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THE FIRST CLASS DIFFERENCE

Making your holiday dreams a reality starts with understanding what really matters to you. Whether you're a beach lover or adventurer, a lover of history and culture or the great outdoors, at one with nature or the big city; prefer luxury or authentic, being independent or part of a group. Our travel specialists will get to know what you desire and then create a holiday to match. You will experience superb service all along the way and we will use our wealth of experience to create your holiday as if we were creating our own. And you can be sure that before you go, whilst you are away and even when you come home, we will be with you every step of the way.

AWARD WINNING SERVICE

We were founded in 1996 with a desire to provide outstanding levels of service and customer satisfaction and this is still the case today. With thousands of satisfied customers and a raft of awards for exceptional service, your holiday is in the best possible hands. We are very proud that our personal, friendly service and attention to detail has led to us becoming an industry leader in providing personalised holidays. We have been recognised through the years by winning a number of prestigious awards from within and outside of the travel industry. Some of our awards include Best Long-Haul Operator, Outstanding Service Award and Best Specialist Destination Operator.

EXPERT ADVICE

With a team of over 50 people all sharing a great passion for travelling we have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Many of us have taken the holidays showcased throughout this brochure, and we know that there is nothing more important than firsthand knowledge when planning your dream adventure. We understand that no two people are the same, and that everyone's dream holiday is different, that's why we curate individual holidays to individual requirements with the emphasis on what you want to see and do. We can create itineraries for all budgets, applying the same first-class level of service to all.

TRULY PERSONAL

Our itineraries are meant to inspire you and we have crafted a fantastic range of holidays but if you find that none include everything you want to do, then our personalised travel service is just for you. We have been involved in the planning and preparation of detailed holidays for many years and would be delighted to share our knowledge to help you plan your perfect holiday. Simply visit your local travel agent, call us on **0161 888 5607** or email **enquiries@fcholidays.com** and one of our expert and friendly team will plan your ideal holiday from start to finish.

OUR PRICES

Hotel and transport prices change frequently, and we are in constant contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices that are available. We do not show prices in this brochure as rates do vary and fluctuate quite considerably both due to demand but also due to seasonal special offers that are frequently introduced. When creating your ideal holiday, our team will choose the best rate for the services you have selected and apply any seasonal offers that may be available.

PRICE MATCH PROMISE

We work very hard in sourcing competitive prices and have great relationships with our airlines and suppliers to ensure you get the best value for money. We regularly check prices against our competitors, however if you find a better price elsewhere sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. Please see terms and conditions on our website www.fcholidays.com for more details on our policy.

PEACE OF MIND

We are here whenever you need us, before you go, whilst you're away and when you come home. We are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL scheme (Licence Number 5421) and with the Association of British Travel Agents (Licence Number W3550). You can book your travel arrangements with the peace of mind that your money is safe.



OUR FRIENDLY TEAM

Our team of America experts are passionate about America and there is nothing more important than speaking to someone who has been there, and we have! We are able to provide first-hand knowledge on everything, from flights and hotels to sightseeing and excursions. We are also happy to share those smaller elements that help create your perfect holiday from finding the best coffee spots to that hidden gem in your favourite city; we want to share our experiences with you.

HOLIDAYS YOU CAN TRUST

We are committed to making your holiday as incredible as possible, but don't take our word for it. We have thousands upon thousands of satisfied customers who would highly recommend our services to make your dream holiday become a reality. Why not have a look at the customer reviews on our website www.fcholidays.com and check out our FEEFO rating.

A scenic view of a forest with a river in the foreground and mountains in the background. The forest is dense with tall evergreen trees, and some deciduous trees show autumn foliage in shades of yellow and orange. The river flows through the center of the scene, reflecting the surrounding greenery. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak is visible under a clear sky.

Sustainable Travel

We believe that the pursuit of extraordinary holidays should not compromise the well-being of our planet. Our sustainable program is a testament to our dedication to creating unforgettable experiences while respecting and preserving the environment. We meticulously choose eco-friendly hotels and services that share the same goals, offer carbon offset options, and promote ethical tourism, ensuring every adventure leaves a positive impact.

KEY PILLARS OF FIRST CLASS HOLIDAYS' SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond a tangible and impactful program that transforms the way we travel. Experience the epitome of sustainable travel with First Class Holidays.

CARBON OFFSET OFFERING

Our clients can neutralise their carbon footprint by contributing to verified carbon reduction projects. We offer the chance to plant new trees across the globe through reforestation and to simultaneously invest into clean renewable energy projects. That means a traveller's climate contribution will remove CO₂e emissions now and invest in the planet for the future. Trees are one of the most powerful absorbers of carbon emissions - by growing trees in developing countries as our clients travel, we can help to restore eco-systems, biodiversity, and support local communities.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH ECO-FRIENDLY SUPPLIERS

We are dedicated to forging relationships with hotels and services that share our unwavering commitment to sustainability. Our selection process involves stringent criteria, assessing factors such as energy efficiency, waste management practices, and sustainable sourcing. By aligning with like-minded partners, we ensure that every aspect of our travellers' experience reflects our shared ethos of environmental responsibility. Through these partnerships, we aim to create a network of destinations that serve as exemplars of eco-conscious hospitality.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond travel experiences—it encompasses a dedication to educating and empowering our staff and travellers. Through our Educational Initiatives, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and the environmental impact of their choices; to inspire a sense of responsibility amongst them. These initiatives are seamlessly integrated into our travel packages, offering information on local ecosystems, wildlife conservation, and responsible behaviour while traveling.

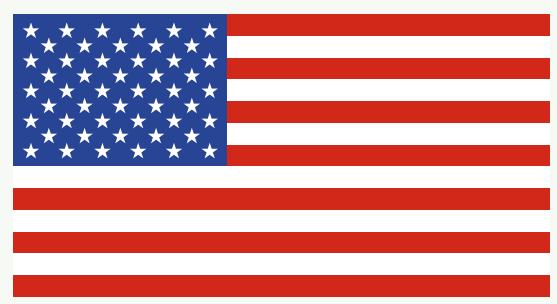
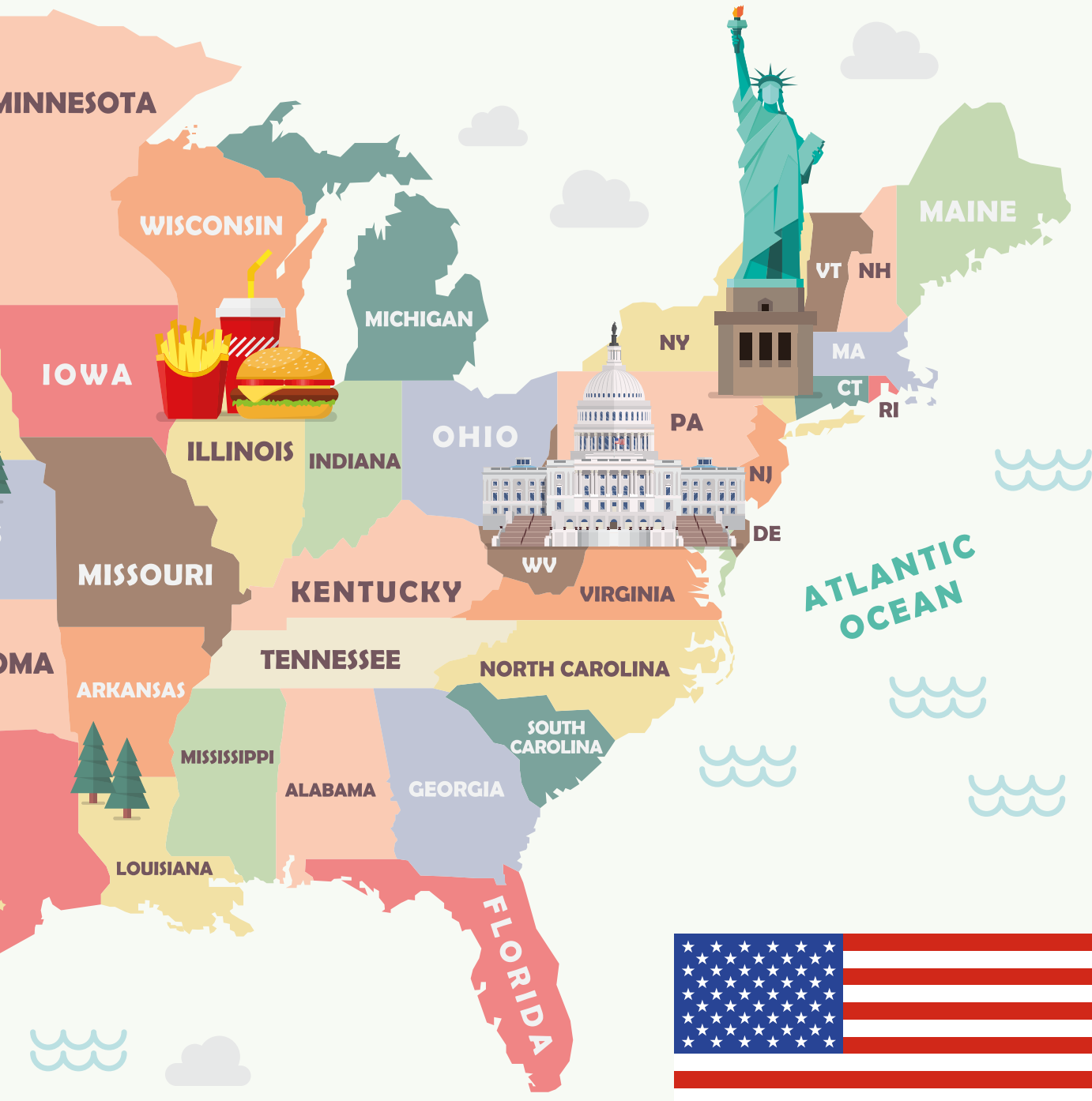
SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES

Our dedication to sustainability extends beyond environmental conservation to embrace a holistic approach that actively supports local communities and economies. Recognising that responsible travel involves more than minimising environmental impact, we place a strong emphasis on fostering positive social and economic contributions to America:

- We recognise the intrinsic value of preserving cultural heritage. We actively engage with communities to understand their traditions, ensuring that our activities are respectful and promote cultural exchange without compromising the integrity of local practices, allowing us to create authentic travel experiences.

- We prioritise collaborations with local businesses. By sourcing goods and services locally, we minimise transportation-related emissions and support regional economies. This approach not only strengthens community ties but also promotes the use of sustainable and locally produced materials.





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ways to Explore

The United States of America is a vast, diverse, and exciting country that appeals to travellers of all ages. Whether you want to explore the glittering cities and vibrant fall colours of the Eastern Seaboard, the truly spectacular national parks, board a train for an epic rail journey or cross the country on a bucket-list road trip, we can help. Our passionate team know America inside and out and with this knowledge have created a tried and tested selection of escorted tours, self-drive itineraries, and rail journeys. There's also a fabulous array of lodges and ranches to add a touch of adventure to your travels.





Escorted Tours

These are ideal if you prefer to travel as part of a group and have the reassurance of a Tour Escort with you along the way, allowing you to sit back and relax. Travel by modern coach and have the opportunity to make new friends with fellow travellers who may be from anywhere in the world as you enjoy the sights from your seat. Whether you want a deluxe tour with most meals and sightseeing included, a small group tour, or a value tour offering more time to explore at your own pace we have a selection that cover all parts of America.



Self Drive & Motorcycle Touring

If you're happy to drive whether that be 4 wheels or on 2 and prefer a pre-planned route, then our self-drive tours are for you. They include all hotels and car, or motorbike hire, and some may include attraction tickets or sightseeing. Each route has been planned and distances considered so that the daily mileage is achievable. They also allow ample time for sightseeing and stops along the way. When it comes to motorbikes there are rental locations across America, and you can tailor-make your own adventure or choose one of our pre-planned ones.



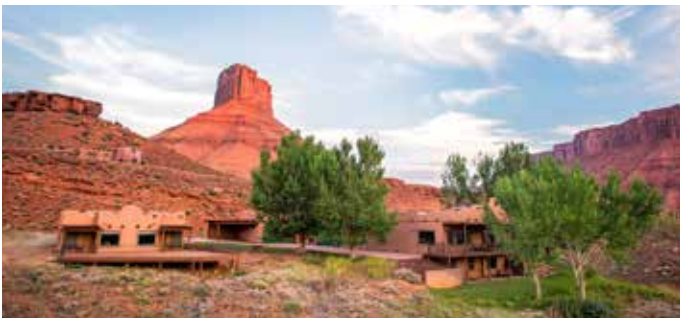
Motorhome Holidays

Nothing gives you more freedom to truly experience a country than to explore by motorhome. Unpack only once and take your creature comforts with you, as you take to the open road and discover the sights and sounds of America. With an extensive network of campgrounds and RV Parks offering full facilities, to staying in more natural settings within the beautiful national parks, there is no better way to get under the skin of a country.



Rail Journeys

Sit back and let the country roll past your window with a rail journey. From short city hops to longer journeys on legendary trains such as the California Zephyr, Texas Eagle, and the Sunset Limited this is a fabulous way to see the country. The routes covered often reveal scenery only accessible by rail. The iconic Rocky Mountaineer operates between Denver and Moab, a striking route that takes you from the Rockies to the wilds of Utah.



Ranches & Lodges

Whether you want a rustic national park lodge that puts you close to the magnificent scenery, a touch of luxury to enhance your travels or celebrate a special occasion or saddle up and hit the trail on an authentic dude ranch, there are myriad options available. Some are simple, back to nature experiences where it's all about the location, others have a curated daily menu of activities to entertain you. No previous riding experience is necessary for dude ranch stays but you will get a true sense of wild west adventure.



Cruising

Imagine waking up in a different place each day without having to repack, seeing different sights, and exploring new places. Enjoying fabulous cuisine and top-notch entertainment. That's what you get on a cruise and we are delighted to offer cruise holidays to the Caribbean, to the New England states and Nova Scotia and to Bermuda with leading cruise lines Celebrity Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line. We also have epic transatlantic cruises with Cunard, and truly luxurious voyages with Silversea cruises.

Escorted Tours

An escorted tour is the ideal way to explore the breathtaking states of America. The distances covered can be extensive and letting someone else take care of the itinerary and planning ensures that you can concentrate on enjoying the most incredible experience.

At First Class Holidays we work with Trafalgar Tours and Insight Vacations to offer you the best possible selection of escorted touring choices in the USA. There are a wide range of touring options and itineraries to choose from, depending on how much time you have and how much ground you want to cover. With many of the Insight Vacations tours there is also the option to choose your group size with classic and small group touring available. With highly knowledgeable tour directors, quality hotels and a range of immersive included hand-picked experiences that cover all the must-sees, local insider secrets and one-of-a-kind encounters, it's these little details that make an escorted tour an excellent way to see the USA. The tours shown are just a few of our favourites, but if you don't see one that is quite what you're looking for, do let us know as there are many option available.





An escorted tour is the ideal way to explore a new destination.
Kelly, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

State specific tours, such as the Best of California are a great way to cover all the must-sees without the pressure of driving.

The included MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experiences ensure a deeper understanding of the places and people that you interact with.

There are tours of all durations. So, whether you are planning on this being just a small part of your holiday and building other experiences around it, or it being the main focus, there are plenty of options.

The national park tours, such as National Park Wonders offer a real taste of the wild west where history is alive and kicking.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Best of California

10 days

Discover California's golden charms as you journey from sunny San Diego to San Francisco. Breathtaking ocean views and outstanding natural beauty in Yosemite National Park sit alongside Hollywood glamour, glittering city lights and a relaxed, laid-back lifestyle.

Highlights

San Diego – Los Angeles – Santa Barbara
Pismo Beach – Yosemite National Park
Sausalito – San Francisco

Tour Includes

- 9 nights superior accommodation
- Daily breakfast and 4 evening meals
- Range of sightseeing as stated
- Coach travel with experienced tour director

Departure Dates

Departs: May – Aug and Oct
Fridays

Day 1: San Diego

On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Perhaps take a walk along the bay before meeting your tour director and fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

Hotel: Kimpton Alma

Day 2: San Diego – Los Angeles

Discover San Diego as you embark on a sightseeing tour. Journey through the Gaslamp Quarter, the historic heart of San Diego and Balboa Park, one of North America's most iconic urban parks. Stroll among the atmospheric, historic adobe ranch homes of the Old Town State Historical Park and get a glimpse into 19th-century colonial life. This afternoon, board your coach and enjoy far reaching ocean views as you travel up the coast from San Diego to Los Angeles. The evening is at leisure.

Hotel for 2 nights: Intercontinental Los Angeles Downtown

Day 3: Los Angeles

Ride on the landmark Angel's Flight funicular and explore Grand Central Market, the Bradbury Building, and US Bank Tower to learn about the history and architecture from the 18th-century to the present. In Hollywood, take photos of the famous Hollywood sign and stroll along the Walk of Fame.

This afternoon, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the innovative Petersen Automotive Museum, a captivating experience about the history and artistry of motorised transportation. Alternatively, head to the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures for a deep dive into the history of filmmaking.

Dinner this evening is at a popular restaurant highlighting LA's local culture and cuisine.

Day 4: Santa Barbara

Sit back and relax as you travel along one of the most scenic drives in America, the Pacific Coast Highway. Hugging the coastline, it affords sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. Take a stroll on the wooden Santa Monica Pier and see the iconic Ferris wheel. Explore Santa Barbara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the 18th-century Old Mission, one of the original 21 California Missions founded by Spanish Franciscans. Alternatively, take a relaxing stroll through the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

Hotel: Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort



Day 5: Pismo Beach

Visit Solvang this morning, the ‘Danish Capital of America’ renowned for its distinctive Danish-style architecture. From here continue to Pismo Beach, a region of olive groves, vineyards, and orchards. This afternoon enjoy an olive oil farm tour and tasting.

Hotel: Pismo Beach

Day 6: Yosemite National Park

Today takes you to majestic Yosemite National Park, a magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site. See Mariposa Grove, the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite including its most famous resident, the Grizzly Giant, a vast 1800-year-old sequoia.

Hotel for 2 nights: Yosemite Valley Lodge

Day 7: Yosemite National Park

Join the Yosemite Conservancy and meet a naturalist guide/climber to learn more of the ins and outs of rock climbing. Watch the experts in action and see El Capitan, widely regarded as the Mecca of the rock-climbing world.

Day 8: San Francisco

Travel back to the coast and the ‘City by the Bay’, San Francisco. Explore Fisherman’s Wharf, a popular area filled with restaurants, cafés, and shops. This afternoon your tour director will take you on a stroll over the famed Golden Gate Bridge and then on a short drive to pretty Sausalito. There is time to explore before hopping on the ferry back to San Francisco.

Hotel for 2 nights: Hyatt Regency Embarcadero

Day 9: San Francisco

Browse the stalls of organic produce, flowers, and regional artisan delicacies at one of the most famous farmer’s markets in the US. Today’s sightseeing tour includes Union Square and Golden Gate Park. This afternoon’s Insight Experience takes you off the main streets and into the alleyways of Chinatown. Your tour is led by a community-based non-profit organisation. Your final end of tour dinner this evening is at a fabulous dim sum restaurant.

Day 10: Depart San Francisco

Your tour ends today. Make your way to the airport for your onward flight at your leisure.

This tour is also available as a small group option with a maximum of 24 guests.



Rodeo Drive



Pier 39



Los Angeles

Hawaii Four Island Adventure

13 days

Soak up the spirit of Aloha as you embark on a wonderful Hawaiian island-hopping adventure. From Oahu to the Big Island, beautiful Maui, and Kauai, the 'Garden Isle', this Polynesian journey takes in the waves of Oahu, the black sand beaches of Punalu'u, volcanoes and the utterly unique landscapes that make the islands of Hawaii so memorable.

Highlights

Waikiki – Pearl Harbour – Big Island
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
Punalu'u Beach Park – Maui – Kauai
Waimea Canyon State Park

Tour Includes

- 12 nights superior accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Range of sightseeing as stated
- Inter-island flights
- Coach travel with travel director

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Fridays

Day 1: Waikiki

Hawaii promises gorgeous scenery, island breezes and fabulous food. Immerse yourself in the Aloha Spirit as you don a flower lei to mark your arrival in Honolulu. This evening, join your travel director at a welcome reception overlooking Waikiki Beach to kick-start your epic Hawaii tour. Hotel for 4 nights: The Twin Fin Waikiki

Day 2: Waikiki

After a photo stop at the dramatic Halona Blowhole, follow the scenic coast of Oahu before heading to the North Shore, famous amongst surfers for its huge waves. Then return to Waikiki along Oahu's windward coast or unlock more of the island with an optional experience which could include a visit to the Polynesian Cultural Centre to get up close to local villages and watch artisans from six Pacific cultures.

Day 3: Waikiki

Today is free for you to explore. Relax with beach time on the golden sands of Waikiki Beach or look for surf legend Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Statue – the father of international surfing. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a dinner featuring local fare.

Day 4: Pearl Harbour

There's no better place to learn about history than visiting where events occurred. Pay homage to the thousands of brave soldiers who lost their lives in the military strike at Pearl Harbor as you visit Pearl Harbor National Memorial and the USS Arizona Memorial. Continue through the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, located in Punchbowl Crater, to downtown Honolulu to connect with the spiritual epicentre of Hawaii. On your walking tour, see Iolani Palace, the former home of Hawaii's last-reigning monarchs and the only royal palace in the United States, as well as the King Kamehameha I Statue and the State Capitol Building.

Day 5: Big Island

The Big Island of Hawaii brings new sights, landscapes, and wildlife. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to learn about the geology of the Islands. Continue along the coast to Punalu'u Beach Park, famous for its black sand and Hawaiian green sea turtles.

Hotel for 3 nights: Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa



Diamond Head Crater

Day 6: Big Island

Get ready to embrace your outdoor adventurer as you explore the Big Island on your own or with an optional experience. Take in Kohala's beauty and history on a fun, off-road adventure and relaxed trail walk to a hidden waterfall and scenic overlook of Pololu Valley. Finish up with a cooling dip in a waterfall. Or discover what's beneath the gorgeous waters with a snorkelling trip in the pristine Pu'uhoonua O Honaunau (The Place of Refuge) and Kealahou Bay (Captain Cooks Monument) featuring lava tubes and sea caves.

Day 7: Big Island

Unlock the secrets of marine life learning about the mobula alfredi manta rays, the second largest in the world, that come to the Kona shores to feed each day. Next up, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience at the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park, a unique demonstration site for emerging renewable energy, aquaculture, and other ocean-based sustainable technologies. Continue your discovery at the Kona Joe coffee plantation, learning how some of the world's best coffee is grown and roasted. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hawaiian Luau over dinner.

Day 8: Maui

Maui, an island where dormant volcanoes, black sand beaches and whale watching lure explorers just like you. Start your discovery with a Be My Guest experience at O'o Farms, a local sustainable farm in the high country of Maui and enjoy a delicious and healthy farm-to-fork experience helping to gather fresh produce for your al fresco lunch.

Hotel for 2 nights: Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa

Day 9: Maui

Unlock the natural beauty of paradise, charting your own course through Maui's landscapes. This evening, enjoy a dinner featuring local flavours.

Day 10: Kauai

After a leisurely morning on the Valley Isle, move on to Kauai where you'll spend the next 3 nights admiring the natural surroundings. Kauai, at over 6 million years old, is the oldest of the main Hawaiian Islands and boasts the only navigable rivers in the state. It is also the northernmost island in the Hawaiian chain, which is the most isolated inhabited land mass.

Hotel for 3 nights: Sheraton Kauai Coconut Beach Resort

Day 11: Kauai

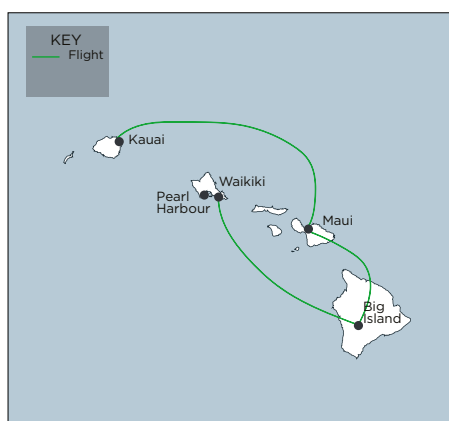
There's no better place to learn about Kauai's land than Grove Farm, a beautifully preserved 100-acre homestead. Enjoy a private, guided tour of the original plantation main house, as well as other resident and plantation workers' housing dating back to the 1870's. Continue to Waimea Canyon State Park. The result of thousands of years of erosion, the canyon walls offer a canvas of brilliant shades of red, brown, green, blue, grey and purple, with shadows and light producing a never-ending show. Your day ends with a drive through the island's famous Tunnel of Trees with a stop at Spouting Horn blowhole, one of the most photographed spots on Kauai.

Day 12: Kauai

Kauai's natural treasures are yours to explore during this full free day. Feel like you've stepped onto the big screen on an Optional Experience Kauai Movie Tour adventure. Your backstage pass will take you to many famous sites on Kauai where Hollywood Blockbusters and TV shows were filmed while viewing clips of those notable films. On your final night on Kauai toast the incredible sights of the islands with your fellow travellers over a farewell dinner.

Day 13: Depart Hawaii

Make your way to Lihue Airport for your onward flights.



Tastes and Sounds of the South

10 days

Immerse yourself in all things southern on this fabulous tour of the American south. Discover the rich cultures of Memphis, Nashville, and New Orleans. Walk in the footsteps of legends as you explore Graceland, sway to the rhythms of country music, rock n roll and blues and taste the southern hospitality in the creole cuisine and home cooked meals.

Highlights

Nashville – Grand Ole Opry – Memphis
Graceland – Natchez – New Orleans

Tour Includes

- 9 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 4 dinners
- Range of sightseeing as stated
- Coach travel with tour director

Departure Dates

Departs: Feb – Jun & Sep – Dec
Fridays

Day 1: Nashville

Arrive in America's 'Music City' Nashville and make your way to your hotel. Join the tour director and your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner.

Hotel for 3 nights: Gaylord Opryland Resort

Day 2: Nashville

The famous Nashville sound comes alive this morning as RCA Studio B reveals the legends of Elvis Presley, Jim Reeves, and Roy Orbison. The included Dive Into Culture experience will enable you to gain insights into the life and music of Johnny Cash during a private performance of original Cash tunes with one of Johnny's family members. Your acoustic journey continues with a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum to see Elvis' Solid Gold Cadillac limousine and Jim Reeves' tuxedo jacket. There is then the opportunity to take a backstage tour before experiencing a performance at the iconic Grand Ole Opry.

Day 3: Nashville

Continue your discovery of Nashville as you explore the Johnny Cash Museum. Optional experiences today include a visit to the Ryman Auditorium, where Johnny & June first met, a hop-on-hop-off trolley, or a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® visit.

Or perhaps you'll enjoy the opportunity to amble through Broadway's honky-tonk scene or enjoy the gut-busting flavours of homemade chicken or biscuits.

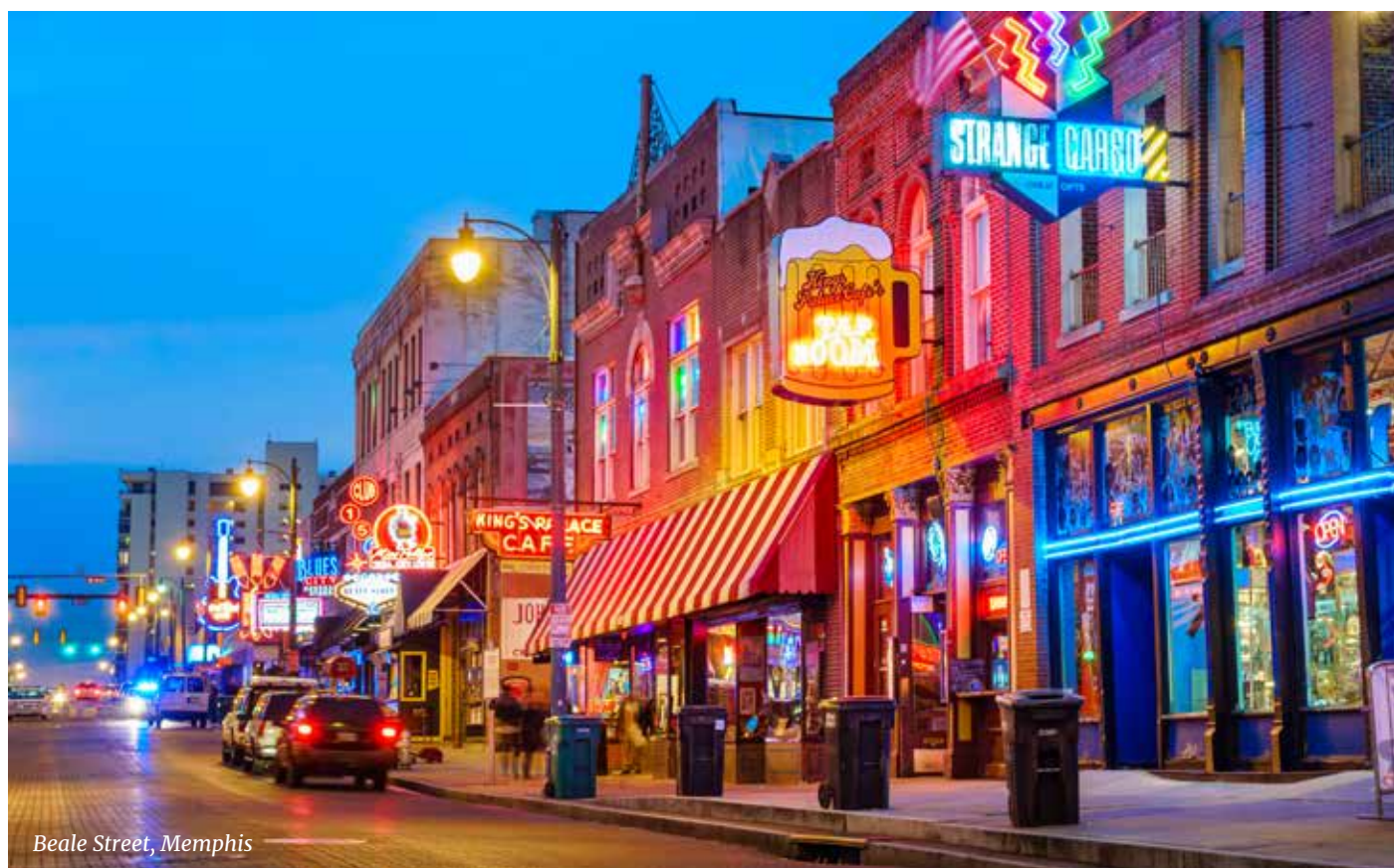
Day 4: Memphis

Today you'll leave Nashville behind and head for Memphis. First stop is famous Beale Street, the birthplace of blues, soul, and rock 'n' roll, for a tour where you'll meet a musician and local specialist to learn about the musical heritage of Memphis. Continue your sightseeing with a visit to the Lorraine Motel where civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was tragically assassinated. Then explore one of the most significant sites in town and one of the premier heritage and cultural museums, the National Civil Rights Museum. "Walk through history" in interactive exhibits that show how the heroes and lessons from the civil rights movement continue to impact equality all over the world. Enjoy a regional dinner of Southern cuisine this evening.

Hotel for 2 nights: Hilton Garden Inn Memphis Downtown

Day 5: Graceland

Worship at the altar of the King, Elvis Presley, as you head to Graceland, paying tribute to the man who changed the face of American popular music and culture.



Beale Street, Memphis

Then, visit Sun Studios, which sought to immortalise the raw energy of Beale Street, recording the first rock 'n' roll single in 1951. This evening is free.

Day 6: Natchez

Kick off the day's sightseeing with a musical morning at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum exploring the blues, country, and gospel of the rural south before leaving for Natchez. You'll arrive in Natchez on the banks of the Mississippi River, surrounded by the antebellum homes. The best way to experience Natchez is with a taste of Southern hospitality and you'll experience all this and more at tonight's memorable Be My Guest experience at one of the region's beautiful historic, private homes for a meal. Connect With Locals as hosts who have lived in the area for generations, open their doors and share their stories as you enjoy dinner and backyard cocktails such as Planter's Punch.

Hotel: Magnolia Bluffs Casino Hotel

Day 7: New Orleans

Today your travels take you deeper into an important part of Southern history. This morning's visit is to a working cotton plantation, Frogmore Plantation and Gins. Here you'll learn about Natchez planters and slavery in the south.

The property includes 19 restored antebellum structures and equipment dating from the early 1800's including a Smithsonian quality steam gin which is listed on the National Register. You'll learn how cotton was made and most importantly gain a better understanding of slavery in the south. Your tour brings you back into the present with a stop at its currently operating 900 bales-per-day cotton gin. Next up: The Big Easy, where you'll be introduced to Creole cuisine at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

Hotel for 3 nights: Sheraton New Orleans

Day 8: New Orleans

Today trace the cosmopolitan history of one of America's oldest cities with a local specialist, stopping at City Park and one of the ornate above-ground cemeteries. Spend the afternoon soaking up the laid-back vibes of New Orleans at your own pace, the time is yours to enjoy.

Day 9: New Orleans

Explore the French, Spanish and Creole sights and sounds of New Orleans. Why not join an optional experience at the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park exploring the scenic swamp and bayou. Perhaps visit Mardi Gras World for a peek into what makes the New Orleans festival so popular or take a stroll down Magazine Street for plenty of regional food and shopping.

This evening, join your travel director and new friends for a farewell dinner.

Day 10: Depart New Orleans

Make your own way to the airport at your leisure for your onward flight.



Autumn Colours

9 days

As the seasons turn and summer eases into autumn, the colours of New England explode into life. Discover the fiery foliage on this leisurely tour as you travel through Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Blend scenic drives with rocky headlands, pretty villages, and glorious panoramas as New England does what New England does best.

Highlights

Boston – Freedom Trail – Lexington
Concord – Burlington – Stowe
White Mountain National Forest
North Conway – Bar Harbor
Acadia National Park – Kennebunkport
Rockport

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Range of sightseeing as stated
- Coach travel with tour director

Departure Dates

Departs: September – October
Regular departures

Day 1: Boston

Arrive in Boston at your leisure and make your way to your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers and tour director this evening at a welcome reception.

Hotel: Westin Copley Place

Day 2: Burlington

Begin your day with a stroll along parts of the Freedom Trail. Take in Boston Common, Massachusetts State House and the Granary Burying Ground. From Boston move onto Lexington and Concorde and then on a scenic drive into Vermont this afternoon.

Hotel for 2 nights: Doubletree by Hilton Burlington

Day 3: Vermont

Enjoy a day of tastings as you travel through some of the most beautiful landscapes in New England. In Northfield your included Be My Guest® experience takes in a farmhouse lunch at Green Mountain Girls Farm. Then embark on a scenic cruise of Lake Champlain.

Day 4: Stowe

There are more tastings this morning with artisan ice cream and chocolates before departing for Stowe. This evening there is an included MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience with a local specialist.

Hotel for 2 nights: Hampton Inn and Suites

Day 5: North Conway

See how the foliage of New England is in a league of its own journeying along "The Kanc", or Kancamagus Highway, that cuts through the White Mountain National Forest.

Day 6: Bar Harbor

The rolling Atlantic swells of Bar Harbor await today. Join a local specialist for an insight into the lobster fishing industry before a fabulous lobster dinner this evening.

Hotel for 2 nights: Bar Harbor Regency

Day 7: Acadia National Park

Acadia National Park promises sweeping coastal landscapes. Visit Cadillac Mountain, the highest point along the Atlantic Seaboard and admire the magnificent pink granite cliffs and ancient maple forests.

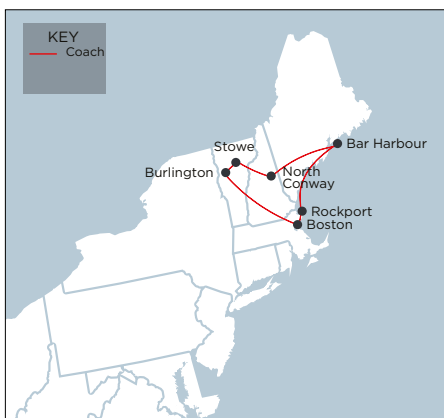
Day 8: Rockport

Today is all about Maine. Stop at Nubble Lighthouse before arriving in Rockport, a charming seaside town. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

Hotel: Rockport Inn & Suites

Day 9: Boston

Return to Boston today and transfer to the airport or extend your stay.



National Park Wonders

9 days

Hold on tight as you embark on a rip-roaring adventure through the American Frontier. Make your way from Wyoming into Montana and back again before ending in South Dakota, home of Calamity Jane fame. Take in the magnificent peaks of the Grand Tetons, Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills, and magnificent Yellowstone National Park.

Highlights

Jackson Hole – Grand Teton National Park
Yellowstone National Park
Old Faithful – Norris Geyser Basin – Cody
Devils Tower – Black Hills – Rapid City
Crazy Horse Memorial – Mount Rushmore

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 3 dinners
- Range of sightseeing as stated
- Coach travel with tour director

Departure Dates

Departs: May – September
Sunday

Day 1: Jackson

Arrive in Jackson at your leisure. Meet your travel director and fellow travellers this evening for a welcome reception.

Hotel for 2 nights: The Lodge at Jackson Hole

Day 2: Grand Teton National Park

Spend the morning immersed in the dazzling natural beauty of the Grand Teton National Park. This afternoon there is an optional experience to ride the Jackson Hole Aerial Tramway or join the Bar 5 T Chuckwagon Cookout.

Day 3: Yellowstone National Park

Before leaving Jackson, there is an optional float trip on the Snake River through the Grand Teton National Park. From here continue to the world's first national park, Yellowstone.

Hotel for 2 nights: National Park Lodges, Yellowstone

Day 4: Yellowstone National Park

Your included Dive into Culture® experience today teams you up with a local guide to explore Norris Geyser Basin, the hottest, most acidic geyser basin the Yellowstone. Keep your eyes peeled for bison, grizzly bears, and elk.

Day 5: Billings

Head to the town of Cody. Explore the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West and delve into the culture of the Plains Indians. This evening enjoy a traditional Western-style Be My Guest® dinner.

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton, Billings

Day 6: Rapid City

Head through the windswept prairies of the American Frontier into the Black Hills of South Dakota. Visit the looming fortress of Devils Tower before continuing to Rapid City. This evening is at your leisure.

Hotel for 3 nights: Rushmore Hotel & Suites

Day 7: Rapid City

Today is for you to do as you please.

Day 8: Mount Rushmore

Discover Crazy Horse, an immortalised face of the famed war chief of the Lakota people. Continue to Mount Rushmore and enormous carvings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln dramatically etched into the granite rock face. Tonight, there is a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Meet cultural ambassador Stephen Yellowhawk and hear stories about his tribe over a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Depart Rapid City

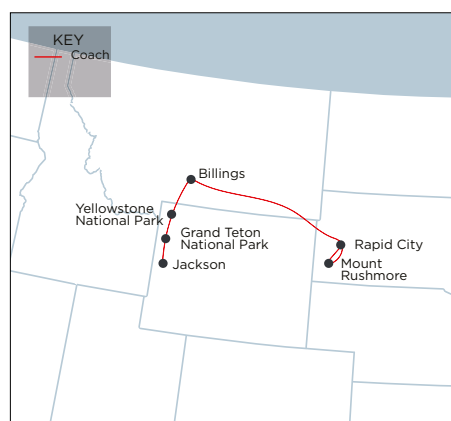
Depart Rapid City at your leisure.



Grand Prismatic Spring, Yellowstone



Moose



Mount Rushmore

Self Drive Tours

If you crave the freedom of the open road and the luxury of travelling at your own pace, then a self-drive is the perfect option. America is the home of the motorcar and with wide, free-flowing roads your options for adventure are endless. Whether you want to feel the wind in your hair as you head down the Pacific Coast on Highway 1, one of the finest coastal drives in the world, weave your way through the quaint towns and villages of New England, or take a musical journey through Tennessee and the Deep South, planning a self-drive has never been easier. On the following pages you'll find some of our favourites, but if what you want to do isn't here then just ask. We can tailor-make the perfect self-drive itinerary just for you.





Parking prices in major cities can be expensive so we recommend collecting your car on the day you leave.

Joanne, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Highway 1, the Pacific Coast Highway. Much talked about and deservedly so, for breathtaking coastal scenery this takes some beating.

The Kancamangus Scenic Byway in northern New Hampshire is a stunning 34-mile drive that is regarded by leaf peepers as having the best fall foliage in the country. It gets busy though, so we recommend going early and avoiding weekends.

Route 66 or the so named 'Mother Road'. Starting in Chicago it crosses 8 states and 3 time zones. The distances are long but for us this is the ultimate US road trip.

Scenic Byway 12 is a stunning drive through the best scenery in Utah, between Bryce Canyon and the lesser known, but equally impressive Capitol Reef National Park.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Best of the West

14 days

Discover the highlights of California and dip your toes into Arizona and Nevada as you take a memorable road trip that includes the dazzling lights of Las Vegas, the natural wonders of the Grand Canyon, Death Valley and Yosemite National Park as well as the legendary Pacific Coast Highway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Highlights

Palm Springs – Phoenix/Scottsdale
Las Vegas – Grand Canyon – Death Valley
Yosemite National Park – San Francisco
Monterey/Carmel – Santa Barbara
Los Angeles

Tour Includes

- 13 nights accommodation
- 14 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Los Angeles

Arrive at Los Angeles Airport and make your way to your hotel.

Day 2: Palm Springs (122 miles)

Collect your rental car this morning and head south to Anaheim. Visit Disneyland Park, the original Disney Park opened by Walt Disney in 1955, or Knott's Berry Farm, filled with old west charm. Your destination is Palm Springs, a desert playground lying in the Coachella Valley.

Day 3: Phoenix/Scottsdale (269 miles)

Spend a few hours this morning exploring before continuing east, through the Coachella Valley to Phoenix and Scottsdale in central Arizona.

Day 4: Grand Canyon (222 miles)

Today your drive takes you north to the Grand Canyon, one of the greatest natural wonders in the world. There are numerous lookout points, you can walk the Rim Trail and just soak up the vastness of this rugged canyon, that must be seen to be believed.

Day 5: Las Vegas (273 miles)

From the incredible landscape of the Grand Canyon to an equally astonishing manmade destination. Today the bright lights of Las Vegas await. The drive takes you along historic Route 66, to the Hoover Dam, which straddles the Colorado River and is a remarkable feat of engineering, to Las Vegas.

Day 6: Las Vegas

A full day to absorb this pulsating desert city. Walk the world-famous Strip lined with hotels so impressive they are sightseeing attractions in their own right. Try your luck in a casino, take in a show or relax by the pool before dinner at superb restaurant.

Day 7: Death Valley (144 miles)

As you leave Las Vegas behind, stop for a moment to take a photo at the 'Welcome to Las Vegas' sign before heading west to the lowest point in North America. The Death Valley National Park is unlike anywhere else on earth and is the Mojave Desert at its most impressive. Zabriskie Point offers magnificent views of the vibrantly coloured Badlands. The stargazing here is also sensational with no light pollution.



Yosemite National Park

Day 8: Yosemite National Park (300 miles)

Travel north into the High Sierra where Tioga Road, the highest drivable pass in California, leads you into Yosemite National Park. Best known for its impressive waterfalls and spectacular rock formations, Yosemite was one of the first wilderness parks in the United States. Delve into the depths of the park with a walk to a waterfall or learn about its wonders with a ranger-guided stroll. Explore a giant sequoia grove and see the most massive trees on earth. **From early November to late May, Tioga Pass may be closed due to weather or road conditions, in which case you will need to follow the southern route.

Day 9: San Francisco (175 miles)

Spend time exploring Yosemite before leaving for San Francisco. The route is filled with gold-rush era attractions and the state capital of Sacramento. San Francisco is a melting pot of cultures and there is plenty to explore here.

Day 10: San Francisco

Today is completely free for you to do as much or as little as you choose. Hop on a cable car as it trundles up and down the hilly streets, explore Fisherman's Wharf, Nob Hill, Union Square and the Golden Gate Park.

Head across the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito or embark on a journey through the Napa Valley, one of the finest wine regions in the world.

Day 11: Monterey/Carmel (120 miles)

Discover one the highlights of your Californian adventure as you leave San Francisco behind and head south on Highway 1, often regarded as one of the most scenic drives on earth due to its breathtaking views of the Pacific coastline. Your destination is Monterey, take in Cannery Row's historic waterfront, which so inspired John Steinbeck, Old Fisherman's Wharf and the charming area of Carmel.

Day 12: Ventura (262 miles)

Continue south along the Pacific Coast Highway. This twisting, cliff-hugging route starts in Monterey and takes you through Big Sur where mountains plunge into the Pacific Ocean. A short distance inland is the heart of the Central Coast, San Luis Obispo. From here pass through Pismo Beach and Santa Barbara, often described as the American Riviera to Ventura, a classic beach town in a spectacular setting.

Day 13: Los Angeles (70 miles)

Your journey is coming towards its end as you wend your way back to Los Angeles. Drive along the beautiful stretch of coast in Malibu and see why so many celebrities choose to live here and stop off in vibrant Santa Monica. Spend the afternoon discovering the glitz and glamour of Beverley Hills and Rodeo Drive, see the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Sunset Strip before your final evening in California.

Day 14: Depart Los Angeles

Return your rental car to the airport in time for your onward flight.

This itinerary can be operated in reverse and tailored to meet your own personal requirements.



Postcards of California

9 days

Take a drive along one of the most scenic coastal drives in the world, soaking up the glorious beaches of Malibu, Santa Barbara, and the classic California beach towns of the Central Coast. Discover John Steinbeck's Monterey muse before turning inland to the splendour of Yosemite National Park. Your journey ends in the 'city by the bay' beautiful San Francisco.

Highlights

Los Angeles – Malibu – Santa Barbara
Monterey/Carmel – Yosemite
San Francisco

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- 9 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Los Angeles

On arrival in Los Angeles collect your rental car and make your way to your hotel.

Day 2: Los Angeles

Spent today discovering the glamour of LA. Take in the sights of Venice Beach or head to Santa Monica. Mingle with the stars in Beverly Hills and see the Hollywood Walk of Fame or head to Anaheim for theme park thrills.

Day 3: Malibu/Santa Barbara and the Central Coast (230 miles)

Begin the drive north via Santa Monica and the rolling surf of the Malibu coastline. Take time to explore in Santa Barbara, a charming town filled with red roofed, white buildings, a picturesque nod to its Spanish heritage before continuing along the Central Coast.

Day 4: Monterey/Carmel (145 miles)

Discover the 17-Mile Scenic Drive and the pretty village of Carmel-by-the-Sea. A beautiful white sandy beach is flanked by wonderful places to eat, galleries to browse and boutiques. Your destination is Monterey, known for its exceptional marine life, excellent seafood restaurants and Steinbeck history.

Day 5: Yosemite National Park (179 miles)

Turn your sights inland as you cross California's Central Valley to the mountains of the Sierra Nevada. Highway 49 will take you south through a region made famous during the days of the California gold rush. The creeks and streams are still a drawcard for gold panning enthusiasts.

Day 6: Yosemite National Park

Today is free to explore magnificent Yosemite National Park at your leisure. Jaw-dropping scenery awaits with vast giant sequoias at Mariposa Grove, the imposing presence of El Capitan, tumbling waterfalls, and memorable viewing points.

Day 7: San Francisco (189 miles)

After the incredible natural beauty of Yosemite, today's scenic drive takes you back to the coast and the beautiful bay city of San Francisco.

Day 8: San Francisco

Take the ferry to Sausalito in Marin County or hop on a cable car to Fisherman's Wharf and smile at the sea lions at Pier 39. See the Golden Gate Bridge, and visit the former island prison of Alcatraz, advance booking is essential.

Day 9: Depart San Francisco

Return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight.



Pacific Coast Explorer

11 days

Take the road less travelled as you head from Seattle south to glamorous Los Angeles. Take time to explore Seattle including the local coffee scene and the Space Needle before you leave. Enjoy the dramatic panoramic views of the Oregon coastline and the Mt. Ranier National Park. Spend time in San Francisco and discover the breathtaking beaches of Carmel, Big Sur, Malibu and Santa Monica before your journey ends in Los Angeles.

Highlights

Seattle – Mt. Rainier National Park
Portland – Redwood National Park
San Francisco – Monterey/Carmel
Central Coast – Los Angeles

Tour Includes

- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 days full inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
Daily

Day 1: Seattle

Arrive in Seattle and pick up your rental car. Lying on the Puget Sound this forward-thinking city holds large appeal and highlights include Pike Place Market and the Space Needle. It's also renowned as the coffee capital of the USA.

Day 2: Portland (269 miles)

Spend today exploring the Mt. Ranier National Park. Rising to more than 14,410 feet above sea level, Mt Ranier is an iconic landmark that soars over the Washington landscape.

Day 3: Redwood National Park (350 miles)

The drive today is a panorama of the ever-changing, dramatic Oregon coastline. Beautiful, rugged beaches and crashing waves are your backdrop as you make your way south.

Day 4: Eureka (230 miles)

Marvel at the giant redwoods on your drive today, these are protected in state and national parks as World Heritage sites. Your overnight stay is in Eureka, a charming coastal town, known for its Victorian architecture and Sequoia Park, home to even more huge-growth redwoods.

Day 5: San Francisco (170 miles)

Continue south to Mendocino, and onwards to San Francisco. Take the inland route via Sonoma or Napa to discover world-class wine regions.

Day 6: San Francisco

Spend a day exploring this colourful and sophisticated city. Home to excellent shopping, the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf and infamous Alcatraz Island.

Day 7: Monterey/Carmel (124 miles)

Follow the beautiful California coastline Monterey. Explore Cannery Wharf and the Fisherman's Wharf. Monterey is also known for its incredible marine life. A little further south is the pretty village of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Day 8: Central Coast (240 miles)

Follow the Pacific Coast Highway along the Big Sur Peninsula, the pounding waves of the Pacific against the cliffs and rocks below is your stunning backdrop.

Day 9: Los Angeles (234 miles)

Los Angeles, your final stop beckons but not before another plethora of magnificent beaches and coastline.

Day 10: Los Angeles

Spend today exploring the 'city of angels'. Discover Hollywood and Beverly Hills, go behind the scenes at Universal Studios Hollywood or head to Anaheim for the original Disneyland theme park.

Day 11: Los Angeles Departure

Return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight.



Seattle



Golden Gate Bridge



Los Angeles

Western Treasures

18 days

Embark on a fantastic road trip that takes in the best of California with time in San Francisco, Monterey, Los Angeles and San Diego before heading off into the spectacular national parks of Zion, Bryce Canyon and the epic Grand Canyon. This is a self-drive of impressive contrasts and designed to showcase the west in all its glory.

Highlights

San Francisco – Monterey – Malibu
Los Angeles – San Diego – Las Vegas
Zion National Park – Bryce Canyon
Lake Powell – Grand Canyon

Tour Includes

- 17 nights accommodation
- 16 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit
- Los Angeles City Tour

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: San Francisco

Arrive in San Francisco and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore.

Day 2: San Francisco

A full day to enjoy the ‘city by the bay’, although you could easily spend far longer here. Top of the must-see attractions include Fisherman’s Wharf, Pier 39, Union Square and Chinatown. Take a wander or cycle ride across the Golden Gate Bridge or maybe just find one of the many viewing points and see it in all its splendour.

Day 3: Monterey/Carmel (130 miles)

Collect your rental car this morning and begin your drive south to Monterey. Famed for its incredible marine life and Cannery Row, which inspired the John Steinbeck novel of the same name, this seaside town is a joy to discover. A little further south is the pretty village of Carmel, known for its white beaches, art galleries and excellent restaurants.

Day 4: Santa Barbara/Oxnard (280 miles)

Follow the super-scenic Pacific Coast Highway today as it twists and winds its way through Big Sur, where the mountains plunge down to the ocean. The landscape grows gentler as you pass through Hearst Castle and Morro Bay.

Continue through Pismo Beach and the charming town of Santa Barbara, known for its Spanish architecture, before arriving in Oxnard.

Day 5: Malibu/Santa Monica/Los Angeles (70 miles)

The ‘city of angels’ beckons today but first take time to soak up the coastal vibes of Malibu and Santa Monica. Perhaps glimpse some of the city highlights including the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Sunset Strip, Beverly Hills and Rodeo Drive

Day 6: Los Angeles

This morning, enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Los Angeles including hip Santa Monica, glamorous Hollywood and oh-so-stylish Beverly Hills. Stop at the “finish line” of Historic Route 66, walk on the boulevard of stars and take a great photo of the iconic Hollywood sign. The afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace.

Day 7: San Diego (131 miles)

Continue south via Anaheim, home to the original Disneyland, before arriving in sunny San Diego. A waterside city with more than 70 miles of beaches, beautiful parklands and neighbourhoods steeped in history and culture.



Zion National Park

Day 8: San Diego

A day to relax in the sunshine. Begin in Balboa Park, more than 1200 acres of green space in the heart of the city which houses 17 museums and the largest population of koalas outside of Australia. Visit the California Surf Museum, San Diego Zoo or the Birch Aquarium at Scripps in La Jolla.

Day 9: Las Vegas (336 miles)

The desert beckons today, your destination the bright lights of dazzling Las Vegas.

Day 10-11: Las Vegas

Enjoy 2 full days to explore the sights and sounds of this desert city. Perhaps head out of town to Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam or take an optional scenic flight out to the Grand Canyon.

Day 12: Zion National Park (165 miles)

Leave the manmade wonder of Las Vegas behind as you travel deeper into the desert via the Colorado Plateau to the Zion National Park. Spend the afternoon exploring this remarkable park of canyons and soaring red and white cliffs, one of Utah's most remarkable natural wonders.

Day 13: Bryce Canyon (90 miles)

The majestic hoodoos of central Utah await today. See the vibrant red rocks transformed into pinnacles and spires by the weather and passing of time.

Day 14: Page/Lake Powell (155 miles)

It's worth the early start to witness the spectacular sunrise at Bryce Point. Continue south through Utah to the charming town of Kanab, where many westerns have been filmed. Once in Page see the Glen Canyon Dam and the magnificent blue waters of Lake Powell.

Day 15: Grand Canyon (136 miles)

There is time to explore further this morning, perhaps take a guided tour of Antelope Canyon, the beautifully coloured sandstone canyons are a photographer's dream, before moving onto the Grand Canyon.

Day 16: Grand Canyon

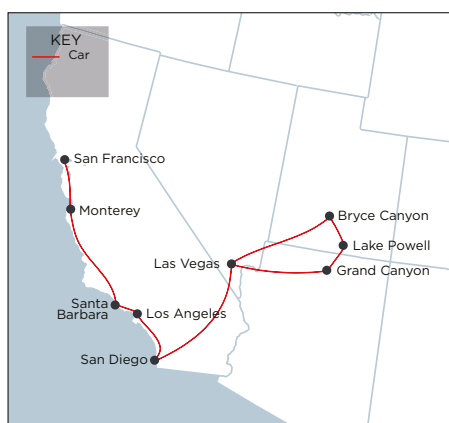
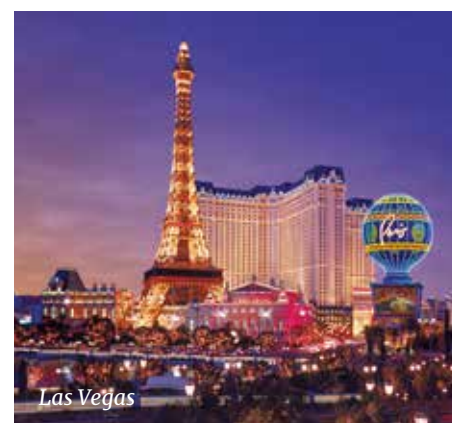
Today is yours to enjoy the incredible nature wonder that is the Grand Canyon. At 227 miles long and averaging 10 miles in width from rim to rim, it truly is spectacular. Whether you choose to take an optional helicopter tour, a ranger led hike or explore the rim walking trails on a self-guided walk, your time here will be unforgettable.

Day 17: Las Vegas (276 miles)

Leave the Grand Canyon behind as you head west through Williams and Kingman, the heart of Route 66 and one of Arizona's hidden treasures to the Hoover Dam. Straddling the mighty Colorado River, which forms a natural border between Arizona and Nevada, the sight of this huge dam is impressive to say the least. Optional tours are available, and the informative visitors centre is well-worth a visit before continuing onto Las Vegas. Take in a world-class show, see the incredible hotels along the Las Vegas strip and enjoy a fabulous meal on your final night of this wonderful drive.

Day 18: Depart Las Vegas

Return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight



National Parks Explorer

10 days

Explore the world-famous national parks of Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, witness the magnificent marvel of the Grand Canyon and see the crystal blue waters of Lake Powell. Discover part of historic Route 66, and soak up the bright lights of Las Vegas on this 10-day self-drive.

Highlights

Las Vegas – Zion National Park
 Bryce Canyon – Lake Powell
 Grand Canyon – Sedona – Lake Havasu

Tour Includes

- 9 nights accommodation
- 10 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Fully comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
 Daily

Day 1: Las Vegas

Arrive into Las Vegas, collect your rental car and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Zion National Park (165 miles)

Leave the man-made wonder of Las Vegas and travel through the desert to the Colorado Plateau and the natural wonders of the national parks. Enjoy a full afternoon to explore this magnificent park with its amazing canyons.

Day 3: Bryce Canyon (90 miles)

Travel to central Utah and the remarkable and majestic hoodoos of Bryce Canyon. Nature's artistry is on full display here and has created rocks in various shades of red, formed by erosion into dramatic pinnacles and spires.

Day 4: Page/Lake Powell (136 miles)

This morning, make sure to see the dazzling display of colour and light of the sunrise at Bryce Point. The sun rising above the canyon ignites the red rock spires turning them into an ever-changing kaleidoscope of colour. Continue to Page and visit the Glen Canyon Dam and magnificent Lake Powell.

Day 5-6: Grand Canyon (108 miles)

This morning, you may want to join an optional guided tour of Antelope Canyon.

These canyons are known for their vivid colour of sandstone. It is a short drive from here to the Grand Canyon. Enjoy a full day to explore the canyon at your own pace.

Day 7: Sedona (108 miles)

Today, travel via Oak Creek canyon and Flagstaff to the town of Sedona. Surrounded by red rock buttes, soaring canyon wall and fragrant pine forests, it's also home to a thriving arts community.

Day 8: Lake Havasu (277 miles)

Leave Sedona and head west, you can follow some of the original Route 66 if you choose. A great stop is in the town of Seligman. Evidence of the old road can be seen all along Seligman's main street where motels, cafés and numerous Route 66 gift shops beg to be explored. Continue to another piece of history, Lake Havasu, home to London Bridge.

Day 9: Las Vegas (200 miles)

There is time for one last night in Las Vegas, where you will spend the end of your tour in some of the most dramatic and natural sights in the USA.

Day 10: Depart Las Vegas

Return your car to the Las Vegas Airport in time for your onward flight.



Sedona



Lake Powell



Valley of Fire

Wind River Country

12 days

Wyoming’s spectacular Wind River Country is revered for its huge, wide-open spaces and unique landscapes. Taking you through the Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone and the rich Native American culture, this is a spectacular 12-day self-drive journey through a magnificent part of the wild west.

Highlights

Denver – Rocky Mountain National Park
 Cheyenne – Casper – Thermopolis – Cody
 Yellowstone – Grand Teton – Jackson Hole
 Dubois – Riverton – Rawlins – Laramie

Tour Includes

- 11 nights accommodation
- 12 days full inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
 Daily

Day 1: Denver

With the impressive Rocky Mountains as a backdrop, Denver blends the city's old west heritage with an urban energy. Upon arrival, pick-up your rental car.

Day 2: Rocky Mountain National Park/ Cheyenne (100 miles)

Your journey begins in the Rocky Mountain National Park amidst spectacular scenery. From here continue into Wyoming, a land of few people, rich tribal legend, cowboy towns and some of the world's greatest wilderness areas.

Day 3: Casper (180 miles)

Visit Fort Laramie National Historic Site, the largest known military post on the Northern Plains. Casper is steeped in the legacy of the pioneers who forged their way through the plains and mountains on their journey west.

Day 4: Thermopolis/Cody (215 miles)

Thermopolis is home to the largest natural hot spring in the world. Cody, made famous by Buffalo Bill, celebrates the spirit of the American West. Visit the Ima Hotel which once housed Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane.

Day 5: Yellowstone (291 miles)

Today journey into Yellowstone National Park. See the ferocity of mother earth in action with steaming geysers, hot springs, and a myriad wildlife including elk, grizzly and black bears and bison.

Day 6: Yellowstone

Enjoy exploring the park at your leisure. See the iconic Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs and Yellowstone Canyon.

Day 7: Grand Teton/Jackson Hole (351 miles)

Leave Yellowstone behind and head for the utterly magnificent Grand Teton National Park. A remarkable landscape of rugged mountain peaks.

Day 8: Dubois (76 miles)

Lying in a valley between the Absaroka and Wind River mountain ranges, Dubois is a place of wooden boardwalks, pioneer architecture and a vivid, rich history.

Day 9: Lander/Riverton (158 miles)

See wild mustangs at the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary in Lander before arriving in Riverton.

Day 10: Rawlins (124 miles)

Take time for a Wind River Indian Reservation tour before leaving for Rawlins.

Day 11: Laramie (100 miles)

Laramie is rich in wild west history with attractions including the interactive Legends of Laramie and the Territorial State Prison Historic Site which once housed notorious Butch Cassidy.

Day 12: Denver

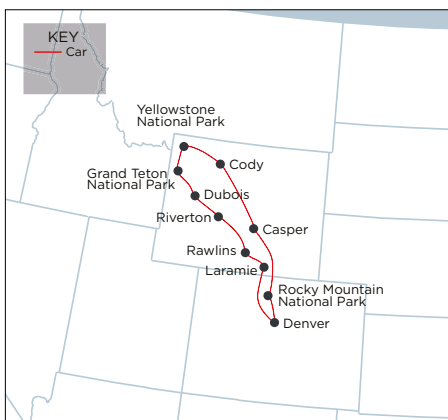
Return to Denver and drop your rental car in time for your onward flight.



Cody



Denver



Cheyenne

American Grandeurs

15 days

Encompassing the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, this 15-day self-drive reveals some of America's most breathtaking and dramatic natural wonders. Marvel at mother nature's most impressive creations as you weave your way through the richly coloured canyons, soaring mountain ranges, gorges and geysers before returning to Denver.

Highlights

Denver – Rocky Mountain National Park
Steam Boat Springs – Dinosaur National Monument – Grand Teton National Park
Yellowstone National Park
Salt Lake City – Bryce Canyon
Lake Powell – Monument Valley
Mesa Verde – Taos – Santa Fe

Tour Includes

- 14 nights accommodation
- 15 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
Daily

Day 1: Denver

Arrive in Denver, collect your car and make your way to your hotel. If preferred, you can arrange to pick up your car tomorrow.

Day 2: Rocky Mountain National Park/ Steamboat Springs (160 miles)

Leaving Denver behind, your drive begins with the spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park, a veritable living laboratory of flora and fauna. Cross the Continental Divide of the Rockies and continue to the pretty mountain town of Steamboat Springs, steeped in history and western culture.

Day 3: Dinosaur National Monument/ Flaming Gorge/Rock Springs (280 miles)

As you arrive at the Colorado/Utah border cross into the Dinosaur National Monument and visit Dinosaur Quarry, a paradise for palaeontologist fans. This spot has produced more dinosaur skeletons, bones and fossils than any other dig in the world. Some date back more the 140 million years. Explore Flaming Gorge and Red Canyon before arriving in Rock Springs.

Day 4: Jackson (190 miles)

Today you'll travel through the Wind River Gorge, and over the high chaparral of Wyoming, a spectacularly scenic drive to Jackson. Experience the old west this evening with a walk around the traditional town square.

Day 5: Grand Teton National Park/ Yellowstone (80 miles)

The driving distance is short today giving ample opportunity to explore the magnificent Grand Teton National Park with its rugged mountains and braided rivers. Continue onwards to Yellowstone, America's first national park. Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs are the iconic sights but there is much more to enjoy. This is a wildlife wonderland so prepare yourself to find bison, deer, elk, moose and even bears wandering freely.

Day 6: Salt Lake City (350 miles)

Dip your toes into the state of Idaho as you make your way to Utah and its capital Salt Lake City. Depending on when you visit there may be opportunity to hear a performance by the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir.



Grand Teton National Park

Day 7: Bryce Canyon (250 miles)

Ascend the Wasatch Mountain Range as you head for the natural wonders that await in southern Utah. Bryce Canyon, one of Utah's 'Mighty 5' as the 5 national parks are known, is an otherworldly place. Here crimson hoodoos, thousands of spires and pinnacles, punctuated by evergreen forest, spread like an alien blanket across the landscape.

Day 8: Bryce Canyon

Take a day to explore this incredible natural wonder. Sunrise and sunset are justifiably popular times in the park when the rocks glow even more vividly. Alternatively, head to nearby Zion National Park renowned for its impressive sandstone formations, created millions of years ago.

Day 9: Lake Powell/Page (120 miles)

After getting your fill of Bryce Canyon your drive heads east through Kanab to Page, where the sparkling blue waters of Lake Powell, contrasting with the vivid red desert lay in wait.

Day 10: Monument Valley/ Cortez (280 miles)

Leave early today to ensure there is time to explore the Navajo Indian Reservation and the trading post of Cameron.

The drive takes you through the impressive landscape of the Painted Desert, a stretch of Badlands where the sandstone is banded with vivid shades of yellow, gold, blue and lavender. Discover the sandstone spires and monoliths of Monument Valley as you continue on to Cortez.

Day 11: Mesa Verde/Durango (80 miles)

Established to preserve the work of man, rather than natural treasures, the ruins of Mesa Verde are a slightly unusual but interesting place to explore. It is the first national park of its kind. From here it's a short drive to the old gold mining town of Durango.

Day 12: Taos (200 miles)

Enjoy the stunning scenery of Durango this morning with a walk along its main street before leaving the town behind. Pass Pagosa Springs as you make your way to the state of New Mexico. Your home for the next 2 nights is the artists' colony of Taos. An impressive spot surrounded by snowcapped peaks.

Day 13: Santa Fe (140 miles)

Explore the Taos Indian Pueblo, a village virtually unchanged from when it was inhabited for 800 years by almost 1400 Taos Indians.

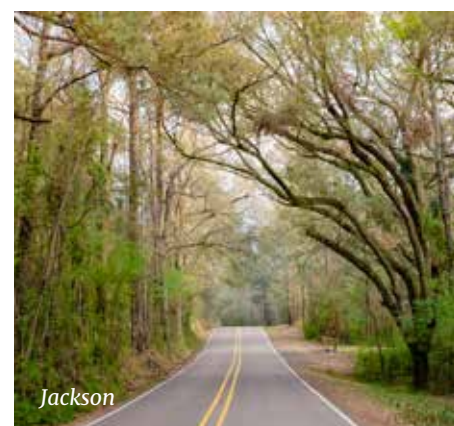
This afternoon head south to Santa Fe, the oldest capital city in the USA. This ancient and colourful city has huge appeal and myriad attractions to discover before returning to Taos. Explore the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, stroll through the Plaza, a grassy square with street musicians and Native American's selling pottery and jewellery and soak up the unique atmosphere.

Day 14: Denver (310 miles)

Wind your way north through New Mexico back into Colorado. The spectacular mountain scenery is a fitting finale to your drive as you return to Denver. Enjoy a final night in the city.

Day 15: Depart Denver

Return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight.



Minneapolis, Yellowstone and the Rockies

13 days

A unique journey through America's mid-western states taking in vibrant cities, rugged mountain ranges, natural parks and impressive natural wonders. This drive is filled with history, culture and includes what is arguably the most iconic of images in the country, Mount Rushmore National Monument.

Highlights

Minneapolis – Sioux Falls
Mount Rushmore – Big Horn Mountains
Cody – Yellowstone National Park
Big Sky – Flathead Valley
Glacier National Park - Great Falls
Little Bighorn – Billings
Theodore Roosevelt National Park – Fargo

Tour Includes

- 12 nights accommodation
- 13 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
Daily

Day 1: Minneapolis

Arrive in Minneapolis, home to one of the most vibrant arts and music scenes outside of New York, and a pleasing blend of natural beauty and urban life. Pick up your car on arrival and make your way to your hotel. Alternatively, pick up your car tomorrow before leaving the city.

Day 2: Sioux Falls (227 miles)

Today you'll head to South Dakota's largest city and the 'Heart of America' Sioux Falls. Set on the Big Sioux River, the impressive waterfalls gave the city its name and can be seen at the Falls Visitors Park, where 7,400 gallons of water cascades over the 100-foot course every second. Soak up the culture and enjoy the varied cuisine of this vibrant city.

Day 3: Mount Rushmore/Rapid City (341 miles)

As you drive east to west, you'll come face to face with a number of unique roadside attractions. Take a gander at the world's only corn palace, Al's Oasis where a vast bison statue heralds your arrival into the western stretches of South Dakota and Wall Drug Store, where you can still get a coffee for \$.05. The real highlight today however is Mount Rushmore National Monument. You can't help but be awed by the sheer scale of the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson,

Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, carved 60ft tall into the Black Hills.

Day 4: Big Horn Mountains/Cody (378 miles)

Search out all of the US Presidents that stand on downtown street corners in the form of bronze statues before leaving Rapid City. Head through the northern Black Hills and cross into Wyoming. Take in the alpine lakes, pine forests and snowcapped peaks of the Big Horn Mountains before arriving in Cody. Founded in 1896 by Buffalo Bill, Cody pays homage to the wild west and there are rodeos, gun fight re-enactments and shows to enjoy.

Day 5: Yellowstone National Park (292 miles)

See the power of nature in full force as you arrive at Yellowstone National Park. A place that needs little introduction.

Day 6: Yellowstone National Park

Discover the mountains, lakes and forests that lie within America's first national park. Hike the park trails and boardwalks and whilst Yellowstone Canyon, Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs are the must-see attractions, there is much more to enjoy. Wildlife is prolific here and you are likely to spot elk, moose, bison, eagles and bears as you explore the park.



Day 7: Big Sky/Flathead Valley/Whitefish (442 miles)

Today is a big driving day that will take you north to the seemingly endless views of Big Sky, above you the never-ending skies that gave this Montana town its name. Head through the Mission Mountain Range and along the shores of Flathead Lake to Whitefish. In the heart of the rugged northern Rocky Mountains, this town is gateway to Glacier National Park.

Day 8: Glacier National Park

Using Whitefish as your base, today is free to enjoy the magnificent natural wonders of Glacier National Park. Whether you choose to explore on foot following the many hiking trails, take a boat cruise, or embark on a drive along the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road, this will be a memorable day filled with wildlife, mountains, lakes and glaciers.

Day 9: Great Falls (219 miles)

Great Falls is the destination today. Winding along the southern border of the park, Highway 2 takes in the memorably named Goat Lick Overview, so called for the mountain goats that come to lick the mineral-laden cliffs.

Great Falls sits at the confluence of the Missouri and Sun Rivers and is home to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Centre, which brings the epic expedition to life.

Day 10: Little Bighorn/Billings (218 miles)

Experience the vast plains and mountains of Central Montana, sitting under a huge sky. Visit the Little Bighorn Battle Monument, commemorating the site of the Battle of Little Bighorn between the Sioux, Cheyenne and the United States in 1876. Drive the tour road to retrace the steps of the battle and take a moment to reflect the past as you walk along the graves of war veterans. Return to Billings this evening.

Day 11: Theodore Roosevelt National Park/Bismark (412 miles)

Travel through North Dakota's wide-open plains and follow the Scenic Loop Drive. See the rugged Badlands at the Painted Canyon Visitor Centre, with views as far as the eye can see before arriving in Bismark. Bismark is a charmingly authentic city, offering warm hospitality and distinctive scenery.

Day 12: Fargo/Minneapolis (432 miles)

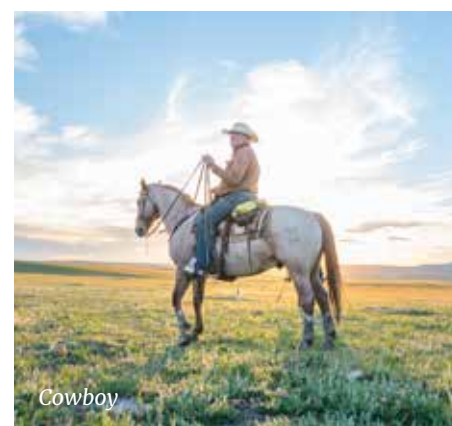
Fargo is a large city with a small-town feel, which gained a measure of modern fame thanks to the 1996 film of the same name. Cross the Red River into Minnesota for the return drive to Minneapolis and your final night.

Day 13: Depart Minneapolis

Return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight.



Mount Rushmore



Cowboy



Little Bighorn

Historic Route 66

16 days

Travel back in time as you embark on the ultimate American road trip as you drive the “Mother Road” from Chicago to Santa Monica. The route takes you on an epic tour across the USA, it crosses 8 states, 3 time zones and is the quintessential American road trip that captures the imagination and the true spirit of America.

Highlights

Chicago – St Louis – Springfield
Oklahoma City – Amarillo – Albuquerque
Santa Fe – Painted Desert – Flagstaff
Grand Canyon – Hoover Dam – Las Vegas
Santa Monica – Los Angeles

Tour Includes

- 15 nights accommodation
- 16 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
Daily

Day 1: Chicago

Arrive at Chicago Airport, collect your car and drive to your hotel. Or arrange to collect your car tomorrow if preferred.

Day 2: Chicago

A day to explore “the Windy City”. Stand on the corner of Michigan and Adams, marked as the official starting point of Historic Route 66, and head for coffee at Lou Mitchell’s, a Chicago institution since 1923 and rite of passage for those embarking on the Route 66 journey. Stroll the lakefront or explore the incredible sights and architectural treasures including Willis Tower, one of the tallest buildings in North America.

Day 3: St. Louis (300 miles)

Begin your Route 66 journey today as you leave Chicago. This legendary road passes through a wealth of pure Americana landscapes and showcases some of the oldest and most unusual sites on the way. Don’t miss Wilmington’s most photographed green Gemini Giant, and Atlanta’s Bunyan Giant. In Springfield, stop at the Cosy Dog drive-in, the birthplace of the corn dog, and explore the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Once in St. Louis, visit historic sites found throughout the city, including the Gateway Arch, the nation’s tallest monument.

Day 4: Springfield (210 miles)

Continue through the Ozark Highlands of southern Missouri to Springfield. En route, stop at Meramec Caverns, an extensive set of natural limestone caves whose formations and colours are as unique as they are beautiful.

Day 5: Oklahoma City (310 miles)

The Oklahoma section of Route 66 contains more driveable miles than any other state, including several miles of the original road. See the beloved 20-foot-tall cement Blue Whale in Catoosa and the Cyrus Avery Route 66 Memorial Bridge in Tulsa. Once in Oklahoma City take time to check out the old Route 66 vintage buildings.

Day 6: Amarillo (260 miles)

Travel through the pancake-flat plains of the Texas Panhandle, this area of Texas was once the buffalo-rich grasslands of the Great Plains. Stop at the Route 66 Museum in Clinton for 6 decades of Route 66 history. See the first restored Phillips 66 gas station in McLean and in Groom, the leaning water tower and a 150-foot tall stainless-steel cross.



Route 66

Day 7: Albuquerque (270 miles)

Before leaving Amarillo be sure to visit Cadillac Ranch. Continue to the Midpoint Café in Adrian famous for its “ugly crust” pies. Follow Route 66 to Albuquerque, which spreads north and south along the banks of the Rio Grande. Central Avenue is a treasure trove of Route 66 landmarks.

Day 8: Holbrook (233 miles)

The state of Arizona welcomes Route 66 travellers with an overwhelming display of trading posts. View huge concrete tepees that stand at the foot of brilliant red-rock mesas en route to Petrified Forest National Park. Soak up the sunset over the Painted Desert from Kachina Point before heading to Holbrook.

Day 9: Flagstaff/Williams (180 miles)

Continue to Meteor City, a true vintage trading post whose distinctive dome can be seen for miles along this stretch of Route 66. Stop in the beautiful town of Flagstaff before continuing onto Williams for 2 nights.

Day 10: Grand Canyon (260 miles)

Head to the Grand Canyon for a day of discovery. This natural wonderful has to be seen to be believed. Explore the distinctive South Rim, take in the incredible views from the numerous overlooks, which can extend for more than 100 miles on a clear day. Return to Williams for the night.

Day 11: Las Vegas (300 miles)

Leave Williams and the Grand Canyon behind as you head for Seligman, on the longest uninterrupted stretch of Route 66. Stop and marvel at the Hoover Dam, an incredible feat of engineering that straddles and harnesses power from the mighty Colorado River. Continue onto Las Vegas.

Day 12-13: Las Vegas

Enjoy 2 days to explore Las Vegas at your leisure. Take in the bright lights, impressive hotels and enjoy a world class show. Alternatively, head out of town and explore Red Rock Canyon, or Zion National Park

Day 14: Santa Monica/Los Angeles (290 miles)

Head out through the Mojave Desert for Calico Ghost Town, California’s authentic silver mining town. Re-join Route 66 in Barstow home to the Route 66 Mother Road Museum before continuing on to Santa Monica for a true Hollywood ending to your trans-America journey. Enjoy time strolling the boardwalks, and exploring the Santa Monica Pier where you’ll find the ‘End of the Trail’ sign, marking the official western end of Route 66.

Day 15: Los Angeles

Spend the day exploring, perhaps head south to Huntington Beach, the USA’s official Surf City, a fabulous and classically Californian beach experience. Theme Park lovers should explore Anaheim, home to the original Disney Land theme park, or pay a visit to Universal Studios Hollywood.

Day 16: Depart Los Angeles

Return your rental car at Los Angeles International Airport in time for your onward flight or extend your drive and continue north along Highway 1 through Santa Barbara and Monterey to San Francisco.



Route 66 Museum



Route 66



Chicago

Guided Route 66 by Motorcycle

15 days

Stretching over 2400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles, Route 66 has been the path of migrants, dreamers, desperadoes, and an entire generation of vacationers discovering the way west. The 1950's were the Route 66 glory days and many of Route 66's nostalgic landmarks are preserved just as they were back then. This historic route is the road created in heaven for motorcycle touring.

Highlights

Chicago – St. Louis – Joplin
Oklahoma City – Amarillo – Santa Fe
Gallup – Grand Canyon – Laughlin
Las Vegas – Mojave Desert – Los Angeles

Tour Includes

- 14 nights accommodation
- 15 days motorcycle rental
- Fuel on riding days
- Breakfast on riding days
- Tour Guide and support driver
- National Park entrance fees
- Grand Canyon helicopter flight

Departure Dates

Departs: April – October
Regular departures

Day 1: Chicago

Chicago is the biggest and most exciting of the Great Lake cities, with a stunning skyline along Lake Michigan, and a gamut of top-rated museums, restaurants and cafés, and innumerable bars and nightclubs that pay homage to the city's strong jazz and blues heritage. Meet your fellow riders tonight for a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Springfield (187 miles)

This morning you pick up your bike and are off on the ultimate American road trip. Head south along the Pontiac Trail, passing through Joliet, checking out the Launching Pad Giant and stopping at the exceptional Route 66 Museum in Pontiac.

Day 3: St. Louis (116 miles)

Today head towards St. Louis. You will stay primarily on the 2-lane sections of the Mother Road, traversing cornfields and small towns that represent the heartland of America. Arrival into St. Louis will be over the Chain of Rocks Bridge, the original bridge where Route 66 crossed the Mississippi River.

Day 4: Joplin (335 miles)

Try to get up early and enjoy an morning view of the St. Louis Arch and Mississippi River. Leave the city and enjoy the rolling Missouri hills that make this area so beautiful to ride in. See the famous World's Largest Rocking Chair in Fanning, and wind your way along the twisting roads of Devil's Elbow.

Day 5: Oklahoma City (255 miles)

Today is all about the route as you head west through the hills and horse country of Oklahoma, crossing Miami, Claremore, and Catoosa before passing through Tulsa. Travel through the reservations of several Native American tribes including the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek and Cherokee. This evening, stay in Oklahoma City the heart and soul of Route 66.

Day 6: Amarillo (266 miles)

This morning travel some of the oldest stretches of Oklahoma's Route 66. Ride along a section of the Chisholm Trail and stop at the superb Route 66 Museum in Clinton. Then cross the border into the Texas Panhandle, the southernmost portion of the Great Plains and continue to Amarillo.



Guided Route 66 by Motorcycle

Day 7 & 8: Santa Fe (303 miles)

Today leave Texas for New Mexico. After passing through the world-famous Cadillac Ranch, stop at the midway point of the 66 in Adrian, Texas, and the ghost town of Glen Rio. From here you'll enter the land of the Comanche Indians, where mesas, mountains, cactus, and pines define the landscape as you head up into the High Plains and altitude of Santa Fe in central New Mexico. Santa Fe is one of America's oldest cities and is your base for the next 2 nights.

Day 9: Gallup (271 miles)

Head south to Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, cross the Rio Grande and head west into the open country and the hues of the Navajo wilderness. You skirt mesas and bluffs into Laguna before riding towards the famous Route 66 town of Gallup, an old railroad town and Indian stronghold.

Day 10: Grand Canyon (283 miles)

Today is another huge day, cross into Arizona and ride to the Petrified Forest National Park, a fossilized prehistoric forest of gigantic trees that has been unearthed by erosion. Travel further west to the Wigwam Hotel in Holbrook. Ride on to spend the night just 1 mile from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Day 11: Laughlin (256 miles)

There is time for a scenic helicopter flight before leaving the Grand Canyon. Pick up Route 66 back in Williams before heading to stops in the famous 66 towns of Seligman, Hackberry and Kingman, and Oatman before arriving at your Laughlin hotel on the shores of the Colorado River.

Day 12: Las Vegas (129 miles)

Today is a quick ride to take in the incredible sights and sounds of Las Vegas. The journey takes you through your first real taste of the Mojave Desert, and a ride across the famous Hoover Dam.

Day 13: Victorville (282 miles)

Today cross the border into the final state on Route 66, California. Today is a day like no other as you cross the Mojave Desert which offers some of the most dramatic scenery in Southern California. This huge expanse of desert is dotted with Joshua Trees, cactus, volcanic rock, and sand.

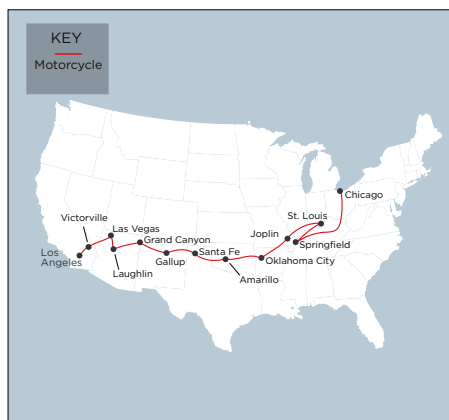
Day 14: Los Angeles (124 miles)

Today reach the end of the road at the Santa Monica Pier. To get there, however, you first get to ride the 66 miles of the Angeles Crest Highway through the mountainous terrain of Angeles National Forest. Then descend the Crest into the Los Angeles Basin and head towards the Pacific Ocean.

Tonight, celebrate the miles you've ridden at a Farewell Dinner.

Day 15: Los Angeles

Your tour ends today in Los Angeles.



Songs of the South, a Legacy of Music & Civil Rights

14 days

Weave your way through the Deep South immersing yourself in the legendary musical legacy that embraces blues, rock and roll, country, gospel and jazz. Learn more about the modern Civil Rights movement sparked by Rosa Parks that changed history, and take time to soak up the easy-going, soulful ambiance that pervades throughout the southern states.

Highlights

Atlanta – Birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King – Chattanooga – Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame – Graceland
Memphis – Jackson – Natchez
Mississippi River – New Orleans
Mobile – Montgomery – Birmingham

Tour Includes

- 13 nights accommodation
- 14 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Entrance to the Country Music Hall of Fame
- Graceland experience

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Atlanta

Arrive in Atlanta, the rest of the day is free to explore. Perhaps visit Underground Atlanta, located in the heart of downtown, this 6-block area was once the city centre. During the 1920's, construction of the concrete "viaducts" elevated the street system one level, giving birth to what is now Underground Atlanta.

Day 2: Atlanta

Explore the city and see how it's evolved. Visit the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum, CNN Studios, the World of Coca-Cola and the Virginia-Highland district, Atlanta's most popular neighbourhood for shopping, dining and nightlife.

Day 3: Nashville (250 miles)

Stop in Chattanooga and explore the Downtown Riverfront District. Once in Nashville explore the area between Broadway and 2nd Avenue, filled with entertainment venues, night clubs and an array of restaurants. It's here that you can take a tour of historic RCA Studio B – where Elvis and so many others recorded over 35,000 songs.

Day 4: Nashville

Nashville highlights include the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Grand Ole Opry House and Ryman Auditorium, designated a National Historic Landmark. Take a guided backstage tour or record a CD in the new Ryman Recording Studio, or perhaps take a tour past the homes of some of country music's well-known stars.

Day 5: Memphis (212 miles)

En route to Memphis take in the Belle Meade Plantation, a 30-acre historical site, known as the 'Queen of Tennessee Plantations'. Memphis is where the roots of blues, country and gospel music formed in the 1930s, learn more with a visit to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum and Sun Studio.

Day 6: Memphis

Today walk in the footsteps of the King of Rock 'n' Roll at Graceland. The Graceland experience includes Graceland mansion, Elvis' Automobile Museum, Elvis' custom jets. Then spend some time on Beale Street, a melting pot of delta blues, jazz, rock-n-roll, R&B, and gospel.



Day 7: Clarksdale/Cleveland (116 miles)

Stop in Clarksdale for a visit of the Delta Blues Museum. Cleveland is on the Mississippi Blues Trail and the unofficial birthplace of the blues. While here, visit the Grammy Museum Mississippi.

Day 8: Jackson/Natchez (224 miles)

Stop in Jackson, a treasure trove of African American and Civil Rights history. Follow along the Civil Rights Driving Tour which features sites including the Freedom Corner, the former home of slain NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers and explore the Farish Street Historical District. Your destination is Natchez, the oldest city on the Mississippi River and known for its antebellum mansions and historic landmarks.

Day 9: Natchez

Natchez has many historic homes and buildings that are walkable within the downtown area. Alternatively, horse drawn carriages and a downtown double decker bus offer tours covering food, literary spots, Civil Rights, and ghost tours.

Day 10: New Orleans (172 miles)

New Orleans is one of America's most culturally and historically rich destinations. Take an afternoon riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River and spend the evening in the French Quarter.

Day 11: New Orleans

Spend today exploring this vivacious city. Explore the French Quarter, New Orleans City Park, Jackson Square, or take a ride down St Charles Avenue in an historic streetcar and be astounded by the sheer beauty and number of mansions. Dine on Creole cuisine, visit gothic cemeteries or head out of the city to experience the swamps and bayous.

Day 12: Mobile/Selma (315 miles)

Once referred to as the Paris of the South, Mobile has long been the cultural centre of the Gulf Coast. Its 300-year history is alive in the city's architecture, fountains and treasured live oak trees. Continue to Selma, noteworthy for its significant role during the 1960s civil rights movement and the Selma to Montgomery marches.

Day 13: Montgomery/Birmingham (140 miles)

Continue to Montgomery, Alabama's capital. Visit the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old seamstress, sparked the modern civil rights movement by taking a stand and keeping her seat on a city bus. Visit the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and see the pulpit where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., first preached his message of hope and brotherhood. End the day in Birmingham.

Day 14: Atlanta (140 miles)

Visit important historical sites of the civil rights movement. Exhibits in the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute reveal slices of black and white life from the late 1800's to the present, whilst across the street is Birmingham's most famous civil rights landmark, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The church was the site of a dynamite bombing in 1963 that killed 4 young African American girls. Travel to Atlanta and return your rental car at the airport in time for your onward flight.



The Bluegrass and Bourbon Trail

10 days

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds and savour the flavours of the south on this self-drive tour through Tennessee and Kentucky. Beginning and ending in Memphis, home of Elvis and the blues. This circular tour takes in the Great Smoky Mountains, the mighty Mississippi, the beautiful bluegrass region of Kentucky and Nashville, 'Music City USA'.

Highlights

Memphis – Lynchburg – Chattanooga
 Gatlinburg – Great Smoky Mountains
 Lexington – Louisville - Nashville

Tour Includes

- 9 nights accommodation
- 10 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
 Daily

Day 1: Memphis

Upon arrival into Memphis collect your rental car and check into your hotel.

Day 2: Memphis

Today is free to explore, we suggest a visit to Graceland, legendary home of the late Elvis Presley, then perhaps the Rock & Soul Museum, the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, the Gibson Guitar Factory, or Sun Studio.

Day 3: Lynchburg (263 miles)

Continue to Lynchburg, the home of Bourbon. Whilst here take time to discover the famous home of the Jack Daniel's whisky distillery.

Day 4: Chattanooga (91 miles)

Today's drive brings you to Chattanooga. It lies on the Tennessee River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and is a paradise for lovers of the great outdoors. It's also a remarkably eco-friendly place.

Day 5: Gatlinburg (145 miles)

Make your way north through Knoxville, a city with a rich history and a thriving arts and culture scene. Gatlinburg is one of the 3 main gateways to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Dolly Parton is also one of the regions best-loved residents and should you wish to indulge your 'inner-Dolly' there are many places that play tribute to her.

Day 6: Lexington (214 miles)

As you leave Gatlinburg you'll be accompanied by scenic views of the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. Begin your morning in the horse capital of the world, in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass region. Alongside its impressive equine heritage, Lexington is also one of the top spots in Kentucky for bourbon.

Day 7: Louisville (78 miles)

When you reach Louisville, don't forget to visit the home of the world's most famous thoroughbred horserace, the Kentucky Derby.

Day 8-9: Nashville (176 miles)

Nashville is "Music City USA". Explore the Music City Walk of Fame (optional) and perhaps take in a show at the Grand Ole Opry or stroll through the Music Valley's Wax Museum of the Stars.

Day 10: Memphis (212 miles)

Depart the capital of country and western music to return to the home of the blues, Memphis. Return your car at the airport where your tour comes to an end.



A Touch of Southern Comfort

9 days

Discover the genteel southern states of Georgia, South Carolina and the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Atlanta, a vibrant and cultural hub, the ornate antebellum mansions and Spanish moss bedecked oak trees of Savannah and Charleston's old-world appeal. You'll learn about the Civil Rights movement and Civil War history and explore the scenic panoramas of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Highlights

Atlanta – Birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King
King – Savannah – Charleston
Blue Ridge Mountains – Asheville

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- 9 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive documentation kit
- Old Town Trolley Ticket
- Charleston Historic Walking Tour

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Atlanta

Arrive in Atlanta and make your way to the hotel. This vibrant city is the cultural hub of the state of Georgia, the rest of the day is free to explore.

Day 2: Atlanta

Explore Atlanta and see sites such as the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum, CNN Studios, the World of Coca-Cola and the Virginia-Highland district, Atlanta's most popular neighbourhood for shopping, dining, and nightlife.

Day 3: Savannah (248 miles)

Oh-so beautiful Savannah boasts leafy streets and gorgeous architecture, elegant town houses and antebellum mansions.

Day 4: Savannah

Today, take a trolley tour to see some of Savannah's hundreds of restored buildings spanning 3 centuries worth of architectural styles. For shopping, City Market and the Bay Street area are known for their quaint shops and galleries.

Day 5: Charleston (111 miles)

Travel through the Lowcountry to Charleston in South Carolina. Explore some of the city's carefully preserved 18th and 19th century homes which offer a glimpse into the lives of pre-Civil War Southern wealth and the history of the "Old South".

Day 6: Charleston

Visit Fort Sumter or take a short drive to visit some of the numerous plantations and gardens just outside of Charleston.

Day 7: Asheville (268 miles)

Asheville, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, boasts a thriving arts community, diverse outdoor adventures, a vibrant downtown, and numerous historic and architectural attractions.

Day 8: Asheville

Scenic drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway are a must and hiking trails, canopy tours and horseback riding options are available. At Grandfather Mountain, see the native animal habitats and cross the Mile High Swinging bridge. Travel along old Indian trading paths the Indians used to cross through the mountains to trading posts and villages in the Tennessee and Ohio River valleys. Or visit Hot Springs, a haven for those seeking outdoor adventure, healing, and relaxation.

Day 9: Atlanta (208 miles)

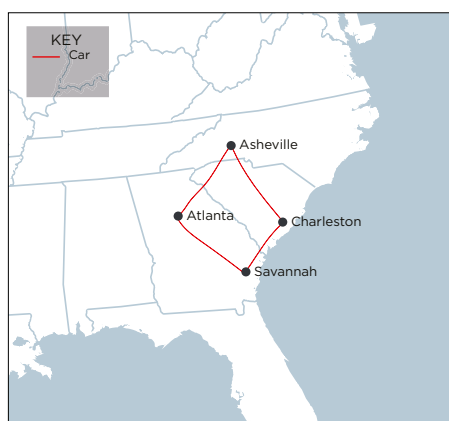
Depart Asheville late morning and enjoy the drive south through rolling hills back to Atlanta for your onward flight.



Savannah



Asheville



Savannah

Six State Sampler

16 days

Discover the charms of beautiful New England on this leisurely wander through the six states of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Vermont. Begin in Boston before taking to the open road for a drive through a region that is steeped in history, stunning scenery, and a gorgeous coastline, sprinkled with quaint villages, welcoming inns, and sublime seafood.

Highlights

Boston – Portsmouth – Ogunquit
Kennebunkport – Portland – Stowe
Burlington – Manchester – The Berkshires
Mystic – Newport – Falmouth
Provincetown

Tour Includes

- 15 nights accommodation
- 14 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive documentation kit
- Portland Harbour cruise
- Mansion tickets in Newport

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Boston

Arrive in Boston and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure.

Day 2: Boston/Cambridge

Explore Boston's highlights including the Freedom Trail, a 1.6-mile trail that weaves through important historical sites from colonial and revolutionary times. Along the waterfront you could join a harbour cruise, whale watching tour or cross the Charles River to Cambridge and visit Harvard University.

Day 3: Portsmouth/Ogunquit (75 miles)

Collect your car and travel north, making a stop in Portsmouth, a working port since colonial days and a treasure trove of historical offerings. Your destination is Ogunquit in Maine. This beach community boasts a long, white sandy beach, fine shops and galleries, and the Marginal Way, a magnificent mile-long footpath that follows the edge of the Atlantic atop rugged cliffs.

Day 4: Kennebunkport (22 miles)

Use Ogunquit as a base and make the short drive to Kennebunkport, which boasts several impressive seaside estates along Ocean Avenue, the one-of-a-kind Wedding Cake House and quaint shops and galleries.

Day 5: Portland/North Conway (90 miles)

Explore Portland's historic buildings, Old Port Exchange and take a cruise to see its famous lighthouses. Travel through Maine's pretty lakes region and into North Conway. This is an incredibly picturesque region of covered bridges, white steepled churches, high mountains and rolling farmland.

Day 6: Lincoln (92 miles)

Spend today venturing along Franconia Notch to see natural wonders such as Indian Head, hike into Flume Gorge, or take a tram to the summit of Cannon Mountain for breathtaking views of the surrounding area. Return to North Conway for the night.

Day 7: Stowe (115 miles)

Scenic routes and covered bridges depict the landscapes, as you wend your way into Vermont, the Green Mountain state. See how Maple Syrup is made at Morse Farm and indulge in a tour at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory as you head to the charming village of Stowe, for a 2-night stay.



Day 8: Burlington (72 miles)

From Stowe it's an easy drive into Burlington, on the shores of Lake Champlain. Enjoy a cruise on the lake, stroll Church Street Marketplace or visit the Shelburne Museum, one of the nation's finest, most diverse, and unconventional museums of art and Americana.

Day 9: Manchester/Lee (185 miles)

Head south to Manchester. Highly regarded for its mansions, art centre and Hildene, the former estate of Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son before continuing into Lee for 2 nights.

Day 10: The Berkshires (44 miles)

Spend today exploring the communities located in the Berkshires hill region. Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony's summer home is in Lenox. Stockbridge is home to the Norman Rockwell Museum, famous for his Saturday Evening Post covers. In Hancock visit the Hancock Shaker Village, a beautifully restored village, set on 1,200 acres of farm, woodland and pasture, and home to a premier collection of Shaker buildings and artifacts.

Day 11: Mystic (127 miles)

Wind through country roads to Connecticut's northwest corner, better known as "antique country" with its quaint antique stores, museums and gardens. Continue to Mystic, best known for Mystic Seaport, a recreation of a New England seafaring village set in 17 acres and incorporating tall ships, historic buildings, and immersive experiences.

Day 12: Newport (50 miles)

Travel north into Rhode Island and Newport where you'll find the opulent summer homes of the Vanderbilts and the Astors, the church where John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier, and see the waters where the Americas Cup sailing race has been held.

Day 13: Newport

Spend today exploring this place of colonial-era buildings and see the magnificent mansions of the Gilded Age. Many are open to the public. Visit the Newport Vineyards, the Fort Adams State Park and soak up the salty sea air as you discover the rocky coastline.

Day 14: Falmouth (69 miles)

Continue into Plymouth, "America's hometown". See Plymouth Rock, tour the Mayflower II, an exact replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to the New World Village and Wampanoag site. Cross the Cape Cod Canal to a world of charm and beauty to spend the next 2 nights on Cape Cod.

Day 15: Provincetown (160 miles)

A drive along the Cape Cod National Seashore showcases the lighthouses, quaint coastal communities, and natural scenic beauty of the region. Visit the lively artist colony of Provincetown and perhaps embark on a whale watch tour.

Day 16: Boston (75 miles)

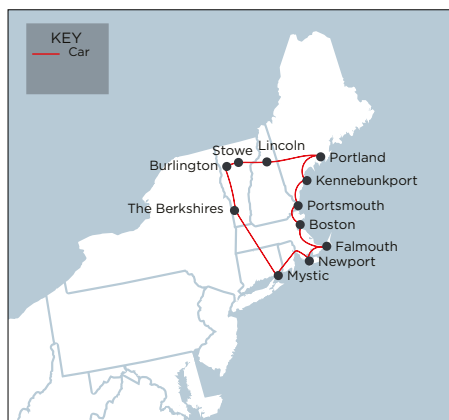
Return to Boston today and return your car to the airport in time for your onward flight.



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The Berkshires



Cape Cod

Martha's Vineyard and New England's Southern Coast

9 days

Discover the coastal charms of the rugged New England cliffs and beaches, seaside communities and the unique beauty of Martha's Vineyard. Combine this with the history and urban experiences of Boston, home to the oldest universities in the world. This is an easy self-drive, that showcases this stunning region at a leisurely pace.

Highlights

Boston – Sandwich – Cape Cod
Provincetown – Martha's Vineyard
Newport – Plymouth

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- 8 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive document kit
- Ferry crossing to Martha's Vineyard

Departure Dates

Departs: April – November
Daily

Day 1: Boston

Arrive in Boston and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free

Day 2: Boston

Enjoy a day of exploring. Follow the Freedom Trail, or head across the Boston River to Cambridge and immerse yourself in the hallowed atmosphere of Harvard.

Day 3: Sandwich (74 miles)

Collect your rental car this morning, your destination is Cape Cod. Arrive in the historic village of Sandwich, the oldest of the Cape towns and best known for its distinctive glassware. There are galleries, glassblowers, and studios to browse.

Day 4: Provincetown/Chatham (118 miles)

Head out for a drive along the Cape Cod National Seashore where you'll discover lighthouses, quaint coastal communities, and the natural scenic beauty that this stunning area is renowned for. Visit the lively artist colony of Provincetown, at the very end of the Cape, where it curls around the bay. Return to Sandwich this evening.

Day 5: Martha's Vineyard (24 miles)

Take the short drive to Woods Hole and board the Steamship Authority's ferry for the 45-minute journey to gorgeous Martha's Vineyard. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring some of the island's towns.

Day 6: Martha's Vineyard

Today uncover the unique beauty of the Vineyard at your leisure, a place that remain very much untouched by commercialism. Tour the fashionable eastern half known as "down-island", and up-island, the sparsely populated and sleepy towns to the west.

Day 7: Newport (73 miles)

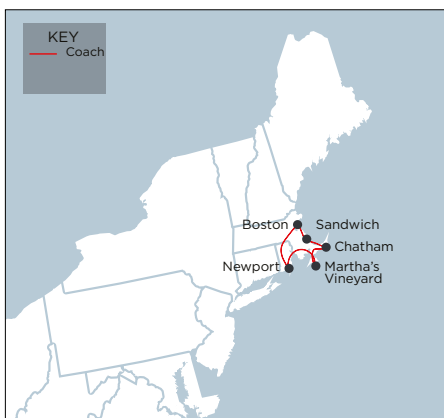
Continue to the classy, coastal resort town of Newport. Soak up the atmosphere with dinner on the harbour this evening. Overnight in Newport for the next 2 nights.

Day 8: Newport

Take a meander along Ocean Drive and "Millionaire's Row" to see the impressive summer homes of the Gilded Age. Indulge in fresh seafood, discover the glorious beaches, and take a sight-sailing tour on a restored lobster boat or former rum-smuggling yacht.

Day 9: Plymouth/Boston (97 miles)

As you return to Boston visit Plymouth, "America's hometown". See the Mayflower II, a full-size replica of the original ship that carried Pilgrims to the New World. Return your car to Boston airport in time for your onward flight.



Shores of the Great Lakes

14 days

Explore the Great Lakes, the cities of Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Detroit as you discover the sensational natural beauty of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Visit the Mall of America, taste craft beers in Madison and take in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This 14-day drive is a memorable journey through the spectacular mid-west.

Highlights

Chicago – Madison – Minneapolis
St. Paul – Grand Rapids – Lake Superior
Apostle Islands – Lake Michigan
Mackinac Island – Detroit – Huron River
Saugatuck – Milwaukee

Tour Includes

- 13 nights accommodation
- 14 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental
- Comprehensive documentation kit

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Chicago

On arrival in Chicago make your way to your hotel.

Day 2: Madison (167 miles)

Collect your rental car this morning and head for Madison. Visit Taliesin, renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece in Spring Green.

Day 3: Minneapolis/St. Paul (299 miles)

Make for the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Explore the Chain of Lakes and scenic walking trails around Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet.

Day 4: Minneapolis/St. Paul

A day to uncover these sister cities on foot.

Day 5: Grand Rapids (290 miles)

Travel to Grand Rapids, where small town charm sits amongst the breathtaking natural beauty of Minnesota. Enjoy heritage and culture and a thriving arts scene.

Day 6: Bayfield (196 miles)

Bayfield is gateway to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore lying in Lake Superior.

Day 7: Marquette (278 miles)

Visit the Delaware Mine and Fort Wilkins Historic State Park and stop at the Jampot, Eagle Harbour, a bakery and gift shop operated by the monks.

Day 8: St. Ignace (177 miles)

Take a cruise on Lake Michigan, visit the historic Au Sable Light Station and the waterfalls on the Tahquamenon River. Continue to St. Ignace for 2 nights

Day 9: Mackinac Island

Spend the day exploring Mackinac Island, nearly all is protected as a state park.

Day 10: Detroit (296 miles)

Head south to Detroit. See the Henry Ford Museum of Innovation and visit the Motown Museum and the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

Day 11: Saugatuck (210 miles)

Your destination today is Saugatuck, a welcoming town and artists' colony with a pretty harbour, galleries, and shops to explore.

Day 12: Milwaukee (239 miles)

Take the Lake Express Ferry across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee.

Day 13: Chicago (102 miles)

Enjoy a final night in Chicago.

Day 14: Depart Chicago

Return your car to the airport, in time for your onward flight.



Rail Journeys

REDISCOVER THE ROMANCE OF RAIL

Travelling by rail in the USA is one of the best ways to explore. There are journeys which will take you across the vast, sprawling prairies, through dramatic mountain ranges, alongside immense lakes and into states the size of small countries. Whether you are hopping from city to city along the east coast, in search of one of the classic cross-state adventures, or simply love the slower pace of rail travel, there is a journey for you. Many of the routes take travellers into places which can only be seen from the railway, through truly spectacular scenery. This is a leisurely way of travelling, so sit back and relax and let the multi-faceted landscapes of America captivate you as they pass by the window.





Amtrak

On May 1st, 1970, Amtrak came into service, today it covers more than 21,000 miles in 46 states and operates more than 300 trains per day. The fleet is modern, and the majority of trains offer 3 choices of seating with coach class, business class and first class seating and on longer routes first class private room options include roomettes, bedrooms, and bedroom suites. These accommodation choices also include complimentary meals, lounge access and a first class attendant.

Amtrak operates many routes across the USA, these are just a few of the most popular and iconic journeys to embark on. Please ask us about all the routes and trains available.

Acela

Boston - Washington

This is the perfect way to city hop along the East Coast travelling between Boston and Washington with stops in New York, and Philadelphia.

Journey Time: 7 hours

Departs: Multiple daily departures

Crescent

New York – New Orleans

From the Big Apple to the Big Easy, this is a unique way to take in the heritage of the American south. Why not break your journey in Atlanta, Georgia for some antebellum charm before arriving in New Orleans.

Journey Time: 30 hours

Departs: Daily

Lakeshore Limited

Boston - Chicago

Instead of flying, the Lakeshore Limited is a relaxing way to travel between the learned city of Boston and Chicago. Travel through the beautiful Finger Lakes region, hop off in New York or spend time in Cleveland's museums and art galleries.

Journey Time: 19 hours

Departs: Daily

Sunset Limited

New Orleans – Los Angeles

Travelling Amtrak's southern-most route takes in Bayou Country, the Mexican border, desert landscapes and mountains as you travel between Louisiana and California.

Journey Time: 48 hours

Departs: 3 times a week

California Zephyr

Chicago – San Francisco

This is one of the most beautiful train journeys in North America. Climb through the Rockies, the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas, the plains of Nebraska and alongside the mighty Colorado River.

Journey Time: 52 hours

Departs: Daily

Texas Eagle

Chicago – San Antonio

Embark on an adventure through the Land of Lincoln, across the Mississippi and through the Ozarks, deep into the heart of Texas. The train continues onto Los Angeles if California beckons.

Journey Time: 32 hours (San Antonio)

Departs: Daily



Tour Includes

- 11 nights accommodation
- Business class rail travel on the Acela
- Sightseeing as stated

Departure Dates

Year round, Daily



Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation
- First Class roomette rail travel
- Graceland Elvis Experience
- New Orleans City & Cemetery Tour

Departure Dates

Year round, Daily

Great American Cities by Rail

12 days

Combine 4 of the USA’s best loved cities that played such an important part in forming the nation. Boston, where the famous “Tea Party” saw the move for independence. New York, arrival point for so many of the immigrants that came in search of a better life. Philadelphia, home of brotherly love and where the Declaration of Independence was made and Washington D.C., the nation’s capital

Day 1: Boston

Arrive in Boston and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore.

Hotel for 3 nights: Boston Park Plaza

Day 2 & 3: Boston

An included ticket on the Old Town Trolley Tour allows you to see the very best of the city at your own pace.

Day 4: New York

Board the Acela this morning for your rail journey to New York. Take the rest of the day to get your bearings, and perhaps take in a Broadway show this evening.

Hotel for 3 nights: New Yorker

Day 5 & 6: New York

Enjoy the city that never sleeps at your own pace. A 48-hour sightseeing pass is included so can you make the most of your time here.

Day 7: Philadelphia

Take the train to Philadelphia. From the Franklin Institute to the Rodin Museum, the City of Brotherly Love is eclectic.

Hotel for 2 nights: Hampton Inn

Day 8: Philadelphia

Hop on the included trolley tour to see the very best of the city.

Day 9: Washington D.C.

The nation’s capital is your destination today. Re-board the Acela for the trip to Washington D.C.

Hotel for 3 nights: Hotel Zena

Day 10 & 11: Washington D.C.

Discover the power and history tied up in the spectacular buildings of Washington D.C. See the city’s famous monuments, explore the Smithsonian’s many museums or visit Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol Building and more.

Day 12: Depart Washington D.C.

Depart the city at your leisure today.

Chicago and Southern Soul

9 days

From the shores of Lake Michigan, wend your way southwards to musical Memphis, home to country music and Graceland. Follow the mighty Mississippi River through the snow-white cotton fields and the delta to New Orleans, a feast for the senses.

Day 1: Chicago

Arrive in Chicago at your leisure and make your way to your hotel.

Hotel for 2 nights: Silversmith

Day 2: Chicago

Today is free for you to explore at your own pace. Discover one of the world's greatest skylines as you wander the lakefront along with superb shopping, dining, and entertainment.

Day 3: Amtrak®

Explore Chicago further this morning before your overnight journey aboard the City of New Orleans Amtrak service to Memphis. Upgrades to first class rooms are available.

Day 4: Memphis

Arrive in Memphis and make your way to your hotel. Spend time at the National Civil Rights Museum before sampling the delights of Beale Street.

Hotel for 2 nights: ARRIVE Hotel

Day 5: Memphis

Enjoy a guided tour of Graceland and then head for Sun Studios where Elvis and countless others laid down their now legendary hits.

Day 6: New Orleans

An early departure back onboard the City of New Orleans for the daylight journey through the Mississippi Delta to the Big Easy. On arrival mid afternoon, make your way to your hotel.

Hotel for 3 nights: Holiday Inn French Quarter

Day 7 & 8: New Orleans

The next 2 days are free for you to enjoy the warmth and vibrant atmosphere of New Orleans at your own pace. A city and cemetery tour is included, it takes 2½-3 hours and is a great way to orientate yourself with the city.

Day 9: Depart New Orleans

Depart the city at your leisure today.

The Trans American Rail Trail

17 days

Cross the USA from the Big Apple to the City by the Bay. Exploring Chicago, the windy city, the mile high city of Denver and Salt Lake City, the capital of the Mormon state of Utah. Travel across wide open landscapes and mighty mountain ranges as you discover some of the best landscapes that America has to offer and see it all from the comfort of your seat as you experience two of Amtrak’s iconic train routes.

Highlights

New York – Lake Shore Limited
 Chicago – California Zephyr – Denver
 Salt Lake City – San Francisco

Tour Includes

- 13 nights hotel accommodation
- 1 night aboard the Lake Shore Limited, roomette accommodation
- 2 nights aboard the California Zephyr, roomette accommodation
- Coach transfer from Emeryville to San Francisco
- Time relevant meals aboard Amtrak®
- Sightseeing as stated

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
 Daily

Day 1-3: New York

Arrive in New York and make your way to your hotel. With an included 2-day sightseeing pass and a harbour cruise, you can enjoy the sights at your own pace. Enjoy iconic landmarks, such as the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Centre and the Statue of Liberty, and the bright lights of Broadway and Times Square.

Hotel for 3 nights: Hotel Edison

Day 4: Amtrak®

Board the Lake Shore limited this afternoon and head for Chicago.

Overnight: Roomette accommodation onboard the Lake Shore Limited

Day 5-7: Chicago

Chicago sits on the shore of Lake Michigan and the lakefront area is an inspiring stretch of coastline set against the backdrop of one of the world’s great city skylines. You’ll find fabulous shopping, great nightlife and wonderful restaurants and bars. Enjoy the best of the sights with an included sightseeing pass.

Hotel for 3 nights: Ivy Boutique Hotel

Day 8: Amtrak®

Board the afternoon departure of the California Zephyr and soak up the majestic landscapes as you travel to the snow-capped peaks of the “Mile High City.”

Overnight: Roomette accommodation onboard the Lake Shore Limited

Day 9 & 10: Denver

Arrive in Denver and make your way to your hotel. There is time to explore on your own, a city tour is included on your second day in the city.

Hotel for 2 nights: The Curtis

Day 11: Amtrak®

Reboard the California Zephyr for the daytime journey to Salt Lake City.

Hotel for 2 nights: Crystal Inn

Day 12: Salt Lake City

Explore the Pioneer Village, Temple Square, and the State Capitol at your leisure today.

Day 13: Amtrak®

There is further time to explore before boarding the overnight California Zephyr service to San Francisco.

Overnight: Roomette accommodation onboard the California Zephyr

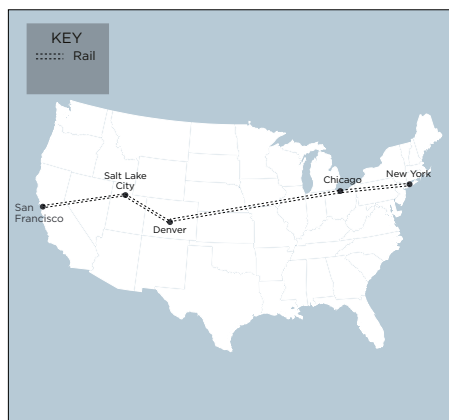
Day 14-16: San Francisco

On arrival in Emeryville a coach transfer will take you to San Francisco. This glorious city has an energetic and friendly vibe brimming with the arts, culture, entertainment, and cuisine. A 24-hour sightseeing pass is included.

Hotel for 3 nights: Handlery Union Square

Day 17: Depart San Francisco

Make your way to the airport for your onward flight.



Rocky Mountaineer

Rocky Mountaineer might be a rail newcomer to the USA but the route this iconic train follows is more than a million years in the making. This superb train has also been operating in the Canadian Rockies for more than 30 years. See the unseen as the train winds its way into extraordinary otherworldly landscapes and through vast canyons carved by the relentless flow of the Colorado River. The scenes beyond your window are a vision of ancient rocks that glow red in the sunshine under huge vivid blue skies and vast panoramas that stretch into the distance. Sit back and relax, swap stories with your fellow travellers and enjoy the award-winning onboard service as you journey between the mile-high city of Denver and Moab, gateway to the incredible Mighty 5 National Parks of Utah.





Carriage - custom-designed glass-dome coaches provide panoramic views of your surroundings. Oversized windows ensure exceptional viewing and make photography a breeze. Take it all in from the comfort of your reclining chair.

Dine at your seat - enjoy gourmet meals served in the comfort of your seat.

Delicious cuisine - Savour elegantly plated locally inspired dishes.

Excellent Hosts - the team of friendly hosts will serve your meals, entertain you with stories and take care of your every need, so you can focus on the journey ahead.

- Panoramic window views
- Delicious breakfast and lunch served at your seat
- Complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks
- Storytelling and route information from your knowledgeable onboard hosts
- Comfortable overnight hotel accommodation in Glenwood Springs
- Complimentary baggage delivery to your Glenwood Springs hotel

Enhance your journey and upgrade to SilverLeaf Plus which enjoys all the benefits of SilverLeaf Service and the extras below.

- Exclusive access to the lounge car with additional space and a small outdoor viewing area
- Elevated dining experience with wine pairings and premium alcoholic beverages
- Signature cocktails in the lounge car



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER





Departure Dates:

Late April to October
 From Denver: Wednesday and Sunday
 From Moab: Thursday and Monday

Package includes:

- 2 days onboard
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch*
- Onboard gratuities
- Overnight hotel in Glenwood Springs

**(Moab to Denver includes 1 dinner, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch)*



Departure Dates:

April to October, Mondays

Package includes:

- 2 days onboard
- 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Sightseeing tour Moab to Bryce Canyon and Las Vegas

Rockies to the Red Rocks

2 days

Experience the majesty of the American southwest and travel a route steeped in history. Cross the Continental Divide passing through the Moffat Tunnel and along the Colorado River through Byers and Gore Canyon, where pronghorns, deer and eagles are often seen. Marvel at Mount Garfield and Brook Cliffs, the vivid colours of Ruby Canyon, and the brilliant sandstone mountains of Arches National Park as you arrive in Utah.

Day 1: Denver to Glenfield Springs

Board the Rocky Mountaineer in Denver for a 9am departure. Sit back, relax, and enjoy breakfast at your seat taking in the views of the Gross Reservoir Dam. The route climbs as you head for the Continental Divide, here the train enters the Moffat Tunnel emerging on the western side of the divide, this historic tunnel cuts through over 6 miles of mountainous terrain. As you enjoy lunch the onboard hosts will share stories of the landscape you are travelling through. The train hugs the canyon walls as it winds along the Colorado River through a series of canyons including Byers and Gore. Wildlife such as deer, eagles and pronghorns are often spotted here. From here continue to the wild west town of Glenwood Springs. Spend the evening exploring this historic spot. (Arrive between 5pm and 6.30pm).

Day 2: Glenfield Springs to Moab

Reboard the Rocky Mountaineer for a 7am departure. Breakfast is served as the train passes Parachute Creek and Mount Logan towards De Beque Canyon, an incredible 15-mile-long canyon of stair-stepped cliffs. Continuing west, keep watching for Mount Garfield and Brook Cliffs, sandstone mountains that stretch for almost 200 miles. With the Colorado River as your companion the train approaches one of the most colourful canyons on the trip, Ruby Canyon. This stunning spot is only accessible by train or from the river. After crossing the state line from Colorado into Utah, Mount Peale will come into focus, often still bearing its cap of snow. As the train slowly pulls into Moab and the end your journey, you'll be greeted by the vivid sandstone mountains the southwest is famed for. You will also get your first glimpses of the Arches National Park. (Arrive between 12.30pm and 2pm).

Also operates in the reverse direction.

Rockies to the Red Rocks, Las Vegas, and National Parks

7 days

Travel onboard the legendary Rocky Mountaineer from the Colorado city of Denver through vast canyons and scenery on an epic scale to Moab, in Utah. From here a guided coach tour will take you through the memorable landscapes of the Capitol Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park to the bright lights of Las Vegas.

Day 1 & 2: Denver

Arrive in Denver and make your way to your hotel. The remainder of the day and tomorrow are free for you to explore at your leisure.

Day 3: Denver to Glenwood Springs

Depart the mile-high city onboard the Rocky Mountaineer. Crossing the Continental Divide and take in the rugged canyons and rushing waters of the Colorado River before arriving in Glenwood Springs for your overnight stay.

Day 4 & 5: Glenwood Springs to Moab

Today, you'll cross the Colorado-Utah border and see some of the most spectacular scenery on the route including Ruby Canyon and the sandstone landscapes of the southwest. Arrive in Moab early afternoon for a 2-night stay. Your time here is free for you to discover the town as you please, a range of excursions can be added on.

Day 6: Moab to Bryce Canyon

A guided coach tour will take you from Moab, through the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument and into the Capitol Reef National Park. Journey along Highway 12, one of the most breathtaking drives in the USA into Bryce Canyon for your overnight stay.

Day 7: Bryce Canyon to Las Vegas

Today a scenic guided coach tour showcases the breathtaking scenery of Zion National Park including Zion Canyon, Mount Carmel Tunnel, and the Virgin River as you head for Las Vegas. Your tour ends on arrival in Las Vegas.

Also operates in reverse direction.

Rockies to the Red Rocks by Rail & Utah's Mighty 5 Discovery 13 days

Combine a memorable journey onboard the Rocky Mountaineer with a self-drive through the epic landscapes of Utah's Mighty 5 National Parks. Expect awe-inspiring scenery, geological wonders, and dramatic desert panoramas as you explore the USA's striking southwest.

Highlights

Denver – Rocky Mountaineer – Moab
 Ruby Canyon – Arches National Park
 Canyonlands National Park
 Monument Valley – Zion National Park
 Bryce Canyon – Capitol Reef National Park
 Salt Lake City

Tour Includes

- 12 nights accommodation
- 2 days onboard Rocky Mountaineer in SilverLeaf Service
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- 9 days fully inclusive intermediate car rental

Departure Dates

Departs: April to October
 Monday

Day 1 & 2: Denver

Arrive in Denver and make your way to your hotel. The rest of your time here is free to explore at your leisure. The Denver Art Museum home to one of the largest collections of Native American art in the US or wander through 23-acres of greenery in the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Day 3: Rocky Mountaineer

Begin your journey onboard Rocky Mountaineer this morning. The first leg of the route takes you across the Continental Divide and alongside the Colorado River to Glenwood Springs.

Day 4: Rocky Mountaineer-Moab

Ruby Canyon is one of the most striking parts of the journey, and a unique experience as only accessible by rail or water. Arrive in Moab early afternoon for a 3-night stay.

Day 5: Moab-Arches National Park

Pick up your rental car this morning before heading off to explore Arches National Park. The dramatic arches, including Delicate Arch number over 2,000, and this will be a memorable day

Day 6: Moab-Canyonlands National Park

Canyonlands National Park is an easy 30-minute drive from Moab. En route make a stop at Dead Horse Point State Park, the views over the park are spectacular.

Day 7: Monument Valley (150 miles)

As the huge buttes, mesas and rust red spindles come into view, you'll be in a landscape that, thanks to countless films, is completely familiar. Monument Valley is an epic land of sand and rock that is utterly beguiling.

Day 8 & 9: Zion National Park (239 miles)

Continue to Zion National Park for 2 nights. This spectacular park is one of Utah's most striking natural wonders with the soaring red and white striped cliffs of Zion Canyon and superb hiking trails.

Day 10: Bryce Canyon (84 miles)

Bryce Canyon is the smallest of Utah's parks and arguably the most dramatic, thanks to the thousands of hoodoos that rise from the canyon floor. A late afternoon walk to Sunset Point is truly memorable.

Day 11: Capitol Reef National Park (116 miles)

Travel via the Kodachrome Basin State Park and along Highway 12, one of the most scenic drives in North America to the Capitol Reef National Park, a colourful desert landscape of canyons, bridges, and cliffs.

Day 12: Salt Lake City (218 miles)

The state capital of Salt Lake City is your destination today, return your car on arrival.

Day 13: Depart Salt Lake City

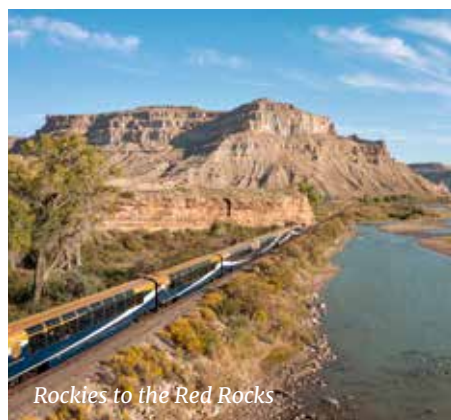
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Bryce Canyon



Arches National Park



Rockies to the Red Rocks



Rockies to the Red Rocks

Ranches & Lodges

The epic landscapes of North America, whether it's the vast, rolling prairies, dramatic mountain landscapes or other-worldly desert national parks are perfect for an immersive stay. Perfectly placed in settings that will be truly memorable, these will add a little something extra special to your American adventure. Maybe you yearn to ride with the cowboys on an authentic dude ranch, feel the wind in your hair on a cattle drive or just soak up the beauty of an untouched America. Or perhaps you want to add a little authentic luxury to your time here, the opportunities for a stay with a real sense of place are endless.





A ranch stay is a great way to add a little adventure to your stay and in most cases no previous experience is necessary.

L'Chelle, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

The variety of ranch experiences is huge whether you want a very rustic, dust-on-your-boots stay or a more luxurious adventure.

The scenery surrounding Sorrell River Ranch is utterly breath-taking and the ranch is also perfectly placed for exploring Canyonlands and Arches National Park as well as Monument Valley.

Rancho de la Osa is a little more remote than some of the others, but you really will feel like you are in an old western. We love the rustic charm and fact that most of the rooms are named after famous previous occupants.

Goosewing in Wyoming is a truly authentic ranch experience, and during the summer months is a little cooler than those in Arizona and Texas.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Tanque Verde Ranch

Old time heritage, desert splendour and true Western country magic combines perfectly at Tanque Verde, the largest ranch in North America. This is the wild west of your imagination where cactus spikes rise from the desert floor, the sunsets are breathtaking and where you can indulge in the ultimate cowboy adventure. Expect desert panoramas and mountain vistas in all directions and a wealth of activities. Lying in the Rincon Mountains east of Tucson, this southwestern dude ranch offers an authentic and warm welcome. There's a comprehensive weekly activity schedule which includes horse riding, guided nature hikes, yoga, fishing, and a whole lot more. The horse riding sessions are available for all skill levels, so no experience is necessary. In addition to the included activities there is a menu of additional excursions too. After a day in the Arizona sun the outdoor pool is a popular spot to cool down, there's also an indoor pool and whirlpool to sooth saddle sore muscles.

The pale pink-hued adobe walls and Santa Fe style architecture sit perfectly within the desert surroundings and house a variety of rooms, many with breathtaking mountain views. Expect southwestern décor, rustic charm and rooms which vary in size. The casitas and deluxe casitas are larger with comfy seating areas. Hearty ranch-style meals are included for all stays, plus a selection of speciality dining events throughout the week.

Stay as long as you want however, we recommend at least 3 nights to enjoy the full ranch experience.

Location: Tucson, Arizona

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Triple Creek Ranch

This is a place where you can put yourself in the midst of the scenery from the American Wild West, but in total luxury. Where total immersion in the rugged Montana landscape is a given, authenticity is a hugely important part of the experience, and the beauty of your rustic-luxe log cabin is equal to your surroundings. Lying in the stunning Bitterroot Mountain Range, which is part of the Montana Rockies, Triple Creek Ranch allows you to do as little, the hammocks slung in the shade of the whispering pines are an inviting escape, or as much as you please. The scenery is breathtaking, the wildlife varied and the included outdoorsy experiences, impressive. Here you design your own Montana ranch adventure. Saddle up and enjoy a day on the range, head out on horseback with an experienced wrangler over the mountainous terrain, take a scenic drive, guided walks and pan for sapphires or embark on one of the many additional options including cattle drives, fly fishing, trail rides, river floats, helicopter flights, kayaking or even learn the art of cowboy hat creation. There's also a wellness spa, yoga, golf, wine tasting, an outdoor swimming pool (seasonal) and so much more.

By night slumber awaits in a secluded cabin where rustic timbers, seriously comfortable beds and every creature comfort is provided, including private hot tubs in many. The dining here is also an integral part of any stay and all meals including snacks and packed lunches are included. Ranch casual is the dress code so do what makes you feel comfortable.

We recommend a 2- or 3-night stay for the best possible experience.

Location: Montana

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Sorrell River Ranch

Surrounded by huge glowing red rock formations formed of graceful arches and mesas and overlooking the Colorado River, Sorrell River Ranch sits in an ancient landscape which is as impressive as anything you are likely to find in North America. This working ranch sits on the banks of the river and offers a memorable desert experience in a sublime setting. A team of outdoor experts host a range of activities all designed to immerse you in the vast back country which is their back yard. Surrounded by heart-pounding scenery explore on horseback beneath the vast skies and through winding canyons accompanied by an experienced wrangler, no experience is needed however rides for those more comfortable on a horse are also available. With Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, and Monument Valley all within driving distance, this is a spectacular place from which to explore.

Accommodation comes in the form of rooms and suites which sit within custom-built cabins. Huge timber-framed beds, rustic décor, southwestern textiles and porches with rocking chairs or swaying porch swings provide beautiful places to sleep and with views over the towering mesas or Colorado River, the sense of place is immense. An outdoor pool and day spa bring further relaxation options and the River Grill is the perfect setting for meals. The Epic Bar is a place for unwinding with a craft brew after a day under the Utah sun.

Location: Moab, Utah

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Teton Mountain Lodge and Spa

Designed with outdoor adventures in mind, Teton Mountain Lodge and Spa is a year-round destination whether you are in search of the renowned ski slopes and winter activities of Jackson Hole, or here for the myriad summer pursuits. At just a mile from the Grand Teton National Park and 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park and lying at the foot of the Teton Mountain Range, the setting is undisputedly spectacular and makes the lodge a wonderful base for your time here. The abundance of activities within easy reach is impressive, with hiking trails, horse riding, mountain biking and scenic trips on the Snake River all available. Whatever way you choose to explore the wild, wide open spaces of Wyoming, the experience will be truly memorable. The rooms and suites here come in a range of styles from traditional hotel rooms to studios with fully equipped kitchens, all are beautifully designed and boast glorious valley or mountain views.

SpaTerre is an alpine oasis with a number of treatment rooms, an infrared sauna and salt chamber, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, spa pools and a rooftop hot tub enable you to relax surrounded by the mountains. There's also a fully equipped fitness centre. Evenings begin with pre-dinner drinks in the Spur Bar, a lively spot all year-round before a hearty meal in the Spur Restaurant.

Location: Jackson, Wyoming

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



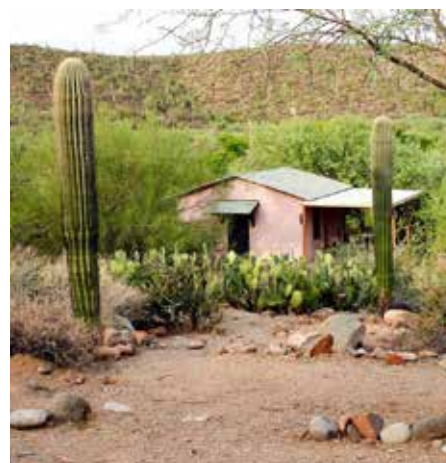
Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch

Lying in the shadow of the Bulldog Cliffs on the banks of the Salt River, this rustic guest ranch offers a unique and authentic experience in the most beautiful of settings. It is also only a 40-minute drive from the centre of Phoenix, making it very accessible. Guests enjoy a wealth of activities which include traditional ranch experiences such as horse riding on guided trails through the distinctive saguaros, from which the ranch takes its name. With its river side setting, kayaking and paddleboarding is also a popular pastime, in the summer there is no better way to cool down as you float beneath the thousand-foot cliffs. There is also an outdoor swimming pool with desert views, lawn games, bird watching and some of the best star gazing in the world. Dining experiences depend on the season and main meals are hosted in the dining room of the historical lodge and include a ranch breakfast for all guests. Throughout the season there are ranch and cowboy cookouts with live music, as well as traditional southwest BBQ's.

After a day in the Arizona sun, guests retire to one of 20 rustic cabins that are dotted throughout the ranch within steps of hiking trails and surrounded by striking scenery. These quaint cabins are simple and comfortable and feature southwestern décor, vintage Monterey furniture and private patios.

Location: Arizona

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Lodge at Whitefish Lake

Inspired by the grand lodges of the past, this lodge-style resort is less than a 30-minute drive to the striking surrounds of Glacier National Park and lies on the shores of Whitefish Lake. You can even get here by train as Amtrak's Empire Builder, which runs between Seattle and Chicago, stops in downtown Whitefish, which is just minutes away. For visitors wanting to explore Glacier National Park, the lodge is a comfortable base. It was designated the world's first International Peace Park and home to the renowned Going-to-the-Sun Road, this awe-inspiring sight can be self-driven (advance reservations are needed) or enjoyed on one of the parks vintage 1930's red buses. Other activities include hiking and scenic chair lift rides in the Whitefish Mountain Resort, stand-up-paddle boarding and private boat tours on the lake, horse riding and cycling. There's also a seasonal lakefront pool, indoor pool and hot tub, fitness centre, yoga classes and walks in the Viking Creek Wetland Preserve. For meals there's a lakefront dining room and bar, the waterfront Tiki Bar & Grill during the summer months and a grab-and-go coffee place.

Rooms come in all shapes and sizes and are set in the Main Lodge or Viking Lodge, which is adjacent to the wetland preserve. There's also a choice of lakefront condos and luxury homes.

Location: Montana

Our rating: ★★★★★



Rancho de la Osa

This historic ranch offers an exceptional experience in the high desert grasslands of the Sonoran Desert about an hour and a half drive from Sedona. The diverse history of Rancho de la Osa really makes it feel like a living breathing piece of history and one which has hosted legendary names such as Joan Crawford, Margaret Mitchell, and John Wayne. This is a spectacularly located, secluded place with a wealth of activities to keep you entertained. The horse-riding programme suits riders of all levels, including those who have never been on horseback before. There are guided off-road tours which take you to the US-Mexico border, Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge or ruins of an historic trading post and miles of hiking trails. After a day on horseback or exploring the red trails through the desert, the pool is a welcome refuge to cool off in. As with the rest of the experience here the dining is authentic, with an array of delicious southwestern dishes to ensure no-one goes hungry.

The accommodation is filled with character, open fireplaces, traditional furnishings, and fabrics and named after former famous occupants. Choose from the Gone with the Wind room, John Wayne 'Duke Suite' or the Franklin Roosevelt Suite, and many others.

Location: Arizona

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Goosewing Ranch

Goosewing is an authentic, living breathing historic guest ranch in the most breathtaking of settings, tucked into 3.4 million acres of the untouched Gros Ventre Wilderness. It's around an hour and a half from Jackson Hole and stays here are built around 3- or 6-night experiences and include a ranch-focused itinerary of activities. You'll be assigned your own horse for the duration of your stay and there is a schedule of rides ranging from 2 to 6 hours on Monday to Friday. The trail rides will be tailored to your ability and take place around the ranch, into the national forest and Gros Ventre Wilderness, taking advantage of this truly spectacular location. These rides are available for riders over the age of 6 years. Other fun ranch activities include fly fishing, UTV adventures – each cabin has their own UTV for self-guided explorations, river canoes, mountain biking, hiking trails, archery, river swimming, and you can even learn to two-step with the staff as they show off their line dancing skills. During the summer there is a kids camp programme for younger guests. 3 hearty, all-American meals a day and all snacks are included.

Traditional cabin accommodation completes the all-encompassing, immersive experience at Goosewing. These rustic timber cabins have a casual western feel and feature en suite bathrooms and variety of bedding configurations to suit couples and families alike. All have a private porch where you can relax after an active day on the range.

Location: Wyoming

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



New York

THE BRIGHT, BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL BIG APPLE

What is there to say that hasn't already been said about the superstar glamour of New York. Neck ache-inducing skyscrapers pierce the clouds, acid yellow cabs, the neon lights of Times Square and its truly head-spinning array of delights and iconic landmarks. Peace and tranquillity can be found here too though, in the green lungs of Central Park, on a stroll along the High Line, or a meander through the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. It can be hard to know where to start but Midtown is the natural choice for first time visitors and where you'll find Times Square, the Theatre District and the Empire State Building. The Upper East Side is quietly sophisticated with museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and the Guggenheim whilst Lower Manhattan is home to the Financial District, historic Battery Park and Ellis Island.



Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

New York CityPASS

Discover the best of the Big Apple with a New York CityPASS, giving you access to 5 of New York's iconic attractions, including the Empire State Building and the American Museum of Natural History. In addition, choose from 3 of the following: The Guggenheim Museum, Top of the Rock Observation Deck, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruise, 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and ferry access to the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum. By pre-booking you can save as much as 40% on standard entrance fees and gain direct entry to the attractions, bypassing the ticket lines.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: Valid for 9 days from date of first use

Brooklyn Bridge Bike Tour

Enjoy an active experience as you see some of New York's most famous sights on a fun and energetic bike tour. The Brooklyn Bridge is a must for most visitors to the city and the legendary promenade stretches above and between the traffic lanes, often amidst the suspension cables that support the bridge. Cycle up to the City Hall district and onto the bridge, the panorama from the centre is sensational, with views to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Brooklyn. Descend into Brooklyn, take in the striking views of the Financial District from across the river before peddling back across the bridge.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 2 hours

Empire State Building 86th Floor Observatory

Probably one of the most recognisable buildings in New York, the Empire State Building is unmissable. Glorious Art Deco architecture and it's world-famous observatory have featured in numerous films over the years. High above the city the 86th Floor Observatory affords some of the finest panoramic views of Manhattan and beyond. On a clear day you can see for almost 80 miles. Visit during the evening to see the glittering lights of the Big Apple in all their glory. This ticket does not give access to the observatory on the 102nd floor, this can only be purchased at the Empire State Building.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: No limit

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Immigration Museum

Designed by sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi and built by Gustave Eiffel, the Lady Liberty was a gift from France to the USA and is a much-loved landmark in New York. Begin your visit by meeting your guide at Battery Park for a guided tour of the park before boarding the Statue of Liberty ferry. Here, enjoy a self-guided audio tour with provided headsets, at your own pace. Take time to soak in the wonderful views across to Brooklyn and back to Manhattan. Then cross to Ellis Island for a journey through the 60+ years that the facility processed new arrivals seeking a new life in America.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 1/2 day

Hop-on-Hop-off Big Bus Tour

The perfect way to ensure you see all of the New York attractions. It's also a great introduction to the city. You can hop on and hop off at your leisure and there are 3 tickets to choose from. The Discover Ticket which includes the Downtown Loop - perfect for Lower Manhattan and includes the World Trade Centre, Empire State Building, Hudson Yards, Battery Park, Greenwich Village, and the Financial District. The Essential Ticket which includes the Downtown Loop and The Uptown Loop, which is for the Upper East Side, home to some of New York's finest museums. Or the Explore Ticket which is as per the Essential Ticket but valid for 2 days.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 1 or 2 days

Broadway Theatre Tickets

Taking in a show on Broadway is a bucket-list New York experience and the options are endless. Whether you want a classic musical such as the Lion King, Wicked, Moulin Rouge or Phantom of the Opera. Or looking for tickets to the groundbreaking show Hamilton, or maybe the crowd-pleasing Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, there is a huge array to choose from. Seats are guaranteed as the best available at the time of booking and depending on the show there is choice of matinee and evening performances.

Departs: Various dependent on performance days
Duration: Various



Top of the Rock
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New York Accommodation

New Yorker – a Wyndham Hotel

The vivid red block lettering on its façade is a landmark on the New York skyline and this hotel has been welcoming guests since 1929. The Midtown Manhattan location puts attractions including the High Line, the Empire State Building and Broadway within easy reach. Penn Station is also just steps away. The Art-Deco-inspired rooms are a nod to the hotel's 1920's heritage and are simple but comfortable, and some offer views of the Hudson River. The Tick Tock Diner is open around the clock offering classic American-style comfort food, Trattoria Bianca is a popular choice for those craving Italian cuisine, whilst Butcher & Banker is a unique steak house dining experience in a former 1930's bank vault beneath the hotel.

Location: Midtown

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Hotel Edison

If you are looking for a central location, then the Hotel Edison is in the heart of Times Square with the theatres of Broadway, Radio City Music Hall, numerous restaurants, and shopping all within easy reach. The Hotel Edison was one of the first Art Deco hotels to open in New York more than 80 years ago and the decorative influences from this era are visible throughout. There is a choice of elegant rooms and suites offering comfortable accommodation and family rooms are available. The hotel boasts 2 restaurants; Bond 45 offers rustic Italian, whilst Friedmans has an all-day menu of classic and contemporary American dishes. The Rum House is a highly regarded bar in the Theatre District with live jazz and an impressive cocktail list.

Location: Times Square

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Warwick New York

This storied hotel has played host to the likes of James Dean, Elvis Presley, and the Beatles over the years. Today it is still a superb option for guests looking to be in the heart of the New York entertainment district. There is easy access to Central Park, just a short stroll north, the shops of Fifth Avenue, the Museum of Modern Art and the Rockefeller Centre are all nearby and Times Square is next door. The hotel dates to 1926 and the rooms are spacious by New York standards, the décor is simple and timeless, some offer city views, and some have private terraces. Mural's on 54 is a vibrant restaurant open for breakfast and there is an abundance of superb eating spots within easy reach.

Location: Times Square

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Riu Plaza New York Times Square

In the heart of Manhattan this modern and stylish hotel is set across 29 floors and is only moments away from many of New York's attractions. Times Square is on the doorstep as are the multitude of eateries on Restaurant Row, the world-class theatres and bright lights of Broadway are also just steps away. The rooms here are comfortable and elegant with artwork reflecting the New York skyline and have everything you need for a stay in the city. Facilities include an onsite gym, a breakfast restaurant called the Theatre Buffet and the Fashion Bar, which is just off the lobby. With Central Park, Top of the Rock, and the Empire State Building all within walking distance plus easy access to the city subway lines, the Riu is an excellent base in New York.

Location: Times Square

Our rating: ★★☆☆





The Benjamin

Originally designed as a residential hotel, the Benjamin is a delightful hotel built in 1927. It sits on the corner of 50th and Lexington Avenue with easy access to Fifth Avenue, St Patrick's Cathedral and Grand Central Station. Regarded as something of a New York landmark, the rooms and suites are spacious for New York, they feature a kitchenette area, signature beds and beautiful bathrooms with a bath and shower. Facilities include a 24-hour fitness centre with free weights, cardio equipment, a Peloton bike, and yoga mats. With New York attractions such as the Rockefeller Centre, Museum of Modern Art, Times Square, and the Empire State Building all within a mile, this boutique hotel is an excellent choice in New York.

Location: Midtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Westin New York at Times Square

With Times Square, Madison Square Garden and midtown Manhattan as your neighbours, the Westin offers a convenient and central location from which to discover the many charms of New York. The vibrant energy of the city that never sleeps is all around you. There is a choice of rooms and suites, all of which boast Westin's Heavenly® Bed and Heavenly® Bath making for a comfortable stay. The luxury suites also offer fabulous views of the New York Skyline. Dining comes courtesy of the Foundry Kitchen and Bar and there is a WestinWORKOUT fitness studio with state-of-the-art Peloton bikes, free weights, and cardio equipment. Step outside of the hotel for a super selection of dining options, bars, and shops at the Hudson Yards, just a short walk from the Westin.

Location: Times Square

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The New York Edition

Set within an historic clocktower on the edge of Madison Square Park, this Ian Shrager designed hotel offers a luxury stay in New York's Flatiron District, so named for the distinctive wedge-shaped landmark building. The area is known for its excellent dining scene including the Italian food emporium Eataly and Fifth Avenue food trucks. The 271 luxurious rooms and suites boast oversized windows framing views of Manhattan and are a haven of tranquillity after a day in the city. Adding its own dining offering to the mix The Clocktower offers modern British dishes in an elegant setting, the bar is also a vision of 24 carat gold. The hotel's lobby bar is excellent for cocktails and light bites. For a little pampering head to the day spa, up on the 39th floor, this peaceful oasis offers a menu of treatments to relax and rejuvenate.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Plaza

The Plaza is probably the best-known hotel in New York and this timeless icon has been entrancing guests for over a century. Between Central Park and Fifth Avenue this exceptional hotel is a memorable place from which to experience New York. Step through the revolving door into a hallowed space that continues to welcome world leaders, legends of stage and screen and travellers from around the globe. The glorious rooms and suites are elegant and refined and pay homage to the hotel's storied past with classic décor, sumptuous fabrics and elegant lines. Indulge in afternoon tea at The Palm Court, the hotel's famed dining venue or champagne and caviar in the Champagne Bar. The Plaza Fitness Centre is an extensive studio with cardio and strength Technogym products, personal trainers are also available. There is also a luxury day spa.

Location: Midtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ plus

Boston & New England

ACADEMIA AND REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY IN PERFECT HARMONY

Ever-so learned Boston is packed with revolutionary history, cultural exhibits and home to America's oldest university; Harvard, as well as the landmark that is Fenway Park, residence of the legendary Red Sox. Boston's downtown area sits between Boston Harbour and Boston Common and is where you'll find characterful, historic buildings including Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall sitting alongside modern-day architecture. Most of the sights on the Freedom Trail are also found here. Beacon Hill is where old brick houses line cobblestone streets giving a timeless feel to the city, as do the elegant brownstones of Back Bay. One of the cities newest neighbourhoods is the Seaport District, and you'll find a wealth of superb restaurants and bars.

Beyond Boston lie the myriad charms of New England. Its 6 distinctive states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island offering an array of fabulous coastal, adventurous, historical and foodie experiences which combine to make the perfect road trip.

Our 5 Favourites in Boston & New England

Boston and New England have more than enough fabulous attractions to occupy your time in the USA. With history, natural beauty, stunning coastlines, and superb dining in abundance. And that's before we talk about the spectacular autumn colours. We asked some of our previous guests for their personal favourites

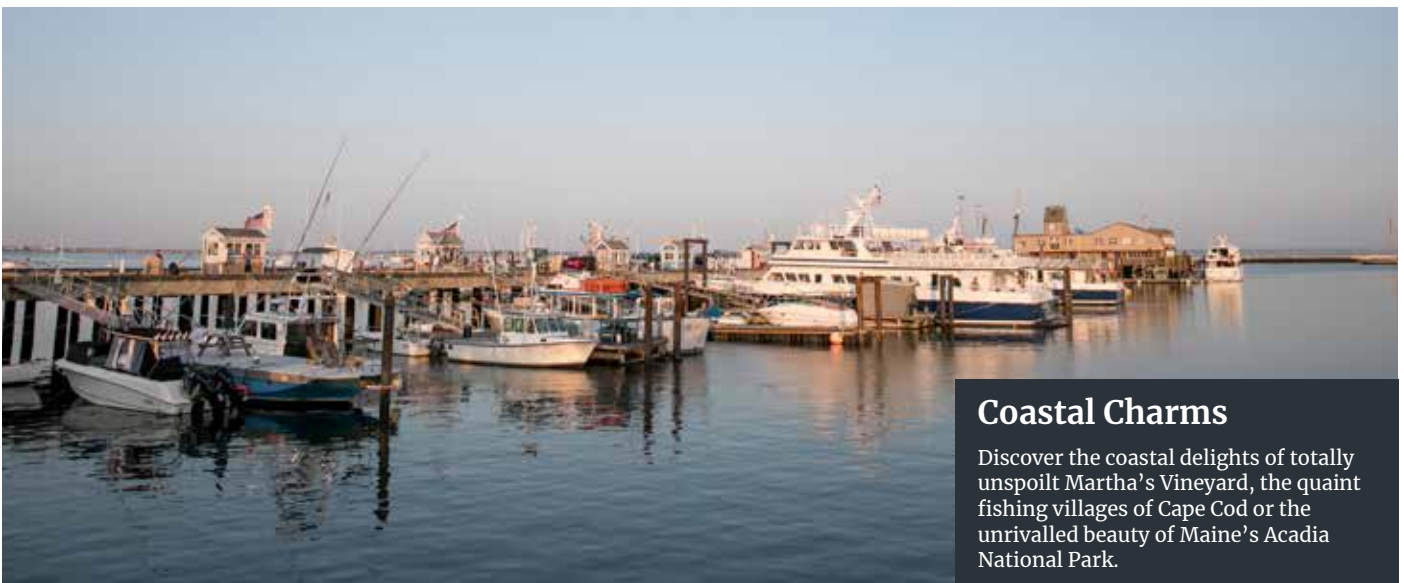
Fall Colours

Forever synonymous with the vibrant colours of Autumn, New England is one of the best places in the USA to experience Mother Nature at her most colourful.



Sporting Legends

Home to the Boston Red Sox, Fenway Park is the oldest operational baseball park in the country.



Coastal Charms

Discover the coastal delights of totally unspoilt Martha's Vineyard, the quaint fishing villages of Cape Cod or the unrivalled beauty of Maine's Acadia National Park.

Cultural Treasures

Follow the Freedom Walking Trail to hop between Boston's historical sites, visit Back Bay for elegant brownstone architecture and Beacon Hill for cobblestone streets and gas streetlights.



Academic Perfection

Cross the Charles River to explore the learned charms of Harvard, where the red brick buildings and green lawns herald America's oldest university and original Ivy League school.



Boston Accommodation

Boston Park Plaza

This Boston landmark can be found in historic Back Bay, famed for its beautifully preserved rows of Victorian brownstone buildings. Back Bay is a thriving neighbourhood also highly regarded for excellent shopping and dining and tree-lined streets. The Park Plaza hotel sits within a heritage building close to Boston Common and Beacon Hill. There is a choice of rooms and suites all of which are modern in style with crisp, clean décor and stylish bathrooms. Off the Common is the hotel restaurant and bar, set within the lobby it features historic carved wood, high ceilings and is known for its New England seafood classics. There's also an Irish pub and an Italian. Other facilities include the Lynx Fitness Centre, an impressive health club with group classes and full swing golf simulator.

Location: Back Bay

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Boxer

Set between the cobblestone streets of Beacon Hill and the historic North End, the Boxer fuses Boston's past with its urban charms and gives easy access to the city and is within walking distance of Quincy Market, the Freedom Trail, Boston Harbour, and the green spaces of Boston Common. Like the rest of the hotel, the rooms and suites here blend industrial touches with modern elegance with a nod to the building's history showing in the rivet steel wardrobes and gas light-inspired lamps. The décor is cool and calming with all the comforts needed after a day exploring. Bullfinch Social is the lobby level New England-inspired brasserie with classic American dishes and a relaxed atmosphere.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fairmont Copley Plaza

This landmark hotel has been part of the Boston story since 1912 and sits just moments away from popular attractions including Fenway Park and the boutiques of Newbury Street. The Freedom Trail is also nearby as is the Charles River Esplanade. The rooms and suites are classically and elegantly appointed, evoking a feeling of old-world charm and the Fairmont Gold level offers a private check-in and access to the guest lounge. Facilities include the rooftop health club with a state-of-the-art fitness centre and outdoor deck. Whilst there is an excellent choice of restaurants around the hotel, the OAK Long Bar and Kitchen is one of the most popular dining spots in the city.

Location: Back Bay

Our rating: ★★★★★



Newbury

Edging the famed Boston Public Garden, this luxury hotel sits within a neighbourhood of genteel Victorian brownstones and the boutiques and bistros of Newbury Street. The rooms and suites are coolly sophisticated featuring heritage architecture, custom-made furniture and bespoke artwork and a number offer Back Bay or Public Garden views. The Street Bar is a cosy, welcoming social hub, which connects to The Library, a guest only space packed with literary reads. For dining head to rooftop Contessa, a glass-enclosed eatery offering Italian food and wonderful city views. Art lovers will appreciate the curated art collection which showcases the story of the hotel in a variety of settings.

Location: Back Bay

Our rating: ★★★★★



Nobnocket Boutique Hotel

This charming inn gets its name from the Wampanoag, who were the local custodians of the island, and their word for Vineyard Haven. Expect a warm welcome and a very real sense of place. Sitting in nearly 2 acres of gardens and woodlands, just a short distance from the ferry to Cape Cod, the Nobnocket is a gorgeous arts-and-crafts building which dates to 1908. Step inside and the design is contemporary and modern, with light-filled rooms, polished parquet floors, crisp white linens and thoughtfully curated works of art. There are myriad spaces for guests to relax including a sunny patio, cosy sitting room, and covered veranda. Breakfast is served each morning and there is a plethora of restaurants, cafés, and lovely galleries nearby. This is a beautiful spot from which to explore Martha's Vineyard.

Location: Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Hyannis Harbour Hotel

With a relaxed New England style, this resort-style hotel offers a fabulous waterfront location in Hyannis. The ferries to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are just a few steps away as is a wealth of shopping, dining, and attractions, including the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum. The rooms and suites all feature a nautical theme with a colour scheme of blues, whites and sea green and are in the main hotel or the Harbourside Tower. Facilities include both indoor and outdoor swimming pools (both seasonal), sunny patio and a fitness centre. Hyannis has an exceptional array of dining options many within walking distance of the hotel, however if you wish to dine at the hotel then The Raw Bar at the Bluewater Grille is regarded as one of the best in Hyannis.

Location: Hyannis, Massachusetts

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa

Although now regarded as one of the finest historic hotel in the US, this elegant hotel had a very humble beginning. In 1865 the owners of what was the then farmhouse of the Dodge family gave shelter to a pair of weary travellers who were seeking shelter after their stagecoach overturned. They fell in love with the White Mountains, convinced the family to open their home to visitors and the rest is history. There are a choice of elegant rooms and suites and many offer stunning mountain views. Spend your days exploring the beautiful villages, state parks and outdoor adventures of New Hampshire before enjoying the superb facilities of the resort which include a day spa, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a movie theatre, and a range of dining options.

Location: Whitefield, New Hampshire

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Woodstock Inn

Surrounded by quaint country stores, bookstores, art galleries and restaurants in the pretty village of Woodstock, this is a beautiful place to spend a few days in Vermont. This charming inn is New England personified with a classically elegant design, heritage-style rooms and suites, a soothing day spa and an all-season outdoor courtyard with a whirlpool and cedar sauna. During the summer months the outdoor swimming pool is a welcome place to cool down after a day exploring. There is also a fitness centre, 18-hole golf course and bicycles are available to hire. There are a number of dining options at the inn, or you can stroll into the village for a wider variety to choose from. This is a fabulous outdoorsy area with fly fishing, over 60 miles of hiking trails and more to enjoy.

Location: Woodstock, Vermont

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Washington and Chicago

HISTORY IN THE MAKING AND LAKESIDE LIVING

Washington D.C. is a political powerhouse packed with world class museums, memorials and more cinema-worthy photo spots than you can imagine. Many of Washington's museums are free to explore including the Smithsonian Institution, which includes 20 museums and galleries. Discover the memorials on the National Mall, home to the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and many more. See the US Capitol Building and the White House, buildings no doubt as familiar as your own home.

The lakefront 'Windy City' otherwise known as Chicago, is a thriving metropolis on the shores of Lake Michigan. The delightful lakefront is backed by a shimmering skyline and a city packed with superb shopping and dining. Chicago is also gateway to the Great Lakes, a region that lends itself perfectly to a leisurely self-drive holiday through some of America's most breathtaking scenery.



Our 5 Favourites in Washington D.C. and Chicago

These fabulous eastern seaboard cities make for a truly remarkable stay. From instantly recognisable icons such as the Lincoln Memorial and the White House, to the magnificent Chicago skyline and sparkling waters of Lake Michigan. We asked our Destination Specialists for their personal recommendations.

Iconic Landmarks

Washington's landmarks are varied and many and include the White House, US Capitol, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the US Holocaust Memorial.



Art & Culture

Both cities offer an impressive, eclectic and diverse collection of museums and galleries.



Lakeside Life

It's impossible to ignore Chicago's lakeside setting on the shores of Lake Michigan. Spend time at Navy Pier and walk or cycle the lakeside trail.



Diverse Neighbourhoods

Distinct neighbourhoods in both cities add flavour to your visit. Logan Circle and Columbia Heights are foodie hot spots in DC, Old Town in Chicago is artsy and free-spirited.



Parks & Gardens

Wander the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, and Rock Creek Park – twice the size of Central Park. In Chicago, Millennium Park is filled with whimsical art and exhibitions.



Washington D.C. Accommodation

The Royal Sonesta Washington DC Dupont Circle

Hidden in the cosmopolitan Dupont circle area is where you will find this elegant, boutique hotel which is conveniently located for visitors wishing to explore The White House, monuments, local museums and the city's most renowned shops and restaurants. Tastefully decorated rooms range from guest rooms with a marble bathroom, modern amenities and a mini-fridge. Premier studio city view rooms have the addition of a microwave for those on the go or a choice of a spa suites, ideal for a soak after a day exploring. Unwind in the outdoor seasonal swimming pool or keep fit in the 24hr fitness centre. The hotel's restaurant Certo is inspired by Italy where handcrafted pasta and seafood cuisine are served alongside a vast cocktail menu and wine list.

Location: Dupont Circle

Our rating: ★★★★★



Hotel Zena Washington DC

The Hotel Zena is where art, music and contemporary modern accommodation entwine. Step outside and you are within walking distance of the Metro, Dupont and Logan Circles, U Street and The White House. You'll find art galleries, shops, bars, restaurants, and entertainment venues on your doorstep and within the hotel itself, guests are encouraged to browse the powerful art collection which celebrates women. After a day sightseeing enjoy a sundowner at Hedy, the hotel's rooftop lounge bar and dine at Figleaf Bar & Lounge, where flavours from Istanbul to Rio de Janeiro and beyond are crafted into a creative menu. Hotel Zena has 191 rooms and suites in soothing neutral shades with a splash of art. Facilities include a seasonal rooftop swimming pool and fitness centre.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fairmont Washington Georgetown

Classically elegant and located in one of the most favourable parts of the city, Georgetown, the Fairmont Washington hotel offers an elegant and refined experience. Secluded courtyards are where you can plan your day of exploring or enjoy al fresco dining in the Courtyard Bar as you reflect on your day. Sip on a BeeTini cocktail made from the hotel's rooftop honeybees in the Lobby Lounge, a great spot to unwind over a nightcap. A traditional American menu is prepared and served in the Juniper Restaurant and Courtyard. Facilities include an expansive gym and indoor saltwater pool. There are 413 spacious rooms and suites which proudly showcase local artwork, all contemporary in style and feature a comfortable seating area.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Darcy Washington DC

Boutique and modern in style, The Darcy Hotel is positioned between lively Dupont Circle and historic Logan circle. You will be spoilt for choice with dining options and shopping on your doorstep. Famous landmarks such as The White House and Capitol Building are within easy walking distance. Gerard Street Kitchen is the inhouse bar and restaurant where chefs proudly create globally inspired cuisine. Bluestone Lane coffee shop will kick start your day of discovery with brunch and lunch options or simply a selection of premium coffees. The hotel features 226 rooms all finished in a contemporary style with original artwork and splashes of colour amongst rich wood tones, suites offer extended space and a sofa bed to relax and unwind.

Location: Scott Circle

Our rating: ★★★★★





Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel

This is one of the most historic homes in the heart of Chicago downtown and on your doorstep, you have direct access to some of the city's most popular attractions. Not to be missed is a walk to Millennium Park, where you will find landscape design and art. Dining comes in the form of Lockwood Restaurant and Potter's Chicago Burger Bar. During your stay make sure you call by Lockwood Express to pick up a Palmer House brownie, invented in the pastry kitchen. Accommodation ranges from standard rooms to luxurious suites and 2 bedroom-2-bathroom suites are available for families or couples travelling together. Facilities include a tranquil oasis and spa where beauty and wellness are the priority, a state-of-the-art fitness centre and a heated indoor swimming pool.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Silversmith Hotel

The Silversmith Hotel is sophisticated and refined, with a prime location that allows easy access to the "The Loop" train that encircles the city and covers the Art Institute, Buckingham Fountain, Willis Tower, and Magnificent Mile; Chicago's prestigious shopping, dining, and entertainment area. The Adamus Restaurant and Lounge is open throughout the day serving traditional American dishes and inventive smaller plates whilst the Lounge Bar offers more relaxed dining and the place to share a platter with a local beer or classic cocktail. 144 spacious guest rooms feature high ceilings and are finished in a contemporary style with an expansive walk-in shower, luxurious bedding, and coffee maker.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Ivy Hotel

The Ivy Hotel offers boutique, sleek and spacious living within touching distance of Chicago's iconic attractions, sprawling parks and Navy Pier. Focus is on a "home from home" residential style of accommodation. Start the day in the Divine Lounge and watch the world go by as you devour tasty American breakfast delights and good coffee before you discover the city. As evening falls the Sky Terrace is where you will find mixologists eager to share their cocktail making skills as the city lights accentuate the skyline. Accommodation ranges from studios to suites with a separate living area, and deep soaking bath. We recommend the Ivy elevated studios located on the 14th floor, which include daily breakfast, welcome evening cocktails and delectable charcuterie board.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile

The Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile has a distinctively French avant-garde style, which creatively fits the external and interior design effortlessly. Centrally located you are in the very heart of the city with key attractions on your doorstep including the luxurious Gold Coast where you will find pretty streets, fine dining, and luxurious boutiques. Le Bar features floor to ceiling glass windows, plus an inviting library area and a distinctly French influenced drinks menu with an extensive selection of French champagne, wine, and speciality martinis. Just a short walk away is the hotel's restaurant CDA, inspired by French cuisine and local flavours. 415 rooms boast city views, the superior rooms are located on a higher floor offering guests a bird's eye view of the city.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Bordering the Atlantic Ocean and the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Florida is a glorious state of beautiful white beaches, thrilling theme parks and wildlife-rich wetlands. Explore the Art Deco sights in Miami, the tropical vibes of the Florida Keys, which curve gently into the turquoise sea and end in Key West, a place much-loved by Ernest Hemmingway and where sunset each evening is still greeted with a round of applause. Discover the lush everglades and the swathes of Gulf Coast beaches and islands that punctuate the coastline. Relive the space age at Cape Canaveral and enjoy uncovering a side to the sunshine state that offers so much more than just the larger-than-life theme parks of Orlando.

Loews Miami Beach

In the heart of South Beach's Art Deco district with a beachfront setting, the Loews is a stylish choice in Miami. Highlights include a stunning pool deck with a lagoon-style swimming pool along with a VIP area featuring poolside cabanas. Sea Spa is a fabulous day spa and fitness centre that also offers a range of group classes. There is a wide range of dining options available within an easy walk, inhouse restaurants include Rao's for southern Italian cuisine and Preston's Market – a great breakfast spot. Bar Collins is a popular place for a casual meal and drinks and if you are poolside then the Nautilus Bar & Grill offers a pool and beachside service. There is an excellent choice of rooms and suites with views over the city of Miami or the ocean.

Location: South Beach, Miami

Our rating: ★★★★★



Atlantic Hotel & Spa

This stylish hotel sits overlooking a glorious stretch of golden beach in Fort Lauderdale. The beachfront promenade runs to the front bringing a wealth of shops, pavement cafés and restaurants within an easy stroll. Inhouse dining comes in the form of Wild Thyme Oceanside Eatery, a boardwalk style dining experience with wonderful ocean views, and the Sky Bar, which forms part of the 5th floor pool terrace and offers a full bar and light menu, perfect for when you're relaxing by the open-air pool. Other facilities include an excellent day spa with a full menu of treatments. The generously sized studios and suites offer room to relax and are well-equipped with kitchenette facilities, soaking bathtubs and private terraces with ocean or city views.

Location: Fort Lauderdale

Our rating: ★★★★★





Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa

Sitting on 85 tropical acres, overlooking Sanibel and Captiva Island, this waterfront hotel is a great base for a few days in the Florida sunshine, with Fort Myers and the Everglades being easily accessible. Onsite facilities include the Spa at Sanibel Harbour, a well-equipped fitness centre and 3 outdoor swimming pools and a wealth of dining options. Tarpon House is a relaxing waterside restaurant, whilst the Courtside Steak House is a popular steak and seafood spot. There's also a bakery and a tapas bar plus a poolside eatery. There is a choice of spacious rooms and suites, all have private balconies and scenic views over the gulf.

Location: Fort Myers

Our rating: ★★★★★



Naples Bay Resort & Marina

This delightful waterside resort offers a wealth of accommodation choices and facilities in Naples on the beautiful Gulf Coast. A stay here gives guests access to the Naples Bay Club, boat rentals, kayak, bicycle, and paddle board hire and a resort shuttle to downtown Naples and the beach. There are 4 excellent restaurants including the Blue Water Bar & Grill, Café on the Bay, Nosh on Naples Bay and Indulge, a lounge space with dining and entertainment. The extensive array of accommodation includes spacious guest rooms and suites with private balconies and marina views. 5 swimming pools, a lazy river, adult only pool, wellness centre with day spa and fitness centre, tennis centre with 6 courts can be found at the Naples Bay Club.

Location: Naples

Our rating: ★★★★★



La Playa Beach & Golf Resort

Set on a white sandy beach, lapped by the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico this wonderful resort offers a wealth of experiences. There's an 18-hole golf course, water sport rentals, bicycles, fitness classes, beach yoga plus 4 swimming pools and a hot tub. SpaTerre is a tranquil wellness space with a comprehensive menu of treatments. When it comes to dining BALEEN is a steak and seafood restaurant, and elements bar offers cosy beachside fire pits. Old Naples is only a short drive and has an excellent selection of restaurants. There is an extensive choice of rooms and suites. Those in the Gulf Tower afford sweeping views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Bay Tower have bay or gulf views, whilst the Beach House is for those who like to be closest to the sand.

Location: Naples

Our rating: ★★★★★



Ocean Key Resort & Spa

Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, there is no bad view here, it's a spectacularly beautiful spot. It has one of the best addresses in Key West at 'Zero Duval Street' and overlooks Mallory Square, where the sunset is celebrated every evening. There is superb dining at the Hot Tin Roof and Sunset Pier, and a pool and cocktail bar alongside the oceanfront swimming pool. In-room dining is also available if you fancy a quiet night in. Relaxation comes in the form of a beautiful boutique spa, SpaTerre and there's a fitness centre should you desire it. The gorgeous rooms and suites capture the spirit of the Keys perfectly with cool floors, stone showers and some boast spa tubs, all have private balconies and Duval Street or ocean views.

Location: Key West

Our rating: ★★★★★

Deep South

BLUES, BOURBON, BAYOUS, AND THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

Spanning the southern states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama, the deep south is an intriguing and memorable part of the USA with music running through its veins. This is where Tennessee gave birth to rock 'n' roll, now the holy grail of country music, from the honky tonk bars of Nashville to the legendary studios of Memphis, which are still a mecca for artists today. Whilst Mississippi is the home of the Blues, which was born in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta and vibrant and eclectic New Orleans gave us jazz. Discover the states which are steeped in history from Civil Rights Movement and the American Civil War and where the stories of Mark Twain await. Intersperse this with Creole soul food, wildlife-rich bayous, graceful riverside plantation homes and warm southern hospitality and you have the perfect blend for a journey through the richly diverse southern states of the USA.



Our 5 Favourites in the Deep South

Where to start in the Deep South. It's all about the legendary music, the food, the Civil Rights legacy, the life-force that is the Mississippi River and a culture which is unlike anything else you'll encounter in America. Some of our past guests shared their favourite experiences with us.

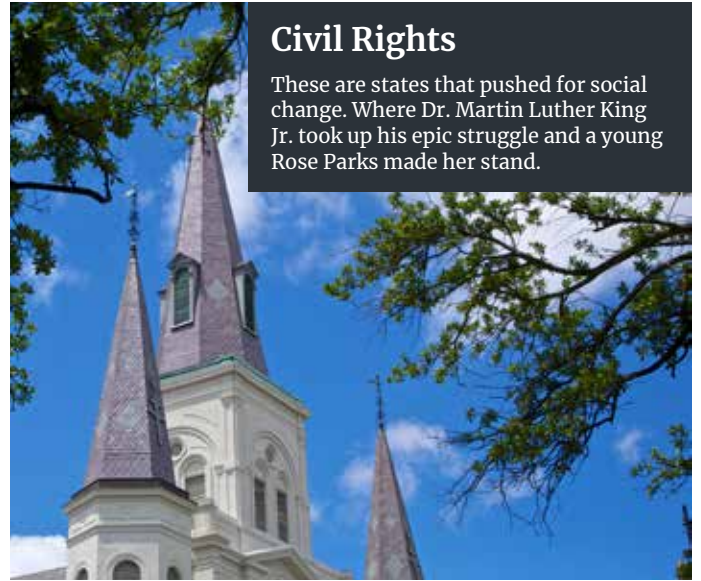
Glorious Food

Embark on a journey where soul-food is real. From gumbos, jambalayas, beignets and po'boys to incredible seafood and BBQ.



Civil Rights

These are states that pushed for social change. Where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took up his epic struggle and a young Rose Parks made her stand.



Rhythm and Blues

Toe tap your way around the places that gave the world country music, jazz, the delta blues, and rock 'n' roll. Each state has its own musical tale to tell.



History & Heritage

The American Revolution, American Civil War, abolition of slavery and the Civil Rights Movement all took place in the south. To travel here is a history lesson in itself.



The Mighty Mississippi

Filled with history and scenery the Mississippi is synonymous with the south. Whichever way you choose to discover it, a paddle steamer cruise takes some beating.



Deep South Accommodation

Holston House

This lovely boutique hotel is tucked away in downtown Nashville, yet only a few blocks from the legendary Ryman Auditorium and much-feted music, dining, and sports venues. Timeless Art Deco architecture sits alongside modern styling in a place inspired by music. The rooms and suites are elegantly designed with wooden floors, beautiful fabrics and vintage charm, the suites even feature record players. TENN is the hotel restaurant showcasing American dishes with a southern twist, Bar TENN offers light meals and live music, whilst up on the roof you'll find Heirloom, a penthouse garden by the open-air swimming pool (seasonal) with views over the city. There's also a fitness centre. The Johnny Cash Museum and Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum are within a 10-minute walk.

Location: Downtown Nashville

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Union Station Nashville Yards

Once Nashville's central train terminal, this historic hotel sits within one of the most striking buildings in the city and offers character and atmosphere in abundance. Step through the doors and you'll find a stunning 65ft vaulted glass ceiling, marble floors and oak-lined walls, all of which are the perfect backdrop to the live music performances which take place in the lobby each evening. The rooms and suites boast high ceilings, vast windows, wooden floors, and splashes of colour. Stationary is the hotel's signature restaurant, whilst ERGO is the place for cocktails, in a space inspired by the romance of yester-year rail travel. With the restaurants of Broadway, the Country Music Hall of Fame and so much more within walking distance, this is an excellent base in Nashville.

Location: Downtown Nashville

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Thompson Hotel

Set in the Gulch neighbourhood of Nashville, the Thompson is a great choice for a stay in the 'Music City'. It's stylish and smart, just like it's location, which places it amidst some of the best music venues in the city. The Ryman Auditorium, Honky Tonk Row and First Art Museum are all within easy reach. The rooms and suites feature floor to ceiling windows, mid-century inspired furnishings, and beautiful bathrooms. Dining options include Marsh House with a menu of southern-inspired dishes and seafood, its also a favoured local spot too. L.A. Jackson the rooftop indoor/outdoor bar and restaurant features Friday and Saturday night DJs. There's also a great coffee shop to start the day and a fitness centre.

Location: Downtown Nashville

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Peabody

This legendary hotel is known as the 'South's Grand Hotel' and for good reason. Synonymous with gracious hospitality, elegance, and charm and the 5 resident mallard ducks who march through the lobby on a daily basis, a stay at the Peabody is a unique experience. There is a wide choice of rooms and suites which are classically designed and feature artwork that plays tribute to Memphis, the Blues and Mississippi River sunsets. The impressive array of dining options covers Italian, classic French, a deli-cum-pastry shop, and a cosy bar. Step outside and you'll find an excellent choice of eateries within a short walk. Facilities include the Feathers Spa and the Peabody Athletics Club which has state of the art fitness equipment and a Grecian-style indoor swimming pool.

Location: Downtown Memphis

Our rating: ★★★★★



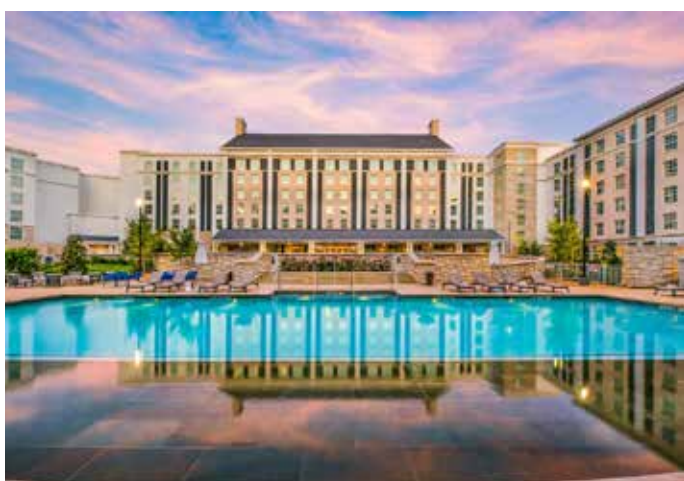


ARRIVE Memphis

With just 62 rooms, this lovely hotel is thoughtfully designed and offers a boutique stay with more of a neighbourhood feel than city stay. The Blues Hall of Fame is across the street and the National Civil Rights Museum is just steps away, the Beale Street Entertainment District is a 10-minute walk. Inhouse, the hotel offers the Hustle & Dough Bakery & Café, Bar Hustle which serves light snacks and drinks and Longshot where you can play shuffleboard, watch sports, and enjoy a casual meal with a local beer. There is a great selection of other dining options within an easy stroll. The studios and suites are beautifully decorated with statement wallpaper, cosy linens, stunning bathrooms, and a Marshall Bluetooth speaker. The deluxe studios and bigger studios as the names suggest, offer more space.

Location: Midtown Memphis

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Guest House at Graceland

Just steps away from one of the most legendary landmarks in the music world, the Guest House offers a unique opportunity to stay in a place inspired by Elvis Presley. For die-hard Elvis fans this is a bucket-list experience and is the perfect base from which to explore the Graceland Mansion. The décor reflects the personal style of 'the King' and alongside the distinctive guest rooms there are 20 themed suites, designed under the supervision of Priscilla Presley. As you would expect the dining experiences draw heavily on southern influences and include Delta's Kitchen, EP's Bar & Grill, the Lobby Lounge and Shake Rattle and Go for takeaway coffee and pastry. There's an outdoor pool, airport shuttle and shuttle service to Graceland, although it is only a 5-minute walk away.

Location: Graceland, Memphis

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Chattanooga Hotel, Curio Collection

Located in the popular Southside District, this comfortable hotel is just a mile from downtown. The Tennessee Aquarium is just 5 minutes away and there's a great choice of restaurants close by. The historic Lookout Mountain Incline Railway is only a short drive from the hotel as is the celebrated Rock City Gardens, which offers memorable views. There is a choice of modern rooms and suites, some offering mountain views and regionally inspired dining come courtesy of FORGE, Stills + Mash and the High Rail, a rooftop bar with scenic city views. Facilities include a day spa and fitness centre.

Location: Chattanooga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Monmouth Historic Inn

This historic property is a gracious antebellum mansion which sits in 26 acres of beautiful gardens. Evoking the era of a bygone age, a stay here puts you amongst blooming magnolias, roses, and azaleas and in a property which is a National Historic Landmark in Natchez. Built in 1818, the collection of rooms is beautifully appointed and adorned with period furnishings and antiques. You can choose to stay in the main house or in one of 7 outbuildings. Restaurant 1818 occupies what was originally the Men's and Ladies' parlours and offers an elegant dining experience and guests are invited to enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the Quitman Lounge. Tours of the house are available, and guests are welcome to wander the magnificent gardens at their leisure.

Location: Natchez

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Deep South Accommodation

Holiday Inn French Quarter Chateau Le Moyne

This characterful hotel boasts a quiet location just a short walk from Jackson Square and Bourbon Street, making it a great base from which to explore New Orleans on foot or by hopping on a streetcar. Canal Street and the French Market are also nearby. Occupying a building which dates back more than 140 years, this hotel has plenty of charm and character. The rooms are comfortable and feature exposed brickwork and some have ornate balconies and views over the French Quarter. There is no restaurant onsite, but there is wide variety of dining options within an easy stroll. Facilities include a garden courtyard and an outdoor heated saltwater swimming pool.

Location: French Quarter, New Orleans

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Boasting a great location on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, this modern hotel offers the best of both worlds. The chance to relax and simply watch life on the river, or dive headlong into all that the 'Big Easy' has to offer. The hotel is less than a mile from the French Quarter, bringing Bourbon Street and Jackson Square within easy reach and it's also connected to the Riverwalk Outlets, where you'll find an array of shops and restaurants. When it comes to rooms, there are city view or river view options available. There is also a great selection of dining to enjoy onsite, plus a wealth of other choices nearby. Facilities include an expansive health club with air-conditioned tennis courts, pickle ball, Pilates, full fitness centre and 2 swimming pools.

Location: Downtown, New Orleans

Our rating: ★★★★★



Hotel Monteleone

This family-owned New Orleans institution is filled with character and a real sense of history, welcoming guests for over 120 years. Sitting at the foot of Royal Street puts the myriad attractions of the French Quarter on your doorstep. Explore lively Bourbon Street, Jackson Square and the French Market, or head to Riverwalk and watch the paddle steamers on the Mississippi. Lining the cobblestone streets of this historic quarter are fabulous shops and quaint restaurants. Crillo is the hotel restaurant with great seafood options, and the famous Carousel Bar with its circular revolving bar is next door. Rooms include traditional, preferred and Iberville superior, there is also a choice of executive and themed suites. Facilities include an excellent day spa, fitness centre and a rooftop swimming pool.

Location: French Quarter, New Orleans

Our rating: ★★★★★



Royal Sonesta New Orleans

On vibrant Bourbon Street, the Royal Sonesta puts you front and centre stage to the energy and colour that the famed French Quarter is known for. With gabled windows and intricate balconies, this is a welcoming hotel that evokes the grandeur of a time long past and is a popular choice in the city. Facilities include a fitness centre and a seasonal outdoor heated swimming pool. There are several places to dine including Desire Oyster Bar, offering a raw oyster bar and extensive menu and Restaurant R'evolution known for classic Creole and Cajun dishes. The Jazz Playhouse is one of the best jazz clubs in New Orleans, whilst Le Booze is the place for sporting events and whisky. Choose from a range of elegant and stylish rooms with courtyard or French Quarter views, some have balconies.

Location: French Quarter, New Orleans

Our rating: ★★★★★



Under Canvas – Great Smoky Mountains

Tucked into the trees, just 10 miles from Gatlinburg, this safari-inspired accommodation sits on 182 acres of woodland, close to the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Known as the 'land of the blue smoke' this a fabulous way to experience the natural beauty of the area and an exceptional outdoor experience. The safari-style canvas tents come in a range of sizes and include stargazers, with a viewing window above the bed, deluxe and suites all feature private bathrooms, wood burning stoves and private decks. There is superb onsite dining available and complimentary activities including live music, yoga and fun for kids, and nature hikes plus nightly firepits with s'mores. This is a fabulous all-American experience in the most stunning of settings.

Location: Near Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

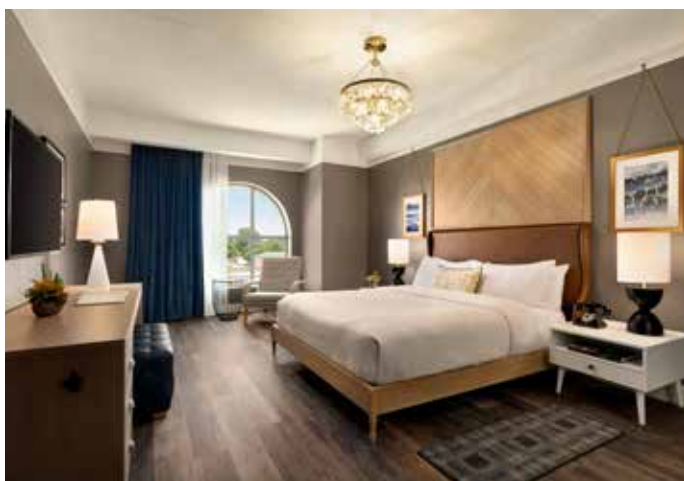


Cotton House

With a name inspired by its location on historic Cotton Row in downtown Cleveland, the Cotton House is a charming, boutique hotel in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Cleveland attractions including the GRAMMY Museum® and Dockery Plantation are on the doorstep. The decor is 'decidedly Delta' with local artwork depicting the landscapes and a relaxed, welcoming feel from the moment you step through the door. Food and drink comes care of the Delta Meat Market, an excellent restaurant serving international dishes inspired by the Delta, and Bar Fontaine, which offers small plates and pasta on a rooftop patio with beautiful sunset views. Combine this with the stylishly elegant rooms and suites and you have the perfect base on the Mississippi Blues Trail.

Location: Cleveland, Mississippi

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Francis Marion Hotel

Dating back to 1924, this historical Charleston landmark offers a great location from which to explore the wealth of Charleston attractions and is within walking distance of beautiful gardens, museums, antique shops, restaurants, and shopping. The onsite Swamp Fox Restaurant and Bar is excellent and showcases classic southern dishes. The Spa of Charleston is a soothing wellness space, with an extensive treatment menu and there's a small fitness centre. The rooms and suites here are comfortable and welcoming, traditional in style and offer more than a passing nod to the hotel's past history. Rooms on the higher floors offer wonderful panoramic views over Charleston.

Location: Charleston, South Carolina

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

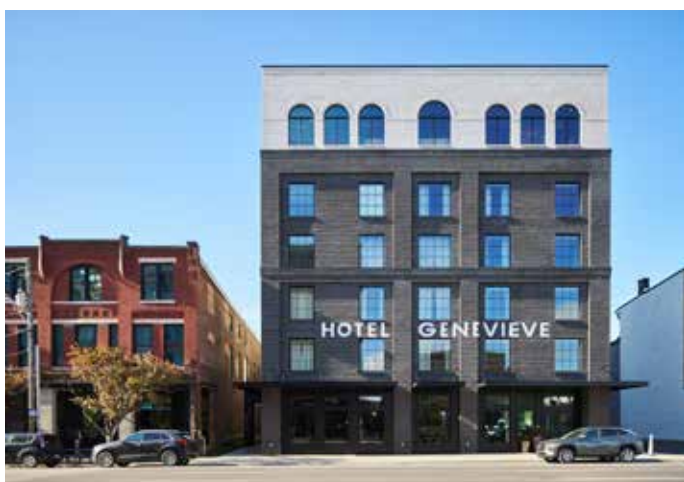


Hotel Genevieve

Located in the downtown East Market district also known as NuLu, this charming hotel has a wealth of attractions including the Waterfront Botanic Gardens within walking distance. There is also a fabulous array of art galleries, eateries which range from BBQ to fine dining, and antique shops on the doorstep. On the rooftop you'll find Bar Genevieve offering food and cocktails with a stunning view, Rosettes is open for all-day dining and inspired by the cafes of Paris. Lucky Penny is open for bar snacks and drinks late into the evening, hidden away in the hotel for those lucky enough to find it. Rooms are bright and cheery like the rest of the hotel and offer comfortable spaces in which to relax after a day exploring Blue Grass Country.

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Mountain States and National Parks

WILD WESTERN LANDSCAPES ON AN EPIC SCALE

The USA seems to do everything on a grand scale and the national parks and mountain states are no exception. Arizona and Utah give us dramatic, otherworldly rock formations, which glow red in the sun, cacti-studded deserts and the incredible national parks of Zion, Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and the mighty Grand Canyon. Further north the mountain states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and the Dakota's are equally impressive. The magnificent Rocky Mountains, the Grand Teton National Park, Dakota Badlands, and the geological wonder that is Yellowstone National Park. These striking landscapes are simply epic and truly are nature's most perfect playground.

Our 5 Favourites in the Mountain States and National Parks

It's hard to do justice to these remarkable states. Whether you're looking for the landscapes of the wild west, staggering beauty of mountain ranges or a mix of both, we guarantee you will not leave disappointed.

Striking Landscapes

From the iconic saguaros that stud the deserts, to dramatic rock formations, rugged mountains and vast canyons, the landscapes are awe-inspiring.



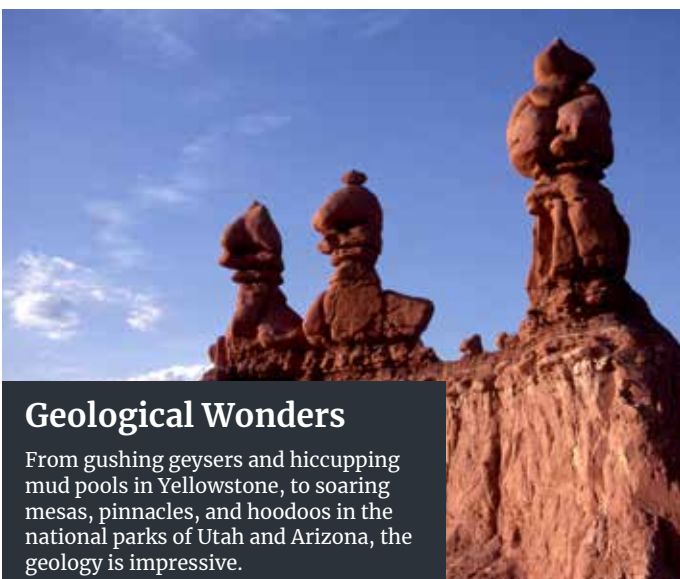
Wildlife

Head to Yellowstone National Park for grazing herds of bison and bears. In the Grand Teton National Park keep your eyes peeled for bears, moose and elk.



Exploring on Foot

Heaven-sent for exploring on foot, there's no bad spot in any of the national parks, however lesser-known Glacier National Park in Montana has more than 740 miles of hiking trails.



Geological Wonders

From gushing geysers and hiccupping mud pools in Yellowstone, to soaring mesas, pinnacles, and hoodoos in the national parks of Utah and Arizona, the geology is impressive.

The Wild West

Discover South Dakota's Badlands National Park, the Black Hills and Custer Park, where bison freely roam. And the sight of Mount Rushmore can't help but impress.



Lake Yellowstone Hotel

Location is everything and this historic lodge, which dates to 1891 boasts an excellent location in the heart of Yellowstone National Park on the shores of Lake Yellowstone. It is the perfect place from which to experience the unique eco-systems, wildlife, geology and geysers and hot springs that exist within Yellowstone. All rooms are comfortably and traditionally furnished, the standard rooms sit within Sandpiper Lodge, whilst the deluxe rooms are in the main lodge building. Some offer lake views and there is a choice of suites too. The dining room features all day dining overlooking the lake, there is also a lobby bar and lounge, gift shop and deli for take out items.

Location: Yellowstone National Park

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Hotel Jackson

Tucked into the quaint but vibrant town of Jackson, this boutique hotel is a beautiful base from which to explore the western heritage and charm of the Grand Teton National Park, which is just 4 miles away. The 55 rooms and suites are beautifully styled and offer a modern take on a western design. Natural stone, reclaimed wood, leather, metal and wool come together to create elegant retreats which feature gas fireplaces and spa-inspired bathrooms. FIGS serves Mediterranean-Lebanese dishes and popular with guests and locals alike. Facilities include a fitness centre, rooftop whirlpool, in-room yoga, pilates and meditation classes and the Sacajawea Library, a peaceful space featuring literary works from local authors and books about the region you are exploring.

Location: Jackson Hole

Our rating: ★★★★★



Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn

Ruby's Inn offers the closest accommodation to Bryce Canyon National Park, and for those looking to explore the park and enjoy the abundance of outdoor activities, the location is hard to beat. It's close to Old Bryce Town and just a mile from the park entrance. Rooms are comfortable and cosy with a colour scheme reflective of your surroundings. Dining options include the Cowboy's Buffet & Steak Room and the Canyon diner which offers casual fast food and pizza. Further options can be found in Old Bryce Town. The hotel can assist with horse riding treks, ATV tours and western experiences and after a day of exploring there is an indoor heated pool, a seasonal outdoor pool and a hot tub.

Location: Bryce Canyon

Our rating: ★★★



Goulding's Lodge

Goulding's Lodge has been synonymous with Monument Valley for nearly a century and whilst a much-recognised location for classic Western movies, it also boasts a rich history of its own. Adjacent to the Navajo Tribal Park, in the shadow of the soaring red sandstone buttes, the setting of Goulding's Lodge is nothing short of magnificent. Rooms are simple but comfortable with Navajo fabrics and many showcase spectacular vistas over the valley to Eagle Mesa, Brigham's Tomb, King on His Throne and Stagecoach. There's an indoor pool, the Trading Post Museum and the Earth Spirit Theatre which shows a John Wayne western nightly. The Stagecoach Restaurant, perched above the lodge serves authentic southwestern and Navajo cuisine surrounded by the breathtaking natural beauty of monument valley.

Location: Monument Valley

Our rating: ★★★



Zion Mountain Ranch

Set just outside the Zion National Park surrounded by 2,700 acres of high mountain meadows and forests, home to a herd of roaming buffalo, the location of Zion Mountain Ranch is simply breathtaking. The ranch offers horse riding tours for guests of all abilities, bike rental and tours, jeep tours and guided hikes through the vast canyons and into views that are just immense. Stay in traditional, rustic cabins which offer cosy fireplaces and an authentic sense of place. Above all Zion is a working ranch and the restaurant Cordwood serves a menu which ebbs and flows with the season and the harvest. The location brings the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon and unfathomable grandeur of the Grand Canyon within reach too, making it a rather special place from which to explore.

Location: Zion National Park

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



El Tovar Hotel

This historic hotel sits a few feet from the rim of the Grand Canyon and since opening its doors in 1905 has welcomed many great names including Albert Einstein and Theodore Roosevelt. The centuries-old charm is now blended with modern facilities yet retains its cosy and welcoming atmosphere. There are 78 rooms, including 12 suites and no two are the same adding to the hotel's distinctive appeal some of which have a balcony or terrace with memorable views of the canyon. The El Tovar Dining Room offers an excellent menu and is one of the most popular in the Grand Canyon, alternatively there are other options in the village, which is within walking distance. The location of El Tovar puts you front and centre stage to the magnificent natural wonder that is the Grand Canyon.

Location: Grand Canyon

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Inn at Death Valley

The Inn at Death Valley has been welcoming guests since the 1920's when Hollywood legends such as Marlon Brandon and Clark Gable escaped to this desert retreat. Beneath towering date palms and multi-hued sunsets, the Spanish mission-style architecture creates a desert oasis. There is a choice of rooms, suites, and casitas, whilst the spring-fed pool is still a popular place for a cooling dip. The Inn Dining Room serves meals to a stunning backdrop of the desert salt pans and the Panamint Mountains, and casual light meals are available in the pool café throughout the day. Days here are spent exploring unique locations including Mushroom Rock, Zabriskie Point and Dante's View, but don't miss the star gazing opportunities either, this designated Dark Sky Reserve is the largest in North America.

Location: Death Valley

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Ahwahnee Hotel

Designed to showcase its dramatic natural surroundings, The Ahwahnee is a much-lauded historic hotel in the Yosemite National Park. The vast granite façade, huge stone fireplaces and beamed ceilings are the perfect foil for Native American art, stained glass windows and great lounge. There is a choice of rooms and suites, plus cottages which are dotted amongst the dogwood and pine trees. Many of the rooms have wonderful views and some offer shared balconies. Facilities include a heated pool, gift shop and lounge bar, and the impressive, dramatically high-ceilinged dining room which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. A stay here is ultimately about your location and the Ahwahnee curates an array of discovery programmes to ensure you make the most of your time here in this UNESCO World Heritage - Listed National Park.

Location: Yosemite National Park

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Las Vegas

GLITTERING, GLAMOROUS AND EXTRAVAGANT.
WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS.

Glowing in the darkness of the Nevada desert, Las Vegas is an experience unlike any other in the USA. The hotels are on an epic-scale, tourist attractions in their own right. The Venetian is Venice in miniature, complete with hand painted ceiling frescos in the casino and gondola rides on the Grand Canal. Whilst the now-famous fountains at the Bellagio are synonymous with Vegas. These days Las Vegas is about so much more than its high rolling, big spenders, it's now even on the Formula 1 calendar as their newest circuit with the famous Las Vegas Strip part of the action. Take a spin on the High Rollers, the world's tallest observation wheel, visit the Mob Museum, indulge in a show, or leave the lights of Vegas behind and take a scenic flight out over the Hoover Dam and the magnificent Grand Canyon.



Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Las Vegas Strip Highlights Night Flight

Swoop over the glittering Las Vegas Strip on this never-to-be-forgotten night flight that gives you a birds eye view of the world-famous hotels, neon lights and razzamatazz of this desert city. Take to the skies in a state of the art Eco Star helicopter and spot legendary landmarks including the New York New York skyline, dancing fountains of the Bellagio and the Eiffel Tower. See the Luxor Pyramid and the towering Stratosphere which soars more than 1,000 feet into the air and no flight is complete without seeing the 'Glitter Gulch' of downtown, where Las Vegas began.

Departs: Daily
Duration: 12–15 minutes

Death Valley 4WD Tour

Head for the lowest point in the Western hemisphere as you discover Badwater Basin, the Devils Golf Course and Dante's View on this exploration of Death Valley. One of the most spectacular and otherworldly places in the USA. Your guide will showcase this remarkable landscape with stops at Furnace Creek and Zabriskie Point on a memorable day that is in total contrast to the manmade marvels of Las Vegas. Hotel pick up is included as well as a gourmet sandwich lunch. You'll travel in comfort in a luxury 4WD vehicle on this small group experience.

Departs: September – May
Duration: Full day

Grand Canyon West Rim by road

Travel through the desert by road as you spend a day discovering the spectacular Grand Canyon. First stop on the way is the vast Hoover Dam, the sheer scale and feat of engineering is impressive. Continue through the ancient Joshua Tree Forest to the west rim of the canyon. Visit the Hualapai Indian Country and spend time with your Hualapai hosts as you take in the rock formations from Guano Point. See Eagle Point, as the name suggests a rock formation that resembles a majestic eagle with its wings spread and enjoy lunch at the Skywalk Café. Tickets to experience the glass bridge of the Grand Canyon Skywalk are an optional extra

Departs: Daily
Duration: Full Day

Wind Dancer Grand Canyon Helicopter Tour

A memorable experience that takes you from Las Vegas over the vast Hoover Dam, onwards to the Grand Canyon with beautiful views of Lake Mead and the Mojave Desert as you fly. As you arrive at the Grand Canyon, which is around a 45-minute flight from Las Vegas, the ground drops away and this incredible natural wonder is revealed beneath you. After flying through the canyon, you'll land 3,500 feet below the rim for champagne and drinks, the mighty Colorado River is just 300 feet away. As you return to Las Vegas see the red rock formations of the Bowl of Fire and enjoy a spectacular flight over the Las Vegas Strip.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 4 hours

Cirque du Soleil Tickets

Cirque du Soleil has long been a must-do show experience for visitors to Las Vegas, and their original Las Vegas show Mystere can still be experienced at Treasure Island. This vibrant, high-energy show was deemed a theatrical 'flower in the desert' and is now just one of many Cirque du Soleil performances that can be experienced. Current shows include LOVE, Michael Jackson One, 'O' and KA. Whichever show you choose you can't help but be entranced by the world-class acrobatics, gravity defying feats, puppetry, and powerful performances.

Departs: Daily, various venues
Duration: Approx. 90 minutes

Go City: Las Vegas Explorer

This multi-day, multi-attraction pass gives you all the flexibility you need to experience the thrills and spills of Las Vegas. You can select from 2 to 7 top experiences and it's valid for 30 days from the day of activation meaning you can choose what you do when you want to and create your own itinerary. The huge list of experiences to choose from includes the High Roller Observation Wheel, the Tower at the Strat, Madam Tussauds Las Vegas, the Eiffel Tower Experience, FlyOver, Hop-on Hop-off Classic Bus tour, Fly LINQ Zipline, the Big Apple Rollercoaster and so much more.

Departs: Daily
Duration: Various



Red Rock Canyon
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Las Vegas Accommodation

New York New York

This is Las Vegas and anything goes and so this is where you'll find the New York skyline but in miniature, including the Statue of Liberty, in the heart of the desert. 12 towers recreate some of the Big Apple's most notable skyscrapers incorporating the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building, and the rooms and suites are comfortable and designed with an urban loft style in mind. There's an extensive array of restaurants to tempt all palates, 4 bars including the Bar at Times Square, a casino, swimming pool and whirlpools and you can even take a ride on the famous rollercoaster that weaves through the façade for fabulous Las Vegas views. The New York New York is a popular and good value option in Las Vegas.

Location: Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★☆☆



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Luxor

This distinctive dark pyramid, with its dazzling beam of light that can be seen from space is one of the most recognisable hotels on the Las Vegas strip and whilst perhaps not as contemporary as some of its newer neighbours, is a good value choice for visitors. It sits at the southern end of 'the strip' connected to the Excalibur and Mandalay Bay. This is Vegas so understated is not an option, choose between a huge range of rooms and suites in the pyramid, where the lifts slide diagonally up the walls, or the tower. The pool deck is one of the largest in Las Vegas with 4 pools and with 8 restaurants and 5 bars, refreshments are never far away. There's a huge array of entertainment and you can escape the heat of the desert sun with a treatment in the Nuture Spa.

Location: Southern end of the Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



Planet Hollywood

With a central location on the strip, opposite the sparkling fountains of the Bellagio, Planet Hollywood is one of the trendiest hotels in Las Vegas. The rooms are contemporary and stylish, and the suites are huge. There is direct access to the Miracle Mile shops where you'll find more than 170 shops to browse. The range of restaurants and bars includes Gordon Ramsey Burger, a Mexican grill, Chinese bistro and Cafe Hollywood, a classic American diner plus several more. Relax by the 2 rooftop pools and take in the views, cabanas and day beds are also available to hire. The day spa offers a range of treatments and if you are after entertainment, Planet Hollywood has a wealth of star-studded shows including music, dance, and comedy.

Location: Central Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



MGM Grand

The MGM Grand is big, even by Las Vegas standards and this vast emerald green edifice has been part of the southern strip skyline for years. Your entrance is heralded by the 45ft bronze lion, and it offers everything you could possibly want from a stay in Las Vegas. This hotel was designed with entertainment in mind and alongside the large gaming floor you'll find a concert arena and sporting venue, 5 swimming pools, 3 whirlpools and a lazy river, the Grand Spa and a state-of-the-art fitness centre, multiple restaurants and bars and a wealth of entertainment including a Cirque du Soleil production. There is an extensive range of room and suites, which are modern and well-appointed.

Location: Southern end of the Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



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Paris

Bringing a little Parisian chic to the desert, the Paris boasts an exact half scale replica of the Eiffel Tower, along with the Arc de Triomphe, façade of the Louvre, Paris Opera House and the Alexandre III bridge. A stay here allows you to wander Parisian boulevards and dine at the top of the Eiffel Tower to gaze at some of the best views in Las Vegas. Enjoy dining at restaurants including Nobu, Bedford by Martha Stewart and Gordon Ramsey Steak. For a taste of France, head to Mon Ami Gabi, Café Belle Madeleine and Vanderpump Paris, the options are endless. There's an impressive array of rooms and suites which boast a European décor, French flair, and marble bathrooms. The beautiful pool area sits beneath the Eiffel Tower and is definitely a pool with a view. Daybed and cabanas are available to hire.

Location: Central Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



Caesars Palace

This iconic hotel has been a landmark on the Las Vegas strip for more than 50 years and remains a huge drawcard for visitors. Roman-inspired opulence, legendary service, lavish shopping, and superb dining make this one of the destination hotels in Las Vegas. Take in a show at the Colosseum, which plays host to some of the biggest names in the industry and relax by one of the 7 swimming pools in the Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis. For those who love to shop, some of the most luxurious brands in the world can be found in the Forum Shops. The rooms and suites are set across 6 towers and vary in style, size, and price. After a busy day exploring the sights and sounds of Las Vegas the fabulous Qua Spa is a welcome retreat where you can relax and unwind before the evening's entertainment begins.

Location: Central Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Venetian

Romantic Venetian Renaissance takes front and centre stage at this gorgeous hotel, which has staked its claim as an iconic hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. As a tribute to Venice expect beautiful architecture, stunning artwork, and replica Venetian landmarks. You can even take a gondola ride along the canal that winds through the resort. Every hotel room here is a suite and almost double the size of a standard Las Vegas room, with sunken living rooms and roman baths. There are more than 40 restaurants including openings by celebrity chefs, fine dining, and around the globe cuisine along with a range of bars including Bellini, forever synonymous with Venice. There are 4 pools across 2 pool decks with pool chairs, in-pool loungers, cabanas, and day beds along with a day spa and a huge range of entertainment.

Location: Central Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★



Bellagio

Regarded as one of the finest hotels in Las Vegas the Bellagio is everything you would expect from a luxury hotel and more. Elegant, glamorous, and lavish, with dancing fountains, designer boutiques and an array of lively bars and restaurants. 5 swimming pools in a Mediterranean courtyard setting beautiful gardens, a divine day spa and access to a golf course ensures the leisure facilities are equally impressive. The rooms and suites are elegant and understated by Las Vegas standards with views over the city to the mountains beyond, or over the Strip for first-hand views of the fountains which burst into life every 30 minutes. The central location brings a wealth of casinos, and shopping and dining options in other hotels within easy reach.

Location: Central Las Vegas Strip

Our rating: ★★★★★

California

GLORIOUS BEACHES, THE GOLDEN AGE OF FILM AND MISTY REDWOOD FORESTS

The landscapes of California are instantly recognisable from innumerable films over the decades. Entrancing us with sweeping vistas of crashing surf and golden beaches, coastal drives, soaring redwoods, snow-capped mountains, and cactus-studded deserts. To the north lie the lush vineyards and world-class wine regions of the Napa Valley and Sonoma. The city of San Francisco is home to one of the crookedest streets in the world, legendary sourdough and clam chowder and the famous deep red struts of the Golden Gate Bridge which heralds the start of Pacific Highway 1, one of the most famous coastal drives in the world. Further south via Monterey, Carmel and Santa Barbara, lies Los Angeles 'city of Angels', where budding actors and actresses wait their turn in the spotlight, and evocative places including Hollywood, Santa Monica, Beverley Hills and Rodeo Drive wait to be explored.



Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood

Movie and TV fans will not want to miss the opportunity to visit the world's busiest motion picture and television studio, go behind the scenes on this tour where your guide will introduce you to film sets, backlot streets and so much more! Venture behind the lens as you sit on the couch at Central Perk on the set of FRIENDS or become Hobbit-sized at the special effects table. Step into a working soundstage before your final experience at Stage 48 takes you to the archive, showcasing costumes and original props from Wonder Woman, Aquaman as well as the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Departs: Daily
Duration: 3 hours

Hollywood Celebrity Homes Tour

Join this small group tour where you will visit over 40 celebrity homes, past and present. You will see the mansions of today's superstars including Tom Cruise and the Beckhams and former residences of Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley. Drive through Beverley Hills and Rodeo Drive to see the exclusive shops such as Gucci and Prada, where the rich and famous shop. Cruise along Sunset Strip and pass the Beverley Wiltshire Hotel which featured in "Pretty Woman", Hollywood Walk of Fame, Graumans' Chinese Theatre and the famous Hollywood sign. This is stargazing at its best.

Departs: Daily
Duration: 2 hours

Big Bus Los Angeles Hop-On-Hop-Off Bus Tour

There is no better way to explore LA's attractions, from downtown to sun-drenched beaches onboard an open topped double decker bus tour. With informative commentary and over 40 iconic stops to choose from, you decide where you wish to hop on and off to discover the history and facts about Los Angeles at your own pace. Maybe stroll along Sunset Boulevard or explore the world's most famous sidewalk Hollywood Walk of Fame, browse exclusives boutiques in Beverley Hills on Rodeo Drive or relax in Santa Monica at the beach, the list is endless. There are 3 routes to choose from and tickets may be purchased for 1-3 days.

Departs: Daily
Duration: Various

Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito Bike Tour

San Francisco's waterfront and iconic Golden Gate Bridge lend themselves to exploring the city from the saddle. Join this guided cycle tour passing Fisherman's Wharf, Aquatic Park, Fort Mason, the Marin and the Presidio which once protected the Golden Gate Bridge. A highlight of your trip will be crossing Golden Gate Bridge before coasting downhill into picturesque Sausalito where your guided tour concludes. Discover shops, art galleries, cafés and shops at leisure before returning to San Francisco by ferry which is included in your tour price. Continue discovering the city until the close of the day as the bike is yours to continue your adventure. You may prefer to upgrade to an electric bike.

Departs: Daily
Duration: Various

2 Day Hop-on-Hop-off Bus tour & Alcatraz

Combine the freedom of exploring San Francisco with visiting the infamous Alcatraz Island. There are 3 routes to choose from with informative commentary, this 2-day pass will ensure you don't miss out on sightseeing attractions such as vibrant Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown's "Dragon Gates", Union Square for a shopping spree and Alamo Square to see the world-famous Painted Ladies Victorian houses. A highlight will be crossing Golden Gate Bridge where you will view the stunning skyline and Alcatraz Island. Your return ferry crossing to Alcatraz is included with a self-guided tour, learn of the history and tour inside the prison cell before you escape back to the city.

Departs: Daily
Duration: Various

California Wine Country – Full Day Tour to Sonoma and Napa

Escape the city and join a wine journey through California's world-famous wine regions of Sonoma and Napa Valley. You will visit 3 wineries, each with a very different charm and wine tasting experience to tantalise the palate. Lunch time is where you will have time at leisure to browse quintessential shops, art galleries and a variety of dining options, maybe sample a cheese board or take a picnic on the lawn. Your guide will then continue to enhance your wine tasting experience with further tastings. After a full day of indulgence enjoy the scenic drive back to the city.

Departs: Daily
Duration: 9 hours



Napa Valley
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Los Angeles Accommodation

The Garland

The Garland is a delightful boutique hotel in North Hollywood with a relaxed, retro feel and friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Standing apart from your standard city hotel, the Garland offers the little extra touches that make the difference. One day it might be complimentary wine tasting, the next might be a guided neighbourhood walk, time with a top personal trainer or an afternoon of lawn games. The hotel is within easy reach of many LA hotspots and even has a complimentary shuttle to Universal Studios Hollywood and City Walk. There's a lovely swimming pool, popular bar, restaurant and a collection of rooms and suites which offer vintage style, a sunny décor and a comfortable place to sleep after a day of exploring.

Location: North Hollywood

Our rating: ★★★★★



Andaz West Hollywood

With a location in the heart of West Hollywood, on Sunset Boulevard, a stay at the Andaz puts you in the centre of superb shopping, dining, and entertainment. This was the first hotel on Sunset Strip and is now a contemporary, modern place to stay. The rooftop pool offers some of the best views of the Hollywood Hills and LA skyline, and the hotel is a registered art gallery, with exhibits changing every 3 months, showcasing a variety of guest artists and curators. Rooms are simple and stylish, and many offer floor to ceiling windows with memorable views. In-house dining comes in the form of the Riot House Market and Riot House open kitchen, whilst the Riot House Bar, once the venue of choice for 1970s rockers, is now a relaxed, laid-back bar with great views and a welcoming atmosphere.

Location: West Hollywood

Our rating: ★★★★★



Loews Hollywood

Just a few steps from the Hollywood Walk of Fame and next to the Dolby Theatre, home of the Oscars, the Loews is perfectly located for discovering all that Hollywood has to offer. On the 5th floor you'll find the pool and sundeck, with fabulous views, there's also a fitness centre, daily poolside yoga and a complimentary hop on hop off Starline sightseeing tour. The H2 Kitchen & Bar is open for dinner and drinks and there are plenty of eating spots nearby. When it comes to rooms and suites, here you'll enjoy the classic LA views, whether it be the city skyline, the Hollywood Hills including the legendary Hollywood sign and the Capitol Records building. The décor is coolly modern and stylish with all the creature comforts needed.

Location: West Hollywood

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fairmont Century Plaza

Regarded as something of a Los Angeles landmark, the Fairmont Century Plaza brings the fabulous shopping of Westfield Century City within walking distance and the famed boutiques of Rodeo Drive are 2 blocks away. It's also a great central hub for exploring Hollywood, West Hollywood and Santa Monica is 20 minutes away. Lumiere is an elegant brasserie and the hotel's signature dining experience and there's an outside courtyard strung with fairy lights for alfresco meals. Relaxation comes in the form of the sunny rooftop pool, a state-of-the-art fitness centre and luxury spa retreat offering a comprehensive menu of wellness treatments. The array of rooms and suites are elegant and sophisticated with a neutral colour palette and private balconies offering city or sunset views, Fairmont Gold options are available.

Location: Century City

Our rating: ★★★★★



Hilton Santa Monica Hotel & Suites

This welcoming hotel offers a great base in Santa Monica. The 3rd Street Promenade shops and restaurants are a 15-minute walk whilst the beach is a 10-minute stroll. The famous sands of Malibu are just a 3-mile drive away. There is a choice of rooms and suites, which are amongst the largest in Santa Monica and modern and well appointed. Facilities include an open-air pool with a sun deck and day beds and a state-of-the-art fitness centre. Santa Monica offers a wealth of dining options however if you want to dine in the hotel then Monica's is the inhouse restaurant with a bar and sunny dining terrace.

Location: Santa Monica

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa

Huntington Beach offers the classic California experience and holds the official 'Surf City USA' title. It has an easy laid-back surf town vibe but with superb dining, boutique shops and is a great access point for Catalina Island. It's also the closest beach to Anaheim, so is an excellent beach destination to combine with the theme parks. This Spanish-inspired hotel sits on the ocean front and is a 5-minute walk from Huntington Beach Pier and Pacific City. The rooms and suites, all have private balconies or terrace and courtyard, garden, or ocean views. There's an extensive array of dining, beautiful lagoon-style pool, hot tubs, children's pool with slides and a fitness centre.

Location: Huntington Beach

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Seabird Resort

Embrace the warm SoCal lifestyle at the Seabird in vibrant Oceanside, it's the perfect beach destination just a short drive north of San Diego. This beachfront resort offers beautiful views, a collection of gorgeous rooms and suites with contemporary furnishings and unique works of art curated by the Oceanside Museum of Art. There's a stunning pool deck with a hot tub and full-frontal views over the Pacific and iconic Oceanside Pier, Sunny's Spa and Beauty Lounge and 3 excellent restaurants. Sister property Mission Pacific Beach Resort is next door and home to Valle, a Michelin-star restaurant, the Roof Top Bar and the Top Gun House, the beachfront house from the original film, restored to its former glory and now a place for pies and ice cream.

Location: Oceanside, San Diego

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

The Monterey Plaza has all the ingredients for the perfect stay on the California coast. History, gorgeous ocean views and an exceptional location on Cannery Row. With Old Fisherman's Wharf and the Monterey Bay Aquarium on the doorstep, it is the ideal base for exploring Monterey. There is a choice of rooms and suites with a charming coastal décor and spacious bathrooms. The waterfront rooms are the most popular and many have balconies where you can sit and soak in the salty sea air. Dining options come courtesy of Schooners Monterey featuring contemporary American dishes and sustainable seafood and The Coastal Kitchen showcasing tasting menus of regional produce. There's also a lovely day spa and sundeck with whirlpool spa tubs and a fireplace.

Location: Monterey

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



San Francisco Accommodation

Handlery Union Square

The Handlery Union Square is a stalwart on the San Francisco hotel scene and is a friendly, family-run hotel in the heart of the city. The shops, theatres and restaurants of Union Square are moments way and the cable car to trundle you down to Fisherman's Wharf is just outside the hotel. Facilities include a heated outdoor pool, which is open all year round, a fitness centre and sauna. There is no onsite restaurant but there are a number of options within a short walk. Rooms and suites are comfortable and restful retreats after a day exploring the city. Choose from rooms in the historic section of the hotel or upgrade to the premier section for more spacious rooms, many of which feature balconies with pool or city views.

Location: Union Square

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Hilton Union Square

With an excellent range of facilities and a location just a few blocks from Union Square, the Hilton is a great choice for visitors to San Francisco. The shops of Market Street are nearby as is the Powell Street cable car turnaround, giving easy access to the rest of the city. Rooms and suites are quiet and modern, the higher floors offer skyline view rooms which reveal fabulous panoramas over this 'city by the bay'. Fitness facilities include a heated outdoor swimming pool and state of the art fitness centre. When it comes to dining there is a grab-and-go food market, a breakfast restaurant, gastro pub and a cocktail lounge high on the 46th floor. The central location of the hotel also means there is a diverse range of eateries on your doorstep.

Location: Union Square

Our rating: ★★★★★



Hotel Riu Plaza Fisherman's Wharf

Close to Pier 39 in one of the most iconic spots in San Francisco, this welcoming hotel offers an excellent base from which to explore the city. Step out of the hotel to find picture-postcard views of the bay and Alcatraz, sealions lazing in the sunshine and an abundance of seafood restaurants. Hop on one of the legendary cable cars, there's a stop nearby for easy access to the rest of the city. After a day discovering the charms of San Francisco, the open-air swimming pool is a popular place to cool off and there's a fully equipped gym. In the evening relax by one of the crackling fire pits. The Riu offers a choice of modern, comfortable rooms and suites and a breakfast buffet restaurant.

Location: Fisherman's Wharf

Our rating: ★★★★★



Hotel Zoe

A short walk from the waterfront in Fisherman's Wharf, a cable car stop on the doorstep and an excellent Italian trattoria as the inhouse restaurant make the Hotel Zoe a very popular option in San Francisco. There's easy access to North Beach and Pier 39 as well as the rest of the city. The central courtyard is a relaxing place with fire pits, artwork and complimentary s'mores, and bicycles are available to hire if you like the idea of exploring on 2 wheels. The rooms and suites here are elegant and contemporary in style with a neutral colour palette, the junior and 1-bedroom suites offer more space with separate seating areas. Pescatore Trattoria is an authentic neighbourhood Italian and a popular eatery with locals and guests alike.

Location: Fisherman's Wharf

Our rating: ★★★★★





The Argonaut

This storied boutique hotel is housed within the historic Haslett Warehouse and is a place of character and charm with exposed brickwork and Douglas Fir beams. The location on the edge of all that Fisherman's Wharf has to offer with Pier 39 in one direction and the boutiques of Ghirardelli Square in the other, makes this a wonderful base in the city. As with the rest of the hotel, the rooms and suites are packed with original features, there's a nautical theme running throughout, and many have views of the wharf and bay. San Francisco is a town for foodies and the Blue Mermaid Restaurant at the Argonaut is no exception and thought of as one of the best seafood places in the city. There is also a wealth of dining options within a few short steps.

Location: Fisherman's Wharf

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Fairmont San Francisco

The Fairmont is an historic San Francisco hotel sitting atop Nob Hill, just a short cable car trundle down to Union Square, downtown and Fisherman's Wharf. The hotel is world-renowned for its elegant charm and superb levels of service, it also offers some of the best views in the city. There's an array of dining options including the Laurel Court Restaurant, known for its Gilded Age décor and a divine afternoon tea on weekends, but the Tonga Room and Hurricane Bar is a tiki style city institution. The rooms and suites at the Fairmont are spread through the main historic part of the hotel and the contemporary Tower Building, which offers the best views. Other facilities include a fitness studio and day spa. There are also rooftop bee hives and a herb garden.

Location: Nob Hill

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Meritage Resort & Spa

Set amongst the rolling vineyards of California's Napa wine region, the Meritage is just a short distance from the delightful town of Napa, and it also boasts its own 9-acre vineyard. In this region of excellent dining guests are spoilt for choice at the Meritage with Olive and Hay, an al fresco farm to table dining experience and the French-inspired Village Bistro. Fivetown Grocery offers everything you need from morning coffee to pastries and delicacies for picnics to enjoy as you explore. The rooms and suites are Tuscan-inspired, and many have a private terrace or balcony with vineyard views. After a day sipping and sampling your way around Napa vineyards, the swimming pool is a welcoming place to relax in the sunshine or perhaps treat yourself in the award-winning spa.

Location: Napa Valley

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Lodge at Bodega Bay

Bodega Bay is a pretty fishing village in Sonoma County, a place filled with valleys and vineyards, ancient redwoods and 55 spectacular miles of rugged Pacific coastline. The Lodge at Bodega Bay sits on a bluff above the ocean and is a beautiful lodge which is locally owned and operated. Spend your days discovering the cold climate vineyards west of Russian River Valley, artisan food producers, majestic redwoods, wild beaches, and coastal hikes. Afterward return to the lodge where inviting rooms with comfy beds and ocean views await. Indulge in local flavours at Drakes Sonoma, take a swim in the pool, hop on one of the bikes available for guests, enjoy a pampering spa treatment or just nab one of the wooden rocking chairs by the fire pit and relax.

Location: Sonoma County

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Pacific Northwest

RUGGED, WILD AND UTTERLY UNSPOILT

Meandering up the northwestern coastline of the USA bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the point where Canada takes over, Oregon and Washington State are breathtakingly natural, beautiful and wild open spaces to explore. Washington State is home to peninsulas, rugged beaches, volcanoes and lakes, the Cascade Mountains and the Olympic National Park. Plus, the vineyards and wineries of Walla Walla, the state's counterpart to the Napa Valley and the super cool city of Seattle. Venture into Oregon and you'll uncover one of the best kept secrets in the USA. You'll find magnificent coastlines flanked by deserted beaches pounded by rolling waves, canyons and cascading rivers and a thriving arts scene. These two northwestern entities are ripe for exploring and will make for a unique experience in the USA.



Our 5 Favourites in the Pacific Northwest

These stunning states that lie north of California and lead into Canada offer some of the most spectacular landscapes in the USA. With Mount Rainier National Park, Olympic National Park and Crater Lake National Park suggested as unmissable must-see sights by past guests.

Vineyards and Craft Brews

Discover an under-rated region of wineries and craft breweries.



Glorious National Parks

Both states offer spectacular national parks in abundance with waterfalls, rainforests and lakes to explore.



Rugged Coastlines

This beautiful, rugged coastline is simply breath-taking. Unspoiled, deserted beaches, dramatic peninsulas, and offshore islands. Work your way along them all.



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City Life

Sparkling Seattle is a joy to explore with art galleries, museums, and incredible sights. Portland is unique with the world's largest bookstore and myriad craft breweries.



Fabulous Food

The states of the Pacific Northwest offer a veritable bounty with sublime seafood, incredible local produce, exciting chefs, and an eclectic dining scene.



Pacific Northwest Accommodation

Kimpton Hotel Monaco Seattle

The Kimpton Hotel Monaco Seattle offers a boutique stay set within the heart of the city, just steps away from major attractions including Pike Place Market, sports stadiums and the waterfront. Spacious guest rooms are bright with a bold palette of reds and grey, in a nod to the odd cloudy day in the city all rooms feature a “cloud” wall as a bed backdrop. The premium spa rooms feature a deep soaking bath and separate walk-in shower. Suites are also available. Outlier is the inhouse restaurant and is a modern gastro pub. Guests can make use of the hotel’s complimentary bicycles and explore the city by pedal, there’s also a fitness centre. If you would like to feel right at home the staff will even provide you with a plant in your room!

Location: Downtown, Seattle

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fairmont Olympic Hotel

This iconic hotel takes centre stage in downtown Seattle with famous landmarks on your doorstep including the Great Wheel on the waterfront and Pike Place Market, one of the oldest public markets in America. Brush shoulders with locals as you taste your way around the farmers market or browse local craft stalls. 4th Avenue Espresso Bar serves great coffee, whilst The George brasserie offers a contemporary dining environment. The Founders Club brings a romantic ambience for pre-dinner drinks. 450 rooms and suites are elegantly appointed with hints of the hotel’s heritage and if you need extra pampering Penelope & The Beauty Bar will ease you into relaxation and re-energise. There is also a large indoor heated pool, hot tub, and gym.

Location: Seattle

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Historic Davenport

The Historic Davenport hotel retains the feel of a bygone era and has been carefully crafted to intersperse modern day facilities without losing its charm. Located in downtown Spokane it is ideally located for cycling or walking alongside the Spokane River and the city boasts a vibrant shopping and arts culture. Dining options include the Palm Court Grill and The Roof Garden Terrace Bar, which is open seasonally. Circus rooms are part of the original hotel whilst the apartment suites will offer guests a larger space with separate living area. After a day exploring guests may like to indulge at the superb day spa where an extensive menu of treatments is available, there is also a fitness centre and indoor pool for a relaxing swim.

Location: Spokane

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sun Mountain Lodge

Sun Mountain Lodge embraces its surroundings, and the nearby town of Winthrop feels like a step back in time with old boardwalks, restaurants, and boutiques. Spend the day horse-riding, kayaking or paddleboarding on the lodge’s private lake, alternatively explore the hiking trails, home to over 450 different bird species. The choice of accommodation includes the main lodge with valley or mountain views. Lakefront suites with a full kitchen, dining and living area and the grand suites, which accommodate families or couples travelling together. Facilities include 2 seasonal outdoor swimming pools, 2 hot pools, an onsite spa, and 2 restaurants. The Dining Room for fine dining and the Wolf Creek Bar & Grill, which is more casual. We highly recommend you prebook a Cowboy Dinner during your stay.

Location: Winthrop

Our rating: ★★★★★





Hotel Lucia

The Hotel Lucia inspires travellers with an eclectic collection of photography and art throughout. It's located in the heart of Portland, so guests are ideally located for discovering urban parks and calming forest or riverside walks. Within touching distance is the picturesque International Rose Test Garden, where over 10,000 rose bushes and 600 varieties of roses are set within 4.5 acres. Boutiques, galleries, and restaurants are also close by. If you prefer to pedal, then the hotel would be delighted to arrange complimentary cycle hire. There is a choice of comfortable, simple style rooms and suites. Dining is just a step away with an array of restaurants on your doorstep, the hotel also has a gym and games room.

Location: Portland

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Sentinel Hotel

Set across 2 wings this iconic hotel takes centre stage in downtown Portland and has played host to icons including Coco Chanel. Tread in her footsteps as you browse luxurious boutiques, art galleries and discerning venues home to music and theatre. Jake's Grill is the hotel restaurant and known for superb steaks. For something more casual with a music vibe then Fortune won't disappoint, or head for the Dormaine Serene Wine Lounge, where world class wines are introduced. All room types from deluxe rooms to a 2-bedroom parlour suite are relaxing and tranquil spaces and guests staying in an executive room or suite will have exclusive access to Room at the End of the Hall. A modern lounge where you can enjoy soft drinks and snacks throughout the day.

Location: Portland

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Salishan Coastal Lodge

Embrace the sea air at this coastal lodge set in a beautiful natural playground. For active travellers the Aerial Park is a must, with its network of ziplines, whilst walkers can discover the myriad nature trails or explore the Oregon coast on 2 wheels. There's also an 18-hole course and an indoor tennis facility. Slow things down with a dip in the indoor swimming pool or a yoga class or book a spa treatment. Dining options include The Attic restaurant, with a farm to fork ethos and The Bay House, home to over 10,000 bottles of wine. Sample wines, cheese, charcuterie, and deserts, for a fun gourmet experience. The accommodation is set amongst trees, featuring local timber bringing the outside in and private balconies. Larger suites are also available.

Location: Gleneden Beach

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Sunriver Resort

Sunriver Resort isn't your typical hotel stay; here you are a guest in over 3,300 acres of wilderness where activity showcases the region year-round. There are 4 award winning golf courses, whilst younger visitors will enjoy the indoor and outdoor pools at the aquatic centre, complete with slides and a lazy river. During the winter there is dog sledding, snowmobiles and skiing nearby. In summer join guided kayak tours or visit Smith Rock State Park for scenic walking trails. Accommodation options include lodge village or river lodge rooms which feature a fireplace, private balcony, and bath. There are also larger Sunriver homes scattered around the resort. Dining is a gourmet extravaganza with a choice of up to 8 restaurants.

Location: Sunriver

Our rating: ★ ★ ★

Hawaii

SURF BREAKS, DAZZLING REEFS AND GLORIOUS BEACHES

The beautiful islands of Hawaii offer some of the most dramatic coastlines and spectacular scenery in the world. This is a landscape of lush volcanic mountains rising from the Pacific Ocean, pristine beaches, a warm Polynesian culture and is paradise personified. Oahu is the main island and home to the state capital of Honolulu, the golden sands of Waikiki and Pearl Harbour. Maui is an island of impressive natural beauty and magnificent scenery. Head inland away from the beaches and you'll be rewarded with cascading waterfalls and jaw-dropping scenery. Kauai ups the ante even further with soaring mountains, thundering waterfalls and surf beaches that rank amongst the best in the world. Whether you pick one Hawaiian island or island hop your way around, you are assured of the warmest welcome and the most memorable of holidays.

Our 5 Favourites in Hawaii

It's not really possible to choose a 'favourite' Hawaiian island as they are all incredibly different. Our Destination Specialists felt that the spirit of aloha was something however that stayed with them, long after they left. Along with the ethos of giving something back to the community.

Malama Maui

A way of giving back to the community through volunteer experiences. Connect with the community on a deeper level with beach cleans and tree planting.



Beach Life

Boasting glorious beaches that rank amongst the best in the world, you will be spoilt for choice whichever island you find yourself on.



Spirit of Aloha

So much more than hello or goodbye, aloha is the embodiment of peace, love, affection and flows through every aspect of life on the Hawaiian Islands.



USS Arizona Memorial Pearl Harbour

This sombre memorial commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbour. Built over the midsection of the sunken USS Arizona, this is a thought-provoking place.



Mother Nature

These stunning islands are blessed with glorious beaches, exceptional marine life, dramatic volcanoes, and breathtaking scenery, whichever island you choose.

Hawaii Accommodation

Sheraton Princess Kaiulani

The welcoming hotel is just a short walk from the famous sands of Waikiki Beach and some of the best shopping and dining in the area. Here you can relax, try your hand at surfing and explore to your hearts content. The hotel features a wide array of room choices with views that range from the city skyline to the turquoise waters and pale sands of the shoreline and many boast private lanais. Rooms in the Ainahau Tower offer the best ocean views. Splash Bar is the inhouse bar and restaurant and serves authentic local dishes poolside, with a big warm dose of Aloha. Facilities include an outdoor pool, fitness centre, yoga sessions and menu of cultural activities with Hawaiian storytelling, ukelele lessons and Hiuwai sunrise ceremonies.

Location: Waikiki Beach, Honolulu

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Ka La'i Waikiki Beach

Just moments from the white sands and azure waters of Waikiki Beach, this luxury hotel offers a range of thoughtfully appointed rooms and suites with floor to ceiling windows, private lanais, bathrooms with deep soaking bathtubs and many have kitchenettes. The Ka La'i forms part of the Waikiki Beach Walk with one-of-a-kind boutiques, vibrant entertaining and superb dining within just a few steps. There's an inhouse restaurant serving local seafood and sushi with Waikiki sunset views and relaxation comes in the form of a 6th floor infinity edge pool and sundeck and a blissful day spa.

Location: Waikiki Beach, Honolulu

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa

The Sheraton sits on 23 tropical acres on beautiful Kaanapali Beach. A freeform lagoon-style pool weaves along the beachfront, whilst Pu'u Keka'a (Black rock) fronts the hotel and is one of the best snorkelling spots in Maui. There is also a wealth of ocean activities including kayaking, outrigger canoe adventures and stand-up paddle boards. Cultural experiences come in the form of traditional stories, hula dancing, poi pounding and lei making, along with the hotel's nightly lele kawa, a cliff diving ritual which entrances guests and locals alike. Many of the hotel rooms and suites boast breathtaking views over the Pacific and the neighbouring islands of Lanai and Molokai. There are 8 restaurants and bars offering multiple dining options showcasing local and international dishes.

Location: Kaanapali Beach, Maui

Our rating: ★★★★★



Wailea Beach Resort

From the moment you arrive the vast waters of the Pacific Ocean take front and centre stage here and depending on when you stay, you might be lucky enough to spot humpback whales frolicking in the waves. The beach is wide, the sunsets memorable and the pretty village of Wailea is nearby. This family-friendly resort has an array of facilities including 4 swimming pools comprising of an adult only pool, 2 oceanfront pools and the NALU adventure pool which is great fun for kids of all ages. There's also a kids club, movie house, gym, Mandara day spa and menu of Hawaiian cultural activities whilst the excellent onsite dining includes signature Hawaiian, oceanfront meals by candlelight, luau buffet and a fun food truck.

Location: Wailea, Maui

Our rating: ★★★★★





Kauai Shores

Less than a mile from historic Kaapa Town and adjacent to the open-air Coconut Marketplace shopping village, Kauai Shores is a friendly and welcoming hotel on a beautiful beach. It sits in 6 acres of tropical gardens and offers 2 swimming pools, a hot tub, and the Lava Lava Beach Club, where you can dine with toes in the sand and enjoy live entertainment from local musicians. The rooms are simple and comfortable with warm and bright island décor, and all have private lanais. Complimentary bicycles are available for guests to explore on 2 wheels and daily yoga is available beside the beach each morning. There's also an activity desk for planning your island adventures.

Location: Royal Coconut Coast, Kauai

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



1 Hotel Hanalei Bay

Perched on a hillside overlooking the sparkling waters of Hanalei Bay, this sustainable sanctuary is swathed in an incredible collection of native plants. Designed with the exceptional natural beauty of its setting in mind, this hotel follows the curves of the landscape, and the planting gives cultural significance, enhances wellbeing, and blurs the lines between inside and out. Bringing world-class wellness to the 'garden isle' there are 7 locally inspired dining venues, 2 swimming pools with beach cabanas, immersive wellness experiences including the Bamford Spa, and a range of outdoor pursuits inviting you to explore the island. Rooms and suites are poolside or boast peaceful mountain or glorious ocean views and create restful havens for your Kauai experience.

Location: Hanalei Bay, Kauai

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Fairmont Orchid

Sitting on the majestic Kohala Coast and boasting an oceanfront position, this stunning tropical oasis offers exceptional facilities and is an outstanding base from which to discover the magnificent Big Island of Hawaii. Relax into island life at the Spa Without Walls, an open-air haven of thatched huts, and oceanfront cabanas, swim in the lovely pool or head for the championship golf course. Watersports include kayaks, snorkelling and paddle boards, or perhaps learn the art of lei making or just enjoy the beautiful beach. Dining comes in the form of 4 restaurants, a deli, lounge, and a traditional Hawaiian Luau, which is a memorable experience. There is a choice of rooms and suites boasting garden or ocean views from private lanais.

Location: Kohala Coast, Hawaii

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Grand Naniloa

The Grand Naniloa is a friendly and comfortable waterfront hotel on Hilo Bay with easy access to the village. There is a modern fitness centre, oceanfront pool and sundeck, a 9-hole golf course, plus bicycle rentals for exploring, making this lovely hotel an excellent choice on the Big Island. There is a range of rooms and suites, all have private lanais and many boast fabulous ocean views. The Hula Lounge Lobby Bar is a welcoming place for pre-dinner drinks with a view, before dinner in Hula Hulas Restaurant, which offers farm to fork, local dining. Hilo is on the eastern side of the Big Island making this an ideal spot from which to explore the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which dominates the landscape.

Location: Hilo, Hawaii

Our rating: ★ ★ ★

Cruises

A cruise holiday is a holiday like no other, a comfortable floating hotel with everything you need. The luxury of unpacking only once and exploring ports of call that change daily. The options for cruises in the USA are endless. Whether you are looking for cruise experience that takes you along the Eastern seaboard, a Trans-Atlantic ship that sails into New York past the Statute of Liberty for a true bucket-list experience. An epic Alaskan adventure or want to venture into the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea, we have a ship and an itinerary to suit.





Sailing up the Hudson River, past the Statue of Liberty into arrival in New York, is an experience you will never forget.

Tanya, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

For a luxurious cruise experience, where all staterooms boast balconies with ocean views, Silversea Cruises is a superb choice.

Venture a little further and include the natural wonders of Central America with your Caribbean cruise experience.

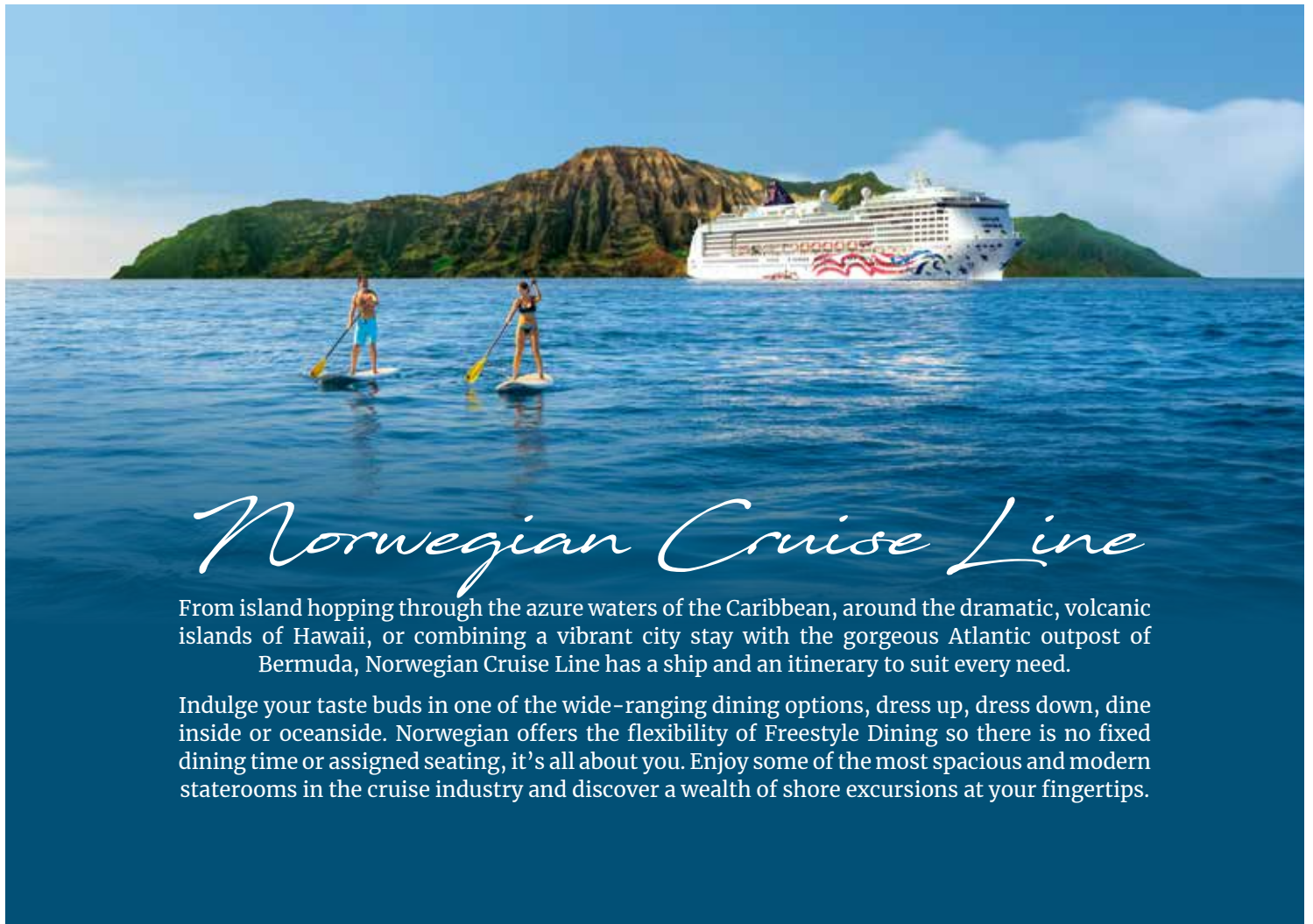
A transatlantic cruise truly encompasses the glamour of a bygone era, and the Queen Mary 2 offers the ultimate sailing experience across the Atlantic.

With multiple durations available a cruise is easy to slot into your holiday arrangements, whether it's a short hop to Bermuda or a longer exploration of the Caribbean.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.



Norwegian Cruise Line

From island hopping through the azure waters of the Caribbean, around the dramatic, volcanic islands of Hawaii, or combining a vibrant city stay with the gorgeous Atlantic outpost of Bermuda, Norwegian Cruise Line has a ship and an itinerary to suit every need.

Indulge your taste buds in one of the wide-ranging dining options, dress up, dress down, dine inside or oceanside. Norwegian offers the flexibility of Freestyle Dining so there is no fixed dining time or assigned seating, it's all about you. Enjoy some of the most spacious and modern staterooms in the cruise industry and discover a wealth of shore excursions at your fingertips.



Hawaii Cruises – Inter-island

Discover the breath-taking Hawaiian Islands on this year-round 7-day cruise. Discover an island each day taking in the volcanoes of the Big Island, dramatic surf beaches of Oahu and lush tropical vegetation of Kauai with plenty of time to explore through a menu of shore excursions.

Sails: Round trip from Honolulu, Oahu

Ports of Call may include: Kahului - Maui, Hilo - Hawaii, Nawiliwili - Kauai



Caribbean Cruises

Regarded as one of the best cruise lines to the Caribbean there are a wealth of options available. Choose from 7, 9, 10 and 12 day cruises which start and end in the Caribbean or Florida, or longer cruises from New York.

Sails: Round trip from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Miami, and Orlando

Ports of Call may include: Barbados - Antigua - St Lucia - British Virgin Islands - Curacao - Aruba - St. Kitts - Bahamas Jamaica - Grand Cayman - Grenada - Mexico



Bermuda Cruises – from New York and Boston

Spend time in historical Boston or amongst the bright lights and cloud piercing skyscrapers of New York before setting sail for beautiful Bermuda. These relaxing cruises spend plenty of time in Bermuda allowing you to discover this Atlantic island in depth.

Sails: Round trip from Boston and New York

Ports of Call may include: Bermuda



Celebrity Cruises

Set sail on one of Celebrity's award-winning ships to explore the splendour of the Pacific Coast, the history and natural beauty of New England, crystal-clear waters of the Bahamas or the Caribbean and Mayan treasures of Mexico.

Savour global-inspired cuisine at restaurants featuring menus crafted by a Michelin-starred chef. Watch thrilling music and dance performances in the theatre. Cap your evening off with a cocktail and live music in one of the many bars and restaurants.



Pacific Coast Cruises

Take in breath-taking scenery that spans snow-capped mountain peaks, glorious golden beaches, and iconic landmarks. From Vancouver to San Diego and all that is in between, this an exceptional way to discover North America's magnificent Pacific coast.

Sails: One way between Los Angeles & Vancouver (& reverse)

Ports of Call may include: Los Angeles - San Francisco
Catalina Island - Atoria - Victoria - Vancouver



New England & Canada Cruises

Experience the perfect balance of urban charm and natural beauty with cruises that take in New England and eastern Canada. History and exceptional landscapes make this a delightful way to explore.

Sails: Round trip from Boston

Ports of Call may include: Boston - Bar Harbor - Portland
Rockland - Halifax - Charlottetown - Quebec City - Saint John



Caribbean & Bahamas Cruises

Discover glorious beaches, striking natural wonders and UNESCO World-Heritage sites, and a never-ending parade of dazzling coral reefs, mountain peaks and tropical rainforests. Choose from an array of Caribbean cruises or explore the beautiful Bahamas and the character of Florida's Key West.

Sails: Round trip from Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, and Miami

Ports of Call may include: St. Kitts & Nevis - Barbados
St. Lucia - Mexico - Jamaica - Martinique - Grand Cayman
Key West - Bahamas



Silversea Cruises

Silversea's small luxury ships are designed for those who delight in discovery and indulge in luxury. All their ships feature spacious, ocean-view suites with butler service, and most include private verandas, meaning you can sip your champagne from the comfort of your deck while watching the vistas beyond.

Silversea's fleet of small ships offers extreme comfort for the adventurous traveller. Oceanview suites are some of the most spacious in luxury cruising. With one of the highest crew-to-guest ratios in the industry, multiple dining options, expert guides and authentic experiences guaranteed, there is nothing more rewarding than a Caribbean cruise. On all classic cruises selected shore excursions (one per shore day) will be offered complimentary. Excursions are immersive and authentic experiences.



Sample Itinerary – Silver Moon

- Day 1** Sail from Bridgetown, Barbados
- Day 2** Bequia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Day 3** Day at Sea
- Day 4** Curacao, Netherland Antilles
- Day 5** Aruba
- Day 6** Bonaire, Netherland Antilles
- Day 7** Day at Sea
- Day 8** Scarborough, Trinidad & Tobago
- Day 9** St George's, Grenada
- Day 10** Fort-de-France, Martinique
- Day 11** Castries, St Lucia
- Day 12** Bridgetown, Barbados



Sample Itinerary – Silver Ray

- Day 1** Sail from Bridgetown, Barbados
- Day 2** Bequia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Day 3** Castries, St Lucia
- Day 4** St John's Antigua and Barbuda
- Day 5** St Kitts, St Kitts and Nevis
- Day 6** St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
- Day 7** San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Day 8-9** Day at Sea
- Day 10** Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Your all-inclusive Silversea cruise includes a veranda suite with an ocean view, an included shore excursion per day, access to a wide choice of restaurants, premium beverages, and butler service.



There is something truly nostalgic about the notion of a transatlantic cruise. Harking back to the golden days of travel, when everything was at a slower pace, and the elegance of the journey was as important as the destination. It's true you can now cross the Atlantic in a little over 7 hours if you fly but if you have the time then a transatlantic cruise is a very special experience indeed.

Several cruise lines sail this route, but Cunard has been sailing around the globe for more than 100 years and offer 4 magnificent ships, including their flagship the Queen Mary 2 and the first choice for transatlantic crossings.



Transatlantic – Southampton to New York

Whether you want to sail from Southampton to New York, leave New York in style or indulge in a roundtrip transatlantic crossing, these 6,7 and 14 night cruises whisk you across the Atlantic with ample time to enjoy the myriad charms of the Queen Mary 2.

Sails: One way or round trip from Southampton, one way from New York

Queen Mary 2

This remarkable flagship is renowned for her style and elegance and is an iconic ocean liner that offers space in abundance. Your time at sea is your own. Her Art Deco inspired interiors are a fitting nod to her maritime heritage, with every possible modern convenience catered for. The elegant state rooms include Britannia Inside, Britannia Oceanview, Britannia Balcony, and the Britannia Club Balcony. Suite options come in the form of the Princess Grill and Queens Grill Suites.



Highlights

- * Spacious staterooms and suites
- * Superb range of dining including gala dinners and afternoon tea
- * Signature bars and lounges including a champagne bar, the Golden Lion pub and room service
- * 2 swimming pools, whirlpools, and a children's pool
- * 3D cinema and classical music venue
- * Games deck with croquet, paddle tennis and bowls
- * Library and Cunard book club on sailings of more than 4 days
- * Menu of onboard activities
- * Live music and theatre
- * Casino
- * Day spa

Getting Around America

With a country as vast and varied as America, there needs to be plenty of modes of transport to help you explore it. There are reliable air services and an excellent rail network including iconic train journeys. Driving in America is easy, with wide-open roads and truly beautiful scenery along the way; hiring a car or motorhome is a great way to cover a multitude of places whilst exploring at your own pace. The airline you choose to fly with will get your holiday off to a great start; we've included some of the best so that your dream American holiday can be started in the best way possible.





Car Hire



Car Rental

There's nothing better than freedom; being able to explore at your own pace, in your own time. Nothing better than going where the fancy takes you, pausing now and then to gaze at the scenery or stopping off in a quaint village or beauty spot, a roadside diner or country inn. Nothing better than cruising along wide highways without a care in the world; and America is just made for exploring.

From the stunning scenery of the majestic National Parks to the laid back beaches of the California coast; from cruising along the Mother Road, Route 66, to the leafy lanes and byways of New England; from cities like Boston and San Francisco to the excitement of Florida's theme parks, there really is something for everyone. You can choose from one of our pre planned self-drives or just hire a car, book some hotels and take off on your own; the choice is yours.

But whatever you choose you can do so in the knowledge that our partners, Alamo and National, are two of the most respected names in the car rental business offering the widest range of locations and the best fleet of high quality, reliable cars available.

Our rates include:

- * Unlimited mileage
- * Collision Damage Waiver
- * Supplementary Liability Insurance
- * Handling fees
- * State & local taxes and some airport fees

Added Value: Our fully inclusive prices now include a second driver free

Alamo Gold rates also include:

- * Up to 3 Additional drivers
- * 1st tank of fuel

Prices Exclude:

Personal Accident Insurance, fuel, child seats, one way fees, ski racks, snow tyres, GPS (unless pre-purchased).

Rental Period

Rates are based on a 24 hour time period commencing at the car is taken; e.g. a car collected at 9am must be returned by 9am to avoid incurring late fees. Minimum rental period is 1 day for standard rentals and 5 days for enhanced and one-way rentals.

Car Types

Car models are shown for guidance only and may differ from those shown. Specific models cannot be guaranteed.

Rental Age

Minimum age for renting is 21. Drivers under 25 will be charged an underage fee.

One Way Rentals

One way rentals are allowed throughout the USA for all car groups except economy cars. They are subject to availability and must be pre-booked. One way fees apply depending on routings and are payable locally. One way rentals within Florida and California are FREE of the one way charge, except for Convertible cars rented in San Francisco between 01 July & 31 August when a one way fee is charged. One way fees are based on distance and we will advise the fee at the time of booking. One way fees are payable locally on collection and will be subject to local taxes.

Choose the right car size

American cars are large, but the boot space tends to be limited for the size of the car. Please ensure that you choose a car that will accommodate all your luggage and not just one with enough seats for the passengers. And don't forget about the souvenirs that you'll collect along the way.

Child Seats

Child seats are required by law for all children under the age of 4 years (ages may vary between states). These can be rented at a charge of approx \$7 per day (payable locally). A deposit may be required. Seats are subject to availability & should be requested at the time of booking.



Deposit (Credit Card Only)

A credit card imprint will be taken on collecting your car to cover extras which have not been pre-paid e.g. fuel, child seats, one way fees. The credit card **MUST** be in the name of the main driver. Visa, Mastercard & American Express cards are accepted. Debit cards are not acceptable. Extra drivers will need to produce a card in their own name when they are added to the contract at the time of pick-up.

Rental Locations

Cars are available at most major towns and cities throughout America. Cars collected at an airport and returned downtown (or vice versa) may incur a small drop off charge. In locations where Alamo/ National do not have offices, we may provide car rental with an alternative rental company. Please note that the rental conditions may differ to those shown here. Full information will be provided at the time of your enquiry/ booking.

Compact

- * Group CCAR / CDAR
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 2 bags



Intermediate

- * Group ICAR / IDAR
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 3 bags



Full Size Suv

- * Group FFAR
- * Automatic
- * 7 seats
- * 3 bags



Full Size

- * Group FCAR
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 4 bags



Convertible

- * Group STAR
- * Automatic
- * 2 seats
- * 2 bags



8 Passenger Minivan

- * Group MVAR
- * Automatic
- * 8 seats
- * 5 bags



Motorcycle Hire



Eagle Rider

Cue your favourite biker anthem, grab a fistful of throttle and roll on out to a life-affirming adventure that will change you forever. There are places on the paved side of this planet that can only truly be experienced by motorcycle, where life in the wind heightens the senses and expands the spirit of every freedom seeking soul. EagleRider provide motorcycles and design tours for men and women who are not the average citizen. Novice or expert, bikers are a breed apart, and so are their programmes. They are one of you, and understand the pure primal joy only motorcycling, above all else, offers.

Rental Locations:

EagleRider have over 150 rental locations across the length and breadth of America including these key touring locations:

Los Angeles | San Francisco | Seattle | Santa Monica | San Diego | Phoenix
Las Vegas | Denver | Salt Lake City | Dallas | Atlanta Nashville
New Orleans | Memphis | Miami | Orlando | Washington D.C. | New York
Boston | Chicago

Our Prices Include:

- * Late model bike equipped for touring
- * Unlimited Mileage
- * Helmet for driver and passenger
- * Free transfers from selected hotels and airports to the rental office
- * Storage for luggage and personal belongings
- * VIP Express check-in
- * VIP Zero Insurance package with zero excess for damage, \$1000 excess for theft of bike, holiday interruption protection, personal effects cover and flat tyre cover
- * Second Driver
- * State Taxes on rental and insurance costs
- * Environmental Surcharge

Not Includes:

- * Fuel & oil
- * Location and special event surcharges
- * One-way fees
- * Supplemental Liability Insurance

Charging Period:

Rentals are calculated in 24hour rental periods, so you must return the bike by the same time you collected it to avoid an extra cost. Spending an extra hour at the airport, for example, could save a day's rental. If you return the bike late you will be charged an hourly late fee. Bikes can only be returned during office opening hours.

Driving Age:

Minimum age for renting is 21 and you must have a full licence that allows you to operate a bike of at least 125cc engine size.

Security Deposit:

A \$100 security deposit will be charged to the renter's credit card at the time of rental.

One-way Rentals:

One-way rentals are allowed between most locations and a fee is payable locally based on the distance between locations. Costs are plus taxes.

**Please note one-way rental prices were correct at time of printing, and are subject to change without notice.*

Distance Between Locations	Cost
0-150 miles	\$225
151-500 miles	\$355
501-750 miles	\$425
751-1000 miles	\$555
1001-2500 miles	\$775
2501+ miles	\$1035

The Eagle Rider Fleet

EagleRider operate the largest range of late model Harley Davidson's, so there's bound to be something that takes your fancy, and in some locations you can opt for BMW and Triumph models too. Images are a guide only and bike supplied may be different.



TOURING CLASS



HD Street Glide

CLASSIC CLASS



HD Road King

GRAND TOURING CLASS



HD Electra Glide Ultra Classic



HD Road Glide



HD Heritage Soft Tail Classic



HD Street Glide Grand Touring

Motorhome Rental



Motorhome

America is just built for road trips. With wide open roads, amazingly varied scenery that changes with every turn in the road and over the brow of every hill, stunning beaches and amazing national parks, not forgetting some really friendly people, there can be no better place to explore in your own home on wheels. Our partners El Monte are part of the world wide THL group, true experts in providing motorhomes that make dreams come true.

A motorhome holiday is about freedom. Freedom to go where you want, explore what you want, see what you want and sleep where you want - by the sea, a river, in the mountains or near a city. Freedom to escape time and do things your way. So choose your own journey, travel at your own pace, experience the great open road and all of its adventures and live the American Dream.

Rental Locations:

You can pick up your motorhome from no fewer than 13 popular locations across America:

- * Bellingham
- * Chicago
- * Denver
- * Dallas
- * Las Vegas
- * Los Angeles
- * Orlando
- * Miami
- * New York
- * Phoenix
- * San Diego
- * San Francisco
- * Salt Lake City

Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orlando open Monday to Sunday year round, except public holidays. Dallas, New York and Bellingham are closed Sundays. Denver, Miami, Chicago, Phoenix, San Diego and Slat Lake City are closed Saturday and Sunday. Opening times are generally 0800-1700; 0800-1600 on Sunday.

You can collect your vehicle after 1pm. You must return it between 8 and 11 am. We recommend staying in a hotel the day you arrive in the USA.

What to Expect:

Gone are the days when a motorhome holiday was virtually a tent on wheels, when roughing it was the norm. Your motorhome will have been built by some of the leading manufacturers in America to El Monte's exacting high standards, and you'll want for nothing in your home on wheels.

Every Motorhome Features:

- * Automatic Transmission
- * Cruise Control
- * Power Steering
- * Cab Air - conditioning
- * Large Storage Bay
- * Awning
- * Auxiliary Battery and Generator
- * TV with DVD
- * AM/FM Radio with CD
- * 12V Interior Lighting
- * Wash Basin
- * Shower
- * Toilet
- * Water Heater
- * Heater & Thermostat
- * Kitchen Sink
- * Range (Stove)
- * Microwave
- * Refrigerator
- * Freezer (FS31 only)

When it comes to sleeping, all our models feature a fixed double bed at the rear of the motorhome and a double bed over the driver cab; depending on model you can also expect bunk beds and couches / dinettes that convert to beds for sleeping.



Pricing:

El Monte operates a flexible pricing system that is based on supply and demand, so the earlier you book, or the more flexible you can be with date or vehicle type, the better the price we are able to offer. Changing the date by a day or so, or taking a larger model, can actually reduce the cost of your holiday, and our Destination Specialists will advise on the best options to suit your itinerary.

The minimum rental period is 7 nights, maximum rental 50 nights (longer on request); one way rentals have a longer minimum rental depending on location and route.

One Way Rentals:

One way trips are a great way to see more of the country in your holiday time. One way rentals are available between all locations on request and there is an additional fee depending on the distance involved that varies between \$250 plus tax and \$800 plus tax, payable locally. (Based on February 2024) The number of vehicles available for one way rental is limited, so it's best to book early and be prepared to perhaps reverse your route as well.

All Our Prices Include:

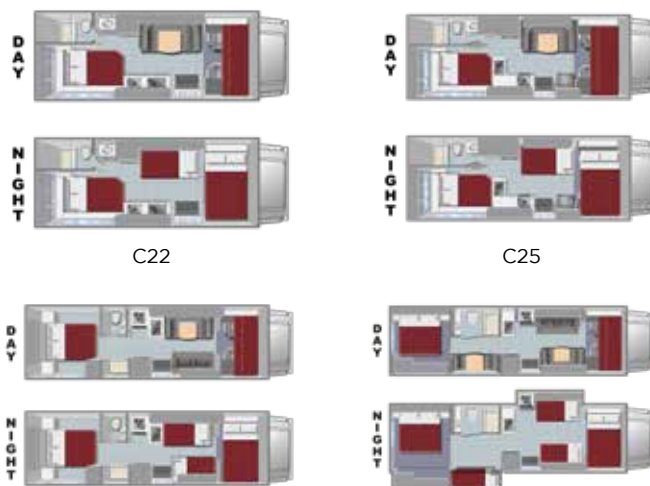
- * Daily rental fee for the duration of the hire
- * VIP insurance (\$1000 liability per incident)
- * Personal kits
- * Kitchen kits
- * Preparation fees
- * First tank of propane
- * First set of toilet chemicals
- * 24 hour on the road support
- * State taxes but not road fees for Denver rentals or security fees for New York rentals

Not Included:

- * Mileage – which must be pre-paid. A range of options are available
- * Generator use
- * GPS
- * GPS & Wi-Fi combo
- * Tolls, fuel, parking and campsite fees
- * Optional extras which can only be paid locally

Minimum age for renting an RV is 21 and all drivers must have held a full licence for at least two years.

A credit card in the lead driver's name will be required at the time of collecting the RV and \$1000 held against it. (Hold is released on return if there is no damage).



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Preferred Airlines



A380



World Traveller



Club Suite



Boeing 787-10

British Airways

Flying direct from London to 26 US destinations, British Airways offers onward connections with oneworld® partner American Airlines across the United States.

World Traveller is a full-service economy class offering:

- * Generous free baggage allowance
- * Meals and full bar service
- * Personal entertainment system with complimentary headphones
- * Family-friendly features and kids' activity packs

Your seat is ergonomically designed and comes with an adjustable headrest, lumbar support and recline. Your World Traveller experience also includes a few extra features to help make the journey as enjoyable as possible, including a comfy cushion, blanket - plus flight socks, toothbrush and toothpaste and an eye mask on request.

Entertainment at your fingertips: A whole world of entertainment awaits you with hundreds of the latest films, documentaries, television, music, audio books and games; personal flat screen and headphones with on-demand service that lets you choose what you want when you want it on all flights.

World Traveller Plus is a premium economy service, a more comfortable, relaxing experience on longer routes offering:

- * A wider seat with greater recline, lumbar support, head rest and foot rest
- * Small, intimate cabins with attentive service
- * Delicious meals served on china crockery, and full bar service
- * Personal entertainment system with noise-reducing headphones
- * Larger free baggage allowance
- * Extra leg room to stretch out, sit back and relax or sleep
- * Comfy cushion, blanket and a stylish amenity kit made from recycled material with toothbrush, toothpaste, flight socks and eye mask
- * Power supply for laptops and other electronic devices

Club World combines premium levels of comfort and service with the freedom and flexibility to make every journey unique and unforgettable. Your Club World seat will adapt to your personal needs, and on A350 aircraft there's the option of Club Suite with direct aisle access, whether you plan on working, catching up on some sleep, or just unwinding with world-class dining and entertainment:

- * Your own spacious suite for relaxing or dining
 - * Comfy chair that converts into a 6ft fully flat bed
 - * Superior dining and Club Kitchen for self-service refreshments
 - * Access to private lounges and spa treatments*
 - * Dedicated check-in desks* and priority boarding
 - * Memory foam headrest and quilted blanket
 - * Luxury amenity kit and cosy bedding by The White Company
 - * Power supply for laptops and other electronic devices
- *Available at selected airports

First is your ticket to exceptional comfort and impeccable service. Your First suite is a haven of style and comfort where sophisticated and contemporary British design meets impeccable service and attention to detail. Whether you want to curl up and shut off or stretch out and enjoy the experience, you'll find you're well equipped.

Your suite includes:

- * 6ft 6in fully flat bed with luxurious mattress, duvet and Temperley London pyjamas
 - * His and hers Temperley London gift bag with premium accessories and skincare by ELEMIS
 - * Indulgent food with flexible dining accompanied by fine wines and vintage champagnes
 - * Access to luxurious lounges and spa treatments
- Exclusive and attentive service

A personal power supply for laptops and electronic devices, on demand entertainment with 15" screen

Travel Club World or First and you have access to a world of calm and tranquillity. Relax and recharge your batteries before the flight in one of British Airways elegant departures lounges stocked with fine wines and drinks, refreshments, newspapers, magazines, and comfy sofas. There's also a range of facilities for when you need to get online, including free Wi-Fi at most major airports.

Connecting flights are available from Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds/Bradford, Manchester and Newcastle. Jersey, Isle of Man and Dublin also offer domestic services, please note some domestic services are operated by British Airways subsidiaries or partner airlines.



Polaris Sleep



Economy Plus



United Airlines

United offers comprehensive access to the U.S. from four U.K. airports, and onward connections to over 280 destinations across the Americas. And you won't just arrive at your destination: you'll arrive refreshed, thanks to high levels of inflight comfort and personal service.

Non Stop Flights

United offers direct non stop flights from four UK airports:

From **London Heathrow** to

- * New York/Newark
- * Washington D.C.
- * Chicago
- * Houston
- * San Francisco
- * Los Angeles
- * Denver (now a year-round service)

From **Edinburgh** to

- * New York/Newark
- * Washington D.C.*
- * Chicago*

From **Manchester** to

- * New York/Newark

From **Glasgow** to

- * New York/Newark*

**Operates on a seasonal service.*

United Economy®

Relax in ergonomically-designed seats providing up to 32 inches of legroom. Aircrafts are equipped with individual seat back screens, offering a wide choice of films, TV and music. On all international flights enjoy a complimentary three course meal, inflight snacks, wine, beer and soft drinks.

United Economy Plus®

Stretch out with extra legroom when you upgrade to United Economy Plus. Enjoy all the benefits and services of Economy, but with extra space and added comfort. Economy Plus seats have up to six inches of additional legroom providing a total of up to 37 inches of legroom.

United® Premium Plus

The international premium economy cabin is available on all wide-bodied flights from the UK. Enjoy access to priority check-in, priority boarding and once onboard large seats, with extra legroom and a footrest, an upgraded dining experience, power outlet and USB at your seat and complimentary beverages.

United Polaris® Business Class

The United Polaris business class service is designed to bring a new level of quality to every aspect of premium cabin travel — from lounge to landing — and provide the best sleep in the sky.

Delight your taste buds with a new chef-designed, multi-course inflight dining experience created in partnership with chefs gathered through The Trotter Project. Enjoy a dessert cart and à la carte snacks as well as top-rated wines and champagnes. Sleep-themed amenity kits including products from Sunday Riley help flyers stay relaxed and refreshed during their travels. Sink into sleep with Saks Fifth Avenue luxury bedding – pillows, blankets and duvets.

Stay connected at 36,000 feet with United Wi-Fi across our entire fleet.

United is a Star Alliance Member

Stay connected with the world's largest airline alliance. With the Star Alliance network, customers have seamless travel options from Austin to Zanzibar and everywhere in between.

MileagePlus members may earn and use miles on United and 25 other Star Alliance member airlines, and Premier® members are recognized with added benefits around the world. Plus, with more than 970 locations, the Star Alliance lounge network is the largest in the world.

Preferred Airlines



Virgin Atlantic

For 40 years, Virgin Atlantic has been the long-haul airline for people who want flying to be an adventure. Every year they fly over six million people to some of the best loved places around the world. Step onboard and experience a unique spirit, irresistible service, award-winning entertainment, and some of the best premium cabins in the sky. Whichever class you choose your flight with Virgin Atlantic will be unforgettable.

Flights to the USA

Fly direct to the USA from London Heathrow to:

- * New York
- * Boston
- * Washington D.C.
- * Los Angeles
- * Las Vegas
- * San Francisco
- * Seattle
- * Orlando
- * Miami
- * Tampa
- * Atlanta

Economy Classes

Economy Light: Hand luggage only and your seat allocated at check in, or in advance for a fee. Onboard, relax into your comfy seat with adjustable headrest and 31in seat pitch.

Economy Classic: With Economy Classic, you can take a 23kg bag as well as hand luggage and choose your seat in advance for a fee. Onboard, relax into your comfy seat with adjustable headrest and 31in seat pitch.

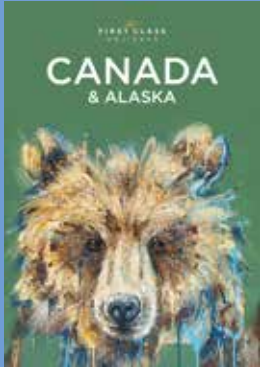
Economy Delight: With Economy Delight, you can use Premium Check In at the airport, choose your seat in advance for a fee, and priority boarding means you can settle into your extra legroom seat with 34in seat pitch sooner. Enjoy hours of entertainment with 300+ hours of films, in-seat power, and onboard Wi-Fi packages are available for purchase.

Premium: Enjoy a dedicated check in and bag drop with priority boarding where you'll be greeted with a welcome drink in the dedicated cabin. Stretch out in your wide leather seat with 38 inches seat pitch, and in-seat power to keep your gadgets going and hundreds of hours of entertainment. Onboard Wi-Fi is available to purchase. Enjoy restaurant-inspired meals and treats including afternoon tea. There's also the Wander Wall of snacks if you're feeling peckish.

Upper Class: The Upper Class experience starts before you even depart. Relax pre-flight with access to one of the Clubhouse lounges at the airport, these beautiful lounges allow you to relax in comfort away from the bustle of the main airport. Enjoy fast-tracking private security and priority boarding. Once onboard sit back and relax with a glass of bubbly as the crew prepare for departure. Your Upper Class pod ensures total privacy and comfort with plenty of room to stretch out, and when you are ready it will be transformed into a fully flat bed with crisp linens and a cosy duvet. If you feel like stretching your legs head for the Bar, the Loft, or the Booth, depending on which aircraft you are travelling on. A la carte dining and hours of entertainment ensure this is the ultimate way to travel.

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