





WELCOME TO HART PRAIRIE PRESERVE!

Located at 8500' on the western slope of the sacred San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff, Arizona, Hart Prairie is an oasis of beauty and grandeur distinguished by its history of rigorous land stewardship and restoration ecology. Hart Prairie Preserve was once known as Fern Mountain Ranch and is home to a globally rare community of Bebb Willows and over 250 species of native trees, flowers and grasses. The preserve provides opportunities for visitors to watch aspens gracefully sway in the wind, climb Fern Mountain, study native plants, watch monsoon storms or sing along with over 120 species of birds. The 130-year-old homestead at Hart Prairie was the first stop on the Flagstaff to Grand Canyon stagecoach route and is on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

With nature at your doorstep, you will spend your journey surrounded by breathtaking landscapes while gaining exclusive insight into local programs and strategies. Your trip begins in Flagstaff, Arizona, where your guide will meet you at the airport.

Transfer to Hart Prairie Preserve and get comfortable in your rustic and cozy cabin before dinner on-site. Over the next few days, take time to explore the preserve on foot, learning about forest restoration, wildlife, and native flora and fauna. Local TNC staff will accompany you on this journey, guiding you through the history of the lands.

Venture off-site for a trip to Arizona's only federally designated Wild and Scenic River; at 195 miles long, the Verde River meanders from Paulden to Phoenix, Arizona. Vital to wildlife and recreation, the river is also essential to the health of the river's watershed. Joined by local staff, you will have the opportunity to kayak down the river, taking in the many species of plants and animals that call it home.

End your adventure with a day trip to Grand Canyon National Park. Your private guide from the Grand Canyon Conservancy will lead you on a short hike as you take in the breathtakingly grand views. Don't forget your camera for this epic outing!



CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

HART PRAIRIE

Hart Prairie Preserve, with its historic lodge and charming guest cabins, was donated to The Nature Conservancy in 1994 by a local family after they discovered their property held a globally rare community of Bebb willow trees. Much of the work at the preserve focuses on the Bebb willow community, the largest known in the world. Conservancy staff also work closely with partners at the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and various departments at Northern Arizona University on ecological restoration activities in the surrounding National Forest.

VERDE RIVER

The Verde River's preservation is vital to wildlife and recreation in Arizona, and essential to the health of the river's watershed, which feeds many Arizona communities downstream. Competing demands for water are putting pressure on the watershed. Looming development over the aquifer that supplies the Verde River could reduce the flow not only to downstream users, but to the plants and animals that depend on it. The Nature Conservancy has worked with local partners to develop the Verde River Exchange Water Offset Program, launch the Salt and Verde Alliance and yield a study rich in data about the water flow needs of the river and its wildlife.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The creation of Grand Canyon National Park, the 15th site of its kind, was an early success of the conservation movement. Initial mining claims, the expansion of dams, and new lodging to host an increasing number of visitors, plagued the area until Congress passed a bill creating the National Park in 1919. Today, the Grand Canyon Conservancy is the official nonprofit partner of Grand Canyon National Park; through private funds, it preserves trails and historical buildings, offers educational programs to the public and works to protect wildlife and their natural habitat. Threats from every direction are still evident today; proposed developments with mega resorts, trams and retail shops threaten important cultural sites belonging to the Navajo Nation, while uranium mining risks contamination of precious water sources.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Hart Prairie, Arizona

September 15

MONDAY

Arrive in Flagstaff, Arizona, by the afternoon. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be welcomed by your guide and transferred to your lodging at Hart Prairie Preserve. Settle into your rustic cabin before enjoying cocktail hour and dinner on-site.

Overnight at Hart Prairie Preserve, Flagstaff, AZ

September 16

TUESDAY

As the sun comes up from behind the mountain, the preserve and all its inhabitants wake up. Enjoy a leisurely morning walk, taking in the fresh air and sounds of the wilderness while acclimating to the elevation. After breakfast you will get acquainted with the conservation work at Hart Prairie Preserve through a brief presentation and then a preserve tour. Enjoy lunch at the lodge before departing on a hike to visit forest restoration projects and see first-hand the work TNC is doing to improve forest health, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and potentially yield more water to the Salt and Verde Rivers. Enjoy free time in the afternoon and freshen up for dinner at the preserve.

Overnight at Hart Prairie Preserve, Flagstaff, AZ



September 17

WEDNESDAY

After enjoying breakfast on-site, local TNC staff will give a presentation on TNC's Future Forest Project and the connection between healthy forests and water. There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions, or simply wandering out onto the Preserve. Depart mid-morning for Sedona. Surrounded by red-rock buttes and steep canyon walls, this vibrant arts community is the perfect spot to stop for lunch. Continue south to Camp Verde where you will meet with local TNC staff before kayaking the Verde River. Return to the preserve in the evening for dinner.

*Please note that today's activity is weather dependent.

Overnight at Hart Prairie Preserve, Flagstaff, AZ

September 18

THURSDAY

We'll begin our day with another delicious breakfast before meeting with local staff to discuss TNC's Future Forest Project and the connection between healthy forests and water. After, set off as a group to Northern Arizona University's School of Forestry. Known for its cutting-edge research, it is one of the best forestry schools in the nation. Spend the morning with graduate students who are conducting research within the program and participate in a hands-on activity in the labs. Lunch will be served on-site before continuing the tour. Return to the lodge and explore the preserve at leisure prior to dinner and an evening discussion on Grand Canyon National Park, the Colorado River, and the next day's schedule.

Overnight at Hart Prairie Preserve, Flagstaff, AZ



September 19

FRIDAY

Rise early for breakfast before departing for Grand Canyon National Park. It is a one-hour drive north to the park. On arrival, meet with your private guide from the Grand Canyon Conservancy Field Institute; their expert staff of guides include professional geologists, biologists, archaeologists, and historians who have devoted their lives to the understanding of this amazing landscape. Enjoy a light hike down the South Kaibab Trail before having lunch at the historic El Tovar Lodge. Additional time to explore the Kolb Brother's studio, built in 1905, and take in the sights along the South Rim of the canyon will be available. Return to the preserve in the evening for your final group dinner. If the night is clear, watch the moon rise from behind the mountain and count the stars as they come out and illuminate the meadow.

Overnight at Hart Prairie Preserve, Flagstaff, AZ

September 20

SATURDAY

Say farewell over brunch this morning and prepare for departure from Flagstaff Pulliam Airport. Please book your return flights no earlier than 1:00 PM.



COSTS

Total per person based on 10 guests in shared accommodation: \$5,860 USD

Notes:

Single Occupancy Cost: \$5,860 Double Occupancy Cost: \$5,860

This cost includes:

Accommodations

All ground transportation

All meals beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 6

All alcohol

All activities

All gratuities

All park entrance fees and permitting

All guides

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*Please note that this lodge is small and rustic; room, bed types, and amenities are limited. Ensuite bathrooms cannot be guaranteed during your stay and compostable toilets are used on-site.

This cost does not include:

Travel to and from trip start

Travel insurance

Incidentals and spa services

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Payment and Cancellation Terms

As a reminder, all payment requests will be sent through WeTravel. This may include the deposit, final payment, and any supplemental amounts for pre/post nights or extra transfers.

Deposit:

\$1,500 per person due at time of registration

- Cancellation within 7 days of registering: Deposit is 100% refundable
- Cancellation outside of 7-day registration window: Deposit is non-refundable

Full Trip Payment:

Due 150 days prior to trip start

- Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable
- Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable

If you need to cancel, please contact Iconic Adventures via concierge@iconicadventures.com.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Iconic Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions. Our team is available to advise on paying invoices, arrival and departure details, packing lists, request mobility accommodations, and more.

You may reach us at concierge@iconicadventures.com. Note that emails sent over the weekend will be responded to on Monday at our earliest availability. Email is the preferred (and quickest!) way to reach us.

We are also available via phone: (877) 706-4266. Our team will respond within 24 hours during the work week. Please allow us time to respond before reaching out to The Nature Conservancy directly.

We look forward to traveling with you soon!

The Iconic Team



TNC TRAVEL VALUES

Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places; you'll see how you are helping save them.

Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results in to global impact by scaling solutions that work.



TNC TRAVELER EXPECTATIONS

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review **TNC's Code of Conduct** prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. **To that end, when registering for a TNC trip, you are agreeing to uphold the Code.**

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are: respect for each other, respect for the world around us and acting with integrity. The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

1) Respect all people, places and perspectives.

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

2) Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

3) Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

4) Employ an attitude of flexibility.

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at travel@tnc.org.