burns Publications and taught & supervised for Telluride's Ski & Snowboard School until becoming the Managing Director of RW in 2014. Her free time is spent singing, writing, skiing, biking and hiking with her beloved canine companion, Delilah dog.

**DAVE CHEW:** Dave hails from Brisbane, Australia, where he spent his childhood camping, hiking and sailing. After obtaining a Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Queensland, he began gallivanting around the globe, hiking and climbing. During the winter months, Dave designs and builds skis for Wagner Custom Skis.

**BRITTNEY CLARKE:** When Brittney's family started to migrate west, she began looking for a job in Colorado and was lucky enough to land in Telluride the summer of 2012. She joined Ryder Walker in June of 2016, and has loved being part of the team. Brittney loves to be outside and is usually hiking (of course), mountain biking, playing volleyball, skiing, or attempting to snowboard.

**KEN FUHRER:** Ken began his guiding career in the Swiss Alps and has since expanded to Slovenia, Croatia, Africa and beyond. He is one of RW's head guides, and he has an uncanny ability to make anyone smile. Ken is celebrating his 23rd year with RW!

**BARBARA GLANZNIG:** Babsi's love for the outdoors began in her homeland of Austria. She travels the world, climbs, skis, hikes and is an Ashtanga teacher. When she is not winning the Powder 8 Ski Championships, she is on her yoga mat saluting the mountains in gratitude.

**WILLI GLANZNIG:** This Powder 8 ski champion hails from a small a country hamlet in Austria. Guided by his love for the outdoors, Willi traveled the world, hiking, skiing and climbing before landing at RW. He brings an infectious passion and humor to the RW team.

**DAVE GRUSS:** Whether on Denali, Aconcagua, in the American West or the heart of Europe, Dave (aka "the nicest guy on earth") made guiding his lifetime career. A jack of all trades, he is equally comfortable on a lofty summit or standing thigh deep in water luring cutthroat.



**LYN GRUSS:** Hailing from the Bay Area and being an ex-collegiate soccer player, Lyn has always been an athlete. She is a 20+ year Telluride area local and is well acquainted with hitting the high mountain trails. Over the years she has been a partner in many Gruss family exploits with her husband, also a RW guide.

**KAYCEE JOUBERT:** Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Kaycee has always loved the woods and mountains. Moving to Telluride to escape the airline industry, she rolled into town on New Years Eve 2001, she was only suppose to be here for one winter. Obviously, she has never left! Her passions include photography, running, skiing, hiking, fly fishing and camping.

**ACE KVALE:** As one of the world's top adventure photographers, Ace has traveled to more than 60 countries. He has participated in 26 expeditions to Asia and the Himalaya. Ace is a longtime friend of the RW family and also the head guide on our trips to Markha Valley, Nepal and Bhutan.

**NICOLE LAWTON:** Nicole, a native of the Pacific Northwest, grew up skiing and exploring the mountains with her family from a very young age. After moving to small mountain town of Telluride, in 2015, Nicole's obsession with climbing and skiing mountains has taken her all over the world. Nicole also guides on Denali, AK and Mt. Shasta, CA.

**NIKOLA MARKOVIĆ:** Nikola Marković is a very well rounded and well versed guide. He's Serbian and speaks impeccable English and German. The last few years he has worked for different guiding companies doing hiking and biking tours all over Europe and the Balkans. Aside from guiding,

he's the father of an adorable 5 year old girl, and program manager of a cultural NGO doing socio-cultural projects in Belgrade.

**DAVE NESIS:** Dave Nesis lives in the hamlet of Ophir just south of the town of Telluride where he enjoys the mountain trails straight from his front door. Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Dave earned a degree in Business Finance & Economics which led him straight into the San Juan Mountains. You will find him trail running, climbing and skiing 5-days a week. Dave also leads groups of high school students internationally throughout Central and South America, and is a mountain guide on Denali in Alaska.

**ROGAN O'HERLIHY:** Rogan hails from the quaint countryside of the Cotswolds, England. His childhood amongst its oak trees & quiet villages provided him with a love for England and its outdoors that has shaped his life in so many ways. Now a seasoned pro, Rogan is looking forward to sharing this love for his homeland with guests who join us on the Cotswolds and Rob Roy Way tours, as well as with a new addition - the New Brunswick: Bay of Fundy tour.

**BRANFORD WALKER:** Since the age of three, Branford has either participated in the development of, or been on almost every trip RW has to offer. He has worked as a guide for the last five years and is currently living in New York.

**PETER WALKER:** Peter founded RW in 1984 after guiding hiking trips in the Alps for seven years. He is an AMGA Legacy Guide, a PSIA Certified Level 3 alpine, telemark and snowboard instructor and, most importantly, the man that keeps everything moving forward at RW.

# CHANGE AND THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

BY PETER WALKER

Ryder Walker's initial thought was to create a frontispiece for our 2019 Catalogue chronicling the changes we had witnessed since our start in 1984. As thoughts progressed we noticed that changes have occurred to our industry and the world that should be viewed through micro, macro and meta lenses. All have changed Ryder Walker's ease and efficiency of operation as well as breadth of outreach.





The simpler micro measures are pleasant to contemplate, such as our journey from New York to Newton, MA to Amenia, NY, and Sharon, CT in the eighties to Telluride, Colorado ever since. Originally a merry band of three, Ryder Walker now boasts a staff of over 20! We have also grown from a very Swiss-centric organization in three villages to one operating in 30 countries on five continents.

On a larger scale, technology has vastly changed. During our humbler beginnings most correspondence was by mail. One could count on a letter requesting a reservation to take two weeks to travel to its destination – and as often as not needed to be written in the language of the recipient. It was a major revolution when we finally got our first Telex machine, but of course only the bigger hotels and properties were able to receive them. Likewise, the PC seemed to make anything possible, even in pre-historic 1984! The clock kept ticking and landline phone communication became affordable, to be followed by email (even still many properties remained computer free for many, many years). The cell phone, smart phone evolution streamlined operations magically. GPS made everyone an expert trail navigator in no time...

Ryder Walker, along with the rest of the planet, embraced these advances with welcoming and open arms. However, events of the summers of 2017 and 2018 have sent a very clear message that these Micro and Macro improvements in our lives have gained a life and momentum of their own, creating change on a Meta scale that is truly alarming and cannot, must not, be ignored.

It hit the mountains palpably in 2003 (some might cite the nearby Weisshorn in 1991). During that summer, the Matterhorn, above Zermatt in Switzerland, was closed to climbing. Massive rockfall high on the peak above the North and East Faces released and miraculously no one was injured (roughly 150 climbers summit the Matterhorn each day). That summer was amazingly warm (Europe had 70,000 heat related fatalities). Swiss geologists and climatologists (and they are good) posited that this was expected as a warming planet will inevitably lose its areas of continuous and discontinuous permafrost found at high latitudes and altitudes. Public consensus, however, held that this Matterhorn event was an anomaly.

In 2017 the North Face of the Cengalo above our beloved Soglio (Engadine Trek) calved off and four million cubic meters raked the idyllic Val

Bondasca. Two huts are now closed indefinitely, the Sasc Fura and Sciora. In 2018 in the Italian Val Ferret, the mighty Grand Jorasses calved, and coupled with recent heavy rains closed the valley with hundreds of thousands of cubic meters of debris.

Climate change is real, and it is imperative that we adjust behavior to mitigate the pace of its development in any way we can. Fortunately, in terms of comfort, all of Ryder Walker's adventures are at higher altitudes, latitudes and our coastal offerings enjoy the ameliorating effects of the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas as well as the Atlantic Ocean.

The rockfall and sea level rises will not affect the destinations and activities we offer any time soon, but we need to consider our children and our children's children. An Alps or an Andes free of glaciers... coastal wandering made unpredictable by sea level rise (only a few millimeters a year but that adds up fast!) are painful to consider. Last, even if you are a skeptic, the efficiencies of a well-run planet and growth from the birth of industries born to mitigate change are to all our benefit. Please let's all do our best!



# WHY HIKING IS IMPORTANT WATCHING NATURE

BY BRANFORD WALKER

When guiding for Ryder Walker every day is a new adventure. The Alps remain a source of constant interest, in some ways a muse, in others a place of peace and relaxation. Spending a summer in the Alps is a view into a constant procession of different cultures. Everything from the traditional agriculture practiced by alpine farmers to the endlessly charming alpine art forms, such as wood carving, or the beautiful unique sound of an Alpenhorn being played from the summit of a snow capped mountain, combine together to create a vibrant picture of a region with a history rooted in nature.

For the people that live in these mountains, every day is a day coexisting with the natural world. Of course, as a guide, perhaps the most important part of all is sharing these experiences with our clients — facilitating meaningful interactions between people and helping to curate the secret corners of this enigmatic region.

Our clients often communicate to us how these weeks spent in the mountains provide an escape from pressures of everyday society, from things like the relentless news cycle or the strangeness of living in our modern, mechanized world.

The peace that we share during this time in the mountains has led me to wonder: what is it about hiking that is so important? Why does it still seem so crucial that somewhere in the world there are still people bailing and drying hay through traditional techniques, that there are still forestry

workers individually marking trees high in the mountains — carefully watching the health of remote and silent forests? The people we walk with come from a variety of different professions; doctors, politicians, therapists — every career imaginable, and most come away with a shared impression: that the access to hiking in these regions provides a distinct benefit of health and happiness for the people that live in them. Whether it is an elderly Swiss couple hiking from a village to sit at one of the many vista benches along the mountain trails, or some of the younger athletes from the regions always in search of another daring adventure, the impression is the same — this connection with nature brings people so much happiness.

For me, I find that hiking in the mountains provides an important impression of how precarious the preservation of these natural

worlds is, especially given our rapidly changing climate and expanding society. For me, it is important to see first hand how the natural world is changing and how different countries are working to preserve this precious balance — especially considering how important this natural connection is for the health and happiness of the locals living in these mountains.

The most physical example of the changes in our climate and the nature in the Alps is the recession of the glaciers. In a way, the glaciers are a natural majesty that is already lost, unless we plan to live for millennia and patiently wait for the next ice age! In the Alpine chalets you can see old paintings and photos depicting entire oceans of ice, which are now reduced to icefields clinging to only the highest reaches of the mountains. A stunning representation of this is the Mer de Glace, a famous glacier above Chamonix. Here,

you can walk down a stairway from the cliffs above down onto the glacier, a walk that takes about a half hour. Roughly every ten minutes of descending there is another marker, showing how many hundreds of feet the ice has already sunk - just in the span of a human lifetime!

On the opposite side of the coin, there are the parts of nature which still persist and thrive. An example of this is the humble Arolla pine, or Alpine Stone Pine. This hardy tree can live for over a thousand years, and produces its pine cones (which are depicted as far back as Roman heraldry) only every 30 years. These trees are endemic to the Alps and represent some of the only true ancient forests remaining in Europe. Hiking through these forests you can truly feel the weight of time, as this truly ancient species continues to thrive in secluded alpine environments.

So, on one hand we have receding glaciers, and on the other, ancient trees, both of which are testaments to the passage of time, as well as the changes in our environment. Otherwise, these two things are seemingly unrelated. However, there is an effect which relates the receding glaciers and forestry. As the permafrost in the high mountains has started to rapidly melt, the ice that binds the mountains together has weakened, causing the mountains to erode in entirely new fashions, and creating a new risk for alpine villages of floods, rockslides, and in the winter avalanches. At the turn of the millenium, Swiss forestry lovers noticed this effect and began to work to protect the forests in these alpine areas, because the old growth forests in the mountains became the main factor in maintaining their stability, as the ancient trees provide a similar state of soil and snow stability that the permafrost did in the high mountains. It was those who spent every day in the mountains who were able to analyze the changing ecosystem, as well as provide solutions! The effect of resulting programs to protect these forests has been so successful that there is even consideration now whether a surplus of trees has begun to limit biodiversity of plants and herbs on the forest floor. So it goes with precarious balance of nature I suppose.

As hikers, we are able to see all of this first hand. We are able to be witnesses to the persistence of ancient forests, as well as the threats to these regions such as floods or winter avalanches, as well as the slow recession of the glaciers. Being involved with these natural changes is important. In part because protecting these environments is so crucial for the health and happiness of those that live in and visit them. But also because it allows us to see the effects of time and of our society on the natural world. This is because, although it might not feel like it when you're walking down Lexington Avenue, Nature and Civilization are still intimately connected, and completely symbiotic. For me, it is both important and special to be able to bring people into these worlds, allow them to experience not only the euphoria of exploring the mountains, but also seeing how the natural world is changing, and why it is important that we remain connected with it, especially so we know how to properly protect it. That's at least one reason why it's important to hike.



# CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP FOR YOU

Each Ryder Walker trip offers a unique blend of elements, including adventure, physical challenge, and comfort. Our trip rating system assigns a number between 1 and 4 to each of the three elements by rating them for Comfort, Effort and Terrain so that you can best choose the trek that matches your level of intensity and comfort. When browsing the catalog you will see our tours begin with our easy to moderate trips and progress to moderate to challenging and end with our most challenging treks. We have also color coordinated each section accordingly so it is easy to locate the type of trip you desire based on the level of difficulty.

## COMFORT



1. Primarily simple accommodations including, berghouses, huts and inns.
2. A mix of simple accommodations and charming country inns or first class inns.
3. Primarily charming country inns and first class inns with best accommodations available in remote locations.
4. All superior country inns and first class accommodations.

## EFFORT



1. Gentle hikes up to 8 miles with 1500 feet of elevation gain.
2. Moderate hikes up to 10 miles with up to 2700 feet of elevation gain.
3. Moderately strenuous hikes up to 12 miles with up to 4000 feet of elevation gain.
4. Strenuous hikes exceeding 4000 feet of elevation gain.

## TERRAIN



1. Well maintained and graded mountain paths.
2. Steeper, well maintained mountain paths possibly with rough footing.
3. Steeper, occasionally maintained mountain paths possibly with rough footing and/or exposure.
4. Steep, rarely maintained mountain paths with exposure and rough footing.



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*A note regarding our rating system: Even the tamest trail can present a wild adventure in unusual conditions, and snow, fog, lightning, rockfall, landslides and avalanches can completely change the nature of all levels of hiking terrain.*

# RYDER WALKER'S GUIDE TO SELECTING YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

From easy going to strenuous treks, there's something for everyone.

Below is a list of all our guided and self-guided tours based on difficulty. The catalogue is also color coded: **blue represents easy to moderate** hiking trips, **green, moderate to challenging** and **red, challenging**.



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

*\*Trips also offered self-guided.*

### CANADA

New Brunswick Canada: Bay of Fundy (guided, page 50)

### EUROPE

Allegra Engadine (self-guided, website)  
Highlights of Switzerland (guided, page 18)  
England: The Cotswolds (guided, page 20)  
Ambiance Italian Dolomites (self-guided, website)  
Capri and the Amalfi Coast (self-guided, page 86)  
Cinque Terre (self-guided, page 86)  
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Winter Engadine Holiday (self-guided, page 86)  
French Alps: The Tarentaise Mountains (guided, page 24)  
Croatia: The Dalmation Coast\* (guided, page 28)  
Engadine Trek\* (guided, page 30)  
Scotland: Rob Roy Way\* (guided, page 32)  
Pastoral Berner Oberland (self-guided, website)  
Provence: Hill towns of the Luberon (self-guided, page 86)  
Jungfrau Loop (self-guided, page 86)  
Slovenia: Waterfalls and Gorges (self-guided, website)  
Montenegro (guided, page 34)  
Slovakia: Discover the Remote High Tatras Mountains (guided, page 38)  
Ticino Swiss Lakes District: Sun and Serenity (self-guided, page 86)

### NORTH AMERICA

Red Rocks: Sedona, Arizona (self-guided, website)  
Sedona, Arches & Canyonlands (guided, page 26)  
New Mexico: Land of Enchantment, Santa Fe to Taos (guided, page 36)

## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

*\*Trips also offered self-guided.*

### AFRICA

Morocco: Atlas Mountains Trek (guided, page 62)

### EUROPE

Heart of Austria\* (guided, page 40)  
Italian Dolomites Trek\* (guided, page 42)  
High Peaks of the Bavarian Tyrol\* (guided, page 44)  
Sicily's Aeolian Islands: Home of the Sirens\* (guided, page 46)  
Via Ladinia: Italian Dolomites (guide, page 52)  
Dolomiti di Brenta\* (guided, page 54)  
Pays Basque and The French Pyrenees (guided, page 56)  
Spanish Mediterranean: Costa Brava (self-guided, page 87)  
Italian Lakes District: Como & Bellagio (self-guided, page 87)  
Berner Oberland Trek (self-guided, page 86)  
Berner Oberland Traverse (self-guided, website)  
Cortina & Lakes of the Dolomites (self-guided, page 87)  
Slovenia: Julian Alps Triglav Circuit\* (guided, page 64)  
Snowdonia: Mountain Lakes and Coast (self-guided, page 87)  
Swiss Haute Route (self-guided, page 87)  
Tour du Mont Blanc\* (guided, page 66)  
Engadine Summit Series\* (guided, page 68)  
Hiker's Haute Route\* (guided, page 70)

### NORTH AMERICA

Rocky Mountain High Life: Aspen to Telluride (guided, page 48)

### SOUTH AMERICA

Patagonia: The Lakes District (guided, page 58)  
Peru: The Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu (guided, page 60)

## CHALLENGING HIKING

*\*Trips also offered self-guided.*

### ASIA

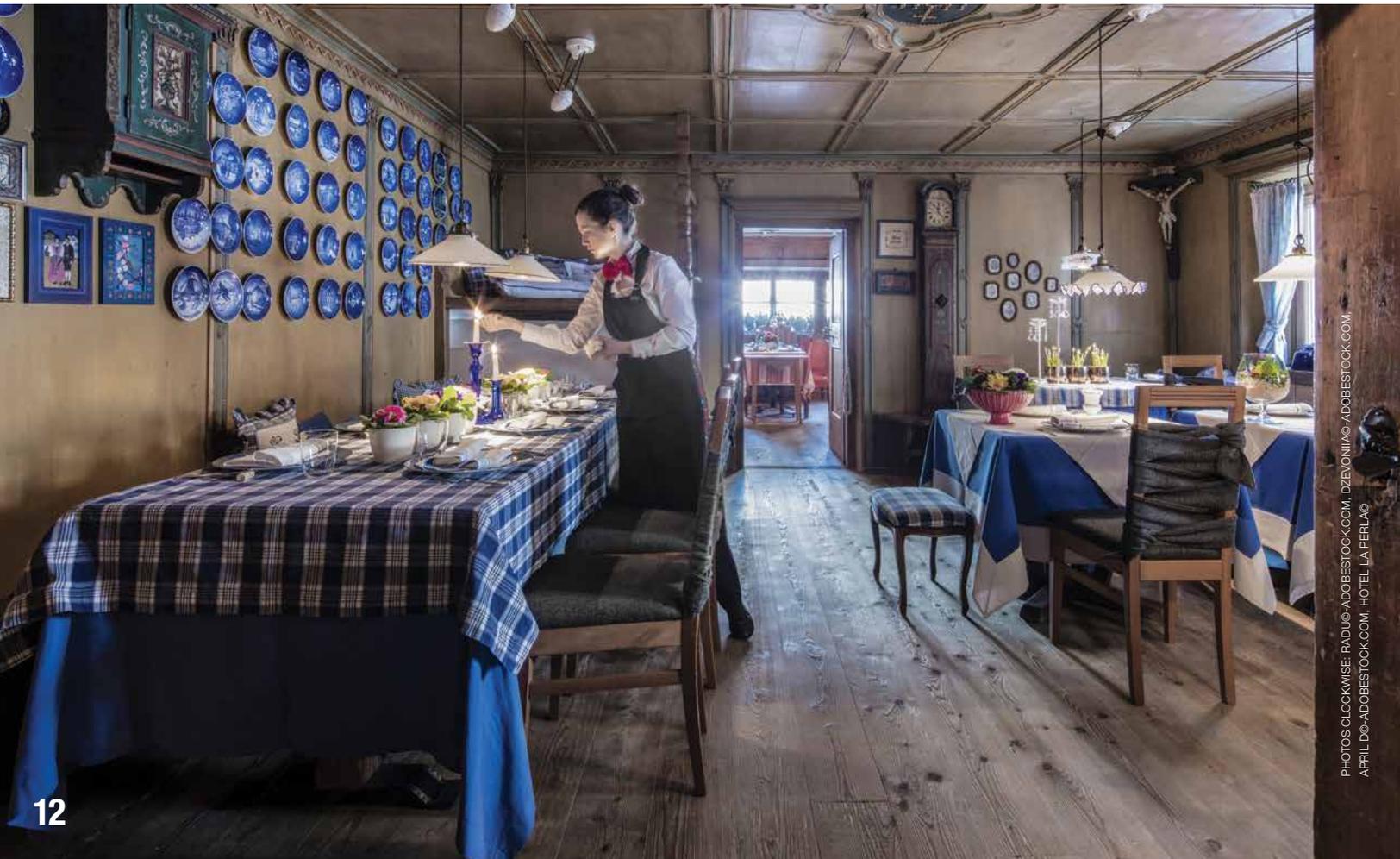
India: Markha Valley Trek (guided, page 72)  
Bhutan: Thimphu, Lingshi, Laya Trek (guided, page 74)  
Nepal: The Forbidden Kingdom of Mustang (guided, page 84)

### EUROPE

Appenzell Hut Hop (self-guided, page 87)  
Matterhorn Trek (guided, page 76)  
Iceland: The Remote Westfjords (guided, page 78)  
Eiger Trail\* (guided, page 80)  
Norway: The Islands of Lofoten (guided, page 82)

# INSPIRED CUISINE

The best way to celebrate a memorable day on the trail is with a delicious meal. The accommodations we choose offer some of the best in regional and haute cuisine, with inspired menus and a unique array of local wines and beverages. Many of our chefs enjoy the highest culinary rankings awarded by the Gault Millau and Michelin restaurant guides, with some even earning “Chef of the Year” distinctions for their respective countries. Local and regionally sourced food is offered, whether it’s a fireside meal at a four-star hotel, or a hearty bowl of soup on the sun deck of a mountain hut, we find the best cuisine available in each location.



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# FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS

Our goal is to choose the very best accommodation in every village, hamlet or high mountain pass we travel through. From cozy, wood-paneled chalets with fluffy down comforters, to grand old world hotels perfecting the art of hospitality, to converted patrician homes, we seek the inns that exemplify the character of each village and the charm of days gone by. In more remote destinations and on treks where we stay up high in hostelries and alpine refuges, we strive to provide the perfect balance between comfort, charm and amenity. Each trip is different, and if superb accommodations are a priority for you, let us know, and we will help you select those trips with the highest levels of comfort.



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# TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT HUTS

Alpine huts, rifugios, cabanes, kočas, or husets can be found across the world in the most secluded areas. They provide travelers with shelter, a bed and a hot meal at strategic points, so great traverses can be accomplished without having to carry camping equipment. In most cases, huts can only be supplied by helicopters, supply lifts or mules. This means that every supply, from toilet paper to your dinner, has to be transported to and from the hut by this specific means of transport.

On some Ryder Walker Alpine Adventures, you will be accommodated at a hut for one or more nights. The standard of huts varies greatly depending on the trek. Huts can range from a simple and rustic building with shared bed and bathrooms, very little electricity or running water, to a more luxurious, recently renovated inn high up in the mountains.

Hiking in the mountains, whether in the Alps, the Himalayas, or the Atlas Mountains is an adventure and part of the adventurous experience is to at times, step out of the comfort zone and embrace the local culture, cuisine and traditions.



## LEVEL 1 HUT:

This is the most basic of mountain huts, without any private bedrooms or bathrooms. All guests are accommodated in dorm-style sleeping quarters, there are no showers and running water is very limited. In some locations, guests will need to use an outhouse. The only bedding provided are wool blankets and simple pillows that are shared. Guests must bring sleep sheets, toiletries and towels as well as a headlamp as electricity is limited.

## LEVEL 2 HUT:

One step up from the most basic equipped hut, offering shared bedrooms and bathrooms with running water. Usually men and women sleep separate and there are separate showers provided. Shared bedroom sizes may vary from 4-8 persons per room. Showers at some locations have a time limit due to the limited amount of water. Some bedding may be provided but we recommend bringing your own sleep sheets, toiletries and towels. We recommend bringing a headlamp as electricity during the night is limited.

## LEVEL 3 HUT:

Boasting some private rooms, as well as small shared rooms (up to 4 ppl), some private bathrooms and showers as well as communal bathrooms and showers, these huts are more like mountain inns in secluded areas. At some huts, bedding is provided, yet we still suggest bringing a sleep sheet as mostly, you will be sleeping with wooly blankets. No towels or toiletries provided.

## LEVEL 4 HUT:

They are rare but they do exist. Newly renovated buildings, double, triple and quadruple bedrooms with en suite bathrooms and showers, hotel bedding including duvets and fluffy pillows, as well as towels for guests are provided.

Although we always inquire for the smallest bedroom and private bathrooms and showers, it is sometimes not possible to accommodate this depending on the location and nature of the hut.

# FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BOOK A GUIDED TREK



Planning the perfect hiking trip involves making numerous decisions. If you would like to take a stress-free trek without having to make all the decisions, a guided trek is for you. Below are five reasons why traveling with a guide will make for an unforgettable experience.

## 1. EASE OF TRAVEL

Traveling with a guide adds a certain comfort level to your trip. You don't have to worry about anything - from luggage transfers and dinner reservations to choosing the perfect trails and following the weather. Your guide will take care of it all. You just show up and hike.

## 2. LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

The Ryder Walker guide-team adds a wealth of knowledge to each trek. Some of our guides are European and grew up hiking and guiding in the Alps, while others have been leading hiking expeditions in Europe and other countries around the world. On guided treks you will learn about the region, culture and the local people. You will be taken on trails that are off the beaten path and not included on our self-guided itineraries. Many local treasures are known only to our guides and they can't wait to share these with you. Our guides strive to create a unique experience for each guest.

## 3. OVERCOME LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Most of our guides speak the local language. Having your own translator can definitely help with the communication, both in language and cultural practices. With the assistance of our guides, communication with locals will be uncomplicated.

## 4. TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

On guided treks, whether beginner or expert, our team will tailor each day to meet the group's needs. All of our larger group trips have two guides so groups can split up according to ability if necessary. Each day your guide will provide an itinerary fit for the group, depending on terrain, weather and hiking conditions. It's their goal to provide you with a memorable day filled with adventure.

## 5. PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

Over time, our guides have formed invaluable connections and bonds with the locals in the towns we visit around the world. Often, local staff will go out of their way to contribute to making the Ryder Walker Alpine adventure unique and unforgettable. The guide and guests also form friendships with each other and over the years many guests come back to hike with their favorite guides or schedule Ryder Walker trips with friends met on the trail.

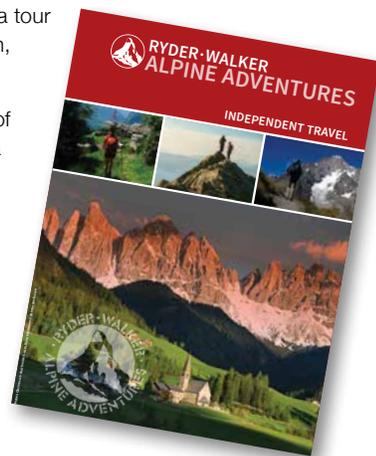


## SELF-GUIDED TRAVEL

### CHOOSE YOUR TRIP AND YOUR DATES

Self-guided travel offers you the opportunity to be your own guide, navigate like a pro and pick your own dates. Choose from our standard guided tours as independent options or customize a trip to your level of difficulty and degree of comfort. Find a tour that you like, tell us the date that you'd like to begin, and we'll do the rest.

- We provide you with a comprehensive package of materials to make your independent hiking tour a success, including:
  - Four-color topographical hiking maps with outlined routes
  - Written hike descriptions and customized travel itineraries
- We handle all of the hotel accommodations, luggage transfers and logistics specific to the tour. Note: some accommodations are unreachable by vehicles and you will not receive luggage at those huts/inns.
- You'll receive four-color topographical maps with the hiking routes highlighted. Most tours include a larger-scaled overview map as well. Maps may differ between tours.
- We can amend any itinerary or build your dream vacation from scratch. Just give us your intended travel dates and destinations, (we'll offer suggestions if you're not sure), the level of difficulty of your desired tour, and the type of accommodations you prefer.
- You will receive a proposal free of charge with no obligation to you. We'll fine-tune the itinerary until we've arrived at a trip that is exclusively yours.
- We also offer self-guided Easy Going tours with three to four hours of hiking per day on predominantly gentle trails. This format allows more time for sightseeing, exploring villages, and enjoying the comforts of your hotel. Please visit our website for more details.



*Please note that for logistical purposes, we cannot run a self-guided tour during the same dates as the guided version.*

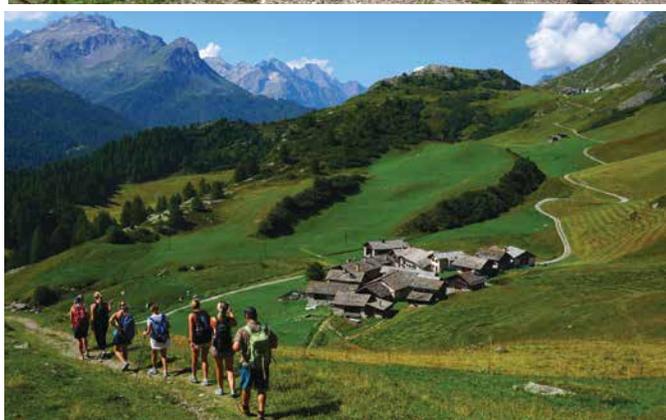
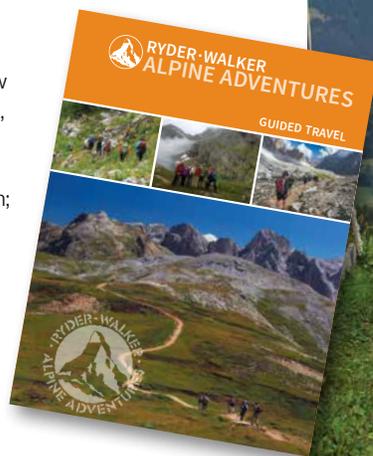
# GUIDED TRAVEL LEAVE IT TO US

Our guides have spent years, sometimes decades, exploring alpine regions around the world. They know what makes a region unique, from the Gerstensuppe, the best bowl of soup that you've ever tasted in the Engadine Valley of eastern Switzerland, to the warm towels at our 13,000-foot base camp below Bhutan's Chomolhari mountain; we'll spoil you.

Join a Ryder-Walker guided tour and get ready for an unforgettable experience. Not only is the scenery breathtakingly beautiful, but our trip leaders are also renowned guides who are determined to make sure you return home with plenty of stories to share, and a photo album filled with exceptional memories.

- Spend more time enjoying your vacation and less time worrying about logistics.
- From luggage transfers and hotel reservations, to finding the trailhead and ordering wine, our guides make sure that you have everything you need to be happy.
- If you like to know the name of every mountain peak, then a guided tour is for you.
- Uncork a surprise bottle of wine at the end of a long hike.
- Take a side trip to watch artisan cheese making on a French hillside.
- Succumb to the aroma of fresh baked foccacia as your guide unwraps lunch in northern Italy.
- Celebrate life with a group of fellow hikers that love to travel and cherish the great outdoors.

What more can we say? These earthly pleasures offer a small taste of what's in store for the hiker that chooses a Ryder-Walker guided tour.



# PRIVATE GUIDED TRAVEL THE PERSONAL TOUCH

From birthdays and anniversaries, to reunions and corporate retreats, a private hiking tour is a great way to celebrate any special occasion. We will tailor your trip to meet the interests of your group, and best of all you pick the tour dates.

Our guides will show you the time of your life and they know just the right personal touches to make your private guided trip extraordinary.

- We will help you design an itinerary that reflects the needs of your group, whether it is a trip for two or 20.
- You will have a flexible itinerary that can change, if need be, based on the desires of the group members.
- We are happy to tailor each day's itinerary to "bag" a peak, ski on a glacier, tandem fly or simply sightsee, depending on your desires.
- Private guided dates are limited so please book early.
- Early registrants may have the option to "buy out" one of our pre-scheduled guided tours.
- Persons or groups that purchase a previously pre-scheduled group trip in its entirety receive a 5% discount.
- Choose from a limitless inventory of standard and customized itineraries.

Visit pages 74 and 75 for pricing on many of our private tours. Prices reflect per person costs with the services of one guide. Prices will increase or decrease depending on group size and the addition of more guides. Trip customization will also affect the land cost.





## EUROPE

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SWITZERLAND

## ENGADINE, LAGO MAGGIORE, ZERMATT

Discover the vast variety of hiking Switzerland has to offer – hikes from gentle to gigantic!

This trek is designed to provide exceptional hiking with a broad range of physical challenge. This makes it perfect for families and parties with different interests and abilities. It is also designed to please those who prefer to unpack and stay unpacked for a few days at a time.

We begin in Sils Maria, one of the loveliest mountain towns on the planet. Nestled between two lakes at 1800m and dominated by high peaks all around, Sils Maria may be the Alps' most peaceful mountain town.

Transfer on the magical Palm Express, through the Italian Lakes District,

to the canton of Ticino, the heart of Italian speaking Switzerland. Explore ancient, time forgotten hill towns and historic pathways from our superb lakeside accommodations.

The final stage has us transfer to Zermatt, the quintessential mountain town nestled at the base of the iconic Matterhorn. Explore the dramatic landscapes of this heavily glaciated pocket of the Alps and each day return to the comforts of our fantastic hotel in its park-like setting beneath the magnificent Matterhorn.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to challenging hiking – this trip is designed to accommodate all levels.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

“The guides were accommodating, personable, skilled, knowledgeable, pleasant, and darn good company! All in all - they are Ryder Walker family and what I have learned to expect!”

– Diane A.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SILS MARIA

Travel independently to Sils Maria, Switzerland and meet your guides for orientation and dinner in our outstanding hotel in the heart of this tiny and quiet village.

### DAY 2: SILS MARIA LOOP HIKE

Explore the mystical Val Fex and Muott'Ota, a charming valley that descends into downtown Sils. Hikes in this itinerary are options only. The guides will tailor each day to the interests and abilities of all individuals in the group.

### DAY 3: MALOJA LOOP HIKE

Cross to the far side of the Silsersee and ascend to the tiny hamlets of Grevasalvas (where the movie Heidi was filmed) and Blaunca before descending to Maloja where a lakeshore ramble returns us to Sils, or summit the Piz Lunghin for those seeking a bigger day.

### DAY 4: LOCARNO

Transfer through Italy and Menaggio on the shores of the Lago di Como and back into Switzerland and the ancient canton of Ticino. Arrive in Locarno on the shores of Lake Maggiore. This ancient town boasts a vibrant lakeside vibe with colorful cafes and pubs. Intoxicating trails connect antique hill villages offering stunning glimpses into life in times long past.

### DAY 5: LOCARNO TO VAL VERZASCA

Visit the serpentine, water-worn granite valley of the Verzasca. The waters of the river that snakes down this glistening valley are alternately emerald green and ultramarine. It is truly visually stunning.

### DAY 6: LOCARNO TO CIMETTA AND MERGOSCIA

Ascend by funicular, cable car and chairlift to the Cimetta where a delightful ridge walk offers endless views in all directions. Finish in the charming village of Mergoscia for a transfer back to Locarno.

### DAY 7: ZERMATT

What a fun transfer day! The slow journey through the Valle Maggia to the Italian border town Domodossola could not be more memorable. Finish with the spectacular cog rail crawl up the Mattertal to Zermatt. That afternoon, ascend to the Gornergrat for the most inspiring views in the Alps.

### DAY 8: ZERMATT EXPLORATION

Both challenging and gentle options are offered to explore the vast terrain on the flanks of the north face of the Matterhorn.

### DAY 9: ZERMATT TO TASCHALP/HÖRNLI HUT

Wander to the remote hamlet of Taschalp beneath the towering Dom (highest peak entirely in Switzerland) or hike to the legendary Hörnli Hut at the base of the most popular route up the Matterhorn (for those in need of a touch more adrenaline).

### DAY 10: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

July 23 – August 1  
Price: \$4,935 (single +\$560)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

June – September  
Price: \$6,280† (single +\$560)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

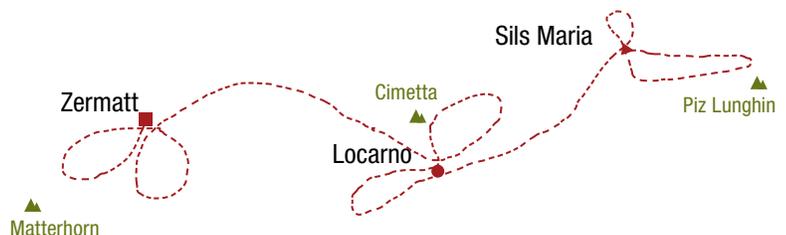
### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 9 nights, 10 days
- 3 superior four star hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Zurich



## SWITZERLAND



## ITALY

\*All ground transportation between Sils Maria and Zermatt included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# ENGLAND THE COTSWOLDS

Revel in the beauty and quintessential charm of Southwest England.

One of the most treasured and visited destinations in the United Kingdom, the Cotswolds, is famous for its gently sloping green hills and ancient, picture-postcard towns and villages. Over the course of our 11 day hiking tour we visit old castles, quaint English gardens, country estates, beautiful historic cities and spa towns bursting with culture. We begin in charming Broadway and end in Bath, with its Roman baths and beautiful

Royal Crescent being the highlight. Hike through the lush, rolling, green countryside. Enjoy cream teas in charming hidden cafes. Visit Neolithic burial mounds and old hilltop fortifications. Eat in many a lovely English pub. Wander quiet cobbled streets and explore areas off the tourist trail that only your guide could reveal to you.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to moderate with one day up to 7 miles with an ascent of 1500 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

“The best part was hiking in the beautiful English countryside, seeing the wildflowers and trees.” – Susan G.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: BROADWAY

Travel independently to Broadway and meet your group and guide for orientation and dinner. Overnight in a lovely, classic English hotel.

### DAY 2: BROADWAY

Today we will explore Chipping Campden and its surroundings, eat delicious local food and then in the afternoon hike to the Broadway Tower before returning to the hotel. **Distance: 2 miles.**

### DAY 3: BROADWAY TO STANTON

Our loop hike today has us strolling through valleys and woodlands, grabbing a pint at a cozy pub and visiting an historic manor house. Overnight in a charming B&B in Stanton. **Distance: 6 miles.**

### DAY 4: STANTON TO GREAT MALVERN

We enjoy another favorite circular walk, the Winchcombe and Belas Knap loop. Hike ancient trails to historic sites. Visit castles, royal burial sites, a 13th century abbey and Neolithic wonders. An evening drive takes us west to the Malvern Hills and our beautiful hotel in Great Malvern. **Distance: 2 miles.**

### DAY 5: GREAT MALVERN

We will summit every peak on the Malverns today. This ridge walk enjoys amazing rural views. There are several hidden gems on today's agenda, including visiting a 15th century moated grange and walking in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and Edward Elgar. Return to Great Malvern hotel. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain: 1500 ft.**

### DAY 6: GREAT MALVERN TO PAINSWICK

On the road today we will stop and visit the oldest pub in Britain, a 1,000 year-old inn, and see the most stunning villages of the entire Cotswolds. Overnight in the lovely town of Painswick – the Queen of the Cotswolds.

### DAY 7: PAINSWICK

We will enjoy the third of our circular walks today – the Cranham Coopers and the Beechwoods loop. This four mile walk shows you around one of England's most treasured habitats, beech woodlands, and leads you to the site of perhaps the Cotswolds' most iconic and intriguing tradition, cheese-rolling. Overnight back in Painswick. **Distance: 4 miles.**

### DAY 8: PAINSWICK TO TETBURY

A mix of walking and driving has us visiting the retreats of British royalty including Woodchester Mansion and the famously haunted pub, The Ragged Cot. Enjoy an afternoon visit to the beautiful Westonbirt Arboretum. We end in the market town of Tetbury.

### DAY 9: TETBURY TO BATH

Today we begin with a visit to Highgrove and its gardens, the home of Prince Charles. Spend the afternoon walking our final Cotswold walk, Journey's End: The Walk into Bath. Our boutique hotel is situated in Bath. **Distance: 5 miles.**

### DAY 10: BATH

This marvelous spa city is a favorite amongst Brits and visitors alike. Enjoy a walking tour this morning before heading to Stonehenge. Return to our hotel in Bath.

### DAY 11: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

May 26 – June 5

Price: \$4,765 (single +\$765)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

April – October

Call for pricing.

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 10 nights, 11 days
- All nights are in superior hotels and charming bed and breakfasts with one night in a simpler B&B in Stanton.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: London, England



\*All ground transportation between Broadway and Bath included during tour. Luggage transfer daily. Admission to all sightseeing tours. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make the route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# ISOLA DI CAPRI THE JEWEL OF SOUTHERN ITALY

Explore picturesque Capri and secluded Anacapri,  
on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

**T**ranquil and enchanting might be the best way to describe Ryder Walker's trek to the Island of Capri. Not only did the Greeks and Romans leave their mark, but also famous artists, writers, musicians, and Hollywood travelers to name a few. Not many can resist the allure of this wildly beautiful place in the region of Campania in southern Italy.

This trek will explore some of the most famous sites and hikes in the region including the fascinating Blue Grotto and the popular Sentiero del Fortini, a remarkable path weaving its way between the sea, rocks and scrub.

On the island of Capri, the aromatic flora permeates the air, while breathtaking panoramas of the Tyrrhenian Sea never leave your sight.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to moderate with one day up to 7 miles with an ascent of 1700 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



“There is a reason for why Capri is world-famous: stunning beaches, azure blue waters, intoxicating rhododendron flowers, and a history dating back to the Roman Empire. Capri oozes Italian flair and once you visit, you will never want to leave this tiny paradise.”  
 – Barbara G.



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: INDEPENDENTLY TRAVEL TO CAPRI OLD TOWN

You will first arrive at Naples airport to catch a bus or taxi to the harbor and continue to the Isle of Capri by ferry. Transfer to our intimate, boutique hotel in the center of Capri town with breathtaking views of the sea. Meet the group and your guide for welcome drinks and dinner at 7 pm.

### DAY 2: VILLA JOVIS ON THE ISLE OF CAPRI

We picked a stunning and serene, coastal hike as a warm up on your first day on Capri. Familiarize yourself with the island as you walk to Villa Jovis, Tiberius' home, and onto Arco Naturale, to reach 'belvederes' of the Faraglioni Rocks. Along the way enjoy views towards the Amalfi Coast and get a glimpse of Villa Malaparte, one of Capri's most famous modern structures. **Distance: 5.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 920 ft.**

### DAY 3: BLUE GROTTO

This classic day trip begins with a ride down the famous Capri funicular to the Marina Grande. Here we meet our captain and set off to the otherworldly Blue Grotto. Our ship takes us around the western tip of the island and then even crosses under the Faraglioni natural arch before we are dropped for lunch at Marina Piccola. Then a short but beautiful hike back to Capri and our hotel rounds out the day. **Distance: 3 miles. Elevation gain: 500 ft.**

### DAY 4: CAPRI TO ANACAPRI

One of the best island day hikes in the Mediterranean awaits. We hike direct from our Capri hotel up through the wonderfully shady beech forest following a well-made, historic path. The trail brings us ever higher winding through limestone crags before breaking out into unforgettable open views of the Marina Piccola and the Faraglioni rock. We will picnic on the summit of Monte Solaro before descending to our 4-star hotel in Anacapri. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1900/700 ft.**

### DAY 5: ANACAPRI

Today we embark on a spectacular outing along the rugged western tip of the island that connects traditional farming paths and historic watchtowers before looping back toward the incredible lighthouse of Faro. The path finishes with a final climb past the Migliera viewpoint before returning to our hotel. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1700/500 ft.**

### DAY 6: DEPART

## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

April 14 – 19

Price: \$4,220 (single +\$560)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

April – June, September – October

Call for pricing.

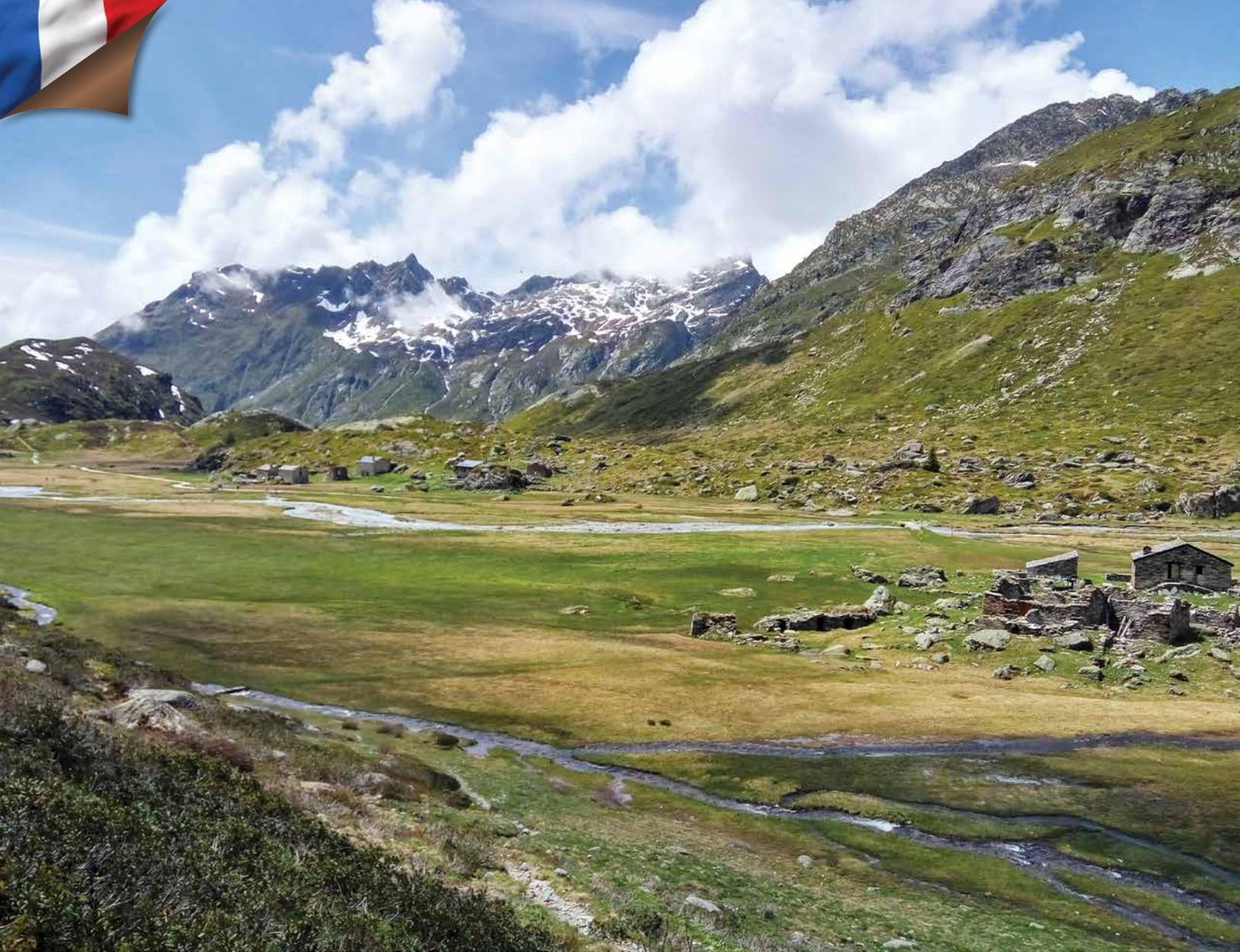
### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 5 nights 6 days
- 3 nights superior hotel and 2 nights elegant bed and breakfast
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Gateway: Naples



\*All ground transportation on the Island of Capri included during tour. Luggage transfer included. Boat ride and admission to sightseeing tour included. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make the route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

## FRENCH ALPS THE TARENTEISE MOUNTAINS

Hike from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Val d'Isère with views of iconic Mont Blanc.

The best kept secret of the Val d'Isère is the hiking from the banks of the Isère River and through the remote Tarentaise Mountains. Unlike the highlands on the flanks of Mont Blanc, the terrain along the banks of the Isère River offers fantastic walking through perfectly preserved antique hamlets in astonishingly remote locations.

Far from the frantic pace of Chamonix, our trip through the Tarentaise

Mountains allows us to explore these fascinating valleys virtually alone and at a relaxed pace. We connect the villages of Bourg-Saint-Maurice, tiny Sainte Foy, and the bustling winter hotspot of Val d'Isère. The Isère Valley is as well known for its cuisine as for its mountains, and we explore the finest that each village has to offer.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to Moderate hiking up to 8 miles (two options offered most days) with ascents up to 2300 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

"It was so awesome! We had a lot of really amazing sites while we were there. It was my favorite trip ever."  
– Sunnie K.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: BOURG-SAINT-AURICE

Travel independently to Bourg-Saint-Maurice. There is train service as well as bus possibilities from Geneva or Lyons.

### DAY 2: BOURG-SAINT-AURICE TO LES ÉCHINES-DESSUS

Hike the open countryside above Bourg-Saint-Maurice. Our day begins with a quick transfer to Les Chapelles. This village exemplifies the authentic and ongoing importance of farming culture in the Haute Tarentaise. An easy path rambles past several more quaint villages including La Thuile, La Nant and Les Échines-Dessus before descending to Les Échines-Dessus. Return to Bourg-Saint-Maurice hotel. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2100 ft.**

### DAY 3: TRANSFER TO SAINTE-FOY-TARENTEAISE

Transfer to Sainte-Foy-Tarentaise by way of another panoramic hike in the upper Tarentaise. A short transfer brings us to Monvezean and the start of our hike. We pass the 400 year old Eglise St. Michel standing alone on the hill above Le Châtelard. This is certainly one of the most important view points around. The trail then dives into the forest for a beautiful stretch before opening up in the ancient farm hamlet of Le Falconnière. A relatively short descent leads to another wonderful alpine village, Le Mirroir. After a short break we finish in our next destination, Sainte Foy Tarentaise. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2300/2500 ft.**

### DAY 4: A GREAT DAY HIKE ABOVE SAINTE FOY

We are off to the high country today as we ascend the Val de Mecuel. Our objective is a mountain hut near La Motte at the foot of the Point de Archebloc and in close proximity to the Italian border. Return to Sainte Foy. **Distance: up to 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 2500 ft.**

### DAY 5: VILLAGE OF LE MONAL

Today we visit the village of Le Monal, seemingly trapped in a time long forgotten. Our hike from the Sainte Foy ski station traverses beautiful open country with grand views of the Tarentaise's greatest glacier-guarded summit: Mt Pourri! After lunch in the village we continue to the Lac du Chevril by Tignes and transfer to Val d'Isère. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 750/1200 ft.**

### DAY 6: RESERVE NATURELLE DE LA GRANDE SASSIÈRE

Spend an outstanding day in the Grande Sassièrre Nature Reserve. Today's trek begins at the Chalet La Sassièrre and follows gentle terrain to the Lac du Sassièrre, where we'll spend a leisurely picnic under the beautiful peak of La Tsanteleina. Return to Val d'Isère hotel. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1000 ft.**

### DAY 7: VAL D'ISÈRE

A final outing above Val d'Isère ends the trip on a dramatic note. From the village of Le Fornet (the highest in Val d'Isère) we follow an incredible trail through the Gorges Malpasset. Coming out in the open high country on the other side we reach the Refuge du Prariond for a proper French Alpine Club lunch with inspiring views of the massive terrain that makes this region resonate with the most discerning mountain enthusiasts. Return to Val d'Isère hotel. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

July 6 – 13

Price: \$4,430 (single +\$400)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June - September

Price: \$4,765† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights charming superior three and four star hotels.
- Gastronomy is important on this itinerary and we will dine in many of the finer restaurants in the valley.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Geneva or Lyon



\*All ground transportation beginning in Bourg St. Maurice included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



NORTH AMERICA

# SEDONA, ARCHES & CANYONLANDS

Explore the wild desertscapes of Arizona & Utah.

Our tour begins in Sedona, Arizona, a town with an established reputation for exquisite dining, inspired art galleries and numerous outdoor activities. Explore an enchanting desert landscape, hiking one of the many backcountry trails that spiderweb throughout the region.

Your hike continues to the tranquil hamlet of Bluff, Utah, where you'll trade your hiking boots for paddles and raft through one of the most fascinating

sections of the San Juan River. Explore ancient rock art and cliff dwellings with some examples dating back 5,000 years.

In Moab, Utah, a vibrant oasis and outdoor adventure mecca, our guides will lead you off the beaten path to explore hidden labyrinths, whimsical rock formations and natural sandstone arches.

## TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 1,800 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



“We loved the walks — the less trafficked the better and our guide did a great job of finding those for us.”

— Bevin C.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SEDONA

Independently travel to Sedona. This fun town is filled with European travelers and mountain and desert aficionados. Meet guide(s) for drinks and dinner at 7 pm in the hotel lobby.

### DAY 2: SEDONA

Delve into the popular region of Oak Creek Canyon. Soaring monoliths conspire with forests of ponderosa, juniper and pinion to produce a region that earned Sedona the title, “The Most Beautiful Place in America.” **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1350 ft.**

### DAY 3: SEDONA

Sedona truly offers limitless hiking possibilities with unlimited views. We’ll choose between lofty mountain excursions, deep canyon explorations or a mixture of both. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1700/2000 ft.**

### DAY 4: SEDONA TO BLUFF

A memorable journey delivers us to the virtually unknown outpost of Bluff, Utah, perched on the banks of the San Juan River. This is the land of Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings, rock art and lost civilizations. Overnight in a charming, atmospheric bed and breakfast located in the center of town. Enroute, explore the southern reaches of the Canyonlands National Park. **Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 900 ft.**

### DAY 5: BLUFF

We’ll trade our hiking boots for paddles as we bounce and laugh through the most exciting whitewater sections of the San Juan River. It is no coincidence that some of the finest examples of 5,000 year-old rock art and cliff dwellings lie along the calm sections of the river. We’ll use our comfortable riverboat to discover these historic houses and renderings leftover from civilizations now gone. **It is a one mile hike out and back to River House.**

### DAY 6: BLUFF TO MOAB

Transfer by van to the bustling desert town of Moab. Meet with a local paleontologist to explore the many fossils and dinosaur bones that punctuate the area. Overnight in another wonderful bed and breakfast. **Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 400 ft.**

### DAY 7: MOAB

Today we’ll explore a rarely traveled corner of Arches National Park; a protected area boasting more than two thousand sandstone arches. We’ll explore balanced rocks, fins and pinnacles, highlighted by a striking environment of contrasting colors, landforms and textures. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1000 ft.**

### DAY 8: MOAB

Our second day in Moab will combine everything wonderful about the desert. The snow-capped peaks of the La Sal Mountains present a stunning backdrop against endless miles of red sandstone. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000 ft.**

### DAY 9: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

May 4 – 12

Price: \$4,725 (single +\$560)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

April – May, September – October

Price: \$5,495† (single +\$565)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 8 nights, 9 days
- 8 nights charming western bed and breakfasts.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Moab, Flagstaff or Sedona inbound. Moab and Grand Junction outbound.



\*All ground transportation between Sedona and Moab included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers’ abilities.



EUROPE

# CROATIA

## THE DALMATIAN COAST

Surrender to the magic of Croatia.

With picture perfect villages, limestone summits rising from the sea, and 1,000 picturesque islands floating peacefully in the azure waters of the Adriatic, you'll quickly discover why the locals refer to their homeland as "the Mediterranean the way it used to be."

Our eight-day hiking tour begins in the tiny seaside village of Makarska, noted for its palm-fringed promenade, welcoming cafes, and a pretty

harbor. From Makarska, hop to the islands of Korčula and Mljet, swim in the warm waters off the island of Korčula, and climb to the summit of Sveti Ilija, a famous hiking destination that rises 3,100 feet straight from the sea, offering panoramic views of the Dalmatian Coast. Visit the tiny island of Lokrum and tour the ancient ramparts that earned Dubrovnik a distinguished place on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 7 miles with ascents up to 2,500 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

"Ah, the food.... Since seafood is my favorite food on earth (or sea), I was in heaven every night.

Breakfast was provided by the hotels, I really didn't eat lunch, so my special meal each day was the seafood supper. The evening foods were glorious and varied... shrimp, octopus, squid, clams, sea bass, or each stuffed within each other.

Yes, the foods were memorable, and delicious."

– Lucia L.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: MAKARSKA

Travel independently to Makarska and meet your group and guides for welcome drinks and dinner at 7 pm.

### DAY 2: MAKARSKA

We spend the day hiking in the Biokovo National Park, which contains Croatia's second highest mountain range. Our day begins with a seaside start and a warm-up through the flower-speckled village before venturing onto the alluring limestone ridges and valleys on the flanks of Sveti Jure, the highest seaside peak in the Adriatic. Return to Makarska hotel. *Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.*

### DAY 3: MAKARSKA TO KORČULA

After a private van transfer to the high part of Biokovo, we have about a two hour hike through unimaginably beautiful karst topography before finishing at the summit of Vogar. An unforgettable view of the coast unfolds 5000 feet below. After our hike we transfer to the incredible town of Korčula. This medieval walled port town is charismatic and filled with history. Many places claim Marco Polo as one of their own but when you arrive in Korčula, there is no doubt that this is his birthplace. Our boat transfer takes us past Brač, the Dalmatian Coast's most famous island and around the southern tip of Hvar. *Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1000 ft.*

### DAY 4: KORČULA

A short ferry to the village of Orebić sets us up for another great hike. Today's loop hike takes us to the summit of Sveti Ilija (St. Elias), and its grand panorama, before descending back to Orebić on ancient paths past historic churches, vineyards and relaxing villas. *Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500 ft.*

### DAY 5: KORČULA TO OTOK MLJET, POMENA

More island hopping today as we transfer to the island of Mljet. Enjoy a waterside ramble on Mljet's west coast. After a fresh and very local lunch, we'll hike past gorgeous saltwater lakes en-route to our hotel in Otok Mljet, Pomena. *Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 500 ft.*

### DAY 6: OTOK MLJET, POMENA TO DUBROVNIK

Wake to a Croatian sunrise, and hike to the port of Polače, climbing to a high point where we can see both coasts of the island. After a picnic, we hike down to the water to meet our final water transfer back to the mainland and the historic city of Dubrovnik. *Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 750 ft.*

### DAY 7: CROATIA

Following an ascent of Dubrovnik's "local" peak, we hike into town by a route approaching from above, allowing a birds-eye view of Croatia's jewel. After traversing to the south we will enter the city's walls for lunch, and then a private, locally guided tour of the ramparts before returning to our hotel in Lapad for our farewell dinner. *Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 800 ft.*

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

June 8 – 15

Price: \$4,095 (single +\$605)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

May – June and

September – October

Price: \$4,825† (single +\$735)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR IS FROM SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK

May – June and

September – October

Price: \$2,265 (single +\$610)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights of charming country inns and superior hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily – guided. Breakfast only – self guided.
- Gateway: Split inbound. Dubrovnik outbound.



\*All ground transportation between Makarska and Dubrovnik included during guided tour. Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hiker's abilities.



EUROPE

# ENGADINE TREK

Visit Switzerland's best kept secret.

Our inn-to-inn hiking tour covers the length of the Inn River Valley from Scuol, an ancient spa town just a stone's throw from Austria, to Soglio, a historic hillside village on the Italian border. Staying in incredibly picturesque villages, and quaint inns, we pass from the gentler terrain of the Lower Engadine Valley to the rugged Upper Engadine with its majestic, glaciated

peaks. We finish in the Val Bregaglia, a wild and sparsely populated valley that boasts imposing granite spires and the rugged Sciora Mountains.

From pint-sized historic towns like Guarda and Zuoz, to well-appointed hot spots like Sils Maria and Pontresina, we'll lead you along ancient footpaths to the most beautiful mountains of the range.

## TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 3,540 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

“This Engadine trip was my 7th with Ryder-Walker over the past 26 years. Thank you for what you do! These have been the best vacations of my life.”  
– Debra B.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SCUOL

Transfer from Zurich by train to the ancient Roman spa village of Scuol. Relax in the curative thermal mineral baths before meeting your guides and group for dinner. Overnight in a charming inn in two converted 17th century patrician homes.

### DAY 2: SCUOL TO GUARDA

Ride the Motta Naluns cable car and enjoy a level walk to a beautiful summer alp called Prui. Descend into the Val Tasna and enjoy a picnic surrounded by stunning larch pine and majestic peaks. Continue to the ancient hill town turned artist colony, Guarda. **Distance: up to 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1300/2970 ft.**

### DAY 3: GUARDA TO ZUOZ

A short train and van transfer takes us to the tiny whistle stop S-chanf. Enter the mysterious Val Trupchun as we climb deep into the only Swiss National Park. Our highpoint and picnic spot is a secluded and protected wildlife viewing station where we watch the majestic steinbock and fanciful chamois play. Return to S-chanf for a quick transfer (or walk) to historic Zuoz. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.**

### DAY 4: ZUOZ TO PONTRESINA

Climb to the Segantini hut and enjoy the finest views of the Engadine. Overnight in Pontresina, home of the 12th century mountain church, Santa Maria, adorned with frescoes dating from the 13th and 15th centuries. **Distance: up to 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 1500/3300 ft.**

### DAY 5: PONTRESINA TO SILS MARIA

A moderately strenuous day through larch forests and high meadows provides a sensational opportunity to view the sparkling lakes of the Engadine. Have lunch at an alpine lake, the Hahnensee, followed by a spectacular lakeside walk to Sils Maria. Overnight in a grand, old world hotel. **Distance: 10.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500 ft.**

### DAY 6: PIZ LUNGHIN

The most strenuous day of the trek is to the Piz Lunghin (summit optional). The lake below the summit is one of the finest viewpoints of the stunning, steep terrain of the Bregaglia. Return to Sils and our memorable accommodations. **Distance: 8.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3540/3400 ft.**

### DAY 7: SILS TO SOGLIO

Strike out on a rough-hewn Roman road; an ancient path connecting long-deserted farming hamlets of the Val Bregaglia. The magnificent granite spires of the Bregaglia tower all around as you wind your way into Italian-speaking Soglio, one of the most beautiful and well-preserved historic villages located anywhere in the Alps. **Distance: 7.25 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1168/2286 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

July 16 – 23

Price: \$4,510 (single +\$505)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June – Mid October

Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Mid June – Mid October

Price: \$2,780 (single +\$360)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights charming country inns and old world hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Zurich



\*All ground transportation between Scuol and Soglio included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# SCOTLAND

## ROB ROY WAY

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Walk in the footsteps of Scotland's most brilliant outdoorsman – Rob Roy MacGregor.

The Highlands are a land of magic, the images of which will be etched on the minds of travelers forever.

Follow the path of one of Scotland's legendary outlaws and greatest heroes – Rob Roy MacGregor. Through green meadows, along the coasts of sapphire lochs and across the feet of snow-capped Munros (peaks over 3,000 feet), we

walk as he did in the beautiful Scottish Highlands area of the Trossachs.

Enjoy the pristine natural environments of Great Britain as we travel through waterside, woodland, and moorland ecosystems. The trails are lined with ruins of every age, from the prehistoric stone circles, Roman bridges, and remnants of the Jacobean era.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to moderate hiking up to 12.5 miles with ascents up to 1,850 feet.

*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

“Rogan is an exceptional guide with a wealth of knowledge and loads of personality. It is obvious he loves being a guide and he worked very hard to make sure we got to do all the things we wanted to do...”

– Pamela P.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: DRYMEN

Arrive and transfer independently to Drymen, where you will meet your group for drinks, orientation and dinner.

### DAY 2: DRYMEN TO ABERFOYLE

We commence our inaugural leg of the Way after a filling breakfast, walking eleven miles past the Campsie Fells, through lush forests and along the Loch Katrine water scheme. Arrive in the town of Aberfoyle, renowned for its legendary antique market. We overnight in a fine historic B&B on Aberfoyle's main street. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain: 500 ft.**

### DAY 3: ABERFOYLE TO CALLANDER

Today we walk through the woods and along the Lochan Allt a'Chip Dhuibh. The heavily wooded area is the home to many small waterfalls and is sure to add at least a spell or two of magic to our day. Arrive in the village of Callander. Tonight we are in an elegant, superior four star hotel. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain: 725 ft.**

### DAY 4: CALLANDER TO STRATHYRE

With the singing waters of the Garbh Uisge to our side, we depart Callander and walk upstream along the river until we reach the Falls of Leny. Arrive in the small, welcoming, and peaceful tiny town of Strathyre. The pub at our inn could not be better! **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain: negligible.**

### DAY 5: STRATHYRE TO KILLIN

On our walk to Killin, we will ascend a few steady, yet manageable climbs, and pass by Balquhiddie, the sight of Rob Roy's grave. A quick side-trip to the graveyard is easy and enjoyable. In Killin, we arrive at the site that was once the stronghold of the MacNab clan. All that is left of them is a burial ground on Inchbuie island, visible from the bridge that crosses into town. Tonight we stay at an historic B&B. **Distance: 12.5 miles. Elevation gain: 500 ft.**

### DAY 6: KILLIN TO ARDEONAIG

Today we trek across the countryside, with beautiful views of Loch Tay, before arriving in the small hamlet of Ardeonaig, where we will find the excellent Ardeonaig Hotel, with a restaurant that puts its focus on letting local and seasonal produce speak for itself. **Distance: 11.5 miles. Elevation gain: 1850 ft.**

### DAY 7: ARDEONAIG TO ABERFELDY

The patchwork countryside beckons us onwards towards Aberfeldy, as we walk across a ridge that spans across two gorges. Pass the iconic and memorable Taymouth Castle along the way. Near Aberfeldy, we take time to stop by the Birks o'Aberfeldy, where Robert Burns, the famed poet, composed a number of his verses. Tonight we stay in a superior and historic B&B. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain: 1100 ft.**

### DAY 8: ABERFELDY TO PITLOCHRY

We make the final leg of our journey through moorland, forest, and prehistoric stone circles. After our arrival in the town center of Pitlochry, we'll celebrate our last night in the Trossachs over a fantastic dinner and cocktails at our superior four star hotel. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain: 1100 ft.**

### DAY 9: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

May 17 – 25

Price: \$3,900 (single + \$560)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

March – October

Call for pricing.

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

March – October

Price: \$2,285 (single +\$540)

## DETAILS

- 8 nights, 9 days
- 8 nights charming inns, B&Bs, and superior four star hotels.
- Guided tour: breakfast and dinner daily.
- Self-guided tour: breakfast daily and dinner on nights 3, 6 and 8.
- Gateway: Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland



\*All ground transportation between Drymen and Pitlochry included during tour. Luggage transfer daily (one bag per person). NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make the route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# MONTENEGRO

## FROM THE DURMITOR MOUNTAIN RANGE TO THE BAY OF KOTOR

Hike under looming peaks, raft the Tara River, and visit glacial lakes and the stunning Adriatic sea.

**B**ordering Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Albania, this fascinating gem beckons with dominating mountain ranges, sapphire colored beaches, deeply cut fjords and breathtaking wilderness areas.

Venture out into the Biogradska National Park located in the midst of the Bjelasica mountain range. Sit fireside at Eco Kantun, a farm turned ecological resort. Wander through one of Europe's last remaining primeval

forests and ascend Ogorela Glava (6562 ft) with expansive views of the National Park. A day spent entirely on the Tara River allows you to explore the Tara Canyon, the deepest canyon on the continent.

Enjoy hiking around the Bay of Kotor, constructed in the 15th century. Finish in Budva, a small seaside village surrounded by numerous beaches and a charming Old Town.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderately challenging hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 2,600 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

“The scenery was beautiful. The food was very fresh and plentiful. Nikola was a great guide, very mellow but on top of every detail.”

– Lisa B.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: KOLAŠIN

Travel independently by air to Podgorica, Montenegro's capital, and shuttle or taxi to Kolašin, the country's main mountain resort. Meet your guides for a welcome dinner.

### DAY 2: KOLAŠIN TO BIOGRADSKA NATIONAL PARK

Hike into Biogradska National Park, nestled within the Bjelasica mountain range, a massif dominating northeastern Montenegro with 10 peaks higher than 6562 ft. Hike across beautiful high alpine pastures and meadows teeming with wildflowers and reach a traditional alpine farm turned ecological resort, the Eco Kantun. *Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain: 2600 ft.*

### DAY 3: BIOGRADSKA NATIONAL PARK TO MOJKOVAC

Head out on a circular tour of the highest area in the National Park and if weather permits, summit Ogorela Glava (6562 ft). Take in the breathtaking panorama of the National Park before descending into the primeval forest this region is so famous for. Transfer to a comfortable hotel in Mojkovac. *Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 600/2800 ft.*

### DAY 4: MOJKOVAC TO ŽABLIJAK

Enjoy a whole day rafting on the Tara River, one of Europe's most pristine and wild rivers. No experience is required for this adventure on the “Tear of Europe” in the Tara Canyon, the deepest canyon on the continent. We'll spend about 4 hours on the river. *Distance: Approximately 4 hours on the river — includes lunch.*

### DAY 5: ŽABLIJAK

Hike in the mysterious Durmitor Mountains, past alpine lakes that dot the National Park and head into rugged, high terrain to enjoy views of landscapes carved by ice and water. Forty-eight peaks soar over 6562 ft and views of the highest peak of the area can be enjoyed. Return to the hotel in Žabljak. *Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500 ft.*

### DAY 6: ŽABLIJAK TO KOTOR

Shuttle to the Bay of Kotor and hike in its vicinity. Enjoy a traditional Montenegrin lunch along the way before descending into Risan, the oldest town on the bay. If the weather permits, arrive in Kotor by boat and settle into your charming hotel for the night. *Distance is variable. Shuttle transfer, boat tour and hike in the Bay of Kotor.*

### DAY 7: KOTOR TO BUDVA

Today is an easy and rewarding hike. We begin on a well built, old Austrian road that descends down a gentle trail leading us through beautiful meadows and pastures. This just may be your favorite day of the tour because it showcases spectacular views of Europe's most southern fjord – the Bay of Kotor. Before our drive down to the town of Budva, a small seaside village, we stop in Cetinje, a former capital of Montenegro, to visit the historic 15 x 15 meter relief map of Montenegro. This one-of-a-kind map was made by Austrians in the late 1900s. This map also gives the overview of the whole country, mountains and places we have been. Our closing dinner takes place on the terrace of our hotel in the Old Town of Budva, overlooking the city walls and the Mediterranean Sea. *Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1300 ft.*

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 16 – 23

Price: \$3,370 (single +\$400)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

May – June, September – October

Price: \$5,295† (single +\$750)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

## NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights in four-star hotels and 1 night in rugged mountain hut.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Podgorica, Montenegro

*\*Note: We recommend booking a ticket for the flight from Zurich to Podgorica on Montenegro Air.*



*\*All ground transportation beginning in Kolašin included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except at mountain hut. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.*



## NORTH AMERICA

# NEW MEXICO

## LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, SANTA FE TO TAOS

Experience Northern New Mexico and explore the majestic Southern Rocky Mountains.

New Mexico lives up to its name, the “Land of Enchantment”, with its stunning desert vistas, high alpine peaks, charming adobe homes, thriving art communities and lots of chilies.

We begin in Santa Fe exploring the piñon and juniper laced trails, high alpine lakes and wander the historic adobe buildings of the oldest state capital in the United States. Next we travel along the beautiful “High Road” to Taos with an overnight in the historic village of Chimayo, known for its

historic chapel and centuries old family weaving traditions.

Our final destination is the charming mountain town and artist colony of Taos, where we will explore classic trails leading us deep into the Rio Grande Gorge and we will summit New Mexico’s loftiest peak, Wheeler Peak, 13,161 ft. A guided tour of the oldest intact dwelling in North America, the iconic Taos Pueblo, closes out this memorable trek.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 2,900 feet.

*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## EASY TO MODERATE HIKING

"The variety of hikes were as wonderful as the delicious cuisine. We thoroughly enjoyed our hotels and the festive atmosphere." –*Delilah E.*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SANTA FE

Travel independently to Santa Fe, the exuberant and historical capital of New Mexico. Meet the group and your guides for welcome drinks and dinner at 7pm.

### DAY 2: SANTA FE

Hiking Atalaya Mountain is a favorite hike amongst Santa Fe locals. The trail winds us through dry arroyos and piñon and juniper forest en route to the summit of Atalaya Mountain. Once on top we enjoy the views down to Santa Fe, north to Apache Canyon and Glorieta Baldy Peak, and west to the Jemez Mountains. **Distance: 7 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.**

### DAY 3: SANTA FE

Today we travel up canyon to the Santa Fe Ski Basin, where we hike Winsor Trail up to Nambe Lake. Following a gently ascending trail through pine forest and stately aspen groves the hike takes on a more alpine feel as we eventually reach Nambe Lake, a lovely alpine lake nestled tightly below Lake Peak, in a spectacular rocky cirque. **Distance: 7 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 1200 ft.**

### DAY 4: CHIMAYO

We leave Santa Fe and head northwest of town to access the trailhead for Diablo Canyon. Our morning hike takes us through an arroyo that will allow us access into the canyon, eventually to the Rio Grande, and what was once the working Buckman Ranch. Another short drive takes us to Chimayo, a quaint and historic little town on the High Road to Taos. We will tour the church and visit Ortega Weaving shop. **Distance: 6.5 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 500 ft.**

### DAY 5: TAOS

We will again pack up our bags and continue north on the High Road to Taos. In route we will stop on the outskirts of town to hike the base of Taos Canyon and the Devisadero Loop trail. A local favorite, this moderate loop is located on the sunny side of Taos Canyon and winds its way through the low-growing piñon and juniper forest on the front side and also through a more forested area of pines on the backside of the loop. **Distance: 5 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 1100 ft.**

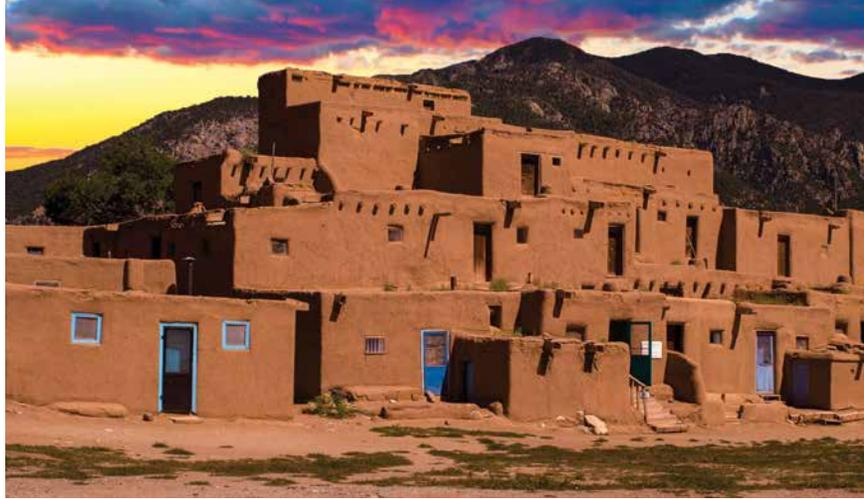
### DAY 6: TAOS

Today would be considered the "big" day as we head to Taos Ski Valley and trailhead access to the highest point in New Mexico, Wheeler Peak – 13,161 feet! Gradual climbing for the first couple of hours brings us to what is seemingly the only flat section of the entire trail. Next we tackle the steep but well-built switchbacks to the ridge separating Wheeler Peak and Mount Walter. Once on the ridge it is a quick 15-minute walk to the summit! Enjoy the 360-degree views of some of New Mexico's highest peaks before descending the way we came. **Distance: 10 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 2950 ft.**

### DAY 7: TAOS

Our final hike takes us down the Slide Trail, an historic road, known as Old 570, turned hiking trail that leads down to the confluence of the Rio Grande and the Rio Pueblo. We will then climb up and out of the canyon on the steeper Picuris Trail to the canyon rim where we loop back to the start. **Distance: 6 miles.** **Elevation gain/loss: 700 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 28 – October 5

Price: \$4,725 (single +\$640)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

June – October

Price: \$5,895† (single +\$930)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

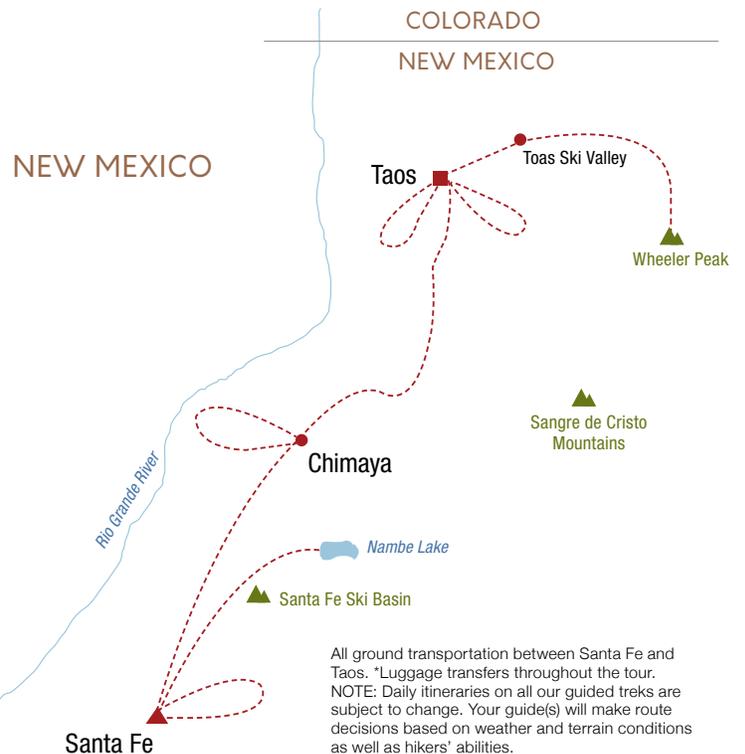
### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

June – October

Price: \$2,840 (single +415)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights 8 days
- 6 nights well-appointed superior hotels and 1 night in charming bed and breakfast
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Gateway: Santa Fe, Albuquerque, New Mexico



All ground transportation between Santa Fe and Taos. \*Luggage transfers throughout the tour. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# SLOVAKIA

## DISCOVER THE REMOTE HIGH TATRAS MOUNTAINS

A Jubiläum trek celebrating Ryder-Walker's 35th Anniversary.

Join the Ryder Walker Jubiläum celebration as we embark on our 35th year in business. Our special trek heads to the majestic and remote High Tatras Mountains of Slovakia. The only Alpine mountains of the whole Carpathian Mountain range, the High Tatras are known for their majestic peaks, dark turquoise glacial lakes, waterfalls and healing environment. Our itinerary offers easy to moderate hiking as well as moderate to challenging options for every day. The tour is hosted by Peter Walker, founder of Ryder

Walker and Kenny Fuhrer, who's celebrating 23 years of guiding with us. Slovakia is home to soaring granite ridge lines that give way to verdant valleys studded with lakes that shine like precious jewels. A proud mountain culture provides a welcoming atmosphere replete with flavorful local cuisine. The Slovaks have cultivated an extraordinary trail system allowing a very cohesive hiking experience. A guaranteed good time will be had by all.

### TRIP RATINGS

Easy to Challenging hiking – this trip is designed to accommodate all levels.  
(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: TATRANSKÁ LOMNICA

Arrive to Tatranská Lomnica, one of the most beautiful villages in High Tatras. Meet other guests and your guides at 7 pm for welcome drinks and dinner.

## DAY 2: VALLEY OF ZELENEHO

Today we will head out on an excursion into the Valley of Zeleného (Valley of the Green). Our destination is the lake-side mountain hut of Chata pri Zelenom plese. Views abound including the most famous peak in the High Tatras, Lomnický štít (Lomnický Peak) 8642 ft, which is also Slovakia's second highest peak. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500 ft.**

## DAY 3: BELIANSKA CAVE AND SPIŠ CASTLE

Today's outing takes us to the Belianska Cave, the most visited cave in all of Slovakia to view flowstone waterfalls and fascinating pagoda stalagmite. From here we head to Spiš Castle. Built in the 12th century it is one of the largest castles in Europe and is on UNESCO's World Heritage List of 1,000 of the most important monuments in the world. We will offer hike options in the afternoon for those not interested in visiting Spiš Castle. Return to our hotel, in Tatranská Lomnica.

## DAY 4: TERYHO CHATA TO BILIKOVA CHATA

After a quick ride up Hrebienok funicular we find ourselves surrounded by lush pine forests as we hike up to a beautiful high lake alongside the Téryho chata (Téryho hut). From here we explore hidden lakes higher up in the valley or simply hike back down to our atmospheric alpine guest house where we will stay for the evening. Shorter hike options are offered. **Distance: up to 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss 2700 ft.**

## DAY 5: BILIKOVA TO SLIEZSKY DOM

Today we follow an incredibly scenic high traverse just above tree line, crossing the beautiful lake Slavkovské pleso to our picturesque picnic site before continuing to our next overnight destination, the Sliezsky dom mountain hotel. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000/1250 ft.**

## DAY 6: SLIEZSKY DOM TO PROPRADSKÉ PLESO

We continue on this high-level route to yet another lakeside mountain guest house. A highlight today will be lunch at Batizovské pleso, a stunning lake at the foot of Gerlach peak. An afternoon decent brings us to our rustic and charming hotel ideally situated on Propradské pleso, one of the most peaceful high mountain glacial lakes you will ever visit. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain 2100 ft. / loss 1800 ft.**

## DAY 7: VEĽKÉ HINCOVO PLESO TO ŠTRBSKÉ PLESO

Today we depart the high mountains but not before a climb up to Veľké Hincovo pleso, one of the largest alpine lakes in the Tatras. Here, the scintillated granite ridge above the lake forms the border with Poland. In the afternoon we head to our final destination in the Tatra, the beloved lake of Štrbské Pleso. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2300/3000 ft.**

## DAY 8: ŠTRBSKÉ PLESO

Our last hiking day makes a fine loop above the lake. The trail up and through the Mlynická dolina (Mlynická Valley) passes several lakes until crossing a high pass, the Bystré sedlo (Bitter Saddle). The final descent takes us past Vyšné Wahlenbergovo pleso, a small heart lake, and ends with the Solisko ski lift down to Štrbské Pleso. **Challenging Option: Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000/1900 ft. Easy Option: Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1500 ft.**

## DAY 9: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 15 – 23

Price: \$4,150 (single +\$410)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June – Early October

Call for pricing.

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 8 nights, 9 days
- 6 nights comfortable hotels,
- 1 night high mountain inn,
- 1 night charming mountain hut
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Vienna, Austria (Traveling from outside Europe.) Bratislava, Košice and Poprad, Slovakia (Traveling from Europe.)



\*All ground transportation beginning in Tatranská Lomnica and ending in Štrbské Pleso included during guided tour. Luggage transfers daily except at high mountain inns and hut. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# HEART OF AUSTRIA

Visit the most beautiful lakeside village in Europe.

Brilliant blue lakes, lush meadowlands, and hundreds of limestone peaks with cascading glaciers are the hallmarks of our eight-day hiking tour through the Salzkammergut region of Salzburg.

Starting out from the historic town of Bad Goisern, we'll hike to a luxury four star estate surrounded by the dramatic walls of the Gosaukamm Mountains. Climb into the rugged Dachstein Mountains, also a UNESCO World Heritage

Site, and the Alps' northernmost high limestone range. The finale of the hike leads you to the lakeside hamlet of Hallstatt, a pint-sized jewel of a village lying at the bottom of steep, wooded slopes on the fjord-like Hallstättersee. Spend two nights at our hotel in Hallstatt enjoying the best of two worlds — stunning mountain scenery and a fairytale village on one side, and delicious lakeside views with glacially carved waterways and steep cliffs on the other.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate terrain, hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 2,700 feet.  
(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“The guide was excellent at making this a very relaxed experience and skilled at quickly identifying my preferences and incorporating them in the plan.”

– Annie O.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: BAD GOISERN

Arrive and transfer to Bad Goisern, a historic market and spa town recognized by UNESCO for its culture and rural treasures. Overnight in a historic hotel surrounded by peaceful gardens, and dine on local delicacies.

### DAY 2: BAD GOISERN TO GOSAU

Today we'll climb through mountain pastures and enchanting forests before cresting at Goisererhütte, with outstanding views of the distant Dachstein peaks and the Hallstättersee. Descend to the idyllic village of Gosau. Rugged and majestic mountains encircle the village while rolling pastures and tranquil mountain lakes make the region feel like a fairytale. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2600/2664 ft.**

### DAY 3: GOSAU

After a short transfer to Rußbach, we will hike the Gamsfeld, famous for having the best preserved and varied fossil beds in the alps. After a hearty and typical hut lunch we return to Gosau. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1600/3500 ft.**

### DAY 4: GOSAUSEE

Today's hike takes us from our hotel to the end of the valley to explore the area around Gosausee, the most famous lake of the region. We'll circumnavigate the lake and stop for a delicious lunch lakeside while enjoying views of the imposing Gosaukamm above. Return to your hotel in Gosau. **Distance: up to 10 miles. Elevation gain: 1150 ft.**

### DAY 5: GOSAU TO HALLSTATT

After a short transfer to the charming Rossalm we hike beneath the Plassen and connect to Hallstatt. When we reach the salt mines high above Hallstatt, where workers have been excavating for the last 6000 years, we hop on the funicular to take us into town. **Distance: up to 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 900/3200 ft (without lift).**

### DAY 6: HALLSTATT

Access the high karst terrain below the Hoher Dachstein with the Krippenstein Cable Car and traverse the stunning plateau to Wiesberghaus Hut for lunch. Along the way we come across impressive rock formations and panoramic views of the Dachstein massif and the Hallstättersee. Return to Hallstatt via the same route. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000 ft. None with cable car transfer.**

### DAY 7: HALLSTATT TO BAD GOISERN

On our last day we will cross the Hallstättersee by ferry and hike along the eastern lakeshore on the “Panoramaweg”. If the weather permits we will take a dip in the lake and stop for an Apfelstrudel before heading back to Bad Goisern. **Distance: up to 8.4 miles. No elevation gain or loss.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 17 – 24

Price: \$4,430 (single +\$400)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – Mid October

Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Late June – Mid October

Price: \$2,200 (single +\$300)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights charming hotels and country inns.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Salzburg or Munich



\*All ground transportation beginning in Bad Goisern included during tour. Luggage transfers daily.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# ITALIAN DOLOMITES TREK

This may be the most beautiful mountain region on earth.

Nourish yourself with the pleasures of northern Italy. The Dolomites are culturally diverse, and this trip visits the German speaking Tyrolean villages of the Val Gardena, the Ladin speaking center of Corvara in the Alta Badia Valley and the chic Italian speaking center of Cortina d'Ampezzo, a long-time destination for members of the jet-set crowd.

Visit Völs Am Schlern, a cobblestoned village beneath the Sciliar. Climb onto the Alpe di Siusi, with views that extend across the Ortler, Stubai and Zillertaler Alps of Austria. Spend one night in an upscale rifugio above treeline. Hike through the Rosengarten, Sassolungo, Puez and Tofane ranges; the most striking and vertical-looking mountains in the Dolomites.

## TRIP RATINGS

Moderate terrain, hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 3,000 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“Wow. Not enough space here to list all we loved. My wife and I marveled at how smooth and organized the trip was.

The quality of everything was exceptional.”

– David S.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: VÖLS

Travel independently by rail to Bolzano. Ryder Walker will provide a taxi transfer to Völs. Overnight in a restored inn in fourteenth century walls.

### DAY 2: VÖLS

Today we enjoy a gentle warm up hike from Völs through Tuffalm to Hofer Alpl, a picturesque farm house turned restaurant. We'll enjoy views of the Sciliar before looping back to Völs. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain: 1750 ft.**

### DAY 3: VÖLS TO RIFUGIO ALPE DI TIRES

Today's hike begins in the Alpe di Siusi, the largest meadow, or alp, in the Alps. Views extend to the Austrian Alps to the north and to the region's dominant peaks, the Sassopiatto, Sassolungo and today's objective, the Sciliar. Have lunch at the Rifugio Bolzano, a quintessential Tyrolean hut/restaurant at 8,059 feet. Traverse to the Rifugio Alpe di Tires. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain: 2600 ft.**

### DAY 4: RIFUGIO ALPE DI TIRES TO SËLVA

Hike between the Sassopiatto and Sassolungo peaks to a high saddle with a dramatically situated cable car. Descend to the Passo Sella for transport to the village of Sëlva in Gardena and a welcoming three star inn. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain: 2700 ft.**

### DAY 5: SËLVA TO CORVARA

Ascending the lovely Val Lunga, a pristine glacial valley surrounded by towering limestone walls, we climb through larch and stone pine toward the Rifugio Puez. Have lunch at the hut then traverse to a dramatic pass before descending to the village of Corvara in the Alta Badia Valley. Overnight in a superior four star inn. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000/3300 ft.**

### DAY 6: VALPAROLA

We begin with an ascent to a ridge separating the Puez and Sella groups and the Marmolada, the highest peak in the Dolomites at 10,692 feet, to the west, and the Tofane and Della Croce groups to the east. The views are continually engaging on our long traverse to the dramatically situated Rifugio Valparola, where our van awaits us to return to Corvara. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2700/2350 ft.**

### DAY 7: CORVARA TO CORTINA

Hike into a world of rock; the heart of the Tofane Range. Ascend gradually to a striking vantage point before descending to the beautifully situated Rifugio Dibona. Transfer to the alpine center of Cortina d'Ampezzo and the comforts of a four star hotel. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000/1500 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

June 16 – 23

Price: \$4,595 (single +\$580)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June – Mid September

Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

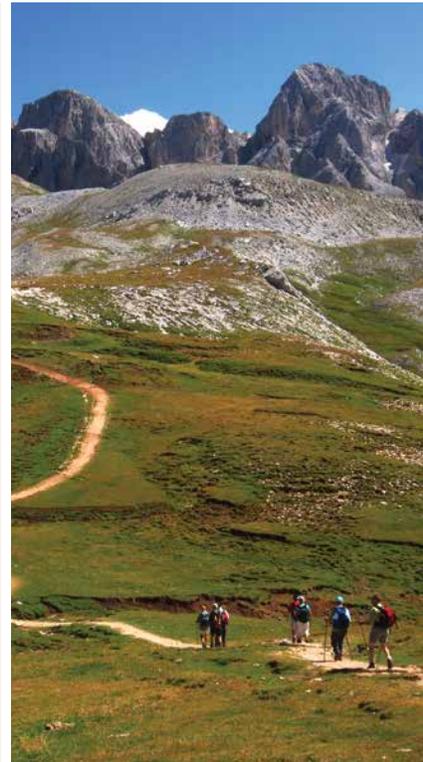
### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Mid June – Mid September

Price: \$2,595 (single +\$360)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights first class hotels and charming country inns plus 1 night comfortable rifugio.
- Breakfast and dinner daily on guided tour. Breakfast daily and dinner all nights except in Cortina on self guided tour.
- Gateway: Venice



## ITALY



\*Taxi transport between Bolzano and Völs upon arrival is included. Luggage transfer all night except at mountain hut. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# HIGH PEAKS OF THE BAVARIAN TYROL

Germany and Austria's rugged mountains, deep blue lakes, and postcard-perfect scenes.

Our journey begins in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Directly behind town sits the massive Zugspitze mountain. As part of the Wetterstein mountain range, the Zugspitze is the highest of the peaks that define the border between Germany and Austria.

Our hike makes a complete tour around this stunning range, both starting

and finishing in Garmisch. During our journey, we will drop into Tirol, Austria for a few days, then return to Bayern, Germany.

Our accommodations have been carefully selected, focusing on outstanding comfort, food, and service. We can anticipate outstanding hearty regional cuisine, featuring "farm to fork" freshness in which the locals pride themselves.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate terrain, hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 3,050 feet.  
(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



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## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“Hikes were perfect! Just the right level of effort and challenge. Every day had its own charm.

The inns were great and we enjoyed the fabulous breakfasts and German food was great after long day of hiking!”

– Rauni E.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

Travel independently by rail to Munich and then take the train to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Overnight in a classic Bavarian hotel.

### DAY 2: GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN TO EHRWALD

We take the classic Zugspitzbahn train from Garmisch-Partenkirchen to the Eibsee lake, at the foot of the Zugspitze. From this famous scenic lake, we hike over the border into Austria, along the dramatic northwest face of the Zugspitze. We make a pleasant stop for lunch at the Hochthörle Hütte before we descend into Ehrwald. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2650/2600 ft.**

### DAY 3: MIEMINGER KETTE HIKE

Today features a dramatic trek into the Mieminger Kette, the mountain range high above the Inn River Valley. We begin our hike in the Ehrwalder Alm (meadow) above town, before ascending the Ganghofersteig trail around Taja Peak. This dramatic range features the spire-like limestone peaks such as the iconic Sonnenspitze. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2700 ft.**

### DAY 4: EHRWALD TO WEIDACH

Leaving Ehrwald, we ascend to a high traversing trail along the southern side of the Wetterstein range, with amazing views over the Leutasch Valley far below. This trail winds along the rocky southern wall of the Wetterstein Range, paralleling the German/Austrian border along the ridge. We will overnight in charming Weidach. **Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2900/4050 ft.**

### DAY 5: WEIDACH TO REINDLAU

We leave the valley floor heading uphill to the north towards Scharnitzjoch (pass), high above the Leutasch Valley. The views are simply stunning of Germany, Austria, and into Italy to the south. After a picnic lunch atop the pass, we descend into the hamlet of Reindlau. **Distance: 8.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3050/3300 ft.**

### DAY 6: THE KARWENDELSPITZE AND MITTENWALD

Today we return from Austria into Germany, and begin by ascending the north side of the dramatic Karwendelspitze massif high above the idyllic town of Mittenwald (“Middle of the Forest”). After a morning filled with stunning views, we pause for a delicious repast at the Dammkar Hut, perched on the north flank of the massif. We continue the “Rundweg” round trip back into the valley and our hotel in Mittenwald. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2700 ft.**

### DAY 7: MITTENWALD TO GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

A short transfer from Mittenwald takes us to the Ferchensee where we begin our final traverse north of the dramatic Wettersteinwand (Wetterstein Wall). After a gourmet picnic lunch, we begin our final descent into the famous Partnachklamm (Partnach River Gorge) which leads directly to Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Tonight we celebrate our hiking tour around the entire Zugspitze massif. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 600/2150 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 9 – 16

Price: \$4,425 (single +\$400)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

June – September

Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

June – September

Price: \$2,025 (single +\$280)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights 8 days
- 7 nights charming inns and local boutique hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Munich, Germany



\*All ground transportation beginning and ending in Garmisch-Partenkirchen included during guided tour. Luggage transfers daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# SICILY

## THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS

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Seven islands with over 5000 years of history await you.

From across the aquamarine waves, their call can be heard for thousands of leagues. Ulysses surely wasn't the first to hear their sound as he crossed the Adriatic, Aegean, and Tyrrhenian seas on his Odyssey, but he definitely was a notable visitor – the Aeolian Islands, home of the Sirens.

Tour highlights begin with your stay in Taormina, idyllically perched on a rocky promontory high above the sea followed by your visit to the small

volcanic island of Vulcano in the southernmost of the Aeolian Islands. Volcanos are the reason why people first came to the region, and the soil that resulted from their eruption is the reason why everything that grows here has that special, magic quality. Your visit to a live volcano on the tiny island of Stromboli will be as memorable as the friendly people and outstanding cuisine.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 8 miles with ascents up to 2,000 feet.

*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

"A+++ for the guides!

My group had used RW three times before and always had an excellent experience."

– Sally G.



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: TAORMINA

Begin your trip in the Sicilian city of Catania/Taormina. Catania is the airport and Taormina is the charming town not far away where Greek ruins, Roman walls, bridges and roads, and Norman buildings speak of the great history of this land. Settle into a truly superior and excellently appointed hotel in a perfect location in Taormina.

### DAY 2: TAORMINA

Our trip focuses heavily on minimally developed volcanic islands, so we spend today getting to understand Sicilian culture and history on the flanks of Mount Etna. We have secured a well-renowned cultural and social historian to escort us on a half day excursion around greater Taormina. At days end we will return to our Taormina hotel. **Distance:** up to 5 miles. **Elevation gain/loss:** 600 ft.

### DAY 3: TAORMINA TO VULCANO

This morning we take a van to Milazzo then ferry to the island of Vulcano. Enjoy a day hike before settling in to our comfortable inn near the Ponente Bay. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Elevation gain:** 700 ft.

### DAY 4: VULCANO TO LIPARI

Transfer by ferry to Lipari where we enjoy a hike to Santa Margherita, the Gran Crater summit and down to Quattropani. Overnight in Lipari. **Distance:** 6 miles. **Elevation gain/loss:** up to 900 ft.

### DAY 5: LIPARI TO SALINA

Today we hop on a ferry or hydrofoil and travel to the island of Salina, the most fertile and green of all the Aeolian Islands. Despite being arguably the most beautiful of all of the Aeolian Islands, it has almost entirely escaped the waves of movie stars and VIP tourism that have plagued some of the others, leaving the land rural and perfectly pastoral – great for us! After bagging the peak of the resident volcano, we retire for the evening at an excellent hotel with a classic Aeolian exterior and colorful and modern interior. **Distance:** up to 8 miles. **Elevation gain/loss:** up to 1200 ft.

### DAY 6: SALINA TO PANAREA

Off we go by ferry to the fashionable Panarea. Hike Punta del Corvo, one of the grandest treks in all the islands. We are in an elegant three star hotel tonight with beautiful whitewashed walls and deep blue architectural accents. **Distance:** up to 9 miles. **Elevation gain/loss:** up to 1200 ft.

### DAY 7: PANAREA TO STROMBOLI

Explore this magical island during the day and hike the active volcano of Stromboli at midnight to observe the magnificent eruption. **Distance:** up to 7 miles. **Elevation gain/loss:** up to 1000 ft.

### DAY 8: DEPART

Independently transfer via ferry from Stromboli to Milazzo Port. Take a taxi or bus to your gateway.

## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

May 18 – 25

Price: \$3,980 (single +\$560)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

May – October

Price: \$5,570† (single +\$655)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

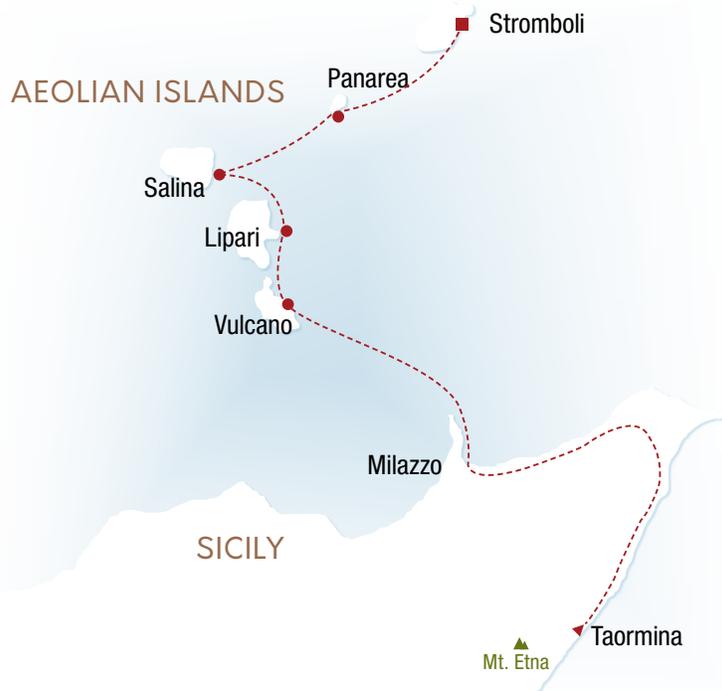
### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

May – October

Price: \$2,625 (single +\$355)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights excellently appointed hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily on guided tours. Breakfast only on self guided tours.
- Gateway: Catania or Palermo



\*All ground and ferry transports are included during tour. Luggage transfers from/to port/hotel.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## NORTH AMERICA

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH LIFE

## ASPEN TO TELLURIDE

Enjoy snow capped peaks, alpine meadows, tumbling waterfalls and golden aspen trees.

**S**now capped peaks, expansive alpine meadows, tumbling waterfalls, golden aspen trees and charming hotels beckon you to explore the Maroon Bells, Elk Range and San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado.

The Rocky Mountain High Life trek starts in the cosmopolitan town of Aspen and continues across the Maroon Bells to Gothic, Crested Butte and into Ouray, home to a variety of world-famous hot spring pools and backdrop of gorgeous scenery that earned Ouray the title, "The Little

Switzerland of America." Our trek ends in Telluride, one of the most beautiful towns in the Rocky Mountains and home to Ryder Walker Alpine Adventures.

Along this trek, enjoy endless views across the Continental Divide as you ascend Independence Pass (elevation 12,096 feet). Hike beneath the imposing, snow-capped faces of Mount Sneffels and Mendota, and enjoy views of the iconic 14ers Mt. Wilson, El Diente and Wilson Peak.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 3,265 feet.  
(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



“What did we love about our trip?  
Everything!”  
– Erika B.



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ASPEN

Arrive in Aspen and overnight in an upscale hotel in the center of this bustling former mining town. Meet the group and your guides for a welcome drink and dinner.

### DAY 2: ASPEN, CATHEDRAL LAKE, WOODY CREEK, AND INDEPENDENCE PASS

Today your guides will choose an appropriate itinerary to meet the group needs and interests. Aspen has an endless array of options from gentle to very challenging hikes. *Distance: variable. Elevation gain/loss: variable.*

### DAY 3: ASPEN TO CRESTED BUTTE

Transfer to the trailhead and hike above tree line into a pristine, high alpine environment. On your way to Gothic, a small town outside of Crested Butte, historians will enjoy a myriad of examples of 19th and 20th century mining architecture. *Distance: 10.2 miles. Elevation gain: 3265 ft.*

### DAY 4: RED LADY SUMMIT

Hike through forest of spruce and fir before getting to the summit of Red Lady, or Mt. Emmons, where views back towards Crested Butte, the town and peak, are simply breathtaking. *Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2914 ft.*

### DAY 5: CRESTED BUTTE TO OURAY (VIA LOU PASS)

After transferring to the trailhead above Blue Mesa/Curecanti Reservoirs, approach a seldom hiked weakness in the Cimarron Range, Lou Pass and the summit of Lou Creek. Descend to a van near Ridgway and shuttle to Ouray. *Distance: up to 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2300/3300 ft.*

### DAY 6: OURAY TO TELLURIDE

Hike on the Mendota trail beneath the imposing, snow-capped faces of Mt. Sneffels and Mendota before reaching Telluride, one of the most beautiful towns in the Rocky Mountains. Overnight in another outstanding hotel located in the heart of Telluride’s historic district. *Distance: variable. Elevation gain/loss: 2900/3300 ft.*

### DAY 7: TELLURIDE

The last day of the trek will be spent on a loop-hike in the Telluride area. Best in the region may be Blackface, which offers endless above timberline hiking next to the famous Lizard Head and beneath the most iconic peaks of the area, Mount Wilson, Wilson Peak and El Diente. *Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3200/3000 ft.*

### DAY 8: DEPART

## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 15 – 22

Price: \$4,725 (single +\$640)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – September

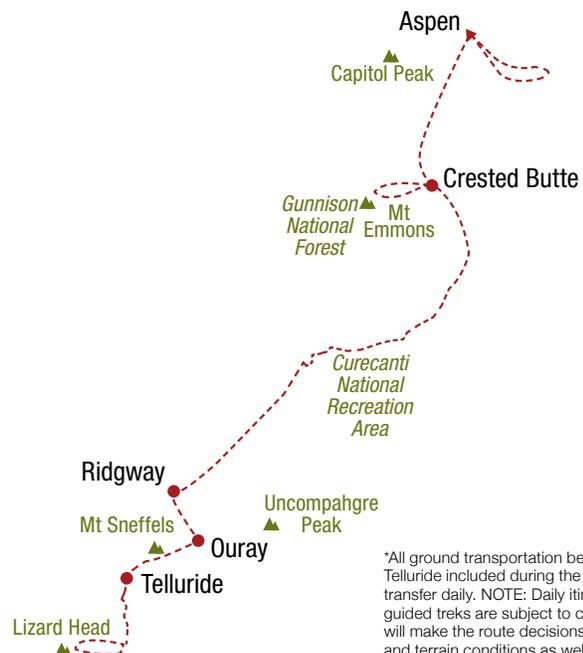
Price: \$5,895† (single +\$930)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights charming western bed and breakfasts and four star hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Aspen inbound. Montrose or Grand Junction outbound.



\*All ground transportation between Aspen and Telluride included during the tour. Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make the route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers’ abilities.



NORTH AMERICA

# NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

## BAY OF FUNDY

Explore the undeveloped coastline on the eastern seaboard.

Enjoy the hidden treasures of Canada. New Brunswick is most known for the spectacular Bay of Fundy, where the world's largest tidal changes occur. Indulge in freshly caught seafood and stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean while traveling through small fishing villages.

Start in Saint John, a hip city on the coast where you will first become

acquainted with the drastic tides. Hike along the coast on the famous Fundy Footpath. Experience private beaches and breathtaking ocean vistas.

Take a ferry to the fishing island of Grand Manan and sea kayak to secret coves while keeping an eye out for rare birds and marine life. We will finish with a whale watching excursion and a final hike along the rugged coast.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate terrain, hiking up to 8 miles with ascents up to 900 feet.

(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



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## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“Join me as we explore the most remote section of coastline along the eastern seaboard of North America.”

– Rogan O'H.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SAINT JOHN

Travel independently to Saint John. Meet your guide for drinks and dinner in our lovely four star hotel.

### DAY 2: SAINT JOHN TO ST. MARTINS

Today we transfer to the quaint village of St. Martins and enjoy an afternoon walk along the beach. If the tide is right we will head out on a sunset kayaking exploration of the beautiful, secluded Sea Caves.

### DAY 3: BIG SALMON RIVER TO CRADLE BROOK

Enjoy a spectacular hike up the first part of the Fundy Footpath. Well-deserved beautiful coastal views abound from all angles as steep ascents and descents make the Footpath challenging. The trail crew has built cabled stairs to make the steepest sections easier. Untouched and unfrequented beaches make for perfect rest breaks and picnic spots.

### DAY 4: CRADLE BROOK TO MARTIN HEAD

In the morning, we transfer back to Cradle Brook to continue the next section. More coastal vistas abound along the longest stretch of wilderness coastline on the Eastern Seaboard. We'll return to our charming country inn with time to relax or visit the Quaco Head Lighthouse.

### DAY 5: MARTIN HEAD TO ROSE BROOK

Today is our last day on the Fundy Footpath. We begin at Martin Head and will finish at Rose Brook. For this section, we must really be mindful of the tidal changes, as some parts of the trail are only accessible at low tide. Tonight we'll dine on delicious Atlantic salmon at our beach barbecue.

### DAY 6: GRAND MANAN

Today we transfer back via Saint John and by ferry to the small island of Grand Manan. We'll spend the afternoon exploring North Head. In the evening we will head to the water for a sunset sea kayak exploration of the beautiful, secluded coves, where it's not unusual to spot whales. Harbor porpoises and seals are famous for following kayak's around.

### DAY 7: SEAL COVE TO PAT'S COVE

We begin today with a wonderful whale watching excursion followed by breathtaking scenery on the coastal hike from Seal Cove to Pat's Cove via Flocks of Sheep. Along the hike, reclaimed lobster traps serve as benches that overlook the ocean and remote beaches.

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 17 – August 24

Price: \$5,045 (single +\$580)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid May – Mid October

Call for pricing.

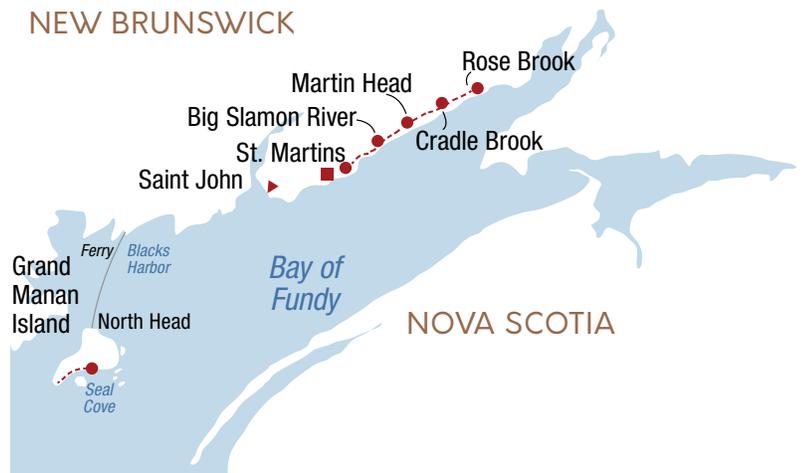
### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights first class hotels and charming country inns.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.  
Lunch daily except for day 4.
- Gateway: Saint John



## NEW BRUNSWICK



\*Luggage transfer all nights.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# VIA LADINIA ITALIAN DOLOMITES

Explore the two quietest, most remote sections of the Dolomites.

The Pusteria Valley on the Italian/Austrian border is where the Alps morph into the Dolomites. The northern flank of the valley is pastoral with undefined walls of limestone and gentler summits. The southern flank is where the Dolomites find their personality and skyrocket above you as compact and jagged summits of seemingly impossible verticality.

The magnificence of this hiking itinerary lies in its ability to navigate these

seemingly impenetrable peaks. The route sneaks its way through heavenly lush meadows and links fascinating and remote hamlets, hotels and one superbly appointed rifugio. Options abound for more adventuresome outings in the higher hills and the more rugged ridges of this forgotten section of the Dolomites, often piercing the astonishing relics of World War 1's Fronte Italiano.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 4,150 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“We were extremely impressed with the Ryder Walker adventure which exceeded our high expectations. Everything went well and we were singing your praises throughout the trip. Your planning of our itinerary was excellent, and we greatly appreciated all you did for us. Each hike every day was unique and different, which we enjoyed.” – Michelle M.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SAN CANDIDO

Transfer independently to San Candido. This is an easy transfer on the train line through the Val Pusteria (from the main Munich/Milan line through Fortezza). Meet your guides and group for welcome drinks and dinner.

### DAY 2: SAN CANDIDO TO SAN VIGILIO

After a quick van transfer to the Lago di Braies, (to many the most beautiful lake in the Dolomites) hike over the Kreuzjoch, with lunch in the agriturismo Ucia de Fejedora, which is outstanding. Hike to San Vigilio, or Al Plan in the Ladin language. Check into our wonderful hotel in this quaint hamlet. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3000 ft.**

### DAY 3: SAN VIGILIO TO RIFUGIO FANES

Today's hike from San Vigilio to the Alp Fanes is primarily a significant but dramatic ascent to Passo de San Antone. Much of the hike is in the Fanes wilderness preserve, along quiet trails through unspoiled forest, hiking over the Ju de St. Antoine. Overnight in the Rifugio Fanes (some private rooms, great kitchen, even has wifi). **Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4150/1390 ft.**

### DAY 4: RIFUGIO FANES TO ALTA BADIA, SAN CASSIANO

Today we access the isolated Ciasa Salares in the Valparola above the romantic hamlet of San Cassiano. The Ciasa Salares is a superior four-star hotel with a fantastic kitchen and spa facilities set above endless meadows. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800/3550 ft.**

### DAY 5: ALTA BADIA

Today we will hike from Abtei back to Armentarola. We will ride the ski lift from a village called Pedraces and enjoy a fun filled hiking day through the famous pastures of the upper Badia Valley. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1000/1400 ft.**

### DAY 6: ALTA BADIA, SAN CASSIANO TO LIVINALLONGO

Today's hike climbs up over the historic Col di Lana (or blood mountain) and down into the Livinallongo valley, the heart of the Ladin culture. This exceptional day takes in the summit of a mountain fought over during World War I. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1400/2800 ft.**

### DAY 7: LIVINALLONGO TO ALLEGHE

Hiking through traditional farming villages with suburb views, again we offer two levels of challenge to reach or van up at the end of the hikes and transfer to Alleghe, on the shores of its charming lake. Finish in a superior lakeside hotel in this time-forgotten valley. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000/1500 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

September 7 – 14  
Price: \$4,590 (single +\$580)  
*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

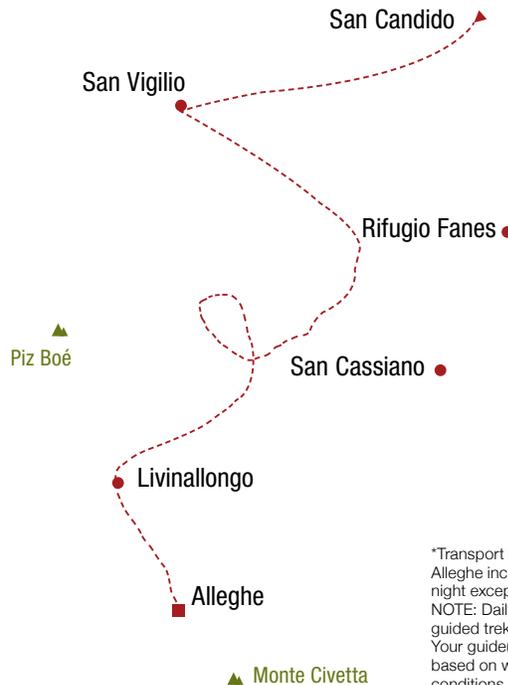
Mid June – Mid September  
Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)  
*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Mid June – Mid September  
Price: \$2,590 (single +\$360)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights excellent hotels and 1 night well-appointed rifugio with some private rooms.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Munich, Venice, Milan



\*Transport between San Candido and Alleghe included. Luggage transfer all night except at mountain hut.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# DOLOMITI DI BRENTA MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO & MOLVENO

The Brenta Dolomites, Italy's westernmost major incursion of Dolomite limestone.

A true hidden gem in the Alps, the Dolomiti di Brenta is bordered by the Swiss Alps to the west and the Austrian Alps to the north. Unlike the bulk of the Dolomites to the east, where Austro-Hungarian history mixes with Ladin and Italian, the Dolomiti di Brenta enjoy a purely Italian culture and flavor.

Beginning in the elegant and fashionable alpine village of Madonna di Campiglio, surrounded by the Adamello Brenta Nature Park, you'll spend six days exploring high alpine lakes, steep limestone peaks and quiet larch

forests, as well as striking out into the very heart of the Brenta Gruppo with its strategically placed and well-appointed huts.

Highlights of the tour include a night in a spectacularly situated hut in the very heart of the range, a ridgeline ramble with views of the Trento Valley to the east, the Brenta Gruppo to the west and the spectacular Lago di Garda to south, and the lovely lakeside village of Molveno, perched right on the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in the Alps.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate terrain, hiking up to 8 miles with ascents up to 4,300 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“This was our 10th trek with RW. RW is like ‘family.’ We rarely even consider other companies, although we do read their brochures! I loved the varied terrain of the hikes... What a stellar trip!!”

– Richard and Sally L.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

Travel independently by rail to Trento. Ryder Walker will provide one afternoon taxi shuttle to Madonna di Campiglio, which is about a two hour ride. Meet your guide and group for cocktails and dinner.

### DAY 2: MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

Today we enjoy a moderate trip high above Madonna di Campiglio where we view the picturesque landscape, including five gorgeous alpine lakes and the Adamello Group, a lovely collection of limestone needles. We take in the final views of the Brenta Massif before returning back to our hotel in Madonna di Campiglio. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500 ft.**

### DAY 3: MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO TO RIFUGIO TOSA PEDROTTI

Today's trek takes us deeper into the heart of the Brenta Group and offers spectacular and stark views of the Brenta as we meander through the idyllic and enchanting landscape. Nosh along the way at quaint and delightful mountain huts. Ramble on through the beauty of this high alpine region as we make our way to the authentic, family run Rifugio Tosa Pedrotti, which offers some of the most spectacular views of the Dolomites. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain: 3300 ft.**

### DAY 4: RIFUGIO TOSA PEDROTTI TO MOLVENO

We begin today with a walk out to an impressive viewpoint where we revel in all the splendor that surrounds us, including the fantastic systems of via ferrata. This is the perfect spot to enjoy a tea or cappuccino. Descending towards Molveno we will traverse to the Rifugio Croz dell'Altissimo and then on to Rifugio Pradel. Here there is a choice to either ride a lift to town or continue walking another hour to our wonderful four star hotel located in the heart of Molveno. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: negligible/3000 ft.**

### DAY 5: MOLVENO

Today's hike offers beautiful views of the Trento/Alto Adige valley on one side and amazing views of the Brenta and northern Lago di Garda area on the other side. Lunch is at a restaurant with magnificent views of the Brenta range. Walk back along a lakefront trail to our hotel in Molveno. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 630/4300 ft.**

### DAY 6: MOLVENO TO MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

Today we will follow trail number 301 as we route you from the lake shores of Molveno through Andalo and back to Madonna di Campiglio. Today includes a bit of uphill from Andalo to Malga Spora. After lunch, we enjoy a final push over the Passo Groste and then head back to the familiar setting of our Madonna di Campiglio hotel. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain: 4300 ft.**

### DAY 7: MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

Today's hike is a fitting way to end our journey through the Brenta Dolomites. Wildflowers, waterfalls and an amazing lunch spot await us on this tour from Monte Spinale into the Vallesinella and back up to Madonna di Campiglio and our five star hotel. **Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 500/2956 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 28 – September 4  
Price: \$4,430 (single +\$830)

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June – Mid September  
Call for pricing.

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Mid June – Mid September  
Price: \$2,390 (single +\$750)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights first class hotels and charming county inns plus 1 night comfortable rifugio.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateways: Verona, Venice, Milan



\*All ground transportation beginning in Madonna di Campiglio included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except at mountain hut. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hiker's abilities.



## EUROPE

# PAYS BASQUE AND THE FRENCH PYRÉNÉES

Surrender to the bewitching mountains of southern France.

**R**ugged, deep, and rivaling the Alps in grandeur and terrain, the Pyrenean mountain ranges will beguile you with their wild, wind-swept summits, steep trails and lush valleys.

Beginning in Saint Jean de Luz, France, famous for its striking position along the Atlantic coast, wander inland through the Pyrénées-Atlantiques, a pastoral landscape of rolling hills. Visit authentic Basque

villages like Sare, Ainhoa and St. Étienne de Baïgorry, the latter known for its verdant surroundings, colorful festivals, and Romanesque architecture. Enjoy the medieval atmosphere of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, (a walled city), but not before you train your eyes on the summits of the Haute Pyrénées, the high mountains that share the border between France and Spain.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 3,600 feet.  
(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“Outstanding! Great experience with your team from start of the planning process to finish of the trek.” – *Michael R.*

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ

Transfer independently to the seaside resort of Saint-Jean-de-Luz. Check into your hotel then hit the beach on the Atlantic Coast. Meet your group and guide(s) at 7 pm for drinks and dinner.

### DAY 2: SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ TO AINHOA

Ride “le petit train,” a tiny cog rail train, to a secret stop midway to the top of the La Rhune summit. Descend from La Rhune and follow unpaved rural roads through charming Basque hamlets. We arrive in the magical village of Ainhoa, famous for its whitewashed cottages that are unique to the Basque region. *Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: negligible/1580 ft.*

### DAY 3: AINHOA TO ST. ÉTIENNE DE BAÏGORRY

Today enter the Bas Navarre, a collection of beautiful green valleys in the foothills of the Pyrénées. Hike to the village of St. Étienne de Baïgorry where the river Nive des Aldudes flows beneath the Pont Romain, a Romanesque bridge built in 1661. *Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1740/1800 ft.*

### DAY 4: ÉTIENNE DE BAÏGORRY TO SAINT-JEAN-PIED-DE-PORT

We connect farm roads, fields, passes and gentle summits as we hike along a one thousand year-old pilgrimage route to the fascinating walled Basque village of St. Jacques de Compostelle. Here we delight in the medieval atmosphere of our highly acclaimed restaurant. *Distance: 11.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000 ft.*

### DAY 5: SAINT-JEAN-PIED-DE-PORT TO CAUTERETS

This day marks our entry into the Haute Pyrénées, the highest peaks of southern France and northern Spain. Transfer by van to the ancient spa town of Cauterets. Enjoy an afternoon hike above town before relaxing at the café at our comfortable hotel. *Distance: 5 miles. Elevation loss: 1900 ft.*

### DAY 6: CAUTERETS TO REFUGE DE BAYSELLANCE

We exit the village to the south over the Pont d’Espagne “the Spanish bridge,” lying on the ancient mule route to Spain. Ascend the flanks of the Petit Vignemale to the Refuge de Bayssellance (8,698 feet), our home for the night and the highest refuge in the Pyrénées. *Distance: 7.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3600/500 ft.*

### DAY 7: REFUGE DE BAYSELLANCE TO GAVARNIE

Awake early above tree line then descend quickly into the upper Russeau d’Oulettes following the river to a point where we cross a bridge and wander trails into the mountain hamlet of Gavarnie and our castle-like hotel. *Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 700/4600 ft.*

### DAY 8: CIRQUE DU GAVARNIE

Our last day’s hike takes us up into the spectacular Cirque du Gavarnie, a massive rock amphitheater ringed with multi-teared cascades and designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1997. Given agreeable weather, we have a chance to hike up to the base of the Grand Cascade. Following the short loop finish we wander back to Gavarnie for a final night and dinner at a favorite local restaurant. *Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1300 ft.*

### DAY 9: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 27 – September 4  
Price: \$5,315 (single +\$630)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

June – September  
Call for pricing.

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 8 nights, 9 days
- 7 nights country inns and luxury hotels plus one night in simple mountain hut.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateways: Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pau



\*All ground transportation beginning in Saint-Jean-de-Luz included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except at mountain hut. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers’ abilities.



SOUTH AMERICA

# PATAGONIA

## THE LAKES DISTRICT

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Visit Argentina & Chile: Lush, ancient forests, brilliant blue lakes & volcanoes.

This diverse land covers some 400,000 square miles. In geographical terms Argentine Patagonia is roughly the size of Texas, blessed with vast steppe grasslands, a rugged and beautiful Atlantic coastline, endless foothills and forests of indigenous trees, lakes and rivers of seemingly infinite colors of blue, and the massive volcanoes and peaks of the mighty Andean Cordillera. Chilean Patagonia by contrast is quite different. It is a land of verdant green foliage and

fauna, labyrinthian fjords and stoic volcanoes rising from the lowlands.

As vast as Patagonia is, we begin our tour discovering the mountain trails, refugios and lakes of what is known as the "Lakes District" and the towns tucked in along the infamous Ruta 40 before venturing over the frontier into Chile, where we explore towering volcanoes and the strikingly blue lakes of Lago Llanquihue and Todos Los Santos.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderately challenging, hiking up to 10.5 miles with ascents up to 3,700 feet. Hikers should be in good condition. *(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: BARILOCHE

Arrive to Bariloche, the gateway to the Northern Patagonian Lakes District. Meet the group for welcome drinks and dinner at 7 pm.

## DAY 2: BARILOCHE TO EL BOLSÓN

Transfer by van 1.5-2 hours south to the laid back village of El Bolsón. We will hike up the Rio Azul en route to the Cajon del Azul, or Blue Canyon, encountering amazingly clear blue water, multiple bridge crossings and quaint blue refugios! Tonight we will enjoy a traditional Argentine "asado" barbeque. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.**

## DAY 3: EL BOLSÓN

Today we will drive just south of Bolsón and up to the trailhead to Cerro Piltriquitron, or Piltri, as the locals call it. After a quick break at the refugio, we continue our ascent to the upper slopes of Piltri to the summit for amazing 360-degree views of the Patagonian Andes. **Distance: 6.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3700 ft.**

## DAY 4: EL BOLSÓN TO LLAO LLAO

Transfer to Llao Llao peninsula and our trailhead for Cerro Lopez. We will climb through the forest to Roca Negra, or Black Rock, a small hut before we climb up to Refugio Lopez with unmatched views of the Llao Llao peninsula and Lago Nahuel Huapi. Tonight we will stay at a lovely hotel in Llao Llao. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2400 ft.**

## DAY 5: LLAO LLAO

Today starts with a lift and short climb to Punto Paradiso. A long traverse follows with spectacular views to the Rucoca Valley and the glaciated mighty Monte Tronador in the distance. From the Cancha de Futbol we drop down through a lush forest to Laguna Schmoll and on to Refugio Frey sitting on the eastern shores of Laguna Toncek. Van to Llao Llao. **Distance: 10.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 640/3800 ft.**

## DAY 6: LLAO LLAO TO TERMAS DE PUYEHUE

Transfer by boat to Lago Nahuel Huapi at the southern tip of the Quetrihue Peninsula and Los Arrayanes National Park. Today's casual stroll rambles through the forest finishing at the northern end of the peninsula. Enjoy views of Cordillera de los Andes and Bahia Brava. We end with a 2-hour drive across the frontier into Chile and our tranquil hotel in Puyehue. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 250/400 ft.**

## DAY 7: TERMAS DE PUYEHUE

A short drive to Antillanca is followed by an ascent up Volcan Casablanca. From the summit of Casablanca enjoy fantastic views of the lush Chilean tierra and the volcanoes of Osorno and Puntiagudo. An optional afternoon hike is available. **Distance: 4.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2300 ft.**

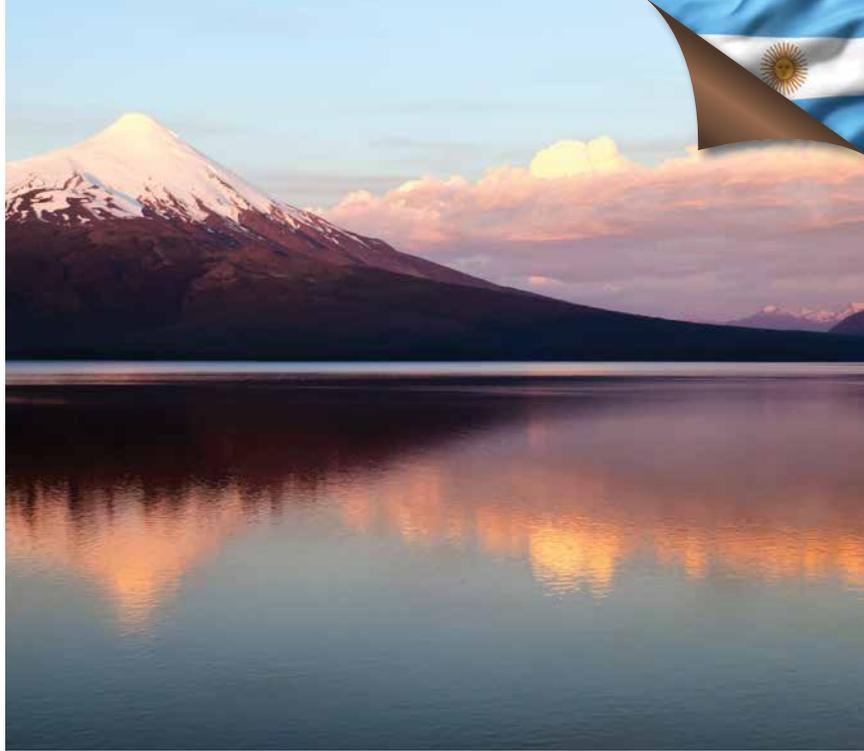
## DAY 8: PUERTO VARAS

Today we drive south to Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. Our hike follows the Paso Desolacion trail and then the Rincon trail through a beautiful, lush woods until it eventually drops back down to the shoreline and Petrohue. Van back to Puerto Varas. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 900 ft.**

## DAY 9: PUERTO VARAS

Our final day will be your guide's choice. Possibilities include a lakes circuit in Los Alerces National Park, an ascent of Volcan Calbuco or a hike up to the toe of the glacier on Volcan Osorno.

## DAY 10: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

March 4 – 13

Price: \$6,240 (single +\$805)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late December – Mid March

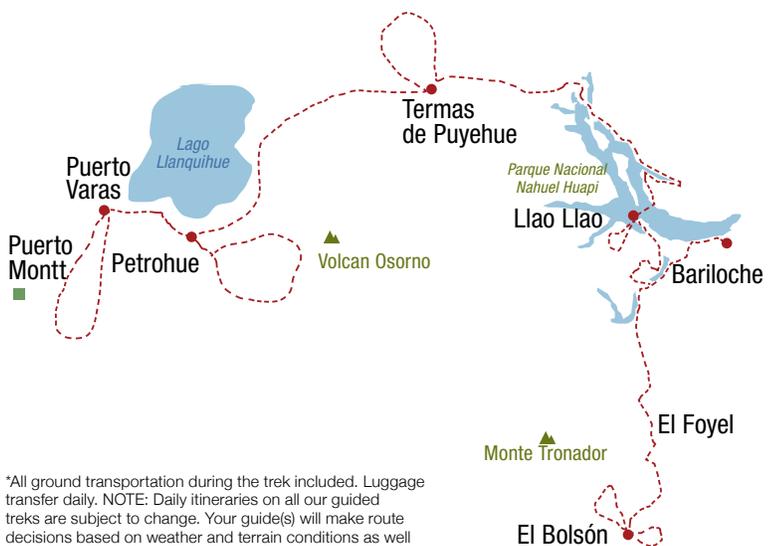
Price: \$9,565† (single +\$845)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 9 nights, 10 days
- 9 nights in charming inns and superior four star hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateways: Bariloche, Argentina inbound. Puerto Montt, Chile outbound.



\*All ground transportation during the trek included. Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## SOUTH AMERICA

# PERU

## THE SALKANTAY TREK TO MACHU PICCHU

Discover the mysterious origins of the royal Inca.

Come explore this unique ancient history in the Land of the Incas. Our 10-day Peruvian adventure begins in the beautiful and bustling city of Cusco, which is perfectly tucked into the hillsides at an elevation of 11,200 feet and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983.

Our lodge to lodge trekking experience will take you on an historic

section of Inca trail through 15 different eco-systems, while you traverse a mountain pass over 15,000 feet, explore villages where locals still maintain age-old traditions and re-discover the mystical beauty of Machu Picchu, the crown jewel of the Inca Empire. Each day's trek ends at a deluxe lodge followed by a gourmet meal with select wines.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderately challenging, hiking up to 9 miles with ascents up to 2,500 feet. Hikers should be in good condition – this trek reaches altitudes up to 15,213 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

"The Salkantay adventure goes beyond deluxe lodges and is a great trek... it is a unique opportunity to experience the variety of flora and fauna."

— Mountain Lodges of Peru

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: CUSCO

Arrive in Cusco, the once capital of the Inca Empire. Meet the group for welcome drinks and dinner at 7 pm.

### DAY 2: CUSCO WALKING TOUR

Today's walking tour of the city includes the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, the Cathedral Basilica and the historic Plaza de Armas. In the afternoon relax at the hotel or wander around the city exploring its many nooks and crannies.

### DAY 3: CUSCO TO SORAYPAMPA

Our first stop will be a visit to the Inca ruins at Quillarumiyok, then stop for lunch at the mountain town of Mollepata, before ascending a winding mountain road to Challacancha. Here we begin our hike to Soraypampa along a picturesque path called the "Camino Real" (Royal Path). Our lodge for tonight sits under the glacial peak of Mt. Salkantay, among the most sacred in Inca mythology and the highest in the region (20,600 ft). *Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain: 800 ft.*

### DAY 4: HUMANTAY LAKE

Today we continue our slow and steady acclimation with a half-day hike up to Lake Humantay and its amazingly turquoise blue waters. Relax at the lake, at an elevation of 13,845 ft and wonder at the Humantay glacier looming above. You will have the afternoon to yourselves. *Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1150 ft.*

### DAY 5: CROSSING THE SALKANTAY PASS

We embark on our longest and most strenuous, but arguably the most magical, day of the trek. Our hike begins up the Rio Blanco valley, circling Humantay Peak where we encounter expansive plateaus dotted with boulders of varying sizes. The final and most challenging part of today's ascent is conquering the mountain switchbacks that take us to the Salkantay Pass, the highest point on the trek (15,213 ft). What follows is a dramatic descent through fields of giant boulders, often shrouded in fog. We stay at the remote Wayra Lodge at Wayracmachay. *Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500/2400 ft.*

### DAY 6: WAYRA LODGE TO COLPA LODGE

We descend along the banks of the Salkantay River into the lower elevations of the cloud forest and the warmer air of the jungle below en route to the Colpa Lodge located on a promontory above the confluence of three rivers. We access the lodge by an amazing zipline across the canyon. *Distance: 6 miles. Elevation loss: 3400 ft.*

### DAY 7: COLPA LODGE TO LUCMA LODGE

Today's hike winds us down through the Santa Teresa River valley. We cross waterfall fed streams and fruit orchards. A van takes us to the start of the Llactapata Inca Trail that will lead us shortly to the Lucma Lodge (elevation 7000 ft.). *Distance: 9 miles. Elevation loss: 2400 ft.*

### DAY 8: LLACTAPATA PASS TO AGUAS CALIENTES

Today we leave the last of our lodges and hike for several hours under the jungle canopy, treading on original Inca steps to the ruins at the Llactapata Pass (elevation 8975 ft). From the Llactapata Pass you will get your first glimpse of the "back" side of Machu Picchu. After we explore the ruins at the pass our hike ends with a steep descent through bamboo forest. Enjoy a one-hour train ride to the village of Aguas Calientes. *Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1900/3100 ft.*



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

April 15 – 25

Price: \$6,220 (single +\$2040\*\*)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late December – Mid March

Call for pricing.

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 10 nights, 11 days
- 5 nights in superior lodges and 5 nights in four and five star hotels.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Cusco via Lima



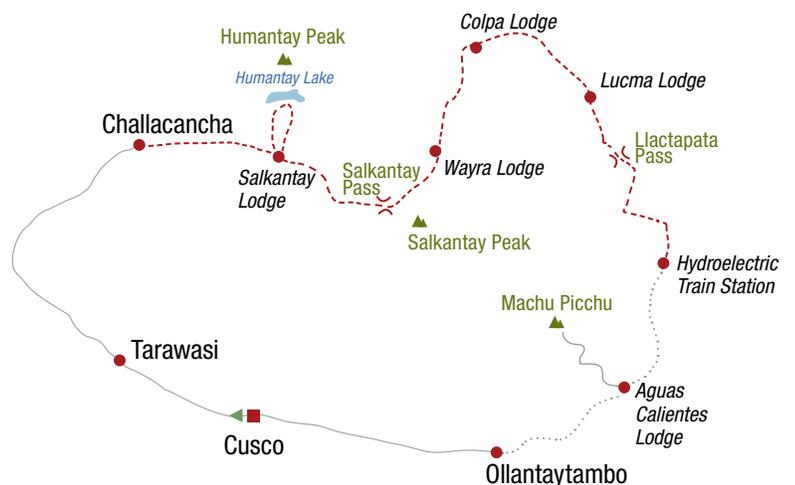
### DAY 9: MACHU PICCHU

At dawn we begin our journey to the sanctuary of Machu Picchu, where we enjoy a 2-3 hour guided tour of the grounds plus a Huayna Picchu hike. Prepare to be awed by the supremely skilled architecture of the Temple of the Sun, the Watchtower and the many beautiful royal Inca residences. This afternoon we transfer by train to our hotel in Ollantaytambo.

### DAY 10: OLLANTAYTAMBO RUINS

We enjoy a morning tour of the Ollantaytambo Ruins, gateway to the Antisuyo (the Amazon corner of the Inca Empire) and located at the northern end of the Sacred Valley. From there we stop at the Chinchero Archeological site before transferring to Cusco and our final night.

### DAY 11: DEPART



\*All ground transportation during the trek included. Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities. \*\*There is the option for a single traveler to share a room with another single traveler for an additional \$1300 versus your own room for an additional \$2000.



## AFRICA

# MOROCCO

## ATLAS MOUNTAINS TREK

Climb the highest mountain in North Africa.

In Morocco, the Atlas Mountains rise against wide desert plateaus and pastel medieval buildings of Marrakesh. As you walk across the busy markets bustling with wild sounds, colors, and smells, through small mountain hamlets seemingly carved into the peaks, you can feel the antiquity of the land beneath your feet.

The Atlas Mountains Trek begins in the walled imperial city of Marrakesh,

founded in the eleventh century. Next, you're off to the mountain hamlet of Imlil, and then on to ascend Ibel Toubkal (13,671 feet), the highest mountain in North Africa. Afterwards, you travel to Essaouira for a night of pure bliss watching the sunset over the Atlantic and the western shores of Africa before traveling back to Marrakesh for a final night of festivity.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 4,000 feet.

*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“We have done a half dozen trips with Ryder Walker and this was our favorite.”

– Kirk V.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: MARRAKESH

A Ryder Walker representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Meet your guides and group for a brief orientation and dinner. Overnight in a five-star luxury hotel in Marrakesh.

### DAY 2: MARRAKESH TO IMLIL

Transfer to the picturesque village of Imlil. Enjoy an easy acclimatization hike before returning for dinner and another night in five star accommodations. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1800 ft.**

### DAY 3: IMLIL

We will be hiking for most of the day up to the Adrar Tamalroute, an 8,900 foot summit before returning to our wonderful hotel in Imlil. **Distance: up to 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3300 ft.**

### DAY 4: IMLIL TO REFUGE AZIB TAMSOULT

Today you will hike through a gorgeous mountain pass close to the summit of Tasserimoute. When you arrive for lunch, the porters and mules, as well as a local cook, will already be there with an elaborate spread of local produce served up and ready for your enjoyment. Continue on for a night at the Refuge Azib Tamsoult. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain: 2700 ft.**

### DAY 5: REFUGE AZIB TAMSOULT TO REFUGE LES MOUFLONS

Your journey continues through the mountains until you arrive at the Refuge Les Mouflons, named after the bighorn sheep that are native to the region. Les Mouflons is an elegant refuge on the flanks of Toubkal featuring a beautiful tearoom. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain: 3500 ft.**

### DAY 6: LES MOUFLONS

Ascend Jebel Toubkal (13,671 feet), the highest mountain in North Africa, before retiring for the evening in Les Mouflons. Enjoy a celebration with a special feast. **Distance: 4 miles. Elevation gain: 3300 ft.**

### DAY 7: LES MOUFLONS TO IMLIL

Begin your descent from the high country by following an excellent trail along the Isougouane River. Stop for tea at the Sidi Chamarouch. Continue to Imlil and an elegant celebration and ceremony where we part ways with our porters. **Distance: 5-6 miles. Elevation loss: 5000 ft.**

### DAY 8: IMLIL TO ESSAOUIRA

Transfer by van through the desert to the port city of Essaouira. The atmosphere of Essaouira is truly spellbinding. The breeze along the Atlantic shore is invigorating and the shopping is the best of the trip. We dine in a superb local restaurant. Overnight in a four star hotel.

### DAY 9: ESSAOUIRA TO MARRAKESH

After spending the morning in Essaouira, travel to Marrakesh for dinner and a final night of fine food and entertainment.

### DAY 10: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

October 11 – October 20  
Price: \$4,545 (single +\$390)  
No single rooms in refuges.

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

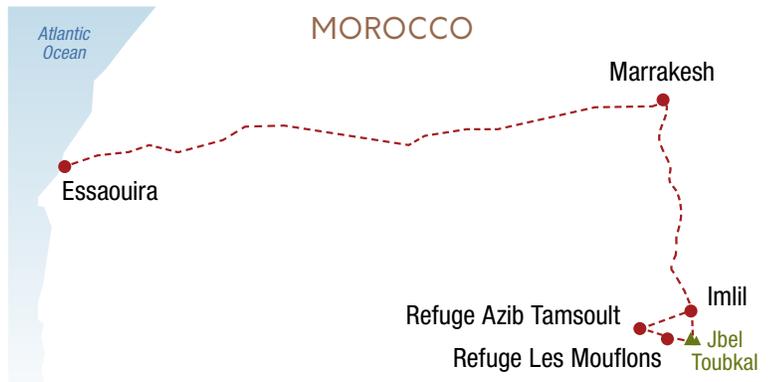
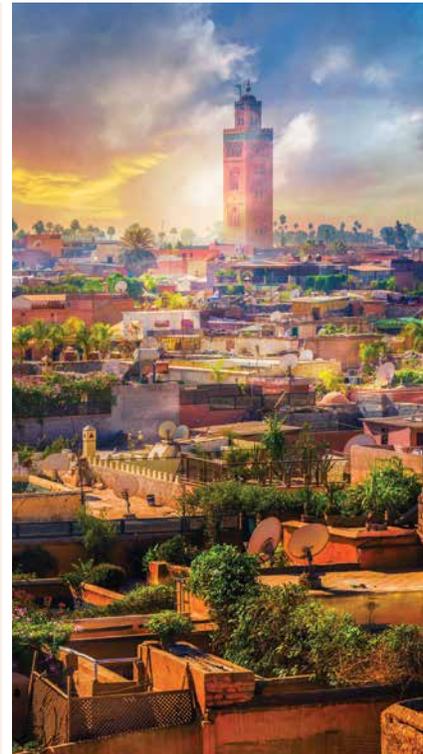
April – May, September – October  
\$4,960† (single +\$960)  
No single rooms in refuges.

†Price based on a group of four.

## NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 9 nights, 10 days
- 6 nights in four and five star riads.
- 3 nights in refuges with excellent facilities (indoor western toilets, hot water and showers)
- All meals included except lunches in Essaouira and the final day in Marrakesh.
- Gateway: Marrakesh



\*Luggage transfer daily.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# SLOVENIA

## JULIAN ALPS TRIGLAV CIRCUIT

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Let the enchantment of Slovenia carry you away.

Enchanting, or perhaps intoxicating, might be the best words to describe the Julian Alps of Slovenia. It most definitely is a mountain land all to its own. Bordering Italy, Austria, Croatia and the Adriatic Sea, this rugged country beckons with dominating mountains, sun-drenched seaboards, alluring villages and a captivating culture. Triglav, Slovenia's tallest peak, reigns supremely and delights hikers with an elevation change of more than 7,000 feet above its surrounding valley floors.

Hike beneath the mighty Triglav. See other notable peaks like the Škrlatica, Slovenia's second highest peak, and the Jalovec, often referred to as, "Slovenia's most beautiful mountain." Bed down in two mountain huts above tree line. The first hut sits on a ridge below the Triglav peak. The second hut lies in the heart of the Triglav National Park. Finish the tour on the shores of Lake Bohinj, famous for its clear waters and intoxicating mountain scenery.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate to challenging hiking up to 9 miles with ascents up to 4,700 feet and average ascents of 2,500 feet. *(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“The written materials were excellent, quite accurate. The maps were very helpful — couldn’t be better! The accommodations were exactly as expected and described. We loved all of them.”

— Kate R.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: KRANJSKA GORA

Travel to Kranjska Gora from Ljubljana. Kranjska Gora is the Julian Alps’ most charming village, exuding a serenity that makes the visitor feel immediately at home. Overnight in a family run, centrally located hotel considered the most comfortable in town.

### DAY 2: KRANJSKA GORA

This part of the Julian Alps is often described as Europe’s Yosemite. Hike out of Kranjska Gora to Pec, a high point on a ridge where the borders of Italy, Austria and Slovenia meet nearby. Return to Kranjska Gora by van or foot. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2100 ft.**

### DAY 3: KRANJSKA GORA TO TRENTA

Climb into the Tamar Valley. Ascend steeply to Sleme, a beautiful summit high above the valley. Transfer to Trenta and a comfortable guest house. Tonight we’ll rest in the heart of the Triglav National Park. **Distance: 7 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000 ft.**

### DAY 4: TRENTA TO ZASAVSKA KOČA

Leave Trenta and ascend the Geology Path and an old World War I military road up the Trebiska Valley to Čez Dol. Leave the timberline and switchback to the top of the ridge not far from the Triglav summit. On the apex of the ridge is our hut, the Zasavska Koča, offering views over the Valley of the Seven Lakes. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain: 4700 ft.**

### DAY 5: ZASAVSKA KOČA TO DOM NA KOMNI

Begin a truly unique day by descending the Valley of the Seven Lakes to the Seven Lakes Hut. From here enjoy an undulating traverse through rocky terrain and, in a gnome-like forest, to the Dom na Komni, our second and final hut of the trek. Upon arrival we catch the first glimpse of Lake Bohinj, one of Slovenia’s most stunning natural features. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 1000/1500 ft.**

### DAY 6: DOM NA KOMNI TO UKANC

Enjoy some of the most spectacular mountain views of the Julian Alps, including the magnificent peaks Vogel and Krn. A short but steep descent through karst topography and sink holes delivers us to a conveniently situated cable car for a ride down to Ukanc on the shores of Lake Bohinj. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000/600 ft.**

### DAY 7: UKANC

The final hike begins with a boat ride across Lake Bohinj to the tiny village of Stara Fužina. Ascend through farm roads and meadows to the Kosijev Dom for lunch with great views of our previous trails, as well as the lake below. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

June 25 – July 2

Price: \$3,370 (single +\$420)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – September

Price: \$4,385† (single +\$460)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Late June – September

Price: \$1,975 (single +\$405)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 5 nights charming hotels and country inns plus 2 nights mountain huts.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Ljubljana



\*All ground transportation included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except at mountain huts.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers’ abilities.



## EUROPE

# TOUR DU MONT BLANC

Circumnavigate the highest mountain in Western Europe.

**M**ont Blanc (15,781 feet) rises more than 12,000 vertical feet above the famous resort village of Chamonix, France. The epitome of everything that is “alpine” in the Alps, this walk around the entire circumference of Western Europe’s tallest peak is incomparable and infinitely special.

Hike across the borders of France, Italy and Switzerland during our ten-

day hiking tour. We lead you from the mountain-chic cafés of Chamonix, to remote mountain hamlets en route to Courmayeur, Italy and we cross into Switzerland before heading back into France on the Grand Balcon Sud, one of the most beautiful hiking trails in all of France. This itinerary is a wonderful reward for the physically fit.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate to challenging hiking up to 13 miles and ascents up to 4,500 feet.

*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

"I didn't have to plan the details (i.e., transportation, hotels). Since planning/managing is what I do for a living, it was great to have someone else cover everything. The trip was seamless."

– Amy H.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: CHAMONIX

Arrive and transfer to Chamonix, France, located at the base of Western Europe's tallest peak, Mont Blanc (15,781 feet).

### DAY 2: CHAMONIX TO LES CONTAMINES

Start with a journey beneath the Bionnassay Glacier on the western flanks of the Mont Blanc massif. Hike past old ruins and settlements, and then over the Col de Tricot while the glaciers glisten and sparkle above. Descend through a splendid forest to Les Contamines. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain: 2000 ft.**

### DAY 3: LES CONTAMINES TO VILLE DES GLACIERS

Ascend past waterfalls on an ancient Roman road to the dramatically situated Refuge de la Croix du Bonhomme. A delightful descent through high alpine meadows offers the opportunity to spy the elusive steinbock. **Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4300/2950 ft.**

### DAY 4: VILLE DES GLACIERS TO COURMAYEUR

The greetings change to Italian today as we cross the border to Italy at the Col de la Seigne. We enjoy staggering views of the glaciated peaks on the Italian side of Mont Blanc. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain: 2400 ft. Option to hike 13 miles with total elevation gain/loss: 3250/2870 ft.**

### DAY 5: COURMAYEUR TO LAVACHEY

Today we are treated to ever-improving views of the Brenva face of Mont Blanc, its most impressive and imposing aspect on our remote, rarely traveled variation. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3300/2100 ft.**

### DAY 6: LAVACHEY TO CHAMPEX

The language changes to French as we ascend the Grand Col Ferret into Switzerland. Stunning views of the Grand Combin make this a spectacular hike. Descend through pristine meadows to the Swiss Val Ferret. Transfer to the idyllic lakeside town, Champex, and our Swiss chalet. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2800/4600 ft.**

### DAY 7: CHAMPEX TO TRIENT

Today's hike takes us from the hotel through the town of Champex and up to one of our favorite lunch spots, the Bovine, a lovely family run farm serving up fantastic food and beverages. Following lunch it is a short climb to the day's highpoint and down to the Col de la Forclaz. From the Forclaz it is a quick descent down into the sleepy hamlet of Trient with its signature Iglesia Rosada, or pink church. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4450 ft. Alternate hike distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain: 2400 ft.**

### DAY 8: TRIENT TO ARGENTIÈRE

Hike out of the tiny hamlet of Trient before climbing back into France on a pleasant variant of the TMB. Overnight at a traditional chalet style hotel in Argentièrre. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500/2700 ft.**

### DAY 9: ARGENTIÈRE TO CHAMONIX

Our hike along the Grand Balcon Sud offers some of the best and most spectacular views of Mont Blanc and the Aiguilles, or rock needles, of Chamonix. **Distance: up to 7 miles. Elevation gain: 2500 ft.**

### DAY 10: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

June 24 – July 3

Price: \$4,955 (single +\$555)

*Minimum of two people required to run tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Mid June – Mid September

Price: \$5,950† (single +\$555)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR\*\*

Mid June – Mid September

Price: \$2,710 (single +\$380)

## DETAILS

- 9 nights, 10 days
- 6 nights of charming country inns and first class hotels plus 3 nights simple inns with shared facilities.
- Breakfast and dinner daily. (Self guided tours – dinners not included in Chamonix.)
- Gateway: Geneva



\*All ground transportation beginning in Chamonix included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except one night. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities. \*\*Some ground transportation included. Breakfast and dinner daily except in Chamonix where it is breakfast only. Luggage transfers daily except one night.



EUROPE

# ENGADINE SUMMIT SERIES

Hike the undiscovered summits of the Swiss Engadine.

Our expert team of Bergführers takes you mountain hopping across the undiscovered peaks of eastern Switzerland. You'll spend six days summiting the many mid-height, unglaciated mountain peaks that the Engadine region is famous for, including the Piz Padella (9,370 feet), offering expansive views across the Rhaetian Alps.

Spend two nights in each village, giving ample time to enjoy an in-depth exploration of the region's history. Visit the towns of Zuoz, Pontresina and Sils Maria. Celebrate the finish of your hike in the tiny hamlet of Soglio, a perfectly preserved Roman village where Italian is the language of choice, and cobblestone roads carry you back in time.

## TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 4,800 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



PHOTO: DOUG OBLETZ

## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

"Dave is an outstanding guide.

He brought our family on beautiful, interesting, and challenging hikes. This was one of the best hiking trips that we have experienced."

—Helen J.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ZUOZ

Travel independently to Zuoz, the first vantage point from which you can see the high, glaciated peaks of the Upper Engadine. Rest in a marvelous, old-world hotel centrally located on Zuoz's main street.

### DAY 2: ZUOZ

Enjoy a warm-up day to one of our favorite high mountain huts above Zuoz. The views of the Palü and Bernina massifs to the southeast are superb. Descend near the old Albula Pass road to La Punt or Chamues-ch for transport back to Zuoz. **Distance: 6 to 12 miles. Elevation gain: 2880 ft.**

### DAY 3: ZUOZ TO PONTRESINA

Transfer to one of the Upper Engadine's greatest attractions, a funicular with arguably the finest vista in the Alps. Traverse to one of the highest hikeable summits in the region. Stop for delicious soup and otherworldly views. Descend to Pontresina and a warm and welcoming inn in a quiet section of the village. **Distance: up to 9 miles. Elevation gain: up to 3414 ft.**

### DAY 4: PONTRESINA

Hike out of Schlarigna, made famous as the finish village of the renowned Cresta Run, perhaps the world's most famous bobsled course. Wander into remote and rarely traveled terrain behind the summits of Las Tres Fluors and beneath the rocky Piz Ot. Descend to Samedan for transport back to Pontresina. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain: 3350 ft.**

### DAY 5: PONTRESINA TO SILS MARIA

Begin with a gentle ascent up one of the Alps' most pristine valleys, a region carved by glaciers over the millennia. We'll hike all the way to the head of the valley where a charismatic hut rests on the edge of a moraine adjacent to a quickly receding glacier. Descend to Sils Maria and another superb old-world hotel. **Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2800/3000 ft.**

### DAY 6: SILS MARIA

There are numerous hikeable summits surrounding Sils Maria, and we will choose among them for today's itinerary. Enjoy views of the wild and spectacular Val Bregaglia to the south, a region characterized by massive granite walls emerging from lush valleys on the Italian border. Return to Sils Maria hotel. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3220/2775 ft.**

### DAY 7: SILS MARIA TO SOGLIO

High above the Val Bregaglia we ascend to a pass above our final destination, Soglio, one of the most charming villages in the world. We descend into Soglio through numerous rustic, but still active, tiny farms and hamlets. Enjoy your last night in Soglio dining on local specialties and watching the alpenglow embrace the granite spires of the Bregaglia. **Distance: 7.25 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1168/2286 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 20 – 27

Price: \$4,510 (single +\$505)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – Mid September

Price: \$4,955† (single +\$585)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Late June – Mid September

Price: \$2,780 (single +\$360)

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights charming country inns and old world hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Zurich



## SWITZERLAND



\*All ground transportation between Zuoz and Soglio included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# HIKER'S HAUTE ROUTE

Walk the “high level path” from Chamonix to Zermatt.

The world famous Haute Route crosses the highest mountain range in Western Europe, the Pennine Alps, and links the Mont Blanc region in France with the rugged Canton Valais in southwestern Switzerland. Starting in the bustling alpine center of Chamonix, France, beneath the mighty massif of Europe's highest summit, Mont Blanc (15,781 feet), the trail crosses eastward into Switzerland and finishes in the famous resort village of Zermatt, set beneath the soaring pyramidal flanks of the Matterhorn.

First walked in 1903 the Haute Route also passes beneath Europe's highest glaciated mountains, Mont Blanc, the Grand Combin, Obergabelhorn, Weisshorn, Dent Blanche, Zinalrothorn, and the Matterhorn, just to name a few. A network of trail systems connects sleepy little villages, with their lush pastures, blackened timber houses and slate roofs, while lonely mountain passes lead to a stunning world of glaciers, aiguilles (rock needles) and sparkling tarns.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderate hiking up to 11 miles with ascents up to 4,800 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## MODERATE TO CHALLENGING HIKING

“This was our 8th trek with RW, so clearly you are doing right by us and the friends we have referred over these past 10 years.”

– Andrew G.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: CHAMONIX

Arrive and transfer to Chamonix, France, located at the base of Mont Blanc (15,781 feet).

### DAY 2: CHAMONIX TO ARGENTIÈRE

Enjoy a gentle introductory hike with spectacular views over the Mont Blanc range. Our hike along the Grand Balcon Sud offers some of the best photo opportunities of Mont Blanc, the Mer de Glace, and the Aiguilles, or rock needles, of the Chamonix Valley. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1000/3500 ft.**

### DAY 3: ARGENTIÈRE TO TRIENT

Today we'll climb to the border between Switzerland and France. Overnight in the tiny hamlet of Trient. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3500/3000 ft.**

### DAY 4: TRIENT TO CHAMPEX

Enjoy awesome views of the Rhone Valley as we find our way through high alpine meadows. Descend through a gorgeous side valley to the lovely little resort village of Champex and our Swiss chalet. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2300/4000 ft.**

### DAY 5: CHAMPEX TO CABANE MONT FORT \*\*

Transfer to Verbier. Hike to the Cabane du Mont-Fort (8,061 feet). **Distance: 4 miles. Elevation gain: 860 ft.**

### DAY 6: VERBIER TO PRAFLEURI HUT\*\*

Hike through a remote alpine environment to the base of the Rosablanche (10,945 feet). Overnight at the Cabane Prafleuri (8,734 feet). **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000/2340 ft.**

### DAY 7: PRAFLEURI HUT TO AROLLA\*\*

Today we hike over the mountain pass to Arolla. Note: There is a section of new ladders on this hike. Overnight in Arolla. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500/4450 ft.**

### DAY 8: AROLLA TO LES HAUDÈRES

A spectacular hike lies ahead with views of Mont Collon, L'Evêque, the Pigne D'Arolla and the Aiguilles Rouges. Descend to the little village of Les Haudères with its blackened timber homes. Overnight in an antique hotel. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2800/3200 ft.**

### DAY 9: LES HAUDÈRES TO LA SAGE TO ST. LUC

Descend to the head of the Val D'Anniviers and transfer to St. Luc. Overnight in a special country inn filled with antiques and old world charm. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4800/4500 ft.**

### DAY 10: ST. LUC TO GRUBEN

Enjoy views of the Aiguilles Rouges and the Dent D'Hérens, and forward to the peaks above Zermatt: the Matterhorn, Obergabelhorn, Dent Blanche and Weisshorn. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000/3200 ft.**

### DAY 11: GRUBEN TO ZERMATT

Follow a medieval trading route with views of the Mischabel range and the peaks of the Berner Oberland. Transfer to Zermatt beneath the Matterhorn. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3500/3200 ft.**

### DAY 12: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

July 3 – 14

Price: \$5,950 (single +\$590)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – Mid September

Price: \$6,610+ (single +\$665)

*+Price based on a group of four.*

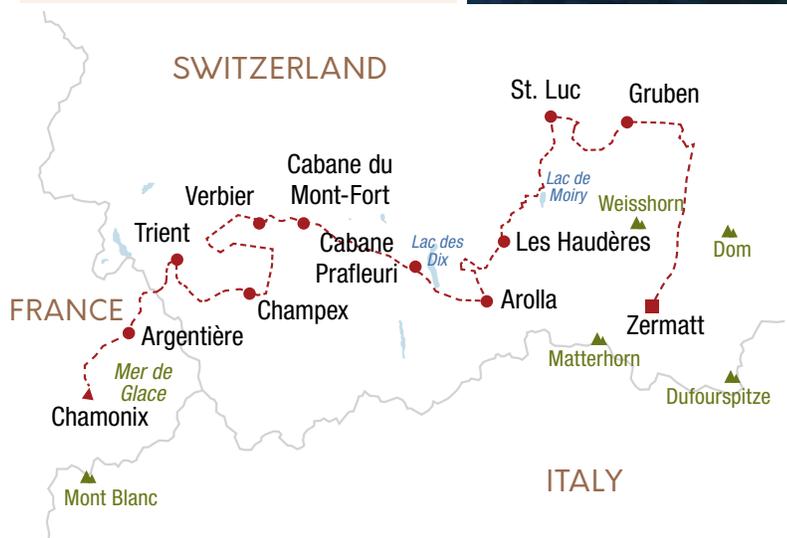
### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Mid June – Mid September

Price: \$2,750 (single +\$360)

## DETAILS

- 11 nights, 12 days guided \*\*
- 9 nights, 10 days self-guided
- 6 nights charming country inns, 2 nights simple inns, 1 night simple berghaus with shower on hall, and 2 nights mountain huts.
- Breakfast and dinner daily on guided tour. Self guided tour no dinner in Chamonix.
- Gateway: Geneva



\*All ground transportation between Chamonix and Zermatt included during Guided tour. Guided tour offers luggage transfer daily except at berghaus and huts. Self-guided, no luggage transfers. Self guided tours, no dinner in Chamonix. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



ASIA

# INDIA

## MARKHA VALLEY TREK

Travel through the Himalaya's last frontier.

Journey to the summit of the world, Ladakh, India, which rests on the western end of the Himalaya and is comprised of four mountain ranges: the Great Himalaya, Zaskar, Ladakh and the Karakorum. It is a maze of enormous snowcapped peaks and is home to the largest glacier outside of the polar regions, the Siachen. Valley heights range between 8,000 and 15,000 feet above sea level while the neighboring summits rise above 25,000 feet.

During our twelve-day exploration of the range, we experience elegant hotels in Delhi and the finest accommodations in Leh, the capital of Ladakh, a vibrant, bustling village with fascinating bazaars, temples and shrines. While on the trek, we enjoy five star camping with cutting edge outdoor equipment. The trek is supported by a large ground support staff and ponies. Ryder-Walker guides attend to your every need on and off the trail.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 5 to 7 hours a day with ascents up to 2,700 feet.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



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## CHALLENGING HIKING

“We enjoyed most getting close to the Ladakhi culture.”

– John H.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: DELHI

Arrive in Delhi. Meet and transfer to our five star hotel for a welcome orientation and dinner.

### DAY 2: DELHI TO LEH

Begin the day with a beautiful flight over the Himalaya to Leh, the capital of Ladakh. Private transport will deliver us to our comfortable hotel. Spend the day sightseeing and acclimatizing in our comfortable mountain home. The small village of Leh offers a variety of sightseeing opportunities, shops and restaurants.

### DAY 3: LEH

Explore the Indus Valley by jeep. Visit Stok, the Shey Palace and the Thiksey Monastery. Return to Leh to rest, sightsee, and continue acclimatization.

### DAY 4: LEH TO SKIU

Today, we'll transfer by jeep to the trailhead. A pleasant walk along the mountainside carries us to the Ganda La pass, situated at 16,339 feet. Continue to Shingo village. Following an easy walk, we camp at Skiu and visit the Skiu Monastery. Camp at 11,200 feet.

### DAY 5: SKIU TO MARKHA

A long, but gentle day takes us to the village of Markha, one of the few permanent settlements in the valley. We have the evening to explore the village and share a cup of tea with the locals. Camp at 12,200 feet.

### DAY 6: MARKHA TO THACHUNGSTE

Visit Hankar Yokma village and the hilltop Umlung Monastery. Enjoy spectacular views from the monastery. Tonight we camp at Thachungste.

### DAY 7: THACHUNGSTE TO NIMALING

We climb into a high, narrow valley above Thachungste. Cross pastures to Nimaling, one of the most beautiful high valleys of Ladakh, which sits at a height of 15,420 feet. On the right side stands the Kangyatse Peak (21,000 feet). This is our highest camp during the tour at 15,000 feet.

### DAY 8: NIMALING

Rest day in Nimaling with an option to further explore the valley and/or its adjacent high peaks.

### DAY 9: NIMALING TO CHOGLDO

We enjoy a long climb along the mountainside then zigzag up to the Kongmaru La to a height of 16,896 feet, our high point for the tour. Several easy stream crossings add value to today's spectacular hike. Descend to camp at Chogdo.

### DAY 10: CHOGLDO TO LEH

Continue to Chuskurmo and finish the trek at Shang Sumdo. Jeep transfer to Leh.

### DAY 11: LEH

Rest and further exploration of Leh. Souvenir shopping and celebration dinner.

### DAY 12: DEPART

Transfer to Delhi on an early morning flight.



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

April 23 – May 4

Price: \$5,715 (single +\$555)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

April–June, September–October

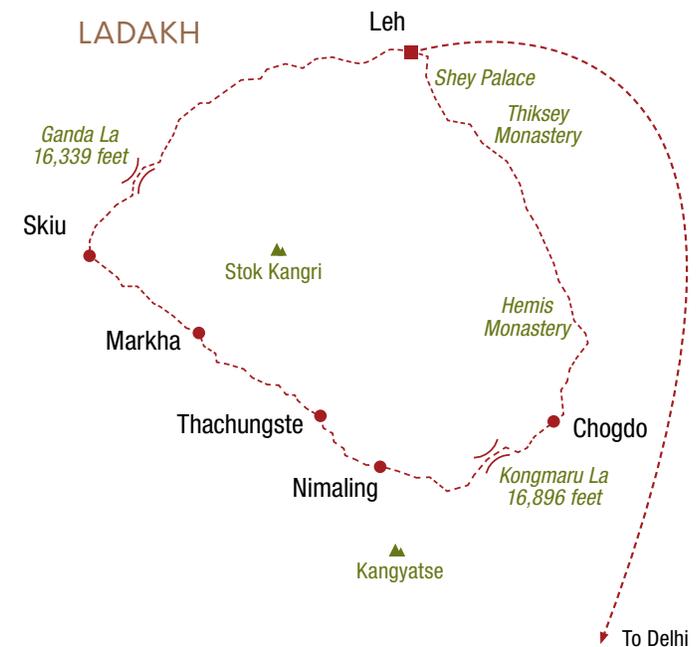
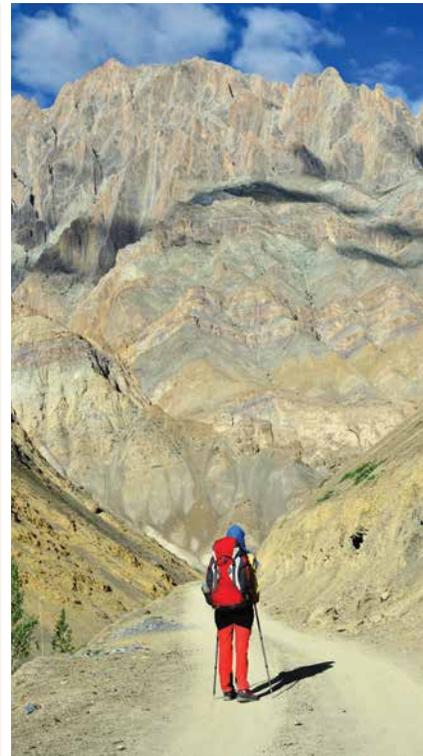
Price: \$6,320+ (single +\$665)

*\*Price based on a group of four.*

## NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 11 nights, 12 days
- One night luxury hotel, 4 nights first class hotel, 6 nights high elevation luxury camping.
- All meals included during camping portion. Breakfast and dinner included in Delhi and Leh.
- Our itinerary allows for appropriate acclimatization before ascending the higher elevations.



\*Luggage transfer daily.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



ASIA

# BHUTAN

## THIMPHU, LINGSHI, LAYA TREK

Explore the hidden kingdom at the top of the world.

Beginning in the vibrant cultural center of Paro, we spend this trip visiting the people and cultural treasures that live within the realm of the mighty Chomolhari. Visit the famous Takstang, “Tiger’s Nest,” a monastic temple built onto a cliff face 2,700 feet above the Paro Valley, and snap photos of the famous dzongs, fortress-like buildings that are unique to the Buddhist kingdoms of Bhutan and Tibet. Before heading into the high country, marvel at

the Kyichu Lhakhang, a 7th century temple that is one of the oldest in Bhutan. Wander through traditional Himalayan settlements where herdsman graze their yaks on the remote mountain slopes. Follow pristine valleys where forests of rhododendron support exotic animal species like snow leopards and Himalayan blue sheep. Ascend rugged mountain passes with views of Chomolhari, Tserim Gang and Masagang.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 12.5 miles and up to 8 hours a day with ascents up to 3,601 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



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# ITINERARY

**DAY 1: TRANSFER FROM BANGKOK OR DELHI TO PARO**  
Your guides meet the flight and escort you to your hotel. Flight arrives midday. In the afternoon visit the National Museum and the Paro Dzong. **Sleeping altitude: 7,220 ft.**

**DAY 2: PARO TO TIGERS NEST TO THIMPHU**  
Visit Taktsang, the Tiger's Nest Temple. This magical temple clings to a vertical granite cliff 2,625 feet above the valley. In the afternoon, we sponsor a special Buddhist prayer ceremony at the beautiful 1200-year-old Kyichu Lhakhang Temple, to bring us good luck for the rest of the journey. **Sleeping altitude: 7,550 ft.**

**DAY 3: THIMPHU TO BARSHONG**  
Today's trail follows the Thimphu Chu river through breathtakingly beautiful rhododendron forests and past cascading waterfalls. The valley path gradually ascends to the ruins of Barshong Dzong and on to our camp for the night on the riverside. **Distance: 9.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2100/950 ft. Sleeping altitude: 11,485 ft.**

**DAY 4: BARSHONG TO SHODU**  
The trail continues to follow the Thimphu Chu. As we ascend, snow-capped mountain peaks in the distant horizon will come into view. After passing the junctions of Naro and Shodu valley we camp for the night. **Distance: 11.25 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1640/330 ft. Sleeping altitude: 12,795 ft.**

**DAY 5: SHODU TO LINGSHI**  
We cross the first of the many passes including Yalila Pass with an altitude of 16,043 ft. Enjoy views of Chomolhari, Tserim Gang and Masagang on a clear day. Tonight we stay in the highland village of Lingshi. **Distance: 12.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1640/330 ft. Sleeping altitude: 12,795 ft.**

**DAY 6: LINGSHI REST DAY**  
Today is a rest day.

**DAY 7: LINGSHI TO GOKU LA BASE**  
We begin today's shorter hike by visiting the Lingshi Dzong, built on a commanding hill by the Shabdrung in the 1600s. We also visit the dramatic village of Gangyul, surrounded by a natural amphitheater of cliffs. Tonight we camp in the tiny, windy village of Chebisa. **Distance: 7.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1115/790 ft. Sleeping altitude: 12,795 ft.**

**DAY 8: GOKU LA BASE TO TSHERINGYANGU**  
We cross over Goku La pass at 14,272 ft and descend into a stunning rhododendron filled valley before ascending over the Jari La pass at 15,575 ft. From the pass, it's all the way downhill into the picturesque valley of Tsharijatha, followed by a small climb to our camp at Tsheringyangu. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2790/2100 ft. Sleeping altitude: 13,125 ft.**

**DAY 9: TSHERINGYANGU TO LIMITHANG**  
Today's hike is a strenuous trek over the Sinchey La, the highest pass on our trek at 16,420 ft. Descending to Limithang we see the snow covered peak of Gangchenta (22,441 ft) and the glacially carved Gangchenta Valley. Gangchenta means Great Tiger Mountain. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3600 ft. Sleeping altitude: 12,795 ft.**

**DAY 10: LIMITHANG TO LAYA**  
We mostly hike downhill today as we make our way along a narrow, winding river valley and through a densely forested region. You will enjoy spectacular views of Mt Gangchenta and Mt. Masagang. Tonight's camp is in a village paddy field. **Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 330/655 ft. Sleeping altitude: 10,470 ft.**

## DATES & PRICING

**GUIDED TOUR\***  
October 22 – November 6  
Price: \$7,610 (single +\$1,695)  
*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

**PRIVATE GUIDED\***  
April – June, September – October  
Price: \$9,370† (single +\$1,165)  
*†Price based on a group of four.*

**NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED**

## DETAILS

- 15 nights, 16 days
- 2 nights luxury hotels, 2 nights first class hotels, and 11 nights in first class, high elevation camping.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner while camping. Breakfast and dinner in Paro and Thimphu.
- Gateway: Bangkok and Delhi (visa required)

**DAY 11: LAYA REST DAY**  
Explore the village of Laya. We will offer an optional day hike.

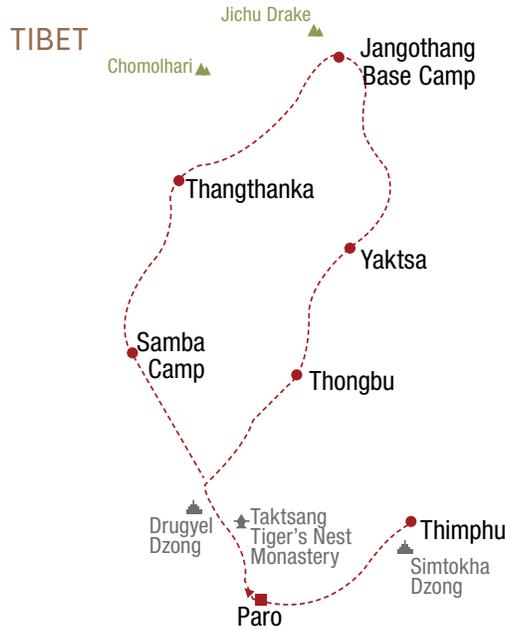
**DAY 12: LAYA TO CHAMPSA**  
We begin with a two-hour hike to Taktsimakhang, a small army check post. The trail from here winds up and down along the river valley of Mo Chhu, with views of the raging river, feeder streams and waterfalls. Our campsite is in Champsa just below Bari-la pass. **Distance: 12.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1640/3280 ft. Sleeping altitude: 10,830 ft.**

**DAY 13: CHAMPSA TO GASA TSHACHU (HOT SPRING)**  
After the last climb of the Laya Gasa Trek, Bari La (12,270 ft), the trail descends all the way to Gasa village (9,088 ft), with the first restaurants since you started from Drukgyel Dzong. It's an hour hike up to the Gasa Tsachu (hot springs), one of the most popular hot springs in Bhutan. **Distance: 4.5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1475/3935 ft. Sleeping altitude: 8,202 ft.**

**DAY 14: GASA TSHACHU TO PUNAKHA**  
The drive today to our hotel in Punakha is about 4 hours on a dirt road. We visit the magnificent Punakha Dzong along the way. **Sleeping altitude: 4,100 ft.**

**DAY 15: PUNAKHA TO THIMPHU**  
Drive to the capital, Thimphu. Visit the National Memorial Chorten (monument), the Textile Museum, Folk Heritage Museum, Takin Zoo, National Library and Handicrafts Emporium. In the evening we visit the Tashicho Dzong.

**DAY 16: DEPART**  
Thimphu to Paro International Airport.



\*Luggage transfer daily.  
NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# MATTERHORN TREK

Ascend the rugged border country of Italy and Switzerland.

The highest mountains in Western Europe, the Pennine Alps, offer hikers an opportunity to explore a spectacular alpine world. This itinerary starts and finishes beneath the Matterhorn, one of the most iconic peaks in the world. The tour also circumnavigates the Monte Rosa massif, the Alps' second highest peak.

In Macugnaga, Italy, we are treated to perhaps the Alps' most spectacular

mountain view, the east face of the Monte Rosa, which is truly Himalayan in proportion rising 10,000 vertical feet above the valley floor.

Ryder-Walker offers the Matterhorn Trek from Cervinia, Italy, to Zermatt, Switzerland, in an eight-day trip. You'll visit five towns in Italy and two in Switzerland beginning and finishing the tour at the base of the majestic Matterhorn on opposite sides of the Swiss/Italian border.

## TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 12 miles with ascents up to 4,700 feet.

(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## CHALLENGING HIKING

"I loved the diversity of the trails. Each day had new sights, which kept the trek interesting. I loved that our group was large and fairly well-matched in pace. Our guides were also very interesting and engaging which made even the most grueling days fun and enjoyable. I also enjoyed that the hike was fairly strenuous - it was a perfect level of difficulty.

Guides were EXCELLENT!"

– Dana R.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: BREUIL-CERVINIA

Meet your guides and fellow guests in a well-appointed hotel at the base of the Matterhorn.

### DAY 2: BREUIL-CERVINIA TO AYAS-CHAMPOLUC

Ascend to the Col de Nana beneath the Grand Tourmalin, and descend to the idyllic hamlet of St. Jacques. Continue on to Champoluc. Overnight in one of the finest hotels in the Alps. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3000/3563 ft.**

### DAY 3: AYAS-CHAMPOLUC TO GRESSONEY-LA-TRINITÉ

Climb to the herder's settlement of Cuneaz and ascend from there to the Pentacol and the Col Pinter. Enter the Walser stronghold of the Val di Gressoney beneath the magnificent Lyskamm, one of the most powerful peaks in the Alps. Walk past ancient Walser farms to the medieval hamlet of Gressoney St. Jean and on to our excellent hotel just out of town. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4000/3745 ft.**

### DAY 4: GRESSONEY-LA-TRINITÉ TO ALAGNA

Ascend to Lake Gabiet and on to the Col d'Olen. At the pass we enter into the magical Val Sesia and look down to Alagna nearly 6,000 feet below. Descend, with help from a cable car, through meadows and ancient Walser villages and farms to a place that time forgot. Overnight in the finest hotel in Alagna. **Distance: up to 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4000/up to 5000 ft.**

### DAY 5: ALAGNA TO MACUGNAGA

Hike over the Turlo Pass, the scene of many a World War I skirmish. Follow a Roman road to the historic village of Macugnaga, nestled beneath the staggering 10,000 foot east face of the Monte Rosa. Overnight in a charming three star hotel in the center of the village. **Distance: 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 4700/4880 ft.**

### DAY 6: MACUGNAGA TO SAAS FEE

A cable car aids our ascent to a point near the Swiss border at the Monte Moro pass. Descend through glacier scoured fields of granite with the occasional cable for help. Continue on foot or by bus to Saas Almagell and then up on foot to Saas Fee. Rest in an outstanding hotel in the center of this charming village. **Distance: 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 900/2181 or 3919 ft.**

### DAY 7: SAAS FEE TO ZERMATT

Depart Saas Fee on one of the great Höhenwege, high level paths, of the Alps. Travel beneath cascading glaciers and remote, uninhabited valleys as we make our way to Grächen, a sparkling village on a bench high above the Mattertal. Van transfer to Zermatt to celebrate our achievements in one of the town's finest hotels. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2500/2100 ft.**

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 24 – August 31

Price: \$4,430 (single +\$605)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – September

Price: \$5,295† (single +\$750)

*†Price based on a group of four*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 7 nights first class hotels and charming country inns.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Milan and Torino



\*All ground transportation included during tour. Luggage transfer daily.

NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



## EUROPE

# ICELAND

## THE REMOTE WESTFJORDS

Lose yourself in the unspoiled wilderness of Western Iceland.

Iceland's beauty is simply overwhelming, with its immense glaciers and endless fjords, unspoiled wilderness areas waiting to be explored, clean icy seas where whales surface, volcanic cliffs with one of the biggest bird colonies in the northern hemisphere, geysers, active volcanoes and ancient fishing villages.

Beginning in Iceland's progressive capital Reykjavik, our trip leaders whisk you away to Hellnar, a beautiful old fishing village on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula that is known for its lush fjords, crackling sulphur lava fields, wild sand-strewn beaches and haunting volcanic peaks.

Expect to hike beneath the ice-capped Snæfellsjökull, a glacier that was immortalized in Jules Verne's tale, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Cross Breidafjörður by ferry and fill up your cameras while hiking along Látrabjarg, a 14 km long, volcanic cliff, one of Iceland's natural wonders and home to thousands of sea birds, including puffins. Our adventure in Iceland would not be complete without exploring the now deserted Hornstrandir peninsula, famous for subarctic hiking. As one of Europe's last true wilderness areas, it provides the perfect destination for spotting arctic foxes, seals, whales and teeming bird life.

### TRIP RATINGS

Hiking in the arctic tundra and the lack of well traveled footpaths make this a challenging trek with hikes up to 12 miles with accents of up to 2,000 ft. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## CHALLENGING HIKING

“The guides were both exceptional; incredible group of people! Highly skilled, professional, organized, fun, great people skills and attitude... felt totally safe with both of them. Dave was so patient and helpful with our slower group of hikers!

Ryder-Walker is lucky to have such committed and skilled guides!”

– Gail L.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: REYKJAVIK TO SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Meet your trip leaders in Reykjavik and transfer by van to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, the setting for Jules Verne's, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. *Shuttle ride approximately 3.5 hours*

### DAY 2: SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Snæfellsjökull National Park offers a variety of trails for every level hiker. Expect to hike beneath the glacier peak of Snæfellsjökull and enjoy endless views over black lava beaches. *Shuttle ride is approximately 30 minutes each way. Distance: up to 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 2000 ft.*

### DAY 3: SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA TO PATREKSFJÖRDUR

Connect by van and ferry to the famous Westfjords, Iceland's most spectacular region. The ferry across from Stykkishólmur to Brjanslaekur is a great opportunity to spot wildlife while enjoying glimpses of Snæfellsjökull in the south. Expect to stretch your legs on a shorter hike along the way before settling into your hotel in Patreksfjörður. *Transfer 2 hours by van and ferry. Distance: up to 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 1300 ft.*

### DAY 4: LÁTRABJARG CLIFF

Shuttle by van to the Bjargtangar lighthouse, Europe's most western point and enjoy a stunning loop hike along the Látrabjarg cliff, one of Iceland's natural wonders. Extending for approximately 9 miles along the coast and ranging from 131 ft to 1312 ft the dramatic cliffs are mobbed by nesting sea birds. You will come into arm's reach of puffins, razorbills, guillemots, cormorants and gulls. Return to Patreksfjörður. *Shuttle: 1.5 hours each way. Distance: up to 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1600 ft.*

### DAY 5: PATREKSFJÖRDUR TO ÍSAFJÖRDUR

We shuttle from Patreksfjörður on a scenic drive in and out of the Westfjords to Ísafjörður. Enjoy a shorter, afternoon hike near stunning waterfalls and deserted fjords. *Shuttle: 3.5 hours. Distance: up to 6 miles. Virtually no elevation gain/loss.*

### DAY 6: HORNSTRANDIR PENINSULA

Transfer by boat across the gorgeous Ísafjörður fjord to Hesteyri, a hamlet on the deserted Hornstrandir peninsula. Enjoy a stunning hike to the northern shore of Hornstrandir. Return to Hesteyri. No luggage tonight. Expect shared accommodations/bathrooms at the Old Doctor's House. *Distance: up to 12 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2000 ft.*

### DAY 7: HORNSTRANDIR PENINSULA TO ÍSAFJÖRDUR

Venture out and explore the southern side of the peninsula. Enjoy vast views of sheer endless fjords and the Drangajökull glacier. Look for seals, whales, arctic foxes and many different types of birds. Return to Ísafjörður by ferry in the afternoon and celebrate the last evening in Iceland. *Distance: up to 11 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 1650 ft.*

### DAY 8: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

July 7 – 14

Price: \$5,325 (single +\$665)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

July – August

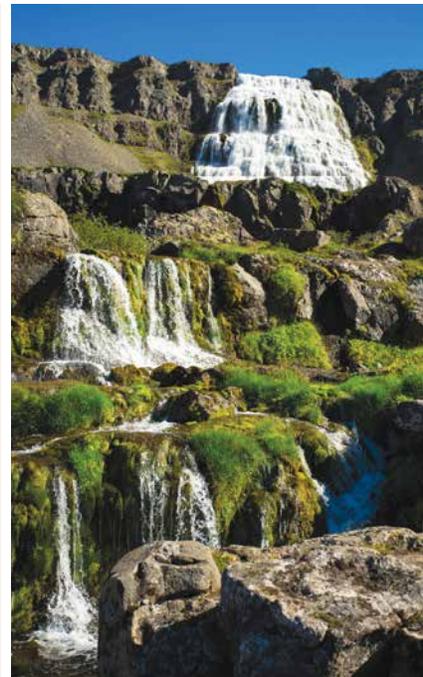
Price: \$6,280† (single +\$775)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights in bed and breakfast and hotels in fishing villages plus 1 night in simple hut.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Reykjavik inbound. Ísafjörður outbound.



\*All ground transportation and boat transfers between Reykjavik and Ísafjörður included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except for night six. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities. Please be aware that due to Iceland's vastness and lack of public transportation, daily van and/or ferry rides occur. Times stated above are estimates.



## EUROPE

# EIGER TRAIL

Wander beneath the 6,000-foot wall of the Eiger.

The Bernese Oberland in central Switzerland is one of the most stunning mountain ranges on earth. High, glaciated peaks and vertical rock walls ascend thousands of feet above tumbling waterfalls, pristine valleys, and flower-filled meadows.

Our nine-day hiking tour begins on the west side of the Berner Oberland in the fashionable resort village of Gstaad. Hike over airy

mountain ridgelines like the Wasserngrat and Ammertepass. Cross the lofty Hohtürli Pass and drop into the remote and mysterious Kiental. Climb over the Sefinenfurgge, with views over Europe's most famous mountains, the Eiger (13,025 feet), Mönch (13,474 feet) and Jungfrau (13,642 feet). Hike beneath the Eigernordwand, the vertical north face of the Eiger, with close up views of its dramatic face.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking up to 11 miles with ascents up to 4,500 feet. (Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)

#### COMFORT



#### EFFORT



#### TERRAIN



## CHALLENGING HIKING

“The walks were well balanced with some really tough ones but with great rewards visually, and other easier ones, still with spectacular scenery. The accommodations were excellent and the food was very good.

Overall it was a very special and unforgettable week. Thank you Ryder Walker.”

– Michael and Nicky G.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: GSTAAD

Meet your guides and group for dinner in a lovely, four star hotel in Gstaad.

### DAY 2: GSTAAD TO LENK

Begin the next morning with a boost to the fabulous Wasserngrat. Wander through enchanting meadows and limestone outcrops with superb views of the emerging glaciated peaks of the Oberland. Descend to idyllic Lenk by cable car. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain: 3700 ft (without lift).**

### DAY 3: LENK TO ENGSTLIGENALP

We'll begin today's hike by the raging headwaters of the Simme as we climb to the remote Ammertepass. After an airy crossing, we'll descend into the hanging valley of Engstligenalp to your berghaus for the night. **Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3400/1604 ft.**

### DAY 4: ENGSTLIGENALP TO KANDERSTEG

Hike to a lovely ridge beside the Tschingellochtighorn. Descend to the Schwärtzgratli where we continue to the atmospheric Berghotel Schwarenbach. Take the Sunnbüehl cable car for an optional descent or follow ancient carriage roads to Kandersteg. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2800/4874 ft.**

### DAY 5: KANDERSTEG TO GRIESALP

Enter the very heart of the high peaks of the Oberland with a scenic gondola ride out of Kandersteg to the Oeschinensee Pass through the spectacular Hohtürli, meaning “high little door” in Swiss German, to enter into the remote and lush Kiental. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3595 (with lift)/4389 ft.**

### DAY 6: GRIESALP TO MÜRREN

Today we'll ascend out of the remote and lovely Kiental, a pastoral gem beneath the impressive walls of the Blümlisalp massif, then cross the challenging Sefinenfurgge. Here begin glorious views of the Eiger as we descend into the Lauterbrunnen Valley and our stay in Mürren. **Distance: 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 3844/3194 ft.**

### DAY 7: MÜRREN TO WENGEN

We'll enjoy a long ramble down the Lauterbrunnen valley and view the thundering falls and the vestiges of pastoral culture in this picture perfect valley. Ascend a remote and beautiful valley to Wengen, perched opposite Mürren. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3000/3194 ft.**

### DAY 8: WENGEN TO GRINDELWALD

A most classic ramble lies before us today as we cross the Kleine Scheidegg, the saddle beneath the infamous Eiger Nordwand, the Eiger North Wall. Descend into Grindelwald beneath the 6,000-foot north face of the Eiger. **Distance: 9 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2100/3369 ft.**

### DAY 9: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

August 15 – 23

Price: \$4,770 (single +\$620)

*Minimum of two people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

Late June – Mid September

Price: \$5,270† (single +\$705)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Late June – Mid September

Price: \$2,835 (single +395)

## DETAILS

- 8 nights, 9 days
- 6 nights charming country inns and first class hotels plus 2 nights simple berghaus with shower in hall.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateway: Zurich



\*All ground transportation between Gstaad and Grindelwald included during tour. Luggage transfer daily except at berghouses. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.



EUROPE

# NORWAY

## THE ISLANDS OF LOFOTEN

Unlock the treasures of Norway's mountains and fjords.

Escape from the crowds as you explore the Lofoten archipelago, a rugged island chain lying 122 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Bathed by the light of the midnight sun, and rising out of the Norwegian Sea like a fortress wall, the 4,000-foot granite peaks of Lofoten will mesmerize you with their craggy summits, lovely jade meadows, and unforgettable views of Norway's sparkling fjords.

Beginning in Henningsvær, Lofoten, our eight-day hiking tour of Norway connects tiny villages on the islands of Moskenesøya, Flakstadøya and

Austvågøya. Traveling by sea kayak (no experience necessary) and by foot, you'll paddle to secluded beaches, hike across remote mountain tops, and walk through tiny hamlets with colorful wooden fishing cottages perched at the water's edge.

Whether it's hiking across the summits of Kollfjellet, Merraflestinden and Munken, or whale watching from the harbor in Reine, one of the most beautiful seaside villages in the world, you'll witness the most revered landscapes in all of Norway.

### TRIP RATINGS

Challenging hiking and technically challenging terrain, hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 3,000 feet. *(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## CHALLENGING HIKING

"I'm glad that we got to visit Norway;  
the other hikers on the trip were great;  
the scenery was beautiful."

– Beth P.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: HENNINGSVÆR

Travel independently by air to Svollvær. On June 26, there is a one-time, late afternoon RW free shuttle from Svollvær to Henningsvær. Other arrivals will independently taxi to Henningsvær – a 30 minute ride. At 7 pm meet the group and your guide(s) for cocktails, orientation and dinner.

### DAY 2: HENNINGSVÆR TO NUSFJORD

Shuttle by van to Eggum and then hike to Unstad, a stunning village famous for its waffles and Arctic surfing. Hiking the shoreline, we will pass a gorgeous lighthouse right below a 2,139-foot peak. Enjoy views of Lofoten's dramatic landscapes. Afternoon transfer to Nusfjord, one of the most picturesque and best preserved fishing villages in Lofoten. Spend the night in refurbished nineteenth century seaside rorbuer cottages. *Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain: 3000 ft.*

### DAY 3: NUSFJORD

Enjoy an out and back hike from Nusfjord to Nesland along an old fisherman's path connecting these two villages. We stop in Nesland for a picnic before returning to Nusfjord. *Distance: 6 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 925 ft.*

### DAY 4: NUSFJORD TO SAKRISØY

After a short transfer to Ytresand, we hike up a stunning mountain plateau and descend to a secluded beach. In the afternoon, we transfer to the small fishing village of Sakrisøy. Stay in an authentic, family run rorbuer-hotel, Sakrisøy Rorbuer (fisher huts), located on the waterfront. *Distance: up to 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 2000 ft.*

### DAY 5: SAKRISØY TO HORSEIDVIKA

We will transfer by boat into Kjerkfjorden and hike to Horseidvika, another stunning beach on the north shore of the archipelago. Depending on weather, we may continue onto a mountain saddle with expansive views across the fjords. Return to your rorbuer hotel in Sakrisøy. *Distance: up to 8 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3000 ft.*

### DAY 6: SAKRISØY TO SORVÅGEN

After a short transfer to the village of Sorvågen, we will hike over three peaks to reach our lunch spot at Munkebu. Enjoy vast views of Lofoten and its many fjords and peaks, before returning to Sorvågen to settle into our cozy, waterfront rorbuers. *Distance: up to 10 miles. Elevation gain/loss: up to 3000 ft.*

### DAY 7: SORVÅGEN

Hike from sea level to Hellsegga at 1,949 feet. Hellsegga is the highest peak on the southwest end of Lofoten, and it will give us the chance to view the most southern islands of the Norwegian archipelago, Værøy and Røstlandet. *Distance: 5 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 2200 ft.*

### DAY 8: DEPART FROM SORVÅGEN

The closest airport with connections to Bodø/Oslo is Leknes. There will be a one-time RW shuttle for those catching an early afternoon departure from Leknes. It is a 45-minute drive. Other departures will independently taxi transfer to Leknes airport.



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

June 26 – July 3

Price: \$5,510 (single +\$730)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

June – September

Price: \$6,355† (single +\$500)

*†Price based on a group of four.*

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 6 nights historic fishing cottages and 1 night charming inn.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Gateways: Arrival, Oslo to Bodø to Svollvær. Departure, Leknes to Bodø to Oslo



\*All ground transportation between Henningsvær and Sorvågen included during tour. Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hiker's abilities.



ASIA

# NEPAL

## THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM OF MUSTANG

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Follow the ancient caravan route before it disappears.

**N**ow is your chance to step back in time and follow the ancient caravan route through summer nomad camps and isolated villages to the last intact walled city in the world — Lo Manthang, capital of this mysterious kingdom.

Departing from the trading town of Jomson (9,000 ft), the trek begins in the world's deepest valley, where the Kali Gandaki River winds its way between the towering 26,000-foot massifs of the Annapurna range to the east and the magnificent Dhaulagiri to the west.

From Jomson, you'll journey to Upper Mustang where untouched

Himalayan treasures await. We gain altitude slowly; hiking, camping, and enjoying the incredible scenery on the climb to Lo Manthang (12,500 ft). Spend several days in Lo, then descend on the western side of the valley to Jomson for your return to Kathmandu.

Your trip leader is professional photographer and explorer, Ace Kvale. Ace is one of the world's top adventure photographers. He has participated in 27 expeditions to Asia, and his works have appeared in dozens of books, films and magazines, including National Geographic.

### TRIP RATINGS

Moderately challenging hiking at altitude.  
*(Trip rating descriptions found on page 8.)*

COMFORT



EFFORT



TERRAIN



## CHALLENGING HIKING

“Nepal is one of the few remaining sanctuaries of Tibetan Buddhism and one of the most remote places on earth.”

– Stephen B.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: KATHMANDU

A Ryder Walker representative will meet your flight and escort you to your five star hotel. Meet the group and your guide for orientation and dinner.

### DAY 2: KATHMANDU

You will have time to get over jetlag and explore this wild and exotic city before returning to the sanctuary of your excellent hotel.

### DAY 3 : KATHMANDU TO POKHARA

Fly to the mid-sized city of Pokhara, a beautiful city perched on the edge of an enormous lake. Spend the night in a well appointed hotel.

### DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO KAGBENI

Meet up with local guides and pony men in Jomsom, the gateway to Mustang and the world's deepest gorge. Begin walking up the Kali Gandaki Valley, slowly gaining altitude to arrive in Kagbeni.

### DAY 5: KAGBENI TO CHUKSANG

Hike to Chuksang and camp at the base of the mountains. With a private cook and muleteers, your nights in the Mustang wilderness will certainly be wild, but you won't have to give up your creature comforts.

### DAYS 6-7: CHUKSANG TO TANGYE

By now you will have acclimatized sufficiently, so full days of hiking through valleys and over jagged moraines follow. Visit Tangye. This tiny town lies at the base of an enormous plateau, and after many hours of trekking through desolate landscape, it appears as an emerald in the distance. People await you at the end of this leg, excited to witness travelers from the outside world.

### DAY 8: TANGYE TO YARA

Hike to the village of Yara, home to many of the greatest caves and cave paintings in the region. The village of Yara is yet another emerald embedded in a valley with cliffs as rugged as the teeth of dragons.

### DAYS 9-10: YARA TO CHARANG

Continue on to the beautiful village of Charang, with its ancient colorful monastery situated on a cliff above the river. Hike to the medieval walled city of Lo Manthang (12,500 feet). Tour the various temples and monasteries of the capital with art and frescoes, which are equal, if not superior, to the Sistine Chapel in complexity and beauty.

### DAYS 11-12: CHARANG TO LO MANTHANG

Explore Lo Manthang and the outlying villages near the border with Tibet, an area with snow leopards, caves, and ancient monasteries that have been continuously occupied for nearly one thousand years.

### DAYS 13-15: MANTHANG TO CHHOSER

Travel by car and foot to Chhoser, Chuksang and Jomsom. Local guides will share wild and wonderful stories and myths of the region, which haven't changed in three millennia.

### DAYS 16-17: CHHOSER TO KATHMANDU

Fly to Pokhara, then on to Kathmandu and your five star accommodations. Sightsee.

### DAYS 18: DEPART



## DATES & PRICING

### GUIDED TOUR\*

May 8 – 25

Price: \$6,385 (single +\$390)

*Minimum of four people required to run this tour.*

### PRIVATE GUIDED\*

April – June, September – October

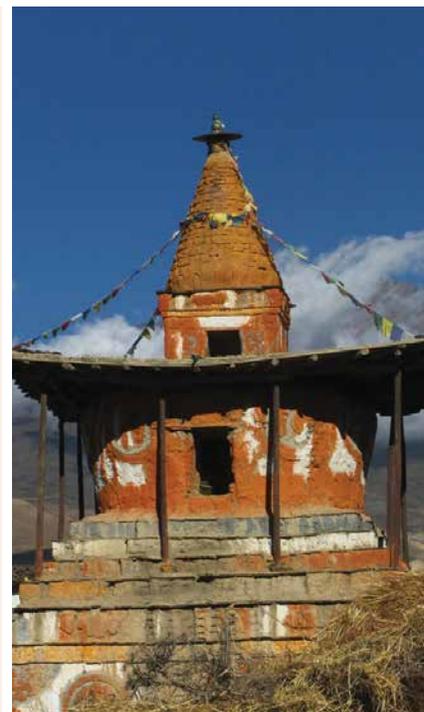
Price: \$7,120† (single +\$390)

†Price based on a group of four.

### NOT OFFERED SELF-GUIDED

## DETAILS

- 17 nights, 18 days
- 4 nights five star hotels, 1 night superior hotel, 5 nights mountain lodges, 7 nights luxury camping.
- All meals included except lunch in Kathmandu.
- Gateway: Kathmandu



\*Luggage transfer daily. NOTE: Daily itineraries on all our guided treks are subject to change. Your guide(s) will make route decisions based on weather and terrain conditions as well as hikers' abilities.

# TRIED-AND-TRUE: FAVORITE SELF-GUIDED TREKS



## CAPRI AND THE AMALFI COAST



**(April–June and September–October)**  
Tranquil and enchanting might be the best way to describe this trek. You'll explore some of the most famous hikes in the region including the Sentiero del Fortini on the Island of Capri; the Hike of the Gods from Amalfi to Positano

and the Valley of Valle dei Mulini above Amalfi where rare ferns and orchids line your path. 6 nights and 7 days. Easy to moderate hiking up to 6.5 miles with ascents up to 3600 ft. **\$3,035\* (single +\$640)** Breakfast only. \*High season supplement for July and August is \$250 per person.



## CINQUE TERRE



**(April–October)**  
Spoil yourself in this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the rocky coast and green hills meet the cobalt sea. Authentic Ligurian Coast cuisine and wine swoon you and friendly locals engage you, while unique hiking along a dramatic coastline

complemented by a train and ferry system, transport you from village to village. 4 nights and 5 days. Easy to moderate hiking up to 7 miles with ascents up to 1800 ft. **\$1,305\* (single +\$330)** Breakfast only. \*High season supplement for July and August is \$250 per person.



## THE COTSWOLDS WAY



**(March–October)**  
The villages of the Cotswolds are some of the most charming you'll ever see. Thatch roofed, golden rock hewn cottages line tiny cobbled streets. The region has been inhabited for at least 6000 years and there are numerous sites of

great archaeological interest along the route. Start/Finish villages are Chipping Campden and Bath. 9 nights and 10 days. Easy hiking because there is negligible ascent/descent but up to 16 miles (can be made shorter). **\$2,080 (single +\$380)** Breakfast only.



## JUNGFRAU LOOP



**(Mid June–Mid September)**  
Picture postcard views surround you in every direction, and the fabulous system of lifts, cable cars and funiculars makes hiking in this lofty region accessible for families and those wishing a more moderate hiking

experience without sacrificing big mountain views, as well as for more ambitious hikers. 5 nights and 6 days. Easier hiking with up to 9 miles and ascents up to 2500 ft. **\$2,030 (single +\$305)**



## PROVENCE: HILL TOWNS OF THE LUBERON



**(April–June and September–October)**  
Provence, in particular the Medieval hill towns of the Luberon Mountains, offers its visitors a taste of 'âme du terrain' — the soul of the terrain. Walk amongst the vineyards, olive groves, cherry and apple orchards, as well as

the infamous lavender fields in Provence's most quintessential historic villages situated in the Vaucluse region of Provence. 7 nights and 8 days. Easy to moderate walking up to 6 miles and ascents up to 1500 ft. **\$2,495 (single +\$675)** Breakfast daily. Dinner day 1 and day 6 only.



## WINTER ENGADINE HOLIDAY



**(January–March)**  
Explore the upper and lower Engadine, a pioneer of alternative winter activity and adventure for decades. This tour offers: hiking, snowshoeing, skiing from inn to inn on expertly maintained trails, sledding from village to village and soaking in

thermal hot springs and spas. 7 nights and 8 days. Be as exhilarating or calm as you wish with plenty of daily options. Four-star hotels throughout! **\$3,030 (single +\$425)**



## IRELAND'S DINGLE WAY



**(April–October)**  
Perhaps Ireland's best walking tour is found in the very southwest of the country on the Dingle Peninsula. Throughout, it uses a latticework of farm roads, back streets of small villages, tracks across bleak coastland and beaches, and

trails up remote hills. A moderate trek averaging 12.5 miles daily with one day up to 17 miles. Ascents nominal — one day just over 2000 ft. 9 nights and 10 days. **\$2,275 (single +\$480)** Breakfast only.



## BERNER OBERLAND TREK



**(Late June–Mid September)**  
Classic scenery is the hallmark of the Berner Oberland where the famous trio, the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, dominates not only the landscape, but the imagination of the traveler. As you link the region's villages, you'll traverse

high ridges, follow valleys, and climb to a number of high and lonely passes separating the deep and dramatic valleys cutting through the range. 6 nights and 7 days. A more strenuous trek with up to 9 miles and ascents up to 4500 ft. **\$2,245 (single +\$380)**

For more information on the following self-guided treks please visit our website and see the schedule on pages 78 and 79 for available dates and pricing. Allegra Engadine, Ambiance Italian Dolomites, Berner Oberland Traverse, Enchanted Engadine, Pastoral Berner Oberland, Red Rocks: Sedona Arizona, Slovenia: Waterfalls and Gorges and Tour du Mont Blanc Vitesse.

Most of our Guided tours are offered Self-Guided as well.  
Our Tried-and-True Treks are only offered as Self-Guided or Private Guided.



### ■ CORTINA & LAKES OF THE DOLOMITES



**(Mid June–Mid September)**  
Our point to point hiking adventure travels from North to South, from the rolling Val Pustaria all the way to the ultra-charming Lago di Alleghe. We'll connect the Tre Cime National Park just south of the Austrian border with the Monte Pelmo

Nature Reserve in the heart of the Dolomites. 6 nights and 7 days. Challenging hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 4000 ft.

**\$2,380 (single +\$350)**



### ■ RED ROCKS



**(April–May and September–October)**  
There is no place on earth like southeast Utah. Petrified sand gives life to the whimsical rock formations, precipitous cliffs, natural stone arches and serpentine canyons. People from all over the world travel to

this unique landscape to witness the play of light on naturally formed rock sculptures with names like Delicate Arch and the Tower of Babel. 7 nights and 8 days. Moderate hiking days up to 10.5 miles with negligible elevation gain. **\$1985 (single +\$445)** Breakfast only.



### ■ ITALIAN LAKES DISTRICT: COMO & BELLAGIO



**(May–October)**  
This hike offers an opportunity to sample old Italy while enjoying views of the Alps' most notable mountain ranges and peaks. Authentic Italian cuisine, romantic villas and lakeside views are the hallmarks of Lake Como. Transfers by water ferry

allows you to enjoy the tranquility and calm beauty of the lake, while adventurous day hikes access the ridges, mountaintops and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. 6 nights and 7 days. Moderate terrain with ascents up to 2000 ft. **\$2,590 (single +\$415)**



### ■ SNOWDONIA: MOUNTAINS, LAKES AND COASTS

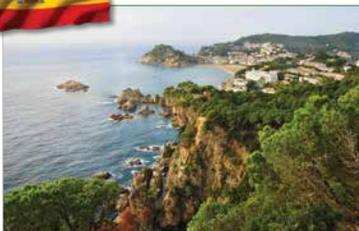


**(June–October)**  
This unique itinerary travels through the heart of the Welsh Highlands. Visit sparkling coastal ports, the summit of Wales highest peak (Mount Snowden), connect the country's loveliest lakes and hike through ancient Roman

Camps as well as spirited farm communities. Overnight in welcoming old world hotels and charming B&Bs. 6 nights and 7 days. Moderate hiking with distances up to 9 miles and optional ascents up to 2700 ft. **\$2,095 (+\$435)**



### ■ SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN: COSTA BRAVA



**(May–Mid July and Mid August–October)**  
This Ryder-Walker exclusive itinerary explores the undiscovered gems of the Spanish Costa Brava. The variety is incredible and the quality of accommodation and cuisine, exceptional. The trek is

a mixture of trails through hidden fishermen's villages, ancient ruined Iberian settlements, remote beaches and a mountainous terrain. 8 nights and 9 days. Moderate hiking with distances up to 9 miles and ascents up to 2800 ft. **\$2,600 (single \$685)** Dinner all but 3 nights.



### ■ TICINO SWISS LAKE DISTRICT: SUN AND SERENITY



**(May–October)**  
While it is predominantly Italian, Ticino still offers quintessential Swiss landscapes with many valleys, centuries old stone villages and historic mountain pastures. With multiple summits to bag, your trek encounters the most spectacular mountain

scenery, including numerous lake-view sightings as well as snow-dusted peak backdrops. 7 nights and 8 days. Moderate hiking up to 10 miles with ascents up to 2500 ft. **\$2,705 (single +\$375)**



### ■ APPENZEL HUT HOP



**(Late June–October)**  
Exciting hiking characterizes this unusual corner of Switzerland where the trails, punctuated by steel cables, cut steps and iron pegs to aid the hiker, are carved in the living rock. The mountains feature a system of huts and berghauses, all situated within a

day of walking from each other. This is a point to point circumnavigation of the range known as the Säntis/Churfirsten. 7 nights and 8 days. Challenging hiking up to 8 miles with ascents up to 3000 ft.

**\$1,485 (single +\$300)** No luggage transfers on this hike.



### ■ SWISS HAUTE ROUTE



**(Late July–Mid September)**  
Explore a spectacular alpine world that takes you from Arolla, beneath the shadow of Mont Collon with its vertical rock walls and snowy summit, across the western Valais to Saas Fee with its tumbling glaciers and towering peaks. The route lies

along quiet mountain trails with some rough and remote sections and spectacular and unusual views of peaks and glaciers. 6 nights and 7 days. A challenging trek with up to 11 miles and ascents up to 4500 ft. **\$2,195 (single +\$345)** No luggage transports.

*NOTE: All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Breakfast and dinner included daily on every trek unless indicated otherwise. Luggage transfers except at berghauses/huts or noted in trek description.*



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ABOUT RYDER WALKER

Ryder Walker Alpine Adventures is a family owned and operated adventure travel company based in Telluride, Colorado. We are a dedicated team of outdoor fanatics who are delighted to provide you with unique, memorable adventures in the most dramatic and breathtaking regions on earth.

We are in the office 9 am to 5 pm Mountain Time and are happy to talk to you by phone. You can also send us an email or communicate via social media. You'll always connect with someone that knows (and loves) what they're talking about and is excited to help you plan your next adventure.

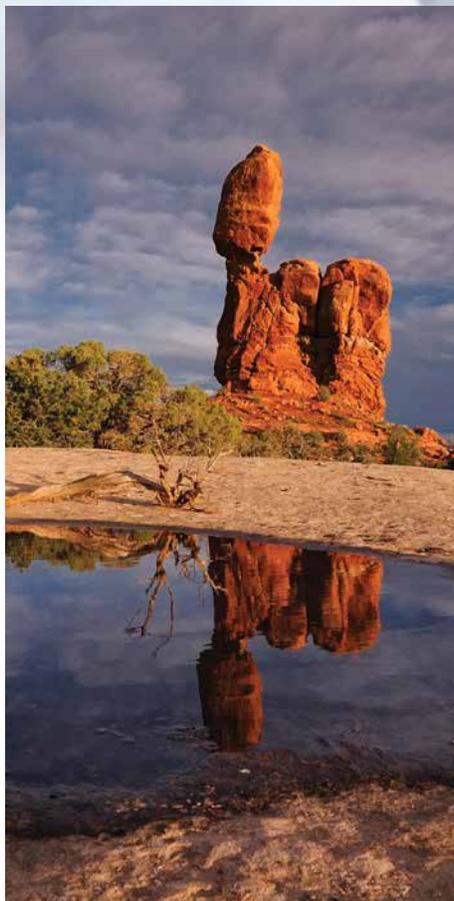
Early registration is recommended. All tours are subject to availability. Last minute booking fees may apply.

## DEPOSIT

- Guided and Self-Guided tours require a \$500 deposit per person.
- Private Guided tours require 25% of the total cost as a deposit per person.
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.
- Bookings within 90 days of the tour's starting date must pay the full tour balance at the time of registration.
- Prices are quoted in U.S. Dollars and all payments must be made as such. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, checks and wire transfers.
- Upon receipt of your deposit, you will receive a confirmation letter, invoice, travel insurance application, waivers and releases.
- A final balance invoice will arrive prior to the due date.

## FINAL PACKAGE

- Approximately 30 days prior to departure all travelers will receive a pre-departure final package. The travel booklet includes your itinerary, travel instructions, cultural information, equipment list and more.



- Self-Guided travelers will receive an additional *On the Trail* booklet with daily hike descriptions and maps, as well as transfer information when applicable.
- Final packages are mailed out approximately 30 days prior to departure. Exceptions apply on a case-by-case basis. Last minute registrations, for example, follow an expedited timeline. Please inform us of special requirements.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

### Guided Trips

- Cancellations more than 90 days prior to tour departure: full refund.
- Cancellations between 45 and 90 days prior to tour departure: forfeit 25% of the cost.
- Cancellations within 45 days of tour departure: forfeit 100% of the cost.

### Independent Travel

- Cancellations more than 90 days prior to tour departure: full refund.
- Cancellations between 45 and 90 days prior to tour departure: forfeit deposit.
- Cancellations within 45 days of tour departure: forfeit 100% of the cost.

### Private Guided Travel

- Cancellations more than 90 days prior to tour departure: forfeit deposit worth 25% of the cost.
- Cancellations within 90 days of tour departure: forfeit 100% of the cost.

## RESCHEDULING

There is no charge for rescheduling guided or independent tours prior to 90 days before trip departure. If rescheduling is not an option then please refer to our cancellation policies.

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE ESTIMATES

To be competitive in our pricing we tie the Euro, Swiss Franc and other foreign denominated costs to the value of those currencies at the time of the publication of our following summer's materials. Note that this does not represent the total cost of the trip since many of our expenses are in dollars, which will not fluctuate. This means that 2019 prices are fixed in the autumn of 2018. It has rarely been necessary to change our prices. However, if there is significant fluctuation in the value of the dollar relative to these currencies we may need to alter the price slightly. Should this be the case it will be clearly outlined in the final invoice you will receive approximately 90 days prior to the start of your trip.

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*person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their planes. The usual passage contract used by airlines when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the tour participant. Ryder Walker reserves the right to: make reasonable changes to or withdraw a tour if conditions so warrant; to refuse application of*

*anyone or expel from tour any tour member(s) whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the safety or interest of the party as a whole; to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. Prices of the tours are based on current tariffs and exchange rates, and are subject to adjustment in the event of any change therein. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The payment of a deposit or issuance of acceptance of voucher or ticket shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions.*

# RYDER WALKER LIMITED EDITION MERCHANDISE FOR 2019

**W**e thought it would be nice to offer clients who trek with Ryder Walker the opportunity to purchase a few of our favorite items that RW staff wear and enjoy. We also wanted to give back to a non-profit and chose 350.org to receive the proceeds of sales made from all merchandise sales.

## WAYNE MCKENZIE PORTRAITS OF THE ALPS

Australian native Wayne McKenzie is a long-time friend to the Ryder Walker family and an award winning plein air painter. His works are a visual journey into the landscapes he creates. His paintings hang in private collections throughout North America, Europe and Australasia. Along with his countless awards and Best of Shows in many national competitions, Wayne's work has appeared in various publications in the United States including being honored as a feature artist in the hardcover book "Best of Artists-Oil-Global edition" by Kennedy Publishing.

Ryder Walker commissioned Wayne to paint two of our favorite hikes, the Val Ferret and Val Travenanzes. We are selling the original paintings as well as a limited edition of 10 Professional Gallery Wraps of each painting.



**Val Ferret** – This painting is of the stunning Italian Val Ferret beneath the Brenva face of Mont Blanc. Original painting with frame as shown – \$2500 (30"L x 24"H x 2"D)



**Val Travenanzes** – This painting is the top of the Val Travenanzes – wild Dolomites valley. Original painting with frame as shown – \$2500 (30"L x 24"H x 2"D)

Limited Edition Professional Gallery Wraps – \$300 each plus shipping and handling. We've taken Wayne's original paintings, professionally photographed them and then had them professionally printed on a high-grade photo satin canvas, framed in a wrap style and finished with a protective UV fine-art Satin Finish. Finished art comes with a hanging wire ready to be displayed.

To commission Wayne to paint your favorite hike, visit [waynemckenzieart.com](http://waynemckenzieart.com) or email him at [waynemckenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:waynemckenzie@hotmail.com).

## MAMMUT JACKETS WITH THE RYDER WALKER LOGO

You will definitely want to have our sporty Mammut jacket as one of your go-to layers. This mid-layer zip up, by Mammut\*, is made from soft, Pontetorto® Tecnopile® microfleece, and is wonderful as a standalone jacket as well as a companion to your favorite hiking or ski jacket for colder weather conditions. It features two zip hand pockets and packs up perfectly due to its light weight. Regular Fit. Limited inventory, call for availability.

### YAMPA WOMEN'S JACKET

Color: Black  
Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL  
Price: \$100  
Includes Shipping and Handling.

### YADKIN MEN'S JACKET

Color: Black  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL  
Price: \$100  
Includes Shipping and Handling.



### RYDER WALKER ADVENTURE CAP

The light-weight Ryder Walker adventure cap is ideal for hiking, walking, golf, running and most outdoor sports. The high-teck "Breeze" Lite performance fabric by Pacific Headwear keeps you dry and cool. Adjustable velcro back makes it virtually fit everyone.  
Color: Graphite  
Price: \$20  
Includes Shipping and Handling.

## 350.org

350.org is building a global climate movement who's online campaigns, grassroots organizing, and mass public actions are coordinated by a global network active in over 188 countries. The number 350 Means climate safety: to preserve a livable planet, scientists tell us we must reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from its current level of 400 parts per million to below 350 ppm.

\*Mammut is the official apparel sponsor of Ryder Walker Alpine Adventures.

# 2019 GUIDED TOURS

ALL GUIDED TRIPS	2019 DATES	GUIDED PRICE Per Person (+ single supplement)	PRIVATE GUIDED † Price Per Person (+ single supplement)	COUNTRIES VISITED
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Patagonia: The Lakes District (page 58)	March 4 – 13	\$6,240* (single +\$805)	\$9,565 (single +\$845)	Argentina, Chile
<b>APRIL</b>				
Isola di Capri: The Jewel of Southern Italy (page 22)	April 14 – 19	\$4,220* (single +\$560)	Call for pricing	Italy
Peru: Salkantay Trek to Machu Picchu (page 60)	April 15 – 25	\$6,220* (single +\$2040)	Call for pricing	Peru
India: Markha Valley Trek (page 72)	April 23 – May 4	\$5,715* (single +\$555)	\$6,320 (single +\$665)	India
<b>MAY</b>				
Sedona, Arches & Canyonlands (page 26)	May 4 – 12	\$4,725 (single +\$560)	\$5,495 (single +\$565)	United States
Nepal: The Forbidden Kingdom of Mustang (page 84)	May 8 – 25	\$6,385* (single +\$390)	\$7,120 (single +\$390)	Nepal
Scotland: Rob Roy Way (page 32)	May 17 – 25	\$3,900 (single +\$560)	Call for pricing	United Kingdom
Sicily: The Aeolian Islands (page 46)	May 18 – 25	\$3,980 (single +\$560)	\$5,570 (single +\$655)	Italy
England: The Cotswolds (page 20)	May 26 – June 5	\$4,765 (single +\$765)	Call for pricing	United Kingdom
<b>JUNE</b>				
Croatia: The Dalmatian Coast (page 28)	June 8 – 15	\$4,095 (single +\$605)	\$4,825 (single +\$735)	Croatia
Italian Dolomites Trek (page 42)	June 16 – 23	\$4,595 (single +\$580)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Italy
Tour du Mont Blanc (page 66)	June 24 – July 3	\$4,955 (single +\$555)	\$5,950 (single +\$555)	France, Italy, Switzerland
Slovenia: Julian Alps Triglav Circuit (page 64)	June 25 – July 2	\$3,370 (single +\$420)	\$4,385 (single +\$460)	Slovenia
Norway: The Islands of Lofoten (page 82)	June 26 – July 3	\$5,510* (single +\$730)	\$6,355 (single +\$500)	Norway
<b>JULY</b>				
Hiker's Haute Route (page 70)	July 3 – 14	\$5,950 (single +\$590)	\$6,610 (single +\$655)	France, Switzerland
French Alps: The Tarentaise Mountains (page 24)	July 6 – 13	\$4,430 (single +\$400)	\$4,765 (single +\$585)	France
Iceland: The Remote Westfjords (page 78)	July 7 – 14	\$5,325* (single +\$665)	\$6,280 (single +\$775)	Iceland
Engadine Trek (page 30)	July 16 – 23	\$4,510 (single +\$505)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Switzerland
Highlights of Switzerland: Engadine, Lago Maggiore, Zermatt (page 18)	July 23 – Aug. 1	\$4,935 (single +\$560)	\$6,280 (single +\$560)	Switzerland
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Eiger Trail (page 80)	Aug. 15 – 23	\$4,770 (single +\$620)	\$5,270 (single +\$705)	Switzerland
New Brunswick, Canada: Bay of Fundy (page 50)	Aug. 17 – 24	\$5,045* (single +\$580)	Call for pricing	Canada
Engadine Summit Series (page 68)	Aug. 20 – 27	\$4,510 (single +\$505)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Switzerland
Matterhorn Trek (page 76)	Aug. 24 – 31	\$4,430 (single +\$605)	\$5,295 (single +\$750)	Italy, Switzerland
Pays Basque and The French Pyrénées (page 56)	Aug. 27 – Sept. 4	\$5,315 (single +\$630)	Call for pricing	France
Dolomiti di Brenta (page 54)	Aug. 28 – Sept. 4	\$4,430 (single +\$830)	Call for pricing	Italy
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Via Ladinia: Italian Dolomites (page 52)	Sept. 7 – 14	\$4,590 (single +\$580)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Italy
High Peaks of the Bavarian Tyrol (page 44)	Sept. 9 – 16	\$4,425 (single +\$400)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Germany, Austria
Rocky Mountain High Life: Aspen to Telluride (page 48)	Sept. 15 – 22	\$4,725 (single +\$640)	\$5,895 (single +\$930)	USA
Slovakia: Discover the Remote High Tatras Mountains (page 38)	Sept. 15 – 23	\$4,150 (single +\$410)	Call for pricing	Slovakia
Montenegro: From the Durmitor Mountain Range to the Bay of Kotor (page 34)	Sept. 16 – 23	\$3,370 (single +\$400)	\$5,295 (single +\$750)	Montenegro
Heart of Austria (page 40)	Sept. 17 – 24	\$4,430 (single +\$400)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Austria
New Mexico: Land of Enchantment, Santa Fe to Taos (page 36)	Sept. 28 – Oct. 5	\$4,725 (single +\$640)	\$5,895 (single +\$930)	United States
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Morocco: Atlas Mountains Trek (page 62)	Oct. 11 – Oct. 20	\$4,545* (single +\$390)	\$4,960 (single +\$960)	Morocco
Bhutan: Thimpu, Lingshi, Laya Trek (page 74)	Oct. 22 – Nov. 6	\$7,610* (single +\$1695)	\$9,370 (single +\$1165)	Bhutan

NOTE: All guided trips require a minimum of 2 guests to run the tour unless indicated by \* which require a minimum of 4 guests to run the tour. † Price based on a group of four.

# 2019 SELF-GUIDED & PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS

POPULAR TOURS	SEASON	PRICE PER PERSON (+ single supplement)	PRIVATE GUIDED † Price Per Person (+ single supplement)	COUNTRIES VISITED
<b>EUROPE AND UK</b>				
Appenzell Hut Hop (page 87)	Late June – Oct.	\$1,485 (single +\$300)	N/A	Switzerland
High Peaks of the Bavarian Tyrol (page 44)	June – Sept.	\$2,025 (single +\$280)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Germany, Austria
Berner Oberland Traverse (website)	Late June – Mid Sept.	\$2,835 (single +\$395)	\$5,270 (single +\$660)	Switzerland
Berner Oberland Trek (page 87)	Late June – Mid Sept.	\$2,245 (single +\$380)	Call for pricing	Switzerland
Capri & The Amalfi Coast (page 86)	April – June & Sept. – Oct.	\$3,035 (single +\$640)	N/A	Italy
Cinque Terre (page 86)	April – Oct.	\$1,305 (single +\$330)	N/A	Italy
Cortina & Lakes of the Dolomites (page 87)	Mid June – Mid Sept.	\$2,380 (single +\$350)	Call for pricing	Italy
Cotswolds Way (page 86)	March – Oct.	\$2,080 (single +\$380)	Call for pricing	England
Croatia: The Dalmatian Coast (page 28)	May – June & Sept. – Oct.	\$2,265 (single +\$610)	\$4,825 (single +\$735)	Croatia
Dolomiti di Brenta (page 54)	Late June, July & Sept.	\$2,390 (single +\$750)	Call for pricing	Italy
Eiger Trail (page 80)	June – Sept.	\$2,835 (single +\$395)	\$5,270 (single +\$705)	Switzerland
Enchanted Engadine (website)	Mid June – Early Oct.	\$2,780 (single +\$360)	Call for pricing	Switzerland
Engadine Summit Series (page 68)	Late June – Mid Sept.	\$2,780 (single +\$360)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Switzerland
Engadine Trek (page 30)	June – Oct.	\$2,780 (single +\$360)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Switzerland
Heart of Austria (page 40)	June – Sept.	\$2,200 (single +\$300)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Austria
Hiker's Haute Route (page 70)	Late June – Mid Sept.	\$2,750 (single +\$360)	\$6,610 (single +\$655)	France, Switzerland
Ireland's Dingle Way (page 86)	April – Oct.	\$2,275 (single +\$480)	Call for pricing	Ireland
Italian Dolomites Trek (page 42)	Mid June – Mid Sept.	\$2,595 (single +\$360)	\$4,955 (single +\$585)	Italy
Italian Lakes District: Como & Bellagio (page 87)	May – Oct.	\$2,495 (single +\$415)	\$4,415 (single +\$600)	Italy
Jungfrau Loop (page 86)	Mid June – Mid Sept.	\$2,030 (single +\$305)	Call for pricing	Switzerland
Provence: Hill Towns of the Luberon (page 86)	April – June & Sept. – Oct.	\$2,495 (single +\$675)	N/A	France
Scotland: Rob Roy Way (page 32)	March – Oct.	\$2,285 (single +\$540)	Call for pricing	Scotland
Secret Swiss Valleys (website)	July – Mid Sept.	\$2,240 (single +\$390)	N/A	Switzerland
Sicily: The Aeolian Islands (page 46)	April – Oct.	\$2,625 (single +\$355)	\$5,570 (single +\$655)	Italy
Slovenia: Julian Alps Triglav Circuit (page 64)	Mid June – Mid Sept.	\$1,975 (single +\$405)	\$4,385 (single +\$460)	Slovenia
Snowdonia: Mountains, Lakes and Coasts (page 87)	June – Oct.	\$2,095 (single +\$435)	Call for pricing	Wales
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