

## SEATTLE-AREA COMPANY LAUNCHES SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY TOURS



### GLOBAL FAMILY TRAVELS WELCOMES PEACE BOAT WITH NEW EXCURSION TO THE HOME OF CHIEF SEATTLE

**SEATTLE, WA** – On August 7<sup>th</sup>, [Global Family Travels](#) welcomes the [Peace Boat](#), a travel-based international non-profit, advocating for the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with the kick-off of its new [Sustainable Community Excursions for Seattle-Area](#).

The new sustainable travel experiences for the Seattle area unite Global Family Travels' [Learn, Serve & Immerse](#) pillars with the mission of the [Impact Travel Alliance of Greater Seattle](#), by offering sustainable tourism opportunities that strengthen local communities and alleviate poverty in alignment with the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#).

“A sustainable community is one that is economically, environmentally, and socially healthy and resilient, and it is our hope that these excursions will help contribute to a stronger community,” states Global Family Travels Founder, Jennifer Spatz. “In offering **sustainable community excursions** in support of the preservation of local culture, education, conservation and economic growth, Global Family Travels is also pleased to partner with and support the good work of many Seattle-area non-profit organizations that share the same goals of these excursions.”

Peace Boat passengers will have the opportunity to be the first to participate in Global Family's Travels newest community-based tour, the [Suquamish Tribe Cultural & Heritage Excursion](#). The city of Seattle is named after the chief of the Suquamish and Duwamish people, Chief Seattle, and the company is offering this sustainable community excursion in partnership with the Suquamish Museum to learn about the indigenous cultures of the Greater Seattle community.

#### Suquamish Tribe Culture & Heritage Excursion

The Suquamish People have lived in this area known as “place of clear salt water” since ancient times. Tribal fisherman, canoe builders and basket weavers have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington’s Central Puget Sound Region for more than 10,000 years. The Suquamish People continue to live in the place of their ancestors and practice their traditional life ways on the Port Madison Indian Reservation on Kitsap Peninsula near Bainbridge Island.

The Excursion includes:

- A visit with the Suquamish Tribe on the Port Madison Indian Reservation, including a visit to Old Man House Park (home to Chief Seattle before it was destroyed by the US Government in 1870)
- Boxed lunches prepared by [FareStart](#)

- Suquamish Museum - learn about the history and ways of the Suquamish people
- Chief Seattle Gravesite, leader of the Suquamish people and namesake of the city of Seattle
- House of Awakened Culture – emulating the original longhouse of Chief Seattle and home to community programs that teach and celebrate the living Suquamish Culture

In addition to offering this indigenous cultural excursion, Global Family Travels will begin offering a [Seattle Sustainable City Cultural Excursion](#) this fall that also support the UN Sustainable Development Goals. While visiting the city’s cultural and heritage landmarks, this program will provide learning opportunities to connect participants to organizations and experiences that are unique to Seattle and that help alleviate our community’s challenges, including homelessness.

Seattle Sustainable City Cultural Excursion includes:

- Pike Place Market Foundation and tour
- Lunch catered by FareStart
- Gates Foundation Discovery Center tour
- International District Wing Luke Museum tour

[Sustainable Community Excursions for Seattle-Area](#) will be available to the public beginning October 2018.

**About Global Family Travels**

[Global Family Travels](#)’ mission is to “**Learn, Serve and Immerse.**” In partnership with community-based tour partners, schools and non-profit organizations, GFT offer family-friendly, sustainable travel experiences in support of education, preservation of local cultures, conservation and economic growth, which foster cross-cultural understanding and global citizens. GFT trips include a unique mix of cultural and educational activities, homestays and participation in local service projects aimed at improving the lives of people in the communities they visit. For more information, visit [www.globalfamilytravels.com](http://www.globalfamilytravels.com) or call 206-890-3442.

[Impact Travel Greater Seattle](#) chapter’s mission is to ***provide education, advocacy, and community-building around sustainable tourism, with the goal of strengthening our communities.*** Founded in 2013 in New York City, and inspired by the [17 Global Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#) and committed to leveraging the potential of travel to help solve the world’s most pressing challenges, the Impact Travel Alliance community is now made up of more than 15,000 travel professionals around the world.

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