



# INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS

*World Leader in Nature Travel*

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## INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS HONORED IN *TRAVEL + LEISURE* WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

### Named One of the Top 20 Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters

BIRMINGHAM, AL, July 20, 2009 – The readers of *Travel + Leisure* chose [International Expeditions](#), the world leader in nature travel, as one of the “Top 20 Tour Operators & Safari Outfitters” in the magazine’s 2009 World’s Best Awards survey. This is the sixth consecutive year IE has been named to this prestigious list.

To qualify for the World’s Best Awards, readers of *Travel + Leisure* judged tour operators on six criteria: staff/guides, itineraries/destinations, activities, accommodations, food and value. Out of a total of 100 points, International Expeditions received an outstanding overall score of 90.75, earning the tour operator the 11<sup>th</sup> spot on the list.

This distinction complements International Expeditions’ ever-increasing list of accolades. For the past two years, the company has been named one of “The Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth” by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine.

This honor comes as IE prepares to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year of offering innovative and enriching travel programs to the world’s greatest natural and cultural locales. From compelling small-ship expeditions in the [Amazon](#) and [Galapagos](#), to intimate escorted tours in [Belize](#), [Brazil's Pantanal](#), [Patagonia](#), [Panama](#), [Costa Rica](#), [Machu Picchu](#), [India](#), [Egypt and Jordan](#), to fascinating safaris in [Tanzania](#), [Kenya](#) and [Uganda](#), IE is renowned for its comprehensive itineraries featuring off-the-beaten-track activities and passionate world-class naturalist and historian guides who enhance each experience with their knowledge of the destinations visited.

New for 2010, IE will lead a remarkable 15-day tour to [Laos and Vietnam](#), offering an authentic look at the culture and natural beauty of Southeast Asia.

For more information on International Expeditions visit [www.IEtravel.com](http://www.IEtravel.com) or call 1-800-633-4734.

Founded in 1980, International Expeditions is the World Leader in Nature Travel, specializing in small group and independent journeys to the most exhilarating destinations around the globe. A pioneer of environmentally responsible travel, International Expeditions is committed to preserving natural habitats and improving the welfare of the people and communities it visits.

For more information or an International Expeditions brochure, call an International Expeditions destination specialist at 1-800-633-4734, see your travel agent, e-mail [nature@ietravel.com](mailto:nature@ietravel.com), or visit [www.IEtravel.com](http://www.IEtravel.com).

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