



JOIN US ON AN EXPEDITION BACKPACKING: The Appalachian Trail Via the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Tired of living “inside-the-box?” Del and Jay are trying to form a community of local travel pioneers united by the type of bond that can only be achieved by adventuring together. In an effort to build strong and lasting friendships within the Chicago travel community, the “take-away” from each event we plan will be the relationships we strengthen through both internal and external exploration.

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We will lead a group on a 10-day backpacking excursion through the Great Smoky Mountains. FALL COLORS WILL BE IN FULL SWING! And this is the best time of year to visit the park. We will hike and camp along the Appalachian Trail (America’s most iconic hiking trail).

Click ‘JOIN’ if you are interested and we will get in touch with you to forward the itinerary and once we have a final head count we can arrange transportation. Del and Jay will both be available to drive to and from the event.

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT! We are simply spear-heading an opportunity for like-minded adventure enthusiasts to do what they love to do. We are hoping to build a community with a depth that extends beyond a few hours of conversation at a local bar.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: An American national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site that straddles the ridgeline of the Great Smoky Mountains, part of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which are a division of the larger Appalachian Mountain chain. The border between Tennessee and North Carolina runs northeast to southwest through the centerline of the park. The Appalachian Trail passes through the center of the park on its route from Maine to Georgia.

J. CURRIE: In 2014 he left the corporate grind and set out on a three-year adventure to travel the world. His travels have led Jay to many interesting places, meeting people and exchanging wisdom. He has spent months at a time traveling in India, Nepal, Philippines, China, Mongolia, Russia, Scandinavia, Northwestern Europe, Romania and Spain; in addition to hitchhiking from China to Germany, backpacking the Great Wall of China, hitchhiking across Canada, joining a SCUBA survey of sunken World War II shipwrecks in the Philippines, climbing to Mt. Everest Basecamp (w/ the French summit team) and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He is the author of *The Frugal Nomad: A Quick-Start Guide to World Travel* (available at bookstores world-wide).

