

# Welcome to the Global Adventures Information Session

## ☐ Instructor Introductions

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## ☐ Survey input → Overview of the Presentation

Presentation is being recorded.

# Your questions (from survey)

1. I'd like to know more about how to participate in future Global Adventures (84%)
2. I'd like to know more about how to become a Global Adventures leader (25%)
3. What goes into the research and planning stage for making decisions about where and when to go?

# What is a “Global Adventure”?

1. Any multi-day non-course Mountaineers trip in North America where participants pre-pay the Mountaineers for some or all of their trip arrangements.
  - *Includes Hawaii, Alaska, Canada and Mexico.*
  - *Doesn't usually include transport to the start of the trip.*
2. Any Mountaineers trip leaving North America.
3. Any foreign exchange.



# GA's Role in the Mountaineers

*Global Adventures vision:* Extend the Mountaineers mission, and expand our members' horizons and skills, through safe, well-run multi-day outdoor adventures around the world.

→ *Memorable, transformative experiences*

→ *Enable members to confidently embrace different cultures, travel challenges and outdoor adventures in new places*

# Global Adventures....:

- ❑ Often include most/all arrangements like ground transport, lodging, meals, permits etc., and you pay a single 'trip price'.
- ❑ Are carried out by our most experienced Mountaineers activity leaders, certified and active in the activities that they want to lead on the adventure.
- ❑ Meet or exceed technical and training requirements and standards defined by our activity committees.
- ❑ Extra review and risk management

# Where have we been?

97 Global Adventure trips during the period 1969-1999,  
136 trips from 2000-to-present

Since 2000:

- 58% trekking, hiking, backpacking
- 34% skiing (cross-country, downhill, backcountry)
- 5% climbing - Nepal & US
- Destinations: 42% went to the Alps, 19% N America, 13% Himalaya, 8% Central/South America

Let's look at some of the places....!



# Unforgettable Places



**Lofoten, Norway**



**Icelandic Highlands**



**Jomolhari, Bhutan**



**North Patagonian  
Icefield, Chile**



**10<sup>th</sup> century  
church, Turkey**



**Machu Picchu**

# Life-List Adventures



**Pembrokeshire Coast, UK**



**Northern Alps, Japan**



**Red Rocks, Nevada**



**Sölden ski resort, Austria**



**Mera Peak, Nepal**



**Huemul Circuit, Patagonia**



# Amazing people, food and culture



Schoolkids in Khatmandu



Stupa in Nepal



Folk music in Wales



Temple in Bhutan



Amazing seafood in Portugal



Sharing mate,  
Cochamo, Chile

# OUR UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION FOR MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERS

- ❖ Experienced leaders they come to know and trust.
- ❖ Culture of personal responsibility and mutual support – not just a group of solo travelers being led around by a guide.
- ❖ Focus on teaching, mentoring, building confidence and skills
- ❖ Culture of preparedness and safety





# OUR UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION FOR MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERS



- ❖ Mountaineers are fit with proven skills, so itineraries can be more active and technically demanding (though they don't have to be).
- ❖ We build a community of fellow travelers - enhances the experience and builds long-term friendships

# OUR UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION FOR MOUNTAINEERS MEMBERS

- ❖ We broaden horizons and passion for conservation by introducing people to cultures, people and wild places in other countries.
- ❖ Outstanding value – group rates, experienced volunteer leaders, unique itineraries





## HOW WE DECIDE WHEN AND WHERE TO GO?

- ❖ Leader experience and interest
- ❖ Unique and off-the-beaten-track itineraries
- ❖ Must be sponsored by a Mountaineers Activity Committee that the leader is an active leader for
  - *Can include short segments of other activities if contracted with a competent third party outfitter or vendor*
- ❖ Time of year favorable for success, with acceptable risk level
- ❖ Usually posted 8 months to a year in advance

# Becoming a Global Adventure Leader

## Minimum Qualifications

### Domestic:

- Active Mountaineers leader in activity(ies) being proposed
- Experience organizing and leading multi-day, complex trips
- First Aid/Medical
- Group Leadership Skills
- Participated in a Global Adventure (or equivalent)





# Becoming a Global Adventure Leader (continued)



- ❖ To lead international trips of low to moderate risk, add:
  - Familiarity with the region (risks, hazards, logistics)
  - International trip planning, logistics & group leading experience
- ❖ To lead higher risk trips, add:
  - Track record of safety and effective risk management under those higher risk conditions
  - Demonstrated high level of leadership judgment and technical skills/knowledge.

# The Connection to Mountaineers Activity Committees

- ❖ Mountaineers activity committees certify and train leaders, set technical and safety standards for their activity.

*The Global Adventures committee then oversees trip planning, financial management, logistics and risk review-oversight.*



# Approval of New Leaders

## Review and Approval of New Leaders

- Application
- Interview
- References
- Endorsement of Activity Chair(s)



# PLANNING AND PROPOSING YOUR GLOBAL ADVENTURE

Our leaders choose their destinations and design their itineraries, built around a Mountaineers activity

- Route and schedule of activities including all logistics
- Cost estimates for major items to be included in the trip price
  - *Ground transport*
  - *Lodging, Food*
  - *Luggage transfers*
  - *Permits/passes, entrance fees, lift tickets*
  - *Outfitters, guides, support services*
  - *Direct leader expenses including airfare*



## PLANNING AND PROPOSING YOUR GLOBAL ADVENTURE

Next is an in-depth review and approval process

- *Preliminary proposal and risk assessment → review and revision*
- *Detailed proposal and budget → review and revision*
- *Final approval → posting on the website*
- *Can take 2-3 months*
- *Review process and requirements more intensive for higher-risk trips*

# COVID 19 Considerations

## Run a trip or not?

- *Local infection and vaccination rates, safety practices*
- *Entry rules, testing, restrictions on movement and activities*
- *Ability to operate the trip while protecting your participants and the communities you visit*
- *Availability of insurance, rescue services and medical care*

## Stay safe while on the trip

- *Public vs. private transport*
- *Avoid large groups, crowded places*
- *Masking*

## Extra logistics

- *Forms and documentation*
- *Getting tested and waiting for results*
- *Contingency plans if someone gets sick*
- *Constant monitoring of ever-changing situation and rules/restrictions*
- *May need to cancel or postpone at the last minute*



## AFTER TRIP APPROVAL....



- ❖ The trip is listed on the website and opened for registration.

{Let's quickly look at how to find a Global Adventure trip, and get set up to be notified for future ones!}

## AFTER TRIP APPROVAL....



- ❖ A budget is set up with Mountaineers accounting and they handle the money
- ❖ Participants can then apply for spots on the trip.
  - Application form
  - Deposit or full trip price (if <\$1000) required to secure a spot.
  - Qualifications reviewed closely before approval to join

## AFTER TRIP APPROVAL....

- ❖ Once deposits are in hand, leaders begin to finalize trip arrangements
  - *The leader pays vendors and gets reimbursed, or requests Mountaineers accounting to make payments*
- ❖ The leader provides in-depth advance communications to help participants with planning and clear expectations
- ❖ Safety and Emergency Plan anticipates hazards and includes daily contact details, info on emergency resources





## Question: How do you find and book hotels/huts for large groups on a tight schedule?



- ❖ We make arrangements well in advance
- ❖ Every night's lodging is typically nailed down rather than left flexible
- ❖ We may use booking agents if the schedule is tight or communications with huts are challenging
- ❖ Local outfitters can provide access to routes, lodgings and emergency support you can't find online

## DURING THE TRIP....



- ❖ The leader oversees logistics, payments and day to day decisions during the trip, but participants share responsibility for safety and trip success – leader is NOT a “tour guide”.
- ❖ Leader maintains detailed expense records and stays on budget.

## AFTER THE TRIP....

- ❖ Actual vs. plan spending report
- ❖ Trip report
- ❖ Safety incident reporting
- ❖ Feedback requested by Global Adventures committee





# Global Adventures & the website



## Global Adventure - Backpack Across the Andes of Argentine Patagonia from Bariloche to Tronador

GLOBAL ADVENTURES & BACKPACKING TRIP

Backpack far off the beaten track for 8 days across the Ande...

Difficulty: Strenuous

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 - Sat, Feb 26, 2022

No Prerequisites, Leader's Permission Required

AVAILABILITY:

**2**  
participants  
on waitlist

Registration closed Sep 20

The Mountaineers Branch

LEADER: Cheryl Talbert



## Global Adventure - Explore the Volcanoes, Rainforests and Hot Springs of Chile's Dramatic Lakes District

GLOBAL ADVENTURES & DAY HIKING TRIP

DATES STILL TENTATIVE! Transfer from the Argentina Adven...

Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous

Sun, Feb 27, 2022 - Sun, Mar 6, 2022

No Prerequisites, Leader's Permission Required

AVAILABILITY:

**1**  
participant

Registration closed Sep 20

The Mountaineers Branch

LEADER: Cheryl Talbert



## Global Adventure - Cross-country Ski in Norway

GLOBAL ADVENTURES & CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING TRIP

A two week lodge-based trip in which we will cross country sk...

Difficulty: N3 Nordic Intermediate Ski

Sun, Mar 6, 2022 - Sat, Mar 19, 2022

No Prerequisites, Leader's Permission Required

AVAILABILITY:

**6** participants **0** leaders

Registration closes Dec 17

The Mountaineers Branch

LEADER: Cindy Hoover

# Example: Online Application, Trip Agreement and Release forms imbedded in each Global Adventure listing

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together and helping one another succeed and be safe. You must have the ability to navigate on trails with a map and compass.

**Trip Price Detail:** \$2500 for the Lofoten segment including all lodging, transportation and some meals as described in the itinerary. Your airfare (~\$1500), travel insurance (\$75-350) and a few meals in town (<\$100) are not included. (Norway is an EXPENSIVE country, for guides, food, lodging and transport....but trust me - it's worth it!!)

**Registration Instructions:** Initial preference will be given to people who register for both the Lofoten and Jotunheimen adventures. If spaces remain after September 1, spots may be offered to people who wish to do one or the other. Leader approval is required so before registering please submit the application form which will automatically be sent to the leader. After the leader's approval, go to the trip listing and click the REGISTER button to pay the 50% deposit and hold your space on the roster. Registration will close on October 15, 2018 or whenever the roster fills. The balance of the trip payment is due by March 1, 2019.

[APPLICATION](#) [TRIP AGREEMENT](#) [RELEASE](#)

...because of an emergency, you may receive a refund less expenses incurred and a \$100 administrative fee.

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**HIKE AND BACKPACK THE LOFOTEN ISLANDS IN NORTHERN NORWAY**

# What trips may be coming?

## Our Leaders' "Wall of Dreams"

Yellowstone – ski

Vanoise French Alps – trek

Colorado Trail – backpack

Solvenia/Croatia – trek

Armenia/Georgia - trek

Kenya – photo

Picos de Europa – hike

Lewis & Clark trail

Bears Ears - backpack

Napali Coast – backpack

Kyrgyzstan – trek

Pyrennes – backpack

Corsica – trek

Australia – trek

British Columbia – ski

Alps – Via Ferratas

Ecuador – naturalist

Pembrokeshire Coast Path &

Snowdonia – hike

Tour of the Matterhorn/

Monte Rosa – trek

Alaska – Lake Clark backpack

# Q&A for potential GA Participants





# Q&A for potential GA Leaders



# Interested in becoming a GA Leader?

- ❓ Application link
- ❓ Poll – Spring Training?
- ❓ Q&A



**Thank you!**