A mountain trek: High adventure in the upper altitudes

Adventurous travelers who really want to get "off the beaten track" this year should look into Mountain Travel's exciting schedule of international back-country outings.

Mountain Travel is an Albany, California firm which has been organizing worldwide wilderness expeditions for more than eight years. In 1977, they offer a full year's program of outdoor adventure trips to virtually every wild and romantic corner of the globe.

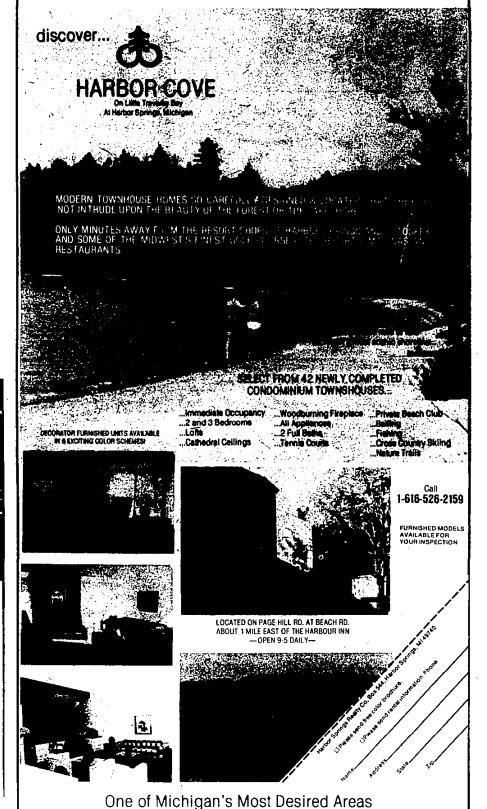
Among the 70 outings for the coming year will be such unique experiences as exploring the untraveled mountainous fjord country of southern Chile; crossing the Sahara by camel caravan, guided by blue-veiled Touareg tribesmen; traversing the northern jungles of India on an elephant safari; cruising the archipelago of the remote Galapagos Islands off Ecuador in small boats; or mountain-walking in the Andes, the Himalayas, and the Ka-

There are 19 new trips offered by the wilderness organization in 1977, including an exploratory visit to the Antarctic Peninsula, a climbing expedition to the Ruwenzori Mountains of Uganda, and a hiking and Greek dancing trip through the countryside of Greece.

One of the most popular places for Mountain Travel trips is Nepal, a small country which is a fascinating melting pot of Hindu and Buddhist cultures in the fabulous setting of some of the highest mountains on earth. Twenty treks are offered in this picturesque mountain kingdom in 1977, ranging from an eight-day introductory trek in the foothills of the Jugal Himal, to a 36-day alpine trek on the high passes and glaciers of the Mt. Everest area.

Mountain Travel's trips are led by well-known explorers, naturalists, and climbers. Trips last from two to seven weeks; prices range from \$700 to \$3,275.

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