

# Festival Journeys

2023/2024

Distinctive Gurated Journeys....

## ... to the World's Most Iconic Gultural Festivals!



## **DISCOVER CORPS FESTIVALS**

Curated Journeys to the World's Most Iconic Festivals

We believe that travel can be transformative. That it can empower the communities we visit. And that it can make the world a better place.

There is no better time to travel than during festival season. These are times that the culture of the destination is on full showcase and the colors of the country are at their brightest. This is also the perfect opportunity to dive into the local culture and really see it shine!

Each of our curated Festival journeys is designed to take you behind-the-scenes to experience these beautiful celebrations from a local's perspective. You'll be fully immersed in the festivities alongside your dedicated Discover Corps Guide while also exploring all of the destination's must-see sights. A truly once-in-a-lifetime experience!

#### **BRAZIL - RIO CARNIVAL FESTIVAL**

FEBRUARY 9-15, 2024 2025 Departure coming soon!

#### **MOROCCO - FES WORLD FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC**

JUNE 2024, DATES CONFIRMED IN THE FALL

#### **OAXACA - DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 2, 2024

#### PERU - INTI RAYMI FESTIVAL

JUNE 19-25, 2024

#### **THAILAND - THE LANTERN FESTIVAL**

NOVEMBER 23-30, 2023 NOVEMBER 11-18, 2024

#### **CUBA - HAVANA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

JANUARY 21-26, 2024



### **GLOBAL FESTIVALS LINE-UP**



#### **BRAZIL: RIO CARNIVAL FESTIVAL**

Often called Cidade Maravilhosa (The Marvelous City) Rio de Janeiro is unmatched in its breathtaking landscapes and location, nestled between lush, green mountains and crystal-clear seas. And there is no better time to visit Rio than during Carnival, considered to be the largest in the world. With Discover Corps, you'll go behind-the-scenes as an invited guest of a local Samba school to actually join in on the parade! Venture to local neighborhoods to experience blocos, or block parties, tour the Grande Rio Samba School and learn how to dance samba.

Over the course of seven days, we'll also explore all that Rio de Janeiro has to offer. Cruise high in a cable car to Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain), venture to Christo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer statue), and relax on the iconic beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. We'll also dive into Brazilian culture with a private Brazilian cooking class & percussion workshop. Our boutique hotel located on the famous Copacabana Beach will put us in the center of all of the action.

#### February 9-15, 2024

Duration: 7 days Trip Fee: \$5,695 Adult (Min age of 18) Lodging: Premier Post-Trip Extension: Iguazu Falls



#### **CUBA: HAVANA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Cuba is synonymous with jazz and this is never more evident than during the country's famous Jazz Festival as the music dominates Havana. The beauty of the five day event lies in the fact that the music is everywhere – creating the sense of one continuous song – as the notes blend together near seamlessly while you meander through the city.

Explore Hemingway's former home, Finca Vigía, the colorful art installations of Fusterlandia and visit Havana's famous Museum of Fine Arts. You will also experience the talent of the Habana Compas dance troupe, meet the children of the music center Muraleando, and explore Old Havana - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Beyond Havana and its surrounding neighborhoods, spend one day in the gorgeous Viñales Valley. Perhaps Cuba's most picturesque spot, explore tobacco farms and meet with farmers to learn about their life and work.

#### January **21-26,** 2024

**Duration:** 6 days **Trip Fee:** \$5,195 Hotel Option / \$3,695 Casa Option **Lodging:** Hotel Option (Premier) / Casa Option (Standard) **Post-Trip Extension:** Trinidad & Cienfuegos



#### MOROCCO: FES WORLD FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

A place of mysticism & wonder, Morocco is known for its picturesque mountain views and unique blend of ancient and modern cities. And the most colorful time to visit Morocco is during the World Festival of Sacred Music in Fès. A multi-day event of music, workshops and renowned artists from across the globe, this is arguably the most anticipated festival in the region.

Over the course of ten days, we'll tour old-world Fès (the largest car-less city in the world!), the beautifully blue-hued Chefchaouen, and the bustling Marrakech, making brief stops in Morocco's capital, Rabat, and the world-famous Casablanca. In true Discover Corps fashion, dive deep into Moroccan culture with cooking classes, visits to empowering local organizations, calligraphy workshops and cultural food tours. An experience unlike any other!

June 2024 (Booking is now open! Exact dates will be con irmed in the early Winter 2024) Duration: 10 days Trip Fee: \$4,995 Adult / \$4,795 Child \$100 one-way flight supplement Lodging: Premier Trip Highlights: Culture, Cuisine, Festivities



#### **OAXACA: DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL**

Oaxaca is the heart of traditional Mexican culture and there is no better time to be in this UNESCO World Heritage designated city than during the iconic Day of the Dead festivities. The region comes to life as colorful parades line the colonial streets and families convene to celebrate their loved ones. As a Discover Corps guest, you're in for an experience. We'll show you a side of Oaxaca that only locals see while engaging in all of the festivities that this holiday brings.

Over the course of six days, we'll combine visits to all of the must-see sites including the archeological ruins of Monte Alban with cultural experiences involving local weavers, potters, distillers and, of course, those bringing the emerging Oaxacan cuisine onto the map. We'll also join local families to take part in their Day of the Dead ceremonies while immersing ourselves in the heart of the city's most impressive parades & performances.

#### October 28-November 2, 2024

**Duration:** 6 days **Trip Fee:** \$3,695 Adult / \$3,495 Child **Lodging:** Standard **Trip Highlights:** Culture, Food, Arts, Festivities



#### PERU: INTI RAYMI FESTIVAL

Peru is truly an epicenter of culture, cuisine & history and there is no better time to visit than during the iconic Inti Raymi Festival. The historic sites of Cusco come to life with performances, dances and ceremonies that have been taking place for hundreds of years. Immerse yourself in the heart of the action and meet some of the individuals making this festival come to life.

Over the course of 7 days, we also experience a Peru that few get to see (and taste!). Meander through the colorful markets of Pisac, meet with the man who is revolutionizing Peruvian cuisine with the potato, spend a day in a rural community meeting with local children & weavers and uncover breathtaking views of Machu Picchu. Stay in some of Peru's finest 5\* properties and delve into Peru's iconic food scene during gourmet dinners in the valley.

June 19-25, 2024 Duration: 7 days Trip Fee: \$5,495 Adult / \$5,195 Child Lodging: Premier Post-Trip Extension: Amazon Basin



#### THAILAND: THE LANTERN FESTIVAL

Embark on an unforgettable adventure in the colorful Southeast Asian Kingdom of Thailand during the most festive period of the year. Our journey will take us through Northern Thailand exploring shimmering temples, lending a hand at an elephant sanctuary, learning to cook Thai food and making our way through the bustling markets.

The experience will be built around two of Thailand's most colorful festivals, the Loy Krathong festival of lights and Yi Peng sky lantern festival. Venture to the cities of Chiang Mai & Sukothai to participate in both Loy Krathong and the Yi Peng festival of lanterns. Enjoy an authentic experience complete with traditional Thai food as well as an opportunity to float krathongs in the water and release lanterns into the sky for good luck!

#### November 23-30, 2023

#### November 11-18, 2024

**Duration:** 8 days **Trip Fee:** \$3,995 Adult / \$3,795 Child **Lodging:** Premier **Trip Highlights:** Phuket & Koh Phi Phi, Bangkok, Angkor Wat

## **ABOUT DISCOVER CORPS**



Our mission is to inspire travelers to become advocates of our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable vacations with purpose.

Our portfolio of locally-owned boutique lodges and expert local guides creates an experience that you'll never forget.

Each festival itinerary is designed to immerse you both into the festival and the local culture. Through a combination of behind-the-scenes experiences and local connections, you're in for the experience of a lifetime!



## **REGISTER IN 3 EASY STEPS**

#### **1 - FILL OUT OUR ONLINE FORM**

- Visit our website **www.discovercorps.com** and go to the "Book a Trip" link at the top of the page.
- Fill out the online registration form indicating your trip choice, dates, number of travelers, and room occupancy.
- Provide basic information on each traveler joining.

#### 2 - SUBMIT A \$395 DEPOSIT

- For each traveler, there is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee and a \$365 deposit.
- This is processed through our secure online credit card portal after completing the form.

#### **3 - YOU'RE ALL SET!**

- Our Travel Specialists will be there to help you until the day you depart.
- Additionally, our partners at Wings Travel can help you book flights and coordinate travel for your trip. Just call them on our dedicated line at **(346) 396-4538**.

Please contact Discover Corps at 1-619-758-3030 or via email at info discovercorps.com

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