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The latest in the highly successful *Journeys of a Lifetime* series and the sequel to the original bestseller, *Secret Journeys of a Lifetime* offers in-depth site descriptions; dozens of fun, themed top ten lists; locator maps; illuminating sidebars; and oversized, lavish full-color images that bring to life 500 novel destinations that have managed to fly under the radar.

Divided into themed chapters, the book features the "World at Your Feet", "Last Wildernesses", "Island Getaways", "The Road Less Traveled", "Secret History", "Spiritual Havens", "Hidden Treasures", "Undiscovered Villages", and "City Secrets". This book will also feature numerous short sidebars by National Geographic contributors entitled "My Secret Journey" that will eloquently describe and personalize travel experiences for readers and will also provide insight on bonus excursions near the featured destinations.

Additional eclectic sidebars will highlight intriguing ancillary information, including entertaining snippets on the local culture or history as well as other sights to see while in the area.

As with other books in the series, each chapter contains two to five lists of "Top Tens," shorter features describing experiences in a wide variety of categories, from quirky museums and quiet city garden oases to atmospheric ghost towns and the best spots for amazing ocean views.

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Jocelin says

National Geographic never fails to amaze. The pictures are so inviting; makes you want to go out and get your passport and start traveling. There were amazing places here in the United States that I did not know even existed. It completely shows that there is such great beauty in our very own country. This book makes a great coffee table addition.

John Orman says

Variety of little-known but wonderful places to visit--mountaintops, wildernesses, islands, road trips, and historical sites.

I've seen a few of these 500 locations--

Dead Horse Point State Park, Utah

Haleakala Volcano, Maui

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Australian Outback

Grizzly Bears, Alaska

Wildebeest migration, Masai Mara, Kenya

San Pedro Coral Reef, Belize

Umpqua River Trail, Oregon

White Pass and Yukon Railroad, Skagway, Alaska

Great Rift Valley, Kenya

St. Elmo Ghost Town, Colorado

Chaco Canyon, New Mexico

Bandelier National Monument, NM

Cusco Cathedral, Cusco, Peru

Georgia O'Keefe's House, Abiquiu, NM

El Rancho de las Golondrinas, NM

Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY

Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Central Park, NY--Birding!

Venice's Lagoon Islands, Italy

Tiber River, Rome, Italy

Saw many Secret Journeys I would like to make, though most of them are way out of my budget.

These Ghost towns are way off the beaten path:

Silver City, ID.

Bodie, CA

Maybe I will check them and their ghostly residents out on my next Secret Journey!

Mikel Stinson says

There are some wonderful places listed in this book along with great tips to find them. That being said, some of the "Secret Journeys" are pretty popular and touristy areas.

Tessa in Mid-Michigan says

Of course, I didn't read it cover to cover, but I looked at all the beautiful pictures. Lovely as all these are...

Jim Blessing says

This was a beautiful book to page through. It offered pictures and descriptions of seemingly hidden places throughout the world. I probably have seen maybe 10% mainly in the USA.

Mariah says

So many beautiful places that I now want to go to!

Sara says

Lovely book, but not one to carry on your travels!

Ela says

Awesome book! I was biased to look for entries from my country, and I was more than delighted to see Palawan in it. Makes me want to visit Mexico for its Monarch Butterflies, too!
