



## INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS

*World Leader in Nature Travel*

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<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The natural history of the world's most stunning locales is the purview and purpose of International Expeditions, the world leader in nature travel. With comprehensive itineraries, preeminent naturalist guides, a focus on environmental awareness and insightful interpretation throughout, travel with International Expeditions stimulates interest in, develops an understanding of, and creates an appreciation for the natural wonders of the world. Commitment to conservation is key, as the company's long history of partnering with many of America's leading conservation groups attests. International Expeditions is a member of the TUI Travel collection of best-in-class travel providers.
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<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	1980
<b>EXECUTIVE TEAM</b>	<b>Maggie Hart</b> , President <b>Elaine Woolsey</b> , Chief Financial Officer <b>Steve Cox</b> , Executive Director <b>Caroline Lyle</b> , Vice President Marketing
<b>CLIENT PROFILE</b>	Active, healthy and intrigued by the natural world, International Expeditions clients are typically 50-plus years old, well educated and affluent.
<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>	U.S. Tour Operators Association (USTOA), Virtuoso Preferred Travel Provider, American Society of Travel Agents, International Airlines Travel Agent Network, International Galapagos Tour Operators Association, International Ecotourism Society, East African Wild Life Society

## AWARDS

Awarded 2008 Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine  
One of "World's Best" Tour Operators & Safari Outfitters, *Travel + Leisure* (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)  
"Best of the Web" Travel Selection, *Forbes* (2004)  
*M/V Evolution* Galapagos Expedition named one of *Travel + Leisure's* "Most Romantic Trips" (2005)

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Founding member of The International Ecotourism Society
- Created the first International Rainforest Workshop
- Created the first African Savannah Workshop
- Co-founder of the Amazon Center for Environmental Education & Research

## DESTINATIONS

International Expeditions travel focuses primarily on the Southern Hemisphere, including Amazon Voyage; Galapagos aboard the *M/V Evolution*; Costa Rica; Belize; Tanzania & Kenya; Botswana; Zambia, Southern Africa; Egypt; Brazil's Pantanal; Patagonia; India; Panama; West Africa; and Papua New Guinea.

## EXPEDITIONS

Whether by boat, foot, four-wheel or other mode of transportation, International Expeditions travel brings clients face to face with the natural wonders of the world. All expeditions offer superb access to extraordinary sites and indigenous wildlife, amidst a well-planned backdrop of comfortable accommodations and first-rate cuisine.

International Expeditions' journeys are led by outstanding English-speaking naturalists and historians who are adept at educating guests about the animals, plants, history and culture of their destinations.

International Expeditions emphasizes small group travel – seldom more than 18 guests per expedition. Accommodations are the finest available at far-flung destinations, from stylish riverboats on the Amazon (which the company helped design) to tented camps in Africa and everything in between. Clients can count on detailed pre-departure information, including picturesque brochures and comprehensive Destination Handbooks.

Among International Expeditions' many notable destinations:

- **Amazon** (10 Days): Recognized by National Geographic Adventure as one of the "25 Greatest Adventures in the World," and one of four Amazon journeys offered by International Expeditions, this perfectly paced riverboat expedition takes in the ever-changing panorama of jungle life in pin-point detail. The voyage includes off-boat excursions through nature reserves, dugout canoe trips to river villages, and the amazing sights, sounds and hues of the rainforest.
- **Galapagos** (10 Days): This journey takes travelers up close to the fearless inhabitants of one of the world's greatest natural treasures. The classic itinerary features the 32-guest *M/V Evolution*, crafted in the manner of a historic European steamer, as well as outstanding

naturalist guides who are not only authorities on the wildlife that inspired Darwin, but a pleasure to travel with.

- **Costa Rica (10 Days):** With low-slung cloud forests, a wide array of tropical wildlife and coastlines offering views of whales and dolphins along with great birdwatching, Costa Rica is among the most compelling spots on the planet. This vibrant journey promises tantalizing viewing, extraordinary nature lodge accommodations, and exuberantly natural experiences such as hot springs and rainforest canopy walks. One to cherish for a lifetime – or ‘til next time.
- **Pantanal (11 Days):** The Amazon may get all the press, but the Pantanal is still an extraordinary destination for lovers of wildlife. From giant anteaters to toucans, greater rheas to the endangered hyacinth macaw – not to mention the roaring thunder of 270-foot Iguazú Falls – Brazil’s grandest savannah is a dream destination.
- **Tanzania & Kenya (17 Days):** Among the grandest itineraries of them all, this safari takes in the parks and reserves for a look at an astounding variety of wildlife and untold centuries of tribal customs.. Distinctive accommodations throughout.

## **INDEPENDENT TRAVEL**

International Expeditions offers “independent” nature travel for clients who wish to customize their own journeys to the world’s great natural and cultural history destinations.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

International Expeditions is a pioneer in the concept of environmentally responsible travel, having supported a wide array of conservation projects around the globe. Among many projects the company has actively pursued:

- Organized the First International Rainforest Workshop in the Amazon in 1990, which raised funds for a research center and the Canopy Walkway System.
- Worked with villagers of Crooked Tree, Belize to create “Crooked Tree Cashews” sustainable agriculture project, currently in its 13<sup>th</sup> year.
- Provided major support for the fledgling Belize Zoo, which has since become a symbol of wildlife education and ecotourism.

- Created the First African Savannah Workshop in 1994, offering travelers hands-on learning with renowned researchers and local naturalists.
- Corporate sponsor of the East African Wild Life Society.

**E-NEWSLETTER**

*Field Notes*, the International Expeditions monthly e-newsletter, is available for timely information about special departures and up-and-coming destinations.

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