

# ROAD SCHOLAR

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### **YOU DON'T NEED TO GO FAR FOR A LITTLE ADVENTURE – REDISCOVER LOCAL GEMS THROUGH ROAD SCHOLAR ADVENTURES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

Boston (August 6, 2014) –While Road Scholar is known for its thousands of educational adventures around the world, you can also find lots to learn close to home. With dozens of programs in every state, there are many opportunities to learn something new.

Each learning adventure is an opportunity to go behind the scenes, interact with the local people and savor authentic meals and culture that reveal a place's true character. Participants not only expand their knowledge, they do so in the company of other interesting and engaged people who believe that learning is a lifelong journey.

“For lifelong learners on Road Scholar programs, the experience is meaningful, enriching and fun -- and can happen anywhere thoughtful, enthusiastic people gather to learn together..” says James Moses, president and CEO of Road Scholar.

Like thousands of Road Scholar participants, California Native Jean Mahoney, 64, has opted to dig deeper into her own home state this year. Jean’s roots in the Delta region of Northern California go back multiple generations, and she was eager to learn more about the area where her great grandparents owned a pear and asparagus farm in the late 1800s. This winter, Jean and her wife traveled the short distance to the Delta to participate in Road Scholar’s Birding and Ecology in the California Delta by Boat ([www.roadscholar.org/16891](http://www.roadscholar.org/16891)).

“California is so big that you don’t have to get on a plane to feel that you’re experiencing something totally new and unique,” she says. “Not only did I get an incredible education on the history of the Delta, I met a couple on the program whose ancestors were also connected to the Delta. We have since exchanged photographs and emails and are convinced that our ancestors probably knew each other. It was such a joy to discover this connection on a Road Scholar program.”

From the East Coast to the West Coast, explore iconic destinations beyond their typical attractions. On *Signature Cities*, celebrate iconic American cities each with their own story to tell - through cultural influences, history and modern-day charms. Explore *National Parks* on programs led by naturalists and historians and get up-close with some of our national treasures — from Acadia to Zion,

each park offers a unique look at awe-inspiring natural gems. Experience the great outdoors on *Outdoor Adventures* that take you through some of the most beautiful landscapes in the country, and much more.

From expert-led lectures, field trips, comfortable lodgings and meals, to gratuities, taxes and a travel assistance and insurance plan, Road Scholar takes care of the details so our participants can focus on the learning experience. For more information on programs close to home, visit [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org).

### **About Road Scholar**

Not-for-profit Road Scholar's mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. Since inception, more than 5 million people have enrolled in our 5,500 iconic educational adventures offered annually in 50 states and 150 countries around the world.

Road Scholar educational adventures are created by Elderhostel, the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning since 1975. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.roadscholar.org/press](http://www.roadscholar.org/press).

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