



WWF Insider Journeys

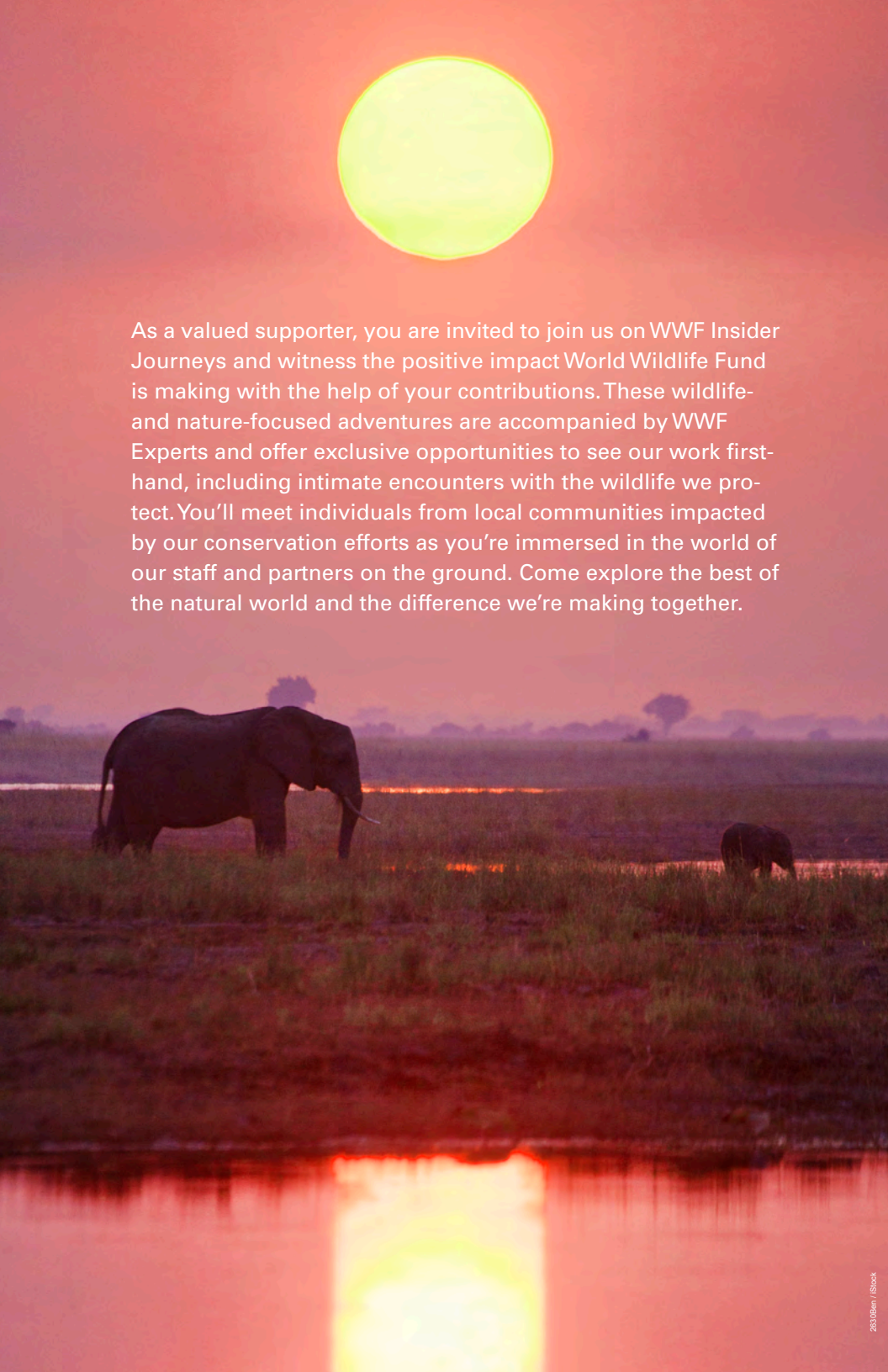
2024 Insider Journeys

Kingdom of the Monarchs

The Grand India Wildlife Adventure

Discovering the Bear Coast of Alaska

Exploring Africa's KAZA Conservation Frontier



As a valued supporter, you are invited to join us on WWF Insider Journeys and witness the positive impact World Wildlife Fund is making with the help of your contributions. These wildlife- and nature-focused adventures are accompanied by WWF Experts and offer exclusive opportunities to see our work first-hand, including intimate encounters with the wildlife we protect. You'll meet individuals from local communities impacted by our conservation efforts as you're immersed in the world of our staff and partners on the ground. Come explore the best of the natural world and the difference we're making together.

WWF Experts



Kingdom of the Monarchs: January 21–26, 2024

Adriana Valera is WWF-Mexico's pollinator officer for Terrestrial Ecosystems Programs. Over the last 18 years, her professional activities have focused on addressing biodiversity and natural resources conservation challenges in Mexico. With her team, she oversees the monarch butterfly conservation programs that WWF is developing to preserve this amazing species.



The Grand India Wildlife Adventure: March 15–26, 2024

Nilanga Jayasinghe is WWF's senior program officer for Asian species. Originally from Sri Lanka, she has always had a deep love for wildlife. Nilanga has worked on conservation issues for 20 years across three continents, with a focus on Asian species— particularly elephants, tigers, rhinos, and snow leopards.



Discovering the Bear Coast of Alaska: June 20–25, 2024

Kyle Newman is the community partnership leader for WWF's Arctic program. Originally from Bethel, Alaska, Kyle maintains and expands WWF's special relationships with communities and residents across the state. This includes the Bristol Bay region where his team, WWF partners, and local communities advocate to protect the region from numerous threats.



Exploring Africa's KAZA Conservation Frontier: September 22–October 2, 2024

Bas Huijbregts is WWF's African species conservation director. With over 25 years of work in Africa, he leads WWF's work on wildlife conservation in Africa, focusing primarily on elephants, great apes, and rhinos. His work entails landscape planning, protected area management, community-based natural resource management, and species monitoring.

These journeys are being arranged by Natural Habitat Adventures of Boulder, Colorado. WWF selected Natural Habitat as its primary tour operator because of its long-standing commitment to conservation and the exceptional quality of its adventures.

KINGDOM OF THE MONARCHS

January 21–26, 2024

Join us in Mexico for one of the most astounding natural events on Earth featuring an unlikely creature: the delicate monarch butterfly.

Every year, at the end of the summer, millions of monarchs take flight on a remarkable 2,500-mile journey, from the northern edge of their territory in southeast Canada to their ancestral wintering grounds in the volcanic mountains of central Mexico. Travel with a local, WWF-Mexico conservation expert Adriana Valera, to the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve to see these amazing creatures up close.

While immersed in an orange and black kaleidoscope—yes, that’s what a group of butterflies is called!—you’ll hear directly from WWF Experts and local guides about work done over the past two decades to preserve vital monarch habitats and protect the species’ migratory path from climate change. This trip is a behind-the-scenes look at additional local efforts, from planting fir trees for reforestation and owning small businesses for additional income, to organizing volunteer brigades preventing illegal logging and forest fires.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit monarch migration groves on foot and horseback; enter remote fir forests of Mexico’s central highlands where millions of butterflies roost and breed each winter.
- Explore a WWF-supported tree nursery and learn firsthand how local partners are restoring habitats by planting oyamel firs and native pines.
- Experience local culture with local guides: explore Mexican mountain villages, visit an authentic market, and witness the benefits of butterfly tourism for local people.

Trip Information

Dates: January 21–26, 2024

Price: \$4,795

Group Size: Limited to 14 guests

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THE GRAND INDIA WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

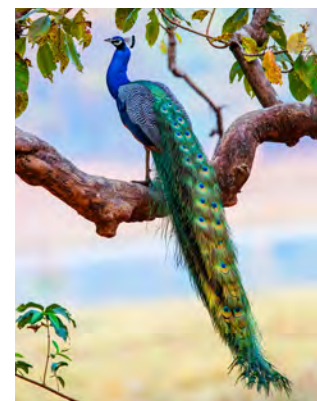
March 15–26, 2024

Journey into the heart of tiger recovery efforts in India with the guidance of WWF Senior Program Officer, Nilanga Jayasinghe. This unforgettable experience explores three sites all known for being wild landscapes that are home to tigers. You will gain insight into the history of tiger conservation and learn about WWF's work with local communities, NGOs, governments, and the private sector to ensure the species' recovery.

The Indian subcontinent is an inspiring and stimulating destination, with its mélange of cultures and vast wild places that have long attracted historians and travelers alike. This comprehensive safari leaves India's bustling cities and ventures into its natural realms:

powerful rivers, fabled jungles, and otherworldly wildlife.

From Bandhavgarh in central India to the Brahmaputra Basin of Assam, there are opportunities abound to experience tigers in their native territory along with other remarkable species including Asian elephants, Indian rhinos, sloth bears, barking deer, and a variety of birds. You won't find a richer or more varied itinerary focused on wildlife.



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Trip Information

Dates: March 15–26, 2024

Price: \$10,795 (+air)

Group Size: Limited to 9 guests

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Get a look at WWF's Asian wildlife conservation efforts; learn from experts and partners on the ground in WWF-India's Assam & Arunachal State Field Office.
- Explore three diverse national parks as a passenger in open 4x4 vehicles.
- Search for tigers and other diverse wildlife that can more commonly be found in India alongside WWF Experts and naturalist guides.



DISCOVERING THE BEAR COAST OF ALASKA

June 20–25, 2024

Brown bears are one of the most iconic species found in North America, and there isn't a more magical place to view them than in Alaska's greater Bristol Bay region. As you watch the bears roam



through untouched land from rocky shores to nearby mountains, you'll cultivate a new appreciation for the efforts protecting this pristine coast. The narrowly- avoid-

ed Pebble Mine project would have disrupted the bears' movement and access to food, but thanks to the efforts of native Alaskan communities, WWF, and supporters of the Bristol Bay Victory Challenge, the mine project was halted, and 44,000 acres were placed in a conservation easement.

To celebrate this conservation milestone, join WWF's Community Partnership Leader and brown bear expert, Kyle Newman, to explore the stunning Bristol Bay region. You'll stay just north of the proposed Pebble Mine infrastructure site at Nat Hab's private Alaska Bear Camp on Cook Inlet, a sustainable home base tucked away in Lake Clark National Park.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about WWF's Bristol Bay conservation and community partnerships from experts on the ground.
- Experience exclusive proximity to brown bears from private inholding within Lake Clark National Park, where they roam, fish, and forage in view of the camp.
- Private fly-in access from the Kenai Peninsula: arrive via scenic, chartered bush plane passing dramatic mountain ranges, glacial valleys, and icy volcanoes.

Trip Information

Dates: June 20–25, 2024

Price: \$6,595 (+air)

Group Size: Limited to 12 guests

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EXPLORING AFRICA'S KAZA CONSERVATION FRONTIER

September 22–October 2, 2024

In 2011, five African countries—Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—signed a treaty to create the world's largest transboundary conservation area. About the size of California, the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA) is a contiguous landscape where wildlife conservation drives sustainable economic development. WWF's work in KAZA encourages coexistence by working with partners to secure and conserve corridors allowing elephants and other species to move freely in the area.



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Join WWF African Species Director, Bas Huijbregts, for an incredible safari into the heart of our efforts in KAZA. You'll explore three vital countries via 4x4 safari vehicles, scenic flights, and aboard the Zimbabwean Dream, an elegant new vessel built for African rivers. The adventure takes you through four diverse national parks—including Zimbabwe's Hwange and Botswana's Chobe—and concludes at the spectacular Victoria Falls. Along the way, you'll learn how we're engaging communities, NGOs, governments, and the private sector to protect the region's wildlife while supporting the socioeconomic wellbeing of local individuals.



Trip Information

Dates: September 22–October 2, 2024

Price: \$16,995–\$17,395 (+air)

Group Size: Limited to 12 guests

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HIGHLIGHTS

- From the heart of KAZA, learn about WWF's African wildlife conservation work and transboundary collaboration from our experts and partners on the ground.
- Enjoy a safari cruise aboard a small luxury ship with just 14 guests to explore the islands, inlets, and inland wildlife of Zimbabwe's vast Lake Kariba.
- Explore four national parks by boat, on foot, and in 4x4 safari trucks on a comprehensive itinerary that concludes at Victoria Falls.



"The journey, not the arrival, matters."
—T.S. Eliot



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