Adventure

Does hiking the Inca Trail, biking through the French countryside, or walking the Great Wall of China sound appealing? If so, join one of PCC’s adventure tours that offer travel opportunities for adults who want active physical participation while experiencing and interacting with diverse cultures. Come join the adventure and explore the stunning beauty of the world.

Cultural

Travel with PCC to great historical sites and architectural wonders. Each trip is a truly engaging learning experience packed with lectures and unique experiences that provide uncommon depth and perspective to travelers. Free time is also built in so that you may pursue the experiences that matter most to you. Our guides are local and give you a thorough and fascinating inside look at each destination while sharing personal insights into their culture and way of life.
Educational tours foster cross-cultural understanding, individual growth, and self-exploration while visiting some of the world’s most remote, heritage-rich communities and cultural sites. A Community Ed instructor or representative will facilitate the trip while local guides immerse you in important regional concerns, arts, and activities that emphasize local culture and tradition. Join us on an educational journey to remember!

Voluntourism

Make a positive difference while you see the world. PCC offers programs designed for adults who are committed to giving back when they travel. Travelers assist with research and support conservation and local communities while participating on these ecological adventures.
Walk the Great Wall of China

April 24 – May 3, 2017

Centuries after its construction, China’s Great Wall remains one of humankind’s engineering marvels. At over 21,000 km (13,048 mi) in length, the Wall is a trip in and of itself. You won’t tackle the whole thing on this ten-day trip, but you’ll return home with a deeper understanding of the life that goes on around and upon it. The Beijing-to-Beijing route will take you to small villages that have stood for centuries in the shadow of this massive tribute to human will and introduce you to the cuisine, culture, and history that make this one of China’s most captivating attractions. The Wall’s been standing for centuries. Isn’t it about time you turned up?

$1499 per person double,
Includes accommodations, most meals, local guides, entrance fees to Great Wall entrances and trek (6-day), Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square guided tour, tai chi classes, tea ceremony, Chinese cooking class. Luggage transfer on every hiking day. Does not include personal expenses. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.

Machu Picchu and The Amazon

August 11 – 20, 2017

These ten days are a brief but full introduction to the very best natural wonders and local culture Peru has on offer. Get in touch with the Andean past in the former Inca capital of Cusco, spend two unforgettable nights in our jungle lodge listening to the wildlife orchestra all around you, and hike the Inca Trail (or catch the scenic train) to the once-in-a-lifetime destination of Machu Picchu. Be assured you’re traveling with the region’s leading experts.

$2799 per person double, $3298 per person single, (max 2)
Includes accommodations, land vehicle, guide, internal flights, most meals. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
Heritage Vietnam Tour

March 4 – 15, 2017

Vietnam is a country that honors the past and celebrates the future. Explore the capital of Hanoi, caves in Phong Nha-Ke Ban National Park, historic Hoi An markets, and underground tunnels in Cu Chi. Also, enjoy an exclusive overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay!

$1995 per person double, (land only), $2755 per person single,
Includes accommodations, transfers, in country air, local transportation, most meals, guides, entrance fees, most taxes and more. Does not include airport taxes, drinks with meals and personal expenses. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.

Spain and Morocco by Rail

February 12 – 25, 2017

Dive into two incredible cultures with this adventure on the rails. Explore the Spanish countryside by train, journeying with the locals from Madrid to Barcelona to Seville and beyond, sampling the exotic side of this gorgeous country (and tasting food you’ll crave for the rest of your life). Spend a week in Spain before crossing the Strait of Gibraltar for another week to get to know the main highlights of Morocco, like Fes, Casablanca, and Marrakech, (as well as their souqs, mint tea and friendly locals). Grab yourself an experience you’ll talk about forever.

$1499 per person double, (land only), $2398 per person single (max 2),
Includes all transport between destinations and to/from included activities, most meals. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
America’s Music Cities

March 19 – 26, 2017

Enjoy a finger-snapping, toe-tapping time on this tour of America’s most famed musical cities. Visit New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville as you revel in the sounds of the blues, jazz, country, and good old rock ‘n’ roll. Experience America’s most singular city in New Orleans, home to the French Quarter where the world’s great jazz musicians reside. Have your choice on tour, either stroll through New Orleans’ famous French Quarter on a walking tour with a local expert or set out on a panoramic motor coach tour for a different perspective of the city. Spend two nights in Memphis, “birthplace of the blues,” tour Elvis Presley’s Graceland, and indulge in award-winning barbecue. Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee and a backstage tour. Tour historic RCA Studio B and see where country legends recorded hit songs. A visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame is sure to have you humming long after you return home.

$2799 per person double, $3519 per person single, $2769 per person triple
Includes accommodations, local transportation, three meals per day, guides, entrance fees and more.

Does not include tax, alcoholic drinks with meals and personal expenses.

Art Tour of New Zealand

March 22 – April 5, 2017

New Zealand, or Aotearoa in Maori, offers some of the youngest, most diverse and utterly beautiful landscapes found on our planet. We will immerse ourselves in this majestic country as we draw, paint and explore our way across the top of the south island of New Zealand on this 14 day tour. We will savor a multitude of different landscapes when we visit the stunning beaches of Golden Bay, the inland mountains in the Nelson Lakes region and the otherworldly grandeur of the Marlborough Sounds. Join PCC art instructor and New Zealand permanent resident Michael Southern on this once in a lifetime adventure.

$3900 per person twin double share, $4475 per person single
Includes most meals (see itinerary), some art supplies provided, land transportation, tour driver.
Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
**Spring Break in Paris**

**March 25 – April 1, 2017**

Stroll the avenues, cruise the Seine, enjoy the cafés and shops, and visit world-class museums on your week-long spring break trip to Paris. Sample the art, history, music and cuisine of Paris. Join Nancy Horner, owner of Chalante Travels, on this fun filled adventure.

$3417 per person double, (land only). $4117 per person single.

Includes air, hotel, most meals, local guide, cruise on the Bateau Mouche, Metro pass. Excludes: gratuities.

**Treasures of Ireland**

**April 17 – 25, 2017**

A tour in Ireland is unlike anywhere else, with so much history and culture to explore, you’ll fall in love with Ireland’s charm, blessed with ravishing landscapes, emerald-green countryside, breathtaking scenery and dynamic cities – ‘Treasures of Ireland‘ has it all. Spend seven nights in First Class Hotels, featuring a one night Castle Stay and two nights in Dublin, absorb the sights and sounds of Limerick and Killarney, along with the Cliffs of Moher and the countryside’s slower pace of life. This tour will expand your horizons, deepen your insights and transform your world view.

$3595 per person double.

Includes air, international air taxes fuel, most meals, tour director, land transportation, sightseeing, admissions per itinerary and baggage handling. Excludes: gratuities.
Steps of Van Gogh

April 20 – May 1, 2017

Follow the steps of Van Gogh from Amsterdam to Paris and the south of France as you take in the landscapes and learn about people who shaped Van Gogh’s world and what shaped his. Our journey starts in Amsterdam with a visit to the Van Gogh museum where the most significant collection of his life’s work sets the stage for our explorations. Then on to Paris to view his works at the Musee d’Orsay and l’Orangerie, explore Montmartre where he lived and worked, and visit the small village of Auvers-sur-Oise where he ended his life. Finally, on to the south of France to Arles to witness the beautiful light and landscapes of Provence, which we have come to know and love so well in Van Gogh’s famous works. A visit to the St. Paul Monastery and Hospital outside St. Remy will provide insight into the end of his life and perhaps introduce you to some of his lesser known works. A free day in Amsterdam and Paris gives you the opportunity to pursue your special interests in other museums, villages, gardens, or cafés. Return home or extend your trip for independent travel.

$3010 pp double (land), $3830 pp single (land), $4377 pp double (land & air), $5199 pp single (land & air) Includes most meals, admission to museums and historical sites, rail trips, public transportation. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.

Best of Georgia and Armenia

May 7 – 17, 2017

Georgia and Armenia may sound like unconventional destinations, but trust us, they ought to be tops on your list of places to visit. Our 10-day trip is a wonderful showcase of the cultural and natural highlights the Caucasus Region has to offer, with a huge helping of beautiful architecture and delicious cuisine to boot. Stroll the narrow streets of Tbilisi, tour ancient monasteries, stare down massive mountain ranges, visit with friendly locals, and soak up all the exotic culture of this under-explored region.

$1899 per person double, $2698 per person single, Includes most meals, accommodations, land transportation. Does not include personal expenses. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
Garden and Mansions of New Orleans and Cajun Country

May 15 – 22, 2017

Journey to New Orleans and Cajun Country where pulsating rhythms, immense history, and a city that is culturally unparalleled await for your exploration. Enjoy the French Quarter, Bourbon Street, Garden District, Café du Monde, Antebellum Mansion visits, Cajun Country and much more! This program features 3 nights in First Class Hotels in the French Quarter, time to learn about state history in Louisiana’s capital, as well as discovering traditions deep in the bayou in Cajun Country. Travel to one of America’s most unique cities and see the best this region has to offer.

$2149 per person double, $2799 per person single.
Includes air, most meals, land transportation, tour director, admissions, baggage handling, hotel transfers. Does not include personal expenses and gratuities.

Great Canadian Cities

June 7 – 15, 2017

A delight of striking Canadian cities and stunning landscapes awaits. Travel to Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, and Niagara Falls, to discover the traditions of these distinctive cities and their intriguing heritage. Join us for this 9-day tour featuring 8-nights in First Class Hotels. Your tour highlights will include a Montreal City Tour, Montreal to Quebec City via Rail, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmorency Falls, 1000 Islands Cruise, a Niagara Falls Boat Tour and much more during this exciting adventure.

$2995 per person double, $3895 per person single.
Includes air, tour director, most meals, land transportation, admissions, sightseeing, hotel transfers, baggage handling. Excludes: gratuities.
Mackinac Island

July, 2017

This classic Midwestern tour features Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. Savor two incredible nights amid the luxury of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Enjoy a horse and buggy tour of Mackinac Island. Explore the wonderful city of Chicago with a local guide. Visit the Bavarian-influenced town of Frankenmuth. In Dearborn, experience the inspirational Henry Ford Museum and view historic homes and famous American workshops including those from Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost. Dine at the elegant Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate and enjoy a private tour of their home.

Price TBA.
Contact cedtravel@pcc.edu for information and price details.

Great Trains and Grand Canyons

September 17 – 22, 2017

Experience Sedona and the great State of Arizona during ‘Great Trains and Grand Canyons’. Enjoy Sedona’s magnificent red sandstone formations, which glow in orange and red illumination during the sunrise and sunset, as your home for 5 nights in one resort-style hotel. Featuring 2 Rail Journeys, Grand Canyon National Park, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona Trolley Tour, Jerome, Montezuma Castle and many more spectacular landscapes, this tour will leave you inspired by the breathtaking scenery.

$2199 per person double, $2849 per person single, includes air, accommodation, sightseeing, admissions, most meals, hotel transfers, professional tour director, motorcoach transportation, baggage handling. Excludes: gratuities.
Sunny Portugal
September 26 – October 5, 2017

Explore sunny Portugal, with its miles of dramatic shoreline and legacy of global discovery. Enjoy a three-night stay in the beautiful resort town, Cascais. Savor time to meander its narrow cobblestone streets, oceanfront promenade and quaint bay area. In Evora, step inside a medieval walled city with Roman ruins. Travel to Portugal’s scenic “Silver Coast,” dotted with charming villages and castles. Enjoy a sense of country life with an overnight stay in the heart of Alentejo’s farms and vineyards. Find a wealth of Portuguese hand-made crafts like the famed azulejo hand painted tiles and unique items made of cork. Indulge in Portugal’s fresh cuisine and wines during an interactive cooking class and two winery tours. Be swept away by the melancholy Fado tunes. Explore Algarve’s soft sandy beaches and classic fishing villages.

$3699 per person double, $4099 per person single, $3699 per person triple,
Includes accommodations, round trip air, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Does not include tax, alcoholic drinks with meals and personal expenses.

Italy 101 - A Grand Tour of Venice, Florence, and Rome
October 6 – 17, 2017

Discover centuries of stunning art and architecture as you explore Venice, Florence and Rome with PCC and Chalante Travels. Enjoy the romance of Venice’s canals as you cross the bridges from the Rialto to the Bridge of Sighs, glide through the canals in your gondola, marvel at Piazza San Marco, tour the Doges Palace and take in a Vivaldi concert. Walk the cobblestone streets of Renaissance Florence, home to Michelangelo’s David, the Ponte Vecchio, and the Uffizi Gallery, top stops on our itinerary. A day in the Tuscan countryside includes Siena and San Gimignano. Then, step back in time as you visit ancient Rome’s Coliseum and Forum. A visit to Vatican City to see St. Peter’s and the Sistine Chapel rounds out your grand tour.

$2899 per person double,
Includes hotel with daily breakfast, sightseeing and entrances as mentioned above, welcome dinner, wine tasting, farewell dinner, and bus or rail transportation between cities. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
**Festivals of India**

**October 6 – 17, 2017**

Experience the wonders of North India during Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Explore the ancient sites and vibrant markets in Delhi, visit the majestic forts and palaces of Rajasthan, and marvel at the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Also, spend time with local families and learn about why Diwali is the biggest and brightest Hindu celebration in India!

$1820 per person double, includes accommodations, most meals, land transportation, taxes fees, government surcharges, water, economy local air. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, Visa fees, gratuities.

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**Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights**

**November 4 – 10, 2017**

This “land of fire and ice” is a place of many wonders, including the rare opportunity to see the spectacular Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. This tour will bring you on a search for that once-in-a-lifetime moment. Take an exhilarating evening Northern Lights Cruise. Travel to the “Golden Circle,” home to many of Iceland’s most renowned natural wonders. Spend time at Thingvellir National Park, the nation’s most historic area. Gaze at the spectacular Gullfoss Waterfall, one of the world’s most incredible cascades. At Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Visitor Center, learn about life during and after the dramatic 2010 volcanic explosion. Explore Skogar Folk Museum and see traditional turf-built houses. Walk on a black volcanic sand beach. See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the natural geothermal pool the Blue Lagoon. All the while spending your evenings in search of the breathtaking Northern lights.

$3449 per person double, $3749 per person single, $3419 per person triple, includes round trip air from PDX, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Does not include tax, alcoholic drinks with meals and personal expenses.
Natural History and Ecotourism in Ecuador

June 25 – July 1, 2017

Join PCC on our inaugural eco-learning adventure opportunity to explore this beautiful, dynamic country and discover first-hand why it’s one of the world’s most honored eco-tourism destinations. We’ll experience Ecuador’s diverse cultural heritage, as well as its natural beauty – from the Andes to the Amazon! For those of you that have always been curious about the unique biodiversity of the Galapagos, you can join our unique excursion. You will experience the nesting sites of endangered green sea turtles, and engage with community-owned eco-lodges with fantastic views on the islands.

$2340 per person double, includes most meals, land transportation. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities, extra beverages or snacks. Contact cedtravel@pcc.edu for information about the Galapagos Islands add-on excursion.

World Heritage, History, and Reconciliation in the Balkans

September 1 – 10, 2017

Explore the heart of former Yugoslavia with PCC. Journey through four countries that have been shaped by an incredibly rich but turbulent history. Against a backdrop of dramatic mountain peaks and breathtaking coastlines, we explore a plethora of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, fascinating old towns and enjoy the beautiful scenery of National Parks. We engage with historians and religious leaders from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faith to learn about peace and reconciliation in their towns, nations and the region. Meet with artists and craftspeople, educators and cooperatives to get an insight what the future holds.

$3790 per person single, $3290 per person double, includes most meals, activities, entrance fee, guest speaker, land transportation. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities, personal expenses.
World Heritage in Panama

October 28 – November 5, 2017

PCC and AltruVistas present World Heritage in Panama, an exciting tour combining visits to the country’s iconic cultural and natural sites and formal and informal meetings with locals, NGOs and government organizations to gain a broad understanding of contemporary Panama and one of its most important economic sectors: the Panama Canal. We’ll meet with historians and social leaders who will put that incredible engineering feat into context. A cruise on the Canal itself will take us from the Atlantic to the Pacific in one day! The trip also includes Soberania, a lovely National Park hosting about 1,000 species of birds.

$2990 per person double, $3490 per person single,
Includes most meals, guide, program activities, entrance fees, guest speaker, land transportation.
Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.

A Culture of Arts in Cuba

December 11 – 20, 2017

This Cuba journey will coincide with the 2017 Havana Jazz Festival and will explore Cuba’s dynamic music and arts scenes through intimate exchanges with artists and performance. You’ll experience the beauty of the island’s people and cultural heritage sites.

$4390 per person double, $5090 per person single,
Includes round-trip air from MIA-Havana, most meals, guide, program activities, entrance fees, guest speaker, land transportation.
Excludes: round-trip air from PDX-MIA, gratuities.
Sea Turtles, Friendly Whales, and Whale Sharks of Baja

March 5 – 12, 2017

Join SEE Turtles for a unique trip to the incredible waters of Baja California Sur, Mexico. Join a whale shark researcher for a day of looking for the world’s largest fish. Spend 4 nights camping in Magdalena Bay, meeting the “friendly gray whales” who approach boats to be touched and participating in sea turtle research. We’ll also visit beautiful Espiritu Santo Island to snorkel with sea lions.

$2195 per person double,
Includes PCC class fee, all meals, accommodations, guide, private transportation, shuttle from Cabo to La Paz (2.5 hours), and a donation to turtle conservation. Excludes round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.

Costa Rica Leatherback Turtles and More

May 21 – 28, 2017

Join SEE Turtles on a Costa Rican adventure. Witness the nesting of the giant leatherback sea turtle on Costa Rica’s Caribbean coast. Help patrol a turtle nesting beach, look for wildlife by hiking and boat rides, and visit an indigenous reserve and butterfly farm.

$1895 per person double,
Includes accommodations, some group flights and airport transfers as specified in the trip itinerary, excursions, most entrance fees, local guides, most permits and most meals. Excludes: round-trip air from PDX, gratuities.
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