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Women in Nature ***Glacier National Park Adventure***

August 30- September 6, 2023
8 Days – 7 Nights

Join ODC Network Guides Lisa McKellips and Joy Funk on a fun-filled, all-inclusive, week-long adventure with just the girls, to Glacier National Park in the beautiful state of Montana. Glacier National Park encompasses more than 1 million acres and includes parts of two mountain ranges, more than 130 named lakes, more than 1,000 different species of plants, and hundreds of species of animals. Due to the great habitat and the presence of slopes and valleys, the area is one of the best for seeing both black and grizzly bears. There will also be opportunities to see moose, mountain goats, bighorn sheep and marmots. This vast pristine ecosystem is the centerpiece of what has been referred to as the "Crown of the Continent Ecosystem," a region of protected land encompassing 16,000 square miles.

We will be visiting Glacier National Park during the late summer when the temperatures typically range between the 40's at night and the 70's during the day and the summer crowds have subsided.

Our accommodations will be a true escape at a luxurious lodge. We will have a beautiful mountain house to ourselves which overlooks the Whitefish Mountains and the beautiful ranges surrounding Glacier National Park! Your week away will include a variety of outdoor activities along with a few extravagances every woman can appreciate. Daily trips to the park will include wildlife, amazing scenery, relaxation, and adventure! Combined with some wonderful women, this trip will be a vacation to remember!



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** Transportation to and from Kalispell Airport and is not included in the trip fee. Travelers are welcome to park at ODC and get shuttled to and from Gerald R Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, MI.

*** Meals included: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Itinerary*

Day 1: Travel to Kalispell, MT

We will start our adventure in Kalispell, Montana where we will travel by vans to our private luxurious lodge in the Whitefish Mountains. This lodge has all the comforts of home and a few extras! We can soak in the views from a large wrap-around leather couch in front of a stunning gas fireplace. Located nearby is a deck with a private hot tub, another fireplace, and a spectacular view! We will arrive at the lodge in the afternoon with time to unwind and settle in before dinner. (D)



Day 2: Glacier National Park - Lake McDonald

After a delicious breakfast at the lodge, we start our visit to Glacier National Park at the Apgar Visitor Center. We will then travel north along beautiful Lake McDonald and stop for a hike to see the beautiful McDonald Falls. Lunch will be near Lake McDonald Lodge where there are many fantastic options available. A boat tour on Lake McDonald in the afternoon will be followed by a visit to the popular "Trail of Cedars" for an easy loop hike that travels along a raised boardwalk through a forest of ancient western red cedars and western hemlocks. We will then drive back to the lodge, stopping for dinner along the way before an evening relaxing at the lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Glacier National Park - Logan Pass

Breakfast will again be at the lodge before we set out for another exciting day of exploring Glacier National Park. We will drive to Apgar Visitor Center and embark on a Red Bus Tour. We can sit back, relax, and enjoy the scenery of Glacier National Park from the comfort of a vintage 1930s bus. Our driver will be a knowledgeable guide and lifetime resident of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation with extensive knowledge of tribal history, culture and lifestyle. We will traverse alongside the glacially carved valley while touring on the Going-to-the-Sun Road over Logan Pass. After a stop at the Continental Divide, we will head down into the cirques of the St. Mary Valley with lunch at Rising Sun's Two Dog Flats Grill. After our return trip, we can visit the village of Apgar then back to the lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening. (B, L, D)



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Day 4: Flathead Lake, National Bison Range

After breakfast, this day's adventure will take us around Flathead Lake where we can explore the little shops, galleries and wineries along the way. After lunch we will head south to the National Bison Range which consists of 19,000 acres of natural grassland. The range is home to nearly 500 American bison and other inhabitants such as birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, and bighorn sheep. After the 2 hour tour we will head back to our lodge with a stop for dinner along the way. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Town of Whitefish, Whitewater Rafting

Breakfast this morning will be in the nearby town of Whitefish where we can explore the town's wide variety of locally-owned shops and galleries along with some delicious and unique eateries. After lunch we will embark on a whitewater rafting trip that combines calm floating with class II-III whitewater rapids. We will enjoy views of Glacier National Park and have a delicious barbecue dinner along the riverbank. A relaxing evening at the lodge will be appreciated along with a visit to the lodge's hot tub. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Glacier National Park- Two Medicine, St. Mary Lake

Breakfast at the lodge will be followed by a drive to the East side of the park with a stop in Essex at the Izaak Walton Inn. We will then continue to Two Medicine Lake where we will have several hike options and a take a group boat tour aboard the charming historic vessel, Sinopah, the oldest wooden boat in the park. We can relax and enjoy all this "secret" valley has to offer and take in the scenery while learning about the rich Blackfeet tribal history surrounding the Two Medicine area. After our day's adventures we will drive back to the lodge with dinner along the way. (B, L, D)



Day 7: Glacier National Park- Bowman Lake, Polebridge

Breakfast will once again be at the lodge and then we will travel to the West side of Glacier National Park and visit one of the most beautiful places in the park, Bowman Lake! Along the way we will stop at the Sasquatch Grill and Polebridge Mercantile for lunch and snacks. Once at Bowman Lake, we can take a hike on the lake shore while enjoying the sites along the way. After our drive back, we will have dinner and enjoy our last evening at the lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Return to MI

Our last morning will be together for breakfast at our lodge then we will pack up and drive to the town of Kalispell to await our plane departure back to Michigan. (B)



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Pricing: **\$3,500** per person for private room
\$2,500 per person for shared room (own bed)

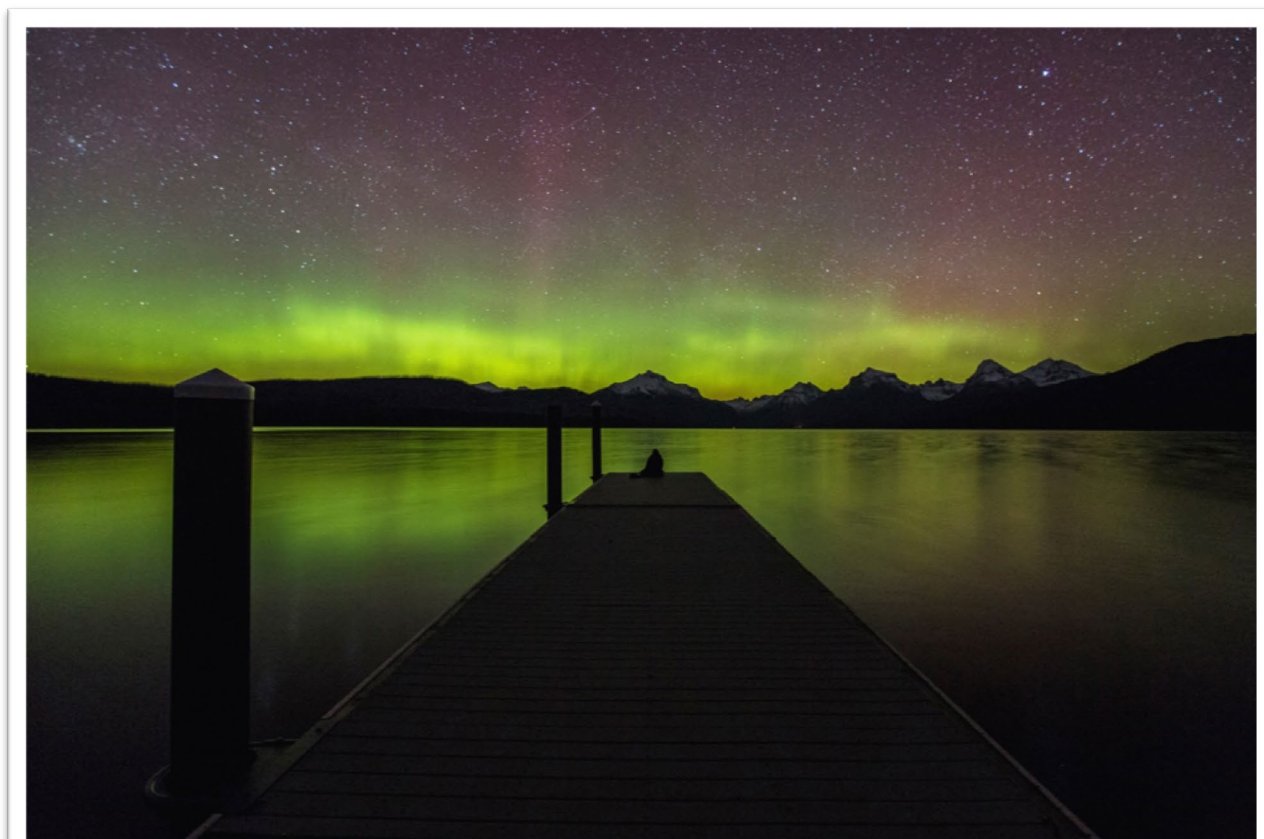
Payment: \$500 deposit due at the time of booking and required to hold a place on the trip; \$1,000 2nd Payment due December 1, 2023. Final balance is due by June 1st, 2023. All payments may be made at one time if desired via cash or check. ***Transaction fees may apply for making payments with a credit card.***

Cancellations: Full refunds will be made until December 1, 2023. After March 1, 2023, up to 50% of money received may be forfeited by the participant. No refunds will be given for cancellation after, June 1, 2023. We encourage you to speak to a travel agent about trip insurance to protect yourself if unexpected situations require you to cancel your participation.

Included: 7 nights lodging; all transportation while in Montana; naturalist guides; fees/admission for park, tours, shuttles, activities, etc; gratuities for excursion guides; all meals as indicated in the itinerary

Not included: Meals while in transit to and from Montana, souvenirs, snacks between meals, some alcoholic beverages, additional tours and activities away from the group

Please contact trip leaders Joy Funk or Lisa McKellips to learn more or to make a payment: 616.393.9453 lisa@outdoordiscovery.org or joy@outdoordiscovery.org.



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