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AdventureSmith Explorations Shares Top Winter Destinations for Bucket-List Small-Ship Cruise Vacations

From standout ships and itineraries to inspiring destinations offering incomparable wildlife encounters and outdoor pursuits, winter is the perfect time for small-ship travel

TRUCKEE, Calif. (Dec. 4, 2023) - This winter, AdventureSmith Explorations, the global leader in small-ship adventure cruise vacations, is giving travelers a variety of opportunities to experience life-changing travel with its curated collection of unique destinations and active adventures, and numerous [ways to save](#). As cold weather embraces North America, the company offers an escape into the world's most captivating regions, from the icy wonders of Antarctica to the lush biodiversity of Indonesia.

Todd Smith, founder of AdventureSmith Explorations, emphasizes that winter offers unique opportunities that in some cases, are not possible at other times of the year. "For two decades, AdventureSmith has specialized in crafting bespoke adventures that align with travelers' personal bucket lists, while also ensuring we are helping them find the best seasonal deals. If traveling by small ship during the winter hasn't been on the radar, we want people to know there are plenty of reasons why it should be," says Smith.

The top winter destinations recommended by AdventureSmith Explorations include:

1. **Baja, Mexico:** Here, travelers can witness gray whales in their natural birthing lagoons, with trips such as [Baja California's Whales & Sealife](#) (seasonal) and the [Wild Baja California Escape](#). The region is teeming with wildlife during the North American winter, offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for nature enthusiasts to get up close and personal with marine mammals.
2. **Antarctica:** During the austral summer, this remote continent becomes accessible to adventurous travelers in search of remarkable polar expeditions. The [Spirit of Antarctica Expedition](#) and [Active & Wild Antarctica Air Cruise](#) offer extraordinary activities like polar snorkeling and kayaking amidst breathtaking landscapes and diverse wildlife. Sail (or fly) across the famed Drake Passage, travel by Zodiac through pack ice, camp under the pastel polar skies, and participate in other adventure activities that set these tours apart.

3. **Galapagos Islands:** The Galapagos warm season occurs from December through May. This time of year brings blue skies and sunshine, the highest air and water temperatures, and calm ocean conditions with excellent underwater visibility for incredible snorkeling. The [Cormorant II Galapagos Cruise](#) and the Relais & Chateaux-affiliated [Origin, Theory & Evolve](#) ships provide luxurious and intimate experiences, with nearly 1:1 crew-to-guest ratio for superior service and plentiful opportunities to hike, snorkel and kayak for an up close look at iconic and endemic species found nowhere else on Earth.
4. **Indonesia:** The prime sailing season in Raja Ampat (October through February) offers opportunities to dive into one of the richest coral reef ecosystems located in the heart of the Coral Triangle. Explore the kaleidoscopic underworld, stunning Karst Islands and unique bird life. The [Aqua Blu Raja Ampat Cruise](#) and [Sailing Indonesia: Jewels of Raja Ampat](#) invite guests to experience Indonesia's rich culture and stunning natural beauty—whether a luxurious or traditional small sailing ship experience is preferred.
5. **Caribbean:** A small-ship cruise here reveals the region's hidden bays and remote islands. Head into the heart of the idyllic West Indies on the luxury [Pearls of the Caribbean Cruise](#) to explore long white-sand beaches and the easy Creole way of life. Or for one of the most intimate, all-inclusive vacations in Belize, set sail on the [Belize Catamaran Charter Cruise](#) to experience the best of the Caribbean's clear waters and diverse marine life, with access to some of the world's best snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing and kayaking sites.
6. **Hawaii:** The [Hawaiian Seascapes Cruise](#) redefines Hawaiian travel with a weeklong opportunity to explore four islands intimately and authentically via this 8-day small yacht cruise. Moving beyond the experiences offered on typical day cruises, this voyage promises an immersive experience both on land and off, into Hawaii's diverse beauty, culture, and hidden gems—many of which are only accessible by sea.

AdventureSmith Explorations continues to redefine luxury and adventure in winter travel. For more information, top winter deals, or to book a trip, visit adventuresmithexplorations.com.

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About AdventureSmith Explorations

Founded in 2003, AdventureSmith Explorations is the global leader in small ship, adventure cruise vacations. Pioneering sustainable travel practices, AdventureSmith founder Todd Smith has been recognized among *Condé Nast Traveler's* prestigious Top Travel Specialists for 10 consecutive years. The company has also been awarded a *Condé Nast Traveler* World Savers Award and recognized as one of



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