


THE 7 BEST TOUR COMPANIES



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Classic Journeys is our top pick

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Name a travel style or preference and there's a tour company out there that caters to it—though not all travel tour companies are created equally. To help plan your next jaunt to destinations near and far, we rounded up some of the best tour companies out there, whether you're a food-obsessed jetsetter, wish to lean into hidden histories, or want maximum adventure on a budget.

The 7 Best Tour Companies for 2023

Best Overall: [Classic Journeys](#)

Best for Exclusive Perks: [Prior](#)

Best for Eco- and Socially-conscious: [G Adventures](#)

Best Budget: [Intrepid Travel](#)

Best for Foodies: [Salt & Wind Travel](#)

Best for Offbeat Travel: [Atlas Obscura Trips](#)

Best Cruise: [Linblad Expeditions](#)



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Why We Chose It

Classic Journeys is an established tour operator with hundreds of itineraries led by local, deeply connected guides.

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Knowledgeable, full-time local guides
- Decades of travel planning experience
- Options for family adventure tours and solo travel

Cons

- Not ideal for weekend jaunts as most trips run at least six days or more
 - Itineraries to the African continent are limited
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Company Overview

Classic Journeys has led small group travel experiences since 1987, and was among one of the few tour operators licensed to legally bring Americans to Cuba starting in 2010—a process the company started in 2003. The California-based business partners with local guides who often have deep community relationships, as well as the flexibility to deviate from the pre-planned daily schedule as they see fit, like squeezing



including Europe, North and South America, you can choose from six days in Belize exploring Mayan culture, forests, and marine reserves; or head to Cuba to cook with a local chef, visit a cigar-making factory, chat with a photojournalist who captured Castro's life, and more.

While the company offers small group tours including family adventures and tours for solo travelers, 40 percent of its business comes from custom-designed tours. Discounts are available for adults traveling with children, and those traveling with six individuals or more to a party.
