

Goway Travel's Top 10 Picks for 2026-2027

North America's largest dedicated group travel department takes globetrotters to 115 countries. Its team of experts can tailor any trip to your exact specifications.

For 55 years

Goway Travel has been customizing itineraries for groups of all types and sizes. Goway GroupsOnly specialists can tailor vacations for any group of 10 or more travelers, taking into consideration the group's interest, no matter how niche.

The team at Goway GroupsOnly believes that:

- No two groups are ever the same—every group has its own personality, and so should its itinerary.
- Customized group trips are not about being on a coach; they're about exploring the destination and getting to know its people.
- If there isn't a wow factor on your customized trip, the team hasn't done its job.

The travel experts at Goway GroupsOnly make booking groups easy because that is all they do.

The 10 itineraries below are samplings of what Goway can do in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America. But keep in mind that any trip can be completely customized. As a bonus, if any of these destinations are booked by January 31, 2026, Goway will include a free local cultural experience.



Southern Africa Wine, Wildlife & Victoria Falls

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Start your 11-day adventure with four nights in a mountain-facing room at Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa's oldest city. Ride the cableway to the top of majestic Table Mountain for views of one of the most beautiful cities in the world. A tour of the recently restored Victoria & Albert Waterfront evokes images of 19th century seafaring activities, and the Malay Quarter impresses with its cobblestone streets, mosques and flat-roofed pastel houses.

On a full-day journey along the Cape Peninsula, greet Cape fur seals sunbathing on Seal Island and African penguins on Boulders Beach as you make your way to the peninsula's tip, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet. Another day-long excursion features winery tours and tastings in the Cape Winelands.

On a two-night stay at a private game reserve in the Greater Kruger National Park area, enjoy guided game drives in search of the Big Five—elephants, lions, leopards, buffalos and rhinoceros. Continue to Johannesburg, where highlights include the Soweto community and iconic sites like the Nelson Mandela House and Apartheid Museum. Fly from Johannesburg to Zimbabwe to experience the mighty roar of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World, and a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River.

Complimentary cultural experience:

Authentic Africa shopping experience in Greenmarket square in Capetown.



Pro Tip:

Taha suggests including a visit to a township with a local guide. "It's a powerful way to connect with the real heart of South Africa and the resilience of its communities."



Few destinations offer such a wide range of experiences – from spotting the Big Five on safari to sipping wine in Stellenbosch or hiking Table Mountain. It's ideal for groups with diverse interests."

- Taha Colombowala,
Group Specialist - South Africa

Explore Ghana: Accra, Elmina, & Kumasi

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Begin this nine-day trip to one of West Africa's most fascinating countries by exploring Ghanaian culture at museums and monuments in Accra, the capital. Have fun shopping for colorful fabrics and other West African goods at the Arts Center, an open-air market. At a village on the Volta River, meet the chief and participate in a naming ceremony where each participant receives a Ghanaian identity. Touring a bead factory, you can see how beads are made and even make your own item to take home.

In Kakum National Park, tackle the seven suspended bridges on the thrilling Canopy Walk high above the rainforest floor. Visits to the dungeons of Cape Coast Castle and St. George's Castle shed light on the trans-Atlantic slave trade, a disturbing chapter in the country's history. A cooking class lets tour members prepare and then taste their own creations of West African cuisine. In Kumasi and nearby villages, learn about the Ashanti Empire, one of West Africa's most influential kingdoms, and see artisans at work as they carve wood and weave cloth.

On your last day in Ghana, return to Accra, where you'll have the option of visiting a school for the deaf or a hair salon that creates the latest West African styles.

“ I love selling Ghana as a group destination because it's a full cultural immersion experience like no other, with the powerful combination of history, culture, warmth and natural beauty. From the emotional depth of visiting Cape Coast Castle to the vibrant energy of Accra, Ghana left a raw and unforgettable lasting impression on me.”

- Ayesha Colquhoun
Team Leader, Africa - Ghana

Sample Itinerary: <https://www.goway.com/destinations/africa/ghana/trips/explore-ghana>



Complimentary cultural experience:
Global Mama Africa
Head wrapping
experience



Pro Tip:
Include a traditional naming ceremony where you are welcomed into their community and traditions and given a name—mine was Love. A deeply significant experience that symbolizes belonging and identity.

Prague, Vienna & Budapest: Central Europe journey

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Your 14-day journey through Central Europe begins in Prague, where cobbled lanes, Gothic spires and the regal halls of Prague Castle set the scene in the city's medieval core. Spend some time in the Czech countryside and then explore the fairytale streets of Cesky Krumlov, an enchanting town dominated by a 13th century castle.

In Vienna, board CroisiEurope's 180-passenger MS Beethoven for a seven-night cruise on the Danube River. Port calls in Austria's picturesque Wachau Valley include Melk Abbey and the charming medieval town of Durnstein. After a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the cruise continues to Hungary, with visits to Kalocsa, for a traditional horse show; Budapest; and Esztergom, one of the country's oldest towns.

Your journey through the heart of Europe continues with five nights in Vienna, where the agenda includes Schonbrunn Palace, a performance by Lipizzaner horses at Hofburg Palace's Winter Riding School and a day at leisure. An excursion to Graz spotlights the narrow alleys and Renaissance courtyards of its UNESCO-listed Old Town.

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Central Europe is one of my favorite destinations to send group clients because it's full of rich history, culture, beautiful sights and wonderful people. The region is magical with its countless mountaintop castles, winding rivers and green countryside that makes you feel like you're living in the land that created fairy tales. The best part about visiting Central Europe is how close you are to the next destination—you can see so much without having to go very far. This is important to us because we love for our clients to experience a destination and not just to be on coaches.”

- Cristy Patterson
Team leader

Complimentary cultural experience:

Local opera performance



Pro Tip:

Incorporate some of the smaller cities, towns and villages in the region. While Prague, Budapest and Vienna are amazing, some of the most authentic and memorable experiences are in lesser-known places that show you real Central European culture, food and hospitality—without the tourist crowds.

Brazilian Gastronomy

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On this seven-day exploration of Brazilian cuisine in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, tantalize your tastebuds at some of the country's best restaurants, enjoy cooking classes, and visit historical and cultural landmarks.

Day 1 in Rio features a cable car ride to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for views of Copacabana and other beaches, followed by a dinner of gaucho chef-prepared meats at Fogo de Chao Brazilian steakhouse. The next day, ride the cog railway to the top of Corcovado Mountain, home to the gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer. Then learn to make traditional Brazilian snacks and a seafood dish in a fun cooking class that ends with a delicious meal. Another day is devoted to tasting a variety of foods and beverages at markets, bars and other places in four Rio neighborhoods.

In Salvador, highlights include colonial landmarks in the Pelourinho neighborhood, the cultural hub for the Afro-Brazilian community. Other crowd-pleasers—a Bahian cooking class, a Bahia Folklore Ballet performance and Bahia's Carnaval House, a museum that tells the story of Bahian holiday revelry.

“I love selling Brazil because of the rich culture and history, world-famous beaches and landscapes, vibrant music and festivals (Carnaval and samba), unique biodiversity, and dynamic cities like Rio, Sao Paulo and Salvador.”

- Melissa Webster

Team Leader, Latin America - Brazil

**Complimentary
cultural experience:**

Drumming lessons



Pro Tip:

If you are adventure-minded, travel to Bonito. Snorkel down the crystal-clear Rio Da Prata, go aqua trekking in the Salobra River Canyon where you hike, swim and see numerous waterfalls. At Anhumas Abyss you repel into a dark cave and take a boat and snorkel by flashlight in the water to see the stalagmites. At Blue Lake Cave you will see an underground lake with sparkling blue waters. Bonito is paradise.

Athens, Mykonos & Santorini: Greek Island Explorer

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This unforgettable 10-day odyssey through ancient ruins, volcanic islands and timeless villages begins in Athens. Highlights there include the Parthenon, New Acropolis Museum (with dinner in its restaurant), the stadium where the first modern Olympic games were held in 1896 and Temple of Poseidon in nearby Cape Sounion. Tour members have time to wander the maze of pedestrian streets in the Plaka, Athens' oldest and most picturesque neighborhood.

Take a high-speed ferry across the Aegean to the dreamy island of Santorini, famed for its whitewashed buildings and blue-domed churches. Go back in time at Akrotiri Excavation Site, visit wineries, explore traditional villages and relax at Black Beach, one of the longest black sand beaches in the Cyclades. More wine tasting awaits at a farm on Mykonos, an island known for its iconic windmills, art studios and quaint villages. A local chef will conduct a class in Greek cooking at a beautiful house in Mykonos.

After a ferry ride from Mykonos, the last full day of your Grecian tour concludes with a free evening in Athens to gather a few final souvenirs.

“ I love selling Greece for my groups because I know they'll be really well looked after—our local supplier is amazing and takes great care of everyone. Greece truly has something for everyone—incredible history, beautiful archaeological sites, stunning beaches, unique islands, delicious food, and the warmest, most welcoming people. You can always tick off your 'must-haves' when visiting Greece.”

- Kara Plewes

Europe Group Specialist

Complimentary cultural experience:
Local foodie tour



Pro Tip:

Hit one of the popular islands like Mykonos, Crete or Santorini, but then add a smaller gem like Naxos, Paros, Tilos or Milos. These quieter spots really show off the true beauty of Greece without all the crowds.

Ireland's Cities, Castles & Cliffs

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With warm hospitality, windswept coastlines and stories waiting at every turn, this 12-day journey captures Ireland's true character. Start in Dublin with visits to Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea experience. Travel on to Belfast to explore its street art and complex political history, continuing to Titanic Belfast, a six-story attraction that tells the story of the ship's tragic maiden voyage.

In Sligo, stay overnight and spend the next morning at Markree Castle. Then transfer to Galway, a vibrant city celebrated for its coastal charm, colorful streets and quaint shops. Discover the flavors of the West of Ireland on a food tour there. The trip to Kerry passes through some of Ireland's most iconic landscapes, including the coastline's Cliffs of Moher, scenic Dingle Peninsula and lively fishing village of Dingle. In Cork, visit legendary Blarney Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone before heading back to Dublin for a day at leisure followed by a farewell dinner.



I love selling Ireland as a group destination because it can meet the needs of any group, no matter their interests. The Emerald Isle offers breathtaking scenery, rich history, vibrant culture, authentic experiences, and activities for every taste and age. Above all, Ireland is close by, English-speaking and known for its warm hospitality. Plus, its small size means groups can easily hop between destinations and make the most of every moment."

- Ani Mesropian

Group Specialist - Ireland

Complimentary cultural experience:

Private group Ceili dance performance and lesson



Pro Tip:

Allow as many days as possible to fully explore every corner of this amazing land. Combine must-sees with off-the-beaten-path gems and mix sightseeing with other activities to enrich the experience. For example, don't just visit castles on excursions—participate in a medieval banquet at the castle with music, storytelling, and traditional fare or stay overnight in an authentic castle for a truly unique experience. Don't only drive Ireland's scenic roads—try trekking or hiking too.

Sample Itinerary:

<https://www.goway.com/destinations/europe/ireland/trips/ireland-adventure>

Australia Up Close: Sydney, Uluru & Great Barrier Reef

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From dynamic cities like Sydney and Melbourne to the waters of the Great Barrier Reef, this 12-day journey is the perfect introduction to the Land Down Under. It begins with four nights in Melbourne, the country's cosmopolitan lifestyles capital. Outside of the city, you'll get up close with kangaroos and koalas on a wildlife tour, then travel to Phillip Island for the nightly ritual of penguins waddling onto the beach at sunset. Another excursion takes you on a wine-tasting swing through the Yarra Valley, home to 55 wineries and some of Australia's best produce.

Based in Cairns in the tropical far north of Queensland, your group will take a luxury catamaran cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest living reef system, and ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway into Rainforestation National Park to learn about Aboriginal traditions. Ride the famous Skyrail Rainforest Cableway out of the rainforest, enjoying breathtaking views of the coastline.

The final stop is Sydney, Australia's largest city. Tour members will keep busy on a walking tour of the Rocks district, a tour of the iconic Opera House and a lunch cruise in the harbor. There is one day at leisure. Outside of Sydney, the group has a full day to explore the rugged cliffs, waterfalls and abundant bird life of the Blue Mountains.

“**Australia is the perfect destination for a group. It offers very comfortable touring with nature, culture, wildlife and culinary treats. That answers everyone's wish list for exploring a new place. Also, Australia is an English-speaking country, and Goway has an office in Sydney. You can't ask for better.**”

- Vered Pollock

Team Leader, South Pacific - Australia

Complimentary cultural experience:

Private Indigenous welcome to country ceremony



Pro Tip:

Australia is the same size as the continental U.S., so don't try to do it all in your first visit. Let an expert help you decide on your must-sees and hit the right season to see and experience the beauty and diversity of Australia.

Sample Itinerary:

<https://www.goway.com/destinations/australia-new-zealand/australia/trips/australian-experience>

Harmony of Thailand: Temples, Tides & Traditions

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This eight-day itinerary blends culture, spirituality and connection in a transformative exploration of Thailand's heart and soul. It begins with two nights in Bangkok at Ariyasom Villa, a small boutique hotel with authentic Thai touches, and includes a full day at leisure.

In Chiang Mai, learn traditional meditation techniques at Wat Suan Dok temple. A "monk chat" features insights into Thai spirituality and Buddhist monastic life. Spend the next morning with monks for an awe-inspiring alms-giving ceremony at mountaintop Wat Phra That Doi Suthep temple, whose terraces offer sweeping views of Chiang Mai. Continue to Wat Umong for a blessing ceremony with a monk.

The last three days in Thailand include a full day interacting with the gentle giants at Kanta Elephant Sanctuary, meeting Hmong hill tribe villagers and attending the Yi Peng Lantern Festival with its cultural performances and breathtaking release of illuminated lanterns into the night sky.

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Thailand offers an incredible mix of rich culture, stunning beaches, and vibrant cities that bring groups together through unforgettable shared experiences.”

- Sidharth Vats

Group Specialist - Thailand



**Complimentary
cultural experience:**

Traditional Thai massage



Pro Tip:

Don't miss trying a traditional Thai cooking class—it's a fun way to bond while enjoying delicious local flavors.

Sample Itinerary:

<https://www.goway.com/destinations/asia/thailand/trips/thai-harmony>

Breathtaking Bali: Peaks, Palaces & Pristine beaches

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While staying at Sadara Boutique Beach Resort, visit a clifftop temple high above the sea and catch a Balinese dance show on the first full day of your 12-day trip to Indonesia's idyllic Island of the Gods. The next morning, meet with villagers during a house visit and cooking class in Rumah Desa Bali. Continue to Jatiluwih, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its panoramic rice fields.

The next day is completely at leisure unless you embark on an off-road buggy ride to Tambingan Lake, exploring orchards, rainforests and coffee plantations. Then it's off to Ubud, Bali's heart of culture. On the way, take in the island's largest and most important temple at Besakih and keep an eye on your valuables at Monkey Forest, a sanctuary for the Balinese long-tailed monkey.

Halfway through the trip, visit a shaman to learn about traditional healing techniques and blessings. A half-day river rafting trip outside of Ubud passes through deep mountain gorges, wild jungles and picturesque rice fields. Other Bali highlights include a full-day catamaran cruise to a beach club on Lembongan Island and an in-depth look at the Balinese art form of puppetry. You can even create your own puppet and see it come to life in a private puppet performance.

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I love selling Bali as a group destination because it offers a perfect mix of adventure, culture and relaxation at an affordable price. Whether it's unwinding in a private villa, soaking up the energy at beach clubs, exploring temples and rice terraces, or indulging in spa days, Bali offers something for everyone. Add breathtaking scenery, vibrant traditions, countless photo opportunities and tour operators skilled at hosting large groups, and you have the perfect setting for groups of friends, families and celebrations of all kinds.”

- Suzzette Castro

Group Specialist - Bali

Complimentary cultural experience:
Jewelry-making class



Pro Tip:

Spend a morning at a traditional Balinese cooking class in Ubud. You'll start by visiting a local market to pick fresh ingredients, then learn to prepare classic dishes like nasi goreng and satay lilit under the guidance of a local chef. It's hands-on, delicious and a fun cultural experience that works beautifully for solo travelers, couples or entire groups—plus, you get to eat your creations at the end.

Dubai & Abu Dhabi: Culture, Coast & City

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On this seven-day tour of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), you will be captivated by the trend-setting architecture, luxury shopping and vibrant Arab culture in its two most prominent cities. After getting settled in Dubai on Day 1, you'll spend the next day in Abu Dhabi, capital of the UAE, visiting Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the Women's Handicraft Centre and Heritage Village, an open-air museum that recreates a traditional desert oasis. Then enjoy four hours at Ferrari World Theme Park before returning to Dubai.

In Dubai, you will have two days at leisure to relax by the pool or partake in some retail therapy at the vast range of upscale stores in Dubai Mall. Or choose to sign up for a few hours of thrills and relaxation at the spectacular Aquaventure World Waterpark at Atlantis, The Palm hotel. Another optional tour focuses on Old Town Dubai, with visits to the Dubai Museum and Dubai Frame, an iconic structure that frames panoramic views of Old and New Dubai. There will be time for shopping at the Spice Souk and Gold Souk.

For a taste of desert life before oil revenues changed the land forever, embark on afternoon tour through golden dunes in a 4x4 land cruiser. At a Bedouin camp you'll be greeted with a cup of Arabic coffee, have a chance to ride a camel and enjoy a barbecue dinner followed by belly dancing and other entertainment. The last day features a modern Dubai tour highlighted by visits to the 124th floor of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest skyscraper, and the stands and stalls of Souk Madinat Jumeirah for traditional Middle Eastern shopping.

“Dubai sells well as a group destination because it's safe, accessible (flights from every nook of the world) and offers a mix of culture, luxury and adventure with infrastructure that can comfortably handle groups of any size.”

- Archana Venumbaka
Africa Group Specialist

Complimentary cultural experience:

Lunch with an
Emirati family



Pro Tip:

Malls offer fixed prices, but haggling is common in souks (spice, gold, textiles). A desert safari with dune bashing and dinner under the stars is a must do.