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What makes North America special isn't just its scale, it's the way it brings so many worlds into one. Wild coasts and calm lakes, bright cities and quiet corners, there's always something new to discover, even when you've been before. For all its size, it never feels out of reach.

You'll find that same sense of discovery in these pages, with itineraries, hotels and experiences curated by Lusso and easy to plan through your travel agent. Brought together, they open up this part of the world in a way that becomes uniquely yours.

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SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE TOURISM



As a tour operator working towards our own sustainability goals, we seek to partner with hotels, resorts and in-destination experts that share our passion for responsible tourism – those striving to minimise their carbon footprint and work in ways that benefit local communities and respect the cultures and environments in which they operate. Here we shine a spotlight on some key sustainability initiatives and approaches our partners are doing across the USA and Canada.



MĀLAMA: A JOURNEY OF CARE

Across Hawai'i, the Mālama initiative invites visitors to support community and conservation efforts through volunteer experiences developed with local organisations, cultural practitioners and environmental groups. These activities offer visitors the chance to take part in ongoing community-led stewardship efforts. Activities range from beach clean ups and marine debris removal to native tree planting and cultural preservation projects, each designed to help protect Hawai'i's natural and cultural heritage. By joining a Mālama activity, travellers are invited to learn about local ecosystems and traditions, connecting with the communities who care for them and with the people and places that make Hawai'i what it is.



NATURE-LED, COMMUNITY-MINDED

Perched high above the Pacific in Big Sur, Post Ranch Inn brings luxury and landscape together with a longstanding commitment to responsible hospitality. The resort is closely connected to the local community, employing and training residents across hospitality, wellness and food and land care, while working with nearby farms and producers to celebrate regional flavours. The inn's design and operations are guided by low-impact principles, while partnerships with conservation organisations help efforts to support Big Sur's fragile ecosystems. Through nature-led activities and thoughtful stewardship, Post Ranch Inn invites travellers to experience this remarkable coastline in a way that respects and contributes to its ongoing care.



NURTURING OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS

Stretching along the only living coral barrier reef in the continental United States, the Florida Keys are home to a long-running Artificial Reef Program that participates in marine conservation initiatives across the island chain. Working in partnership with marine scientists, local authorities and conservation groups, the programme designs and deploys carefully planned reef structures that create additional habitat for fish and coral species and help reduce pressure on natural reefs. Visitors can gain a deeper understanding of the region's marine ecology at the REEF Ocean Exploration Center in Key Largo, where interactive exhibits and community-led initiatives highlight the importance of responsible diving and reef stewardship.



HONOURING INDIGENOUS CULTURE & HERITAGE

In the heart of the Huron-Wendat Nation, the Huron Traditional Site offers visitors an opportunity to engage with one of North America's oldest Indigenous cultures through a thoughtfully reconstructed village and guided experiences developed and led by Wendat cultural practitioners. Visitors can walk through longhouses, hear place-based stories and learn about ancestral knowledge, crafts and ways of living that continue to shape Wendat identity today. These experiences support the continuation of cultural traditions by sharing traditional language, craftsmanship and heritage practices with guests. Learn more about the living culture of the Huron-Wendat people and the ongoing efforts to protect and celebrate it.



WILDLIFE STEWARDSHIP IN THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

Wildlife conservation and cultural respect shape every aspect of the experience at Knight Inlet Lodge. Set within one of the world's largest temperate rainforests, the lodge works with Indigenous partners, scientists and conservation groups to support efforts to safeguard the region's grizzly bears and the habitats they rely on. This includes contributing to research, monitoring local wildlife and advocating for the long-term protection of salmon streams, which sustain not only grizzly bears but many other species across the ecosystem. Through guided viewing and nature-based interpretation, travellers are introduced to the interconnected landscapes of the Great Bear Rainforest and the ongoing work to care for and protect it.

A MORE SUSTAINABLE BROCHURE

We have taken a number of steps to reduce the carbon footprint of this brochure. We have chosen not to date it or to price our itineraries, giving the brochure a longer shelf life and avoiding any wastage of out-of-date stock. Plus the brochure is printed using vegetable-based inks on paper that has come from well-managed, FSC®-certified forests and other controlled sources.

What's more, we have paid to carbon balance the paper through the World Land Trust, which will use our contribution to support projects protecting threatened tropical forests, helping to reduce deforestation and preserve vital ecosystems.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

So well-known is American culture that we all have an idea of what to expect when we visit. In fact, it's often seeing the familiar with our very own eyes that provides the greatest thrill when travelling in the States: iconic yellow taxis waiting in line in Times Square, cable cars heaving their passengers around San Francisco, paddle boats steaming up the Mississippi River, or jazz musicians playing on the streets of New Orleans.

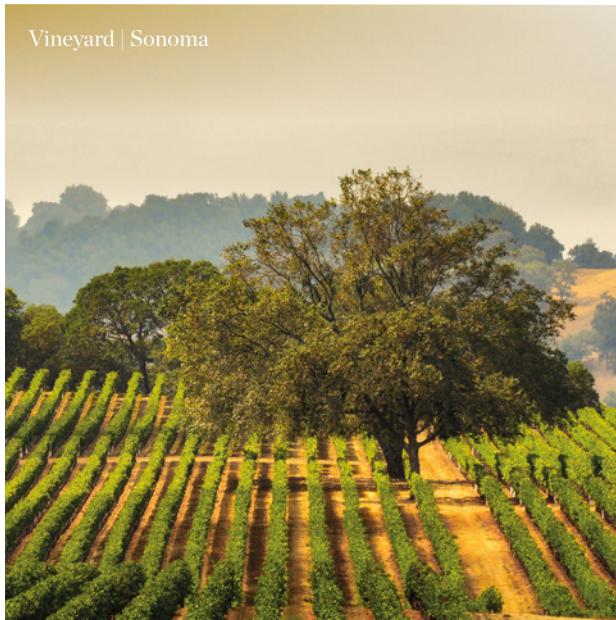
Whether you're looking for a fun family holiday, a scintillating city break, an outdoor adventure or a romantic escape for two, the United States offers a world of experiences. For here is a continent masquerading as a country, where just about every type of holiday imaginable is possible, from the bright city lights of New York and Las Vegas to the autumn colours of leafy New England and the reefs and rainforests of heavenly Hawai'i.

Yet in a country so large, it's often hard to know where to start when planning a holiday. That's where our USA specialists come in. Our travel advisors have journeyed extensively across America and regularly return to the regions and properties within our portfolio, meaning you can be assured of a first-hand, honest and up-to-date opinion. You'll find their personal recommendations for what to see and do in this vast and varied country on pages 8, 38 and 90 of this brochure.

One thing is for sure though, travelling in America is almost always about the journey, which is why we've filled these pages not just with hotels but with suggested itineraries for most of our destinations. These are merely examples of what's possible in the region. They can, of course, be booked as you see them on the page, but they can also be adjusted to suit your own tastes, interests, budget and timeframe. Such is the beauty of tailor-made travel.



Vineyard | Sonoma



INSIDE THE USA WITH

Julie Hammond

Why should I visit the United States?

I can think of at least 50 reasons – the states themselves. Each one is different, with its own identity and personality.

What's your fondest memory from your time in America?

Definitely bottling my own wine in California's Sonoma Valley. I had the chance to do so at Buena Vista Winery and found the process so fascinating I've been recommending it ever since.

What's your favourite US state and why?

More of a collection than a single state, but I adore New England, especially in autumn – or 'fall', as they say there. Boston makes a wonderful base from which to explore the area, though the real fun lies in making your own discoveries along quiet, leafy byways – stopping at cider mills, stocking up on maple syrup, and posing for photos by quaint covered bridges and iconic red barns.

Which places live up to the hype?

It's got to be Las Vegas. Sin City is brash, fun and strangely alluring. It's also a launchpad for visiting the Grand Canyon, best seen from the air on a helicopter tour – a worthwhile indulgence if ever there was one.

What's your favourite city and what must I do while I'm there?

For me it's the City by the Bay, glorious and bohemian San Francisco. Go in autumn or winter for the clearest days (summer fog often obscures the views), hire a bike and cycle across the Golden Gate Bridge.

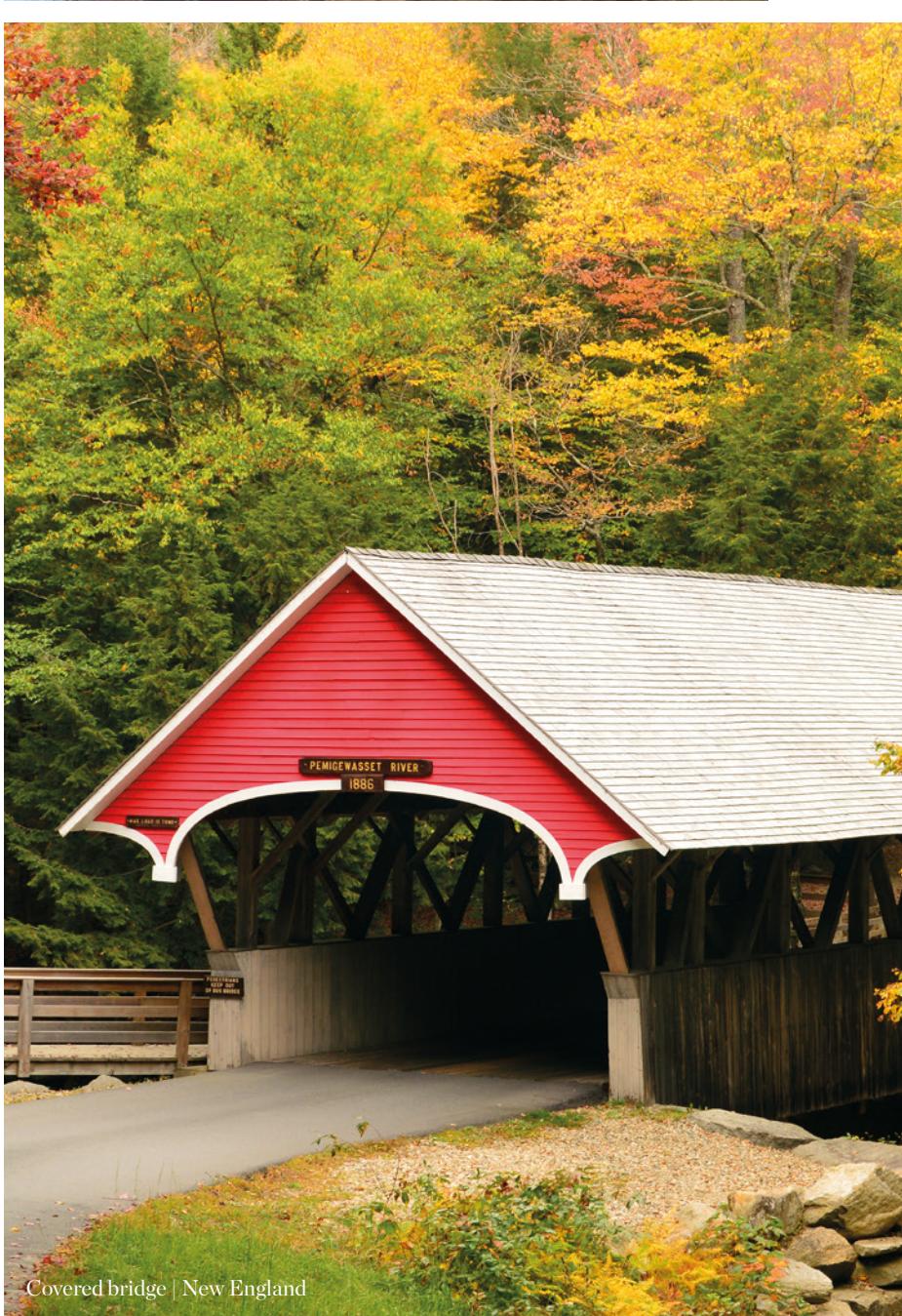
Where should I go if I'm looking for adventure?

Arizona is America's adventure capital, from hiking to the floor of the Grand Canyon and white-water rafting on the Colorado River to hot-air ballooning in the Sonoran Desert.

River Rafting | Grand Canyon



Covered bridge | New England



DISCOVER THE USA YOUR WAY

Motorcycle Tours

For those who prefer two wheels to four, we offer a wide range of self-guided and fully supported guided motorcycle tours through our partnership with EagleRider, the world's largest motorcycle touring company, from classic journeys from Chicago to Los Angeles along Route 66 to mountain rides through the Rockies down to Yellowstone National Park. We are EagleRider experts and work with them because we think they're the best in the business. They have over 130 locations across six continents, boasting the world's largest fleet of Harley Davidsons, Hondas and BMWs. Their guides are second to none, their support teams are excellent and a wide range of inspiring tours will ignite your passion for the open road, allowing you to experience some of the world's most legendary motorcycle rides.



Road Trips

It's no surprise to us that many of the holidays we sell in the States are self-drives. Distances between places of interest in America are often huge, and hiring a car – whether it be a luxury SUV or a classic convertible Mustang – gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace, stopping when and where you want. Classic routes like Highway 1 down the coast of California and the Overseas Highway that connects the Florida Keys are among the world's most celebrated road trips. But there's just as much fun to be had exploring the scenic byways of leafy New England, the desert roads of Arizona or the juke joints and honky-tonks that pepper the Deep South. Lusso can arrange car hire to suit your travel needs, with pick-ups and drop-offs in multiple destinations across the United States.



Attraction Tickets

We can make planning your holiday even easier by securing tickets in advance to many of America's top theme parks and attractions. In Florida alone, we can arrange tickets and multi-day passes to the likes of Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort, LEGOLAND Florida Resort and the Kennedy Space Center. Beyond the Sunshine State, options include Disneyland Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood in California, and the Empire State Building, Edge New York and SUMMIT One Vanderbilt in New York. We can also arrange a host of bucket-list experiences to enhance your holiday, several of which are highlighted on the itinerary pages throughout this brochure, such as helicopter trips to the Grand Canyon, hot-air balloon flights over the deserts of Arizona, and whale watching tours off the coast of New England.



Motorhomes

Hiring a motorhome – or an RV as they're known in the States – is a wonderfully exciting way to tour around America. As with hiring a car, you have the freedom and flexibility to go where you want, when you want, but with a motorhome your choice of where to spend the night is greatly expanded. There are RV campgrounds right across the States, including within most national and state parks. Fancy sleeping on the shores of Lake Michigan, near the rim of the Grand Canyon or by the beach in California? You can with an RV. Our partner, Cruise America, has over 50 years' experience delivering motorhome holidays. Their top-of-the-line motorhomes come in multiple sizes, each custom manufactured to be as safe, comfortable and reliable as possible. All offer sleeping, cooking, shower and toilet facilities and come with a free app to help you find campsites and local points of interest. And with pick-up and drop-off sites in dozens of locations across multiple states, there's almost nowhere you can't go.



Brooklyn Bridge



It's often said that you can tell the difference between a tourist and a local in New York because the tourists are always gazing upwards. And with so many breathtaking new additions to the skyline in recent years, it's easy to see why.

SUMMIT One Vanderbilt, the tallest building in Midtown Manhattan, offers striking views from its glass-enclosed sky decks. Hudson Yards boasts the highest outdoor observation deck in the western hemisphere, while the Empire State Building has an impressive visitor experience, with exhibits, dining and observation decks on the 86th and 102nd floors. Closer to the ground, Little Island at Pier 55 is a striking three-acre park that floats above the Hudson River on tulip-shaped stilts.

Of course, the city's timeless icons remain. Broadway's bright lights, the billboards of Times Square and the many ways to experience Central Park never lose their magic. Shop designer brands at Bloomingdale's and Macy's, visit the moving 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and cruise past the Statue of Liberty. Stroll the High Line, now one of New York's most inspired green spaces, or explore world-class museums like MoMA and the Met. With exceptional hotels and dining, New York dazzles in every season. Come for summer picnics in Central Park or festive winter traditions at Rockefeller Center. But above all, come, for you haven't seen America until you've experienced New York.



Central Park

WHEN TO VISIT

April to May and September to October are the most pleasant times of the year, as the city experiences distinct seasons; summers can be hot and humid while winters are cold with frequent snow. December is popular for Christmas shopping and is festively chilly.

IDEAL FOR

Culture, History, Art, Cuisine, Shopping and Nightlife



TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK

The Knickerbocker

Located right by Times Square, The Knickerbocker offers easy access to the best of Broadway, Bryant Park, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the many shops of Midtown. Behind its original 1905 facade lies a chic and contemporary interior, with impressively sound-proofed rooms and suites, decorated in taupe and silver and equipped with comfortable beds, bespoke furnishings and generous rain showers. Celebrity chef Charlie Palmer heads the hotel's culinary programme, from his elegant namesake restaurant to the artisanal coffee shop adjacent to the lobby and the hand-crafted cocktails on offer at St. Cloud, the rooftop bar that's built a well-earned reputation as one of the best places in the city to watch the New Year's Eve ball drop.

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park

With an enviable location overlooking Central Park and close to the famed shops of Fifth Avenue, this landmark hotel offers luxurious rooms and suites with townhouse-inspired spaces, Central Park views and bespoke furnishings. Rooms feature telescopes pointed towards the park while suites showcase works by local artists. The Club Lounge provides an exclusive setting where guests can enjoy food from a range of local talent. La Prairie Spa offers facials, scrubs and indulgent treatments like a Caviar Massage, while the well-equipped fitness centre and movement studio make it easy to stay active. Dining options range from picnics in the park to the gastro lounge Contour, which offers small plates and cocktails from morning until night.



UPPER EAST SIDE, NEW YORK

The Mark

Set in the exclusive Upper East Side on the corner of 77th Street and Madison Avenue, the super-stylish Mark is just a well-dressed stroll from a convoy of high-end boutiques, including Vera Wang, Missoni and Christian Louboutin. While the glamorous lobby makes a bold statement with its striped marble flooring and abstract artwork, the rooms and suites are more calming and understated, ranging in size from comfortable doubles to a five-bedroom penthouse. The restaurant by acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten holds its own against any in the city, while experiences range from cycling to Central Park with a picnic prepared by Jean-Georges himself to private pedicab tours of Manhattan's top shops, museums and galleries.



NEW YORK

Essential Experiences - Our Suggestions



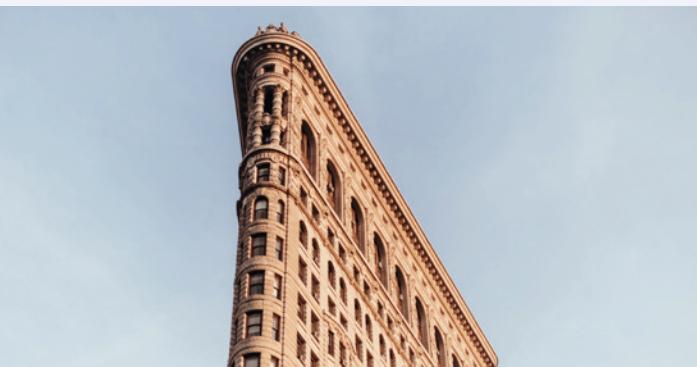
SUMMIT One Vanderbilt

Rising 1,401 feet above the streets of New York, SUMMIT One Vanderbilt is one of the tallest buildings in Midtown Manhattan and offers breathtaking views from its transparent skyboxes. The most daring can ride the world's largest glass-floor lifts even further, to the highest panoramic viewing point in Midtown. There are also art installations and cocktails to enjoy.



Sports Events

Sport is a huge part of American culture and New Yorkers are hugely passionate about their hometown teams. Whether it's watching the Yankees play baseball in the Bronx or the Rangers or the Knicks play ice hockey and basketball at Madison Square Garden, we can arrange tickets for some of the greatest games in town.



Architecture Tour

Skyscrapers may have been invented in Chicago but they were perfected in New York. We can arrange architecture tours in various districts of New York, in which local experts guide you through the city's many architectural styles, from stately Federal and exuberant Beaux Arts to brutalist postmodern and contemporary projects from international 'starchitects'.



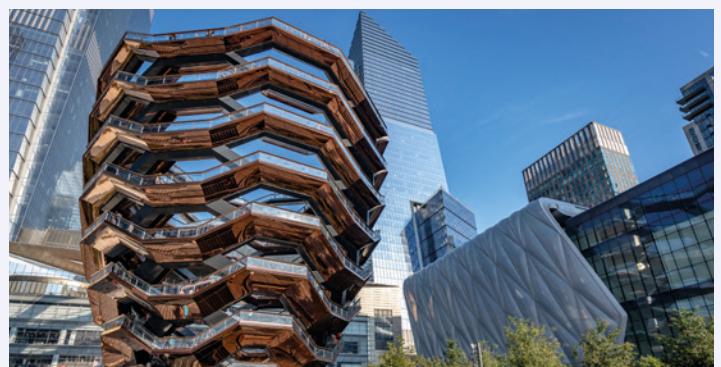
Broadway Shows

There's no more quintessential a New York experience than catching a show beneath the bright lights of Broadway. Given the popularity of some shows, we recommend pre-booking tickets through us before you travel. We can even arrange for you to join a cast member for a private backstage tour after the performance to see sets, costumes and props close up.



9/11 Memorial Private Tour

The events of 9/11 were perhaps the most pivotal in modern history. We can arrange private guided tours of Ground Zero featuring stops at St Paul's Chapel, the 9/11 Memorial, the FDNY Memorial Wall, the 9/11 Museum, the Oculus and more, led by New Yorkers with personal connections to the tragic events of 11 September 2001.



Hudson Yards

Explore one of New York's hottest new neighbourhoods, Hudson Yards. Highlights include the interdisciplinary arts centre The Shed; Vessel, an Instagram-ready basket of infinite staircases; and Edge, the highest outdoor sky deck in the western hemisphere. The really brave can even scale the outside of the skyscraper, 1,200 feet above the ground.



New England blends timeless charm with natural splendour, from autumn forests blazing with colour to a summer coastline built for adventure. Steeped in history and home to fine cuisine, boutique retreats and picturesque villages, it's a region made to be savoured.

Autumn is a spectacular time to visit, when the leaves on a million trees turn a vibrant tapestry of scarlet, gold, purple and orange. In Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire, the colours peak from mid-September to mid-October, while in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, they last into November. Yet New England is more than a one-season wonder. From Maine's rocky shoreline and Acadia National Park, past the stylish seaside resort of Kennebunkport to the beaches of Cape Cod and upmarket islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, summer is ripe for fun and exploration.

There is history, too. The Pilgrim Fathers landed in Plymouth in 1620 and the first shots of the Revolution were fired just outside Boston in 1775. The city itself is a year-round delight, offering harbour cruises, world-class museums and the iconic Freedom Trail. Beyond Boston, New England's winding backroads lead to scenic villages with steeple-topped churches, clapboard houses and iconic covered bridges. Then there is the food, regarded as some of the finest in America. The lobster rolls alone are worth the price of a plane ticket.

Aquinnah Cliffs Overlook | Martha's Vineyard



WHEN TO VISIT

Without doubt, the most popular times to travel to New England are the summer season, from mid June through to August, or for the autumn foliage season, from late September into October and even early November in some areas. The winter months are cold and snowy, while spring months can be unpredictable.

IDEAL FOR

Culture, History, Art, Cuisine, Beaches, Hiking, Natural Beauty and Autumn Colours

Boston Harbor Waterfront



14-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Boston, Boats & Beaches

DURATION

13 nights / 14 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Boston
3 nights Cape Cod
2 nights Martha's Vineyard
2 nights Nantucket Island
3 nights Newport



Everyone thinks of New England in the 'fall' but its glittering coastline and well-earned reputation for sensational seafood makes it a perfect beach holiday destination at almost any time of year. This seaside and city break combines the historic sites of Boston with the wide sandy beaches of the Cape Cod peninsula, the salty Yankee charms of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, and the grandiose mansions of Newport, Rhode Island.

DAYS 1-3: BOSTON

Arrive in Boston and enjoy a private transfer to the Fairmont Copley Plaza for a three-night stay. Opened in 1912, this stately landmark is the grand dame of Boston hotels, combining Beaux Arts interiors with modern creature comforts. Spend the following days exploring the city's varied sights and attractions. Follow the Freedom Trail linking its principal historic sites, shop among the boutiques of Newbury Street, join a whale watching cruise from the harbour, or take a tour around Harvard, one of the most prestigious universities in the world.

DAYS 4-6: CAPE COD

Collect your hire car and head down the coast for a three-night stay at the charming Chatham Bars Inn, set on a vast sandy beach with arresting views of the yawning Atlantic. Wealthy Chatham, with its boutiques, galleries and old country stores, sits at the bottom of Cape Cod's National Seashore, which has enjoyed federal protection since 1961. Its curving coastline is one of America's most beautiful, offering wide, open beaches, rippling sand dunes and crashing waves all the way north from Chatham to Provincetown.



DAYS 7-8: MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Drive to Hyannis, leave your hire car and catch a ferry to Martha's Vineyard for a two-night stay at the Nobnocket Boutique Inn, an elegant B&B set in a renovated turn-of-the-century home. Far less developed than Cape Cod yet more cosmopolitan than neighbouring Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard offers wonderful opportunities for cycling, riding and romantic sunset cruises. It's also home to the West Tisbury Farmers Market, the oldest and largest open-air market in New England.



Edgartown Lighthouse | Martha's Vineyard



Lobster Roll

DAYS 9-10: NANTUCKET ISLAND

Take a short flight to Nantucket Island and check in to the iconic White Elephant. A two-night stay affords time to explore Nantucket Town, a National Historic District encompassing more than 800 historic structures within a single square mile. Beyond its boutiques and fabulous array of restaurants, the wider island offers picturesque beaches, wild open moors, sea captains' mansions and clear waters for swimming.

DAYS 11-13: NEWPORT

Ferry back from Nantucket to Hyannis, collect your hire car and drive to Newport for a three-night stay at The Vanderbilt, a boutique hotel just minutes from the waterfront. Tourists travel from all over to walk Newport's famous Cliff Walk, past the grandiose mansions of 19th-century America's richest families. The most impressive of these is undoubtedly The Breakers, tours of which can be arranged through the hotel.

DAY 14: BOSTON

Enjoy a final breakfast before returning to Boston to drop your car at the airport in time for your flight home.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Newport Mansions

In the 19th century, wealthy families like the Astors and Vanderbilts descended on Newport to escape the summer heat. The mansions they built – modestly dubbed 'summer cottages' – are perfect examples of America's Gilded Age.

Several are open for both public and private tours, including Marble House, The Elms and the undisputed showstopper, The Breakers.



Whale Watching

The seasonal home to humpback, finback and minke whales, the waters off New England are ranked as one of the world's premier whale watching destinations. Charter your own private yacht for a day or join a sightseeing cruise with a naturalist guide out of Boston, Cape Cod and other coastal destinations for an up-close view of the ocean's gentle giants.



Harvard Tour

Have you ever wondered what it's like to walk the hallowed halls of Harvard University; to get a glimpse of college life at one of the most prestigious institutions in the world? This ultimate tour covers the history and architecture of the Ivy League campus and includes the chance to talk with a Harvard professor and enjoy lunch at the famous Faculty Club.



BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Fairmont Copley Plaza

This stately landmark is the grand dame of Boston hotels. While the exterior is commanding, the interior is spectacular, complete with glittering chandeliers, gilded mirrors and columns of Italian marble. Rooms and suites are modern-classic in style with elegant furnishings, curated artworks and marble bathrooms. For the most discerning guests, Fairmont Gold rooms offer dedicated staff plus a private lounge serving complimentary breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres. The OAK Long Bar + Kitchen is one of Boston's best restaurants, and though former guests include Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, the star of the show now is undoubtedly the resident canine ambassador who sleeps in the grand lobby.

CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

Chatham Bars Inn

Set on a vast sandy beach with arresting views of the Atlantic Ocean, Chatham Bars Inn is one of the oldest and best of Cape Cod's luxury hotels. Some of the most atmospheric rooms occupy the photogenic main house, built in 1914, while classic New England-style cottages are spread along a quarter of a mile of private beach. The newer Spa Suites are upstairs from the spa itself and are more contemporary in style, complete with saunas, steam showers and whirlpool baths. The spa itself is superb, set in a Zen garden with private steam showers, an outdoor pool and hot tub. Restaurants range from the more formal Stars with its panoramic views of Chatham Harbor to the Sacred Cod Tavern and the seasonal Beach House Grill that spills out onto the sand.



WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

506 On The River Inn

Owned and run by the same Vermont family since opening in 2014, 506 On The River Inn offers genuine charm and from-the-heart hospitality. The year-round retreat is beautifully located on the banks of the Ottauquechee River, just two miles from the picturesque village of Woodstock and surrounded by six acres of gorgeous Vermont countryside. Many rooms have river views and a private patio or balcony complete with rocking chairs. The five suites are in a separate building and boast full kitchens, living rooms and a covered outdoor terrace. Facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and hot tub, a library and fitness room, a games and entertainment lounge, and a wonderful bar and bistro that's become a popular local dinner spot.



MEREDITH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Church Landing at Mill Falls

Located along the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee in the quaint town of Meredith, Church Landing is the most luxurious of the four properties that comprise the Mill Falls at The Lake resort. Guestrooms at the Adirondack-style inn were completely renovated in 2020 and feature private lakefront balconies, cosy fireplaces and soft, down bedding. The Lakehouse offers gourmet dining within the hotel itself, though guests can also take advantage of the wider resort restaurants, like the beautifully located café, which overlooks the lake and a 40-foot waterfall. Other highlights include two indoor/outdoor pools, a full-service spa and activities ranging from roasting s'mores round the campfire to hiking in summer and skiing in winter.



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

The Vanderbilt

Everything here is a delicious reminder of Newport's heyday 100 years ago, when the town was the essential summer destination to see and be seen. Gilded Age touches are everywhere, from the wood-panelled walls and the books in the library to the art on the walls and the secret drinks cabinet, operated on an honesty basis. The epic Roof Deck is one of the best-kept secrets in Newport, serving oysters and champagne as you watch the sun set over the harbour. For dining after, choose from either award-winning gastro-pub fare at The Dining Room or classic dishes like Rhode Island clam chowder at The Conservatory. There's also rooftop yoga, indoor and outdoor pools and a blissful spa offering an innovative range of treatments and therapies.

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

White Barn Inn

Not for nothing has White Barn Inn been blessed with just about every hospitality and dining award possible. This charming estate on the Kennebunk River has been a draw for couples seeking enchantment and celebrities seeking discretion for over 150 years. Guests can choose between a stand-alone cottage with views of the river and a room or suite in the historic main house, many with welcome touches like double-sided fireplaces, vases of fresh flowers and spa-like bathrooms with jet-tubs for two. The tempting outdoor pool is surrounded by greenery and the spa is one of the best in the region, but even these are trumped by the headline-grabbing restaurant, where indulgent four-course set menus are triumphant celebrations of the finest Maine produce.



“Think of Miami and you’ll probably picture South Beach – a cacophonous swirl of neon lights, Art Deco architecture, top-end boutiques and buzzing bars and restaurants.”



FLORIDA



From world-famous theme parks to sun-drenched beaches, Florida is the Sunshine State. Experience magic at Walt Disney World Resort, relax on the Gulf Coast's beaches, explore Miami's vibrant nightlife or take a road trip through the stunning Florida Keys.

Nowhere does theme parks like Orlando. Walt Disney World Resort boasts Magic Kingdom Park, EPCOT, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom, plus two water parks. Universal Orlando Resort is home to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Marvel Super Hero Island, Jurassic Park, Epic Universe, Volcano Bay water park and more. There's also LEGOLAND Florida Resort, featuring over 50 rides and the world's first Peppa Pig theme park.

Beyond the parks, Florida is all about sun and sea. With two coastlines and around 1,200 miles of beaches, it's a paradise for beach lovers. We especially love the quiet, white-sand beaches of the Gulf Coast – places like St. Pete Beach near Tampa, Sarasota and Naples. Things are livelier on the east coast, where Miami's South Beach dazzles with Art Deco charm, a turquoise Atlantic shoreline and a vibrant Latin-infused dining scene. Starting virtually in Miami's backyard are the Florida Everglades, America's greatest wetland, while unfurling to the southwest are the Florida Keys, a tropical island chain linked by an ocean-skimming highway. From diving in Key Largo to fishing in Islamorada and the fiery sunsets in Key West, this is island life at its absolute best.

Miami Beach

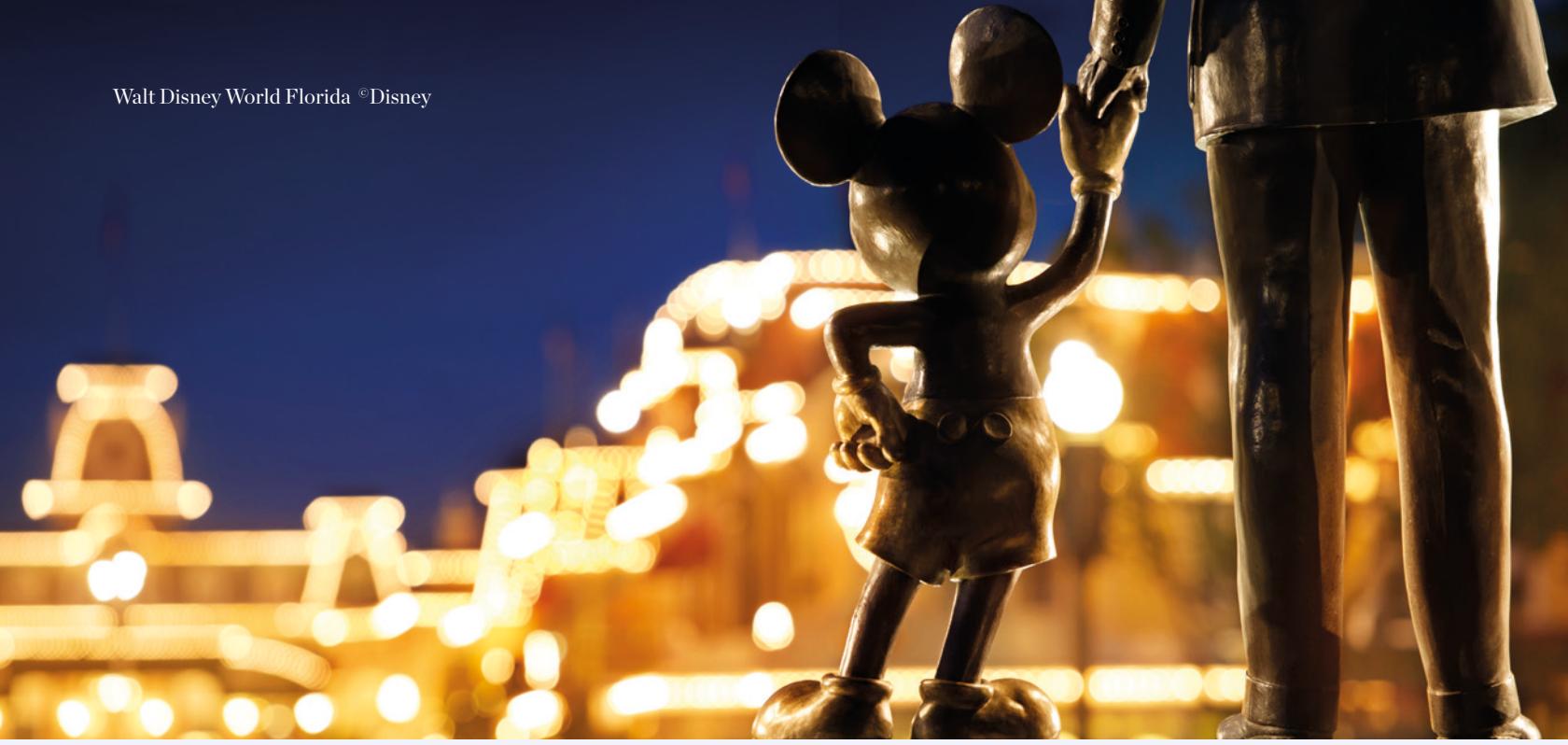


WHEN TO VISIT

With warm temperatures and sunshine throughout the year, Florida is a wonderful year-round destination. Winters are mild and sunny while summers are warm and humid with short heavy showers.

IDEAL FOR

Beaches, Theme Parks, Golf, Shopping, Nightlife, Fishing, Snorkelling and Diving



15-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Magic of Florida

DURATION

14 nights / 15 days

SUMMARY

7 nights Orlando

4 nights Naples

3 nights St. Pete Beach



Proving that there's more to Florida than just the House of Mouse, this 15-day self-drive takes you from the theme parks of Orlando to cultured, sophisticated and stylish Naples before ending amid the white-sand beaches and endlessly sunny days of the glorious Gulf Coast.

DAYS 1-7: ORLANDO

Arrive at Orlando Airport, collect your hire car and make your way to The Grove Resort & Water Park Orlando for a seven-night stay. The next week has been left free for the child in you to enjoy the many theme parks and attractions that Orlando has to offer. A stone's throw from the hotel, Universal Orlando Resort boasts three theme parks; Universal Epic Universe, Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure, as well as a water park plus the shops and restaurants of Universal CityWalk. Disney choices range from Disney's Magic Kingdom Park – with Cinderella Castle at its heart – to Disney's Animal Kingdom Park and the two family friendly waterparks, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon and Disney's Blizzard Beach. Other options include LEGOLAND Florida and, slightly further afield, the Kennedy Space Center. Just be sure to ask your travel agent about booking multi-day passes in advance as this can often save you time and money.

In the evenings – or if you want a day off from park-based amusement – you'll find plenty elsewhere to entertain you in Orlando, including trendy craft breweries, eclectic shops and cutting-edge restaurants. The Milk District and Mills 50 are two especially up-and-coming neighbourhoods that really come alive after dark.

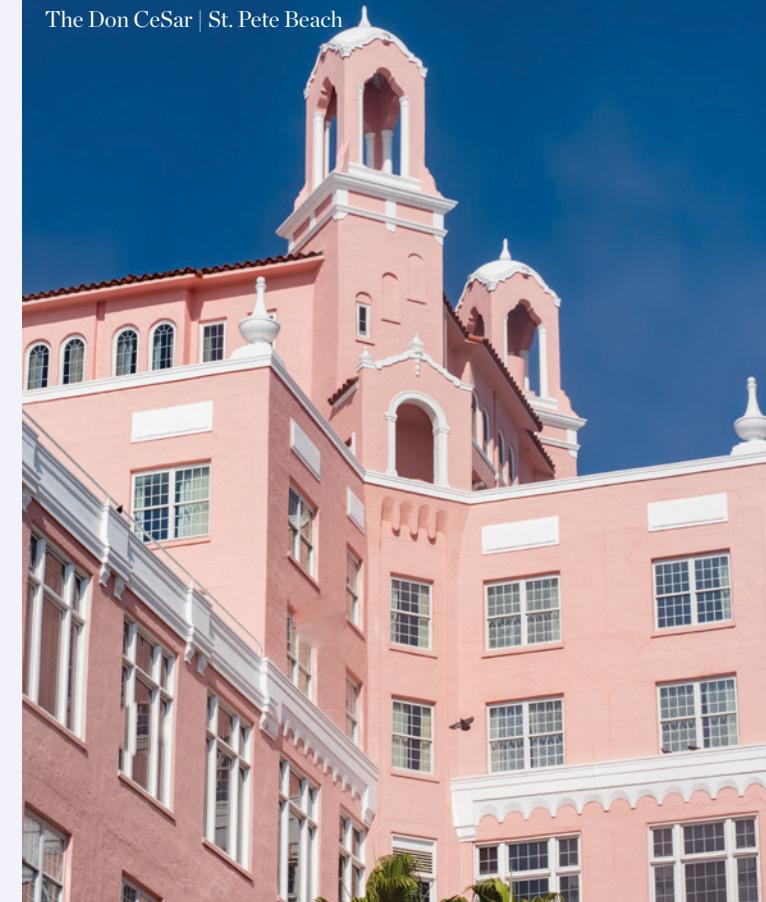


DAYS 8-11: NAPLES

Drive south to Naples and check in for four nights at Naples Bay Resort. Located close to downtown, the resort offers almost every amenity under the sun, including a tennis club, fitness centre, full-service spa and a number of great restaurants. It's also the only hotel in Naples with a marina offering direct access to the Gulf of Mexico, making it perfect for boat trips and watersports enthusiasts. Naples itself is a stylish, upmarket town known for its white-sand beaches, championship golf courses, good selection of restaurants and high-quality boutiques. It also makes a great base from which to explore the Everglades.



The Don CeSar | St. Pete Beach



DAYS 12-14: ST. PETE BEACH

Take a leisurely drive up the Gulf Coast to St. Pete Beach and The Don CeSar hotel, affectionately known as the 'Pink Palace', where you'll stay for the next three nights. Home to glorious white-sand beaches, including the longest undeveloped stretch of public beach in the county, clear gulf waters and 361 days of sunshine a year, St. Pete Beach is a coastal delight. Get out on the water by glass-bottom kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Visit the nearby Salvador Dali Museum, the 26-acre St. Pete Pier or the award-winning Fort De Soto Park. Head to the Corey Avenue shopping district to browse speciality shops and unique boutiques. Or plan a day out in Tampa at another of Florida's most beloved theme parks, Busch Gardens, famous for its heart-racing rollercoasters.

DAY 15: TAMPA

Say a final goodbye to the deep blues of the Gulf of Mexico before returning your hire car to the airport in Tampa in time to catch your flight home.

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Kennedy Space Center

The Kennedy Space Center brings the epic story of the US space programme to life. Not only can you stand nose to nose with the Space Shuttle Atlantis, meet the latest Mars Rover and relive the final moments leading up to the moon landing, we can even arrange for you to chat with a real astronaut and hear exactly what it's like to live and work in space.



Everglades Tour

Join an experienced airboat captain for a private tour through the Florida Everglades, the only subtropical preserve in North America. Enjoy speeding through the sawgrass as you look out for alligators, turtles, snakes, birds and even manatees. Night-time tours are also available, when the guides use torches to find the telltale glow of alligators' eyes.



Diving & Snorkelling

Take a short boat ride from Key Largo to explore the shallow reefs of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary with a master diver or certified snorkel guide. The reefs off Key Largo have been protected by the state for over four decades and are home to a multitude of sea life, several historic shipwrecks and the iconic bronze statue, Christ of the Abyss.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World® Resort

Located within the grounds of Walt Disney World Resort, the Four Seasons is one of Orlando's most enticing hotels, with a fabulous choice of contemporary rooms and suites whose furnished balconies offer scenic views of the surrounding parkland. Rooms above the fifth floor even offer views of the nightly Disney fireworks. Facilities include tennis courts, two elegant infinity pools, a lazy river, a five-acre water park, a sumptuous spa plus a private golf course. A choice of six restaurants ensures variety at mealtimes, with options ranging from the rooftop restaurant Capa to the Italian Ravello, which offers twice-weekly breakfasts with some of Disney's favourite characters.



ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Waldorf Astoria Orlando

Set on 482 emerald-green acres and surrounded on three sides by Walt Disney World Resort, the Waldorf Astoria Orlando offers a wealth of luxurious amenities, including three pools, a lazy river, a superb spa, kids' club, fitness centre and a championship Rees Jones-designed golf course. Rooms and suites are contemporary in design and boast spacious bathrooms with Italian marble bathtubs and glass-fronted showers. The six dining venues live up to the standards set by the original Waldorf Astoria in New York, as indeed does the highly attentive service. The resort offers complimentary daily transport to the Disney theme parks, while the Universal parks are just a 15-minute car ride away.



ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Walt Disney World Swan Reserve

This smart and contemporary hotel is ideally located at the heart of Walt Disney World Resort, within easy walking distance of both EPCOT and Disney's Hollywood Studios. The other two parks, Magic Kingdom and Disney's Animal Kingdom, are just 15 minutes away, as is Disney Springs, the outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment complex. What's more, guests at Swan Reserve enjoy early access to all Disney theme parks every day of their stay, and on select days can stay an extra two hours in the parks after closing time. Combine this with the hotel's one- and two-bedroom Signature Suites (ideal for families) plus an impressive array of restaurants and facilities and you've an ideal base for anyone wanting the full Disney World experience.



ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA

The Don CeSar

Affectionately known as the 'Pink Palace', this iconic hotel has been welcoming guests to the sugar-white beaches of Florida's Gulf Coast for nearly a century. The imposing exterior might be full Roaring Twenties but the rooms have a cool, coastal theme, with whimsical murals of tropical birds behind soft whitewashed headboards; suites boast extra space and stunning sea views. The sophisticated Maritana, named one of the top ten seafood restaurants in the US, is one of six excellent food and drink spots spread throughout the resort, including a beachfront cafe and an ice-cream parlour. Facilities include a private beach, two outdoor heated pools, a full-service spa and activities for kids, teens and adults alike.



SARASOTA, FLORIDA

The Resort at Longboat Key Club

With panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico, The Resort at Longboat Key Club offers elegantly appointed one- and two-bedroom suites, junior suites and standard rooms, all with private balconies and views of either the beach, nearby lagoon or golf course, of which there are two – The Harbourside, which borders Sarasota Bay, and the Links on Longboat, which runs along the Gulf of Mexico. Spike 'N Tees is a great spot for a celebratory drink after a day on the greens and is one of five great restaurants at the resort. Away from the fairways, the water is the main draw here, which explains the resort's 291-slip marina, ocean-facing pool and fully serviced beachfront, where activities range from yoga and tai chi to kayaking and paddleboarding.



NAPLES, FLORIDA

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

There's no shortage of luxury at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, which sits on a three-mile stretch of beachfront overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Only here it's served with a relaxed formality and a hugely impressive range of facilities for children, including a lovely family pool and an educational, interactive nature-based programme that includes beach combing, aquarium visits and microscope time in a kid-sized laboratory. For older kids and adults there's everything from jet skis and paddleboards to top tennis facilities, as well as a huge spa, a 24-hour fitness centre and an entertainment lounge with the latest virtual reality games. Almost all rooms have balconies and dining options range from delicious grilled steaks to seafood with sea views.



PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Breakers

Situated on the exclusive island of Palm Beach, The Breakers occupies 140 acres of sun-drenched oceanfront and has been the leading hotel in the area for well over a century. Built by railroad visionary Henry Morrison Flagler, its range of facilities is truly something to behold. Two championship golf courses, a racquet sports complex, a 20,000-square-foot spa and a Mediterranean-style beach club are just for starters. You'll also find four oceanfront pools, a sea-view fitness centre, a high-end shopping arcade and no fewer than eight restaurants, including the amazing HMF. Rooms are a blend of soft pastels and dark woods, with the exceptional Flagler Club adding tempting extras like breakfast, snacks and pre-dinner cocktails on a private roof terrace.

SOUTH BEACH, FLORIDA

The Setai, Miami Beach

Right by the water in the historic Art Deco district of South Beach, The Setai, Miami Beach offers sweeping ocean views and a host of luxury amenities. Drawing inspiration from Asia, suites are split between the hotel's landmark 1930s Art Deco building and its modern 40-storey tower. Those in the former offer city and courtyard views while tower suites range from one to four bedrooms, offer world-class ocean views and enjoy exclusive benefits like complimentary breakfasts and round-trip airport transfers. Dining options include the excellent pan-Asian restaurant Jaya as well as the beachfront Ocean Grill. Three pools, an award-winning spa, a gallery of shops and a wide selection of land and watersports round out the facilities.



SOUTH BEACH, FLORIDA

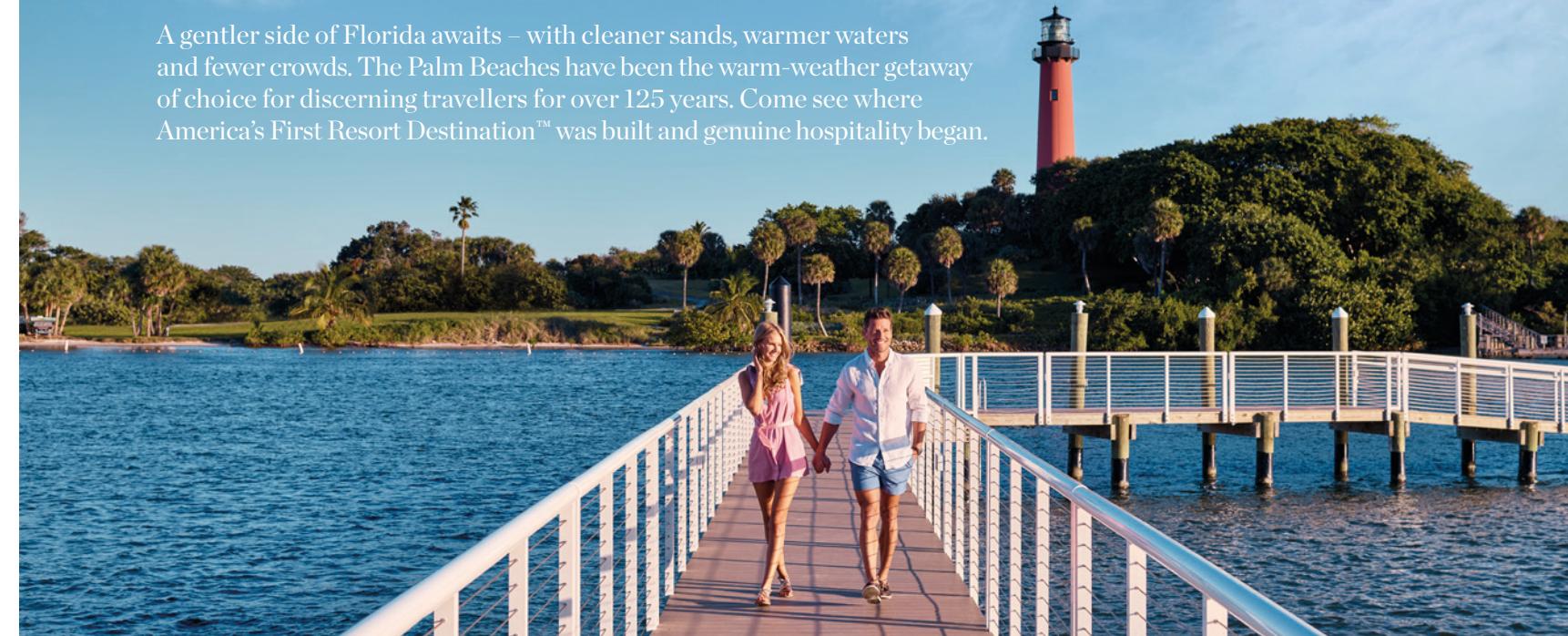
The Betsy - South Beach

Anchoring one end of iconic Ocean Drive, The Betsy is in the heart of the bustling Art Deco district and offers a refreshing, more intimate alternative to Miami's towering resort hotels. Its 130 rooms and suites combine elegant design with the simple beauty of a tropical hideout, with marble bathrooms, walnut floors and artwork from the owner's own collection. Restaurants range from the appropriately named LT Steak & Seafood to a casual trattoria serving pizzas, pasta, charcuterie and salads. Facilities, meanwhile, include an intimate courtyard pool, a spa and fitness centre, a skyline deck that's perfect for sunrise yoga, regular literary events and jazz evenings, plus a rooftop pool with 360-degree views of Miami and the ocean.

THE PALM BEACHES, FLORIDA

The Original. The One. The Only

A gentler side of Florida awaits – with cleaner sands, warmer waters and fewer crowds. The Palm Beaches have been the warm-weather getaway of choice for discerning travellers for over 125 years. Come see where America's First Resort Destination™ was built and genuine hospitality began.



BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

With 47 miles of gorgeous coastline, The Palm Beaches are home to some of the finest stretches of sand in southern Florida. Searching for seclusion? Relax on the remote beaches of Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter, or at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach. Need entertaining? Stroll the promenade at Singer Island Municipal Park. Want fun for all the family? Find child-friendly swimming at Red Reef Park in Boca Raton, or follow the Underwater Snorkel Trail at Riviera Beach.

FUN IN THE SUN

Outdoor activities abound in The Palm Beaches. Get your thrills on the coast with a speedboat tour or flyboarding experience. Slow things down with a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard. Or swim alongside sea turtles and dive historic shipwrecks. On land you'll find hiking, biking and riding trails, the world's largest croquet facility and over 160 golf courses, including The Champion, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course that features the Bear Trap, one of the most challenging three-hole stretches in golf.

WORLD-CLASS SHOPPING

Better leave room in your suitcase to enjoy shopping in The Palm Beaches. Worth Avenue rivals the best shopping districts in the world, with everything from Chanel and Gucci outlets to fine jewellery and home furnishings. Beyond Palm Beach, fashionistas flock to the Town Center at Boca Raton. Pineapple Grove in Delray Beach boasts eclectic finds from local artisans. Treasures are unearthed along Antique Row. And savings can be found on over 100 brands at the Palm Beach Outlets.

FOOD & DRINK

Some of the best restaurants in south Florida are located in The Palm Beaches. Take Guanabanas in Jupiter, for example, famous for its fresh seafood, live music and waterfront setting, or the always-packed Avocado Grill in West Palm Beach, known for its ultra-fresh raw bar and delicious small plates. For dessert, try chocolate tasting on a free tour of the Hoffman's Chocolates factory. Then wash it all down at one of The Palm Beaches' 20 excellent craft breweries.

GETTING THERE AND AWAY

It couldn't be easier to reach The Palm Beaches thanks to regular flights into Palm Beach International Airport via hubs including Atlanta, New York and Washington D.C. Alternatively, fly direct to Orlando year-round from London or Manchester, or seasonally from Edinburgh, or fly direct to Miami from London and transfer by private car or Brightline train.

"The Palm Beaches have something for everyone. A must is a visit to HMF, The Breakers hotel's hottest gathering place, for a night of amazing food and cocktails to die for. Or if you're after some pampering, I recommend a treatment at Spa Palmera at another great hotel, The Boca Raton. It will leave you feeling like you're floating on air."

Sarah Gibbons
SENIOR PRODUCT MANAGER

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THE PALM BEACHES
FLORIDA

ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA Cheeca Lodge & Spa

Situated on a narrow peninsula surrounded by shimmering waters and marine life, Cheeca Lodge & Spa has it all: a gorgeous stretch of sandy beach, three heated pools, a nine-hole golf course and the longest pier in the Florida Keys, from which George H.W. Bush used to run fishing tournaments. Guests are still welcome to fish from the pier, where they can also borrow kayaks and paddleboards free of charge or board a sunset cruise or sailing charter. Spacious rooms and suites are spread between the main lodge and bungalows; the pick of the bunch are the oceanfront suites with their private balcony bathtubs. Dining options range from the flagship seafood restaurant Atlantic's Edge to Italian and sushi options and two open-air tiki bars.



DUCK KEY, FLORIDA Hawks Cay Resort

A stunning natural lagoon greets guests on arrival at this tropical resort, situated on the small, secluded island of Duck Key, about midway between Miami and Key West. Rooms and suites feature Caribbean-style décor, furnished patios or balconies and either island or waterfront views. Family rooms come with bunk beds, the penthouse suites boast breathtaking rooftop terraces, while villas come with two to four bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens. There are five swimming pools, including one exclusively for adults, as well as tennis courts, a spa and fitness centre, fishing and snorkelling charters, bikes, kayaks, paddleboards and a popular kids' club. Seafood, as you'd imagine, features strongly across the multiple restaurant options.

KEY WEST, FLORIDA Ocean Key Resort & Spa

Sunset Pier would be reason enough to book a stay at this charming hotel in the heart of Key West's Old Town. It's by far and away the best place to catch the sunset and is a wonderful dinner option before a night on the tiles in nearby Duval Street. There are plenty of reasons to stay put in the hotel, though, including more refined dining at signature restaurant Hot Tin Roof, a boutique spa that draws heavily on influences from Bali and Thailand, plus an oceanfront pool and cocktail bar. Rooms and suites feature private balconies with stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico or historic Duval Street, as well as pastel-hued walls, cheery floral and striped fabrics, colourful rugs and generous bathrooms with luxurious marble tubs.



Find Your Florida Keys

Stretching in a graceful arc from mainland Florida south-west into Florida Bay, the Florida Keys are connected by the legendary 113-mile-long Overseas Highway, thus setting the stage for one of America's greatest road trips.



KEY LARGO

Best for diving and snorkelling

Key Largo is the gateway to the Everglades and a mecca for divers and snorkellers, who come to explore its shipwrecks and the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, America's first underwater park, where the sunken statue Christ of the Abyss stands surrounded by corals and colourful tropical fish.



ISLAMORADA

Best for fishing

Islamorada is considered the sport-fishing capital of the world, with expert fishing guides ready to take you across the backcountry's shallow flats in search of bonefish, snook, tarpon and other game fish, or out into the Atlantic, where the swift-moving Gulf Stream attracts marlin, sailfish and swordfish.



MARATHON

Best for history and conservation

Marathon's Dolphin Research Center and Turtle Hospital are both great examples of the many conservation projects and animal rehabilitation centres found throughout the Keys. Also worth a visit is the museum on Pigeon Key, which tells the story of the original Overseas Railroad from Miami to Key West.



BIG PINE & THE LOWER KEYS

Best for nature

The Lower Keys are known for their wild spaces and tropical beauty. Walk the trails of the National Key Deer Refuge, swim and snorkel in the gin-clear waters at Bahia Honda State Park, or search for dolphins and manatees by kayak or paddleboard in the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge.



KEY WEST

Best for sunsets and nightlife

You know the sunsets are good when there's a nightly celebration devoted to them. Head to Mallory Square two hours before dusk to soak up the festival-like atmosphere. Then paint the town red on mile-long Duval Street, hitting legendary bars like Sloppy Joe's and Captain Tony's Saloon, where Hemingway used to drink.



Driving the Florida Keys

11-DAY SELF-DRIVE ITINERARY

This laidback itinerary follows the Overseas Highway from Art Deco Miami to the sun-and-sand playground of Key West, the southernmost point of the continental United States.

Day 1 Miami Arrive in Miami, collect your hire car and check in to Loews Miami Beach Hotel for one night.

Day 2 Key Largo Drive to Islamorada and check in for three nights at Cheeca Lodge & Spa, perhaps stopping on the way in Key Largo to snorkel or dive in the Keys' protected waters.

Days 3-4 Islamorada Go backcountry fishing for bonefish and tarpon, or deep-sea fishing for grouper and giant tuna. Alternatively, try kayaking or paddleboarding, relax at your hotel, or visit the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center.

Days 5-7 Duck Key Continue down to Duck Key for a three-night stay at Hawks Cay Resort. Enjoy boating, swimming, snorkelling and other watersports. Or head beyond the hotel to the Turtle Hospital or Dolphin Research Center on nearby Marathon.

Day 8 Big Pine & Lower Keys Cross Seven Mile Bridge to Big Pine, perhaps stopping to enjoy the beauty of Bahia Honda State Park or the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary. Continue to Key West and check in for three nights at Ocean Key Resort & Spa.

Days 9-11 Key West Enjoy the nightly spectacle of fire-eaters, sword-swallowers and street performers at Mallory Square. Tour Hemingway's former home and studio. Visit the Little White House, the former vacation home of President Truman. Or strike out by seaplane to Dry Tortugas National Park, seven beautiful small islands adrift in the Gulf of Mexico.

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GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA

Steeped in history and Southern grace, Georgia and South Carolina blend cobblestone streets, grand mansions and inviting beaches. Wander through Savannah and Charleston, relax on Hilton Head Island and enjoy Atlanta's vibrant cultural scene.

History runs deep in Georgia and South Carolina. Legend has it that Civil War general W.T. Sherman spared Savannah, Georgia for its beauty, a claim easily believed when strolling through its rich Historic District, home to the best Regency-style house in America, the Owens-Thomas House. Savannah's squares dazzle in spring as azaleas, dogwoods and magnolias bloom. Even in the August heat, its charm is relentless, with lush greenery draping cast-iron balconies and restaurants serving classic Lowcountry fare such as shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes and roasted oysters.

Across the border, Charleston enchants with cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages and colourful historic homes. With around 70% of its pre-revolutionary buildings intact, it's America's best-preserved colonial city. Nearby, grand antebellum mansions and Fort Sumter's Civil War history add to its appeal. Between these cities, pristine beaches and island escapes beckon. Tybee Island boasts Georgia's tallest lighthouse, Hilton Head Island and Kiawah Island offer luxury resorts, and Folly Beach teems with oceanfront attractions. Inland, Atlanta has a lot to offer too, from the World of Coca-Cola to a string of sites honouring Martin Luther King Jr.



Ocean Course | Kiawah Island

WHEN TO VISIT

Georgia and South Carolina have subtropical climates. With hot and humid summers and short mild winters, spring and autumn are the most comfortable times to visit.

IDEAL FOR

Beaches, Watersports, Fishing, Golf, Culture, Cuisine and History



Forsyth Park | Savannah

12-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Historic Georgia & South Carolina

DURATION

11 nights / 12 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Savannah
2 nights Bluffton
3 nights Hilton Head Island
3 nights Charleston

From avenues of oak trees and antebellum mansions to pristine beaches and subtropical sea islands, this lesser-visited region of eastern USA offers history, charm and spectacular scenery in generous, equal measures.

DAYS 1-3: SAVANNAH

Collect your hire car upon arrival at Savannah Airport and make your way to The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, set on the banks of the Savannah River, where you'll enjoy a three-night stay. Shaded by old oak trees draped in Spanish moss, perfumed by magnolias and filled with historic buildings, public squares and pretty gardens, few American cities are more arresting than Savannah. Many of its attractions are in the highly walkable Historic District, including the Owens-Thomas House, one of the best examples of Regency architecture in America, and the tall brick warehouses of the waterfront, many of which have been tastefully transformed into seafood restaurants and riverfront bars. Guided walking tours come highly recommended, as does a visit to old Fort Jackson, which has stood in Savannah's skyline for nearly two centuries.



DAYS 4-5: BLUFFTON

Head north across the border into South Carolina and enjoy the scenic drive up to Montage Palmetto Bluff, a former hunting lodge on the May River set in 20,000 acres of protected maritime forest. It's the ultimate Lowcountry retreat and your base for the next two nights, allowing ample opportunity to explore its lagoons and secret beaches, to relax with a massage, or to try your hand at anything from kayaking and golfing to clay pigeon shooting.

DAYS 6-8: HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Continue to the coast and check in for three nights at The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa. One of the most popular resort areas on the eastern seaboard, Hilton Head Island is a seaside playground with over 20 championship golf courses, some 200 tennis courts, numerous spas, quaint museums, historic buildings, shops and art galleries. A wide range of bike and nature trails criss-cross its sea marshes, lagoons, forests and sandy beaches, all of which can be explored in the island's warm, subtropical climate.

DAYS 9-12: CHARLESTON

Enjoy the scenic drive up the honeycombed coastline of South Carolina – past peninsulas, channels and subtropical sea islands – to the colonial city of Charleston and check in for three nights at The Charleston Place. Oozing with charm and dripping with history, Charleston's famed Historic District contains one of the nation's largest collections of antebellum architecture, and a fair share of distinctive Victorian buildings as well. Walking tours are a wonderful way to get to know the city. Almost all visit Fort Sumter, where the Civil War started in 1861, and Rainbow Row, a terrace of bright pastel houses dating back to the 1740s. But they also dip down back alleys and explore cobble streets, revealing hidden gardens and courtyards, graveyards, churches and antebellum mansions. Charleston also boasts a lively entertainment scene with a great choice of music venues, bars and excellent restaurants, while just beyond the city are some magnificent plantations that are well worth a visit. Return your hire car at the airport on Day 12 in time to catch your flight home.



Waterfront Park | Charleston



The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

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World-Class Golf

Golfers will find more than 33 world-class golf courses in the Lowcountry area, including championship courses on Hilton Head and Kiawah islands designed by such legendary course architects as Robert Trent Jones Sr., Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus. Expect an array of leisurely and challenging rounds, with enough variety to cater to golfers of all abilities.



Private Sailing Charter

Set sail from Hilton Head Island on a sailing trip like no other, on an authentic America's Cup-winning vessel. Cruise under full sail around the island's picture-perfect coastline, have a turn taking the helm, or simply sit back and enjoy the ride as the experienced crew demonstrate what these classic 12-metre yachts are really capable of.



Fort Sumter Tour

Take a ferry ride across Charleston Harbor – perhaps even spotting dolphins along the way – and see where the first shots of the Civil War were fired on a privately guided tour of Fort Sumter. Learn about the events that led up to the war – the deadliest in America's history – and listen to park rangers recount the stories of its first bloody battle.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Charleston Place

Occupying an enviable location within walking distance of Charleston's famed historic sights and downtown shopping district, this iconic property treats guests to an effortless blend of gentility and modern comfort. Rooms and suites come with antique furnishings, marble bathrooms and cloud-like king beds. The Club Level occupies the top two floors, where guests enjoy added extras like all-day dining in the two-storey lounge complete with marble bar. Elsewhere, culinary offerings embody the best of Southern cooking and include a showcase restaurant, cocktail lounge, pub and Palmetto Café, set in an attractive, garden-like courtyard. A rooftop spa and a sophisticated pool beneath a retractable glass skylight are the icing on the cake.



BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Montage Palmetto Bluff

Set on the May River within 20,000 acres of maritime forest, about midway between Hilton Head Island and Savannah, Georgia, lies Montage Palmetto Bluff. The resort appears at the end of a long cinematic road lined with the Lowcountry's signature live oaks, whose twisted boughs are festooned with Spanish moss. Spacious rooms, suites and cottages blur the lines between indoor and outdoor luxury. Interiors boast pine floors, fireplaces, massive plush beds and palatial bathrooms, while the screened, furnished terraces and balconies afford unparalleled views of the surrounding forest and lagoon. When not relaxing at the spa or dining across a choice of restaurants, options include golfing, riding, biking, kayaking and scenic yacht cruises.



CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Hotel Bennett

The Bennett stands imposingly on the corner of King Street, Charleston's main drag, and Marion Square, site of the lively Saturday farmers' market. Though relatively newly built there's a sense of tradition here, evidenced by the jacketed doormen ushering guests inside past hand-painted murals of 18th-century Charleston. Rooms and suites are more modern, offering luxury bed linens, capacious oval bathtubs and large walk-in showers. Two roof terraces, one quieter and on the third floor, the other more sociable and on the ninth, look out across downtown, the latter featuring a stunning heated pool with luxurious private cabanas. There's also a spa, a salmon-pink champagne lounge, a delicious patisserie and the signature restaurant, Gabrielle.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

Located on a rugged stretch of Atlantic beachfront, this smart yet laidback resort provides the perfect base from which to explore Hilton Head Island. Sun-filled guestrooms and suites feature private balconies with views of the island, resort or in many cases, the ocean. Both farm- and sea-to-table dining are championed at the resort's on-site restaurants, including Lowcountry favourites in The Carolina Room. Three outdoor pools with private cabanas are just steps from the white sandy beach. The revitalising spa offers a wide array of treatments. And some of the best golf and tennis facilities on the island are just a stone's throw away. Bikes are also available to discover the island's many creeks, lagoons and forests.



KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Located along the pristine shores of Kiawah Island, just 21 miles from downtown Charleston, this elegant oceanfront hotel combines luxury living with Southern style and charm. Interiors evoke the grandeur of a coastal mansion, with sweeping staircases, hand-painted murals and treasured antiques. Most rooms and suites come with ocean views and a private balcony, as well as walk-in showers and separate soaking tubs in the bathrooms. Facilities include the plush Sanctuary Spa, a fitness centre with indoor pool, tennis, watersports and an outdoor infinity pool and hot tub. There are numerous award-winning restaurants to choose from, not to mention several beautiful beaches, miles of cycling and walking trails and five championship golf courses.



SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Hotel Bardo Savannah

Buildings in Savannah don't get much more Southern Gothic than this red-brick Victorian mansion turned luxury boutique hotel. Rooms, however, are not in the 19th-century main building but in an additional building next door. As a result, they're very spacious, boasting luxury bed linens, marble bathrooms and in many cases views of either Forsyth Park, Savannah's Historic District or the hotel's pool and courtyard. The restaurant, Saint Bibiana, offers Italian-inspired fine dining, poolside Bar Bibi serves fresh antipasti and other light bites, while cocktails can be savoured in the sophisticated Green Room. There's also a tranquil spa, a gorgeous courtyard pool, an on-site cooking school, a stylish boutique and the Camp Bardo kids' club.

Natalie Bradburn-Lewis

What's your favourite US state and why?

I adore Florida as it truly has something for everyone. Once you've tired yourself out in the theme parks of Orlando, Florida's beaches offer year-round relaxation. I especially love the quiet, white-sand beaches of the Gulf Coast – places like St. Pete Beach near Tampa, Sarasota and Naples.

Do you have a favourite American hotel?

There's a special place in my heart for the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on the Big Island in Hawai'i. I saw probably the best sunset of my life there while sipping cocktails just steps from the ocean.

Where should I go to get off the tourist trail?

That's easy – Kaua'i in Hawai'i. Home to just 5% of Hawai'i's population, it looks exactly how you imagine a tropical island to be, probably because it's been the backdrop to films like Jurassic Park, Kong: Skull Island and Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. Pack a picnic, have a boat drop you off on a deserted beach and play Robinson Crusoe for a day. Bliss!

Where is best for a beach holiday?

For somewhere a bit different, the South Carolina coastline is a beach-lover's dream, with fabulous spots like Folly Beach and Kiawah all easily accessible from Charleston, not to mention Hilton Head Island, with its 12 miles of gorgeous, rugged beaches.

What's the best way to sample American culture?

Philadelphia is packed full of art, culture and American history. The Declaration of Independence was signed here in 1776 in what's now Independence Hall, across the street from another of America's most famous symbols, Liberty Bell. Festivals and jazz concerts are held regularly at Penn's Landing, and spread around the city are over 3,000 murals, in effect turning Philly into the world's largest outdoor art gallery. Plus, of course, you've got duty-free shopping, the legendary Rocky steps, and the famous Philly cheesesteaks – surely the best steak-and-cheese rolls on the planet?



Four Seasons Resort Hualalai | Hawai'i



Tunnels Beach | Kaua'i, Hawai'i



Key West | Florida



Hilton Head Island | South Carolina



Independence Hall | Philadelphia

THE DEEP SOUTH



From the jazz-filled streets of New Orleans to Elvis's Graceland and the story of civil rights, a journey through America's Deep South blends rich history, iconic sounds and soulful charm with a depth of culture that's often as moving as it is memorable.

New Orleans is a city like no other – a heady blend of French, Spanish, Creole and Southern styles. Mardi Gras, of course, boasts parades and pageantry but visit any time and you'll be struck by the narrow, cobbled streets of the lively French Quarter, the sounds of jazz being played on street corners and the paddle steamers plying the Mississippi River. Beyond the 'Big Easy', Louisiana's role in civil rights history is clear to see, especially when following the Civil Rights Trail through the likes of Baton Rouge.

In Mississippi, elegant Natchez is famed for its antebellum homes, while music lovers can follow in Elvis's footsteps from his birthplace in Tupelo to his Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tennessee, a city also famed for the iconic Sun Studio and neon-lit Beale Street. For a different kind of tune, continue to Nashville, home of country music and the Grand Ole Opry. Or make for Alabama to visit civil rights landmarks in Montgomery and Birmingham, the FAME recording studio and Huntsville's U.S. Space & Rocket Center.



WHEN TO VISIT

The Deep South generally has sunny weather throughout the year with the highest rainfall and hottest temperatures occurring during summer months. Spring and autumn seasons are pleasantly warm during the day and cooler at night.

IDEAL FOR

Music, History, Nightlife, Culture, Cuisine and River Cruises



Cumberland River | Nashville

13-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Rhythm of the Deep South

DURATION

12 nights / 13 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Nashville
1 night Tupelo
3 nights Memphis
2 nights Natchez
3 nights New Orleans



Explore the musical and historical landscapes of America's Deep South on this 13-day self-drive itinerary. From the country music capital of Nashville through Elvis's birthplace, Tupelo, and the blues towns of Memphis and Natchez to the Big Easy itself, vibrant New Orleans, the stops on this tour can't help but sing the story of America.

DAYS 1-3: NASHVILLE

After arriving in Nashville, collect your hire car at the airport and drive to the Thompson Nashville hotel for a three-night stay. Located in the trendy Gulch neighbourhood, this boutique hotel offers easy access to restaurants, bars and famous Station Inn, Nashville's foremost home of bluegrass since 1974. Spend the next two days exploring all that Music City has to offer. Enjoy Lower Broadway, where honky tonks play live music seven days a week. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Or visit the Johnny Cash Museum and Country Music Hall of Fame.

DAY 4: TUPELO

Drive from Nashville to Tupelo and check in for a night at Hotel Tupelo. Tupelo has become something of a pilgrimage site for those who kneel before the King, as it was here, in a humble two-room structure, that Elvis Presley was born in 1935. The house, now a museum, is well worth a visit, with plenty of photographs, family heirlooms and Elvis-worn apparel.



Beale Street | Memphis

DAYS 5-7: MEMPHIS

Next stop is Memphis, the birthplace of rock 'n' roll and the home of the blues. Check in for three nights at The Peabody Memphis, then set out to explore the city. We challenge you not to dance your way around the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, which tells the story of the musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic obstacles to create music that changed the world forever. Be sure also to visit Graceland, the King's beloved mansion, the world-famous Sun Studio and lively Beale Street, the heart of the city's historic district and home to many of its best live music venues.



Grand Ole Opry | Nashville

DAYS 8-9: NATCHEZ

From Memphis, drop back into Mississippi and make your way to Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. Your base for the next two nights will be Monmouth Historic Inn & Gardens, an antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens. From here we recommend visiting some of the plantation homes around Natchez, which grew more and more extravagant in the 18th and 19th centuries as wealthy planters aimed to outdo each other.

DAYS 10-13: NEW ORLEANS

End your dive into the Deep South in the city of New Orleans with a three-night stay at Hotel Monteleone in the heart of the historic French Quarter. Take a riverboat ride on a traditional paddle steamer, soak up the nightlife of bustling Bourbon Street, dine on Cajun and Creole cuisine in any number of great restaurants, or simply follow your ears to one of the city's many juke joints playing New Orleans jazz at all hours of the day. Return your hire car at the airport on Day 13 in time to catch your flight home.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Graceland VIP Experience

Enjoy a VIP tour of Graceland, Elvis's Memphis mansion. See the house how it was in 1977, the year Elvis died. Step aboard the King's private planes to see how he travelled in luxury. Walk among his collection of classic cars. And look back at his career through an amazing collection of gold and platinum albums, flashy stagewear and film memorabilia.



New Orleans Music Tour

Jazz as we know it was born in New Orleans in the late-19th century and is the soundtrack to any visit to the city. This noteworthy tour, guided by a local music expert, is a toe-tapping trip through the Big Easy's most musical neighbourhoods, stopping along the way at popular bars and clubs, or to listen on street corners to brass bands and buskers.



Plantation Tour

The plantations of the Deep South offer a poignant insight into the lives of the wealthy estate owners, their families and the enslaved forced to work there during the 18th and 19th centuries. This well-balanced tour out of New Orleans visits two of the most important plantations in the region, Oak Alley Plantation and Houmas House Plantation and Gardens.



NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Hotel Monteleone

An icon on the New Orleans hotel scene, the Monteleone first opened its doors in 1886 and has been treating guests to timeless luxury ever since. Situated in the heart of the French Quarter, this historic family-owned property commands a prime location on Royal Street, just a block away from Bourbon Street and a short walk from Jackson Square and the French Market. The decadent lobby sets the tone for your stay here and leads to a selection of elegantly appointed rooms, plus suites embellished with period furniture. Take in the views from the rooftop pool, unwind in Spa Aria, dine to live jazz at restaurant Criollo, or sip cocktails at Carousel, the hotel's famous revolving bar.

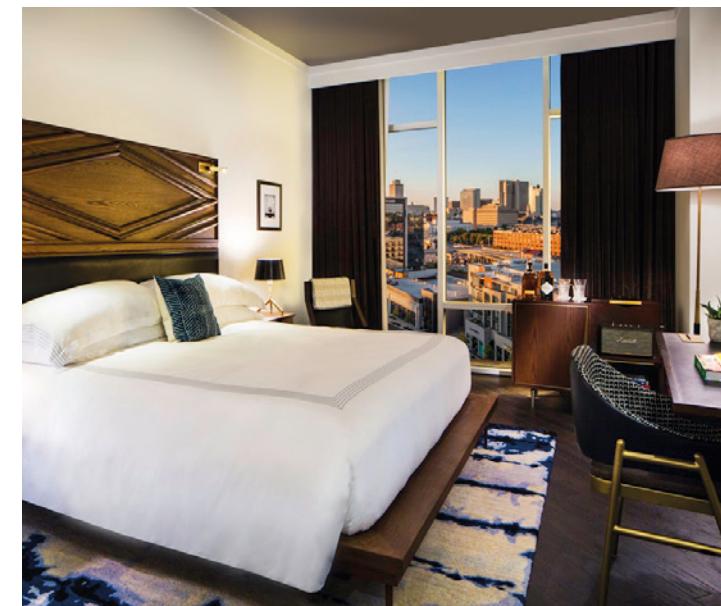
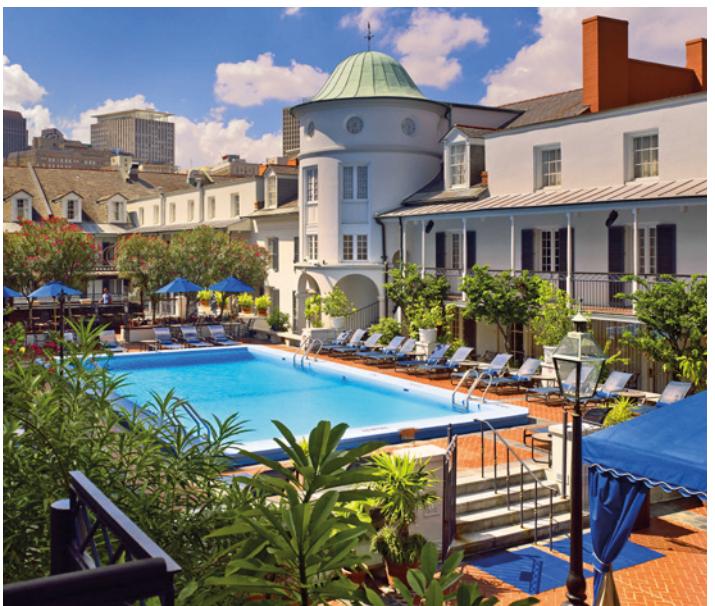
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
The Peabody Memphis

Located in the heart of downtown Memphis, just a five-minute walk from Beale Street, The Peabody is a Memphis institution and has been welcoming guests since 1869. Everyone who's anyone has stayed here, from A-list celebrities to British royalty. Beyond the impressive lobby with its central marble fountain, you'll find rooms and suites decorated with rich textures and specially commissioned wall art, both formal French and casual Italian dining options, a heated indoor pool and the wonderful Feathers Spa, which offers an impressive range of rejuvenating treatments. Especially alluring is the hotel's rooftop, which as well as boasting stunning skyline views, hosts unmissable rooftop parties on Thursday nights throughout the summer.



NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Royal Sonesta New Orleans

With its Art Deco styling, striking abstract art and grand floral arrangements, this much-loved hotel brings a touch of class to the carnival of Bourbon Street. Rooms and suites are light and spacious, with options to look onto the secluded pool or tropical courtyard, or to gaze down at Bourbon Street from your wrought-iron balcony. Restaurant R'evolution is one of the city's most innovative fine-dining establishments. A more casual affair but well worth ducking into is the Desire Oyster Bar serving seafood and Creole classics, while the drinks and live music of Le Booze and The Jazz Playhouse provide nightly entertainment. A heated outdoor pool, poolside bar, coffee shop and 24-hour fitness centre round out the facilities.



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Thompson Nashville

With 12 floors and 224 rooms, the size of Thompson Nashville may stretch the definition of 'boutique', but it certainly fits the bill in terms of artistry and attention to detail, from the local artwork in the lobby to the dark wood floors, colourful woven rugs, claw-foot bathtubs and rooftop bar serving craft cocktails and Southern-brewed beers. In the rooms, floor-to-ceiling windows look down on The Gulch, one of Nashville's most desirable neighbourhoods, filled with bars, shops and restaurants. Not that you need to stray from the hotel to get a good meal, or even a good coffee. Killebrew Coffee is a hipster-style coffee shop just off the lobby, while the Marsh House restaurant has built its reputation on sustainable Southern seafood.



NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
Monmouth Historic Inn & Gardens

Step back in time with a stay at this imposing early-19th-century antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens. The charming property is home to 30 rooms and suites, split between the main house and seven outbuildings, repurposed as cottages and guest homes. Suites are a vision of old Southern grandeur with canopied wooden beds, original artworks, exquisite antiques and other period furnishings. Guests gather in the evenings for pre-dinner drinks in the Quitman Lounge & Study before heading to the award-winning Restaurant 1818 to enjoy seasonal Southern fare in what were once the old parlour rooms. A great alternative, however, especially in summer, is to opt for a romantic picnic in the beautiful hotel grounds.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Four Seasons Hotel Nashville

Opened in late 2022, Four Seasons Hotel Nashville is one of the most exciting new hotels to reach the South in recent years. The 235 rooms, including 42 suites, are all elevated on the 7th to 14th floors to offer far-reaching views of the city or Cumberland River and feature clean-lined designs with hints of local black walnut, leather and burnished metal. The all-day dining restaurant focuses on seafood with a Southern influence, while the spa seduces with six sunlit treatment rooms, including a couple's suite. Most impressive of all, however, is the expansive rooftop terrace, complete with private cabanas, buzzing bar and grill, year-round heated hot tub and dazzling infinity-edged pool.





ARIZONA & LAS VEGAS

Arizona is famously an outdoor state, home to showstopping landmarks like the Grand Canyon as well as scintillating cities such as Scottsdale and Sedona. It's also easy to combine with the lights of Las Vegas – a must-see city if ever there was one.

Few things on earth are as staggering to behold as the Grand Canyon. The mile-deep chasm is 277 miles long and up to 18 miles wide. Its striated walls change colour by the hour and its numerous hiking trails are virtually peerless when it comes to dramatic views. But Arizona's wonders don't end there. The towering Saguaro cacti of the Sonoran Desert can reach 50 feet high. Camelback Mountain rewards climbers with sweeping views over Scottsdale. While on the border with Utah, the magnificent stone monoliths of Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park have formed the backdrop to Westerns since the 1930s.

City lovers will find much to admire too. Scottsdale is a hub for adventure, shopping and culture, with a vibrant Old Town filled with bars, restaurants and Native American art, as well as dozens of desert golf courses bathed in sunshine nearly every day of the year. To the north, Sedona lures travellers with its remarkable rock formations and exceptional spas. While across the border in neighbouring Nevada, Las Vegas dazzles with its theatrically themed hotels, timeless casinos, fabulous floor shows and celebrity-chef restaurants.



Steam Boat Rock | Sedona

WHEN TO VISIT

The deserts of Arizona and Nevada can lead to some very high temperatures during the summer months, so the best times to visit are spring and autumn. March and April and October and November are ideal times to visit Las Vegas, Scottsdale and other parts of these states, with warm days, mild nights and very little rainfall year-round.

IDEAL FOR

Nightlife, Casinos, Golf, Cuisine, Culture, Shopping, Adventure, Hiking and Natural Beauty



Grand Canyon | Arizona

13-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Bright Lights & Desert Sights

With over 300 days of sunshine a year and a staggering mix of breathtaking scenery, Arizona is primed for outdoor adventures. This 13-day self-drive itinerary combines the best of the state with a three-night stay in glamorous Las Vegas in neighbouring Nevada. Stare in awe at the Grand Canyon, marvel at the giant Saguaro cacti of the Sonoran Desert, and feed your taste for adventure with boundless opportunities for rafting, riding, hiking, biking, hot-air ballooning and private jeep safaris.

DAYS 1-3: LAS VEGAS

Upon arrival in Las Vegas, a private transfer will take you to The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, one of the most luxurious hotels on the city's famous Strip. Rising from the desert like a neon oasis, Las Vegas is home to the world's largest casinos, most flamboyant floor shows, and such eclectic attractions as the High Roller observation wheel and a permanent exhibition of Lady Gaga's wardrobe. Take it all in during a three-night stay.

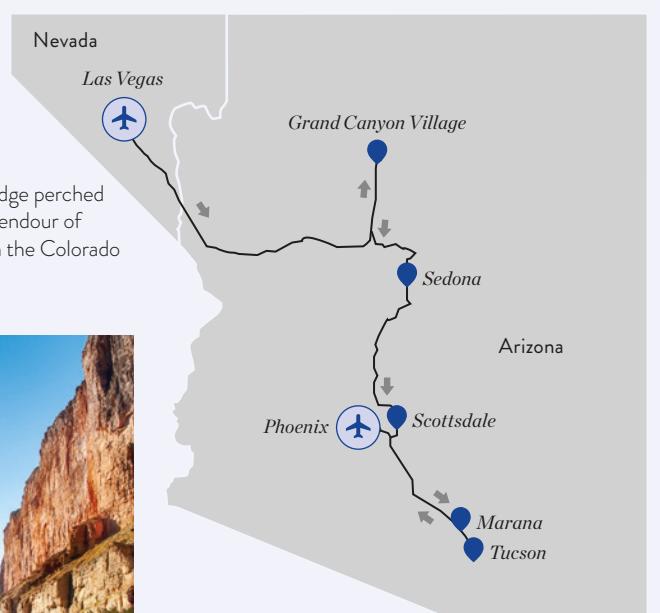
DAYS 4-5: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Collect your hire car from the airport and make the scenic drive to El Tovar Hotel, an historic lodge perched dramatically on the south rim of the Grand Canyon. There are numerous ways to take in the splendour of perhaps nature's greatest wonder. Hike to the bottom of the canyon floor, book a rafting trip on the Colorado River, or soar above it all on a helicopter tour.

Sphere | Las Vegas



Colorado River | Grand Canyon



DURATION

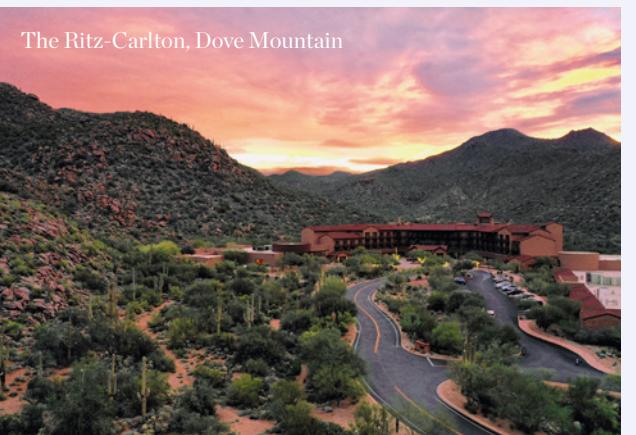
12 nights / 13 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Las Vegas
2 nights Grand Canyon National Park
2 nights Sedona
2 nights Scottsdale
3 nights Marana



Cathedral Rock | Sedona



The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain



The Phoenician | Scottsdale

DAYS 6-7: SEDONA

Drive to Sedona and check into the Enchantment Resort for a two-night stay. Famous for its huge sandstone rock formations, which blaze red and orange in the fiery desert sun, Sedona is a mecca for outdoor activities, with everything on offer from horseback tours and private jeep safaris to mountain biking, hiking and three championship golf courses. For souvenirs, we recommend a visit to Tlaquepaque Arts & Shopping Village, styled after a traditional Mexican village.

DAYS 8-9: SCOTTSDALE

Continue south to Scottsdale for two nights at The Phoenician, a sensational hotel with its own 18-hole golf course, all set against the backdrop of Camelback Mountain. With such favourable weather, hot-air balloon rides are especially popular here, with guests treated when they land to a champagne breakfast in the Sonoran Desert. Scottsdale itself offers theatres, museums, art galleries and Arizona's largest shopping centre, Scottsdale Fashion Square.

DAYS 10-12: MARANA

A three-night stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain near the high desert city of Tucson affords time to explore one of Arizona's greatest natural attractions, Saguaro National Park, home to an iconic emblem of south-west America, the giant Saguaro cacti, which can grow up to 50 feet tall. Other highlights in the area include daily re-enactments at the site of the Gunfight at the OK Corral, the San Xavier del Bac Mission, a well-known pilgrimage site founded in 1692, and visits to the Pima Air & Space Museum, one of the largest museums of its kind in the world.

DAY 13: PHOENIX

Enjoy a final spot of shopping or sightseeing in Tucson before returning your hire car at the airport in Phoenix in time for your flight home.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Bubbles & Balloons

There's no better way to experience Arizona's stunning desert scenery than aboard an exhilarating hot-air balloon flight, capped off upon landing with a celebratory champagne breakfast in the wild. Soaring thousands of feet in the air, the unobstructed desert views are quite simply breathtaking, and the calm and serenity of ballooning is unparalleled.



Maverick Helicopter Tours

An absolute must in Arizona and Nevada is a helicopter tour with Maverick Helicopters, the limousines of the skies. Popular options include flights above the neon lights of the Las Vegas Strip, and out over the Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Mojave Desert to the Grand Canyon, where you'll land for champagne on a private bluff above the Colorado River.



Las Vegas Foodie Tours

Indulge the senses with a range of Las Vegas foodie tours. Get the red-carpet treatment as you're whisked to VIP tables at the hottest restaurants in town to enjoy signature dishes from some of the city's top chefs. Leave the casinos behind to explore the farm-to-table fare of the booming downtown area. Or enjoy a boozy brunch at some of the city's best brunch spots.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

White Stallion Ranch

Hidden away between Phoenix and Tucson on 3,000 acres of Sonoran Desert scenery, White Stallion Ranch is a working dude ranch that's been owned by the True family for over 55 years. With more than 150 horses and 100 head of cattle, it blends memorable opportunities to experience genuine cowboy culture with the services and amenities of a well-run hotel. The 43 rooms are dotted throughout the grounds and feature private patios with views of the cactus gardens, mountains or corrals, though the focus here is not on the rooms but on the ranch activities. Ride on horseback through classic Western scenery, explore the ranch on a fat-tired e-bike, enjoy hiking, rock climbing, shooting and archery, or gaze at the stars with the resident astronomer.



SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

The Phoenician, A Luxury Collection Resort

Set against the backdrop of Camelback Mountain, The Phoenician has real wow-factor, especially Canyon Suites, a highly exclusive boutique hotel that sits within the wider resort. Back in the main building, Italian linens and oversized marble bathrooms come as standard, as do deep sunken bathtubs big enough for two. Many rooms have private patios or balconies with mountain views. There are also freestanding villas with parking on the doorstep. Children will love the Funicians Club, Game Room and the poolside Kids Zone complete with treehouse and spray guns, while adults can choose between eight delicious restaurants, tee off on the 18-hole golf course, unwind at the spa, swim in any of the nine pools, or explore the desert on an eco-tour.



SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

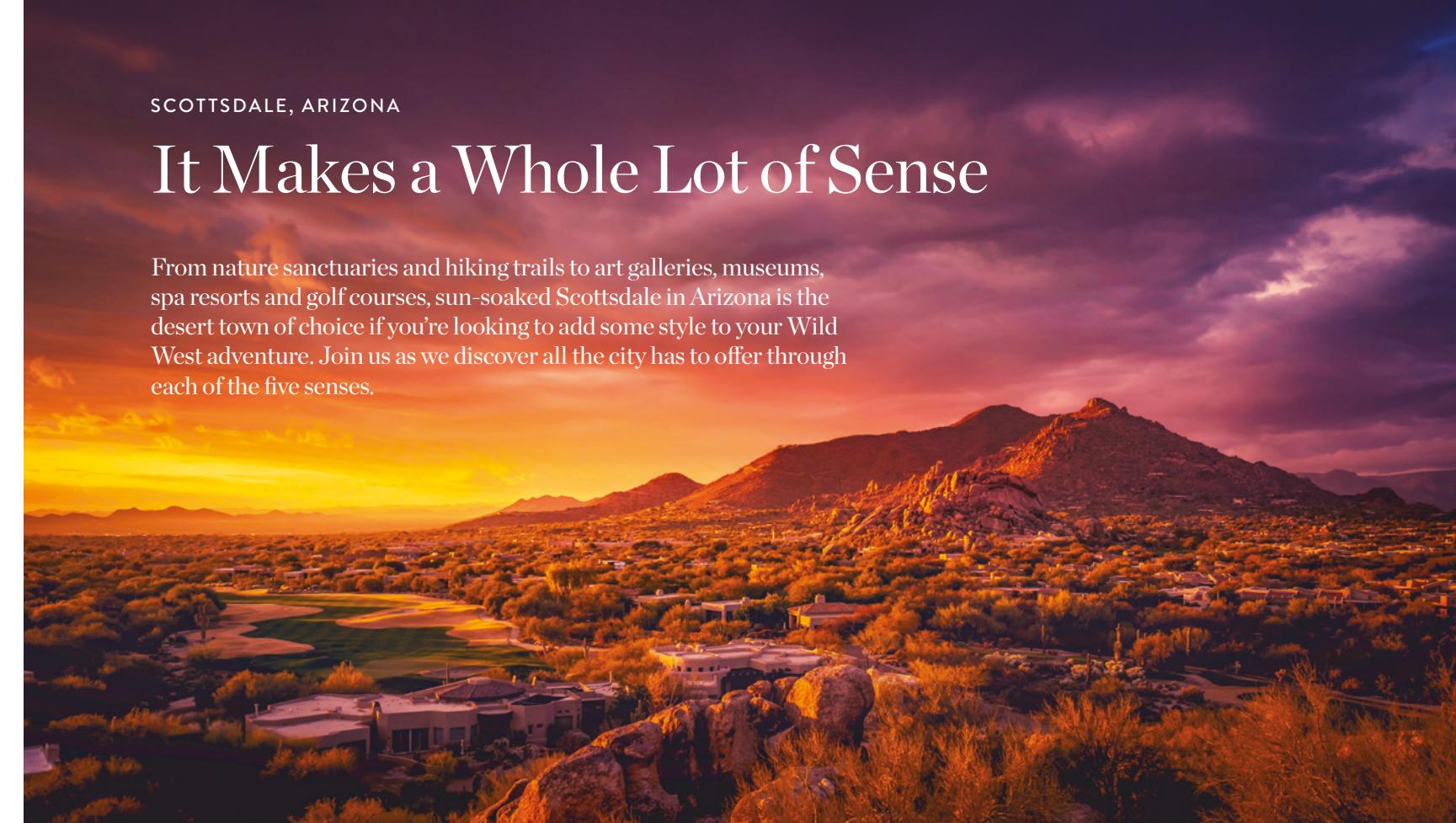
Royal Palms Resort & Spa

Built in Spanish colonial style and sitting in the shadow of Camelback Mountain, this intimate resort is surrounded by the beauty of the Sonoran Desert yet offers easy access to the shops and galleries of Scottsdale's Old Town. Rooms and suites offer stunning views of the mountains or lush courtyard gardens, as well as hand-carved furniture and deep-soaking bathtubs. Villas ramp up the grandeur with crackling fireplaces, separate living rooms and spacious private patios, some with their own fountains. The award-winning Alvadora Spa offers a range of therapeutic treatments. T. Cook's eclectic menu features Mediterranean, Spanish and American dishes. And some of the state's best shopping malls and golf courses are just a short drive away.

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

It Makes a Whole Lot of Sense

From nature sanctuaries and hiking trails to art galleries, museums, spa resorts and golf courses, sun-soaked Scottsdale in Arizona is the desert town of choice if you're looking to add some style to your Wild West adventure. Join us as we discover all the city has to offer through each of the five senses.



SIGHT

In Scottsdale, every glance offers something extraordinary. Sweeping Sonoran Desert vistas embrace towering saguaro cacti and rugged, purple-hued mountains. Springtime ushers in carpets of brightly coloured cactus blossoms and pastel wildflowers. Herds of wild horses roam free along the banks of our lakes and rivers. World-class galleries celebrate the visual arts, while architecture dazzles in the form of Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home, Taliesin West – now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

TASTE

From global flavour profiles to the earthy spices that define indigenous and Southwestern cuisine, Scottsdale's award-winning chefs transform locally grown ingredients into unforgettable meals at more than 1,000 restaurants citywide. Continue your flavour journey with tastings at Scottsdale's craft cocktail lounges and hidden speakeasies. Or for a taste of the extraordinary, indulge in a Cloth & Flame dining experience, where gourmet meals are set beneath the stars in the Sonoran Desert.

GETTING THERE AND AWAY

Scottsdale is just a 20-minute drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, which is served by direct daily flights from London Heathrow. Indirect options are also available via major US hubs including New York, Chicago and Atlanta, or through Paris Charles de Gaulle.

SCENT

Breathe in the calming essence of desert sage as you step into one of the city's 50+ tranquil spa sanctuaries. At the tasting rooms along the Scottsdale Wine Trail, savour the rich, sun-warmed bouquet of Arizona wines – ripe, bold and unforgettable. Let the scent of hand-tooled leather in Old Town's boutiques whisper tales of craftsmanship and timeless Western style. Or note the unmistakable perfume of fresh sagebrush and brittlebush as you hike our desert trails with an expert local guide.

TOUCH

At Scottsdale Fashion Square, the Southwest's premier luxury shopping destination, indulge in the textures of designer fabrics and stylish accessories at more than 200 upscale retailers. Wrap your hands around the smooth grip of a golf club as you tee off on the round of a lifetime. Browse through world-class museums where interactive exhibits invite you to connect, not just observe. Then slip into a quiet resort pool, where refreshingly cool water contrasts with the warmth of sun on your skin.

SOUND

Hear the satisfying thwack of a well-struck golf ball cutting through the morning stillness. Follow the gentle chirping of quail along a pristine desert trail. Listen for echoes of the Old West in the clip-clop of horses' hooves as you ride among towering rock stacks. Let the whoosh of flame in a hot-air balloon lift you high above towering Saguaro cacti. Or relax to the gentle chime of a bronze Cosanti wind bell or the healing vibrations of a crystal-bowl sound bath at one of Scottsdale's sensuous spas.

MORE THAN JUST A CITY-BREAK DESTINATION, SCOTTSDALE IS A GATEWAY TO ARIZONA AND THE TREASURES OF THE SOUTHWEST. SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT INCLUDING IT IN YOUR NEXT LUSSO AMERICAN ADVENTURE.



EXPERIENCE
SCOTTSDALE



SEDONA, ARIZONA

Enchantment Resort

Enchantment Resort's remote location, nine miles from Uptown Sedona, is key to the magic of staying here. Rustic adobe guestrooms with beehive fireplaces and private decks look out at arguably the most spectacular canyon in Sedona's Red Rock Country. The landscape was considered a place of healing by the Native Americans, a theme carried forward in the highly-acclaimed Mii amo destination spa. Incredibly, there are over 100 weekly activities to choose from, from hiking and mountain biking to stargazing, art classes, tennis, golf and tours of the local area. It's certainly enough to work up an appetite, something you'll want with you in the resort's three highly praised restaurants.

SEDONA, ARIZONA

Ambiente, A Landscape Hotel

Set across three acres of Red Rock Country in Sedona, Arizona, this family-owned, adults-only resort features 40 cubed cabins or 'atriums' – all detached and private with full-height glass walls and rooftop decks with daybeds and firepits. Bathrooms feature freestanding Japanese tubs for two as well as walk-in showers and outlooks vary from creek or forest views to stunning panoramas of Sedona's red rocks. Tuck into an ever-evolving menu of farm-fresh fare at restaurant Forty1. Enjoy a treatment at the intimate Velvet Spa. Relax around the freeform pool with built-in jacuzzi. Embrace the great outdoors through hiking, biking, riding or jeep tours. And gaze up at the stars from one of only 20 certified Dark Sky Communities in the world.



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

The Venetian® Resort

The Venetian Resort has spared no expense in replicating Venice's most famous landmarks, including St Mark's Square with its iconic clock tower and a Grand Canal stocked with singing gondoliers. Add to this over 4,000 suites – the most basic of which are nearly double the size of your average Las Vegas hotel room – and you've got yourself a truly monumental hotel. Celebrity chefs rule the restaurant roost here, with offerings from Thomas Keller, Wolfgang Puck and David Chang among others, while facilities include a state-of-the-art casino, four large pools spread across two acres, a 134,000-square-foot spa with more than 90 treatment rooms, and an ever-changing roster of shows, events and nightly entertainment.



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

The Cosmopolitan is chic and contemporary, with digital art installations, illuminated staircases and interactive sculptures set to dazzle from the outset. It's also huge, with a glamorous 100,000-square-foot casino, several floors of shops and designer boutiques, two fitness centres, outdoor tennis courts, three rooftop pools overlooking the Strip (one of which doubles as the hotel's lively Day Club), an indulgent spa with its own hammam, plus a one-of-a-kind collection of 26 restaurants. Rooms are spacious, warm and welcoming, offering views of the Strip and millennial-friendly touches like iPad-controlled lighting, provocative artwork and black marble bathrooms.



MARANA, ARIZONA

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

Seamlessly woven into the Tortolita Mountain slopes just 30 minutes from Tucson, The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain is a casually luxurious oasis set high in the Sonoran Desert. The 253 rooms, suites and casitas offer exceptional desert and mountain views, with interiors that take their cues from the scenery outside – think burnt orange hues and Native American patterns. The destination spa is wrapped by bouldered ravines, the inviting pool complex sits at the convergence of cactus-studded canyons, and guests have access to over 25 miles of breathtaking hiking trails. If that weren't enough, there are also three nine-hole golf courses and four terrific restaurants, including CORE Kitchen & Wine Bar with its 2,800-bottle wine cellar.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Wynn & Encore Las Vegas

Situated at the northern end of the Strip, the Wynn set a new standard for luxury hotels in Las Vegas; lavish standards that have been rigorously maintained by its younger sister Encore. Interiors are a mix of gleaming marble floors, arched domed ceilings and bold floral displays. Rooms come with floor-to-ceiling windows, implausibly plush beds and touch-screen controls, while the premium Tower Suites have exclusive benefits like breakfast credit and access to the private Tower Suites pool. There's a mall packed full of designer boutiques, a 2,000-seat theatre, a three-acre multimedia overwater experience, an 18-hole golf course, temperature-controlled pools with fully stocked cabanas, a brigade of great restaurants and of course a casino.





With towering arches, vast canyons and striking stone monoliths, Utah's landscapes are truly extraordinary. Scenic byways reveal some of America's finest drives, while adventure awaits in every form, from hiking and rafting to stargazing and horse riding.

It's hard to pick a favourite among Utah's five national parks. Zion, the oldest, is a striking mix of red rock canyons, pine-covered peaks and the winding Virgin River – ideal for hiking, climbing and canyoning. Nearby, Bryce Canyon enchants with thousands of colourful hoodoos rising from its natural amphitheatres. In the heart of the state lies Capitol Reef National Park, a quieter gem of domes, cliffs and canyons. Further east, Canyonlands impresses with vast mesas and dramatic sandstone formations; the drive to the Needles is among Utah's most scenic. Close by is Arches National Park, home to over 2,000 natural rock arches, including the iconic Delicate Arch and the astonishing Landscape Arch.

Utah's parks are remarkably easy to combine on a self-drive journey. Zion and Bryce Canyon are under 90 miles apart, while Arches and Canyonlands lie minutes from Moab, the region's adventure capital. Beyond the parks, Salt Lake City offers cultural contrast, with Temple Square at its centre. Within an hour's drive east you'll find world-class skiing at Park City and Deer Valley, while the Bonneville Salt Flats reveal yet another side to this breathtaking state.

Salt Lake City



WHEN TO VISIT

For the national parks and scenery in southern and eastern Utah, the best time to travel is during late spring and late summer, with more comfortable temperatures from May to June and September to October. Salt Lake City is a year-round destination, while the ski season for resorts including Park City and Deer Valley usually lasts from the end of November to mid-April.

IDEAL FOR

Hiking, Natural Beauty, Culture, Adventure, Dark Skies for Stargazing and Winter Sports



Scenic Byway 12

12-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Canyon Country

DURATION

11 nights / 12 days

SUMMARY

2 nights Salt Lake City
3 nights Moab
1 night Capitol Reef National Park
2 nights Bryce Canyon
3 nights Zion National Park

This 12-day self-drive itinerary takes you right across Utah from Salt Lake City in the north to the neon lights of Vegas in neighbouring Nevada. In doing so you'll travel through some of America's most spectacular desert landscapes – a geological kaleidoscope of twisted rock formations, huge stone arches, narrow slot canyons and soaring sandstone cliffs.

DAYS 1-2: SALT LAKE CITY

Fly into Utah's state capital, collect your hire car at the airport and drive to the Asher Adams hotel for a two-night stay. A modern hotel housed in an historic downtown building, the hotel is perfectly placed for exploring Salt Lake City and its nearby attractions, such as Temple Square, the ski resorts of Park City and Deer Valley, and the otherworldly Bonneville Salt Flats, where several land-speed records have been set.

DAYS 3-5: ARCHES & CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARKS

Drive south to Moab for a three-night stay at Hoodoo Moab, Curio Collection by Hilton, just 10 minutes from the entrance to Arches National Park. The park features more than 2,000 natural stone arches, many of which are near the park road, though we recommend a guided hike to really get immersed in the red rock landscape. Only a little further afield is Canyonlands National Park, the largest of Utah's parks and arguably the most magnificent. Split into three sections by the confluence of the Green and Colorado rivers, it covers more than 500 square miles of canyons, fissures, plateaux and faults, scattered with flat-topped mesas, ancient rock art, winding roads and hiking trails.



Zion National Park

Canyonlands National Park



DAY 6: CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

From Moab, drive west to spend the day exploring Capitol Reef National Park. Maybe lace up your boots for a hike to Hickman Bridge, a natural sandstone arch 125 feet high and 133 feet long, or cruise along the eight-mile Capitol Reef Scenic Drive, stopping to take photos at breathtaking viewpoints. Check in for the night at the 58-acre Capitol Reef Resort near Torrey, which as well as rooms offers glamping opportunities in cabins, teepees or even Conestoga wagons.

DAY 7: GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Spend the day exploring Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument en route to The Lodge at Bryce Canyon, where you'll stay for the next two nights. The monument offers more exceptional hiking and scenic driving opportunities. It's home to the most extensive network of slot canyons in Utah and is awash with active waterfalls, sculpted slickrock, prehistoric sites and abandoned old Western movie sets.

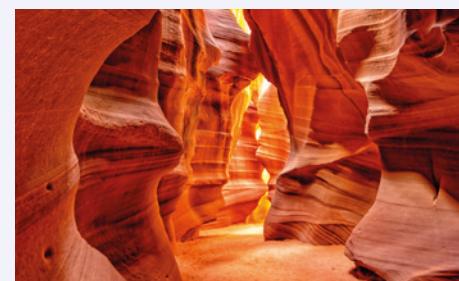
DAY 8: BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Discover Bryce Canyon National Park. Despite its name, the park does not protect a canyon but a series of natural amphitheatres that the elements have sculpted into a forest of bizarre rock pinnacles known as 'hoodoos' – one of the most surreal yet spectacular sights you'll see in the Southwest.

DAY 9-12: ZION NATIONAL PARK

End your trip with three nights at Cliffrose Springdale, Curio Collection by Hilton, just 200 metres from the entrance to Zion National Park. Many of the park's greatest geological wonders are best seen on hiking trails such as Emerald Pools, The Narrows, The Watchman and Angels Landing. We recommend booking a private guided walking tour. Drive to Las Vegas on Day 12 to catch your flight home.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Slot Canyons



Dark Sky Parks



Canyon Spirit

Utah is home to the largest concentration of slot canyons in the world – narrow gorges in the soft sandstone sculpted into unimaginable shapes by wind, rain and flash floods. We can arrange visits to suit all levels, including hikes through neighbouring Arizona's Antelope Canyon with a Navajo guide, and technical trips for the would-be adventurer using ropes and harnesses.

After the sun sets and the sandstone has cooled, Utah's internationally recognised Dark Sky Parks offer a chance to see the night sky as you may never have seen it before, unobscured by the glow of urban settlement. A lot of national and state parks offer ranger-led stargazing tours. Bryce Canyon National Park even holds an annual Astronomy Festival in June.



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Asher Adams, Autograph Collection

There's no doubt where the soul of the Asher Adams lies. While the sleek new guest tower houses the majority of the 225 luxurious rooms, many of which feature west-facing balconies or floor-to-ceiling windows with Wasatch mountain views, the soul of the Asher Adams is undoubtedly the old Union Pacific Train Depot. Built at the start of the 20th century, this now houses the main lobby and the four bars and restaurants. These include signature restaurant Rouser, designed to evoke the feelings of a classic Pullman train car, and The Bar at Asher Adams, which sits in the middle of the main hall, built into the train station's original ticket windows. The location is first class too, in the heart of downtown, right across the street from the home of the Utah Jazz.

MOAB, UTAH

Sorrell River Ranch Resort & Spa

The most luxurious hotel in the Moab area, Sorrel River Ranch is set on 240 acres of ranchland, surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in the United States. Cabin-style studios and larger suites are imbued with cowboy charm and boast private decks, large picture windows, custom-made, bright wooden furniture and views either to the Colorado River or Professor Valley and La Sal Mountains. Off-road driving, guided hikes and horse riding in the nearby national parks are top of most guests' agendas, with a relaxing spa and yoga classes ready to help you recover from miles on the trails. There's also an excellent farm-to-fork restaurant, a petting zoo for kids, a variety of lawn games and nightly campfires for roasting marshmallows.



MOAB, UTAH

Hoodoo Moab, Curio Collection by Hilton

Just 10 minutes from Arches National Park and less than 40 minutes from Canyonlands, this smart and modern hotel provides easy access to two of the finest parks in Utah while maintaining a convenient location off Main Street in the heart of Moab's quaint downtown. Comfortable rooms have coffee makers, 55-inch HD TVs and either a king or twin queen beds, while suites offer a separate living area, a balcony or patio off the bedroom and spectacular views of Moab's red rocks and dramatic landscapes. Joise Wyatt's Grille serves sumptuous steaks and sushi alongside a menu of hand-crafted cocktails. Plus there's a full-service spa and outdoor pool that's heated year-round, perfect for relaxing after action-packed days spent hiking, canyoning or off-road driving.



ZION NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

Cliffrose Springdale, Curio Collection by Hilton

Sitting on the banks of the Virgin River, just 200 metres from the entrance to Zion National Park, this rock- and wood-covered sanctuary blends perfectly with the surrounding sandstone mountains that can't help but steal the show. Inside the rooms, suites and villas, simple modern furnishings are paired with more upscale amenities like private decks with views into the park, large soaking tubs and – in the case of the Grand View Villa – vaulted ceilings and a full kitchen. Outside, hummingbird feeders hang from patio rafters, providing live entertainment as you sip your morning coffee; the riverside pool and hot tub are open year-round offering unobstructed views of the surrounding peaks; while the Five Petals Spa boasts a hiker-friendly range of massages and facials.



CANYON POINT, UTAH

Amangiri

Set in the otherworldly landscape of Utah's southern deserts, a stone's throw from Lake Powell and the Arizona border, this impressive feat of architectural daring is one of the most exclusive hotels in America. Rather than try to temper the hard edges of the desert with ornate, plush interiors, Aman have gone the other way, offering stylised suites whose white stone floors, concrete walls and natural timber furnishings strain the very limits of minimalism, while offering breathtaking views of the desert surroundings. An attractive central pool curves dramatically round a tower of natural sandstone. The 25,000-square-foot Aman Spa offers treatments shaped by the traditions of the Navajo. And experiences range from boat trips on Lake Powell to via ferrata challenges high in the desert mountains.



PARK CITY, UTAH

Montage Deer Valley

An elegant mountain getaway, Montage Deer Valley provides unrivalled ski-in/ski-out access to one of America's premier ski resorts. With only a limited number of ski passes sold each day, Deer Valley is the crème de la crème of American skiing, with miles of pristine, well-groomed slopes. Ski hire, lift passes and lessons at the ski school can all be arranged direct from the hotel. Of course, the setting is equally appealing come summer, when activities range from hiking and mountain biking to fly-fishing, horse riding and white-water rafting. Whatever the season, rooms are large and luxurious, with gas fireplaces and marble baths standard from top to bottom. Additional highlights include a spacious spa complex, a pool, a bowling alley and a host of great restaurants.





RANCHES & RESORTS

One&Only Moonlight Basin



The American West is a vast wilderness of grassy plains, snow-capped peaks and rushing blue rivers. A stay at a luxury resort or ranch doesn't just offer an authentic cowboy experience - complete with roping, riding and cookouts beneath the stars - it gives free rein to your sense of adventure.

We offer a selection of ranch and resort holidays across Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota, from ultra-luxe resorts and all-inclusive stays to adults-only ranches and family favourites. For aspiring cowboys, there's nothing quite like bringing in a herd on a genuine cattle drive. But you don't need to ride to make the most of a ranch holiday. The huge amount of activities on offer means there's something for everyone, from skiing, sledging and snowshoeing in winter to fly-fishing, hiking, rafting, mountain biking, wagon rides and more in summer. Dining is just as eclectic, with Michelin-worthy restaurants serving locally sourced produce and beef reared on the land to incredible wine cellars and on-site distilleries.

Beyond your resort lie the other attractions of the American West. Both Glacier and Grand Teton national parks offer breathtaking mountain scenery. Yellowstone dazzles with its spouting geysers and colourful hot springs. And history is displayed on a monumental scale at the Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse national memorials, the former depicting the faces of four US presidents, the latter a portrayal of a revered Lakota warrior.

Old Faithful Geyser | Yellowstone



WHEN TO VISIT

Experience Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota from June to September, when warm weather and fully open national parks allow for outdoor activities and sightseeing. Spring weather can be unpredictable, with lingering snow. Autumn offers brilliant colours, but early snowfall can cause disruption. Most ski runs are open by late November and operate well into March, or even later depending on winter conditions, but many park roads close and temperatures often fall below freezing.

IDEAL FOR

Natural Beauty, Adventure, Horse riding, Hiking, Fly fishing, Winter Sports, Cuisine

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GREENOUGH, MONTANA
Paws Up Montana

Set within a 37,000-acre working cattle ranch, Paws Up Montana blends the romance of the American West with the refinement of a world-class resort, offering 100 miles of horse trails and an incredible range of on-ranch activities. Those yearning to try cowboy life can join seasoned ranch hands in driving cattle to fresh pastures, while adventure lovers of all ages can fill their days with quad biking, canoeing, hiking, rafting, wagon rides and more, before returning exhilarated to a tranquil woodland spa and gourmet dining at a choice of restaurants. Accommodation options are fabulous, from one- to four-bedroom private homes to adults-only retreats with private hot tubs and glamping tents in summer beside the legendary Blackfoot River.

SARATOGA, WYOMING
Brush Creek Ranch

Set on 30,000 acres of rugged Wyoming wilderness, Brush Creek Ranch comprises three all-inclusive properties, a seed-to-table farm and a 600-acre private ski mountain. The Lodge & Spa is the main property, offering rustic-luxe rooms and luxury log cabins with sweeping views and one- to four-bedrooms. Those looking for greater calm may prefer the Magee Homestead, a romantic adults-only hideaway with just 12 bedrooms and a sumptuous spa. There's also French Creek, geared towards shooting and fishing enthusiasts, and waterfront glamping available in summer. Wherever you stay, twice-daily activities are included in the rates, from hiking, mountain biking, horse riding and rock climbing to sunrise yoga, mozzarella making and cooking s'mores around the campfire.



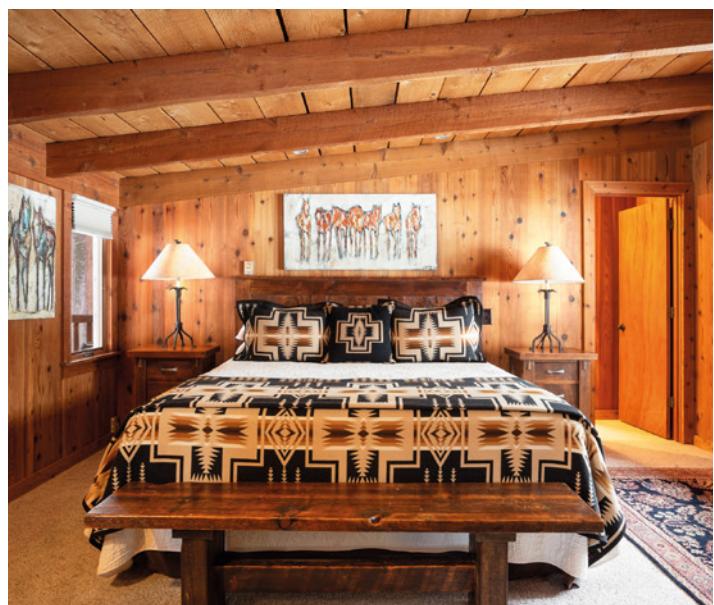
PHILIPSBURG, MONTANA
The Ranch at Rock Creek

One of the finest guest ranches in the US, The Ranch at Rock Creek is an all-inclusive Relais & Châteaux property set on 6,000 acres of pristine Montana wilderness. Luxurious accommodations are woven into the landscape, from one-bedroom lodge studios to luxury log cabins and historic barn conversions. Some of our favourites are the glamping cabins, especially the secluded Trapper cabins and spacious Sweet Grass cabins, complete with outdoor cedar hot tubs. Activities seem endless. Ride across open pastures with expert wranglers, cast a line into the Blue Ribbon trout stream or take aim at the shooting range before unwinding at the spa. Then refuel for the next adventure with farm-to-table dining at an incredible range of restaurants.



TETON VILLAGE, WYOMING
Four Seasons Resort and Residences Jackson Hole

Framed by the soaring peaks of the Teton Range, the Four Seasons Resort is a luxurious mountain escape in one of America's most spectacular settings. The resort sits right on the edge of Grand Teton National Park, with its river basins rich in bison, elk and moose, while the spouting geysers and colourful hot springs of Yellowstone are just an hour's drive away. Rooms and suites boast expansive mountain or valley views, with private residences available for groups and larger families. Food is first-class, from the acclaimed mountain steakhouse and Pan-Asian restaurant to the American beer hall and hidden private speakeasy. Throw in an excellent spa and an outdoor heated pool at the base of the mountain and you've the perfect year-round for couples and families.



DARBY, MONTANA
Triple Creek Ranch

Triple Creek Ranch is an adults-only, all-inclusive hideaway tucked into the southern end of Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley, and a Relais & Châteaux member since 1996. Its 25 log cabins – all with wood-burning fireplaces and many with private hot tubs – are scattered across 600 acres of meadows and pine forests, among which you'll find the ranch's namesake three creeks. Experienced wranglers lead trail rides tailored to guests' interests and abilities, with non-riders kept busy with a multitude of activities, including fly-fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding, mountain biking, shooting, rafting and cowboy-hat making. Gourmet cuisine is paired with an excellent wine list and staff go out of their way to ensure you feel pampered.

SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA
Shortgrass Resort

Set on 52 private acres among the pine forests and prairies of South Dakota, Shortgrass Resort is an adults-only, back-to-nature retreat not far from Mount Rushmore. The intimate resort boasts just eight standalone bungalows, all with full bathrooms, heated floors and huge private decks raised above the valley floor to offer unrestricted views of the beckoning Black Hills. Complimentary activities include tubing on the river, fishing, nightly bonfires and hiking hundreds of trail miles. Hammocks and blankets are provided to those looking to find their own secret spot in which to unwind, while chargeable activities include ranch visits, gourmet picnics and park tours. Meals at the on-site farm-to-fork restaurant are hearty, full of flavour and included in the rates.





BIG SKY, MONTANA

One&Only Moonlight Basin

Set in 240 spectacular acres, Moonlight Basin is One&Only's first ever alpine resort, offering wonderful opportunities to explore the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, with its geysers, forests, lakes, mountains, bears and bison.

Built predominantly of glass and wood, the resort boasts over 70 rooms and suites in the main lodge plus a range of stylish and secluded guest cabins nearby. All come with fireplaces, private balconies, beautiful bathrooms with soaking tubs and separate showers, and a curated minibar full of local snacks and beverages.

Activities in summer range from hiking and horse riding to fly-fishing, golf and wild swimming in the surrounding mountain lakes, while winter offers direct access via the hotel's private gondola to Montana's celebrated Big Sky ski resort, one of the largest ski areas in the whole of the US.

Additional highlights include a state-of-the-art spa with an indoor pool that opens to the fresh mountain air in the warmer months, a private observatory where a local astronomer can lead stargazing sessions for guests upon request, plus five bars and restaurants, including a hidden moonshine whiskey bar in the woods.





CALIFORNIA

From the misty redwood forests and gently rolling vineyards of the north to the sweeping deserts and sun-kissed beaches of the south, California's diversity makes it one of the most exciting states to visit in the whole of the USA.

If America has an answer to Tuscany, it's Napa Valley and Sonoma, where world-class wines meet exceptional hotels and restaurants. To the east, Lake Tahoe shimmers in shades of green and blue, a paradise for watersports enthusiasts in summer and skiers in winter. Further south, Yosemite National Park showcases iconic landscapes, from El Capitan, the world's largest granite monolith, to Yosemite Falls and Half Dome.

Below wine country lies the City by the Bay, San Francisco, home to vintage cable cars, Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge. It also marks the start of one of the world's greatest roads: the Pacific Coast Highway. This breathtaking drive winds along the Big Sur coastline, a dramatic stretch where cliffs plunge into the roaring Pacific. From there, head to Santa Barbara, the 'American Riviera', before arriving in the glamour of Los Angeles. LA has something for everyone, from Beverly Hills' designer boutiques to the amusements of Santa Monica and Hollywood's famed attractions. Further south, Palm Springs offers a desert escape, while San Diego's stunning beaches and vibrant downtown make it an irresistible finale.



WHEN TO VISIT

Southern California can be visited year-round; summers are hot and dry while winters are slightly cooler with a small amount of rain. Northern California has a more temperate climate with warm summer days but cold winters. The northern coast experiences rain and fog during the winter while the mountains have some snowfall.

IDEAL FOR

Nightlife, Casinos, Golf, Cuisine, Culture, Shopping, Surfing, Adventure, Hiking and Natural Beauty



16-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

California Dreaming

DURATION

15 nights / 16 days

SUMMARY

3 nights San Francisco
2 nights Carmel Valley
1 night Pismo Beach
2 nights Santa Barbara
2 nights Los Angeles
3 nights Laguna Beach
2 nights San Diego

Three iconic cities, the rolling vineyards of the Central Coast, and the chance to drive arguably the finest coast road in the world all combine perfectly to create this classic road trip from San Francisco in the north to San Diego in the south.

DAYS 1-3: SAN FRANCISCO

After arriving in San Francisco, a private transfer will take you to the Argonaut Hotel for a three-night stay. The hotel offers views of the Golden Gate Bridge and easy access to many popular attractions. Walk to Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39, hop on a cable car over the hill to Union Square, ride a streetcar along the Embarcadero, or board a ferry to infamous Alcatraz.

DAYS 4-5: CARMEL

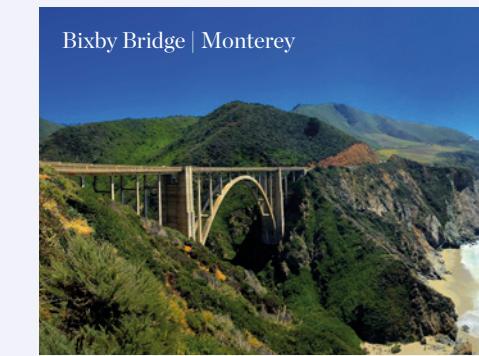
Collect your hire car and head off down the coast past Monterey Bay to Carmel Valley Ranch in the heart of California's Central Coast wine country. The ranch sits on a hill amid 500 acres of rolling hills and farmland, complete with river, lakes and vineyards. It makes a wonderful contrast to the busy coastal villages of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach, which are a short 10-minute drive down the valley to the sea.



DAY 6: PISMO BEACH

The route today from Carmel to Pismo Beach is easily one of the most spectacular coastal drives in the world. It follows the legendary Pacific Coast Highway, which literally clings to America's western edge, snaking its way above the surf-carved seascapes of Big Sur, a coastal wilderness where the Santa Lucia Mountains meet the roaring Pacific Ocean. Look out for elephant seals at Point Pedras Blancas just north of San Simeon, then check in for the night at Vespera on Pismo Beach, Autograph Collection.

Bixby Bridge | Monterey



Montage Laguna Beach



DAYS 7-8: SANTA BARBARA

Continue south to Santa Barbara, an idyllic town set between the mountains and the sea, sometimes referred to as the 'American Riviera'. Check in for two nights at El Encanto, Santa Barbara. Enjoy wonderful wines from the surrounding vineyards and dine on the delicious food that's synonymous with the area.

DAYS 9-10: LOS ANGELES

Prepare to feel like a movie star as you settle into the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills for a two-night stay. Shop till you drop on Rodeo Drive, walk among the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, go behind the scenes of a real working movie set at Universal Studios Hollywood, or soak up the sun in playful Santa Monica.

DAYS 11-13: LAGUNA BEACH

A short drive will take you to Laguna Beach, famed for its secluded coves and surf spots, not to mention its galleries and trendy arts festivals. Take time to relax here with a three-night stay at Montage Laguna Beach. The beach and ocean views are the main attractions, though the excellent Loft restaurant and ocean-inspired spa never fail to disappoint.

DAYS 14-16: SAN DIEGO

The trip ends in style with a two-night stay at the iconic Hotel del Coronado, which sits on 26 acres of prime Pacific beachfront a stone's throw from San Diego. Perhaps visit the USS Midway or LEGOLAND, or venture downtown to the bars and restaurants of the historic Gaslamp Quarter. Return your hire car at the airport on Day 16 in time for your flight home.



Rodeo Drive | Los Angeles

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Alcatraz Night Tour

This exclusive evening visit to the infamous prison island includes a live narration as the ferry takes a special 'around the island' route to Alcatraz – both perks not offered during the daytime tour. Once docked, enjoy the world-famous audio tour, cell door demonstrations, talks by expert historians and other optional activities not offered during the day.



Universal Studios VIP Tour

Star treatment awaits on this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Universal Studios Hollywood. Tour famous movie sets and hop off the trolley to access areas not normally open to the general public. Express access to theme park rides, priority seating for select shows, VIP dining and complimentary valet parking are among the other perks.



Napa Valley Wine Train

Part museum, part fine-dining restaurant, the Napa Valley Wine Train is made up of exquisitely restored 100-year-old rail cars and offers timeless journeys through one of the top wine-producing regions of the world, stopping for tastings at celebrated Napa Valley wineries and serving a decadent, multi-course, farm-to-table meal along the way.



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Argonaut Hotel

Housed in an historic red-brick warehouse, this boutique hotel is just steps from Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square and Pier 39. A nautical theme brings genuine charm without sliding into kitsch, with vintage steamer trunks, antique telescopes and braided ropes aplenty. Several of the rooms enjoy views of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge and some even have whirlpool baths. This being California, there's a yoga mat in every room as well as an on-site fitness centre open 24/7. Spa treatments are offered in the privacy of your room and complimentary bikes are available from reception. The restaurant specialises in sustainable seafood, including creamy chowders served in edible sourdough bread bowls.

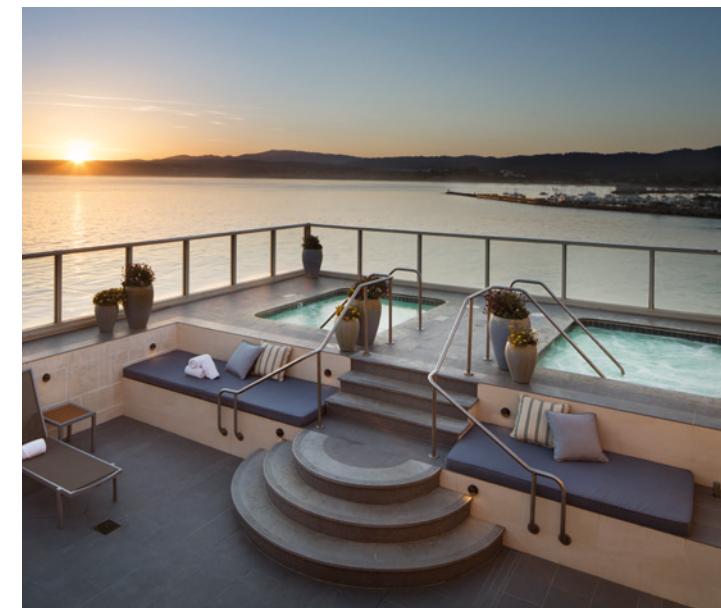
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Fairmont San Francisco

With impressive views of both the city and the bay, Fairmont San Francisco occupies a coveted spot atop well-heeled Nob Hill, near the only spot where each of the city's cable car lines meet. The 606 rooms range from standard doubles to one-of-a-kind suites worthy of celebrating life's special occasions. These include a spectacular sprawling penthouse and a truly special suite named after the singer Tony Bennett, who first sang I Left My Heart In San Francisco in the hotel's lavish Venetian Room. Standout facilities include the legendary tiki bar and restaurant the Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar, and a wonderful rooftop garden – a true city oasis complete with lawns, palm trees, a central fountain and comfy lounge seating.



NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
Four Seasons Resort and Residences Napa Valley

There are a handful of excellent Napa Valley hotels and no shortage of fabulous wineries, but this is the first truly high-end resort that marries the two. Set on more than four acres of organically farmed Cabernet Sauvignon vines in Calistoga, this retreat is a dream stay for wine connoisseurs. As well as vineyard views, rooms feature working fireplaces, wine fridges, deep-soaking tubs and a farmhouse-chic aesthetic. There are both family-friendly and adults-only pools, an excellent spa where you can bask in the sun coated in detoxifying mud, plus a choice of three restaurants, including fine-dining Auro, whose five-course farm-to-table menus are inspired by the seasons and always unforgettable.



MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

This grand dame of Monterey Bay isn't just by the bay, it's been built right over its crashing surf, deep in the heart of Cannery Row. Stand on the balcony of an ocean-view room here and you could be on a cruise ship, with the waters of the bay both before and beneath you. Upgrade to a suite and enjoy such luxuries as expansive sundecks, elegant living spaces and spa-like marble bathrooms. The views are key to the rooftop spa too, one of the best in North America. Located on the penthouse level, it boasts a panoramic terrace with outdoor hot tubs, nine treatment rooms and an ocean-view couples' tub room. Other highlights include the oceanfront restaurant Coastal Kitchen and complimentary bikes for getting out and exploring.



SONOMA, CALIFORNIA
Farmhouse Inn

This boutique hotel is romantic and stylish in equal measure. Rooms are ideal to cosy up in with feather beds and fine linens, oversized fireplaces and exquisite bathrooms with jetted tubs and steam showers. Suites step things up with country-chic interiors and double-sided fireplaces to both warm you in your room and out on your private balcony. The original farmhouse, built in 1873, is home to the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant; s'mores are served at nightfall around the communal firepit; and the nightly turndown includes chocolate-chip cookies and a glass of cold milk. There's an award-winning spa with complimentary products to take back to your room and try, plus exclusive access to some of Sonoma's finest wineries.

BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA
Post Ranch Inn

Perched on the cliffs of Big Sur, 1,200 feet above the Pacific and encircled by mountains and towering redwoods, this boutique bolthole commands possibly the most dramatic location of any hotel on the California coast. Each of its 40 guestrooms is an architectural marvel offering jaw-dropping ocean or mountain views. Cliff Houses offer outdoor decks suspended above the ocean; Ocean Houses blend into the hillside with grasses and wildflowers covering their roofs; Tree Houses are built on stilts nine feet from the forest floor; one building is even shaped like a butterfly with rooms beneath its wings. The views continue at the clifftop restaurant Sierra Mar, a favourite with locals and as renowned for its wine list as for its locally sourced menus.



SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

El Encanto, Santa Barbara

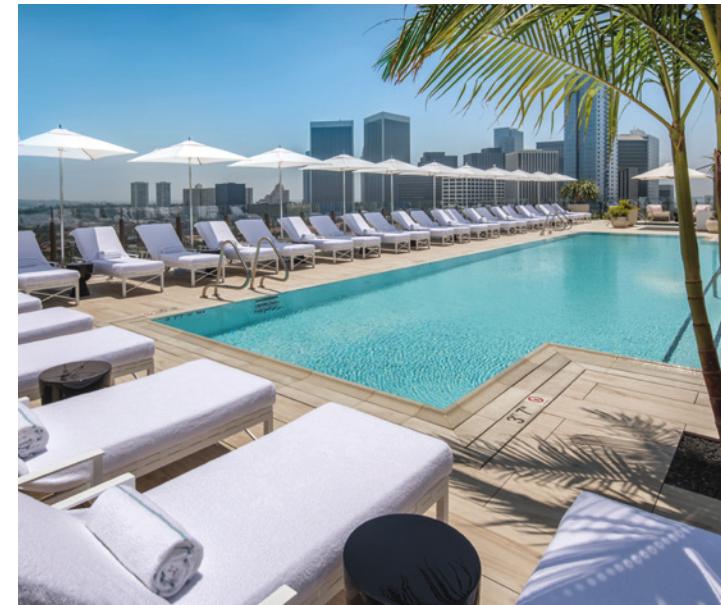
This elegant hilltop hideaway could scarcely feel more different from Los Angeles, just a 90-minute drive away. For starters, no road is either visible or audible, and from the moment you walk in you're immediately met by views of the Pacific Ocean, glittering beyond the large restaurant terrace. This air of tranquillity is carried through to the luxurious rooms and bungalows, which are spread across seven acres of lush sloping gardens. Many have balconies or outdoor terraces; the best have patio gardens. The main restaurant is one of the best in southern California, though drinks in the lounge, treatments in the fabulous destination spa and dips in the especially pretty pool are also highlights of any stay.



NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Pendry Newport Beach

With sun-kissed beaches just an eight-minute drive away and the elite Fashion Island shopping village directly opposite, this stunning hotel provides the quintessential Golden State experience. Guests can enjoy a superb range of dining options, including a cocktail bar and alfresco restaurant; book a private cabana to bask in the sun by the outdoor pool; or explore the exclusive speakeasy-style members' club, which includes a pub and a virtual driving range. Youngsters, meanwhile, will love the Paintbox Kids Club and its exciting range of engaging activities. With accommodations ranging from spacious Skyline King rooms to the luxurious Island Suites, Pendry Newport Beach offers a retreat that's as captivating and varied as California itself.



BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

Set right at the heart of Beverly Hills where the Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards meet, this elegant Art Deco-inspired hotel represents the very best in California luxury. Rooms and suites are effortlessly elegant and feature giant walk-in closets, the latest tablet technology, floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies overlooking the city. Guests can enjoy a fresh perspective on modern dining at the signature restaurant, grab a quick bite in the lobby lounge or eat poolside at the casual rooftop restaurant beside panoramic views of the Hollywood Hills. Rodeo Drive is just half a mile away, and when you're done with shopping there, the lavish La Prairie Spa will be waiting on your return.



LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Montage Laguna Beach

Perched on a coastal bluff with white-sand beaches below, Montage Laguna Beach fuses excellent amenities with genuine warmth and character. Proximity to the beach and ocean is one of the main attractions and guestrooms, suites and villas all feature patios or balconies with panoramic views. Dining areas have exceptional vistas too: through floor-to-ceiling windows at the excellent Loft restaurant, and from the terrace of the Mosaic Bar and Grille, at the edge of the bluff just 50 feet above the ocean. Naturally the spa is ocean-facing too and offers everything from massages to yoga and tai chi. To this you can add three sparkling pools, a comprehensive kids' club and activities ranging from surfing and kayaking to whale and dolphin watching.



SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Shutters on the Beach

As one of only two luxury hotels on the beach in Santa Monica, Shutters offers breathtaking ocean views in a beach-house setting that combines the barefoot ease of the west coast with the elegance of Cape Cod and the north-east. Stylish rooms and suites feature hardwood floors and are as luxe as can be. The ONE Spa is a favourite among residents and celebrities, the pool deck boasts private cabanas and spectacular ocean views, while local activities range from cycling and volleyball to yoga on the beach. The restaurants are equally impressive, from the refined 1 Pico to the more casual Coast and the multi-purpose Living Room with its views of the Pacific. The service is stellar, the setting idyllic – sometimes the classics are classic for a reason.



SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Hotel del Coronado

Having completed a \$550 million renovation, this landmark hotel just keeps on getting better. Popular among celebrities and beach-loving families for over 130 years, The Del is ideally located on the powdery white sands of the Pacific coast yet is only a stone's throw from sizzling San Diego. The guestrooms are split between a number of distinctly different buildings, including the original Victorian beachfront hotel built in 1888, the modern Cabanas building just steps from the pool, the beachfront Views building complete with sunset-facing balconies, and the private, luxurious and exclusive Beach Village. Facilities include a slew of great restaurants, numerous outdoor pools, an award-winning spa, shops, watersports and even an ice rink in winter.



From its wild Pacific coastline to its volcanic peaks and vineyards, Oregon is a land of untamed beauty and endless adventure, with the Cascade Mountains dividing its greener, wetter west from its arid, sunny east.

If America is made for road trips, Oregon is its heart, boasting more scenic byways and tour routes than almost anywhere else. The Pacific Coast Highway traces 362 miles of rugged shoreline past craggy headlands, vast empty beaches and charming fishing villages. Visit Cannon Beach and its iconic Haystack Rock, spot migrating whales off Newport or descend into America's largest sea cave to witness sea lions gather in their hundreds. Inland, the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway reveals a landscape shaped by fire and time, culminating at Crater Lake National Park. The 33-mile Rim Drive circling its cobalt waters is truly spectacular, rivalling some of the most iconic scenic drives in the American West.

In the north, hipster-cool Portland boasts a booming arts and culinary scene, while just to the south the Willamette Valley offers rolling vineyards and hundreds of acclaimed wineries. East of Portland, the 80-mile-long Columbia River Gorge cuts through the snowy peaks of the Cascades Mountains, south of which lie mighty Mount Hood, Oregon's highest peak, and the mountain town of Bend, both of which offer year-round adventures in Oregon's great outdoors.



Willamette Valley

WHEN TO VISIT

June to September is when the weather is warm and sunny, with lowest rainfall. During the spring, waterfalls are at their peak flow and wildflowers bloom, while October offers mild temperatures and vibrant fall foliage. The winter months bring rain and cool temperatures in the west and snow in the mountains, with some areas difficult to access but ideal for winter sports.

IDEAL FOR

Beaches, Natural Beauty, Cuisine, Whale Watching, Scenic Drives, Hiking, Adventure



Highway 101

13-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Coast, Crater & Cascades

DURATION

12 nights / 13 days

SUMMARY

2 nights Portland
2 nights Cannon Beach
2 nights Pacific City
2 nights Crater Lake
2 nights Sisters
2 nights Newberg



Portland Skyline



Haystack Rock | Cannon Beach

DAYS 1-2: PORTLAND

Arrive and transfer to The Ritz-Carlton, Portland, your base for two nights. Visit in June and you'll see why Portland is the 'City of Roses', its public gardens overflowing with blooms. But there's much to enjoy whatever the time of year, from the booming coffee and microbrewery scenes to farmers markets, leafy parks and hipster cafes to rival San Francisco.

DAYS 3-4: CANNON BEACH

Collect your hire car from downtown Portland and head to Cannon Beach, one of northern Oregon's most beautiful seaside villages. The sandy shore stretches for miles here, interrupted by massive basalt sea stacks like iconic Haystack Rock. Nowhere is the area's charm better exemplified than at Stephanie Inn, arguably the coast's most romantic retreat and your home for two nights.

DAYS 5-6: PACIFIC CITY

Follow the legendary Highway 101 south to Pacific City and check in for two nights at Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa. A great side trip off the highway is the Three Capes Scenic Loop, which leads to stunning views at Cape Meares, Cape Lookout and Cape Kiwanda. Climb the sand dune at the latter, just north of the hotel, to witness the raw power of the crashing Pacific Ocean.

DAYS 7-8: CRATER LAKE

Continue down the coast to Newport, perhaps stopping for lunch at one of the bayfront's seafood restaurants, then make your way inland to Crater Lake Lodge, which offers breathtaking views of the lake's blue waters and steep cliff walls. The following day enjoy a narrated trolley tour around Rim Drive, stopping to take photos and to learn about the lake's geology and history.



Sparks Lake | Bend



Crater Lake

DAYS 9-10: SISTERS

Enjoy fabulous mountain scenery on the drive north to Sisters, where you'll stay for two nights at FinePine Lodge & Cabins. Take advantage of the area's many excellent hiking trails or spend some time exploring Bend, famous for its craft beer breweries and outdoor pursuits.

DAYS 11-13: NEWBERG

Continue north to Newberg for a two-night stay at The Allison Inn & Spa in the heart of the Willamette Valley, one of two wine-producing regions that have helped make Oregon the envy of vintners from California to France. Why not enjoy a vineyard tour the following day before returning your hire car at Portland Airport on Day 13.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Portland Food Tour

This private culinary tour introduces some of Portland's distinctive foodie offerings, from the Rose City's iconic food trucks to award-winning restaurants, craft cocktail tasting venues and distilleries. Of course it's not all about the food, you'll also explore some unique neighbourhoods, such as Buckman, uncovering its murals and striking vintage homes.



Paddle Tours

Expert naturalist guides will lead you on a tour by kayak or canoe on one of the clear mountain lakes in the mighty Cascade Range in Central Oregon. Against a wonderfully scenic backdrop, with fish swimming beneath, you'll learn about the region's geology – how fire and ice sculpted the landscape – and how the wetlands provide an incredible habitat for birdlife.



Wine Appreciation

Oregon's wine scene, best known for its Pinot Noir, boasts 22 growing areas and around 1,000 wineries, many of which are family-owned. Take a private tour of one of the wine regions or spend a few hours at an individual winery, where knowledgeable staff will lead you through the variety of wines on offer, with opportunities to both taste and purchase the wines you like.



PORTLAND, OREGON

The Ritz-Carlton, Portland

Set within a striking 35-storey building, the luxurious Ritz-Carlton, Portland overlooks downtown and the distant Cascade Range. Warm timber, copper tones and subtle references to the city's history create a genuine sense of place. Rooms and suites offer understated luxury with thoughtful local touches providing a peaceful retreat after a day exploring the city. Unwind in a hot tub admiring views of the Cascades at the 19th-floor spa. Or venture one floor higher to the flagship restaurant to dine on exquisite sharing dishes inspired by the bounty of the Pacific Northwest. Perfect for those drawn to Portland's food, culture and outdoors, this is a sophisticated base that blends local personality with the assured comfort of the Ritz-Carlton name.

CANNON BEACH, OREGON

Stephanie Inn

Located right on the sands of Cannon Beach with uninterrupted views of the mighty Pacific and Haystack Rock, Stephanie Inn offers an elegant coastal escape on one of Oregon's most treasured stretches of shoreline. The atmosphere is intimate and grown up, with a strong sense of connection to the beach just steps away. Interiors are warm and contemporary, with many rooms offering fireplaces and balconies that look towards the ocean. The restaurant focuses on seasonal, locally sourced dishes that reflect the rich flavours of the region. The spa is popular with guests and locals alike, while activities range from beach walks and brewery tours to complimentary yoga, guided hikes, surf lessons and trips to farmers markets with the hotel chef.



NEWBERG, OREGON

The Allison Inn & Spa

Located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley wine country, The Allison Inn & Spa is a stylish retreat surrounded by rolling vineyards and forested hills. Spacious accommodations feel warm and welcoming, many offering terraces that look out across the gardens and vines. The celebrated spa brings a strong sense of calm, drawing on local ingredients and gentle natural scents to create an inviting place to unwind. Dining is a highlight too, with seasonal dishes that showcase the valley's produce and, naturally, an excellent selection of local wines. Whether you come for a quiet weekend, a culinary escape or to explore the wineries that surround the inn, The Allison provides a polished and peaceful base in one of Oregon's most scenic pockets.



SISTERS, OREGON

FivePine Lodge & Cabins

Tucked beneath tall pines with fine views of the Cascades, FivePine Lodge & Cabins makes an ideal base for exploring the high desert landscapes of south-eastern Oregon. Spacious cabins are equal parts rustic and refined, with wooden exteriors, stone fireplaces and Craftsman-style wood furniture married with contemporary amenities like Italian-tiled bathrooms with deep-soaking tubs. Step outside and you're met with birdsong, tall trees and the soft scent of pine. Facilities include a movie theatre, heated outdoor pool, on-site spa and an extensive network of hiking and biking trails linked to the property. The on-site pub serves family-friendly food, plus there's a range of other restaurants in downtown Sisters, just a short walk away.



PACIFIC CITY, OREGON

Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa

Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa is a welcoming hideaway that celebrates the beauty of the Oregon coast, set where forested cliffs and towering sand dunes meet the wild Pacific Ocean. Whether you opt for an oceanfront room or a two- or three-bedroom cottage, you'll wake each morning to stunning views of the ocean and the sea stack known as Chief Kiwanda Rock. It's a similar story at Tidepools Spa, where soothing treatments provide a perfect end to action-packed days spent hiking, kayaking, cycling and more, with dedicated Adventure Coaches on hand to help you make the most of your time at the hotel. Dining at Meridian restaurant is just as much a celebration of the region, with produce sourced from local farmers and fishermen or grown in the Headlands' own garden.

BEND, OREGON

Oxford Hotel Bend

Set in the heart of downtown Bend, the Oxford Hotel offers a stylish and welcoming base for exploring one of Oregon's most outdoorsy towns. The hotel has a modern, boutique feel with warm natural materials and a relaxed atmosphere. Step outside and you're moments from cafes, galleries, craft breweries and the scenic Deschutes River. Rooms and suites are spacious and thoughtfully designed, with comfortable sitting areas and oversized windows to offer plenty of natural light, while the restaurant showcases seasonal, regional ingredients for breakfast and dinner. Whether you're here for mountain adventures, scenic walks or simply to enjoy Bend's lively small-town charm, the Oxford Hotel provides a polished retreat at the centre of it all.





With nearly 140 islands spread over 1,500 square miles of Pacific Ocean, Hawai'i offers visitors a huge variety of things to see and do, from verdant jungles and active volcanos to marvelling at manta rays and surfing some of the world's wildest waves.

Most visits to Hawai'i start in O'ahu, the 'gathering place'. Hawaiian royalty first built their homes on Waikiki Beach and today, nearly 350,000 people call Honolulu home. The Pearl Harbor National Memorial offers a moving insight into a pivotal moment in US history, while a hike up Le'ahi crater delivers breathtaking Waikiki views. From November to March, the island's North Shore sees monstrous waves break at Sunset Beach, Waimea Bay and the legendary Banzai Pipeline. Maui, the second most populous island, offers whale watching, stunning beaches and some of Hawai'i's swankiest resorts. Watching sunrise from the summit of Haleakalā Volcano is unforgettable, as is driving the winding Hana Highway, which weaves past waterfalls, beaches and lush rainforest.

Though if it's rainforests you want, you might prefer Kaua'i, the 'Garden Isle'. The oldest Hawaiian island, it's a lush, laidback paradise. Two-thirds are jungle-covered while the rest boasts dramatic landscapes, including the soaring Na Pali Coast and the breathtaking Waimea Canyon. Then there's Hawai'i Island, home to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and two of the world's most active volcanoes, one still spewing lava today.



Botanical Gardens | O'ahu

WHEN TO VISIT

The islands remain warm throughout the year, with little seasonal variation. Heavy rainfall can occur in some mountainous areas from December to February, but most areas only experience short showers while others remain dry.

IDEAL FOR

Beaches, Surfing, Snorkelling, Diving, Culture, Natural Beauty, Adventure and Hiking



Na Pali Coast | Kauai

15-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

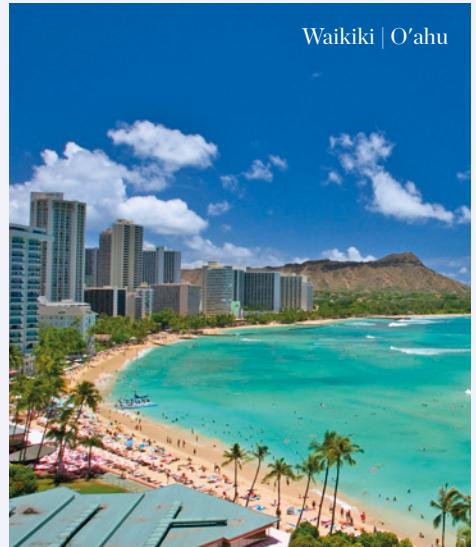
Aloha Hawai'i

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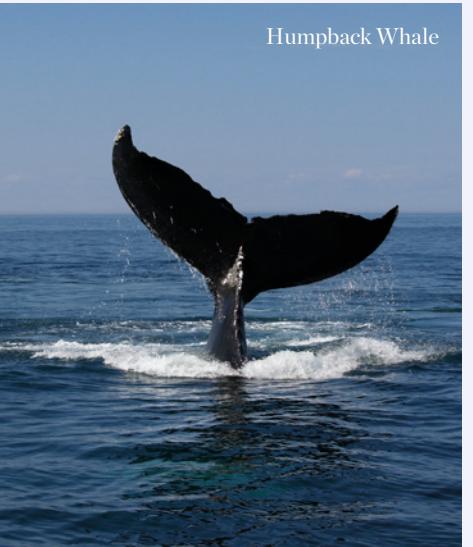
14 nights / 15 days

SUMMARY

5 nights O'ahu
3 nights Kauai
3 nights Hawai'i Island
3 nights Maui



Waikiki | Oahu



Humpback Whale

Hop, skip and hula through the heavenly Hawaiian islands on this 15-day tour that demonstrates the breadth of the 50th state – from the historical sites of O'ahu and the plunging cliffs of Kauai, to the smouldering calderas of Hawai'i Island's volcanoes and the humpback whales that visit Maui in their thousands.

DAYS 1-5: O'AHU

Upon arrival in Honolulu, you'll be taken by private car to the 'First Lady' of Waikiki hotels, Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa for a five-night stay. Spend the next few days sightseeing, relaxing and enjoying all that O'ahu has to offer. Get a glimpse into Hawaiian culture at a traditional luau. Enjoy time at the beach trying everything from parasailing and surfing to snorkelling and catamaran cruises. Tap into Hawaiian history with visits to the Iolani Palace, the former residence of Hawaiian royalty, and the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. Take in panoramic views of O'ahu from the summit of Lē'ahi, the ancient volcanic cone that rises from the end of Waikiki Beach. Visit the fabled North Shore to watch surfers test their metal at big-wave spots like Waimea Bay and the Banzai Pipeline. Or find your island style among the luxury boutiques of Kalakaua Avenue.

DAYS 6-8: KAUAI

Transfer to Honolulu for your flight to Kauai where you'll be met and transferred to Ko'a Kea Resort on Po'ipu Beach for a three-night stay. It's not for nothing that Kauai is known as the 'Garden Isle' of Hawai'i. The fertile island – the backdrop to everything from South Pacific to the Jurassic Park series – is mostly covered in tropical rainforest and as such is a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. Highlights include Waimea Canyon, dubbed the 'Grand Canyon of the Pacific', and the Na Pali Coast, 22 miles of vibrant green valleys, thundering waterfalls and concertinaed cliffs 4,000 feet high. The coast can be explored by kayak or paddleboard, but by far the best way to take in the whole island is on a helicopter tour – something our experts will be happy to book for you.



Akaka Falls | Hawai'i Island

Maui



DAYS 9-11: HAWAII' ISLAND

A private transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Hawai'i Island, where you'll be met and transferred to Fairmont Orchid for a three-night stay, a coastal resort with a protected lagoon, huge pool and excellent amenities. It's the perfect base from which to explore the island. Follow Crater Rim Drive through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to Kilauea Volcano, which has been spewing lava almost continuously since 1983. Hike to the spectacular Akaka Falls or along the Kona Coast to the Captain Cook Monument, which marks the site where the British explorer who discovered the Hawaiian islands was killed in 1779. Or pleasure your sweet tooth at Original Hawaiian Chocolate, the world's only producers of 100% Hawaiian chocolate.

DAYS 12-15: MAUI

End your Hawaiian journey with a three-night stay at the Fairmont Kea Lani, a stunning property on 22 beautiful, ocean-facing acres. When not enjoying the outdoor pools and acclaimed spa, options include helicopter trips over Haleakalā crater, which is big enough to fit all of Manhattan inside it; segway tours of laidback Lahaina, an old whalers' town now lined with boutiques and waterfront restaurants; whale watching tours to spot humpbacks in winter; and the zig-zagging drive along the scenic Hana Highway, past dozens of waterfalls and hidden-away beaches. Transfer to the airport on day 15 in time for your flight home.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Pearl Harbor VIP Tour

This VIP tour includes time at the USS Arizona memorial, which commemorates the lives lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941; a trip below deck of the USS Bowfin submarine, dubbed the 'Pearl Harbor Avenger' for its successful attacks on the Japanese; and access to the battleship USS Missouri, where the Japanese surrender was finally signed in 1945.



Hawai'i Island Volcano Adventure

Nowhere is the power and beauty of Hawai'i better expressed than in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, home to two of the world's most active volcanoes, including Kilauea, which erupted continuously from 1983 to 2018. This adventurous tour gets you off the beaten track with an experienced guide for a blend of culture, history and awe-inspiring nature.



Helicopter Sightseeing

There's no better way to view Maui than from the air with Maverick Helicopters. Tours range from 55 to 75 minutes. Highlights include a remote landing in the Hana Rainforest, seeing the world's highest sea cliffs on neighbouring Molokai, staring into the Haleakalā crater, and flying over hidden valleys, scenic waterfalls and the big-wave surf break, Jaws.



O'AHU, HAWAII

Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa, Waikiki Beach

Known as the 'First Lady of Waikiki', Moana Surfrider combines Victorian elegance with contemporary comfort. Tastefully appointed rooms and suites are spread across three wings, with many offering breathtaking ocean views. Waikiki Beach is right on the doorstep, just beyond the sizeable outdoor pool, though the star of the show is the Moana Lani Spa, one of the best on O'ahu, complete with relaxation lounges, saunas, steam rooms and two wonderful couple's suites with private hot tubs and panoramic views. The fitness centre offers daily morning yoga, while on-the-water options include surfing and paddleboarding. Dining choices range from afternoon tea on the elegant veranda to oceanfront dining at the island-inspired Beachhouse.

MAUI, HAWAII

Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea

Set on one of the finest sweeps of sand in all Hawai'i, this luxurious resort offers grand ocean views, nightly hula shows, contemporary rooms and the high levels of service you'd expect from a Four Seasons resort. Facilities include an oceanfront spa, an adults-only infinity pool with a swim-up bar, an open-air cardio and fitness deck, two additional pools, a tennis centre, kids' club and a trio of designer boutiques. Dining highlights include Spago, the Hawaiian outpost of Wolfgang Puck's signature LA restaurant, and Ferraro's, offering fine Italian dishes beneath the stars. Perhaps best of all though are the unique experiences on offer to guests, like a coffee plantation tour on neighbouring Hawai'i Island by private helicopter.



O'AHU, HAWAII

Halekulani

All but a handful of rooms at heavenly Halekulani enjoy wonderful sea views. Spacious guestrooms come in natural, neutral tones; suites offer more space with one or two bedrooms, extra-large bathrooms and at least one balcony, while premier suites offer breathtaking views of Waikiki Beach and imposing Lēahi crater. There's an array of dining options, including La Mer, one of the most awarded restaurants in Hawai'i, as well as the more casual options, Orchids and House Without a Key. Attendants are always ready poolside with sunscreen and towels. There are numerous water and beach activities, Mindbody classes, signature sleep treatments, a comprehensive spa, plus excursions that tap into the history, culture and nature of Hawai'i.



MAUI, HAWAII

Fairmont Kea Lani

Situated on 22 acres of tropical landscape in upscale Wailea, the Fairmont Kea Lani is Maui's only oceanfront all-suite-and-villa resort. Island and Ocean Suites feature separate bedrooms and living rooms as well as oversized marble bathrooms and a massive lanai (balcony) with furniture for dining and lounging. Two- and three-bedroom villas up the ante with private outdoor plunge pools, barbecues and full kitchens. Of the four dining venues, standouts include signature restaurant Kō, known for its award-winning Hawaiian fusion, and Nick's Fishmarket Maui, famed as much for its 2,000-bottle wine cellar as its gorgeous fresh seafood. Other notable offerings include a top-notch spa, outrigger canoe experiences and hula and ukulele lessons.



KAUAI, HAWAII

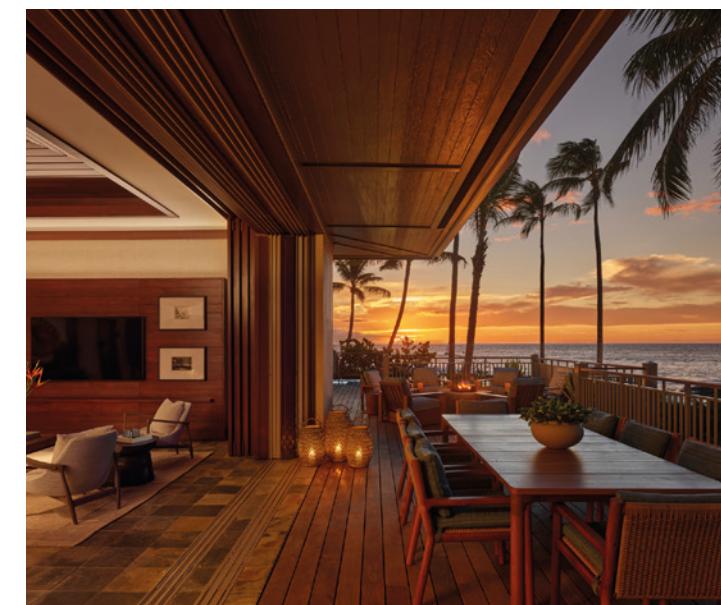
Ko'a Kea Resort on Po'ipu Beach

Known as the 'Garden Isle', Kaua'i is beloved for its tropical rainforests, wild, dramatic scenery and long sandy beaches. It's on one of these beaches that you'll find Ko'a Kea, regarded as one of the most romantic hotels in America. Most of the 121 rooms and suites offer at least partial sea views and all promise private lanais and marble bathrooms. The award-winning Red Salt Restaurant & Sushi Bar makes the most of the fresh local seafood. The spa includes beachfront cabana treatment areas, candlelit treatment rooms and a romantic couple's suite. Outside firepits maintain the romance at night, yoga and Pilates are conducted by the beach, and there's everything on offer from bikes and beach chairs to snorkels and surf lessons.

HAWAII ISLAND, HAWAII

Four Seasons Resort Hualalai

Spread among tropical palms between a lava-blackened volcano and a half-mile stretch of white-sand beach, the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai is an out-of-the-way Eden on Hawai'i Island. It offers everything you'd want from a tropical island holiday, including an impressive cultural centre, a snorkelable lagoon full of colourful fish, and a garden spa with innovative experiences that combine excursions to nearby salt flats or native forests with treatments using locally sourced products. There are over 20 room, suite and villa categories to choose from. Complimentary clinics are available at the PGA golf course. And amazingly, 80% of menu items in all of the resort's restaurants are sourced from the waters and farms around Hawai'i.



CITY COLLECTION



With heavy hitters like New York, Los Angeles and Boston to contend with, many of America's most captivating cities are too easily overlooked when it comes to planning holidays. Here are three of our favourite unsung heroes, all of which make for highly memorable city breaks, while over the page we look at west-coast cultural trendsetter, Seattle. We've plenty more ideas where these came from though, so do ask our experts about their favourite city stays.



Chicago

After New York, Chicago is America's most vital cultural capital and is a hard-to-beat choice for a scintillating city break. Fabulous restaurants like three-Michelin-star Alinea, memorable museums like the Art Institute of Chicago, parades of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, and a jazz, blues and music scene that's second to none are all just a few of the Windy City's highlights. For a bird's eye view of it all from a glass-floored floating balcony, visit Skydeck Chicago on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower, or walk the shore of Lake Michigan for stunning views back at the rising city skyline.



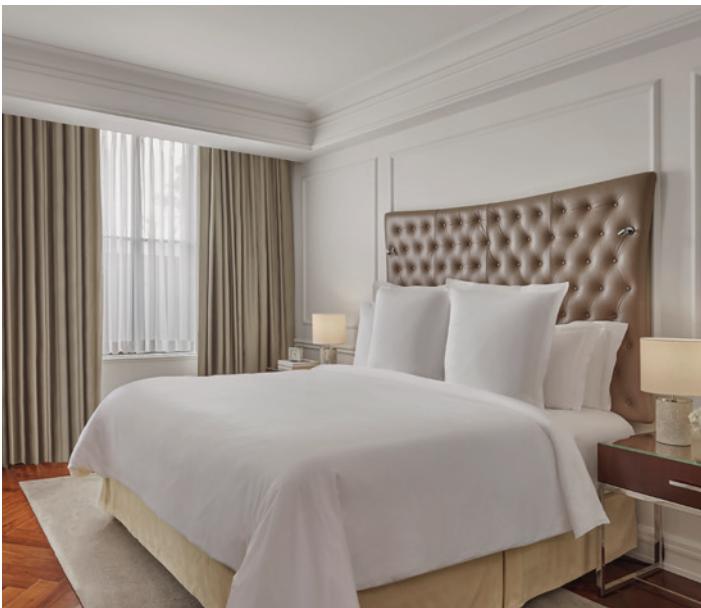
Philadelphia

There's a lot to love about the City of Brotherly Love. History fans can stand in the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, or in the crumbling cell that once held Al Capone. Movie buffs can climb the famous 'Rocky Steps' or get their picture taken by the Rocky Balboa statue. At the Barnes Museum, art lovers can see the largest number of privately owned impressionist paintings in the world. Shoppers can run wild at the King of Prussia Mall, one of the largest in America. While foodies can weigh in on the greatest debate in town: who exactly serves the finest Philly cheesesteak?



Washington, D.C.

America's capital is teeming with iconic monuments, museums, parks and broad boulevards. In springtime, cherry blossoms bloom along the city's centerpiece, the National Mall, home to such imposing landmarks as the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, where Daniel Chester French's massive sculpture of the brooding president sits, the stirring words of his Gettysburg Address etched behind him. Other places of interest include the world's largest library, the Library of Congress, the Neoclassical White House and the US Capitol, which holds the House and Senate chambers of government.



WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rosewood Washington, D.C.

Set on the banks of the C&O Canal, Rosewood Washington, D.C. combines the intimacy of a boutique retreat with the service and facilities of a larger hotel. The understated brick facade barely hints at the grandeur inside: opulent wood panelling, parquet flooring from a French chateau, and plush leather chairs that give the feel of an old clubhouse. The 55 rooms, including 12 suites and six townhouses, offer more square footage than most urban hotels and come with high-end comforts like touch-panel technology, Nespresso machines and glass-enclosed rainfall showers. Celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck helms the F&B offerings, while facilities range from in-room spa treatments to a rooftop pool with views of the Potomac and Washington Monument.



CHICAGO

Viceroy Chicago

Conveniently located in the exclusive Gold Coast neighbourhood, Viceroy Chicago is a swanky mix of vintage and contemporary, with the upper floors – a gleaming glass tower that's pure modern luxury – sitting atop the meticulously preserved facade of the 1920s hotel that was here before it. Design flourishes throughout are both polished and playful, from the towering blue wall of Proustian poetry in the avant-garde lobby, to the wallpaper art behind the beds in the rooms, where attention is focused on the jaw-dropping views from the floor-to-ceiling windows. The restaurant, Somerset, serves seasonal American dishes, while the rooftop lounge Pandan offers cocktails and light bites beside an outdoor pool with sensational skyline views.



PHILADELPHIA

Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center

Designed by Norman Foster, this fabulous Four Seasons is the highest hotel in North America and consequently offers breathtaking views over the city of Philadelphia; they're especially arresting from the rooftop infinity pool, reserved exclusively for hotel guests. Rooms and suites are spread over 10 floors and boast floor-to-ceiling windows, minibars with cocktail-making ingredients and the latest touch- and voice-activated technology. Local chef Greg Vernick helms the buzzy oyster bar and brasserie, while acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten offers tantalising tasting menus at the fine-dining restaurant. To relax, visit the peaceful spa complete with 700lb of healing crystals built into the walls. To explore, ask the concierge about the raft of local tours and activities available.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Be Dazzled by America's Emerald City



A TASTE OF SEATTLE

4-Day City Break

Dive into the best of the Emerald City with three days of seafood, culture and outdoor adventure

Day 1 Arrive on a direct flight from London and transfer to Lotte Hotel Seattle. Venture up the Space Needle to take in your surroundings then head to the waterfront to sample Seattle's famous seafood trifecta: Dungeness crab, wild salmon and oysters.

Day 2 Start the day with a private food tour of Pike Place Market, getting the inside scoop from its merchants, chefs and store owners. After lunch, embrace the city's art and museum scene with visits to the Museum of Pop Culture or the sleek and contemporary Seattle Art Museum. Then toast the city's culture in the Ballard Brewery District.

Day 3 Cross pretty Puget Sound for a full-day tour of Olympic National Park, taking in its moss-draped forests, piercing azure lakes and striking mountain peaks.

Day 4 Enjoy views of the downtown skyline, Space Needle and Elliot Bay from beautiful Kerry Park before transferring to the airport for your flight home.

There are few cities in the world blessed with a more beautiful setting than Seattle. Sitting at the edge of picturesque Puget Sound, America's Emerald City is the gateway to the Pacific Northwest and the spectacular landscapes of Olympic, Mount Rainier and North Cascades national parks, all of which lie within a few hours' drive of the city. Several cruises to Alaska also start from the Seattle waterfront, while a little offshore, the gloriously scenic San Juan Islands offer some of the best orca watching in the world, as well as chances to spot seals, sea lions and porpoises.

"Seattle is undoubtedly one of my favourite US cities. An organised food tour is a great way to experience Pike Place Market, still home to the best seafood chowder I've ever tasted. From there head up the Space Needle for panoramic views of downtown and - on a clear day - mighty Mount Rainier in the distance. I also recommend taking a seaplane flight over pretty Puget Sound. As well as more terrific views, we spotted Tom Hanks's house from *Sleepless in Seattle*"

Gina Riley
SENIOR TRAVEL ADVISOR

SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT BOOKING A LUSSO HOLIDAY TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



VISIT
seattle



SEATTLE Fairmont Olympic Hotel

Among the city's most celebrated landmarks, this luxury hotel commands a great location in downtown Seattle, within walking distance of the waterfront and Pike Place Market. Built in the 1920s but fully refurbished in 2016, it strikes the right balance between old-world glamour and contemporary luxury. The glamour is most evident in the two-storey lobby, with its oak-carved panels, domed ceilings and gilded chandeliers. More modern are the rooms, around half of which are suites, complete with plush duvets and marble bathrooms with powerful rainfall showers. Dining options range from modern brasserie The George to the oyster bar Shuckers, while facilities include an indoor pool and hot tub, fitness centre, salon and excellent day spa.



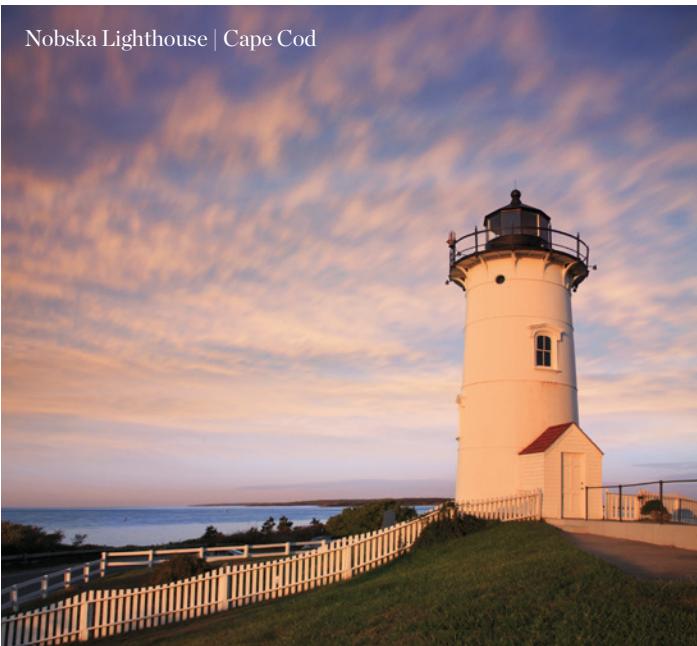
SEATTLE Lotte Hotel Seattle

This Philippe Starck-designed hotel occupies 16 floors of the flashy 44-floor F5 Tower in the heart of downtown Seattle, within walking distance of Pike Place Market. Floor-to-ceiling windows with sprawling views of Elliott Bay make the rooms feel even bigger than they are, while heavy marble bathrooms, light-wood touches and splashes of colour add a sense of fun to the unquestionable stamp of luxury. The 32 suites are particularly sleek and spacious; the Presidential Suite even comes with its own baby grand piano. Charlotte Restaurant & Lounge elevates the classic dishes of the Pacific Northwest using fresh, local ingredients, while the spa and fitness centre offers a full slate of massages, facials, aromatherapy treatments plus hair and makeup options.



SEATTLE Thompson Seattle

Just a stone's throw away from Pike Place Market, Thompson Seattle is ideally located for making the most of the Emerald City. Stunning views of Puget Sound, the Seattle Great Wheel, the dramatic city skyline and of ferries criss-crossing Elliott Bay are on full display through floor-to-ceiling windows in the hotel's rooms, suites and residences, which also feature hardwood floors, sleek mid-century furniture and luxurious rainfall showers. Rooftop bar The Nest serves hand-crafted cocktails and small bites before views that stretch as far as the Olympic Mountain Range, while signature restaurant Conversation Kitchen & Bar champions the best produce of the Pacific Northwest, from freshly caught fish to freshly foraged mushrooms.



INSIDE THE USA WITH
Clare Sheldrick

What's your favourite US city and what must I do while I'm there?

New York without a doubt. Be sure to picnic in Central Park, gaze in awe at Times Square and ride the ferry to Liberty Island. But leave time for some of the newer attractions too, like walking the High Line, a 1.5-mile urban park that snakes through the Meatpacking District 30 feet above street level.

Which of the tourist hotspots live up to the hype?

If you're in San Francisco you should certainly visit Alcatraz. Once home to such notorious criminals as Al Capone, America's most famous prison makes for a wonderful half-day excursion, and the self-guided audio tour gives a fascinating insight into life on 'The Rock'.

Where should I take the family?

For a good old-fashioned family holiday, head to the beaches of Cape Cod in New England. The powdery sand and calm waters of the cape's south side are especially child-friendly, and there are great opportunities for biking, fishing, boating and whale watching.

Where should I go to get back to nature?

Southern Florida is amazing for nature lovers. Head into the Everglades with a naturalist guide to spot pelicans, alligators, dolphins and manatees. Or head further south to the Florida Keys, which offer some of the best marine life encounters in the States. Dive the Shipwreck Trail off Key Largo. Kayak or paddleboard through the mangrove islands of the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge. And snorkel among rainbow-coloured parrotfish in the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary.

What's the best way to travel around the States?

The most convenient and flexible way is to self-drive, which allows you to go at your own pace, stopping at whatever takes your fancy along the way. We'll help you find the vehicle that's right for you and your companions, be it a soft-top convertible for cruising in the sunshine or an SUV for better sit-up-high views. We can even arrange motorhome and motorcycle hire.



Cruising in the USA & Canada

A luxury cruise is a wonderful way to see several destinations in one unforgettable holiday, with the added advantage of unpacking just once. In partnership with North America's leading luxury cruise lines, including Silversea, Seabourn, Regent Seven Seas Cruises and Explora Journeys, we bring bespoke cruise journeys to life through your trusted travel agent.

Recognised for their enthusiasm and extensive industry knowledge, our cruise specialists expertly craft every detail, including bespoke pre- and post-cruise arrangements. Whether a Broadway-filled New York stay before sailing through New England, or a Rocky Mountains self-drive paired with an Alaska voyage ending in Vancouver, they take pride in making complex combinations beautifully simple.

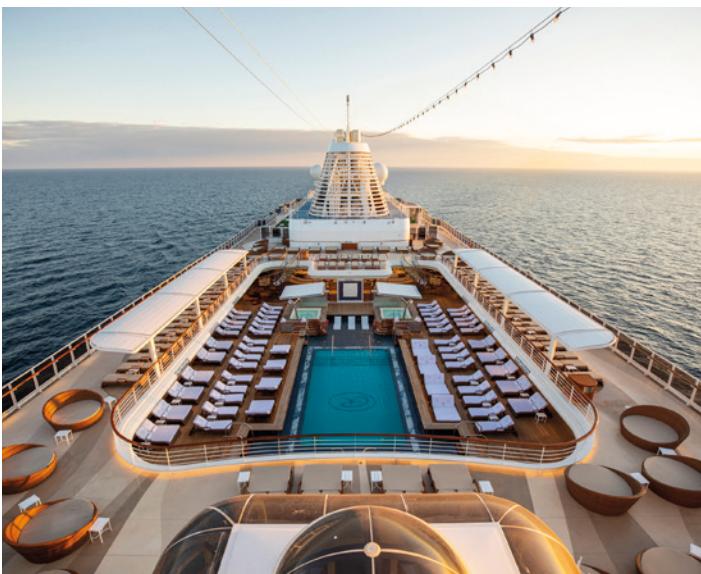


Silversea

With nearly one crew member for every guest, exceptional personalised service defines a Silversea all-inclusive cruise. Its 12 all-suite ships offer ocean views across every category, while the acclaimed S.A.L.T. (Sea And Land Taste®) culinary programme showcases each destination through local cuisine. Onboard, guests can enjoy pools, hot tubs, high-end boutiques, casinos, innovative wellness and fitness programmes, along with dance and karaoke evenings. Ashore, excursions provide exclusive access to cultural treasures and natural wonders often beyond the reach of independent travellers.

PORTS OF CALL

Silversea offers multiple cruises along the eastern seaboards of the USA and Canada, visiting Montréal, Canada's Maritime Provinces, New England, New York and Florida. It also operates a wide range of 7- and 14-day Alaskan cruises, including one-way and return journeys from Vancouver in Canada.

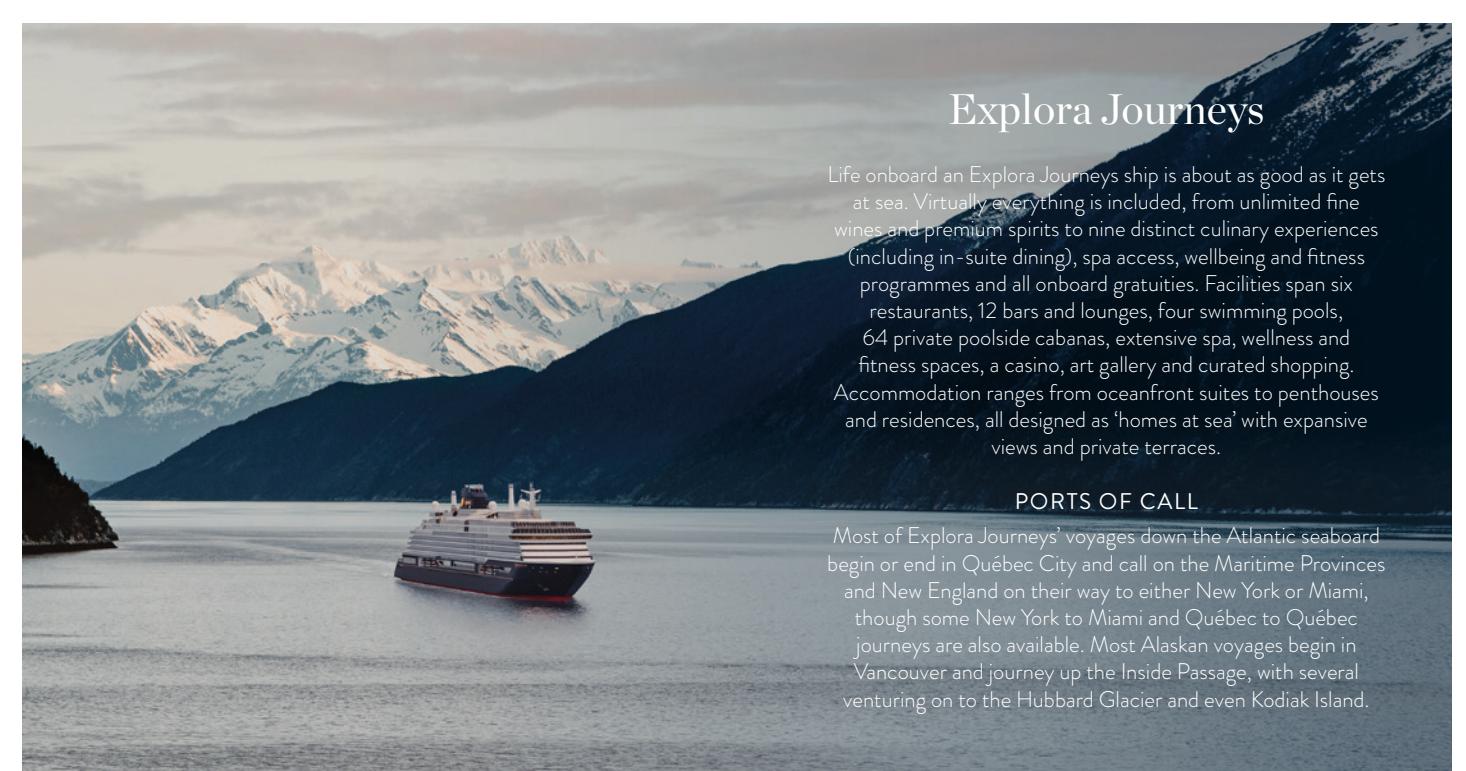


Regent Seven Seas Cruises

With Regent Seven Seas Cruises, all-inclusive really means all-inclusive, from unlimited shore excursions and spa access to exquisite open-seating dining, including speciality restaurants, and unlimited beverages, from fine wines to craft cocktails. Almost all suites come with private balconies and generous walk-in closets, with penthouse suites and higher categories served by private butlers. Large pool decks provide plenty of space for lounging in the sunshine. Excursions range from immersive Go Local Tours to exploring must-see UNESCO World Heritage sites. Onboard facilities include holistic spas, state-of-the-art fitness centres, casinos, cooking classes and spectacular theatrical performances.

PORTS OF CALL

On the eastern seaboard, Regent Seven Seas Cruises offers 10- and 11-night cruises between Montréal and either New York or Boston, calling at ports in Québec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Maine. It also offers cruises between Whittier in Alaska and either Vancouver or Seattle.



Seabourn

Since Seabourn's first ships launched in 1988, the line has set the standard for luxury cruising with ocean-view suites, private verandas, open-seating dining, all-inclusive fares and exceptional personal service. Those standards remain today, with ships that have the feel and facilities of a private club. Lectures, cooking demonstrations, classical recitals and comedy acts are all part of the entertainment, while the onboard spas are among the largest at sea. From the champagne on arrival to the gourmet, open-seating dining that rivals the world's finest restaurants, service is exceptional throughout and tipping is neither expected nor required.

PORTS OF CALL

Montréal, Québec City, Saguenay Fjord, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston, Newport and New York are just a few of the 43 ports called at by Seabourn cruises traversing the eastern seaboard of North America. It also offers small-ship Alaskan cruises between Juneau and Vancouver that explore the famed Inside Passage and breathtaking Glacier Bay.

Explora Journeys

Life onboard an Explora Journeys ship is about as good as it gets at sea. Virtually everything is included, from unlimited fine wines and premium spirits to nine distinct culinary experiences (including in-suite dining), spa access, wellbeing and fitness programmes and all onboard gratuities. Facilities span six restaurants, 12 bars and lounges, four swimming pools, 64 private poolside cabanas, extensive spa, wellness and fitness spaces, a casino, art gallery and curated shopping. Accommodation ranges from oceanfront suites to penthouses and residences, all designed as 'homes at sea' with expansive views and private terraces.

PORTS OF CALL

Most of Explora Journeys' voyages down the Atlantic seaboard begin or end in Québec City and call on the Maritime Provinces and New England on their way to either New York or Miami, though some New York to Miami and Québec to Québec journeys are also available. Most Alaskan voyages begin in Vancouver and journey up the Inside Passage, with several venturing on to the Hubbard Glacier and even Kodiak Island.

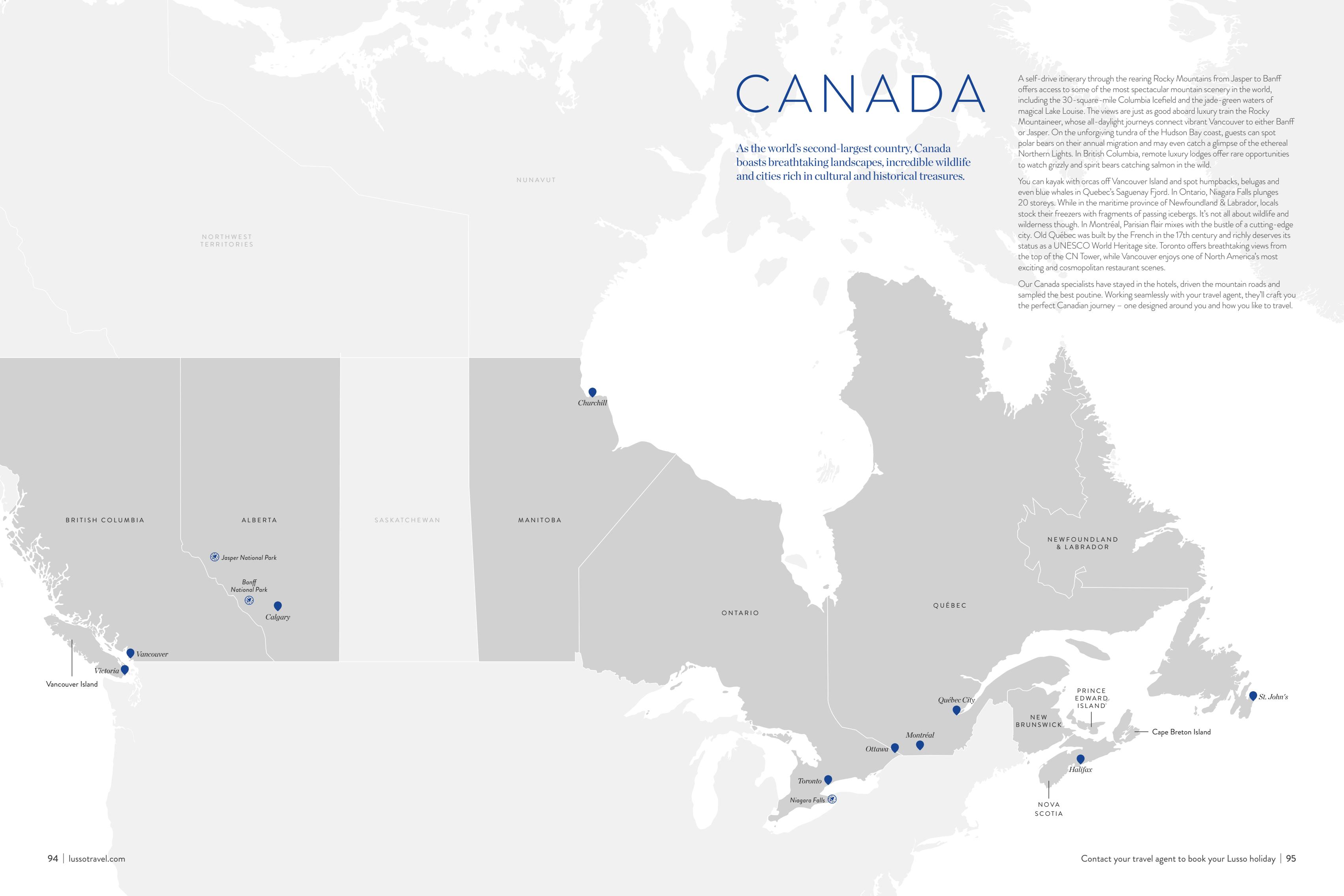
CANADA

As the world's second-largest country, Canada boasts breathtaking landscapes, incredible wildlife and cities rich in cultural and historical treasures.

A self-drive itinerary through the rearing Rocky Mountains from Jasper to Banff offers access to some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the world, including the 30-square-mile Columbia Icefield and the jade-green waters of magical Lake Louise. The views are just as good aboard luxury train the Rocky Mountaineer, whose all-daylight journeys connect vibrant Vancouver to either Banff or Jasper. On the unforgiving tundra of the Hudson Bay coast, guests can spot polar bears on their annual migration and may even catch a glimpse of the ethereal Northern Lights. In British Columbia, remote luxury lodges offer rare opportunities to watch grizzly and spirit bears catching salmon in the wild.

You can kayak with orcas off Vancouver Island and spot humpbacks, belugas and even blue whales in Quebec's Saguenay Fjord. In Ontario, Niagara Falls plunges 20 storeys. While in the maritime province of Newfoundland & Labrador, locals stock their freezers with fragments of passing icebergs. It's not all about wildlife and wilderness though. In Montréal, Parisian flair mixes with the bustle of a cutting-edge city. Old Québec was built by the French in the 17th century and richly deserves its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Toronto offers breathtaking views from the top of the CN Tower, while Vancouver enjoys one of North America's most exciting and cosmopolitan restaurant scenes.

Our Canada specialists have stayed in the hotels, driven the mountain roads and sampled the best poutine. Working seamlessly with your travel agent, they'll craft you the perfect Canadian journey – one designed around you and how you like to travel.



Your Canadian Rockies Adventure Starts Here

Ride to the Athabasca Glacier aboard a massive Ice Explorer vehicle.

Soak in unobstructed views of the Sunwapta Valley on the glass-bottomed Skywalk. Enjoy sweeping views of six mountain ranges from the top of the Banff Gondola. Touch the sky crossing Canada's highest suspension bridge. Cruise the still waters of magnificent Maligne Lake. Or soar above Jasper National Park on Canada's highest aerial tramway.



ENJOY ALL THIS AND MORE WITH PURSUIT'S COLLECTION OF UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES ACROSS JASPER AND BANFF. SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT BOOKING THEM THROUGH LUSSO.

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DISCOVER CANADA YOUR WAY

Rail Journeys

There's no doubt that Rocky Mountaineer helped establish Canada as one of the world's greatest countries for travelling by train (see page 104). But it's not the only way to ride the rails in comfort. Our suggested itinerary through Ontario and Québec (see page 112) uses business class travel aboard VIA Rail to link Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Québec City. And that's just one example of what's possible on the network. You can cross the whole country from Toronto to Vancouver in your own private suite in Prestige Class aboard The Canadian; take a sleeper train from Montréal to Halifax through the scenic landscapes of Québec and the Maritimes; or ride all the way from Winnipeg to the frozen shores of Hudson Bay to spot polar bears in Churchill.



Road Trips

For many of our clients, hiring a car is the ideal way to discover Canada. The country's well-maintained roads are easy to navigate and often relatively empty, plus you're able to stop whenever the mood takes you – for a hike or a picnic, to admire the stunning scenery or to marvel at the wildlife often seen along the roadside. Western Canada is home to several of the world's most breathtaking roads, including the Sea to Sky Highway that connects Vancouver to Whistler and the 142-mile Icefields Parkway that runs along the backbone of the Rockies between Jasper and Banff. In the east, the Frank MacDougall Parkway cuts through Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, revealing glassy lakes and hills aflame with maple trees. While in Nova Scotia, the famous Cabot Trail winds around the coast of Cape Breton Island, passing browsing moose and dizzying ocean views.



Experiences

Lusso can book all manner of unique experiences that will help lift your trip from ordinary to extraordinary. Explore Canada's landscapes from coast to coast with Flyover in Vancouver, an immersive flying experience that sees your legs dangling in chairlift-style seats before a spherical 20-metre screen. Or fly for real on a seaplane tour from Victoria Harbour or a helicopter flight above Niagara Falls, the Canadian Rockies or the Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. Prefer to take to the water? Then how about a cruise through Ontario's magical 1,000 Islands, a whale watching tour on the Bay of Fundy or an up-close look at imperious icebergs as they steadily drift past the coast of Newfoundland? Maybe you're travelling in winter. Then let us book you a stay at Québec's famous Ice Hotel or a dogsledding adventure in the wilds of Alberta. If you can imagine it, we can probably book it.



Motorhomes

Motorhomes – or RVs, as they're called in Canada – are a very cost-effective way to travel, providing transport, accommodation and cooking equipment all in one. We can arrange for you to collect your motorhome in a wide range of locations, including Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montréal and Halifax. You can even take motorhomes on all BC Ferries, making it easy to combine a trip to Vancouver Island with a journey over the Rockies from Vancouver to Calgary. However, popular ferries can fill up weeks in advance, so we recommend you book ahead to avoid disappointment. Parks Canada manages campsites right across the country, many of them catering to motorhome drivers, offering electric, sewer and water hookups, Wi-Fi zones, grocery stores, playgrounds, picnic shelters, fire pits and more.



CANADA

Wildlife & Wilderness

Canada is a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts. The Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve on Vancouver Island is one of the planet's last remaining tracts of temperate rainforest, home to black bears, wolves, cougars, eagles, seals, orcas and huge pods of grey whales. The Great Bear Rainforest that extends up much of British Columbia's coastline offers sanctuary to endangered spirit bears as well as large numbers of grizzly and black bears. In northern Manitoba, beluga whales mass in their thousands to breed and calve in summer, while October and November see hundreds of polar bears gather around Churchill as they wait to hunt seals on the frozen Hudson Bay. Here, we look at four of the country's finest remote lodges, where wildlife and wilderness are top of the agenda.



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge

Tucked away in the UNESCO-listed Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve on Vancouver Island, Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge is one of Canada's finest off-grid retreats, accessible only via seaplane from Vancouver or by boat from Tofino. Accommodation comprises 25 luxurious safari tents, either on the waterfront or ensconced in the rainforest, complete with comfortable king bed, underfloor heating, wood-burning stove, outdoor veranda and specially commissioned furnishings from local designers.

The ranch-style log cookhouse serves a daily-changing menu of locally sourced, sustainable produce, while the Healing Grounds Spa boasts a waterfront massage tent, wood-fired sauna and series of hot tubs looking out towards the sound. But the main attraction is of course the outdoors, with black bears, whales, eagles and sea otters all regularly spotted as well as activities ranging from horse riding, kayaking, hiking and fishing and also a carefully curated menu of helicopter excursions.



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Knight Inlet Lodge

Knight Inlet Lodge lies 60 kilometres from the mouth of British Columbia's longest fjord in the southern stretches of the Great Bear Rainforest. Indigenous-owned, the floating lodge offers some of the best grizzly bear watching on the planet and is at the forefront of conservation and environmental stewardship. Accessible via floatplane, the lodge is open from May to October, with both black and grizzly bears emerging from hibernation from April onwards.

Spring is a wonderful time to see mothers with their cubs. In summer, berries and grasses attract bears of all ages, while autumn sees dozens of grizzlies converge on the rivers to catch salmon. From mid-July, the area is also frequented by 16 different pods of orca, making it one of the few places in the world where you can spot whales and bears on the same day. Accommodation is in simple but comfortable rooms, while meals champion local ingredients caught fresh from Knight Inlet.



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge

Berry Island Wilderness Lodge, is a family-owned eco-retreat located in the Broughton Archipelago, on the edge of the Great Bear Rainforest. Unreachable by road, guests are transferred by water taxi from Alder Bay on Vancouver Island and frequently get sidetracked by curious sea lions or playful dolphins on their way to the lodge. It's a taste of what's to come in the days ahead as the lodge is famous for its wildlife viewing, offering intimate grizzly bear spotting from small zodiac boats as well as whale watching trips to spot humpbacks and orcas.

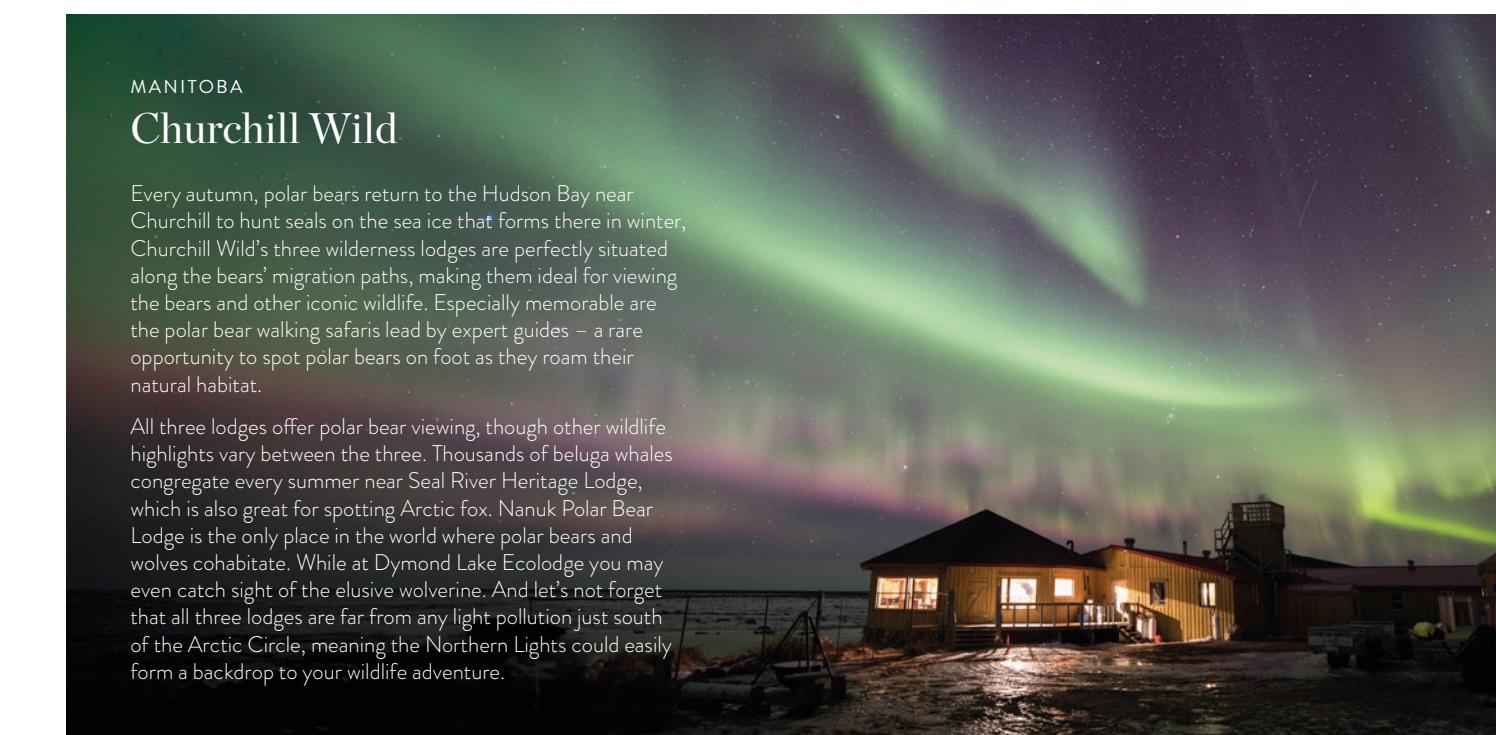
Activities are all about exploring the untamed landscape, from sea kayaking through the peaceful channels of the archipelago to forest bathing, stand-up paddleboarding, rainforest hikes and cold-water swimming – preferably followed by a soak in the open-air hot tub. The lodge itself features a wraparound deck and a comfortable lounge and dining room. The atmosphere is intimate with just 12 rooms, all with beautiful ocean views, including four that float above the mirror-calm waters of Farewell Harbour.

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Churchill Wild

Every autumn, polar bears return to the Hudson Bay near Churchill to hunt seals on the sea ice that forms there in winter. Churchill Wild's three wilderness lodges are perfectly situated along the bears' migration paths, making them ideal for viewing the bears and other iconic wildlife. Especially memorable are the polar bear walking safaris lead by expert guides – a rare opportunity to spot polar bears on foot as they roam their natural habitat.

All three lodges offer polar bear viewing, though other wildlife highlights vary between the three. Thousands of beluga whales congregate every summer near Seal River Heritage Lodge, which is also great for spotting Arctic fox. Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is the only place in the world where polar bears and wolves cohabit. While at Dymond Lake Ecolodge you may even catch sight of the elusive wolverine. And let's not forget that all three lodges are far from any light pollution just south of the Arctic Circle, meaning the Northern Lights could easily form a backdrop to your wildlife adventure.





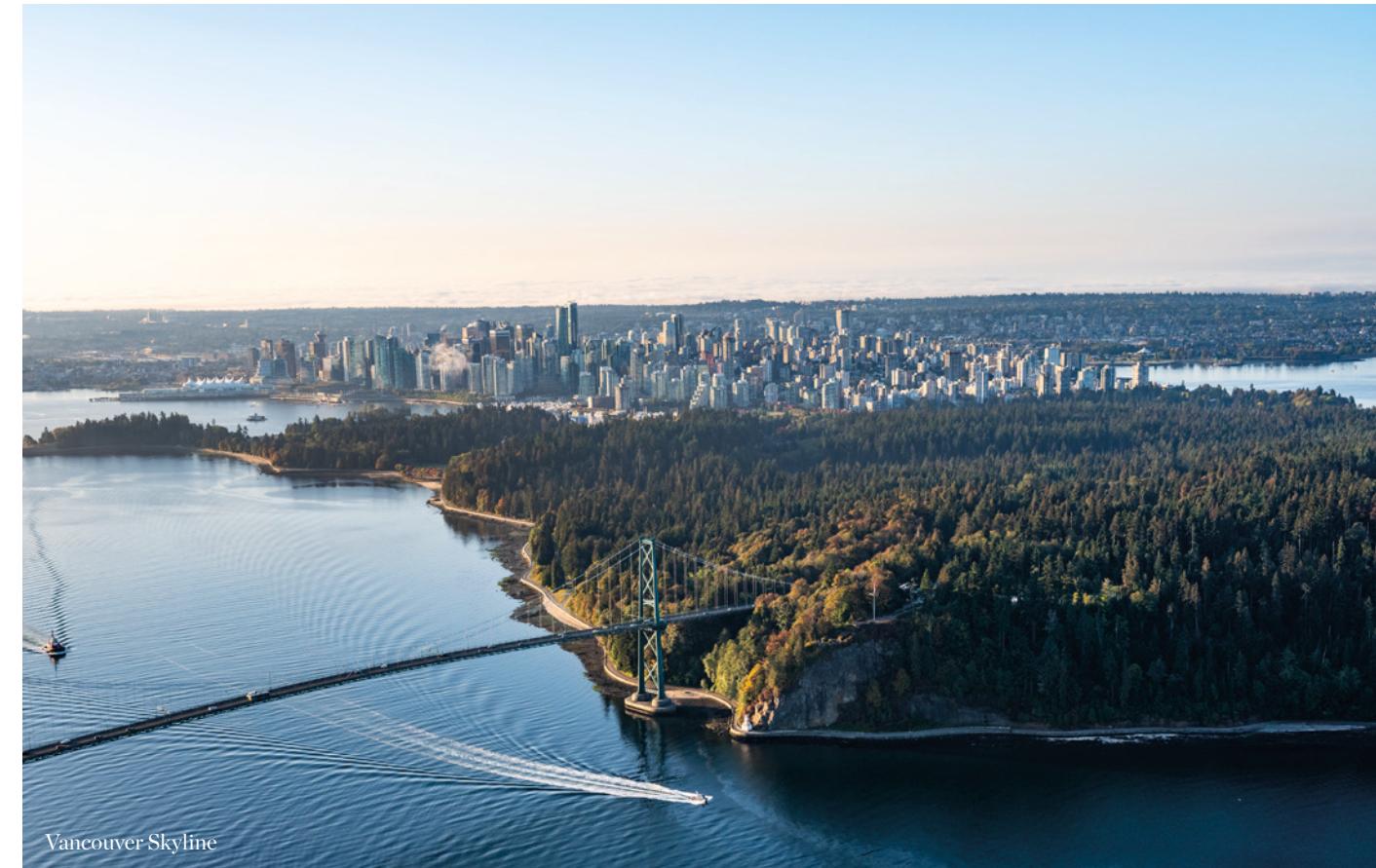
BRITISH COLUMBIA

From vibrant Vancouver to the rugged beauty of the Rocky Mountains, British Columbia is a land of contrasts. Here, luxury meets untamed nature, with remote wilderness lodges, world-class rail journeys and spectacular national parks waiting to be explored.

Framed by the Pacific and the North Shore Mountains, Vancouver has a setting to rival that of Sydney or Rio, not to mention a renowned restaurant scene and expansive green spaces like vast Stanley Park, with its ancient cedars and First Nations totem poles.

Across the water lies Victoria, the provincial capital, known for its gardens and heritage charm. But it's the wilderness of Vancouver Island that truly captivates, from orca sightings on the ferry crossing over to the pristine beauty of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve, one of the planet's last remaining tracts of temperate rainforest, home to wolves, bears and the luxurious Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge. Other remote lodges in the wilds of British Columbia include Knight Inlet Lodge and Sonora Resort in the fjords that furrow the province's west coast, both wonderful places to spot grizzlies in the wild.

Back on the mainland, the scenic Sea to Sky Highway connects Vancouver to Whistler for skiing in winter and hiking in summer. Alternatively, board the Rocky Mountaineer for a luxury rail journey into the Rockies, overnighting in Kamloops before ending either in Banff or Jasper.

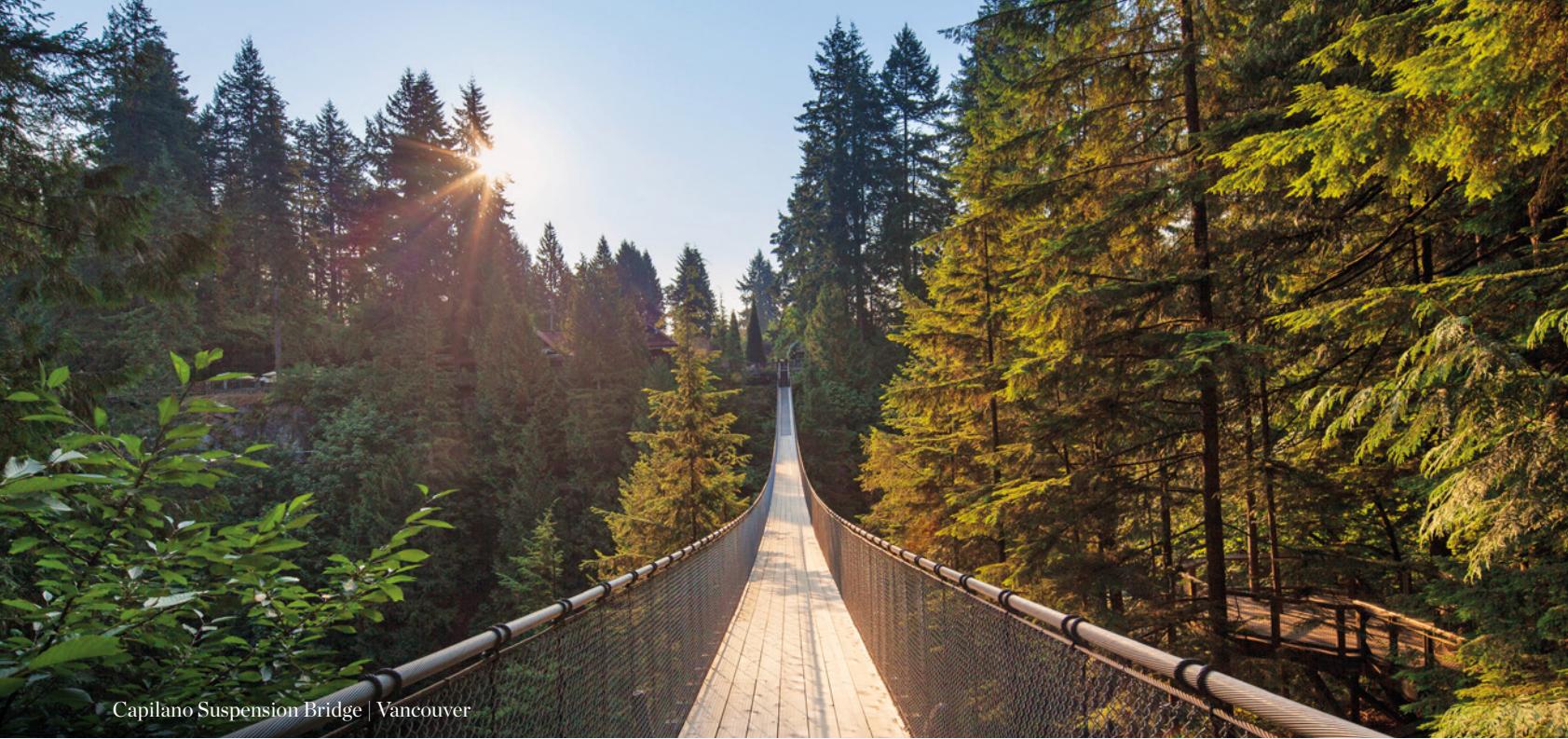


WHEN TO VISIT

British Columbia rewards visitors year-round. Spring brings blossom and mild days, summer offers long light-filled hours for hiking and coastal exploration. Autumn drapes the forests and vineyards in rich colour while winter is ideal for skiing and snowbound adventures. Wildlife lovers should visit from May to September, when whale watching and bear viewing are at their very best.

IDEAL FOR

Wildlife Viewing, Mountain & Coastal Scenery, Hiking, Cruises, Exciting Cities, Storm Watching, Surfing, Skiing, Snowboarding and Winter Fun



Capilano Suspension Bridge | Vancouver

13-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

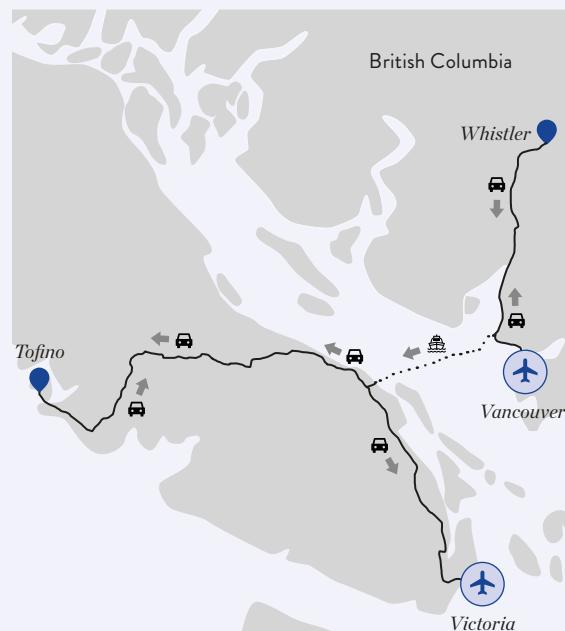
The Wild Beauty of British Columbia

DURATION

12 nights / 13 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Vancouver
3 nights Whistler
3 nights Tofino
3 nights Victoria



Discover the best of British Columbia on this 13-day self-drive journey from vibrant Vancouver via the mountain resort of Whistler to the coastal rainforests of Vancouver Island and the provincial capital, Victoria.

DAYS 1-3: VANCOUVER

Arrive in Vancouver and transfer to the Fairmont Pacific Rim. The hotel's waterfront location means you're perfectly placed to explore the city. To help you get started we've included a guided highlights tour, which includes taking in the incredible views from the Vancouver Lookout and a visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, where you can walk among the treetops in the coastal rainforest. Take time also to discover Stanley Park, where a leisurely walk or bike ride along the Seawall offers beautiful ocean and city views. Other worthy distractions include the designer stores of Robson Street and Granville Island Market, a true foodie haven with flavours from around the world.



Peak 2 Peak Gondola | Whistler

DAYS 4-6: WHISTLER

Collect your hire car and follow the breathtaking Sea to Sky Highway to the village of Whistler, where you'll check in for three nights at the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Whistler. The mountain town is as alive in summer as it is in ski season. We've included a pass for the iconic Peak 2 Peak Gondola, the longest and highest cable car in the world, spanning the 4.4 kilometres between the giant twin peaks of Whistler and Blackcomb. Yet more breathtaking views can be enjoyed from the Cloudraker Skybridge atop of Whistler Peak itself, while those with less of a head for heights will find plenty to enjoy in Whistler Village, a pedestrian zone of cafe-lined streets, high-end restaurants and fashionable boutiques.

DAYS 7-9: TOFINO

Drive south along the Sea to Sky Highway to Horseshoe Bay, where you'll board a ferry to Vancouver Island. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled while crossing the Inside Passage as orcas are often spotted on these scenic ferry rides. Cross to the Pacific coast near Tofino and check in for three nights at The Wickaninnish Inn, a stunning Relais & Châteaux retreat, spectacularly set on a rocky bluff between the sea and an ancient rainforest. A highlight here will almost certainly be the bear watching tour we've included in your stay, offering the chance to observe black bears foraging along the rocky shoreline. Other optional activities include surfing, sea kayaking, biking, fishing and whale watching.

DAYS 10-13: VICTORIA

Travel south to Victoria to end your adventure with a three-night stay at the Fairmont Empress, the grande dame of British Columbia's provincial capital. Explore the shops and restaurants around the lively inner harbour, take a seaplane flight from in front of your hotel or visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a vast botanical showcase just minutes away. As a final flourish, we've included a whale watching tour departing from the harbour – a wonderful opportunity to spot orcas, humpbacks, dolphins, sea otters, sea lions and more. Enjoy a morning at leisure on Day 13 before returning your hire car at Victoria Airport in time to catch your flight home.



Victoria

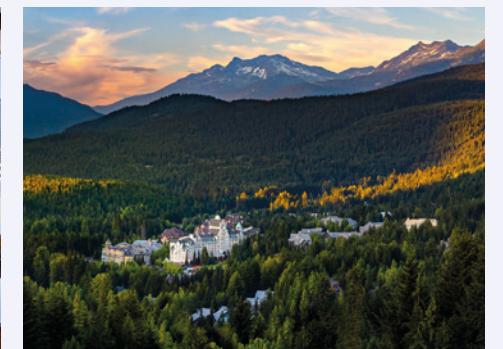


WHERE TO STAY - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Fairmont Pacific Rim

Set on Vancouver's waterfront, this iconic five-star hotel offers refined luxury and flawless service. Elegant rooms, exceptional dining and attentive staff create a serene retreat in the heart of the city, framed by sweeping harbour and mountain views.



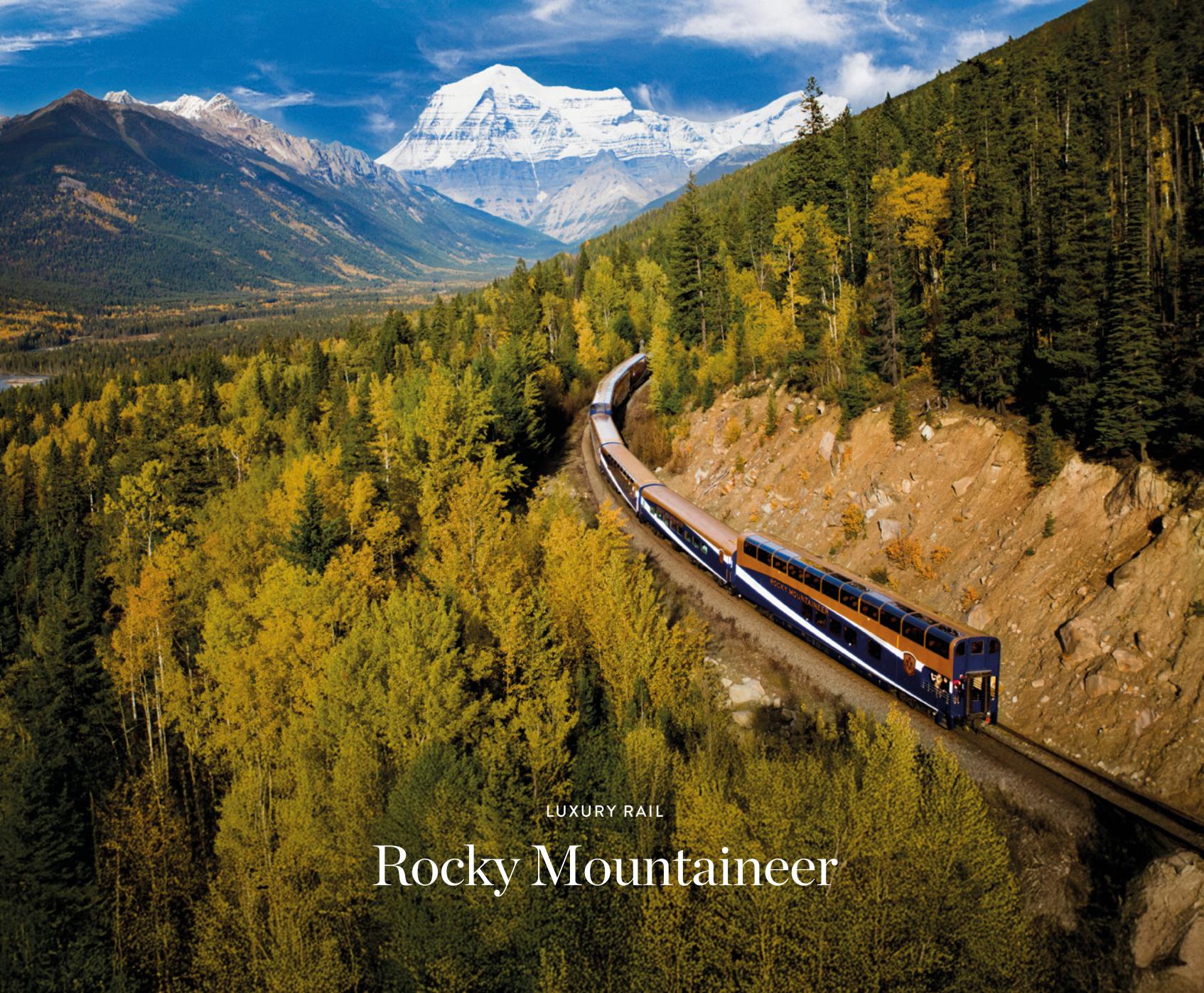
Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Nestled amid the majestic peaks of British Columbia's Whistler Blackcomb mountains, the award-winning Fairmont Chateau Whistler fuses luxury and natural beauty to create an unforgettable mountain retreat, making it one of the world's leading mountain destinations.



Wickaninnish Inn

Set on the edge of the Pacific, this Relais & Châteaux retreat in Tofino is immersed in wild coastal scenery. Panoramic windows frame ocean views, the acclaimed restaurant delivers true wow factor and the Ancient Cedars Spa offers treatments amid towering spruce.



Railroad to the Rockies

The railroad through the Canadian Rockies from Vancouver to Banff is arguably the most spectacular in the world, carving through a land shaped by glaciers, with snow-covered peaks, roaring waterfalls and tranquil mountain lakes.

By far the best way to absorb this stunning scenery is on an all-daylight journey with Rocky Mountaineer, eight-time winner of the World's Leading Travel Experience by Train at the World Travel Awards; renowned for its glass-domed coaches, delicious cuisine, impeccable service and sociable atmosphere.

There are three routes available (as outlined right) and two different levels of world-class service, SilverLeaf and GoldLeaf, both of which include complimentary transfers to your overnight hotel in either Kamloops, Whistler or Quesnel. All routes can be made westbound or eastbound, though we recommend travelling east as the scenery only gets better and better as you rise into the Rockies.



SilverLeaf

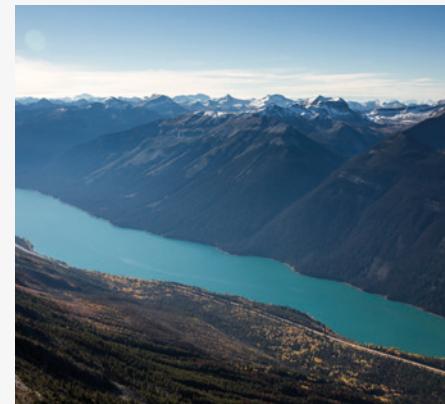
SilverLeaf offers everything you need to enjoy the majesty of the Rockies in comfort and style. Glass-domed coaches with oversized windows reveal panoramic views, ideal for photography. Gourmet breakfasts and lunches are brought straight to your seat by a team of friendly hosts, who'll also serve complimentary drinks as they entertain you with stories about the history of the railroad, the landscape and its wildlife.



GoldLeaf

Upgrade to GoldLeaf and the service jumps from excellent to truly extraordinary. Enjoy unobstructed viewing from your spacious seat on the upper level of your glass-domed coach. Step onto the exclusive outdoor viewing platform to get closer to the action, keeping your eyes peeled for elk, bears and golden eagles. Gourmet meals and drinks can be enjoyed in the dedicated lower-level dining room.

Three Unforgettable Rail Routes



Journey Through the Clouds Vancouver to Jasper

This glorious two-day journey from Vancouver to Jasper starts by following the Fraser River through fertile farmlands and the dramatic Fraser Canyon, way above the roaring rapids of Hell's Gate below. After a night in Kamloops, the journey continues eastbound past shimmering lakes, the aptly-named Pyramid Falls and magnificent Mount Robson, the tallest peak in the Canadian Rockies, before arriving in Jasper.



First Passage to the West Vancouver to Banff

Available in GoldLeaf only, this three-day journey takes you from Vancouver to Jasper, Canada's largest national park, via overnight stops at the world-famous mountain resort of Whistler – where you can ride the record-breaking 4.4-kilometre Peak 2 Peak Gondola – and the historic town of Quesnel. Along the way you'll pass scenic fjords, rushing rivers, soaring mountains and gold-flecked canyons once teeming with gold prospectors.



Rainforest to Gold Rush Vancouver to Jasper



Alberta is where Canada's wild beauty takes centre stage: glacier-fed lakes, snow-capped peaks and vast national parks lie waiting to be explored. From the adventure-filled trails of Jasper to Banff's mountain charm and Calgary's urban edge, this is the Rockies at their most cinematic.

Covering more than 4,200 square miles of Rocky Mountain scenery, Jasper, the country's largest national park, offers year-round adventure, from white-water rafting on the Athabasca River to canyon hikes, horseback rides and serene canoeing on majestic Maligne Lake.

The 142-mile Icefields Parkway links Jasper to Banff, passing through an unbroken panorama of glacier-topped peaks, waterfalls and turquoise lakes flanked by spruce and fir forests. A highlight of the route is the Columbia Icefield, where you can ride across the ice in massive all-terrain vehicles and take in the views from the glass-bottomed Skywalk. The Parkway ends in Banff, Canada's highest town, known for its vibrant dining and refined hotels. Banff National Park, the country's first, offers access to Moraine Lake and magical Lake Louise, dramatically set at the foot of the Victoria Glacier.

Just east lies Calgary, a dynamic city with a flourishing arts scene, some splendid parks and many excellent restaurants, including one that revolves around the top of the Calgary Tower.



Bull Elk Rutting

WHEN TO VISIT

Alberta's seasons reveal a landscape that never stands still. Spring ushers in soft light, fresh growth and excellent wildlife viewing, while summer's warm days are ideal for exploring glacier-fed lakes and open mountain trails. Autumn is defined by golden larch forests and cool, clear air, creating superb hiking conditions. Winter delivers deep snow, invigorating winter sports and the stillness of the Rockies under bright, starlit skies.

IDEAL FOR

Lakes, Mountains, Scenic Drives, Wildlife Encounters, Dark Skies for Stargazing and Winter Adventures



Moraine Lake | Banff National Park

11-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

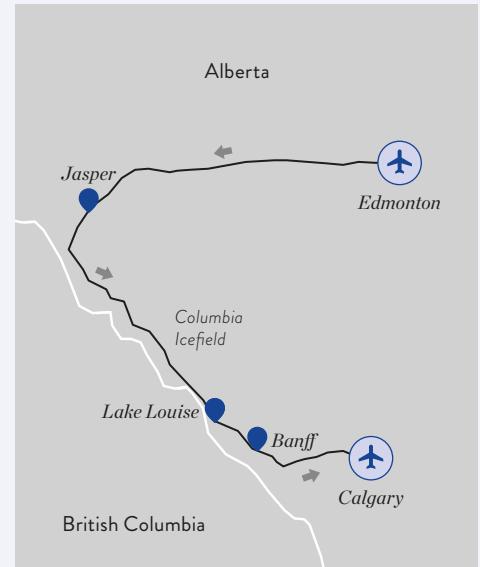
Alberta: Peaks, Lakes & Luxury

DURATION

10 nights / 11 days

SUMMARY

1 night Edmonton
3 nights Jasper
2 nights Lake Louise
3 nights Banff
1 night Calgary



Traverse one of the most exceptional landscapes in North America on this 11-day road trip through captivating Alberta, combining lively towns and cities with soaring mountains, creaking glaciers, shimmering lakes and spectacular wildlife.

DAY 1: EDMONTON

Arrive in Edmonton, collect your hire car at the airport and make your way to the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald for an overnight stay in the heart of Alberta's capital. Set on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton is a lively and welcoming city, with highlights that include River Valley Park and the West Edmonton Mall.

DAY 2-4: JASPER

Spend the morning exploring Edmonton before setting out west along the Yellowhead Highway, as the drive carries you across the open prairies towards the Rockies, and Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, your home for the next three nights. Set on a spectacular 700-acre estate, the hotel provides an excellent base for exploring Jasper National Park, which at over 4,200 square miles, is Canada's largest.

A must while in the park is a tour of Maligne Valley, which includes a stop at the mysterious Medicine Lake and opportunities to spot deer, elk, moose and black bears on the way to Maligne Lake, where a boat trip to Spirit Island offers stunning views. Other park highlights include riding the Jasper SkyTram to the summit of Whistlers Mountain, paddling across Pyramid Lake in a wooden canoe and white-water rafting on the Athabasca River.



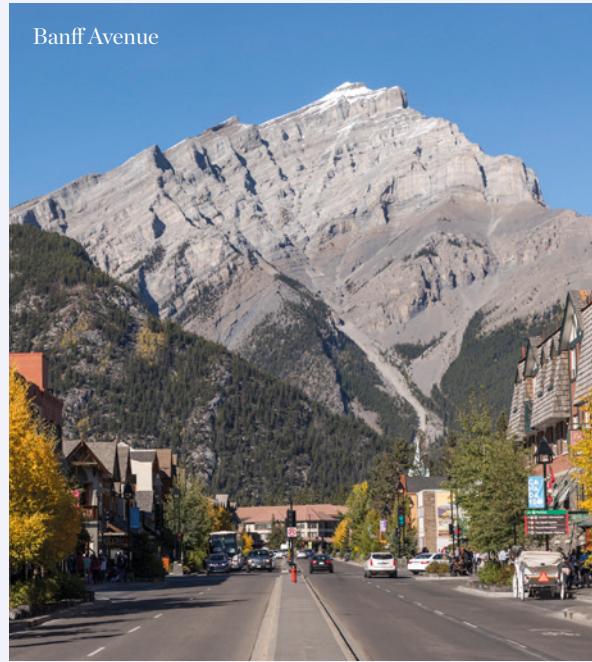
DAYS 5-6: LAKE LOUISE

Today's drive along the Icefields Parkway is among the most beautiful in the world. Towering peaks, glaciers, waterfalls and turquoise lakes line the route, as does the Columbia Icefield, where you'll venture out on the Athabasca Glacier in a giant-wheeled Ice Explorer vehicle, before stepping onto the glass-bottomed Skywalk, 280 metres above the Sunwapta Valley. End the day by checking in for two nights at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a storybook castle on the milky-blue shores of magical Lake Louise. An early start the next day brings the chance to watch the sunrise at stunning Moraine Lake, with an expert guide showing you the best vantage point. Enjoy a walk along the shore of Lake Louise in the afternoon, or perhaps a canoe trip on its mirror-calm waters.

Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier



Banff Avenue



DAYS 7-9: BANFF

Enjoy another stunning drive to the town of Banff for a three-night stay at Fairmont Banff Springs. A guided tour highlights more of Banff National Park's scenic and cultural treasures, from Bow Falls and Surprise Corner to Lake Minnewanka. Wildlife sightings are common, with deer and black bears often seen in the area. Round off the tour with a ride on the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views across six mountain ranges.

DAYS 10-11: CALGARY

The final leg of this unforgettable road trip sees you head down from the mountains to Calgary. Alberta's largest city offers world-class dining, lively bars and a dynamic cultural scene. Enjoy an overnight stay at the luxurious Fairmont Palliser before returning your car at the airport on Day 11 in time to catch your flight home.

WHERE TO STAY - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

A collection of elegant guestrooms and heritage log cabins set within a 700-acre woodland estate, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge is a year-round luxury sanctuary embracing Lac Beauvert and offering serene mountain living in the vast wilderness of Jasper National Park.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Originally built for pioneering mountaineers, Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is now one of Canada's most luxurious retreats – a romantic chateau on the shore of turquoise Lake Louise, surrounded by soaring peaks and the pristine wilderness of Banff National Park.



Fairmont Banff Springs

Built in 1888 by the Canadian Pacific Railway to resemble a Scottish baronial castle, Fairmont Banff Springs – or the 'Castle in the Rockies' as it's affectionately known – sits right in the heart of Banff National Park, offering picture-perfect views in every direction.



Stretching from the Great Lakes in the south to the frozen shores of Hudson Bay, Ontario and Québec are Canada's two largest provinces, home to spellbinding cities, extraordinary natural wonders like thundering Niagara Falls and a host of remarkable wildlife.

Toronto offers world-class dining, fabulous shopping, and panoramic views from the top of the CN Tower. Canada meets America at Niagara Falls with some of the best views north of the border, while nearby Niagara-on-the-Lake is the heart of Ontario's celebrated wine country. North of Toronto is Algonquin Provincial Park, a natural paradise of sparkling clean lakes and maple and pine woodlands. Head east and you'll reach the Canadian capital of Ottawa, whose Rideau Canal freezes solid in winter, creating the world's largest naturally frozen ice rink.

Set apart from the rest of Canada by the depth of its French culture, Québec is anchored by its two biggest cities: magical Montréal and beautiful Québec City, whose cobblestone old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For wildlife lovers, the Charlevoix region boasts dramatic valleys home to Arctic wolves and caribou, while the Saguenay Fjord offers world-class whale watching, with resident beluga whales joined each summer by minke, finback and even blue whales.

Ottawa | Ontario



WHEN TO VISIT

Autumn in Ontario and Québec is spectacular, with fiery foliage that rivals New England at its best. Spring brings blossom, mild days and quieter trails, while summer offers warm sunshine perfect for lakes, festivals and lively cities. Winter adds its own charm, with snowy forests and historic streets creating wonderfully atmospheric escapes.

IDEAL FOR

Vibrant Cities, Culture, History, Art, Cuisine, Hiking, Natural Beauty and Autumn Colours



Niagara Falls | Ontario

10-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

A Classic Rail Journey through Ontario & Québec

DURATION

9 nights / 10 days

SUMMARY

3 nights Toronto
2 nights Ottawa
2 nights Montréal
2 nights Québec City



Experience the best of eastern Canada on this relaxed rail journey linking Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Québec City, with stylish Business Class train travel, a choice of excursions in three of Canada's greatest cities and a day to remember at mighty Niagara Falls.

DAYS 1-3: TORONTO

Upon arrival, transfer to The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto for a three-night stay. Canada's largest city brims with energy, from its waterfront setting on Lake Ontario to the designer boutiques of Bloor-Yorkville. Its defining landmark, the CN Tower, is a must for first-time visitors, offering breathtaking views from its observation deck.

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Niagara Falls, one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural phenomena. Watch as torrents of water cascade more than 50 metres into the basin below, before boarding a cruise for an up-close encounter with the face of the falls. On the return to Toronto, stop in the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Visit one of the region's celebrated wineries and sample Icewine, made from grapes frozen on the vine.



DAYS 4-5: OTTAWA

Relax in the Business Class lounge before boarding your VIA Rail service to Ottawa, travelling in style through Ontario's rolling countryside. The route follows the shores of Lake Ontario before winding through maple forests and pastoral landscapes. On arrival, check in for a two-night stay at another Canadian landmark, the Fairmont Château Laurier. The following day, choose one of three guided tours: a walking tour and canal cruise, a guided bike ride or a delicious food tour of the lively ByWard Market.

DAYS 6-7: MONTRÉAL

Today's train journey east takes just under four hours, with Business Class dining and refreshments served en route. Watch as the landscape transforms from farmland to forest before reaching Montréal, the world's second-largest French-speaking city after Paris. Check in for two nights at Hôtel William Gray in the heart of Old Montréal. The following day offers a choice of excursions: a half-day sightseeing tour, a guided walk through Old Montréal, or a market-based tour showcasing the city's much-celebrated food scene.



DAYS 8-10: QUÉBEC CITY

After transferring to the station in Montréal, relax in the lounge before boarding your train for a three-and-a-half-hour journey along the St. Lawrence River to Québec City, the oldest walled city in North America and the cultural heart of French Canada. End your journey with a two-night stay at the iconic Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, an architectural masterpiece that crowns Old Québec. Choose one of four excursions to help you explore the city: a guided city tour, a countryside visit to Montmorency Falls, a gourmet walking tour of Old Québec, or a relaxed pedicab ride through the harbour and Lower Town. On your final day, enjoy a private transfer to the airport in time to catch your flight home.



Vineyard | Niagara-on-the-Lake

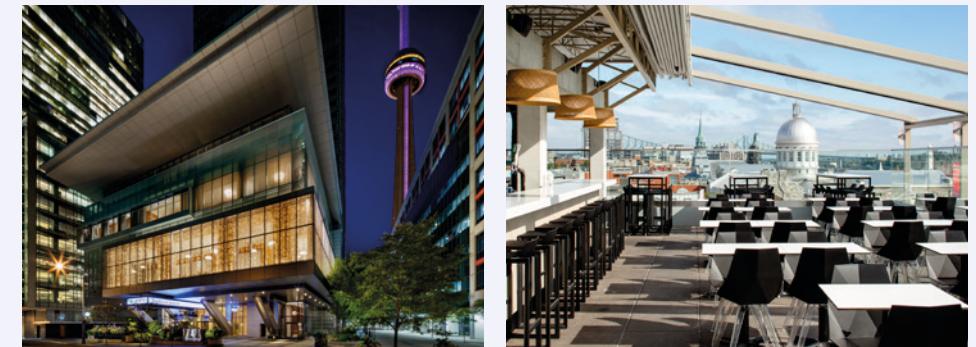


Old Québec City

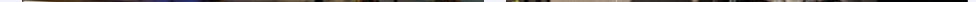
WHERE TO STAY - OUR SUGGESTIONS



The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto



Hôtel William Gray



Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

Combining polished luxury with thoughtful, attentive service, The Ritz-Carlton, Toronto features expansive rooms, striking skyline views and an outstanding spa. Its superb dining and elegant spaces ensure a sophisticated stay in the heart of the city.

A refined blend of heritage and contemporary style, Hôtel William Gray sits at the heart of Old Montréal, offering elegant interiors, a rooftop terrace with sweeping views and a calm, design-led retreat perfectly suited to travellers with a taste for understated luxury.

Designed in the style of a Loire Valley chateau complete with elegant copper roofs and striking turrets, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac rises high above Old Québec, offering impeccable service and sweeping views of the St. Lawrence River and the city's historic streets.



ATLANTIC CANADA

Cabot Trail | Cape Breton

Comprised of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Atlantic Canada speaks of jagged coastlines, ancient settlements and barely explored wilderness.

In Nova Scotia, the capital Halifax makes an excellent base from which to explore the coastline, discovering sandy beaches, pretty coastal towns and some of the freshest lobster in the world along the way. Drive far enough and you'll reach Cape Breton Island, home to one of the most spectacular coastal drives, the 184-mile Cabot Trail.

To the west is Prince Edward Island, which despite being Canada's smallest province, boasts a wealth of attractions, including the farmhouse immortalised in Anne of Green Gables. Head further west and you arrive at New Brunswick, where the nutrient-rich waters of the Bay of Fundy support a multitude of whale and seabird species.

In Newfoundland & Labrador, enchanting outposts like the old port of Twillingate and unforgettable Fogo Island attract drifting icebergs from April to June, while national parks like Gros Morne and Torngat Mountains boast soaring peaks, vast fjords and rich Inuit history.



Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park | New Brunswick

WHEN TO VISIT

Spring brings fresh coastal breezes, quieter roads and the first wildlife sightings across the Atlantic provinces. Summer is bright and breezy, ideal for exploring beaches, lighthouses and characterful fishing villages, while autumn paints the forests in vivid reds and golds. Wildlife viewing is at its best from May to October, with whales commonly seen throughout the region, while Newfoundland's 'Iceberg Alley' showcases its drifting giants from April to June.

IDEAL FOR

Seafood Lovers, Whale Watching, Iceberg Sightings, Scenic Drives, Beaches and Coastal Adventures

Humpback Whale Breaching | Nova Scotia



18-DAY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

Atlantic Canada: A Coastal Odyssey

DURATION

17 nights / 18 days

SUMMARY

1 night Halifax
2 nights Bay of Fundy
1 night Saint John
1 night Moncton
2 nights Charlottetown
2 nights Baddeck
2 nights Gros Morne National Park
1 night Twillingate
3 nights Trinity
2 nights St. John's



DAYS 1-3: HALIFAX & BAY OF FUNDY, NOVA SCOTIA

Arrive in Halifax, collect your hire car and enjoy an overnight stay in Nova Scotia's lively capital, perhaps dining on the harbourfront. Take the scenic route across Nova Scotia to the Bay of Fundy, stopping en route at Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, the UNESCO-listed town of Lunenburg and Kejimkujik National Park. During your two-night stay in Annapolis Royal, enjoy a whale watching cruise in search of humpback, finback and minke whales.

DAYS 4-5: SAINT JOHN & MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Cross by ferry from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick and stay in Saint John and Moncton. Be sure to check out the Reversing Falls Rapids in Saint John and the remarkable Hopewell Rocks near Moncton, where you can walk or kayak among towering sea stacks, depending on the tide.



Gros Morne National Park | Newfoundland



Prince Edward Island



Newfoundland

DAYS 6-7: CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Cross Canada's longest bridge to Prince Edward Island for two nights in the provincial capital, Charlottetown. Explore the beaches, dunes and cliffs of Prince Edward Island National Park and visit the Green Gables Heritage Site, the inspiration for 'Anne of Green Gables'.

DAYS 8-9: BADDECK, NOVA SCOTIA

Take the ferry back to Nova Scotia and continue to Baddeck on Cape Breton Island for a two-night stay. The charming village provides a perfect base for driving the Cabot Trail, a legendary 184-mile route that winds through Cape Breton Highlands National Park passing sweeping ocean vistas, rugged headlands and dramatic coastal lookouts.

DAYS 10-11: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK, NEWFOUNDLAND

Leave Nova Scotia for the final time aboard the ferry from Sydney to Port Aux Basques in Newfoundland. Two nights on the island's west coast will allow you a full day to explore Gros Morne National Park's gargantuan glacial valleys, sheer-sided fjords and striking Tablelands.

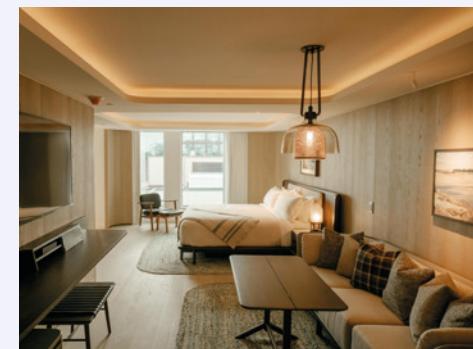
DAYS 12-15: TWILLINGATE & TRINITY, NEWFOUNDLAND

Head east to Twillingate, known as the 'Iceberg Capital of the World', and take to the water to watch bergs drift by as they descend from the Arctic. Continue down the east coast for a three-night stay in the pastel-clad harbour of Trinity. Explore the Bonavista Peninsula and hike the scenic Skerwink Trail.

DAYS 16-18: ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

The final drive takes you south for a two-night stay in Newfoundland's colourful capital, St. John's. Discover Signal Hill, Cape Spear and the fishing village of Quidi Vidi, where you can enjoy Iceberg Beer brewed using pure iceberg water. Return your hire car at the airport on Day 18 in time to catch your flight home.

WHERE TO STAY - OUR SUGGESTIONS



Muir, a Luxury Collection Hotel

Set directly on Halifax's vibrant waterfront, Muir pairs contemporary design with a distinct maritime character. Exceptional dining, elegant rooms and attentive service create a stylish and restful retreat for those seeking a sophisticated base in Nova Scotia's capital.



Inverary Resort



Fogo Island Inn

Inverary Resort rests on the shores of Bras d'Or Lake in Baddeck, offering warm maritime hospitality, inviting rooms, fresh local cuisine and a serene lakeside setting, with the dramatic coastal scenery of the Cabot Trail just moments from your door.

On Newfoundland's rugged coast, where summer icebergs glide past and winter skies shimmer with the Northern Lights, Fogo Island Inn rises on stilts above the rocks. Its bold, angular form meets the elements head-on, yet inside the mood is calm, refined and quietly inviting.



NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

Where the Journey really is the Destination

If you're dreaming of the kind of road trip where every twist and turn reveals a gasp-inducing view, where small towns feel like storybook settings and where lighthouses, beaches and seafood restaurants await around every corner, then Nova Scotia is calling your name. With coastal routes that hug the ocean, seven UNESCO designated sites, diverse cultures and warm, friendly people, this is Atlantic Canada at its showstopping best.

SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT ARRANGING YOUR OWN TAILOR-MADE LUSSO ROAD TRIP THROUGH SPECTACULAR NOVA SCOTIA.

NOVA SCOTIA
CANADA



The Cabot Trail

Any Nova Scotian road trip should include the Cabot Trail. Regarded as one of the most scenic drives in the world, the 184-mile highway weaves through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, passing jaw-dropping ocean views, tumbling waterfalls, six magnificent beaches, 24 stunning lookout points, the world-class Highlands Links golf course and numerous breathtaking hiking trails.



Beaches Galore

With more than 8,000 miles of coastline to explore, you're always close to a beach in Nova Scotia. Build sandcastles, beachcomb for sea glass, take a surf lesson or simply walk barefoot for miles along the sand. Melmerby is a particular favourite, known for having the warmest water north of the Carolinas.



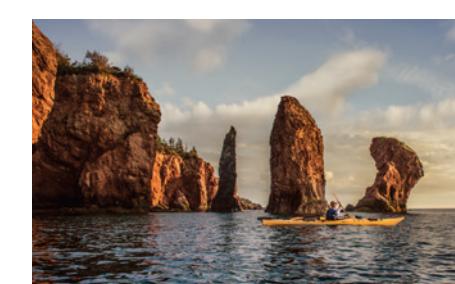
The Rhythm of Life

Music is woven into the fabric of life here. The vibrant music scene not only celebrates Nova Scotia's Celtic roots – with ceilidhs, reels and plenty of fiddles – it stretches all the way to jazz evenings, rock concerts and symphonies serving up beer and Beethoven.



The Heart of Halifax

The Halifax waterfront is the most visited destination in all of Nova Scotia. Explore museums, browse boutique shops, dine at waterfront restaurants, take a harbour tour, catch a ferry to Dartmouth or sip cocktails at sunset, watching boats come and go from this historic harbour town.



Whales & The Bay of Fundy

Twelve different whale species are known to swim in the waters off Nova Scotia, with summer and early autumn the best times to spot them. The beautiful Bay of Fundy is a top whale watching spot, though it has other secrets too, like being home to the world's most complete fossil record at Joggins Fossil Cliffs, itself a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Maritime Wine

The Nova Scotians have been making wine since the 1600s. Wine lovers today will find over 20 wineries and vineyards to visit, with opportunities to try everything from sparkling wines and rosés to ice-wines, reds and the province's signature Tidal Bay wine – a crisp, aromatic and dry white wine made exclusively from Nova Scotian grapes.



A Guiding Light

Given its thousands of miles of coastline, it's no surprise that Nova Scotia has the largest number of lighthouses of any province in Canada. Today, 150 dot the shoreline, helping to protect those who make their living on the water. If you only visit one then be sure it's at Peggy's Cove, one of the most picturesque and photographed lighthouses in the world.

Tauck Escorted Tours

Tauck have been organising luxury escorted tours since 1925, making them tried and tested experts in their field. Their USA and Canada tours offer endless opportunities for cultural connections and authentic experiences, from majestic mountain landscapes and treasured national parks to historic cities and seaside attractions.



On a Tauck tour it's not just about the places you visit, it's about how you experience them. Thanks to nearly a century of relationship building, Tauck can provide special access to hidden gems and sites not normally accessible to the public. They can show you sides to the USA and Canada you simply wouldn't see if travelling independently. A lot of this is down to the connections they have with local people and their communities, who share their insights, secrets and stories with Tauck guests. As impressive as America's iconic sights are, it's often encounters like fishing for lobster off the Portland coast with a genuine local lobsterman that guests remember most.

Equally impressive are the excellent Tauck guides. Tauck Directors average 10 years of service, come from 41 countries and collectively speak 52 languages. Their expertise in local culture, customs and traditions is what turns a Tauck tour from a trip to a trip of a lifetime. Add the reassurance of luxurious accommodation each step of the way, inclusive benefits like airport transfers, a wide choice of excursions – many exclusive to Tauck – and meals at restaurants that offer a true taste of each region you visit, and you quickly understand why Tauck have been named in Travel + Leisure's 'World's Best' list for 25 consecutive years.



TAUCK ESCORTED TOURS

Trending Tours to the USA & Canada

Americas Canyonlands

Delve into the heart of the American West on this eight-day tour beginning with a luxury stay in Scottsdale and ending amid the bright lights of Vegas. Hear insider stories with narratives by filmmakers, stay in three of America's most iconic national parks: Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion, enjoy a private dinner cruise on Lake Powell, and learn about the ecology of the inspiring Grand Canyon from an expert geologist.



In Freedom's Footsteps

Explore the meaning and history of freedom in America on this 12-day tour from New York to Washington, D.C., crafted by Tauck and filmmaker Ken Burns. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes experience in the National Archives, private tours of the Museum of the American Revolution and Virginia's historic State Capitol building, and visit iconic sites such as One World Observatory, Independence Hall, Gettysburg, Shenandoah National Park and Colonial Williamsburg.



Canada's Capital Cities & Niagara Falls

This enthralling 10-day tour combines four distinctly different cities in eastern Canada – Toronto, Ottawa, Montréal and Québec City with the tranquil lakes and forests of the Thousand Islands and the mighty roar of Niagara Falls. Highlights include multiple-night stays at Fairmont hotels in the heart of each city, including the legendary Château Frontenac in Québec City, and a private, after-hours docent-led tour of the Royal Ontario Museum.



Grand New England

This comprehensive 12-day tour has something for everyone. Beginning and ending in Boston, you'll visit classic New England destinations such as Bretton Woods, Stowe, Mount Washington and Bar Harbor. Visit the Berkshire retreats of Norman Rockwell and Edith Wharton, explore the wilderness of Acadia National Park, enjoy a farm-to-fork cooking demonstration and dinner in Vermont, and fish for lobster off the Portland coast.



Music of America

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of America's South, from the musical mecca of Nashville to Elvis Presley's beloved Graceland and the vibrant streets of New Orleans. Starting in lively Music City, you'll explore its rich country-music heritage and historic landmarks. Along the way, experience Southern hospitality and discover the unique cultural influences that make each stop on this tour a memorable adventure.



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