



# ALUMNI TRIPS CATALOG

2024

# 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: Jenny Arbanas

## NOLS welcomes a new President!

On October 11, the NOLS Board of Trustees announced that Sandy Colhoun has been hired as the new NOLS President. Sandy has already begun in his new role and we are excited to have them onboard. **The full press-release can be read here.**

Sandy comes on board to lead a strong community of Alumni and Employees forward as the school evaluates its next Strategic Plan and embarks on a continuation of the transformation project that emerged during the pandemic.

NOLS Alumni trips are not isolated from changes and we are excited to announce that this program will continue to expand and grow. With new trips being added all the time, make sure you are **subscribed to the Alumni Trips Insider monthly newsletter** to stay up to date.

Each year NOLS Alumni, their family, and friends honor us with their time and money by joining an Alumni trip. We continue to be humbled by the amazing grads and community that we all share. The locations that we run trips in are amazing, but on every single trip, it is the group that makes the experience.

**Thank you for being a part of NOLS.**

Travis Welch

NOLS Alumni Trips Director



Jagan Timilsina

## LIST OF TRIPS BY TYPE

### Backpacking

Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains  
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### Mountaineering & Technical

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Sailing Greece's Ionian Sea  
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Sea Kayaking Baja Mexico's Bahia  
Concepcion  
Sea Kayaking Croatia's Dalmatian Coast  
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



### DATES

April 4-12, 2024  
April 14-22, 2024

### 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*

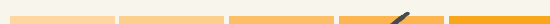
### Weather



*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



## DATES

March 31-April 3, 2024  
April 24-27, 2024

## COST

\$1,295  
*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 are destinations for many travelers every year and adding these places onto your Kilimanjaro trip is a smart decision.

## More info

## Physicality



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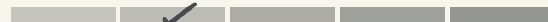
## Sleeping &amp; Eating



*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.*



## Backpacking Bhutan's Chomolhari Circuit



### DATES

March 24–April 4, 2024

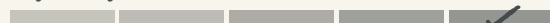
### COST

\$9,995

*Includes round-trip flight to Bhutan from Bangkok*

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](#)

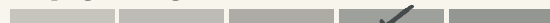
### Physicality



*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

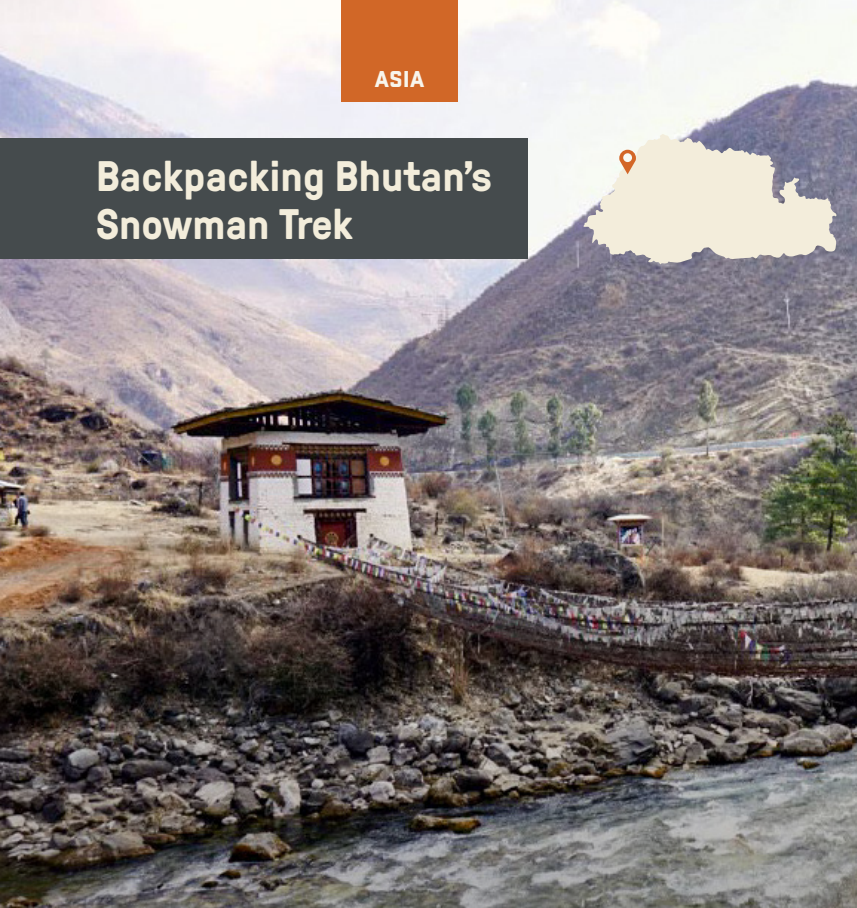


*Mild*

*Difficult*

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

## Backpacking Bhutan's Snowman Trek



Fewer people complete Bhutan's Snowman Trek each year than successfully climb Mt. Everest. This ambitious, month-long, 200+ mile route rarely dips below 13,000 feet and has a high mark of nearly 17,500 feet. The trail crosses eleven high mountain passes as it wanders along the trade routes of the Himalaya. Those that walk this route are rewarded with remote Himalayan vistas and villages that few others ever see. [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*

*Mules carry the bulk of the gear, but this high-altitude hike is extremely challenging.*

### DATES

September 21–October 20,  
2024

### COST

\$17,995

*Includes round-trip flight to Bhutan  
from Bangkok*



## Backpacking Nepal's Manaslu Circuit

Travis Welch



### DATES

October 17–November 1, 2024

### 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 popular 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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

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## Backpacking Nepal's Lower Dolpo

Jagan Timilsina



### DATES

April 6-27, 2024

### COST

\$7,695

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Kathmandu*

This trek takes you far outside of the masses present on Nepal's famous routes and into the area of Nepal that was once integrated with Tibet through geography and culture. This trip is for someone who wants an immersive experience in Nepal, exposure to many different elements of the culture and a taste of some of the best the country has to offer. Not merely a trekking trip, we blend in a visit to an incredible nature preserve, small plane flights through the Himalayas, and much more. [More info](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Porters will carry much of your gear but the hiking is still robust.*



ASIA

# Backpacking India's Ladakh Highlands



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](#)

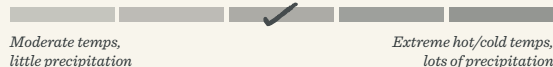
### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

### DATES

June 17-27, 2024

### COST

\$2,995

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Leh

Ella Suring

## Backcountry Skiing Japan's Hokkaido Island



### DATES

January 30-February 7, 2024

### 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

#### 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 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



### DATES

May 1-9, 2024  
May 11-19, 2024

### 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

#### Physicality



#### Sleeping & Eating



#### Weather



#### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

EUROPE

# Backpacking Scotland's Isle of Arran



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](#)

### Physicality



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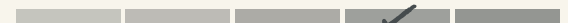
### Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging, restaurant meals*

*Camping, simple meals*

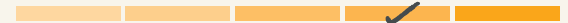
### Weather



*Moderate temps, little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation*

### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Mild*

*Difficult*

*Enjoy light packs, challenging hikes, and inn living.*

### DATES

April 21-28, 2024

### COST

\$3,895

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Brodick*

*Rich Brame*



# Backpacking Ireland's Coast

Kayla Logsdon



## DATES

July 7-13, 2024  
July 14-20, 2024

## 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](#)

## Physicality



## Sleeping & Eating



## Weather



## OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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



EUROPE

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# Backcountry Ski Touring in Iceland Hornstrandir Peninsula



## DATES

May 12-21, 2024

## COST

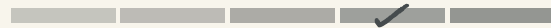
\$5,995

*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](#)

### Physicality



*Low activity, easy walking*

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

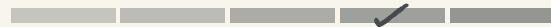
### Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging, restaurant meals*

*Camping, simple meals*

### Weather



*Moderate temps, little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps, lots of precipitation*

### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Mild*

*Difficult*

*This is a great trip for experienced backcountry skiers.*

# Backpacking Iceland's Volcanic Trails



## DATES

July 9-16, 2024

## 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



*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*

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

NEW

EUROPE

## Touring Iceland's Unique Treasures



### DATES

July 1-7, 2024

### COST

\$3,995

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Reykjavik*

*Travis Welch*

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](#)

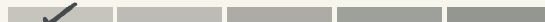
### Physicality



*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*

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



# Backpacking Slovenia's Julian Alps



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, and includes a visit to Slovenia's top tourist destination, Lake Bled. [More info](#)

## Physicality



*Low activity,  
easy walking*

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

## Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,  
restaurant meals*

*Camping, simple meals*

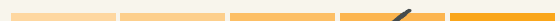
## Weather



*Moderate temps,  
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,  
lots of precipitation*

## OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Mild*

*Difficult*

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

## DATES

June 27–July 5, 2024  
August 27–September 4, 2024  
September 6–14, 2024

## COST

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

## Backpacking Italy's Lakes District

Kate Douvan



### DATES

June 12-19, 2024

### COST

\$3,495

*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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

# Backpacking Italy's Dolomites - Alta Via #1

Travis Welch



## DATES

June 22-29, 2024  
 September 2-9, 2024  
 September 11-18, 2024  
 September 12-19, 2024

## COST

\$3,395

*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



## Sleeping & Eating



## Weather



## OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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



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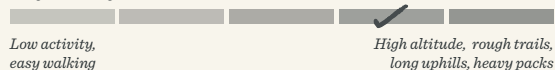
EUROPE

# Backpacking Italy's Dolomites - Alta Via #6



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



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



## DATES

June 22-29, 2024  
September 1-8, 2024

## COST

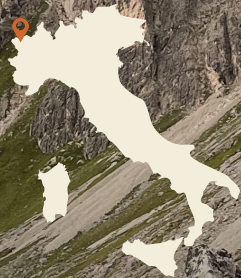
\$3,395  
Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Bolzano

Travis Welch

NEW

EUROPE

# Backpacking Italy's Alps Haute Route Glacier



## DATES

August 21-29, 2024

## COST

\$3,495

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging*

*Travis Welch*

Join a NOLS on another new addition to 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



*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*

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



## Backpacking Italy's Tuscan Countryside and Ligurian Coast



### DATES

September 23–October 1, 2024

### COST

\$3,895

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Turin*

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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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



## Backpacking Portugal's Fisherman Trail



### DATES

April 3-12, 2024  
 October 22-31, 2024  
 November 3-12, 2024

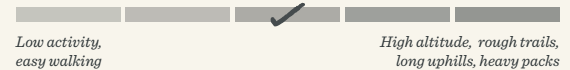
### COST

\$3,595-3,695  
*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



#### Sleeping & Eating



#### Weather



#### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

## Backpacking Sweden's Kungsleden Trail



### DATES

September 5-14, 2024

### COST

\$3,195

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Kiruna*

*Molly Hagbrand*

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](#)

### Physicality



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easy walking*

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long uphill, heavy packs*

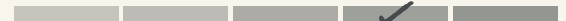
### Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,  
restaurant meals*

*Camping, simple meals*

### Weather



*Moderate temps,  
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,  
lots of precipitation*

### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Mild*

*Difficult*

*Hiking on uneven terrain with full packs is challenging.*

EUROPE

# Skiing under Sweden's Northern Lights



## DATES

March 5-13, 2024  
March 19-27, 2024

## COST

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

NOLS has been operating in Sweden for years, but this trip is our first 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



## DATES

June 16-24, 2024

## COST

\$2,995

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Zagreb*

Join NOLS on this trip to the Velebit coast range in Croatia! We have been eyeing this outstanding hut to hut trip for many years now and are excited to add it to our offerings. 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. [More info](#)

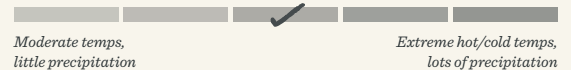
### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

## Sea Kayaking along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast

Steve Harrington



### DATES

May 28-June 4, 2024

June 6-13, 2024

September 15-22, 2024

September 24-October 1, 2024

### COST

\$2,895-2,995

*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.*



## Sailing in Greece's Ionian Sea



### DATES

May 12-24, 2024

### COST

\$5,795

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nidri*

*Nick Braun*

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+' liveaboard 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.*





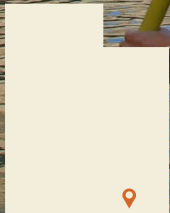
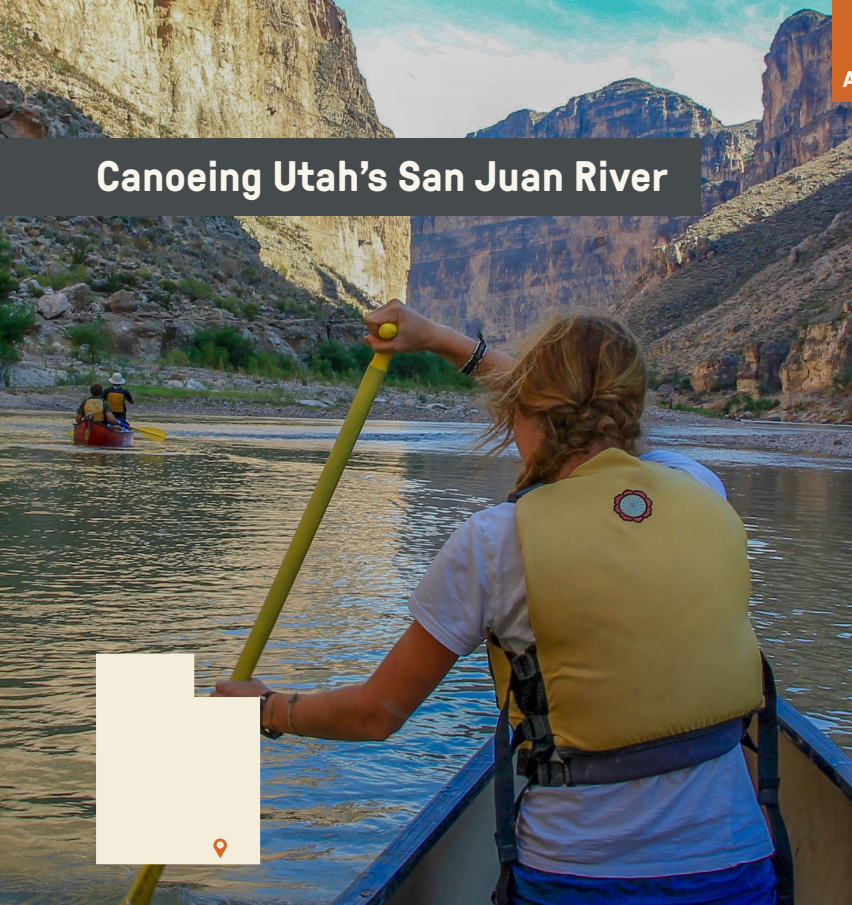
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# Canoeing Utah's San Juan River



## DATES

June 2-8, 2024

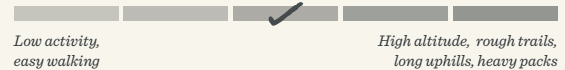
## COST

\$2,295

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Grand Junction

The San Juan River in southern Utah provides an incredible opportunity to travel through stunning red rock canyon country. This canoe float trip will provide a family friendly environment for exploration of the geological and human history of the river valley. Appropriate for canoeists of all levels, this is a great adventure to share with your family and friends. [More info](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



This trip is relaxed, but there is plenty to do around camp and on short hikes.

# Rafting Utah's Gates of Lodore



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



## Sleeping & Eating



## Weather



## OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

### DATES

August 2-5, 2024

### COST

\$1,495

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging*



# Backpacking Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains



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.*

### DATES

July 28–August 3, 2024

### COST

\$2,295

NEW

NORTH AMERICA

# NOLS Family Week



## DATES

July 14-20, 2024

## 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



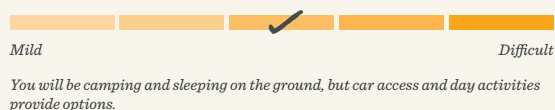
### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



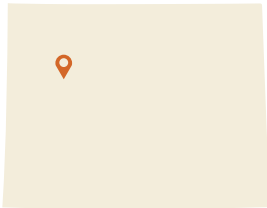
Olivia Nelson





David Summers

# Backpacking Wyoming's Wind River Traverse



## DATES

July 14-22, 2024  
July 25-August 2, 2024

## COST

\$2,395  
*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander*

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](#)

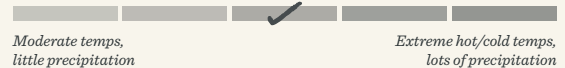
## Physicality



## Sleeping & Eating



## Weather

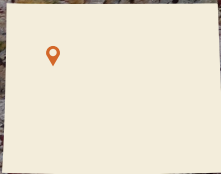
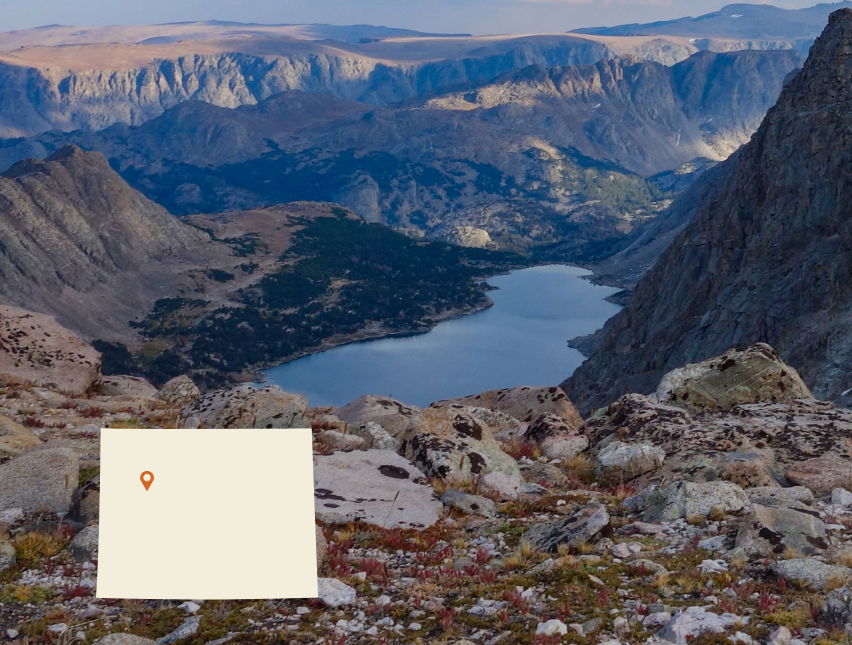


## OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

# Backpacking Wyoming's Wind Rivers: Peak Bagging



**DATES**

August 8-16, 2024

**COST**

\$2,395

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander*

“Peak bagging” means hiking up high, prominent summits, crossing steep slopes, navigating boulder fields, and doing what it takes to get safely to the summit and back. This is a non-technical expedition—you won’t need ropes or to carry climbing gear. This challenging backpacking trip will attempt as many named peaks and high points as possible in the granite core of the iconic Wind River Mountains. [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*

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



# Mountaineering on Alaska's Denali



**DATES**

June 3-28, 2024

**COST**

\$11,700

*Dave Hill*

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**



**Sleeping & Eating**



**Weather**

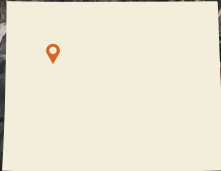


**OVERALL DIFFICULTY**



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

# Mountaineering on Wyoming's Gannett Peak

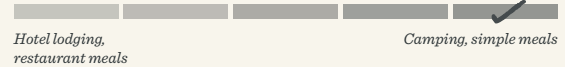


Nestled deep in the wilderness, Gannett Peak (13,804 feet) is Wyoming's highest summit. This fast-paced trip moves over steep trails and moraines with heavy backpacks. Your group's training starts with the basics, so novice mountaineers are welcome. Participants will learn and practice glacier mountaineering,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

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

### DATES

July 17-24, 2024

### COST

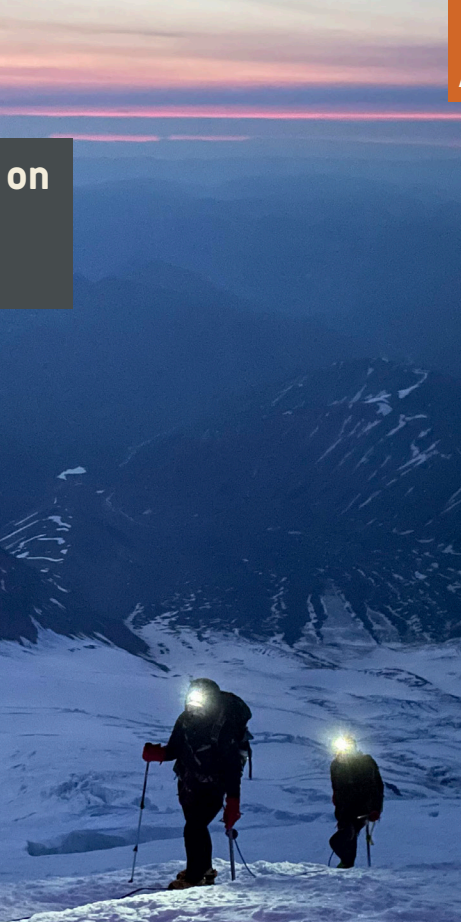
\$2,695

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Lander

*Matt Leslie*



# Mountaineering on Washington's Mount Rainier



This fast-paced trip attempts to summit Mount Rainier (14,410 feet), one of the best mountaineering training grounds in Washington. Prior mountaineering experience and a high fitness level are encouraged. You'll traverse steep terrain and glaciers with a heavy backpack and learn glacier mountaineering skills needed to reach this high summit. Expedition graduates only but all levels of mountaineers are welcome. [More info](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather

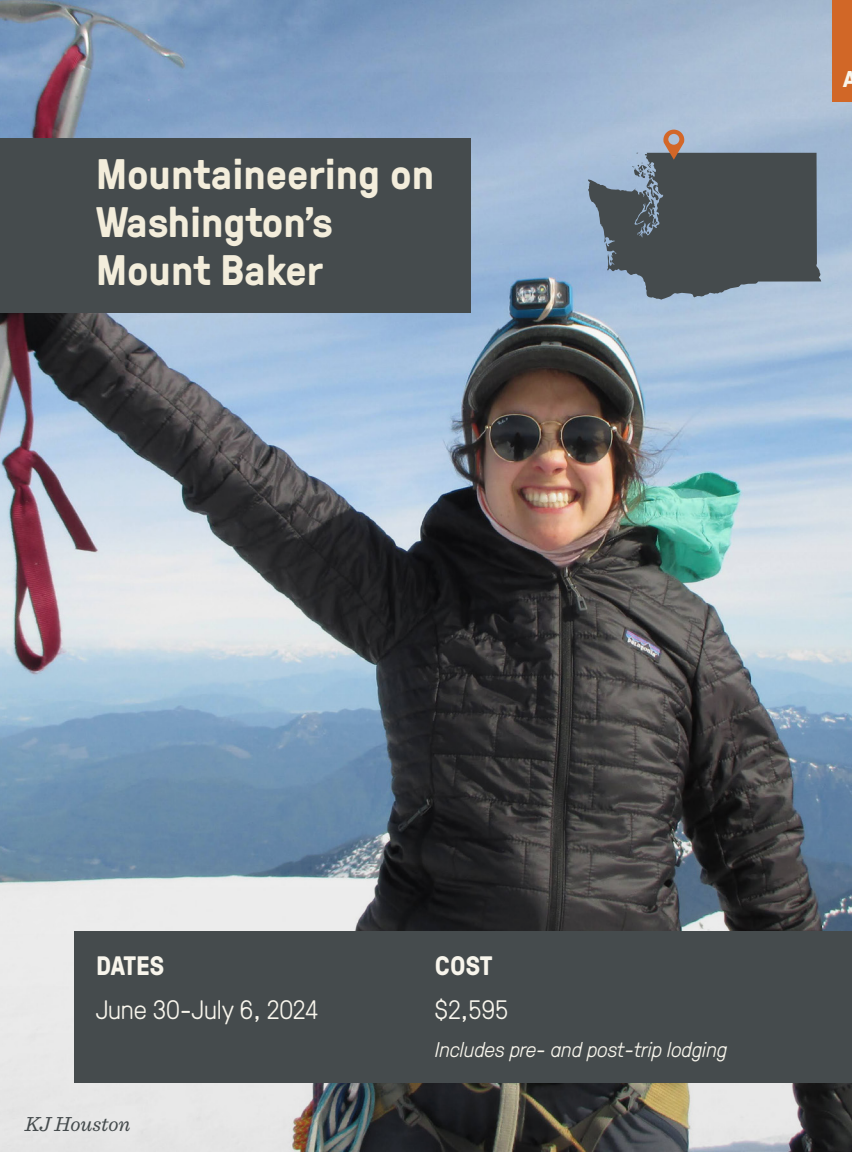
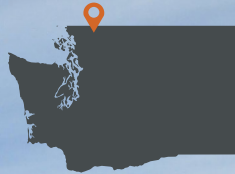


### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



<b>DATES</b>	<b>COST</b>
June 16-21, 2024	\$2,995
	<i>Includes pre- and post-trip lodging</i>

# Mountaineering on Washington's Mount Baker



This technically focused, physically demanding trip on Washington's Mount Baker (10,781 feet) provides fantastic opportunities to learn and practice mountaineering and glacier travel skills. Your group will concentrate on rope work, crampon and ice axe use, snow and ice protection placement, and crevasse rescue training. This is a great trip for novice to intermediate mountaineers. [More info](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Full packs, high altitude, and glacier travel make this a challenging trip.

### DATES

June 30–July 6, 2024

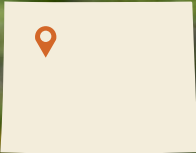
### COST

\$2,595

Includes pre- and post-trip lodging



# Backpacking and Fly Fishing with Llamas in Wyoming



**DATES**

July 7-13, 2024  
 July 17-23, 2024  
 July 21-27, 2024  
 July 31-August 6, 2024

**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**



**Sleeping & Eating**



**Weather**



**OVERALL DIFFICULTY**



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

*Adiran Chitty*

## Horsepacking in Wyoming's Wind River Range



### DATES

August 10-18, 2024  
August 25-Sept 2, 2024

### COST

\$2,995

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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



Loading and caring for horses in the backcountry is hard work.



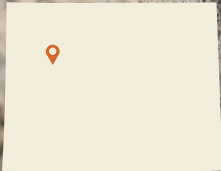


## Plan a Private or Custom Trip with NOLS Alumni

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.

[alumni\\_trips@nols.edu](mailto:alumni_trips@nols.edu)

# Rock Climbing Wyoming's Sinks Canyon and Wild Iris



**DATES**

September 8-14, 2024

**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](#)

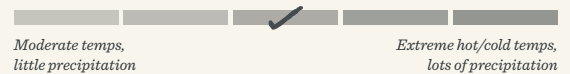
**Physicality**



**Sleeping & Eating**



**Weather**



**OVERALL DIFFICULTY**



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



# Technical Canyoneering in Utah



## DATES

March 24-30, 2024  
October 6-12, 2024

## COST

\$2,395  
*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



**DATES**

October 13-19, 2024

**COST**

\$2,395

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Grand Junction*

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.*

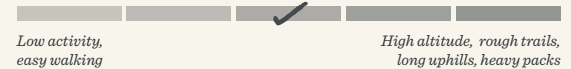


## Sea Kayaking Alaska's Prince William Sound



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



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

#### DATES

July 21-27, 2024  
July 31-August 6, 2024

#### COST

\$2,695

# Sea Kayaking North America's Inside Passage



**DATES**

June 1 - August 31, 2025  
(tentative dates)

**COST**

\$24,950

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 17-23, 2024

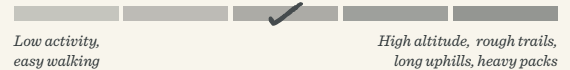
### COST

\$2,595

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](#)

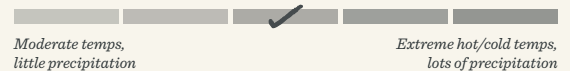
### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

# Sailing Longboats in Mexico's Sea of Cortez



**DATES**

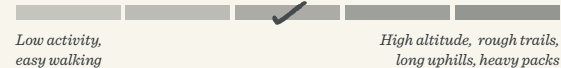
February 3-10, 2024

**COST**

\$2,295

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**



**Sleeping & Eating**



**Weather**



**OVERALL DIFFICULTY**



*Baja's weather can be challenging, but life aboard longboats is generally a relaxed affair.*



## Sea Kayaking in New Zealand



### DATES

February 23–March 1, 2024

### COST

\$3,295

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nelson*

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

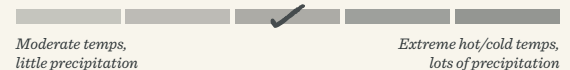
#### Physicality



#### Sleeping & Eating



#### Weather



#### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

## Backpacking New Zealand's Old Ghost Road

Holly Beeman



### DATES

February 13-18, 2024

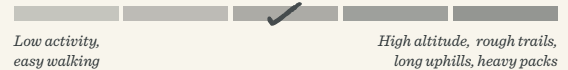
### COST

\$2,795

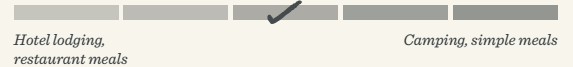
*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in Nelson*

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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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



## Backpacking in Brazil's Chapada Diamantina National Park

Danielle Pereira



### DATES

September 22-October 4,  
2024

### COST

\$3,495

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

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](#)

### Physicality



### Sleeping & Eating



### Weather



### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



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

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



*Low activity,  
easy walking*

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

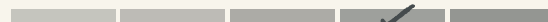
#### Sleeping & Eating



*Hotel lodging,  
restaurant meals*

*Camping, simple meals*

#### Weather



*Moderate temps,  
little precipitation*

*Extreme hot/cold temps,  
lots of precipitation*

#### OVERALL DIFFICULTY



*Mild*

*Difficult*

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

#### DATES

March 4-13, 2024  
March 17-26, 2024

#### COST

\$4,395  
*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging in  
Puerto Natales*

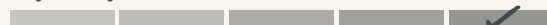


# Mountaineering on Argentina's Aconcagua



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.*

### DATES

November 27–December 18,  
2024

### COST

\$6,995

*Includes pre- and post-trip lodging*

## 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](http://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](http://www.nols.edu/benefits).

### Alumni Reunions & Networking

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: [www.nols.edu/stay-connected/](http://www.nols.edu/stay-connected/).







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## GIVING BACK

### 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](http://www.nols.edu/spread-the-word).

### Reunions

We are excited to be organizing reunions for 2024 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](http://www.nols.edu/donate).



## 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.