

International Ski, Bicycle & Adventure Vacations

Come Share the Dream

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Also available; new **exotic destinations**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an exciting year searching for exhilarating trips which would make you tingle with anticipation. I sent out hundreds of questionnaires with phenomenal responses that helped me determine what gets you excited. I also explored the world, and spoke to so many people! That has contributed to the ongoing development of AdvenTourUs. In brief, this is what we did during the past year:

- 🌍 rappelled treetops and hiked volcanoes in Patagonia;
- 🌍 ate pasta with black squid ink sauce & Tapas while sipping Sherry in Costa del Sol, Spain;
- 🌍 went on a Caribbean Cruise;
- 🌍 cycled & sipped Marsala in Sicily,
- 🌍 did yoga & biking in Quinte where we savoured the local cider, Norman Hardie wines, Jamie Kennedy French Fries and hazelnut Gelato;
- 🌍 rode the Canadian shores of Lake Erie from Windsor to Niagara-on-the-Lake;
- 🌍 explored Manitoulin Island in Ontario;
- 🌍 circumnavigated Lac St. Jean, Quebec;
- 🌍 skied at Mont Tremblant in the Laurentians, Sutton in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, Panorama, B.C., and Vermont.

I met so many wonderful people who were willing to share ideas! I just love traveling! As a result, many partnerships have been developed and projects are underway to bring you some astounding AdvenTours around the world. See a sampling below. You're sure to find something to pique your interest! If you have more great ideas, please let us know and we'll put it together for you.

ADVENTOURUS AMALGAMATES WITH CARLSON WAGONLIT PORT CREDIT



Carlson Wagonlit Port Credit Travel has been in business since 1954. Between us, we can offer you the knowledge and expertise of years of **experience**. With both of us focusing on **unusual** and **interesting** ideas, your trips can be as **unique** as you would like them to be. Having said that, we can also be your **one-stop-shop** for all your basic travel needs. Being members of TICO, you can rest assured that your funds are completely protected against supplier bankruptcies.

European Ski AdvenTours

The following trips can be booked individually and do not require a group.

Ski & Cultural AdvenTour in Turkey

Although Turkey is best known for its' hot sunny Mediterranean resorts, there is much more to the climate than hot summers. Come and ski Turkey's favourite ski area. And you couldn't visit Turkey without spending a few nights in the magical city of **Istanbul**...the gateway between Europe and Asia. We will also spend some time touring historically significant cities such as **Troy, Canakkale and Gallipoli**.

Much of **Turkey is mountainous** ranging in altitude from 2587 to 5137 m. With many of these peaks experiencing snow cover for six months or more, **the potential for skiing here is fantastic**. Turkey can offer great opportunities for all levels at better **value** than most resorts, though après ski is sedate. Snow reaches approximately 3 meters deep, covering the forests and enhancing the natural beauty of these stunning mountainous areas. The preferred place to ski is ULUDAG (1750 - 2547 M HIGH). Uludag is 245 kms from Istanbul and 36 kms south of Bursa. You can go to Uludag either by bus or by telpher. Uludag is a National Park and offers Alpine skiing, touring, cross-country and heli-skiing. **Weekly arrivals** commencing on Sundays.



Zermatt, Switzerland From \$1,170*

Ski under the famous towering peak of the Matterhorn in Switzerland. Encompassing three ski areas and surrounded by 29 peaks over 4000m (13,100ft) in altitude, these are the highest mountains in Europe. And most are always within sight of the powerful jagged edged Matterhorn.



Chamonix, France - From \$1,115*

Lying at the foot of one of the most beautiful panoramas in the Alps, Chamonix is also the cradle of mountaineering history; a town rich in tradition and local colour as well as outstanding attractions. Both novices and advanced extreme skiers can be challenged on the slopes with an extensive selection of runs and the bars always offer great après-ski exhilaration.

Courmayeur, Italy - From \$975*

Situated in the Aosta Valley in Northern Italy, Courmayeur is influenced by the culture of neighbouring countries, including France and Switzerland. As such it holds a multicultural atmosphere, which provides an atmosphere of excitement. Courmayeur offers 122 runs for all levels with a high proportion of red runs (equivalent to North American black runs). You can also access 6 other resorts! Boarders are welcome and there are also cross country ski trails.



Winter Cycle AdvenTours



Winter provides the perfect opportunity to cycle in far-away countries with opposite seasons to ours. Options include New Zealand, deep in the South Pacific and the rich Latin culture of South America. These trips are often multi-sport and may include wine-tasting (yes, it's a sport), jet boating (sort-of a sport), rafting, kayaking and/or hiking. Call for more information and pricing. More details will be posted on the AdvenTourUs website shortly.



Summer Cycle AdvenTours

Cycle in some of the traditional European destinations such as Tuscany and Burgundy which set the standards for international food and wine. Alternatively, challenge yourself in Switzerland surrounded by the pristine beauty of its serene lakes and jagged mountains. Perhaps you'd like to participate in an epic race? Maybe cycling between Irish pubs is more up your alley. Try Spain's wine route and sample the rich Rioja's while nibbling on Tapas. European tours include endless views of romantic medieval castles. Would you prefer to stay closer to home and indulge in California's powerful Zinfandels? These are just a few of the options available from April through October.



Other AdvenTours

Are you looking for an adventour in a warm climate doing more than sitting on the beach?

Here is a suggestion.

Costa Rica Learn to Dive – From \$1873* March 3 – 10

Costa Rica is *the* land of rich natural diversity, adventure and beauty. Come and see the rain forests, volcanoes, exotic wildlife and abundant dive sites. Why just learn to dive? Make it a true adventour and take a bit of time to see some of the additional sights on this 7 night all inclusive (meals and beverages) tour. Included are a 5 day Scuba Certification course (with classroom, pool training, 4 ocean dives, equipment during the course) and a full day tour consisting of canopying, water sliding, mud baths, thermal pools, lunch and transportation.



Also Available

Call us for information on other AdvenTours to places like *El Salvador, Panama Rain Forest, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Roatan, Belize and San Andres Island*. We can arrange adventure tours including canyoning, surfing, and mountain biking, snorkeling and other activities.

*All prices are in Canadian dollars and based on double occupancy, land only. AdvenTourUs reserves the right to adjust prices without notice

Got a destination in mind and need help putting your trip together?

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