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"The guides you guys work with are fantastic and always willing to provide maximum time in the field." - Steve Thompson

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## **Embark on Transformative** Journeys with Cheesemans'!

#### Now Venturing into New Horizons!

Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris, founded by Doug and Gail Cheeseman, has been reinvigorated under the dynamic leadership of Scott Davis and Krista Hanni, with Ted Cheeseman contributing as an independent advisor. Our legacy, built on the Cheesemans' deep-rooted passion for exploring and conserving the world's wildlife and environments, continues to thrive and evolve.

Nearly four decades of experience have shaped our ethos: offering in-depth wildlife explorations centered around conservation, education, and unforgettable experiences. We're embarking on a new era characterized by maintaining the high standards set by the Cheesemans as we introduce innovative new trips and continue to offer the incredible African safaris beloved by Doug and Gail.

#### Why Choose Cheesemans'?

At Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris, we are committed to designing and leading tours to the planet's most ecologically rich destinations. Our focus remains on providing exceptional wildlife watching and photography opportunities. Our aim is unchanged — to craft life-changing safari experiences that resonate long after the journey ends.

#### Your Next Adventure Awaits!

Your next adventure awaits! Let this travel guide inspire you to discover your next unforgettable wildlife journey. Bookmark cheesemans.com where you can explore these and more exciting offerings (as new trips are added throughout the year). We invite you to join us!



## **Guiding Your Adventure with Expertise**

At Cheesemans' Ecology Safaris, our leaders are field experts, guiding you from the Himalayas to Africa. Specializing in wildlife photography, conservation, and natural sciences, they bring unique insights and deep knowledge to each journey. Our small-group expeditions offer personalized experiences, led by passionate guides eager to share the wonders of nature and culture. Embark on unforgettable explorations with experts in adventure and local ecology.

### **PRIVATE TRIPS**

## **Personalized Travel Just for You**

Did you know Cheesemans' offers bespoke private journeys to many of our exciting destinations? Perfect for celebrating special moments or enjoying a unique adventure with loved ones, our private trips are crafted to fit your group's specific needs. Discover more about these custom adventures by reaching out to us or visiting our website.

## FOCUS ON CONSERVATION We Help Where We Visit!

Our company's core values have always intertwined conservation with responsible tourism. We acknowledge our duty to make travel decisions to support local conservation efforts while also reducing climate impacts through carbon offsets. Traveling with us is not just a journey; it's an opportunity to nurture your passion for preserving our beautiful world while also invigorating local conservation economies in each destination.



Responsible Tourism

Our trip leaders lead by example, share tips, and offer various ways to travel lightly and eco-consciously. Each local operator is selected by Cheesemans' with conservation unique to the destination in mind.



Destination-Specific Conservation

Our destinations model impactful grassroots practices for conservation. We provide actions you can take before, during, and after your trip to support their efforts towards positive change.



#### **Carbon Offsets**

When you book with us, we offset your carbon emissions throughout the duration of your trip, and in return, you pledge to offset your carbon emissions to and from your trip. Together we can make a difference!

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SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTIC PENINSULA EARTH'S GREATEST WILDLIFE DESTINATION STARTING AT \$17,050 100 TRAVELERS LEADERS: HUGH ROSE, SCOTT DAVIS +13





DETAILS AND DATES

Discover the spring vibrance of South Georgia Island and the early Antarctic Peninsula season. Witness unique sights: territorial elephant seal bulls, nesting gray-headed albatross, and young wandering albatross taking flight. Observe penguins courting and nest-building in the Antarctic. Our in-depth exploration, with only 100 participants, offers an unparalleled view of dense wildlife, ensuring ample opportunities for personal encounters during landings and Zodiac cruises.













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### **ARCTIC/EUROPE**

SVALBARD ISLANDS REALM OF THE POLAR BEAR STARTING AT \$14,475 12 TRAVELERS LEADERS: SCOTT DAVIS +1













Scott Davis

Embark on an Arctic journey through Norway's Svalbard Archipelago, a haven for polar bears. Lit by the midnight sun, this pristine wilderness boasts mountains, fjords, glaciers, and icebergs. Join Scott Davis, expedition leader and photographer, to witness the Arctic's raw beauty and its unique wildlife. Enhance your photography skills while capturing stunning Arctic landscapes and wildlife.

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SVALBARD ISLANDS REALM OF THE POLAR BEAR STARTING AT \$14,475 12 TRAVELERS LEADERS: SCOTT DAVIS +1







DETAILS AND DATES



Set off on a thrilling adventure in the Svalbard Archipelago of Norway, a sanctuary brimming with polar bears. Bask in the endless daylight of the midnight sun that illuminates a landscape of sheer mountains, deep-cut fjords, expansive glaciers, and towering icebergs. Join forces with Scott Davis, a seasoned expedition leader and skilled photographer, to delve into the untouched magnificence of the Arctic and encounter its diverse array of wildlife.

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#### **BOTSWANA & ZAMBIA**

PORTRAITS OF WILD AFRICA STARTING AT \$13,990 12 TRAVELERS LEADER: TOM MURPHY





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Brayden Stanford



Embark on a wildlife journey in Botswana's Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park, and Zambia's South Luangwa National Park with photographer, Tom Murphy. Navigate the landscapes in open-air Land Cruisers with expert guides for optimal photo opportunities of leopards, lions, and elephants. Stay near Victoria Falls for two nights and experience South Luangwa's rich wildlife. Stay in mobile camps in Botswana, a lodge near Victoria Falls, and safari tents along Zambia's Luangwa River.

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### AFRICA

PRIMATES UGANDA: LAND OF THE APES STARTING AT \$12,050 7 TRAVELERS LEADERS: TBD







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Ann Laubach

Embark on a trek through Uganda's jungles to observe chimpanzees in Kibale and mountain gorillas in Bwindi National Park. Marvel at their social behaviors during morning and afternoon hikes, witnessing chimps grooming and playing. In the dense Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, encounter the endangered mountain gorillas in their natural habitat. This safari offers a chance to see up to 13 primate species, creating a profound connection with our closest relatives.

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### **AFRICA**

TANZANIA MIGRATION AND PREDATION STARTING AT \$15,185 12 TRAVELERS LEADERS: AUGUSTINE MWANGOTYA +2





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Witness the awe-inspiring Great Migration in the Serengeti, a wildlife marvel. Explore Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park for diverse ecosystems. This safari maximizes observation time in these rich areas and seeks to catch a Mara River crossing. Experienced guides enhance your chances of catching this unforgettable event. Your leaders ensure prime viewing of Earth's most incredible wildlife spectacle.

### AFRICA

UGANDA PRIMATE ENCOUNTERS STARTING AT \$14,600 7 TRAVELERS LEADERS: SCOTT DAVIS

PRIVATE TRIP





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An Laubach



Following in the footsteps of Goodall and Fossey, dive into the jungles of Uganda for an intimate experience with mountain gorillas and chimpanzees. Enjoy extended access in Kibale National Park for exceptional photography of chimps' daily activities. Trek Bwindi's dense forest for rare encounters with mountain gorillas, observing their natural behaviors. This safari offers a chance to see up to 13 primate species, leaving you with a deep sense of awe and connection to these magnificent creatures.



#### ZIMBABWE

VERITABLE WILDERNESS SAFARI AND COMMUNITY-DRIVEN CONSERVATION

STARTING AT \$7,820

**10 TRAVELERS** 

LEADERS: VUSA NCUBE +1





SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND DATES!







Discover Zimbabwe from Victoria Falls to the wild Hwange National Park. Safari in private areas for exclusive wildlife encounters. Experience spontaneous adventures like witnessing lions hunting at sunset. Engage with village communities near the park and see improvements in human-wildlife coexistance. Be part of ecotourism's positive impact and visit a water pump project in Southern Hwange, funded by your trip, aiding local communities and wildlife in this less-traveled region.

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Explore the Himalayan fringes in Bhutan, a land rich in scenery and biodiversity. Search for black-necked cranes, white-bellied herons, colorful pheasants, and langurs. Immerse in Bhutan's culture, evident in its architecture and reverence for nature. Visit iconic dzongs and monasteries, including the cliff-side Tiger's Nest. Discover the diverse wildlife of the sub-tropical south. Experience Bhutan's beauty and culture with local guide Hishey Tshering, offering a unique and enriching perspective.

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#### BORNEO PRIMATES OF THE ANCIENT FOREST STARTING AT \$10,750 12 TRAVELERS LEADER: CHARLIE RYAN





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Discover a pristine island with one of the oldest rainforests, home to unique wildlife. Visit an orangutan sanctuary, marvel at birds from rainforest canopies, and cruise the Kinabatangan River to see pygmy elephants. Enjoy game drives and jungle walks, observing diverse species like orangutans, Bornean gibbons, and proboscis monkeys. This island's equatorial rainforest is a treasure trove of biodiversity waiting to be explored.

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INDIA ESPECIALLY TIGERS STARTING AT \$11,875 10 TRAVELERS LEADERS: SCOTT DAVIS + 4







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All Photos: Ken & Mary Campbell



Travel to the heart of India to explore its famed wildlife reserves and national parks. Spend five days in Bandhavgarh and six in Ranthambhore tracking tigers and diverse wildlife. Visit Keoladeo Ghana National Park for unique wetland wildlife, experienced on foot or by rickshaw. Beyond wildlife, see cultural icons like the Taj Mahal and Khajuraho Monuments. This expedition offers a blend of nature's marvels and India's rich heritage for a memorable experience.

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#### NEPAL

TRACKING AND TREKKING STARTING AT \$9.225 10 TRAVELERS LEADER: TASHI TENZING









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Explore Nepal's beauty with Sherpa Tashi Tenzing, heir to Tenzing Norgay's legacy. Experience vibrant culture, lush jungles, and the grand Himalayas. Witness Nepalese traditions in cities, villages, and rural areas. Discover wildlife in Bardia National Park and trek the Annapurna region for four days, winding down in mountain lodges with sunset views of Fishtail Mountain.



#### **SNOW LEOPARDS**

REMOTE MOUNTAINSCAPES OF LADAKH, INDIA

STARTING AT \$8,320

**9 TRAVELERS** 

LEADERS: RIGZIN CHHOSDOL AND ABDUL RASHID







SCAN FOR COMPLETE



Search for the elusive snow leopard in the incredible Trans-Himalayan mountains of Ladakh, India. You'll search for this ultimate mountain predator that is built to blend into treacherous terrain while hunting for ibex and blue sheep. You'll also look for Tibetan wolf, Eurasian lynx, ibex, blue sheep, Tibetan argali, and dozens of rare bird species. Join the region's best trackers to search for these ghosts of the mountains.



#### **SRI LANKA**

A TREASURE TROVE OF BIODIVERSITY

STARTING AT \$9,205

12 TRAVELERS

LEADER: DAMMITHERA SAMARASINGHE













Explore Sri Lanka's diverse wildlife on jeep safaris, bush walks, boat trips, and night excursions. Visit secluded parks for intimate encounters with nature. Despite its size, Sri Lanka is a top wildlife destination with its unique ecosystems shaped by historical landmass separation. Discover the island's rich flora and fauna, a testament to its fascinating geological past.



#### SULAWESI AND KOMODO

WILDLIFE TREKS, KOMODO DRAGONS, MESMERIZING WATERS

STARTING AT \$9,275

**8 TRAVELERS** 

LEADER: CHARLIE RYAN







SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND DATES!



Embark on a trekking, boating, and snorkeling adventure across this Indonesian archipelago. In Sulawesi, hike through verdant landscapes to spot spectral tarsiers, black-crested macaques, and diverse birds. Venture to Komodo Island to find the immense Komodo dragon. Complement land explorations with underwater adventures, diving into rich marine life among coral reefs. Keep an eye out for giant manta rays, spanning over 22 feet and weighing up to 4,000 pounds.



#### TIBET ROOF OF THE WORLD STARTING AT \$7,450 12 TRAVELERS LEADERS: TASHI TENZING WITH TIBETAN GUIDES





SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND DATES!

Tashi Tenzing



Experience Tibet's mesmerizing landscapes and deep cultural heritage. Begin with a scenic Himalayan flight, then explore the serene Tibetan Plateau, enriched by the warmth of its people. Under Sherpa Tashi Tenzing's guidance, discover the sacred culture and majestic peaks, adding a unique depth to your journey through Tibet's mystical sites leading to the great Mount Everest.

### NORTH AMERICA

#### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

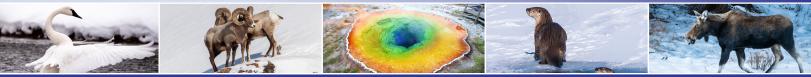
ESSENCE OF WINTER STARTING AT \$7,000 8 TRAVELERS LEADER: SCOTT DAVIS







SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND DATES!



Alongside Scott Davis, photograph Yellowstone's winter wonders from snowy "geyser rain" at Old Faithful to ice-adorned bison by thermal pools. Explore Mammoth Hot Springs' dynamic terraces, vibrant pools, and bubbling mud pots. Capture the frosty wildlife scenes with elk, pronghorn, and foxes, while listening for the haunting calls of wolves in Lamar Valley. Craft photographic narratives, in the heart of Yellowstone, that showcase the raw beauty of the season.

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### CENTRAL AMERICA

COSTA RICA KALEIDOSCOPE OF BIRD DIVERSITY STARTING AT \$6,000 10 TRAVELERS LEADER: PACO MADRIGAL





SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND DATES!

Marc Lombardi



Venture into Costa Rica's lush landscapes, a haven for birdwatchers and nature lovers. Navigate diverse ecosystems, from Savegre River Valley to Tortuguero National Park, to witness the nation's biodiversity. Spring brings perfect weather and lively animal activity, including migratory birds and encounters with monkeys, sloths, and crocodiles. Enjoy local hospitality, savor Costa Rican cuisine, and stay in scenic lodges for an unforgettable journey in this Central American gem.

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### CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

AVIAN JEWELS STARTING AT \$5,400 10 TRAVELERS LEADERS: PACO MADRIGAL +1







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Mike Danzenbake



Plunge into Panama's rich biodiversity on this unique journey with local guide, Paco Madrigal. Observe rainforest birds from a canopy tower, discover mammals in the wetlands of the Canal Zone, and explore the renowned Pipeline Road for birdwatching. Search for endemic species in the cool foothills, explore the charm of Anton Valley, and venture into the dry forests of Cocles Province. Revel in the astonishing variety of plants and animals that make this destination truly stunning.

#### BRAZIL

PANTANAL'S BIG FIVE STARTING AT \$14,900 10 TRAVELERS LEADER: DIOGO LUCATELLI









Discover the Pantanal, home to South America's Big Five: jaguars, anteaters, otters, ocelots, and tapirs. Traverse the vast wetlands by various modes to witness a rich array of wildlife, including the striking hyacinth macaw. Cruise the Cuiabá River from Porto Jofre for prime jaguar sightings. At Caiman Lodge, learn about conservation from field biologists and spot anteaters and ocelots. This UNESCO site offers an unforgettable wildlife experience.

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#### COLOMBIA

AVIAN JEWELS OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL ANDES

STARTING AT \$5,990

**8 TRAVELERS** 

LEADERS: JOSE LUNA



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DETAILS AND DATES



Discover Colombia, a must-experience destination for bird enthusiasts. With 20% of global bird species, this facinating country showcases remarkable diversity within a small land area. Explore varied ecosystems, from wetlands to Andean peaks, in a compact region. This bird-focused journey offers unimaginable beauty, flourishing wildlife, and a glimpse into Colombian culture.

GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS EVOLUTION'S PLAYGROUND STARTING AT \$12,150 14 TRAVELERS LEADERS: JUAN MANUEL SALCEDO +1









Set out on a 15-day comprehensive voyage through the Galápagos Islands, where unique wildlife roams unafraid. Begin in Ecuador's cloud forest, then cruise on the Samba across these biodiverse isles with local expert, Juan Salcedo. Encounter rare reptiles, birds, and marine life, timed perfectly for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers. Dive into the wonders of the Galápagos to understand the natural forces sculpting this extraordinary ecosystem.

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GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS EVOLUTION'S PLAYGROUND STARTING AT \$12,150 14 TRAVELERS

LEADERS: JUAN MANUEL SALCEDO +1







TAILS AND DATES

Chris Desborough



Embark on an immersive 15-day odyssey through the awe-inspiring Galápagos Islands, where unique wildlife roams freely. Your journey will begin in Ecuador's enchanting cloud forest before setting sail on the Samba, led by local guide, Juan Salcedo. Unveil the diverse landscapes of these islands and witness rare reptiles, birds, and marine life in a harmonious display. Tailored for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers alike, this adventure transcends imagination and journeys into the heart of nature's wonders.



### SNORKEL WITH HUMPBACK WHALES

ON THE SILVER BANK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

STARTING AT \$6,365

**19 TRAVELERS** 

LEADER: SCOTT DAVIS





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Scott Davis



Join a once-in-a-lifetime humpback whale experience on the Dominican Republic's Silver Bank during breeding season. Witness majestic behaviors like singing and calf play, both from boats and in-water experiences. Partnering with the Oceanic Society, enjoy opportunities for close-up whale photography and the unforgettable thrill of swimming alongside these gentle giants.



PALAU DIVING

EXPERIENCE SPAWNING AND BLACKWATER IN MICRONESIA

STARTING AT \$9,380

**16 TRAVELERS** 

LEADERS: SCOTT DAVIS +2





ETAILS AND DATES

**Richard Barden** 



Embark on a scientific expedition in the Palau National Marine Reserve, exploring its tropical islands through snorkeling, paddling, sailing, and diving. Discover West Ngeruktabel Island and Risong Bay's hidden beauties, followed by dives in Palau's mythical sites aboard the Palau Siren. Experience dawn to dusk dives, observing snapper spawning and nighttime marine life on blackwater dives. Capture stunning underwater landscapes of blue holes, drop-offs, and caves. This journey uniquely blends science and adventure.

## CONTACT US



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