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**NATURE FORWARD**

ON A CLASSIC BIRDING TRIP TO  
**ARIZONA**

**DESERT WINGS: BIRDING THROUGH ARIZONA'S UNIQUE HABITATS**

SEPTEMBER 22 TO 30, 2025



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## YOUR NATURE FORWARD LEADER: LIZ GUERTIN

Liz Guertin is an award-winning fine art photographer and the owner of WildLiz LLC, based in Maryland. Her photography captures the beauty of the natural world while highlighting the urgent need for conservation. Liz leads nature-focused workshops, photography classes, and offers prints for sale through her business. As a Maryland Master Naturalist and Sierra Club Outings Leader, she is deeply committed to environmental education and advocacy. When she's not teaching or leading outdoor excursions, Liz enjoys exploring the woods with her camera and amazing dog, Buster.



## YOUR ARIZONA BIRDING GUIDE: JAKE THOMPSON

Jake has lived in Arizona his entire life and has had the benefit of multiple generations of his family sharing their love for the state's natural beauty - in particular, the White Mountains. Since finding himself in the grips of birding, he has locked down over 400 species in Arizona in a single year, and is always working to grow his state list.

A habitat of special interest to Jake is Arizona's high elevation mixed conifer forests. Jake is passionate about wildlife conservation and outreach, always looking to bring that appreciation to others through birding. Through leading family bird walks for both local and regional Audubon societies he has grown his admiration for even the most common species and appreciates getting a chance to turn novice naturalists into full blown birders



*Jake has participated in AZGFD survey point counts as well as contributed to AZ's Breeding Bird Surveys. Jake is also a board member for Desert Rivers Audubon Society.*





## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~ MONDAY~ SEPTEMBER 22

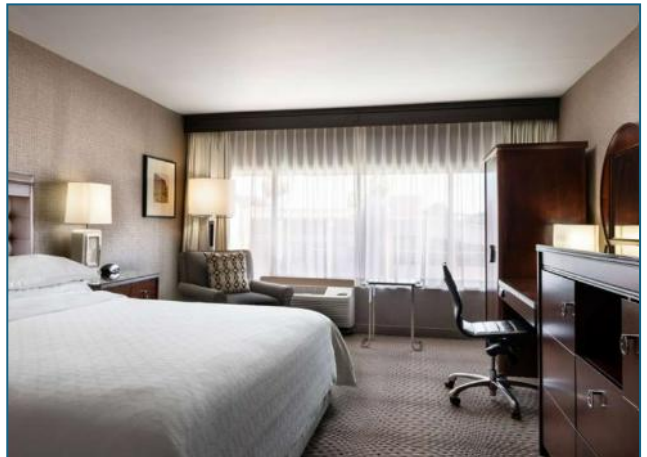
#### ARRIVE PHOENIX

Start your journey by boarding your flight to Phoenix, Arizona. Upon arrival, take the shuttle to your hotel.

*The Wyndham Phoenix Airport is a conveniently located hotel just minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Enjoy modern rooms equipped with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, work desks, and coffee makers, with some suites offering additional features like separate living areas or airport views. The hotel provides on-site dining options, including a restaurant serving all meals and a bar/lounge area for drinks and light snacks. Additional amenities include an outdoor pool and a fitness center. Complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport adds to the convenience, making this hotel a comfortable and accessible option for travelers visiting the Phoenix area.*

Overnight at WYNDHAM PHOENIX AIRPORT. (No Meals).

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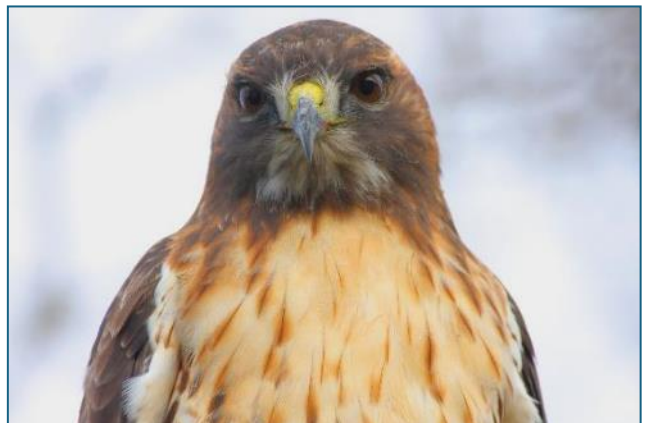
### DAY 2~ TUESDAY~ SEPTEMBER 23

#### PHOENIX/DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN/TONTO NATIONAL FOREST/COTTONWOOD

Your morning begins with a visit to the stunning Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, a true oasis in the heart of the Sonoran Desert. This world-renowned garden is a showcase for desert plants and a haven for birdwatching enthusiasts. As you wander through the beautifully curated trails, you'll encounter some of Arizona's most iconic bird species. Keep an eye out for the Gambel's Quail, often seen darting across the paths with their distinctive topknots bobbing as they forage in groups. Listen for the call of the Gila Woodpecker, a bold bird that often nests in cacti and can be spotted hopping around the garden's towering saguaro cacti. The Cactus Wren, Arizona's state bird, may catch your attention with its intricate nests built in the prickly arms of cholla cacti, or you might see it flitting from one desert plant to another, its distinctive song filling the air. The Desert Botanical Garden not only offers a tranquil setting to observe these birds but also provides a deeper appreciation for the region's rich biodiversity.



This afternoon, set out on a scenic drive toward Cottonwood, a charming town nestled in the lush Verde Valley. On the way, stop at the Tonto National Forest, an expansive natural area covering nearly 3 million acres, making it one of the largest national forests in the U.S. The Tonto National Forest is an extraordinary place for wildlife and birdwatching, with its diverse landscapes ranging from desert lowlands to mountainous pine forests. Here, you might spot majestic red-tailed hawks soaring overhead or see a family of javelinas (wild pigs) roaming through the underbrush. The forest is also home to many riparian zones where species like Belted Kingfishers or even elusive Great Blue Herons can be seen near streams and rivers. The stark contrast between desert cacti and cooler forested areas creates a unique opportunity to experience Arizona's varied ecosystems in one location.



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Arrive in Cottonwood, where the evening is at your leisure. Known for its vibrant arts scene, Cottonwood offers a peaceful retreat surrounded by vineyards and the nearby Verde River, which supports a wealth of wildlife.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner to get to know your fellow travelers best.

*The Best Western Cottonwood Inn is a comfortable and conveniently located hotel in Arizona's scenic Verde Valley, offering easy access to popular destinations such as Sedona, Jerome, and local wineries. The hotel provides a range of well-equipped rooms and suites featuring free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, mini-fridges, and coffee makers. Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast with a variety of hot and cold options to start the day. The hotel also features an outdoor heated pool and hot tub, providing a perfect place to unwind after a day of exploring the area.*

Overnight at the BEST WESTERN COTTONWOOD INN. (B,D)

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### DAY 3~ WEDNESDAY~ SEPTEMBER 24

#### COTTONWOOD/DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK/PAGE SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY

This morning, you will explore Dead Horse Ranch State Park near the Verde River in the heart of Cottonwood. This beautiful state park, named for its unique history, offers an ideal setting for birdwatching, with its lush riparian habitat attracting a wide variety of bird species. As you stroll along the river, you might spot graceful waterfowl like Great Blue Herons and mallards gliding across the water or hear the call of Belted Kingfishers diving for fish. The river's surrounding cottonwood trees and mesquite groves are home to numerous songbirds, including the bright Yellow-rumped Warbler or the melodious Black Phoebe. Overhead, you might catch a glimpse of raptors such as Red-tailed Hawks or Peregrine Falcons soaring above the landscape, scanning for prey.



Afterward, head over to the nearby Page Springs Fish Hatchery, a hidden gem for birdwatching enthusiasts. The hatchery, known for its role in Arizona's fish production, is also surrounded by a designated birding area where you can explore more of the region's wildlife. Here, in the wetlands and ponds, you'll have the chance to spot additional species of waterfowl, including American Coots, Wood Ducks, and even the occasional egret wading through the shallow waters. The diverse habitat around the hatchery is also home to a variety of woodland birds, such as the colorful Vermilion Flycatcher, with its striking red plumage, and the elusive Common Yellowthroat hiding among the reeds. With the Verde River flowing nearby, the hatchery is a magnet for both resident and migratory birds, making it a fantastic spot to add more sightings to your birdwatching list.



Return to Cottonwood, where you can spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Overnight at the BEST WESTERN COTTONWOOD INN. (B)



#### DAY 4~ THURSDAY~ SEPTEMBER 25

##### COTTONWOOD/GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

This morning, depart from Cottonwood and embark on a scenic drive to Grand Canyon National Park, one of the most iconic natural wonders in the world. Along the way, make a stop at the vast Kaibab National Forest, known for its towering ponderosa pines and diverse wildlife. This forest is a birdwatcher's paradise, where you can spot a variety of species, such as Steller's Jays, nuthatches, and the elusive Northern Goshawk.



Continue to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, where you can spend the day marveling at the breathtaking views of the canyon's immense rock formations carved over millions of years by the Colorado River. Take your time to explore the various viewpoints along the rim, such as Mather Point and Yavapai Observation Station, and keep an eye out for local wildlife. The South Rim is home to majestic creatures like elk and mule deer, and if you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of the magnificent California Condor, one of the rarest birds in the world, soaring above the canyon.

After a day of exploration, check into your accommodation, where the evening is at your leisure.

*Just a short distance from the breathtaking Grand Canyon National Park, this family-owned lodge offers a blend of rustic charm and modern convenience. Each of the 225 thoughtfully designed rooms features premium bedding, air conditioning, and complimentary Wi-Fi, along with practical touches like flat-screen TVs with satellite channels, mini fridges, coffee/tea makers, hair dryers, and free toiletries. Guests can enjoy additional perks including a seasonal outdoor heated pool and a cozy atmosphere that enhances the overall experience. Ideally situated near the park's South Rim, the lodge is also within walking distance of local dining and shopping, making it an excellent base for your Grand Canyon adventure.*



Overnight at the FEATHER RED LODGE. (B)

#### DAY 5~ FRIDAY~ SEPTEMBER 26

##### GRAND CANYON

This morning enjoy a sunrise wildlife viewing session along the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The early morning light casts a magical glow over the canyon, providing a stunning backdrop for spotting wildlife. As you stand on the rim, keep your eyes peeled for birds of prey, such as Golden Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks, gracefully soaring above the canyon's cliffs.



This afternoon, join a guided wildlife tour within the park. This informative excursion allows you to delve deeper into the diverse ecosystem of the Grand Canyon, led by knowledgeable guides who can share insights about the park's flora and fauna. You'll have opportunities to search for larger wildlife, such as bighorn sheep scaling rocky outcrops, elusive coyotes trotting through the underbrush, and the playful antics of ravens as they interact with their surroundings. The guides will also help you understand the delicate balance of this unique ecosystem, enriching your appreciation for the natural world.



After a full day of wildlife watching, enjoy a nearby restaurant for dinner close to Grand Canyon Village at your leisure. Overnight at the FEATHER RED LODGE. (B)

#### DAY 6~ SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

##### GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK/SEDONA

This morning, depart from Grand Canyon National Park and drive to Sedona. As you journey through the picturesque landscapes, stop at the Oak Creek Canyon Vista, a breathtaking viewpoint renowned for its dramatic scenery and vibrant wildlife. This area is a prime spot for birdwatching, where you might catch sight of various species flitting through the trees or soaring overhead. Look out for American Kestrels, Broad-winged Hawks, and the striking, Black-chinned Hummingbird, all of which may appear in this serene setting. The cool morning air and tranquil environment provide the perfect opportunity to connect with nature and appreciate the canyon's beauty.



This afternoon, dedicate your time to exploring Red Rock State Park, a natural oasis surrounded by the iconic red rock formations that define the area. This park offers an array of trails and viewing points, allowing for excellent birdwatching and wildlife spotting. Watch for the playful Western Bluebirds, majestic Red-tailed Hawks, and even the elusive desert tortoise as you traverse the park's trails. The vibrant colors of the red rocks create a stunning backdrop for your outdoor adventures, making it a perfect spot for photography and immersing yourself in the region's natural beauty.



The evening is at your leisure.

*Aiden by Best Western Sedona is a contemporary hotel in the heart of Sedona, Arizona. It is an excellent choice for travelers eager to explore the breathtaking red rock landscapes and vibrant local culture. The hotel offers a range of modern amenities designed for comfort and convenience. A fitness center is also available for those looking to maintain their workout routine while traveling. With its excellent location, modern amenities, and welcoming atmosphere, Aiden by Best Western Sedona provides a comfortable and enjoyable stay, making it an ideal base for immersing oneself in the beauty and culture of Sedona. Complimentary Wi-Fi is included.*



Overnight at AIDEN BY BEST WESTERN SEDONA. (B)

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#### DAY 7~SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 28

##### SEDONA/SEDONA WETLANDS PRESERVE

This morning, visit the Sedona Wetlands Preserve. Its lush vegetation and tranquil waters are an ideal spot to observe various bird species. As you stroll along the trails, look for waterfowl like mallards, American Coots, and colorful songbirds flitting among the reeds. The early morning light provides a beautiful backdrop for birdwatching, and the preserve's diverse habitat makes it an engaging experience for nature lovers.

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Continue to explore other popular birding spots in Sedona, such as the Crescent Moon Picnic Area. Here, you can enjoy lunch while watching for birds among the cottonwoods and along the banks of Oak Creek. This area is known for its vibrant birdlife, including the possibility of spotting, Belting Kingfishers and Red-tailed Hawks.



Alternatively, head to the trails around Cathedral Rock, where the stunning red rock formations create a dramatic setting for birdwatching. This area is home to various species, including Western Bluebirds and American Robins, making it a fantastic place to connect with nature and appreciate the diverse avian population.

The rest of the evening is at your leisure.  
Overnight at AIDEN BY BEST WESTERN SEDONA. (B).

**DAY 8~ MONDAY~ SEPTEMBER 29**  
**SEDONA/PHOENIX**

Take advantage of any last-minute opportunities for birdwatching this morning before leaving for Phoenix. Enjoy the scenic drive, which offers stunning views of Arizona's diverse landscapes. The evening will be at your leisure.  
Overnight at WYNDHAM PHOENIX AIRPORT. (B)

**DAY 9~ TUESDAY~ SEPTEMBER 30**  
**PHOENIX/EN ROUTE**

Today, you will bid farewell to Arizona as you take the shuttle to the airport to head home and take your spectacular memories with you. (B).





## INCLUSIONS

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- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Breakfast daily, and welcome dinner.
- A professional birding guide will accompany the group.
- Liz Guertin will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Transportation throughout.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles and with all included meals.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags and water bottle.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round trip air transportation between your home city and Phoenix. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Gratuities to drivers/guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$20 per person/per day for the birding guide. \$10 per person/per day for the driver. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Porterage and maid's gratuities.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**





## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARIZONA

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### Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of vehicles unassisted.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when birding or sightseeing. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

### General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries, and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor!

### Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for the land only program is Phoenix, Arizona**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*



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# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** PHOENIX, COTTONWOOD, GRAND CANYON, SEDONA

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** NATURE FORWARD

**ESCORTED BY:** LIZ GUERTIN

**DATES:** SEPTEMBER 22 TO 30, 2025

<b><u>COST:</u></b> PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN PROGRAM</b>
LAND COST ONLY	\$4,995 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,295 PER PERSON FOR FIRST TWO SINGLES

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** The cost of your program does not include airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Phoenix, Arizona.**







## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$1,000 for the main trip

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (June 19, 2025) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS:** If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**ADDITIONAL FEES:** Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are **not** included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.



## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION:** Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and canceled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (March 26, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (March to June 18, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (June 19 to May 20, 2025), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (May 2 to July 8, 2025), 50% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (July 9, 2025), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**REFUNDS:** While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

**CHANGES:** Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

## DOCUMENTS

**REAL ID:** Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit [www.tsa.gov/real-id](http://www.tsa.gov/real-id).

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing the Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.



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**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**FLIGHT CONFIRMATION:** We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

**INSECTICIDE NOTICE:** Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

**BAGGAGE & FEES:** Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

## **TRIP DETAILS**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** Drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.



**GUIDES:** If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

**TOUR ITINERARY:** To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE:** For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

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## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY:** We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.



**LIABILITY:** Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

**REFUSAL OF SERVICE:** Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

**ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE:** Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:** We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

**GOVERNING LAW:** The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



# RESERVATION FORM:

NATURE FORWARD ~ ARIZONA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the classic birding trip to Arizona with Nature Forward departing September 22, 2025. Check Your Journey at a Glance for all costs associated to this tour.

Final payment due date is **June 19, 2025**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 OR Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover  
(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT NAME YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount listed on the Journey at a Glance page.  
I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost

**CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.**

- YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
I REQUIRE:  ECONOMY  BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

*We'd love to send you exclusive offers and the latest news from our partners around the world. We'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes.*  **No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and news.**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 22, 2024 and are subject to change. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.  
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Floral Park, NY 11001

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 22, 2024, 2024, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (March 26, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee.
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (March to June 18, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (June 19 to May 20, 2025), deposit is forfeited.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (May 2 to July 8, 2025), 50% refund is possible.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (July 9, 2025), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.