



ALUMNI TRIPS CATALOG

2025



Come travel the world with NOLS!



This map is a representation of the world many of us are familiar with, but presents a view of the world that is centered on Europe and North America. While we've chosen to use this map for clarity, we invite you to educate yourself on different versions of maps and how these can impact your view of the world [here](#).

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ACTIVITY SCALE ✓

This is a subjective rating of anticipated physical difficulty for alumni trips. Weather, route, and group dynamics can combine to make alumni trips more or less difficult.



Moderate

Difficult

Cover photo: Travis Welch

We think that NOLS ran our first Alumni Trip in August of 1985, ~40 years ago. History has been good to this division at NOLS and for 2025, we are proud to launch our most robust Trips Catalog ever.

When I started working in the Alumni Trips division, Rich Brame, my colleague and predecessor, told me “we are in the People Business”. We bring great people together in support of the NOLS Mission, it isn’t more complicated than that.

During my tenure with Rich we modeled a philosophy of decision making that puts relationships first. Using this handrail, we navigated a global pandemic with grace and relative good humor. As the world emerged and looked around, we were able to provide folks what they wanted, fun trips to nice places with outstanding people. In truth, it is that simple. We “lure” our alumni back with incredible locations and then the group wows itself with camaraderie and shared purpose. The foundation of Alumni Trips is that we are in the People Business and that those relationships guide our decision making.

Heraclitus told us 2500 years ago that “Change is the only constant in life” and 2025 will be no exception. With a new NOLS Alumni Trips Director, the organization will continue navigating a complex and evolving world. People will continue to be the handrail, showing the way forward and providing a foundation for decision making. After all, we are in the People Business.

Travis Welch
Outgoing Alumni Trips Director



LIST OF TRIPS BY TYPE

Backpacking

Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains
Backpacking and Fly Fishing with
Llamas in Wyoming
Backpacking Nepal's Khumbu
Region- Everest Base Camp
Backpacking in Brazil's Chapada
Diamantina National Park
Bhutan's Chomolhari Circuit
Chile's Torres del Paine National Park
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Italy's Dolomites - Alta Via #1
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Italy's Haute Glacier Route
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Italy's Tuscan Countryside &
Ligurian Coast
Nepal's Manaslu Circuit
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Portugal's Fisherman Trail
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Sweden's Kungsleden Trail

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Val D'Aosta
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Mountaineering & Technical

Alaska's Denali
Argentina's Aconcagua
Climbing on Greece's Kalymnos Island
Rock Climbing in Wyoming's Sinks
Canyon & Wild Iris
Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro
Utah's Technical Canyoneering
Wyoming's Gannett Peak
Women's Wyoming's Gannett Peak

Snow

Backcountry Ski Touring in Iceland
Backcountry Skiing Japan's Western
Hokkaido Island
Backcountry Skiing Japan's
Daisetsuzan Mountains
Backcountry Winter Touring Basics in
Teton Valley
Nordic Skiing under Sweden's
Northern Lights

Water

Rafting Utah's Gates of Lodore
Sailing Greece's Ionian Sea
Sailing Longboats in Mexico's Sea
of Cortez
Salmon River Family Rafting
Sea Kayaking Alaska's Prince
William Sound
Sea Kayaking Baja Mexico's Bahia
Concepcion
Sea Kayaking Croatia's Dalmatian Coast
Sea Kayaking Fiji's Yasawa Islands
Sea Kayaking New Zealand
Sea Kayaking North America's
Inside Passage

Unique Experiences

Horsepacking in Wyoming's Wind
River Range
NOLS Family Week
Safari in Tanzania
Touring Iceland's Unique Treasures

Mountaineering on Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro



Anoush Pal

DATES

April 3 - 11, 2025
April 13 - 21, 2025

COST

\$3,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Arusha

Join us for an attempt at the summit of Tanzania's iconic Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet). This expedition attempts Africa's tallest peak while exploring the landscape and culture of Tanzania. The route travels on muddy trails, up steep rocky scrambles, across hard snow, and through thick jungles. Porters help carry the loads as well as prepare meals and share their culture with the group. [More info](#)

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

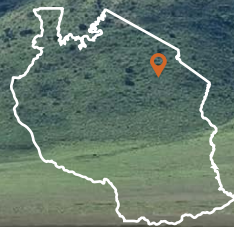


Mild

Difficult

Porters carry the heavy gear, but it's a long hike at high elevation.

Safari in Tanzania



Savanna Johnson

DATES

March 30 - April 2, 2025
 April 23 - 26, 2025

COST

\$1,695
 Includes all expenses

Designed as an add-on adventure to the Kilimanjaro trip, this 3-day safari will take you to some of Tanzania's most famous parks. You will have the chance of a lifetime to view African animals in the wild from the safety of a safari jeep and with the insight of our tenured NOLS Staff. Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park celebrate and share Tanzania's fantastic wildlife with the world. Adding these places onto your Kilimanjaro trip is the perfect way to round out your time in Tanzania.

More info

Physicality

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

Moderate temps, little precipitation Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild Difficult

This trip is mostly going to be riding in jeeps.

Join NOLS on this culturally-immersive trip to Bhutan and see for yourself why the “Land of the Thunder Dragon” is so enchanting. This hiking trip ascends gradually to a high point of 16,000 feet using horses to carry the bulk of the gear. The base of Chomolhari, Bhutan’s holiest mountain, is your goal for the trek. Along the way you will visit the rural villages, farms, and people who thrive in the valleys of the Himalaya. [More info](#)



Backpacking Bhutan’s Chomolhari Circuit



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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

High altitude and elevation gains make this a physically demanding trip.

DATES

April 13 – 24, 2025

COST

\$9,295

(includes round-trip flight to Bhutan from Bangkok)

Backpacking Nepal's Manaslu Circuit

Travis Welch



DATES

October 16 - 31, 2025

COST

\$4,395

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Kathmandu

The Manaslu Circuit is one of Nepal's great treks and also one of its least crowded because of the challenges to get to it. The route moves up two massive glacial valleys for the first 10 days, stopping in small villages to stay in tea houses. Then, cresting a 17,000-foot pass, you reach the pinnacle of the journey with the help of your team of NOLSies. Come along with NOLS as we make this incredible journey truly the trip of your life.

[More info](#)

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

You will carry a 25-35 lb pack and hike into high elevations.

ASIA

NEW

Backpacking Nepal's Khumbu Region - Everest Base Camp



DATES

April 7 - 24, 2024

COST

\$7,695

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Kathmandu

The Himalayas are unsurpassed in their soaring heights, beauty, and legends. And Nepal has a rich history of people living among these fabled giants. Hiking through the Khumbu region, famously friendly to trekkers, we will visit some of these century old villages and lodge in traditional tea houses that make long distance trekking in the region quite comfortable. On this trip, astounding views of Mount Everest and a trip to Everest's base camp will immerse you in the whole spectrum of trekking in the Himalayas. [More info](#)

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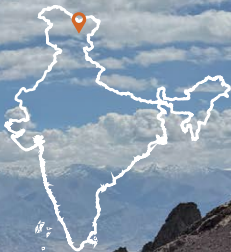
OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild

Difficult

Hiking in difficult terrain at high altitudes is challenging.

Backpacking India's Ladakh Highlands



Lucy Pless

DATES

June 16 - 26, 2025

COST

\$2,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Leh

India's Ladakh region is one of the historic seats of Buddhism in the world and the soaring peaks around you will certainly inspire thoughts outside of yourself. This high-altitude trip will travel through the passes and mountains of the Ladakh region of Northern India. You will have a light pack as mules carry your gear from camp to camp and our expedition team provides full support.

[More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Your pack is light, but high elevation and camping life is a challenge for most folks.

ASIA

Backcountry Skiing Japan's Western Hokkaido Island

NEW



Zeno Wicks

DATES

January 20 - 28, 2025

COST

\$4,995

Includes pre-and post-trip lodging

Join us as we take a new route on the western side of Japan's Hokkaido Island. With one of the deepest snowpacks in the world, everyday is a powder day in Hokkaido. Hard days spent skiing uphill on this trip are justly rewarded with evening soaks in traditional thermal baths known as onsens. For those looking for physical challenge, cultural immersion, and great group atmosphere this is a trip to put on your radar. [More info](#)

Physicality



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High altitude, rough trails, long uphills, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

You will be spending lots of time skiing uphill and then downhill in deep powder, top physical shape is a must!

Backcountry Skiing Japan's Daisetsuzan Mountains



Deane Malott

DATES

January 31 -
February 8, 2025

COST

\$4,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

Japan's Hokkaido island is quickly becoming a world-class destination for skiers of all types. While most skiers stay in-bounds, coming with NOLS will allow you to get off-piste and ski terrain that most people only dream about. Stringing together hotels ensures creature comforts so bodies can recover from routinely robust and demanding days in the backcountry.

[More info](#)

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

You will have to earn those downhill turns by skinning to the top of most runs.



Bring your friends and family along!

NOLS Alumni trips are a great way to introduce your friends and family to NOLS. Most of our Alumni trips are appropriate for bringing guests along to join in the fun. Your job is to make sure they know what they are getting into: remember, NOLS Alumni trips are not guided vacations; folks have to pull their own weight in order to get to the places we go!

Backpacking Scotland's Speyside Way



Sally Masters

DATES

April 30 - May 8, 2025
 May 10 - 18, 2025

COST

\$3,495

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Aviemore

Join a group of NOLS grads for a spectacular walking tour from Scotland's high Cairngorms peaks to the North Sea. We will trek ~70 miles between small hotels with light backpacks in the heart of pastoral whiskey country. The challenge on this trip is typically the weather while the food and lodging is a highlight!

[More info](#)

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Camping, simple meals

Weather



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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Enjoy light packs, lengthy hikes, a luggage shuttle, and inn living.

Backpacking Scotland's Isle of Arran



Meghan Wood

DATES

April 20 - 27, 2025

COST

\$3,895

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Brodick

Join us for a circumnavigation of Scotland's remote Isle of Arran, a rugged island with such topographic diversity that it's called "Scotland in miniature." This 65-mile backpacking trip blends trails, beach/boulder walking, highland-like grassy peaks, and shuttles. Highlights include Goat Fell peak, comfortable inns, Brodick Castle, exploration of a Buddhist retreat, extensive Bronze-Age standing stones, and a wee whiskey tasting at the Arran Distillery. [More info](#)

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Weather

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild

Difficult

Enjoy light packs, challenging hikes, and inn living.

Backpacking Ireland's Coast

Stephen Cauffman



DATES

July 6 - 12, 2025

July 13 - 19, 2025

COST

\$3,295

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Ennis

Explore the trails of Ireland's western coast from Ennis north to the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Islands, and the Connemara region with a light backpack and a group of fellow NOLS grads, families, and friends. This trip stays in small inns where the music is traditional and the food is incredible. [More info](#)

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Weather



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lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Enjoy variable hikes, light backpacks, and upscale inns along the Emerald Isle's west coast.

Backcountry Ski Touring in Iceland Hornstrandir Peninsula



Michelle Leonard

DATES

May 3 - 12, 2025

COST

\$5,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Isafjordur

Spring skiing in Iceland has become legendary in recent years because of the unique ability to ski to the ocean's edge and the perpetual spring conditions. The Hornstrandir Peninsula in the westfjords of Iceland is home to some of the most untouched slopes in the country and will be the base for this trip. The roadless peninsula is a protected nature reserve with boat only access but an incredibly backcountry ski lodge that will be your home for the trip.

More info

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

Moderate temps, little precipitation Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild Difficult

This is a great trip for experienced backcountry skiers.

Backpacking Iceland's Volcanic Trails



Majorie Crowley

DATES

July 10 - 17, 2025

July 22 - 29, 2025

COST

\$4,195

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Reykjavik

Join us for a challenging and immensely scenic backpacking trip in Iceland as we hike hut-to-hut under the midnight sun. This trip travels amongst Iceland's Volcanic Trail huts, one of Iceland's most remote and impressive wilderness areas. Highlights include dramatic and varied topography, incredible flora, glaciers that drain into wild, raging rivers, and a natural hot springs. [More info](#)

Physicality

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild Difficult

Sleeping in huts lightens your backpack, but long trails and fickle weather make this trip challenging.

NOLSies have fallen in love with Iceland and this trip provides Alumni of wide levels of physical abilities a chance to reconnect with NOLS and enjoy some of Iceland's most charming areas. The trip will utilize vehicle transport, hotel lodging, and restaurant meals coupled with a variety of different hikes each day to introduce participants to some of Iceland's lesser known areas. The trip is a comfortable way to see the sites and great for couples with differing levels of physicality and comfort desires. [More info](#)

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Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



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lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Hotel based lodging is comfortable and hiking options will offer both easy and moderate challenges.



Travis Welch

Touring Iceland's Unique Treasures

DATES

July 2 - 8, 2025

COST

\$4,195

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Reykjavik

Backpacking Slovenia's Julian Alps



Sebastian Moyer

DATES

June 26 – July 4
September 4 – 12, 2025

COST

\$2,595
Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Ljubljana

Join us on a spectacular hike in Slovenia's Julian Alps where we'll explore the steep trails, high passes, peaks, and rich cultural milieu of Triglav National Park. This unique trip merges rural mountainous landscapes with old-Europe charm and new-country independence. This hut-to-hut backpacking trip starts in Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana. [More info](#)

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather

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Extreme hot/cold temps,
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OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild

Difficult

Inn lodging means culture, comfortable rooms, cooked meals, and light backpacks on trail days.

Backpacking Italy's Lakes District

Chip Henderson



DATES

June 11 - 18, 2025

COST

\$3,595

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

This trip explores the world-famous lakes district in north-central Italy. Spend seven days hiking the shores and nearby spires around spectacular Lakes Como, Lugano and Maggiore, while staying in a combination of hotels and “rifugi” (rustic inn-style lodgings). Explore the peaks, culture and cuisine of this iconic region with NOLS. [More info](#)

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Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

There are a few long days with elevation gains, but also light packs and comfortable lodging.

EUROPE

Backpacking Italy's Dolomites - Alta Via #1



DATES

June 20 - 27, 2025

June 21 - 28, 2025

August 31 - Sept 7, 2025

September 9 - 16, 2025 | All Female Identifying Trip

September 10 - 17, 2025

COST

\$3,495

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Bolzano

NOLS grads, friends, and families are invited to spend a week hiking in the awe-inspiring Dolomites. Traveling between “rifugi” (rustic inn-style lodgings), your group will savor Italian cuisine and culture with mostly European travelers. The team carries light backpacks on challenging daily hikes among the stunning peaks of northern Italy. [More info](#)

Physicality



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Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



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little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Long trail days include steep up and down hiking, but hut living means backpacks are light.

Backpacking Italy's Dolomites - Alta Via #6



Griffin Meyer

DATES

September 1 - 9, 2025

COST

\$3,895

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

Italy has quickly become the top destination for our Alumni trips and this route will take you off the primary paths in the Dolomites and into less trafficked terrain. Skirting the eastern edge of the Dolomites will involve a few robust hiking days as you travel along the established medium-distance trail system. Overnighting in Rifugi will keep packs lighter while offering outstanding evening meals and is typically a highlight for anyone traveling in the backcountry of Italy.

[More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

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Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Hiking days can be strenuous but hut living provides comfort each evening.

Join NOLS Alumni on our newest route in northern Italy. This trip is a cultural and historical walking tour of the Aosta region along the Via delle Gallie (the original Roman road between Rome and Lyon). This route is less strenuous than our other hiking trips in Italy. Short hikes, public transport, and private shuttles will progressively move you towards San Bernadino Pass, a literal highpoint of the trip, where we will stay at the 15th century hospice built by Saint Bernard. [More info](#)



Walking Italy's Alps Bassa Via Val D'Aosta

NEW

Physicality



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Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals
Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation
Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild
Difficult

Lodging in inns and huts means lighter packs



Travis Welch

DATES

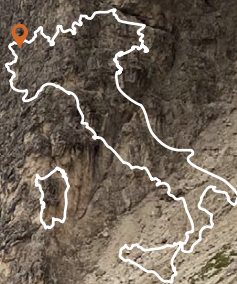
June 10 - 18, 2025

COST

\$4,295

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Turin

Backpacking Italy's Alps Haute Route Glacier



DATES

August 19 - 28, 2025

COST

\$3,695

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

Join a NOLS on our plethora of Western Alps focused trips! The Haute Route travels amongst the Italian and French border region traversing valleys with fabled history but little outside tourism. Utilizing Italy's outstanding system of backcountry Rifugio will keep packs from being too heavy while traveling amongst the glaciers, peaks, and valleys of western Italy. [More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Steep up and down hiking with consistent long days, but hut living means backpacks are light.

Backpacking Italy's Tuscan Countryside and Ligurian Coast



Join a group of NOLS grads, friends, families, and instructors for exploration and camaraderie along the Ligurian Coast and Tuscan countryside. We use a combination of trains, shuttles, and foot power to connect small hotels in Italy's early autumn. This trip mixes backpacking with exploration of the region's iconic towns, villages, rural areas, and ancient landmarks. [More info](#)

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Inn lodging means culture, comfortable rooms, cooked meals, and light backpacks on trail days.

DATES

September 21 - 29, 2025

COST

\$3,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

Backpacking Portugal's Fisherman Trail



Sam and Jess Miller

DATES

March 17 - 26, 2025
 March 29 - April 7, 2025
 October 21 - 30, 2025
 November 2 - 11, 2025

COST

\$3,695
Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lisbon

Join this trip along Portugal's stunning southwestern coast. The trip includes cultural connection in Lisbon and a daily gear transfer service to keep packs light on the trail. We'll lodge in guesthouses and small hotels, dining on simple regional cuisine. It's real hiking with long mileage, seaside cliff navigation, plenty of sand and beaches with jaw dropping vistas. [More info](#)

Physicality

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

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OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild Difficult

Long trail days include beaches, sand, and some country lanes, but a daily gear transfer keeps daypacks light.

Hiking along Sweden's Kungsleden trail and staying in backcountry huts allows this trip to carry easily manageable backpacks. This style of travel is common in Europe and our group will share time and space with Scandinavians along the route. The trail is spectacular, winding through northern Sweden and exploring Lapland on foot while the foliage transitions to stunning fall colors. [More info](#)



Backpacking Sweden's Kungsleden Trail



Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Hiking on uneven terrain with full packs is challenging.

DATES

September 4 - 13, 2025

COST

\$3,195

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Kiruna

Skiing under Sweden's Northern Lights



Nate Keller

DATES

March 3 - 11, 2025
 March 16 - 24, 2025

COST

\$3,395
 Includes pre- and post-trip lodging

On this Scandinavian winter adventure, you will ski from heated hut to heated hut along Sweden's national trail, the Kungsleden. This is true Nordic skiing according to the Swedes, but cross country skiing is the most comparable style of travel on this well marked trail, no experience is needed. Anticipated highlights of this trip are the Northern Lights, Scandinavian culture, short hours of daylight, and miles of rolling trail.

[More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Skiing with packs can be challenging.

Backpacking Croatia's Velebit Mountains



Join NOLS on this trip to hike the Velebit coast range in Croatia! The limestone mountains of the Velebit are relatively unexplored by non-Croatians but a rustic hut system is in place to make the adventure a bit more comfortable. Vehicle support keeps our packs minimal and allows hikers to stretch their legs a bit further each day. A mid-trip shuttle will allow visits to both the Northern and Southern National Parks.

[More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Vehicle support means daypacks are light, but the terrain and mileage is challenging.

DATES

June 15 - 23, 2025
September 14 - 22, 2025

COST

\$2,995
Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Zagreb



Sea Kayaking Along Croatia’s Dalmatian Coast

Toby Hartman



DATES

June 15 - June 22, 2025
 September 14 - 21, 2025
 September 23 - 30, 2025

COST

\$2,995 - 3,095
 Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Dubrovnik

Paddle Croatia’s Elaphiti Island Archipelago and make nightly stops at guesthouses in picturesque villages. Sea kayaking and exploring the scenic southern Croatian coastline offers opportunities to indulge in traditional Adriatic culture and culinary specialties. You’ll also develop and practice technical paddling and rescue skills in the area’s renowned turquoise seas. [More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Guesthouse lodging means light gear, but paddling on windy days and carrying boats takes effort.

Climbing on Greece's Kalymnos Island

NEW



Matt Leslie

DATES

May 5 - 13, 2025

COST

\$3,695

Includes lodging for trip duration in Masouri

Kalymnos is one of the most highly regarded climbing destinations in the world. Beautiful limestone cliffs and sea caves make for miles of vertical terrain to explore. This trip is based out of the “climbing village” of Masouri on Kalymnos’s west side and will give you excellent access to numerous crags. A range of styles and difficulty across the island make this trip suitable for all levels of climbers. Instructors will teach climbing technique, knots, rope handling, belaying, anchors, sport climbing systems, and rappelling. [More info](#)

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Rock climbing can be physically challenging, but comfortable lodging allows for relaxation and recovery.

Sailing in Greece's Ionian Sea



Nick Braun

DATES

May 5 - 17, 2025
May 19 - 31, 2025

COST

\$6,495

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nidri

Join us sailing along Greece's Ionian Sea. This trip for novices and experienced sailors alike builds upon individual experience and adds more complex sailing skills, while exploring the islands' incredible cultural histories and beautiful seas aboard a 40+' liveboard keelboat.

[More info](#)

Physicality

Low activity, easy walking High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

Moderate temps, little precipitation Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild

Difficult

Keelboat sailing in Greece means challenging winds and tight quarters.

Amanda Klein

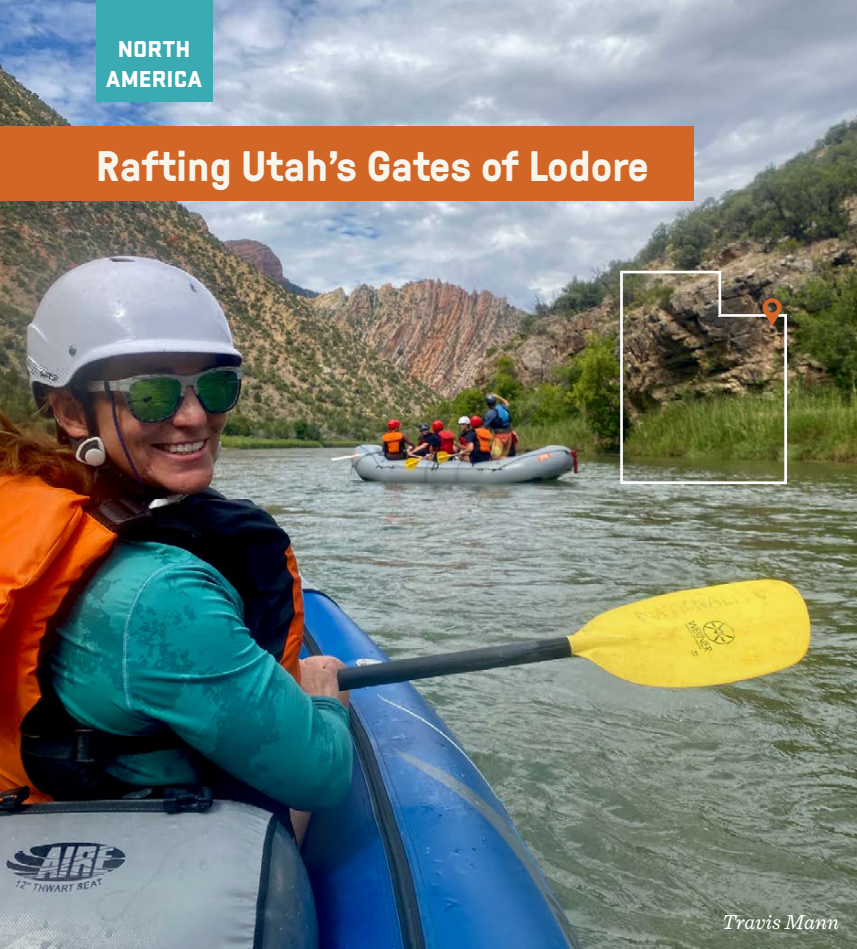


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Rafting Utah's Gates of Lodore



Travis Mann

DATES

July 28 - 31, 2025

COST

\$1,495

family friendly trip

Designed for families but great for anyone, this trip floats the Green River through Utah's Gates of Lodore Canyon. Bring the kids along (ages 12+) and have a rafting adventure through one of the most scenic river canyons in the U.S. Your instructors will help navigate the Class III river in rafts and possibly inflatable kayaks, ensuring that fun is had by all. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

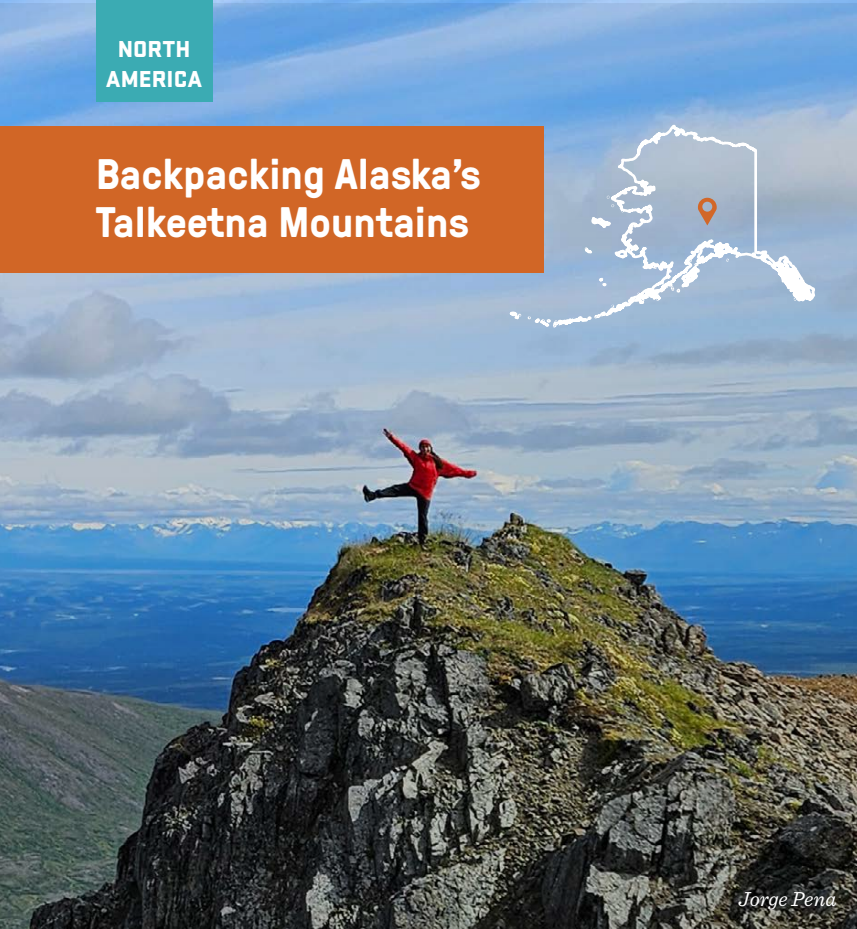
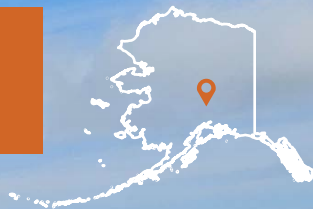


Mild

Difficult

Participants are expected to paddle, but life on this river trip isn't too strenuous.

Backpacking Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains



Jorge Pena

DATES

July 27 - August 2, 2025

COST

\$2,295

Trip begins and ends with a pick up and drop off in Anchorage, AK

Join NOLS for a week long backpacking trip in Alaska's Talkeetna Mountain Range. On this trip you will shoulder a full-size pack and head into the Alaskan wilderness for some mostly on-trail travel with a group of fellow NOLSie's. We will aspire for grand views of Denali on this trip and hope for the best possible weather. [More info](#)

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



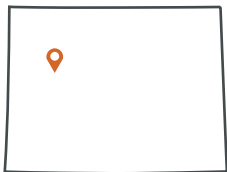
Mild

Difficult

Carrying a full pack with a week of rations is challenging.



Backpacking Wyoming's Wind River Traverse



DATES

July 13 - 21, 2025
July 24 - August 1, 2025

COST

\$2,395

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Physicality



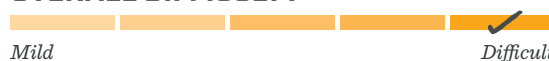
Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



This trip includes challenging hikes with heavy packs on an aggressive route.

Wyoming's Wind River Range is calling! Polish your backcountry travel and camping techniques on an amazing and challenging traverse of one of America's best mountain ranges. The team hopscotches the Continental Divide, reviewing all parts of the NOLS backpacking curriculum, including fly fishing. [More info](#)

Backcountry Winter Touring Basics in Teton Valley

NEW

For those interested in applying their pre-existing ski/snowboard skills to a new environment, this trip is designed to prepare intermediate skiers and boarders to travel in the backcountry. Based out of backcountry yurts and the NOLS Teton Valley campus in Driggs, ID, you will go on day tours to explore world class terrain while learning risk management in avalanche terrain, snow science, and honing the skills that will prepare you for bigger winter adventures. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

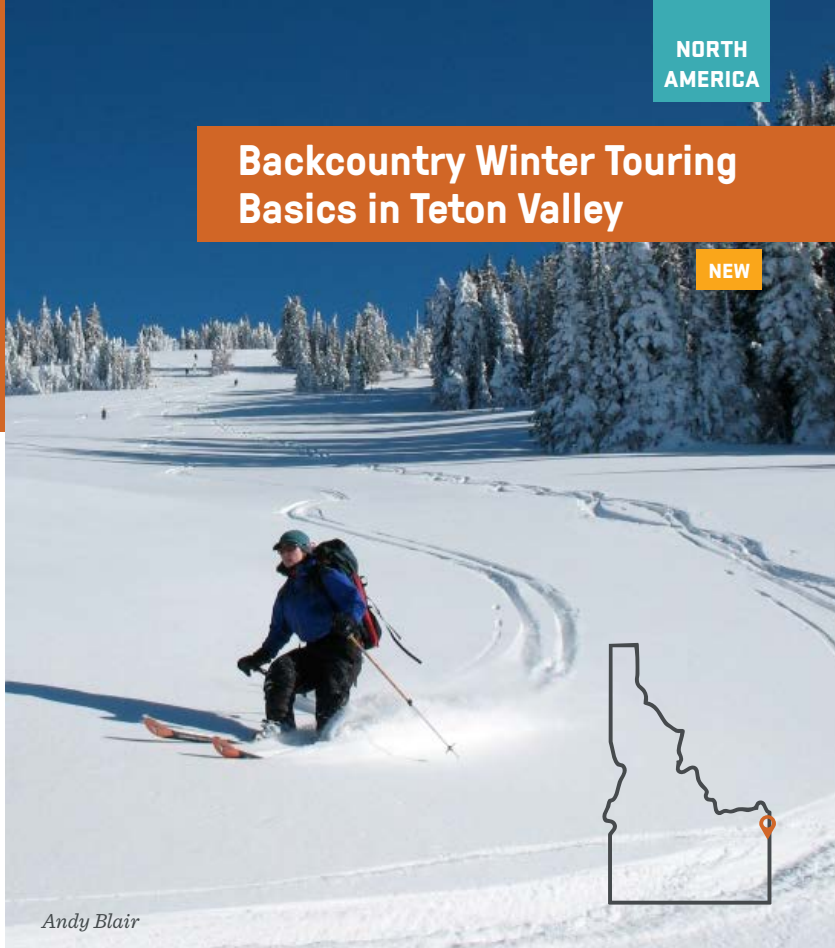
OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

You will be spending lots of time skiing uphill and then downhill in powder.



Andy Blair

DATES

February 23 - 28, 2025

COST

\$2,495

Trip includes lodging in a cozy backcountry yurt

Mountaineering on Alaska's Denali



Dave Hill

DATES

June 3 - 28, 2025

COST

\$12,050

Trip begins and ends with a pick up and drop off in Anchorage

This is an expedition for ambitious, driven alumni looking to summit Denali, North America's highest peak (20,320 feet). This challenging course includes long days with heavy packs, close living quarters, and extended time spent on glacier. If you're aiming for a unique, hard-won experience, this is the course for you. For qualified alumni only (interview required). [More info](#)

Physicality

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Sleeping & Eating

Hotel lodging, restaurant meals Camping, simple meals

Weather

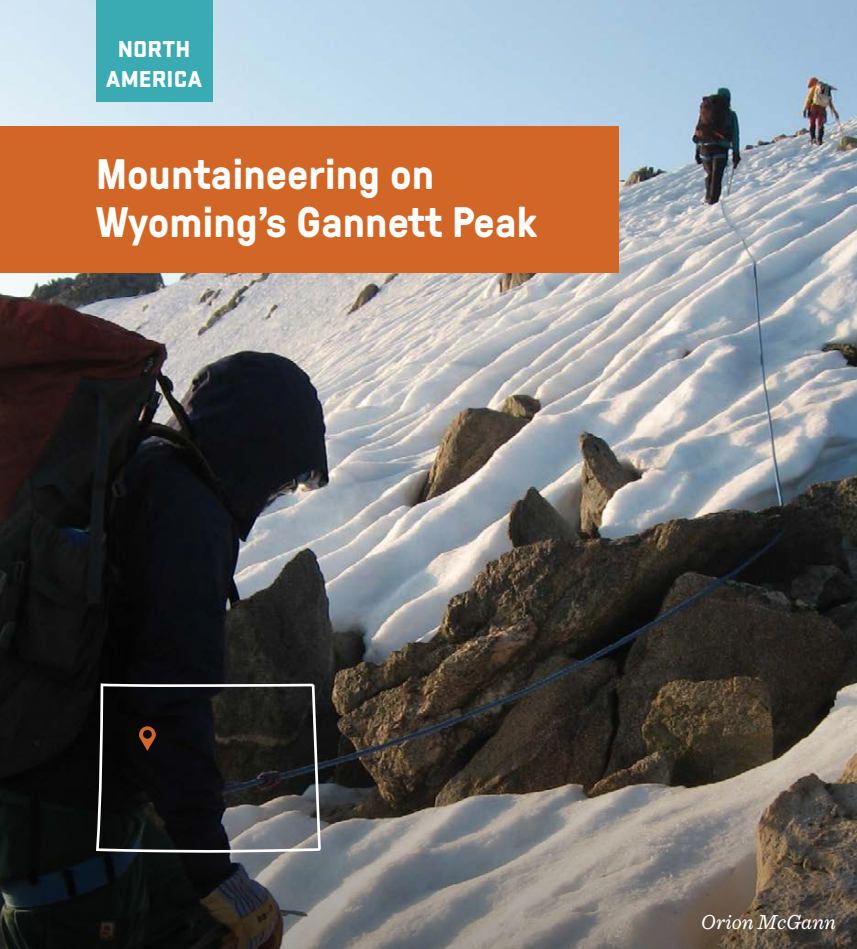
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OVERALL DIFFICULTY

Mild Difficult

Heavy packs, high altitude, harsh conditions, and a short summit window.

Mountaineering on Wyoming's Gannett Peak



Orion McGann

DATES

July 16 - 23, 2025

COST

2,795

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Nestled deep in the wilderness, Gannett Peak (13,804 feet) is Wyoming's highest summit. This fast-paced trip moves over steep trails and moraines with heavy backpacks. Your group's training starts with the basics, so novice mountaineers are welcome. Participants will learn and practice glacier mountaineering, rock, and snow skills for the mixed-route summit.

[More info](#)

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Long hikes, full packs, and steep terrain make a challenging trip.

Gannett Peak is an alluring objective for any mountaineer looking to gain remote access to a beautiful and elusive summit. This trip focuses on building mountaineering skills on glacier, snow, and rock taking the same route as our standard Gannett Peak trip. This trip also emphasizes building an inclusive outdoor space for women, non-binary participants, and those who identify outside the gender binary. [More info](#)

Women's Mountaineering on Wyoming's Gannett Peak

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



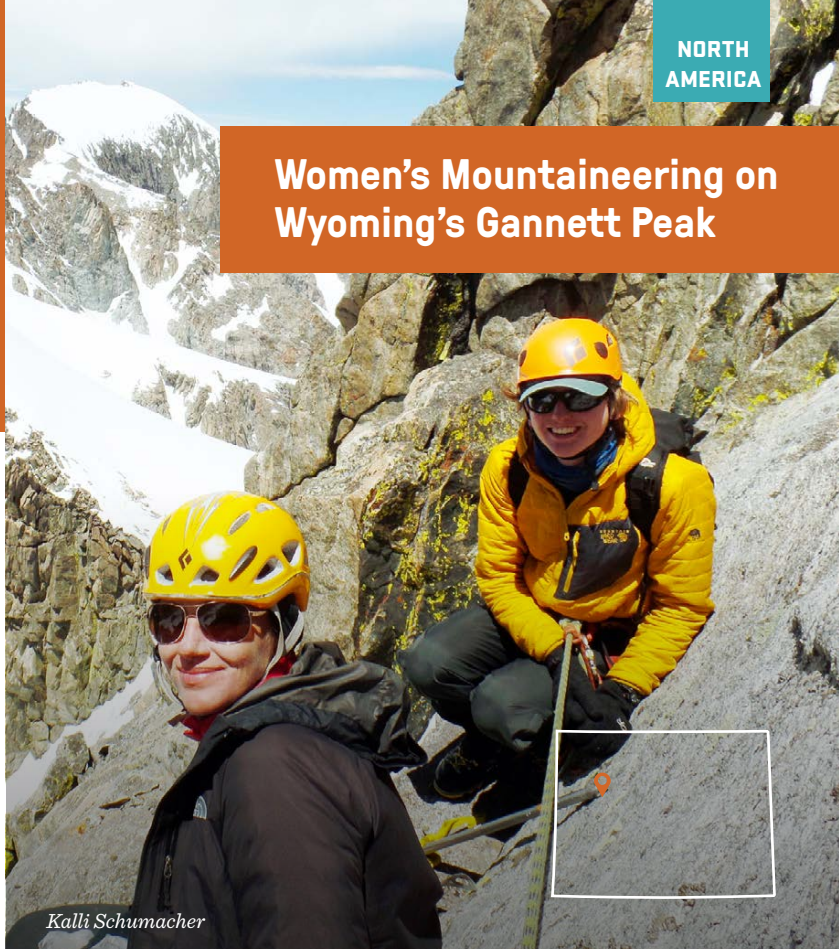
Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Long hikes, full packs, and steep terrain make a challenging trip.



Kalli Schumacher

DATES

August 4 - 11, 2025

COST

\$2,795

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Backpacking and Fly Fishing with Llamas in Wyoming



Stephen Hart

DATES

July 6 - 12, 2025
 July 16 - 22, 2025
 July 20 - 26, 2025
 July 30 - August 5, 2025

COST

\$2,095
 Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Refine your NOLS skills while embracing new ones like fly fishing, photography, and llama packing in Wyoming's beautiful Wind River Range. Instructors will help with the technical skills while you soak in the scenery and experience of this trip. Relive fond memories of NOLS by bringing your family along on this adventure! [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY

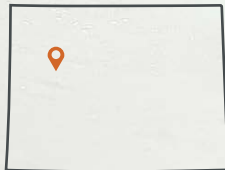


Mild

Difficult

Llamas carry some of the weight, but mountain backpacking is challenging.

NOLS Family Week



Olivia Nelson

DATES

July 13 - 19, 2025

COST

\$1,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Wyoming's Wind River Range is calling and this family focused adventure will introduce your family to a variety of different outdoor activities in the mountains. You will basecamp outside of Lander, WY and spend the week on day-adventures such as rock climbing, fly fishing, hiking, and canoeing. Let NOLS Instructors introduce your family to a diverse set of activities while weaving in Leave No Trace ethics. Kids as young as 7 are welcome on this trip and it will be geared to support people of all ages. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



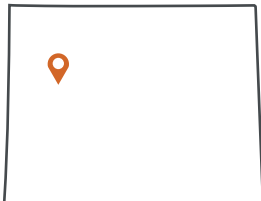
Mild

Difficult

You will be camping and sleeping on the ground, but car access and day activities provide options.



Horsepacking in Wyoming's Wind River Range



DATES

August 8 - 17, 2025
August 23 - September 1, 2025

COST

\$2,995
includes transport from Jackson, WY to NOLS Ranch

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Throughout history, Wyoming's Wind River Range has been explored largely on horseback. This trip is a chance to experience the work and benefits of traveling in this time-honored way. Travel into the Winds with a train of horses to camp, fish, and ride. Your group focuses on western horsemanship activities, including herd dynamics, tack, horse behavior, camp and feed selection, pacing, and Leave No Trace camping. **More info**



Plan a Private or Custom Trip with NOLS Alumni

Interested in taking your family or a group of friends on a NOLS Adventure? We would love to build a private or custom trip for your team! Our team works with groups as small as 3-4 to build exactly what you want, when you want it. You can choose from any of our trip options and request a private departure, or we could build something different and unique for your crew. Drop us a line and we would be happy to help shape your next vacation and build the trip of your dreams.

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Rock Climbing Wyoming's Sinks Canyon and Wild Iris



Evan Horn

DATES

September 7 - 13, 2025

COST

\$2,395

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

Lander, WY is not simply the home of NOLS but it is a destination climbing location. The area boasts incredible access to a large variety of routes including multi-pitch climbing for all levels. This trip will live out of a base camp and explore the local climbing areas with local NOLS experts while focusing on climbing techniques, knots, rope handling, belaying, anchors, protection placement, traditional and “sport” climbing systems, rappelling, and lead climbing theory. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



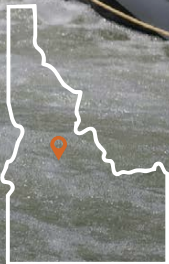
Mild

Difficult

Base camping is comfortable, but daypacking rock gear and steep climbs are hard work.

Salmon River Family Rafting

NEW



Brad Christensen

DATES

July 10 - 17, 2025

COST

\$2,995

Family friendly trip

Famed in the American West for its natural beauty, history and engaging rapids, we are excited to add the Salmon River to our offering of alumni trips this year. Camp and learn rafting skills like guiding paddle rafts, rowing oar rigs, navigating rapids, and basic river rescue against the captivating backdrop of rugged mountains and pine forests. We have designed this trip to welcome families with kids as young as 10. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

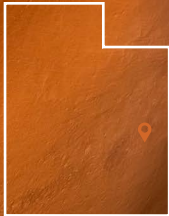
Difficult

Participants are expected to paddle, but life on this river trip isn't too strenuous.

Technical Canyoneering in Utah



Tony Jewell



DATES

March 22 - 29, 2025
October 6 - 13, 2025

COST

\$2,295
Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Grand Junction

This physically demanding trip explores tight canyons using ropes to navigate slots and manage risks. This is a base-camping, vehicle-supported expedition to maximize your opportunities to rappel, scramble, wade, and use creative rope skills in remote canyon terrain. After challenging days, enjoy camaraderie, natural history, and technical systems practice back at camp. [More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Rope work and creative body movement through tight canyons is challenging.

Backpacking in Utah's Canyons

Spend a week with NOLS exploring some of the fabled canyons in Central Utah. This trip will establish a connection with the ancient people that called these canyons home and thrived in their protection. Building upon your current backcountry skills, the group will work as a team to move through the canyons and enjoy many dark nights under the stars together. [More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



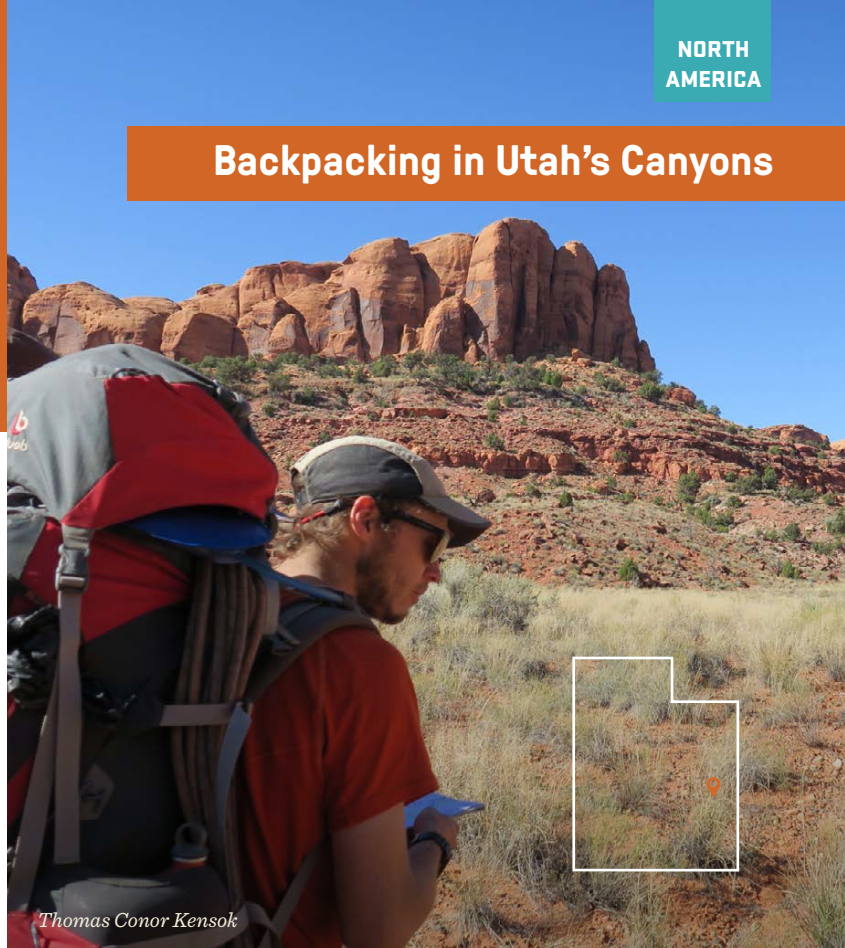
Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Canyons hiking can be challenging, but the weather tends to be very comfortable.



Thomas Conor Kensok

DATES

October 19 - 25, 2025

COST

\$2,395

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Grand Junction

Sea Kayaking Alaska's Prince William Sound



Mary Liz Geffert

DATES

July 20 - 26, 2025

July 30 - August 5, 2025

COST

\$2,795

Trip begins and ends with a pick up and drop off
in Anchorage

This trip explores one of the most iconic sea kayaking destinations in the world. You will stare up at glaciers and mountains while floating among icebergs, whales, and other marine mammals. Instructors tailor the kayak instruction to any level of experience so that first time paddlers can enjoy a new type of expeditioning alongside their more experienced peers. [More info](#)

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
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OVERALL DIFFICULTY



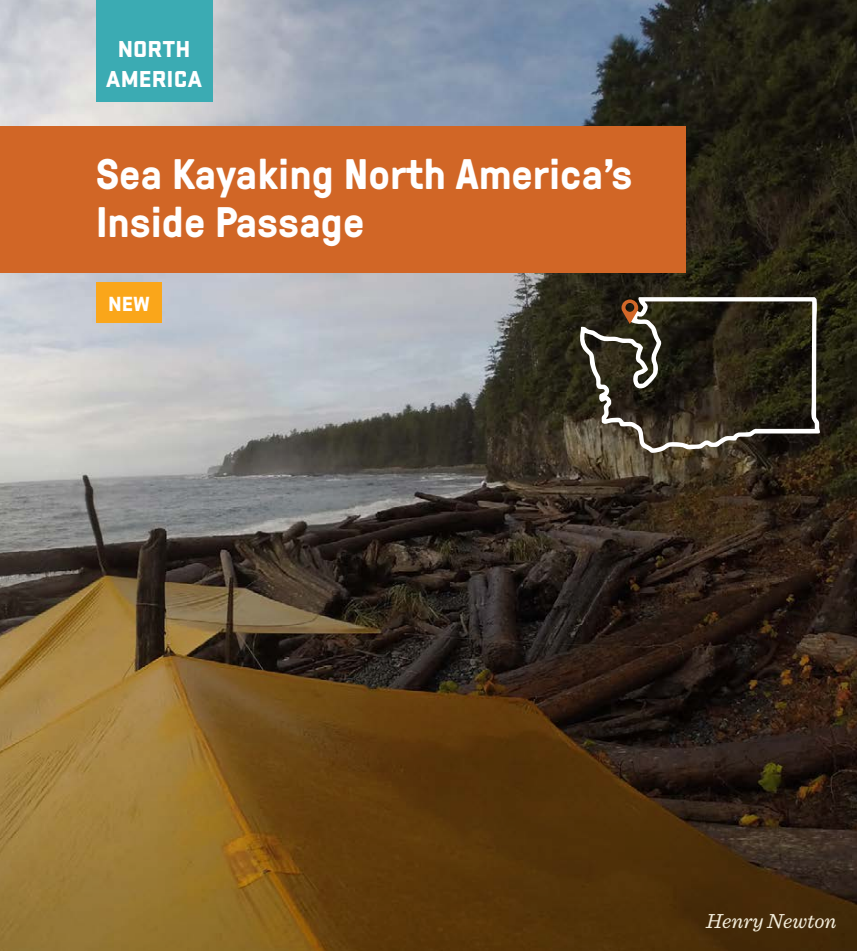
Mild

Difficult

*Cold water and challenging weather are almost guaranteed,
but long sunlight hours keep spirits up!*

Sea Kayaking North America's Inside Passage

NEW



Henry Newton

DATES

June 1 – August 31, 2026
(Exact Dates TBD)

COST

\$24,950
includes pre- and post-trip lodging

Perhaps the most audacious trip that we could imagine is now on the schedule for 2025. We are building an expedition with 6 participants + 2 NOLS Instructors to paddle one of the most legendary routes in the world. Spend 3 months kayaking to Alaska, camping along Canada's coast and seeing some of the most remote wilderness in North America. [More info](#)

Physicality



Sleeping & Eating



Weather



OVERALL DIFFICULTY



For anyone, 3 consecutive months of paddling, camping, and living outdoors is hard work.



Sea Kayaking in Baja Mexico's Bahia Concepcion

Mark Hamlin



DATES

November 16 - 22, 2025

COST

\$2,595

Trip begins and ends with a pick up and drop off in Loreto

NOLS has been enjoying the waters of Bahia Concepcion for decades and this iconic destination will be your playground for a week of sea kayaking. You will spend days paddling kayaks, building skills, and learning about the desert ecosystem and nights sleeping under the stars and sharing stories with new friends. The warm waters of the Sea of Cortez are an ideal classroom for anyone interested in Sea Kayaking and no one knows this area better than NOLS. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Caribbean paddling is beautiful, but windy days and beach surf can be challenging.

Sailing Longboats in Mexico's Sea of Cortez



Chip Henderson

DATES

February 2 - 9, 2025
November 2 - 9, 2025

COST

\$2,695

Trip begins and ends with a pick up and drop off in Loreto

Sail aboard unique 22-foot Drascombe Longboats on the Sea of Cortez. These versatile, open cockpit centerboard boats sail well in a wide variety of conditions, making them a great avenue for learning important elements of sailing and seamanship. This trip camps on and explores Baja's beautiful and remote desert beaches. [More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Navigating changing ocean conditions can be challenging, but life aboard longboats is generally a relaxed affair.

Sea Kayaking in New Zealand



Soitlana Piddubna

We are ditching the tents for this lodge-to-lodge coastal kayaking trip on New Zealand’s South Island. A bit more comfortable than most of our expeditions, this style of expeditioning allows you to paddle light boats and minimizes time-consuming boat loading. NOLS has kayaked along this stunning coastline for many years, and we are excited to bring our Alumni on this relaxed adventure.

[More info](#)

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Sea kayaking can be tiring, but ending each night in a hotel or lodge adds comfort.

DATES

February 28 – March 7, 2025

COST

\$3,495

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nelson



Sarah Fick

Backpacking New Zealand's Old Ghost Road



DATES

March 10 - 16, 2025

COST

\$2,695

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nelson

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Rustic hut living means lighter backpacks but the trail is challenging.

Join NOLS on one of New Zealand's hidden trails! The Old Ghost Road is a hut-to-hut hiking experience that few but locals ever experience. Hut based hiking allows you to have a lighter pack, sleep indoors, but still experience the rugged beauty of New Zealand's backcountry that has appropriately garnered so much attention. **More info**



Sea Kayaking Fiji's Yasawa Islands

Amanda Klein



DATES

August 10 - 21, 2025

COST

\$3,995

includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nadi

Physicality



*Low activity,
easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

The trip is camping, but a support boat makes gear hauling easy and brings along many comforts.

This trip is an extraordinary opportunity to experience the pristine, remote, and only sparsely inhabited coastline of the Yasawa chain in Fiji. You will paddle your way through a marine environment rich with life and coral reefs, sleep on tropical beaches, visit a rural village, and have abundant opportunities to snorkel. Instructors will tailor the kayak instruction to any level of experience so that first time paddlers can enjoy a new type of expeditioning alongside their more experienced peers.

More info

Backpacking in Brazil's Chapada Diamantina National Park

Danielle Pereira



DATES

September 21 - October 3, 2025

COST

\$3,495

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Salvador, Brazil

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Lodging is a mix of camping, home stays, and inn stays.

The Chapada Diamantina National Park is an immersive destination where nature, history and culture coexist harmoniously. With NOLS, you will experience this park on foot, learning about the incredible biodiversity while interacting with the local people. Come see this geological treasure for yourself!

[More info](#)

Backpacking in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, the "O" Trek



George Roose

DATES

March 2 - 11, 2025

March 13 - 22, 2025

COST

\$4,395

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Puerto Natales

Patagonia's "O" trek is the most immersive trek you can do in Torres del Paine National Park. The route is a loop moving from one established camp to another in order to minimize impacts on the surrounding land and provide some additional comforts in this very remote region. This is an extraordinary opportunity to experience Patagonian culture while backpacking through remote, rarely visited, and stunning wilderness. [More info](#)

Physicality



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easy walking*

*High altitude, rough trails,
long uphill, heavy packs*

Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,
restaurant meals*

Camping, simple meals

Weather



*Moderate temps,
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,
lots of precipitation*

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

You'll only need a day pack on this trip as horses carry most of the load.

Mountaineering on Argentina's Aconcagua



Alfonso Pla

DATES

TBD

contact us if you are interested

COST

TBD

includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Mendoza

Join NOLS as we climb South America's tallest mountain (22,841')! This offering is a unique opportunity for those questing after the tallest mountains in the world. Climbing Aconcagua will require intensive physical preparation before the trip, combined with extended time on the mountain for acclimatization. Spots on this challenging expedition are limited, so sign up early. **More info**

Physicality



Low activity, easy walking

High altitude, rough trails, long uphill, heavy packs

Sleeping & Eating



Hotel lodging, restaurant meals

Camping, simple meals

Weather



Moderate temps, little precipitation

Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation

OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Mild

Difficult

Full packs, high altitude, and long days.

ALUMNI BENEFITS

Jobsnetwork

Turn your outdoor passion into your profession. Join the NOLS Alumni Jobsnetwork, our free online outdoor jobs clearinghouse where NOLS grads are matched with employers. See www.nols.edu/jobsnetwork for employer and alumni details.

Equipment & Other Discounts

We've teamed with brands to provide lodging, education, and gear discounts for NOLS grads. Check out our evolving list of discounts here: www.nols.edu/benefits

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The global NOLS alumni team is diverse, interesting, well-connected and large! No matter where you go, there's probably a fascinating and adventurous grad somewhere near you. You can connect for social events, service, or ongoing learning with other grads at reunions in your community, via local loosely organized groups, or through numerous online communities. Join the NOLS conversation on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. Check out networking ideas here: <https://www.nols.edu/en/events/>



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Spread the Word

Share what you loved about your NOLS experience and help more people find out about NOLS. Ways to spread the word include flying NOLS colors with a sticker or t-shirt, telling your story on social media, submitting stories and photos to the NOLS Blog or *The Leader*, helping organize a reunion and donating to the NOLS Fund. Learn more at www.nols.edu/spread-the-word.

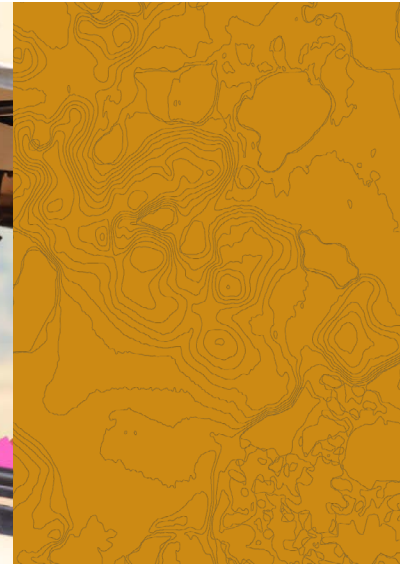
Reunions

We are excited to be organizing reunions for 2025 in major cities around the USA. Our schedule isn't set yet, but keep an eye on the [website](#) for upcoming events in your area.

NOLS Fund

The NOLS Fund fuels our mission. It funds global scholarships, research, and outreach programs, and helps make NOLS more innovative and accessible. Learn more about the fund and how you can join our team at www.nols.edu/donate.

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A NOLS course is just the beginning.

Grounded in wilderness and backed by recognized expertise, with NOLS, you can find a course to give you the training to start a new career, a certification to get your foot in the door, an immersive experience to deepen your education, or an investment in the future of your organization.

A NOLS education can include a progression of complementary skills that build personal and team capacity. You might start backpacking in the mountains, add a dollop of wilderness medicine, layer on a dose of rock climbing and wrap it all up with one of the Seven Summits.